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TOPEKA - Attorney General-

elect Derek Schmidt promised

Tuesday that within days of taking

office, he'll bring Kansas into a le-

gal challenge of the federal health

Schmidt said during an inter-

view with the Associated Press

that he's already consulting with

other state attorneys general about

A Republican, he takes office Jan.

"It's going to happen very

quickly after I assume office," he

said. "It will be measured in days

Schmidt, the Kansas Senate's

majority leader, unseated in-

cumbent Steve Six, an appointed

Democrat who'd refused to have

Kansas join other states in chal-

lenging the health care law. For

Schmidt and other critics of the

law, a key issue is its requirement

insurance or face penalties, start-

at the outside."

ing in 2014.

care law passed earlier this year.

Weather Corner



National Weather Service Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 24. Calm wind becoming south between 5 and 10

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 58. Breezy, with a south wind between 10 and 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Clear, with a low around 26. South wind 5 to 15 mph becoming west.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 56. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: A chance of drizzle or freezing drizzle after midnight. Patchy fog after midnight. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 28.

Saturday: A chance of drizzle or freezing drizzle before 9 a.m. Patchy fog before 9 a.m. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 47.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 25.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 50.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 44

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 24.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 42.

Monday: High, 50; Low 23

Tuesday: High, 57; Low 29 Precip: Monday 0.00 inches 0.02 inches Tuesday 0.21 inches Month:

Year: 18.00 inches 19.95 inches Normal: (K-State Experiment Station) **Sunrise and Sunset**

Thursday 7:31 a.m. 5:27 p.m. (U.S. Naval Observatory)

tained a 3-foot alligator.

And Timothy Jost, a professor existing lawsuits in federal courts. at Washington and Lee University law school in Virginia, said Tuesday that even if the federal law is struck down, Kansas loses nothing

Florida, involving 20 other states.

Virginia has filed its own lawsuit.

sion but could have an announce-

ment before he's sworn in.

state's time and money.

He said he hasn't made a deci-

Six has said the law doesn't

violate the U.S. Constitution and

maintained that pursuing a chal-

lenge would be a waste of the

by staying out of any challenge. 'There's no legal reason to get involved at all. No court is going to hold that the law is unconstitutional in 20 states and not in the rest of them," Jost said. "The only question is if Kansas has money to

But Schmidt said Kansas' involvement is at least symbolically important, especially if a majority that most Americans buy health of states challenge the law.

Schmidt said he's most likely has promised to have his state join to try to join a case pending in others in challenging the law. He defeated Democratic incumbent Richard Cordray, who resisted a legal challenge.

Incoming attorney general to join lawsuit

'It's really not about health care," Schmidt said. "It's about the constitutional limits on the power, scope and cost of the federal government."

Jost argued that Congress' constitutional power to regulate interstate commerce allows it to regulate health insurance. He said the mandate ensures that the health insurance market will work following other changes, such as a ban on denying coverage to people with a pre-existing medical

"Getting involved in these cases would be a bad decision from a policy perspective and a legal perspective," Jost said. "The question comes down to whether this is a good political decision."

Schmidt said he expects Kansas to spend only a few thousand dollars on a legal challenge, if that. In Ohio, Attorney General-elect However, the outcome could de-Mike DeWine, also a Republican, fine the relationship between the

7671, or go to fsa.usda.gov.

Thursday Evening

for a generation.

"A great number of Americans believe that the federal government's reach has extended beyond what the Constitution allows, and that's why so many citizens, so many states, have begun to push back," he said. "It is a fight worth fighting.'

Schmidt also said he doesn't see a challenge of the health-care law distracting him or the office from its other duties.

"It is possible to walk and chew gum at the same time, and we will do that," he said.

tion since 1964 the GOP swept all clearly."

states and the federal government statewide and congressional races in Kansas.

The issue was a big deal in the election, with outside groups on both sides spending a lot of money for ads. An Iowa group, the American Future Fund, ran television ads attacking Six over health care, with its spending appearing to approach \$1 million by late October. A group financed largely by the Democratic Attorneys General Association spent \$889,000 through late October, mostly on ads praising Six on other issues.

Schmidt said few voters could have been unaware of the debate He received 55 percent of the over challenging the health care vote in what became the first elec- law, adding that "Kansans spoke

Orchestra to perform in Colby on Sunday

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year, she switched to piano, which she has played since she

Akers said the orchestra welbut the music isn't for begin-

"It's a wonderful way to expose kids to music," she added.

For adults, Akers said, the orchestra is a great place to rehone lost musical skills.

Rehearsals begin each Sepcomes all musicians 12 or older, tember from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Mondays in the Colby Community College band room.

November 18, 2010

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Sherman and Cheyenne, in spite counties, even across state lines, of the fact Thomas lost around are also eligible for assistance. 77,000 acres to hail.

about 35,000 acres in central dan, Sherman, Wallace and Wichi-Thomas County. Some of the tain Kansas, as well as Cheyenne, same fields had been hit by hail Kiowa and Prowers in Colorado. the year before, and some were a Sloan said anyone with ques-

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it's nothing new. They say they year, usually after someone dis-

reptile Saturday at a spot near his happened.

EXECUTIVE MATERIALI

Animal control officers took the Kansas City, Kan., where it likely But animal control officers say will be given to an area zoo.

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