

Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 8. West wind around 10 mph.
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 34. West wind around 10 mph.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 13. West wind around 10 mph.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 39. West wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 18.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 44.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 20.
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 41.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 17.
Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 37.
 Wednesday: High, 51; Low 14
 Thursday: High, 35; Low -1
 Friday: High, 10; Low -2
 Saturday: High, 25; Low -6
 Sunday: High, 43; Low 3
 Precip: Wed. 0.00 inches
 Thursday 0.07 inches
 Friday 0.00 inches
 Saturday 0.00 inches
 December: 0.14 inches
 January: 0.00 inches
 2010: 18.29 inches
 2011: 00.00 inches
 Normal: 0.45 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Tuesday 8:05 a.m. 5:34 p.m.
 Wednesday 8:05 a.m. 5:35 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Republican party planning for long-term control of state

From "PLAN," Page 1

prefer a moderate, centrist government led by bipartisan coalitions — like the one that increased the state sales tax last year to prevent further cuts in aid to public schools and to social services.

"I think Kansas voters by and large have seen it is important to have a balance of power between the parties," said Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, a Topeka Democrat. "There's been a moderate coalition basically running the Legislature and the governor's office."

Last year's election moved state government significantly to the right. Voters gave Kansas a new secretary of state, Kris Kobach, a law professor on leave who helped draft Arizona's latest, much-debated law against illegal immigration, and a new attorney general, Derek Schmidt, who's promised to get Kansas involved in litigation against last year's federal health care law.

Republicans also picked up 16 seats in the Kansas House, increasing their majority to 92 seats, compared to only 33 for Democrats. Those results left antitax, antiabortion conservatives firmly in control, shattering the coalition that passed last year's sales tax increase. The GOP also has a 32-8 majority in the Senate, thanks to a party switch by one member last month.

But Ashley McMillan, the state GOP's executive director, said Republicans need success in several elections for consistent policies favoring lower taxes, smaller government and economic growth to take root long-term. The party also wants to build even stronger ties with business leaders in communities, so that they're active in the party and help it develop policy.

"The difficult part is the legislating portion and the seeing-long-term portion, and hopefully we can help with that," McMillan said. "It's essentially that you look for a 10-year span of time, and say, 'We need consistent and conservative leadership.'"

Quarterly forums with business and community leaders would give elected officials information and ideas they need to govern, while giving the other participants a stake in the GOP, McMillan said. Having a "farm team" would deepen the GOP's political bench.

The plan calls for boosting total GOP voter registration by 5 percent by 2012, adding nearly 33,000 new Republicans to the rolls. It also calls for having a candidate in 2012 in every state House and Senate district. In 2008, the last time all legislative seats were on the ballot, Republicans had no candidates in two of 40 Senate districts and 21 of 125 House districts.

Also, the plan includes a goal of increasing the GOP's majority to 98-27 in the House and 34-6 in the Senate in the 2012 elections.

Other Republicans who want to build the party see its future in making sure that tea party movement participants who voted for GOP candidates last year become active Republicans.

"We have a lot of active people in Kansas," said outgoing U.S. Rep. Todd Tiahrt, who's asking fellow Republicans to elect him to the party's national committee. "I just think the Republican Party is the natural place for them."

One of Tiahrt's rivals for the Republican National Committee seat, longtime conservative activist Kris Van Meteren, also sees tea party adherents as crucial, noting that many of them became disillusioned with the GOP first, before they became upset with President

Barack Obama and his fellow Democrats.

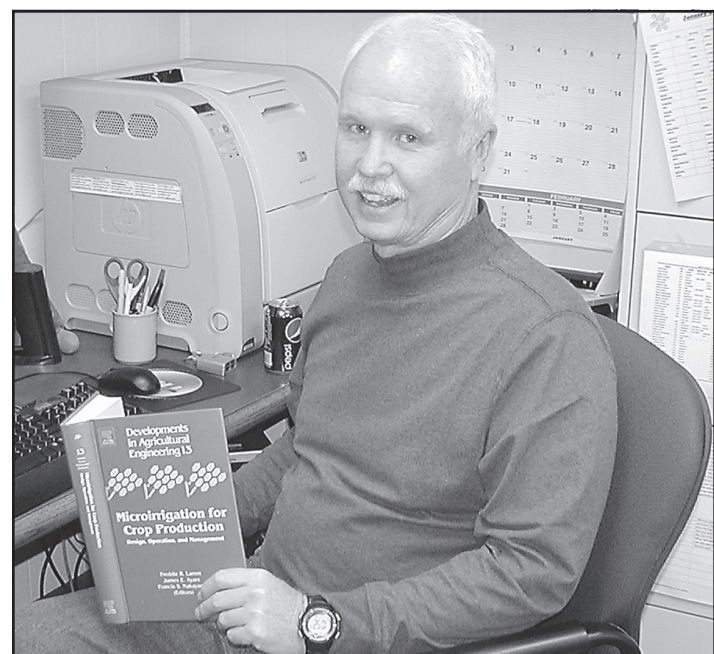
"I see a real potential threat looming on the horizon, and that would be the emergence of the third party that comes out of the tea party movement," Van Meteren said, adding that the goal would be to make the GOP home for tea partiers.

The state GOP's plan doesn't mention the tea party by name, but McMillan noted that the ultimate aim of promoting and sustaining anti-tax and small-government policies is in line with tea party ideas. She said tea party adherents already are influential within the party.

"This is for them," she added.

Key Democrats believe such efforts will falter because they expect the state's political mood to change over time. They anticipate Republicans will fight in the future as they have in the past over social issues such as abortion — which aren't mentioned in the GOP's plan.

"I am firmly convinced that the Republicans will over-reach," said House Minority Leader Paul Davis, a Lawrence Democrat. "The public is simply not going to go for a one-party state."



VERA SLOAN/Colby Free Press
 Freddie Lamm, research irrigation engineer at the Northwest Kansas Research and Extension Center in Colby was senior editor and co-author of a recent book on micro-irrigation.

Engineer co-authors micro-irrigation book

From "BOOK," Page 1

a student there, Rachel attends the University of Kansas and Sarah is a freshman at Colby High School. He said he has copies of the

book at his office at the research station, 105 Experiment Farm Road. They are also available online by looking up the book title. Publisher is Elsevier, a scientific publishing company.

Photo catches suspicious man at crime scene

From "POLICE," Page 1

police said. The store reported a break in late the night of Dec. 8, the same night the staff had been converting the store from Kabred-lo's to Casey's. That time, Barrett said, the burglar successfully broke one of the glass doors at the front of the building and took cigarettes and lighters. Casey's installed the camera after the break in.

Colby police have used surveillance cameras in several other recent cases, such as the theft of nativity scene cutouts in December 2009, and the cemetery vandalism case last summer, where a sport utility vehicle was caught exiting the cemetery in the dead of night several days later. Barrett said the cameras lose some of their effectiveness at night because there is not enough light to make out much detail.

Area's state senator to take over committee

From "SENATOR," Page 1

Kansas, he said, such as wildlife, parks and especially water.

"I got water issues out here that are more important than anything," he said.

The committee was pretty quiet last year, Ostmeyer said, but there are issues coming up such as shutting down wells. Unfortunately, he said, there won't be much money to work with.

The state budget crisis will take up a lot of the Senate's time. Ostmeyer said he hopes to avoid any more large cuts to education.

"Education is a big industry in western Kansas," he said. "We've made so many cuts out here already. Time will tell."

Ostmeyer voted in favor of last year's sales tax increase, something he said put him on the outs with some of the more conservative state senators. Ostmeyer said that when he toured the district, many people asked him to vote

in favor of the increase to help schools, which were losing state money and already suffering from drops in enrollment.

"People were in my face," he said. "They wanted to know how long I was going to just say no and what I was going to do for them. I had no answers."

Ostmeyer said he hopes the economy will improve so that the legislature can eventually get rid of the tax increase without harming schools.

Ostmeyer was also picked for the redistricting committee, which will look at population numbers and redraw legislative district boundaries. In the 2010 session, he was chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee.

He said he will head to Topeka for the swearing-in ceremony Jan. 10. There will be a lot of new faces after last year's election. Ostmeyer said he'll have to meet the new people and figure out where they stand.

LOCAL TV LISTINGS

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| Tuesday Evening | | | | | | | | | | | January 4, 2011 | | | |
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| | 7:00 | 7:30 | 8:00 | 8:30 | 9:00 | 9:30 | 10:00 | 10:30 | 11:00 | 11:30 | | | | |
| KAKE/ABC | No Ordinary Family | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| KBSL/CBS | Live to Dance | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| KSNK/NBC | The Biggest Loser | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| KSAS/FOX | Glee | | Million Dollar | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cable Channels | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A & E | The First 48 | | The First 48 | | The First 48 | | The First 48 | | The First 48 | | | | | |
| AMC | Demolition Man | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ANIM | When Animals Strike | | When Animals Strike | | When Animals Strike | | When Animals Strike | | When Animals Strike | | | | | |
| BRavo | Matchmaker | | Matchmaker | | The Fashion Show | | Matchmaker | | Matchmaker | | | | | |
| CMT | The Dukes of Hazzard | | Canadian Bacon | | | | Mobile Home Disaster | | Smarter | | Smarter | | | |
| CNN | Parker Spitzer | | Larry King Live | | Anderson Cooper 360 | | | | Larry King Live | | | | | |
| COMEDY | Steve Byrne | | Tosh.0 | | Tosh.0 | | Daily | | Colbert | | Tosh.0 | | Tosh.0 | |
| DISC | Dirty Jobs | | Dirty Jobs | | Auction | | Dirty Jobs | | Dirty Jobs | | | | | |
| DISN | Wizards-Waver | | | | Good Luck | | Wizards | | Wizards | | Hannah | | Hannah | |
| E! | Sex/City | | Sex and t | | Bridalplasty | | Kendra | | Chelsea | | E! News | | Chelsea | |
| ESPN | Pregame | | College Football | | | | | | | | | | Postgame | |
| ESPN2 | College Basketball | | High School Football | | Quarterback Kick-Off | | SportsCtr | | Nation | | NFL Live | | Football | |
| FAM | The Notebook | | | | | | The 700 Club | | Whose? | | Whose? | | Whose? | |
| FOOD | Challenge | | Cupcake Wars | | Chopped | | Cakes | | Cakes | | Cupcake Wars | | | |
| FX | Hellboy-Army | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HGTV | First | | First | | House | | Hunters | | Property | | Property | | House | |
| HIST | Modern Marvels | | Top Gear | | Ax Men | | Tougher in Alaska | | Modern Marvels | | | | | |
| LIFE | Reba | | Reba | | Wife Swap | | Wife Swap | | How I Met | | How I Met | | Frasier | |
| MTV | Teen Mom | | 16 and Pregnant | | | | 16 and Pregnant | | I Used to Be Fat | | | | | |
| NICK | My Wife | | My Wife | | Chris | | Lopez | | The Nanny | | The Nanny | | The Nanny | |
| SCI | Caprica | | Caprica | | Caprica | | Requiem | | Requiem | | Gurrien | | Gurrien | |
| SPIKE | Ways Die | | Ways Die | | Ways Die | | Ways Die | | Permanent | | MANswers | | Walker, Texas Ranger | |
| TBS | Fam. Guy | | Fam. Guy | | Fam. Guy | | Glory Daze | | Conan | | Lopez Tonight | | | |
| TCM | Our Gang | | Our Gang | | Our Gang | | Our Gang | | Our Gang | | Our Gang | | Our Gang | |
| TLC | Not to Wear | | What Not to Wear | | Extreme Couponing | | Not to Wear | | What Not to Wear | | What Not to Wear | | | |
| TNT | Gladiator | | | | Southland | | Memphis Beat | | Southland | | | | | |
| TOON | Zathura | | King/Hill | | King/Hill | | Amer. Dad | | Amer. Dad | | Fam. Guy | | Fam. Guy | |
| TRAV | Mysteries-Museum | | Mysteries-Museum | | Mysteries-Museum | | Ghost Adventures | | Ghost Adventures | | Mysteries-Museum | | | |
| TV LAND | Sanford | | Sanford | | Raymond | | Raymond | | Roseanne | | Roseanne | | Roseanne | |
| USA | Welcome Home Roscoe | | | | | | Semi-Pro | | | | | | Hairspray | |
| VH1 | Basketball Wives | | Basketball Wives | | Basketball Wives | | Brandy | | Chilli | | Feel the Noise | | | |
| WGN | Chris | | Chris | | How I Met | | How I Met | | WGN News at Nine | | Scrubs | | Scrubs | |
| Premium Channels | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HBO | Percy Jackson | | | | Bette Midler: Showgirl Must | | Cathouse: Cat Call | | | | | | | |
| MAX | Whip It | | | | Gran Torino | | Coed Confidential | | | | | | | |
| SHOW | Vicky Cri | | Cairo Time | | Joan Rivers: A Piece of Work | | The Reader | | | | | | | |

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| Wednesday Evening | | | | | | | | | | | January 5, 2011 | | | |
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| | 7:00 | 7:30 | 8:00 | 8:30 | 9:00 | 9:30 | 10:00 | 10:30 | 11:00 | 11:30 | | | | |
| KAKE/ABC | Middle | | Better | | Family | | Cougar | | Primetime | | Local | | Nightline | |
| KBSL/CBS | Live to Dance | | | | People's Choe | | | | | | Local | | Late Show Letterman | |
| KSNK/NBC | Minute to Win It | | | | Law & Order: SVU | | | | | | Local | | Tonight Show w/Leno | |
| KSAS/FOX | Human Target | | | | | | | | | | Local | | Late | |
| Cable Channels | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A & E | Dog | | Dog | | Dog | | Dog | | Storage | | Storage | | Storage | |
| AMC | Eraser | | | | | | | | | | | | True Lies | |
| ANIM | I Shouldn't Be Alive | | I Shouldn't Be Alive | | I Shouldn't Be Alive | | I Shouldn't Be Alive | | I Shouldn't Be Alive | | I Shouldn't Be Alive | | I Shouldn't Be Alive | |
| BRavo | Top Chef | | Top Chef | | Top Chef | | Top Chef | | Top Chef | | | | Real Housewives | |
| CMT | The Dukes of Hazzard | | Deliverance | | | | | | Redneck | | Smarter | | Smarter | |
| CNN | Parker Spitzer | | Larry King Live | | Anderson Cooper 360 | | | | | | Larry King Live | | | |
| COMEDY | Chappelle | | Chappelle | | South Pk | | South Pk | | South Pk | | Tosh.0 | | Daily | |
| DISC | Black Ops Brothers | | MythBusters | | MythBusters | | MythBusters | | Black Ops Brothers | | MythBusters | | | |
| DISN | Hannah | | Shake It | | Sonny | | Deck | | Good Luck | | Good Luck | | Wizards | |
| E! | Sex/City | | Sex and t | | True Hollywood Story | | Kardashian | | Chelsea | | Chelsea | | E! News | |
| ESPN | High School Football | | | | | | SpoCenter | | NBA Basketball | | | | | |
| ESPN2 | College Basketball | | College Basketball | | College Basketball | | | | SportsCenter | | Coll. Football Live | | | |
| FAM | Funniest Home Videos | | Funniest Home Videos | | Funniest Home Videos | | Funniest Home Videos | | The 700 Club | | Whose? | | Whose? | |
| FOOD | B. Flay | | B. Flay | | Worst Cooks | | Dinner: Impossible | | Diners | | Diners | | Worst Cooks | |
| FX | Tropic Thunder | | | | | | | | Tropic Thunder | | | | | |
| HGTV | Cash & Ca | | Property | | Disaster | | Disaster | | House | | Hunters | | Vanilla | |

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| HIST | Ancient Aliens | | Prophets of Doom | | Nostradamus Effect | | Ancient Aliens | | | | | | |
| LIFE | Reba | | Reba | | She's the One | | How I Met | | How I Met | | Frasier | | Frasier |
| MTV | True Life | | I Used to Be Fat | | I Used to Be Fat | | I Used to Be Fat | | 16 and Pregnant | | | | |
| NICK | My Wife | | My Wife | | Chris | | Chris | | Lopez | | George | | The Nanny |
| SCI | Ghost Hunters | | Ghost Hunters Inter. | | Ghost Hunters | | Ghost Hunters | | Ghost Hunters Inter. | | | | |
| SPIKE | Ways Die | | Ways Die | | Ways Die | | Ways Die | | MANswers | | BlueMount | | MANswers |
| TBS | Brows | | Brows | | Payne | | Payne | | Are We Th | | Conan | | Lopez Tonight |
| TCM | Mr. Holland's Opus | | | | | | | | Affair-Rememb. | | | | |
| TLC | My Strange Addiction | | Addiction | | Addiction | | Toddlers & Tiaras | | Addiction | | Addiction | | Toddlers & Tiaras |
| TNT | Bones | | Bones | | Bones | | Southland | | | | | | CSI: NY |
| TOON | Dude | | Destroy | | King/Hill | | King/Hill | | Amer. Dad | | Amer. Dad | | Fam. Guy |
| TRAV | Man, Food | | Man, Food | | Carnivore | | Man, Food | | Ice Cream Parade | | Man, Food | | Carnivore |
| TV LAND | Sanford | | Sanford | | Raymond | | Raymond | | Raymond | | Roseanne | | Roseanne |
| USA | The Bourne Ultimatum | | | | | | | | Ocean's Thirteen | | | | |
| VH1 | Celebrity Rehab | | Celebrity Rehab | | Celebrity Rehab | | Celebrity Rehab | | Celebrity Rehab | | Lopez | | Lopez |
| WGN | Chris | | Chris | | How I Met | | How I Met | | WGN News at Nine | | Scrubs | | Scrubs |
| Premium Channels | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HBO | The Book of Eli | | | | | | 24/7 Penguins | | 24/7 Penguins | | Katie | | Good Hair |
| MAX | Resident | | Adam Sandler's-Crazy Nights | | | | Greenberg | | | | | | |
| SHOW | Push | | Inside the NFL | | Tom Arnold: Story | | Inside the NFL | | Cocaine Cowboys II | | | | |

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