Weather Corner



National Weather Service Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 17. Calm wind becoming southeast between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 53. South wind between 5 and 15 mph

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 25. Southeast wind around 5 mph becoming

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 57. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 26.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 38.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 16. Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 31.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 11.

Saturday: Partly sunny and breezy, with a high near 34. Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 9.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 32.

Friday: High, 58; Low 20

Saturday: High, 64; Low 22 Sunday: High, 46; Low 9 Precip: Friday 0.00 inches Saturday 0.00 inches 0.00 inches Sunday Month: 0.19 inches Year: 0.41 inches Normal: 0.45 inches (K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset Tuesday 7:27 a.m. 6:29 p.m. Wednesday 7:26 a.m. 6:30 p.m. (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Education tying up Legislature

From "LEGISLATURE," Page 1

brings in more than a million dollars, while a mill in Sherman County brings in less than \$40,000.

"If we go down that road, all the state's going to want to do is just (pay for) instruction," he said.

If the state provided no money for activities, he said, only the larger districts could afford the taxes to have them. Ostmeyer said some school officials have ask him to raise state taxes again, but an increase wouldn't get through the Legislature, especially with the new conservative members in the House.

"We can't just keep spending and ask the taxpayer to put up another penny (on the sales tax)," he said.

Billinger said he and the other freshmen representatives had spoken with Gov. Sam Brownback on Friday about the rescission bill – designed to trim government spending in the current budget year. A lot of the debate, he said, has been around special education money, and whether or not the state will spend enough on it to avoid losing matching federal

Billinger said the governor wants to address the issue toward the end of the budget process so he has a clearer picture of how much it will cost. Current estimates put the number at \$25 million. Ostmeyer said the Senate has put the full \$25 million in its version of the budget, but the House has not. The bill is in conference between the two chambers now, facing a deadlock.

"I would bet the House will win this argument," Ostmeyer said.

governor's plans to reorganize some state agencies. fiscal note attached to it.

Ostmeyer said the governor has issued nine reorganization orders so far. While there have been others during his time in the Senate, he said, this is the first time there have been so many at once.

Ostmeyer said he doubts they will all be approved. The Legislature has 60 days from when an order is issued to vote it down. Ostmeyer said he expects the Senate to override the order making the Kansas Arts Commission a private, nonprofit group, cutting off state money for the group.

"Sen. (Roger) Reitz from Manhattan said 'over my dead body will you cut the arts,' and his committee will do the hearing," Ostmeyer said.

Ostmeyer said he isn't sure yet how he'll vote on the order, but said he has gotten a lot of phone calls in favor of keeping state money for the commission. He said the Senate likely has enough votes to override even without his.

The legislators covered several other bills their

committees have been working on, such as the bill to allow convenience stores and grocery stores to sell wine and strong beer. Ostmeyer said he probably wouldn't vote for the bill on the Senate floor because it would hurt existing liquor stores. However, he said, the issue is worth debating.

Billinger said the House has been debating a voter identification law, which will require voters to produce two forms of identification before they vote. The law wouldn't make much difference to western Kansas, he said, but it might cut down on voter fraud in some of the bigger cities.

Billinger was asked how much the law would cost Another big issue of the session has been the to implement. He replied that it only had a "small"

Foundation marks 10th anniversary

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the city of Colby, Smart Start, the Western Plains Arts Association, the Colby Tree Board's planting project on South Range Avenue and many others.

In 2006, she said, the foundation adopted national standards set by the Council on Foundations. Olson said the standards ensure the foundation is taking care of the community's assets 'with due diligence."

Olson said the foundation board has 12 members, including two at-large members, who don't go to monthly meetings, but have expertise on finance and investment issues, and a 12-member outside scholarship committee.

The board members are Jada Tubbs, president; Tammi Strutt, treasurer; Jody Metcalf, secretary; Tom Chain, Marla Crumrine, Relda Galli, Kristina Hills,

Bill Luna, Ranell Lunsway, Todd Stramel and Mark Wahlmeier.

She said the group's most immediate goal is to have over a \$1 million in assets by Nov. 11. Olson said this has always been her goal, and the faster they can build up endowment numbers, the sooner they can make an impact to improve the county. She said the total now is \$831,000.

Olson said donating to the foundation is a great way to give back to the community because people can give any amount, from \$1 up.

She said donors can decide where they want their money to be spent on. The foundation has more than 40 funds set up people can have their money invested, or it can be used right away. They can also start their vice president; Leland Wilson, own fund for most any purpose, Olson said, and smaller nonprofits can set up their own funds.

House and Senate no closer on budget bills

From "COMPROMISE," Page 1 creased education and social ser-

lion target, while the Senate saves \$3.6 million, largely because it increases money for special education. The state faces a possible cutoff of federal money if special education guidelines aren't met.

One reason for having a revenue cushion sooner rather than later is news that Brownback and legislators will get in April. That's when the next meeting of researchers and economists who calculate how much revenue the state will collect for the rest of this fiscal year and during 2012.

Revenues in Kansas are growing compared to last year, primarily because of the one-cent increase in the state sales tax last year. Through January, revenue estimates were on target, and \$6,000 above the November estimate.

Part of the discussion will include a calculation of how much more the state must pay for in-bill doesn't go anywhere.'

vices caseloads. Historically, depending on economic conditions, the increases have been between \$10 million and \$50 million a year. If that number is on the high side, more cuts are needed by June 30 to make the budget balance.

Speaker O'Neal described the process as "not your typical rescission bill or freeze bill.

The Hutchinson Republican said the parties agree that there are issues with special education that legislators will address, but the question hanging up the negotiators is how and when to fix the

"We're a little perplexed at the insistence of trying to address a moving target this early," he said, "because, literally, you don't have to do it in this bill or at this time.

"If it's clear that there can't be an agreement on pulling off the special ed piece, then it may be the

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Temperature swings may hurt wheat Kansas State University wheat

WICHITA (AP) - Last week's - especially when we know that warm spell has raised fears the the temperatures could drop just winter wheat crop in Kansas will as quickly again," Spiegel said. break its dormancy and start to come up early, only to be struck possibility after a cold front swept by another severe freeze.

low zero earlier in February, they shot up last week to more than 70 degrees. Bill Spiegel, spokesman for the industry group Kansas Wheat, said another freeze was that has broken dormancy loses its winter hardiness.

"Frankly, it is too early for that freezing temperatures.

Another freeze was not just a into the state Sunday night. Lows After temperatures fell well be- overnight in northwest Kansas were around 11 to 14 degrees, with another round of temperatures down to 10 expected by the combination of warm weather in weekend.

Western Kansas didn't get the a concern because winter wheat heavy snows that buried the eastern third of the state during two February storms, but it did get

specialist Jim Shroyer said the situation varies across the state. Wheat in central Kansas had good moisture going into winter and enjoyed a protective snow cover during the recent cold. But in western Kansas, the wheat was stressed by drought going into winter, and the dry soil now is not good.

But all is not lost. Even wheat that breaks dormancy can regain some of its winter hardiness again if the temperatures get cold gradually, Shroyer said.

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