

A Look Ahead

26 Thursday

- **Mothers of Preschoolers meeting**, 9-11:15 a.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, 302 S. Seventh; 825-5081.
- Salina Senior Center program, **income tax help**, provided free by AARP volunteers, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; appointments necessary; 245 N. Ninth; 827-9818.
- **Salina Public Library children's program**, Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.; 825-4624.
- Salina Senior Center program, **writing class led by Mary L. Johnson**, 10 a.m., 245 N. Ninth; 827-9818.
- Salina Senior Center program, **blackout bingo**, 10 a.m., 245 N. Ninth; 827-9818.
- **Homemade luncheon buffet**, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 336 S. Santa Fe; \$5; 823-5441.
- **VFW Post 1432 Auxiliary Bingo**, 1 p.m., 1108 W. Crawford; 825-4909.
- **Board of Design Review**, Business Improvement District No. 1, 4 p.m., Room 107, City-County Building.
- **PrairieLand Market**, 2-6 p.m., 138 S. Fourth; 827-5877.
- **Emergency Aid-Food Bank children's cooking class**, Lee's Dish, 4 p.m., 255 S. Chicago; 827-7111.
- **Salina Public Library computer class**, Microsoft Excel Workshop, 6-7:30 p.m., 301 W. Elm; second of two sessions; 825-4624.
- **"In the Heat of the Night,"** 7 p.m., Stiefel Theatre for the Performing Arts, 151 S. Santa Fe; \$5 admission; 827-1998.
- Salina Community Theatre production of Stephen Sondheim's musical **"Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street,"** 7 p.m., 303 E. Iron; \$25 for adults, \$15 for students; 827-3033 or online at www.salinaattheatre.com.
- **BROOKVILLE: Public meeting** regarding the proposed bond issue for the Ell-Salina School District, 7 p.m., Ell-Salina Middle-High School, 414 E. Anderson; (785) 225-6813.
- **LINDSBORG: Augustana Choir**, conducted by Bethany alumnus Jon Hurty, 7:30 p.m., Presser Hall at Bethany College; (785) 227-2211.
- **REPUBLIC: Pawnee Indian Museum Winter Video Series on The First World War**, 7 p.m., Pawnee Indian Museum Historic Site; (785) 361-2255.

27 Friday

- Salina Senior Center program, **blackout bingo**, 10 a.m., 245 N. Ninth; 827-9818.
- **Emergency Aid-Food Bank adult cooking class**, Quick-Fix Cheeseburger Meatloaf, 10 a.m., 255 S. Chicago; 827-7111.
- **PrairieLand Market**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-6 p.m., 138 S. Fourth; 827-5877.
- Salina Senior Center program, **cards**, 1 p.m., 245 N. Ninth; 827-9818.
- **Eagles Auxiliary Bingo**, 1 p.m., 146 N. Seventh.
- **Salina Public Library children's program**, Fun Fridays at Four, crafts, 4 p.m., 301 W. Elm; 825-4624.
- **Salina Public Library program**, Friends of the Library Book Sale, members only preview, 5:30-8 p.m., Prescott Room; 825-4624.
- **Knights of Columbus bingo**, 7 p.m., 115 N. Seventh; 825-5766.
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28 Saturday

- **Legislative issues meeting**, with Saline County legislators, 8:30-10 a.m., Salina Area Chamber of Commerce Development Center, 120 W. Ash.
- **Focus on Marriage**, "Seeing Your Marriage Through the Eyes of God," 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., satellite broadcast at First Covenant Church, 2625 E. Magnolia; 823-3792.
- **Salina Public Library program**, Friends of the Library Book Sale, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Prescott Room; 825-4624.
- **Salina Journal Spelling Bee**, for Saline county students in third through eighth grades, 9:30 a.m., Salina South High School auditorium; 822-1470 or www.salina.com/nie/.
- **Polar Plunge**, benefit for Kansas Special Olympics, 10 a.m. registration, 11 a.m. plunge, 11:30 a.m. 5K Walk/Run, Webster Conference Center, 2601 N. Ohio; 1-800-444-9803, or www.kssso.org.
- **Wild about Dance: Country Line Dancing Workshop**, 10 a.m., Salina Community Theatre; free dance workshop in conjunction with "The Dancer Within" at Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure; call 827-6126 to sign up.
- **PrairieLand Market**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 138 S. Fourth; 827-5877.
- **Italian Cafe Supper**, 5-7 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, Ninth and Crawford streets; tickets cost \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door; 823-7151.
- **NAACP 100th Anniversary Celebration**, 5:30 p.m., dinner, 6:15 p.m., program; 8:15 p.m., dance; Holiday Inn Convention Center, 1616 W. Crawford; \$35 for adults, \$15 for children under 18; 342-5421 or 820-8399.
- **Wine & Dine dinner concert fundraiser** and silent auction for the Salina Symphony, 5:30 p.m., Smoky Hill Winery, 212 West Golf Link; \$75 a person; reservations required by calling 823-8309.
- **Wild Voodoo Two**, 7-10 p.m., Ice Bar and Lounge, 141 N. Santa Fe; 823-1423.
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- **ABILENE: Kiwanis Winter Pancake Breakfast**, 7 a.m.-1 p.m., Sterl Hall in Eisenhower Park; \$5 for adults, \$3.50 for children ages 5-12; (785) 263-3833.
- **ABILENE: Tom Clavin discusses his book**, "The Last Stand of Fox Company: A True Story of U.S. Marines," 10 a.m., visitors center auditorium, Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum; reservations, (785) 263-6700 or toll free, 1-877-RING IKE.
- **LYONS: Benefit Hog Feed** by Nicodemus Buffalo Soldiers and Friends, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Lyons High School; donations help send World War II veterans to see the War Memorial in Washington, D.C.; (620) 894-0316.
- **MANHATTAN: Konza Dance**, 8-11 p.m., Manhattan American Legion; music by Michael B.; (785) 545-6817.
- **MARQUETTE: Art forum**, "How to Price and Market Art," 10 a.m., ArtSpace; (785) 546-2455.

■ **OBERLIN: Double D Wranglers**, a three-piece band, 7:30 p.m., Gateway Theater; (785) 475-3557 or 475-3329.

Listing events

Items for the Calendar of Events should be sent to: **Calendar of Events, Salina Journal, P.O. Box 740, Salina 67402**, or e-mailed to calendar@salina.com. Be sure to include name, address and telephone number.

Area storm spotter meetings scheduled

The National Weather Service and county emergency management agencies plan a series of Spring Weather Awareness meetings in north-central and northwest Kansas.

The meetings will last about two hours and will be divided into two sections. The first section will focus on basic storm spotting and will last about 45 minutes. The second section will consist of advanced storm spotting, focusing on radar interpretation and a group warning scenario.

The meetings are free. All spotters and the general public are encouraged to attend. The sessions begin at 6:30 p.m.

- Meetings include:
- **Tuesday, Downs Fire Hall, Downs.**
 - **Wednesday, Jewell County Courthouse, Mankato.**
 - **March 9, Plainville Fire Station, Plainville.**
 - **March 10, Student Union Conference Room, North Central Kansas Technical College, Beloit.**
 - **March 11, Phillipsburg Fire Station, Phillipsburg.**
 - **March 12, Smith County Courthouse, Smith Center.**

Women's golf group to meet at Municipal

The Salina Municipal Women's Golf Association spring meeting will be 6 p.m. March 18 at the Municipal Golf Course Clubhouse.

A salad supper is planned. Members are asked to bring a salad and table service; coffee and tea will be provided.

For more information, call 819-2943 or 827-7378.

We Kan! Conference to be in Salina

The We Kan! Conference, facilitated by the Kansas Sampler Foundation, will be March 24 at the Webster Conference Center on North Ohio Street, just north of Interstate Highway 70.

The theme is "Relentless for Rural," and sessions will help kick off the first ever rural tourism initiative. The initiative is a partnership with the Kansas Department of Commerce Travel and Tourism division, the Kansas Sampler Foundation and rural communities.

Registration is \$50 for We Kan! members and \$75 for nonmembers. For registration information, call (620) 585-2374 or go online to www.kansassampler.org. Registration deadline is March 12.

Farm prices to be focus of meeting

HUTCHINSON — Reviews of U.S. Department of Agriculture parity prices — comparing prices over time — and current market prices is 1 to 3 p.m. March 6 at the Hutchinson Library Auditorium, 901 N. Main, Hutchinson.

Federal law will be reviewed regarding parity prices, along with state and federal legislation drafted to protect the purchasing power of Kansas and U.S. raw materials producers.

The informal gathering is sponsored by members of the National Organization for Raw Materials.

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House approves large spending bill

Domestic programs would get increase; Republicans scoff

By DAVID ESPO
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Democratic-controlled House pushed through a \$410 billion measure Wednesday that boosted domestic programs, bristled with earmarks and chipped away at policies left behind by the Bush administration.

The vote was 245-178, largely along party lines.

Republicans assailed the measure as too costly — particularly on the heels of a \$787 billion stimulus bill that President Barack Obama signed last week. But Democrats jabbed back.

"The same people who drove the economy into the ditch are now complaining about the size of the tow truck," said Rep. James McGovern, D-Mass., pointing out the large increase in deficits that President George W. Bush and GOP-controlled Congresses amassed.

From the GOP side, Rep. Jeb Hensarling, of Texas, said the legislation was "going to grow the government 8.3 percent ... but the family budget, which has to pay for the federal budget only grew at 1.3 percent last

Spending would increase 8 percent

The House passed a \$410 billion spending bill that would give government programs \$32 billion more than last year.

Department	Budget, fiscal 2009, in billions	Percent change from fiscal 2008
Agriculture	\$20.5	13%
Commerce/State/Justice	57.7	11
Energy and Water	33.3	8
Financial Services	22.7	10
Interior	27.6	4
Labor/Health/Education	152.3	5
Legislative Branch	4.4	11
State/Foreign Operations	36.6	12
Transportation/Housing and Urban Dev.	55.0	13

NOTE: The Senate has not voted on the measure.
SOURCE: House Appropriations Committee AP

year." The debate occurred one day after Obama told Congress in a prime time television address that he intends to cut deficits in half over the next four years, and one day before he was submitting tax and spending plans for the coming year.

Officials said the president's first budget would call for a permanent tax cut of \$400 for lower- and middle-class workers and \$800 for families, a break modeled after the temporary provision in the economic stimulus legislation.

He also will seek \$634 billion over 10 years as a down payment on health care reform, the start of an effort aimed at providing coverage for an estimated 48 million uninsured people. Achieving that goal could cost much more.

Obama also intends to ask lawmakers to approve a new cap-and-trade system of limits and pollution allowances, especially for industries such as utilities with coal burning power plants. The program would help reduce greenhouse gas emissions while generating revenue that could help finance other elements of an ambitious agenda that includes health care and education reform.

The spending bill that cleared the House drew the support of 229 Democrats and 16 Republicans. There were 159 Republicans and 20 Democrats opposed.

In a symbolic bow to the recession, Democrats included in the spending measure a prohibition on a cost-of-living increase for members of Congress for the year.

Budget / How to pay for health care reform a concern

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The health care provisions are meant to start a dialogue with Congress over how to provide coverage for an estimated 48 million uninsured while also slowing health care costs, which amount to \$2.4 trillion a year and keep rising even as the economy is shrinking.

Independent experts say providing coverage for all could easily cost more than \$1 trillion over 10 years, a figure the Obama administration does not dispute. Lawmakers on Capitol Hill, however, are concerned about that cost.

Budget documents provided to The Associated Press show that Obama will not lay out a detailed blueprint for a health care overhaul, but rather a set of broad policy principles and some specific ideas for how to raise a big chunk of the money.

Whatever Congress does, the documents said, "must put the United States on a clear path to cover all Americans." Obama has called on Congress to send him a health care reform bill this year.

Obama's principles include guaranteeing people a choice of insurance plans and doctors and continuing employer-based coverage. He also says Americans should be able to take their health care benefits with them when they change jobs.

The \$634 billion would be on top of recent health care expansions approved by Congress and also described by the administration as down payments toward overhauling health

care. Those include \$32 billion to expand coverage for the children of low-income workers and \$19 billion to speed the adoption of computerized health records.

Apart from health care, the budget will extend Obama's signature \$400 tax cut for workers, and \$800 for married couples.

The budget also calls for an increase in the top income tax rate, from 35 percent to 39.6 percent for married couples with incomes above \$250,000 a year, said another administration official.

The biggest tax adjust-

ment, however, would come from updating the alternative minimum tax for inflation.

That would add \$150 billion to the deficit by 2013. The AMT was originally designed to make sure the wealthy paid at least some taxes, but it threatens to ensnare some 24 million middle- to upper-income taxpayers next year.

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Case: 2009-3875

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