



Weather Corner



Tonight...Breezy. Mostly cloudy with light snow likely. Areas of blowing snow. Snow accumulation up to 1 inch. Lows in the lower 20s. North winds 20 to 25 mph with gusts to around 40 mph. Chance of snow 60 percent.

Saturday...Partly sunny in the morning then becoming mostly sunny. Colder...Breezy. Highs around 30. North winds 20 to 25 mph with gusts to around 40 mph shifting to the northwest 10 to 20 mph in the afternoon. Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 12. West winds around 10 mph.

Sunday...Mostly sunny in the morning then becoming partly sunny. Highs in the upper 30s. Northwest winds around 10 mph shifting to the north in the afternoon. Sunday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows around 15.

Monday and Monday night...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s. Lows around 17.

Christmas Day and Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of light snow. Highs around 40. Lows around 18.

Wednesday...Mostly cloudy in the morning then becoming partly sunny. A 20 percent chance of light snow. Highs in the lower 30s. Wednesday night and Thursday...Partly cloudy. Lows around 12. Highs in the mid 30s.

Thursday's low, high: 23, 47

Family, community show support for young girl

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Both of them are working." Whitney agrees. "God is great," she said. For the following two months, Whitney stayed in Denver to begin what is called maintenance chemotherapy to ensure the cancer would not return. While there, Whitney said she met another young girl who was also facing cancer. Whitney said they talked about each other's situation.

Whitney and Dawn noticed another patient, who was in a wheelchair and had noticeable disabilities.

"She turned to me and said, 'Mom, I've got a lot to be thankful for.'"

Whitney's older sister, Avery, a 2007 Brewster graduate, dropped out of the University of Kansas and returned to Brewster to help Whitney and the family. Avery started KU with a bout of pneumonia.

"I was getting better, but went back to Brewster and noticed Whitney was getting worse," she said.

The cancer diagnosis influenced Avery to quit Kansas Sept. 21.

Whitney offered to help around the house and she goes with Whitney to chemotherapy treatments in Denver. The time spent has improved their relationship, not that it was tough to begin with.

"We are a lot closer," Avery said.

Avery will begin classes at Colby Community College in January. What happens two years from now, when she finishes, isn't important. Being there for family now, is.

"I don't want to think long-term, because it can change like that," Avery said with a snap of her fingers.

Extended support Knowing she would be in Denver for weeks, a relative purchased Whitney a computer to use in the hospital to keep in touch with friends and family in Brewster. Flowers, balloons and gifts filled her room.

Whitney was eventually able to go home on weekends, which was strange.

"I felt like I was living in Denver, but visiting Brewster," she said.

While in Denver, the hospital

employee who handles patient mail, told Whitney he had never seen the amount of mail for one person in the years he had been working at the hospital. The employee was surprised to hear about how small Brewster is, just 300 people.

"The people of Brewster and northwest Kansas are amazing," Dawn said. "It's not the quantity of people you know, it's the quality."

Whitney returned home in mid-November. She missed all but two

matches of the volleyball season. She is still catching up with missed school work. Physical activity is limited. She is not to play basketball or other physical activities for fear of injuring her head. Her horses can't be ridden. She is allowed to be a cheerleader.

"I love volleyball," she said.

Whitney's chemotherapy treatments in Denver will be held every four to six weeks through October 2008.

Dawn said she will always remember that Labor Day weekend, but a friend of hers, who is also a cancer survivor, sent her a Christmas card that Dawn will always cherish.

"The card says the virgin birth is a true miracle. You have witnessed one too."

Kansas doctor accused of illegal prescriptions

WICHITA. (AP) — A Kansas physician who allegedly operated a "pill mill" out of his Haysville clinic was charged Thursday with illegally prescribing drugs in a scheme that caused the deaths of at least four patients, federal prosecutors said.

Dr. Stephen J. Schneider, 54, and his wife, nurse Linda K. Schneider, 49, were arrested Wednesday, a day before a Topeka grand jury returned the 34-count indictment, U.S. Attorney Eric Melgren said.

The Schneiders are charged with one count of conspiracy, five counts of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance, 11 counts of health care fraud, 13 counts of

illegal monetary transactions, and four counts of money laundering. They were being held in federal custody Thursday, with their first court appearance scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Friday in U.S. District Court in Wichita.

According to the indictment, 56 of Stephen Schneider's patients have died from accidental prescription drug overdoses in the last five years.

However, the indictment alleges that only four deaths were directly caused by drugs Schneider's clinic prescribed and 11 deaths in which the drugs were a contributing factor, Melgren said.

Party questions AG date

TOPEKA (AP) — It's improper for Attorney General Paul Morrison to remain on the job until Jan. 31 because the Democrat, embroiled in a sex scandal, is damaging the office every day he stays, a top Republican Party official said Thursday.

But a Morrison spokeswoman said the comments from Christian Morgan, the state GOP's executive director, showed that he doesn't understand the office or its work.

Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, a fellow Democrat, will name a new attorney general to serve the remaining three years of Morrison's four-year term. She hasn't started interviewing candidates. Morgan said Morrison's top deputies could keep the office running in his absence and that Morrison doesn't need to be in the office for an orderly transition to occur.

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