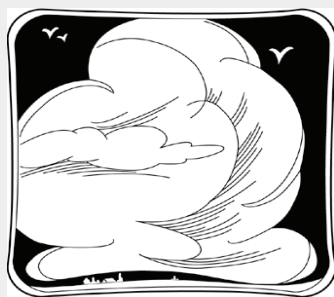


Weather Corner



National Weather Service Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26. North wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 38. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 21. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 42. Breeze, with a south wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 25.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 52.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 26.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 55.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 24.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 53.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 26.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 54.

Monday: High, 51; Low 27
 Tuesday: High 72, Low 31
 Precip: Monday, 0.00 inches
 Month: 0.74 inch
 Year: 20.62 inches
 Normal: 19.95 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)

Official vote tallies in for general election races

Here is the final, official vote for the General Election, as compiled by the Thomas County clerk's office and certified by the county commissioners on Nov. 7.

STATEWIDE RACES
President and Vice President — McCain and Palin, 2,837; Obama and Biden, 787; Nader and Gonzales, 29; Baldwin and Castle, 11; Barr and Root, 9.

United States Senator — Pat Roberts, 2,927; Jim Slattery, 651; Joseph L. Martin, 33; Randall L. Hodgkinson, 29.

United States Representative, 1st District — Jerry Moran, 3,177; James Bordonaro, 296; Kathleen M. Burton, 67; Jack Warner, 42.

DISTRICT RACES
State Senator, 40th District — Ralph Ostmeier, 3,290.
State Representative, 121st

District — Jim Morrison, 3,345
District Court Judge, 15th District, 1st Division — Glenn D. Schiffner, 3,365.
District Court Judge, 15th District, 2nd Division — Scott Showalter, 3,150.
District Magistrate Judge, 15th District, 5th Division — Richard J. "Rick" Ress, 3,325.

COUNTY OFFICES
County Commissioner No. 2 — Paul M. Steele, 1,139.
County Commissioner No. 3 — Ken Christiansen, 1,059.
County Sheriff — Rod (Rodney) Taylor, 1,875; *Mike Baughn, 1,674.
County Clerk — Shelly A. Harms, 3,361.
County Treasurer — Donita Applebury, 3,207.
County Attorney — Bruce

Flipse, 3,321.
Register of Deeds — Maybelle F. Moore, 3,393.

STATE JUDICIAL QUESTIONS
 Shall the following Supreme Court justice be retained in office? — Eric Rosen, yes-2,015, no-1,027.
 Shall the following Court of Appeals justice be retained in office? — Lee A. Johnson, yes-2,055, no-983.
 Steve Leban, yes-2,030, no-997.
 Joseph Pierron, yes-2,017, no-998.
 Christel E. Marquardt, yes-2,043, no-976.
 Richard D. Greene, yes-2,390, no-659.

TOWNSHIP RACES
 (* indicates a write-in candidate)

Barnett Township Trustee, Lyman Bear — 48, *Jasen Gray — 4.
Barnet Township Trustee — *Jasen Gray — 15.
East Hale Township Trustee — *Dale Deaver — 3.
East Hale Township Trustee — *Scott Collette — 3.
Morgan (E&W) Township Trustee — Ron Haremza — 329.
Morgan (E&W) Township Trustee — John C. Kern — 321.
Kingery Township Trustee — Wyatt Kvasnicka — 31, *Ray Duncan, 17.
Kingery Township Trustee, Jon Starns — 44, *Robin Rogge — 4.
Lacey Township Trustee — Jonathan Higerd — 55.
Lacey Township Trustee — Vernon Roemer — 55.
Menlo Township Trustee — John J. Steiger — 30.
Menlo Township Trustee — Susan D. Guill — 32.
N. Randall Township Trustee

— John Schroeder — 75.
N. Randall Township Trustee — Jason Sowers — 34.
Rovohl Township Trustee — John Schroeder — 75.
Rovohl Township Trustee —
Smith Township Trustee — *Tom McCarty — 9, *Ben Hoeting — 5, *Fred Albers — 4.
Smith Township Trustee — *Mark Anderson — 12.
S. Randall Township Trustee — James G. Fellhoelter — 120.
N. Randall Township Trustee — *Bob Ottley — 7.
Summers Township Trustee — Craig Reed — 63, *Everett Theimer — 38.
Summers Township Trustee — Bert J. Stramel — 89, *Everett Theimer — 9.
Wendell Township Trustee — *Mark Miller — 8.
Wendell Township Trustee — *Darrell Dible — 6.
West Hale Township Trustee — *Ken Kammer — 7, *Brian Eicher — 4, *Dave Bowman — 3.

Golden Plains battles at math relays

By Avery Spresser
Golden Plains High School
 Golden Plains math students traveled to Hays on Thursday to test their skills at the Fort Hays Math Relays.

The team included freshmen Trey Schwarz, Emily Wachendorfer and Hannah Antholz. Sophomores were Lucas Phillips, Randi Cressler, Avery Spresser and Devinn Ritter. Juniors were Jonathan Broeckelman, Shaun Gilbert and Alyssa Babcock. Tate Bruggeman was the lone senior.

The first event was Using Number Sense. Three freshmen and two juniors participated as individuals, while the sophomores competed as a team. Jonathan Broeckelman, placed fifth.

Bruggeman. Placing third was the Golden Plains finished seventh out of 24 Class 1A schools.

Second was Trigonometry. Bruggeman competed on his own for the seniors. The junior team, Gilbert, Babcock and Broeckelman, placed third.

Next was Algebraic Manipulations. Individual entries were Schwarz, Wachendorfer, Antholz, Ritter and Broeckelman. Placing sixth was the sophomore team.

Event four was Informal Geometry and Measurement. All four sophomores competed independently, along with Bruggeman. The juniors placed fourth.

Application of Algebra and Arithmetic was the fifth event. Phillips, Ritter, Shaun Gilbert, Babcock and Bruggeman entered as individuals. The freshmen placed fifth as a team.

Last was the favorite of all the tests, Calculations with Calculators. All of the freshmen competed, along with Babcock and

Al-Qaida plays the race card against Obama

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Al-Qaida's No. 2 leader used a racial epithet to insult Barack Obama in a message posted today, describing the president-elect in demeaning terms that imply he does the bidding of whites.

The message appeared chiefly aimed at persuading Muslims and Arabs that Obama does not represent a change in U.S. policies. Ayman al-Zawahri said in the message, which appeared on militant Web sites, that Obama is "the direct opposite of honorable black Americans" like Malcolm X, the 1960s African-American rights leader.

In al-Qaida's first response to Obama's victory, al-Zawahri also called the president-elect — along with secretaries of state Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice — "house negroes."

Speaking in Arabic, al-Zawahri uses the term "abeed al-beit," which literally translates as "house slaves." But al-Qaida supplied English subtitles of his speech that included the translation as "house negroes."

The message also includes old footage of speeches by Malcolm X in which he explains the term, saying black slaves who worked in their white masters' house were more servile than those who worked in the fields. Malcolm X criticized black leaders he accused of not standing up to whites.

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