

Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: Clear, with a low around 25. Northwest wind around 10 mph.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 58. Northwest wind around 10 mph.
Thursday Night: Clear, with a low around 23. North wind around 5 mph becoming south.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 63. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Friday Night: Clear, with a low around 35.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 73.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 38.
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 71.
Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 38.
Monday: Sunny and breezy, with a high near 72.
Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 37.
Monday: High, 64; Low 29
Tuesday: High, 72; Low 34
Precip: Monday 0.00 inches
Tuesday 0.00 inches
Month: 0.00 inches
Year: 17.88 inches
Normal: 19.95 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Thursday 8:13 a.m. 6:39 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Wind farm road agreement to go before townships soon

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plan as they have known it for years is a thing of the past because the federal dollars that used to support it are gone. However, there is a voluntary federal "money exchange" which would allow a local public agency like the county road department to trade all or a portion of its federal money in a fiscal year with the Kansas Department of Transportation in exchange for state transportation dollars or with another local public agency in exchange for their local money.

Its a 90-cents-on-the-dollar trade, Schrock said, in that the state will keep 10 cents out of every dollar for administrative costs. It will also free up project planning, because many of the needs here weren't allowed under the federal program. One example he gave was a low-water crossing.

Schrock said the department will determine the amount of state money available for exchange at the time the federal money is confirmed for the year.

In other business, commissioners:
• Read a report from Kansas Department of Health and Environment that the landfill had passed state inspection with no violations
• Heard that \$576,235 in county sales tax had been collected to date

• Read a letter about counties joining extension districts. Thomas, Cheyenne and Rawlins are the only counties in the northwest region which have not joined a district, the said.

• Agreed to meet at 9 a.m. Friday to canvass the election returns.

• Set Friday; Monday, Nov. 22, Tuesday, Nov. 30, Dec. 6, 13, 20 and 31 and Jan. 10, 17 and 31 as future meeting dates.

Colby grad to donate kidney to sister

From "DONATE," Page 1

system. As hobbies, she has been a "sun baby," always lifeguarding, waterskiing and swimming during the summer. With lupus, a sunburn can be life-threatening.

"When a person has lupus, it doesn't seem like anything is outwardly wrong with them," Breon said. "It's hard for family and friends to understand that she only has so much energy and too much stress will literally kill her."

In 2005, Celeste started chemotherapy to shut down the lupus. The doctors told her she would probably have kidney failure within five years.

Her five years is up. Doctors have told Celeste she won't live another five without a kidney.

But unlike many patients, who have to rely on dialysis three times a week and who keep their fingers crossed indefinitely for a donor, Celeste has Breon.

"I do worry about my future quite a bit," Breon said, "but if Celeste doesn't get this kidney, she has no future."

Breon, who, throughout high school, college and beyond, has been passionate about and talented in drama, followed his dream in acting.

He is a film and commercial actor, living in Chicago. He also is producer/actor in his own Shakespearean theatre company. While at Colby Community College, he was a member of the theater group and performed in many school plays. He was a year behind his sister in school, graduating from Atwood High School in 1989.

Because of his career path, he is uninsured, driving him to seek a larger market in Los Angeles. There, he said, he hopes to qualify for health care under the Screen Actors Guild.

Celeste, who initially worried

that giving up a kidney would make Breon uninsurable, did not want to subject him to this financial strain. After many long conversations, however, Breon said he knew what had to be done.

"Being given the opportunity to save a life that we love and who loves us unconditionally is a gift in and of itself - to the recipient and to the giver," Breon said. "Her daughters are getting their mother back and we'll all have a chance at many more years of love and happiness."

"How many people can say that their life has had such a wonderful purpose?" Breon said.

Celeste, the oldest child of the family, is used to playing the motherly role. When their mother was Celeste's age, she died of cancer. Their father has battled many illnesses himself, including cancer. The family knows the only way to get through illness is together.

"Family is everything," Breon said. "Celeste has been there for me and I can't imagine a world without her in it."

Since Celeste's sister, Maureen, was not a match as a donor, she is helping her sister in another way. Celeste's girls moved to McPherson and will live with Maureen, her husband and their two children during their mother's surgery and recovery.

Celeste, who will spend at least three weeks in the hospital, will live with her uncle Ron Bliss and his wife Janie, outside of Wichita for the recovery period.

"I have this extreme gratefulness to my family," Celeste said. "Until it became an 'I have to do it,' I didn't want anyone to make a sacrifice."

Celeste was scheduled for surgery Tuesday, but had to delay because of an illness. Doctors told her that, because a transplant would require drugs that would

Republicans make clean sweep Tuesday

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opposition.

Both state ballot issues passed. An amendment reaffirming the right to bear arms gathered 89 percent of the vote, while voting rights for those with mental illnesses passed with 62 percent. In Thomas County, the vote was 2,301 to 144 for the right to bear arms and 1,477 to 941 for the voting provision.

All four Kansas Supreme Court judges on the ballot were retained.

The numbers will remain unofficial until county commissioners meet to canvass the ballots Friday. Commissioner Sowers - since he is on the ballot - will have to sit out that task.

There were 2,541 votes cast in Thomas County. County Clerk Shelly Harms said that at last count, the county had 4,554 registered voters, making for a voter turnout rate of 58 percent. Harms said this is better turnout than most years. Voter turnout statewide was about 46 percent, close to what Secretary Biggs predicted before the election. There were 969 advance votes

here, cast either by mail and at the courthouse, and 47 provisional ballots which commissioners will have to decide.

Harms said provisional ballots are given to voters who show up, but whose names are not on the county list. Voters might not be in the database because they recently moved back to the county or had a name change, she said.

Harms said the new laptop computers used for checking registered voters worked like a charm. She said the county was able to confirm the identity of each voter faster and with fewer volunteers. There were eight poll workers, a supervising election judge and one person manning the drop box. She said there was a steady stream of voters all day, and while there were times all the machines and booths were in use, very few people had to wait in line.

Assistant Deputy Clerk Kristi Mann said there were no notable write-in candidates, beyond a few animated characters such as Mickey Mouse and Sid the Sloth from the movie "Ice Age."

Easygoing bear makes home in small town

ARMONK, N.Y. (AP) - Police say an easygoing young bear captured off a wooded cul-de-sac appears to be the same creature spotted for three months around the Westchester County hamlet of Armonk.

North Castle police found the animal in a trap on Monday morning. Residents said they heard the cage closing late Sunday night.

Police had received reports of about 40 bear sightings.

Lt. William Fisher said the small bear - about 150 to 200 pounds - was not aggressive. According to the Journal News, Fisher figures the bear had "just left his mother and thought Armonk was nice."

It apparently enjoyed dining at garbage cans and bird feeders.

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