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Voter registration remains open until 5 p.m. today

By NICOLE COLEMAN
• Leader & Times

Today marks the final deadline for voters to register to cast ballots in the upcoming April 5 special local election that will affect schools in Seward County and surrounding counties. Yet people who are still scrambling to smooth out official birth certificates or other proof of U.S. citizenship should heed

As long as race covers fill out a registration card at the clerk's office before today's deadline. "You have until the day before the election to show us proof of citizenship."

— Seward County Clerk Stacia Long

County continues membership in KNRC

KNRC is fighting to keep feds from listing prairie chicken as 'endangered'

By ELI CARPE
• Leader & Times

The Seward County Commission took on a busy agenda at its most recent meeting Monday night.

Sneak Peek

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Police seek Amish buggy in W. Pa. hit-and-run

Heartland is hotbed of hoops

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"Sun and turtle" causes under Endangered Species Act

Turtle	Bank	Bank	Honey
27	29	29	37
75	81	82	78

Source: U.S. Center of Commerce

Lawsuit challenges use of endangered species to stop energy boom

By DEBORA FOOR
• Leader & Times Staff

Oklahoma's attorney general has filed a lawsuit in federal court in Oklahoma City against the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, arguing that so-called "sue and settle" agreements violate the Administrative Procedure Act, the endangered and threatened list makers the Federal Endangered Species Act.

Scott Pruitt filed the complaint late

Pruitt has sued on behalf of the state of Oklahoma and the Independent Energy Producers Alliance (IEPA), a national network of oil and gas companies.

The lawsuit proposed changes that "by entering into private settlements with several interest litigants, (the Fish and Wildlife Service) has violated its duties as an agency "the legislative and regulatory

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Legal groups fight changes in Kansas evidence rules

Kansas Hospital Association President Steve Rundle, left, and Tom Bell, right, testify before the Kansas House committee on judicial and legislative increasing limits on medical malpractice damages in lawsuits, Monday afternoon in Topeka. The committee is supporting the bill, which also should, if it passes, make it easier to prove fraud.

By DAVID HANSON
• Capitol Bureau

TOPEKA — Two lawsuit groups tried Monday to persuade legislators that proposed changes in evidence rules beyond the state's $250,000 cap on non-economic damages, such as pain and suffering, limiting it would increase insurance premiums for doctors and hospitals. Bills in both houses of the Legislature have proposed to accept an increase in the limit because of an October 2012 ruling by the Kansas Supreme Court in a lawsuit filed by a Lawrence family.

The court said the cap on non-economic damages is constitutional but the majority also said it is troubling that the cap hadn't been increased since it was first set in the mid-mid-1980s. Lobbyists for the lawsuits the Kansas Medical Society and Kansas Hospital Association testified Monday that they're nervous about a later legal challenge.

The proposed changes to evidence rules strike a balance while preserving the cap, they said.

"There is unique opportunity that we have

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Live on Stage presents 'Back on Broadway' in concert Thursday

• LeTand Grant

Live on Stage will be presenting its fifth concert of the 2013-14 season series at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Junior Middle School Auditorium. Live on Stage will stream tickets for sale. For more, and remains about Live on Stage season tickets, call 620-624-0864 or 624-6227.

Following the overwhelming success of "Back on Broadway" during the 2012-13 season, Mike Dempsey and Live on Stage have created a brand new production entitled "Back on Broadway" of the Great White Way - 'Rock On Broadway' Live on Stage presents "Back on Broadway" The Apple making her third big break on Broadway. With Rusty new island beds, "How to Succeed on Broadway" Live on Stage presents.

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