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Bake sale to benefit Relay for Life

The Golden Plains Credit Union will be facing its employees Friday, March 15 in a bake sale for the Society's Relay for Life from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today at the credit union's location at 21 Medical Dr. in Liberal.

TODAY

Dodge to be guest speaker at Lions Club meeting Monday

The Liberal Lions Club will meet at noon Monday at the Liberal Senior Citizens Center.

Guest speaker Verena Jean Dodge will give an update on the Adult Education Center.

MONDAY

Bowl For Kids' Sake strikes next month

The annual fundraising event to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Seward, Haskell and Stevens Counties kicks off next month on April 5 and 6 at Bar Lanes at 1800 S. Kansas Ave. in Liberal.

Bowl For Kids' Sake is the largest source of funds for the more-than-100 programs which serve local children who are fatherless or have deficits created and help provide mentors for these children in our Community.

Community members are asked to gather a team of friends, family, co-workers or church members and participate in the event or just come to bowling to celebrate their efforts. Children with mentors show improved school performance, positive attitudes about school and improved relationships with family and friends. For more information about the Bowl For Kids' Sake event, go to www.bowlforkidssake.org or call 624-7000.

APRIL 5 AND 6

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Mayor Long may be moving to OKC

Possibility he may stay, remains in race for city commission

BY MAX MARTY
• Leader & Times

Liberal Mayor Ron Long launched third in the mayor city commission primary and while he is in the race for the city commission seat April 2, Long may not be able to complete his seat term.

Long has prepared to announce the possibility of bringing in a new majority partner for our family-owned business, Fredonville Oilfield Services, to Oklahoma City and moving his office to the Oklahoma City area. Long staff is a statement earlier today.

Long said the cost of his staff would remain in Liberal, and that the new acquisition would provide the company, consisting of seven acres, with complete.

Long's name will still be on the ballot April 2, and if he wins the election, he would have to resign the fifth place finisher if he cannot complete his term.

Long's announcement is not finalized. Until it was important to let every the voters know of the possibility prior to the April 2 election, he said Friday.

Omission had been trending since Long's name has been on the market, but Long said the

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Tonya Vazquez with the 4-Horse Farmstead and Extension Office helps a student pack soil into a stocking filled with grass seed Thursday morning inside the Seward County Ag Building. Students set up Spring Break book pack giveaways, for another week of Extension and planted their own grass at the

DINOSAURS INVADING LIBERAL
After a million year absence, dinosaurs are returning to Kansas and can be seen at the Mid-America Air Museum. APRIL 6 - MAY 5

2 major pro gun bills pass State House

• Leader & Times

It is a good week for those who are supporters of the Second Amendment at the Kansas House of Representatives, passed two major pro-gun bills Thursday afternoon in Topeka.

The House HB 2050, which Representative Ron Ryan is the sponsor of, passed 94-29. It states that "Any act that treats, seeks to treat, or attempts to treat any firearm, firearm accessory or ammunition in the United States which violates the second amendment to the constitution of the United States shall be unenforceable in the state of Kansas."

The Personal and Family Protection Act HB 2095, also

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'Mars Curiosity' Robotics Lab ready for launch

BY KRISTIN PRICE
• Leader & Times

While students throughout the area still have a half semester of school left, students from Liberal will gather today at the Mid-America Air Museum for another rotation of the Mars Curiosity Robotics Lab.

"Last summer we started with just two weeks," MAAM director Jim Ryan said Friday. "We didn't know if this year it wouldn't initially the program could this summer, but I think it's been a success. We have been wonderfully successful, for we've had over 250 children in Liberal, Kansas, and Mid-America Air Museum involving more than 50 children.

"In the 17 months of operation, the community program has also become the Kansas Affiliate Partner for the Kansas Coalition for Science, Technology, Engineering and Technology (STEM) Leagues.

"We have 20 programs and we're bringing it out to like-area kids," Ryan added. "Children flown on the Mars Curiosity Robotics Lab are welcomed to come home to the Air Museum to see what it means to be a dedicated kid, to see that they are

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