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Council of Governments for Seward County to meet

Representatives of the Seward County Board of Commissioners, City of Liberal Commissioners, Liberal Chamber of Commerce, City of Kismet Commissioners, Seward County Hospital District Board of Trustees, USD 480 School Board, USD 483 School Board and Southwest Medical Center will be gathering for the Seward County Council of Governments.

Their next meeting will be at 7 a.m. Thursday, March 28, at Seward County Community College, 1801 N. Kansas Ave., Student Union Building, Room No. 2290.

The discussion will be regarding legislative updates on our organizations.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Liberal Lions Club to host semi-annual pancake feed

The Liberal Noon Lions Club will host its semi-annual pancake feed from 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, at the Pancake House in Liberal.

Tickets are $7 for adults and $4 for children ages 12 and younger and are available in advance from any Lions Club member. Proceeds will benefit local projects.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

Baker invites all to Sweet-T fundraiser

Please join the staff at the Baker Arts Center for Sweet-T Fashion from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are $12 for tea and sweets and a Fashion Show by Fashion Tree Boutique. Honey Baked Hams will be available for purchase. There will be kids activities in the Baker Arts Center Studio, including a Mad Hatters and decorating cards. The center is located at 624 N. Pershing in Liberal. For more information call 620.624.2810.

SATURDAY

Need a job?

It takes many great staff members to operate Adventure Bay Family Water Park, would you like to be one of them? The city is currently accepting applications for a variety of positions, including lifeguards, cashiers and concessions. Applications for a few if interested, applications can be picking up at the Liberal Recreation Center. Interviews will be conducted soon and space is limited, so submit an application now.

For more information, contact the Recreation Office at 626.0135.

APPLY NOW

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Ol' Man Winter damages pool

City workers are currently in the process of making repairs to a portion of Adventure Bay Water Park. The facility is scheduled to open Memorial Day weekend, and after a pipe broke under the floor of the main pool, the workers were called in to fix the problem. SE photo/Sean Ness

Current commissioners say water leaks froze and damaged slide pool base

By ROBERT PIRCE
Leader & Times

During August Wednesday and with the Liberal City Commission, it was more than two months away, though, of summer are already on the minds of Adventure Bay Water Park.

That weekend is also the traditional opening weekend for Liberal's municipal pool, but after a pipe broke under the floor of the main pool, the workers were called in to fix the problem.

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YOUR VOTE! COUNTS

Texas County, Okla., prepares for April 2 elections

Posted by Texas County Election Board

On April 2, voters will be voting for the following offices in Texas County, Okla., election:

- Town of Goodwell
- Board of trustees (vote for two)
  1. Jeff Hall
  2. Tabor Al Bailey
  3. Mike Moore
- C.A. Green
- City of Hooker
- Board of trustees Ward No. 2 (vote for one)
  1. Rod Childress

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Sexual assault victims must travel out of town for evidence exams

Lack of funding, training worsens situation

By RACHEL COLEMAN
Leader & Times

Any person who becomes a victim of a violent crime can attest that life is full of often-unpleasant surprises. But few are as unpleasant as the shock that the victim of unexpected sexual is surrogate, getting a proper exam to collect evidence of the crime.

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Training Network, a forensic exam by a trained professional affords the opportunity to collect evidence that may otherwise be lost. Without a SANE exam, victims often have a chain of custody that ensures such evidence can be used in court.

Kansas is the second law that took effect in 2005, states may not require victims of rape or sexual assault to submit to such exams. However states must ensure that victims have access to them. Kansas is one of those reimbursement, even if the victim chooses not to file

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What is a 'Rape Kit'?

A Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) or forensic examiner who has received specialized training is called to the scene of a crime. The nurse attends an effort to maintain chain of custody to ensure that the evidence can be used in court. The exam is performed according to guidelines set by state and jurisdiction. They may include:

- Medical history
- Photographic exam for evidence collection
- Swabs
- Combs
- Tampons
- Blood collection devices
- Documentation form

The exam usually begins with the examiner obtaining a complete and thorough medical history from the victim. The medical history is followed by a head-to-toe head and physical examination, which includes the genital area. This may also include:

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