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Schroeder now an appellate judge

By ROBERT PIERCE
Leader & Times

District Judge Kim Schroeder has served in that position in Kansas's 29th Judicial District since 1999. On March 15, he was sworn in as a judge in the state's Court of Appeals.

Schroeder was appointed to the 29th Judicial District Court in 1999 and was serving as a trial judge when he was appointed to the Court of Appeals. In that time, he presided over civil, criminal, juvenile and domestic cases.

Schroeder is a past member of the Board of Governors of the Kansas Bar Association and the Kansas Judicial Council. He has also served as treasurer, president and chair of the Southwest Kansas Bar Association. He has also served as treasurer, president and chair of the Southwest Kansas Bar Association.

Prior to his time on the bench, he practiced law in Hugoton with the late Bobby Wall. Wall is Schroeder's father-in-law.

The new Court of Appeals judge received his undergraduate degree and his law degree from Washburn University in Topeka.

Schroeder and his wife, Jeanie, have two children. He is a member of the First Christian Church of Hugoton.

Schroeder said that, he is looking forward to getting started with

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School makes me feel like dancin'

Students dig and dance during an opening celebration of the new Kenny Children's Service Eagle Kids Store location. The preschool provides early childhood education to underprivileged children and the newest location allows for more students to participate. Pictured, students perform a dance routine. For more photos of the event, see PAGE 1A. | Photo by Chris Neal

Consulting firm may be key to

Getting Liberal on the retail radar

By CARL HART
Leader & Times

Most of the 50,000 cities and towns in the U.S. have economic development offices to help businesses in an attempt to recruit them.

Liberal is no different.

But with a population of about 20,000, trying to get on talk to the site selecting personnel for a retail company is almost impossible.

"You cannot market your big up on Liberal's economic development people," said Jason Hall, president of Hall Partners, a market town making to speak to the site selector.

Hall said a company actually showed some interest after an article call from Liberal's Mid-Area Consultant Dot Development Chris for Jeff Partners said. "Indeed he calls about Liberal's retail leakage. We did interest in Liberal. He told them, 'Those guys are doing it right – so let us help you market it.' And that's how Aldea Stores became to has worked with them before."

CLEMONS HITCHER FREDERICH COMBS WILLIAMS

Candidates discuss whether teachers should have guns

By ROBERT PIERCE
Leader & Times

In the 1990s a shooting took place at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo. Since then, shootings have occurred at other schools including Virginia Tech, Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Conn.

Only three states in total gun control issue have once again come to the forefront of discussions and one of those concerns was addressed at Thursday's Liberal City Commission candidates forum.

The five candidates seeking the three open seats were asked by moderator Al Rust: Should teachers and administrators should be allowed to carry concealed weapons in Liberal schools and to give them access for the safety of students?

The first candidate to answer the question, Jeanne Williams, jumped right into the issue without explaining her position.

"That's a really hard question," said Williams, and she would not support the carrying of concealed weapons, but she did say security guards and detectors are in place at Liberal High School and Seward Point in the school district.

"I don't have a problem if a teacher has a concealed weapon on them. I am a shooter get to it. If a student can overpower a teacher, I would say no."

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