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Liberal Lions Club to host semi-annual pancake feed

The Liberal Noon Lions Club will host its semi-annual pancake feed from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, at the Elks Lodge House in Liberal.

Tickets are $7 for adults and $4 for children ages 10 and younger and are available in advance from any Lions Club member. Proceeds will benefit local programs.

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Seward County poll worker Linda Martinez assists Scott Webb at the Seward County Activity Center earlier this morning while voting in the 2013 election. Voters were choosing three USD 480 school board members and a Liberal City Commissioner. Voting ends at 7 p.m. Polls close at 8 p.m. ATT allowed ballots cast plus additional mail-in ballots. Total votes are expected to eclipse 2,000. A month ago, there were 1,594 votes cast in the primary. SP photo/Karl Plas

for results go to leaderandtimes.com after 8 p.m.

Addition to school board meetings sets positive tone

'Good Things' brings students, adults together

by RACHEL COLEMAN
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County approves new upgrades at fairgrounds

by ROBERT PRICE
Leader & Times

Seward County commissioners gave the go ahead for two upgrades to the county fairgrounds on Monday.

The first was a new public address system for the rodeo arena. Fairground worker Greg Rice told the board that the current system in the rodeo arena and the pit area of the race track that would provide speaker coverage for more than 50 percent of the area.

"When ... they're announcing at the rodeo, they can't hear it around. And it is very loud, it would cover the whole area, and it would be all over town," said county alternate Jim Hicks.

Rice said there are currently 12 speakers in the PA system, with only a few still working properly. He said he would be responsible for the installation of the unit.

One bid was received for the project, although Rice said he had talked to "a lot of people" and that multiple were sent to several companies, including some local ones. The lone bid came in from Full Compass Systems of Madison, Wis., for a cost not to exceed $15,000.

Commissioner Jim Hicks said although the price was somewhat high, he believed the purchase was a necessity.

"I know this is a lot of money, but they do a good job of doing some good things out there to update our facility," he said. "I think this is a good deal. I think we need to go ahead with it."

The commission unanimously approved the item, with money to come from the county's general fund.

The other upgrade was for the purchase of an LED sign at the fairgrounds. Greg Rice said

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BEWARE Triceratops AHEAD

A triceratops makes it way through the Midwestern Art Museum Monday afternoon after it got away from handlers when it was delivered to the museum. Dressed strangers finally got it corralled and placed in the area where the new dinosaur exhibit opens this weekend and remains permanent. Museum will be open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday to the evening of 2nd/25th continues.