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Graduation week

The L&T will be running photos of area graduation ceremonies each day this week. Today's edition highlights photos from Hooker High School.
SUNDAY – Beaver HighSchool

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College to offer music theater camps in June and July

Seward County Community College/Area Technical School will offer a music theater camp for middle, high school and college students. The Broadway Academy of Performance will present two sessions: June 1-9 and July 20-27. During the June 1-9 session, students will perform "Annie." During the July 20-27 session, students will perform "Cinderella." Each session is $400 and includes meals, lodging, instruction, production materials and a camp T-Shirt. For information, contact Alison Bridget Chambers, 620-417-1460 or alisonbridget.chambers @sccc.edu.

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Baker Arts to present Paintin' Place Senior Painting Exhibit

Baker Arts Center will host an exhibit opening reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday for the Paintin' Place Senior Painting Exhibit.
This exhibit features paintings from the artists taking classes at the Senior Center. The exhibit runs from Saturday through June 22. Come in and enjoy the creative talents on display by these wonderful painters. The center is located at 624 N. Pershing in Liberal.

OPENS SATURDAY

County seeking to fill advisory boards

There are still some board openings available to be filled by anyone interested. Should you want to serve on one of the listed boards or need more information, please complete the Application for Board Appointment, which is located on the website at www.sewardcountyks.org, or contact the county administration office at 626-3212.
Current openings:
1 - Three-year term on the Southwest Kansas Area on Aging
1 - One-year term on the Planning and Zoning Board
These vacancies will be open until filled.

APPLY NOW

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Giovanna is off to Miss Kansas Pageant

Good luck Gio

• Special to the Leader & Times

With appearances, practices, and preparations almost complete, Giovanna Baca, Miss Liberal 2013, will be representing citizens of Liberal and competing for the crown in the Miss Kansas Pageant in Pratt.

Her platform is "Youth of Today, Leaders of Tomorrow," with emphasis on giving back to her community.

She has been a volunteer at the Coronado Museum and Dorothy's House as a "Dorothy" since she was 12 years old.

Giovanna and her director, Liz Haynes, attended the two-day spring workshop recently in Pratt, setting in place all the events for Miss Kansas Week.

All of the contestant entry forms were completed and donations for the National Platform, "Children's Miracle Network" were accepted.

All contestants will report to the Pratt Community College on Sunday, June 2, to begin a very long and exciting week of appearances, rehearsals, luncheons and competition for the Miss Kansas Crown.

Giovanna chose No. 10 as her spot in the order appearance, her private interview will be on Wednesday, June 5, and she will be performing her talent on Thursday night, June 6, the first night of preliminary competitions.

Giovanna will be competing in swimwear and evening wear on Friday night, June 7, the second preliminary night.

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Giovanna Baca walks across the stage during the Miss Liberal Pageant last February, where she took the 2013 crown. L&T file photo

Pool opening still on schedule

By ROBERT PIERCE
• Leader & Times

The Memorial Day weekend is traditionally the unofficial start of summer, and most area schools have already started their break from formal education for the season.

The kids are out of school and want to have some fun. Historically, one of the most popular activities young people, and some older ones, engage in during the summer season is swimming.

Since its official opening a few years ago, Liberal's Adventure Bay Water Park has opened its gates for summer swimmers on the Memorial Day weekend.

After a slight mishap when workers were resizing some portions of the swimming pool, many in the community feared that the facility could not be opened on time for summer, but new pool manager Christi Wojnowaski said as of Wednesday, plans still call for swimmers to be able to take to the pool this weekend.

She explained what happened to cause damage to the Adventure Bay facility.

"The pipes that were underneath, they needed to redo those pipes and just get a better surface on that pool," Wojnowaski said referring to the resizing work that was being done.

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HOOKER BULLDOGS SAY 'BYE' TO HIGH SCHOOL

ABOVE: Hooker High School 2013 Salutatorian Jade Cathcart addresses her classmates Saturday during commencement services for the Bulldogs Class of 2013 graduation ceremonies. INSET: Cathcart goes into the crowd for the traditional passing of the blue roses to loved ones and friends. Courtesy photos