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Remember drive-in movies?

Tonight is Movie Night at First Southern Baptist Church with free food, free games, free sno cones, free popcorn and a free movie. The movie will be shown in the backyard of the church, so bring a lawn chair or enjoy the movie from your vehicle by tuning to 88.1 FM. The cookout starts at 7 p.m. with the movie starting at dusk. Tonight's movie is "Brother White," which is about a devoted California pastor who leads the fight to save a struggling Atlanta church from foreclosure.

TONIGHT

City accepting applications for not-for-profit funding requests

Applications for not-for-profit funding requests for the 2014 budget year are available at Liberal City Hall located at 324 N. Kansas Ave. The applications need to be returned to the city by June 28. For more information, call 626-2201.

APPLY NOW

Foundation plans air museum dedication anniversary, seeking artifacts

The Mid-America Air Museum opened 25 years ago as the Liberal Air Museum. Dedicated in September of 1988 by the founding Liberal Air Museum Foundation, the renamed MAAM Foundation will recognize that 1988 opening event this coming Sept. 28 with a 25th Anniversary celebration.

As part of this coming September recognition, the Foundation is welcoming any memorabilia, artifacts and pictures anyone may have of those early museum years, and from 1986-1988 in particular. The Foundation is also collecting similar material of aviation activity in Liberal and the area from the early 1900s through the B-24 base years to the present as they work toward preparing a documented history of area flight and the museum.

More information about the history effort, as well as membership in the Foundation, can be obtained by contacting the Foundation at MAAM Foundation, P.O. Box 2585, Liberal, KS 67905-2585. The Foundation can also be reached at MAAMFndn@hotmail.com.

CALL NOW

Halting spread of disease

Officers and personnel from the Kansas Highway Patrol, Seward County Sheriff's office, Liberal Police Department, Seward County Emergency Management and a veterinarian work a section of U.S. Highway 54 west of Liberal in a drill simulating traffic stops to inspect animals suspected of carrying hoof and mouth disease. L&T photo/Victoria Calderon

Local law enforcement runs cattle disease drill

By VICTORIA CALDERON
• Leader & Times

Motorists driving on U.S. Highway 54 near the Oklahoma border caught a glimpse of vehicles from the Kansas Highway Patrol, Seward County Sheriff's office and the Liberal Police Department gathering in an empty lot off Road G Thursday morning.

The local law-enforcement agencies, as well as various people from the county, the beef industry, Seward County Emergency Management Services, and even a veterinarian, were gathered to run a movement restrictions for diseased cattle drill.

Movement restrictions for diseased cattle are checks done when outbreaks of disease in cattle have occured to ensure that the disease does not spread further. The sheriff's department gets a list from the state of what animals are affected by the disease.

Drills for these cases are ordered by the Kansas Animal Health Commissioner to be done across the state.

"We are required to do drills like this so if it actually does happen, we'll know what to do," Undersheriff Gene Ward explained.

This particular drill was directed to check for hoof and mouth disease in any animal with hooves, such as cattle. Any semi-trucks carrying animals would be directed from the highway to be checked by officers.

To conduct the drill successfully, officers blocked off an area of the road with traffic cones. In a real situation, any semi-truck driver would be pulled from the highway to this checkpoint area to speak with officers. For the sake of the drill, some truck drivers were asked to participate. They allowed

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ADA has connection to day care

By ROBERT PIERCE
• Leader & Times

EDITOR'S NOTE: Information for this story was gathered online and from the Americans with Disabilities Act Web site, www.ada.gov. Future stories will deal with other frequently asked questions providers have about the connection between child care centers and the ADA.

The Americans with Disabilities Act is a wide-ranging civil rights law that prohibits, under certain circumstances, discrimination based on disability.

It affords similar protections against discrimination to Americans with disabilities as the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which made discrimination based on race, religion, sex, national origin and other characteristics illegal.

Under Title III of the ADA, no individual may be discriminated against on the basis of disability with regards to the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, or accommodations of any place of public accommodation by any person who owns, leases (or leases to), or operates a place of public accommodation.

Day-care centers and other child care facilities are among the places covered under the ADA, with particular attention to Title III, and many prospective providers have

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Big Brothers Big Sisters launches program to keep kids active

By VICTORIA CALDERON
• Leader & Times

Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) organizations across the the state of Kansas are piloting a brand new program called Matches on the Move (MOTM), which will, hopefully, not only improve the lives of young children, but their health as well.

"We're basically wanting to get kids active, out and moving," Liberal's BBBS executive director Kerry Siebel said. "Trying to cut down on the obesity rate in young children, giving matches something to do together, incorporating physical activity."

MOTM is an optional activity available to any match in the BBBS program, and will also be offered to future matches. Matches are given a bag and pedometer upon entrance into the program.

A majority of Littles in the BBBS program have less than ideal living situations, and these kids are at a higher risk for obesity because of their backgrounds. Some examples of where many Littles come from are as follows:

• 73 percent live in families with income at or below the poverty level
• 82 percent live in single-parent homes
• 61 percent live in families with alcohol or drug addiction backgrounds

To combat the obesity problem, MOTM has come up with several ways for matches to lead healthier lifestyles together. A walker tracker is accessible on computers, smart phones and other Internet connected devices to help Bigs keep track of the physical activity they and their Little have completed.

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Thursday winds blow semi off roadway

Strong straight-line winds blew a semi truck onto its side Thursday afternoon north of Liberal, injuring a Canadian man. The Kansas Highway Patrol reported 30-year-old Gursharn Singh Grewal of Mississgua, Ontario, Canada, was traveling northbound on U.S. Highway 83 around 5:45 p.m. Thursday about eight miles south of Sublette when gusty winds took the 2005 Volvo semi-truck he was driving and tossed it on its side. Grewal was taken to Southwest Medical Center with a possible injury. He was wearing his seat belt at the time of the wreck, according to the KHP. Grewal was towing a 2012 utility trailer on his semi, and both were towed from the scene of the accident. Photo courtesy Teresa Hoover

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