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Police arrest 2 men, alleging armed robbery

By LARRY PHILLIPS
Leader & Times

Two men were arrested Friday evening after robbing the Sonic store in north Liberal, according to Liberal Police Chief Jim Hall.

The Dollar Mill, 5 of about 7:10 p.m., emergency responders were called to Sonic, 1010 S. Kansas, for a report of a robbery in progress. Hall said a female employee called in stating some subject in a blue, domestic-looking sedan had left the store with an undisclosed amount of money. No injuries were reported.

Within minutes, investigating officers had obtained a description of the vehicle and suspects, Hall continued. Other responding units from the Liberal Police Department and Seward County Sheriff's Office subsequently located the suspect vehicle in the 700 block of S. Western Ave.

Police took two men into custody: a 20-year-old and a 21-year-old.

Officers located evidence inside the vehicle connecting them to the crime, McClung noted. Both men were booked into the Seward County Jail on charges of aggravated robbery, aggravated assault, conspiracy and transporting an open container.

Seward County 4-H Benefit Trap Shoot set for Sunday, July 21

The Seward County Sheep Producers trap team is inviting the public to its first ever 4-H Benefit Shoot to be held at 2 p.m. the Liberal Gun Club on east Pancratz Road. Proceeds will go to buy equipment for the 4-H Shooting Sports Club.

Entry fee is a $20 donation per person and will challenge all shooters, including adults, youth and rookie shooters. Shooters will shoot a 25 trap at 16 yards, a 25 sweet and 25 trap at 27 yards.

There will be cash prizes for adults and plaques for youth, as well as other prizes of shell shells. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Shooters may register for 5 p.m. with practice available by 4:30 pm. Shooters may bring their own shells (no shot larger than 6s or 20- and 12-gauge shells will be available for purchase.

SUNDAY, JULY 21

Early Risers Kiwanis Club to sale Georgia peaches July 19,20

The Liberal Early Risers Kiwanis will be conducting their annual peach sale Friday, July 19, and Saturday, July 20, at Village Plaza, across from Adventure Bay Wheel Park. The sale will begin Friday when the semi-truck arrives with the peaches and will continue at 7:30 a.m. Saturday until all the peaches are sold.

The local non-profit organization will be selling Georgia peaches for $20 box. Funds raised are used for local community projects, including Cops for Kids, the Washington Elementary BUGs (Bringing up Grades) program, scholarships for graduating high school graduates and support of other community projects and organizations. The group is also active in the community providing American flag displays for national holidays, volunteers for Pancake Day more and other activities that benefit the community.

Pre-ordering is available, but is not required. To order peaches – or for more information about becoming a member of the Early Risers Kiwanis – contact Kelly Kirk at 629-0560, Robert Hanson at 624-2384 or Sal Philips at 482-3411.

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That's me!

This couple goes through an old Liberal High School Mirage yearbook looking for familiar faces during the All Class Reunion Saturday night. The reunion was held in conjunction with the Liberal Air Show and Open House and was the showcase reunion set to help celebrate Liberal's 125th anniversary. For more photos, see PAGE 4. | Carmen Del Mar

New school board members take seats tonight

By RACHEL COLEMAN
Leader & Times

Summer may be in full swing but the Liberal school board will be back at it at 7 p.m. tonight for the USD 480 board meeting.

Among the agenda items for tonight's meeting are the swearing in of newly elected board members Matt Friedrich and Crystal Clemens will join the board, and various appointments to be made by the board, such as board of education president and vice president, clerk and treasurer. The board will also approve insurance and statutory limits for the 2013-14 school year, as required by state law. The board will then consider a check ahead of prohibition, primarily "items-keeping" necessary that must be approved before July 1.

▼ Time, date and place for the 2013-14 school board meetings

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First Church in the new town-July 8, 1888

By MARY LAYBERT
Special to the Leader & Times

When the railroad decided to lay tracks through Liberal, Kansas, the area had land that was very close to the homestead of S.S. Rodgers who had established a general store and post office in 1885.

With the plat for a new town site completed, lots were offered for sale on April 15, 1888, and within days, the first church organized. Lessons were built in the town on the premise that because known as

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Adventure rides through Liberal

By GISELLE MARCUNDO
Leader & Times

They ride bikes, build houses and change lives.

The Fuller Center Bicycle Adventure, a movement dedicated to building houses for families in need, arrived on 20th, eastern Colorado Liberal Friday.

The bicyclists started overnight at Central Christian Church and continued their journey Saturday morning.

As soon as the Adventurers arrived in Liberal, they were the envoys of throughout town.

We noticed all of the Thursday

The Fuller Center Bike Adventure rides its way into Liberal Friday, July 5. The FCBA is a non-profit organization made up of dedicated volunteers that work to end poverty housing worldwide. From community to community, the Adventurers ride their bikes, building forms of strangers who desperately need a helping hand. | Carmen Del Mar

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'Chicago' comes to SW Kansas

By ERIN SMITH
Leader & Times

The prohibition era will return to Liberal next week, when it is for a limited engagement only.

The play "Chicago" will take to the stage at Liberal Community College Saturday at the R.U.C. Showcase Theatre.

The play centers around two women who have been accused of serious crimes, and how they use their celebrity status to start a Vaude

The play is set in the 1920s when a number of criminals like Al Capone and "Ma" Barker

This couple rehearses recently for the musical "Chicago" in the Liberal Community, which features actors from Liberal and surrounding communities. Chicago will be performed Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 11-13, at the Showcase Theatre at Liberal Community College Area Technical School Fisher Center for the Performing Arts. | Carmen Del Mar

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