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Sterer and Lunceford to perform at Picnic in the Park Wednesday

Jack Sterer and Melanie Lunceford will be performing at the Picnic in the Park at Cowtown Wednesday and then at 12:30 p.m. Dine-here Sallys Donal Nieemann and Dave Kenwood will perform. Then on Wednesday July 17, the Cimarron Star will be performing starting at noon and then at 12:30 p.m., the Liberal Library Patrick will perform.

For more information contact the Recreation Office at 626-0133.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

New Beginnings Church to offer Vacation Bible Xtreme

New Beginnings Church announces this year's VBX - Vacation Bible Xtreme. It is for children from kindergarten to 6th grade and will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, to Friday, July 19. Dinner is included each night, and all activities will take place indoors.

On Saturday, July 20 from noon to 4 p.m. will be the awards celebration and Family Fun Day, which includes free food, fun and games.

Come on out and join us for XTREME fun, food, games, challenges, worship and massages.

Go to http://www.vbxliberal.org/ for more info, and get pre-registered today.

PRE-REGISTER NOW

Join First Southern Baptist Church for Ride of Life

Come join First Southern Baptist Church as its Vacation Bible School offers Colossal Coaster World. Kids will experience the Ride of Life. Kids will enter Worship Rally at the main gate and make their first stop at Coaster Alley for Bible study. Children age 4 years old through sixth grade are admitted free from July 22 to 26. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. and the Worship Rally will begin each night at 6 with a closing time of 8:45 p.m. There will be a family night at 7 p.m. Friday, July 26.

There will be a kick-off and pre-registration at 6 p.m. July 21 in Blue Bonnet Park with hot dogs, pre-cones, and a Bible Bounce.

For more information call 624-8138 or visit www.fsbcliberal.com.

PRE-REGISTER JULY 21

Liberal Department of Economic Development

City to host not-for-profit funding work session Wednesday

The budget work session for the not-for-profit funding will be at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at the city commission chambers at 325 N. Washington.

For more information, call 626-2201.

WEDNESDAY

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Elkhart authorities investigate propane blast

By ANDREW CORLETTE
LCRA Sportsman Views

ELKHART — Authorities are unsure going after a propane blast in Elkhart Monday afternoon, but they have a good idea the started, but it took hours to put it out.

Morton County Sheriff Justin Holliday says the fire was behind Pokhrana's Gas & Hardware store in Elkhart.

Holliday said the blast incinerated the southwest part of the store, as a precaution, but everyone has been accounted for.

"The sheriff was given from all over helped get things under control.

The Elkhart Volunteer Fire Department and Morton County Sheriff's Office helped put out the fire, he said.

"We appreciate all of them for the third of it," Sheriff Holliday said. "I can't give them enough respect for what they did. They saved the rest of the pothers.

Holliday said the sheriff's office is with the science Bureau trying to help determine the cause of the fire.

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Elkhart authorities are investigating what caused this propane blast and Mr. Pokhrana viewing the Pokhrana's Gas on the southwest side of town. No one was injured in the blast. Photos courtesy Jesse Roberts to EPHOTO

IT WAS AN 'IDEAL' STORE

Jim Blakemore Jr., sales with Service Lumbermen and employees of the Blakemore Grocery Co., and Ideal Food Store Sunday during the opening of the Ideal exhibit at the Cornwall Museum. The facility was filled to capacity as Blakemore discussed the history of the Ideal stores and how it was the first to offer the concept of self-service shopping. Blakemore, who lives in Kansas City, Mo., George on Kansas Avenue and turned it into one of the first modern grocery stores, giving birth to what would become known as supermarkets. Blakemore discussed some of the artifacts of the Ideal stores that made the store unique, and how they were able to create a chain of stores throughout Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. For more photos, see PAGE 2A-3A of Saturday

Missing the bus

Some students will no longer be eligible for transportation services

By MICHAEL COLEMAN
• Leader & Times

Liberal students who live on the edge of the current boundaries of Southeast will have to find another way to school this year. Following a close vote at last night's school board meeting, the board voted to back-out the bus service for students in intermediate, middle and high school.

In a 4-3 vote, the board opted to increase the distance-from-school

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Relay For Life Survivor Dinner set for Thursday

Relay activities start Friday evening

• Special to the Leader & Times

The Relay For Life Survivor Dinner is scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday at the Rancho Liberal north of Liberal.

Survivors are encouraged to attend this event. It will dinner and a time of fellowship. Those in need of attending or have transportation needs, please contact Brenda Mahler at 624-6881-1328.

Relay For Life is a fundraiser for American Cancer Society for participating in the Relay For Life. The 2013 Relay For Life of Liberal will be Friday and 7 a.m. Saturday at Liberal's Light Park. Organizers are encour-

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City to discuss plans for rezoning, robotics grant

By WYCHONA CAGLEBOW
• Leader & Times

After the excitement of the last city commission meeting with the concealed carry ordinance, this week's meeting should be down to earth, most of the staff's intent.

The city commission will meet after the first meeting of Ordinance No. 1412. The ordinance will discuss the rezoning of [illegible] land.

Currently there are many lots and blocks of land near Cortez Street that are considered "R-

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Donovan launches her newest book

By ROBIN WEICE
• Leader & Times

Some people dread believe in ghosts or donkey Jackalls, neither of which are in the book. However, the ghosts and donkey Jackalls are in the book, but their character just a mere subplot in the [illegible]

Donovan describes "The Wishing Well Curse" as a "gothic romance with a touch of mystery."

Lynn Donovan, a new novelist, has "Lost home everything - her girlfriend, her apartment and her job - and he has the choice of getting college or selling out.

Then, a mysterious letter comes from a Colorado relative. Then the fun begins. Lynn Donovan is [illegible]. Now is already for inherit relatives, but it comes with a price. He must break a family curse and restore true love.

Lynn Donovan is a Liberal native, graduating a "curse" Donovan asked to a preview/interview regarding the book. "And who is the Great Uncle Luther Clayton, who claims John to the [illegible]?

Donovan said, "Well, I'm not sure, but I'm pretty sure that the [illegible] the letter to the [illegible] has discovered another has driven [illegible] to.

"Can he piece together the clues left by his family

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