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Businesses invited to share info with new teachers

LEC's No. 400 is hosting a New Teacher Information Fair from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6, in the Education Service Center.

The fair will allow community businesses to share information about their services with approximately 30-75 potential clients.

Everyone is invited to participate in this information fair, including LEC's No. 400 staff. Local businesses will be provided a table to meet with new teachers and share their information. To participate and/or sponsor this event, complete a registration form.

For more information, contact Lora Evans at 604-1014 or lora.evans@usd400.net or Adrienne Chalmpoli at 604-1268 or adrienne.chalmpoli@usd400.net.

TUESDAY, AUG. 6

Liberal Memorial Library to host book signings

Liberal Memorial Library is going to feature Kansas authors this summer. Library staff will be hosting two local, self-published authors, Lynn Cressman and Marlie Alcorn.

Cressman will be having a book signing from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday. She will be celebrating the launch of her new book, "The Working Mad Corner." The paperback version is available for purchase for $15. The book is also available online at amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com, as an ebook and paperback.

Alcorn will be having her book signing from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 27. Her featured books are "Ghost Town Blues" and "Ghost Town Blues II."

Please stop in to get down to the library to meet and celebrate these local authors.

SATURDAY AND JULY 27

LHS Booster Club to meet at Education Service Center Monday

There will be a Liberal High School Booster Club meeting at 6 p.m. Monday in the Education Service Center board meeting room. The Education Service Center (ESC) is located at 604 N. Grant. Anyone interested in supporting LHS athletic programs is encouraged to attend.

MONDAY

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City hears requests from not-for-profits

by VICTORIA CASERSON • Leader & Times

A special meeting for the city commission to discuss requests from not-for-profit organizations called to listen to grant and funding requests from non-profit organizations was held Monday.

Each organization was allowed five minutes to do presentations. They each talked briefly about what organization was about and what they need funding for.

Following is the list of all the organizations that asked the city for not-for-profit funding Wednesday evening:

- The American Legion
- Liberal Senior Center
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Community
- Liberal Chamber
- First Presbyterian Church

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More Q&A concerning day-care facilities

by ROBERT PRINCE • Leader & Times

EDITOR'S NOTE: Information for this story was gathered from the Department for Children and Families, the Kansas Child Care Resource and Referral Agency and other frequently asked questions provided by Kansas Child Care Resource and Referral Agency.

Issues regarding specific disabilities

Q Can we exclude children with HIV or AIDS from our program to protect other children and staff?

A No. Centers cannot exclude a child with HIV or AIDS from a child care program. According to the best records of scientific authority HIV/AIDS cannot be easily transmitted during the types of incidental contact that occur in child care. Therefore, children with HIV or AIDS generally can be safely integrated into a child care or preschool program. Universal precautions, such as wearing latex gloves, should be used when a child with a bleeding nose contacts with children's blood or bodily fluids, such as when they are cleaning up after a child with a bloody nose or playground injury. This applies to the care of all children, whether or not they are known to have disease or infection.

Q What we admit children with mental retardation and include them in all center activities?

A Yes. Mental retardation generally excludes a child not because he or she has mental retardation. The child care or preschool program integrates that child into every activity provided to others. If other children are excluded because of or in disregard of experiencing children with disabilities should be treated as if they were excluding children with disabilities or not acceptable under the ADA.

Q Can we exclude children who have diseases, conditions, life-threatening allergies to bee stings or certain foods? Do we have to

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Sharing quality time

Relationship prepares Big and Little Sisters to move on

by MICHAEL CLEPHAN • Leader & Times

Signing up with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Kansas was a no-brainer for Little Sister Kristen Calderon and her little, Cynthia, the two recently graduated from Liberal High School and were participating in the Liberal High School production of the musical "Grease."

Calderon, who moved to stage manager for the audition and well-attended performances, saw the experience as an opportunity to encourage and mentor Cynthia.

"I knew the director, Alyssa Goodwin, would challenge her to do more than she thought she could," Calderon. "I suggested to and even thought she was hesitant at first, it worked out well."

Up to that point, the pair's activities had centered on outdoor and fun-loving activities. Cynthia had never tried anything of more than an ambitious project, and Cynthia recalled the experience as one of her proudest moments.

"At first, it was a bigger height," said the 15-year-old, who will enter fifth grade in the fall. "It's hard to recall the first time I did it, but I remember the first time I danced. That's what I did, and it worked."

Another Little Sister, Cynthia's sister Jessica, also participated in the Big Sister program for her grandparents, along with a younger brother. In many ways, Cynthia presents herself as a

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Workers, bankers, and Cynthia, top, enjoyed each others' company through the Big Brothers Big Sisters program for more than a year. Although they are both moving, they formed a strong enough bond that Calderon and Cynthia, left, will continue to maintain a relationship in their respective towns, and they hope to keep in touch with each other as well. Courtesy photo

HEAT DOESN'T DETER PICNIC IN THE PARK CROWD

ABOVE: Temperatures hovering at the century mark didn't keep fans of Picnic in the Park away from Tilman Park Wednesday night. Hundreds of people came out to see the band Sunset Strip perform a variety of classic rock tunes.

ABOVE RIGHT: Melanie Carrollard and Jack Bonner were the first to overtake Wednesday starting at noon, by 12:30, Wartburn Valley, Daniel Wasserman, Alan Gaynor and Dave Barwood performed for the crowd. LEC photos/Victoria Caserson