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Clawson Clan to perform at Picnic in the Park Wednesday

The Clawson Clan will be performing at Picnic in the Park at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Arceneaux Park and then at 12:30 p.m. Kathy and Jeremy Harris will perform. For more information, contact the Recreation Office at 626-0133.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Chamber to host Legislative Brownbag Roundtable discussion

The Liberal Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Legislative Brownbag Roundtable discussion on the Common Core Curriculum at noon Thursday at the depot. The discussion panel will consist of Kansas Representatives Ron Ryckman and Steve Brunk, Representative Reid Petty, USD 480 Superintendent Paul Larkin, USD 480 Superintendent Efren Ariga and USD 480 staff Donna Argo. Comments and questions will be taken from the audience. Public is invited to bring a lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided. This is sponsored by AT&T.

THURSDAY

Join First Southern Baptist Church for Ride of Life

Come join First Southern Baptist Church as its Youth Group rides the Coaster Ride at Worlds of Fun for an experience of excitement of a day at the park. Kids will enter Worship Rally at the main gate and make their first stop at Coaster Alley for Bible study. Children age 9 years old through sixth grade are welcome to attend. Cost is $30 per child which is provided at 5:15 p.m. and the park gates will open each night and at with a closing time of 9:45 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. Sunday in Blue Bonnet Park with hot dogs, sno-cones, bouncers and fun.
For more information, call 624-8186 or visit: www.fbcliberal.com.

PRE-REGISTER SUNDAY

K-State Extension office to host pie-baking contest during S-State Fair

The K-State Extension office will be hosting a pie-baking contest during the Pre-Dorza Fair Prizes will be awarded for each category and adult category.
The contest will be at 6 p.m. Sunday, July 28 in the Activity Center. For details and rules go to the Fair Book online at www.thesestate.com or call 624-5634. Fair Books can also be picked up at the extension office, the Seward County courthouse or the Activity Center.

CRANK OUT THE PIES

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Malin puts prior vote on car purchases in reverse

Seward County

County commission rescinds previous vote to buy local, wants to support decisions of Community Corrections board

By ROBERT TUCCI
Leader & Times

The Seward County Commission motioned to rescind a vote it had made at a previous meeting Monday with similar division amongst the board.

On June 17, the board voted 3-2, with votes on board to purchase two used Dodge Avengers at a lower price from local Malin Motors.

Monday's vote came following a long discussion, and the talking started with Commissioner Chris Malin, who voted in conferencing with the CBC's board from the by county commissioner CJ. Wettstein had county commissioner CJ. Wettstein had previously voted against the purchase and Commissioner Ken Campbell and Malin voted in favor of the purchase during the meeting to purchase the Impalas from Gish.

"I talked to some other people on the board, and the reason that they had selected the Impala in fact was, we bought an Impala," Lauterbach said. "It was a used one that we bought from Jim Dennis's that was good. $17,500 for a 2010 model. The employees thought it was a good vehicle."

Malin questioned Lauterbach in what could be done with the $5,000 CBCC would have to pay the commissioners stuck with the lease/fee.

"I said the $5,000 fee used for something else in Community Corrections?" Hinkle said.

Howell said the money used to buy the Impalas was budgeted for Community Corrections.

"It wasn't out of the state budget," he said. "It would stay in that account. It could be used for something else in Community Corrections," Howell said.

Commissioner Doug LaTurner said he voted the way he did because of what he felt was most important – the integrity of the bidding process.

"I think the people who lead vendors would continue to place bids to, and we accept the

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Kansas survivalist faces trial over grenades

By JOANNA HUGHES
Associated Press

WICHITA — As a survivalist who feared the world economy was on the brink of collapse, Terry Lee Loftis filled the bathroom of his Eureka apartment with a stockpile of explosives, including grenades, pipe bombs, clothing, hunting packs and other items — all neatly packed in plastic bins.

Now, the 47-year-old veteran of both the U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps is facing a federal charge of unregistered destructive devices after authorities discovered eight hand grenades found during a 2012 search, prompted by a tip from his ex-girlfriend.

U.S. District Judge J. Thomas Marten will hear arguments beforeon whether Loftis should be released before much of the evidence found in

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BBBS: The Kerry and Ofelia File

By VICTORIA CALDERON
Leader & Times

For nearly six years, Big Brothers Big Sisters executive director Kerry Sobel has been matched to her little sister, Ofelia.

Ofelia is a very funny outspoken 10-year-old girl. She is a month A student in the fifth grade and will be in fifth grade in the fall. However, she wasn't always this way.

Ofelia struggled with school. Not about doing it, but with it. Sobel observed about Ofelia's changes since she began the program. She was even weaker of her academic skills.

Ofelia's changes have also been noticed by her grandparents, who are her primary caregivers. Ofelia's grandmother Nancy added: "She's been more outgoing since she's been in the program. She's more social, really she [ ] well to work out of Good Nanny. I'll take her out there sometimes and she'll speak. She was always scared of people."

Sobel also realized that Ofelia did not have many opportunities in her foreign. Through their bond together, Sobel got her out of her comfort zone and has been able to show her new things. Kerry tried to substitute Sobel brings Ofelia to events in the community and helps her get involved.

The two do everything together from bowling, swimming, watching movies, going on rides/zoos, road trips and even sleepovers. Another thing that Sobel also knows it is important for Ofelia to be taught the importance of giving back to others. She respects moments sharing out of trouble and obtaining a college education.

As for Sobel's motivation for joining the Match program, it all started when she was a Big Sister herself. She moved on. She found when she realized she wanted to be more involved by becoming a Big Sister when I chose Ofelia, and don't have a part of our family now," Sobel said.

Sobel's family has benefitted Sobel's life in many ways. The most the most rewarding part was "expanding my family." Sobel said. "Ofelia, Kourtlyn, Kaylee, Kate and Abigail. I get to experience [illegible] from their perspective. I see them how not only as a Big Sister, but as the director. I know that I see them in a different way and I know that when I see them."

Ofelia can't afford to be harmed and she has many that grateful already in front of Sobel. "Can we go to Chuck E. Cheese's?" Ofelia asked when thinking about some of their favorite memories together.

Sobel's favorite memories from their time together so far have been from March when they first take we brought her to the Liberal Zoo. "That was the first time we really got to spend time together."

Sobel has high hopes for Ofelia's future.

"I told her that she needs to go to college and then travel the world," Sobel said.

"Travel to China, New York, Oklahoma," Ofelia chipped in. But

Not only has Ofelia been integrated into Sobel's life, but her entire family's life, as well. Sobel mentioned that her husband, Dan, have three children, and Ofelia replied, "Make that four."

Sobel is one of the Matched on the BBBS program. Only three

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