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Date for 2013 Beechcraft Reunion announced

Organizers have announced the 2013 Beechcraft Reunion will be held at the Seward County Community College. The social will start at 5 p.m., followed by supper at 6. There is no charge to attend. There will be an auction following the supper. Please bring items or crafts for auction – handmade or not.

Please RSVP by Saturday, Aug. 3 at 380-854-6202 (Fonda) or 624-2217 (Hooker).

RSVP BY AUG. 3

Calling all churches

Organizers for the annual Free State Fair Gospel Songfest are seeking solos, duets, trios, quartets and instrumentalists for the event, which is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, in the south end of the Seward County Courthouse.

Check is cancel, please no shows.

For more information, call Evelyn Bott at 624-0015.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

Trinity Faith Church to host VBS

Get ready for God's Backyard Bible Camp – where kids have a blast serving Jesus! Discovery Kids at Trinity Faith Church is bringing an outdoor adventure that starts in your own backyard and gets bigger as kids take the lines of Jesus into their neighborhoods and communities.

We are now looking for some backyard kids to join them in serving and having a blast!

Dates: July 29 – August 2.

Place: Trinity Faith Church (1 mile south of Pine St. on Kansas Ave.)

Time: 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. nightly

Contact: TFC Office @ 624-3719

or Kim Bulter @ 620-482-0033

Come join the fun on God's Backyard Bible Camp!

STARTS JULY 29

K-State Extension office to host pie-baking contest during 5-State Fair

The K-State Extension office will be hosting a pie-baking contest during the Five State Fair. Prizes will be awarded in youth and adult categories. Each contestant will win a prize.

The contest will be at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, in the Activity Center. Contact the office for details and rules; go to the Fair Book online at fivestatefair.com or call 624-8266. Fair Books can also be picked up at the extension office, the Seward County Courthouse or the Activity Center.

CRANK OUT THE PIES

District budget increases by less than 1 percent

School board takes first look at tonight's meeting

By RACHEL COLEMAN
Leader & Times

In a regular meeting tonight at 6:30 p.m., the USD 480 Liberal Board will tackle the usual matters of district business, such as approving the minutes of the previous meeting and the financial matters that keep Liberal's schools running smoothly. The board will also review bills and hear each business's proposed budget for 2013-14 years.

The agenda also includes the first of the year's budget workshop materials, a 153-page document listing all the financial details for school year 2013-14.

Prepared by Finance Director Jerry Cline, the report features multiple charts and graphs that illustrate the district's revenue segments and how it is to be divided up. Despite the fact that revenues are increasing, the district's budget for the coming year shows only a slight increase in the overall budget, with the proposed budget for 2013-14 years

At $19,830,925, up $220,766 from the previous year. The net-spin-expenditure/dollar income totals less than 1 percent.

Cline will lead the business on the agenda tonight includes regular reports from new administrators Jeremy Hall, Liberal Middle School Jackie and director of human resources Jeff Hall, as well as Employment composition and transfer reports continue to flow to as the

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Liberal's Kaci Younkin becomes Ratt's 'Youngest Fan'

Local Liberal resident Kaci Younkin, 5, was named the "youngest fan" of the '80s rock group Ratt (Round and Round, Wanted Man) during a tour stop in Wichita over the weekend as part of their 30th anniversary tour. Ratt drummer Bobby Blotzer picked Kaci out of the crowd as she held up a simple painted sign that read "Ratt Loves Kaci." Kaci was treated to a backstage meet and greet with the band where they autographed her sign, posed for pictures and Ratt's Stephen Pearcy gave Kaci a guitar pick. Kaci is the daughter of KEAS 98's "The Captain" Matt Younkin. After the past weekend, Kaci will tell you that Ratt is definitely her favorite. Pictured from left: Carlos Cavazo (guitar), Kaci, Stephen Pearcy (vocals), Juan Crucier (bass) and Bobby Blotzer (drums). Courtesy photo

Booth offers privacy, refreshment to nursing mothers

By RACHEL COLEMAN
Leader & Times

Breastfeeding Friends Coalition will sponsor a booth for breastfeeding mothers at the Five State Fair Aug. 2-4. The goal of the booth is twofold: to encourage mothers who are currently breastfeeding and to publicize the importance of doing so. The booth, located immediately adjacent to the new sponsor Medical Center, will feature a curtain-covered refrigerated water bubble. Courtesy photo

Amid the noise and activity of the upcoming Seward County Free State Fair, mothers and babies have a quiet corner to recuperate and refuel[illegible]. That's because the Breastfeeding Friends Coalition will sponsor a booth for nursing mothers.

"It will be a quiet, private spot for moms and babies to stop and rest," said Elizabeth Ellis, nurse and nutrition counselor for the Seward County Health Department's WIC program. "We want to provide support and encouragement for mothers who want to breastfeed their babies."

The booth, located immediately adjacent to the one operated by Southwest Medical Center, will feature a curtain-covered refrigerated water bubble.

According to Ellis, the goal of the booth is twofold: to encourage mothers who are currently breastfeeding, and to publicize the importance of doing so.

The conference goal is to promote breastfeeding to all mothers, and to help them feel [illegible] comfortable in nursing in public. Ellis said Utah Mom to Baby Nancy

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