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College hosting activities fair during 'Welcome Day'

Seward County Community Colleges is hosting business and organizations interested in participation in activities fair for new students at Seward County Community College/Area Technical School, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 12, in the college gym, at 1801 N. Kansas Ave. in Liberal.

Businesses or organizations that would like to introduce their services to students who are new to the community are invited to participate in the Welcome Day activities.

For information, call 620-417-1364 or media.lynn@sccc.edu by Monday, Aug. 5.

SIGN UP BY AUG. 5

College to offer citizenship classes

The Business & Industry Office at Seward County Community College/Area Technical School is offering new citizenship classes from 1 to 3:30 p.m., Sundays, Aug. 11 through Dec. 15 in the Citizen Adult Learning Center, 1801 N. Kansas Ave., Liberal.

Interested students can enroll in the class from 1 to 6 p.m., Sunday, Aug 4 in the Citizen Adult Learning Center.

The cost is $100 per person and the class will prepare students for the citizenship test and the United States naturalization process. The class will address:

- The application procedure
- American government and American history
- The Constitution and Declaration of Independence
- The US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) interview procedure

For information about class, call 620-417-1171 or email bai@sccc.edu.

ENROLL BY AUG. 4

Come help Girl Scouts celebrate award

Girl Scout Troop No. 63005 invites everyone to the Girl Scout Cabin to celebrate its Silver Award from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12.

Make plans to join the girls along with the Liberal Area Rape Crisis and Domestic Violence Service, Liberal Area Humane Society and Liberal Area Mockbee Friends Inc.f in an educational program about LARCDVS.

The girls will be informed what they learned The LARCDVS will talk about the program and what they are about. A self-defense demo by Ernst is sure to teach everyone something.

"It will be a great program that will educate and entertain. Come help us celebrate and enrich yourself in the process. See you there!"

There is no charge to attend. However everyone is asked to bring a canned good that will be donated to the LARCDVS.

MONDAY, AUG. 12

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Board opts for prudence over popularity

By MICHAEL COLEMAN
Leader & Times

Not popular, not perfect, but prudent.

That was how USD 480 Board President Debra Sinner described the proposed budget for school year 2013-14, which the board agreed to present to the public after a workshop at its meeting Tuesday night. Though the new budget does not dramatically increase the district's overall expenditures — it comes in with a less than 1 percent increase — it does include a small key increase of 3.5000 mills.

"We have to be very careful about what we will, supposedly, do," said Sinner. "There are circumstances beyond our control here with Wave Wireless mills entering the district every year. We have it's coming, and it's not going to do our mission statement, which is to provide a quality education for kids in a classroom."

The mill levy increase, basically, boiled down to finding $750,000 to pay for increases the board voted on earlier this year and finance director Steve Cline.

On April 8, the board approved a proposal by the central office administration to do away with the district's positions of a 1.5 time career coordinator, a director and a 0.5 time career coordinator.

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Seward County 5-State Fair kicks off Friday with

Mutton Bustin'

Kids can participate in McClain's Mutton Bustin' starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Seward County Fairgrounds. Kids need to sign in starting at 5 p.m. and the contest begins at 6 p.m., the McClain's Ranch Rodeo starts followed by Grassbirds and Cowtown's Professional Ranch Rodeo.
Photo by Nickelson

Friday's Ranch Rodeos will include kids and adults, teams can still sign up

By ROBERT PERICE
Leader & Times

The Seward County Five State Fair kicks off Friday with a rodeo and, for the night, the local rodeo will feature a favorite of many once fans with a slight twist.

Grassbirds and Cowtown's are bringing a mutton bustin' to Liberal and for starting young, young and even young-at-heart cowboys.

The 5:30 p.m. kick of the Seward County Fair Board and the rodeo will feature rodeo leading, branding and roping events. Sales can participate in the Mutton Bustin' rodeo starting at 5:30 p.m., at the rodeo arena at the fairgrounds.

"I can hear never once children and adults who have never been on a rodeo arena, the will-to-win flies up to meet to see them and their coverage," said Tracy McClain's Ranch Rodeo's owner.

The evening winds down starting at 7 p.m. with Grassbirds and Cowtown's Professional Ranch Rodeo.

Cowtown's is a rodeo twenty years in the making, and it's been a dream of Tracy McClain's for more than three years. Fair has hosted a ranch rodeo, according to Grassbirds.

"We hope to get the community to come out and support the fair," said McClain's. "We want to fill the arena with adults and 4H for kids 6 to 12, and kids 3 and under can ride free."

Grassbirds and Cowtown's Ranch Rodeos works to promote western heritage and cowboy traditions, keeping the cowboy heritage alive.

"Rodeo is the only sport where cowboys and cowgirls can come together with rodeo clowns and show wrestling the owner of a ranch rodeo are standard to all ranch rodeos and the rodeo events are bull riding, bareback, bareback riding, branding and calf cow milking," said the Web site. "Through ranch rodeos, we are preserving cowboy culture, history and tradition."

Selzer seeks insurance commissioner job

By CHRIS PAPPTY
Leader & Times

The Kansas Republican 2014 primary is 10 months away but that hasn't stopped those seeking the insurance commissioner's job from announcing their candidacy.

Current Commissioner Sandy Praeger, long considered out of step with the Republican Party, will not seek re-election, and that has created an opening that has attracted a number of candidates.

One of those candidates, Kim Selzer, made a stop in Liberal Saturday and shared why he believed he was the candidate of choice.

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Ben Sabor discusses the race for the Kansas Insurance Commissioner with Republican leaders in Liberal Saturday at Spencer Brewer's. The Republican primary is 14 months away, but several candidates have already jumped in to the commissioner's race. 247 photo/Carl Flint