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Sutherland reaches lofty heights



2nd Lt. Tyler Sutherland becomes second person from Liberal to graduate from West Point

By Bobbie Miller
2nd Lt. Tyler Sutherland, of Liberal, Mo., is the second person from the town to graduate from the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. Sutherland, a member of the West Point Class of 2013, was named to the rank of 2nd lieutenant and is set to be commissioned in the 10th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Cavalry Brigade, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Cavazos, Texas.



Sutherland was born in Liberal, Mo., and grew up in the town. He graduated from Liberal High School in 2009. He was a member of the National Honor Society and the Future Teachers of America. He was also a member of the West Point Preparatory School in 2012.

College increases mill levy 1.3 mills

Mill increase forced by reductions in state aid and drop in property valuations

By Bobbie Miller
The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock has approved a 1.3 mill increase in the property tax millage rate to help offset the loss of state aid and the decline in property values.

The increase will take effect in August. The board also approved a 1.3 mill increase in the millage rate for the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

Kan. AG acknowledges 'Hard 50' may not fully work

By Bobbie Miller
Kansas Attorney General Steve Beshear has acknowledged that the state's "Hard 50" law, which requires a 50 percent increase in the state's minimum wage, may not fully work as intended.

Beshear said that the law is designed to help low-income workers, but it may not be enough to lift them out of poverty.