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Sutherland reaches lofty heights



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

By Dan O'Connell
A Liberal, Kan., resident has become the second person from the town to graduate from the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

2nd Lt. Tyler Sutherland, 30, of Liberal, Kan., graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., on July 26, 2013. Sutherland is the second person from Liberal to graduate from West Point, following the graduation of 1st Lt. Ben Shaver in 1992.

Sutherland served in the 101st Airborne Division during his time at West Point. He is currently assigned to the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky.

College increases mill levy 1.3 mills

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

The Board of Directors of the Liberal College District has approved a 1.3 mill increase in the property tax rate for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

The increase is necessary due to a combination of factors, including a decrease in state aid and a decline in the county's property valuations.

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

By Dan O'Connell
The Kansas Department of Agriculture has announced that the "Hard 50" program, which allows farmers to deduct up to 50% of their property taxes from their state income tax, may not be fully effective.

The department's report indicates that the program's impact on farmers' tax burdens is less significant than initially expected.

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Country music star Heath Wright is set to perform at the Liberal Community Center on Friday, July 26, 2013. The event will feature live music and dancing.

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