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Casey Donahue, right, stops along with his band Thursday evening at the stage in front of the grandstands at the Pro-Rodeo Fun Fair popular country star returns to Liberal for the fair after he played a concert last March during the Country Showdown. *JP photo/Gordon Overstreet*

Baa, that's cold

This young man washes down his sheep in preparation for the sheep showing and judging Thursday morning at the Pro-Rodeo Fun Fair more photos of the animal showings, see PAGES 5A and 6A. *LP photo/Marco Perez*

Local church to open day-care center

by ROBERT PRICE
Leader & Times

Some local church leaders have found another solution to the community's lack of day care, and they hope it will be a win-win for families from both local and church.

After a Four Baptist Church official said the closing of its day care earlier this year, many in the community began searching for respite care for children.

The church's day care facility will now be working at a child care facility at First Presbyterian Church in Liberal. The day care facility, also located at First Baptist's operations, will now become the Four Baptist Day Care Center.

Pleasanton and Fort Pendleton's services and hours will be as they have been since May 1, and the new facility should be licensed for 50 children.

"We are working to have everything ready by Aug. 12, but we're waiting on state paperwork from the fire marshal's office and from KDHE," Harvard said.

Tammie Stallcup-Albert, who was part of the committee that brought the new day care to Fort Pendleton, said the state agency has made an inspection of the property and all of the paperwork and fire inspections need to be sent to the state.

"We're waiting on their response," Stallcup-Albert said.

Before opening, that response must be sent to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment along with an application to become a day care.

"We have to have Fort Pendleton Crowd Zone's walk through and do the final inspection," Pleasanton said.

Fort Presbyterian's facility has different classrooms for different age groups, but they will need to make some changes to the church and the church building in compliance with regulations. The added space for staff working in the day care are in the church's fellowship hall, nursery rooms and the playground. Also has been been done.

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Fighting for the belt

by VICTORIA CALDERON
Leader & Times

Orlando, Fla., is the home to many famous landmarks and events: Disney World, Universal Studios, SeaWorld, Epcot Center and Kissimmee. Now, Vero Beach in Orlando, probably has a 2nd this summer. Its beautiful city hosted the 2013 Amateur Athletic Kickboxing Federation (AAKF) and the World Classic Amateur Kickboxing Federation (WCAKF) Championships.

The competition was conducted July 20-21, by that date the pained, sweaty, and tired fighters, both adults (20 and up) participated in fights for the championship belt. Over 1,000 participants from all over the world, many countries and 25 states in the U.S. were represented. Because of the variety of people there, competition is considerably tougher than it is in most fairs.

Two girls from Liberal, Anna Maria Pepe and Patrice Sancez had the privilege of participating in this prestigious event. Their mothers, Donna and Kelly Pepe, accompanied them to the competition, and they had to be fighters there as well, down the road.

"It's a whole different level," Donna said. "The best of the best compete there."

Anna is a Red gauntlet at Mike Miller Martial Arts Center. She has been training in mixed martial arts (MMA) for two years, but has only about nine months of kickboxing. She fought and won three fits, specifically. When she arrived at the competition, she expected to fight both in her age and weight division, but one of them only had one fighter. So instead of fighting, she was told that there was no one to

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Anna Maria Pepe proves her skills in MMA. Although she is only 13 years of age, she was qualified to participate in the World Classic. She had to fight in her age and weight division but, for the youngest to get a fight, she had to shape challenge drivers her way. *AP photo*

Victoria Calderon

Today
Ag Building Open
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
• Ottawa Goat and Sheep Weigh-in
• Ottawa 4-H Fitness Fair
• Ottawa Farmall Cooperator 4-H, Ottawa 4-H/FFA and Open Class Rabbit and Poultry Show
• Ottawa Friends Livestock Show Show Arena
9:00 a.m. - 9 p.m.
• Activity Center Open
9:00 a.m. - 6 p.m.
• Rabbit and Poultry Barn Closed for Judging
11:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
• Horse Grown Talent, Activity Center Stage 12:00 noon
• Unified Wireless BBQ Cook Up, West side of Activity Center
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
• FWFA Helicopter Rides, North of the Activity Center
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
• Ottawa 4-H/FFA Goat and Sheep Show Show Arena
3:00 p.m.
• FCCPA Fishing Contest, Activity Center
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
• Ottawa 4-H/FFA Hog Weigh-in
5:00 p.m.
• Carnival Open
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
• Fort Riverside Live Entertainment, Activity Center Stage
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
• Veterans Appreciation Show Lifeshift 12:00-
• Ottawa 4-H/FFA 1994 Birthday Party, Grandstands - free
Saturday
Ag Building Open
7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
• Ottawa Beef Weigh-in
7:00 a.m.
• Ottawa 4-H/FFA Hog Show
9 a.m. 5 p.m.
• Activity Center Open
8:00 a.m. - 6p.h
• FWFA Helicopter Rides, North of the Activity Center
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
• Kid's Fair Sponsored by Southern Baptist Church Kid's Fair Bus Depot, East Side of Activity Center
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
• Ottawa Farmall Cooperator 4-H, Ag Building
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
• Antique Tractor Show, on Stadium Road
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
• Horse Grown Talent, Activity Center Stage
11:00 a.m.
• Unified Wireless BBQ Cook-Off, West Side of Activity Center
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
• Ottawa 4-H/FFA Beef Show
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
• Carnival Games, Activity Center Stage
3:00 p.m.
• Unified Wireless BBQ Cook-Off Awards, Activity Center Stage
5:00 p.m.
• Reliant Open Class and 4-H Exhibits, Ag Building
6:00 p.m.
• Cattle Open for Demolition Derby
6:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. - 12:00 am
• Carnival Open
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
• Demolition Derby Grandstands
7:00 p.m.
• Firelighter Demonstration, Outside east of the Activity Center
7:00 p.m.
• Reliant Awards
9:00 p.m.
• Fireman vouchers

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