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Seward County Extension Council Election is Tuesday

• Special to the Leader & Times

Election of county members to serve on the Seward County Extension Council will be on Tuesday at the Kalvesta Fire Station in Seward County Office, 1900 Western Drive, in advance of the Leader & Times.

Members of the Extension Council support and help the county agents in leadership and development. It is necessary to have a combination of skills in management, leadership and responsibility and professional knowledge for the betterment of the county.

The Alexander Extension Council is responsible for the administration and use of the Extension's four programs in areas which include Youth Development, Community Development,

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Tuesday:
Noon-5:30 p.m. - Liberal Connect
Thursday:
Noon-5 p.m. - Downtown Open House - at Fashion Fair, Square N' Fun, Lighthouse, Horse Shoeing and Tanning
Saturday:
3-6 p.m. - Squeaky Clean Car Wash

County will hear redistricting plans of election officials

Redistricting to meet population growth, shifts

By ROBERT RIOCI
• Leader & Times

A gradual shift in population numbers in the county's commission districts has had local election officials at work on drawing new boundaries on the Seward County map.

County Clerk Bruce Long and elections deputy Jeanette Hernandez will present the new boundaries to the county's commission on Monday, Nov. 4, at 9:30 a.m. in the commission chambers in the courthouse.

Long said that the idea after reading about studies on using dogs to detect pregnancy

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Ohio zoo using beagle to detect bear pregnancies

By CASEY PEEK
• Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Zoos around the country will soon find out whether a beagle named Ellie can lift them from the dark ages of bear pregnancy tests.

The 3-year-old has been specially trained for a year by a Kansas benefits who has taught dogs to sniff out cancer, thing from explosives to bed bugs. A veterinarian at the Cincinnati Zoo wanted her the idea after reading about studies on using dogs to detect pregnancy.

Confirming pregnancies of the massive bears, a threatened species, has been difficult, and zoo officials say knowing one help make sure they and the Maine bears are ready for birthing and raising cubs. Ellie is approximating 97 percent accuracy in positive identification of samples from pregnant females. *AP Photo/Gene Puskar*

Performance Working Dogs in Sherman, Kan. the two-employed when Ron Carey a post-doctoral fellow at the Smithsonian Institute's Center for Conservation & Research of Endangered Wildlife, reached out for assistance. Carey had read about the center identified protein present only in pregnant bears' samples.

Biologists started with samples of bears that had already delivered babies, and from every known set to be pregnant. Ellie was then given a chance to sniff out samples of bears who in the first pregnancy but for every three samples, Ellie was wrong. Outside captive bears, was more what

"Ok, was very methodical," Skogen said. "You could tell he was really enjoying it through the final task."

Remarried with food and getting to play with a tennis ball, Ellie was then trained for months and was shown to samples of previously pregnant bears with unexpected

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Ancient mammal named after KU prof

LAWRENCE (AP) — An ancient insect-eating mammal has been named after a University of Kansas professor.

The university says in a news release that researchers from the University of Kansas, the University of Texas, the University of Alabama, Dr. Jessica Cundiff, and published a description of a fossilized Woodbine-aged mammal.

The mammal that researchers named after Cundiff is a species of Zhelestidae, a family of extinct, insect-eating mammals. Cundiff is a professor at the University of Kansas. Zhelestids also is a professor of ecology and evolutionary biology at the University of Kansas.

Zhelestids has written about 200 research articles, policy papers and articles in scientific journals, books, and popular magazines. Cundiff is the author of the book "Dinosaur Hide: Or, Other Intelligence in Natural History."

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Happy Birthday, Cassid Hernandez!

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