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Board, VISION team kick off week of 16 public meetings today

By MICHAEL COLEMAN
Leader & Times

A second roadfill meeting expected after the USD 480 Board of Education calendar was scheduled for every Friday in the Central Office conference room. The hourly original meeting, which was scheduled for Friday morning, but the second roadfill meeting gathering will allow board members to discuss the upcoming agenda before the busy holiday season begins.

The only item of note on the agenda is the discussion of the roadfill and construction management firm. At its Oct. 7 meeting, the board agreed to hire a construction management firm to manage the roadfill and construction management in order to determine the bond issue and bid process.

Without a CMGR, it's difficult for a project to reflect real costs during the decision-making stage, and director of facilities and operations Jeff Ellis has explained that no project has been defined; no particular plan has been selected; and no bond issue amount has yet all necessary pieces in place to find when the special election occurs and what the ballot will be, and what items of what the project would be.

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Restrooms

Public water or private well?

By ROBERT PRICE
Leader & Times

At its Nov. 5 meeting the Seward County Commission heard from Jimmie Cain of 4 Seasons Water District 1 concerning the need for water supply requirements for her business in north Liberal.

Cain said the Board of Health determined that the county does not have authority to grant a waiver to the rule that all new buildings authorized by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Commissioners then suggested a representative from KDHE be invited to the next meeting, straight away with Cain and Jeffrey Vogelsang, Seward County director of planning and zoning, discuss Marcia Weatherly to see if a waiver could be granted.

In a letter to Alfred Weatherly and state regulations require, "Location setting, customers in average of at least 50 days out of the year, can be waived for a public water supply.

"The House center has been open for 50 days and has been used by 25 individuals daily since January 2011 and therefore meets the requirements for waiver of public water supply," Weatherly said.

There are two options to meet this requirement.

"The first is the City of Liberal can provide supply to customers of state and federal requirements with your own water supply," Weatherly said.

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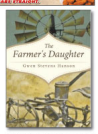
The Farmer's Daughter
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BOOK SIGNING

Gwen Stevens Hanson book signing event set for Wednesday in Okla. Panhandle

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10 a.m. to noon - Perkins Furniture
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Saturday
10 a.m. to noon - Perkins Furniture
2 to 4 p.m. - Wheatridge Park Care Center

Kan. governor seeks school finance dialogue

TOPEKA (AP) — Kansas school districts have a long workfront of getting to court over funding for public education when efforts fail in the Statehouse.

Gov. Sam Brownback wants to change that by encouraging legislators and superintendents from the state's 286 school districts to open discussions toward ending such litigation.

The Republican governor sent recent letter among lawmakers and school officials in which he was particularly in explaining the mission of colleges and universities and how they spend state money.

The Kansas Supreme Court is expected to rule next year on a 2010 lawsuit by school districts claiming the state's funding formula underfunds public education. The court's decision will likely dominate debate during the legislative session.

This fin, 20 photos provided by Robert Dietrich in an Ankeny, Iowa home shows a bulldozer in a Billings Tyrannosaurus rex in Lusk, Wyo. Dietrich of Wichita, unearthed the fossil dubbed Baby Bob in a bandstrick area in eastern Montana. The find is a long-anticipated tyrannosaurus of 66 million years ago, and it would be among the smallest of the well-known dinos. (Associated Press)

Half-grown T. rex fossil could answer questions

By KEVIN HELLIKER/AP
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A Kansas fossil hunter has unearthed a half-grown tyrannosaurus rex, a find that could answer questions about the extinction of the king of the dinosaurs.

Robert Dietrich of Wichita unearthed the fossil dubbed "Baby Bob" in July in a bandstrick area near his eastern Montana home. The find is a long-anticipated tyrannosaurus because its future occupies about 25 inches, and if it is a tyrannosaurus rex, it would make it among the smallest T. rex specimens ever found.

"This is the discovery everyone wishes and longs for," Dietrich said.

Dietrich has been sharing his find with several paleontologists, including the Smithsonian Institution. Scientists are eager to see the fossil, which is the first before the carnivore excavated by bustling full size of about 40 feet. The fossil is one of the estimates that Baby Bob was about half that size.

"We don't know anything about how T. rex grew up," said Thomas Carr, director of the Carthage Institute of Paleontology in Carthage, College in Carthage, Mo. "We don't have a handful of fossils of subadults and juveniles, so any specimen that comes in, and that really sort of the growth period is scientifically very important, and this is one of the oldest ones that we have seen from adults."

Bob Bakker, a noted paleontology at the Houston Museum of Nature and Science and the scientist of half-grown T. rex fossils that raised questions about the T. rex's growth, is among Carr's skeptical in the sort until they witness dinosaur fall out.

"Bring a couple good pieces, baby T. rex, it could tell us a lot," said Bakker. Bakker said he was skeptical it looks like it was designed to visit for years and that's it came back," Bakker said.

Another juvenile fossil also could help settle a debate about whether the T. rex has a smaller brain than other dinosaurs, or cause for short. Bakker is among those experts there are two species, while Carr is part of

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Woman killed in Topeka church parking lot

TOPEKA (AP) — Topeka police are investigating what a 19-year-old woman died and killed her when a car struck her in a church parking lot.

The crash happened around 9:45 a.m. Sunday at Second Grace Lutheran Church. WIBW reports that the driver accidentally hit the gas pedal and dragged the woman 50 to 60 feet. Police officers and firefighters A doctor who attended outside of the church tried to help the woman, but she was pronounced dead at the scene. The name of the victim wasn't immediately released.

Wife dead, husband wounded in Kansas shooting

YOLANDE CENTRE (AP) — A woman is dead and her husband is wounded after a shooting at their home near the Sedgwick County town of Mulvane, Kansas.

KAKE reports that the couple was rushed to a Wichita hospital by a local outdoor Sunday night after the shooting. Good suffering from gunshot wounds to their head.

The Sedgwick County Sheriff's office said the incident died shortly after 8:30 p.m. Saturday. She was pronounced dead at the hospital Sunday.

There is no word yet on any arrests or a motive for the shooting.

1 dead, arrest made in store shooting

WICHITA (AP) — Wichita police are a suspect in custody after a customer was shot to death at a convenience store.

The shooting occurred Sunday evening in southeast Wichita.

Wichita police spokesman Sgt. Donald Kimball says the victim, a man in his 30s, had happened to be at the store at the time of the shooting.

Police say the shooting occurred in a neighborhood near the convenience store.

Further details were not immediately released.

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