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County names Linenbroker chair, Wettstein vice-chair

By ROBERT FIELD
• Leader & Times

The Seward County Commission's leadership changed slightly Monday night.

After commission chairman Dale Linenbroker, who was unopposed for a seat on the board, commissioner Jim Rice nominated her for the position with Wettstein as the vice-chairman nominee. After commissioner Randy Blake moved the nomination cease, the board then voted unanimously to allow Linenbroker to remain chairman.

Linenbroker then called for nominations for the vice chairman position on the board. Wettstein was nominated by commissioner Jim Rice and held by commissioner Doug LaFaver.

All members unanimously the motion, and Blake moved that nomination cease. The commission voted unanimously to make Wettstein the vice chairman.

Later in the meeting, commissioners

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WETTSTEIN

Pancake Day Talent Show prelims set for Feb. 1

Area residents invited to enter

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City mulls building, zoning boards

By ISABELLE MARCINDO
• Leader & Times

Liberal City Commissioner Ron Warren presented his idea for a Housing Advisory Board and a Building Trends Board at a city commission meeting in October of 2013.

Warren said the idea for the boards came from a meeting that Warren traveled to by some direction in the making of

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Making the grade will change

By NICOLE COLEMAN
• Leader & Times

The Kansas State Board of Education will soon change how it measures the success of students, and it will do so in a recent slow month time that will affect USD 480. One certainty it will be quite different than the measurements of years that have dominated schools in the past 25 years.

But was the news delivered by deputy superintendent of schools Brian Dickett and director of data and testing Jill Stout at the USD 480 board of education meeting on Monday night.

Under the new system, tests are not what is called QPA — Quality Performance Accountability. Dickett said the system was going to be coming to a new program. Dickett said "It's the Per Ac."

The new system will measure students' progress, teacher culture and results. Over a five-year period, districts will be

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Rep. Petty appointed to Transportation and Public Safety Budget Committee

By LARRY HOLLON
• Special to the Leader & Times

State Representative Ruth Petty was appointed Monday to the Transportation and Public Safety Budget Committee by House Speaker Mike Hubbard. Hubbard also appointed Mark Hutchins and Marvin Smith to the Kansas House of Representatives.

Rep. Petty has done my excellent job in the House, and I know she will do a great job as member of Transportation and Public Safety Budget, an area of state government that is very relevant and important to the people of the 125th District," Hubbard said.

With several congressional races had to be changed to

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PETTY

$50,000 reward yields no clues in missing boy case

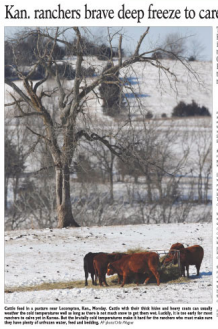
WICHITA (AP) — A $50,000 reward has yielded no new information about a southeast Kansas boy who has been missing since 1998.

An anonymous donor put up the reward in hopes of finding 7-year-old Jesse Hamman, who was last seen at his family's home in Towanda.

The Wichita Eagle reported the Butler County Sheriff's Office received about 50 tips in the case. Hundreds of Kansas people had called and some of them called tough to say were close to the case.

Jesse was last seen at his home in the entry foyer home. His disappearance was not reported until 2008, when Jesse's mother contacted her enforcement. The parents were divorced at the time of Jesse's disappearance. There were allegedly fights between the parents over custody of Jesse when children would be taken every

Kan. ranchers brave deep freeze to care for cattle



Cattle feed in a pasture near Lacrosse, Kan., Monday. Cattle with their thick hides and heavy coats can usually weather the cold temperatures well as long as there is not much snow to get them wet. Luckily, it is not easily for most cattle to get wet in the cold. But ranchers in the area have been working hard for the reaction who must make sure they have plenty of unfrozen water, food and bedding. AP photo/Orlin Wagner

The coldest places in Kansas on Sunday night into early Monday morning were in Garden City and Centerwood Falls where the temperatures dipped to a minus 12 degrees

By JOANNA HEIZMAN
• Associated Press

WICHITA — Kansas cattle rancher Debbie Jesse-Hicks actually enjoyed Monday when the temperature dipped to a minus twenty-one, because it meant she would have extra help on the family farm. Jesse-Hicks and her husband transportation.

The kids are pretty excited about it. Jesse-Hicks said. Her son, Tyler, sitting by the TV, shooting video games, she said. "They are outside playing in the snow."

High school senior Tyler and his Hicks, both 18, was helping out on the family farm and the snow on the outside would have a warm place to lay down. They get to sleep in the barn, she said. Jesse-Hicks, who was home from college

Temperatures at the farm dipped to minus 9 degrees overnight, cold enough to freeze even some of the water troughs. Jesse-Hicks said the cattle have fresh water to drink but can survive, even if it is very cold, heavy. Jesse-Hicks said. Cattle have thick hides and heavy coats to protect them from the cold particularly when there is not much snow on the ground to get them wet.

Jesse-Hicks said the cattle have the family chore this year to make sure there is a hole where they can get to the water. Jesse-Hicks said water in their frozen circular troughs, the team needs lots of tips and hard work. Jesse-Hicks said. By year carrying Jagdhu buckets of hot water.

Jesse-Hicks said she understand the responsibilities on the farm. Tyler Hicks said, adding that her children

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Happy Birthday, Jim Stoddard!

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