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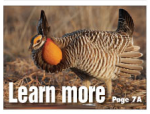
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• Special to the Leader & Times

The Seward County Health Department is joining the Kansas Food Bank in the fight against Senior Hunger with a new initiative called Bob Box. Bob Boxes is promoted and endorsed by Senior Kansas Leader Bob Dole. The Seward County Health Department is the Northwest Kansas Counties. It is operating from and

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Parent-teacher conferences set for Feb. 6, 7

• SEUSD 480

USD No. 480 Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place Feb. 6 and 7. Conferences will be scheduled for parents based on sorted spreads. Initiative concerns may be addressed.

Your child's school will contact you if a conference needs to scheduled. Contact your school's principal if you have questions. Below is a detailed schedule for conferences.

Thursday, Feb. 6

Pre-kindergarten to 6th-grade students
• Conference times: 7:00 a.m. to 3:25 p.m. and 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.
• No school for preschool, elementary and intermediate students.

Seward High School
• Conference times: 4 to 8 p.m.
• USD 480 will be in session on Feb. 6.

Arnold and West Middle Schools
• Conference times: 4 to 8 p.m.
• USD 480 will be in session on Feb. 6.

Friday, Feb. 7

Prekindergarten to 12th-grade
• Conference times: 7:45 to 11:15 a.m.
USD 480 schools are not in session on this date.

KSRA President to give talk on 2nd Amendment

• Special to the Leader & Times

The Seward County Commission has scheduled Patricia Strunking, President of the Kansas State Rifle Association, as a guest speaker for the commission and the Seward County Emergency Management Coordinator Administration Office at 1111 N. Washington.

Strunking will be talking about the Second Amendment and the Kansas Rifle Association. Strunking hopes to inform and what people can do to help to become involved in Second Amendment rights.

Liberal needs help with stray dog problem

By CHELLE BARRIONUEVO
• Leader & Times

Animals are a huge responsibility — they have emotions, need shelter, food and care. Sometimes they get lost.

Liberal is dealing in some of those areas, because there is an excess of unneutered unknown pregnancies, strays and snatches.

Kim Angeli, the agent for Animals president Chris Mullen-Lewis said the part of the problem is owners who allow their animals to roam free and allowing pregnant or female boxes about getting a puppy for Christmas to their children.

"People think, 'Oh, what a darling Christmas present,' but children don't know what it takes to care for a dog," Lewis said. "Children can learn a lot but the parents need to be aware, so they can teach their children at Christmas, they need to think about what they're actually doing.

"Animal Control and Animals is a nonprofit organization that rescues and adopts out animals that are mistreated or unwanted or local animal shelter."

Angeli, who through the shelter, works a licensed humane society McNamara (NSLC), says overbreeding that occurs in the Liberal community is an issue, she said.

She added that Angeli for Animals is currently working on two large projects.

"The end of all this dogs that need a home, we are working on a project to move adopted from the shelter and then transferred to an NO-animals."

Angeli for Animals is also in Mullen Liberal, Denise Jones' office from stray dogs in needs and good homes or adoption.

"Lewis's office has connections with a group along the front range of Colorado's mountains to the Denver area, and they have a lot of dogs that need foster homes and they don't have the excess of stray animals that we have here. So they have generously accepted to take our rescued Liberal good homes for them."

Angeli for Animals is asked to contact the shelter if they have dogs such as, size and their records in order for them to be transferred, she said.

Mullen-Lewis noted that one way for people to help is by driving the dogs before they are placed in foster

Seward Humane Angeli for Animals President Chris Mullen-Lewis plays with two of her dogs. Angeli for Animals is a nonprofit organization that rescues and adopts out animals that are mistreated or unwanted. Mullen-Lewis said that the group works along with Animal Control and Animals and their care. (LB photo/Chelle Barrionuevo)

transfer that takes place every other weekend. Mullen-Lewis has a number of volunteer coordinators. Someone who is responsible and reliable.

"There is also a need for an animal control officer at the shelter.

"Angeli for Animals is asked to contact officer at the shelter, she said. "It is hard, because you have eventually some of the dogs will be taken to the Humane Society."

Volunteers are also needed to walk the dogs before they are placed in foster

care for the trip to Denver, she said. "We have a lot of dogs that are there about 20 at a time. We take them out and meet them at a designated place at a designated time and each animal should be assigned to a foster home. Angeli for Animals is also interested in neutered before they are placed in their permanent home. We are able to do that through the Humane Society. Volunteers are also needed to walk the dogs before they are placed in foster or homes out of this community."

The animal rescue also offers pointers when she explained how Angeli for Animals is a nonprofit organization that does control the amount of unneutered dog pregnancies.

"Angeli for Animals is a local group, which we have found a group from Loveland, Colo., that have a mobile unit to be used for spaying and neutering and they'll come to Liberal and we have a vet here in town. We do the spaying and neutering at a reduced cost, and consequently, more people are able to have their pets done.

"We need to have more of our animals spayed and neutered. The problem is that people want to have adoption fee to the shelter pregnant stray or neuter, but they don't have the money to do it. Angeli for Animals will do it for the official standing to do it for if follow up, so that's one of our objectives," she said.

"Owners not follow up on their animals that are adopted to make sure that they are spayed and neutered, and we need — we try to transport the adult dogs to a place where they can be adopted, and to a place where they will not be allowed to reproduce and put in good homes and we can hang in this for anyone, for our entire class," she said.

The class will be in town later this month.

"We have one scheduled for Jan. 30 and Jan. 31, and the 1st and 2nd of February. We had been in the Coalition for Animals in Kansas (CAK) for animals in the period of time they were here," she said.

Mullen-Lewis explained that cost should not be a problem to have such animals neutered or spayed. She noted that Angeli for Animals is a

"Individuals can't afford to have a litter at all. Since Angeli has a good license, we can do it. We have a good income starting and we can use it for those individuals who even at a reduced cost, they can't afford it. We can perform and our veterinarian partnership in the community and hope eventually we can do it. We can do the animals that have little, small dogs we can set in the streets," she said.

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