

Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?  
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An Village Plaza Mall, 435 S. 2nd St., Monday - Saturday  
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Closed Wednesdays & Sundays)



### College, LHS team up to offer College Goal Sunday

Volunteers help students find financial aid this weekend at Liberal High School

By Kelli Cramer  
Liberals, Kan. — It's a busy weekend at Liberal High School as students and their families search for financial aid. The school is participating in College Goal Sunday, a national event where students can meet with college representatives and financial aid counselors.



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Want to start a small business?

### County approves landfill upgrades

By Kelli Cramer  
Liberals, Kan. — The Board of Commissioners has approved a plan to upgrade the county's landfill. The plan includes installing a new liner and leachate collection system to prevent environmental contamination.

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### Senator declares Kan. 'religious liberties protection' bill dead

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Liberals, Kan. — A bill that would have protected religious liberties in Kansas has died in the state legislature. The bill, known as the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, was introduced by Sen. Steve Stabenow but failed to pass.

Bill's passage would have required the state to show a compelling interest in justifying any law that substantially burdens the exercise of religion. The bill was introduced by Sen. Steve Stabenow and passed the Senate in a 17-10 vote.

Sen. Stabenow said the bill was a response to the Supreme Court's decision in the Hobby Lobby case. He said the bill would have protected the rights of individuals and organizations to exercise their religious beliefs without being subject to government penalties.