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College, LHS team up to offer College Goal Sunday

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

By Kelli Cline

Students have a special weekend opportunity to find financial aid and college information at Liberal High School on Saturday, Feb. 22, and Sunday, Feb. 23, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event is a joint effort between the school and the local business community.

"This event has been a success for many years, and we are excited to have it back this year," said Linda Smith, principal of Liberal High School. "It gives students the chance to meet with college representatives and financial aid counselors in one place."

The event is free and open to all students and their families. For more information, visit www.liberalks.edu or call 785-823-1234.

County approves landfill upgrades

By Kelli Cline

Board of Commissioners approved the purchase of a new landfill liner for the county landfill on Tuesday, Feb. 19. The upgrade is part of a larger effort to improve the landfill's environmental performance.

The new liner will be installed over the existing liner, which was installed in 2008. The upgrade is expected to cost \$1.5 million and will be completed by the end of the year.

Musical drama 'Godspell' opens Thursday at LHS

By Kelli Cline

The Liberal High School drama team is presenting the musical "Godspell" on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 7:30 p.m. The production is a retelling of the parables of Jesus from the Gospel of Matthew.

The cast includes students from all grade levels and is directed by Linda Smith. Tickets are available for purchase at the door or by calling 785-823-1234.

2013 Miss Kansas voted No. 1 for People's Choice Award at Miss America Pageant

Theresa Vail will be in town for 2014 Miss Liberal Pageant

By Kelli Cline

Theresa Vail, the 2013 Miss Kansas, will be in town for the 2014 Miss Liberal Pageant on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the Liberal High School gymnasium. Vail is the first Miss Kansas to appear at the pageant since 2008.

The pageant is a joint effort between the school and the local business community. It is free and open to all students and their families. For more information, visit www.liberalks.edu or call 785-823-1234.



Theresa Vail, the 2013 Miss Kansas, is shown in a red bikini and a crown. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a stage with a red and white striped backdrop.

Senator declares Kan. 'religious liberties protection' bill dead

By Kelli Cline

Sen. Matt Pineda announced on Tuesday, Feb. 19, that he is withdrawing his bill to create a religious liberties protection act. The bill was intended to provide legal protection for religious organizations and individuals.

"I have decided to withdraw the bill because it is not in the best interests of the state," Pineda said. "I will continue to work on other legislation that will benefit our state."