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**Thursday Before 210**

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

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

By KATHY COOPER  
Liberals, Kan. — A team of volunteers from Liberal High School and the University of Kansas Center for the Study of Globalization and International Policy are helping students find financial aid this weekend at Liberal High School.

The team, which includes students, parents and community members, will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Liberal High School on Sunday, Feb. 23. They will be providing information on financial aid options, including federal, state and private aid, and will be helping students complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form.

"We want to make sure that every student who is interested in attending college has the information they need to get started," said Linda Smith, LHS principal. "We will have representatives from the University of Kansas Center for the Study of Globalization and International Policy, as well as other local colleges and universities, to help students explore their options."

The event is free and open to all students and their families. For more information, contact Linda Smith at 785-842-2100 or lsmith@liberalks.net.

**County approves landfill upgrades**

By KATHY COOPER  
Liberals, Kan. — The Board of Commissioners for the County of Sedgewick has approved a plan to upgrade the county's landfill.

The plan, which was presented to the board by the Sedgewick County Health Department, calls for the construction of a new landfill cell and the installation of a leachate treatment system. The upgrades are necessary to meet the requirements of the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

The board also approved a resolution authorizing the health department to enter into a contract with a private contractor to design and construct the new landfill cell and leachate treatment system. The estimated cost of the project is \$1.5 million.

The board's decision is subject to the approval of the Kansas Department of Health Services (KDHHS). The health department is currently in the process of submitting the necessary paperwork to KDHHS.

**Musical drama 'Godspell' opens Thursday at LHS**

By KATHY COOPER  
Liberals, Kan. — The Liberal High School drama team is preparing to open their production of the musical "Godspell" on Thursday, Feb. 20.

The production, which is directed by drama teacher Linda Smith, features a cast of 15 students. The musical is a retelling of the parables of Jesus, set to the music of the 1971 Broadway musical.

"Godspell" is a fast-paced and humorous production that features a variety of songs and dances. The production is set to run through Feb. 23 at Liberal High School.

For more information, contact Linda Smith at 785-842-2100 or lsmith@liberalks.net.

**Want to start a small business?**

By KATHY COOPER  
Liberals, Kan. — If you are interested in starting a small business, the Sedgewick County Economic Development Office is here to help.

The office, which is located at 1000 W. 10th St. in Liberal, Kan., provides a variety of services to small business owners, including assistance with business plan development, financing, and marketing. The office also offers a variety of resources, including a list of local vendors and suppliers.

For more information, contact the Sedgewick County Economic Development Office at 785-842-2100 or ecdev@sedgewickcountyks.com.

**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 KATHY COOPER  
Liberals, Kan. — Theresa Vail, the 2013 Miss Kansas, will be in town for the 2014 Miss Liberal Pageant on Saturday, Feb. 22.

Vail, who is currently a senior at the University of Kansas, will be competing for the title of Miss Liberal. She will be one of the top candidates in the pageant, which is held annually in Liberal, Kan.

Vail is a native of Liberal, Kan., and has a long history of involvement in the community. She has been a member of the Liberal High School cheerleading team and has served as a volunteer for the Sedgewick County Fair.

Vail will be in town from Friday, Feb. 21, to Sunday, Feb. 23. She will be staying at the Grand Hotel in Liberal, Kan. For more information, contact the Miss Liberal Pageant Committee at 785-842-2100 or missliberal@liberalks.net.

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

By KATHY COOPER  
Liberals, Kan. — Sen. Mike Pompeo has declared the Kansas "religious liberties protection" bill dead.

Pompeo, who is currently serving his second term in the Kansas Senate, announced the news on Tuesday, Feb. 18. He said that the bill, which was introduced in the Senate in December, has not received enough support to move forward.

The bill, which is known as the Kansas Religious Liberties Protection Act, would have provided a broad definition of religious freedom and would have protected individuals and organizations from discrimination based on their religious beliefs. The bill would have also provided a process for resolving disputes between individuals and organizations.

Pompeo said that he was disappointed that the bill did not have enough support to move forward. He said that he would continue to work on the bill and would reintroduce it in the future.

The bill has received support from a number of religious and conservative groups, including the American Family Association and the Heritage Foundation. It has also received support from a number of legislators, including Sen. Pompeo and Rep. Dan Claitor.

The bill has also received criticism from a number of liberal and secular groups, including the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Center for Human Rights Education. They argue that the bill would undermine the separation of church and state and would provide a blanket exemption for religious organizations from anti-discrimination laws.

The bill is currently in the Senate's Committee on Government Operations and is expected to be heard again in the future.