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# Election begins

## Clerk's office mulls first advance ballots today

By RACHEL CLEPHAN
Leader & Times

First guy marked the close of voter registration for the special election for Liberal USD 480 Board of Education, and the clerk's office is now really busy.

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Diane Lustig, office follow the clerk of Seward County will be allowed to vote, provided they can prove of citizenship on or before April 7.

One deadline down, hundreds more to

That's because, pre-election business at the clerk's office never really stops.

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## Children's Art Day coming

• Special to the Leader & Times

The Kyle Art Club at Seward County Community College/Area Technical School is sponsoring its Children's Art Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 5 in the Carnegie Cultural Arts Association Building for children in grades 2-6.

The cost is $15 and includes all supplies and drinks. Lunch will be provided by Subway.

Due to limited space, preregister by Friday, March 28, by contacting Art Instructor Susan Copass at 620-417-1450 or susan.copass@sccc.edu. This fee is due on Saturday when children arrive.



# Kismet Public Library Foundation to host benefit dinner

• Special to the Leader & Times

The Kismet Public Library Foundation will host its annual benefit dinner from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday. It will be served from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Kismet Pavilion on Main Street in Kismet.

The cost is $10 per plate for takeo. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the building fund established for a new public library building in Kismet.

The menu for the dinner will include the following: Thin slice, sausage, fruit and drinks. Carry-out meals will be available.

Entertainment for the evening will feature drawings for books for children, teens and adults. A drawing for a Kindle Fire will also be conducted at the event. Tickets are available for the Kindle Fire do not need to be present to win.

Donation tickets for the Kindle Fire may be purchased from any of the members of the Kismet Public Library Foundation Board or the Kismet Public Library Board of Trustees.

Donation tickets may also be purchased at the Kismet Public Library. The suggested donation is $1 per ticket or 6 tickets for $5. Proceeds from the sale of donation tickets will be separated into the library's building fund.

For more information, call the library at 385-7755.

The Kismet Public Library Foundation was formed to promote, enhance, and/or support the services, programs and activities of Kismet Public Library, a branch of the Seward County Library System, and the surrounding rural areas of Seward County included within the boundaries of USD No. 483.

The foundation is governed by a volunteer board of community leaders in an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to helping ensure the future of the library. The foundation's primary focus is raising and building and ongoing support of the Library's collection and programmes to benefit the residents of Kismet and the surrounding area.

Specific gifts Anonymous may be sent to Kismet Public Library Foundation, P. O. Box 80, Kismet, KS 67859. Contributions for 2013 (1) stated by the Foundation is pending.

# Mayor Harrison endorses school bond



HARRISON

Staff report

Liberal Mayor Dawn Harrison has joined a growing list of individuals and organizations that support the school improvement bond proposal. Harrison joined The Inter Economic Development Council, Greater Liberal Chamber of Commerce, Seward County Chairman Ally Linenberger, Liberal City Manager Mike Lawson, Liberal Leadership, Dwight Tiefenau, former Liberal City Commissioner Jack Cooley, Mainstreet Park Care Center Administrator Lurlene Darbe and Jack Nee, in endorsing the school bond proposal.

"When the City was approached by the school district to work together on a financial option for improving the facilities, we felt that was a very traditional-wide-bottom line solution, or to do what is best for the taxpayers," Harrison said in the letter of endorsement.

The city voted to allow a half-cent sales tax to be placed on the ballot that would allow the proceeds to help fund the improvements. With the half-cent sales tax, property owners would not have to bear as much of a burden.

School districts do not have sales tax

authority with property tax. Cooper often from the City of Liberal to allowing the sales tax option will help the school district to "reach those who don't have a say in the ballot or make any other purchases in Liberal help improve the schools and keep property taxes down."

"When more than 700 local residents worked to develop the plan, that also included the City of Liberal, we were working together to bring goods to our educational systems and our community," Harrison said.

The entire plan totals $127 million.

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# White House backs off surgeon general nominee push amid Democrats' resistance

Staff report

With the midterm election looming, vulnerable Democrats may be moving even further from the White House in opposition to Dr. Vivek Murthy, President Obama's surgeon general nominee.

The latest resistance facing Murthy, with Senate confirmation in Dr. Vivek Murthy, a Harvard Medical School graduate, is the White House's lack of support for the post of U.S. surgeon general.

The White House is still backing its controversial nominee but achieves sign that officials are recalibrating their approach in the face of strong opposition, wooing support from Senate Democrats and reports show. Last month, the administration failed to win Senate support for its nominee to lead the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Tom Frieden.

Like Arkoghle, Murthy is facing opposition from gun rights groups. The nominee is being targeted by the National Rifle Association for his support for gun control. Dr. Murthy's opposition to gun violence in his advocacy for Senate Democrats facing re-election a year after the NRA led efforts to defeat Obama's gun control





Dr Vivek Murthy answers question during a Congressional hearing several days ago. Photo courtesy www.latimes.com

bearing the stinging around Dr. Murthy's nomination.

Arkoghle had strong Democratic support before the vote under the NRA. Democrats in the Senate have joined all 44 Republicans in blocking the nomination, supporting the White House.

The National Fraternal Order of Police led the effort to block the Arkoghle nomination, mounting a campaign against him over his advocacy on behalf of Mumia Abu-Jamal, a convicted killer of a killing a Philadelphia police officer.

Three reportedly are 10 Senate Democrats who have yet to back Murthy because of the NRA opposition.

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