By JESSICA CRAWFORD • Daily Leader Walgreens will be teaming up with the Liberal Police Department to help ensure the safety of local children. On Aug. 28, identification kits and child safety seat checks will be offered free of charge from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Walgreens located at 10 West 15th Street.

Walgreens Manager Larry Showalter explained the process of creating the kits and added all services will be free for parents and children that wish to get involved. “The event is going to be for children to do identification kits,” Showalter said. “We will furnish all the kits. Everything will be free of charge for the children. We are going to do fingerprints and we will take the pictures for it, we will also do height and weight. This is for if they are ever abducted, or whatever the case may be.”

While Walgreens staff will be completing the kits inside the store, the LPD will be in the parking lot checking child safety seats to ensure they are correctly installed.

“This is just to make sure that they are secured properly in the vehicle,” Showalter said. “Again, all of these services are free.”

Other special gifts will be offered throughout the day for those participating in the event.

“We will be giving out little giftbags,” Showalter said. “We will be doing 50 cent icees. There will be some free Redbox rentals given out, just a lot of prizes here and there. Coke will also be giving out free pop and juice.”

Each Walgreen’s store throughout the nation is encouraged to conduct community service events every year, Showalter said.

“It is up to us to do whatever community event we want to do,” he said. “We try to do this at least two times a year. Last year we served the Senior Center their Christmas dinner. So, we decided to try this. I haven’t seen this done here before. With the start of the school year, it might be a good idea for parents to get out and do this for their children.”

LPD Chief Al Sill agreed both safety events going on that day are very important in order to raise awareness.

“It is public safety, we do that periodically to keep the public aware of safety factors involved and the need to keep children restrained in carseats,” Chief Sill said. “Regarding the identification kits, a lot of that is awareness for the parents, to keep them aware of the concerns throughout the country of kids getting abducted. The kits can help out law enforcement in the event the children need to be identified.”

Anyone wishing to obtain further information regarding the community service event at Walgreens is encouraged to call the store at 624-5334 and ask to speak to Showalter or any member of management.