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Liberal Lions Club to host semi-annual pancake feed
The Liberal Noon Lions Club will host its semi-annual pancake feed from 7 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, at the Pancake House in Liberal.
Tickets are $7 for adults and $4 for children ages 10 and younger and are available in advance from Lions Club members. Proceeds will benefit local programs.
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Seward County poll worker Linda Martinez assists Scott Hinkle at the Seward County Activity Center earlier this morning while voting in the 2013 election. Voters were choosing three USD 480 school board members and voting on a bond issue to construct a new middle school and a 47 stall athletic sport pit additional road in Liberal. Total votes are expected to eclipse 2,000 A month ago, there were 1,394 votes cast in the primary. 5C photo/Ken Pino
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Addition to school board meetings sets positive tone
'Good Things' brings students, adults together
By RACHEL COLEMAN
• Guide & News
The Liberal USD No. 480 School Board meeting on March 25 featured a lot of good regards — from the tone of budget discussions to music directors, as appreciated by the local teacher union president. But the evening also included a few negative comments for local education and students.
The upbeat opening to the meeting included a report from Superintendent of Schools Brad Larkin started the "Good Things" program. He said the board meetings are a "tedious and lackluster" month and the cooperative spirit "is what we need to see more of school board committees that I come across this," he said. Meanwhile, he said, "negative comments are interesting, but don't really pertain to what you see
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County approves new upgrades at fairgrounds
By ROBERT PERCE
• Guide & News
Seward County commissioners gave the go ahead for new upgrades to the county's fairgrounds Monday morning.
The first was a new public address system for the rodeo arena. Fairgrounds worker Greg Rice said the old system is outdated and the new rodeo arena and the pit area of the race track that would provide speaker coverage for more than 2,000 people.
"When they're announcing at the rodeo, you can't hear what they're saying," he said. "Sometimes, it would cover the whole fairgrounds, so the off-duty town and county officers would hear it."
Rice said there are currently 12 speakers in the PA system, with only a few still working properly. He said he would be responsible for the installation of the unit.
One bid was received for the project, although Rice said he had talked to "a lot of people" and had made texts sent to several companies, including some local ones. The lone bid came in from Full Compass Systems of Madison, Wis., for a cost of $6,000 plus shipping.
Commissioner Jim Hess said although the price was somewhat high, he believed the purchase was a necessary one.
"It's going to be a lot of money, but they do a good job of doing some good things out there to update our facility," he said. "I think this is a good thing. I think it's a good thing to do."
The commission unanimously approved the bids, with money to come from the county's capital improvement fund.
The other upgrade was for the purchase of an LED sign, at the fairgrounds. Greg Rice said
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