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Go to leaderandtimes.com after the polls close tonight for updates of the final unofficial results of each of the elections. The official canvass for the election will be at 9 a.m. Monday, April 8, in the commission chambers of the Seward County Administration Building at 515 N. Washington.
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The LHS 4H0 Foundation and the Liberal High School National Honor Society are offering discount photo cards for $10 per card. The card is good at the Picture Perfect Studio at Walmart in Liberal. The package is a 5x7 and eight wallets in a variety, which includes one $50 and two $10s - a regular $74.96 retail value. To order a card or for more information, call Rosa Arellano at 397 or 620-404-1361. Card does not expire until Sept. 1, 2013.

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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 5 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, at the Liberal Moose Lodge in Liberal.
Tickets are $7 for adults and $4 for children ages 10 and younger and are available in advance from any Lions Club member. Proceeds will benefit local programs.

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Seward County poll worker Linda Martinez assists Scott Webb 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 a city commissioner. Voting ended at 7 p.m. Of the 4,977 absentee ballots cast plus additional mail-in ballots, Total votes are expected to eclipse 1,000. A month ago, there were 1,594 votes cast in the primary. SP photo/Joel Plas
for results go to leaderandtimes.com after 8 p.m.

Addition to school board meetings sets positive tone
'Good Things' brings students, adults together
by RACHEL COLEMAN
• Leader & Times
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County approves new upgrades at fairgrounds
by ROBERT PRICE
• Leader & Times
Seward County commissioners gave the go ahead for two upgrades to the county fairgrounds on Monday.
The first was a new public address system for the rodeo arena. Fairground worker Greg Rice told the board that the current system in the rodeo arena and the pit area of the race track that would provide speaker coverage for more than 50 percent of the area.
"When ... they're announcing at the rodeo, they can't hear it over the crowd. And in a lot of them, it would cover the pit area, but not down to the cut away, west and county entrance," Rice said.
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 that multi were sent to several companies, including some local ones. The lone bid came in from Full Compass Systems of Madison, Wis., for a cost of $11,000 for the unit.
Commissioner Jim Hess said although the price was somewhat high, he believed the purchase was a necessity.
"I think this is 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 idea. I think we need to do it."
The commission unanimously approved the item, with money to come from the county's general fund.
The other upgrade was for the purchase of an LED sign at the fairgrounds. Greg Rice said
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