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Almeida waives right to preliminary hearing

By ROBERT PIRCE
• Leader & Times

An arraignment has been set on a Liberal man facing charges stemming from four incidents in 2012.

Tonny Almeida, 30, is scheduled to be arraigned on May 29 for counts involving felony theft, felony criminal damage, electronic solicitation, criminal sodomy, promoting obscenity to minors and aggravated indecent liberties with a child in addition to a previous charge of indecent solicitation of a child.

Seward County District Attorney Don Scott said Almeida had waived the right to preliminary hearings in the cases, and the defendant would not enter a plea at the hearing.

Almeida's latest arrest came at the March 4 meeting of the Seward County Commission, where he was arrested on a charge of alleged sexual exploitation of a child after being released on bond for the other charges in 2012.

Almeida had been extradited back to Seward County after a November 2012 arrest in Oklahoma on charges of failure to appear which took place in October 2012.

In November, Almeida was charged with aggravated intimidation of a witness, according to Scott, and from City, Okla., officials indicated he was being held on that charge.

Almeida was scheduled for preliminary hearings on March 2. But the cases were continued to April 5 after he waived a hearing and then was set in some of the charges for June 3.

Scott said the County agrees to specifics as to the time Almeida could receive, but the attorney did say it's unusual "He's looking at a long, long time."

The charges the defendant faces include 11 level 5 charges for electronic solicitation,

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ALMEIDA

'ASSASSINS' take aim

Giovanni Mazzola (Zangara), closest to the camera, Madison Nadlik (Giuliani), Francisco Moreno (Bonetti), Lucio D'Alva (Giuliani), Austin Applebee (Bolt), Stephanie Reynolds (Moore) and Sara Gaetano (Molina) rehearse a scene from the musical "Assassins" Wednesday evening at the Newman Theatre at the college. Tickets are now available for the Seward County Community College/Area Technical School musical production of the "Assassins" at 7:30 p.m. April 11, 12 and 14. "Assassins" is a musical that explores the lives of those who have attempted to assassinate the presidents of the United States, some successfully and some unsuccessfully. The musical reflects the roots of each era. The musical is recommended for adult audiences only because of the content of the musical. Tickets are $8 (adult) and $10 (senior) and may be purchased in advance by calling 620-417-1451 or at www.ticketmaster.com/venues/ticket. Tickets may also be picked up at the Black Hawk Auditorium Building, 801 N. Kansas, Liberal. Seating may be limited the night of production.

CALL NOW

City seeking volunteers to help with Kansas Sampler Festival

The Kansas Sampler Festival will open its beginning in Liberal May 4 and 5 in Light Park Pavilion. 150 vendors from already registered to exhibit, sell, entertain and demonstrate at the event. This event is a celebration of all that Kansas is and there is no one city that's more big and more in Kansas. It also offers local residents a chance to show those exhibitors and festival attendees the hospitality offered by our community. Volunteers are needed to help at the festival. Play 4 and Sunday, May 5 to assist with the event.

Anyone interested in volunteering is invited to call 626-4175 or email tourism@liberalks.org to learn about volunteer opportunities and sign up to help.

Wirden to be guest speaker at Lions Club meeting Monday

The Liberal Lions Club Monday at 12:00 noon at the the college. Seward County Administrator April Wirden will be the guest speaker.

MONDAY

Friends Church to host ham and bean dinner fundraiser

The Friends Church of Liberal will be hosting a delicious fundraising meal of ham and beans, combread and dessert for the community from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, April 13.

The meal will be served for a freewill donation in the Activities Building of the Friends Church, located at 1005 N Western Ave. in Liberal. Everyone is invited.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

Baker Arts to host 'Sip & Sample'

Baker Arts Center is hosting a wine tasting & hors hoeurves. There will be wines to taste, finger food, and a silent auction from 6-8 p.m.

The cost for members is $20 and $25 for nonmembers. Participants must be at least 21 years old. This event is sponsored by Fuller Liquor and Kilian's Distributors. The center is located at 424 N. Western in Liberal. For more information call 626-2818.

SATURDAY

Workshop stresses importance of windbreaks

By ROBERT PIRCE
• Leader & Times

It's a well-known fact that the wind blows in Southwest Kansas, and with however that can be overcome by planting trees, it's also well-known the effects of that moving air can be somewhat devastating.

These effects, however, can be lessened to a great degree with the use of windbreaks, and Ben A. Hahn of the Kansas Forest Service, speaking at a Tuesday registration, as well as some of the financial assistance

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A Ben Hahn Extension District Forester John Klamp talks to area producers about what options they have in terms of financial assistance for building and managing windbreaks Thursday evening at a workshop in the Plains Community Building. Dr. Charles Barnes, an Extension Service, also discussed some tips for renovating windbreaks. Jeff Jones/Leader & Times

DINOSAURS INVADING LIBERAL
After a million year absence, dinosaurs are returning to Kansas and can be seen at the Mid-America Air Museum.
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