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LHS to present annual Academic Banquet Thursday, April 18

Liberal High School will be presenting its annual Academic Banquet at 6:30 p.m Thursday April 18. Dinner is at 6:30 and the awards begin at 7. Tickets can be purchased through the Chamber of Commerce at $15 each.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

Hospital to host open house to celebrate completion of $22 million expansion

Southwest Medical Center invites all area residents to attend the grand opening of Liberal's updated medical facilities. Ground was broken for the project in fall 2010, the building project has resulted in the construction of the Medical Office Building, updated infrastructure, and an expanded emergency room, laboratory and diagnostic imaging space in the hospital. The $22 million ...

Opening remarks and a ribbon cutting will take place outside the hospital at 11:30 a.m. Guided tours of the Southwest Medical Center and the Medical Office Building will be available from noon through 2 p.m.

Lunch and entertainment will also be provided for visitors starting at 12:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

SWMC Gift Shop offering 30% discounts in April

The Southwest Medical Center Gift Shop is offering a 30 percent discount on gifts for the month of April. The shop is also offering a chance to win a free $50 gift certificate to the shop. Those who are 18 and older are eligible to sign up for the free gift card. The drawing will be on April 30.

UNTIL APRIL 30

College board members meeting with job candidates

Seward County Community College/Area Technical School Board members will have the opportunity to meet with candidates for the position of Director for the Workforce Development Center and Technical Education at noon on Friday, according to a notice sent to the SCCC/ATS Student Activities Building, SW321.

This is a no action meeting.

FRIDAY AND MONDAY

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Hooker official pleads no contest to killing 2 stray dogs

Town council denies Osbourne's request to be reimbursed fine, defense fees

By ROBERT TRICE and GARRY WALLEN
Leader & Times

The Hooker, Okla., City Superintendent of Public Safety who pleaded guilty to killing two stray dogs last December in the small Texas County town had his ...

Texas County Court Clerk M. Denise Hilla said Parrot "Perdy" Osbourne, 49, of Hooker, Okla., on March 4 On that date, he also posted a cash bond of $2,500 prior to sentencing and was released.

Hilla said Osbourne returned to court on March 25 for his sentencing hearing. She said that the city requested standard fines of $1 for each count and that Osbourne was fined $500 on each count.

In a letter that surprised many Hooker residents, Osbourne then put in a request to the Hooker Town Council that he be reimbursed the fines and the $1,500, which would cover his fees, court costs and attorney's fees.

At the council meeting last week, the council denied the request according to a staffer at the city clerk's office.

Osbourne's troubles began when he shot and killed two stray dogs on December 1 in the 500 block of Parkinson Avenue, and a few days afterward, many in the community were ...

The public outcry immediately got Texas County Sheriff Rick Caddel and Texas County District Attorney Kenneth Lewis involved, and after three months, that investigation resulted in Osbourne arrest March 8 on two counts of animal cruelty.

Witnesses said Osbourne had shouted toward the school when he killed the dogs ... [illegible] children.

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City says goodbye to outgoing commissioners

By ROBERT TRICE
Leader & Times

Dora Aragon and Wes Warren took their seats as part of the new Liberal City Commission Tuesday evening, but before they did, the commission took the time to say goodbye to the two outgoing commissioners that replaced ...

Mayor Jerry Stringer presented a plaque to outgoing mayor Tim Longo with, first for the shortest mayoral term in Liberal history, and to Tom Harmon, talked about Longo's service on the board.

"I've been honored to say this whole commission," Clemens said. "What an awesome regret. Anybody that can get Kenichol and myself calls in the early morning hours, I know that's a pain. It's been a wonderful second. I have five and [illegible] gave me two. You just like Cole, and we'll ...

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'BE THE DINOSAUR' EXHIBIT OPENING RECEPTION SET FOR FRIDAY

The Baker Arts Center will host an opening reception from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday for its current "Be the Dinosaur" exhibit from Arvada Exhibits. Traveling Exhibits, Kansas technology showcases its participants "Be" the dinosaur. The exhibit is free and open to the public. The center is located at 624 N. Pershing in Liberal. For more information, call 626-2787. [illegible] exhibit, which features [illegible] the first and most recent "Be the Dinosaur" exhibit recently at the Baker Arts Center. Courtesy photo

'Assassins' takes shot at gun control debate

Play dives into the mind of a killer

By SAM NOTT
Leader & Times

Why did they do it?

That's one of the first questions asked after a tragic shooting occurs, and the second production of the drama department at Seward County Community College/Area Technical School is seeking to share the ...

"Assassins" will take the stage tonight and share the stories of nine people who did just that, and all of the presidents' lives succumbed, starting with John Wilkes Booth.

The play is considered [illegible]-in, according to director Alyssa Bridger Chambers, and with the signing Adam ... gun control, this was her way of sharing her ...

For Chambers, the play hits close to home. Her mother of one of her college friends worked as a teacher at Sandy Hook Elementary School when Adam Lanza killed 20 children and six adults were killed in the massacre.

"I felt like I needed to do something to ...

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John Wilkes Booth portrayed by Francisco Morales, forces his accomplice to take down the marksman after he assassinated Abraham Lincoln during a scene of Assassins' a play that will take place at Seward County Community College/Area Technical School. The performances attempts to [illegible] the psychology of nine separate assassins who tried to kill presidents. Some succeeded, [illegible] presidents.