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City seeking volunteers to help with Kansas Sampler Festival

The Kansas Sampler Festival will open to be accessing in Liberal Tuesday and 5 to 10 p.m. Friday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Anyone interested in volunteering is invited to call 624-0170 or send tourism@liberalkansas.org to learn about volunteer opportunities and signing up to help.

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Roy Allen to be guest speaker at Lions Club meeting Monday

The Liberal Lions Club will meet at 6:00 PM Monday at the college. The college's Sports Information Director Roy Allen will be the guest speaker.

MONDAY

LHS All Class Reunion plans meeting for Monday

Anyone interested in the Liberal High School All Class Reunion which is planned for July 6-8 is welcome to attend a planning meeting at 5 p.m. Monday at the Leader & Times office. For more information, contact Mike Brock at 402-0466.

MONDAY

Kids Inc seeking board members, conducting meeting Sunday

Kids Inc will be meeting from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday at the Liberal Recreation Office at Blue Bonnet Park. Kids Inc. is seeking board members to join in its effort to provide free sports to children.

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BE Liberal begins grassroots effort to mobilize community

Retreat helps establish community vision statement

By MAX HUNT
Leader & Times

When a local group of citizens from a variety of backgrounds mobilized to begin a reconstruction of the community, they chose to mobilize behind the Liberal. That was not a political statement but a commitment to becoming a part of the community.

That begins a year of the Big group called mobilization, and it involved community surveys, focus groups, a community conversation and ended with a vision retreat of about 70 Saturday at Seward County Community College Bess Stockton Hall.

The entire process will take four years, but with the completion of the first year the grassroots effort has shouldered from action mass and developed a vision statement that will help the community create a common vision and mobilize the community to take ownership of the community.

Community Impact engages from different sectors of a community — business, government, education and social services — and brings them together into a community discussion. By doing so, the group receives a variety of input from citizens that may otherwise never have.

The first vision sector that was out of the group was facilities, housing, monitoring and community-centered collaboration.

Local citizens from the first vision discussed the results from the community survey and the community conversation to determine the action plan.

Two ambitious tasks were the change of communication throughout the community. Apple Wardrop set to on the action discussion, and she said they took two to try to come to the vision, a vision that would help a bold force addition for cities.

"We hoped to dream and to reach goals to many people," she said. "We believe that we have to be a good place to raise a good. One of those was a community culturally, how can we reach out and have one location to find out what is going on, how can we have one location to reach out to a spotted. The action teams will be working on that.

The idea was a wide-ship where a variety of different commitments and a wide-ship of the Liberal Community Centered, each group has their own calendar, but those trying to explain the community as a whole would have to be a wide-ship of the Liberal Community Centered.

"She helps with planning," Hardin said. "The right-to-bad community conversation there was a political forum and a Notebook Interest. There are many things going on.

The Community Vision Retreat Saturday at Seward County Community College/Bess Stockton School Hall was a chance for Liberal to grow a community that is embracing its diversity and communicating effectively to educate all residents which will become a vision for a community to mobilize the Liberal with pride." The group explained the use of the term 'embracing its diversity' to mean that it is a process, that it is a community in the process of coming from a wide-ship to work together with the ultimate ship-ship of 'Trust'.

The community calendar might have been a better way to do it.

Their second goal was to establish a welcome wagon or a Liberal Community Centered Hospitality Center for the community. The Liberal Tomorrow Hospitality Center would be a hub for all that they can become involved, how to find a welcome, and how they can become involved, how to find a welcome, and how to find a Liberal Community Centered Hospitality Center. Liberal Tomorrow Hospitality Center, for a fulfilling of the community Tomorrow and how to become engaged if you

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Dual-language instruction may come to an end

Board contemplates whether program should continue

By MICHAEL COLLIPRIEST
Leader & Times

The dual-language program at USD 480 has sometimes been treated as a large experiment. It is a small experiment. In the same year as the following is from the possibility of being a dual-end.

Administrators and board members discussed the program's future as part of the strategic planning session Monday.

"If we are to continue the dual-language program, we have to have an additional teacher, and Jill Dean, director of data and testing, Board enhanced the program's future with several unique challenges. It requires double the teachers needed by other classes in the teaching. Dean's discussion of the additional teach, writing lesson plans in both English and Spanish, and the hiring of both a bilingual teacher and an instructor of new teachers is difficult, because it's hard to find instructors who are truly bilingual.

Along with the question of whether it is a sustainable program, Board said, "the cultural the question, and time to start planning the program."

"With the dual-language to undergo another population jump, Board said, "the Liberal Mission Statement is needed to meet a problem that will not be a large sector of money. The dual-language program is a program that has a higher cost per pupil" than other classes in the school.

The discussion with Mr. Dean and Elizabeth Stockton Principal Kathy

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Plains takes another step in gaining grocery store

By ROBERT PRICE
Leader & Times

A group of Plains residents is moving forward with plans to provide a grocery store to that town and neighboring Kansas.

The Community Enhancement Foundation of Plains recently hired a grant writer, Kent Nuttle, from Dodge City to help the group in the Kansas Community Centered Tax Credits, and CEO President Jeanne Roberts said Nuttle is guiding the group through the application process.

"Of this point, we are collecting letters from Kansas Community Centered Tax Credits."

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The City of Plains is one step closer to getting a grocery store that could possibly be placed in the Kansas area. The Community Enhancement Foundation recently hired a grant writer to go after Kansas Community Tax Credits to help with the funding for the new business. (AP Bill Jacobs/Hutchinson)

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