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Contact K-State Research & Extension Office at 624-0569 for more information and to sign up for this awesome opportunity.
There are still a few vaccinations for Parvo DHL & Rabies also recommended.
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STARTING FRIDAY

Memorial Library hosting 'Free Comic Book Day' Saturday

The Liberal Memorial Library will be celebrating Free Comic Book Day from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday. Along with free comic books (while supplies last), there will be activities for children and a door prize giveaway. Prizes will include graphic novels, special edition comic books and much more. The event is free of charge and open to the public.

SATURDAY

Sons of Confederate Veterans hosting recruiting meeting

The Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) is having an organizational recruiting meeting on May 13 at the Liberal Memorial Library. The meeting will begin at follow at 7:30 in the conference room to establish a Sons of Confederate Veterans camp in Liberal. Any male age 12 or older with confirmed Confederate ancestors who served honorably in the War of 1861-1865 is eligible for membership. The SCV is a social, non-political and is a hereditary fraternal and educational national organization. Genealogy assistance is available. Contact Norm Ivey at 626-2767 or 925 for more information.

MONDAY, MAY 13

College to offer concealed carry class

Seward County Community College/Area Technical School will offer a Concealed Carry class through Business and Industry from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at the SCCC/ATS Campus in Liberal.
The cost is $100 per class and is the mandatory training that is required to carry a concealed handgun. Students must bring a Kansas driver's license to class. Lunch is not included.
To register, contact Kathy Gilliland at 624-1190 or kathyg@sccc.edu.

SATURDAY

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Daycare dearth, preschool problems

Community Conversation meeting set for 6:30 p.m. today at Seward County Community College, room 216. Organizers invite residents of Liberal to discuss daycare and early childhood needs, including preschool. The guided discussion aims to gather information and look for solutions. Light refreshments will be served.

Public meeting hopes to find solutions

By RACHEL COLEMAN
• reader & News

Preschool children needs weigh every 69 pounds. They're small, they're young and they don't vocal much power.
That's when it comes to finding quality daycare and preschool services in Seward County, small children are at the center of a big problem.

"We've reached a point where the problem has hit critical mass," said Kay Rudolf, director of the Seward County United Way. "Over the last few years, we've watched the slow decline of licensed daycare providers and the closure of local preschool programs. It's reached a point of crisis."
The numbers bear out that description. Longtime preschool Kid Connection closed several years ago. At the time, it was licensed to serve more than 110 children without preschool services. At the same time, licensed daycare providers in Seward County decreased from 29 to 15, despite

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Interstate 70 reopens in western Kansas

SCOTLAND (AP) — Interstate 70 in western Kansas is reopened after a storm system dumped heavy snow.
The Kansas Department of Transportation reopened the highway between Colby and Buffington, Colo., about 8 a.m. Thursday. The interstate was closed about 9:30 Wednesday night.
The closure was prompted by blizzard conditions and numerous road-construction projects which caused slick-ups and some accidents, officials said.
Other roads in northwest Kansas are reported as impassable. Officials in Logan County said dropped around inches of snow in Colorado and Kansas. Other parts of northwest Kansas reported between 1-3 inches of snow.
The National Weather Service in Dodge City said the storm system cut across Kansas through Thursday, bringing light snow or rain to much of the state.
Forecasters said the storm system, with a high over 40 the afternoon, was windy, with a northeast wind 15 to 25 mph with gusts as high as 45 mph. A wind warning is in effect.
Forecasters said clear, with a low around 26. Monday with a northeast wind 10 to 20 mph becoming 5 to 15 mph after midnight.

MAY DAY SNOW

This leaves on north Sherman, Texas, which has seen its share of snowfall through the years, including a record-setting 45-inch fall set in March 1990, according to Liberal The National precipitation accumulation for the "Snow" as of this morning Weather Service Spofford.

Gov. appoints Gilmore judge in 26th Judicial District

By JARED WILDE
• reader & News

Governor Sam Brownback appointed Holly Theis Gilmore of Liberal as attorney from Liberal to the 26th Judicial District of the State of Kansas. Gilmore will fill the vacancy that was created by Judge Kim Schroeder who was recently appointed to the Kansas Court of Appeals.
Gilmore, 44, has been a resident of Liberal nearly 10 years.
"I am honored that Gov. Sam Brownback has confidence in me and I am excited," she said Monday. "After I graduated from University of Kansas law school in 1994, I moved to Liberal and practiced law with Miller & Schroeder, P.A. from 1994 through 2000.
"In 2004, I joined Jarvis Inkenbrandt and Grant Heidenhaugen and opened the law firm of Heidenhaugen Gilmore & Marshall, P.A.," Gilmore added.
Gilmore's 10 years of experience has been in civil law. She has handled numerous jury trials as plaintiff's counsel and as counsel for criminal defendants. She has also argued cases on appeal, and arguing cases before the Kansas Court of Appeals. Disputed matters have included, but are not limited to, Wrongful death litigation, car accident injury litigation, property damage claims and insurance coverage disputes.
"After four years in private practice, I began my family, but very much enjoyed the challenges of the practice of law," Gilmore said. "I believe I am qualified for this district judge position based upon my knowledge and working experience in the court room and because of my family

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