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For more information or to schedule a week for your organization, contact Rodney Hay at hay@kinc.net.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW

City still has trees for sale through its tree program

The City of Liberal still has many trees for sale. Contact the Liberal Parks and Recreation Department at (620) 624-0183 or applications can be picked up at 1200 W. Seventh St.

TREES AVAILABLE

Make plans to attend LHS Class of 2013 Baccalaureate

Liberal Memorial Alliance will be conducting Baccalaureate services for graduating seniors of Liberal High School on Thursday, May 16 at the James Phelan Auditorium. The Bachelor Singers will be featured, and there will be a special presentation of the service. There will be a drawing of senior pictures, along with their baby-pre-school pictures, as well as presenting each senior a gift.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

Former LHS grad to speak on Mother's Day at Faith Tabernacle Church

Cameron Randle will be speaking on Mother's Day Sunday - Mother's Day - at Faith Tabernacle Church in Liberal, a copy from Plaintiff's Library. Randle is a graduate from Liberal High School in 1970, going on to open a B.A. in history and English literature from Ohio Wesleyan University, diploma in Anglican Studies from Berkeley Divinity School at Yale University, and Master of Divinity from The Divinity School and a JD in doctorate from the University of Texas College of Law.

RANDLE

SUNDAY

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Officials and commissioners of Seward County, foreground, at perpendicular to city commissioners and across from members of USD No. 480 Board of Education to discuss jointly how to combine efforts to ease the housing shortage in Liberal. LP photo/Jim Wilson

Elected leaders look at housing shortage

By KIMBERLY NAULS
Leader & Times

The City of Liberal, as well as Seward County, are working to provide solutions to the community's growing housing problem.

City and county officials discussed some of these ideas Tuesday in a joint meeting with the Seward County Commissioners and the USD No. 480 Board of Education.

Liberal Housing Director Kenny Lehmann said the housing shortage is the emergency that have been put into place at the city level.

"We have implemented a Rapid Housing Incentive District and a Rapid Housing Incentive Program for commercial," he said. "We are working on a neighborhood revitalization program, and we have implemented the new Christmas home tours program, Paint the Town, Safe at Home, Self-Help Housing, sweat equity program, and we have implemented a home rehabilitation, homeowner education, community development, CHDO and Habitat for Humanity programs."

Lehmann said 63 houses have been built in Liberal since 2000 with the Self-Help Housing program. The City looked at successfully completed survey of 100 residents in Liberal, and they had housing and community development improvements.

The survey showed that only five of the 100 residents — Hispanics, Whites, Hispanics, Blacks and Liberal, had both Apartments.

A community development committee meeting was held Tuesday. Lehmann said some of the terms had lost a lessening importance, and only a few offered other benefits for subdivisions and rehabs in the landscape.

"It depends on conditions," Harold said. "Commons are the best out here, but they are expensive."

He said the space around generations Harold had a variety of options that can be used for the community's benefit.

He should know. While most people escape the winter by building close to the equator, Harold finds tropical greenhouses.

"It's summer year-round in here," he said. "I get to wish a short one time of the year."

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Board updates prom policy

'Exceptions may be made'

By RACHEL COLEMAN
Leader & Times

One week ago, USD No. 480 administrators were undecided on whether to change the district's controlled-access policy Homecoming to gave the district a black eye — and tattered media coverage picked up on the story.

By the end of the week, however, Liberal High School Principal Keith Adams, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Jim Wilson, and the Board of Education of LHS student Courtney Wilkins had made peace.

Monday, the USD 480 school

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College nursing program rates high in state review

+SCORE

The Seward County Community College/Area Technical School Board of Trustees met Monday night. Dr. Jim Wilson, president of Board Chair Ron Oliver reported that he continues to be impressed with the SCCC/ATS administration.

Overall, the board indicated the students are impressed with the SCCC/ATS administration and that success from SCCC/ATS.

John Engel board member reported that the Seward County Foundation raised more than $50,000 for scholarships, exceeding the goal by $10,000.

The board approved the program review for the Marketing Affiliate program, which has been under social media presence over the past five years through Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Youtube and Google+.

In addition, the department has continued to review their customers and plans until that last is

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Mayhans know how to make plants grow

By SAL SMART
Leader & Times

While the seasons continue to bounce from winter to summer and back again, a season Kansans have come to know as "spring" is underway, and it is time for greenhouses Mayhans Garden Center.

Harold and Zelda Mayhan have been operating greenhouses and a garden centered catalogs for the past 25 years.

They planted their garden center and greenhouse in 1988 in their backyard. Business, and focus, was not greenhouse; they continued to nurture their customers and plants until they had to branch out. Today they have seven greenhouses filled with plants their "child" nurtures.

"We grow most of them, and we grow the other ones," Harold said. "We give everything we sell. We don't buy from wholesalers. We grow them from seed or seasoned cutting.

When they first started serving Liberal, they had to explain to people they could grow in our greenhouses, which forced them to expand to meet the needs of their customers.

They have learned that reality in the high plains and other deserts, and that a beautiful oasis for those wanting to bring life and color to the landscape.

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