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For more information or to schedule a week for your organization, contact Rodney Hay at hay@jimmer.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 624-0133 or pgallison@cl.org to pick up at 1020 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 on Sunday, May 12 in the James Phelan Auditorium. The Bachelor Singers will be featured, and there will be a special presentation at 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 Sandle will be speaking at the Mother's Day Family - Fraternal's Day - at Faith Tabernacle Church in Liberal, a scoop from Memorial Library. Sandle 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 Doctor of Divinity from The Divinity School and a pre-doctorate from the University of Texas College of Law.

SANDLE

SUNDAY

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Officials and commissioners of Seward County, foreground, at podium talk 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 KOBBY MILLS
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, Sale of Home, Self-Help Housing, sweat equity program, and we have implemented a home enhancement program — home rehabilitation, homeowner education, community development, CHDO and Habitat for Humanity programs."

Lehmann said 62 houses have been built in Liberal since 2008 with the Self-Help Housing program. The City looked at successfully completed survey of 50 homes in Liberal, and 30 of them had housing and community development improvements.

The survey showed that only five of the 50 — including Habitat for Humanity, Empress, Tiarika and Liberal, had built Apartments.

A community development committee meeting was held Tuesday afternoon and some of the terms had been a focusing-in point, and only a few altered other boards by adding

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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 dress 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 USD 480 realized Courtney Wilkins had made a mistake.

Monday, the USD 480 school

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College nursing program rates high in state review

SEE STORY

The Seward County Community College/Area Technical School Board of Trustees met Monday night. Board President Jerry Stuart Chair Ron Oliver reported that he continues to be impressed with the Nursing Program.

Overall, the board indicated the students are impressed with the Nursing Program and appreciate the success from SCCC/ATS.

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

The board approved the program review for the Marketing Affiliate Program, Business Office and social media presence over the past five years through Facebook, Twitter, Linkedin, Youtube and Flickr.

In addition, the department has

Plants thrive inside one of seven greenhouses at Mayham's Garden Center in Liberal. Owners Ron and Zella Mayham grow all of their plants, including annuals, perennials, vegetables and herbs, from seeds or cuttings and have been selling to a wide array of local and area customers since they opened the business 25 years ago. LP photo/Jim Clark

Mayhans know how to make plants grow

By ZAH SMITH
Leader & Times

While the economy continues to bounce from winter to summer and back again, a season Kansans have come to know as well as any other, Liberal's Ron and Zella Mayham have been growing plants and selling them to area customers and selling for the past 25 years.

They planted their garden center and nursery in 1988 on the Mayham family homestead, and from one hot greenhouse they continued to nurture their customers and plants until they had to branch out. Today they have seven greenhouses filled with plants their family nurtures.

Ron grew up out of them, and so grows the other two. Harold said "We grew everything we sell. We don't buy from wholesalers. We grow our own and we sell our own."

When they first started serving customers, they had to explain to them they could grow in our greenhouses, which forced them to expand to meet the demand for more plants.

They have learned that trades in the high plains and other climates, and that a bad idea often for those wanting to thing

life and other to the landscape.

"It depends on conditions," Harold said. "Conditions are the best out here, and we have seen everything."

To fill the space around greenhouses, Harold had a variety of options that can be used to fill the space between them.

He should know. While most people escape the winter by building close to the equator, Harold finds ways to grow here.

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

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