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Make plans to attend LHS Class of 2013 Baccalaureate

Liberal Ministerial Alliance will be conducting Baccalaureate services for graduating Seniors at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the James Maskus Auditorium. The Redskin Singers will be featured, and there will be seniors participating in the service. There will be a showing of senior pictures along with their baby/pre-school pictures, as well as presenting each senior a gift.

WEDNESDAY

Sons of Confederate Veterans hosting recruiting meeting

The Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) is having an organizational/recruiting meeting on Monday at the Liberal Inn in Liberal. Meal at 6:30 p.m., meeting to 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 non-racial, non-political and is a hereditary, historical and educational national organization. Genealogy assistance is available. Contact Kevin Ivey at 620-276-9275 for more information.

MONDAY

Sixth annual American Red Cross golf tournament set for Saturday

The Western Chapter of the American Red Cross will be hosting its sixth annual Golf Tournament fundraiser on Saturday at the Willow Tree Golf Course in Liberal. It will be a four-person scramble, and tee off times will be between 9 and 11 a.m. The cost is $50 per player and lunch (brisket, mashed potatoes and green beans provided by NOV Wilson) is included (starts at 11 a.m.). First-, second- and third-place prizes will be handed out, along with a chance to win a $10,000 hole-in-one prize and three other hole-in-one prizes. To sign up a team, call 626-0175.

SATURDAY

Have your name placed at the top of the Leader & Times

Have your name, a family member's name or a friend placed at the top of the Leader & Times in the "Serving the home of ..." section at the top of the front page. It is first-come, first-serve when selecting dates for the entry. Call 626-0840 to reserve a date now.

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2-vehicle collision injures 1

This 1997 Plymouth minivan collided with another vehicle at 4:09 p.m. Tuesday at the intersection of Western Avenue and Pancake Boulevard. The Plymouth, driven by a 26-year-old male, was westbound on Pancake when it was struck by an eastbound 2001 Toyota Sequoia driven by a 37-year-old male. A 22-year-old female passenger in the minivan was transported to Southwest Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries, according to Liberal Police Capt. Patrick McClurg. L&T photo/Robert Pierce

Truancy program reports success

By ROBERT PIERCE
• Leader & Times

In 2012, as a way to help the community get a grip on its truancy problem, the Seward County Commission, the Liberal City Commission and the USD No. 480 Board of Education each voted to approve funding of a new program from Adolescent Support Services.

That action came near the beginning of the current school year, and with graduation day nearing for most area schools, Ivanhoe Love Jr. of Adolescent Support said students in the truancy program are having a graduation of their own.

Love was at the county commission's Monday meeting to bring the board up to speed on what has happened since the implementation of the program. He said his agency has put together "a product that the town and the state can be proud of."

"Since it began, we have investigated 148 truancy cases through today," he said. "Of that, we have 72 active. We're going to graduate from high school through the program at least 23, maybe 26 students."

Love called those numbers mind boggling.

"We had no idea it would be that successful in our first year," he said. "We are funded by the three entities, and each one of those entities has a member that sits on our panel."

Adolescent Support employs

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Get flocked for a local self-help advocacy group

• Provided by Mosaic

Flock your neighbor, best friend, mother-in-law or whoever you want to get one up on from May 13 through June 7, while supporting a very important mission for folks with intellectual disabilities in your community.

Every summer, members of the Self Advocacy Coalition of Kansas (SACK) gather in Topeka to learn skills on how to address issues and rights with their legislators. SACK is a statewide advocacy group made up of adults with intellectual that encourages and teaches people to speak up for themselves to obtain the

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Annual 'Stamp Out Hunger' food drive nears

• Provided by Seward County K-State Research and Extension

The 'Stamp out Hunger' Food Drive is coming up Saturday. This is the drive sponsored by the U.S. Postal Service where participants leave nonperishable food items at the curb.

All contributions are welcome, of course, but food donors can add extra value to their gifts by making careful choices when searching the pantry or grocery store for food contributions.

People who get help from food banks reflect the general public, and are often at risk for health issues. Elderly recipients might suffer from chronic health problems, like heart disease or diabetes. Younger clients might suffer from obesity or overweight. It's important that they get the best quality nutrition possible.

Rather than packaged ramen noodles or noodle-soup cups, which are high in fat and salt, bagged pasta with no added salt, whole grain, if possible are suggested.

Give canned fruit in light syrup or in

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National Carriers looks out for children's safety

Company gives away 30 booster seats during Cinco de Mayo celebrations

By CHRIS LINENBROKER
• Leader & Times

Cinco de Mayo brings a lot of people out and about to participate and watch the annual celebration.

They watch the parade through town, then go out to attend the evening of festivities at the activity center.

This is where they found National Beef and National Carriers supporting the local community. They were there to help bring more to the festivities.

"We have been looking for a way to give back to our community and could not think of anything more precious than our children," said Jill Maschmeier, safety director for National Carriers. "Transportation safety is our business, so it made perfect sense to give out booster seats."

These booster seats were given away through a drawing. Tickets were handed out by NCI staff to everyone that was interested – after some of the best musical chairs played by kids and adults. This had the crowd laughing and yelling for their favorites.

Then there were additional events from eating hot peppers to a little dancing. After awhile, emcee Joe Denoyer, with help from Maschmeier and NCI staff, started the drawing for the booster seats.

At first, when the numbers were drawn, no one claimed them. But soon after the first person received their free booster seat,

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Lupe Ontiveros, left, and Jill Maschmeier represented National Carriers, while emcee city commissioner Joe Denoyer pulled winning tickets from a box Saturday night during Cinco de Mayo celebrations at the Activity Center. National Carriers donated 30 children's booster seats which were given way free to the winning ticket holders. L&T photo/Chris Linenbroker