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College to host Allied Health Careers Camp

The Allied Health Division at Seward County Community College/Area Technical School will host an Allied Health Careers Camp from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 3-4, at the Epsom'it Allied Health Education Center, 1801 N. Kansas Ave., Liberal.

Students entering grades 9 through 12 will learn about: Medical Assistant, Respiratory Therapy, Surgical Technology, Medical Laboratory Technician, Sports Medicine and Nursing.

The cost is $10 and students will receive a T-shirt and lunch.

Call 620-417-1451 to get signed up.

SIGN UP TODAY

Rec department now accepting registrations for swim lessons

The Liberal Recreation Department is accepting registrations through noon, May 16, for the first session of Red Cross swim lessons.

Classes will begin on June 3 and run through June 13. Levels one through six, 3 and 4 years old, 8 to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 to 11 a.m. Friday.

The cost is $25. Each class meets four to five days, so prompt registration is recommended.

For more information, contact the Recreation Office at 624-0133.

REGISTER NOW

4-H announces Summer Fun programs, kicks off with fishing at Arkalon

Sign ups for the Summer Fun Thursday program for 2013 has begun. Each Thursday from June 13 through July 25, the Seward County Extension Office offers some 'fun' events for county youth.

The program kicks off on June 13 with fishing at Arkalon Park.

Parents can enroll their children by coming by the Extension Office. Participation forms are available on line at www.seward.ksu.edu on the front page.

For more information or with questions, contact Tonia Yi Kenyon, 4-H program assistant, at 624-0604.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

Make plans to attend LHS Class of 2013 Baccalaureate

Liberal Memorial Alliance will be conducting Baccalaureate for the graduating Seniors at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the James Phelps Auditorium. The Robbie Rogers will be featured, and there will be special music during the service. There will be a showing of senior pictures along with their baby/preschool pictures, as well as presenting each senior a gift.

WEDNESDAY

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Bush Hog?

A driver in the 1300 block of Jordan apparently lost control of a vehicle Monday morning and ended up in the landscaping in the front yard of a residence. No injuries were reported, but the vehicle was towed away. LBT photo/Rich Davis

Liberal Rec. Department announces date for Hershey Track & Field Games

Special to the Leader & News

Approximately 200 boys and girls ages 9 to 14 years old from the Liberal area will compete at 1 p.m. June 2 at Liberal High School Track Field in the Liberal Region 1 meet of the Hershey's Track and Field Games.

Winners in the Liberal meet will advance to the state provincial meet on Saturday, June 15 [illegible]

State meet winners do not automatically advance to the North American Championships. Instead, state winners are pooled become eligible for selection to a Regional Team which will travel to Hershey, Pa., to compete in the North American Championships on Friday, Aug. 2. All regional winners will qualify for the North American Final Meet.

Events will include the 50-meter dash, 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash, 400-meter dash, 800-meter run, 1600-meter run, 4X100 meter relay, standing long jump and softball throw.

The Hershey Track Program has produced stalwarts of competition from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the 10 provinces and three territories of Canada, according to the Hershey Track Recreation and Park Association, USA.

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City looks to purchase items for police force

By ROBERT PRICE
Leader & News

In a continuing effort to upgrade its equipment, the Liberal Police Department is looking to purchase some new items.

Some of their new equipment will be bulletproof vests which police Chief Jim Stanley said will be paid through a nationwide grant from the U.S. Department of Justice.

The Bulletproof Vest Act will reimburse the LPD for 50 percent of the purchase price of each vest with the exception of 2007 period when the reimbursement will only be 30 percent.

Bill said in a letter to the Liberal City Commission, in 2002, the Bulletproof Vest Act was passed to allow for 50 reimbursement of consumable Level II vests.

The LPD has now set need to replace nine vests at a cost of $5,025, of which we will get reimbursed half of that, $2,512.50.

Bill said the grant money has

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LHS Principal Adams, USD 480 honored at State Capitol

Special to the Leader & News

State Representative Ward Penny left, USD No. 480 Deputy Superintendent Paul Lattin, Liberal High School Principal Kelly Adams and USD 480 Superintendent Pete Isaacson pose for a photo in the State Capitol in Topeka after the trio and other educators were honored in Topeka after LHS received the ranking of second best high school in Kansas by U.S. News and World Report recently. Courtesy photo

Liberal High School Principal Kelly Adams and USD 480 Deputy Superintendent Paul Lattin were at the Kansas State Capitol on Tuesday, May 7, to be honored by the state school district to be honored for LHS's recent recognition as the 7th best high school in the state and 1,258th best in the nation by nationwide by U.S. News and World Report.

State Senator Garrett Love and State Representative Ward Penny from Liberal joined Adams and Lattin with certificates of achievement on behalf of the Kansas Legislature.

Love set up a short meeting for Adams and Lattin with Governor Sam Brownback, and they were congratulated and Pete Isaacson flown in for House floor by using a point of personal privilege.

Love said Terry and Amy would like to commend all of the students, staff, and administration of USD 480 for their hard work in LHS to become an award winning school.

"We were thrilled to have Mr. Adams and Mr. Lattin with us to represent the students and staff of Liberal High School for their great accomplishments."

5th gang member pleads guilty in Dodge City racketeering case

Staff Reporter's Office

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WICHITA – A member of a Dodge City street gang charged in a federal racketeering case has pleaded guilty to U.S. Attorney Barry Grissom and Russell Wurtzel, 24, Dodge City, pleaded guilty to one count of racketeering conspiracy and one count of possessing and discharging a firearm in a crime of violence. Wurtzel is the fifth defendant to be a member of the Norteno street gang, also by rap involved in the shooting death of Jose Luis Ruiz in 2008, in Dodge City. Wurtzel admitted to the murder as well as an assault with deadly weapon upon the victim.

On the day of the murder, Wurtzel and co-defendant Anthony Wright were driving around in Dodge City. Wright, on a traffic pull in the south part of town they ran across a group of Hispanic males at 20 S. 2nd Ave. The group was known by the members of a rival gang, Norteno Nation.

Wurtzel said that Wurtzel, Wright and two other Norteno went to the trailer park. Wurtzel says in the front passenger seat and Wright was driving. Wurtzel said that Wright had a gun in his hand, and Mario Wright pushed him on the two Norteno in the back seat got out and ran toward the Hispanic males [illegible] with Wurtzel and Wright following.

The two Norteno in the lead fired at the Hispanic males, and Wurtzel said he heard several times by the gunfire and fled from the scene. Mariano Nunez was shot and killed. The two Norteno got back to their car and drove away from the scene.

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