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Legion celebrates army birthdays

The American Legion Auxiliary will have a birthday party for the "army reserves" starting at 6 p.m. Friday, June 14, at the Legion Auxiliary Building located at 22 W. Third. Please enter from the back.
Please bring a picture of yourself in your uniform to share. RSVP to Linda DeCamp by Wednesday at 624-4131.

FRIDAY

Soroptimist Club seeking fair queen contestants

The Soroptimist Club is seeking single young ladies interested in being the 2013 Fair Queen and Princesses from same for this summer. The club is looking for contestants to run for the 2013 Free State Fair Queen.
Contestants will wear prizes and earn scholarships. The Fair Queen will receive a $500 scholarship. Contestants can raise money through car washes, bake sales and numerous other activities. All money raised goes toward scholarships and other nonprofit groups.
Applications can be picked up at First National Bank, Barron Bird and Associates, Enterprise or Liberal Springs or the Chamber of Commerce. The deadline for applying is June 30.

APPLY BY JUNE 30

Baker Arts to offer children's workshops, 'Totally Textiles'

Young designers will use fabric paint, markers, and scissors on hats, T-shirts, backpacks and bandanas to create a variety of fun, functional and fashionable items. The workshops for pre-school ages 3 to 5 meet from 10:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Children in kindergarten to sixth grade will meet 10:30 a.m. to noon on June 18, 19 and 20.
Cost is $15 for members and $20 for non-members.

ENROLL NOW

City accepting applications for non-for-profit funding requests

Applications for non-for-profit funding requests for 2014 are being accepted by the Liberal City Hall located at 324 N. Kansas Ave. The applications need to be returned to the city by June 28.
For more information, call 624-2201.

APPLY NOW

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Having a 'BLAST'

Bible hero fun with one of the games at one of the previous Baker Backyard Blasts. This year's event kicks off Friday evening at the Baker Arts Center and will once again feature plenty of fun for the little ones as well as for adults.
Courtesy photo

Baker Arts' Backyard Blast set for Friday

By AUBREY PRICE
• Leader & Times

On a warm summer evening, there's nothing like a BLAST to cool off and relax while visiting with all manner fun to offer.

This Friday kicks off the first, along with a variety of other activities, the annual Backyard of Liberal's Baker Arts Center.

May and June are typically the months Baker has scheduled its annual Backyard Blast, a time for fun and fellowship. Its event is scheduled to coincide with that show.

Some of the activities happen what is known as the Baker Backyard Blast are that event. Bakers' Tony Smith said the Bible Hero Fun Zone, Bounce Houses and the yearly crowd will feature hamburgers, hot dogs and potato salad.

"Our Gates of Jerusalem"

"It is fun to meet and mingle with people and to get to the public," he said.

There will be music in the vein of contemporary Christian music and other of the music as well.

"We have a ton of kids activities that are free and we have a great time during the eating time," Smith said. "There's

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Local physician announces relocation

—SMMC

Eric Shank, M.D., recently announced his resignation from Southwest Medical Center after making the decision to relocate to Lansing.

Surgeon Eric Shank helped Indian Hills Medical Center locate the best in-class surgeons for the staff of Eastern Colorado.

"He was a pleasure to have the professional services offered by Dr. Shank, and we wish him well on his new endeavor," said Jeff Stroud, President and CEO of Southwest Medical Center.

Dr. Shank's last day was to Shank's patients advising them of their last day at Southwest Medical Center. Shank's patient's medical records will remain under our care here at Southwest Medical Center, explained Cathleen Fuhrk, Director of Health Information Services. "If patients want to have their medical records or need them transferred to another physician, they may contact our office at 624-0291."

Shank's last day as a physician at SMMC will be June 28, 2013.

SHANK

USD 480

School board set to meet tonight

By RACHEL COLEMAN
• Leader & Times

With the question of who the district's new superintendent of schools will be snapped up, the USD 480 board is set to meet at 6:30 p.m. tonight for a regular session. The agenda includes a mixture of routine and non-routine items, including consideration of minutes, bills and payroll, renewal of various service contracts, and action on the negotiated agreement between the USD and the teachers.

The board will also receive information about the district's sign language interpreter needs. USC Director of Special Services Jim Lewis for elementary schools is the director.

As always, the USD 480 school board agenda will be posted on the district's website, under the Internet, at www.usd480.net, under the "School Board" tab.

Theresa Vail, K-State student crowned Miss Kansas 2013

• Miss Kansas.com

PRATT — The Miss Kansas Organization crowned Theresa Vail of Salina Saturday in Pratt at Pratt Community College. The pageant was held just ahead of the Pratt Tourist Days Parade.

Twenty-five women competed for scholarships and the title of Miss Kansas 2013 in the areas of Interview, Fitness, Presentation, Talent and Fitness, Evening Wear, Talent and Co Stage Interview.

Theresa Vail, a 22 year old student from Kansas State University, won the Miss Kansas 2013 title. Miss Kansas 2012 first runner-up, Alyssa Shafer was second runner-up. Danielle Hill was third runner-up and Hannah Langley was fourth runner-up.

Vail won preliminary swim suit award and the preliminary talent award for her operatic performance of "Heaven Gifted" from the Opera Carmen. Her Empowering young women through male-dominant outdoor activities.

Vail will represent Miss Kansas in the Miss America Contest. Championship dates announce, but sports dial 1 finally found up home when I passed the 20-YTL mile

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