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Don't miss Baker Arts' Backyard Blaz – 'Art For Your Ears'

Baker Arts Council's Backyard Blaz kicks off at 5:30 p.m. Friday with dinner which includes barbecue, hamburgers, hot dogs, beans and potato salad with dessert and drinks.
Kids activities include face painting, balloon animals, a bounce house, a petting zoo, pony rides and more. Trivia, parlor games and a raffle are also planned.
Tricia Lemus, fine art and performance and Carla Sowick will be there.
The evening's free entertainment will be comedian Sam Adkins taking the stage with his "wrench, clever wit and hilarious" ideas.
Tickets for non-and receiving members are $7 at the public.
Everyone is welcome, bring your lawn chair.

FRIDAY EVENING

Flatlanders Archery Club to host 3D shoot at Meade State Park

The Flatlanders Archery Club will be hosting the Flatlanders 3D Shoot Saturday at Meade State Park. Registration starts at 8 a.m. and closes at 10 a.m., and there will be two rounds of gone/ready' 18 targets.
Cost is $10 per person for Kansas Bowhunter Club, Hunter Women and Youth 14 and younger free.
The entry fee is $15 for members and $20 for non-members All youth fees are only $10.
For more information, contact Hunter's Warehouse at 624-4668 or check in out on Flatlanders Facebook page.

SATURDAY

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Barbara Correll is new director of Liberal Housing Authority

By ROBERT PIERCE
Leader & Times

Barbara Correll is taking on some new responsibilities. After 16 years as the housing coordinator for HQ Management, Correll announced she has started a similar job as the new director of the Liberal Housing Authority.

Correll started her job on April 1, following the retirement of former director Carol Beckwith, and Correll said she is pleased with the latest step in her career.

"I'm glad to be a member of the housing authority and look forward to lots of good things in the future," she said.

Considered as a director she is taught forgiving Parkhaus Towers in Liberal, southern possible for all 2,116 tenants.

"My goals are to make sure all the residents are safe and that they feel that they're in good conditions and that they're affordable and that we can prevail that we are a part of the

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1 dead in shooting at Boise City convenience store

BOISE CITY, Okla. (AP) — Police said a man who was shot and killed by a clerk at a convenience store in Boise City was a thief and the gunman is being sought in a shooting outside a convenience store in the Oklahoma Panhandle town.

Police told reporters at the scene that the shooting happened around 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the convenience store. Authorities said the clerk was working alone when the man walked in and pulled a weapon.

Police say the victim was pronounced dead at the scene. They did not identify him.

No arrests have been announced. Police said the Boise City police officer were not immediately returned the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, which said that the agency is assisting with the investigation – but said she had no other details.

Three gang members plead guilty in Dodge City

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WICHITA - Three members of a Dodge City street gang charged in a federal racketeering case have pleaded guilty in federal court in Wichita.

Angel Cerda, 27, Dodge City, pleaded guilty to one count of aiding and abetting attempted murder, which was a federal count in the indictment. Cerda admitted he was 18 in U.S. 2008, incident in which two people were shot.

Jesse Torres, 25, Dodge City, Kan., pleaded guilty to one count of aiding and abetting the use of a dangerous weapon, which was a racket crime in aid of racketeering. He admitted he was involved in an incident in which two people were stabbed with knives.

Tobias Nuarez, 26, Dodge City, pleaded guilty to one count of racketeering conspiracy. He admitted that from 2006 to 2012 he was a member of the Sureños gang and he was involved in acts of robbery, attempted murder and drug trafficking.

In the plea Cerda admitted he was a Diablos Norte (DN) gang member and was part of the Northeast clique gang, which he accompanied two co-defendants in the shooting of a man in the parking lot of the mid-America pawn. On Oct. 1, 2008, Cerda and two co-defendants gathered in a barn behind a house in Dodge City, Kan. The victim was a Surenos gang. The victim was hanged for the gang.

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Baby steps

Little by little, Liberal Area Coalition for Families aims to help new day-care providers get established

By RACHEL COLEMAN
Leader & Times

As any day-care provider can attest, looking after children well is more about the little things than grand plans on a small scale is appropriate. That's the same approach adopted by the Liberal Area Coalition for Families in its push to help establish more day-care options for parents and children. A Dialogue Fair sponsored by LACF last weekend provided an opportunity for those interested to learn more.

"We know we can't just build a center overnight, so much as we might want to," said LACF director Sarah Mansfield Freeman. "We're looking at ways to help people who are already running a home day care. The first one was to get existing child day-cares for those people to meet up with professional mentors."

Those mentors are known as Quality Care Providers, or QCPs, whom they met with are current day-care providers willing to answer questions and serve as mentors.

"They're not there to tell you what to do. The mentor provides you with a lot of good perspective. Some of them have been in the business for 10 years," said Mansfield Freeman.

Those QCPs are also there to learn more than happy to share their knowledge and expertise, she said.

"They are getting calls at least weekly from people who are looking for child care and they don't have any to refer to. The entire Tri-County" said Mansfield Freeman. "Our women did see the dearth but a waiting list for at least a year in advance. It also has a full-nurse out, more are people on the list waiting to take that spot.

At Saturday's event, environment for the hands-on" the people who would be part of their set-up. Jennifer Ellis, a registered nurse and child care consultant with the Seward County Health Department, a representative from the Child and Adult Care Food Program, and Jennifer Hall, a QCP and owner and member of Childcare, Inspire of Kansas, the Garden City-based related service.

"We're here to help and step in for everyone," said Mansfield Freeman.

And the next step.

Those are for those who want to prepare to open day-care services. In partnership with Liberal's own Mexican American Consortium and the Garden City Area Mental Health Center, the coalition will present a five-month course.

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Workshop offers social skills tool kit for child-care providers

At the Al's Caring Pals training provided by the Liberal Area Coalition for Families, Mexican-American Ministries and the Garden City Area Mental Health Center, child-care providers will be offered workshops designed to help them understand and guide young children. Those include:

July 9: Confidence and feelings

July 16: Listening and calming down

Aug 12: Brainstorming and meaningful communication

Sept 17: Clear norms and problem-solving I

Oct. 15: Problem-solving II and creativity

City plans to tear down Seacat home after verdict

Brent Seacat, 37, AP Photo

KINGMAN (AP) — The shared home of a former Kansas foreman convicted of killing his wife and infant daughter is set to be torn down, officials said on the end of the month.

Jurors in the youth-control Kansas Supreme Court guilty Tuesday of first-degree murder, arson and child endangerment in the 2010 deaths of Vanda Seacat. She was found dead with a gunshot wound to her head inside the home of the killing.

Brent Seacat, a former Sedgwick County sheriff's deputy. He was booking at the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center of the time of the killing.