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College offers numerous energy industry safety training courses

Seward County Community College/Area Vo-Tech School partners with the Energy Training Council to offer safety training for individuals working in energy industry areas.

Training topics include Bloodborne Pathogens; Confined Space Entry; Crane Safety; Electrical; Environmental Awareness; Fall Protection; Fire Safety; H2S Awareness; Hazardous Communication; Heat Stress; Lockout/Tagout; Personal Protective Equipment; Slip, Trip and Falls and Substance Abuse. Classes are available for eight-hour H2S training, eight-hour forklift training, four-hour H2S training, eight-hour H2S certification, six-hour Plastic First Aid (ABS), CPR & First Aid), 10-hour OSHA Construction Outreach Training Program, 30-hour OSHA Construction Outreach Training Program and eight-hour SARLabs CDA training.

To find out about scheduled courses or to schedule customized training for your business, call 620-417-1173 or email pgrfauble@sccc.edu

CALL NOW

Wheatridge residents to host puzzle auction, craft sale Saturday

The residents at Wheatridge are hosting a puzzle auction and craft sale in the dining room from 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday. There will be an assortment of handmade crafts by our residents, including garden markers, decorative pens and eyeglass cases. There will also be a puzzle auction. Puzzles will be available to bid on in our silent auction, so be sure to come look around and meet the crafters.

All proceeds will benefit resident activities. For more information, contact Jenni McGovern, Life Enrichment Coordinator, at 624-5135.

SATURDAY

County seeking to fill advisory boards

There are still some board openings. Seward County is filled by anyone interested. Should you want to serve on one of the listed boards or need more information, please complete the Application for Board Appointment, which is located on the website at www.cowardcountyks.org, or contact the county administration office at 620-624-0211.

Current openings:

1 – Three-year term on the Southwest Kansas Area on Aging

1 – One-year term on the Planning and Zoning Board

These vacancies will be open until filled.

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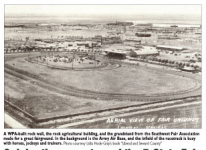

A WPA-built rock wall, the rock agricultural building, and the grandstand from the Southwest Fair Association made for a great foreground, in the background is the Army Air Base, and the infield of the racetrack is busy with horses, buggies and trailers. Photo courtesy Julie Hinds Craig, Seward County Historical Society

Celebrating a century of the 5-State Fair

By ROBERT BRACE
• Leader & Times

It was the early 20th century and Seward County was a place that had just begun a decade earlier.

The concept of flight was alien to most people, automobiles were a rare sight and cities were quite an uncommon sight to those days in Southwest Kansas.

People brought visitors by the hundreds to Seward County for the annual Southwest Kansas Fair, now the Seward County Five-State Fair.

With Southwest Kansas being a place that was quite different than its neighboring states, having a fair that parties people from those states would attend was a big deal.

Along with quasi-football matches, exceptional Seward Countyites held 10 in October 1912 alone featured their buildings, a wooden grandstand, horse racing and a parade.

The event likewise showcased animals such as sheep, hogs, cattle and horses, and also showcased agricultural collections, art, dairy and kitchen and agriculture.

A tourist pavilion was provided on the grounds, along with the stadium, display and horse racing was provided.

The fairgrounds were decided by the Southwest Fair Association in 1935. The association itself was formed in 1925.

The first fair under control of the association was held on the grounds of the racetrack and stadium, but despite a

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Horse racing was popular in pre-war Liberal. Held at the fairgrounds, the races were run around the oval race used for automobile racing. Jockey Woodie Bagg Dale was a popular regular. In her career of more than 40 years, she rode in thousands of races and was the first woman to race and was considered one of the best. Photo courtesy Julie Hinds Craig, Seward County Historical Society

City, county asks for exemptions from new concealed carry law

By VICTORIA CALDERON and ALEXIS HIGGS
• Leader & Times

Recently the state of Kansas passed legislation that grants residents with a concealed carry license the ability to legally bring guns into public buildings – such as courthouses, city halls and other administration buildings – unless citizenry recently measures are taken to prohibit the conduction of every entrance to a building.

This new law will go into effect July 1, 2013 and Seward County and city governments are seeking to temporarily exempt themselves from the new concealed carry law.

The exemption lasts six months and will expire Jan. 1, 2014. During this time period, the county and city are to enact a security plan in place. However, they must use the exemption to be enacted on a permanent basis. The exemption is for the other Public buildings must have security systems set up in order to establish it as a gun-free zone. Without the security systems, the concealed weapons will be applied to the building.

Currently exemptions are also available, once the necessary exemption is over, it plans are still in effect.

The commission of the City of Liberal has decided to apply for a temporary exemption. The city legislators will be discussed at length at the next commission meeting.

As for the cost of securing the

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Doctor: Driver in Okla. train wreck had bad eyes

By JUSTINGGUSHWICKS
• Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. — The driver of one of two freight trains that collided near Goodwell, Okla., Tuesday night, killing three railroad workers, had complained that he couldn't see well and was being treated for cataracts, a geologist told the National Transportation Safety Board on Tuesday.

The NTSB investigator presented a medical report to the NTSB in Washington, D.C. The agency is trying to determine the cause of the June 18, 2013, Union Pacific Railroad crash near Goodwell, and is expected to recommend safety measures to prevent it.

Inspectors said signals warned the railroad and southbound trains to slow down and stop. The signals, which were also shared down, but the southbound trains did not, stating just the siding at 68 mph before hitting the northbound train.

Aldo Ayala told the panel and that driver of the southbound train had suffered from glaucoma and cataracts, and that from 2006 to 2010 he complained of deteriorating vision in his left eye.

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In this June 18, 2013, file photo, smoke rises from two cargo trains that collided near Goodwell, Okla. The National Transportation Safety Board meeting in Washington on Tuesday is attempting to find a cause for the June 18, 2013, accident near Goodwell that killed three railroad workers. AP Jonnie Gruber/Guymon Daily Herald/Texas Panhandle