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## Rainbow Players to present musical 'Chicago'

The Rainbow Players are proud to present the musical sensation Chicago this summer. The musical features actors from Liberal and surrounding communities. Chicago will be performed at 8 pm July 11 to 13 Thursday through Saturday 5 will be performed in the Bluestem Theatre at Seward County Community College/Area Technical School.

Tickets are on sale for $15 each at Spencer Brownie or First National Bank.

The musical is intended for mature audiences due to language and adult scenes, but all ages are welcome to attend.

For more information, visit www.rainbowplayers.com.

TICKETS NOW ON SALE

## City accepting applications for not-for-profit funding requests

Applications for not-for-profit funding requests for the 2014 budget year are available at Liberal City Hall located at 324 N. Kansas Ave. The applications need to be returned to the city by Jan. 28.

For more information call 624-2202.

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## Foundation plans air museum dedication anniversary, seeking artifacts

The Pilot Americas Air Museum opened 21 years ago as the Liberal Air Museum. Dedicated in September 1992 to the Lancaster Lyons Air Museum Foundation, the recorded PAAM Foundation will recognize that 1998 opening event this coming Sept. 28 with a 20th Anniversary celebration.

As part of this coming September recognition, the Foundation is seeking any memorabilia, artifacts and pictures anyone may have of those early museum years, and from 1986-1988 in particular. The Foundation is also collecting similar material of aviation activity in Liberal and the area from the early 1900s through 1992 to 2 years prior to the present as they work toward preparing a documented history of area flight and the museum.

More information about the history effort, as well as membership in the Foundation, can be obtained by contacting the Foundation at PAAM Foundation, P.O. Box 2382, Liberal, KS 67905-2382. The Foundation can also be reached at PAAMFoundation@hotmail.com.

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# County buys local by 3-2 vote

MEETSTEIN

"We have about 15, 16 people come to the every (CBOC) meeting if we're going to do this, and we ought to just let the commissioners make all the decisions."

By ROBERT PIRCH
• Leader & Times

A split vote Monday gave Cimarron Stone Community Center to the Stone Hills Fire Hall for the green light to order two new vehicles for the agency.

"CBOC had received bids from four companies, including three local ones, to purchase the new ones. These bids came prior to the 12 members of the agency's advisory board, with some present at a time. 12 meeting, unanimously to approve purchasing two 2014 Chevy Impalas from a local car dealer, GSA.

Howell then brought the item before the Seward County Commission to be sent to the board voted to go another direction with the purchasing process.

Howell said GSA is a program through which the Kansas Highway Patrol gets its vehicles, and the Seward County Sheriff's office uses it as well.

Commissioners Jim Hoffman, Mike Jones, chairman of the CBOC board, said the new vehicles would replace two other high-mileage vehicles.

"The two vehicles were replacing one in a 1998 Grand Marquis with 225,000 miles on it, and two in the Jeep Cherry Hill Fire Hall Tanker that has 184,000 miles on it," he said.

Hoffman said these two vehicles are still in good shape, and that they are a good maintenance program through CBOC.

"When you start looking at 220,000 miles or 180,000, they're taking care of them," he said.

Hoffman said, however, with the high amount of mileage on these vehicles, it was time to upgrade.

Howell said he budgeted for two vehicle purchases in the 2013 budget and the bands were "dead" to go.

The two Impalas quoted for GSA came in at a total cost of about $35,000. The three bids had all come in at nearly that price, and commissioner Jim Hoffman was pleased to be sent to

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# Wildfires force Boy Scouts from Spanish Peaks

By HEATHER HOWELL
• Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Hot, windy conditions across Colorado left firefighters battling multiple wildfires Thursday, with new wildfires ordered to the mount that includes the most destructive blaze

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# Dorothy goes to DC

Liberal's Dorothys are currently in Washington, D.C. to meet lawmakers and represent Liberal while touring the historic landmarks in the nation's capital. Today, the Dorothys are going to see the ruby-red slippers in the Smithsonian Institute as well as visit the White House and the Holocaust museum. "These girls have been great ambassadors," Land of Oz Executive Director Jackie Mansell said. Courtesy photo

# Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network expands to include Liberal

• Special to the Leader & Times

## More than 100 of Kansas' largest towns now covered by Verizon's 4G LTE

Liberal Mayor Dave Harrison joined Verizon Wireless Thursday to mark the importance of the expansion of 4G LTE wireless service in the state by "Rigging the switch" to a Verizon 4G LTE in Liberal.

The new wireless branch will provide customers in the Liberal area access to the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network to locally

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Jason Thurbaugh, Retail Division Manager for Verizon Wireless, Mayor Harrison, Mayor Pro Tem Jim Hoffman, Assistant Director of Business Sales Mark Hoffman, watch Liberal Mayor Dave Harrison make a call on the new 4G LTE network that was brought to Southwest Kansas. Courtesy photo