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Rainbow Players to present musical 'Chicago'

The Rainbow Players are proud to present the musical sensation Chicago this summer. The material features actors from Liberal and surrounding communities. Chicago will be performed at 8 p.m. July 11 to 13 and 18 to 20. Performances 5 will be performed in the Dorothy Pringle Center at Seward County Community College/Area Technical School.

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

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

For more information, visit www.rainbowplayers.com.

TICKETS NOW ON SALE

City accepting applications for non-for-profile funding requests

Applications for non-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 turned in by 5:00 p.m. July 22, 2013.

For more information call 624-0220.

APPLY NOW

Foundation plans air museum dedication anniversary, seeking artifacts

The Pilot America Air Museum opened 23 years ago as the Liberal Air Museum. Dedicated in September 1990, the museum is a tribute to the Pilot America Foundation, the nonprofit. PAAM Foundation will recognize that 1990 opening event this coming Sept. 28 with a 23th Anniversary celebration.

As part of this coming September recognition, the Foundation is seeking artifacts, photographs 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 to 1986. The Foundation plans to the present to help work toward preparing a documentated 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, PO Box 2380,Liberal, KS 67905-2380. The Foundation can also be reached at PAAMFoundation@hotmail.com.

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County buys local by 3-2 vote

WETTSTEIN

"We have about 15, 16 people attending the (CBCC) meeting if we're going to do this, we ought to just let the commissioners make the decision."

by ROBERT PIRCE
• Leader & Times

A split vote Monday gave Cimarron Stone Construction the go-ahead to bid on a new road grader for power light to order two new vehicles for the agency.

The City had received bids from four companies, including three local ones, to purchase the new cars. Three bids came close to the 12 months of the agency's annual budget for the purchase of two new 12 cylinder heavy duty motorized vs. gasoline purchasing into 2014. Cimarron Stonecon was selected under GSA.

Friend then brought the item before the Board of Commissioners Monday and the board voted to go another direction with the purchasing process.

Friend said he is in process through which the Kansas Highway Patrol gets its vehicles, and the Seward County Sheriff's office uses it as well.

Commissioner Jim Wettstein, who is also chairman of the CBCC board, said the new vehicles would replace two older high-mileage vehicles.

"The two vehicles were replacing one in a 1996 Grand Marquis with 233,231 miles on it, and a 1999 Ford Crown Vic with 242,000 miles," Wettstein said. He said.

Wettstein said these two vehicles are still in good condition, but they've a good maintenance program through CBCC.

"When you start looking at 200,000 miles or 250,000, they're taking care of them," he said.

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

Friend said he budgeted for two vehicle purchases in the 2013 budget and his heads-up "gave" notice.

The two Impalas quoted for GSA come in at a cost of $18,000 each. The Ford Crown Vics come all come in at nearly that price, and commissioner Jim Rice filed one particular bid to save a

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Wildfires force Boy Scouts from Spanish Peaks

by HESTON SWART
• Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Hot, windy conditions across Colorado left firefighters battling multiple wildfires Friday, with a fire in southern Colorado's Spanish Peaks area ordered to a the season 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. Young Ann Sheridan 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," said of Ho Executive Director JoAnn Mussell 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 touch the importance of the expansion of 4G LTE wireless service in the state by "flipping the switch" to activate the 4G LTE network.

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

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Jason Scarbrough, Retail District Manager for Verizon Wireless, Inc., Dave Harrison, and Bob Masterson, Regional Director of Business Sales for Verizon Wireless, watch Liberal Mayor Dave Harrison make a call on the new 4G LTE network that has brought to Southwest Kansas. Courtesy photo