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Sen. Love, Rep. Petty to speak at Legislative Brown Bag Luncheon

The Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Legislative Brown Bag Luncheon at noon Tuesday at the Rock Island Depot. On hand to give a recap of the legislative session will be Senator Garrett Love and Representative Ron Ryan. Free lunch, beverages, bag lunch, and tea and cookies will be provided. The event is sponsored by AT&T, and the public is invited.

NOON TUESDAY

Soroptimist Club seeking fair queen contestants

The Soroptimist Club is seeking single young ladies between the ages of 14 and 21, who are looking to lose some fat this summer The club is looking for contestants to run for the 2013 Fine Dozen Fair Queen.

Contestants will win prizes and earn scholarships. Votes are gathered at a penny per vote, and contestants can raise money through our washes, bake sales and numerous other activities All money raised goes toward scholarships and other contestant expenses.

Applications can be picked up at First National Bank, Beyer Bird and Associates, Emerdco at Liberal Springs or the Chamber of Commerce The deadline for applying is Sunday.

APPLY BY SUNDAY

'Trophy Auction' to help ensure 4-H kids win cash for fair entries

The Seward County 4-H is hosting its annual "Trophy Auction" fundraising luncheon at noon Wednesday at the Liberal Armory. Central Ag businesses or individuals who would like to donate will help ensure all the 4-H kids will receive a cash prize for their entries in the fair, whether it be arts and crafts, foods or animals. So come to the luncheon, enjoy a steak dinner and bid on various classes of entries for the 5-State Fair. Help raise of the 4-H kids winners.

WEDNESDAY

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Landfill fire lights up night sky

Seward County Rural Fire Chief Mike Rice monitored the call shortly after 9 p.m. Sunday that a fire had ignited at the Seward County Landfill on the east side of Liberal. Rice said the trucks were sent to the scene, but after arrival, two trucks were released. Landfill staff had been stacking trash in large piles for a couple of days instead of spreading it out in a different manner. Apparently there was something hot in the truck and with the winds it ignited. Rice said earlier today "The heat from the fire was so intense that it melted the plastic bags." Rice said the fire was contained to the area where the trash was being stored. He said the fire is being monitored by the Liberal Fire Department and Landfill staff will start spreading the ashes and covering them when possible today. "There were no injuries, no damage to equipment or financial losses," Rice added. "It was just trash." (JT photo/Kim Rice)

Boost for cars or bust? Ethanol debate heats up

By MATTHEW DALY
• Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It's a dilemma for drivers: Do they choose a gasoline that's cheaper and cleaner even if, in exponents, it could damage older cars and motorcycles?

That's the peril and promise of a high-ethanol blend of gasoline called E15 (fifteen). The fuel contains 15 percent ethanol, well above the current 10 percent norm sold at most U.S. gas stations.

The highest ethanol blend is currently sold in just fewer than two dozen stations in the Midwest. But the Environmental Protection Agency, the Obama administration, considers whether to require more ethanol in gasoline, a change that would be a boon to corn farmers, ethanol producers and other ethanol industry interests, but has raised fears Congress in the White House and the Supreme Court.

On Monday the Supreme Court rejected a challenge by the oil industry and allied trucking groups, with a vote of 6-2-1. The justices left in place a lower court ruling that had dismissed challenges by the oil industry group and trucks associations representing truck stops and other fuel retailers.

Less than 1/2 of 1 percent of Energy Department officials, including Secretary Ernest Moniz, are Republicans, and they will now have greater choice of the product.

"Never has the food vs fuel has been raised, and it is a real concern because ethanol is made with limited production to help bring new blends into the marketplace that allow for competitive choice and savings. But we are concerned about the impact that E15 was designed to have," said Moniz.

Fueling had with up to 15 percent ethanol into older cars and trucks "could have damaging consequences to engines, fuel systems and fuel-system hoses," said Dale Gabrielson, a senior EPA official who has met with the Obama administration officials.

The ethanol industry contends that there have been no documented cases of engine damage from E15 use. The Environmental Protection Agency has said the ethanol blend must be tested under of EPA Tempo Sport test.

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Super Moon

Super moon is seen Sunday behind the world's tallest residential building, Princess tower in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The super moon appears about 14 percent larger and 30 percent brighter than the typical full moon. Because the moon's orbit is elliptical, rather than a perfect circle, as it moves in perigee, the portion of its orbit where it gets closer to the Earth than at any other time. (AP photo/Kamran Jebreili)