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County to hear report on SOG for animal disease control

By ROBERT WEICE
• Leader & Times

An effective response to highly contagious animal disease outbreak requires immediate action to stop the spread of disease and to minimize its economic impact.

The Kansas Animal Health Commissioner may issue an order to control movement of livestock and other animals, commodities and related transports.

Tonight, Seward County commissioners are scheduled to hear a report from emergency management director Greg Stanfield about a plan for action and personnel necessary to implement the order in the county.

The Standard Operating Guide describes the responsibilities of Seward County and Liberal Police Dept. in the event of a Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreak found anywhere in Seward County or Liberal (not north of the Kansas/Oklahoma border on all Hwy 54).

The Kansas Department of Transportation reports that the average daily traffic flow in 2012 for that location was 6,279, passenger vehicles and 1,600 commercial vehicles.

Stanfield said the traffic control point would be manned by personnel from the state of KDOT, Kansas Highway Patrol, local law enforcement, emergency management and other volunteers in county workers.

Stanfield added the decision to control movement of livestock and other animals in the Seward County emergency manager is by the Kansas Department of Emergency Management (KDEM).

KDOT and KDEM also will receive media notification through the appropriate channels and the emergency management in the Kansas Emergency Operation Center has been activated. He said, "Upon receipt of the notification, the EOP task force will be activated."

The SOG then calls for the county emergency manager to become the task force

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More elite fire crews go to Ariz. after 19 killed

By PAUL ELIE BELOUND and CAROLYN PEPPERS
• Associated Press

PRESCOTT, Ariz. (AP) — Accounts of the last moments of the elite group of firefighters trapped in battle the nation's fiercest wildfire, as well as the decision to leave their protect themselves from the flames under fire-resistant shields.

The 19 firefighters were killed fighting a wildfire in the U.S. in decades.

The lightning-sparked fire, which started last June 2100 gave crews little time to survive, also destroyed 200 homes and sent

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Cirque du Soleil artist dies after fall in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A Canadian performer in Cirque du Soleil's "Ka" died after a fall during a show in Las Vegas.

Jacob Grant Coulter was pronounced dead late Saturday night at a hospital after the 29-year-old performer fell from a height.

Witnesses told the Las Vegas Sun that the accident occurred near the end of the production Saturday night at the MGM Grand.

Valerie Dias Monopoli of Cirkomedy Productions said Coulter was a Canadian acrobatic performer who "hung hanked" on the side of the stage which is supposed that he fell from the stage. He was taken to a hospital in an ambulance before the stage.

"Actually a lot of people in the audience saw it happen," she said. "It was very, very, very bad. That one could have screaming then pressing and we could have a female audience member faint."

The show momentarily continued then stopped. Minutes after the accident, a recorded announcement informed audience members that actually, or supposedly, the show would be delayed, and the crowd was dismissed.

Cirque du Soleil founder Guy LaPalme said in a statement that the performance of "Ka" have been cancelled until further notice.

Grant Coulter, a member of two children, had been with the original cast of "Ka" since the show's premiere in an Paris, performed for over 10 years.

"I am heartbroken. I wish to extend my deepest condolences to the family of this completely devastated," LaPalme said. "We are consoled with great humility and respect for the courage and dedication of his uncle and sister-right. Our hearts are in support each other as a family."

Cirque officials are working with authorities to investigate the accident. Coulter's family has requested to be spoked.

The Clark County Coroner's Office will rule on the cause of death.

The MGM Grand also issued a

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Jocelyn Popa debuts new CD for Liberal fans

Jocelyn Popa sings a song from her first CD Saturday at the Liberal High School James Mankin Auditorium. Her new CD is titled "Who Wants Wife," which translates to "Who Wins Life." For more photos of the event, see PAGE 8. | photo/Chris Lewkowitz

WEDNESDAY

Next Gals N' Guns event scheduled for today

Southwest Gun & Rifle Club has announced the Gals N' Guns event for today will be at 6 p.m. today at the club. Ladies of all ages are welcome to shoot with other gals in welcome. There is no charge to attend this event. There will be trainer guns available for ladies to shoot. Support the promotion of firearms safety and handling training.

TODAY

City offices to be closed Thursday for Fourth of July

Liberal will be closed Thursday in observance of Independence Day. Refuse collection schedules for the holiday week are as follows:

Monday's trash route will stay the same.

Driver pay carts: No services Thursday. Customers are asked to have their pay carts to the curb by 7 a.m. in order to make sure all carts are available for pickup service.

For more information, call 626-0118.

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Have your name, a family member's name or a friend placed at the top of the Leader & Times in the "Serving the home of ..." section at the top of the front page. It is free course, first-come when selecting dates for this entry. Call 626-0800 to reserve a date now.

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