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Sherer and Lunceford to perform at Picnic in the Park Wednesday

Jack Sherer and Melanie Lunceford will be performing at the Picnic in the Park Concert Series Wednesday and then at 12:30 p.m. Darlene Selby Donal Nieuwsma and Dave Kenwood will perform. Then on Wednesday July 17, the Classsic Duo will be performing starting at noon and then at 12:30 p.m. Jack and Jenny Harris will perform.
For more information, contact the Recreation Office at 624-0133.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

New Beginnings Church to offer Vacation Bible Xtreme

Come to the Wild West and experience this year's VBX – Nazarene Bible Xtreme. It is for children from kindergarten to 6th grade and will be from 6 to 8 p.m Wednesday, July 17, to Friday, July 19. Dinner is included each night, and all activities will take place indoors.
On Saturday, July 20 from noon to 4 p.m. will be the awards celebration and Family Fun Day, which includes free food, fun and games.
Come on out and join us for XTREME fun, food, games, challenges, worship and massage.
Go to http://www.nbcliberal.org/ for more info, and get pre-registered today.

PRE-REGISTER NOW

Join First Southern Baptist Church for Ride of Life

Come join First Southern Baptist Church as its Vacation Bible School offers Colossal Coaster World, a journey through God's Amazing Grace. Ride of Life Kids will enjoy Worship Rally at the main gate and make their first stop at Coaster Alley for Bible study. Children age 4 years old through sixth grade are admitted free from July 22 to 26. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. and the Ride of Life Worship Rally each night at 6 with a closing time of 8:45 p.m. There will be a family night at 7 p.m. Friday, July 26.
There will be a kick-off and pre-registration at 6 p.m. July 21 in Blue Bonnet Park with hot dogs, ice-cones, and a bounce house.
For more information call 624-8138 or visit www.fsbcliberal.com.

PRE-REGISTER JULY 21

Liberal Chamber of Commerce

City to host not-for-profit funding work session Wednesday

The budget work session for the not-for-profit funding will be at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at the city commission chambers at 325 N. Washington.
For more information, call 626-2201.

WEDNESDAY

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Elkhart authorities investigate propane blast

By ANDREW CARLETT
Contributing Editor, Sentinel News

ELKHART — Authorities are presently getting after a propane blast in Elkhart that occurred Monday morning, shortly after the started, but it took hours to put it out.
Morton County Sheriff Justin Holiday says the fire was lodged Dalhmann's Tire & Hardware store in Elkhart.
Holiday said the blast incinerated the southwest part of the town, at a precaution, but everyone has been accounted for.
"The sheriff was given from all over helped get things under control.
"We had a lot of people from Morton and out the greater area staff there in the back of it," Sheriff Holiday said. "I can't give them enough respect for what they did. They put in a lot of the problem."
The Elkhart Fire Department was on the scene Monday morning to help determine the cause of the fire.
"We can't say for

Elkhart authorities are investigating what caused this propane blast and fire Monday morning at Dalhmann's Tire on the southwest side of town. No one was injured in the mornig fire. Photo courtesy Tyson Dalhm via UPDATE

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Missing the bus

Some students will no longer be eligible for transportation services

By MICHEL COOPER
• Leader & Times

Liberal students who live on the edge of the current boundaries for transportation will have to find another way to school this year. Following a close vote at last night's school board meeting, the board of education voted to cut the transportation for students in intermediate, middle and high school.
In a 4-1 vote, the board opted to increase the distance from school

• See BUSING on Page 7A

IT WAS AN 'IDEAL' STORE

Jim Blakemore Jr., with other former employees and employees of the Blakemore Grocery Co., and Ideal Food Stores Sunday during the opening of the Ideal exhibit at the Coronado Museum. The facility was filled to capacity as Blakemore discussed the history of the Ideal stores and showed photos of the stores. Blakemore's father, Jim Blakemore Sr., purchased the Ideal store in Garden City on Kansas Avenue and turned it into one of the first modern grocery stores, giving birth to what would become known as supermarkets. Blakemore discussed some of the attributes of the Ideal stores that made the store unique, and how they were able to create a chain of stores throughout Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. For more photos, see PAGE 2A. LT photo/Jon

Relay For Life Survivor Dinner set for Thursday

Relay activities start Friday evening

• Special to the Leader & Times

The Relay For Life Survivor Dinner is scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday at the Ranchito Lechero north of Liberal.
Survivors are encouraged to attend the event. Any cancer survivor who has gone through a relay event is attending or have transportation needs, please contact Brenda Mathes at 624-6811/1320.
Relay For Life is a fundraiser for American Cancer Society for participating in the Relay For Life. The 2013 Relay For Life of Liberal is set for 6 p.m. and 7 a.m. Saturday at Liberal's Eagle Park. Organizers are encour-

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City to discuss plans for rezoning, robotics grant

By WYETHA CALDERON
• Leader & Times

After the excitement of the last city commission meeting with the concealed carry ordinance, this week's meeting should be down to many one of the still issues.
The city commission will meet at for the first meeting of Ordinance No. 1412. The ordinance will discuss the rezoning of Jalmer Lake.
Currently there are many lots and blocks of land near Cortez Street that are considered "R-

• See CITY on Page 3A

Donovan launches her newest book

By ROBERT PERCE
• Leader & Times

Some people don't believe in ghosts or destiny. Initially, author Lynn Donovan, who has written a series of paranormal romance book, has both characters just a non-realistic in the beginning.
Donovan describes "The Wishing Well Curse" as a "gothic romance with a little bit of mystery."
Her fiancée, is one variable that "Chi Sonn everything – his girlfriend's last apartment and his job – and he has the choice of getting college or taking on
Chi is a professor at a nearby community College, where Chi's dissertation is supposed to be looking up. Now he stands to inherit a fortune, but it comes with a price. He must break a family curse and restore two lives.
Chi's life is turned upside down when a young a "curse" Donovan asked in a recent release regarding the book. "And who is the Great Uncle Luther Clayton who claims Zeke is the one?
Chi's life is turned upside down when a young a "curse" Donovan the letter to the thinker the deceased author has driven refused to.
"Can he piece together the clues left by his dead

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