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College hosting activities fair during 'Welcome Day'

The Business & Industry Office at Seward County Community College is hosting a fall welcome day on Tuesday, Aug. 13, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in the college gym at 1801 N. Kansas Ave. in Liberal.

Businesses or organizations that would like to introduce their services to students who are new to the community are invited to participate in the Welcome Day activities.

For information call 620-417-1064 or media@sccc.edu by Monday, Aug. 5.

SIGN UP BY AUG. 5

College to offer citizenship classes

The Business & Industry Office at Seward County Community College is offering new citizenship classes from 1 to 3:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 11 through Dec. 15 in the Cimarron Adult Learning Center at 1801 N. Kansas Ave. in Liberal.

Interested students can enroll in the class from 1 to 6 p.m., Sunday, Aug 4 in the Cimarron Adult Learning Center.

The cost is $100 per person and the class will prepare students for the citizenship test and the United States naturalization process. The class will address:

- The application procedure
- American government and American history
- The U.S. Constitution and Declaration of Independence
- The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) interview procedure

For information about class, call 620-417-1071 or email bab@sccc.edu.

ENROLL BY AUG. 4

Come help Girl Scouts celebrate award

Girl Scout Troop No. 63005 invites everyone to the Girl Scout Cabin to celebrate its Silver Award from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12.

Make plans to join the girls along with the Liberal Area Rape Crisis and Domestic Violence Service, Liberal Area Crisis Pregnancy Center and Liberal Resident Friendly Inn in an educational program about LARCDVS.

The girls will be informed what they learned The LARCDVS will talk about the program and what they are about. A self-defense demo by Ernst is sure to teach everyone something.

"It will be a great program that will educate and entertain you," said Girl Scout Troop Leader Heather. "Come help us celebrate and enrich yourself in the process. See you there!"

There is no charge to attend. However everyone is asked to bring a canned good that will be donated to the LARCDVS.

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Board opts for prudence over popularity

By MICHAEL COLEMAN
• Leader & Times

Not popular, not perfect, but prudent.

That was how USD 480 Board President Debra Sinner described the proposed budget for school year 2013-14, which the board agreed to present to the public after a workshop at its meeting Tuesday night. Though the new budget does not dramatically increase the district's overall expenditures — it comes in with a less than 1 percent increase — it does include a small but significant increase of 3.5000 mills.

"We have to be very careful about what we will, hopefully, do," said Sinner. "There are circumstances beyond our control here with Wave Wireless kills entering the district every year. We have it's coming, and it's not going to do our mission statement, which is to provide a quality education to kids in a classroom."

The mill levy increase "basically boiled down to funding $750,000 to pay for increases the board voted on earlier this year and finance director Dave Cline.

On April 8, the board approved a proposal by the central office administration to cut $1.5 million from the budget, and on 4/15 some cuts were made.

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Seward County 5-State Fair kicks off Friday with

Mutton Bustin'

Kids can participate in McClure's Mutton Bustin' starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Seward County Agriculturals Kids need to sign in starting at 5 p.m. and the contest begins at 6 p.m., the McClure's Kids Ranch Rodeo starts followed by Grassland and Cottonwood Professional Ranch Rodeo.
Photo by Nickelson

Friday's Ranch Rodeos will include kids and adults, teams can still sign up

By ROBERT PERICE
• Leader & Times

The Seward County Five State Fair kicks off Friday night with a rodeo night, the local rodeos will feature a favorite of many area fans with a slight twist.

Cottonwood and Grassland are bringing a ranch rodeo to Liberal and inviting ranches, young and new or young, to participate.

Jeff Cottonbach of the Seward County Fair Board said the rodeo will feature trades roping, branding and bareback riding. Take part starting at 5:30 p.m. at the rodeo arena at the fairgrounds.

"If you have never seen children rope or ride, you will be amazed. It's a great opportunity for well-trained, first-rate to see them and their coverage," said Friday's McClure's Kid's Ranch Rodeo contestant.

The evening winds down starting at 7 p.m. with Cottonbach and Cottonwood's Professional Ranch Rodeo.

"We have to get the community to come out and participate," said Cottonbach. "We want to get the kids, adults and 4H for kids 6-21, and little kids involved in the rodeo."

Cottonbach and Cottonwood's Ranch Rodeos works to promote western heritage and cowboy traditions, keeping the cowboy heritage alive.

"Ranches and cowboys have been together since the beginning of time and it's always working the owner of a ranch rodeo are standard to all ranch rodeos," said Cottonbach, referring to the roping, bareback, branding and cattle cow milking," said the Web site. "Through ranch rodeos, we are preserving cowboy culture, history and tradition."

Selzer seeks insurance commissioner job

By JOEL PAPPTY
• Leader & Times

The Kansas Republican 2014 primary is 10 months away but that hasn't stopped those seeking the insurance commissioner's job from announcing their candidacy.

Current Commissioner Sandy Praeger, long considered out of step with the Republican Party, will not seek re-election, and that has created an opening that has attracted a number of candidates.

One of those candidates, Kim Selzer, made a stop in Liberal Saturday and stated why he believed he was the candidate of choice.

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Ben Sahar discusses his race for the Kansas Insurance Commissioner with Republican leaders in Liberal Saturday at Spencer Brewer's. The Republican primary is 14 months away, but several candidates have already jumped in to the commissioner's race. LT photo/Joel Pappty