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College hosting activities fair during 'Welcome Day'

Seward County Community Colleges hosts local organizations interested in participate in activities fair for new students at Seward County Community College/Area Technical School, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 12, 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 620-417-1364 or media@sccc.edu by Monday, Aug. 5.

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College to offer citizenship classes

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

Interested students can enroll in the class from 1 to 6 p.m., Sunday Aug 4 in the Cimino 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 Constitution and Declaration of Independence
- The US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) interview procedure

For information about class, call 620-417-1371 or email bid@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 Humane Society and Liberal Area Mockbee Friends Inc.f in an educational program about LARCDVS.

The girls will learn about 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. 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 3,000 staffing.

"We have to be very careful about what we will, supposedly, do," said Sinner. "There are circumstances beyond our control here with Wire-Nut now kills entering the district every year. We have it's coming, and it's not going to do our mission statement, which is to educate our students. We need to be in a classroom."

The staff hire increase Tuesday included down to finding $750,000 in year-to-year reductions to make ends meet, and Sinner said 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 to fill some critical positions and

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Seward County 5-State Fair kicks off Friday with

Mutton Bustin'

Kids can participate in McClain's Mutton Bustin' starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Seward County Agriculture Kids need to sign in starting at 5 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. Kids can participate in McClain's Ranch Rodeo starts followed by Cimarron and Cornbrook 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 Friday night will include a rodeo, and the local rodeos will feature a favorite of many area fans with a slight twist.

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

Jeff Cornbrook of the Seward County Fair Board said the rodeo will feature trailer loading, branding and roping. Kids can participate in McClain's Mutton Bustin' starting at 5:30 p.m. at the rodeo arena at the fairgrounds.

"I can honestly never remember a rodeo where we have had a ranch rodeo or rodeos. We will work this up to just to see them and their coverage," said Friday's McClain's Kids Ranch Rodeo coach.

The evening winds down starting at 7 p.m. with Cornbrook and Cimarron Professional Ranch Rodeos.

"Rodeos are for rodeo cowboys and cowgirls," said Cimarron Rodeo Committee Chair Paul Ben Ismael of a ranch rodeo, according to Cornbrook.

"We hope to get the community to come out and participate," said Ben Ismael.

Admission to the rodeo is $5 for adults and $3 for kids 6-12, and kids 5 and under are free.

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

"Rodeos are for rodeo cowboys and cowgirls," said Ben Ismael. "We bring together with rodeo clowns and show wrestling the center of a ranch rodeo are standard to all ranch rodeos and we have contests of ranch rope, loading, branding, breaking and ribbon cow milking," said the Web site. "Through ranch rodeos we are preserving cowboy culture, history and tradition."

Selzer seeks insurance commissioner job

By CARL PAPPE
Leader & Times

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

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 shared why he believed he was the candidate of choice.

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Ben Ismael discusses the 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. | P. Jones/Staff Photo