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The Color guard from the American Legion and Auxiliary proudly stand shoulder to shoulder holding flags Friday at the Women's Appreciation Ceremony 2013 at the Liberal Fair. The ceremony honored all area veterans, active duty personnel and their families. FOR MORE FAIR PHOTOS, SEE INSIDE.

Join local law enforcement for National Night Out

Special to the Leader & Times

National Night Out is an event put on by local law enforcement agencies to educate the public about crime and drugs in the community. The event will be its 30th anniversary. It will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Blue Beaver Park. Food and activities, such as a bounce house, obstacle course and a booth, inflatable weapons and more, will be available to the public. Organizers said have a blast at National Night Out.

Red Cross Battle of the Badges begins

Red Cross seeking those with the courage to donate blood Thursday

American Red Cross

It is time for the Red Cross Battle of the Badges Blood Drive. The regular local law enforcement will battle with local firefighters and EMS to see who can donate the most blood.

EMS personnel, firefighters and law enforcement officers are true heroes in our community. They give a sense of security to residents, and they often put their lives on the line to protect. Your courage is the face of **obesity**.

But the Battle isn't just for police officers and fire fighters; anyone can get involved in the fun and help save lives. Any blood type is needed. Pick a bonus time slot, carefully, it might not come up the

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Sutherland-Abbott to help select West Point cadets

By ROBERT PIERCE
Leader & Times

With her son now graduated from West Point, Sammy Sutherland-Abbott will now be using her experience as a military mom in a new capacity for the prestigious military institution.

Sutherland-Abbott recently received a call from Kansas Senator Jerry Moran's office asking her if she would be interested in the academy selection board for the Southwest Kansas.

Each U.S. senator and representative in all 50 states have a given number of cadets they can recommend for candidate academy, and this is where Sutherland-Abbott will be helping out in the future.

"However many graduated, that's how many that can pick to replace," she said. "That's for an incoming class. I'm excited to be a part of that from Kansas, since my son just was once was in."

Understandable, Sutherland-Abbott was excited about the opportunity to help.

"I feel very honored to be considered, let alone asked," she said.

Sutherland-Abbott found for Kansas is made up of as many as five committees who interview candidates

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Tawny Sutherland-Abbott and her son Tyler Abbott, a West Point graduate. Sutherland-Abbott will now help recommend other Kansans for the prestigious military institution. Courtesy photo

Dada, left, her daughter Nicolle, and Tawnee Schultz share a strong relationship through the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. The two have been "matched" for 10 years, and their friendship has done wonders for Dada's self confidence. Schultz is a junior at Liberal High, ranging career in high school. Schultz has always been there for Dada. SEE more Fair Photos

'Little' and 'big' sister make connection

By VICTORIA CALDERON
Leader & Times

Imagine a 4th-grade girl in kindergarten. The kind of little girl who won't talk at all when approached by a stranger, but will talk a mile a minute when with a family member will talk to anyone. That's the type of child Dada was when she first started the Big Brothers Big Sisters program as a child.

Tawnee Schultz's daughter, who was in high school at the time, was paired up with Dada. Schultz, who has been a big sister for more than 10 years, went into the match. Less like, Schultz was kind enough to take over mentoring the young girl, who was shown to need an extra good. Every since then, the pair have been inseparable, and it shows.

Dada and Schultz have developed a very strong bond, such as a

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