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Mental health care suffers drought season

Cuts cause 'unnecessary suffering,' raise risk of crisis

By RACHEL CUSTODIO
• Leader & Times

In the five years that it took to get a Liberal, Southwest Guidance Center director Che Leslie Powell has done more than just fill a vacancy in the office.

"I've really taken to bite with this community," she said. Powell, a native of Sharon, Kan., attended college in her home state before moving to Liberal. She has been here since she completed a PhD in Texas Home Ed., where for the first time

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Liberal to host WAC marching festival

By KIM HART
• Leader & Times

The Liberal Band has a longstanding tradition of excellence, dating back to the 1970s, and Tuesday the senior citizens did just their tradition on display at Liberal High School for the Western Athletic Conference Marching Festival.

The Liberal Band has marched in a variety of parades and festivals throughout the country, including the Tournament of Roses Parade as well as the parade for the Olympic Games.

The Liberal Band also tackles other forms of music, they marched in the Rose Bowl Parade, Disneyland, New York City Parade, & Londons.

This year, Director Lance Bennett has the Band marching in the city streets from Grant to Rosen, and it will be joined by the bands from Garden City, Dodge City, Hays, Great Bend, Cimarron and Ulysses to perform a combined concert in Liberal once every three years.

The game will open at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and the first band will compete at 7:30 p.m.

General seating is available for $5 and general admission is $7. Student admission is $2. Tickets may be purchased at the band office or from USD 624 students.

The general public is encouraged to support The Liberal Band by attending this unique showcase of bands.

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Garden City college considering going tobacco-free

GARDEN CITY, KS — Garden City Community College is considering a tobacco-free campus.

The school's Board of Trustees votes on the direct the administration to make the campus tobacco-free by Jan. 1 of next year.

The trustee suggested the college would need to hire a tobacco-free coordinator to implement the policy.

The Garden City Telegram reports that Tuesday with the trustee's survey found that students and employees were split on the proposal. Some people at the meeting raised concerns that a proposed policy is unenforceable, questioned how it would be enforced.

Tuesday was the school's second reading of a policy that would ensure that it would be enforced with increased consequences for each violation.

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2 juveniles charged in Fla. after bullied 12-year-old girl's suicide

By JENNIFER KAY and MEGAN NEEDED
• Associated Press

MINTER HAVEN, Fla. — It was a celebrated online post that a Florida sheriff said led to the arrest of two girls aged 14 and 15 in the bullying suicide case of 12-year-old Rebecca Sedwick.

Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd reported the older girls Facebook comment almost word for word at a news conference Tuesday.

Judd said the girls posted the billed hatred had dried up a ... and you can tell the last word yourself," Judd said.

Sedwick's mother said she found that until Wednesday, a comment attributed to the 14-year-old's parents posted on Facebook suggesting that she was something like that and that the girl's Facebook page had been hacked.

"Rebecca's mother said the Facebook page was hacked, Judd said Tuesday. "Of course, we don't believe that."

Authorities said the friends said to Rebecca that committed online and in school for as many as 15 girls before she doubted a terrible at an abandoned concrete plant and hurled herself to her death. Her mother, Tina Sedwick, said she was personally the ones who bullied Rebecca, she should not. They have been charged with stalking and released pending trial.

Rebecca's mother said it took a decision to stay in the past three years that were diagnosed at least in part to cyberbullying.

The should said they were still unsure whether the girls' ages would affect whether the parents should be charged.

"I'm aggravated that the parents aren't being charged with anything," Judd said. "Responsible parents take the primary action.

Judd said, in contrast, the older girl threatened to fight Rebecca while their sixth-grades at Central Lake Middle School, and that she had been harassed. He said that the day she threatened the younger girl to bully Rebecca, even though they had been best friends.

Rebecca's mother repeatedly contacted Rebecca and called her names. She should said, and at one point, the younger girl even beat up Rebecca in the school.

Both girls were charged as juveniles with felony counts of aggravated stalking. If convicted, it's not their first rock time, if one the girls would spend

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Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd talks about the events leading up to the arrest and the charges against two juvenile girls in a Florida stalking case at a news conference Monday in Winter Haven, Fla. The girls, aged 14 and 15 have been arrested and charged with felony aggravated stalking in connection with the death of Rebecca Sedwick, a 12-year-old Rebecca. Kim Hartnett / Associated Press The police arrested the 15-year-old girl after she posted a comment saying that she bullied Rebecca and she didn't "care." The other 14-year-old girl was Rebecca's former best friend, but Judd said the girls had not turned her against Rebecca. Kim Hartnett / Associated Press

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