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Seward County Extension Council Election is Tuesday

• Special to the Leader & Times

Election of county members to serve on the Seward County Extension Council will be on Tuesday at the K-State Research and Extension Seward County Office, 1900 Western Drive, in conjunction with the Liberal Election.

Members of the Extension Council support and help the county agent in leadership and development. It is necessary to have a combination of skills in management, leadership and responsibility and professional knowledge for the success of the council.

The Alexander Extension Council is responsible for the development and implementation of the Extension's four programs in areas which include Youth Development, Community Development,

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Thursday:
Noon-5:30 p.m. - Liberal Connect

Friday:
9 a.m.-5 p.m. - Downtown Open House - at Fashion Tree, Square N' Fun, Lookbooth, Flower Basket and Tuxedo

Saturday:
3-6 p.m. - Squeaky Clean Car Wash

County will hear redistricting plans of election officials

Seward County

Redistricting to meet population growth, shifts

By ROBERT PRICE
• Leader & Times

A gradual shift in population numbers in the county's commission districts has had local election officials busy at work on drawing new boundaries on the Seward County map.

County Clerk Bruce Long and elections deputy Jessica Rodriguez have been working on the redistricting since early 2012, but due to local, state and national elections in progress at that time, a new map was put on hold.

In a Leader & Times interview in April 2012, Clemens said the county would be ready to have the new map for the general election in November 2012. Plan to where, she said, the county would start taking formal action.

Rodriguez said the county commission has not yet taken any formal action, but officials have been working behind the scenes to have a final list for the two election officials.

"We started doing it early because we've never done it before," she said. "We want to be sure we have the right map. We want to be sure we do exactly what it's would need."

Clemens is scheduled to address the Seward County Commission tonight at the board's regular meeting about redistricting the county and following the census.

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Ohio zoo using beagle to detect bear pregnancies

By CASEY NEIL
• Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Zoos around the country will soon find out whether a beagle named Ellie can lift them from the dark ages of bear pregnancy tests.

The 3-year-old has been specially trained for a year by a Kansas benefits who has taught dogs to sniff out cancer, drug lords and explosives to find bugs. A Cincinnati zoo and a Kansas nonprofit wanted that the idea after reading about studies on using dogs to detect pregnancy.

Confirming pregnancies of the massive bears, a threatened species, has been difficult, and officials say knowing one help make sure they and the Maine bears are ready for birthing and raising cubs. Ellie's nose-sensing 97 percent accuracy in positive identification of samples from pregnant females. AP photo/Gene Sweeney Jr.

Ellie, a 3-year-old beagle, sniffs polar bear protein samples at Iron Heart Performance Dog Center in Shawnee, Kan., Monday, Oct. 28. Confirming pregnancies of the massive bears, a threatened species, has been difficult, and zoo officials say knowing one help make sure they and the Maine bears are ready for birthing and raising cubs. Ellie's nose-sensing 97 percent accuracy in positive identification of samples from pregnant females. AP photo/Gene Sweeney Jr.

Performance Working Dogs in Shawnee, Kan. the two-employed when Ron Carey a post-doctoral fellow at the Smithsonian Institute's Center for Conservation & Research of Endangered Wildlife, reached out for assistance. Carey's team had found the cause detailed protein present only in pregnant bears' samples.

Biologists started with samples of bears that had already delivered babies and then some blood sent to the pregnant bears' zoo keepers. Ellie was then trained using a bowler cable for the bear pregnancy test but once done, Carey said, the dog was tested on Canada caribou bears, too, now what.

"Oh, very, very, methodical," Skogen said. "You could fall in love really examining it through the blind test."

Remarried with treat and getting to sniff out the pregnancy samples, Ellie was trained for months and was shocking to samples of previously pregnant bears with unexpected

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Ancient mammal named after KU prof

LAWRENCE (AP) — An ancient insect-eating mammal has been named after a University of Kansas professor.

The university says in a news release that researchers from the University of Kansas, the University of Texas, the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa recently and published a description of a fossilized Swedenborgia mammal species.

The mammal the researchers named after Leonard Krishtalka (KRIH-shtal-kuh) is a member of the Swedenborgidae family. Krishtalka is a professor of ecology and evolutionary biology at the University of Kansas.

Krishtalka has written about 200 research articles, policy papers and articles in scientific journals, books, and popular magazines. He is the author of the book "Discover Birds: A Other Intelligent to Natural History."

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Happy Birthday, Cassid Hernandez!

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