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Meade County prepares for Christmas

Friends of the Meade Library announces schedule of Christmas Home Tour

• Special to the Leader & Times

Friends of the Meade Library has announced the schedule of the Christmas Home Tour "Simply Bella Bling!"

The tour will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7, which will take place from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7.

Just hear those sleigh bells jingling, sing-along-jingling. Yes, I mean me. It's time to get that for a sleigh ride together with you."

Tickets join the Friends of the Meade Library in supporting the Meade Library's mission by learning the locations of:

• Craig Hutchins and Kate Stewart Hutchins, 1 S. Main St.

• Lori Hoskinson home at 407 N. Meade Center

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Christmasing In Plains is scheduled for Sunday, Dec.8.

• Special to the Leader & Times

"This year's theme: "Christmas, Love is in the Air."

The Plains Lions Club invites everyone to wonderful and beautiful Thanksgiving Day Parade. It is scheduled for Sunday, December 8 beginning at 2:00 p.m. Hastings.

After Thursday long as ever! the Christmasing in Plains is a great time for everyone to visit with Santa and get the young ones to visit with Santa and have a photo taken with Santa.

The Prairie Bazar will be open Saturday morning the 30th. This is a scheduling change.

The NEEDYBEG drawn will be drawn on will 6 p.m. Sunday the 8th.

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Money is blowin' in the wind

GARDEN CITY (AP) — Providing plentiful emergency services to a county with a growing population and managing into a mature making for a western Kansas county.

The Garden City Telegram reports that Finney County commissioners have approved a tax abatement for a March with Renewable Energy Systems Americas Inc.; the proposed construction for the Buffalo Creek wind farm.

County administrator Randy Partington said revenue and property tax payments from the wind farm and tax abatement indicate the county could stay up to $275,000 in profit by the end of the contract, depending on how many home land was on the site.

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BIG WEEKEND

From high school playoffs to college basketball and the NFL, this weekend was huge

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CHRISTMAS PARADE
WIN A BRAND NEW FORD FOCUS
7 P.M. • 7 P.M. SATURDAY, DEC. 7
DOWNTOWN LIBERAL

Sign up for the Christmas parade at 5:30 Saturday, Dec. 7 and the 2013 Christmas Parade of Lights at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7. Christmas Parade when make sure you're at the Dec. 7 Christmas Parade when you can win a brand new Ford Focus. Sign up for the drawing by the an Lincoln circle at 5 p.m. Stop at the following checkbook of where the car will be on display:

Tuesday
Nov. 26 - Superior Clean Car Wash
Wednesday
Nov 27 - Bert Mueller
Friday
Nov. 29 - Perkins Furniture
Nov 30 p.m. - Keating Tractor and Equipment

Kan. groups seek repeal of mortgage fee

TOPEKA — Realtors and bankers in Kansas want to do away with county fees to register property bought on a mortgage.

The groups say the mortgage registration fee discourages homeowners from the lowest mortgage by lien holders or business property.

The Kansas City Star reports that county officials want to keep the fee. They say it is a small revenue source that counties across the state will lose about $47 million a year in revenue.

The Kansas Bankers Association also says the registration fee is a deterrent to because much of the interest charged is to the country general fund and doesn't reflect the cost of recording the document.

Counties get increased property taxes to make up for the revenue from the longer burden on homeowners and businesses from the fee.

Citizenship law root of Kansas lawsuits

Greg Ramos, chief counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union of Kansas and Western Missouri, files a lawsuit against Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, Thursday morning in Shawnee County District Court. U Topeka, Kansas, challenges a new voter registration law that requires Kansas citizens to show proof of citizenship requirement for new voters. (U Topeka, Kansas)

By KEVIN KRAMER
• KVKansas/Wire

TOPEKA — Secretary of State Kris Kobach and his critics are tangled in two lawsuits over whether Kansas will create a dual voter registration system, but the outcome of the cases could have a ripple effect over the entire period of citizenship law.

The lawsuits, one each in state and federal court, both challenge a Kansas law requiring prospective voters who use the federal government national registration form. The state law, which is the first of its kind, requires showing their U.S. citizenship but doesn't require them to produce a birth certificate, passport or other documents. Those who use the state registration forms, they would be eligible to cast ballots in any race until they produce citizenship proper under a law that will effect in January.

Under a dual registration system, people

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Australians set world record for Christmas lights

By RODNEY BRUCE
• Associated Press

CANBERRA, Australia — An Australian family has set a world record for the most lights for decorating more than half a million Christmas lights around their suburban home.

Guinness World Records officials Chris Dendy confirmed Monday that the Richards family of Canberra set the record for Christmas lights on a residential property with 502,200 lights.

The Richards home sells its lights on eaves and trees to raise money for the Cancer Council Australia. Visitors will be allowed to view the suburban Forrest mid-December to raise money for charity.

Dendy said the Richards family of Canberra beat the previous record of 500,000 lights set by Dallas of Dallas, TX Cuillin, 11 and Mitchell, 9 — and most of the neighbors supported the effort. Dendy said it's unclear if the Australian family had secured the record.

Lines already lined Christmas. Having the Christmas lights on display attracted attention and attracting it a time when you get to know people you probably should know better, a

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People look at The Richards home illuminated with miniature lights in Canberra, Sunday. The Australian family has reclaimed their Guinness World Record by arranging more than half a million Christmas lights around their suburban home. Guinness World Records official Chris Dendy confirmed Monday, Nov. 25, 2013 that the family has secured the Christmas lights on a residential property with 502,200 twinkling lights. (Associated Press/Rick Rycroft)

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