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PARADE POSTPONED

The annual Christmas Parade in Downtown Liberal has been moved to Dec. 14.

KCSL's Holiday Wish List

By ROBERT WELCH
• Leader & Times

Each year the Kansas Children's Service League (KCSL) helps over 4,000 Kansas children and families in Kansas. The helps prevent low-income first-time children and families from KCSL's Holiday Wish List or ending services.

KCSL Marketing and Public Relations Director Jim Hartman said the wish list is a combination of programs throughout the state, which helps fund the agency's operating budget.

This is some items the organization is interested in KCSL's foster programs and

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Cookie Lady big hit at Folk Art Festival

By NICHOL COLEMAN
• Leader & Times

The 39th Folk Art Festival opened Friday and Saturday, with a large crowd of people enjoying the festival. Saturday's festivities included the annual Santa Claus Parade, Santa's Workshop and Cookie Lady.

A longtime favorite at the event, who lives in nearby Liberal, Kansas, Cookie Lady is the brainchild of Jerry Lee Wilkerson. About 20 years

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College's medical programs earn high reviews

• SEWARD

Following a detailed board of trustees' dinner, the Seward County Community College Board of Trustees Liberal Board of Trustees met Monday to review a wide variety of reports and upcoming activities. Among the items reviewed were academic program reviews of the Nursing, Radiological Technology, Medical Laboratory Technician, Medical Assistant and Respiratory Therapy.

Dr. Jim Pierce, SCCC President, gave an overview of each of the programs.

Following an accreditation visit, the Medical Laboratory Technician program, the Medical Assistant program and the Associate Degree Nursing program for two years with a status report on the program to complete after two years. The Medical Laboratory Technician program was the outstanding of

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American Red Cross
The American Red Cross is hosting a community blood drive until 6 p.m. today at Western Avenue Church of Christ located at 215 S. Western Ave.

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Christmas Parade

Postponed until Sat., Dec. 14
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CHRISTMAS PARADE
WITH A BRAND NEW FORD FOCUS
5 P.M., 6 P.M. SATURDAY, DEC. 7, 2013
DOWNTOWN LIBERAL

Sign up (one entry per vehicle) at the business where you work or shop. Pick up a flyer at the Chamber of Commerce and make your choice of the Dec. 7 Christmas Parade when the winning name will be chosen. You must be a Chamber member to win the car. Parade starts at 6 p.m. Here is the following schedule of when the car will be on display:

Today
7 to 8 p.m. - Flower Basket
Friday
10 a.m. to noon - Fashion Furniture
Saturday
Noon to 5 p.m. - Folk Art Festival
Sunday
Noon to 5 p.m. - Folk Art Festival

'Coats For Kids' project completed just in time

Early Risers Kiwanis Club teams with Liberal Soroptimist Club again this year to distribute winter coats to children

• Staff report

The Liberal Early Risers Kiwanis Club has been busy over the past couple of weeks distributing winter coats to children in need for the 'Coats for Kids' project.

Early Risers Kiwanis members partnered with the Liberal Soroptimist Club to buy and distribute winter coats and clothing caps and gloves to children in the community. The Kiwanis provided winter coats and the Soroptimist Club provided the caps and gloves.

More than 200 coats, caps and gloves have been given free of charge to children in need just in time for cold winter temperatures.

The 'Coats for Kids' project is a longtime annual project for the Early Risers Kiwanis and has provided literally thousands of coats to children in need over the years. The Kiwanis is funding coats from the annual "Peach Sale" conducted in late summer or early fall depending on the peach crop. This year due to a difficult growing season, a lot of peach counselors were not able to sell peaches. Instead, the Kiwanis bought Georgia peaches. The peaches were delivered to Liberal by

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Early Risers Kiwanis President Chrissy Kirk distributes one of the coats that have been given free of charge to children in need of warm, just in time for cold weather this week.

Courtesy photo

Sheriff: Fla. man kills wife, son with crossbow

WESTON, Fla. (AP) — A South Florida man who killed his wife and two teenage sons in their townhouse, tried to kill a second son and his mother, a Broward County sheriff's spokesman said Wednesday.

Broward Sheriff's Office deputies said Rick Ruth of Pembroke Pines shot Mathieu Sr., 55, of Weston, was found in a bedroom of the townhouse in Cross Fire apartments shot by shining his own throat, investigators said.

Ruth, 48, shot his wife, Jacqueline Mathieu, 48, Jacob Mathieu, 18, and Nathan Mathieu, 16, with a crossbow, Sheriff's spokesman Jim Pasco said. Ruth had his wife, 45-year-old Monica Nartowicz-Mathieuwicz, and younger son Taylor Jose Mathieuwicz, 17, 10 times, and was joined the next day by Deputies described as a handbuilt crossbow that shot arrows.

Authorities believe they were killed sometime Monday. After that, they said, Ruth went down to his father's apartment and shot his father in the throat. Tuesday, he apparently attacked his other son, 23-year-old Jose Mathieuwicz, with the crossbow but did not get penetrated the next cut. Deputies say the father tried to choke the son, but Jose Mathieuwicz managed to escape.

Authorities had responded to the Mathieuwicz residence at 11:30 a.m. PSAD twice after the sister-in-law telephoned about her confusion to the killings. After finding the bodies, they

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