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Semi-auto collision sends Meade man to hospital

By JAMES WALSH
Leader & Times

A Meade man was hospitalized after slamming into the side of a semi Monday afternoon in rural southwest Seward County.

James Vergara, 54, Meade, was driving his 2001 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck westbound on Kansas Highway 54 around noon when, according to Kansas Highway Patrol, Vergara was following the 2008 Freightliner too closely.

When the trucks drove, Matthew R. James, 37, Hugoton, slowed to turn south on Road 13 at 1:00 p.m. Vergara swerved into the shoulder in an attempt to avoid a collision and crashed into the side of the semi.

Vergara was transported to Southwest Medical Center for treatment of his injuries. James was not injured in the crash.

Both seats were wearing their seat belts, according to the report.

County opens all buildings to concealed carry, with 2 exceptions

Court rooms, law enforcement center will be at discretion of judges, sheriff

By ROBERT PIERCE
Leader & Times

Monday, Seward County commissioners approved a resolution that would allow the carrying of concealed weapons in all county buildings with a few exceptions.

Prior to the discussion, Kansas Representative Brad Thoroughman (D-Dist. 119) Monday sent out a letter to the commissioners about what they would like to see from the resolution. The letter encouraged them to take from all the signs and not spend an entire $100,000 of taxpayer money. Thoroughman also suggested that the board should not act at all, Prior said.

The $100,000 the legislator estimated to

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PANCAKES WITH SANTA

Santa is coming to the Recreation Center in Liberal on Saturday, Dec. 21 from 11 a.m. Saturday to have pancakes with the kids.

The cost is to cost online children want to have their picture taken with Santa, and that costs $5.

Santa is here to have their picture taken by and see Santa. The Seward County Parents Board and Liberal Parks and Recreation Department have come together to bring Santa to the center.

For more information, contact the Recreation Office at 626-0125.







City closes shooting range for 'safety' reasons

By JAMES WALSH
Leader & Times

The City of Liberal, which accordingly a recorded shooting 2004, cleaned out the shooting range, but has closed the range for safety reasons.

The land is owned by Seward County, but the city now operates the range.

Recently, the City of Liberal has attempted to open the range to other groups besides the Liberal Gun Club, but those changes have raised questions about safety at the facility.

A board press release from the City of Liberal received by the Leader & Times on Monday, December 16, stated that Liberal has received new information

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