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# Crowds relive Washington's 1776 river crossing

A boat chugs along the Delaware River as re-enactors from Pennsylvania and New Jersey spend Christmas Day 2013 preparing for the annual Washington's Crossing re-enactment on Dec. 26 to mark the anniversary of the Revolutionary War battle between the British and the Continental Army. Thousands of people will gather along the river in Washington Crossing, Pa., on Wednesday, Dating the crossing 238 years ago, some formed Tyler soldiers, and others wore period clothing. The re-enactment is the oldest and largest Washington's Crossing re-enactment in the United States. Washington's crossing is known as one of the most decisive battles in the war for the United States. AP photo/Jim Cole

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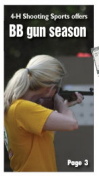

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## Las Vegas cab driver finds $300K in back seat

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## City approves new plan allowing city staff to also have concealed-carry rights

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by GRELLA MARCONDO
• Leader & Times

Monday night's city commission meeting brought out some debate concerning a recently proposed concealed carry policy for city employees.

The purpose of the original proposed policy was to provide instructions for the possession or carrying of firearms in city-owned facilities by city employees who have their ability concealed carry effective Jan. 1, 2014.

The proposed policy for buildings city two categories: non-exempt and exempt according to city manager Scott Rob.

"The non-exempt areas included City Hall, Recreation Center, Mid-America the Museum, Convention and Tourism, Visitors Center, Golf Course, Pool, Sewer Plant and Arbuckle Bay Water Park.

"Exempting buildings, according to the proposed policy, means they are generally open to the public, and those areas would be exempt from the policy," said Rob.

Non-exempt city buildings are buildings that allow the lawful possession of firearms by non-employees, the concealed

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## United Way campaign hits 30 percent of goal

As of Monday, the Seward County United Way had $139,615 towards its goal of $340,000 or 30 percent. The United Way has received a number of reports from the payroll deduction campaigns as well actual gifts and individual pledges. Ryan Valencia, 2014 Drive Chair, is pictured pulling the thermometer up to 30 percent. "We are off to a great start with our payroll campaign," Valencia said. "We've had several of our payroll deduction campaigns come in significantly lower than in the previous year. Normally we are ahead of last year at this point. We understand that times are tough, but it doesn't look like that is going to happen this year." He added, "As people think about end of the year giving, we hope they will consider the United Way. We are confident that the Seward County community will help us in making our goal each year." Checks may be mailed to Seward County United Way, P.O. Box 370, Liberal, KS 67905 or donations may be made via the United Way of Seward County Facebook page. Contact Valencia for more information about the local United Way, call 626-0401 or email scunitedway@kinsinet.net. Courtesy photo

## Dallas VA hospital refuses to accept 'Merry Christmas' cards

by TED OWENS
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Fourth-grader Gracie Brown, right, and her brother show off some of the Christmas cards they and 21 other students at Prosper, Texas, made for ailing veterans at Dallas VA hospital. The cards were returned because they made no ailing veterans at Dallas VA hospital. The cards were returned because they made no ailing veterans at Dallas VA hospital. The cards were returned because they made no