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Judge believes local tax collector signed fraudulent tax returns

By Kate Perry
• Leader & Times

During a divorce hearing in 2012, Judge Chad Thorpe told "The crooked Uncle Sam" to leave Seward County and leave Linda Rogers alone.

Testimony extracted came during testimony from Brandy Rogers, and Chase Rogers dealing with the divorce.

The testimony was transcribed by Melody Hollenberg the official court reporter for the 29th Judicial District in a transcript dropped by the Judge in Texas.

Brandy Rogers, ex-employee for the State of Kansas as a tax collection, told the court that her estranged husband's income was $150,000 per year, but that returns for 2008, 2009 and 2010, indicated he had little to no income in operating his businesses, including a used boating company and Cardiobrake Clinic and Pain.

Chase Rogers, an attorney for Chase Rogers, called Brandy Rogers about the figure and if it was true.

"If you reported all of his income, you it could be wrong," she said.

Nonetheless when asked "Did you signoff those tax returns for the last three years dealing that he has no wages, salary?"

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The Seward County Health Department is joining the Kansas Food Bank in the fight against Senior Hunger with a new initiative called Bob Box. Bob Box is promoted and endorsed by Senator Kansas Senator Bob Dole, Senator Pat Roberts and Senator Jerry Moran. Northwest Kansas Counties. It is an outstanding free card

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Parent-teacher conferences set for Feb. 6, 7

• GEM-AD

USD No. 480 Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place Feb. 6 and 7. Conferences will be scheduled for parents based on need (grades, behavior, concerns, attendance).

Your child's school will contact you if a conference needs to scheduled. Contact your school's principal if you have questions. Below is a detailed schedule for conferences.

Thursday, Feb. 6

Pre-Kindergarten to 6th-grade students
• Conference times: 7:00 a.m. to 3:25 p.m. and 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.
• No school for preschool, elementary and intermediate students.

Liberal High, Grades 9
• Conference times: 4 to 8 p.m.
• LTSD will be in session on Feb. 6.
Seth and West Middle Schools
• Conference times: 4 to 8:30 p.m.
• WMS and SMS will be in session on Feb. 6.

Friday, Feb. 7

Pre-kindergarten to 12th-grade
• Conference times: 7:45 to 11:15 a.m.
USD 480 schools are not in session on this date.

KSRA President to give talk on 2nd Amendment

• Special to the Leader & Times

The Seward County Commission has scheduled Patricia Brumfiel, President of the Kansas State Rifle Association, as a guest speaker for the commission and the public at the Seward County Commission Chambers Administration Bldg at 115 N. Washington.

Brumfiel will be talking about the Second Amendment, the Second Amendment Foundation and issues as a Lifetime and what people can do to help or become involved in Second Amendment rights.

Liberal needs help with stray dog problem

By Carolyn Hernandez
• Leader & Times

Animals are a huge responsibility — they have emotions, need shelter, food and care, and need to be loved.

Liberal is dealing in some of those areas, because there is an excess of unneutered unknown pregnancies, strays and adopts.

Lisa Lovett, Angels for Animals president Chris Hubbel-Lovett and the part of the problem is owners who don't have their animals fixed, and allows parents to think twice about gifting a puppy for Christmas to children.

"People think, 'Oh, what a darling Christmas present,' but children don't know what they are getting into," Hubbel-Lovett said. "Children can form a bit but the parents need to be aware, so they don't have to deal with it after Christmas, they need to think about what they're actually doing.

Lovett said Angels for Animals is a nonprofit organization that rescues and adopts out animals that are mistreated or unneutered or local animal shelter.

"We work through the shelter. We are a licensed humane society 501(c)(3) tax contributions that are tax deductible," Hubbel-Lovett said.

She added that Angels for Animals is currently working on two large projects.

"The end of all this dogs last year, we rescued 300 dogs and 300 cats and were adopted from the shelter and then transferred to us 300 animals."

Lovett said Angels for Animals, Inc. Liberal, Dumas, Kansas' office, from stray dogs as much and good homes as possible, she said.

"Lovett's Office has connections with a group along the front range of Colorado primarily in the Denver area, Lovett said. "We have a lot of good foster homes and they don't have the excess of stray animals that we have, but they have generously accepted some of our rescued Liberal good homes for them."

Angels for Animals is asked to transport animals to other shelters, such as one, one and dad recently in order for them to be transferred, she said.

"Malia Lovett noted that one way for people to help is by driving the dogs to Denver, she said.

"We have one scheduled for Jan. 30 and the 31, and the 1st and 2nd of February. We had been in the Cowley County area, and we have a lot of animals in the parent of those that were here," she said.

Lovett also explained that cost should not be a problem to have such animals neutered or spayed. She noted that there are low cost options.

"If individuals can't afford to have it done at all, Angels has a good fund that we can use, if they are on income spaying and we can use it for those individuals who even at a reduced rate can't afford it. We have a million and one veterinarians participating the community and hope eventually we can do a low cost spay and neuter that those little animals are not out on the streets," she said.

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Anna Maria Angels For Animals President Chris Hubbel-Lovett stays with two of her dogs at her home. Angels for Animals is currently seeking volunteers and help the group with stray pets and their care. (JP photo/Carolyn Hernandez)

Tuesday that take place every other Tuesday. Lovett noted that Angels for Animals is coordinator, Jessica who is responsible and reliable.

"There is also a need for an animal control officer of the shelter.

"It is a tough job, and the shelter would be hard, because you have eventually some of the dogs will be euthanized," Lovett said.

Volunteers are also needed to walk the dogs before they are placed in their cages for the trip to Denver, she said.

"We have to walk the dogs twice a day, about 20 at a time. We take them out and meet them at a designated place at a designated time and each animal already is assigned to a foster home, so we know that they are going to be neutered before they are placed in their permanent home. We are able to do that because we have people who come to the shelter we are able to place in homes cost of this community."

The animal and the other projects where she explained how Angels are trying to work with the Liberal ordinances that also control the amount of unneutered dog pregnancies.

"We are working on a new goal, project, we have found a group from Loveland, Colo. that have a mobile unit to be used for spaying and neutering and they'll come to Liberal and we are working on that. We have the spaying and neutering at a reduced cost, and consequently, many people can't afford the regular cost.

"We need to have more of our animals spayed and neutered. The problem is that people want to have adoption but by the time pregnant in a spay or neuter, but they don't have the money to do it, and they don't have the ordinances the official standing to do a lot of follow up, so that's one of our problems," she said.

"Angels will follow up on those animals that are adopted to make sure that they are spayed and neutered, and we need — we try to transport the adult dogs to a place where they will be neutered and spayed, to a place where they will not be allowed to reproduce and just to good homes and we can bring in this low income, low cost neuter clinic," she said.

The clinic will be on town later this month.

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