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Top 'Cat Klein to speak in Liberal Sunday

By DAG SHUTT
• Leader & Times

Collin Klein didn't know where he would end up playing college football, he just knew he wanted a chance to compete at the highest level.

Klein will be the Liberal Sunday speaker for Loveland High School in Colorado, the office didn't exactly come pouring in.

"I wasn't highly recruited," Klein said. "It didn't stop my only offer I ever (received). It wasn't where I wanted to go, but I did wanted to play."

Klein, who is a Heisman Trophy finalist, will be shared Sunday during the Super Bowl Party sponsored by Faith Adventists and the Liberal Ministerial Alliance that will begin at 5 p.m. at the Seward County Arts

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Collin Klein had a standout career at Kansas State and was the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award winner for the Baltimore Ravens rookie in 2013. He was a finalist for the Heisman Trophy of the Year in 2012 and was a Maxwell Award finalist and Walter Camp Award finalist in 2011 and 2012. Klein, who will be in Liberal Sunday to discuss football and his faith, Courtesy photo

Visit with Rep. Petty Saturday

• Special to the Leader & Times

State Representative Brad Petty will host a meet and greet from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at Jimmy Bowman's in Liberal.

Petty looks forward to the opportunity to answer questions or concerns from the Liberal community.

"Every one is free to bring any concerns or questions they feel will be encouraging, informative or entertaining," said Petty. "Maybe there thoughts or would like an update of what is going on in the house, stop by." Petty said

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Sunday event kicks off Black History Month

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American Legion to discuss remodeling

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The American Legion and Auxiliary will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb.6 at the Post Home.

All members are invited and encouraged to attend. The Post Home is located at 1 Texas Ave. in Liberal.

The agenda will include reports, discussion of upcoming District convention hosted by Post 15 in Liberal, Post remodeling and discussion on current remodeling.

The Legion also believes that any prospective veterans are welcome at a post to check on their eligibility to become a member. For questions call 620-629-0461.

Court: Transgender student's rights were violated

By DAVID SHARP
• Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — A transgender fifth-grader should have been allowed to use the girls' bathroom at school, the state's highest court ruled, concluding that school officials violated state anti-discrimination laws.

The state Human Rights and the Maine Human Rights Commission had ruled that the school officials engaged in unlawful sex and student endorsement.

The Maine Supreme Judicial Court concluded that the school officials violated the state's Maine Human Rights Act, which bars discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity, overturning a lower court ruling that the school officials had not violated the law.

The ruling represented the first time a state high court concluded that a transgender person should use the bathroom of the gender they identify with, the plaintiff's attorney, according to Human Rights Campaign Law Litigation Advocacy Director. Federal courts have ruled in the same.

The ruling represents a "significant and historic breakthrough for transgender young people," said Jennifer Levi, director of GLAD's Transgender Rights Project, who filed a friend-of-the-court brief on the family's behalf before the state supreme court.

Students at the northern Maine high school Nicole attended, Orono High School, have been mostly accepting, she maintained, and her father, Wayne Montano, School administrators across the country are grappling with the issue.

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In this June 11, 2013, file photo, transgender student Nicole Maines, seven, with her father Wayne Montano, left, and her mother Jennifer Maines, right, in their home in Orono, Maine. A court in Portland, Maine, The Maine Supreme Judicial Court ruled Thursday that Nicole Maines should have been allowed to use the bathroom of her choice in 2009 after school officials required her to use a separate bathroom. The court said the school officials violated the state's Maine Human Rights Act, a state law that bars discrimination based on sexual orientation. AP photo/Robert F. Bukaty

Concealed carry class set for Feb. 15

• Staff reporter

A Kansas concealed carry handgun class will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 15 at the Seward County Activity Center at 420 Pershing Ave. in Liberal.

The instructor is Dave Hamilton, a Kansas certified concealed carry handgun instructor. The class is sponsored by Southwest Theatre Supply of Liberal.

There is a one hour break for lunch, but lunch is not provided.

The class fee is $150 per person. Students must provide a valid Kansas driver's license or a valid Kansas non-driver's identification card. Students must provide their

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District apologizes after taking student lunches

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Steve Lisbon said when Utah parents were outraged when their children had their deep-dish pizzas and other food taken away by cafeteria workers because they didn't have enough money on their lunch accounts.

Lisbon said taking the $2 meals from about 40 students was "humiliating and embarrassing."

People are upset, obviously, by the news that they have been handled because they don't have the money to pay for their lunch," said Magnelia of the KSL TV, who first got word on taking a situation with a balance by the Salt Lake City School District.

The Salt Lake City School District apologized on Thursday and said it was preparing to refund the money to the Salt Lake City Alternative and working to make sure it doesn't happen again.

"We are sorry that our district spokesman haven't been said. Those students have been

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Sen. Todd Weiler, R-Woods Cross, left, and Rep. Jim Nielsen, D-Salt Lake City, speak to reporters in the cafeteria at Hunter Elementary School before engaging in the school lunch debate at the Utah State Capitol in Salt Lake City. A school district apologized Thursday after it took lunch trays from about 20 students at a Salt Lake City school had their parents owed money because of outstanding balances on their food accounts. Salt Lake City School District spokesman Steve Lisbon said the district is investigating the incident at Hunter Elementary and working to make sure it doesn't happen again. AP photo/Rick Bowmer

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