Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?

Thursday Prime Rib

College, LHS team up to offer

College Goal Sunday

Volunteers help students find financial aid this weekend at Liberal High School

By RACHEL CHAPMAN
• Leader & Times

Recently Nurse could be certain, but fairly pain that, without College Goal Sunday, she and here many of her college-bound

"I didn't know what I needed to do to get help for college, what to look for, but Seward County Community College/Area Technical School Southwest recalled. "I knew it had to do with taxes, but I didn't understand how taxes

When Nurse-Schuyler, who finished her senior year at Liberal High School, was that "it was a little bit overwhelming. My family doesn't really deal much money."

Nurse would have to rely on scholarships and

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Musical drama 'Godspell' opens Thursday at LHS

By KAT CRIPPS
• Leader & Times

For most first-time directors, the project they're undertaking—a 1960s cult classic, especially if their first project is a well-known stage

Liberal High School drama teacher Cara Spencer, however, do not only have a learning experience but much more. Determined to succeed with the school's production of "Godspell,"

"I have very high expectations of myself no matter what I'm doing, whether I've done it before or not. I expect it to be very good," she said. "I would never say 'It's my first time'

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Want to start a small business?

• SE staff report

The Kansas Small Business Development Center is hosting the "Steps to Starting a Business" class from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday in Room 104 (CIS A and B) in the Student Activities Building at Seward County Community College/Area Technical School at 1501 N. Kansas in Liberal.

The Small Business Development Center coordinator provides an overview of small business starting information and resources for starting a business.

• Questions answered include:

• Is my business idea feasible;
• Where can I find more in-depth and hands-on help; and
• How do I get started?

The cost of the registration fee for this seminar. However, pre-registration is requested in order to prepare handout materials.

Drop off, e-mail or fax to sales.liberal@sccc.edu or call (620) 417-1620 by Feb. 24. The Small Business Center at 1501 N. Kansas Ave., Liberal, KS 67905-1127. Fax: 620-417-1620. For more information, call 620-417-1487.

County approves landfill upgrades

By ROBERT VIRGIL
• Leader & Times

Seward County commissioners approved the purchase of two items for the county landfill Tuesday night.

The first was a fire engine decommissioned by the chief Mike Beco. Landfill supervisor Butch Thacker said the purchase was necessary due to the loss of an engine in a machine landfill workers

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2013 Miss Kansas voted No. 1 for People's Choice Award at Miss America Pageant, and

Theresa Vail will be in town for 2014 Miss Liberal Pageant

• Special to the Leader & Times

Theresa Vail will be coming to Liberal to participate in the 2014 Miss Liberal Pageant.

Vail was crowned Miss Kansas 2013 on June 8, 2013, at the Miss Kansas Pageant in Pratt.

She was voted Miss Congeniality, Miss Photogenic and was Top 15 finalist at the Miss America Pageant in September in Atlantic City, N.J.

Vail's platform issue is "Empowering Women through entrepreneurship and branding business."

She is currently a senior at Kansas State University in Manhattan, where she also has brunettes. She is earning a CD and majoring in Chinese.

Vail is a member of the Kansas Army National Guard where she was 17, and she is an expert marksman for the Army Rifle Team. She is also a recipient of the Distinguished Honor Graduate at the Army School of Ordnance. She was deployed to Iraq for nine months as a wheeled mechanics school, and she coordinated and ran an all-girls archery

She also developed an Empowerment Project for women and has consistently served the Girl Scouts of America and has received the Cadette of the Month award.

Other honors include National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Dean's List, Kappa Kappa Gamma and KSU Dental Club. Theresa has also completed 10 hours towards her private pilot's

Business is one of nine children. She states "this is not a position for selfish motives, but one of selfless giving. Her platform during the Miss Liberal Pageant will be "Empowering Women through entrepreneurship and branding business."

Vail will be pursuing her dental surgery doctorate degree and will serve as a dental for the Army.

Senator declares Kan. 'religious liberties protection' bill dead

By JOHN HANNA
• AP Statehouse

TOPEKA — An anti-gay marriage proposal that ended Kansas police school chairman of a state Senate committee Thursday, saying there's not enough support for it. Republican Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Jeff King didn't oppose likely to end the debate over providing legal protections for people and organizations refusing for religious reasons to provide goods and services to gay and lesbian couples. But King, a conservative Republican, said he'll only have hearings on whether Kansas needs to enact religious protection laws in cases the federal courts or other states have already ruled on.

The House approved a bill last week to prohibit government sanctions in anti-discrimination lawsuits when individuals, groups and businesses cite their religious beliefs. The bill would require exemptions, accommodations and employment benefits related to marriage, such as spousal insurance coverage, for employees of such businesses. Opponents said those clauses were intended to allow businesses to refuse to provide florists, bakers and photographers from being punished for refusing to participate in same-sex weddings. Some churches from having to provide space or charge for use of their facilities for such weddings, and adoption agencies from being forced to place children with gay couples. Critics said the bill would have created a license to discriminate and had no other purpose.

Senate backers already had said the bill would not pass their chamber, but King said Tuesday that his committee was trying to

But a vote sending House Bill 2453 and King on Independence Republican, referring to the measure by number.

King said he's not drafting a narrower alternative. He said he'll have hearings to

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