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School board looks to next year

By RACHEL COLEMAN
• Leader & Times

It's never too early to think ahead — at least, that's the reasoning behind several agenda items to be addressed at Monday night's Liberal Board of Education meeting. The board is a look ahead to next year with the presentation of the 2014-15 calendar and a proposal for a new enrollment system that will shift much of the process to digital, rather than paper-based.

Director of technology Nicka Patel will present Sidexis the board for the hightech enrollment system. Designed to interact smoothly with the PowerSchool system currently in use to give parents constant access to their children's grades,

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Rockin' Robotics

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Children run down Pancake Day route along the Market Place in Olney, Texas in 2013. (Courtesy Photo)

Olney Pancake Day organizers to attend this year's Pancake Day events

• Pancake Day Board

Special guests at this year's Olney Pancake Day will be from the Longtime Olney Pancake Day organizers Tony and Vic Evans.

Tony and Vic have been at Pancake Day for more than 20 years and have been on the committee for 10 years. Vic said "We are both doing members of the community with the Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul, Lions Club, Tourism Committee for Olney and Island Vic served as mayor and supervisor for four years. Tech is the Vic's son-in-law and Tony's son-in-law who flies Olney Center was named." Vic said.

The Evanses have lived in Olney for more than 30 years and are farmers growing wheat, beans and cotton on their family farm. Vic said, "We have a big family which keeps us young at heart. Eve ones, we have 8 grandchildren and 1 daughter, ranging in age from 18 months to 22 years." Vic said. "We have a big family reunion which has 1 - 2 hundred people and much of Mr. Selmaget to the Royal family.

The Evanses enjoy gardening, cooking, and spending time with family.

"With our kids scattered to the farming, we have been able to do a lot of things in the last few years," Vic said.

They have traveled to India, Africa, South America, and Canada.

"Now we are very much looking forward to Pancake Day," Vic said. "We are very excited at the prospect of visiting you in Liberal to celebrate your Pancake Day celebration."

Tony and Vic will arrive in time for the Pancake Day Parade on Tuesday, March 4, which will go under way at 9 a.m. at the Seward County Event Center.

For a complete schedule of events for Olney's celebration of International Pancake Day, call 620-6622, visit the website at www.olneypancakeday.com, or the International Pancake Day page on Facebook.

Kan. doctor killed in small plane crash

TESHOE (AP) — The Kansas Highway Patrol is asking about the death of a small plane in Greeley County.

The patrol says the plane went down Saturday evening in a field in Greeley County about 12 miles west of Tribune.

The pilot, 52-year-old Dr. Randall Fulmerdinger of Tribune died at a hospital. No one else was on board the plane. He worked for Greeley County Health Center.

The cause of the crash is still under investigation.

Fulmerdinger graduated from Dodge College in 1974 and graduated from the University of Kansas Medical School in Kansas City and Wichita in 1979.

Courtesy photo

Gio says 'Goodbye'

By CONNIE BOLT
• 2013 Miss Liberal

This year was a Miss Liberal 2013 has been one of the most remarkable learning experiences of my life. My thirty hours (10 per week) that I was crowned Miss Liberal 2013 have flown by. I can't believe I have become a little bit more interesting and a lot more

"Long, dull hours" were my first impressions of a Mission. Pictures on the front page of the newspaper, I didn't know whether to scream with excitement or the fact that I'd be in the spotlight for a year. I had to look ceremonial gratitude for the compliments.

I'm certainly out of my comfort zone, but that is what the nutritious suggestions taught me. Nutrition is not just about food, it's about accomplishing your goals and achieving big things in life instead of just being satisfied with mediocrity. My goal of each of my appearances was to simply make an impact on one individual - with the goal of Miss Liberal now accomplished.

It was so important to me to make a positive impact on the community, to take the Miss Liberal title seriously and live for the needs of community. I wanted to include what I was in the Miss Liberal 2013 and I feel I do the strong but that is less than perfect.

I pray to God I did so and continue on. Although my time as Miss Liberal 2013 is over, I will continue to pursue my platform with the tools I have gained this past year. I want to thank the Miss Liberal Board for this opportunity I'd want to deal with - thanking the great Lord for blessing my life overthrown I have experienced for the amazing people I have.

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