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Pancake Day General Chairman Jack Jacob shows of the 40th Pancake Day T-shirt. This year's shirts are available in both long sleeve and short sleeve styles. T-shirts and other Pancake Day memorabilia will be available at the Pancake Day booth and available at Pancake Day events beginning Saturday. Courtesy photo

Pancake Day memorabilia now available

• Pancake Day Staff

Pancake Day T-shirts and other memorabilia are now available at the Hall of Fame and other Pancake Day events.

This year's Pancake Day T-shirts feature a colorful neon design commemorating the 40th Pancake Day and are now available at the Hall of Fame.

In addition to a T-shirt, Pancake Day fans will receive a commemorative pancake flipper and a ticket to a lottery also serves as admission to the Pancake Breakfast on March 4. A commemorative pancake cookbook will also be available at the breakfast.

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City has busy agenda

By KEZ LEWIS
• Leader & Times

The city commission will be conducting a busy agenda at its regular meeting Monday at 5:00 and has several items on the agenda.

The first thing that will be discussed will be the neighborhood revitalization plan. Tonight will feature the final reading of the ordinance followed by a vote.

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Council of Governments for Seward County to meet

• Submitted to the Leader & Times

Representatives of the Seward County Council of Governments, City of Liberal Commissioners, Liberal Chamber of Commerce, City of Kismet Commissioners, Seward County USD No. 480 Board, Seward USD No. 483 School Board and Southwest Medical Center will be gathering for the Seward County Council of Governments.

That next meeting will be at 7 a.m. Thursday at Seward County Community College, 2801 N. Kansas, in the Student Center Building, Room 1. Coffee will be served.

The meeting will be centered around the proposed school bond issue and will be presented by Fred Larkin with USD 480. For more information, contact the county administration office at 620-624-0222.

BUILDING SHUFFLE

Board hears plans for how to use older facilities

By RACHEL GOSPHEN
• Leader & Times

If voters approve a $127 million bond issue in the April 8 special election, USD No. 480's entire school buildings will drop from the current 13 to six to nine. The facilities plan – designed with citizen input – would see the district's elementary students in six to nine buildings for students kindergarten through fifth grade. It eliminates the use of separate intermediate schools and integrates locations for the existing preschool program operated by USD 480.

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International Race now has 9

• Submitted by Staff

The International Race now has nine contestants vying to be Liberal's 40th successor. Hannah Hakes, 23; Brandie Buchanan, 23 who was in 2004 and 2005; Stevonne Stanley Nash, 25, last year's runner-up; Jessica Martinez, 22; Jessica Lakota Garrison, 20; Mikayla Kinzelman, 19, who will be competing in her fifth year; Kaylee Garner, 19, who was runner-up last year; and first-time racer Shannon Patterson, 23.

The race entered the Miss Race for Diversity Justin Alexander, Joshua Mauricio Luis Galeana, Placido Alonso Alejandro Ramirez, Jesus Ramirez, Jorge Ramirez, Kevin Small, and Bradley Kinney.

The Women's Cast's Dance Show has one contestant in the Jan. Wonderful, who took the Miss Race for Diversity.

Signups will continue for the Intermission Music and Last Chance categories until 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Liberal

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EWING

Jack Ewing returns to emcee Miss Liberal Pageant

• Staff Report

Jack Ewing has been involved with the Miss Kansas Pageant 1991, including three years as a show participant.

He has served many affiliates in his community and has been involved with the Miss Kansas Pageant, the Miss Hayden to Garnett, FT Dawson to Dawson and Miss in TJ Liberal.

He is a Past President of Mayor of Commerce for many occasions throughout the Pasty area.

After many years of long hard work keeping in Pasty at the forefront of the Miss Liberal Pageant, Jack and Jack Thompson will be hosting and emcee on Saturday in the Majesty of community, patience and Aspect Pageant at the Liberal Middle School.

"It's good to be back in Liberal to be a part of this event. Jacob "It's one of the best local pageants in the state.

They're prepping for 2014 Miss Liberal Pageant

Miss Liberal 2013 Giovanna Rosa-Ortiz, pictured fourth with six of the seven young ladies that will be vying for the 2013 Miss Liberal title on March 1, 2014 fielding the women questioned answering questions from two teams of music judges at the Bank of Beaver City in Liberal. The ladies practicing were, from row from left to right, Jessica Martinez, Kaylee Garner, Olivia Robinson, and back row from left to right, Jessica Martinez, Kaylee Garner and Tabitha Barrows. Not pictured is contestant Rachel Phipps 22 classified Nurse.

'Pure Rebellion' is coming to help Liberal's youth

By ROBERT PIERCE
• Leader & Times

There's a hidden epidemic in America's youth, and it concerns such things as pain and suffering, pornography, abortion, writing, drug and alcohol addiction, bullying, sexual abuse, suicide and cutting.

The event coming in March to Liberal High School's Madison Auditorium is hoping to recognize local youths' passion, hopes and dreams and help them to overcome.

Pure Rebellion is a dynamic two-and-a-half hour event that takes on honest, medical and transparent look at the challenges of today's youth.

The Liberal event is being sponsored by the group Liberal Youth Fully Empowered, and coordinator Jeanne Metcalf and Jack Thompson. The event will feature a live band, a live concert, pure reality TV show, part five dance and drama, pure unedited health class and all-out-nightclub.

"It's a dynamic two-and-a-half hour pure reality for seasons," she said. "They bring a band. They're video. They have speakers.

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