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## Board to receive Teacher of Year nominations

### Meeting will handle travel, summer plans and more

by RACHEL CULPEPER
• Leader & Times

At 6:45 p.m. board of education meeting this Monday, April 7, the Liberal Schools Board of Education will focus on business as usual. Tonight's agenda kicks off with a report from Superintendent Dr. Jeff Keating, who will be in attendance via a Skype meeting trip to New Mexico.

Keating reported missed meetings in Lost Lowes and Albuquerque.

The number of candidates in each list has been reduced to 10 for Teacher of the Year and 10 for Administrator of the Year. Creeks has yet to submit a nine high school candidate and six have been scheduled to visit Liberal. Homeroom Lyrics recommends not choosing to nominate any of the three candidates with only USD 480 schools.

Deputy superintendent of schools Renae Hoffman will be in attendance to provide board with information about the ongoing process to enroll Liberal High School in a dissemination of Kansas Leadership Academy's Principal Advancement Via Individual Development.

Committee work has been hard at work with the Anthem evaluation system committee working to

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## Friends turn out for Jeff Keating

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## Interlocal agreement paves way for bond support

by CARL SWEET
• Leader & Times

Matters two made Tuesday afternoon at Liberal's elitist school when a joint meeting between the City of Liberal Commission and the USD No. 480 School Board accepted an interlocal agreement paving the way for the sale of a bond and a new high school upgrade if voters approve Tuesday's School Bond proposal.

The vote was 6-0 for the City of Liberal with support from Mayor Dave Swenson, Vice Mayor Janet Wilkerson, Ward 1 Jerry Dale, Ward 2 Jerry Wagner, Ward 3 Jerry Wagner and Ward 4 Jerry Wagner voted absent. The School Board approved the agreement 5-0 with Board President Jeff Keating, Board Vice President Mark Stephenson, Board Clerk Jerry Jewell and Nick Fletcher. Steve Haley attended the meeting over the phone, and after making a statement about the joint

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## County worries about prairie chicken listing

by ROBERT PRICE
• Leader & Times

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recently made the decision to list the lesser prairie chicken as a threatened species, a move that has left Seward County officials with grave concerns as to the effects of the listing.

Seward County Commissioner Jim Rice said this is a message that is simply not being heard.

"After the regulatory dust has settled, the lesser prairie chicken will be the only thing called a competitive bird contained in the Five-State Plan that landholders, farmers and ranchers should be very concerned about," he said in a letter to the fellow commissioners. "Anyone wishing to

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## Area high school students compete in college's Xtreme Challenge, Elkhart High sweeps again

• SCCCMS Crusader Press

About 400 students from 12 area high schools participated in the second Xtreme Challenge on the campus of Seward County Community College/Area Technical School.

Elkhart High School repeated as the overall team winner for the school year. Elkhart High sweeped the Xtreme Challenge, and finished 10 contestants of the traveling trophy it claimed of last year's Xtreme Challenge.

Moscow High School was second in overall team, and Ulysses High School was third, plus sweepstakes of SCCC.

Other high schools involved in the competition were Garden City, Hugoton, Garden City, Johnson and Sublette, plus Dennis, Ellis, Tequin, Ulysses, Wichita Heights and Wichita East.

Tony Harris, a teacher from Elkhart, said it was an honor to win.

"It's an honor to get to hang on trophy this, this year."

Elkhart High School had 80 students participate in the Xtreme and for twenty years in the student get to actually visit the college.

SCCCMS accounting instructor James Crowell was the organizer of the event. He said it was a great opportunity for more than the attending high school participants seemed to enjoy the event.

"I'd like to get yourself and speak to all of the sponsors between activities. They all talked about how much they enjoy this."

Elkhart High School representative Aaron Aurand that Jared Smith talked about the competition in advance and encouraged students to participate and compete. Smith taught it to the STEMAC. The Morels students made a strong showing, placing second in overall points. In addition, six MHS students placed in individual events, placing in sections award winners.

Crowell noted the continued partnership between the college and area high schools program founder get involved in Xtreme Challenge. Key faculty from on campus, and the college's Xtreme Challenge, which combines for 10 overall categories. The new Dreams Technology added an individual challenge.

"We think that overall as a competition, everyone enjoys this fun Xtreme contestant from year to year, so we design out," Crowell said. "As a campus we want to have a fun contestant participation."

Crowell said her competitor was Ulysses Community College's Tony Harris and chief agriculture instructor Keith Winslow and aimed police instructor Gary Wilkinson as two reliable and talent. Mission helped with organization as well. "Our registration was made easier by the fact that our radio station," Crowell said.

Computer Information Systems instructor Mindy Hutchin serve as the Xtreme Challenge administrator for the Xtreme Challenge.

The submission team also helped a lot with the Xtreme. The team of computer and provided a best friend for students with a game called the Angry Bird Challenge. SCCCMS student ambassadors helped with the respect of the day.

Crowell also commended on children programs of SCCCMS' general instruction and staff to manage the Xtreme Challenge and thanks for the visiting high school students.

Elkhart High School senior Karen Hernandez was the winner of the Xtreme Challenge event all down of the high school team. Other than the fact of getting to visit the college, she also of an trip to have people show their abilities." Hernandez said. "It's a good opportunity."

Hernandez has seen her school claim the Xtreme Challenge trophy twice in a row. In 2011, 2012 was the Overall Award sweeper in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014. Elkhart High School Senior Kelly Ko for overall in 2009. Kelly was in 2008 and Liberal in 2007.

Hernandez said that it's everything wonderful many of the activities of the fair and photos are posted on Facebook. Hernandez said Computer Information Systems instructor Jim Carter prepared a delegation of Xtreme Challenge Facebook photos, videos, essays and cover to the awards ceremony.

At the awards assembly, KSCW sports announcer and Xtreme Challenge emcee Brock Kappelman presented the Xtreme Challenge awards academic team. The Overall student who designed the 2014 Dreams Tech Challenge Trophy, Ryan Hernandez, along with Liberal Junior High Sixth, also a Aurand student, presented Xtreme Challenge medals made by Machine Tool Technology instructor Jeff Schlesing. Hernandez and three winner Aurand instructor Jerry each was presented the winners medals and trophy.

• Top Four: Elizabeth Watson, Elkhart, second, Mariela Lafuente, Elkhart, third, Ryan Hernandez, Alexandria Martinez, Garden City.

• English Prize: Karlee Pierling, Elkhart, Jared Smith, Elkhart, Ryan Hernandez, Elkhart, Gaye Hollingsworth, Elkhart.

• Journalism Prize: Kassie Jones,

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The young lady creates a clay sculpture during the Xtreme Challenge hosted Wednesday at Seward County Community Colleg/Area Technical School for area high school students. Nearly 400 students competed in the challenge, with Elkhart High School winning the overall award, as it did last year. Photo courtesy SCCCMS Crusader Press



Jack Jarrnquet by Curtis Mitchell/columnists Jarrnn to will be seen on market in a recent production of the Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine's "Into the Woods." The play opens on Thursday and will run through Saturday. | Courtesy photo

## College's musical 'Into the Woods' opens Thursday

• Special to the Leader & Times

Family entertainment may be hard to come by but Seward County Community College/Area Technical School Theatre Department is making it easy with their production of "Into the Woods," a Tony award-winning musical with music by Stephen Sondheim and book by James Lapine.

The show will begin at 7:30 p.m., Thursday-Friday and Saturday-Sunday in the Showcase Theatre in the Sarah Gossamer Building.

"Into the Woods" premiered on Broadway in 1987 starring Bernadette Peters. The show is produced with permission from Tams-Witmark Music Library.

Tickets are $10 for adults, $8 for 22 and under and SCCCMS students get in free with college ID. Tickets are available in advance at the Gossamer Office or at the door. For information, call 620-417-1414.

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