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**City clerk's office reminds voters advanced voting is now under way**

Advance voting in the Seward County Clerk's office began Monday and ends at noon Monday, May 9.

**ADVANCE VOTING OPEN**

**MacArthur Elementary hosting Math Family Night**

MacArthur Elementary School is inviting all parents to Math Family Night from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday. This will be an opportunity for parents to get ideas about how to work on math skills this summer with their children.

**THURSDAY**

**Hugoton is hosting Health Fair May 10**

The Stevens County Health Department will host a health fair from 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday, May 10, at the health department at 1042 S. Jackson in Hugoton. Participants should fast for at least 12 hours. The following tests will be available for \$25: CBC, CMP, TSH and Lipid panel. For an additional \$10 or \$20 per test, participants can get a PSA screen and/or Hemoglobin A1C.

**TUESDAY, MAY 10**

**Celebrate National Day of Prayer at CFAN**

Church For All Nations will host a National Day of Prayer celebration Thursday with several activities including:

- Noon to 12:30 p.m. – Open and corporate prayer
- 12:30 p.m. – Youth band and Pledge of Allegiance
- 12:30 to 12:50 p.m. – Youth leads worship
- 12:50 to 1:15 p.m. – Prayer and band
- 1:15 p.m. – Fred Lewis will speak on the nation and/or military

history regarding the nation  
 12:35 to 12:45 p.m. – Youth read Declaration of Independence  
 12:45 p.m. – Final prayer and words

**THURSDAY**

**BOARD CENSURES COMMISSIONER WETTSTEIN, SENDS COMPLAINT TO AG**

By ROBERT PIERCE  
 • Leader & Times



WETTSTEIN

The Seward County Commission has censured one of its members.

Following the receipt of a letter from Petroleum Industry President David Miller and the release of statements which showed Commissioner C.J. Wettstein had used his county credit card for personal business, Monday, the board voted to pass a resolution to edit any comments made by the commissioner.

Miller's letter described Wettstein's conduct at the recent Gas Compressor

Institute, alleging Wettstein had used his position to solicit business at the event.

At Monday's meeting, commission chairman Jim Rice gave Miller the opportunity to speak about the matter. The PIE president kept his comments to a minimum.

"I sent a letter to you describing my complaint," he said to the board. "I think it stated fully what the complaint was. I made it knowledge to you. What you choose to do with it is your business. I'm satisfied that I wrote you a letter."

Wettstein apologized to Miller for his

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**Seminar aimed at helping biz, new or old**

By JESSICA CRAWFORD  
 • Leader & Times

Economic development is currently a primary goal for the City of Liberal, according to Economic Development Director Jeff Parsons, who has gathered information for citizens wishing to open a new business or expand an existing business within the city. From 5 to 7 p.m. this evening at the Rock Island Depot, interested parties will be met with valuable information to assist them with expanding Liberal's trade capabilities.



PARSONS

"It is come-and-go – very informal," Parsons said of the event. "We will have resources for folks who would like to start a business or expand a business they already have."

"We will have local bankers, local realtors, we have representatives from Great Plains Development, Inc., from the Small Business Development Center here in town, we have a representative from the Kansas Department of Commerce coming," he added. "We have got the Economic Development representative coming from Black Hills Energy as well, who is real knowledgeable."

Approximately 50 franchises will have representation available to offer information to prospective business owners.

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**Never too old to enjoy being chosen as Prom Queen, King**

**Saturday evening, Wheatridge residents Pat Peery, right, and Verna Hoffman, left, were voted King and Queen of the 2011 Wheatridge Prom. Liberal High School AVID students were on hand to make the night memorable for Wheatridge residents.**  
 L&T photo/Jessica Crawford



**Jazz kicks off Picnic in the Park Wednesday**

By RACHEL COLEMAN  
 • Leader & Times

Some folks measure spring's arrival by the first sight of a robin, or the daffodil blooms. In Liberal, one reliable marker of a fresh, new season is the sound of jazz in the park.

Picnic in the Park kicks off at noon Wednesday at Tobias Park, located at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Fifth Street. The weekly concert series presented by Liberal's Parks and Recreation starts in swinging style with a concert by the Liberal High School Jazz Band under the direction of Lance Burnett.

The event is highly anticipated by its regulars, said organizer Ronna Stump of Parks and Rec. "It feels like it's time to start," she said. "I have a few older ladies who come out every week, all spring and summer. They thoroughly enjoy getting outdoors and seeing people."

They aren't the only ones. At Mosaic, the local agency serving individuals with intellectual challenges, clients are clamoring to

**TAKE THE STAGE!**

Though the Picnic in the Park schedule is shaping up nicely, organizer Ronna Stump still has a few open slots for the summer. She's hoping more local and area performers will step up to take the stage at the informal, lunch-hour event. Most acts take a 30-minute block of time, so some of the dates are just "half-ful" at this point. Open dates: June 1; June 22; June 29; July 6; July 27. To book one of the slots, contact Stump at 626-0133.

**COOL WEATHER DOESN'T CHILL FUN, FOOD AT SPRING SING BARBECUE THING**



Volunteers and Stepping Stone board member Susan Lukwago, right, serve guests at Sunday's Spring Sing Barbecue Thing fundraiser at Stepping Stone Shelter. The shelter is celebrating its 20th year of operation this year, and part of the food at Sunday's event included a cake denoting the anniversary. For more pictures, see page 3A. L&T photo/Robert Pierce

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