

TOP STORIES OF 2020

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- _____ School goes virtual after coronavirus pandemic.
- _____ After 40-plus years of service Sheriff Bill McBryde retires, Gene Ward elected next sheriff.
- _____ Local protest marches to condemn police brutality.
- _____ Liberal High School cancels AVID program, several address board in opposition.
- _____ Seward County establishes separate fire station, moving from joint city/county fire station.
- _____ City of Liberal closes all but essential services when worldwide pandemic reaches the United States.
- _____ Lady Redskins basketball turns in perfect 23-0 season but state tournament canceled due to virus.
- _____ ICE arrests four illegal immigrants, Hispanic representatives call on city to not cooperate with ICE.
- _____ Mask mandate controversy ensues when county votes 3-2 to make voluntary, city passes mandate with no fine.
- _____ Bee Jays maintain history by playing 2020 season as an independent when most of league cancels.
- _____ Pop Up for Trump comes to Liberal, protesters show up but no violence occurs.
- _____ Liberal hires William Cutshall as new chief of police.
- _____ Liberal loses Dr. Fitzgerald, former mayor Larry Koochel and interim city manager Debbie Giskie
- _____ Liberal Coalition of Families partners with South Church of God to establish new food bank.
- _____ City of Liberal opens new recreation center at former South Middle School building.
- _____ Southwest Medical Center creates COVID section of hospital to respond to pandemic, 28 local residents die.
- _____ Major cancellations because of pandemic include Seward County Fair, Chamber Bash, graduation delayed.

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