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Letter Carriers To Hold Annual Food Drive

On Saturday, May 9, people are asked to put non-perishable food donations by their mail boxes and the Liberal Post Office letter carriers will pick it up to be donated to the local non-profit food cupboard. For those who have a post office box, they may take thedonation to the Post Office lobby and there is a receptacle for their donation.

In the past, the Liberal Letter Carriers food drive has averaged between 3,000 to 8,000 pounds of food, according to Larry Moore who is heading up the food drive for the Liberal Post Office. "This is the largest food drive in the nation," said Moore , "and we're always proud to be a part of it on a local level. More than 1,500 local National Association of Letter Carriers branches in all 50 states and U.S. jurisdictions are involved in the Stamp Out Hunger food drive."

Wal-Mart, Dillons and Best Market are participating this year by setting up receptacles in their stores. "We thought that people might find it easier to donate while they are shopping," said Moore . "This has really helped to increase the donations in the past." Since 2001, the food drive has received the assistance and support of the Seward County United Way .

Moore said that if any business or the Liberal and Kismet schools also wanted to participate in the food drive, arrangements could be made to pick up food on Friday, May 8 or Monday, May 11. "They can contact me at the Post Office, 624-4031, and we'll be happy to pick up the food."

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