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City to offer free Franchise Night for those wanting to open or expand small business

The City of Liberal Economic Development cordially invites interested persons to Franchise Night 2013 to be from 5:30 to 7 pm. Thursday at the Girl Scout Building at 1 Pine Park in Liberal.

Bankers, realtors, developers, franchise representatives and a consultant from the Kansas Small Business Development Center will be in attendance.

Anyone who is interested in opening a business in Liberal is welcome – don't miss this opportunity.

THURSDAY

Downtown businesses setting the groundwork for organization

Businesses in downtown Liberal are starting to organize and any businesses interested in being a part can attend the monthly meetings and also share ideas of how to enhance the clientele of the downtown. Anyone is interested in contact Todd Brown by calling 620-624-3402 or via email at: toddsbrown@gmail.com.

GET INVOLVED TODAY

Rock Island Depot to be site of upcoming Small Business Tax Worshop

The Kansas Small Business Development Center from Garden City will be hosting a "Small Business Tax Worshop" on Thursday at the Rock Island Depot in Liberal. The course qualifies for a CPE credit and the registration fee is $ 25.

The general session is from 1 and 15 minutes while the commissioner session is from 1 to 3 pm.

Topics include unrestricted sales tax, state tax laws, tax ID numbers, exemptions, wholesale tax, sales tax and consumer use tax.

To register or for more information, call 620-276-9632 or fax 620-276-3249 or email: kdoo@gcccc.edu.

THURSDAY

VA's mobile office is coming to Liberal

The Kansas Commission of Veterans Affairs mobile office will be coming to Liberal and setting up from 10 am and 3 pm. Thursday at the Southwest Office Center Room. The office will be able to assist eligible veterans and family members in obtaining benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The office will be staffed by accredited veterans service representatives.

For more information call 785-220-8450.

THURSDAY

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Commission split on leadership

Harrison chosen mayor on 3-2 vote, Denoyer declines vice-mayor nomination

by ROBERT PRICE
• Leader & Times

HARRISON

WILLMON

Two new commissioners took their seats on the Liberal City Commission. Nothing in the current commissioners took over leadership roles on the board.

The board members, Dave Harrison and Jon Denoyer, were nominated for mayor. Harrison's nomination was seconded. Jon Denoyer's duel was not seconded. The commission then took a vote on the Harrison nomination, and he's mayor 3-2 vote. Harrison was elected at the time of Denoyer and two commissioners and Denoyer's nomination. Willmon was elected Harrison's nomination, while Harrison, along with current commissioner Janet Willmon and two commissioners Dave Ranger, voted in favor of the nomination.

Though Denoyer received 200 more votes than Harrison and received the most votes out of eight candidates, the majority selected Harrison as mayor.

The board then looked to nominate a vice-mayor. Willmon was the first nomination. Denoyer was also nominated for the position. Nothing was seconded, but he respectfully declined the nomination. The commission voted unanimously to make Willmon the vice-mayor.

The two new board members spoke about their new positions during the Arts Series commissioners' portion of Tuesday's meeting. Willmon gave prizes to outgoing commissioner Lucy Kendall and outgoing mayor Tom Long, who

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Trying to decrease wind erosion, maintain soil moisture

by CHRIS MARGRAVE
• Leader & Times

An aide from Rep. Tom Hueskamp's Dodge City office, left, hands down the difference in soil types to a small conversation. (Jeff Jones/Dave Lowrance)

The National Resources Conservation Service, a part of the United States Department Agriculture, conducted a tour Saturday, informing participants about some of the projects in a nationwide to help conserve water and other resources.

The tour went to different parts of Seward County to be a demonstration of the projects the NRCS has to offer. NRCS is a voluntary program and has to be lobby. Seward and Stevens Counties are the leading projects which can be conducting from water conservation to wildlife habitat and other projects.

The tour showed how NRCS is on helping the farmers to properly rotate the old and fallow land. Also, they were shown some of the programs currently offered.

The next stop showed how some farmers are dealing with the lowest and highest capacity crops, like tomatoes and other produce.

Following the tour, the next farmer, Dave Frazier, has been using help from the NRCS

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Rep. Huelskamp demands answers from Secretary Napolitano

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WASHINGTON – For more than six months, a growing number of users rarely reaches, as well as the constituents of Congress, have been asking questions about the nationwide purchase practice of the U.S. Department of Transport Security (TSA).

In February 2013, Congressman Tim Huelskamp (R-Kansas) joined 10 other Members of Congress in a bipartisan and addressed to Secretary Janet Napolitano. Not

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Former Liberal residents receive Philanthropist of the Year award in OKC

• Special to the Leader & Times

GENE AND JOANN DOWNING

The Integrity Foundation will present its highest honors the Philanthropist of the Year award, to Gene and Dr. Joann Downing, being in appreciation of the Oklahoma City on Friday.

The Downing have been actively involved in Integrity Foundation, a Tulsa Ministry, for several years. Gene has served on the Integrity Foundation board since 2000, and Jo Ann served on the Integrity Foundation board since 2000.

The Philanthropist of the Year award celebrates times

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