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**2 minor injuries in 3-vehicle crash**  
By CHRIS HANCOCK  
A traffic accident involving three vehicles on Tuesday morning resulted in two minor injuries and property damage. The crash occurred on Highway 160, south of Liberal, at the intersection of 160th and 161st streets. The vehicles involved were a 2012 Ford Focus, a 2011 Chevrolet Malibu, and a 2010 Ford Taurus. The driver of the Ford Focus was injured and taken to the hospital. The driver of the Chevrolet Malibu was also injured and taken to the hospital. The driver of the Ford Taurus was not injured. The cause of the crash is still under investigation.

**City approves parking lot sale**  
By CHRIS HANCOCK  
The Liberal City Council has approved the sale of a parking lot located on Highway 160, south of Liberal. The lot is currently owned by the city and is being sold to a private developer. The sale is expected to generate revenue for the city and will allow the developer to develop the lot for commercial use. The sale is expected to be completed in the next few months.

**County employees see slight raise**  
By ROBERT BICE  
County employees will receive a slight raise for the upcoming year. The raise is expected to be around 2-3 percent, depending on the employee's position. The raise is a result of a collective bargaining agreement between the county and the union representing the employees. The raise is expected to be implemented in January of next year.

**BEAUTY DUTY**  
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**Rep. Huelskamp to host Town Hall Thurs. in Liberal**  
Rep. Louie Gohmert will be in Liberal, KS on Thursday, April 24th, to host a Town Hall meeting. The meeting will be held at the Liberal Community Center and will be open to the public. Rep. Gohmert will be discussing various issues and will be available to meet with constituents. The meeting will start at 6:00 PM and will last until 8:00 PM.

**TOP 2 IN KANSAS**  
Liberal High School improves in popular magazine's state and national high school rankings with high marks for advanced placement options  
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**Concealed carry handgun class set for Sat., May 10**  
A handgun concealed carry class is being held on Saturday, May 10, at the Barton County Courthouse. The class is for individuals who are interested in learning how to carry a handgun concealed. The class will cover topics such as the laws regarding concealed carry, how to carry a handgun, and how to draw a handgun. The class is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Barton County Sheriff's Office at (785) 842-2222.

**Committee announces 2014 events for Cinco de Mayo**  
The Liberal Chamber of Commerce has announced the 2014 events for Cinco de Mayo. The events will be held on Friday, May 9, and Saturday, May 10, at the Liberal Community Center. The events will include a parade, live music, and a dance. The Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers to help with the events. For more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce at (785) 842-2222.

**Barton County Commissioner dies in plane crash**  
Barton County Commissioner James H. Hays died in a plane crash on Tuesday, April 22, near Liberal, KS. The crash occurred while the plane was en route to a meeting in Liberal. The plane was a Cessna 441 and was carrying Commissioner Hays and two other passengers. The cause of the crash is still under investigation.

**IRS employees with tax and conduct issues still got awards, watchdog report finds**  
A watchdog report has found that IRS employees with tax and conduct issues still received awards. The report was issued by the Government Accountability Project (GAP) and was based on a review of IRS award records. The report found that several employees who had been disciplined for tax and conduct issues still received awards. The report also found that the IRS had a policy of awarding employees who had been disciplined for tax and conduct issues. The report is a criticism of the IRS and its award process.