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**2 minor injuries in 3-vehicle crash**  
By CHRIS HANCOCK  
A traffic accident involving three vehicles on Tuesday morning in Barton County resulted in two minor injuries and property damage. The crash occurred on Highway 160 near the intersection of 17th Street in Liberal. 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 the east side of town. 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 build a new parking lot for a nearby business. The sale is scheduled to take place in the next few weeks.

**County employees see slight raise**  
By ROBERT BICE  
County employees will receive a slight raise in their salaries for the upcoming year. The raise is the result of a collective bargaining agreement between the county and the employees' union. The raise is expected to be around 3-4%.

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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. He will be participating in a town hall meeting at the Barton County Courthouse. The meeting will be held from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Rep. Gohmert will be discussing various issues with the community and will be available for questions.

**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 in Liberal, KS on Saturday, May 10th. The class is being held at the Barton County Courthouse. The class will be held from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The class is for individuals who are at least 21 years old and have a valid Kansas driver's license. The class will cover the basics of handgun safety and the legal requirements for carrying a handgun. The cost of the class is \$25.00. 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 2nd and Saturday, May 3rd. The events will include a parade, live music, and a food festival. The events are free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Liberal Chamber of Commerce at (785) 842-2222.

**Barton County Commissioner dies in plane crash**  
Barton County Commissioner James H. Hinkle died in a plane crash on Tuesday, April 22nd. The crash occurred near the town of Liberal, KS. Commissioner Hinkle was on a private flight from Liberal to Topeka, KS. The plane was a Cessna 441 Conquest II. 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). The report found that the IRS has a problem with its award process. The report found that the IRS often awards employees who have been involved in tax evasion or other misconduct. The report also found that the IRS often awards employees who have been involved in sexual harassment or other misconduct. The report calls for the IRS to reform its award process.