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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 near the intersection of 11th 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 Highway 160 near the intersection of 11th Street. 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.

**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 expected to be around 2-3% and will be based on the county's budget for the next fiscal year.

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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 Barton County Courthouse and will be open to the public. Rep. Gohmert will be discussing various issues and will be available for questions from the public.

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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 and will be open to the public. The class will cover the basics of handgun safety and will include a range session. The cost of the class is \$100 and includes a concealed carry permit.

**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 include a parade on Friday, May 5th, and a festival on Saturday, May 6th. The festival will feature live music, dancing, and food. The parade will feature floats, bands, and dancers.

**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 flight from Liberal to Topeka, KS. The plane was a Cessna 441 and was carrying five people. The cause of the crash is still under investigation.

**IRS employees with tax and conduct issues still got awards, watchdog report finds**  
A report from the Government Accountability Office (GAO) found that IRS employees with tax and conduct issues still received awards. The report found that the IRS's award process is flawed and that awards are often given to employees who have been disciplined for misconduct. The report also found that the IRS's award process is not transparent and that awards are often given to employees who have been disciplined for misconduct.