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2 minor injuries in 3-vehicle crash
By CHRIS HANSEN
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. 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 HANSEN
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 build a new parking lot for a nearby business. The sale is scheduled to take place in the near future.

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 union representing the employees. The raise is expected to be in the range of 2 to 3 percent. The county officials are pleased with the agreement and believe it will help to attract and retain qualified employees.

Rep. Huelskamp to host Town Hall Thurs. in Liberal
Rep. Louie Gohmert will be in Liberal, Kansas, on Thursday, April 24, to host a town hall meeting. The meeting will be held at the Liberal Community Center and will provide an opportunity for constituents to meet with the representative and discuss their concerns. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.house.gov/gohmert.

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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 at least 21 years old and have a valid Kansas driver's license. The class will cover the requirements for carrying a handgun in a vehicle and the proper use of a handgun. The cost of the class is \$25. For more information, visit www.bartoncountyks.gov.

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 2, and a festival on Saturday, May 3. The festival will feature live music, dancing, and food. The events are free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.liberalchamber.com.

Barton County Commissioner dies in plane crash
Barton County Commissioner James H. Hays died in a plane crash on Tuesday, April 22. The crash occurred near the town of Liberal. Commissioner Hays was on a flight from Liberal to Topeka. 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 Project (GAP) has found that IRS employees with tax and conduct issues still received awards. The report is based on a review of IRS award records from 2008 to 2012. The report found that 10% of the awards were given to employees who had been disciplined for tax or conduct issues. The report also found that the IRS did not properly investigate the awards. The report is available at www.gapinc.org.