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Chief tapped as interim manager

Briefly

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consider it, but in all honesty, what easier fix would we have if Carolyn would consider helping us out for a few months."

Armstrong said that was one possibility she hadn't considered, but instead offered to be available as a consultant for a fee, which the council had no problem with.

Huftles said he thought they should talk to the range riders because they can be hired for a full-time position, but Weber wondered if that would be worth the money.

He noted that a range rider wouldn't be here for that long and probably wouldn't pick up the job until his time was almost over. Huftles said it's important to have someone in the office, though, and these riders seem

like the best option.

Weber then asked if it was possible for the department heads to share duties and have Armstrong help out when they needed it, but Armstrong said there are issues that go through her office every day that someone is going to have to deal with.

"The other thing," she said, "is you have a department head I think that would make an excellent interim city manager."

"I'm not sure that he's willing to consider that, but I think Randy Jones would make an excellent interim city manager."

"He's very adept at dealing with the public, he has a lot of experience dealing with employee issues, he has 20-something, 30-something years of experience with the city..."

"I'll do whatever you ask," Jones said.

Voss agreed that Jones would much better than someone brought in cold, and Mayor Gary Adrian offered to come in and help Jones as well.

A couple of other council members said if Jones is willing to do it, they would agree.

Weber said that he was somewhat concerned that promoting one department head might drive a wedge between departments.

Technology Director Mike Albers said he had gone through something similar, and from his position as a department head, he would have no problem with Jones being the interim manager.

"I don't think we'd have to worry about the group," Albers said. "The group works very well together, we communicate very well together. In some places, that might be an issue; I

really don't see that being an issue here."

Jones said he feels comfortable with all the department heads and he's not afraid to go ask them questions or get their input. Weber said that he would be fine with Jones as the interim.

Councilman Fred Taylor asked if Jones would need to shift something at the police station if he feels he needs help, but Jones said he has a good core of people working for him, so he's not worried about that.

He also said he doesn't mind bouncing things off of City Attorney John Gatz when he needs to.

The council then made the motion to appoint Jones as the interim city manager on Armstrong's retirement and it was approved unanimously.

Two dogs at clinic looking for good homes

Colby Animal Clinic has two dogs eager for adoption. One is an intact male 1-to-1 1/2-year-old silver Weimaraner. The other is an intact male 2-year-old pug mix, black and tan. Lost or strayed animals are often brought to the clinic. Call or stop by 810 E. Fourth St. All animals have current shots, and costs are minimal. For questions, call 460-8621.

K-18 Baseball team plans signup meeting

The a signup and informational meeting for the Colby K-18 baseball team will begin at 7 p.m. Friday at the Legion Field at the Colby Recreation baseball fields. For information, contact Brian Quagliano at 443-0226. The team is for boys 13 to 15 as of July 31.

Senior safe driver class scheduled at Red Barn

The Red Barn Senior Center in Rexford will offer an American Association of Retired Persons Driver Safety Program from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, limited to 25 people. Register by calling Jolene Hansen at (785) 687-2220.

City to start separate pickup for clippings

The City of Colby will start separating grass from household trash on Monday. Leave your grass clippings unbagged in a tipper can marked "Grass," and have cans to the curb by 8 a.m. on your trash day. For information, call Anita Powell at Public Works, (785) 460-4420.

Firm to explain system for tracking projects

At a public webinar at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Thomas County Office Complex, representatives of Computer Information Concepts will explain the firm's software to track Neighborhood Revitalization Plan projects and how it can be integrated into a budget. For information, call Christy Rocca, director of the Thomas County Economic Development Alliance, at 460-4511.

City to preview video Wednesday at City Hall

The City of Colby have a preview of the "Earth Quest USA" video, which features the Take Charge Challenge, at 4 p.m. Wednesday in the council chambers at City Hall. Everyone is invited. The full program will be shown on PBS on Sunday, May 6. For questions, call the city manager's office 460-4410.

Prairie Museum features art club's work

The Prairie Museum of Art and History has a free exhibit by members of the High Plains Art Club through May. Works include oils, acrylics, watercolors, mixed media and ceramics and subjects range from landscapes to portraits to flowers. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Call Ann Miner at the museum, 460-4590, for information.

Art Walk has talent on view downtown

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She added that it was important for artists to share their work.

"If I stay in my college ... I'm not giving anything back to the community," she said.

Attendees will be able to recognize participating businesses by looking for a footprint sticker with the words "2012 Art Walk participant" on it. Maps will be available at participating businesses, the high school, Bedker and the Cultural Arts Center and other display locations.

To make sure people check out all of the art, Jay has organized a scavenger hunt of

sorts. Maps of the event locations will come with a questionnaire asking people to locate specific pieces. Those who answer the questions correctly will be entered in a drawing for a piece made by Jay herself: a hand-tiled mosaic "A Day in the life of Kokopelli." The mosaic depicts the fertility deity common to southwestern Native American culture.

Jay said she has a certain fondness for Kokopelli.

"He's mischievous and ornery," she said. "He's more of a free spirit."

The Art Walk will also feature live music around downtown and children's activities. The college baseball team will be at

the Bedker building to see how hard participants can throw a baseball, and college art students will be set up downtown to do free caricature drawings.

Those who need transportation can catch a shuttle bus at the Scale House, Sunflower Bank, the college campus and Colby High. The buses will pick up and drop off people at all of those locations.

Jay said that she envisions the Art Walk as a marquee event for Colby, even if she won't always be the one to plan it.

"I would like it to be something that's rooted to the area," she said, adding that she will be planning next year's Art Walk.

300 kids, parents march to schools for event

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more than 300 people, stretched out over three blocks and filled the sidewalks, said Carmichael.

Once at school, grade school-

ers gathered in the gym for a presentation by Carmichael, who expressed her excitement about the turnout and reminded students of the importance of staying physically active.

Safe Routes plans a Bike to School Day event on Wednesday, May 9, said Carmichael. Students can bike from home and meet at the school playground, where they will have a

chance to win a free bike helmet.

For questions, call Carmichael at (785) 465-9103.

Area Democrats gather to choose nearly 500 delegates

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the delegate-selection process and results of a communication study the party has been conducting. In the letter, Wagon said independents and moderate Republicans agree with Democrats about issues including protecting public education, creating quality jobs and for everyone to pay their fair share in taxes.

Catherine Jenkins, a senior at Wallace County High School in Sharon Springs, said

she is interested in running to be a national delegate to attend the convention in Charlotte in September. She said she became interested in Democratic politics when she attended the caucus four years ago with her mother, Etta Walker. Walker was elected as a 1st District delegate to the convention in Denver as a Clinton delegate.

Kansas Democrats use a proportional representation system based on the results of the caucus for apportioning delegates to the National Convention. They select a

grand total of 53 delegates comprising 33 Congressional District-level delegates, 11 at-large delegates and five pledged PLEO delegates. Kansas also had four at-large alternates.

Democrats who did not attend Saturday's caucus have a chance to be selected as at-large national delegates, Wagon said. They need to file a statement of candidacy with the state party by Monday, May 21, and attend the state convention on Saturday, June 9.

Kansas jail escape starts wide manhunt for three inmates

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turn himself in.

The escaped inmates stole at least two vehicles near the county jail, Highway Patrol spokesman Ben Gardner said. But the

two remaining escapees might not be traveling together.

Hovey said Wade told North Platte police: "They all went in separate directions after they got out."

The inmates, armed with

homemade knives, overpowered guards at the Kansas jail after complaining about a broken water line in the holding cell area, Ottawa County Sheriff Keith Coleman told *The Salina Journal*.

Coleman, who didn't respond to a phone call by the Associated Press today, said the inmates were able to open the cell doors and make their way outside. The guards suffered only minor injuries.



LOCAL TV Listings

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Saturday Evening April 21, 2012										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Shark Tank		20/20				Local			
KBSL/CBS	CSI: Crime Scene		Hawaii Five-0			48 Hours Mystery	Local			
KSNK/NBC	Escape Routes		The Firm			Law & Order: SVU	Local	Saturday Night Live		
KSAS/FOX	AMW: World's Most					Local	Alcatraz		New Girl	Local
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Parking	Parking	Driving	Driving	Driving	Driving	Storage	Storage
AMC	Legends of the Fall						Meet Joe Black			
ANIM	Cats 101		Tanked		Tanked		Tanked		Tanked	
BRAVO	Indiana Jones					Indiana Jones				
CMT	You've Got Mail		Texas Women		Southern Nights		Texas Women		Southern Nights	
CNN	CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight		CNN Newsroom		CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	National-Van Wilder		Daniel Tosh: Serious		Patton Oswalt		Paul F. Tompkins		Daniel Tosh: Serious	
DISC	Moonshiners		Moonshiners		Moonshiners		Moonshiners		Moonshiners	
DISN	Jessie	ANT Farm	Austin	Shake It	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	ANT Farm	ANT Farm	ANT Farm
E!	Along Came Polly				Khloe	Khloe	The Soup	Chelsea	Fashion Police	
ESPN	NBA Basketball						NBA Basketball			
ESPN2	Science	First	QB Camp	Baseball Tonight			SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
FAM	Paul Blart: Mall Cop		Bedtime Stories				Love Actually			
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Iron Chef America		Diners	Diners
FX	UFC 145: Prelims						Day-Tomorrow		Louie	
HGTV	Candice	Genevieve	Color	Interiors	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Color	Interiors

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American Profile										
HIST	Swamp People		Swamp People		Swamp People		Swamp People		Swamp People	
LIFE	Wife He Met				A Trusted Man				Wife He Met	
MTV	Fantasy	Fantasy	Fantasy	Fantasy	Fantasy	Fantasy	Fantasy	Fantasy	Jackass 3.5	
NICK	iCarly	Rock	Big Time	Victoriou	70s Show	70s Show	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Outlander		Alien Tornado				Star Trek-Insur.			
SPIKE	Auction	Auction	Am Digger	Am Digger	Am Digger	Am Digger	Am Digger	Am Digger	Repo	Repo
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Last Holiday				My Baby's	
TCM	Close-3rd Kind						Rollerball			
TLC	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.
TNT	The Hangover				Old School				Yes Man	
TOON	Wallace	Gumball	King/Hill	Childrens	Loiter	Fam. Guy	Boondocks	Aqua Teen	Hunger Force	
TRAV	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures	
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene	
VH1	Coming to America						Barbershop 2: Back			
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Chris
Premium Channels										
HBO	Water for Elephants				24/7	Speaking	Game of Thrones		Due Date	
MAX	Jaws				The Tree of Life				Depravity	
SHOW	Red		Boxing						Borgias	

Sunday Evening April 22, 2012										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Once Upon a Time		Firelight				Local			
KBSL/CBS	The Amazing Race		The Good Wife		NYC 22		Local			
KSNK/NBC	Harry's Law		Celebrity Apprentice				Local		Dateline NBC	
KSAS/FOX	25th Anniversary						Local			
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Breakout Kings		Breakout Kings		Storage	Storage
AMC	Sahara		The Killing		Mad Men		The Killing		Mad Men	
ANIM	River Monsters		Frozen Planet		River Monsters		Frozen Planet		River Monsters	
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/NJ		Happens		Housewives/NJ	Atlanta
CMT	Ron White's Celebrity				Ace Ventura				Them Idiots Whirled Tour	
CNN	CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight		CNN Newsroom		CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Without a Paddle				Tosh.0		Harold & Kumar			
DISC	Frozen Planet		MythBusters		Unchained Reaction		Frozen Planet		MythBusters	
DISN	Austin	Beethoven			Austin	Jessie	ANT Farm	Shake It	Wizards	Wizards
E!	Khloe	Khloe	Khloe	Khloe	Khloe	Ice-Coco	Chelsea	The Soup	Khloe	Ice-Coco
ESPN	MLB Baseball						SportsCenter		SportCtr	
ESPN2	Quarterback		First		Gruden's QB Camp		Science		QB Camp	Who's Number 1?
FAM	Bedtime Stories				Paul Blart: Mall Cop				J. Osteen	Ed Young
FOOD	Cupcake Wars		Chopped All-Stars		Iron Chef America		Chopped		Chopped	Chopped All-Stars
FX	2012						2012			
HGTV	Holmes on Homes		Best of Holmes		Holmes Inspection		Holmes on Homes		Best of Holmes	
HIST	Ax Men		Ax Men		Ax Men		Sold!	Sold!	Ax Men	
LIFE	Craiglist Killer		Army Wives		The Client List		Craiglist Killer			
MTV	Pauly D	Punk'd	Fantasy	Fantasy	Jackass 3.5				Pranked	Pranked
NICK	70s Show	70s Show	George	George	My Wife	My Wife	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Wrong Turn 3		Wrong Turn 4: Bloody				Hills-Eyes 2			
SPIKE	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
TBS	Hitch						Hitch			
TCM	Another Man's Poison				A Stolen Life				La Boheme	
TLC	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	William & Kate		Medium	Medium	William & Kate	
TNT	The Dark Knight						Watchmen			
TOON	Level Up	Level Up	King/Hill	King/Hill	Chicken	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Loiter Squad		
TRAV	Baggage B		Hotel Impossible		Cool Tools: Trv		No Reservation		Hotel Impossible	
TV LAND	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		He's Just Not			
VH1	Mob Wives		Tough Love		Mob Wives		Stevie TV	Tough Love		Mob Wives
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	News/Nine	Replay	The Unit		Monk	
Premium Channels										
HBO	Your Highness		Game of Thrones		Veep	Girls	Game of Thrones		Veep	Girls
MAX	The Tree of Life				X-Men: First Class				Depravity	
SHOW	The Big C	Nurse	Nurse	The Big C	The Borgias		Nurse	The Big C	The Borgias	