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Emergency flights down this year

Briefly

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Kansas Decorating Center in Colby to install new carpet in the service's offices.

An appreciation barbecue will be held for volunteers who have undergone six months of training, Hickert said.

A Chamber Business After 5 event will be held by the department in May, he said.

Commissioners said Hickert could buy a refurbished defibrillator for \$13,000 for use in a new ambulance.

Hickert said he hopes to buy a new ambulance, either sooner or later, if a good deal can be found.

He said a driver hit a deer with Brewster's ambulance and it will be in the shop for the next month or two, but the driver wasn't hurt.

He said the 1999 ambulance has about 103,000 miles on it and needs to be replaced anyway. A 1997 ambulance with 47,000 miles is for sale by the City of Marquette for \$20,000, he said, and he plans to look into it.

Hickert added that his volunteers did a "bang-up" job over the weekend and he is very proud of their work.

At 11:30 p.m. on June 8, he said, they were doing a transfer to Atwood when a call came on

a two-passenger rollover on Interstate 70.

He said the technicians had to deal with two potential "code-red" patients in the rollover, three flights and a loss of the Brewster ambulance all at once.

"EMS wasn't perfect, but Bryan at the hospital said the patients were boarded and collared like they should have been," Hickert said. "They did a very good job."

In other business:

Economic Development Alliance Director Christy Rocca requested a budget increase of \$3,000 for 2013 for special projects such as the work undertaken for the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan.

Kansas. She will also ask the city to match the increase, since the alliance is supported by both the city and county.

Rocca added that by the end of this week, she will have had 22 of 37 public hearings complete for the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan throughout the county.

Sheriff Rod Taylor said that a few administrative fees will be increased, effective Sunday, July 1. Fees for civil processes will be raised from \$5 to \$10 and out-of-state vehicle inspections will be increased from \$15 to \$20.

He said there will be a \$10 fee for people and businesses who continuously send civil processes to the wrong addresses, since they must be returned and reprocessed.

Museum, foundation plan Young at Art event

The Prairie Museum and Thomas County Community Foundation will be holding Young at Art at the museum beginning at 5 p.m. Thursday.

Harvest matchmaker available for farmers

Roger Hale is available again this year to help farmers and custom harvesters get together. His office is at Truck Town, 105 W. Horton.

City plans to seal streets this week

Due to scheduling conflicts, the city has made some changes for sealing streets from Tuesday through Thursday. Owners need to remove vehicles from the street by 8 a.m. or they will be towed.

Public meeting set on state's housing plans

The Kansas Housing Resources Corp. will hold a public meeting at 1:30 p.m. next Monday in the Little Theatre of the Colby Community Building.

Museum displays student art work

The Prairie Museum of Art and History has a free exhibit of art by students from kindergarten to high school from the Colby Public Schools and Sacred Heart School through Sunday, July 29.

Fair books available at Extension office

Fair books for this year are available at the Thomas County Extension office in the county office complex, 350 S. Range Ave., Suite 16, during business hours, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m.

Colby graduate designs for Hallmark

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sign, encouraged Younkin to take the internship. She attributes much of her early professional success to that experience.

"Had I not gone to Wichita State, I would not have received the internship program at Gardner Design," said Younkin. "Gardner Design really pushed me and furthered my education, and I got more out of my courses there."

Bill Gardner, president of the firm, said Younkin brought a broad set of skills to the position.

"She was very organized and her communication skills were quite resourceful,"



L. Younkin

he recalled. "She was a very adaptable individual."

At Hallmark, Younkin helps design greeting cards from start to finish.

"Here at Hallmark, it's a unique experience," said Younkin. "It's such a great place to work.

I have so many great resources and great people to interact and learn from each day.

"The collaboration and just the resources alone here are incredible. They have an

amazing library packed full of inspiring design books, and I'm encouraged to research all I want. I have the opportunity to really soak it all up, which is great."

While not all artists may choose to attend college, Younkin said, "I think to round yourself out and be more successful in the job market, it's really important that you have a college education."

Younkin, a 2005 graduate of Colby High, is the daughter of Carl and Danielle Kaiser.

On the Web: www.wichita.edu/thisis/wsunews/news/?nid=1798

Probe into governor's dinners winds down

TOPEKA (AP) - Shawnee County District Attorney Chad Taylor has finished interviewing legislators and is talking to Gov. Sam Brownback's staff in his investigation into whether dinners at the governor's mansion violated the Kansas Open Meetings Act, according to a spokesman for Taylor.

Taylor is investigating seven dinners held at Cedar Crest, the governor's official residence, in January. Republican members of 13 committees attended the dinners, which sometimes combined two or three committees with related policy missions.

"I think we're getting to the

point where we're getting closer (to the end of the investigation)," spokesman Lee McGowan told The Topeka Capital-Journal (bit.ly/MOFpGz).

Taylor, a Democrat, launched the investigation after receiving a complaint from The Capital-Journal and the Kansas Press Association.

Documents obtained by the newspaper from the attorney general's office said 54 members of the Kansas House of Representatives attended at least one of the dinners and 43 of them accepted legal representation from the office of Attorney General Derek Schmidt, a Republican.

The list was obtained through an open records request filed with the attorney general's office.

It was part of an e-mail that Rita Mailen, an assistant to House Speaker Mike O'Neal, sent March 5 to Michael Smith, an assistant attorney general who provided representation.

A similar list for state senators who accepted legal representation was not available.

Joshua Lewis, an assistant to Senate President Steve Morris, said he believed there was no organized effort among senators to arrange representation.

Some had their own attorneys

present during questioning and others declined representation.

Brownback has said he discussed his policy priorities for the session and took questions and comments from legislators at the dinners, but that his staff was careful to ensure that the meetings didn't violate the open meetings law.

Taylor has said the open meetings act doesn't apply to Brownback because he isn't a member of the committees in question.

Information from: The Topeka Capital-Journal, www.cjonline.com.

Kansas, Nebraska United Methodists combine conferences

WICHITA (AP) - Teams from three United Methodist conferences are working to combine two Kansas conferences and one from Nebraska into a single conference based in Wichita.

Members of the Kansas West, Kansas East and Nebraska conferences voted earli-

er this month to unify, beginning in January 2014. The conferences are regional bodies that supervise churches and clergy within a geographic area.

The Wichita Eagle reports that (bit.ly/ML6eSC) members of the South Central United Methodist jurisdiction in late July

will elect a new bishop for the Kansas-Nebraska conference.

The bishop will live in Wichita but the conference will retain headquarters offices in Topeka and in Lincoln, Neb., as well.

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