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Council will proceed with search

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The Mayor and City Council will continue their search for a city manager on Monday, with plans to interview two new candidates at City Hall.

A press release from the city said officials hope to have a new city manager on the job by September to replace Carolyn Armstrong, who retired on June 15.

The release introduced the two new candidates:

- Brenton Lewis was a city administrator of Minden, Neb., for over 19 years. He has also served as a city manager in Henderson, Texas, and a finance director in Perryton, and Allen, Texas. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from West Texas State University.
- Tyson McGreer has been an administrator and economic development director in Grant, Neb., since 2008. In the private sector, he has worked as a division manager at Hi-Line Cooperative and Energy Specialist at Cenex Har-

vest States, both in Elsie, Neb. He has a bachelor's degree in industrial distribution at the University of Nebraska.

Both candidates will submit a writing assignment, meet the department heads and take a tour of the city's facilities.

Four other candidates were interviewed in closed session meetings on July 10 and 11 at City Hall. These were Gary Bradley, former city administrator of Grain Valley, Mo.; Bret Glendening, former city manager of Osawatomie, who now works for Kiewit Power Constructors; Dawn Jaeger, assistant city administrator of Great Bend; and Lynne Ladner, city administrator of Hiawatha.

The Austin Peters Group, a human resource consulting firm which looks for candidates for jobs in city and county government, screened candidates for the job based on preferred qualifications from the council, which include:

- Five years' experience in local government management as a

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Judges decide parade winners

The winners of the Thomas County Fair Parade on Tuesday have been announced after 82 floats entered the event.

The float that best represented the theme was Colby's Jay and Bellah Kriss with their goats, Otis and Dusty.

In the community and organizational category, Friends of Pioneer Memorial Library took first place while Sons of the American Legion grabbed second.

In Youth 12 and Under floats, the Colby Comets and Abilene Hustlers tied for first. Friends of the Colby Dog Park came in sec-

ond.

Ed of Kansas (Ed Wright) took first in the business category and Superior Livestock followed in second.

In the antique vehicles category, Stan and Grace Kauk came in first and Gary Lindberg took second.

Out of the dirt bikes and all-terrain vehicles in the parade, the Hazlett Family grabbed first place and Special Olympics received second.

David Pabst got first place in the horses and riders category and the Blazin' Saddles Drill Team came in second.



Kids participate in county fair events

Landon Ritter, 4, of Colby (above) pedaled his tractor Wednesday as the crowd cheered him on during the Pedal Tractor Pull at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. He took second place in his age division. Jaxson Carney, 5, also of Colby (right) was having a blast at the tractor pull. Brett Roulier (below) showed his pig Wednesday for the Junior Swine Showmanship class at the fairgrounds.

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Cornell student walks across country

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A doctoral student at Cornell University, Barrett Keene needs to interview teachers across the country for his dissertation. He also wanted to raise awareness of the plight of orphans worldwide, he said, "so I figured I'd walk across the country and do

both."

Keene decided to walk the 3,475 miles from Miami to San Francisco, stopping at schools, churches and anywhere else that people will listen to him make a case for helping orphans.

"Basically, I share a bit about my story," Keene said, "and what orphaned and abandoned children

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20 plus charges against abortion clinic dismissed

By John Hanna
Associated Press

TOPEKA — A Kansas judge on Thursday dismissed 26 misdemeanor charges against a Kansas City-area Planned Parenthood clinic, honoring a prosecutor's request to further narrow a criminal case over allegations the clinic performed illegal late-term abortions.

phen Tatum signed an order late in the afternoon at Howe's request. Tatum's action is noted in online court records, but without any details.

Attorneys for the Planned Parenthood clinic in Overland Park had requested in March to have the same charges dismissed. The clinic's attorneys argued that the

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Barrett Keene (center), a doctoral student at Cornell University, has been walking from Miami to San Francisco all summer, and was later joined by Kent Esslinger (left), a freshman at Cornell.

Keene's interviewing teachers for his doctoral dissertation as well as raising awareness about orphans worldwide. Mike Maurath of Oakley walked with them Wednesday near Colby.

