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Emergency group holds test drill

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ernment, to name a few. Two Boy Scouts and their father took part, too, as part of merit badge requirements.

"The purpose is to practice how county response partners work together in an emergency," said McMahan. "We identified strengths and areas of improvement in our community plan, identified resource shortfalls and emphasized evacuation and sheltering concerns."

She said the committee is required to practice three target capabilities every year, developed by the Department of Homeland Security. This drill, she said, focused on communications, on-site incident command and citizen evacuation and shelter.

The groups were encouraged to identify avenues of communication during evacuation and how to communicate with responders at the scene, displaced residents, mutual aid partners and the general public, said McMahan.

Other communication objectives included standardizing large-event communications and listing areas of concern.

The scenario described a situation during a softball game that has drawn about 100 additional people to the ball fields, where flames are visible for miles away. About 50 people who have been exposed to the chemical need to be taken to the hospital. An officer has collapsed and lost consciousness at the scene.

Committee members quickly decided that specialized protective gear was needed to protect workers from toxic fumes, but not many of the suits are available in Thomas County, said Fire Chief Bob McLemore. And, although the suits are needed, he said that during strenuous activity, a responder can work only about 15 minutes in them before oxygen needs to be replenished.

The group decided that going door-to-door was not an effective way to start evacuation of about 100 homes, since members estimated it would take about 22 minutes per block to make sure everyone had left the scene.

Instead, they decided immediate messages should be broadcast on the radio, television, online, word of mouth and via other avenues.

"Maybe it would also be a good idea to run the tornado sirens," suggested police officer Kent Dible. "I know it is supposed to be used for tornado warnings, but at least it might make people turn the radio on to see what is going on."

The idea was especially supported by landfill supervisor Larry Jumper. McLemore also reminded that the communication message that is broadcast must give specific instructions and explain that people should check in to a designated evacuation shelter.

"We don't want people leaving town without telling anybody," he said. "We've got to be accountable to everyone's whereabouts."

Members identified the processes that responders need to take during a crisis such as this before the American Red Cross can get here to take over an evacuation shelter and before a hazardous-materials crew arrives with proper clothing.

McMahan said that on average, it takes about an hour before a HazMat team can get here and about 4 to 5 hours for the Red Cross to arrive from Wichita, since the local branch was closed several months ago.

"The areas we identified that need to be improved on are exactly what we are looking for when we do these exercises," she said. "It allows us to prepare for times of crisis; we know what we do well and what needs work."

Also during the meeting, McMahan said a free One Health workshop on zoonotic disease will be offered Thursday for doctors and other health-care providers, veterinarians and public-health professionals.

Participants will learn to improve human and animal health and get information about diseases that pass between animals and man, said Tarrie Crnic, animal health planner with the Kansas Department of Agriculture.

McMahan said a Facebook page has been created for the committee, which is kept updated with weather information and upcoming events. She said most recently, a posting was made about a house explosion in Brewster. She encouraged members to watch the page.

Commission starts work on jail project

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answer," said Kevin Cowan, a bond lawyer with the Wichita firm of Gilmore and Bell who is providing legal advice for the project. He participated in discussions over the phone.

"We would have to repeat the process we've already taken with a supplemental resolution and a new protest period," Cowan said. "It would set the schedule back and could impact the calendar."

He suggested keeping the amount as low as possible, because raising the bond limit

could attract opposition if the amount is too high for citizens to be comfortable with.

"We want the amount to be accurate and on the low side of being conservative," he said.

After conferring with Cowan, the group decided to go ahead as scheduled and raise questions later when better cost estimates are available.

A motion was made to approve bylaws for the group with a correction. Baughn noticed the meeting quorum should be three members, not two, since it is a five-person board.

Next, one-year nominations were made and approved for officers. Steele will serve as the commission's president, Finley as vice president and Jones as secretary. County Clerk Shelly Harms was designated to record meeting minutes.

A resolution was passed declaring it necessary for the commission to pay the costs of construction and to equip a jail/detention facility and issue revenue bonds not to exceed \$2 million. It will be published in the *Colby Free Press* for two weeks.

Conservatives seek boost from GOP contests

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Despite Gov. Sam Brownback's election in 2010 — and his policy successes, particularly on tax cuts — some other conservatives still see Kansas as lagging. They want Kansas to do more to lessen the political influence of unions, overhaul public pensions and give parents more alternatives to public schools.

That could change after Tuesday. There are contested primaries in 21 of the 40 Senate districts, and all but two of the races are on the Republican side. A dozen moderate incumbents face challengers from the right, including Senate President Steve Morris, of

Hugoton, giving conservatives a good chance of finishing the sweep started in 2010.

Most of the moderates facing

conservative challengers voted in 2010, at Parkinson's urging, to increase the state's sales tax to help balance the state budget.

They also resisted Brownback's successful push this year to cut income taxes.

Briefly

Colby High yearbooks given out this week

The 2012 Colby High School yearbooks will be distributed during enrollment Wednesday at the high school. Additional yearbooks can be purchased for \$55. If 2012 graduates' yearbooks are not picked up on enrollment day, they will be left in the high school office for pick up during regular hours. For information, call Donna Henry at 460-6363.

Triplains enrollment will be Wednesday

Enrollment for the Triplains School will be from 8:30 to 4 p.m. Wednesday at the school in Winona. The district operates on a four-day week, with Mondays off. Call (785) 846-7869 for information, says Lamar Bergsten, principal and superintendent.

Colby Schools to have enrollment this week

Returning students in the Colby Public School will enroll from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday at their respective buildings. New students enroll from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Thursday. District activity calendars will be available. The district website www.colbyeagles.org is disabled until mid-August.

Pets ready for adoption at Colby Animal Clinic

Looking for a pet? Colby Animal Clinic has a male 12-week-old terrier mix with a white spot on his chest available for adoption. 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.

Registration open for kids' football camp

Colby Little League Football is accepting registrations for a camp from Wednesday to Friday and for the fall season. A physical form must be completed prior to participation. Camp registration is \$50 and includes a T-shirt. Camp and registration for the season is \$100. For information, see Travis at the Sports Shoppe or call Amy Wildeman at 460-7815.

Registration coming up for Youth Soccer league

Registration for American Youth Soccer Organization players will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, and from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday. Cost is \$45 until Aug. 11, \$50 after. Deadline to register is Friday, Aug. 17. Players must have been at least 4 1/2 by Aug. 1. The season runs from Saturday, Sept. 8, to Saturday, Oct. 27. Call Emily Griffin at 460-0647 for questions or paperwork.

Brewster church plans vacation Bible school

Kids in kindergarten to sixth grade will get a chance to learn about the Good Book at a vacation Bible school at the Brewster Community Church from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14. The theme is the 23rd Psalm. Call pastor Mike Pinkleman at (785) 694-2720 to register.

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Tuesday Evening August 7, 2012											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Middle	Last Man	Wipeout		NY Med		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
KBSL/CBS	NCIS		NCIS: Los Angeles		Person of Interest		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson		
KSNK/NBC	XXX Summer Olympics							Local	Olympics		
KSAS/FOX	MasterChef				Local						
Cable Channels											
A & E	Storage	Storage	Shipping	Shipping	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	
AMC	Hidalgo						Sahara				
ANIM	Super Snake		Super Croc		Drug Kingpin Hippos		Super Snake		Super Croc		
BRAVO	Million Dollar LA		Million Dollar LA		Love Broker		Happens	Love Broker	NYC		
CMT	Reba	Reba	National Lamp.					Smokey and the Bandit			
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight		
COMEDY	Work.	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Work.		Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Work.	
DISC	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Alaskan Monster Hunt		Deadliest Catch				
DISN	Good Luck/ Shake It		Code 9	Austin	Gravity	ANT Farm	Shake It	Jessie	ANT Farm	Vampire	
E!	Sex and the City						Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea	
ESPN	World/Poker		World/Poker		Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		
ESPN2	Little League				2012 Home Run Derby				Baseball Tonight		
FAM	Pretty Little Liars		Hill Nannies		Pretty Little Liars		The 700 Club		Prince	Prince	
FOOD	Chopped Champions		Chopped Champions		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped Champions		
FX	Zombieland				Zombieland		How I Met		How I Met		
HGTV	Property Brothers		Design Star All		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Million	Sellers	Design Star All		
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Top Gear		Top Gear		Top Gear		Pawn	Pawn	
LIFE	Dance Moms		Dance Moms		Dance Moms		Dance Moms		Dance Moms		
MTV	Awkward.	Awkward.	Teen Mom		Teen Mom		Teen Mom		True Life		
NICK	Victoriot	Victoriot	Hollywood Heights		George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
SCI	Destination Truth		Destination Truth		Haunted Highway		Destination Truth		Haunted Highway		
SPIKE	Repo	Repo	Tenants	Tenants	Tenants	Rat Bast.	Repo	Repo	Repo	Repo	
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan		Office		
TCM	A Raisin in the Sun				To Sir, With Love				Edge City		
TLC	Craft Wars		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Craft Wars		What Not to Wear		
TNT	Rizzoli & Isles		Rizzoli & Isles		Rizzoli & Isles		CSI: NY				
TOON	Level Up	Adventure	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Squid	
TRAV	Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Bizarre Foods		Mysteries-Museum		
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King	
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Political Animals		White Collar		
VH1	Single Ladies		Big Ang	Big Ang	Love Wives Chicago		Love, Hip Hop		New Jack City		
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		Funniest Home Videos		Chris	Chris	
Premium Channels											
HBO	Titanic	Puss in Boots			Hard Knocks		The Newsroom		True Blood		
MAX	Dilemma	Never Die Alone			Unstoppable		Femme		Strike Back		Femme
SHOW	Weeds	Web Ther.	Doug Stanhope: Bef.		Filth and Wisdom		Episodes		Weeds		L Word



Wednesday Evening August 8, 2012											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Middle	Suburg.	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Final Witness		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
KBSL/CBS	Big Brother		Criminal Minds		CSI: Crime Scene		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson		
KSNK/NBC	XXX Summer Olympics						Go On	Local	XXX Summer Olympics		
KSAS/FOX	So You Think				Local						
Cable Channels											
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Storage	Storage	
AMC	Geronimo-Leg.								Thunderheart		
ANIM	Gator Boys		Wildman	Wildman	Off Hook	Off Hook	Gator Boys		Wildman	Wildman	
BRAVO	Million Dollar LA		Million Dollar LA		Top Chef Masters		Happens	Top Chef Masters	Million D		
CMT	Reba	Reba	Smokey-Bandit						Smokey and the Bandit II		
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight		
COMEDY	South Pk	South Pk	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	South Pk	
DISC	Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud		
DISN	Tinker Be	Jessie	ANT Farm	Vampire	Shake It	Good Luck	Good Luck	Shake It	ANT Farm	Vampire	
E!	Kardashian		Kardashian		The Soup	The Soup	Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea	
ESPN	MLB Baseball						SportsCenter		SportsCenter		
ESPN2	Soccer				NFL Kickoff		Film Room	NFL Yrbk.	Baseball Tonight		
FAM	Melissa	Daddy	Mean Girls				The 700 Club		Prince	Prince	
FOOD	Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Chopped		Restaurant: Im.		
FX	The Waterboy		The Waterboy				Dude-My Car				
HGTV	Income	Kitchen	Property Brothers		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		

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HIST	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Picked Off		American	American	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	
LIFE	Two Weeks Notice				The Ugly Truth				Two Weeks Notice		
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	The Real World		WakeBros	Snooki	Snooki	Awkward.	
NICK	Victoriot	Victoriot	Hollywood Heights		George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
SCI	Haunted Collector		Haunted Collector		Paranormal Witness		Haunted Collector		Paranormal Witness		
SPIKE	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan		Office		
TCM	Pal Joey				Down to Earth				Gilda		
TLC	Toddlers & Tiaras		Toddlers & Tiaras		Honey	Honey	Toddlers & Tiaras		Honey	Honey	
TNT	Dallas				The Mentalist		Dallas		The Great Escape		
TOON	NinjaGo	Level Up	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Squid	
TRAV	Man, Food	Man, Food	Sandwich	Sandwich	Baggage B	Baggage B	Man, Food	Man, Food	Sandwich	Sandwich	
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	The Exes		Retired a	King	King	King	
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		Suits		Royal Pains		
VH1	Hollywood Exes		Hollywood Exes		Love, Hip Hop		Mama Drama		Hollywood Exes		
WGN	MLB Baseball				Videos		WGN News at Nine		Funniest Home Videos	Chris	Chris
Premium Channels											
HBO	Love & Other Drugs				True Blood		Hard Knocks		Boardwalk	Contagion	
MAX	Love Actually				Die Hard					Femme	
SHOW	Unraveled		Access		Franchise	Weeds	Franchise	Episodes	Five Fingers		