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City welcomes four new members

Briefly

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City Attorney John Gatz spoke to the four new members about their responsibilities and the laws they need to obey.

"You don't just serve those folks that elected you from your wards," he said. "You serve all the citizens of the city, because every decision you make is going to effect everyone in the city."

Gatz advised them to take all opportunities open to them to learn about their jobs from city employees and by going to meetings with groups such as the Kansas League of Municipalities. He also told them they should keep their personal interests separate from their jobs, pointing out that Taylor works for Midwest Energy and Councilman Pat Mallory works for S & T Communications, and that both of them step away when those companies are discussed.

He also told them to keep in mind that Kansas has an Open

Meetings Law, making it illegal to have meetings in private to talk about city business, and that in most cases all parts of a City Council meeting must be open to the public.

"The law prohibits you from conducting the business of the city, unless you're right here in this room," Gatz said.

In other business, the council:

- Agreed on a plan to start trimming trees on city property because, as City Manager Tyson McGreer explained, recent snow storms have caused limbs to break off and break up power lines.

"I would like to notify the public as much as possible," he said. "I expect some of you to get phone calls."

City residents can trim their own trees, he added, but they will have to come up with the money.

- Heard a plan to give 40 to 50 old power poles to anyone who wants to use them for landscaping or similar uses. Taylor

cut in to mention that the integrity of the poles for building projects cannot be guaranteed, and brought a copy of a release Midwest uses when giving away poles. Megan Carmichael from the Thomas County Coalition suggested some of the poles could be used for the community garden, and McGreer suggested they look into that.

- Heard a request to ban smoking in city parks from Jessica Dempewolf, who identified herself as the mother of young sons.

She told the council her kids often have to deal with second-hand smoke, and showed them a large plastic bag filled with cigarette butts she said she collected that day.

Gatz said the city has the authority to ban smoking in parks, but the council did not agree on how effective an ordinance would be, discussing the usefulness of signs, police presence or ashtrays to keep cigarette butts from ending up on park grounds.

- Went into executive session for 20 minutes so attorney Jerry Fairbanks could fill the new members in on a legal issue between the city and the trustees of the John Kriss Trust. Kriss, a 1930s-era farmer, left the city undeveloped land north of town which he wanted to be used as a wildlife habitat.

At City Attorney John Gatz's suggestion, the council hired Fairbanks on Oct. 2 to handle a situation with the trust, and he filed a petition in Thomas County District Court Oct. 16 to interpret John Kriss's trust. Yvonne Baumfaulk, a trustee, was at Tuesday's meeting but declined to comment. She wrote the city a letter dated April 10 explaining the history of the land and asking the city to withdraw all legal action in connection with the trust. Neither Gatz or Baumfaulk wanted to speak further about the matter, and Fairbanks could not be reached for comment.

Art Walk will offer food, music and works

Come downtown for the annual spring Art Walk organized by the Colby Community College art department from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday. Elementary and high-school art, plus college and professional works, will be on display in businesses and at the Scale House. There will be activities for children, music and food. Businesses will hand out Art Bucks that include a coupon and may be used to buy professional works. For information, call Debbie Schwanke at 460-5411.

Stray dogs are at Colby Animal Clinic

The Colby Animal Clinic has two stray dogs, a neutered brown male boxer mix under 2 years old and a female brown and black heeler mix under 2 years old. Neither dog has a collar and both of them are pretty thin. They were found running together. If they are not claimed, they will be up for adoption on Monday. Call or stop by 810 E. Fourth St. For questions, call 460-8621.

Legion to hold concert here on Saturday

The Colby American Legion Post plans a concert at the end of the Kansas Legion's 6th District annual convention being held in Colby. The concert, from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday at the Legion Hall here, will be open to everyone. Come hear the Silver Creek Band, out of McCook, play country, rock and swing. For information, contact Terina Schmidt at 443-3766.

City will begin separating grass

The City of Colby asks people to start separating grass from household trash on Monday. Leave grass clippings unbagged in a tipper can marked "Grass" and have all cans to the curb by 8 a.m. on your trash day. For information, call Omar Weber at the Public Works Department, 460-4420.

Extension agent to talk planning for health

Having a plan is one way to get a jump start on a healthier life. Amy Lorenzen, Golden Prairie Extension District agent for family and consumer science, will present the *Knowledge at Noon* program, "Action Plan for Healthy Living," from noon to 1 p.m. Monday at the Thomas County Office Complex. Bring your own lunch. Call Diann Gerstner at the Thomas County Extension Office, 460-4582, for information.

Colby will participate in National Walk day

Colby will be participating in the National Walk at Lunch Day on Wednesday. Head to Fike Park at noon and walk around the park during your break. For information or for distribution materials, contact Megan Carmichael with the Thomas County Healthy Communities Coalition at 460-8177.

School board gets new iPads for business

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around with confidential district information on them.

In other business, the board:

- Approved a change to the school calendar, changing the last day of school from Thursday, May 23, to Wednesday, May 22. The school calendars were mistakenly printed to read that the last day was May 22, Superintendent Terrel Harrison said, and the change was made because parents were following that schedule.

- Voted to buy an activity bus from Blue-Bird All American for \$154,153. School officials pointed out that the old bus broke down recently during a trip to Colorado and again that morning at the Nine-Mile Corner.

- Tentatively scheduled the July board meeting for Monday, July 22, a week later than usual, to give the staff time to prepare a budget.

- Approved paying \$10,853 in membership dues to the Kansas Association of School Boards, including \$1,650 for a legal assistance fund membership. Superintendent

terrel Harrison said that the dues increased by \$950 total, but this year the district will get a convention pass and handbook copies, plus association webinars each week, worth \$510.

- Voted to republish the budget for the current fiscal year. Harrison said the district got about another \$241,000 this year because of a sharp rise in enrollment. A revised budget will be published in the *Colby Free Press* showing the extra money going into the at-risk and capital outlay funds so it can be spent. The board will hold a hearing on it at the May meeting.

- Approved out-of-district attendance requests for Shaelyn and Gordon Watts.

- Scheduled two special meetings: at 7 p.m. Monday to approve a contract with 360 Energy Engineers to improve the school buildings, and one to coincide with the regular meeting Monday, May 13, to train on wireless board meetings.

- Approved the resignations of Samantha Miller as a grade school paraprofessional and Linda Jones as a high school language arts teacher. Jones also resigned as a Nation-

al Honor Society sponsor.

- Approved supplemental contracts for Troy Rall as a middle school assistant track coach, and employment contracts for Jennie Montanez and Kayla Ziegelmeier as grade school paraprofessionals and Mitchell Spanel as a high school paraprofessional.

For the after-school program, supplemental contracts were approved for Kathy Vaughn as the project director and Montanez, Teresa Morgan, Megan Rietcheck, Carol Kennedy, Denise Mentlick, Laura Schmid, Melinda Cheney, Michael Cowles, Ashley Guy, Connor Schwanke and Katrina Sullivan.

- Ratified an agreement for next year with the Kansas National Education Association, which represents teachers during labor negotiations. One of the main points of the agreement was to approve a new type of teacher evaluation called McREL. The district chose to use this evaluation as part of a series of changes which all schools statewide must make to keep receiving federal money. Yearly pay for all teachers will increase by \$1,000.

County approves pay raises for 26 employees

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At the landfill, wages for Darrel Arnberger, Wesley Rummel and Travis Williby were increased to \$15 per hour in an effort to equalize the previous rates of \$13.90 to \$14.48 per hour.

Most employees in the Road and Bridge and Noxious Weed departments received raises except Road Supervisor Clair Shrock.

Darin Bell's pay increased from \$11.63 to \$12.90 per hour; Mark Boeger's from \$14.54 to

\$15.54; Christopher Castaneda's from \$11 to \$12; and Dianna Gatz' from \$17.19 to \$19. Shrock stated he thought Gatz' increase was justified because of her 26 years on the job.

Rebecca Gray's rate increased from \$11.48 to \$12.60; Clinton Jackson's from \$12.20 to \$13.20 per hour; Douglas Marcum's from \$11.39 to \$12.65; Dawn Nichols' from \$14.75 to \$15.75; Peter Schlageck's from \$14.66 to \$16.66; and Jonathan Selley's from \$16.06 to \$17.06.

County Appraiser Kathy Cunningham received an increase

from \$15.38 to \$17 per hour while Mary Burleigh received a hike from \$11.73 to \$13.02.

In the Health Department, Angela Gaede and Kendra Glassman both received raises from \$13.26 to \$13.92. Neither had received the 5 percent increase other county employees got in 2012.

Custodian Gayla Davis' pay went from \$10.71 to \$11.71.

Susan Guill, the deputy county clerk, received an increase from \$14.87 to \$16 per hour, though County Clerk Shelly Harms argued for more. She said Guill

should be paid more due to her certifications and skills performing a variety of jobs.

Steele previously said these raises will be paid for from increased property taxes the county expects to receive because of higher values for agricultural land.

The commissioners and department heads had discussed instituting a classified pay scale similar to that used by many cities and other government agencies, but the commission did not vote on approving that plan.



LOCAL TV Listings

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Saturday Evening April 20, 2013

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Bet on Your Baby	Castle	Castle	Local						
KBSL/CBS	NCIS: Los Angeles	The Mentalist	48 Hours	Local						
KSNK/NBC	The Voice	Smash	Saturday Night Live	Local	Saturday Night Live					
KSAS/FOX	UFC: Henderson		Local	The Following	30S	Local				
Cable Channels										
A & E	The Killer Speaks	The Killer Speaks	The First 48	To Be Announced	The Killer Speaks					
AMC	The Last Samurai			A Few Good Men						
ANIM	My Cat From Hell	Too Cute!	Tanked	Too Cute!	Tanked					
BRAVO	Housewives/OC	Housewives/OC	The Princess Bride		The Princess Bride					
CMT	Black Sheep	Redneck Vacation	After Dog & Beth Pr.		Redneck					
CNN	CNN Presents	Piers Morgan Live	CNN Newsroom	CNN Presents	Piers Morgan Live					
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Grandma's Boy	Kevin Hart: Laugh	Norton				
DISC	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch						
DISN	Jessie	Dog	Austin	Shake It	Phineas	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Good Luck
E!	Knocked Up				After Lat	Fashion Police	Chelsea	The Soup		
ESPN	NBA Basketball				NBA Basketball					
ESPN2	Basketball	X Games						SportsCenter		
FAM	Tangled			The Princess Diaries		Prince				
FOOD	Roadtrip	Roadtrip	Roadtrip	Roadtrip	Diners	Diners	Iron Chef America	Roadtrip	Roadtrip	
FX	Armageddon				Anger	Anger	BrandX With			
HGTV	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Love It or List It			

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Stories from hometowns just like yours. Look for us each week in this paper.

HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn
LIFE	Call Me Crazy			Abducted Story				Call Me Crazy		
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	MTV Special			ATL		
NICK	Marvin	Wendell	Ninjas	Ninjas	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Wrong Turn		Wrong Turn 5		Wrong Turn 4: Bloody					
SPIKE	Raiders-Lost Ark				Indiana Jones					
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Men-Work	Laugh	Life as We Know It	
TCM	Freaks			Trapeze				The Dark Tower		
TLC	Epic Log Homes		Four Houses		Four Houses		Epic Log Homes		Four Houses	
TRN	Men in Black II				Southland		Boston			
TOON	Scooby-Doo: Mask	Venture	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Cleveland	Dynamite	Boondocks	Bleach	Naruto	
TRAV	Mysteries-Museum	Mysteries-Museum	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures		Mysteries-Museum			
TV LAND	Golden	Golden	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King	
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS			
VH1	Songs	Greatest Songs	Off Pitch		Bon Jovi: Inside Out		Mob Wives		Off Pitch	
WGN	Arrow		Arrow		Funniest Home Videos	Bones	Bones			
Premium Channels										
HBO	Mary and Martha			Game of Thrones	The Change-Up					
MAX	X-Men	Wrath of the Titans		Seeking a Friend						
SHOW	Real Stee	Tommy Chong Present	Access	Boxing						

Sunday Evening April 21, 2013

	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	Remember Sunday					Local			
KBSL/CBS	The Amazing Race	The Good Wife	The Mentalist				Local			
KSNK/NBC	The Voice	Celebrity Apprentice					Local	Dateline NBC		
KSAS/FOX	Simpsons	Burgers	Fam. Guy	Amer. Dad	Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.
AMC	Man on Fire				Mad Men					
ANIM	River Monsters		River Monsters		Ice Cold Gold		River Monsters		Ice Cold Gold	
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.	Married to Medicine	Housewives/Atl.		Happens	Fashion	Housewives/Atl.			
CMT	Dog and Beth: On the Hunt		Guntucky		Dog and Beth: On the Hunt		Guntucky		Guntucky	
CNN	Anthony Bourd.		Anthony Bourd.		Anderson Cooper		Anthony Bourd.		Anthony Bourd.	
COMEDY	Grandma's Boy		Kevin Hart: Laugh		Tosh.0	Daniel Tosh: Serious	Sex Drive			
DISC	President's Men		Naked Castaway		President's Men					
DISN	Peter Pan		Jessie		Gravity	Dog	Austin	Austin	Wizards	Wizards
E!	Kourtney-Kim		Kardashians		What-Ryan	Jonas	Kardashians			
ESPN	MLB Baseball						SportsCenter			SportCtr
ESPN2	NHRA Drag Racing				Hey Rookie		QB Camp	QB Camp	QB Camp	Baseball
FAM	Lovestruck-Mus				Lovestruck-Mus		J. Osteen		K. Shook	
FOOD	Cupcake Wars		Chopped		Restaurant: Im.		Iron Chef America		Chopped	
FX	Battle: Los Angeles				Battle: Los Angeles					
HGTV	Extreme Homes	Hawaii	Hawaii		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hawaii	Hawaii
HIST	Ax Men		Ax Men		Vikings		Vikings		Ax Men	
LIFE	My Sister's Keeper		Army Wives		The Client List		My Sister's Keeper			
MTV	Teen Mom 2	Awkward.	Awkward.		Awkward.		True Life		Ridic.	Ridic.
NICK	See Dad	Wendell	The Karate Kid				Friends		Friends	
SCI	The Mummy Returns						Defiance			
SPIKE	Indiana Jones				Indiana Jones					
TBS	Life as We Know It				Life as We Know It					
TCM	Me and My Gal				Father of the Bride		Playing		Beau Brummel	
TLC	Gypsy Wedding		Gypsy Wedding		Welcome to Myrtle Ma		Gypsy Wedding		Welcome to Myrtle Ma	
TRN	NBA Basketball				NBA Basketball				Inside the NBA	
TOON	Incredible	Looney	Oblongs	King/Hill	King/Hill	Cleveland	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Loiter	Metal
TRAV	Trip Flip	Trip Flip	Extreme Survival Bun		Mega RV Countdown		Killer RV Upgrades		Extreme Survival Bun	
TV LAND	Golden	Golden	Forever	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	The King of Queens	
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		American Pie			
VH1	Mob Wives		Mob Wives		I'm Married to A...		Wicked Single		Mob Wives	
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	News/Nine	Replay	30 Rock	30 Rock	Rules	Rules
Premium Channels										
HBO	The Hangover Part II		Game of Thrones		Veep	VICE	Game of Thrones		Veep	Campaign
MAX	From Dusk Till Dawn				This Means War		Baby Dolls Behind Bars			
SHOW	Borgias	Nurse	Nurse		The Borgias		Nurse		Borgias	