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City to offer free Franchise Night for those wanting to open or expand small business

The City of Liberal Economic Development cordially invites interested persons to Franchise Night 2013 to be from 5:00 to 7 pm. Thursday at the Girl Scout Building at 1 Pine Park in Liberal.

Bankers, realtors, developers, franchise representatives and a consultant from the Kansas Small Business Development Center will be in attendance.

Anyone who is interested in opening a business in Liberal is welcome – don't miss this opportunity.

THURSDAY

Downtown businesses setting the groundwork for organization

Businesses in downtown Liberal are starting to organize and any businesses interested in being a part can attend the monthly meetings and also share ideas of how to enhance the clientele of the downtown. Contact Tom Hartman or Jeanette Todd Brown by calling 620-624-3402 or via email at: tomhartman@gmail.com.

GET INVOLVED TODAY

Rock Island Depot to be site of upcoming Small Business Tax Worshop

The Kansas Small Business Development Center from Garden City will be hosting a "Small Business Tax Worshop" on Thursday at the Rock Island Depot in Liberal. The course qualifies for a CPE credit and the registration fee is $ 25.

The general session is from 1 to 5 in room while the commissioner session is from 1 to 3 pm.

Topics include unrestricted sales tax, state tax laws, tax ID numbers, exemptions, wholesale tax, sales tax and consumer use tax.

To register or for more information, call 620-276-9632 or fax 620-276-3249 or email: kdoo@gcccc.edu

THURSDAY

VA's mobile office is coming to Liberal

The Kansas Commission of Veterans Affairs mobile office will be coming to Liberal and setting up from 10 am and 3 pm. Thursday at the Southwest Kansas Street Tax office will be able to assist eligible veterans and family members in obtaining benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The office will be staffed by accredited veterans service representatives.

For more information call 785-220-8450.

THURSDAY

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Commission split on leadership

Harrison chosen mayor on 3-2 vote, Denoyer declines vice-mayor nomination

by ROBERT PRICE
• Leader & Times

Two new commissioners took their seats on the Liberal City Commission Monday, and four current commissioners took over leadership roles on the board.

The board members, Dave Harrison and Jon Denoyer, were sworn-in-for-mayor. Harrison's nomination was seconded, but Denoyer's first-time nomination was not seconded, and the vote was 3-2 vote. Harrison was elected on the vote. Denoyer and two commissioners said Denoyer wanted to be mayor. Harrison's nomination, while Harrison, along with current commissioner Lauri Williams and two commissioners Dean Ahrens, voted in favor of the nomination.

Though Denoyer received 200 more votes than Harrison and received the most votes out of eight candidates, the majority selected Harrison as mayor.

The board then looked to nominates a vice-mayor. Williams was the first nominates. Denoyer was also nominated for the position, but Denoyer said he was not a fair-mayor.

The commission voted unanimously to make Williams the vice-mayor.

The two new board members spoke about their new positions during the Arbor Day commissioners' position of Sunday's meeting. Williams gave prizes to outgoing commissioner Lauri Sunshine and outgoing mayor Don Lang, while

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HARRISON

WILLIMON

Trying to decrease wind erosion, maintain soil moisture

by CHRIS MANSKAR
• Leader & Times

The National Resources Conservation Service, a part of the United States Department Agriculture, conducted a tour Saturday, informing participants about the ways of the Farm Bill Conservation to help conserve water and other resources.

The tour was to delineate parts of Sunset Farm Bill Conservation and the Farm Bill Conservation Service, the program that NRCS has to offer NRCS is a voluntary program established to help farmers and ranchers with sustainable grazing, which can cover a wide-ring from water conservation to wildlife, and to the Farm Bill Conservation.

The tour showed how NRCS is on helping the farmers to properly rotate the old and fading wind fields into the Sunset Farm Bill Conservation Service.

The wind stop showed how some farmers are changing to the Farm Bill Conservation Service, the tourism and other problems.

Following the tour, the wind farmer Dean Ahrens has been using help from the NRCS

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An aide from Sen. Tom Hartman's Dodge City office, left, Jeanette Ahrens, the difference in soil types is a wind-ring conservation. (Jeanette Ahrens)

Rep. Huelskamp demands answers from Secretary Napolitano

• Special to the Leader & Times

WASHINGTON – For more than six months, a growing number of farmers, ranchers, as well as the constituents of Congress, have been asking questions about the nationwide purchase practice of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

In February 2013, Congressman Tim Huelskamp (R-Kansas) joined 10 other Members of Congress in a bipartisan, bicameral to Secretary Jesse Napolitano. Not

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Former Liberal residents receive Philanthropist of the Year award in OKC

DAN PAPPAT
• Daily Dispatch

The Integrity Foundation will present its highest honor, the Philanthropist of the Year award, to Gene and Dr. Evelyn Downing, being in appreciation of the Oklahoma City on Friday.

The Downing has been actively involved in Integrity Foundation, a Bible Ministry for several years. Gene has served on the Integrity Foundation board since 1994, and Dr. Evelyn Downing has served on the Integrity Foundation board since 1994.

The Philanthropist of the Year award celebrates times

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