

Timing has an awful lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance  
Thursday Prime Rib  
at Village Plaza Liberal, KS 620-420-4100 Monday - Saturday  
Make it a habit every time you're in Liberal to stop by for a Thursday Prime Rib!

**Man pleads guilty in Garden City homicide**  
GARDEN CITY, Kan. — A man charged with the murder of a woman in Garden City has pleaded guilty to the crime. The man, 34, was charged with the first-degree murder of a woman in Garden City on Oct. 11. He is scheduled to be sentenced on Feb. 20. The woman was 32 years old at the time of her death. The man is currently being held in the Garden City Jail.

**Natural gas offers value as propane prices soar**  
LIBERAL, Kan. — Propane prices have soared in the past few weeks, and many consumers are turning to natural gas as a more affordable alternative. Natural gas is a cleaner-burning fuel that is also much cheaper than propane. Many consumers are switching to natural gas for their home heating and water heating needs. This switch can save homeowners a significant amount of money on their energy bills.



**Miss Kansas Theresa Vail will be coming to Liberal**  
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**USD 480 hands present the Liberal Band Festival**  
LIBERAL, Kan. — The Liberal Band Festival is set for Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Liberal High School. The festival will feature performances by the Liberal High School Band and the Liberal Middle School Band. The festival is a fundraiser for the Liberal School District. Tickets are available for purchase at the school office.

**Kan. students lobby against sex education bills**  
LIBERAL, Kan. — A group of Liberal students has been successful in lobbying against a proposed sex education bill. The students, who are members of the Liberal Student Government, met with their state representatives and expressed their concerns about the bill. The bill would require sex education to be taught in all schools. The students argued that the bill was too restrictive and did not take into account the needs of all students.

**Five-year anniversary of Obama's stimulus renews partisan fight over jobs, economy**  
LIBERAL, Kan. — The five-year anniversary of President Obama's stimulus package has reignited the partisan debate over the economy and jobs. The stimulus package, known as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, was a controversial piece of legislation that provided \$787 billion in additional spending. Supporters of the package argue that it helped to stabilize the economy and create jobs. Opponents argue that it was too costly and did not do enough to address the economic challenges of the time.



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