



Memorial Day activities planned here

Legion posts plans honor services

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Memorial Day services to honor fallen veterans are planned Monday for cemeteries in Colby, Brewster and Selden.

the presentation of the colors and the reading of the list of members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion and the Legion auxiliary who died this year.

Freedom, was designed and machine quilted by Marlene Heinz. Gayle Bremenkamp pieced it together.

Many businesses to close for holiday

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People planning to honor loved ones with flowers have a few blossoming options in Colby this Memorial Day.

Monique Leavitt of Someplace Special, 185 W. Fourth St., said they will take orders until 4 p.m. Saturday.

1320. Some businesses and most government offices will be closed Monday, giving employees the opportunity to observe the national holiday.

College trustees discuss, OK new statements

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The Colby Community College trustees approved new mission and vision statements for the college Monday on the recommendation of a strategic planning committee of faculty and staff that worked on improving them for about a month.

Vacik, along with Barry Kaaz, dean of external affairs; Joyce Washburn, dean of academic affairs; and Alan Waites, vice president of business affairs, all members of the committee, said they felt using the word "world" was the best way to simplify how many people the college affects, especially international students, and makes the mission statement less broad and more concise.



Linda Murray (left) helped Gary Guard at the Thomas County treasurer's office Friday while Tammy Fulton helped Richard Reed. The office, along with offices across Kansas, has been experiencing some issues and glitches due to a new statewide computer system installed earlier this month.

President Stephen Vacik said updating the statements is part of the Higher Learning Commission accreditation process and the board needs to approve them so the college can send them along with its upcoming plan of action.

Vacik also said he thinks the importance of the community to the college is implicit in the statement.

Some renewal issues resolved

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Problems with a new computer system that caused long lines for Kansas vehicle registrations and titles have been fixed, Secretary of Revenue Nick Jordan said Wednesday.

Long waits plague Wichita

Christie McKaig said she thought she could get her driver's license renewed in an hour Tuesday in Wichita, but found the wait to be much longer.

counties had a conference call Thursday morning with state officials. Jordan told them the problems that jammed the system Monday and Tuesday had been cleared up, but other issues keep cropping up that the state is trying to resolve as they appear.

Dragon capsule first in space station

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - The first commercial supply ship is now part of the International Space Station.

til now, only major governments have sent spacecraft to the space station. NASA is turning over orbital supply missions to the commercial industry so it can focus on bigger, better objectives, like sending crews to Mars.

Lawmaker subpoenaed in probe

By John Hanna AP Statehouse Correspondent

TOPEKA - A Kansas House member said today that he's been subpoenaed by a county prosecutor investigating private meetings Gov. Sam Brownback had with legislators at his official residence.

questions, calling it "beyond ridiculous" because he wasn't at any of the gatherings. Shawnee County District Attorney Chad Taylor, a Democrat, is investigating seven meetings the Republican governor had in January at Cedar Crest, the governor's official residence.

gating the meetings since February and has yet to announce any findings. Brownback has said repeatedly that he's confident none of the gatherings violated the Kansas Open Meetings Act.

and didn't attend. The governor acknowledged in March that he set up the meetings to discuss his agenda for this year's legislative session, did "most of the talking" and took questions and comments.

Kansas state parks ready for big weekend

WICHITA (AP) - Kansas park officials have been hoping for a strong turnout this Memorial Day weekend to give the parks department an economic boost after toxic algae contributed to a dismal show during last year's holiday weekend.

algae in lakes at the state parks have given staff plenty of time to prepare for the first big summer weekend, The Wichita Eagle reported (bit.ly/KG5owW).

