



Rolling Hills Zoo visits

Kealy Dent showed off a stuffed penguin (above), Monday, one of the critters volunteers from the Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure put on display at the Pioneer Memorial Library.

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Commissioners get updates on landfill, Opportunity Zone

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The Thomas County Commissioners heard updates from the county landfill and area organizations at their meeting Monday.

the illegal dumping when it was discovered. Without Jumper's investigation, the landfill could have been shut down, Steele said.

ment for individuals who relocate to rural Kansas counties. Foster said the program's rules recently changed to allow employers to pay half of the \$3,000 per year maximum student loan repayment available to each qualifying employee.

could obtain loan repayment from his employer and also from the Rural Opportunity Zone program. Foster said applicants have to show a loan balance before the program will pay.

City works on plan for raises

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The Colby City Council told the city manager to continue developing a new plan to figure city employees' raises after a discussion on how they will fit into next year's budget at its meeting Tuesday night.

paid employees \$2.86 million in salaries, he said. This year, because of some personnel changes, it will pay an estimated \$2.68 million.

Grant sought for Amtrak

WICHITA (AP) - The state of Kansas and Wichita are seeking nearly \$13 million in federal money to complete the planning phase of a proposed project that would extend Amtrak's Heartland Flyer passenger service from Wichita to Oklahoma City.

pected to formally support the application Tuesday and a decision is expected in about three months, The Wichita Eagle reported (bit.ly/19n1CKv).

Kansas caves could preserve humanity?

By Bill Draper
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ATCHISON (AP) - After most of the world's population is wiped off the map by a wayward meteorite or hail of nuclear missiles, the survival of the human race might just depend on a few thousand people huddled in recreational vehicles deep in the bowels of an eastern Kansas mine.

take vacations and learn assorted survival skills to prepare them for whatever world-changing catastrophe awaits.

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