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MORAN COUNCIL

Moran plans to add swing set for park

By BOB JOHNSON
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MORAN — Moran council members agreed to add playground equipment to the city park when they met Monday evening, but delayed signing an agreement with LaHarpe Communications for use of its water tower for an Internet relay antenna.

Council members mulled buying a swing set and another piece for the playground on which children could climb, but backed off to just the swing set when City Clerk Lori Evans pointed out the Park Department fund had \$9,200 remaining in its budget. It was noted that mowing and other maintenance would require part of what was available.

Councilman Jim Mueller said the two pieces of equipment would cost more than \$7,000 and when ground cover, a necessity under rules governing public playground safety, entered the mix, cost likely would top \$9,000.

That led council members to propose funding within their 2015 budget for additions to the playground.

"It would be good to add some each year," Mueller said.

Harry Lee, owner of LaHarpe Communications, handed council members a lease agreement to consider for the water tower antenna.

Following a 15-minute executive session to discuss the contract, the deci-

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Workshop of Wonders

Children participate in a sing-along at Vacation Bible School on Monday. The weeklong program sponsored by First Presbyterian and Wesley United churches encourages children to "imagine and build with God." VBS includes a variety of science projects, Bible adventures, crafts, games and more. At right, children play under a parachute. REGISTER/KAREN INGRAM



One Night Stand Series

Sabra Aguirre, above, will perform at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Iola Community Theatre. Also performing will be Jared Ellis. COURTESY PHOTO

Aguirre to perform Thursday night

By KAYLA BANZET
The Iola Register

Hit the lights and cue the music. Sabra Aguirre will perform at the Iola Community Theatre as part of the One Night Stand Series. The show starts at 7 p.m., Thursday and is free to the public.

Aguirre, 23, has always had a passion for performing. The Yates Center native had her first intro to the stage in church when she was four.

Later on she began taking piano and vocal lessons.

Her mother Pam, would bring Aguirre to Iola to participate in the Children's Summer Theatre Workshop at the Iola Community Theatre. The pair also work together at Class Act Salon in Iola.

This is Aguirre's first year on the Iola Community Theatre board of directors.

"I met a lot of great people through the theater," Aguirre said. "I've always been

involved with it in some way."

Although the show is a free will donation, Aguirre will give half of her donations to the Power Up Iola organization.

"I wanted to be involved with the organization and help out," she said. "Everyone needs help once in awhile."

The show will also feature Jared Ellis, pastor at Fellowship Regional Church in Iola.

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One man's junk ... yard sales Saturday

By KAREN INGRAM
The Iola Register

Shopaholics are sure to shine with satisfaction with two city-wide garage sales this Saturday.

Shelia Lampe, executive director of the Iola Area Chamber of Commerce, said about 18 families have registered so far, with a few more calls and walk-in inquiries pending. Registration ends at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, so they anticipate a lot more people to sign up, she said.

Among those who have registered so far, it looks like Cedarbrook Estates is going to have a big sale, and the library at Allen Community College will be participating for the first time with a fundraiser book sale.

"We've got a lot of older fiction books and we're ready to get some new stuff," said Sandy Moore, library director at ACC. "The city-wide garage sale seemed like the best time to do that."

Moore said the books being sold are primarily fiction for adults and children. They'll also have discounts for people who buy a lot of books.

"The more you buy, the more you save," she said.

For those who want to go the extra mile, Humboldt is also holding their city-wide garage sale. Judy Midden-dorf, volunteer organizer and member of Chapter AM P.E.O., said they have 23 registered for the event so far. Two have opted to hold their sales on Friday, but the bulk of merchants will be showing their wares on Saturday. Everything from furniture to scrapbooking material will be available to browse or buy.

"There's some of everything. It's a good variety of things being sold," Midden-dorf said.

In addition to searching for odds and ends, shoppers in Humboldt can check out a bake sale at 917 Leavenworth or buy barbecue for lunch at 105 S. 9th St. and enjoy it in the park.

Lampe said there's usually someone selling food during the city-wide sale in Iola, but so far they have not registered for this year's event. However, many people wait until closer to deadline to register, she said.

For more information or to register for the Iola city-wide garage sale, call 620-365-5252. For Humboldt, call 620-473-2666.

Kansas governor decries EPA carbon emissions rule

By JOHN HANNA
Associated Press

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback declared Monday that a new federal rule for cutting carbon emissions is a "war against middle America," only days after his adminis-

tration complicated potential efforts to comply by signing off on a new, \$2.8 billion coal-fired power plant.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's regulation addresses power plant emissions of heat-trapping greenhouse gases blamed for climate change. The 645-page

rule sets targets for states, giving them some flexibility for meeting them, and the EPA said that by 2030, Kansas would have to cut emissions from power plants from 2012 levels by 23 percent.

The White House said the rule is designed to fight environmental and public health

problems associated with global warming, but Brownback, other state officials and representatives of major Kansas utilities worried that it will lead to higher energy costs, damaging the economy. Coal-fired plants provide about 63 percent of the state's electricity.

The EPA's announcement of the rule Monday came only three days after Brownback's secretary of health and environment gave the go-ahead for the new coal-fired power plant proposed by Hays-based Sunflower Electric Power Corp. for

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Quote of the day

"The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing."
— Socrates, philosopher



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site outside Holcomb in southwest Kansas.

Sunflower spokeswoman Cindy Hertel said the company is reviewing the new EPA rule and can't say how it will affect the Holcomb project. But environmentalists argue that the plant's construction would hamper any serious attempt to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

"It doesn't make any sense for Kansas to focus on yesterday's technology," said Moti Rieber, an Overland Park rabbi and director of Kansas Interfaith Power and Light, a coalition of religious groups on environmental issues.

Sara Belfry, a spokeswoman for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, said the EPA's work on the new emissions rule had no bearing on the timing of the state's decision on the coal-fired plant.

This is more of the Obama Administration's war against middle America. We need Kansas solutions for Kansans.

— Sam Brownback, Kansas governor

She noted that the EPA's rule isn't final and could change.

Brownback, who served in the U.S. Senate before being elected governor in 2010, said he's troubled that Democratic President Barack Obama's administration is moving ahead without congressional approval of such a rule. He said Kansas already is working "to do its part to protect the environment" by developing wind farms and increasing the use of natural gas.

"This is more of the Obama Administration's war against middle America,"

Brownback said in a statement. "We need Kansas solutions for Kansans."

Brownback said the signing off on the new coal-fired plant supports "clean coal technologies."

Kansas hasn't regulated greenhouse gas emissions, but Brownback signed legislation this year authorizing the state's KDHE secretary to set "flexible" standards so that power plants don't face "unreasonable costs" and utilities aren't forced to switch fuel sources.

The new law takes effect July 1, and Brownback has said

it's an attempt to assert state control over environmental policy.

Belfry said KDHE will work to ensure that the state law and the EPA rule "function together." She said there's no timetable yet for developing state regulations.

But Rieber said the new state law was merely "scoring political points," noting that the EPA is expecting each state to develop its own plan for curbing greenhouse gas emissions.

Meanwhile, Westar Energy Inc., the state's largest electric company, will develop its own plan for curbing such emissions, said spokeswoman Gina Penzig. But she said tougher environmental regulations have driven up the utility's costs — and the bills of Westar's nearly 700,000 customers — over the past decade.

"Ultimately, it is our customers who pay the cost," she said.

U.S. to cut carbon emissions

The Obama administration announced a plan to reduce carbon emissions from power plants, the biggest source of carbon dioxide pollution, which is a major cause of global warming.

The plan Cut emissions from power plants by 30 percent from 2005 levels by 2030

Plan says it's up to the states

Each state will determine how to meet customized targets set by EPA

A state could have more time to submit plan if it joins with other states

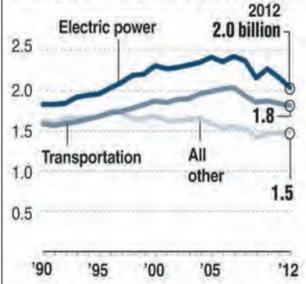
States get credit for steps already taken to cut emissions

Power plants have reduced emissions by nearly 13 percent since 2005, almost half way to White House goal

Ways to cut Make power plants more efficient, reduce frequency that coal-fired plants supply power to grid; invest in more low-carbon energy sources

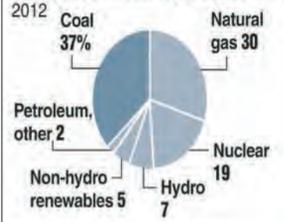
U.S. carbon emissions by sector

In billions of metric tons of carbon dioxide



Coal biggest source of electricity

Energy sources used by power plants, 2012



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Natural Resources Defense Council, AP Graphic: Judy Treible © 2014 MCT

Moran: Park to see new swing set

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sion was to have Lee look over a contract Moran proposed and discuss any differences with the city's attorney, Bret Heim.

"We reviewed your contract and had lots of questions," said Councilman Mueller, without being specific.

Discussion about the city's 2015 budget had council members turn to department heads for recommendations.

In addition to including money for playground equipment, they will consider bleachers for the ball field, a copier and new computer terminals for the city clerk's office, and a trencher for the city crew. They expect to have a preliminary budget to consider at their July 7

meeting.

IN OTHER NEWS:

— Council members will look into cost of purchasing a digital information sign to place outside of City Hall to alert citizens of goings on, such as council and fire meetings and public events. Nelda Cuppy, who came to the council session from a Moran Library Board meeting, said a bulletin board in public view would be helpful, she and other library board members thought.

"We talked about it in the past," said Mayor Phil Merkel. "We'll do some research and see what's available," and what cost would be.

— A merger of Moran and Marmaton and Osage townships volun-

teer fire departments continues in the discussion stage, as it has for several months.

Councilman Mueller said some members of the three departments "just don't want to sit down and talk together. If it goes on much longer maybe we should forget it."

Merkel, Moran fire chief, agreed personality conflicts were getting in the way and for the good of a merger the path to resolution might be for each department to decide on its own, rather than all in one place at one time.

— Council members approved use of the city ball field for a Moran Day tournament to raise money for the event. The tournament will be in early July.

— Chief of Police Shane Smith said he would help with driver's education at Marmaton Valley High this week and next, to give students a clear idea of restrictions that they will face as young drivers, as well as to encourage them to drive with care and obey rules of the road.

Smith said he would help with Iola Police Department's Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs annual event June 14. He also announced receiving a \$1,000 grant from Enbridge Pipeline, with which he will purchase equipment and supplies.

— Merkel, as fire chief, said the city fire truck had been recertified at a cost of \$1,600 for inspection and minor improvements.

Seattle ups wages

SEATTLE (AP) — Seattle activists celebrated a successful campaign to gradually increase the city's minimum wage to \$15 by calling for a national movement to close the income and opportunity gaps between rich and poor.

The Seattle City Council unanimously passed an ordinance Monday

that would give the city the highest minimum wage in the nation.

Socialist City Council Member Kshama Sawant, who after the council meeting called on the people of America to elect more independent and socialist candidates, said the push for a higher minimum wage is spreading across the nation.

Aguirre: Series

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The two started performing together at Fellowship Regional. Ellis said he wanted to put a twist on the church's music.

"We can throw things together well," she said. "We connect in the music way and he's a huge U2 fan, too."

Aguirre said her show will feature a little bit of everything. The audience can expect music

from bands U2 to Coldplay.

"I like the alternative stuff more than the mass marketed pop music," Aguirre said. "I like to discover stuff that has been lost for awhile and bring it back."

This will be Aguirre's second time doing the series but she would like to see more people involved.

"The One Night Stand Series is a good output for anyone that has a talent to share," she said.

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