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IN BRIEF

GEARY COUNTY

WOMEN'S HEALTH FAIR DEADLINE EXTENDED

The deadline for reservations to "Portrait of a Healthy Woman", a health fair for women, was extended to May 9, according to event coordinator Jolana Montgomery-Matney, executive director of the Geary Community Healthcare Foundation.

Registration forms/brochures are available by calling the foundation at 238-3787 or at one of the hospital's information desks. Registration forms and \$10 must be received by May 9 for the May 12 event at the Marriott/Geary County Convention Center. The event will take place from 4:30 to 8 p.m.

"Portrait of a Healthy Woman" will feature local medical professionals speaking on a number of timely topics related to women's health screenings and diseases as well as an information-packed health fair. Dinner will be provided.

WICHITA

NEIGHBOR ACCUSES MAN OF GENOCIDE

A Kansas man shook his head as a former neighbor of his rural village testified about brutal killings during the 1994 Rwandan genocide.

The testimony came Monday in the trial of 84-year-old Lazare Kobagaya. The Topeka resident is charged with lying to U.S. immigration officials about his role in Rwanda's ethnic mass killings. Kobagaya has denied the charges.

A neighbor, Valens Murindangabo, told jurors he heard Kobagaya tell another man to kill two teenage boys he found at a watering hole. He also told testified Kobagaya agreed with others that a Tutsi woman and her baby found in their village should be killed.

MAN CONVICTED IN DEATH OF 13-YEAR-OLD

The brother of a Wichita man already convicted of killing a 13-year-old boy last year has also been found guilty.

Prosecutors called the shooting of Miguel Andrade in his Wichita home last June an apparent mistake by men who fired on the wrong house when they went looking to avenge an earlier incident.

A Sedgwick County jury deliberated less than 90 minutes Monday before finding 20-year-old Eli Betancourt guilty of first-degree murder. His 27-year-old brother, Alejandro Betancourt, was convicted of the same charge last month, and a teenager is awaiting trial as an adult.

HAYS

NEW PSYCHIATRIC FACILITY FOR ELDERLY TO OPEN

A new in-patient psychiatric facility for those over 65 will open this summer in Hays.

Hays Medical Center says it will open the facility at the Hadley Center. Chief Nursing Officer Terry Siek says the hospital currently has up to five patients a day who need the special services.

He says older patients with mental illnesses currently have to travel nearly 100 miles for in-patient services in Abilene and Kinsley, and most areas have waiting lists.

The Hays Daily News reports that the 15-bed facility is scheduled to open July 1, though some patients might be admitted sooner.

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Osama bin Laden: Dead

Local residents, state officials react to terrorist's death

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Osama bin Laden is dead — this was the announcement President Barack Obama shared with the nation Sunday night in a televised address.

"Tonight I can report to the American people and the world that the United States has conducted an operation that killed Osama bin Laden," Obama said.

Bin Laden's death was the result of a U.S. operation in Abbottabad, Pakistan. Elite counter-terrorism troops entered the compound identified by the CIA as bin Laden's hideout and during a fire-fight, bin Laden was shot in the head. According to national news outlets, the military operation took only 40 minutes.

Bin Laden's body was buried at sea and his death marked the end of the manhunt which started after the Sept. 11, 2001, attack planned by bin Laden.

"Justice has been done," Obama said of bin Laden's death.

During Obama's announcement, crowds cheered outside the White House and hundreds of people gathered at ground zero in Manhattan to celebrate.



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

This photo provided to The Associated Press on Sept. 22, 2001, shows al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden.

Locally, the news of bin Laden's death was greeted with less fanfare. Kansas congressional delegates, for example, noted the historical importance of bin Laden's death and applauded those involved in the operation — but also highlighted the continued efforts needed to fight terror.

U.S. Rep. Tim Huelskamp said, in a press release, that bin Laden's death is a "testament to the skill and persistence of American military and intelligence operations."

Likewise, U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts, released a similar statement thanking the intelligence community and

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DAILY UNION POLL:

What do you think the effect of Osama bin Laden's death will be on terrorist activities?

Decreased activity	5%
Increased activity	80%
No effect	15%

To vote go to www.thedailyunion.net.

INSIDE:

For more on Osama bin Laden's death see Page 9A for national and international reaction and the role intelligence agencies played in the raid.

Picturing history



REBECCA BROUGH • THE DAILY UNION

This J.J. Pennell exhibit was shown over the weekend at the Dorothy Bramlage Public Library and was one of eight locations celebrating J.J. Pennell Day.

Junction City celebrates inaugural Pennell Day

BY REBECCA BROUGH
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One of Junction City's most famous residents was honored with his own day this weekend at exhibits throughout the city.

The Geary County Convention and Visitors Bureau funded a grant for the inaugural J.J. Pennell Day that took place Saturday at multiple locations in downtown Junction City put on by the Geary County Historical Society. Joseph Judd Pennell was a self-taught photographer who came from North Carolina to Junction City when he was a teenager in the late 1880s. Pennell, the recipient of national awards for his photographs, documented life in Junction City by taking more than 30,000 glass plate nega-

tives. His most popular photograph of Junction City appeared in the opening credits of the early 1990s TV series "Cheers". Pennell built and operated his own studio until his unexpected death at the age of 56 in 1922.

The festivities began as early as 9 a.m. Saturday with the "Junction City Steampunk'd" exhibit at the Dorothy Bramlage Public library. The presentation was displayed throughout the weekend during regular library hours and featured photos, costumes, jewelry, accessories films and literature of the Steampunk culture. (Steampunk is a sub-genre of science fiction, alternate history and speculative fiction that came into prominence during the 1880s and early 1890s).

The Geary County Historical Museum had carriage rides available through downtown Junction City, along with a luncheon in the auditorium. Tickets to a Victorian lingerie fashion show titled the "Under Cover Story" were available for showings in the morning and afternoon. The fashion show displayed changes in clothing styles and roles of women during the first 25 years of the 20th Century. The Starcke House was also open for tours in the afternoon.

Tours of the C.L. Hoover Opera House began at 11 a.m. and featured a J.J. Pennell exhibit called "The African American Face of Geary County, Kansas", murals inspired by Pennell's work and a preview

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Sheriff's department reports meal savings

BY MEGAN MOLITOR
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The sheriff's department has seen a significant decrease in the cost of meals it serves to inmates, Geary County Sheriff Jim Jensen reported to the Geary County Commission on Monday.

The sheriff's department served 11,000 meals total to inmates at the county jail and at the juvenile detention center throughout the last month, Jensen said.

Thanks to a recent decision to start bulk-buying these meals, the sheriff's department went from spending nearly \$2 a meal to 98 cents a meal.

Jensen also reported to the commission that bids came in for the renovations to the 911 call center. They were approximately \$12,000 under what was initially intended, averaging out at \$63,000.

Both Jensen and the commissioners said they were pleased with this savings.

Jensen also said that lake patrol at Milford State Park began this weekend, and will continue to pick up through Memorial Day weekend.

Public works administrator Dennis Cox also discussed rising fuel costs with the commission. Cox recommended to the commissioners to not raise tipping fees at the current time. Doing so, he said, could place the county at a disadvantage in pricing with competitors.

"There was a drop in oil prices today, so we're just going to hold fast for the next couple of months," said County Commission Chairman Larry Hicks. "Our reserves are very strong."

Cox also told the commission that the recipient of the noxious weeds contract is Sims Fertilizer and Chemical out of Osborne, Kan.

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Foundation awards 11 scholarships at annual banquet

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The Geary Community Schools Foundation honored all USD 475 teachers for their accomplishments both in and out of the classroom, and gave special recognition to several teachers through scholarships during Monday's Celebration of Teaching Banquet.

Current and retired educators, district administration and community leaders gathered in the Geary County Convention Center for the seventh annual banquet.

GCSF president Margie Pinaire said the purpose of the evening is to recognize "the best teachers in America."



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The Geary Community Schools Foundation awarded 11 scholarships during Monday evening's annual banquet to Sadie Benning (from right), Deb Major, Nick Morgan, Rebecca Pushee, Heather Ryan, Judy Manor, Kara Spittles, Laura Strom, Amy Roether, and Heather Bowlin. Scholarship winner Jodi Testa is not pictured.

Following entertainment by the Junction City High School jazz band and an opportunity to bid on USD 475 student art

work, GCSF leadership recognized Fort Riley leadership in attendance, including Maj. Gen. Vincent Brooks.

"This is something to celebrate, you all have a lot to be proud of," said Brooks. "You

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2B2: RED 5-11 WHITE 13-20
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Dena Okeefe: Resident of Fort Riley for one month
Occupation: Housewife
Favorite pastime: Spending time with family.
Favorite artist: Stained
Favorite author: Stephenie Meyer



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