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Assessing Kansas courts

Commission discusses western Kansas courts.

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Judges, lawyers and court staff from Finney County and surrounding counties met Monday afternoon in Garden City to share thoughts and opinions with the Blue Ribbon Commission, a state supreme-court

appointed commission to examine all areas of the Kansas court system.

The job of the commission is to study the court system and make recommendations back to the state supreme court on what they think the courts should do to make better use of taxpayer money, said John Wheeler, Finney County attorney who serves on the commission.

Chief Justice Lawton R. Nuss appointed Wheeler and Gerald Schultz, a Garden City attorney, to the 24-member commission to inves-

tigate and find improvements in the way courts serve Kansans.

Nuss had said the commission will consider issues such as the number of court locations needed to provide Kansans access to justice, services to be provided in each location, hours of operation, appropriate use of technology, cost containment or reductions and flexibility in the use of human resources.

He said the court's appointment

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Judge Philip Vieux addresses the Blue Ribbon Commission on Monday at the Finney County Administrative Building. The commission is tasked with examining and assessing the Kansas court system.

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Ag show anticipation



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Dylan Appleby, of Showtime Washing, Fremont, Neb., uses a pressure sprayer to clean a tiller on Monday in the 3i parking lot. The 3i Show begins Wednesday at the fairgrounds.

Three-day 3i Show to begin Wednesday

By **The Telegram**

The 3i Show, now in its 57th year, is slated to begin Wednesday at the Finney County Fairgrounds.

The annual agricultural showcase that alternates between Garden City and Great Bend each year draws thousands of crop and livestock producers from across the High Plains.

The show will be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at the fairgrounds. Admission and parking are free.

The 2011 show will once again feature the latest in irrigation, implements and industrial equipment, product advancements and innovations, agricultural health, safety programs, a schedule of consumer programs, and high

school ag-career day.

The three 'i's in 3i Show stand for irrigation, implements and industry. The large exhibition show is so prominently known in the community, the fairgrounds' exhibition building often is referred to by the misnomer '3i building.'

In addition, the show will feature several other special events, including a pickup truck ride and drive area and

a tractor/GPS demonstration area.

A grand opening program will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the GMC Tent, just west of the Finney County Exhibition Building.

Gov. Sam Brownback has been invited to attend the opening program, according to the organizers.

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County commission shows support for 3i Show

By **SHAJIA AHMAD**
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Just ahead of the 3i Show slated to begin Wednesday, Finney County commissioners on Monday reiterated their support for the biennial agricultural trade show.

Monday's commission meeting was attended by Shawna Whitehurst, from the Garden City Area Chamber of Commerce, and Lynn Schoonover, director of the Finney County Convention and Tourism Bureau.

Chamber and tourism officials direct the volunteer support for the large agricultural trade show and also negotiate the contracts between the county and the show's organizers — The Western Kansas Manufacturers Association — as far as costs associated with use of the fairgrounds facilities.

"Mostly we're here to invite you. What a great opportunity to be able to host (the 3i Show) here," Whitehurst, a vice president of marketing and member services at the chamber, told commissioners Monday. "You guys have been very supportive. ... What we're trying to do now is think about how we can make this show better in 2013."

Business and tourism officials warned county commissioners last fall that the WKMA may be considering moving the show to other communities, specifically Dodge City.

Eddie Estes, president of the WKMA and head organizer of the show, has said he does not wish to disclose any information about his future intentions for the show at this time.

County officials have said that historically, the community has stepped up to provide the facilities and volunteer support services to the show because of the significant fiscal and symbolic impact of the event. That local fiscal impact is esti-

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U.S. weighs release of bin Laden photos

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. officials weighed the pros and cons of releasing secret video and photos of Osama bin Laden, killed with a precision shot above his left eye, as fresh details emerged today of an audacious American raid that netted potentially crucial al-Qaida records as well as the body of the global terrorist leader.

President Barack Obama is going to ground zero in New York to mark the milestone and remember the dead of 9/11.

White House counterterrorism adviser John Brennan said the U.S. already was scouring items seized in the raid — said to include hard drives, DVDs,

documents and more that might tip U.S. intelligence to al-Qaida's operational details and perhaps lead the manhunt to the presumed next-in-command, Ayman al-Zawahri.

As for publicly releasing photos and video, Brennan said in a series of appearances on morning television: "This needs to be done thoughtfully," with careful consideration given to what kind of reaction the images might provoke.

At issue were photos of bin Laden's corpse and video of his swift burial at sea. Officials were reluctant to inflame Islamic sentiment by showing graphic images of the body. But they were also

eager to address the mythology already building in Pakistan and beyond that bin Laden was somehow still alive.

Patience and persistence — characteristics normally attributed to al-Qaida — proved decisive in America's decade-long hunt for bin Laden, whose fate was sealed in 40 minutes of thunderous violence, years in the making.

Obama, who approved the risky operation by Navy SEALs against bin Laden's Pakistan compound and witnessed its progression from the White House Situation Room, reaped accolades from world leaders he'd kept in the dark, as well as from political opponents at home.



Associated Press

State Rep. Carl Seel, R-Phoenix, sets-up candles, flowers and flags at the 9/11 Memorial Monday in Phoenix.



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Grain prices at the Garden City Co-op

Wheat.....	7.91	Milo.....	6.40
Corn.....	6.80	Soybeans....	12.93

Schwietzman Inc. reported Chicago Live Cattle Futures:

	June	Aug.	Oct.
High.....	113.97	116.27	121.02
Low.....	111.90	114.17	119.30
Stand.....	113.30	115.70	120.72

Weather Forecast



Tonight, mainly clear, low 37. Wednesday, sunny and breezy, high 74, low 40. Details on page A8.