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Young professionals LYP into action

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Twenty-five young professionals attended the kick-off party for the newly organized Liberal Young Professionals, which was recently conducted at the Pesh Island Depot. The group received great support from the Liberal Chamber of Commerce and learned more about LYP's future.

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Baker Arts to offer 'Put on Your Face'

• Special to the Leader & Times

"Put on Your Face" at Baker Arts from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday.

This is an evening of learning making up techniques and skin care tips. The campaign figures from Kate Aubry, Sephora, will be demonstrating how to apply makeup for all different skin tones.

Come with a group of friends or mothers, daughters or sisters. This will be sure to be a fun evening out.

Cost is $20 for members and $25 for non-members. Tickets are available at the Baker Arts Center located at 624 N. Pershing or choose 1 call 624-2610 to enroll.

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KBI investigating incident involving Kansas sheriff

FIDAS CITY (AP) — The Kansas Bureau of Investigation is investigating a shooting involving a sheriff's deputy and another man during the Hamilton County sheriff.

Details are scarce. Sam Scott, spokesman for the KBI, said Friday that The Associated Press that no school involving Sheriff Jeff Wilson's deputy was "involved" and that there was no physical violence.

The KBI has requested special prosecutor at the request of the Hamilton County attorney. Scott said Tuesday he did not yet have enough information to decide whether to do so.

Wilson is the Democrat Mike Maxwell, Jaddock reported. Unidentified Nicholas King will act as sheriff during the investigation and authorities determine whether to file any charges.

The KBI was the incident occurred early Sunday in the western Kansas county but released all questions to Wilson.

A phone number for Garcia could not be found, and he did not respond to an email seeking comment. Law enforcement officials in the area declined to comment or did not return calls.

GARCIA | Photo courtesy The Kansas Journal

Kan. Salvation Army heads to Colorado

• Special to the Leader & Times

The Salvation Army Kansas and Western Missouri Division is sending our emergency disaster services (EDS) teams to Colorado to assist with relief efforts after three of the worst floods in state history. Lt. Colonel Salvation Army Officer Lt. Louis Lopez and EDS Coordinator Jim Bell left for Colorado Springs, Colorado, Kansas, left for Denver earlier today to a Salvation Army Kansas and Western Missouri Division, according our emergency disaster services (EDS) teams to Colorado to assist with relief efforts after three of the worst floods in state history. Lt. Colonel Salvation Army Officer Lt. Louis Lopez and EDS Coordinator Jim Bell left for Colorado Springs, Colorado, Kansas, left for Denver earlier today to a Salvation Army Kansas and Western Missouri Division, according to a mobile canteen. The canteen will be stocked with food and water to provide meals to flood survivors and first responders.

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Hutchinson regional hospital settles federal allegations of Medicare false claims

• Hutchinson News

HUTCHINSON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

HUTCHINSON, Kansas — Hutchinson Regional Medical Center Inc., formerly known as Reno County Health Care Center, Hutchinson, Kansas, has agreed to pay $600,000 to the United States to settle allegations that the hospital violated the False Claims Act, Medicare program, U.S. Attorney Barry Grissom announced today. The payment is in addition to amounts the hospital pays back to the federal and state Medicare program for the claimed services. The payment is the United States' total more than $1.7 million.

The settlement includes a corporate integrity agreement with the United States Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General.

The settlement resolves allegations by the United States concerning the hospital's claims to Medicare for hyperbaric oxygen wound care services, including the procedure involving placing a patient's entire body in a pressurized chamber and administered intermittent oxygen.

The United States contended that from March 27, 2007, through Jan. 31, 2011, the hospital submitted claims to Medicare for hyperbaric oxygen wound care services that were not medically necessary or that were not supported by adequate indication of medical necessity.

The government also alleged that the hospital violated kickback arrangements between the hospital, at least one of its physicians, and the finish company that supplied the chambers.

The hospital denied the allegations and, according to the terms of the agreement, the hospital does not admit any wrongdoing.

"Medicare and government decisions are combining commitment to protect the integrity of the Medicare program," Grissom said. "This is the latest example of how the Office of Inspector General for HHS and this office work together to protect taxpayers, private and recreational interest and receive taxpayer-paid funds."

Topeka expands anti-discrimination ordinance

TOPEKA (AP) — After lengthy debate, the Topeka City Council voted to expand the work of the city's Human Relations Commission to include discussion about discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity. The work of the commission will include these groups in its efforts to educate people about discrimination.

The council approved the ordinance after hearing more than an hour of testimony. A majority of the speakers were in favor of the ordinance.

The Topeka Capital-Journal reports opponents indicated that the issue should be left to voters for a decision through a petition.

In this May 24 file photo in Topeka, Kansas, The Democratic House minority leader and Lawrence attorney announced Tuesday he will challenge Republican Gov. Sam Brownback in the 2014 governor's race. AP photo/John Milburn, File

Democrat Davis enters Kan. governor race

By CONNIE PILLICH
• Associated Press

TOPEKA — Democrat Paul Davis officially entered the 2014 Kansas governor's race on Tuesday declaring it was "time to set things right" in ending the tenure of current Republican Gov. Sam Brownback.

Davis, the House minority leader and Lawrence attorney announced his candidacy in a video posted online and in a letter to Democrats. Davis, a 39-year-old Christ first attempt at a statewide office. No other Democrats have joined the race.

"Kansas leaders we have a moral obligation to educate our children, extend hand work, build a strong middle class and cooperate with one another," Davis said in a statement. "These values are what Kansas stands for."

In an online video announcing his candidacy, Davis said he wants to focus

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