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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 Rock Island Depot. The group elected officers and plans to hold a fundraiser based onto 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.

Learn the ins and outs of learning making-up techniques and skin care tips. The campaign experts from the Estee Lauder, Stylist, will be demonstrating techniques to apply makeup for all different occasions.

Come with a group of friends or students, or come by themselves. This will be sure fun a fun evening out.

Cost is $20 for members and $25 for non-members. Baker Arts is located at 1 Baker Arts Plaza, located on 12th St. Parking is Liberal. Call 624-2610 to reserve.

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Lady Redskins get sweep

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LHS booster club BONFIRE

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KBI investigating incident involving Kansas sheriff

FERGUSON (AP) — The Kansas Bureau of Investigation is investigating a shooting involving a sheriff and another involving the Hamilton County sheriff.

Details are scarce, but Scott County Sheriff Jeff Ferguson told The Associated Press the incident involving Sheriff Jeff Ferguson occurred "on the market" and that there was no physical violence.

The KBI has requested special prosecutor at the request of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office on Tuesday to did not yet have enough information to decide whether to be charged.

Hamilton County Sheriff Mike Marcus' Ashbrook reported. The Kansas Journal Unidentified Nicholas Yang will not be arrested during the mission and authorities determine whether to file any charges against him.

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

Authorities searched the 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.

GAZETA Photo courtesy The Kansas Journal

Hutchinson regional hospital settles federal allegations of Medicare false claims

• AP Business Writer

HUTCHINSON — Hutchinson Regional Medical Center Inc., formerly known as Premier Health Care Inc., has agreed to pay $600,000 to the United States to settle allegations that the hospital submitted false claims to Medicare programs, U.S. Attorney Barry Grissom announced Tuesday. The payment is in addition to amounts the hospital pays to settle claims under the Medicare program for the claimed services. The payment to the United States is in addition to an earlier payment of $1.7 million, which was paid under a corporate integrity agreement with the United States Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General.

The government resolved allegations by the United States concerning the hospital's claims for hyperbaric oxygen wound care services, which are procedures involving placing a patient's entire body in a pressurized chamber of oxygenated atmospheric pressure.

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 documentation of medical necessity.

The government also alleged that there were financial relationships between the hospital at least one of its physicians, and the Smith company that supplied the chambers.

The hospital denied the allegations and according to the U.S. Attorney's statement, the hospital does not admit any wrongdoing.

The settlement agreement discloses one continuing commitment to protect the integrity of the Medicare program. "Grissom said." It is the latest example of how the Office of Inspector General for HHS and this office work together to protect the public fisc (vocabulary) and recover improperly 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 education about discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity. The change to the commission will include those 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 measure.

The Topeka Capital-Journal reports opponents indicated after the vote that they would appeal the decision through a petition.

Democrat Davis enters Kan. governor race

In this May 20 file photo by Paul Sakuma, 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/Paul Sakuma

ALJONDRA RIOS
• Associated Press

TOPEKA — Democrat Paul Davis officially entered the 2014 Kansas governor's race on Tuesday declaring he was "ready to get things right" in ending the tenure of 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. It was his second shot. Davis lost attempt at a statewide office. No other Democrats have joined the race.

Davis said Kansans we have a moral obligation to educate our children, extend hard work, build a strong middle class and cooperate with one another. Davis said in a statement. These values are what Kansans believe.

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

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Kan. Salvation Army heads to Colorado

• Special to the Leader & Times

The Salvation Army Kansas and Western Missouri Divisions, Kansas and Western Missouri Division (KWM) teams to Colorado to assist with flood efforts after days of rain. Major Jeff Rogers, Salvation Army Officer in Lone Grove, and KCN Emergency Services Director Scott Davis dispatched today to a Salvation Army Command Center in Colorado to assist with food and water to provide meals to flood survivors and first

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