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JUNCTION CITY

3 MEN ARRESTED FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER

Three men — Donald Wood, James Garrison and Andrew Miller have been arrested for attempted murder in the first degree in connection with an incident which occurred Oct. 12.

When the Junction City Police Department reported to an accident call at about 2:30 a.m. Oct. 12 in the 200 block of North Garfield. A car that had been driven by Dante Miller had hit a house. The car had been occupied by three Junction City residents, all 18 years of age.

Miller had been shot and was transported to a hospital. He was later released.

According to Lt. Jeff Childs with the police department's investigation unit, subsequent investigations of the case led to the arrest of Wood, Garrison and Andrew Miller in the shooting incident.

TRASH MUST BE SET OUT BY 6:30 A.M.

Veolia Water is reminding residents in Junction city that, in order to ensure trash pickup on the customer's regularly scheduled day, trash must be set out by 6:30 a.m., as stated in city ordinances.

Customers often get accustomed to crews picking up waste at a certain time. Beginning next week, some routing changes will be taking place and times of normally scheduled pickup may change. Days will not change, but times may change.

To ensure that trash is collected, make sure carts are properly set by 6:30 the day of collection. It is OK to set out the night before or that morning before 6:30.

MANHATTAN

AIRPORT STUDYING TERMINAL EXPANSION

Officials at Manhattan Regional Airport are taking the first steps toward expanding the airport's passenger terminal.

Officials are looking for a firm to create a new master plan for the airport. The effort is being driven by increased growth in the Manhattan area and more demand for the airport's services.

American Eagle Airline started service in Manhattan a year ago and offers three daily flights to Dallas. It will add flight to Chicago in November.

The Manhattan Mercury reports that the current terminal was built in 1996. Airport director Peter Van Kuren says the terminal needs to be expanded to handle current and future demand. He says other services, such as a convenience store, would also be considered.

TOPEKA

SOMEONE HAS \$1.4M KANSAS LOTTERY TICKET

Someone bought a winning \$1.4 million Super Kansas Cash lottery ticket in north-east Kansas.

Kansas Lottery officials announced Thursday that someone bought the winning ticket in Wednesday's drawing.

The winning numbers were 07-16-22-25-31 with the cashball 06.

Super Kansas Cash jackpots are paid in a single cash lump sum. The winner has a year from Wednesday to claim the jackpot.

LAWRENCE

PLASTICS MANUFACTURER TO OPEN PLANT

A California-based plastics manufacturer says it will open a new plant in Lawrence, bringing 120 jobs to the city.

Plastikon Industries and the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce jointly announced the \$7 million deal on Thursday.

The Lawrence Journal-World reports that Plastikon officials say most of the new workers will be hired from the area.

Fawcett, Hicks 'agree' on most issues

65th District candidates disagree on state joining health reform lawsuit

By ASHLEY STREHLE
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One surprising phrase kept popping up during Thursday

night's debate between Jim Fawcett, R-Junction City, and Larry Hicks, D-Junction City, at the C.L. Hoover Opera House.

That phrase was "I agree." More than once the opponents

running for the 65th District seat agreed on issues from the economy to military relations to the importance of the state's education system.

At one point, Fawcett said, "I

hate to say it again, but I agree with Larry."

The candidates were brought together for this debate by the Junction City Chamber of Com-
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BRANDY CRUZ >> THE DAILY UNION

Kelly Narowski speaks to an audience at Barlow Theater on Fort Riley Thursday about the dangers of driving while impaired and without a seat belt. Narowski was behind the wheel of a car 15 years ago while intoxicated and the resulting accident left her paralyzed from the waist down.

2 Drinks, 2 many

Impaired thinking leaves woman impaired for life

By BRANDY CRUZ
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As she was shopping for a GPS device for her new car, Kelly Narowski spoke to a store employee named Matt, who admitted that he needed to drive more carefully. Matt said he had received several speeding tickets and was drinking and driving just last week.

"I said, 'Matt, I was you 15 years ago. Do you want to be me 15 years from now?'" Narowski said, pointing to her wheelchair.

Narowski has been bound to a wheelchair after a drinking and driving accident left her paralyzed from the waist down. She spoke to soldiers and civilians on Fort Riley Thursday for the post's Safety Stand-down Day about the dangers of driving with impairments, but most importantly, about the dangers of driving without a seat belt.

Narowski was an active 25 years old when she got behind the wheel of a friend's vehicle to drive because her friend admitted she was too drunk to drive. Narowski had only two

drinks in her system, so she thought she was fine to drive, but she wasn't.

"I hopped out of the passenger seat and I ran over to the driver's seat ... and that was the last time I ever walked," she said, reliving her personal experience.

The vehicle she was driving hit a guard rail on a curvy road, causing her body to hit the steering wheel, breaking two ribs and her collar bone. Both of her lungs were collapsed and full of blood and then the other side of the vehicle hit the guard rail, causing her to be thrown around inside the vehicle, shattering her thoracic spinal nerve 6 (T6) vertebra, paralyzing her for life.

Narowski wasn't wearing her seat belt after getting into the driver's seat, a decision she'll live with for the rest of her life. Luckily, Narowski's friend, Heather, was wearing her seat belt, and walked away from the accident without a scratch.

"The day I put myself in this wheelchair I had two drinks," she added. "I'm here to tell you,

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Old plant's soda ash polluting area water

The Associated Press

HUTCHINSON — Soda ash from a long-abandoned plant in central Kansas is causing groundwater pollution around Hutchinson, the state health department said.

Officials believe remnants of the plant, which opened in 1906 as The Hutchinson Chemical and Alkali Co., are polluting groundwater under Hutchinson, said Laura Price, an environmental scientist with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Bureau of Environmental Remediation.

Soda ash is the trade name for sodium carbonate, a chemical with dozens of uses, including as an essential raw material for making several types of glass. The paper pulp and chlorine industries also use it.

No water wells in the area are drawing from the contaminated water, Price told The Hutchinson News, but the concern is that the waste piles are continuing to contaminate the groundwater and the contamination is spreading.

A plume of chloride-contaminated water is reaching at least two miles southeast, although the exact boundary of the plume is unclear, Price said. The plume has spread since monitoring wells were installed in 2007 and has merged with another plume from a brine well
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McCain to stage 'Fiddler'

By BRANDY CRUZ
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The Tony award-winning tale of "Fiddler on the Roof" will be taking the stage on Oct. 24 at McCain Auditorium. As one of Broadway's longest-running musicals, "Fiddler on the Roof" tells about the struggles people have with race and religion.

Tevey, the father of five daughters, is a Jewish man trying to raise his family in Anatevka, a village in Tzarist, Russia, in 1905.

As the threat of a world war looms in the air, he struggles with

his daughters, who fall in love with men he doesn't approve of for various reasons.

As Tevey strives to deal with what he believes to be wrong, he recites the classic line, "You may ask, how do we keep our balance? That I can tell you in one word — tradition. Without our traditions, our life is a fiddler on the roof, trying to scratch out a pleasant, simple tune without breaking his neck."

Meanwhile, the threat of losing his home worries Tevey because the Tsar has started evicting Jews from the village.

IF YOU GO

What: "Fiddler on the Roof"

When: 7:30 p.m. Sunday

Where: McCain Auditorium in Manhattan

Price: From \$39 to \$55 for general admission, \$53 for military and \$19.50 to \$27.50 for students

Tickets: McCain Auditorium box office or by calling 532-6428

The point of the story is about finding balance of traditional values in an ever-changing world, just as a fiddler tries to remain balanced on a roof.

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REBECCA BROUGH >> THE DAILY UNION

NEW PAD FOR NEW BUSINESS

Employees of Evans Building Co. Inc do some finishing on a newly poured concrete pad next to the old A & D Electric building on East Chestnut Street near the railroad track crossing Thursday afternoon. The A & D building will be renovated as part of the new Auto Craft body shop that will soon go in its place.

LOTTERIES:

Most recent winning numbers:

PICK 3: 1-1-4
2B2: RED 24-26 WHITE 17-23
KS CASH: 7-16-22-25-31
CASH BALL 6
PB: 7-17-20-39-59
POWER BALL 17 PP 3

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TODAY'S FEATURED FLINT HILLS NEIGHBOR:

Jerry Powell: Junction City resident of at least 20 years.
Occupation: Custodian
Favorite pastime: Fishing
Favorite artist: Marvin Gaye



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REBECCA BROUGH >> THE DAILY UNION

SPIRIT OF THE SEASON

The Savitski family on McFarland Road has gone all out with their Halloween decorations this year. The grave yard scene is even lit up at night.

DEBATE

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merce to share their views before the Nov. 2 election.

Both candidates were for reducing tax abatements for businesses, looking into the possibility of casino gambling in the state and against raising taxes.

In terms of tax abatements, both candidates wanted to reduce their use and focus on other methods to stimulate economic development.

"Businesses will come here if they have the wherewithal. Tax abatements can't be our only tool to bring people in," Hicks said.

Fawcett agreed and said instead of focusing on tax abatements, the government should instead focus on providing a more

friendly economic climate for individuals to start businesses. He believes the growth of these individual businesses will improve the state's overall economy.

"I don't believe the government creates jobs. I believe people create jobs," he said.

Hicks believes a more-educated workforce will help improve the state's economy. He said he would push for programs in information technology training and green technology training for Kansans so "they could compete in today's economy."

Both candidates were for looking into casino gambling to possibly stimulate the state and regional economy.

Hicks worked for the city of Atlantic City for 15 years and saw what gam-

bling can do firsthand. "It can be extremely economically beneficial," he said.

However, Hicks warned of the dangers of focusing exclusively on casino gambling to stimulate the economy. He said cities and counties can't focus on that alone. If the community showed its support for casino gambling, Hicks said he would help to bring it to the 65th District.

Fawcett agreed but said he believes the community already showed its support for casino gambling years ago. If elected he said he would push for a casino to be built in the 65th District.

"I believe any and every effort we can make to increase jobs, we need to do it," he said.

Both candidates agreed the state legislature should focus on balancing its budget through increased efficiency rather than through

tax increases.

Fawcett, who believes the government has become too large, said he thinks each department should be examined to see where it can be more efficient. He said the Legislature should focus on presenting a transparent and accountable budget so Kansans can see where their tax money is spent.

Both of the candidates argued against tax increases, particularly for property owners.

"Property owners simply can't carry that load any more," Hicks said.

To increase government efficiencies, Hicks recommended a more thorough monitoring of government officials. Though he said these officials are doing the best they can, he said enough hasn't been done to look for efficiency increases.

WATER

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A field formerly operated by IMC Salt.

Efforts to address pollution at the site have been ongoing since at least 1997. A plan to clean up the chlorides is now in a voluntary process involving Honeywell International, which inherited responsibility for the cleanup through corporate mergers.

"KDHE oversees the investigation, but Honeywell is conducting the investigation," Price said.

The state has been installing monitoring wells to find the edge of the plume and trying to get access to the property to collect samples of the waste, Price said.

The plant opened in 1906 and reached its peak of production in World War I, when it employed up to 800 people. Waste alkaline was heaped on the ground bordering the factory, creating huge piles over several acres. It closed three years after the war ended and was torn down in the late 1940s.

Currently, the land has four or five private owners. Most of the land, filled with 15- to 20-foot high mounds of soil, remains vacant.

DRIVING

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A you still have impaired judgment, you still have delayed reaction time."

Through the use of public service announcements, police reports and personal stories, Narowski shared the very real dangers of getting behind the wheel of a vehicle while impaired.

"That car becomes a weapon when a drunk driver gets behind it," she said. "Fender-benders, the crashes that cause injuries, the crashes that cause fatalities — the No. 1 cause is not paying attention to the job of driving."

Narowski shared stories about speeding, texting while driving, talking on a cellphone while driving and even driving drowsy, one of the most overlooked ways of driving while impaired.

She said brain injury is the leading cause of death in people under age 33, with more than 1.5 million people in the United States sustaining a brain injury annually. To put that into perspective, brain injuries cause more disabilities than AIDS, breast cancer, multiple sclerosis and spinal injuries combined. Brain injuries have also claimed more lives than all the U.S. wars combined since 1977.

"They (soldiers) wouldn't go into combat without their body armor, without their protective gear, without their helmet, they wouldn't think to do that," she said, urging safety first. "You need to think of your seat belt as your body armor."

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