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Section Response Issues

What is the status of the Stormont Vail Health - Flint Hills campus operation?

JC Now - January 3, 6:35, 7:35, 8:35 Duration 6 minutes. The Interim Director of the Stormont Vail Health - Flint Hills campus, Tracy Duran explained how Stormont Vail has worked to build a foundation for the hospital in Junction City in year one. A total of 50-60 new employees have been added including multiple doctors. Enthusiasm and morale are up and the patient census count had gone from 0-4 to 9-12 per day.

Preview spring and summer tourism activities.

JC Now - March 20, 6:35, 7:35, 8:35 Duration 6 minutes. Paige Mendoza, Marketing and Sales Coordinator for the Geary County Convention & Visitors Bureau, talked about the production of a Visitors Guide and the use of video to promote hunting at Fort Riley and fishing at Milford Lake. Catfish Chasers and Kansas Kayak Angles tournaments have occurred or are planned. The KCAC hosted their league bowling men's and women's tournaments.

3. How have EMS Service funding issues between the city and county worked out?

JC Now - March 7, 6:35, 7:35, 8:35. Duration 6 minutes. Junction City Manager Allen Dinkel covered the EMS payment talks between the city and county. The 2023 payment by the county to the city has been

accepted. Negotiations were under way on a 2024 payment schedule for the county.

JC Now - February 6, 6:35, 7:35, 8:35. Duration 6 minutes. Geary County Commissioner Trish Giordano and Finance Director Tammy Robison reviewed the legal action by the county to seek a court review on the disputed EMS Services payment owed by the county to the city and issues related to that.

4. What is the status of future JCHS sports facility construction activities?

JC Now - February 15, 6:35, 7:35, 8:35 Duration 6 minutes. Junction City High School Athletics Director Chris Bogenhagen reviewed athletic facilities and sports issues.

Geary County Issues

JC Now - January 18, 6:35, 7:35, 8:35. Duration 6 minutes. Geary County Sheriff Dan Jackson retired. He discussed his career accomplishments and state of the Department.

JC Now - February 27, 6:35, 7:35, 8:35. Duration 6 minutes. Geary County Clerk Courtney Gilbert previewed the Presidential Preference primary election that was coming up.

JC Now - March 19, 6:35, 7:35, 8:35. Duration 6 minutes. Geary County Emergency Management Director Garry Berges previewed the spring and summer severe weather season and upcoming storm spotter training session.

JC Now - March 14, 6:35, 7:35, 8:35. Duration 6 minutes. Extension Agent Deb Andress and Geary County Commissioner covered the need for childcare in the community and plans for a summit to begin addressing the problem.

Education Issues

JC Now - February 7 and 8. 6:35, 7:35, 8:35. Duration 12 minutes. Geary USD 475 Superintendent of Schools Dr. Reginald Eggleston covered topics including a District public listening session, new Board of Education members, renovations to school buildings and federal grants sought by the District.

JC Now - January 16, 6:35, 7:35, 8:35. Duration 6 minutes. Saint Xavier School Principal Shawn Augustine updated new school programs.

JC Now - February 29. 6:35, 7:35, 8:35. Duration 6 minutes. Saint Xavier School Principal Shawn Augustine covered the school's need to raise funds for future operations. He also covered enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year.

JC Now - March 13, 6:35, 7:35, 8:35. Duration 6 minutes. USD 475 Communications Coordinator Matt Hoover reviewed the Kansas Teacher of the Year Award received by one of the District's teachers, Jennifer Fallin.

Fort Riley Issues

JC Now - January 30, 6:35, 7:35, 8:35. Duration 6 minutes. Transition Assistance Program spokesman William Jones previewed an upcoming Fort Riley Skillbridge Job Fair. It was designed to help Soldiers transitioning out of the Army.

JC Now - February 20, 6:35, 7:35, 8:35, Duration 6 minutes. Fort Riley Garrison Commander Michael Foote reviewed upcoming troop deployments, summer transition and upcoming activities at the installation.

Junction City Issues

JC Now - January 31, 6:35, 7:35, 8:35. Duration 6 minutes. Junction City Manager Allen Dinkel, covered the 2024 city budget and the addition of new commissioners and streets.

JC Now - March 5, 6:35, 7:35, 8:35. Duration 6 minutes. Junction City Parks and Recreation Director Josh Gray covered planned upgrades to Playground Park including a fitness court, picnic shelter, barbecue grill and two drinking fountains.

Community Issues

JC Now - January 9, 6:35, 7:35, 8:35. United Way Director Nicole Mader reviewed the accomplishments by the organization in 2023.

JC Now - January 11, 6:35, 7:35, 8:35. Duration 6 minutes. Daphne Maxwell previewed the annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration at the C.L. Hoover Opera House.

JC Now - January 23, 6:35, 7:35, 8:35. Duration 6 minutes. Joe and Sheila Markley covered an upcoming Opera House gala designed to raise money for a new education building at the Opera House complex.

JC Now - January 29, 6:35, 7:35, 8:35. Duration 6 minutes. Curt Ziegler reviewed Rotary Club plans to rededicate the Eagles Building.

JC Now - January 25, 6:35, 7:35, 8:35. The ribbon cutting for the new downtown Blu Restaurant was highlighted.

JC Now - February 14, 6:35, 7:35, 8:35. Duration 6 minutes. The ribbon cutting for the new downtown bakery, Frost and Flour was reviewed by owner Hannah Hasbrouk.

JC Now - February 22, 6:35, 7:35, 8:35. Duration 6 minutes. A proposal for a Drug Court was outlined. Chris Ann Phipps and Judge Ryan Rosauer reviewed the proposal.

JC Now - March 6, 6:3, 7:35, 8:35. Duration 6 minutes. Kansas Day activities at the Geary County Historical Museum included an actor portraying Mamie Eisenhower. Historical Society Director Heather Hagedorn reviewed the event.

JC Now - March 12, 6:35, 7:35, 8:35. Duration 6 minutes An upcoming community forum to help set the course for future projects in Junction was advanced by Main Street Director Michaela Joyce.

JC Now - March 27, 6:35, 7:35, 8:35. Duration 6 minutes. Calvin Pottberg, Joe Poole and Keith Ascher talked about the effort to rejuvenate the local Catbacker Club. Future activities will include a golf tournament.

KJCK AM Second Quarter Public Affairs Topics

How did the EMS Service payment dispute end. City and County were working on a payment schedule and plan for 2024.

What is the progress on improving childcare in Junction City and Geary County?

3. What work has been done toward an Early Childcare Center in USD 475 - Junction City?

4. How has the annual Freedom Fest Fourth of July celebration developed in Junction City?