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Garden City Teen Pleads "Not Guilty" To Murder, Rape

A Garden City teenager pleads "not guilty" in the death of a Deerfield girl. 18-year-old Joaquin De Anda was arrested in December 2008 on charges of murder, rape, and aggravated criminal sodomy.

Just days before his arrest, local authorities found the body of 16-year-old, Julia Quintana, in a dumpster. A jury trial for De Anda will begin June 15th.

Governor Signs Bill Concerning HorseThief Law Enforcement

Several bills are being signed in Topeka, but there's one that deals with a specific location in Western Kansas. A house bill would allow the governing board of the HorseThief Reservoir District to appoint a law enforcement manager and associated officers.

They will have to meet the requirements of the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Act and complete instruction at the state training center. The Hodgeman County Sheriff's Office will oversee the HorseThief District officers.

The reservoir was completed last August and is expected to open to the public sometime this spring.

New Residence Hall At DCCC Appears Likely

Dodge City Community College appears to be getting a new residence hall -- one that will eventually replace the three existing ones. The board of trustees unanimously approved the $5 million project.

Funding will come primarily from a bond issue, and it will not require the college to increase its existing mill levy. The college has seen a steady increase in enrollment over recent years.

Several School Concerts This Week In Garden City

As typical spring weather arrives in Garden City, several spring concerts are going on around town

The Garden City High School orchestra is holding its pre-festival concert tonight at 7:30.

Tomorrow night, Jennie Barker Elementary will present a third and fourth grade music concert at 7:00. The GCHS vocal music department will present a contest preview concert at 7:30.

Alta Brown Elementary will present a second grade music program on Thursday at 7:00, and Jennie Wilson Elementary will present a first and second grade music concert at the same time.

All concerts will take place at their respective school.

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