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Business travelers, tourists and even visiting relatives have a new place to stay in Kenosha with the opening of the Hampton Inn & Suites just west of the busy intersection of Interstate 94 and Highway 50.

The 93-room, business-focused hotel, developed and owned by Kenosha-based Bear Development, has been in operation for several days but hosted an official opening event on Thursday afternoon.

"When we look around, the opening of this hotel is sort of a a microcosm of what's happening in Kenosha and southeast Wisconsin," said S.R. Mills, president of Bear Development. "The economy has taken us through a lot of ups and downs in recent years, but this represents the ups."

Despite a number of snags during construction, the hotel was built in about a year.

"We had a very wet spring, and we had to deal with labor and concrete shortages," said Jonah Hetland, chief operating officer of Construction Management Associates, the general contractor for the project.

Operating the hotel on a day-to-day basis will be the responsibility of Kinseth Hospitality, an Iowa-based hospitality development-ownership management company.

"We feel very proud to be part of this project," said Bruce Kinseth, executive vice president of the company.

"Hampton is the top brand in the hospitality business today. They never stop innovating." "This is the right hotel at the right time in the right market. And they have a great breakfast bar, too," Kinseth added.

As the hotel neared



Tea candles glow on tables in the lobby of the breakfast bar at the new Hampton Inn.

completion, it was already attracting attention from passing motorists who tried to check into a room.

"The last few weeks presented a few challenges for us," explained Les Kinseth, president of the management company. "Bad weather slowed us down a bit."

Staffing the new hotel also was not an easy task, explained Joe Maitrejean, director of operations for Kinseth Hospitality.

"We were lucky we could (hire staff) in a spread out process," he said. "People had the skills we needed, but everyone in this market is competing for employees. We are 95 percent staffed, but we still need to fill a few spots."

The new hotel has two

meeting rooms, a business center, a fitness center, and a lobby snack shop. It also features Wi-Fi throughout the building. The large breakfast area serves as a casual gathering area where guests can help themselves to coffee 24 hours a day.

Guests can also enjoy an increasingly popular trend: a saltwater swimming pool.

"I remember when I was

a kid growing up in Salem, there was nothing on this corner except the McDonald's and the Howard Johnson's," Mills told the crowd on hand for the ribbon cutting. "This hotel was my father's (Bear Development CEO Steve Mills) vision. And he knew it would be a success. Based on last week's reservations, it looks like that will be the case."

Obituaries

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Patricia Y. Bain

1940 - 2015

Patricia Y. Bain, 75, of Kenosha, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Aug. 20, 2015, at Hospice House in Pleasant Prairie, Wis., surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Kenosha, on July 31, 1940, she was the daughter of the late Gus and Hattie (Pawlowski) Sepanski. She was a graduate of St. Mary's Catholic High School. She then attended the Milwaukee School of Cosmetology, graduating in 1961.

In 1961 she was united in marriage to Jerry Bain at St. Casimir Catholic Church in Kenosha.

She had formerly been employed by several local beauty salons until 1986 when she became the owner and operator of Pat's Hair Care Service, serving the elderly until retiring in 2000. She had been a member of the Kenosha Jaycees for many years. She especially enjoyed cooking, baking, traveling and spending time with her grandchildren at home and up North.

Surviving are her husband, Jerry Bain of Kenosha; her three sons, Mike (Suzanne) Bain and Mark Bain, both of Kenosha, and Jon Bain of Menomonee Falls, Wis.; five grandchildren, Justin, Amber, Jamie, Alexis and Courtney; her three sisters, Marilyn (Walter) Skipper of Kenosha, Phyllis (Dan) Martino of Paddock Lake, WI, and Joyce Rizk of Arizona; and three brothers, Robert (Linda) Sepanski of Texas, Richard Sepanski of Winthrop Harbor, IL, and Alan (Barbara) Sepanski of California.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Rosemary Herman.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to her caregivers from Right at Home, especially Nancy, Hattie and Beth. Also a special thank you to Hospice Alliance for their care.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, Aug. 23, at Proko Funeral Home from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Monday at Proko Funeral Home at 9:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Hospice Alliance would be appreciated by the family.

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Rachel Garcia

1928 - 2015

Rachel Garcia, 87, of Kenosha, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015, at Hospice House surrounded by her loving family.

Rachel was born to Jesus and Angelina (Rodriguez) Carreno on March 31, 1928, in Chicago, Ill. She was the middle sister to Rena, Ruben, Abel, and Jesse. She married Cornelius Garcia on Aug. 2, 1952, and was married for 57 years until the passing of her beloved husband and father of her four sons, Henry, Daniel, John, and Ruben. She was a loving grandmother to her nine grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

A graduate in Medical Technology from the University of Wisconsin - Madison in 1950, she worked her entire career at Kenosha Hospital, retiring in 1980. She was a pioneer for intelligent career women and working mothers so many years ago. She was smart, educated and humble.

Rachel was a lifelong sports fan. She enjoyed watching the Packers and Badgers win. She was a smart woman who was well skilled in history facts that she put to use with her crossword puzzles. She was always surrounded by books so she could relax in her chair and read.

Survivors include her three sons, Henry (Heidi) Garcia of Kenosha, Daniel (Margaret Lynn) Garcia of Bristol and Ruben Garcia of Kenosha; nine grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Ruben of Racine and Abel of Walla Walla, Wa.

She was preceded in death by a son, John Joseph Garcia; a sister, Rena; and a brother, Jesse.

Visitation will be held on Monday, Aug. 24, at Proko Funeral Home from 11:30 a.m. until the time of the service at 12:30 p.m. Interment will follow at Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

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Top photo: The sign at the Hampton Inn on the west side of I-94 and Highway 50 started attracting customers before the hotel opened on Thursday. Bottom photo: SR Mills, left, and alderman Daniel Prozancki, Jr., in the swimming area at the new Hampton Inn.