

Calls for police end fatally in Park City

By Matt Heilman

Two men are dead following a busy two-day stretch for law enforcement authorities in Park City. Two incidents about 24 hours apart ended fatally.

The first was reported shortly before 9 p.m. May 3 when a Denver man visiting a friend in Park City

was accidentally shot in the 1600 block of East Gary Drive.

The Denver man, identified as 36-year-old Eloy Portillo-Meza, died during surgery at Wesley Medical Center, about three hours after he was reported to have been shot.

Park City Police Chief Phil Bostian said Portillo-Meza and his friend had a conversation about guns that

led to the friend showing him his .22 Magnum revolver.

Bostian said the friend took the gun apart and thought he had completely unloaded it, but there was still a round in the cylinder. The gun went off and one bullet hit Portillo-Meza in the stomach. The friend called 911 and Portillo-Meza was taken to the hospital in critical

condition. He was pronounced dead about 12:15 a.m.

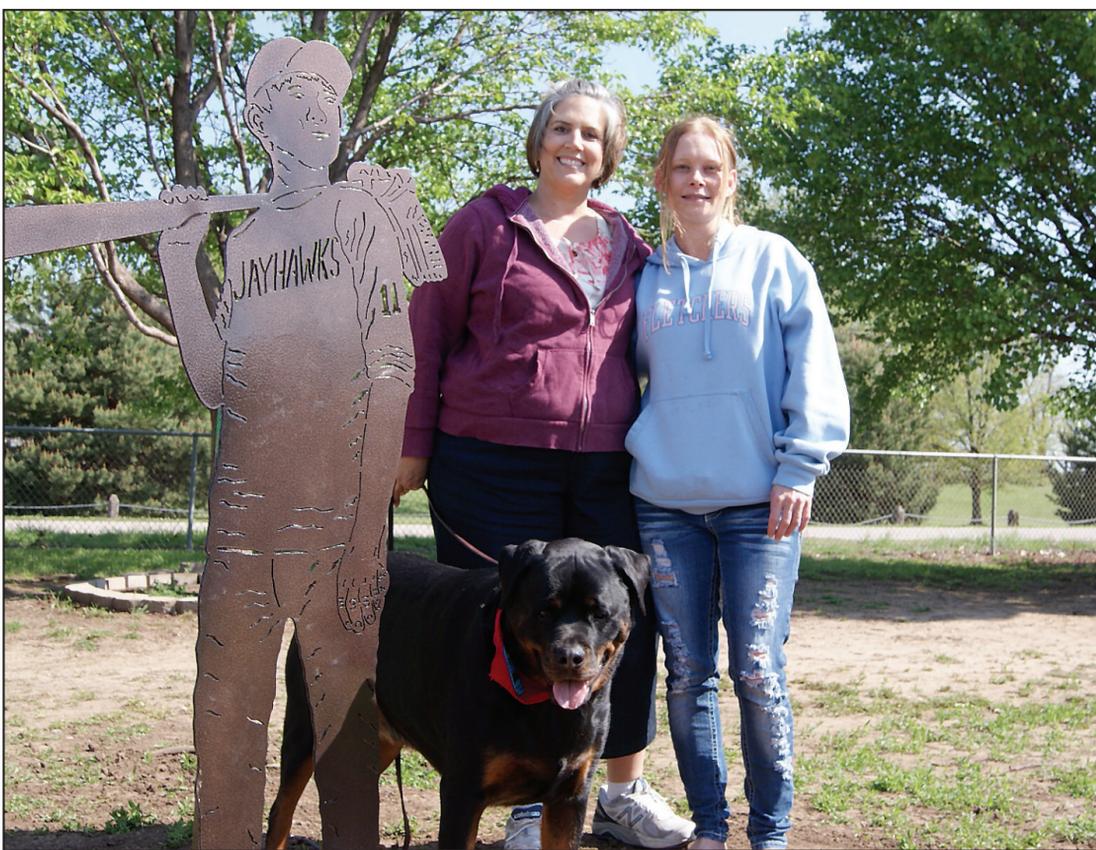
In the second incident, a 30-year-old Ark City man drowned in a retention pond in Park City's High Ridge addition after abandoning his vehicle in a retreat from Wichita police. At a May 6 media briefing, the Ark City man was identified as Jeremy D. Horton.

Wichita Police Capt. Brent Allred said a call for police came in about 9:15 p.m. May 4 from the Rusty Eck Ford dealership in the 7300 block of East Kellogg. Horton reportedly entered the business and behaved bizarrely, Allred said.

Horton allegedly acted as if he

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Noah's friend visits memorial



Photos by Matt Heilman

Kelly Truby (left) and her German Rottweiler, Ike, join Shonda Hill in visiting the memorial of Hill's son, Noah, May 11 at Hap McLean Park. Noah died from leukemia last summer. While a patient at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita, Noah enjoyed his visits with Ike, a therapy dog that has been trained to work with children in hospitals.

'In loving memory'

By Matt Heilman

A strong brown and black German Rottweiler wearing a red bandana stood close by his owner as he visited the newly dedicated memorial of a friend. The memorial, located near the baseball fields in Hap McLean Park, consists of a cut-out metal sculpture of a little league baseball player, standing beside a flower bed with a gravestone-type marker that spells out in cursive, "In Loving Memory of Noah Hill: September 25th, 2001-June 25th, 2012."

Almost one year after her middle of three sons lost his fight against Leukemia, Shonda Hill still grieves and says, "Some days are better than others."

"It's rough," she said. "It's just day-to-day."

For more than a year, the Park City community rallied around Noah. Volunteer groups, city leaders and the administration and staff at Chisholm Trail Elementary School participated in fundraisers for Noah's family. Countless friends and strangers alike offered prayers and well wishes.

Before Noah was diagnosed with Leukemia last April, he had fought back from bone cancer that required the amputation of a leg in early 2011. Before he got sick again, his hair had grown back; he had regained weight and energy, and displayed his ability kick a soccer ball with one leg while standing on crutches.

The Leukemia diagnosis was a tragic



Noah's younger brother, Tray Hill, plays with Ike during his May 11 visit to the new memorial dedicated by the Park City Youth Program in the park.

setback that had a community holding its breath. Noah lived about two months after he got sick again. He died three months before his 11th birthday.

Almost immediately, groups began discussing how best to honor the child that brought much of the community together. On May 11, the Park City Youth Program dedicated the memorial for Noah.

The youth program is also selling bricks for \$40 each that can be inscribed with names or short messages. The proceeds of the sales will go to



The plaque at the new memorial in Hap McLean Park recognizes the display as a tribute to Noah Hill. During his fight with cancer, the Park City community rallied in support of Noah and his family.

Noah's family.

The plan is to line the bricks up outward, starting around the wooden base of the memorial.

Park City Youth Program Vice President Jeff Hardwick said he and his wife each bought a brick to honor their late fathers.

"And we're all pretty much gonna get one for Noah," he said. "We're gonna start at the wood and work around, and however many we get, it will just get bigger and bigger."

Shonda Hill held back tears as she looked over her son's memorial on May 11. She said the community support and construction of the memorial meant a lot to her and her family.

"It's overwhelming," she said. "It's definitely bittersweet."

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Matt Heilman

Signs displayed in the front window of J.D. Robertson's Park City home express some of his frustrations with the city and its code enforcement.

Park City man has a message for City Hall

Signs express frustration with city

By Matt Heilman

Summertime is here and the sound of mowers can be heard almost daily throughout the area. One man is hoping to make it to fall without running into the same trouble he did last year.

Last September, Park City resident J.D. Robertson was assessed a \$330 fine for failing to comply with city code and mow all the ground he's responsible to maintain.

The 75-year-old expressed his feelings on the matter with signs typed up and displayed on the front window of his home at 1700 N. Ravena at the corner of Ravena and Hydraulic.

The signs call out Park City for failing to maintain its own property, not caring about soil erosion and bullying residents into compliance with city code.

One sign questions — at least according to his perception — how the city thinks of him and goes as far to compare his perceived label of "a bad person" to characters who were thought to be "good citizens" before they got in trouble with the law. The two men Robertson said the city used to view as "good citizens" are former Wild West World owner Thomas Etheredge, who was convicted of investment fraud, and former Park City code enforcement officer and convicted serial killer Dennis Rader.

Robertson indicated he is not liked by city leaders because they don't appreciate the complaints he's made that he says go back more than 15 years. What it boils down to, he said, is that the city has asked him to maintain property beyond what's his and hasn't taken proper care of all the neighboring property it's responsible for.

Robertson understands that city code says residents are responsible to mow all the way to the curb on their property, but especially considering his age, he doesn't think it's fair to be called on to cut the grass on the uneven surface that runs along Hydraulic across the road from Hap McLean Park.

"I'm 75 years old and I've mowed it for over 20 years," Robertson said. "But now it's getting to be a problem and it's getting rougher."

He said ruts were left in the city right-of-way from when the ground was torn up to tie a gas line to the High Ridge Addition to the north. The approximate 20 feet from the edge of his property to Hydraulic is tough for Robertson to walk through behind a mower.

"I've complained to the city for years about how rough it was," he said.

Robertson said the city told him to "fix it if he didn't like it." In his yard, Robertson has a sign to clearly mark where his

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HIGHLIGHTS

City issues nine permits in April

The City of Park City issued nine building permits during April for a total valuation of \$186,800. There were no new home permits issued.

- March 2, 668 Sprucewood, basement finish, \$10,000;
- March 4, 1315 Denver, siding/tearoff/reroof, \$3,500;
- March 5, 1229 E. 85th North, concrete test facility, \$110,000;
- March 5, 1229 E. 85th North, viewing room/existing foundation, \$45,000;
- March 9, 8418 N. Broadway, tearoff/reroof, \$3,600;
- March 11, 6157 N. Broadway, commercial remodel, \$1,200;
- March 19, 6533 W. Parkview, reroof detached garage, \$1,200;
- March 23, 5026 Primrose Circle, tearoff/reroof, \$8,000;
- March 23, 6355 Wendell, tearoff/reroof, \$4,300.

— The Post staff

Electronics, tools and clothes stolen

Two Park City burglaries were reported two blocks apart in less than 24 hours.

More than \$2,700 worth of electronics and clothing was reported stolen in a May 7 burglary in the 6500 block of North West Parkview in Park City. An unidentified suspect allegedly forced entry through the locked front door of the home between 6 p.m. May 7 and 1 a.m. May 8, taking an estimated \$2,776 worth of property. Photos were taken at the scene and submitted as evidence in the ongoing investigation.

A second burglary was reported about 4:40 p.m. May 8 in the 6300 block of North West Parkview. A resident reported an unknown person entering his detached garage and taking a Toro lawnmower, a snow blower, a Craftsman tool set and extension cords.

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Fishing Derby set for June 15

The annual Park City Fishing Derby is set for 9 to 11 a.m. June 15 at North Grove Street Park. Free tackle boxes and bait will be available for the first 50 kids/families in attendance. Loaner fishing poles will be available to children who need them.

Prizes for biggest and smallest fish and raffle prizes will

be given out at the end of the derby. The event is free to the public and all ages are welcome to participate. For more information, call Park City Fishing Derby Coordinator George Glover at 260-1856.

— The Post staff

Burglars hit city shop

The City of Park City was the victim of a burglary reported about 11:40 a.m. May 2. An employee with the city reported an unknown person entered the city's maintenance facility, got into the building on the property and stole spools of copper wire and a 2002 Chevy Utility truck belonging to the city.

Park City police Det. Dwight Wilkes said no suspects have been identified. He said the suspects forced their way into the compound area, and cut the copper wire, but couldn't disclose if keys were obtained to the utility truck or if it was hotwired.

Park City Police Chief Phil Bostian said officers later recovered the vehicle near 85th North and Greenwich. Bostian said several of the truck's components, including the radio and two catalytic converters, had been removed and the city decal had been painted over with gray spray paint.

The investigation is ongoing.

— Matt Heilman

Two arrested in I-135 drug bust

Two people were arrested on drug-related charges following a traffic stop shortly before 9:30 p.m. April 30 on I-135 just south of the 61st North exit. After a vehicle occupied by three people was stopped for violations, Park City officers observed "indicators of narcotic use." A K-9 was called in from the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office. The police dog alerted and officers searched the vehicle, a Park City police report said.

Inside the vehicle, officers found 17 grams of methamphetamine packaged for sales along with 1.08 grams of marijuana. Scales, pipes and bags were also found and \$877 in cash was seized.

Stefan M. Granger of Cache, Okla., was arrested on charges of no drug tax stamp, unlawful cultivation or distribution of controlled substances, possession of drug paraphernalia,

interference with a law enforcement officer and driving with a suspended license. Jaime J. Hernandez, also of Cache, was arrested on charges of unlawful possession of controlled substances, possession of drug paraphernalia and no drug tax stamp.

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Employees cited for smoking weed

Two liquor store employees in Park City were cited after allegedly smoking marijuana during business hours. Shortly before 4:30 p.m. April 27, Park City police responded to a call from a citizen that employees were smoking marijuana inside Simon Liquor a 1704 E. 61st North.

A female employee was cited on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. A male employee was cited on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

— The Post staff

Resident chases burglary suspect

A Park City man gave chase to a suspect following a burglary reported shortly after 11 p.m. April 22 in the 1500 block of East Evanston.

The suspect, described as a white male escaped after he was seen running out of an unattached garage and hopped into a gold-colored Buick LeSabre. A Park City police report says the property owner chased the subject's vehicle, but lost sight of it in the area of North West Parkview and Frontenac.

Park City police checked the area, but did not locate anyone.

About \$720 worth of property was reported stolen from the unattached garage.

— The Post staff

Charge to award team trophy

By The Post staff

The Chisholm Trail Charge One Mile Fun Run/Walk will include a trophy to be awarded to the team with the most members finishing the one-mile course. All walkers will be required to register and will be assigned numbers, according to coordinators of the race.

The race will be July 27. Oz Endurance Race Director Patrick Todd is working with Park City Police Chief Phil Bostian to certify new 5K and 10K courses to eliminate dangers from cars and runners

using the same entrance. Bostian will also work on traffic on Hydraulic and its frontage road during the races.

Race shirts will be the same as last year's, with the only change to be a reversal of the two colors. The Charge has rented a large tent to house the registration tables, Runners' Village, refreshments for runners, and the awards ceremony. The tent will be erected at the northwest corner of Hap McLean Park, west of the tennis courts.

Prize money will remain the same: \$500 for first-place

man and first-place woman in both races, \$350 for second place, \$150 for third. A reminder that no money should be accepted by athletes who wish to retain their amateur status.

Foley Equipment has joined Chisholm Trail State Bank, Wendy Reynolds, DDS, Newton Medical Center's Medical Plaza of Park City, and Leeker's Family Foods as principal sponsors of the races.

For more information, visit the website at www.chisholmtrailcharge.org or see the Facebook page.

Man hurt in motorcycle crash

By Matt Heilman

A Newton man was injured after his motorcycle struck a pickup truck at the intersection of 85th North and Broadway. The wreck was reported about 7:20 a.m. May 10. Park City police said Roger

Darrow, 52, of Newton, was riding his motorcycle southbound on Broadway when a 1987 Ford Ranger proceeded to cross 85th Street before the driver noticed the motorcycle. The motorcycle T-boned the truck, a police report said. Darrow was wearing a

helmet. He was transported to a Wichita hospital with a broken wrist and a broken pelvis.

The juvenile driver of the pickup was cited for failing to yield to the motorcycle. Three occupants in the pickup weren't injured.

Authorities ID victim in wreck near Park City

By Matt Heilman

The name of the victim of an April 30 fatal wreck was released a day after he was ejected from his Jeep just south of Park City. On May 1, Sedgwick County Sheriff's Lt. David Mattingly identified the man who died in the crash near 45th and Hillside as 27-year-old Barardino G. Bonaminio II of northeast Wichita.

About an hour after emergency crews responded to the wreck, Sedgwick County Sheriff's Capt. Michael Stover said the driver of a black Jeep, now known to be Bonaminio, was ejected from the vehicle and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Stover said there were no known witnesses to the one-ve-

hicle wreck and no passengers in the Jeep. After the wreck, he said investigators were working to examine marks on the roadway, off the roadway and debris from the crash to determine what happened.

The wreck, reported about 11:30 a.m. April 30, occurred on

45th Street, just west of Hillside near the entrance to the Falcon Falls neighborhood south of Wichita Heights High School.

It remains unknown what factors contributed to the rollover wreck. Most of the damage to the Jeep was to the crushed-in passenger side of the vehicle.

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CITY OF PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

April 23, 2013 Regular Meeting:

- Approved a proclamation declaring May 12-18, 2013 as National Police Week, Peace Officers Memorial Day.
- Approved a budget of \$70,000 for crack sealing approximately 240 blocks of road surface.
- Approved Resolution 854-2013 establishing a time and date for a Public Hearing regarding the structure located at 6435 N. West Park View to determine whether it should be condemned as dangerous and/or unsafe and ordered repaired or demolished.

May 14, 2013 Regular Meeting:

- Approved expenditures from the Transient Guest Tax funds for the purposes of: 1.) Reimbursement to City for employee overtime costs of \$840 in association with the H.O.G. Rally Parade and 2.) Sponsorship of the 79th Annual National Baseball Congress World Series by providing the 7th place trophy, advertisement

and purchase box tickets at a total cost of \$1,700.

- Approved funding from the Community Events Budget as recommended by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for an ice cream social at a cost of \$750 and a float for the 4th of July parade at a cost of \$500.
- Approved the final plat for the Lakewood Hills Addition.
- Approved the Redesignation Agreement for Cooperative Transportation Planning and the Fiscal Agreement for the Operation of the WAMPO.
- Approved proceeding with a duplex development in Prairie Hills Addition including the acceptance of a petition for the subdivision and the City's agreement to construct public improvements including water, sewer and streets to be accompanied by letters of credit for 35% of the costs.
- Approved Resolution 856-2013 repealing Resolution 772-2009 which established the Stormwater Management Advisory Board.
- The following appointments were approved:

1. Re-Appointment of Judge Gregory Keith as Municipal Court Judge.
2. Re-appointment of Brandi Bailly as Treasurer.
3. Re-Appointment of Julia Leth-Perez to the Library Board; Term Expiration Date 4/2017.
4. Re-Appointments to the Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals;
 - a. Susan Goyette; Term Expiration Date 5/31/2016.
 - b. Carol Reed; Term Expiration Date 5/31/2016.
 - c. Gerald Klocke; Term Expiration Date 5/31/2016.
 - d. Milo Sweet; Term Expiration Date 5/31/2016.
5. Appointments to the Board of Examiners and Appeals:
 - a. Re-Appointment of Robert Francis; Term Expiration Date 5/31/2016.
 - b. Re-Appointment of Kevin Holman; Term Expiration Date 5/31/2016.
 - c. New Appointment of Mark Brand; Term Expiration

Date 5/31/2016.

- Approved Resolution 855-2013 fixing a time and place for a hearing where the owner or lien holder of record of a garage structure located at 2013 Fairchild may appear and show cause why such structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished.
- Approved the sale of 15 to 20 acres located north of 61st Street North and Prospect Road at a cash price of \$8,000 per acre subject to the purchaser agreeing to the construction of a retention pond and a road from 61st Street to the northeast corner of the property being sold.
- Approved an agreement between the Kansas Department of Transportation and the City for the construction of rail spurs for Midwest Scrap subject to Midwest Scrap providing a 100% letter of credit for the portion of the project which will be funded by Midwest Scrap as well as subject to the final approval of the specifications for the proposed spurs by the affected owners of the railroad.

Park City Senior Center Calendar of Events June 2013

For a complete schedule of all daily/weekly activities & programs, call Vicki Shepard at 744-1199.

Monday
9:15 AM exercise
10:15 Bible study
1:00 Crochet/art class
7:00 Cards

Tuesday
10:00 Chair exercise
Foot Care every other month
1:00 Bridge lessons
5:00 TOPS every Tuesday

Wednesday
Toe Nail Care with Brenda 2nd Wednesday of each month
Chisholm Trail catered meal & meeting (1st Wed. of each month)
9:15 AM Exercise
1:00 PM Walk With Ease
2:30 Line dance lessons

Thursday
9:00 AM Wii Bowling (except 2nd Thursday of month)
10:00 Chair exercise
11:30 Agent with Humana 3rd Thursday of each month
1:00 Shoot the breeze
1:00 3rd Thursday Card Bingo
5:30 PM Finger food on 3rd Thursday evening of each month
7:00 PM Square Dance 1st, 2nd & 4th Thursday

Friday
9:15 Exercise
1:00 Pinochle
6:00 PM Food/fun/games 3rd Friday of each month

Saturday
1:00 PM cards
7:00 PM 1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturday of each month Dances

Monday thru Friday
noon, GNNP Lunch (by res.)
Homebound delivery Monday through Friday

TOPS
Take pounds off sensibly will begin meeting at the Park City senior center on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM. For more information on joining contact Gigi Roths at 312-1945.

Square Dance Lessons
Starts Saturday, May 4 and will continue for 6 weeks. Walk 3.5 miles per dance and burn calories. Session will start at 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. For more information contact Tammy Gough at 316-371-3991

June 3, 10:30 AM Board Meeting

June 5, 10:30 PM Chisholm Trail Seniors Catered Lunch and Meeting (lunch by reservation)

June 10, 11:30 AM Mabel Friesen with program on Dementia

June 11, 11:30 AM Is this Normal (Alzheimer's)

June 12, 9:15 AM Nutrition & Exercise with Minnie—light snack will be served after program

June 18, 8 AM Breakfast at Auntie C's

June 20, 1 PM Card Bingo — Fee: \$1; **5:30 PM** Finger Food

June 21, 6 AM Fun-Food-Games with Darlene

SENIOR DANCES Saturdays
June 1, 7 PM Yesterdays Playboys

June 15, 7 PM Wildwood Band

June 29, 7 PM Wildwood Band

Information on senior activities and senior information contact Vicki Shepard—Tri-City Senior Director at 744-1199

From Chief Phil Bostian Park City Police Department

Burglaries in Park City are on the rise. As of May 16, there have been 18 burglaries in Park City this year. This compares to 3 as of this date in 2012, and 10 as of this date in 2011.

Burglary tends to be a cyclical crime, meaning that the rate goes up and down. One offender or group of offenders may be responsible for many, many burglaries throughout the Wichita metro area. When they are apprehended, the burglary rate may temporarily drop, until another individual or group takes their place.

Sometimes citizens are tempted to take a passive attitude toward burglary, believing that, "If someone wants to get into my house, they'll get in, and so why bother to do anything?" The truth is that burglars tend to look for easy targets. If your property looks like a more difficult target, thieves will tend to move on to an easier target. If you take a few simple preventive steps, you may be able to save yourself a lot of time, trouble and stress caused by a burglary.

Here are a few tips that have been gleaned from actual burglars who have been apprehended:

Tips from convicted burglars:

1. Of course I look familiar. I was

here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.

2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste ... and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.
4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.
5. If it snows while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and foot tracks into the house. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.
6. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.
7. A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom—and your

jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.

8. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door—understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.
9. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)
10. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.
11. Helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.
12. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.
13. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television. (Find it at faketv.com.)
14. Sometimes, I carry a clipboard. Sometimes, I dress like a lawn guy and

carry a rake. I do my best to never, ever look like a crook.

15. The two things I hate most: loud dogs and nosy neighbors.
16. I'll break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again. If he doesn't hear it again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.
17. I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?
18. I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're home, and for flat screen TVs or gaming systems I'd like. I'll drive or walk through your neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.
19. Avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook page. It's easier than you think to look up your address.
20. To you, leaving that window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air. To me, it's an invitation.
21. If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally, I hit the jackpot and walk right in.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 1: Senior Dance 7 pm at Senior Center; Citywide Garage Sale

June 2: PCYP board 7 pm at Community Building

June 3: Park board 7 pm at City Hall

June 5: Seniors catered lunch 10:30 am Senior Center

June 6: Court 6:30 pm City Hall

June 8: Park City Pride 9 am

June 11: City Council meeting 7 pm City Hall

June 13: Court trials 1 pm City Hall, Court 6:30 pm City Hall, Library Board 7 pm Park City Library

June 14: Flag Day

June 14: Father's Day

June 15: Senior Dance 7 pm at Senior Center; Fishing Derby 9-11 AM Habiger Park

June 17: Planning/BZA 7 pm City Hall

June 20: Seniors finger food 5:30 pm Senior Center, Court 6:30 pm City Hall

June 23: Park City Alive! 7 pm Park City Library

June 25: Council 7 pm City Hall, Seniors Square Dance 7 pm Senior Center

June 26: Chamber Luncheon 11:30 am

June 27: Court trials 1 pm City Hall, CCUA Bel Aire 4:30 pm City Hall, Court 6:30 pm City Hall

June 28 — Commodities 8 am Leekers

The City of Park City offers e-mail utility bills. If you would like to have your bills e-mailed instead of receiving a card in the regular mail just complete this form and return it to City Hall. You may also sign up on our website www.parkcityks.com.

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Park City Citywide Garage Sale Saturday, June 1, 2013

DON'T MISS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO FIND GREAT BARGAINS! Garage sale maps will be available at City Businesses. The Spring City Wide Garage Sale is sponsored by Park City Project Friendship.

AUTOMATED PHONE SYSTEM AT CITY HALL

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- 215 Assistant City Administrator/HR
- 204 Finance Dr./ City Clerk
- 214 City Attorney
- 206 Mayor
- 202 Accounts Payable
- 209 Payroll
- 208 Building Permits
- 207 Utility Billing
- 201 Utility Billing
- 213 Inspections
- 225 Compliance Officer
- 205 Compliance Officer
- 210 Court Clerk
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- 744-2011 Police
- 744-6417 Court

Park City Fishing Derby

June 15 — 9 to 11 a.m.
Chisholm Pointe Lake at Grove Street Park
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Please go to the Park City website at www.parkcityks.com and answer the survey question — Where do you get info about events in Park City?

Don't ask him to speak for the media

About six weeks ago, we saw a pair of tragedies happen near the same time in different parts of the country. The April 15 bombing at the Boston Marathon was followed two days later by an explosion at a fertilizer plant in West, Texas. Three people died in the terrorist attack in Boston with more than 140 injured.

At least 14 were killed and about 200 injured in the fertilizer plant explosion that devastated a small Texas town.

In the days following the tragedies, I heard several people ask why the events in Boston received the bulk of the media coverage while what happened in West, Texas, seemed to be put on the back burner despite being a bigger tragedy, at least according to the body count.

Heil on life

By Matt Heilman



The Boston news received more play because it happened at one of the bigger sporting events in our country and involved an act of terrorism followed by a manhunt. With national security in the mix, I understand why the Boston Marathon bombing got most of the attention, but I also understand why people were upset by the perceived lack of coverage given to West, Texas.

To me, the moment of silence for

Boston prior to the April 20 Hard Charge obstacle course challenge at the Kansas Pavilions didn't feel complete without also acknowledging those who lost their lives at the fertilizer plant.

While I understand the national media's focus on Boston, I get why people are irritated. But I encourage people in our area fed up with the news not to give up on us.

I consider what we do at The Ark Valley News to be important, but we're not in the same category as massive outlets like The New York Times, The Washington Post and USA Today.

Lately, in the wake of the two tragedies in mid-April and continued unrest beyond our borders, I've been asked a few times why "the media" is biased one way or the other or how "the media"

often seems to ignore big stories.

Honestly, my response is often, "I don't know" or "that's a good question."

"The media" is the national media and the cynicism and skepticism many people have toward it is understandable. I just ask for our readers to have proper perspective and not to give up on The Ark Valley News when they feel let down or misled by "the media."

As our location, coverage area and size of operation should indicate, you're much less likely to find an "East Coast bias" or "liberal agenda" in our paper.

Matt Heilman is a reporter for The Park City Post. Reach him at 755-0821 or matt@arkvalleynews.com.

Storms could have been worse

We dodged a bullet. The conditions were right for severe weather and a tornado wasn't only not out of the question; it seemed likely for parts of north-eastern Sedgwick County.

Windows were broken by hailstones. Cars were dented, roofs and siding were damaged, tree limbs were broken and several area residents had to spend a few hours in the dark after the power went out.

But there were no reported injuries and by most accounts the cleanup effort and response from local police and fire officials was seamless. Tornado sirens blared as the storm rolled in during the early evening hours of May 19.

When it was over, structures still stood and everyone was safe. For as sinister as the skies looked, it was the best case scenario.

The city of Bel Aire was especially fortunate. There was noticeable rotation in the clouds above the city, but a tornado didn't touch down.

At the Bel Aire City Council's May 21 meeting, Mayor David Austin said the strong winds and falling hail made it sound like his home was being shot by a machine gun during the storm. Like many Bel Aire residents, he saw hailstones in his yard after the storm and had possible roof damage assessed.

Bel Aire Police Chief John Daily expressed that citizens need to be cautious in their efforts to repair storm damage to their homes.

He advised homeowners to use local contractors and to assure that anyone who works on their property represents a reputable business with proper licensing, credentials and information available online.

Council member Ken Lee echoed Daily's advice at the May 21 council meeting, advising residents to be aware of "fly by night" contractors from out-of-state.

It's unfortunate that dishonest people claiming to be professionals try to take advantage of homeowners in their time of need. It's a sad reality residents are wise not to ignore.

Seeing the devastation from the May 20 Moore, Oklahoma tornado was a chilling reality check of what Mother Nature is capable of doing to a community. We're lucky the damage from the May 19 storm was minimal in our communities and we hope the headache with the following cleanup is the worst we'll have to experience for the rest of the year.

— The Park City Post

June ushers in summer and vacations

June and summer are here! If the price of gas comes down more, families can take a vacation. Actually, there are interesting places here in Kansas you can visit on a single tank of gas. One day trips are fun for kids.

In June of 1777, Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as the official U.S. flag. President Truman signed a bill on Aug. 3, 1949, to observe June 14 as Flag Day.



Around Park City

By Cecile Cox

Father's Day is observed the 3rd Sunday in June and was first celebrat-

ed June 19, 1910, in Spokane, Wa.

President Lyndon Johnson signed a proclamation in 1966 making Father's Day official

Park City will not have a swimming pool this summer. If enough citizens of Park City would have spoke up for it at a City Council meeting, it could have been put on a ballot to vote on. Maybe next year there will be a pool in our city. A pool

is very important to our children. It gives them something to do in the afternoon. It's also good exercise and could possibly keep them out of trouble.

"A fathers presence in the home is so important, he makes the home complete." That old hymn "Faith of our Fathers living still touches our hearts."

Honor your father on Father's Day.

Letters to the editor

Consider hosting exchange student

I have noticed after reading through your newspaper you have an interest in the young people of our community. I would like to bring some exciting news to your attention along these lines! The Valley Center, Park City, Kechi, and Bel Aire communities have so much to offer these young people and additionally the International High School Exchange Students from all over the world who are still awaiting host homes for the upcoming school year.

I am a part of a wonderful organization, ASSE International. We are a High School Student Exchange Program seeking to impact and change the world one teenager at a time! We need your help! There are many students eagerly awaiting to participate in the life of an American teenager! All they need and seek is a loving host family to help make this happen!

— Stephanie Weishaar, ASSE Kansas area coordinator, 665-4095.

Fed up with city code enforcement

My husband and I are disabled senior citizens and residents of Park City. We pay our bills on time. We own two vehicles and park neither of them on the street. We do not throw loud parties. We have had no domestic disturbances or other police problems. We have no conflicts with our neighbors. In short, we are what most communities would consider "model citizens."

We had planned to make improvements to our home and to spend our foreseeable future here. Our resources and will are now bent on leaving this town as soon as we can possibly manage it. Here are a few of the reasons:

- Code changes. In the city administration's recent attempts to make Park City a "better place to live," publicly stated in this newspaper and elsewhere, the city administrators made additions and changes to its city code for "beautification" purposes. We were informed of no prohibitive codes when we purchased our house. We've since been told by reliable real estate agents that these issues are now serious enough to require a "disclosure statement" to any potential purchasers of our house.

- Our private property (our front yard and fenced backyard) was illegally invaded by a mowing crew (four or five people) authorized by Park City Code Enforcement, purportedly because our grass was "too tall." By Park City's own city code, finally available online, their arbitrary grass height to

qualify as a "violation" is 12 inches. But nowhere in their code requirements is "tall grass" a violation!

We were present in the house at the time of the invasion. No one knocked on the door or attempted to contact us that day in any way whatsoever. We did not even know the crew had been in our yard until the trespassers were loading their equipment to leave. Park City is required by Kansas statute to request permission, or obtain a valid warrant (not legally issuable by any municipal court).

This occurred on the second day after a rain broke the dormancy of grass and caused a sudden growth spurt supposedly making our grass taller than Park City codes allowed. My husband had mowed the grass shortly before that rain and had planned to mow it again as soon as it dried out from the rain — it was still soaking wet when the mowing crew performed their illegal trespass.

- Payment demand. A few days after their illegal invasion, we received a demand for payment from the Park City mowing contractors in an amount of more than our base monthly mortgage payment!

- Code enforcement personnel response to inquiries. My husband had made several telephone calls to City Hall to ask about "Code Enforcement" procedures and requirements. None of these calls were ever returned. When he got no response, he went in person to City Hall. There he was greeted by two code enforcement personnel who each assumed a threatening stance, allowed him to ask no questions, and told him (smiling) that, "We can find lots of other things to charge you with." This is clearly intimidation, especially aimed at an elderly man. It hardly furthers Park City administration's stated goal of attracting new residents. This scenario, with the same attitude and threat, has happened twice more when he attempted to ascertain in person what the city code required of us.

- Damage to grass. Mowing the lawn while it was still soaked from rain has resulted in serious damage to the grass roots, so what remains of the lawn is weeds and undesirable plants. Re-establishment of a grass lawn is estimated by professional landscapers we contacted to cost in excess of \$1,000, plus additional expenses of establishment.

- Criminal trespass. No notice of intent to invade was given, the property was harmed, and our rights of privacy were unlawfully violated. This invasion was illegal under Kansas law, specifically prohibited by Kansas statutory law. Under those statutes, entry into or onto private property is allowable only with the permission of the owner or with service of a valid warrant issued by a court of

competent jurisdiction. Neither city nor municipal courts possess statutory authority to issue such a warrant in Kansas.

- A protection racket? Repeated threats ("We can find a lot more things to charge you with"), a criminal invasion of private property with harm to property and property rights, plus an unreasonable demand for payment. We can see no difference between the actions of the city's code enforcement personnel and a criminal street gang's protection racket.

We have consulted several attorneys to determine what our rights might be. One used the word "extortion" when told about the city's mowing bill (his terminology, not ours, but in our opinion appropriate). Another inquired our opinion about whether a class-action suit for victims of the city's code enforcement might be possible. We have spoken with several people who "used to live in Park City" but we did not take names and personal information, so were unable to give this lawyer an informed opinion.

It is clear that city administration has not bothered to obtain competent legal advice or has ignored any they might have received when altering city codes.

- Further recent changes to the Park City code. More recent changes concern parking of vehicles and paving of driveways ("beautification" being the stated goal). We once owned a camper. We were forced to put it into storage at a monthly fee, and to sell it, at a huge loss, because it was visible from the road.

- Local contractors. We are unable to obtain estimates for paving a driveway despite several calls to local contractors. We have received either non-responses or implications that contractors do not wish to contend with Park City's contracting regulations. Building permit requirements have a bad reputation in Park City; witness the many building projects that are sitting empty or abandoned

in this vicinity.

- Good points. We know there are good points to the city as well. While we have had infrequent contact with the Park City police force or the Park City Maintenance Department, those employees we have spoken with have been competent, courteous, well-informed and helpful. It is a great shame that the same cannot be said of the code enforcement employees, who apparently have received no public relations training and are encouraged to use discourtesy and threats to intimidate the public.

- Assessment of homeowners' agreements similar to Park City codes. Two separate papers (easily found online and written by faculty of two separate Kansas schools of law) provide detailed analysis of "Homeowners' Agreements" quite similar to the Park City codes. These faculty members both came to the conclusion that many provisions of such agreements are unlawful and unenforceable in Kansas.

- Mistake of purchasing here; inability to leave. Our preference would be simply to admit our grave mistake in purchasing a home in Park City and leave as quickly as we can. Due to the growing ugly reputation of this town and our current financial situation as disabled, fixed-income senior citizens, we are forced, temporarily, to remain here against our will. Although we are working to remedy this untenable situation as soon as possible, current market value of our home, provided by real estate agents we know to be reliable and who have sold properties in Park City before, indicate our residence has lost nearly two-thirds of our purchase value. There have been a number of homes for sale within a few blocks of our house in the last few months. Most are still for sale and are not being maintained.

Conclusion: Don't Move to Park City! We would strongly advise anyone considering buying residential property in

Park City to purchase a home elsewhere.

— John A. and Linda L. Robinson, 6501 N. West Parkview, Park City.

Deaths

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was going to pull out a knife clipped to his belt and drove away in his vehicle when approached by police. A chase ensued for several miles before Wichita police deployed spike strips at about 53rd North and Hydraulic.

Horton drove for about two more miles north before he left his vehicle and ran into the retention pond just south of 69th North and Hydraulic. Bostian said Horton went underwater and did not resurface. The Sedgwick County Fire Department assisted at the scene. Divers located the suspect about 45 minutes after he went into the water, Allred said.

Horton was pronounced dead about 30 minutes after being pulled from the water.

Police are unsure why the man fled.

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5 Garage Sales

Kechi City-wide Garage Sales
Sat. June 8, 2013
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RAIN OR SHINE

8 For Sale

For Sale: Beauty salon equipment — set is gray/black. I bought from Peels. Call 755-2398. 1-all-purpose hydraulic chair, 1-hairdryer chair, 1-mat, 2 boxes of misc. (neck strips, perm rods, etc.)

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HIGHLIGHTS

Army National Guard Pfc. Aviery W. Hickey has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experiencing use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

Hickey is the son of Patsy

Hickey of Park City.

He is a 2011 graduate of Learning2 Virtual School of Wichita.

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Army Pvt. Jeffery B. Karlofski has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experiencing

use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

Karlofski is the son of Sonja White of Park City and Sidney Karlofski of Valley Center.

He is a 2010 graduate of Heights High School in Wichita.

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Bob Jones University announced on May 3 that Rebecca Parrott received a bachelor of arts degree, graduating magna cum laude with a degree in creative writing.

Parrott is the daughter of Tom and Neva Parrott of Richmond, Va., and the granddaughter of Marian Walker of Park City.

Man sentenced in motorcycle death

By Matt Heilman

A former Valley Center High School student charged with murder has been sentenced to serve more than 10 years behind bars.

Last April, 23-year-old Joshua L. Wynn of Park City was arrested on a warrant for first-degree murder in the Sept. 1, 2011, wreck that resulted in the death of 19-year-old Mallory Scofield of Wichita. Court records show Wynn pled guilty

to face the alternative lesser charge of second-degree murder. He was also charged on two misdemeanor counts of driving with a suspended license and operating a motorcycle without a Class M license.

In a judgment from Sedgwick County District Court filed April 24, Wynn was sentenced to spend 123 months in prison. He'll receive credit for time already served.

On Sept. 1, 2011, Wynn eluded officers after a sheriff's

deputy tried to stop his Yamaha motorcycle in south Wichita. According to the Kansas Highway Patrol, Wynn was driving north on 135th Street West at a high rate of speed when his motorcycle struck a curb on the west side of the road.

Wynn and Scofield were ejected from the motorcycle. Scofield died at the scene and Wynn was transported to a Wichita hospital with serious injuries. Neither Wynn nor Scofield were wearing helmets, the highway patrol said.

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran Church

There are three different types of services every Sunday. At 8:30 a.m., there is a Contemporary Service; at 9:45 a.m., a Kid Friendly Service as well as Sunday School for all ages; and at 11 a.m., a Traditional Lutheran Service. Communion is offered at every service every Sunday.

A variety of weekly and monthly activities are offered including Falcon Fellowship (Free lunch for students at Heights High School on the 2nd Wednesday of the month), Youth groups, Quilting, Choirs, and Men's Breakfast.

Find the church online at www.christ-lutheran.org; e-mail office@clc.kscxmail.com. Pastor Chad's email is pastor@clc.kscxmail.com. Call the office at 744-1242.

The church is located at 5356 N. Hillside (at 53rd and N. Hillside, across from Wichita Heights HS)

Church of the Resurrection

Church of the Resurrection (Roman Catholic) is located at 4910 N. Woodlawn in Bel Aire.

Masses for the Lord's Day are 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday. Weekday Masses are 8 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; also at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Resurrection Catholic School has students from preschool through eighth grade.

The parish/school website is www.resurrectionwichita.com. Phone number is 744-2776. Rev. James F. Weldon is the pastor.

Greenwich United Methodist Church

Sunday worship service at 9 a.m. Fellowship and coffee follow the service.

Pastor Jeff Miller can be reached at 744-0203.

Senior Day first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m.

United Methodist Women meet the first Thursday of each month at 1 p.m.

Movie night is the second Saturday of each month at 6:30 p.m. A snack is served.

The church is located about a mile south of K-254 on Greenwich Road. The phone number is 744-0203.

Gospel Assembly Church

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Park City church plans ministry for young, expectant mothers

The United Methodist Church at Park City is working to establish a new ministry to reach out to pregnant women and young mothers in need. The ministry includes the opening of a pregnancy crisis center out of the church and a home for new mothers and infants called The Lifehouse.

The church is planning to open the home in June. The ministry also includes the First annual Community Baby Shower planned from 3 to 5 p.m. June 15 at the church at 1510 E. 61st North.

Cash donations, diapers, formula, baby clothes and "any other baby items" are requested.

For more information on The Lifehouse ministry or how to assist, call the United Methodist Church at Park City at 744-0029.

day. The first Saturday evening of each month are youth activities.

Phone number is 744-1502. Rev. Gary D. Green is the pastor.

Kechi United Methodist Church

Kechi United Methodist Church is located at 4533 E. 61st North. The phone number is 744-1221.

Rev. Guy E. Rendoff is the pastor. Website is www.kechiumc.org; Email is kechiumc@sbcglobal.net

Worship services on Sunday morning are at 9:03 and 11 a.m. with Sunday school at 10 a.m. During both worship services, children's church and a nursery are offered.

On June 9, there will be a Retirement Reception for Pastor Guy Rendoff who is retiring at the end of June. It will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

Vacation Bible School will be June 24 through the 27 from 9 to noon. Pre-K through 5th grade are welcome. Contact the church office for more information.

Park City Church of the Nazarene

Sunday school for all ages is at 9:30 a.m. Worship and children's church are at 10:45.

Wednesday Bible study for adults begins with sandwiches and chips at 6:15 p.m.

The church is located at 2100 E. 61st North in Park City.

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The church has "Worship & Connection Time" on Sunday mornings at 11. Children's ministries are provided and a nursery is available.

Mondays at 6:30 a.m., there is a men's coffee group at Cracker Barrel. Mondays at 7 p.m., the church has a free Zumba class, which is open to the community. Men's Fraternity is 6 to 7:30 p.m. on the first, third and fifth Tuesdays at the church.

Wednesday evenings offer a Family Ministry Night from 6 to 7:30 p.m. (meal, childcare, youth and children's ministry provided).

Call or e-mail Pastor Rob with any questions about upcoming events and activities at 744-0029 or 200-0156. Find the church on Facebook or follow on Twitter "@Churchparkcity" or, visit the website www.churchatparkcity.com for more info about upcoming events and activities..

Randall Road Baptist Church

Randall Road Baptist is located at 6556 N Randall, Park City.

Sunday School starts at 10 a.m. Worship is at 11 a.m.

Sunday evening activities start at 6 p.m.

Wednesday bible study begins at 7 p.m.

Family Fun Day will be June 15. There will be activities for all ages, including inflatables, a fun

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Contact Pastor Jim McQuery at 201-1696 or e-mail at jmcquery@cox.net

Riverview Baptist Church

Located at 844 W. 53rd North. The church office can be reached at 838-4861. The pastor study number is 832-9060.

The church's website is www.wichitariverviewbaptist.org.

Sunday schedule has Bible study at 9:30 a.m., morning worship at 10:45 and evening worship at 6.

Fellowship meal is at 6 p.m. Wednesday. At 7 is adult Bible study and prayer and youth group (grades nine through 12).

St. Michael's Orthodox Christian Church

The church is located at 2710 E 61st Street in Park City. It is a congregation of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

"The Story of Christianity", a Sunday adult class is at 9 a.m. Service of Matins is 9:45 a.m. followed by the Divine Liturgy (Mass) at 10 a.m.

Wednesday night service is a 6 p.m. First and third Wednesday liturgy is followed by potluck and program.

Men's Study Group is the first and third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Women's Study Group meets every second and fourth Friday of each month at 10 a.m.

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day program entitled: "Welcome to the Church That Gave You The New Testament" will explore the Faith and Practice of the Orthodox Church. June 5 "Where is the Church that Jesus Founded?" June 19 "Christianity before the New Testament" Worship starts at 6 p.m. followed by potluck and program. The lecture begins at 7:15 p.m.

Important celebrations in June: The Ascension of Our Lord is on June 12 at 6 p.m.; Feast of Holy Pentecost is on June 23 at 10 a.m., Trinity is on June 30 at 10 a.m.

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Ditch Witch sets groundbreaking for August

By Matt Heilman

A longtime local business has targeted the groundbreaking of its new facility for sometime in August. Ditch Witch of Kansas, currently at 125th North and Broadway is moving south to land just south of Hartman Arena near 77th North and I-135. Ditch Witch CEO Jake

Sadler, who has a 50/50 share in the company with his father Lenny Sadler, said plans call for construction of a 24,000 square-foot facility on eight acres. The goal is to have the construction completed by mid-July, he said. He said Wichita's Sheldon architecture is designing the new facility with Hutton Con-

struction contracted to build it. "Once they get finished up, we'll start moving over," Sadler said. When the plans for Ditch Witch to move its local operation were announced in February, Sadler said the company purchased the property near 77th North and I-135 from Johnny Stevens, the Wichita developer who owns the

Kansas Coliseum property, including the Kansas Pavilions and the new home for the National Institute for Aviation Research that used to be Britt Brown Arena. Sadler took over Ditch Witch of Kansas in September with the purchase of Kansas UnderCon Inc. Ditch Witch has had a presence in Kansas for more than 40 years.

That presence is going to expand as an underground construction dealer. Sadler said the facility's move south will allow for "more of a retail feel to the parts department." The new facility will include a retail part of the business, accompanied by a service department. In February, Sadler said the 24,000-

square-foot structure near the interstate would serve as a hub for Ditch Witch's regional operation. Equipment will be sent to the new site before it's shipped to the company's other locations. Ditch Witch also operates in counties in eastern New Mexico, the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles, Nebraska and Wyoming.

Local and national talent on display in Walter Johnson Baseball League

By Matt Heilman

It's time to soak up some sunshine and take in the smell of fresh cut grass and hot dogs on the grill. College baseball players from across the country have made their way to north Sedgwick County to hone their skills on summer teams affiliated with the National Baseball Congress in the Walter Johnson League.

The league includes several local connections including the three-time league champion and four-time NBC World Series qualifier Valley Center Diamond Dawgs, the Park City Rangers and the Kansas Aviators, owned by Class of 2002 Valley Center High School graduate Kris Wheeler.

The deep and diverse Diamond Dawg roster includes two Valley Center High School graduates from the Class of 2011.

Catcher Andre Vieyra returns for his second year with the Diamond Dawgs from the University of Texas-Arlington. Pitcher Jarod Wheelock will play his first summer with his hometown team by way of Friends University.

Returning to coach the Dawgs this season is Pat Hon, who guided Valley to three league titles before stepping down to coach the El Dorado Broncos in the Jayhawk League last summer. Last year, Brown Mackie College coach Tyler Gunnelson coached the Diamond Dawgs after previously serving as the pitching coach for the team under Hon.

This summer, Gunnelson will coach pitchers for El Dorado alongside head coach Chad Gerwick who coached the VCHS baseball team from 2009 to 2011.

The Dawgs open their season on the road at 7 p.m. May 28 against Wheeler and the Aviators in Maize. The Aviators were known as the Wichita Wheat Kings last summer before Wheeler purchased the team over the winter.

Wheeler changed the team's name and is looking to establish the Aviators immediately as a Walter Johnson League contender.

Wheeler's roster includes talent from the junior college, NAIA, and NCAA Division I and II levels. The new owner said the Aviators have a solid mix of pitching and hitting to compete in the summer league that he says has shown continued improvement.

Among the players Wheeler mentioned that could lead the Aviators on the mound were Oklahoma Christian University's Cale Coshow, a right-hander with a 93 to 95 mile-per-hour fastball and Arkansas Tech's Ryan Taylor, a right-hander who pitched more than 100 innings this spring.

Wheeler said the Aviators also have speed and power on offense including Berea College (Kentucky) shortstop Blake Crow who hit .380 for the NAIA school this spring.

The Park City Rangers are looking to return to the top of the Walter Johnson League and the NBC World Series with a deep roster built around an experienced core of players. The leadership group includes left-handed pitcher Jacob Furr and catcher Roger Diaz who both are returning to play their third summers with the Rangers.

Other players Rangers

owner and head coach Barry Newell mentioned as likely leaders early in the summer are outfielder Brandon Weber, a Rockhurst University (Mo.) sophomore and Bishop Carroll High School graduate, Pittsburg State junior second baseman Tanner Carpenter and Owens (Ohio) Community College pitcher Jordan Hill.

Newell, the assistant principal at Bishop Carroll has known Webber since the college sophomore was one of the state's best all around players as a catcher in high school.

Newell is also familiar with Pratt Community College sophomore utility player Tanner Johnson, whose parents have hosted players on the Ranger's roster in past summers.

Newell said the college season is finished for most of his players and they're anxious to get the summer season started.

This summer, the Rangers will once again carry Park City's name while playing its home games at Newman University's home field in Wichita. For more than five years, Newell worked with the Park City council to obtain land north and west of 61st North and Broadway to build a complex and a stadium for the Rangers.

He said a contractual agreement he had with a business partner on the land fell through and the future of the Rangers affiliation with Park City is uncertain. Also facing uncertainty is the state of the annual NBC World Series in

Wichita after delinquencies and debt were uncovered in a recent audit of the tournament.

Currently, the managing group of the Wichita Wingnuts is responsible for putting on the NBC World Series each year.

Newell said the tournament would be better suited to be run by a group that would specifically market the NBC World Series without an affiliation to the Wingnuts.

In recent summers, team participation in the NBC World Series has decreased with more local teams and less variety. While acknowledging the tournament field hasn't been as diverse in recent summers, Newell said the quality of play is as solid

as ever with rosters comprised of college players from across the country.

"If you look at our roster, we're not local," Newell said. "With the current landscape of college baseball, a lot of kids are coming here. If you're watching the Park City Rangers, that doesn't mean it's a lesser quality just because it carries a local name."

Joining the Diamond Dawgs, Aviators and Rangers in the Walter Johnson League this summer are the Topeka Golden Giants, the Hutchinson Monarchs, the Newton Rebels, the Kansas Cannons and the North Central Kansas Knights, a team formed in a merger of the Lindsborg Knights and the Salina Bluejays.

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City supports industrial expansion

By Matt Heilman

Job growth, increased revenue for the city and an expanded tax base. The Park City council didn't make any guarantees these objectives will play out with the action the group took at its May 14 meeting, but the prospects are promising.

The council approved the sale of 15 to 20 acres at about \$8,000 per acre for construction of an approximately 300,000-square-foot warehouse facility to house at least one industrial-based business and took action to support the plans of a large metal recycling company to expand its operations in Park City.

The council first approved a proposal from Air Capital Delivery and Warehouse CEO Lou Robelli for the purchase of 15 to 20 acres of city-owned land north of 61st Street North and Prospect Road, west of Leeker's and Atwoods at \$8,000 per acre.

On the land, Robelli has plans for the construction of a warehouse that could potentially bring about 200 employees to Park City, depending on what company or companies set up shop in the facility.

Robelli has experienced success in Park City with the development of the Air Capital Industrial Park property located just southwest of 61st North and I-135. The development includes a 300,000-square-foot warehouse occupied by TMX Aerospace that is primarily a supplier for commercial airplane companies, including Spirit Aero Systems.

The land Robelli plans to purchase is located on a floodplain and is part of about 120 acres developer Jay Russell donated to the City of Park City in 2007. When he turned over the land to the city, Russell recommended revenue from land sales be used to develop a new city park on the property.

Park City Administrator Jack Whitson said Russell was

in agreement with the idea of developing part of the industrial-zoned property to generate revenue for park development. Plans call for the future park land to be north of the proposed warehouse facility.

The council approved Robelli's proposal with the condition that Robelli be responsible for the construction of a pond and a portion of road construction to access the property.

The motion passed 6-1 with Melvin Kerr opposed. Kerr said the proposal should have been taken to the park board for consideration before it was voted on by the council.

After approving Robelli's proposal, the council approved an agreement between the Kansas Department of Transportation and the city for construction of two rail spurs to service Midwest Scrap Management Inc., a large metal recycling company that breaks down everyday scrap metal into raw materials that are then shipped by rail to steel mills.

The company's plans for Park City are for about 80 acres located just west of I-135 and south of 49th North. Midwest Scrap's interest in Park City was first brought to the council in February 2012. At that time, Midwest Scrap account executive Nick Hayes assured nearby residents in the Primrose Circle neighborhood that the company's operation would conclude by 7 p.m. each day and there would be no overnight rail traffic or a noise level beyond

what could be heard from the interstate. Beside the use of the railroad for shipping, the noise concern dealt with a mammoth \$20 million, electric-powered shredding machine capable of shredding three cars in eight seconds.

Last February, Hayes told the council Midwest Scrap would be spending about \$1 million annually on electricity. Five percent of that utility charge would go to Park City as a franchise fee.

Also last February, Whitson discussed the need for one rail spur going off the main rail line at a cost of about \$500,000. The plans now include two spurs off the main rail line at a cost of about \$975,000. The city was able to obtain a grant for \$425,000 from KDOT for the project. Whitson said Midwest

Scrap is willing to pay the \$550,000 difference.

The council approved the agreement between KDOT and the city with subject to a 100 percent letter of credit on the \$550,000 owed for construction of the rail spurs.

The agreement was approved 7-0.

Whitson said Midwest Scrap has a second site in Wichita, but would have its main operation and headquarters in Park City. He said Midwest Scrap plans to bring about 50 employees to its Park City operation.

Thrift store opens in Park City

By Matt Heilman

The former home of Lytton's Furniture at 1600 E. 61st North in Park City is no longer vacant.

About a year after the furniture store's closing, the space is now occupied by the TRT Thrift Store that sales a variety of merchandise, including furniture clothes and knickknacks.

The store's owner operated thrift stores in Missouri and Wichita and was drawn to north Sedgwick County with the available space and chance to reach new custom-

ers. He said he started looking at the former Lytton's space as a possible home for a new store about eight months ago.

The store owner said tentative plans call for the shop to be open from 10 a.m. to 6 or 7 p.m. on Wednesdays through Saturdays and noon to 6 p.m. Sundays, but the permanent store hours would be based on customer preference.

"We just want to do something to help the community," he said of bringing a shop to Park City. "It's kind of our mantra, I guess."

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property line ends and the Hydraulic right-of-way begins. To the south of his property, the city maintains the ground from the public sidewalk to Hydraulic.

Neighboring Robertson's home along a row of trees is a ditch he says is eroding because of a manhole that was raised. Robertson has had a few other

issues with his yard, including a saga with a tree that he said posed a threat to his house before it was finally cut down and the presence of a culvert on the south side of his property that is tricky to get a push mower around without losing balance.

He said he's not the only area resident to complain about the state of some of the city's property near homes. Robertson has corresponded with the city through letters he's written, but feels that speaking up at

city council meetings wouldn't solve his concerns.

Park City Administrator Jack Whitson said every resident is responsible to mow their yards all the way to the street, and resources are available to help those who are unable to keep up with the work. The resources include free mowing help from church groups and volunteer organizations.

"There are resources out there if he wants," Whitson said.

He said the city takes the time to maintain the ditch behind Robertson's house, and erosion is present in all of the ditches in Park City.

"And we take care of it if it gets too severe," Whitson said. Since Robertson has spoken about the concerns on his property, members of the United Methodist Church of Park City have volunteered to mow his yard this year. Church volunteers also helped after Robertson was fined last year.

The frustrated resident said he appreciates the help, but feels like the city should be more accountable in improving the situation.

Robertson touched on the city's obtaining \$6 million in an oil company lawsuit settlement from a few years ago and wondered why there was enough for city signs and a new library, but not enough to better maintain property or lower water bills. The settlement money is available as a reserve fund city lead-

ers are looking to sustain and was used to help the city avoid raising taxes in recent budgets.

For Robertson, more could be done to ease the burden on residents.

"They have money for all this other stuff, but they don't have enough money to take care of the ditches or anything like that," Robertson said.

The retired engineer who has lived in Park City for about 23 years said he's considering a move out of town.

Noah

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On hand to see the display with Shonda Hill were Noah's brothers, his great-grandmother, family friend Kelly Truby and her therapy dog, Ike, the 4-year-old Rottweiler who gave Noah a reason to smile and get out of bed when he felt weak.

Every Wednesday evening, Truby, a fourth-grade teacher at Wichita's Central Christian Academy, brings Ike to the pediatric ward at Wesley Medical Center.

It's there that Noah met the box-faced, calm companion.

"Ike brought a smile to Noah's face," Shonda Hill said. "He was on another floor and Noah wouldn't get out of bed for nothing, but he got out for Ike and went up to the other floor."

Truby said Noah liked to play with Ike. He'd pet the

large dog and hold on to his leash as Ike pulled him in a wheelchair. One time, Noah rode Ike like a small horse, Truby said.

Ike's role as a therapy dog is simple, although it involved serious training.

"Really, Ike's purpose is to bring happiness and love and joy to sick children," Truby said.

When Ike went through socialization classes recommended for Rottweilers as a four-month-old puppy, a trainer told Truby her dog would be a "great ambassador for the Rottweiler breed" and

a solid candidate to become a therapy dog.

Ike was calm and well behaved for his age and his breed.

"I didn't know anything about it," Truby said. "I just started researching and I started training him, and he passed his test."

When he was a year old, Ike passed the test that involved maneuvering through wheelchairs, strollers and IV carts in close quarters, walking by children tossing balls without giving in to the temptation to play fetch or showing aggression, standing

with a stranger for three to five minutes without jumping or whimpering and ignoring a treat thrown by him.

"Sometimes in the hospital, people don't want to take their pills, so they'll hide a pill in their food and give it to

dogs," Truby explained. "So dogs can't eat or drink while they're on duty."

Today, Ike represents Therapy Dogs International and is an American Kennel Club K-9 Good Citizen. He's part of a group that visits hos-

pitals, nursing homes, cancer treatment centers and schools.

"(Noah) just lit up when he saw him," Shonda Hill said. "(Ike) brought a smile to his face. Ike's the one he wanted pictures with and the one he got out of bed for."



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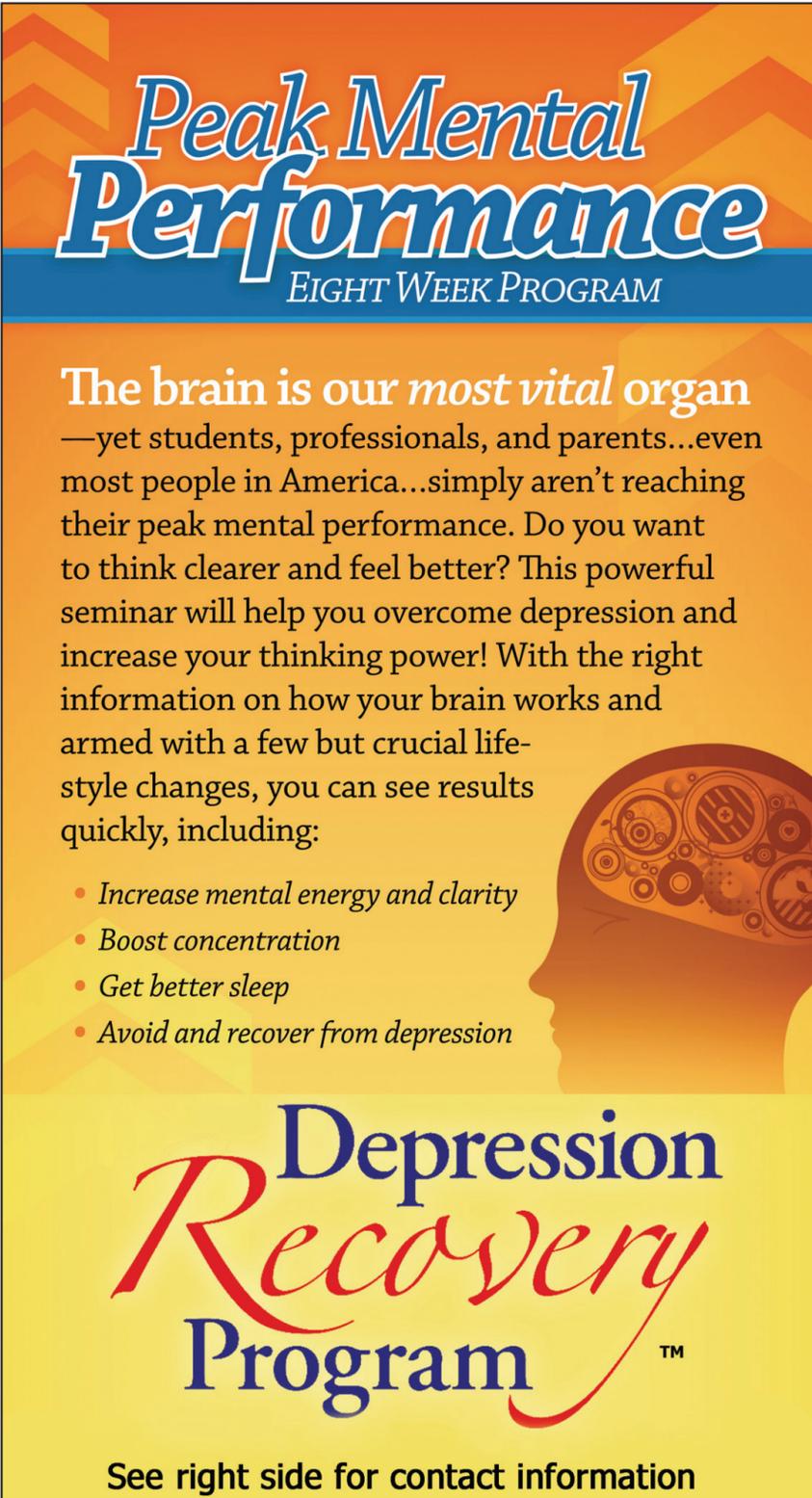
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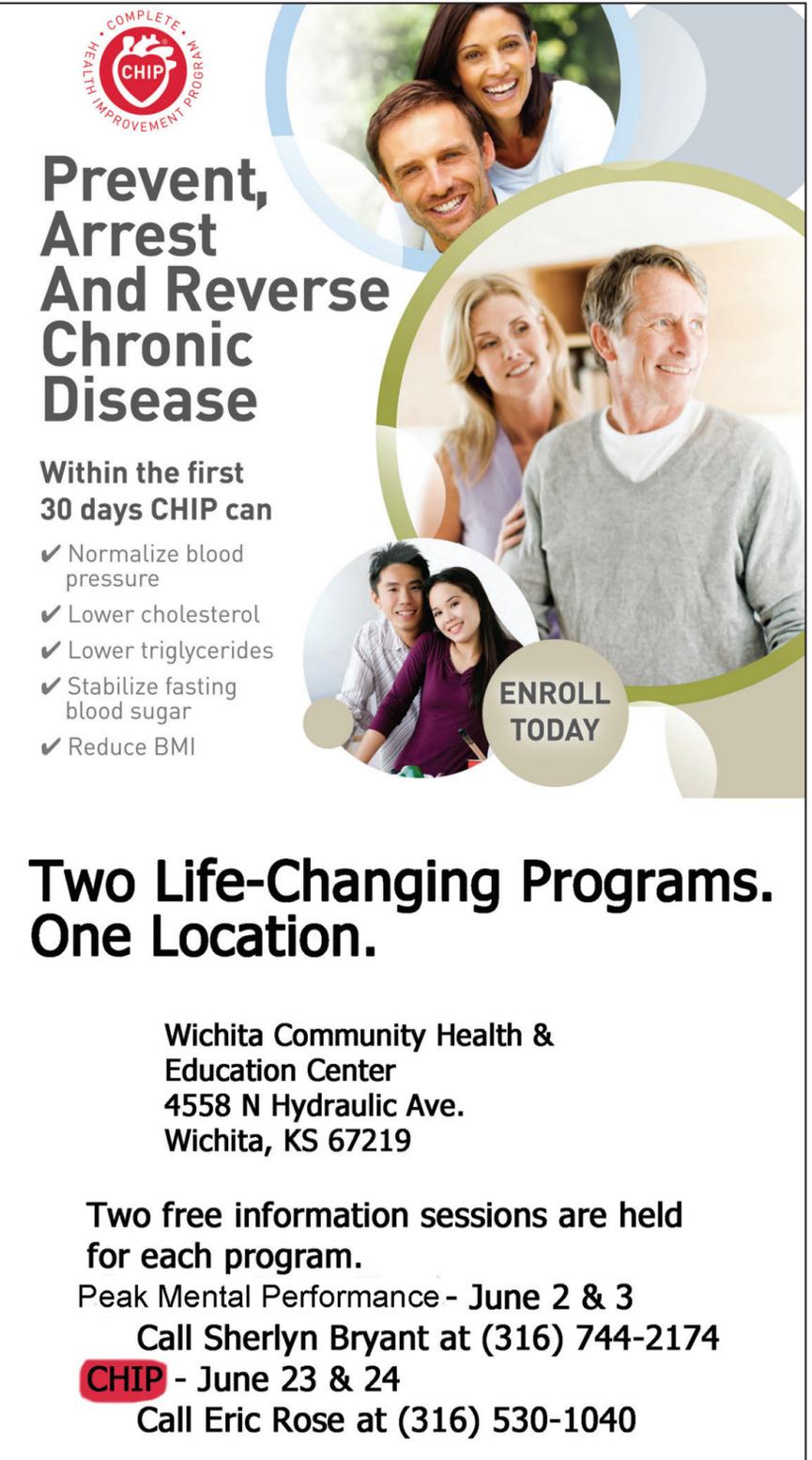
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