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City OKs beautification plan

Effort targets
53rd and 61st
entrances into
Park City

By Matt Heilman

For four years, a group of community volunteers has worked to develop a plan to give Park City a facelift. The Park City Beautification Committee identified several projects throughout the city to spruce up its image and provide city identification and wayfinding signage.

In November, the Park City Council approved a contract with the architect-

ture firm Law Kingdon to work with the beautification committee in developing a plan for landscaping to improve the medians off I-135 at 61st and 53rd North and around the western-themed sculptures just east of the interstate on 61st.

At its Aug. 13 meeting, the council heard a presentation from a representative with Law Kingdon, introducing the concept for the improvements the firm developed with the beautification com-

mittee. The improvements call for a mix of stone and paving work on the medians with wild flowers and Park City signage.

Similar concepts involving stonework, flower and tree planting are meant to accentuate the Chisholm Trail cowboy statues in front of Subway and the Native American-on-a-rearing-horse statue a little east on the south side 61st.

The council voted 6-1 to approve spending up to \$200,000 in reserve funds

allocated in 2009 to get the projects underway. The council also approved allowing Park City Administrator Jack Whitson and assistant city administrator Dana Walden to deliver to the governing body at its next meeting a plan to cover about \$25,000 in additional funding to pay for wayfinding signage in the city, meant to guide visitors to the city's key

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Tony Schock

Team president Joseph Pindell (left) and head coach Larry Inlow introduce Wichita's new indoor soccer team, the Wichita B-52s.

B-52s ready for takeoff

Indoor soccer makes its return to Hartman Arena

By Matt Heilman

This time fans won't have to wait a decade for a new indoor soccer team. About three months after the second coming of the Wichita Wings franchise folded, a new team with a new name and logo was unveiled at an Aug. 22 press conference at Hartman Arena.

Starting in November, the Wichita B-52s will pick up where the Wings left off.

"We always knew that Wichita was a good market," said Kevin Milliken, the commissioner of the B-52s new league, the Professional Arena Soccer League.

The B-52s will share the same blue and

orange color scheme as the Wings and they'll play their home games in Hartman Arena starting in November. A coach with ties to the Wings will guide the new team.

That's about where the similarities end. The B-52s play in a different league than the Wings under different management. The Wings were under the same management as the Wichita Wild indoor football team that also calls Hartman Arena home.

The president of the B-52s is Joseph Pindell, a former ticket sales and account representative with the St. Louis Rams of the National Football League. Larry Inlow, a former player for the original Wings franchise who played several years

of professional indoor soccer, will coach Wichita's new indoor soccer team.

Inlow retired a few years ago after playing his final season with the San Diego Sockers, a representative of the PASL that includes 20 teams from across the United States and Mexico. The Wings were affiliated with the Major Indoor Soccer League. Before taking over as the new franchise's head coach, Inlow was an assistant coach for the Wings.

Inlow, a 1993 graduate of Wichita Southeast High School, became a two-time Collegiate All-American during his

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City buys home lots to spur activity

Builders offered incentives

By Matt Heilman

Overall, the housing market has improved from this time last year, but for the City of Park City, there's still a long way to go to eliminate the debt owed to the city in unpaid special assessments on residential properties.

With the idea of lifting the burden from its tax base, city leaders recently continued a strategy it started last year to see a return on what is owed for infrastructure on a few undeveloped residential lots.

Last August, the Park City council sought to recoup what's owed in infrastructure improvements on undeveloped lots in the Bear Hill and Saddlebrook additions north of the city's limits.

With available reserve funds, representatives from the city attended a sheriff's sale where they were able to obtain 19 vacant lots for less than \$40,000.

At the time, the city was owed about \$750,000 in unpaid specials. The idea behind bidding on some of the vacant lots was to get the properties caught up with specials and in the hands of builders who have the means and dedication to build homes on the lots, Park City administrator Jack Whitson said.

He explained that while the city doesn't want to get into the land business, temporary ownership of the lots allows the city to stop the frustrating cycle of properties changing hands while thousands of dollars worth of infrastructure work goes unpaid and adds to the city's debt.

"This way, any back specials that we pay, (new lot owners) turn around and give it back to us," Whitson said. "We also get a certain percentage of property taxes. So really, it isn't costing us that much to recoup these lots."

Recently, specials were due on more residential lots in Bear Hill and Saddlebrook. Representatives from the city again bid on properties with the same objective in mind as last year. This time, the city was able to obtain 71 lots for about \$140,000 in Bear Hill and between 50 and 60 lots in Saddlebrook.

In line with bidding on the lots in Bear Hill and

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It pays to save water under new program

By Matt Heilman

Recent rainfall has alleviated local drought conditions, but cities are still encouraging residents to be conservative with their water use. In June, the City of Wichita implemented a \$1 million rebate program that offers incentives for conserving water.

Allotted for rebates, \$1 million is allowed for rebates on clothes washers, dishwashers, low-flow toilets, irrigation controllers and rain barrels.

Part of that \$1 million has been distributed to smaller cities that are

Wichita water customers so they too can participate in the program. Participating cities in the Water Conservation Rebate Program include Valley Center, Park City, Bel Aire and Kechi.

Valley Center has been awarded \$10,000 to participate in the program and offers the same incentives implemented in the City of Wichita. Park City, which gets most of its water from the Chisholm Creek Utility Authority and utilizes Wichita water as a backup source, has been awarded \$4,000 to participate in the program. Bel Aire has been awarded \$6,000 to participate

with Kechi accepting \$3,000 in the program.

Park City and Kechi offer the same water conservation incentives offered in the City of Wichita. While part of the same program, Bel Aire has adopted its own incentives with the \$6,000 it was allocated.

The incentives implemented by Wichita and offered in Valley Center, Park City and Kechi include up to a \$100 rebate for low-flow toilets that use 1.28 gallons of water or less per flush, high efficiency dishwashers that use less than 4.25 gallons of water per

cycle, high efficiency clothes washers that use 4.5 gallons or less per cycle per cubic foot a specific washer uses, smart irrigation controllers labeled WaterSense and up to a \$75 rebate for rain barrels that are 50 gallons or larger.

Bel Aire offers its residents a \$5 one-time rebate for each new showerhead that uses two gallons or less per minute, \$50 for new water efficient clothes washers that use less than 15 gallons per load and dishwashers that use less than 5.8 gallons per load and \$20 for each low-flow toilet.

Bel Aire also is encouraging

drought resistant landscaping to help alleviate the need for watering. For more information on drought-resistant landscaping, the city advises residents to contact the Sedgwick County Extension Education Center at 660-0100.

Bel Aire residents that utilize drought-resistant landscaping in their lawns are eligible to receive free hats.

The city that is a wholesale customer with both the CUA and the City of Wichita encourages its residents to limit watering their lawns to once or

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HIGHLIGHTS

City issues 30 building permits

The City of Park City issued 30 building permits in July for a total valuation of \$853,872. Of that number two were for new homes and one was for a new commercial building.

Permits are listed by date they were issued, address, type of project and valuation:

- July 11, 525 Rolling View, tearoff/roeroof, \$10,000;
- July 1, 50 Arapaho, carport, \$800;
- July 2, 8804 Ridgewood, tearoff/roeroof, \$7,500;
- July 3, 1325 Beaumont, remodel, \$1,600;
- July 11, 6518 N. Broadway, roof replacement, \$4,500;
- July 10, 1945 Cedar Tree Court, new home, \$150,000;
- July 10, 1627 Beaumont, tearoff/roeroof, \$4,610;
- July 11, 632 Rolling View, tearoff/roeroof, \$6,000;
- July 12, 6613 N. Grove, siding, \$7,000;
- July 15, 8906 Ridgewood Court, tearoff/roeroof, \$6,200;
- July 16, 6240 Longmont, \$10,400;
- July 16, 6000 Hattant Drive, new commercial construction, \$300,000;
- July 17, 1530 Frontenac, tearoff/roeroof, \$3,740;
- July 17, 2026 Ventnor, window well, \$2,000;
- July 17, 2008 Wyndham, tearoff/roeroof, \$10,348;
- July 17, 6719 Kerman, fire damage repair, \$90,000;
- July 18, 5848 Kerman, deck, \$600;
- July 18, 6115 N. Hydraulic, tearoff/roeroof, \$2,500;
- July 22, 8812 Ridgewood, tearoff/roeroof, \$7,500;
- July 22, 4874 Wyndham, tearoff/roeroof, \$12,314;
- July 22, 6345 Tarrytown, tearoff/roeroof, \$5,000;
- July 22, 8825 Hidden Lane, tearoff/roeroof, \$8,918;
- July 22, 8890 Saddlebrook Court, tearoff/roeroof, \$9,735;
- July 22, 636 Rolling View, tearoff/roeroof, \$9,776;
- July 22, 8914 Ridgewood Court, tearoff/roeroof, \$8,000;
- July 24, 708 Sprucewood Circle, tearoff/roeroof, \$6,500;
- July 24, 709 Rolling View, tearoff/roeroof, \$8,531;
- July 24, 444 Rolling Acres Court, tearoff/roeroof, \$8,500;
- July 25, 6334 Jacksonville, tearoff/roeroof, \$1,300.

— The Post staff

Woman hurt in hit-and-run

One woman was hurt in an Aug. 3 hit-and-run car wreck at 77th North and Broadway. Shortly before 2 p.m. a 1993 Honda Civic was hit on the driver's side at the intersection by a gold-colored Chrysler minivan with a temporary tag. A Park City police report said the minivan left the scene of the accident and was later located at 244 E. Allen in Valley Center. However, the driver of the minivan was not found.

Park City Police Lt. Henry Spurlock said the case remains under investigation. The driver of the Honda Civic was identified as Olevia Gillespie. Her place of residence was not provided in the report. Spurlock said the woman was transported to a Wichita hospital, but he didn't know the severity of her injuries.

— The Post staff

Storage units burglarized

Power tools and a car amplifier were stolen and property was damaged in a burglary to seven storage units at Park City's AAA Storage, 4801 N. Broadway. The burglary was reported shortly before 8 a.m. Aug. 11.

On the call, Park City police responded to a report of an unknown person driving a vehicle through the west fence of a trucking company near AAA Storage and driving into the drainage ditch. The suspect vehicle then backed up to the west fence line of AAA Storage, cut the fence and burglarized seven storage units, Park City police said.

Items missing included unknown brands of cordless power tools, unknown brands of air-powered tools and an unknown brand car amplifier. Loss for the damage to fences, storage unit door latches and loss of the power tools is estimated at \$3,405. No arrests have been made as the case remains under investigation.

— Matt Heilman

Dog groomer finds right fit

A woman who grew up in Kechi is operating a dog grooming business in her hometown.

Debbie Ryan, a 1992 graduate of Wichita Heights High School, opened Ryan's Dog Grooming in July at 217 N. Oliver.

Ryan operated her own shop in Towanda for a few years before moving her business to Kechi. She said she's been able to keep several clients she had before the move as she looks to expand.

"I've got people from Andover, Towanda, Bel Aire and El Dorado that still come out here because I've groomed their dogs for so long," she said.

For more information on Ryan's Dog Grooming, call 371-7258.

— Matt Heilman

Fraud attempt made on Foley

A fraud attempt was made on the Foley Equipment Co., but for now, it appears the attempt was futile. On Aug. 1, an employee with the company's branch at 1601 E. 77th North reported on behalf of the company that unknown suspect(s) had been manufacturing checks using the Foley Equipment name to make purchases off Craigslist and eBay in several states.

The report from Park City police says, "Several banks and individuals were able to notice the checks were not legitimate."

Foley Equipment received notice of the fraud attempt before any loss was reported.

— The Post staff

People hurt in two wrecks on Broadway

By Matt Heilman

Five people were hurt in a two-vehicle wreck shortly after 1 p.m. Aug. 14 at 101st North and Broadway, but none of the injuries were life threatening, the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office said.

Sedgwick County sheriff's Lt. Dave Mattingly said four of five occupants in a 2006 black Nissan Armada SUV were transported to a Wichita hospital. The patients included four passengers in the Armada driven by 39-year-old Erik Torres of Hillsboro. The driver of a 1994 Mazda pickup, 42-year-old Lynda Schommer of Valley Center, was also transported. One patient from the SUV was transported with serious injuries. The others that were injured were transported with minor injuries.

Mattingly said Schommer was driving north on Broadway when she turned left to go west on 101st North in front of the SUV.

Mattingly said Schommer was cited for failure to yield on a left-hand turn. Torres was cited for driving with an



Matt Heilman

Emergency crews respond to a wreck at 101st North and Broadway, Aug. 14.

expired driver's license.

No serious injuries were reported in a two-car wreck around 5 p.m. Aug. 20 at 85th North and Broadway.

A Nissan van driven by a juvenile failed to yield the right-of-way to a white Chevy pickup. The van hit the pickup and caused it to roll several

times, Park City police said.

Also on Aug. 21, a minor injury accident was reported at Fifth and Seneca in Valley Center. One person was hurt.

Evidence of a meth lab discovered in motel room

By Matt Heilman

While responding to a systems alarm at the Days Inn in Park City, Sedgwick County fire crews encountered "an odor and other components of a meth lab" in one of the rooms, Park City police said.

A systems alarm sounded at 5:36 p.m. Aug. 7, automatically generating a call to 911. A small fire was extinguished before fire crews arrived, but the evidence remained that someone had been manufacturing methamphetamine in the room.

Park City police Det. Dwight Wilkes said it's unknown who extinguished the fire. A man who had been in the room wasn't present when fire crews arrived at the Days Inn. Wilkes said there was minor damage to the room.

On Aug. 9, an arrest was made in connection with the small fire and evidence of a meth lab. Marty L. Nicolini, 45, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., was arrested on charges of aggravated arson, unlawful manufacturing of a controlled substance and interference with a firefighter.

Wilkes said Nicolini was found in the Fredonia area in Wilson County, about 90 miles east of Wichita. Park City police say Nicolini was transported from the Wilson County Jail to the Park City Police Department to be interviewed. He was then taken to the Sedgwick County Jail and was booked on the

charges that were presented to the Sedgwick County District Attorney's Office on the morning of Aug. 12.

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CITY OF PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

July 23, 2013 Regular Meeting:

- A Public Hearing was held concerning recycling accounts that were delinquent and eligible to be certified to the County Clerk as assessments against the related real property. A resolution was passed implementing this process.
- Julia Leth-Perez was appointed to the Parks and Recreation and Tree Boards for a three-year term.
- A Change Order in the amount of \$9,500 was approved for the Echo Hills Commercial Development paving project was approved.
- The Council approved a partnership with the City of Wichita in a Rebate Program for qualifying purchases of water efficient appliances, irrigation Smart Controllers and rain barrels.
- The Council approved spreading specials for 20 years for Prairie Hills 2nd Addition improvements.
- The Council approved the renewal of the Housing Incentive Program for six new homes with a \$2,500 incentive for each home for a total cost of \$15,000 through

December 31, 2013.

- The Council approved the Notice of Budget Hearing for publication for the 2014 Budget.
- An Ordinance regarding the 2014 Budget was approved.
- The Council approved the lifting of the hiring freeze to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the current Finance Director/City Clerk.

August 13, 2013 Regular Meeting:

- The Council approved hiring Terry Coltrain as Finance Director/City Clerk.
- A Public Hearing was held concerning the 2014 Budget and then the 2014 Budget was approved.
- A Public Hearing was held concerning General Obligation Bond Issue, Series 2013 and the levying of special assessments. An Ordinance was then approved concerning the levying of said special assessments.
- The Council provided consent to the bond structure and lease agreement relative to the Tect/Utica's Industrial Revenue

Bond.

- A report of the City's Beautification Committee regarding 61st Street Improvements and way finding signage. The 61st Street Improvements were approved with consideration of the way finding signage to occur at a subsequent meeting.
- The purchase of truck from Don Hattan in the amount of \$17,250 was approved for the Public Works Department.
- The Council approved the re-marking of police vehicles with the cost being paid for by a KDOT grant in the amount of \$4,500 and \$300 coming from the Police Department operating budget.
- An Ordinance was approved concerning the minor amendments to the section regarding weeds.
- The Council approved the purchase of a new telephone system from Great Plains Communications in the amount of \$12,282.
- An Ordinance was approved by the Council regarding the towing of semi tractors and trailers that are parked in unauthorized areas.



Park City Police Department Has New Blue Uniforms!

The goal of the Park City Police Department and the Officers is to serve the citizens and to keep you safe. The Officers wear uniforms so that you can easily identify and recognize them when they are out in the community. The Park City Police Department would like you to know that they have updated their uniforms. Please note that the color of the uniform has changed from tan to blue.

Keep Your Grass Mowed

Remember it is your responsibility to mow your grass so it does NOT get too high. Code enforcement does not want to give you a notice of violation. Only one notice will be given, and then a citation will be issued for failure to comply!

Fight The Spread of West Nile Virus — Eliminate Standing Water

Mosquitoes are annoying but they can also cause serious health problems like the spread of West Nile Virus. Standing water is a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Make sure when it rains to eliminate any water that has not drained from pots, gutters, tires, tarps, wagons wheelbarrows – anything that holds water. Change the water in wading pools, pet dishes and bird baths several times a week.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Sept. 1:** 7 p.m. PCYP Board CB
- Sept. 2:** Labor day: city hall closed
- Sept. 4:** 10:30 a.m. Seniors Catered Lunch SC
- Sept. 5:** 6:30 p.m. Court CH
- Sept. 7:** 7 p.m. Senior Dance SC
- Sept. 9:** 7 p.m. Park Board CH
- Sept. 12:** 1 p.m. Court Trials CH, 6:30 p.m. Court CH, 7 p.m. Library Board PCL
- Sept. 14:** 9 a.m. Pride PC
- Sept. 16:** 7 p.m. Planning/ BZA CH
- Sept. 19:** 5:30 p.m. Seniors Finger Food, 6:30 p.m. Court CH
- Sept. 21:** 7 p.m. Park city Alive PCL, 7 p.m. Senior Dance SC
- Sept. 24:** 7 p.m. Council CH, 7 p.m. Seniors Square Dance SC
- Sept. 25** — 11:30 a.m. Chamber Luncheon
- Sept. 26** — 1 p.m. Court Trials CH, 4:30 p.m. CUA Bel Aire CH, 6:30 p.m. Court CH
- Sept. 27** — 8 a.m. Commodities Leekers
- Sept. 28** — Citywide Garage Sale

Conserve Water!

It's hot! As the temperature rises, so does the demand for water. The increased demand puts a great deal of pressure on the pumps at the water plant. Please water lawns between sun down and sun up.

Water Conservation Rebate Program

In an effort to promote water conservation Park City is partnering with the City of Wichita in a Water Conservation Rebate Program. Rebates applied to water bills of up to \$100 are being offered when a qualified low flow toilet, high efficiency dishwasher, high efficiency clothes washer or smart irrigation controller is purchased and installed. Rebates may be applied to the water bill of up to \$75 for eligible rain barrels. The rebates are for qualifying devices or appliances purchased between May 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013. The rebates will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Rebates are available only to single-family, owner occupied residences and there is a limit of five rebated items per household. For more information, see the Park City website at www.parkcityks.com

Check out the latest blog — Have you been on the Park City website lately? Would you like to know more about the Park City Planning Commission? Make sure to check out the latest blog.
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Water Excess Use Charge

The water and sewer billing received around the first of August will reflect an "Excessive Use Charge" for residential customers who used over 15,000 gallons during a billing cycle. This period began with the usage from June 15th and will extend through October 15th. The Excessive Use Charge for Commercial Customers is calculated on a different basis.

A garden hose left on can pour out 1,000 gallons of water or more in only a few hours. Remember that when you leave the sprinkler running all day or leave the hose unattended, thousands of gallons can be used in a very short time. A toilet flush uses up to seven gallons, water taps run at about five gallons a minute while waiting for the water to get hot or cold, showers use five to ten gallons a minute, and leaks can soak up hundreds or even thousands of gallons a day.

AUTOMATED PHONE SYSTEM AT CITY HALL

City Hall now has an automated phone system. When you call you will be asked to make a selection from the menu and will be connected to a specific department. The Police Department and the Court have a direct number that may be called from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A list of extensions/numbers is provided below for your convenience.

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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
- 216 Asst. Court Clerk
- 744-2011 Police
- 744-6417 Court

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Good thing first impression didn't stick

Twenty years ago, a new family moved to Valley Center. Initially, I didn't like their son.

By 7-year-old standards, he was a good athlete, but beyond that, I wasn't impressed. I vaguely remember him making fun of me for crying once in the line to go back inside for recess, but I can't recall any instance beyond that where he was a bully in any way or a kid who caused trouble.

Contrary to what my niece may say, first-graders aren't the best judges of character. I decided I didn't like the new kid in my grade without giving him a chance.

I didn't really get to know Caleb Smith until two years after his family moved to the district and we were both in Shari Abbey's third-grade class at Abilene Elementary School. I started to play basketball with him at recess and soon formed a new friendship. That winter, we played on the same rec league basketball team coached by his dad who was also the head football coach at Valley Center High School.

Before basketball season started, I remember walking with my third-



Heil on life

By Matt Heilman

grade class on a brisk November morning to send off the football team's charter bus as they made the long trek to Liberal to play in the Class 5A state semifinal game. I remember being jealous of Caleb for getting out of class early to travel with the team.

That night, I remember sitting and listening to most of that game on the radio in my parents' van outside a church in Wichita where my sister was performing in a piano recital.

I heard the heart-breaking conclusion to that game after we got home. Valley outplayed the defending 5A champs in every facet of the game and held the advantage in just about every statistical category except for the final score.

My dad had told me we'd make

the trip to Lawrence to watch the Hornets play in the state championship game if they beat Liberal. I remember crying in anger when the Hornets fell devastatingly short of making that a reality.

That 1995 team was stacked with talent and featured the state's best offensive line anchored by now Valley Center City Council member Ben Anderson. It was arguably the best team Mike Smith ever coached and growing up, it was fun to watch on Friday nights.

Over the next several years, Mike Smith continued to build the Valley Center football program while still finding time to be active in his community and church. He was there for his family and made guests in his home feel welcome. He never won that elusive state championship, but his coaching and leadership abilities were seldom, if ever questioned. Mike Smith and his family left a void when they left Valley Center for Garden City in 2002.

By that time, Caleb and I weren't the close friends we were in elementary school, but I joined most of the

community in wishing his family could stay.

Eleven years later, the coach's son is back, this time with a whistle around his neck. There's no guarantee that Caleb Smith will be able to turn around the VCHS football program with the same success as his dad, but the district made the right decision in giving him a chance.

There's been a lot of buzz surrounding the program this summer and I wholeheartedly believe it's just a matter of time before it turns the corner and winning becomes the rule rather than the exception.

Caleb has proven he can be an effective leader for young men and he shares some of the character and values that made his dad so well liked in this town.

Twenty years later, I can safely say my initial assessment of the new football coach was wrong. And for that, the community should be glad.

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Give soccer team a chance

Give the new team a chance. It's unfortunate that the second version of the Wichita Wings franchise folded after two short seasons. But we're optimistic that the newly unveiled Wichita B-52s will have more staying power. Time will tell if that optimism is justified.

The B-52s are under new management and part of the Professional Arena Soccer League that emphasizes community outreach as part of its efforts to attract fans to games.

The quality of play is expected to be about on par with what we saw with the Wings, who played in the Major Indoor Soccer League.

Besides a few rule differences, the professional indoor leagues are similar. PASL commissioner Kevin Milliken said his league typically consists of younger talent than in the MISL, although it's unclear who will play for the B-52s when games start in November. The team's tryout is planned for the second or third week of September. When the roster is finalized, we'd like to think that at least a handful of guys that suited up for the Wings will be able to keep playing at Hartman Arena.

Outside of the love of the game, there's not much incentive for these athletes. Similar to players on the Wichita Wild roster, members of the B-52s will play for minimal pay.

At this level, players sacrifice income to keep playing.

They'd be better off financially finding full-time employment off the field, but they choose to play and most of the time, they play hard. Some players for the B-52s will be trying to prove themselves, hoping to be given the opportunity to move up the ranks and play for money they can live off of. Others may be in the twilight of their careers, looking to go out with some glory before they hang up their cleats.

The dynamic of the new indoor soccer team remains to be seen. But so far, we like what we're seeing with the conception of the B-52s.

We like that the team has separate management from the Wild and we like what we've heard about how much teams in the PASL reach out to the communities in which they play.

We have no idea if the B-52s will be any good when they start playing in November, but we believe attending a game will be worth the time and modest expense.

— The Park City Post

It's nice to have new businesses in Park City

The first Monday of September is Labor Day and was first celebrated in New York City in 1882 under the sponsorship of the Labor Union. This day was set aside to honor Labor. This is the last holiday of summer.

Sept. 17 is the Jewish New Year with the beginning of ten days of penitence. Then Sept. 27 marks the end of the penitence. It's interesting to learn of the different days that are



Around Park City

By Cecile Cox

observed.

The 2nd annual Ice Cream Social

drew a large crowd. It was good to greet old friends and the weather was perfect.

There hasn't been much progress going on at the 53rd St. project, maybe it's because of all the rain. By early September more will be done.

We have several new businesses in Park City. The Thrift Store, Rubys Nail and Spa. The newest if Ready Roofer at 434 E. 61st N. The

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School is off to a good start with students ready to learn. A good nights sleep and a healthy breakfast is important.

The Park City phone books sponsored by Pride will be distributed this month, so watch for yours.

B-52s

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college soccer career at Newman University in Wichita. In 2010, Inlow was inducted into the Newman University Hall of Fame.

The new B-52s coach has also served as an EMT and firefighter for the City of Wichita. Milliken said bringing on a former Wings player to coach the new franchise should help excite the core group of diehard fans that were the strongest supporters of the Wings as part of "The Orange Army."

Milliken explained that Wichita's new team couldn't keep the Wings name because of a two-year non-compete clause. He also indicated it made sense to change up the name of Wichita's indoor soccer team to assure that it's not confused with the city's Independent League Baseball team, the Wingnuts.

In addition to kickstarting the

effort to keep professional indoor soccer in the Wichita area, Milliken came up with the new team's name. The idea was to have some fun with a name that honors Wichita's aviation heritage.

The PASL commissioner also likes the enjoyment fans may find in playing off the team's shared name with the quirky band that rolled out such hits as "Love Shack" and "Rock Lobster."

Milliken explained that community support would be essential for the B-52s' success and marketing would be key, getting the team active in the Wichita area, beyond just the soccer community.

He said the key for long-term success will be to build off the strong base of soccer fans already in place.

"The people that we need to go get are the people that want to be entertained," Milliken said. "That's what we want to go after is to expand on the great base that's

already here."

With about 16 years of experience at the helm of running an indoor soccer league, Milliken said the PASL has been successful with its community outreach efforts and marketing strategies. The teams in the PASL also have lower operating costs.

"(The B-52s) will be on solid footing financially with our business model," Milliken said. "We have plans to expand and different philosophies to bring in new fans."

The new league also differs from the Wings' former league with a few rules, Milliken said. In the PASL, each goal is worth only one point, but opportunities are often presented for attackers to find open space working the ball up field.

There's a six-foul rule in play where a team can go on the power play for two minutes after each foul its opponent commits past its fifth foul of the game.

Also, defenders are not allowed

to slide tackle attackers. Milliken said teams in the PASL average about five goals per game and last season, 15 contests were decided in sudden death overtime. He said the PASL consists of teams with young, fresh talent that plays the game fast and aggressive.

The B-52s schedule includes home games on Nov. 9, Nov. 23, Dec. 7, Dec. 14, Dec. 28, Jan. 10, Jan. 18, Feb. 1 and Feb. 9.

The inaugural roster for the B-52s will be decided with a tryout likely in the second or third week of September. Milliken said Venu-Works, Hartman Arena's management company, has been instrumental in helping to keep indoor soccer alive in north Sedgwick County.

"They've been proactive in helping the B-52s be successful in their launch. When they told the city they were gonna keep indoor soccer in Wichita, they meant it," Milliken said.

Plan

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amenities.

George Glover opposed the beautification plan. Glover said the wayfinding signage should have been a higher priority, but also voiced frustration that additional funds beyond what's allocated could be available for beautification, but not for reopening the city's swimming pool.

Council member George Capps was absent from the Aug. 13 meeting.

Also on Aug. 13, the council:

- Heard from Park City resident Keith Thomas who thanked volunteers for their help in making the city's Aug. 10 ice cream social a success. He said between 300 and 400 people attended the event in Hap McLean Park.

- Heard from Whitson and Mayor Ray Mann who announced that the city was able to purchase 71 vacant lots with unpaid special assessments for about \$2,000 in the Bear Hill development. By retaking ownership of the lots, the city aims to market the properties and see a return on the specials that are

owed for infrastructure improvements.

- Held a public hearing on the 2014 budget and adopted the budget with no tax increase.

- Approved an ordinance levying special assessment of general obligation bonds
- Approved the purchase of a new public works vehicle with funding from the Special Street and Highway Funds.

- Approved spending \$4,800 to remark police vehicles, \$4,500 of which is covered by a KDOT grant. The proposed markings are black and white. Residents Carol Flower and Dee Stuart spoke against the proposed change, feeling that the traditional black and white marking was outdated and not welcoming. Stuart said black and white made

her think of Darth Vader.

- Approved ordinances amending a section of the municipal code relating to weeds and creating sections of the municipal code relating to unauthorized parking of vehicles on private property.

- Approved a new telephone system at City Hall for \$12,282 out of the Capital Equipment Fund.

- Held a five-minute executive session to discuss matters relating to potential litigation and attorney-client privilege. No binding action was taken in the closed session.

Lots

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Saddlebrook, Park City has implemented a plan to spur progress in the developments. The marketing plan includes requirements for builders and new homeowners to obtain incentives to assure that the city sees a return on its investment in purchasing the lots.

To qualify for an incentive, a builder who takes ownership of a vacant lot is given six months to pull a permit to build on the property and a year to start construction. An incentive may be used as a reduction of the lot price or may be received in cash by the homebuyer upon the closing of the new home.

In Bear Hill, there is a \$15,000 incentive offered

for new homebuyers. A \$10,000 incentive is available in Saddlebrook. Beyond recouping what's owed in special assessments, Whitson said construction on the undeveloped lots is crucial for the subdivisions.

"If people just sit on (vacant lots), it can kill the subdivision," Whitson said. "It certainly doesn't help the citizens."

On Aug. 27, the council

discussed the need to effectively market Park City to attract future residents in Bear Hill and Saddlebrook. The council agreed to form a committee to develop an effective marketing strategy in the city and discussed the possibility of contracting with an advertising agency to develop an ad campaign to promote the city and its incentives for new homebuyers.

Water

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twice per week. "The City of Bel Aire wants to remain proactive in reducing the long-lasting effects of potential droughts in the future, while at the same time encouraging creative ideas to stay ahead of potential negative implications associated with a drought in our area," the city said of its partici-

pation in the Water Conservation Rebate Program.

The rebates in the program are available only to single-family, owner occupied homes. Newly constructed homes already equipped with more efficient appliances, do not apply in the program. A list of appliances that are eligible for the rebates is available on the City of Wichita's website, www.wichita.gov. Rebates are available for qualifying appliances

purchased between May 1 and the end of 2013, or until the \$1 million worth of rebates have been redeemed.

Water Conservation Rebate applications are available at City Hall where residents pay their water bills. Applications in Park City and Bel Aire are also available on the cities' websites.

There is a limit of five rebated items per household. Rebates are applied as credits on water

bills. To cash in on a rebate after purchasing an appliance that qualifies for the program, turn in the receipt from the purchase with the application.

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HIGHLIGHTS



Johnnie Kelley touches her niece, Adelynn

Adelynn is fighting to survive. The 3-pound infant born with a congenital heart disease is at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Mo., and has an uphill battle ahead of her. And her aunt, Johnnie Kelley of Valley Center, is asking for the community's help. Adelynn Lilly Francis Taylor was born July 8 in Wichita about 10 weeks premature. Adelynn's parents, Brandon

and Delania Taylor, who had been living with Delania's parents in Newton, were told that Adelynn had a rare disease known as Persistent Truncus Arteriosus. Adelynn was taken to Children's Mercy Hospital when she was 3 days old. Kelley said the family would appreciate any donations the community is able to provide. Check donations may be sent to Chisholm Trail State Bank, 6160 N. Broadway, Park

City KS 67219, payable to Johnnie Kelley with a memo to Adelynn's fund. Other donations may be sent to 461 Meeds Drive in Valley Center.

Ashley Jordan Malone and Joshua Allen Sherwood were married June 8, 2013, at the Wichita Scottish Rite. The bride is the daughter of Michael and Shelly Malone of Wichita and the granddaughter of Lois Beck, Larry Robertson, Gene Robertson and William Malone. She received a bachelor of arts degree in liberal arts with a minor in criminal justice from Wichita State University. She is a social worker for COMCARE of Sedgwick County.

The groom is the son of Gene Sherwood of Park City and the grandson of Patsy Sherwood and Isabell Sherwood. He attended Heights High School and works in construction for Hutton Construction.

The couple honeymooned at Sandals in St. Lucia and live in Wichita.

Area students were awarded scholarships at a Kansas State University alumni and student event July 22 in Wichita.



Tellez

Students included Leslie Geist of Bel Aire, Andrew Bayless of Kechi and Ellen Crocombe of Park City.

The scholarships were awarded by the Wichita Area K-State Alumni Club, the K-State Alumni Association, Kansas State University President's Office, Vanguard Scholarship Fund, Compton Family Scholarship Fund and McCandless Family Scholarship Fund.

Park City resident Denny Daniel Tellez was promoted to Second Lieutenant-2LT 1st Regiment 235th OCS.

Congratulations may be sent to him at 2539 E Egret Flight Ct. Park City, KS 67219-1733.

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran Church

Sunday service times are 8:30 (contemporary) and 11 a.m. (traditional) with a kid friendly service and adult learning at 9:45. Communion is served at all morning services. A variety of weekly and monthly activities are offered including Falcon Fellowship (free lunch for students at Heights High School on the second 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 North Hillside, across from Wichita Heights High School).

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

Located at 4230 N. Oliver in Bel Aire, service times are 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Sunday. Prayer service is 7 p.m. Tuesday. Praise and worship is 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. 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.

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.

The United Methodist Church at Park City

Located at 1510 E. 61st North. The church has "Worship & Connection Time" on Sunday mornings at 9 and 11 a.m. Children's ministries are provided and a nursery is available. Mondays at 6:30 a.m., there is a men's coffee group at Auntie C's. Mondays at 7 p.m., the church has a free Zumba class for women. And at 8:15 p.m., there is a Christian yoga fitness class. (Donations are accepted for fitness classes.) Tuesday evenings from 6 to 7:30 p.m., there is a Celebrate Recovery 12-step study. Childcare is provided. Wednesday evening Family Ministry Night will resume in the fall. Park City Christian Preschool is enrolling for fall a.m. and p.m. classes. Call Miss Kim at 744-

0030 for more info.

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, follow on Twitter "@Churchparkcity" or visit the website www.churchatparkcity.com for more info.

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. 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 North in Park City. It is a congregation of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. "The Story of Christianity," an

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

Wednesday service is at 6 p.m. Saturday Vespers is at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night Potluck Supper Program: Sept. 4 "How Bad Religion is Destroying our Society," Sept. 18 "The Hallmarks of Authentic Christianity." Liturgy is at 6 p.m., potluck at 6:45 and program at 7:30.

Men's study group, studying the Gospel of Luke, is first and third Mondays at 7 p.m.

Women's study group, "Dare to Live Fully Right Where You are," is second and fourth Fridays at 10 a.m. Group will begin with "One Thousand Gifts," by Ann Voskamp.

Holy Days for September: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sept. 8, Exaltation of the Holy Cross Sept. 14, Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sept. 15, Saint Matthew Sept. 21, Our Patronal Festival - The Feast of Saint Michael, Sept. 29.

During September, Sunday sermons will focus on the Holy Angels. Sept. 1 "All things Visible and Invisible," Sept. 8 "The Nine Choirs of Angels," Sept. 15 "The Holy Archangels," Sept. 22 "Our Guardian Angels," and Sept. 29 "Our Holy Patron Archangel Michael." Call the church for more information at 734-6248 or visit www.stmichaeloc.org

Fr. John Flora, pastor, can be reached at 734-6248 or jflora@cox.net.

Send your church's upcoming events and service times to legals@arkvalleynews.com or call 755-0821.

DEATHS

DAVID ELDER

David Grant Elder, 67, died Aug. 8, 2013.

He was the oldest of five, born April 30, 1946, in Arkansas City to A. Lee and Duana Grant Elder.

He is survived by his daughters, Jennifer Lynn Follmer (C.J.) of St. Louis, Mo., and Christina Marie Gonzalez (Nick) of Lansing; grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Karlie and Micah Follmer, and Alec Gonzalez; brothers, Roderic of Manhattan, Kan., and Clifford (Sherilyn) of Park City; sister, Leanna Tyler of Arkansas City; and five nephews and a niece.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Wilbur.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Aug. 30 in the Chapel of Memorial Lawn Cemetery, near Arkansas City. The family will visit with friends prior to the services at 1 p.m.

A memorial has been established with Compassion International. Arrangements are by Broadway Colonial Funeral Home, Newton.

PAUL JONES

Paul Vernon Jones, 67, aeronautical engineer at Boeing, died Aug. 14, 2013.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jess Burton Jones and Ada May Jones; daughter, Misty L. Hephner; four brothers and one sister.

He is survived by his wife, Pamela Jones of Wichita; sons, Bradley L. Jones of Shawnee, Jonathan (Kristin) Shaver of Carrollton, Texas, Timothy Shaver of Odenton, Md., and Mark Shaver of Park City; sisters, Helen Morrison and Frances Anderson; grandchildren, Hailey Hephner, Kira Hephner, Audrey Compton, Christian Tucker, Ryan Jones, Grace Schaller, Jack Shaver and Alexys Lynch; and son-in-law, Mark Hephner.

Memorial service was Aug. 17 at Downing and Lahey Mortuary East.

Memorials have been established with the Wichita Children's Home, 810 N. Holyoke, Wichita, KS 67208; and the Kansas Humane Society, 3313 N. Hillside, Wichita, KS 67219.

BILLY KNOLES

Billy H. Knoles, 82, of Apple Valley, Calif., formerly of Wichita and Park City, died Aug. 3, 2013.

He was a graduate of Wichita State University. He taught Auto Shop at Wichita Heights High School before moving to California in 1966. He was a retired U.S. military veteran of 20 years. He was also a retired Apple Valley High School after 22 years.

He is survived by his wife, Norma; six children; one brother; one sister; 15 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Aug. 31 at Verdigris Valley Community Fellowship in Altoona. Countryside Funeral Home in Fredonia has charge.

Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

HELEN M. RICHARDSON

Helen M. Richardson, 81, died July 26, 2013.

She was born and raised in Coldwater, graduating from Coldwater High School in 1950 and receiving an associate's degree from Kelsey-Baird Secretarial School in Spokane, Wash. She retired from the Wichita Public School System in 1992 after 25 years of service.

She was preceded in death by her infant daughter, Linda Rae; mother, Geneva Purcell, father, Ben Purcell; and brother Ray Purcell.

Survivors include her husband, Glenn; daughters, Debra (Dale) Coffman of Wichita, and Karla (Michael) Wong of Sand Springs, Okla.; siblings, Ellen Erwin, Ralph and Roy Purcell; five granddaughters, Nicole, Angela, Amy, Jordan and Jenna; two step-grandsons, Kris and Adam; seven great-grandchildren; six step-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Visitation was July 29 and funeral service was July 30 at Downing and Lahey West Mortuary, followed by a graveside service at the Fairview Cemetery in Greensburg.

A memorial has been established with Amedisys Hospice Care, 250 W. Douglas, S-101, Wichita, KS 67202.

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Chisholm Trail Charge draws runners from across central U.S.

By Matt Heilman

The participation was down a few runners from last year, but a wider area was represented. The Second Annual Chisholm Trail Charge in Park City also brought in more money than the inaugural event in 2012 and drew more sponsors.

On July 27, some of the best distance runners in the central United States competed for \$4,000 in available prize money at the Chisholm Trail Charge. The field included runners from the Wichita and Kansas City areas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Oklahoma and Missouri.

Last summer, the Park City Pride Committee developed and organized the annual fundraiser that features 5- and 10-kilometer races that begin and end in Hap McLean Park. The event also features a one-mile fun run.

Chisholm Trail Charge organizer and Pride Committee member Dee Stuart said the long-term objective of the event is to raise money for Pride's outreach efforts, especially the Park City Food Pantry.

On July 27, enough money was raised to essentially pay for the Third Annual Chisholm Trail Charge next summer. As the final times were recorded and refreshments and awards were distributed at the runner's village at the north end of the park, several runners expressed an interest to return to Park City next year.

"I heard a lot of com-



Photos by Matt Heilman

Rebeka Stowe of Olathe turns the corner onto the final stretch of the 5K race at the July 27 Chisholm Trail Charge in Park City.

ments about how nice the park looked," Stuart said. "The park looked beautiful thanks to the city crews."

Stuart said the participation didn't match last year's mark of 148 runners in large part because there was a chance of rain in the forecast. Registration fees also increased, but the costs are still on the low end of what most organized races cost, Stuart said.

Registration fees increased by \$5 for the Second Annual Chisholm Trail Charge. A few runners who competed in both the 5K and 10K races won back their \$25 to \$35 entry fee several times over.

The Chisholm Trail Charge again offered \$500 to the over-

all men and women winners in each race. Second-place finishers earned \$350 with third-place finishers cashing in \$150.

The individual winners for men and women in each of 12 age groups were awarded with medals.

Several participants started the 10K race at 7 a.m. and ran again in the 5K that started about 90 minutes later.

The leader board was similar in both races. On the men's side, Ben Chesang, who won \$1,000 for winning both the 5K and 10K last year, settled for a \$500 payday on July 27.

The University of Kansas graduate finished as the runner-up in the 10K and in third place in the 5K. In the 10K,



A team representing the dental office of Dr. Wendy Reynolds was recognized for having the most participation in the one-mile fun run.

Chesang finished less than a second behind his brother, Matthew Chesang, of Fort Riley, who also won the 5K to match Ben's effort last year. Both men finished the 10K in a time of 31:06.

Wichita's Marcus Bailon finished third in the 10K in a time of 31:10.

Matthew Chesang won the 5K in 15:40, 12 seconds ahead of Wichita's Nathan Wadsworth. Ben Chesang finished third in 16:16.

On the women's side, Camille Herron, a professional marathon runner from Warr Acres, Okla., won the 10K and finished second in the 5K. Herron, who has won 10 marathons in her career, said she didn't hear about the Chisholm Trail Charge until about a week before the event.

The two-time qualifier for the Olympic trials and a

distance runner in the 2011 Pan America games, said the Chisholm Trail Charge was her first race shorter than a 26.2-mile marathon in about 18 months.

Herron won the women's 10K in a time of 36:30. Her time in the 5K was 18:13.

Raquel Stucky of Wichita finished second in the 10K and third in the 5K in her second year competing in the Chisholm Trail Charge. She finished the 10K in 36:51 and the 5K in 18:23. Stucky, a veteran of 10 marathons, representing First Gear in downtown Wichita, won the 10K last year and finished second in the 5K.

For the second year in a row, Olathe's Rebeka Stowe won the women's 5K at the Chisholm Trail Charge. Stowe, a recent KU graduate who competed at last year's Olympic trials in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, won



Brothers Matthew and Ben Chesang are recognized for finishing first and second in the 10K.

the July 27 5K race in a time of 17:52.

Looking ahead, she said she plans to join a professional track club in New Jersey and take another shot at earning a spot on the 2016 U.S. Olympic team to compete in the steeplechase.

Stowe said she likes the low-key, yet competitive nature of the Chisholm Trail Charge and appreciated how well the event was organized in its second year in Park City.

"I thought the race directors did an awesome job," she said.

Eve Vincent and her daughter, Christina Addison, of Valley Center were among the local names that earned medals at the Chisholm Trail Charge. Both women won their respective age groups and were among the top five overall women in both the 5K and 10K races.

Vincent competed in the Chisholm Trail Charge last year. Addison is a 2006 Valley Center High School graduate who went on to compete in track and cross country at Tabor College.



Summer social

ABOVE: Chisholm Trail Elementary School first-grade teacher Marsha Holl scoops ice cream for a child Aug. 10 at the second annual Park City Ice Cream Social in Hap McLean Park.

RIGHT: The event featured free ice cream and watermelon and a performance by musical guests, 80 Proof Engine.

Photos by Matt Heilman



New clerk and finance director finds 'ideal situation' in Park City

By Matt Heilman

Terry Coltrain has called Park City home for about four years. Now, the finance and accounting professional is working less than two miles from where he sleeps.

Last month, Park City clerk and finance director Dennis Nichols submitted his resignation to transition to a position in church ministry. Coltrain was hired as his replacement.

Coltrain started his new role on Aug. 26, learning the ropes from Nichols before he flies solo starting after the Labor Day weekend.

Nichols, who started with the city in September of 2010, said he planned to serve his role for longer than three years, but he couldn't turn down the call to return to ministry and the chance to devote full-time service to disadvantage people he has a heart for.

In leaving Park City, Nichols said he would miss past and present city council members who have become his friends and the city staff that he worked with on a daily basis.

Coltrain, 59, brings about 34



Coltrain

years of experience in professional finance and accounting to the City of Park City. In his career, he's worked for non-profit agencies including

Ketch and the Salvation Army, served as the Sedgwick County controller for five years and as an auditor for Wichita State University for another five years.

Coltrain also has experience serving as a financial consultant and has been trained in emergency planning, which is one of the qualifiers that Assistant Park City Administrator Dan Walden cited in selecting Coltrain to replace Nichols.

Coltrain, who worked as

an English teacher in Kinsley before going back to Kansas State University to complete his accounting degree in the late 1970s, said his new position in Park City is a welcome change from what he's used to.

In his previous roles, Coltrain has been called on to get finances in order, often starting from scratch to fix problems.

In Park City, his new role offers less stress at the start. Coltrain said his responsibilities are clearly defined and the city has done well with its accounting practices and organization.

"This is an ideal situation," Coltrain said. "Not what I'm used to."

Local track hosts weekend races

By Matt Heilman

The weather finally cooperated. On Aug. 24 and 25 the Park City BMX track hosted races that had previously been rescheduled twice. On Aug. 24, about 75 riders, primarily from across Kansas, competed in the Kansas State Qualifier.

Track operator Jeremy Guinn said the racing went well, but did not draw as many participants as it would have if the weather would have allowed the qualifier to be held when it was initially scheduled in late July.

Groups of riders from

Oklahoma, Nebraska and Missouri were unable to attend the event because it conflicted with their state championship races, Guinn said.

"We were originally hoping for about 200 riders," he said.

The Aug. 24 qualifier couldn't have been further delayed because the state championships are set for Sept. 14 and 15 at Emory Park in south Wichita.

On Aug. 25, the Park City BMX track hosted a Race for Life event that was organized as a fundraiser for leukemia research. The Aug. 25 event drew 26 riders, Guinn said.

The Park City BMX track operator said work is being done to redesign the board of volunteers who help maintain the track. For the remainder of this season at the Park City BMX track, races are held every Saturday until November.

Ultimately, Guinn said he'd like to see enough support for the track to allow it to host races on Saturdays and Sundays as was initially planned when the track opened in 2011.

For more information on the track and the schedule

of events, visit the Park City BMX Facebook page.

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Residents not impressed with proposed police decals

By Matt Heilman

It's a minor change, but it's one that drew a strong reaction from a pair of longtime Park City residents. And the feedback wasn't encouraging.

At the Park City council's Aug. 13 meeting, Police Chief Phil Bostian introduced a plan to replace the decals on police vehicles from the current green marking to large, black letters. The decals will still identify the Park City Police Department, but the message behind the identifier can be interpreted differently with how it's displayed, the residents said.

Carol Flower, who has lived in Park City since before the town was incorporated, said the traditional black lettering on white vehicles con-

tricts Park City's desired image as a progressive and friendly community. She said the "old-fashioned" look could give off the perception that the officer behind the wheel isn't going to be approachable.

Former mayor Dee Stuart indicated she liked the originality of the current bright green design for the decals on the police department's SUVs and said the black block lettering too closely mirrors the look of the police vehicles in Bel Aire.

She added that the traditional black on white marking carries a negative perception that reminded her of "Star Wars" villain Darth Vader.

Bostian said the request for the decal change came from his officers. The council approved spending about \$300 to replace



Courtesy photo

Park City police have requested a more traditional look to the sides of their vehicles. This artist's rendition shows what police have in mind.

the current decals from green to the traditional black letter-

ing. The cost for new decals is about \$4,800, but \$4,500

will be covered by a grant the department obtained through the Kansas Department of Transportation.

With the grant, the city will be refunded \$4,500 after purchasing new decals.

Council member Chris Johns said he appreciated Flower and Stuart's passion, but ultimately felt it was in the city's best interest to go along with the police department's request since there's not much of an expense coming from the city and an upgraded look was requested from the officers who utilize the vehicles.

Council members also shared the opinion that the more traditional decals on police vehicles could make them more quickly recognized by non-residents who likely

wouldn't associate the brighter colors with law enforcement.

The council approved spending \$300 for new, more traditional decals on police vehicles, 6-1. Council member Melvin Kerr opposed the motion. Council member George Capps, who is a former Park City police chief, was absent from the Aug. 13 meeting.

The new decals on police vehicles is the second cosmetic change to the Park City Police Department since Bostian started with the city in April. Last month, officers began wearing new uniforms, switching back from tan to navy blue.

Prior to the recent uniform change, Park City officers wore navy blue for about 20 years before adopting the tan uniforms in 2002.

New owners expand already successful motorcycle track

By Chris Strunk

It's 1.6 miles of hairpins, washboards, tabletops and banks.

The sandy dirt track at Bar 2 Bar MX Park southwest of Valley Center came alive with motorcycle riders Aug. 11 for the second half of the first Border Battle between Kansas and Oklahoma riders.

The event was expected to draw 400 riders and close to 2,500 spectators, showcasing pro and pee-wee competitors.

But more than that, the Aug. 11 races were the coming-out party of sorts for the track's new owners, Tony and Tabitha Lummus of McPherson and Bruce and Amy Richardson of Park City.

"We just want to provide an unbelievable experience every time somebody pulls into that gate," Bruce said.

The couples, whose children ride motorcycles competitively, purchased the track from Ken and Kim Voss in December 2012. The track had been voted the best in Kansas each year since 2009.

The new owners remodeled the concession stand and added fencing and bleachers. They also expanded the track, nearly doubling its



Chris Strunk

Dustin Winter rides on the Bar 2 Bar motorcycle track Aug. 6. Two area couples bought the track late last year.

size. Races went from about one minute per lap to more than two.

The track was in "fantastic" shape when the new owners took over, they just "dressed it up," Amy said.

The new owners also got Monster Energy on board as a sponsor, which helped signage and aesthetics efforts.

"We bought it with the intent of providing a family-friendly environment for everyone, yet offering a competitive track to attract top-quality riders from across the country," Bruce said. "The whole year, our focus has been toward and about this weekend."

The track previously hosted a Central Kansas Mo-

torcross Series race and three Kansas ATV series races.

Similar to Jeeps Motorcycle Club in Park City, Bar 2 Bar is part of the Central Kansas Motorcross Series.

The Aug. 11 races featured 27 different classes, with a variety of cyclist age and ability.

Bar 2 Bar also will host the Monster Energy Winter Series starting in November. The Richardsons' son,

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Conner, races. So does Tyler Lummus, the 19-year-old son of Tony and Tabitha Lummus.

"It is a family affair for all of us," Bruce said.

Bruce and Tony have other full-time jobs, but devote three or four days a week to preparing the track for race weekends. Amy and Tabitha work at the track full-time, they said.

Tony said the work is worth the sacrifice when he sees the positive reactions from some of the sport's youngest riders.

"It's not for the money," he said. "If you're not doing it for the love of the sport, you're not going to be in business very long."

Amy said the group wants to promote area shopping and services to riders and their families when they come in for race weekends.

Bar 2 Bar has applied to be a sanctioned American Motorcross Association facility, which would make it the only track in Kansas to do so, Bruce said.

For more information about the track, which is located at 7800 W. 61st North, see the Bar 2 Bar MX website or Facebook page or call 293-8132.

HIGHLIGHTS

Former home of BTK victim sold

A Park City home where BTK serial killer Dennis Rader murdered his eighth victim was sold at an Aug. 27 public auction.

On April 27, 1985, Rader snuck into the 960-square-foot, ranch-style home on Independence Street and murdered his neighbor, 53-year-old Marine Hedge.

It was the only murder Rader committed in Park City, where the serial killer lived for more than 30 years and served as the compliance officer from 1991 until his arrest in 2005.

The home sold for \$35,000, nearly \$25,000 below its county-appraised value.

Rader's home was sold at auction after his arrest in 2005. After the title didn't go through with the buyer, the city took ownership of the house and had it demolished.

— Matt Heilman

Shoplifting involves players

Five high school students walked into the Park City

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The suspects in the theft that took place between 5 and 5:30 p.m. Aug. 19 were reported to be among a group of Wichita Heights High School football players.

The QuikTrip store manager reportedly contacted the Heights football coaching staff and requested that coaches make the players return and pay for the items they stole. The manager reportedly advised that if the players complied with the request, she wouldn't press charges.

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Wild West founder gets out of prison

By Chris Strunk

Thomas Etheredge, who conned friends and fellow churchgoers into giving thousands of dollars to support his Wild West World theme park in Park City, was released from prison last month.

Etheredge, 59, served more than three years of his five-year prison sentence after be-

ing convicted in 2010 of seven counts of securities fraud.

Etheredge was incarcerated in El Dorado and Winfield for a year and has been in the Wichita Work Release Center in Wichita since March 2011.

Valley Center accountant Mike Porter, who invested \$100,000 into Etheredge's theme park, said he and his wife, Pam, have moved on

and hold no grudges against Etheredge.

"We really kind of reconciled ourselves with the fact that it was a bad deal all the way around," Mike Porter said. "We weren't the only ones who got injured. ... In all honesty, I hope he's learned some lessons, but I really don't have any animosity toward him."

Wild West World opened near 77th North and I-135 in May 2007 and closed two months later with \$24 million in debt.

The company filed Chapter 11 corporate bankruptcy as Etheredge blamed the park's failure on poor attendance caused by continual rain and storms.

"It pains us as a family to

reach this point," Etheredge said during a news conference in July 2007.

The park's rides and other infrastructure were eventually auctioned off, and Etheredge was arrested on securities fraud charges in May 2009.

Prosecutors said Etheredge, who served prison time on similar charges in 1987, did not fully disclose to inves-

tors his previous convictions, and he took advantage of close friends, covering up the problems associated with Wild West World.

"We've moved on," Mike Porter said. "We don't harbor any hatred or anything like that. We've accepted what happened. What are you going to do? There are worse things in life."

Newton Medical Center expands reach

By Matt Heilman

With a focus on catering to the needs of small communities north of Wichita, Newton Medical Center is expanding. Starting on Aug. 5, Dr. Spencer G. Duncan began seeing patients at the newly constructed Medical Plaza of Sedgwick.

Duncan, a 34-year-old Winfield native, has experience in emergency care and family medicine. Before accepting the position as the family medicine physician at Medical Plaza of Sedgwick, Duncan worked for two years on a contractual basis in the emergency room at Newton Medical Center's main campus in Newton.

Prior to joining Newton Medical Center, Duncan served in the U.S. Air Force as the active duty primary care physician for more than 1,600



Dr. Spencer Duncan (left) will begin seeing patients at the new Medical Plaza of Sedgwick Aug. 5. Joining him in introducing the new facility is Chris Kelly, the director of clinics and outreach for Newton Medical Center.

patients at Wichita's McConnell Air Force Base. Duncan's

Air Force career also included his residency at Travis Air Force Base in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Duncan described his last two years in emergency care as "a stop gap" before he was able to transition back to family medicine.

Duncan, who earned his medical degree from the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences, is certified by the American Board of Family Medicine. He said he enjoyed the challenges and rewards associated with working in an emergency room, but is glad to return to practicing family medicine in what he hopes will be a long-term career stop at Medical Plaza of Sedgwick.

Aside from having more time for his family with more traditional working hours, the

husband and father of two young daughters said he likes the opportunities practicing family medicine gives physicians to personally know their patients.

In an emergency room, he said, doctors often treat patients once and never see them again.

"In a family medicine setting, you see the children, parents, the grandparents on a routine basis," Duncan said. "That's what definitely draws me to primary care is just the relationships really that you get with the patients. You know everything on a patient's chart when you see them in the lobby checking in, by memory."

Chris Kelly, director of clinics and outreach for Newton Medical Center, said the Medical Plaza of Sedgwick is

be open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursdays.

At the Sedgwick, Valley Center and Park City Medical Plazas, Newton Medical Center is offering \$20 physicals and donating \$10 from each physical to the student's school. Duncan said the partnership with the school district is one aspect of Newton Medical Center's expansion that has him looking forward to working in Sedgwick.

Kelly said walk-ins could also be accepted at Medical Plaza of Sedgwick as the clinic looks to assist area residents wherever needed.

"We're here to meet the community's needs and to try to address those issues as they come up," he said.

Pride provides summer lunches

By The Post staff

For the second year, Park City Pride has helped Chisholm Trail students by providing food items for those who receive free lunches during the summer. The free lunch program ended on July 24.

There would have been a two-week timeframe

that these children might possibly have been hungry at lunch time. Pride's goal was to partially bridge that gap.

Pride worked with Chisholm Trail's principal to determine how many bags to prepare. The bags contained a large box of cereal, toaster pastries, peanut butter, jelly, a pack-

age of nuts, a package of cookies and a loaf of bread. The bags were delivered by Pride Chairperson Linda Holsey, Dee Stuart, Darrell Wilcox, and Ken and Carol Flower.

Pride looks forward to working on other joint projects for Chisholm Trail Elementary during the school year.

Pride seeks holiday decorators

By The Post staff

Pride will be decorating public spaces again this year for the community's enjoyment, and the group is looking for people willing to help with the project.

Volunteers don't have to be Pride members, just people with energy and imagination who love the color and excitement of the holiday season.

Pride has purchased new led lights and accessories. If anyone has outside lighting in good shape, such as reindeer, snow-

men, etc., that they would be willing to donate to this project, contact Carol Flower to arrange for pick-up.

"I know that there are a lot of folks out there that enjoy bringing smiles to their neighbors during the holiday season because your houses are decorated so beautifully," Flower said. "We need your decorating skills to make our city look its best during the season."

Contact Flower by Sept. 1 at 744-0766 (leave a message) or at caflower@cox.net.

Former Hornet named Wild head coach

By Matt Heilman

Paco Martinez paid his dues. Now, the 31-year-old Class of 2000 Valley Center High School graduate has the keys to the kingdom. Last week, Martinez was named as the next head coach for the Wichita Wild professional indoor football team that plays its home games at Park City's Hartman Arena.

The Wild are fresh off a championship in the Central Plains Indoor Football League. Former Wild head coach Morris Lolar is leaving the organization to accept an assistant coaching job at a community college in Mississippi.

In replacing Lolar, Martinez said he wanted to build off the recent success of the team and didn't want to implement too many new wrinkles in a system that is working.

"I just want to come in and continue what we've been doing," he said.

Martinez served as the Wild offensive coordinator in 2012 and was an offensive as-



Martinez

stant for the 2011 season. He also worked as a defensive assistant for the Wild before Lolar took over as the head coach in

2011. For the past eight years, Martinez has also been an assistant coach for Friends University.

He said he's unsure what his new position with the Wild will mean for his future at Friends.

"Right now, my immediate future is dedicated to the Wild," he said.

With the Wild, Martinez said his transition to the new leadership position would be eased with support from the players who contributed to last season's title.

"They're all on board," Martinez said.

The new head coach who played in the defensive sec-

ondary for Mike Smith at Valley Center High School in the late 1990s started his coaching career as a volunteer assistant defensive coach for the Wichita Heights High School football team. In 2004, he earned his bachelor's degree from Wichita State University in sports administration.

The Wild head-coaching job is Martinez's first full-time coaching position.

"I'm just really excited for the opportunity," he said.

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