

Council seeks to make businesses identify with the city

By Matt Heilman

For the most part, the City of Park City takes pride in its business community. And the city council is asking the business community to return the favor.

City leaders have noticed that several businesses that have been established in the community with help from the city with property tax exemp-

tions and the securing of industrial revenue bonds have often identified themselves with Wichita as opposed to the city in which they actually call home.

Legally, Park City Attorney Doug Moshier told the council something can be done to assure that a business in Park City is honest about its location to the public.

On Sept. 24, the council approved a

resolution revising the city's incentive policy for businesses. The resolution includes an amended policy that now includes an agreement with future tax exemptions for new businesses "that in all advertising media and printed and published material referring to the applicant's facilities and/or premises that are eligible for a tax exemption, the said facilities and/or premises shall be identified as being located in the

City of Park City, Kansas."

Moshier said the amended policy couldn't be immediately forced on existing Park City businesses benefiting from a tax break from the city while claiming a Wichita address, but business owners could be made aware of the policy change with an understanding that the new condition is now part of the agreement.

"I think this is a plus for the city,"

council member Tom Jones said. "A lot of people have come out here and asked for bonds and turned around and put another city's name on their address."

The resolution presented by Moshier passed 7-0 with council member George Capps absent from the Sept. 24 meeting.

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New principal emphasizes community partnership



Photos by Matt Heilman

First-year Chisholm Trail Elementary School Principal Larry Perlman congratulates students who were recognized as "Longhorn Leaders" following the Sept. 9 morning announcements.

By Matt Heilman

Outside Chisholm Trail Elementary School's main office in the hallway, a red, white and green banner is displayed that recognizes its students for repeatedly achieving the highest mark on the math portion of the Kansas State Assessment.

The mark of excellence in math has been reached for about six of the last eight years, said first year Chisholm Trail Elementary School Principal Larry Perlman. Reminders of student achievement are found throughout Park City's elementary school.

But lately, there hasn't been much stability at the top.

Perlman, a 25-year employee with the Wichita school district, is in his 15th year as a principal. He's taken the leadership role at Chisholm Trail in place of Jim Johnson who served as the school's principal for one year before accepting the superintendent job with the Circle school district.

Johnson had replaced Tammy Alexander, who led Chisholm Trail for three years before moving on to Peterson Elementary School in west Wichita last fall. The turnover isn't uncommon in the Wichita school district.

"I think sometimes they try to make puzzle pieces fit as far as administrators go," Perlman said of the district and the third leadership change at Chisholm Trail in less than five years.

For a principal to be effective, it is difficult "to make things happen" if there's instability, Perlman said.

"It takes time to make a positive change," he said.

Perlman comes to Chisholm Trail after serving the past eight years as the principal at Wichita's Irving Elementary School.

Less than a month into his tenure at Chisholm Trail, Perlman sees the opportunity to build on the school's successes. In the hallway, he's proud of the banner

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Chisholm Trail held its annual balloon launch on Sept. 20. The launch celebrated the completion of bond issue projects for the school, including the addition of approximately 7,000 square feet. The added space includes a new kitchen, a new connecting corridor, a multipurpose room that doubles as a storm shelter and expansion to the parking lot. The work that started in February 2012 took about one year to complete.

Residents oppose plans for sand pit

By Matt Heilman

A developer sees potential to turn a profit. Nearby residents see a nuisance they'd like to avoid.

At its Sept. 16 meeting, the Park City Planning Commission backed plans for the construction of a sand pit near 61st North and Seneca. The backing was in the form of a recommendation for the plans to move forward, but not without addressing the concerns that were expressed by more than 30 area homeowners who attended the meeting.

Park City Administrator Jack Whitson said the proposed pit would encompass 16 acres in a 53-acre triangle of undeveloped land. He said the developer would like to build single-family homes on the remaining 37 acres.

"The hope would be to realize the highest and best use as either industrial property or as a potential residential property around the sandpit, which is very common in what we see in this market," said Tim Austin, a consulting engineer with Wichita-based Poe and Associates, representing the developer.

To the east, the property is bordered by a floodway. A Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad line lies west of the property and to the north is a mix of residences and businesses. The property is zoned light industrial, but has been used for agricultural purposes.

On Sept. 16, the planning commission unanimously voted to approve the special use recommendation to construct a sand pit, but included 23 conditions the developer must meet, including limited operating hours and a bi-annual water test monitored by the city to assure that water quality isn't negatively impacted.

One of the key concerns expressed by residents when the matter of building a sand pit was previously discussed at the planning commission's August meeting was that water in the wells on properties neighboring the proposed sand pit could become polluted.

Neighbors opposed to the sand pit also questioned the plans for residential development for several reasons, among which was the noise level caused by nearby train traffic.

Whitson said the property's owner submitted a request for a conditional use to allow for sand mining in 2011. Then, the request was rejected, but it has since been approved by the state.

Austin said an abandoned rail line to the north of the property would be an adequate screen between the sand pit and nearby residents.

At the Park City Planning Commission's Aug. 19 meeting, resident Gary McCutcheon

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Park City Youth Program seeks assistance from city

By Matt Heilman

The City of Park City is not dropping its partnership with the Park City Youth Program. But a lack of communication created concerns and questions that were addressed at the city's Sept. 9 park board meeting. By the end of the meeting, Park City Mayor Ray Mann said he planned to remove an item from the following

night's city council meeting agenda that called for the cancellation of the 2013 contract with the youth program.

Mann pointed out that the current year's contract expires in October and the request to end this year's contract about a month early in no way meant there wouldn't be a new contract for 2014 or that the city was looking to drop the youth program.

The problem, he said was that after

games in the Wichita Heights League concluded this summer, the baseball fields in Hap McLean Park weren't well maintained.

Tall grass and weeds grew in outfields to a point that Mann said, "if a baseball was hit out there, you would never find it."

The current contract between the city and the Park City Youth Program calls for the program's volunteers to

upkeep the fields. And for most of the year, a core of volunteer workers stayed on top of maintaining the fields.

But then heavy rainfall accompanied the breakdown of a couple of the mowers owned by the youth program. City workers had to step in to brock the situation, which Mann said broke the contract with the youth program.

"The park line is, it looked bad. It did," Park City Youth Program Presi-

dent Jim Helms said at the Sept. 9 park board meeting.

Helms said the mowers have since been fixed and volunteers would stay on top of the maintenance for the rest of the mowing season.

Some of the air was cleared, but not everything was resolved.

While they acknowledged the fields

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HIGHLIGHTS

City issues 19 permits in August

The City of Park City issued 19 building and roofing permits during August for a total valuation of \$386,760. Of that number, two permits were for new home construction. Permits are listed by date they were issued, address, type of work and valuation:

- Aug. 22, 8880 Saddlebrook Court, reroof, \$9,488; •Aug. 22, 1634 Beaumont, reroof, \$1,500; •Aug. 1, 4684 Briargate Court, new home construction, \$154,900; •Aug. 2, 517 Rolling View Drive, reroof, \$8,700; •Aug. 5, 1714 Broadbeck, reroof, \$3,800; •Aug. 5, 6246 W. Parkview, reroof, \$2,000; •Aug. 7, 6401 Ulysses, reroof, \$3,630; •Aug. 13, 2330 Charleston, reroof, \$1,200; •Aug. 15, 6458 Ulysses, siding, \$11,000; •Aug. 19, 4636 Cheltenham Court, new home construction, \$126,000; •Aug. 20, 2018 Ravena, reroof, \$6,182; •Aug. 20, 5041 Primrose Circle, reroof, \$12,660; •Aug. 21, 2403 Robbins, reroof, \$8,000; •Aug. 23, 5223 Newton Circle, windows replacement, \$7,000; •Aug. 26, 2016 Wyndham Road, deck cover, \$9,000; •Aug. 28, 8816 Ridgewood Lane, reroof, \$9,000; •Aug. 29, 1210 Cloverdale, reroof, \$5,800; •Aug. 30, 6701 Longmont, reroof, \$3,800.

— The Post staff

Electrical fire damages home

A home south of Valley Center suffered heavy damage in a fire that likely started because of an electrical malfunction.

Wichita fire Lt. Kelly Zane said the fire at 5466 N. Charles on Sept. 1 started in an exterior wall where the electrical service enters the home. Crews had to wait for Westar workers to disconnect electricity to the house before they could attack the fire.

Damage to the home was estimated at \$20,000 and \$15,000 to the contents. No one was hurt. The fire was reported about 4 p.m.

— The Post staff

Video reveals no theft at QT

QuikTrip said there was no theft. After reviewing video surveillance of an Aug. 19 alleged shoplifting incident, the Park

City store's manager said she discovered that all Heights High School football players in the store had paid for their products.

The store originally reported to police that the five boys left QuikTrip without paying for merchandise. According to a police report, the manager said she contacted Heights coaches and advised that if the players pay for their items that the store would not press charges.

— The Post staff

Truck driver assaulted

A man was taken to a Wichita hospital for a CAT scan and stitches following an assault and robbery attempt in the truck parking lot behind the KFC restaurant in the 6000 block of North Air Cap Drive in Park City.

In the incident, reported about 8 p.m. Sept. 11, a man said an unknown black male struck him over the head with a metal bar in an attempt to rob him as he stood outside his semi-truck. The man reportedly punched the suspect in the face before the suspect fled to the southwest toward the Quality Inn. No arrests have been made and the only description of the suspect is a black male in his 30s or 40s, tall and slim build, wearing a white T-shirt and blue jeans. Evidence indicates the suspect may have been wearing lug-soled shoes or boots.

— Matt Heilman

Moody Blues to crash Hartman

It's almost here. Park City's Hartman Arena is one of the stops planned for a legendary rock band on its U.S. tour.

On Oct. 15, The Moody Blues will play their first concert in the Wichita area since 1984. The band is touring to promote the release of their 17-disc box set, "Timeless Flight," which spans four decades of the band's hit songs. Tickets are still available. For ticket information, call 927-3999. Ticket prices range from \$37.50 to \$85.

— The Post staff

Pride expands holiday lighting efforts

By The Post staff

At the Sept. 14 meeting, Park City Pride voted to expand efforts towards lighting up Park City for the holiday season.

Chairperson for the Light up Park City project will be Carol Flower. She will be approaching the mayor and city council to seek approval to use the

lot north of City Hall and the south lawn of the Senior Center for Christmas displays for the community's enjoyment.

Pride also will decorate the corner in front of Subway again this year.

Pride would appreciate donations of working electric lights, green garland, or any outside lawn decorations that can be

used for this project.

Also, the drive to make the holiday season will take a team effort. Pride would appreciate any help that residents might be willing to give.

If Pride is given approval of the governing body to use the lot at City Hall and at the Senior Center, it will need help from

anyone who has a jig saw and a pair of sawhorses to cut out reindeers, a sleigh and other figures to use on these properties.

A date for a work day will be scheduled sometime in October. To volunteer, contact Flower at 744-0766 or caflower@cox.net and she will contact you regarding the date and time.

Park City commits to way-finding signs

By Matt Heilman

Park City is committed to sprucing up its image to assure that visitors passing through get back onto the interstate with a positive assessment of the city. But for the beautification plans to really mean something, the city realizes it needs to clearly identify itself.

And outside of two digital signs on 61st and 53rd streets that announce community events, there's not much in Park City that shares its name or what's available in the city.

At its Sept. 10 meeting, the city council approved funding for way-finding signs throughout the city to point visitors to city-owned properties, including parks and city buildings.

The total project is expected to cost about \$21,815. The Park

City Convention and Tourism board chipped in \$10,000 and the park board pledged another \$3,028.

The city is obligated to spend about \$4,700 on the project with a little less than \$4,100 needed to cover way-finding signage for the Park City Library and the Park City Pride Committee building, located in the 6500 block of East Parkview.

The council agreed to cover the remaining \$4,088 for way-finding signage with available reserves if the library or Pride Committee isn't able to cover their portions of the cost for the signage.

The motion passed 7-1 with

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council member Mike Alumbaugh opposed. Alumbaugh agreed signs are needed, but didn't like the idea of the city dipping into its reserves to cover any of the cost.

Also on Sept. 10, the council: •Approved an \$8,500 bid for demolition of a house and garage at 6435 W. Parkview that have been determined to be unsafe structures.

•During the closing statements part of the meeting, Council member George Capps called out The Ark Valley News for misreporting information in

stories about new police uniforms and plans for new police car decals that ran more than a month ago.

All eight council members and Mayor Ray Mann were present at the Sept. 10 meeting.

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CITY OF PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

August 27, 2013 Regular Meeting:
 • Accepted the low bid of \$187,295 from Cornejo & Sons for 2013 Street Reconstruction.
 • Appointed Mayor Ray Mann and Councilmember Mike Alumbaugh to be voting delegates and Councilmembers Tom Jones and George Capps to be alternates at the annual League of Kansas Municipalities conference in Overland Park October 12-14, 2013.

• Approved Terry Coltrain, Brandy Bailey, and Ruth Kendall as authorized signers with the State of Kansas Municipal Investment Pool.
 • Appointed a committee consisting of Councilmembers George Glover, Chris Johns, and Gary Aldrich and City Administrator Jack Whitson to study ways to promote Park City and the sale of City-owned lots.

September 10, 2013 Regular Meeting:
 • Approved the expenditure of \$1,500 for a booth at the Home Show, February 6-9, 2014.
 • Approved a sponsorship of \$10,000 for the 2014 Equifest.
 • Approved the \$8,500 bid of Zimbelman Construction LLC to demolish a house at 6435 W. Park View.
 • Approved the purchase of way-finding signs at various Park City locations for \$21,815.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Oct. 2: 10:30 a.m. Seniors Crafted Lunch SC	Oct. 17: 6:30 p.m. Court CH
Oct. 3: 6:30 p.m. Court CH	Oct. 19: 7 p.m. Park City Alive! PCL
Oct. 4: New Moon	Oct. 19: 7 p.m. Senior Dance SC
Oct. 5: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Brush & Tree Limb Cleanup Day,	Oct. 21: 7 p.m. Planning/BZA CH
Oct. 5: 7 p.m. Senior Dance SC	Oct. 22: 7 p.m. Council CH
Oct. 6: 7 p.m. PCYP Board CB	Oct. 22: 7 p.m. Senior Square Dance SC
Oct. 7: 7 p.m. Board CH	Oct. 24: 1 p.m. Court Trials CH
Oct. 8: 7 p.m. Council CH	Oct. 24: 4:30 p.m. CCUA Bel Aire CH
Oct. 10: 1 p.m. Court Trials CH	Oct. 24: 6:30 p.m. Court CH
Oct. 10: 6:30 p.m. Court CH	Oct. 25: 8 a.m. Commodities - Leekers
Oct. 10: 7 p.m. Library Board PCL	Oct. 30: 11:30 a.m. Chamber Luncheon
Oct. 12: 9 a.m. PRIDE PC	
Oct. 12: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Shred it! CH	
Oct. 17: 5:30 p.m. Seniors Finger	

FALL CLEAN-UP OPPORTUNITIES

LIMB DAY:

October 5th
 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – West End of McLean Park (6801 N Hydraulic) Brush & Tree Limbs ONLY
 Proof of Residency Required
 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – City Hall Parking Lot (6110 N Hydraulic)
 Proof of Residency Required

DOCUMENT SHREDDING

October 12th
 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – City Hall Parking Lot (6110 N Hydraulic)
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SENIOR CALENDAR

Park City Senior Center Calendar of Events Oct. 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
 5:30 TOPS every Tuesday

Wednesday
 Toe Nail Care with Brenda 2nd Wednesday of each month
 Chisholm Trail catered meal & meeting (1st Wednesday of each month)
 9:15 AM Exercise
 1:00 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

Good Neighbor Nutrition Lunch served Monday through Friday by reservation
 Homebound delivery Monday through Friday
 December programs include

NEW PROGRAMS STARTING WATCH FOR DATES:

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.

Monday September 30
 10:30 AM Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 2
 10:30 AM Chisholm Trail Seniors Catered Lunch and Meeting (lunch by reservation)

Monday, October 7
 11:30 AM Celia Easley with Sedgwick Count Department on Aging will be discussing Medicare and open enrollment for Medicare Part D

Tuesday, October 8,
 7:15-8:15 PM --TOPS open house with a special program --by Minni Brown, Eat Better to Feel Better--Minni will presenting a program with a simple food demonstration and she will be speaking on nutrition, providing simple exercises and speaking about how what you eat and lack of activity can determine how you feel mentally and physically--Improve your mind/body and soul--Everyone is invited--There is no age restriction for this program

Tuesday October 15
 8:00 AM breakfast Auntie C's

Thursday, October 17
 1:00 Card Bingo--Fee \$1.00

Thursday, October 17
 5:30 PM Finger Food

Friday October 18
 6:00 PM Fun-Food-Games with Darlene

SENIOR DANCES

Saturdays: October
 5-7:00 PM Yesterday's Playboys

October 19
 7:00 PM Woodrow Band

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

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.

RECYCLING DAYS IN PARK CITY

TUESDAYS, October 1st, 15th, and October 29th
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Code Enforcement Reminder for Fall

The fall season can be a challenging time when it comes to taking care of your yard. We think about raking leaves, but don't forget to keep your grass and weeds under control. Don't put the lawn mower away too soon. Remember it is your responsibility to mow your grass so it does NOT get too high. Also, make sure you keep the cattails and weeds under control. When leaves turn pretty colors and drop off the trees the result is a lot of work. Please remember, leaves should be bagged or placed in compost piles. Make sure that you don't rake or blow leaves into the gutters, ditches or storm water drains. Disposing of leaves in this manner is a violation of the erosion control ordinance and will clog the wastewater drains along streets.

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It's time to start thinking about how you will care for your pets with cold and snowy weather around the corner. If your pets are outdoor animals, or if they spend time outdoors, they will need a house with fresh straw and a wind break so that they are properly protected from the elements. It is very important to keep the kennel area clean. Make sure to remove the fecal matter at least once per week or more often depending on the number of animals that share the kennel or yard. Remember to keep fresh water available. Feed your animal and change the water at least twice daily. If the temperature is at or below freezing, remember to break the ice on the water or change it more frequently. If you have questions or concerns regarding your pets or neighbors pets feel free to contact the Department of Code Enforcement at 316-744-2026 ext. 205 or 225 during regular business hours.

Fall Festival

Hap McLean Park, Saturday, Oct. 19, 4 p.m.
 Band, hay rack rides, bonfire with hot dogs
 Kids games and pumpkin patch
 Sponsored by the Activities Committee

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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FROM THE PARK CITY WATER DEPARTMENT

This is a reminder to let you know that utility bills are mailed the last working day of the month and are due by the 15th of the following month. When you don't receive a bill within 2 or 3 days after the first of the month, please contact our office at 744-2026. It is your responsibility to pay your bill, even if you do not receive a statement. The bills do get lost in the mail, delivered to the wrong address, or returned to us with notations from the post office such as "moved no forwarding address" or "unable to forward". When you move remember to call all of your utilities to let them know you have moved and provide your new address.

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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204	Finance Dr./ City Clerk
214	City Attorney
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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

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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Trash versus class in college sports

Lately it seems like the most thoroughly written pieces of investigative print journalism are targeted at exposing the corruption at large NCAA Division I universities that are good at football. Last month, Sports Illustrated released its story that if validated, will likely be the beginning of the end for the preseason Big 12 champion pick's steady rise to relevance in the college football world.

Eight former players on the Oklahoma State University football team gave testimony in the article that they accepted cash payments. Twenty-nine other players also took money, according to testimony in the article from former teammates.

And the money is just part one of the five-part series that also points to issues with academic fraud, drug use, drug dealing and prostitution used as a recruiting tool at Oklahoma State. If the NCAA survives long enough to drop the hammer, Cowboy nation will be caught in a nasty mess that not even T. Boone Pickens himself can write a check big

Heil on life

By Matt Heilman



enough to escape.

I'm sure the proud Oklahoma Sooner faithful are delighting in the Sports Illustrated report. But something tells me the "student" athletes on the football team in Norman haven't exactly been angelic off the football field.

And no, Sooner fans, I'm not picking on you. Show me an NCAA school with a strong athletic program and given time, I'll show you at least one instance where the rules are at least bent if not completely shattered.

Now, I enjoy a well-played college football game just as much as the next guy, but I think it's time we stop with the hero worship of college kids. I'll admit

I was euphoric when the Wichita State men's basketball team made its Final Four run in this year's NCAA basketball tournament, but don't expect me to be shocked or to even express much doubt if I'm ever told that a few players on that team enjoyed a free meal at a restaurant when they returned to Wichita.

Whether you're talking about players receiving presents for scoring touchdowns, a cocky signal caller allegedly charging money for writing his name on footballs, helmets and posters or academic cheating scandals involving entire teams, there's one thing we all need to keep in mind: college sports is a multi-billion industry that values the bottom line more than the intellectual development of its players.

With all that said, I do firmly believe there is a lot more class than trash in college sports. And whether you drink the purple Kool-aid or not, there's no denying that few if any coaches or athletes out there exemplify class more than Kansas State football coach Bill Snyder.

The guy seems to genuinely care about his players' lives beyond his program and he's not afraid to give credit where it's due after a loss, even one that dented his team's season in the first week. After Kansas State's Aug. 30 loss to North Dakota State, Snyder sent a congratulatory, hand-written letter to Bison quarterback Brock Jensen.

Snyder said he usually wishes his team's opponents well, but if I was K-State's head coach, I don't think I'd be able to muster enough courtesy to formally wish good will on the team that damaged my season out of the gate.

I applaud sports news sources like Sports Illustrated and Yahoo! Sports for fighting for what's right by exposing corruption in a flawed system, but from a fan's perspective, it'd be nice to see more headlines dedicated to unconventional acts of sportsmanship and class.

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

Community valuable to Park City's only school

There's a cliché, "It takes a village to raise a child." Like many sayings, the phrase has become cliché because of its staying power.

It's true that the more a community rallies around a child or a group of children, the better the children's chances are to succeed. And community support is vital for Park City's Chisholm Trail Elementary School.

The K-5 school that primarily includes students from Park City, but also includes students from Kechi and north Wichita shines with its diversity and achievements in math on state assessments. The school seems to be run well with enthusiasm trickling down from new Chisholm Trail Principal Larry Perlman.

But while Perlman and his staff will put smiles on their faces and seem genuinely happy to see the children they teach, they're fighting an uphill battle to keep the school updated with the resources it needs to flourish.

More than half of Chisholm Trail Elementary's students receive aid for free or reduced lunches, but there's not enough poverty in the school for it to qualify for federal funding. Even though the school is part of the Wichita school district, the Park City community has adopted Chisholm Trail as its own.

The community has stepped up repeatedly over the years to help the school put on activities for the students and help cater to their needs.

Chisholm Trail also has a strong Parent Teacher Organization that has done its part to support students and teachers with fundraising efforts, but it's refreshing to see how much civic organizations and business leaders have embraced the school.

The picture isn't always pretty. It's no secret that the families of many Chisholm Trail students struggle to make ends meet.

And no matter how early on in school a child is, it's never easy to concentrate on the lesson of the day when you're hungry and haven't gotten enough sleep. There are schools in Wichita that are worse off than Chisholm Trail when it comes to issues with poverty and concern for children's well-being away from school, but Park City's elementary school can use all of the help it can get.

We're encouraged that the community has repeatedly answered the call and we hope the efforts from those interested in the students' development will pave the way for bright futures where today's elementary students are better off than their parents.

— The Park City Post

It's fall already: Seasons come and go so fast

It's October and fall is here. The seasons just seem to come and go so fast.

There is a holiday on Oct. 9 that I had never heard about. It is Jewish and celebrates the reading of the Torah (the five books of Moses) and then begins a new cycle of reading. I have heard some of the Torah read, but didn't realize there was a holiday celebrating it.

The 2nd Monday in October is Columbus Day — a federal holiday which commemorates Christopher



Around Park City

By Cecile Cox

Columbus landing in the new world in 1492. The first celebration of Columbus Day was likely organized in 1792.

Also on Oct. 12, Thanksgiving is celebrated in Canada to give thanks for a successful harvest.

Actually, the biggest celebration is Halloween on Oct. 31, it seems to grow larger every year with parties, trick or treating and masquerades.

Many churches have Harvest party's for kids, which are safe with games, prizes, inflatables, and of course, candy treats.

What bothers me is that stores have their Christmas goods out hardly be-

fore Halloween has started! I remember as a child we didn't see Christmas décor and gifts until two weeks before the holiday. How things have changed.

It is so sad to see so many shootings in our country. Most are violent acts on the population. Very few happen from self-defense. There is a lot of mental illness. Maybe it is all the stress we are under that causes some of it.

Enjoy the fall weather.

Businesses

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Also on Sept. 24, the council: •Recognized Sept. 23-29 as Ataxia Awareness Week in Park City. Mayor Ray Mann read the proclamation. •Heard from a resident in a lease to own situation with a Park City home in the High Ridge Addition who is

planning to close on the property in November after finalizing a purchase agreement last October. The resident would like to be considered eligible for the city's new homebuyer incentive. The resident, who moved to Park City for his job last year, said he likes being on the edge of the country in High Ridge and likes what Park City has to offer. High Ridge developer Mike Crow joined the resident in addressing the council on the matter that will be revis-

ited for consideration on Oct. 8. •Approved refinancing measures by passing a resolution authorizing for the sale of general obligation bonds and general obligation refunding bonds. •Approved a request from the developer of the Lakewood Hills Addition for the city to install a water main in the development. •Approved Mann to work with staff, looking to develop a plan for publishing code enforcement actions. Mann

explained that not every infraction would be published. What he primarily had in mind was a way for habitual violators with more serious violations in the city to be held accountable and neighbors to be aware that the city was working on resolving the issue. Mann discussed possible publication on the city's website and in the city's monthly newspaper, The Park City Post. In line with the discussion, a resident on Wendell Street addressed the

council with a group of neighbors to discuss a neighboring home that repeatedly violated several code violations. The multiple complaints included the presence of several old cars that had been hauled to the property on a trailer and parked out front. •Held a 10-minute executive session to discuss matters relating to attorney-client privilege relating to potential litigation. No binding action was taken in the closed session.

Pit

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who lives in the 800 block of West 61st North, said he thought the possibility of a sand pit being constructed near his property was put to rest when the request for mining was

denied in 2011. "There's no room for a sand pit," he said. McCutcheon also expressed his concern about water quality with digging taking place so close to domestic wells. Darell Rigsby, who lives in the 900 block of West 61st North, said he was concerned about heavy truck traffic on

Seneca and Armstrong and the planned construction close to a gas line that runs by his home. Other residents also expressed safety concerns with the construction of a sand pit, especially with children in the area. With the planning commission's approval, the next step is for the plans for the sand

pit to be presented to the Park City council. Whitson said Oct. 8 would be the earliest the proposal would be presented to the council. Parties in the notification area of the proposed sand pit have 14 days to file a petition. If a large enough percentage of parties in the notification area, primarily neighboring residents,

sign the petition, a super majority of the council vote would be required for the city to approve construction of the sand pit. A super majority is six votes on an eight-member council. Without a petition, the construction of the sand pit could be approved with a simple majority or five out of eight council votes.

Principal

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that recognizes students for their performance in math on the state assessments, but he's noticed there isn't a banner for reading.

"That's not an indictment of what we do, but we have not met that standard," he said. "And so for me, it's taking where we're at and saying, 'Let's do better. Let's raise the bar for us. Let's raise the bar for our kids and have every kid work toward that standard and have every student be successful.'"

Perlman said it takes a team effort "to raise the bar."

In many ways, Chisholm Trail Elementary isn't unique from most schools in the Wichita School district.

The administration and staff work to make do with the resources available and try to improve student performance without much of a financial boost from the state. Most of the students come from blue-collar families with between 60 and 70 percent on free and reduced lunch plans, a mark that is about average in the district, Perlman said.

Despite the need for assistance, Chisholm Trail does not meet the standard to receive federal money through Title I funding, Perlman said.

"Our teachers need to have the same tools that other teach-

ers have to be successful," he said. "I can't come in and say, 'We need to do something better, but I'm gonna tie one hand behind your back.'"

Recent fundraising sought to raise about \$12,000 for classrooms in the school to be equipped with new ceiling-mounted, digital projectors.

Chisholm Trail operates on a limited budget, but it hasn't been neglected by the powers that be.

The school did receive a portion of the district's \$370-million bond issue that passed in 2008 to add space to its building and parking lot. The additional space has especially benefited the school's autism program, which includes a full-time staff that works with about 20 children.

The presence of the Wichita school district's only autism program is part of what Perlman said makes him the right fit to lead at Chisholm Trail. Before becoming an administrator, Perlman was a special education teacher in the district.

"It's been great for me because my background is in special education," he said. "I'm a real advocate for the program. I'm working to make that program be as strong as it can."

Perlman said he's working with families of students to help them better understand autism. Part of the school's outreach has included a weekly newsletter available on the school's

website with information on autism.

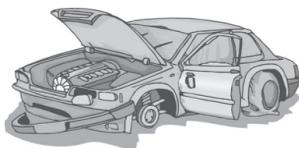
"Communication is very important to me," Perlman said.

The new Chisholm Trail principal said he's also looking to strengthen the school's site council that consists of parents, community members and teachers. The group serves as an advisory committee that meets for about one hour once a month to talk about needed improvements and budget and personnel issues that are all part of how the school's run, Perlman said.

He said his goal with the site council is to get more people involved who don't have children or grandchildren at Chisholm Trail, including city council members, civic group representatives and members of Park City's business community who have worked closely with the school for several years.

Site council meetings are typically held on the last Tuesday of every month at Chisholm Trail.

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Event raises funds and awareness for Ataxia DEATHS

By Matt Heilman

Park City resident Jalean Retzlaff is continuing her fight against a neurological disease. On Sept. 21 in Hap McLean Park, Retzlaff hosted her second annual Fitness in the Park event to raise money and awareness for Ataxia, a neurological disease that affects fine motor skills, coordination, speech and hearing. Retzlaff was diagnosed with Ataxia in 2009. Her condition

has limited her mobility and speech, but she's able to get around with assistance from a walker and was able to participate in a Zumba exercise during the Sept. 21 Fitness in the Park event. She organized the fundraiser last year and is planning to host Fitness in the Park every September in her community.

On Sept. 21, Retzlaff drew about 30 people to the fundraiser and raised more than \$200 for the National Ataxia

Foundation of which she is an ambassador.

The second annual Fitness in the Park fundraiser included a raffle, which included coupons from Sonic and Wendy's restaurants and a three-month free membership to Anytime Fitness. Leeker's Family Foods provided water.

Retzlaff said the third annual Fitness in the Park event has already been scheduled for Sept. 13 next year. She's looking to build up her event

with more advertising further in advance and to avoid a conflict with the Valley Center Fall Festival parade that she encountered on Sept. 21 and last year. Retzlaff said she's fallen more this year and hasn't been able to work at her job as a para for the Maize school district, but she's still independent and is looking forward to increasing the awareness about Ataxia.

"I can't complain," she said.

JANET KEITHLEY

Janet Kay (Barry) Keithley, 69, of Wichita, died Sept. 14, 2013, at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born Jan. 30, 1944, in Richmond, Calif. to Finis and Jesse (Webb) Barry.

She married James Neal Keithley on Feb. 12, 1965 in Brookfield, Mo.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed crossword puzzles, being outdoors and spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, James Keithley of Wichita; her children, Cinda Twist (Roger) of Wichita, Pamela Keithley (Jerry) of Park City, Ron Keithley (Kim) of Ellis, Tina Keithley (Kevin) of Wichita; adopted granddaughters/daughters, Stephani Parks (Leron) and Shyanne Keithley both of Wichita; 16 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; 3 brothers; and 4 sisters.

She was preceded in death by her parents; 3 brothers; and 2 sisters.

Funeral services were at 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 17, 2013, at Berean Assembly in Wichita. Burial will follow services in the Maize Park Cemetery in Maize. Arrangements in care of Keithley Funeral Chapel. Me-

morials are suggested to donor's choice.

GERALDINE MORGAN

Geraldine "Jay" Morgan (Pierce), 75, homemaker, died Sept. 8, 2013.

She is survived by her son, Jim (Claudia) Morgan, Wichita; daughters, Linda Wyatt, Brenda (Steve) Moler, all of Park City; eight grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren; mother Adele Repp of Park City; brother Wayne (Laurie) Pierce; sister Rose O'Boyle; and uncle Fred (Cherry) Gibbs. Services were Sept. 14 at Heritage Baptist Church in Wichita.

CAROLYN FLENTIE

Carolyn Jane "Janey," Flentie, 71, died August 25, 2013.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mason and Gladys Thomas Jr.; and son, Michael Eugene Flentie.

She leaves behind children, Michelle M. Sutherland of Junction City, Mitchel Flentie of Park City, Mathew Flentie of San Antonio; Tex.; 8 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren.

At her request there will be no funeral services.

Memorial contributions may be made to Homecare Hospice in Manhattan.

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.

The new item is a 6 to 8 p.m. service that will incorporate vacation Bible school for the youth, and Bible study for the adults.

This will begin with a free light supper at 6 p.m. and then split into various activities before wrapping up at or before 8 p.m. Each night is a stand-alone service.

As always, Communion will be 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.kscoxmail.com. Pastor Chad's email is pastor@clc.kscoxmail.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

(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. Weekly 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. Youth "HOLEy (Donut) Time" is from 10:15-10:45 a.m.

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 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" (open to the whole community) meets from 6-7:30pm. This session we will be using the "Love & Respect" DVD series, and each night we will offer a Free Meal, a Worship time, a Video Teaching time, and a Small Group discussion time. We will also offer Childcare, Youth and Children's ("AWANA TRUTH SEEKERS") ministry for all ages. 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 or follow on Twitter "@Churchparkcity" or visit the website www.churchatparkcity.com for more info.

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Groundbreaking on industrial expansion

By Matt Heilman

Industrial expansion is around the corner for Park City. During an Aug. 29 Park City Chamber of Commerce meeting, the city's administrator, Jack Whitson announced that Midwest Scrap Management Inc. has broken ground on an 80-acre site just west of I-135 and south of 49th North.

Whitson said the Kansas City Mo.-based business hadn't provided a timetable on when it'd start operating in Park City, but he said Midwest Scrap planned "to move quickly."

What's planned for the Park City site is similar to Midwest Scrap's operation in Kansas City where everyday scrap metal is broken down into raw materials and shipped to steel mills.

Industrial revenue bonds approved by the Park City council this summer come with a 10-year property tax abatement.

Even with the tax abatement, Whitson said Park City is in a position to get a financial boost from Midwest Scrap's presence in Park City. Part of the financial boost will come in the form of franchise fees.

When the company first expressed interest in building in Park City in February 2012, Midwest Scrap account executive Nick Hayes said the company would spend about \$1 million annually in electricity.

From that, Park City would obtain \$50,000 to \$55,000 annually in franchise fees, Whitson said.

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 jimcquery@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.

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

The reason for the large energy pull is the presence of a massive, approximate \$20-million, electric-powered shredding machine that Hayes said is capable of shredding three vehicles in eight seconds.

Midwest Scrap's operation in Park City will involve materials being brought to the 80-acre site by truck, broken down into raw materials and shipped out by rail car.

In June, Whitson said the company plans to bring about 50 employees to Park City.

Also on track to break ground soon is the future headquarters for Ditch Witch of Kansas, currently at 125th North and Broadway.

The company had planned to break ground on its 24,000 square-foot facility on eight-acres in Augusta, but construction was delayed by near record rainfall.

This summer, Ditch Witch CEO Jake Sadler, who has a 50/50 share in the company with his father, Lenny Sadler, said the new facility would

Sept. 29 is the Feast of the Dedication of Saint Michael the Archangel. This is the names day of our church. Join us as we celebrate our first patronal feast in our Park City church temple. All are welcome. Nursery is provided for the 10 a.m. Liturgy. Coffee Hour follows the service. Wednesday service is 6 p.m. Saturday vespers is at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday potluck supper program: Sept. 18 The Hallmarks of Authentic Christianity. Liturgy 6 p.m., potluck 6:45, program 7:30.

Men's Study Group first and third Monday at 7 p.m. We are studying the Gospel of Luke.

Women's Study Group second and fourth Friday at 10 a.m. with Dare To Live Fully Right Where You Are. We will continue our study of "One Thousand Gifts" by Ann Voskamp.

Holy Days for October: The Holy Guardian Angels Oct. 2, Commemoration of the Council of Ephesus Oct. 11, Our Lady of Walsingham Oct. 15, Saint Luke Oct. 18, Archangel Raphael Oct. 24, Saints Simon & Jude Oct. 28, Eve of All Saints Oct. 31.

Catechetical sermon series for October: "Healing in Orthodox Christianity. Oct. 6 "The Origins of Illness," Oct. 13 "The Spiritual Meaning of Illness," Oct. 20 "Christian Paths Toward Healing," Oct. 27 "Theosis & the Healing of the Soul."

Call the church for more information at 734-6248 or visit www.stmichaoloc.org. Fr. John Flora, pastor, can be reached at 734-6248 or jflora@cox.net.

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Echo Hills developer expects to make a major announcement

By Matt Heilman

Developer Mike Loveland spoke for several minutes about his Echo Hills project. But he didn't have much news to share at the Aug. 28 Park City Chamber of Commerce meeting.

"I'm standing up here and there's an awful lot of things that I can't tell you about today that I wish I could tell you about," Loveland said.

One prospect he said he could discuss was Arby's. He confirmed that the restaurant chain is planning to occupy one of the lots "at the very front" of the commercial development west of 53rd North and I-135.

The plat for the 84-acre, former golf course property calls for lots of varying sizes that will include a mix of restaurants, small retailers and large box stores, including an anchor that will be the largest tenant in the development.

Loveland said one potential

anchor is 80-to-90-percent committed to build in Echo Hills. He said a couple other large box stores are about 50 percent committed.

"I wish I could tell you about who all these specific users are I'm talking with," he said.

He said he expected to announce "something of significance" within a month and progress on the development could be expected to speed up rapidly once the first big box store commits to build on the property. As of Sept. 26, Loveland had yet to make an announcement.

"Those anchors have such an effect on just a bunch of small businesses that will come in right behind them as soon as we can get them nailed down," Loveland said.

Once complete, he said the Echo Hills commercial development would resemble what's in place on about 80 acres at Kellogg and Greenwich where

a Walmart and Lowe's Home Improvement store are accompanied by an auto dealership out front with some multi-use retail and restaurants.

Loveland said the prospect of bringing a large commercial development to Park City resembles what occurred in the City of Derby where progress moved slowly before a Target, Lowe's and a Kohl's opened the floodgates.

In preparation for the floodgates to open in Park City, the city spent about \$4.2 million in infrastructure improvements on the Echo Hills site. The bulk of the expense was for paving and sanitary sewer work.

Part of an extensive, long-term construction project on 53rd Street includes the widening of the street at the entrance to the Echo Hills property. Preliminary work for the street widening was completed this summer.

An engineering study last

year revealed that about 45,000 vehicles per day could be expected to travel on the 53rd Street corridor by 2030. On Aug. 28, Loveland pointed out that 53rd Street is the only road in Sedgwick County north of Kellogg that runs all the way across the country east to west.

Currently, about 50,000 cars per day travel past 53rd North on I-135. Looking at the Echo Hills property, commercial development makes a lot of sense, Loveland said.

But he admits his initial vision for the land was different when he was first interested in Echo Hills about 13 years ago.

"I was looking for a site for a nighttime golf course," he said. At that time, Weigand had a listing on about 27 acres north of Echo Hills. He observed a frontage road that stopped at the golf course.

"The more I looked at it, I go, 'gosh, this doesn't need a nighttime golf course. This road

needs to go through here,'" Loveland said.

Currently in the Wichita area, he said there is not a location where a motorist can exit off an interchange and get back on the other via the same frontage road.

Loveland said he started asking Echo Hills Golf Club owner Bert Henderson if he'd be interested in selling the property. For a few years, the answer was "No."

Eventually the sale made sense. Loveland put together a group of investors that auctioned the property and closed on it in 2010. The last rounds of golf at Echo Hills were played last April.

Loveland said 2010 was a tough time to start attracting interest, but he didn't want to wait on buying the property.

"It was such a good property that we didn't want to pass on it," he said.

Since Loveland closed on

the property, there has been a wide range of speculation from area residents about what tenants will fill out the acreage.

After the initial interest began to wane, excitement began to ramp back up last year when Loveland began working with Park City to get dirt moving at Echo Hills.

"It's hard to get people's attention until they start seeing some construction," he said. "Some streets and utilities."

Once the project is complete, Loveland said the Echo Hills property is planned to create a "city center kind of feel" for Park City that will attract much more business from outside the city, especially from the north.

"I think what I'm working on is something that's going to help you in your community," he told the chamber.

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"looked bad" after the heavy rains last month, Helms and Russ Baxter, Wichita Heights League president and Park City Youth Program liaison to the Park City Council, wondered why anyone with the city would propose ending the 2013 contract without first reaching out to the president of the 12-member board. Youth program volunteer Jeff Hardwick serves on the park board and Helms' contact information is available at City Hall, Baxter said.

On the reverse, Mann wondered why no one from the youth program had reached out to the city for help when volunteers were unable to keep up with the mowing.

Baxter indicated that in part, the Park City Youth Program has been a victim of its own success. As the program has expanded with more participation and more fields, the volunteer assistance has reached a plateau. Baxter, who served as the youth program president for more than 20 years before stepping down last year, said the program has grown to the second largest in the Heights League behind Valley Center's

recreation commission, which, unlike the Park City Youth Program, is funded by property taxes.

The Heights League includes seven programs representing the communities of Park City, Valley Center, Bel Aire, El Dorado, Andover, Whitewater and Newton.

Helms said his goal with the program is to establish Park City as "the place to play baseball."

In 2010, the youth program was able to build new dugouts and an equipment shed and resurfaced every diamond in the park.

Baxter said the improvements were made possible with help from leftover revenue.

"We pay our way," he said. "We put every extra dime that we have back into the park."

He said the program hasn't been able to host as many tournaments or improve what's around the diamonds because volunteers have had to commit too much time to mowing, added work that has taken away from the program's overall mission of increasing participation.

Baxter and Helms said, for the youth program to continue to grow, it needs help. They wondered why the city workers mowed all the ground in every

park, including the new BMX track in Hap McLean Park, but stopped at the fences to the ball diamonds.

Bruce Helberg, the city's park supervisor, said his department is responsible for mowing 78 acres of city property.

"It'd be tough. That's all I can tell ya," Helberg said when he was asked how much extra work it would take for the city to upkeep the baseball fields.

Baxter said he didn't want to add work for Helberg with the request for city help, but he wondered if the city could hire an additional seasonal employee during the peak mowing

months.

On behalf of the United Methodist Church of Park City, Keith Thomas said volunteers from the church could be available to help the youth program with mowing. The former council member said he was confident that the program would be able to continue its long-running history in the city that goes back more than five decades.

On Sept. 9, the park board didn't make any recommendations for the city council to consider. Mann said he would work with the youth program to develop a new contract for 2014



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with the shared goal of keeping the fields maintained and welcoming to teams from outside the community.

"Our fields need to look good," Mann said. "They're not going to be unused. We need to take pride in our city and our parks. Regardless of anything, we need to make sure our parks look good."

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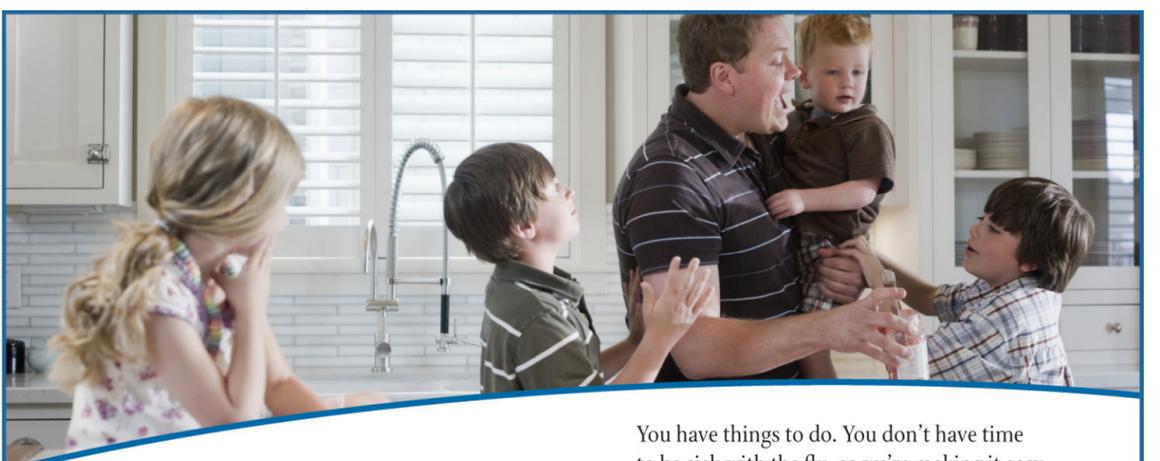
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