

## Collective effort yields success for robotics team



Photos by Matt Heilman

Fifteen-year-old Caleb Scarberry (left), of Derby works on a chassis with 17-year-old Blake Smith of Bel Aire. The home school students are part of the 45-member Wichita Warriors BEST robotics team.

## Winning innovation

By Matt Heilman

Like a well-oiled machine, every part serves a purpose. For five days per week over the last month, forty-five high school-aged home school students have spread out at stations set up in the spacious, metal-sided shop building on property owned by Paul and Penny Weddle of Park City.

For about 20 hours per week leading up to an annual competition, students from as far as 35 mile away from the Weddle property have gathered at the site to compete on the Wichita Warriors BEST robotics team. The home school students represent communities throughout the area including Wichita, Valley Center, Park City, Bel Aire, Derby Maize, Benton, Haysville, Towanda, Goddard, Newton, Rose Hill and Belle Plaine. BEST is a national program established to boost students' interests in math, science and engineering.

The acronym stands for Boosting Engineering, Science and Technology.

On Oct. 19, the students at the Weddle property were making strides on their project of building a robot to compete at the Kansas BEST competition Nov. 2 at Hartman Arena.

The Kansas BEST winner moves on to the regional level of the BEST robotics competition set for Dec. 6 in Fort Smith, Ark.

In simple terms, the competition requires students to construct a robot that can perform certain tasks. This year, the challenge for Kansas BEST 2013 is to design a robot to construct a Central Processing Unit over the course of three fabrication stages.

Computer-based judgment grades the robots' performance, but there's also a human element involved where aspects such as presentation and spirit are taken into account.

In line with the robot construction, students are required to prepare a notebook that goes over the robot's final design and the trial and error process of reaching the final design.

Senior Sara Harms, in her fourth year competing on the robotics team has the title of "co-BEST leader" in charge of the team compiling the notebook. Harms said the



Fourteen-year-old Josh Maxton works on a gear for the robot designed and built by members of the Wichita Warriors BEST robotics team.

notebook is a significant part of the competition that was to be judged during a trial run of the team's robot a week ahead of the Nov. 2 competition.

Each year, the BEST Robotics competition features area teams at the private, public and home school levels. And just about every year, the Wichita Warriors are in the running to win the competition at the state level.

This year, the group expects to perform at a high level, putting forth the workload needed to compete for hardware. On Oct. 19, the collective work ethic was on full display with students gathered at stations throughout the shop.

A loft area of the Weddle's shop has been converted into a computer lab where robotics team members have worked on web page design and structural design of the robot via a CAD program.

In a corner of the room, several large trophies stand in a group. The trophies represent less than half of the awards the Wichita Warriors robotics team has won in the last 14 years, said this year's BEST team leader, Sam Burk of Wichita.

Below the loft area on Oct. 19, students

were divided into separate departments. On the main shop floor, mechanical groups worked on different functions of the robot including an arm team, a claw team and a chassis team.

As the entire operation runs like a small business, another student is seen as "the department head" of the robotics team, the group that implements the design work completed by students on a CAD program.

Until Nov. 2, designated as "game day," they requested that no photos be taken of the robot.

Burk is responsible for helping team members find a role in which they can best contribute and make sure the overall project runs smoothly.

"I'm amazed at watching these students mentor one another," said Karen Smith, of Bel Aire, whose two sons, 17-year-old Blake and 14-year-old Devin are participating in their first year with the Wichita Warriors Robotics team.

Blake Smith has been assigned to the chassis team, showcasing his building skills

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## Sandpit wins city approval

Park City OKs permit for sand mining

By Matt Heilman

Park City leaders didn't win any popularity contests at their Oct. 22 meeting, but based on the evidence before them, the council and mayor followed the recommendation of the city's planning commission and approved a special use permit for sand mining on land near 61st North and Seneca. The proposed sandpit is planned on 16 acres in a 53-acre triangle of undeveloped land located southeast of 61st North and Armstrong/Interurban.

The land is zoned light industrial, but has been used for agricultural purposes. For the special use permit to pass, a three-quarters vote was required from the governing body, including the council and Mayor Ray Mann because residents representing at least 20 percent of the notification area had signed a petition against the special use.

On Oct. 22, the special use received seven of nine total votes, including input from Mann and the eight council members. Council members George Glover and Melvin Kerr voted against the special use for sand mining.

In explaining his opposition, Glover said he couldn't overlook the feelings of property owners near the pro-

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Matt Heilman

A drawing of the new 24,000-square-foot Ditch Witch facility, which will be near 77th North and Broadway.

## 'A whole new beginning' as Ditch Witch breaks ground

By Matt Heilman

Father and son business partners had a reason to smile. On Oct. 17, Ditch Witch CEO Lenny Sadler and his son, Jake Sadler, the company's COO, celebrated the groundbreaking of Ditch Witch's new facility on eight acres south of Hartman Arena, just east of 77th North and Broadway.

The groundbreaking was the culmination of a project that has been in the works for more than a year.

Last September, Jake Sadler took over Ditch Witch of Kansas with the purchase of Kansas UnderCon, Inc. The move was part of the company's expansion as an underground equipment dealer with the establishment of Ditch Witch UnderCon.

The expansion is moving the company's local presence to the site near Hartman Arena from Ditch Witch of Kansas'

current home at 125th North and Broadway. Plans for the new site call for construction of a 24,000-square-foot facility that will serve as the hub for Ditch Witch UnderCon's regional operation.

The company, which has had a presence in Kansas for more than 40 years, is expected to open its new site by May, Lenny Sadler said. William Ware, representing Amarillo National Bank that has financed the expansion, said construction on the facility could be complete by February.

Up to the groundbreaking, he said the project had gone smoothly and remains ahead of schedule despite heavy rain in early August and a couple other minor setbacks.

Lenny Sadler credited the City of Park City for helping prepare the new site for construction.

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# THE PARK CITY REPORT

## OR HOW YOUR DOLLARS ARE SPENT

### CITY OF PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**September 24, 2013 Regular Meeting:**

- Approved \$2,050 for the Park City Fall Festival for all Park City debt.
- Approved the adoption of disclosure standards for all Park City debt.
- Approved the sale of \$1,250,000 of general obligation bonds for special assessments and \$4,695,000 of general obligation refunding bonds to lower the City's debt service costs.
- Revised the incentive policy for Park City businesses that receive IRB's, requiring them to identify themselves using Park City addresses.
- Approved the installation of a water main into the Lakewood Hills Addition. It will meet City standards, but all costs will be paid by the developer.

**October 8, 2013 Regular Meeting:**

- Approved a zoning change for 5301 N. Wichita, from light industrial to single family residential.
- Tabled a request to approve a special use permit for the purpose of sand mining in the light industrial district property located southeast of W. 61st St. and Armstrong/Interurban.
- Approved the installation of a Christmas lighting display between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, north of the City Hall on Hydraulic.
- Approved the replacement of fire hydrants and valves in the amount of \$8,585.
- Approved the purchase of a replacement pump

- for the Broadway Lift Station for \$12,129.
- Approved Change Order No. 1 for street reconstruction on Scottsville Street at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.
- Approved the use of paint to stripe Broadway from 77th to 85th at the cost of \$6,671.
- Approved a six-month extension to the contract of J.P. Weigand to sell commercial properties owned by the City.
- Tabled the approval of a Public Defender contract because key information had not been circulated to the Council.
- Approved a six-week extension for J.P. Weigand to sell residential properties owned by the City.

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Nov. 2:** 7 p.m. Senior Dance SC  
**Nov. 3:** 7 p.m. PCYP Board CB  
**Nov. 4:** 7 p.m. Park Board CH  
**Nov. 6:** 10:30 a.m. Seniors Catered Lunch  
**Nov. 7:** 6:30 p.m. Court CH  
**Nov. 9:** 9 a.m. Pride PC  
**Nov. 11:** City Hall closed for Veterans Day  
**Nov. 12:** 7 p.m. Council CH  
**Nov. 14:** 1 p.m. Court Trials CH  
**Nov. 14:** 6:30 p.m. Court CH  
**Nov. 14:** 7 p.m. Library Board PCL  
**Nov. 16:** 7 p.m. Park City Alive! PCL  
**Nov. 16:** 7 p.m. Senior Dance SC  
**Nov. 18:** 7 p.m. Planning/BZA CH  
**Nov. 21:** 5:30 p.m. Seniors Finger Food  
**Nov. 21:** 6:30 p.m. Court CH  
**Nov. 26:** 7 p.m. Council CH  
**Nov. 26:** 7 p.m. Seniors Square Dance SC  
**Nov. 27:** 11:30 a.m. Chamber Luncheon  
**Nov. 28:** City Hall Closed for Thanksgiving  
**Nov. 29:** 8 a.m. Commodities Leekers, City Hall Closed

### PARK CITY ALIVE!

Saturday, November 16

The Work of Rural Kansas Children presented by Margy Stewart. From gathering firewood and hunting game to tending stock and weeding gardens, children's activities were crucial to families' survival on Kansas homesteads, farms, and ranches. This presentation will dramatize differing perspectives on rural children's work, from the nostalgia of Laura Ingalls Wilder's Little House on the Prairie to the grim social criticism of Marcet and Emanuel Haldeman-Julius's Dust, as well as recently published memoirs of growing up in the Flint Hills during the 1930s. New research on the history of American childhood, African American children in Kansas settlements, and orphans resettled on Kansas farms will be included.

**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Location:** Park City Public Library  
**Address:** 2107 E 61st Street North, Park City, KS 67219  
**Cost:** free & open to the public

### SENIOR CALENDAR

**Park City Senior Center Calendar of Events Nov. 2013**

**Monday November 4,** 10:30 AM Board Meeting

**Wednesday, November 6,** 10:30 AM Chisholm Trail Seniors Catered Lunch and Meeting (lunch by reservation)

**Monday, November 11,** Building closed in observation of Veterans Day

**Tuesday, November 12,** 11:30 Med Manager, Medication Adherence Program

**Wednesday, November 13** 5:30 PM A special program—by Minnie Brown, Eat Better to Feel Better—Minnie will present 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

**Monday, November 18,** 11:30 Special program with Minnie, Eat Better Feel Better—Improve your Mind, Body and Soul

**Tuesday November 19,** 8:00 AM breakfast Cracker Barrel

**Tuesday November 19,** 11:30, Health Back Home Health

**Wednesday November 20,** SCHICK counseling—contact Vicki at 744-1199 for an appointment

**Thursday, November 21,** 1:00 Card Bingo—Fee \$1.00

**Thursday, November 21,** 5:30 PM Finger Food

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

**Tuesday, November 26,** Foot Care with Harris Healthcare—call Harris Healthcare for an appointment 721-4828

#### SENIOR DANCES

**November 2-**7:00 PM Yesterday's Playboys  
**November 16-**7:00 PM Wildwood Band  
**November 30-**7:00 PM The Wildwood Band

### TRAILER ZONING – DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR PERMIT

Did you know that if you own a Utility Trailer that is over 5 foot 6 inches, including boats and RV's, and wish to store it on the front yard setback of any residential property in Park City that you are required to obtain a permit? The deadline for obtaining the \$50 annual permit is the end of December. After December, residents that park vehicles within the front yard setback, this would include in front of most garages, without a permit would be subject to a fine for improper storage. If you think you may need a permit or you're unsure please contact City Hall 744-2026 Ext. 205 or 225 with any questions.

### KEEP THE STREET AND DITCHES FREE OF LEAVES

Leaves are falling – REMEMBER TO KEEP THE STREET AND DITCHES FREE OF RAKED LEAVES AND GRASS CLIPPINGS. The clean water act prohibits the introduction of leaves and grass clippings into the storm water system. The water that runs off the street and into the gutters eventually ends up in the lakes and streams.

Do not blow grass clippings or rake leaves into the street or ditches. Disposing of leaves in this manner is a violation of the erosion control ordinance and will clog the wastewater drains along streets.

Please remember, leaves should be bagged or placed in compost piles.

If you want to receive an Agenda of Council Meetings by email before the meetings, please make a request in writing to cityhall@parkcityks.com. Be sure to include your name and mailing address as well as your email address.

The Park City Municipal Code is available to anyone who has a computer with internet service at www.parkcityks.com

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**OPEN BOARD POSITIONS**  
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The City of Park City has a number of Boards and Committees that are made up of concerned citizens. Applications are always accepted and maintained for future openings. Currently, there is an opening on the Park and Library Board. Please complete and submit an application if you are interested in serving. Application forms are available at City Hall or on the website at www.parkcityks.com.

### 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.

### KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE IN COLD WEATHER

It's that time of year again to remind pet owners that they need to pay extra attention to their pets that are kept out doors. It is required that pets that live out doors have adequate shelter, substantial food and clean fresh water. Do you have enough dry bedding material for your dog to bed down in? On really cold nights can that dog or cat stay in the garage? Some animals absolutely love the cold weather and some don't tolerate it at all. Know which one your animal is, and take appropriate action. If you have a doghouse that is in great shape and don't use it any more contact our office at 744-2026 and donate it so we can then recycle your doghouse to someone who needs it. Got any cat carriers you don't use? We could use them to transport lost cats. Give us a call. Department of Code Enforcement

### USE THE PARK CITY WEBSITE TO HELP YOU PAY YOUR WATER BILLS ON TIME

Did you know that you can receive your water bill by email? Or that you can pay your water bill on line? Just go to the Park City website at parkcityks.com and sign up now.

You can also enroll in automatic payment of water and sewer bills. Once enrolled, you will continue to receive a statement by mail or email that shows the amount that will be automatically deducted from your bank account.

It is important to pay your bill on time to avoid additional charges. Please not the following charges:

**Disconnect Fee:** \$35.00  
**Meter Locking Charge:** \$50.00  
**Return Check Fee:** \$35.00

If you are unable to pay your water bill, please call City Hall to discuss options that may be available. Also, please keep your account updated by informing the City of changes to phone numbers and email addresses by writing them on the return portion of your utility payment stub, email water@parkcityks.com or call City Hall at 744-2026.

#### 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.

**City Hall: 744-2026**

203	City Administrator
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

### PARK CITY PROJECT FRIENDSHIP

Project Friendship is a charitable organization that helps families in the City of Park City with their water/sewer bill. If you are experiencing a financial hardship and need assistance, please call 744-2026 and someone at City Hall will get you in touch with one of the Project Friendship board members. The board meets on the second Friday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room at City Hall.

To make a tax-deductible contribution to Project Friendship simply round up the amount of your utility bill and write the extra amount on the donation line that is located on the left side of your return stub. You may also pledge an amount that will automatically be added to your bill each month. For more information, call the water clerk at 744-2026.



#### CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Veterans Day – November 11th (Monday)  
 Thanksgiving – November 27th and 28th (Thursday and Friday)

**TUESDAYS, November 12th and 26th are RECYCLING DAYS IN PARK CITY**  
**(Place recyclables at curb by 6 a.m.)**  
**GET YOUR RECYCLING CART – CALL CITY HALL TODAY**

**ALL TOGETHER NOW!**  
MIX THE FOLLOWING RECYCLABLES IN HERE:

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Aluminum cans

Tin cans or aerosol cans

Plastic tubs, jars, & trays

Plastic bottles  
All plastics #1 - #7

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**PLEASE NO:**

- styrofoam
- electronics
- ceramics or dishes
- food waste
- plastic grocery bags
- motor oil containers
- household hazardous waste
- light bulbs, window glass, or mirrors
- yard waste or trash

Books (hard or paperback)

Junk mail

Cardboard  
(flattened all boxes)

Magazines & catalogs

Newspaper & inserts

Office paper & file folders

Paper bags

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Name as it appears on bill: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Automatic Payment of Utility Billings

Enroll now for automatic payment of water and sewer bills. Once enrolled, a billing will continue to be mailed to you that will show the amount that will be automatically deducted from your bank account. If you would like to enroll in this plan, just come by City Hall and complete the authorization form or call the water clerk at 744-2026.

# Success hard to find without motivation

Recently, a fourth-grade class at one of the poorest schools in the Wichita school district fell short of its goal, but made an impressive run before it happened. Every student in Brianna Falvey's class at Colvin Elementary School in the southeast Wichita neighborhood of Planeview was challenged to turn in every homework assignment for 100 consecutive days. If even one student failed to turn in even one assignment, the count would start at zero.

This week, the Wichita Eagle reported that two students from the class failed to turn in a recent assignment, stopping the streak of 100-percent homework completion at 32 days. I don't know how many students are in Falvey's class, but I know it's more than a handful and less than an army.

The students fell short of their goal by 68 days, but I'm impressed that they were able to get as far as they did. And now the countdown starts over.

There are more than 100 school days left and another chance for Falvey to

## Heil on life

By Matt Heilman



live up to her end of the bargain by wearing a prom dress to school and dying her hair orange if the goal is reached.

I haven't seen for myself what life is like for students at Colvin Elementary School, but the high poverty rate indicates that they have more to worry about than deciding they're favorite video games and TV shows.

For 32 consecutive days, students in Falvey's class completed their assignments despite facing adversity outside of school that the majority of students in suburban districts like Valley Center are blessed enough to not have to worry about. Most of the students in Valley

Center schools know where their next meal is coming from and can feel safe being outside without supervision.

I remember when I was in fourth grade, I'm not sure I ever successfully turned in my homework for 32 consecutive days. The Eagle reported that one of the students in Falvey's class that broke the 32-day homework completion streak stood before her class and apologized for letting her peers down. The student allegedly had been spending time with a cousin at the hospital and didn't get the assignment done.

When I was in fourth-grade, I had no excuses. If my homework wasn't completed, it always came down to laziness and apathy. I don't know enough about Falvey to rush a golden apple to her, but by the accounts I've read, the homework challenge she presented to her students seems to have been a strong character-building exercise.

Children that may not have a positive role model to look up to outside of school are learning the value of estab-

lishing a solid work ethic. It's a lesson that can carry through for a lifetime and potentially break the cycle of poverty for some children down the line when they decide that school doesn't have to suck and furthering their education past high school is an attainable goal.

The Valley Center school district also has its fair share of administrators and teachers that have implemented some fun and unique lessons and challenges to encourage and motivate students. And USD 262 is no stranger to the diversity and battles that come with the responsibility of molding young minds.

Educating our future leaders isn't an easy job. And I credit the educators I know for doing the best they can to make a difference. Now if we can just motivate some of our country's current leaders to grow up, we'll be in business.

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## Nation's leaders could learn from local representatives

This month, Bel Aire Mayor David Austin gave the city's council a collective pat on the back for the progress it has made and the efficiency by which the group has been able to get things done. He said leaders at the national level who seem to be stuck in neutral because they can't agree on anything could learn how cooperative government is supposed to work by observing his city's council.

The issues on Capital Hill are far more complex than anything our local elected officials have to deal with, but Austin makes some solid points about how the ability of Bel Aire's council to look past their differences for the betterment of the community has paid off. And his points are also valid in the communities of Park City, Valley Center and Kechi.

There are times when we don't agree with city leaders in the four communities in our coverage area. We don't back down from questioning why decisions are made or how conclusions are reached, but at the end of the day, we respect the process and don't often have to call cities out for lacking transparency.

We have respect for the positions held by our leaders in Topeka and Washington, D.C., but we're irritated that politics often become a roadblock to progress.

We don't know the party affiliations of our local mayors and city council members. And that's a good thing. Council members sometimes look at the country at large and give indications of where they fit on the political spectrum. But when it comes to voting on matters that directly affect their neighbors whom they represent, we're fortunate that most of the people we cover at bi-weekly meetings leave their self-interests at the door.

It's ridiculous to compare challenges associated with nationwide healthcare reform and threats of war with passing local property tax and utility rates, but we agree with Austin that the largest level of government could stand to learn a thing or two about cooperation from our local councils.

— The Park City Post

# Celebrations fill the calendar in November



## Around Park City

By Cecile Cox

Thanksgiving is observed the fourth Thursday in November. It was first a national proclamation issued by President Lincoln in 1863. Most Americans believe the holiday dates back to the Plymouth Colony in New England in 1621 and ordered by Governor Bradford.

Scholars say it goes back to ancient

times. It's a time to gather with family and be thankful for all we have, a warm home, food and our health and our loved ones.

Nov. 1 is All Saints Day. It's a Roman Catholic holiday celebrating all saints known and unknown. Then Election Day is the first Tuesday after the first Monday.

Veterans Day in Nov. 11, a federal holiday that was established in 1926 to commemorate the signing in 1918 ending World War I. It was called Armistice Day until June 1, 1954, when the name was changed to Veterans Day to honor all men and women who have served in its armed forces.

Happy Thanksgiving to one and all.

## Robotics

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while Devin has had the chance to expand his technological strengths by learning the CAD system.

"I'm just blown away by what these kids are learning," Smith said.

Burk, in his fourth year on the Wichita Warriors robotics team, said his involvement in robotics started with his interest in playing with Legos when he was in elementary school. He competed in the Lego Minestorm Competition before expanding his skill set into robotics.

"Legos are what really got me into robotics, but after that, robotics has really shaped what I want to get into and what I'm learning about," he said.

In college next year, Burk said he's planning to major in computer science at Wichita State University. Others in the group that share his technical affluence are looking toward similar career paths, but overall, the interests and skills of the Wichita Warriors robotics team is diverse, said David Alexander, the mentor of the organized group tagged with the title of "principal." Alexander, a network architect for Spirit Aerosystems had three of his now grown children compete on the Wichita Warriors robotics team.

He and his wife, Bev Alexander, have stayed involved to support the students, whether they be learning a design program, learning how to operate a skill saw or expressing their creativity.

Beyond programming,

building and data collecting, team members work on designing T-shirts, constructing and decorating a booth, creating and editing a video project and keeping a solid rapport with fellow schools as part of the spirit team.

While the goal of the BEST program is to get students interested in engineering, math and science, Alexander said former Wichita Warriors robotics team members have gone on to fill a wide range of career paths including in marketing, teaching and physics.

Park City resident Jacob Burford, a senior who previously has played soccer for the Wichita Warriors home school team, is in his first year participating in robotics. Burford said he knew the program was successful and he joined because he was curious and "thought

it'd be fun."

He said he is interested in film editing and directing film, but hasn't yet decided what area of study he'd like to pursue past high school. On the robotics team, Burford said he'd found a niche in building gears. His younger brother, sophomore Joel Burford said he started working on the T-shirt design team and had moved on to working on electronics.

Hudson Paris, a sophomore from Bel Aire has been designated a co-BEST leader in his second year on the robotics team. He said he's in charge of overseeing the spirit team and construction of the booth among several leadership responsibilities.

"I think especially the leadership skills that I'm learning here are going to be helpful in

college," Paris said.

Paris' sister, Larkin Paris is one of the college-aged student mentors for the team that were part of the Wichita Warriors group in high school. The mentors are available for support and can offer some guidance, but they're not allowed to actually get their hands on any part of the project, Alexander said.

As the group's overarching mentor, Alexander said he's also limited on what he can do to help the students. Like a principal at a school, he indicated his primary role is basically to support team leaders and make sure that every student has a job to do.

"It's just amazing to watch what these students come up with," he said. "All we do is provide the environment for them to learn as they go forward."

## Sandpit

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posed sandpit who have expressed that they don't want the excavation to take place on neighboring land. Several of the upset property owners were present at the Oct. 22 meeting.

Previously, the plans to construct a sandpit were backed by the Park City Planning Commission in the form of a recommendation for the plans to move forward. The planning commission made its recommendation based on a list of 17 findings of fact that are presented with every zoning case and added 23 conditions to address some of the concerns expressed by the property owners near the proposed site.

Several residents who live in the vicinity of 61st North and Seneca have Wichita addresses while the acreage for the proposed sandpit just south and east of them is within Park City's limits.

Gary and BJ McCutcheon are two of the area residents who have been vocal in opposition to the plans for the sandpit, even after the planning commission included the 23 conditions to address a few concerns of the McCutcheons and several of their neighbors. Besides concerns with safety, water

quality and a potential negative impact on property values, there has been criticism regarding the proposal for residential development to accompany the sandpit. With limited access to the site and loud noise from nearby train traffic, the logic behind the proposed residential plans has been questioned.

In addressing the primary concerns of property owners, the No. 1 condition recommended by the planning commission is that plans "meet all federal, state and local regulations."

Safety concerns are addressed with a call for fencing to be constructed prior to the start of excavation on the pit. Also, the properties owner is responsible for dust control.

A 24-foot wide hot mix asphalt or concrete road is planned from 61st Street to the site, but area residents opposed to the project still expressed concerns about possible heavy truck traffic on Seneca and Armstrong.

In addressing concerns with water quality, one of the 23 conditions recommended by the planning commission

calls for the landowner to install and manage groundwater-monitoring wells and to provide water tests on the pit every six months under Park City's supervision.

Prior to the council's Oct. 8 meeting when the group was initially planning to make a decision on the special use for sand mining, Park City Administrator Jack Whitson said berms would be built around the pit and the state would stop the project from moving forward "if they felt like there is any chance of water pollution."

Tim Austin, an engineer representing the developer on behalf of Wichita-based Poe and Associates, said the pit would not cause lower water levels in neighboring

domestic wells.

But property owners living near the site for the proposed sandpit who depend on well water don't see how a pit can be dug below the water table without groundwater being drained from their wells.

And on Oct. 22, a group of irritated residents voiced their frustrations before the council recessed following its decision to allow the special use for sand mining. On a couple occasions, Mann banged the gavel to call the meeting to order.

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# Pride planning Christmas displays

By The Post staff

Park City Pride's Christmas lighting project was on the city council agenda on Oct. 9. The council voted 7-0 to allow Pride to decorate the lot north of City Hall and the lawn south of the Senior Center. Mayor Ray Mann informed

Pride project chairperson, Carol Flower, that the corner in front of Subway will most likely not be available for holiday decorating this year due to the possibility that construction of the city beautification project might be started at that location during the holidays. Pride members had already

voted to support the lighting project again this year. To that end, plywood, paint and other supplies have been purchased and a few hardy volunteers are working towards getting the displays ready. Volunteers will place the displays at the two locations Thanksgiving week with final

construction being Nov. 30. The official lighting will be at 7 p.m. that same evening. This project needs as many volunteers as it can get to get the lights set up on time. Call Flower at 744-0766 and leave a message or email caflower@cox.net to volunteer.

## DEATHS

### JAMES EVANS

James Clinton Evans, 82, retired Western Union Line-man, died Sept. 23, 2013. He was born in Glenwood, Mo., to William Clinton Evans and Cora Elizabeth (Leedom) Evans.

He was a graduate of Glenwood High School. He was a U.S. Army and Korean War veteran. He is survived by his children, Greg (Connie) Evans of Park City, Melissa (Steve) Wallace of Wichita, Linda (Ron) Viola of Homestead, Calif., Delia (Tom) Ford of Lubbock, Texas, Shelia Pedrow of Wichita; grandchildren, Ryan Evans, Corey Evans, Jim Evans, R.J. Viola, Lana Ford, Alyssa Ford, Justin Pedrow, Amanda Pedrow, Sarah McGregor and Michael Jr. McGregor; great grandchildren, Kaden, Brooklyn and Adryin; brother Richard "Dick" Evans of Glenwood, Mo.; sister Fern Johnson of Queen City, Mo.; and many other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Julie McGregor; son, Rick Evans; parents, Bill and Cora Evans; and sister, Hazel Whitlow. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be designated to the Veteran Memorial Park Kansas Korean War Memorial, 339 N. Greenway, Wichita, KS. Service was Sept. 28 at Glenwood Cemetery in Glenwood, Miss. Baker Funeral Home of Valley Center has charge.

### JERRY STEPP

Jerry Wayne Stepp, 50, former construction roofer, beloved son, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin and friend, died Oct. 12, 2013. He is survived by his parents, Ruth and Earl Kiger of

Wichita; brothers Larry Stepp of Wichita and Gary Kiger of Wichita; sisters Kerry Vega of Valley Center and Sherry Linot of Lamesa, Texas; nephews, Andrew Schauf of Sedgwick, Johnny Vega of Wichita, Jason Vega of Wichita, Ryan Stepp of Wichita and Bryson Stepp of Park City; nieces, Madison Cassube of Wichita, Mackenzie Linot of Lamesa, Texas, Jennifer Vega of San Marcos, Texas, Kelsey Stepp of Park City and Abigail Kiger of Kansas City; aunts and uncles, Margaret Wills of Wichita, Mona and Richard Beeton of Wichita, Jim and Helen Beeton of Broken Arrow, Okla., Peggy Unruh of Newton and Betty Behr of Newton; and many other family and friends. Graveside service will be held 2:30 p.m. Oct. 17 at Hillside Cemetery, West 127th North and Hoover, Sedgwick. Baker Funeral Home, Valley

Center, is in charge of arrangements.

### JUANITA MORRISON

Juanita L. Morrison, 87, died Oct. 15, 2013. Survivors include daughters, Sharon (Dwight) Funk of Park City, Susan (Chuck) Rowan of Newton; sons, Dean (Janet) of Moundridge, Roger (Jana) of Newton; and seven grandchildren. Services were Oct. 18 at Crossroads Baptist Church. Petersen Funeral Home has charge.

### GRETA SULLIVAN

Greta B. Sullivan, 82, homemaker, died Oct. 1, 2013. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Barney. She is survived by her daughters, Darcy (Bill) Foster of Park City and Lisa (Jerry) Reddell of Cheney; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Visitation was Oct. 18 and memorial service was Oct. 19, both at Resthaven Mortuary. Memorials can be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

### JAMES WOHLER

James Michael "Fritz" Wohler, 50, died Oct. 15, 2013, at the Western Plains Medical Complex in Dodge City. He was born Aug. 21, 1963, in Wichita, to Cecil Alvin and Jean Frances (Estes) Wohler. He married Peggy (Hammersmith) on Feb. 3, 2001, in Dodge City. He was a sales representative for Xcaliber International for the last four years and was with United States Smokeless Tobacco for 15 years. He was a 1981 graduate of Wichita North High School. Survivors include his wife, Peggy Wohler, of the home; four sons, Barnabus Wohler of Salina, Jublain Wohler of Wichita, Michael Wohler and Thaddeus Wohler, both of the home; six daughters, Anastasia Wohler of Salina, Brenda Gaston and husband, Dan of Leawood, Kristi Geihlsler and husband, Jeremy of Overland Park, Jolene Haas and husband, Ty of Hays, Marie Hoffman of Lawrence, Stephanie Hoffman of Manhattan; his mother, Jean Frances Wohler of Wichita; three brothers, Gil Wohler and wife, Eliana of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, Tim Wohler and wife, Therese, Tom Wohler, all of Wichita; one sister, Gail Gidney and husband, Kevin of Park City; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ralph and Millie Hammersmith-Windholz of Victoria; two grandchildren, Peyton Geihlsler and Elle Geihlsler; and several nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his father.

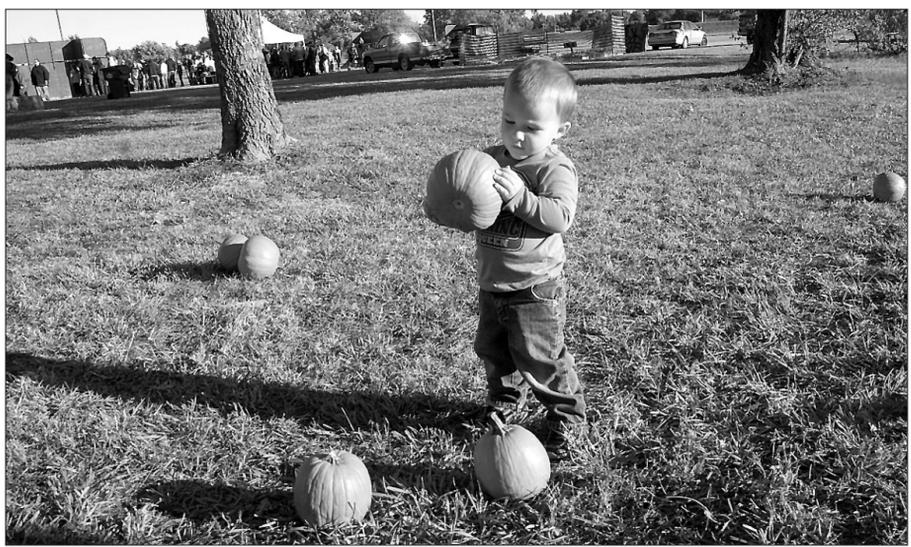
Services were Oct. 19 at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria. Burial was in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria. A vigil service was Oct. 18 at Cline's Mortuary, Victoria. Visitation was Oct. 18 and 19 at Cline's Mortuary Victoria. Memorials may be made to the children's education in care of Peggy Wohler.



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## Fall Festival

Jack King, a 19-month old Park City resident picks out a pumpkin during the city's Oct. 19 Fall Festival in Hap McLean Park. The event featured live music, a fire pit and hayrack rides.



Matt Heilman

## CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

### Christ Lutheran Church

Christ Lutheran is located at 53rd North and Hillside, across from Wichita Heights High School. Services are at 8:30 (contemporary), 9:45 (kid friendly) and 11 (traditional). Communion is offered at all services. Adult Sunday school is at 9:45. For more information about the church and its activities find the church online at www.christ-lutheran.org, or call 744-1242. Pastor Chad Langdon is the minister of Christ Lutheran Church.

### Church of the Resurrection (Roman Catholic)

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. 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 in Kechi. Phone number is 744-1221. Email is Office@kechi.umd.org. The Sunday contemporary service is at 9:03 a.m., traditional service is at 11 a.m. and Sunday school is at 10 a.m. Nursery is available. Mitch Reece is the pastor. Website is www.kechi.umd.org; email is Mitch@kechi.umd.org. Pastor Mitch Reece will begin a new sermon series, Nov. 3 entitled, "The Power of a Thankful Heart — How thankfulness transforms our situations and relationships." Youth group for sixth through 12th grades meets every Sunday at 4 p.m. CareGivers Support group meets every first Monday of the month at 7 pm in the base-

ment parlor. Bingo is every first Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. Every third Tuesday a hot meal is prepared and served to the United Methodist Open Door Ministries Drop-In Center at 10 a.m. Volunteers are welcome. The KUMC Turkey Dinner is Nov. 2 beginning at 4:30 pm. Find the church at www.kechi.umd.org, on Facebook or Twitter @KechiUMC. Pastor Mitch can be contacted at Mitch@kechi.umd.org. Phone number is 744-1221.

### Park City Church of the Nazarene

The church is located at 2100 E. 61st North, right across the street from the Park City Library. Sundays begin with a prayer time for all beginning at 9 a.m. in the sanctuary. Sunday school starts at 9:30 a.m. with morning worship service beginning at 10:45 a.m. We have a Sunday evening Bible study that begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday events start at 6:30 p.m. with a small pot-luck dinner. The first Wednesday of the month has an emphasis on missions with a continuing Bible study on the second and third Wednesdays. The last Wednesday of the month is dedicated to a time of prayer and fasting. For question and additional information call or email Pastor Steve at 744-0000, 285-5621 or parkcitynaz@gmail.com.

### 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.

### 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 p.m. Fellowship meal is at 6 p.m. Wednesday. At 7 is adult Bible study and prayer and youth group (grades nine through 12). Awana Clubs at 7:00 p.m. September-May. Awana Clubs is for children age 4 (depending on birth date) through 8th grade. Awana is a Bible club where students hear Bible stories, do scripture memorization, play games and fellowship with other kids their age. Awana is from 7 to 8:30 p.m. each Wednesday during the school year. Call the church office for more information.

### St. Michael's Orthodox Christian Church

Saint Michael's Orthodox Christian Church is located at 2710 E. 61st North in Park City. It is a congregation of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. On Sunday at 9 a.m. is our adult class, "The Story of Christianity" Service of Matins is at 9:45 a.m. followed by the Divine Liturgy (Mass) at 10 a.m. Nursery service is provided. On Wednesday our service is at 6 p.m. On Saturday Vespers is at 5:30 p.m.

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# Building

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"We're excited about Park City," he said. "We're excited about the help that we're getting."

Last year, Jake Sadler moved to the Wichita area from Amarillo, Texas, the home of Ditch Witch of West Texas, Inc. that has been in the business of selling and servicing underground construction equipment since 1966.

The Sadlers have managed the company since 1972. Jake Sadler described his move north to expand Ditch Witch UnderCon in Kansas as "a great opportunity."

"I didn't know what to

expect, but because of that opportunity, we had one goal in mind and that was to build a Ditch Witch dealership that was representative of what a Ditch Witch dealership should be," he said at the groundbreaking. "This building is the beginning of it."

The company's new facility in Park City will serve as the hub for Ditch Witch UnderCon's regional operation. Plans call for equipment to be sent to the new site before it's shipped to the company's other locations.

Ditch Witch also operates in counties in eastern New Mexico, the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles, Nebraska and Wyoming.

The new site is ideal because

of its proximity to the interstate, Lenny Sadler said. Ditch Witch regional manager Josh McKown said about 12 employees would make the move about

5 1/2 miles south from Ditch Witch's current Kansas home. The site near 77th North and Broadway that abuts 80 acres of industrial-commercial land

around Hartman Arena, will include a retail part of the business, accompanied by a service department.

"It's gonna be great for the operation," McKown said. "It's gonna be a whole new beginning."

# Hit stage shows to air live at Hartman Arena

Come on Down! The Price is Right Live! is headed to Hartman Arena, the first of two hit TV shows that are planning a showing at the venue in early November. The interactive stage show where contestants from the audience compete for a chance to win the grand prize in the Showcase Showdown is airing its live show in north Sedgwick County at 6 p.m. Nov. 3.

At 7 p.m. Nov. 10, the Primetime Emmy Award-winning dance show, "So You Think You Can Dance," is making a stop at Hartman Arena as part of its 42-city tour that kicked off in October.

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