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Four arrested in shooting

Victim's son,
two Park City
teens among
those in
custody

By Chris Strunk

The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office announced Nov. 20 that Tony Bluml, 18, was arrested in connection with the shooting death of his adoptive mother.

Bluml was booked into jail on charges of first-degree murder, attempted first-degree murder and burglary.

Also arrested in connection with Melissa Bluml's death were Kisha Schaberg, 35, of San Diego, Andrew Ellington, 18, of Park City and Braden Smith, 18, also of Park City.

The sheriff's office said Schaberg is Tony Bluml's biological mother.

Schaberg and Ellington were booked into jail on charges of first-degree murder, attempted

first-degree murder, burglary and aggravated robbery.

Smith was booked on charges of first-degree murder and attempted first-degree murder.

Capt. Gregory Pollock said the case would be presented to the Sedgwick County District Attorney's Office later this week for formal charges.

Pollock said the investigation was to continue through

Nov. 20.

"We are still actively working the investigation and are unable to discuss further details of the case," Pollock said at a news conference.

Investigators planned to search for further evidence at various locations in the county.

Melissa Bluml and her husband, Roger, were shot Nov. 15 outside of their home in the

5900 block of East 109th North.

Melissa Bluml died Nov. 16 and Roger was left fighting for his life at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita.

The shooting was reported to authorities at about 9:15 p.m. Nov. 15, and investigators remained at the Blumls' residence through at least mid-week.

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Park in the City



Photos by Matt Heilman

At a Nov. 12 council meeting, the city narrowly renewed its contract with the Park City Youth Program through 2014 after considering an alternative proposal. The volunteer board has requested assistance with mowing on the baseball fields in Hap McLean Park.

Council weighs options for pool

By Matt Heilman

School is in session, temperatures are crisp and the sun goes down early. Christmas is around the corner and it's probably a safe bet to assume that most area residents have had their swimsuits packed away for a few months now.

But a little more than one year since the Park City Council made the money-saving decision to close the city's pool, the Park City Park Board hasn't abandoned exploring possibilities to bring the staple of summertime recreation back to Hap McLean Park.

"It's not a dead deal. It's still being talked about," council member and park board liaison George Glover said.

When he ran for his seat representing Ward 2 last spring, Glover said he'd heard from several of his constituents that they wanted the city to find a way to keep the pool open. But at

least publicly, there hasn't been much feedback from residents concerning the pool since last spring.

Park City Mayor Ray Mann said he's received just one phone call from a resident concerning the pool.

"We're still looking to see what's there, but I haven't seen much community input either way," Mann said.

One of the options Mann said he's explored is the possibility of keeping the pool closed, but using its infrastructure to open a splash pad in the park. The move would likely cost between \$120,000 and \$160,000, Mann said.

The park board had also briefly discussed the option of putting the question of a 1-percent sales tax on an election ballot. The sales tax would go toward paying for a pool.

But unless more residents come forward to give city leaders guidance

on what they'd like to see done with the pool, Mann said there's not much the council can do at this point.

At least for now, the ball is in the park board's court. At the park board's Sept. 9 meeting, Mann told the board members that any comprehensive plan they may develop for Glover to bring to the council for consideration regarding the pool should be heavily detailed. He said the information presented to the council should include a clear explanation of a funding source for a reopened or new pool or a splash pad and exactly what obligations the city would have with the different options. Glover said the research put in by the park board has included an investigation into what other area cities have gone through with opening a new pool or having a splash pad built.

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The Park City pool in Hap McLean Park remained empty last summer. The city's park board and council have discussed options for the pool, including the possibility of utilizing the existing infrastructure to build a splash pad in place of a pool.

City to keep partnership with youth program

By Matt Heilman

At its Nov. 12 meeting, the Park City council had two proposals to consider for operating its youth baseball and softball program in 2014. One proposal was from the volunteer Park City Youth Program that has been in place longer than the community has been an official city.

The second proposal was from a private organization called BTS Inc.

After more than two hours of discussion, the council voted in support of the youth program.

BTS Inc. is led by Barry Newell, the commissioner of the college-aged summer baseball league called the Walter Johnson League and the owner and manager of the Park City Rangers.

BTS Inc. owns the Walter Johnson League, in addition to the Rangers Academy that consists of youth teams in the 7- to 18-year-old

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Additional senior housing an option in Park City

By Matt Heilman

Nothing is set in stone, but the possibility for more senior housing in Park City has gained momentum.

At the Park City council's Nov. 12 meeting, the governing body unanimously approved a one-year option

with a Wichita real estate development and holding company for city-owned property north of 61st North and Broadway. The option on the approximately six acres just north of Atwoods is with Investment Resources Corporation.

On Nov. 12, City Administrator

Jack Whitson said the city has been in talks with the developer about the possibility of adding senior housing on the property.

He said the senior housing would likely be constructed in the form of duplexes.

The one-year option approved by

the council essentially puts the property off the market to everyone except for Investment Resources Corp. for one year.

Investment Resources Corp. has worked with Park City before as the developer for the Country Park apartment complex near 45th North and

Hydraulic.

Park City welcomed its first senior housing to the community last year with the construction of Charleston Cottages, an independent senior housing development consisting of 21 units of twin homes and tri homes in the 2200 block of Charleston.

HIGHLIGHTS

Beach Boys to be at Hartman

Never mind the forecast. A legendary group is coming to north Sedgwick County this month to perform some songs of summer.

At 7 p.m. Dec. 19, the Beach Boys are set to play at Hartman Arena. Tickets for the concert went on sale Nov. 8.

The Beach Boys are coming to the Wichita area for the first time since 1985. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame members notched 11 top 10 singles from 1963 to 1968 in a career that has spanned more than 50 years.

Tickets for the Dec. 19 concert are available at www.stage1tickets.com, at select CD TradePost locations, at the Hartman Arena Box Office or by calling 927-3999.

— The Post staff

Suspect at motel eludes officers

A suspicious character apparently up to no good was able to elude Park City police Oct. 29.

Shortly after 1 a.m., an officer observed a white male wearing all black entering the enclosed dumpster area behind the Super 8 motel in the 6000 block of North Air Cap Drive, taking items from the area and placing them in a maroon Toyota Tacoma. Officers attempted to contact the suspect and he disappeared.

Police said the suspect was observed an hour later inside the motel. An officer attempted to detain the man and he ran away. Officers were unable to locate the suspect after he fled.

— The Post staff

3 hurt in wreck at 61st and Hillside

Three people, including a toddler, were hurt in a wreck shortly after 6 p.m. Nov. 16 at 61st North and Hillside.

A pickup driven by a Park City man was traveling east on 61st North when it collided with a vehicle driven by a Park City teenager at Hillside. The second vehicle was described as a Pontiac Grand Am or a Grand Prix.

A report from the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office said the Pontiac was traveling north on Hillside when it ran the stop sign at the intersection of 61st North and Hillside, causing the collision. The driver of the pickup was uninjured and was able to drive from the scene.

The 17-year-old driver of the Pontiac, one adult passenger and a 1-year-old passenger were transported to a Wichita hospital with minor injuries, the sheriff's report said.

— Matt Heilman

City issues 20 permits in Oct.

The City of Park City issued 20 building permits in October for a total valuation of nearly \$2.4 million. Of that number, one was for a new commercial building for \$2.2 million. The permits are listed by date they were issued, address, project and valuation:

- Oct. 1, 5800 N. Park Place, detached garage, \$18,000;
- Oct. 2, 6225 E. Parkview, roofing, \$2,000; •Oct. 11, 1319 Frontenac, roofing, \$2,800;
- Oct. 7, 6452 N. Hydraulic, roofing, \$2,700; •Oct. 8, 710 E. 101st North, roofing, \$2,200;
- Oct. 8, 2615 Prairie Rose Circle, roofing, \$3,000; •Oct. 9, 629 Rolling View Drive, roofing, \$6,500; •Oct. 11, 8901 Ridgewood Lane, roofing, \$9,500; •Oct. 28, 7825 Hartman Arena Drive, new

commercial construction, \$2.2 million; •Oct. 15, 1236 Bearhill, pool, \$40,000; •Oct. 15, 2016 Wyndham, roofing, \$10,258; •Oct. 15, 6243 Millsboro, roofing, \$5,550; •Oct. 15, 6440 Chisholm Pointe, roofing, \$2,400; •Oct. 15, 5946 Hartford, roofing, \$5,750; •Oct. 16, 8952 Ridgewood Court, roofing, \$7,000; •Oct. 16, 901 E. 53rd North, roofing, \$39,700; •Oct. 18, 6245 E. Parkview, roofing, \$500; •Oct. 21, 612 Rolling View, roofing, \$8,124; •Oct. 24, 2002 Wyndham, roofing, \$11,270; •Oct. 28, 8910 Ridgewood Court, roofing, \$10,384.

— The Post staff

Chief offers tips against break-ins

'Tis the season to be cautious. Park City Police Chief Phil Bostian warns residents that "there is almost always a large increase in thefts from vehicles" during the Christmas shopping season. The thefts are common in neighborhoods as well as parking lots.

The chief offers several tips for residents to protect their vehicles. The tips include, always keeping cars locked and windows up when they're not occupied, never leaving a vehicle running and unlocked, turning wheels to the curb and engaging the emergency brake if parking on the street, not hiding any extra keys in vehicles, never leaving valuables or personal documents in plain sight, being aware of people around when locking valuables in the trunk of a vehicle, not assuming that a vehicle's age will keep it from being targeted for theft, investing in an anti-theft device, having the vehicle identification number written down or possibly consider etching the VIN number into the windows of your vehicle, and parking your vehicle in your garage if you have one.

When purchasing a used vehicle, Bostian advises citizens to be suspicious of any deal that may be too good to be true and to make sure that the name on the title and registration is the same as the seller's name on the seller's driver's license when buying from a private party.

— The Post staff

No one injured in RV fire

No one was injured in an Oct. 25 RV fire reported at about 10:20 a.m. at 101st North and Broadway. In a report, Park City police said the driver of the RV pulled over at the intersection after he smelled smoke. The driver exited the RV before the vehicle was engulfed in flames. The RV was destroyed and was towed from the scene.

Park City police and Sedgwick County sheriff's deputies responded with fire crews from Sedgwick County and Valley Center.

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Pride to host Christmas lighting ceremony

By The Post staff

Park City Pride will really light up the community for Christmas this year. In addition to the Annual Light Up Park City for Christmas light contest, Pride members and volunteers will be lighting up the Senior

Center tree and light three trees in the area north of City Hall.

Carol Flower and her crew of faithful helpers have cut out, painted and will assemble a sleigh and nine reindeer (wouldn't want to forget Rudolph) on Nov. 30. Flower and her husband Kenny purchased

blowups to add to the display.

At 7 that evening, Mayor Ray Mann will kick off the holiday season by lighting up the exhibit. The public is invited to share in the festivities with music, cookies and hot drinks.

Pride member Len Warren has volunteered to head the

committee to choose the best decorated houses in Park City. To have your display judged, leave a message at the Pride Community Building, 744-8685. Pride and the Park City Chamber of Commerce sponsor the contest each year, contributing equally to the prize money.

Pantry starts annual holiday food drive

By The Post staff

Handbells ringing, cash registers jingling, children laughing and singing. These are favorite sounds during the holiday season. Park City Pride wants to hear one more sound:

Ka-thunk. That is the sound of non-perishable food dropping into a food collection container.

Park City Pride is holding its annual food drive for the Park City Food Pantry. From now until December 20, a receptacle will be placed

at Leeker's Family Food on North Broadway to collect donated items. This food will help many families enjoy a nice holiday meal.

Help Pride help those in need at this time of the year. Cash collection jars will also

be placed at various locations around Park City to enable Pride to purchase certificates for perishables such as meat and vegetables.

For more information, call the Pride Building at 744-8685 and leave a message.

Pride donates to fundraiser for playground

By The Post staff

At its November meeting, Park City Pride members heard a presentation from Chisholm Trail Elementary School Principal Larry Perlman on the need for additional playground equipment. There is currently not sufficient equipment for the students enrolled at the school and the PTO has worked hard to raise enough money to purchase a new piece.

Perlman explained that the equipment would be placed on an area of the school grounds that is open to the public. When school is not in session, the equipment would be accessible, thereby providing a much-needed neighborhood playground for the area.

The school also received a grant from the manufacturer to help with the cost of the piece

and shipping, but more funds were needed.

Pride members voted to contribute \$1,000 to complete the fundraising. Chisholm Trail and Pride have partnered on many projects, including tutoring, a chicken noodle fundraiser for a student, Stuff the School Bus and others.

During its meeting in November, Pride also:

- Reminded members that Park City Alive! will not have a program in December, but will resume its monthly presentations in January.

- Learned that Darrell Wilcox is upgrading the website, and agendas and minutes will be posted there rather than e-mailed out to members.

- Allocated \$250 to sponsor Light Up Park City for Christmas again this year.

- Learned that Pride served 13 families at the October Food Pantry distribution.

- Learned that Pride is working with United Way on projects for Youth Day of Caring over spring break.

- Voted to support the purchase of playground equipment with \$1,000

- Learned that Chisholm Trail Elementary School, St. Michael's Orthodox Church, the Park City Public Library, Christ Lutheran Church, Chisholm Trail Seniors will help collect food for Christmas distribution.

- Learned that current officers Linda Holsey, Jan McGonigle,

Dee Stuart, Len Warren, Darrell Wilcox and Tracy Henderson have agreed to serve another year

- Was asked to bring proposals for new projects to the December meeting.

- Postponed a decision on working the state basketball and state wrestling events at Hartman Arena until more information is available.

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CITY OF PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Oct. 22, 2013 Regular Meeting:

- Approved a special use permit for sand mining in a light industrial district on property located southeast of W. 61st Street North and Armstrong/ Interurban Streets.
- Accepted a bid and approved an ordinance and a resolution enabling the sale of General Obligation Bonds Series 2013-A in the amount of \$1,250,000.
- Accepted a bid and approved an ordinance and a resolution enabling the sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2013-B in the amount of \$4,470,000.
- Rescinded a previous bid and accepted a corrected bid for street striping on Broadway between 77th and 93rd Streets North in the amount of \$19,840.
- Considered a proposal from Bob Shellenberger to modify the terms of an option for Park City to buy land and agreed to reconsider it on the next agenda.
- Approved a Public Defender contract for Shawn Lautz
- Discussed year-to-date water and sewer rates and agreed to reconsider them later in the year.
- Approved a design to add a "stacked" Park City logo to future street signs.

Nov. 12, 2013 Regular Meeting:

- Approved City Hall closing at noon on Christmas Eve.
- Approved a \$35,000 Senior Center contract with Sedgwick County
- Approved Transient Guest Tax Funds for the following events:
 - o KCAC Basketball Championships, \$10,000
 - o Park City Chill, \$8,500
 - o Hard Charge, \$15,000
 - o Ribbon of Hope Horse Show, \$5,000
 - o Wichita B-52's Soccer, \$10,000
 - o Pavilions 2014 Budget, \$29,600
 - o Wichita Visitor's Guide, \$1,995
- Appointed Sherene Mackey to the Park Board and Kimberly Holt and Christine Wolke to the Library Board.
- Approved the low bid of \$7,766 for a traffic control sensor at 61st and Broadway.
- Approved the renewal of the recycle/preferred trash provider Waste Connections.
- Approved the lifting of the hiring freeze to fill a vacant Water Department position
- Approved the lifting of the hiring freeze and approve the job description to fill a budgeted shared position between the Police Department, Administration and the Municipal Court.
- Confirmed the sale of 19 acres of City-owned land near 61st and Broadway to Lou Robelli for \$8,000 an acre plus

- the cost of improvements.
- Considered the extension of a tax rebate for Mr. Patel of the Quality Inn for three years and agreed to reconsider it on the next agenda.
- Agreed to offer a one-year option to purchase City-owned land northwest of 61st and Broadway to Investment Resources Corp. for the purpose of building duplexes.
- Approved the selection of the Park City Youth Program to manage the Park City baseball programs.
- Approved the bid of Nye & Associates to prepare a tradeshow display and design and print 1,000 brochures for the Home Show for \$5,820.
- Approved a revision to the City's option agreement to purchase land from Bob Shellenberger, resulting in accelerated payments and a \$50,000 price reduction.
- Cancelled the City Council meeting originally scheduled for Christmas Eve.
- Approved a contract with Keith New comer to farm vacant city-owned land in the Saddlebrook and Bearhill additions.
- Renewed a contract with J.P. Weigand to market City-owned lots until Jan. 31, 2014.
- Approved an employee Christmas party.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Dec. 1,** 7 p.m. — PCYP Board CB
- Dec. 2,** 10:30 a.m. — Park Board CH
- Dec. 4,** 10:30 a.m. — Seniors catered lunch SC
- Dec. 5,** 6:30 p.m. — Court CH
- Dec. 7,** 7 p.m. — Senior dance SC
- Dec. 10,** 7 p.m. — Council CH
- Dec. 12,** 1 p.m. — Court trials CH
- Dec. 12,** 6:30 p.m. — Court CH
- Dec. 12,** 7 p.m. — Library Board PCL
- Dec. 14,** 9 a.m. — PRIDE PC
- Dec. 14,** 7 p.m. — Senior Dance SC
- Dec. 16,** 7 p.m. — Planning/BZA CH
- Dec. 19,** 1 p.m. — Pride food pantry PC
- Dec. 19,** 5:30 p.m. — Seniors finger food
- Dec. 19,** 7 p.m. — Court CH
- Dec. 21,** 1 p.m. — Pride food pantry PC
- Dec. 21,** 7 p.m. — Park City Alive! PCL
- Dec. 24,** 7 p.m. — City Hall Closes at noon
- Dec. 25,** 7 p.m. — City Hall closed
- Dec. 26,** 1 p.m. — Court trials CH
- Dec. 26,** 4:30 p.m. — CUA Bel Aire CH
- Dec. 26,** 5:30 p.m. — Court CH
- Dec. 26,** 7 p.m. — Seniors square dance SC
- Dec. 27,** 8 a.m. — Commodities - Leekers
- Dec. 28,** 7 p.m. — Senior dance SC
- Dec. 31,** — New Year's Eve

SENIOR CALENDAR

- Monday**
9:15 AM exercise
10:15 Bible study
1:00 crochet/art class
7:00 cards
- Tuesday**
10:00 Chair exercise
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 Wif Bowling (except 2nd Thursday of month)
10:00 Chair exercise
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
- 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 December 2, 10:30 AM Board Meeting
- Wednesday, December 4, 10:30 AM Chisholm Trail Seniors Catered Lunch and Meeting (lunch Day by reservation)
- Monday, December 9, 11:30 AM Information on Shingles
- Tuesday, December 17, 8:00 AM breakfast Auntie C's
- Thursday, December 18, 1:00 Card Bingo—Fee \$1.00
- Thursday, December 18, 5:30 PM Finger Food
- Friday, December 20, 6:00 PM, Fun-Food-Games with Darlene
- Wednesday, December 25, Senior Center Closed for Christmas

The Park City Municipal Code is available online at parkcityks.com

PARK CITY PRIDE HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Make sure to check out the holiday light display next to the Park City Senior Center and Park City Hall. Thanks to Park City Pride and all the volunteers for their creativity and hard work.

RECYCLING DAYS IN PARK CITY

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Due to the Holiday, there will be no Council Meeting on Dec. 24.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The local Food Pantry is seeking Volunteers pick food up from the Kansas Foodbank Warehouse. If you have a truck or large capacity vehicle and are available one day for two hours the third week of the month and would like to volunteer, please call Park City Pride at 744-8685 and leave a message.

2014 SEWER RATES TO BE DETERMINED DURING NEXT 3 MONTHS

Water usage from December 15th through March 15th of each year determines the amount of sewer charges on water billings for the twelve-month period from April 1st to the following March 31st. The readings taken on the 15th of January, February and March are averaged to calculate the sewer rate. These readings are usually the lowest usage of the year, but they can be high if there is a water leak during that time period. If a leak has occurred, have it repaired in a timely manner and bring the receipts to the Water Clerk at City Hall.
By keeping your water usage down during this three-month period, you can control the sewer rate on your utility bill. If you have any questions about how to conserve your water usage, stop by City Hall and ask for a water conservation brochure.

PRIDE FOOD BANK

The Park City Pride Food Bank is the third Saturday of each month. The date for December is Saturday the 21st. The food bank is required to follow the USDA income guidelines for commodities. Proof of income and residency is required. In December, there will also be a special Christmas box. If you are interested in the Christmas box, you must be signed up and approved in advance. If you are in need of food assistance or would like more information, please contact Park City Pride at 744-8685. Thanks to the Park City Chamber for their donation of \$500 to the Park City Food Bank.

Christmas Treecycle

When the holidays are over, remember to recycle that Christmas tree. You can drop it off at Hap McLean Park, 6801 N. Hydraulic. (West end by the ball diamonds)

TIME IS RUNNING OUT: WATER CONSERVATION REBATE PROGRAM ENDS DECEMBER 31ST

Funds are still available in the Water Conservation Rebate Program but time is running out. The program will end on December 31st. Don't miss your opportunity to save \$100 on your water bill when you buy a qualifying water conservation device. More information is available on the website at parkcityks.com.

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.

- 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
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WINTER STREET SAFETY

Winter weather is on the way, which means that you could encounter hazardous driving conditions caused by Ice and Snow. The City of Park City has about 83 miles of roads which are maintained by the Public Works Street Department; a staff of four. The Street Department approaches snow removal by dividing the streets into zones. They are prioritized and are cleared in the following order: arterial, collector, and lastly residential streets that have known spots that tend to ice over and have hazardous conditions.
Be safe. When driving on slick roads remember to drive, steer, and brake more slowly than usual. You should keep at least a three car distance from the vehicle directly in front you.

Park City is planning for Christmas

Christmas is the most celebrated holiday of the Christian world, observed as the anniversary of the birth of Jesus. Christmas customs are centuries old. The Christmas tree started in Germany in the 17th century. The hanging of the mistletoe was meant for hope, peace and good fortune. Santa Claus was introduced in Colonial times. Some names in other countries were St. Nicholas and Father Christ



Around Park City
By Cecile Cox

mas. Many events lead up to Christmas. Hanukkah (Festival of lights) Advent, celebrated on the four Sundays that lead up to Christmas.

There will be many Christmas events going on in Park City, one being a Christmas party at the Library for the kids.

Many homes will be decorated and Park City Pride will be judging homes

again this year.

Park City Pride will put decoration at City Hall and in front of the Senior Center. Everyone has special family get-togethers with family and friends.

Also, special Church services at the Church you attend. I think the greatest thing we could hope and pray for is peace and goodwill for all.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

DEATHS

ROSE HAHNFELD

Rose Belle (Noah) Hahnfeld, 99, beloved mother and grandmother, died Oct. 28, 2013 at Catholic Care Center.

She was born in Altamont, Mo. to Charles and Kathryn Noah.

On Sept. 5, 1935 in Olathe, she married Owen B. Hahnfeld. They were dairy farmers at Cadmus.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, eight siblings, daughters Frances (Ron) Harp and Teresa (Paul) Blinzler and great grandson Jonathan May.

She is survived by her children, Carol (Lee) Copeland of Park City, Beverly (Bill) Walthour of Seymour, Mo., and Michael (Vicki) Hahnfeld of Wichita; 11 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, seven great-great-grandchildren.

She loved the outdoors, taking long walks, playing dominoes, working puzzles and crocheting afghans for her family. Family was very important to her and she loved them all. We will miss her.

Services were to be held at a later date. Burial was to take place at Cadmus Cemetery, Cadmus. Baker Funeral Home, Valley Center has charge.

DUSTIN BLAKE

Dustin Michael Blake, 18, died Oct. 28, 2013.

Rosary was Nov. 1 at Headley Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass was Nov. 2 at St. James Catholic Church. Burial followed in Elmwood Cemetery.

He was born in Wichita on Dec. 28, 1994, to Deanna Kay (Shaver) and Michael Allen Blake. He was a warehouse employee at Cabela's.

He is survived by parents; grandparents, Donald and Charlotte Blake of Augusta and Gerald and Vivian Shaver of Douglass; sisters, Jamie Sizemore and husband, Austin of Park City and Molly Blake of Augusta.

Memorial donations may be made to the Dustin Blake Memorial Fund at Emprise Bank.

BETTY MCGEE

Betty Jane "Annie" (Engle) McGee, 76, died Oct. 27, 2013.

She was born Dec. 30, 1936, to Walter and Alice (Gallope) Engle in St. Joseph, Mo. She married Bobby McGee on May 30, 1980, in St. Joseph, Mo.

She was preceded in death by her mother and stepfather, Tom and Alice Ebling; father,

Walter Engle; husband, Bobby McGee; son, Jerry Merritt; and siblings, Gladys Ball, Walter Engle, Pete Engle, Hazel McKnight, Pearl Gerling and Alice Hall.

She is survived by her children, Cindy (Ralph) Johnson of Park City, Dennis (Debra) Merritt of Redding, Julie Kaufman of Saint Joseph, Mo., Nancy (Bill) Tate of Park City; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and sisters, Norma Walker and Mary Engle.

Visitation was Oct. 30, and service will be Oct. 31, both at Lakeview Funeral Home.

ANDREW ROWLEY

Andrew Lee Rowley, 25, died Nov. 2, 2013.

He was the proud father of two girls, Destiny, 8, and Zaylie, 4. He attended Heights High School. He was employed by Spangles, as a general manager.

He is survived by his parents, Joe and Brenda Rowley of Wichita; sister, Rachel Smith and her husband, Mike of Park City; brother, Daniel Rowley of Wichita; and maternal grandmother, Annabelle Looney of Ponca City, Okla.

Memorial service was Nov. 8 at First Evangelical Free

Church.

A memorial fund for Destiny and Zaylie Rowley has been set up at Chisholm State Bank.

BEULAH DILL

Beulah Chiles Dill died Nov. 8, 2013 at the age of 100 years, 11 months and 2 days.

She was born on Dec. 6, 1912, in Stafford, to the union of Bert and Sophia Wulfmeyer Chiles. On Nov. 21, 1932, she married the love of her life Earl Dill, who she was devoted to for 74 years. In 1943 they moved to rural Valley Center and attended the Christian Church where she was the pianist and then later the organist for the Park City Christian Church until she was 82. She loved God, helping others, and was loved by all.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; three sisters; two sisters-in-law; a son-in-law; and a grandson-in-law.

She leaves behind her three children: Sylvia Dressler of Harrah, Okla.; Barbara Parcell of North Richland Hills, Texas; and Earl, Jr. of the Valley Center farm; six grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; 22 great-great-grandchildren; and two brothers.

Visitation was Nov. 15 at Resthaven Mortuary, Wichita. Funeral service was Nov.

16 at Resthaven Mortuary.

Interment followed at Memorial Park Cemetery, Hutchinson.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice Compassus, 7001 Boulevard 26, Suite 500, North Richland Hills, TX 76180. Resthaven Mortuary, Wichita had charge.

DONALD COUNTER

Donald Dewey "Don" Counter, 88, retired truck driver, died Nov. 14, 2013.

He was a World War II Navy veteran in the Pacific Theater and member of Legion Post 0419.

He was preceded in death by five sisters and one brother.

He is survived by his wife, Leota; sons, Dan (Beverly) Counter of Lonetree, Colo., Donnie (Dala) Counter of Baldwin City, Steve (Jean) Counter of Park City; daughter, Cathi (Bob) Wood of Wichita; brother, Louis Counter of Bloomfield, Colo.; sister, JoAnn Kennedy of El Dorado; 8 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Graveside service was Nov. 18 at Resthaven Gardens of Memory.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Resthaven Mortuary, Wichita had charge.

Pool

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We're keeping our options open at this point," Glover said. "It's just a matter of getting enough stuff together to present to the council."

Each year in Park City, the pool cost one mill in property taxes to open. Last year, one mill in the city generated about \$58,700.

And in the summer of

2012, the city spent more than \$70,000 on the pool, including extra costs to fix leaks. Park City Administrator Jack Whitson said it's unknown what future repairs would be needed for the pool that first opened in the late 1950s.

At an April 23 council meeting, about six months after the council voted to close the city's pool in a special meeting, city leaders reviewed their decision. On April 23, a few residents spoke in support of keeping the pool open and

two children living in Park City presented a petition that included 129 signatures of residents wanting the council to reconsider its prior decision to close the pool.

The council accepted the petition, but a motion from council member Tom Jones to use \$21,000 from available park funds to commit to opening the pool with the remainder to be made from other budget reductions was denied 4-3.

The council members in opposition to the motion

expressed that they didn't want to see the pool close, but they deemed the closure a necessary measure to help the city through a steep budget shortfall caused in large part by unpaid special assessments owed to the city for infrastructure improvements on undeveloped residential lots.

Glover said he understands the budget concern, but believes a public pool is an amenity worth having.

"It's basically a community service where people can

interact together and socialize in a safe setting," he said. "It's a place for kids to grow."

Glover said he hoped to have a comprehensive plan for the pool ready to present to the council in the spring.

He said he's been encouraged by residential feedback on different issues brought to the council, and like the mayor, he'd like to hear more opinions from the public about the pool.

"We want to hear what the residents have to say," he said.

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age range. Newell's proposal called for BTS Inc. to take over the youth program in a venture that he said would not be tied in with his college-aged summer team or the academy. The move called for the baseball and softball fields in Hap McLean Park to be utilized for nine months per year with the addition of camps, clinics and a few tournaments to the regular recreation league schedule.

Like the youth program in place, BTS Inc. would seek to meet the needs of the community and have a program in place where players of all skill levels could develop and be part of a team, Newell said. The BTS Inc., proposal presented by Newell included two questions the group has posed with its establishment of youth organizations in other communities. The first question Newell said the group considers is whether its establishment in a community would benefit the community. The second question is whether the group's leadership can bring credibility to the little league program as a whole.

While BTS Inc. is a private entity and not a volunteer organization, Newell said participation fees would be the same as they've been in the Park City Youth Program.

Current youth program fees are \$75 for children living in Park City or Kechi to play on a Park City team or \$100 for a child outside the community to play on a Park City team.

Newell said BTS Inc. would take full responsibility for maintaining the fields.

"This is your rec program," Newell told the council. "We

just want to expand the resource for your community."

Park City Youth Program president Jim Helms delivered the group's proposal to the council. He said the proposal was simple and was "nothing more than it's been in year's past."

A key difference is that for 2014, the Park City Youth Program requested assistance with mowing the fields at Hap McLean Park. City Administrator Jack Whitson said, as in previous years, the city would help if crews had time in their regular work schedule.

However, the responsibility wouldn't be shifted to the city.

Helms, who took over as youth program president from Russ Baxter last year, said he took full responsibility for how the fields looked and told the council the group would find a way to keep the fields mowed.

However, he said the city's help with mowing would free volunteers to devote time to promoting the program and encouraging participation.

Baxter, the president of the Wichita Heights League who still remains a board member for the Park City Youth Program, said revenues for the program have declined in recent years in large part because donations have been down.

However, he said participation in the program has been stable and he wondered why the council would consider contracting with a new entity after all that had been accomplished with the youth program, especially with facility improvements in the last decade.

Speaking in support of the youth program were former Park City Mayor Emil Bergquist and resident Shonda Hill. Both spoke about how

their children had benefited from playing little league baseball in Park City. Bergquist said it had been more than 20 years since his sons had played youth baseball in Park City, but he believed it was in the city's best interest to keep its partnership with the Park City Youth Program.

Hill has two sons who participate in the youth program. A statue in Hap McLean Park is dedicated to her son, Noah Hill, who died from cancer in the summer of 2012.

Hill said she felt the youth program had done "a fantastic job" and believed any issues between the program and the city could be easily resolved.

Following an initial recommendation to table the decision on which proposal to accept, council member Chris Johns said the council had gathered sufficient information to make

a decision. He said a 2014 contract could be ironed out after a proposal was approved.

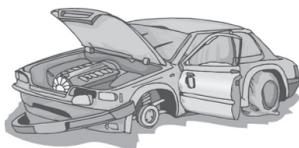
Johns made a motion for the council to approve the BTS Inc. proposal. The motion was seconded by council member John Lehnerr, but failed 6-2.

To move the matter forward, Lehnerr then motioned for the council to approve the proposal from the Park City Youth Program. The motion passed 5-3 with Lehnerr, Johns and council member Tom Jones voting "No."

Jones voted down both proposals because he said the council should not move forward until both proposals were presented in writing, clearly identifying what each group would provide and what obligation the city might have.

Mayor Ray Mann said he was encouraged by the interest of both groups.

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Republican proponents of the change say combining the elections would save money and increase voter participation.

However, it would also create partisanship at the local level where there isn't room for any. Local matters like fixing potholes and keeping parks mowed don't come with a Republican or Democrat tag.

A bill proposed during the last legislative session by Rep. Scott Schwab, R-Olathe, called for local elections to be held in November, but in odd-numbered years when there isn't a state or national election.

Perhaps that option is better than combining municipal, state and national elections, but we believe it's in the state's best interest to keep the election schedule the way it's always been and to keep candidates at the municipal level from having to identify with a political party. It's better to have a lower turnout of informed voters than to compile a bunch of votes from people who don't know nor care about the matters relating to municipal government.

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Convention and tourism prepared for busy slate at local venues

By Matt Heilman

The Park City Convention and Tourism Board is looking forward to welcoming thousands of visitors to Park City in the final month of this year and the first few months of 2014.

The Ribbons of Hope 3H Barrel Race is planned for Dec. 13-15 at the Kansas Pavilions. The three-day event has free

admission, but will accept donations to the American Cancer Society.

The annual motorcycle, car and truck show, the Park City Chill, returns to the Kansas Pavilions Feb. 28-March 2.

The Hard Charge Obstacle Race Challenge is set for April 26. The Park City Wrestling Classic, the annual youth wrestling tournament that draws

wrestlers from across the region is set for March 7 and 8 at Hartman Arena.

Hartman Arena will also host the high school state wrestling tournament for Classes 5A and 6A on Feb. 28 and March 1, the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference men's and women's championship basketball games March 4 and the boys' and girls, Class 4A

Division II state tournament March 12-15. The Park City Convention and Tourism Board is also sponsoring the B-52s professional indoor soccer team that started its season in November and plays its home games at Hartman Arena.

Hartman Arena is also planning to host a pair of big concerts toward the beginning of 2014. The Beach Boys will

play at the venue at 7 p.m. Dec. 19 and country artist Justin Moore will perform at the arena on March 21.

For more information on upcoming events at the Kansas Pavilions or Hartman Arena, visit the venues' websites at www.hartmanarena.com or www.kansascoliseum.com. Or to reach the venues by phone, call Hartman Arena at 744-

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CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran Church

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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. Weekday Masses are 8 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; also at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Resurrection Catholic School has students from preschool through eighth grade.

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

Greenwich United Methodist Church

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

Pastor Jeff Miller can be reached at 744-0203.

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

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

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

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

Gospel Assembly Church

Located at 4230 N. Oliver in Bel Aire, service times are 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Prayer service is 7 p.m. Tuesday. Praise and worship is 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. The first Saturday evening of each month are youth activities.

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

Kechi United Methodist Church

You are welcome at Kechi United Methodist Church, 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi. The Contemporary Service is at 9:03 a.m.; the Blended Service is at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays.

*Pastor Mitch Reece will begin a new sermon series, Dec. 1 entitled, "The Person God Can Use."

Youth Group for 6th - 12th grades meets every Sunday at 4:00 at KUMC.

*Looking for Healthy (Health Strategies) meets every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.; cost is \$10.00/session.

CareGivers Support group meets every first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the basement parlor. Bingo is every first Wednesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. Every 3rd Tuesday a Hot

Meal is prepared at KUMC and served to the United Methodist Open Door Ministries Drop-In Center at 10:00 a.m. Volunteers welcome!

*The KUMC Cookie Caper is Dec. 7, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Cookies and candies sold by the pound - benefits Missions Projects

Christmas Candlelight Service Dec. 24, 6 p.m.

Find us at www.KechiUMC.org. Follow us on Facebook, or Twitter @KechiUMC. Pastor Mitch can be contacted at Mitch@kechiunc.org. Phone number is 744-1221.

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 evening light meal at 6:30 and Bible study at 7.

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 6-7:30 p.m. 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

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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.

Ken Ham's "Answers in Genesis" DVD series is held on Sundays at 6 p.m. beginning Aug. 18.

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 on Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Awana is for children age 4 (depending on birth date) through eighth 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. Wednesdays August through early May. 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 Street Park City, KS 67219. It is a congregation of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. "... the disciples were first called Christians at Antioch." Acts 11:26

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.

Wednesday Night Potluck Supper Program: Dec. 4 Topic: "Saint Nicholas of Myra" and Dec. 18 "The O Antiphons" Liturgy 6 p.m., Potluck 6:45, Program 7:15 p.m.

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Holy Days for Dec.: Dec. 6 Saint Nicholas, Dec. 7 Saint Ambrose, Dec. 13 Saint Lucy, Dec. 21 Saint Thomas the Apostle, Dec. 24 Eve of the Nativity, Dec. 26 Saint Stephen, Dec. 27 Saint John the Divine, Dec. 28 The Holy Innocents.

Call the church for more information 734-6248 or visit our website: www.stmichaeloc.org

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Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 6 p.m. we will offer the traditional Golden Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This Advent liturgy is celebrated by candle light and is a beautiful and solemn offering of praise to the Holy Trinity and to our Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary. Following this service we will have a potluck and program.

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 11 p.m. the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ according to the Flesh.

New Years Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 31 at 6 p.m. Liturgy of Thanksgiving for 2013 and special intercessory prayers for the New Year. Blessing of the Vasilpita or Basil Bread in honor of Saint Basil whose Feast is Jan. 1. Saint Basil Day is our Bishop's Namesday.

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- Yes No A change in leg color or shiny skin
- Yes No Hair loss or slower hair growth on feet and legs
- Yes No Slower toenail growth
- Yes No Pain in arms, legs or feet when at rest, particularly at night
- Yes No A weak pulse or no pulse in legs or feet
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On Nov. 19, the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office called in dozens of deputies and investigators and enlisted the help of the Wichita Police Department's equestrian unit to comb the ditches and dirt roads surrounding the Blumls' property, about seven miles northeast of Valley Center.

The sheriff's office released a statement to media outlets mid-morning Nov. 18, saying there would be no updates that day.

"Investigators worked around the clock all weekend trying to piece information together," the sheriff's office said in an email. "We know there are several theories floating around. They are just that, theories."

"We will provide information when we have something other than theories to base our statement from," the email said. "Thank you for your patience."

Meanwhile, a family and a community have been left to mourn the death of Melissa Bluml.

The 53-year-old, who died about 4:30 p.m. Nov. 16, is being remembered as a warm and kind-hearted person, always willing to help and always involved in her two sons' school activities and athletics.

"She would do anything for anybody," said Anne Carter-Hainlen, a friend and parent of a fellow football player. "... I think you could talk to 100 people and I think they would have the same thoughts. She's a great person."

The community and the school district have embraced the family this week.

Chris Bluml, the younger of the Blumls' two sons, attended the football team's postseason banquet Nov. 17, where the team had a moment of silence

for the family.

Friends and fellow students were planning fundraisers for the family this week, but nothing had been announced as of late Nov. 19.

A fund to help the Bluml family was set up at Halstead Bank.

Tony Bluml, the oldest of the Blumls' two sons, graduated from VCHS in 2013 and was a standout wrestler and football player.

He had recent run-ins with law enforcement. He was arrested earlier this year on a charge of DUI in Wichita in July and on a charge of assault in June, also in Wichita.

Melissa Bluml was vice president of Chisholm Trail State Bank, where she started as a teller in 1992. She and Roger had been married since 1991.

"They were very friendly, caring people, a part of the VCHS wrestling family," said Michelle Holle, president of the high school Takedowners Club. "Roger has a great laugh that puts a smile on your face every time you hear it. Melissa always greeted me with a smile. I always appreciated her calmness, and always enjoyed watching her talented hands create."

Melissa Bluml was often seen crocheting while sitting in the stands at wrestling tournaments. She made children's hats. Some were sold at Anne's Attic in Valley Center.

Carter-Hainlen said she talked to Bluml the morning of Nov. 15 about hat orders and other things.

"She had a huge heart," Carter-Hainlen said. "She never expected anything in return. When she was asked to do something, she did it all with a

smile."

Carter-Hainlen remembered Bluml making all of the potato salad for the football program's

community dinner this past summer.

"She was just one of those people," Carter-Hainlen said.

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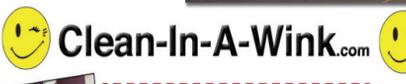
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