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PARK CITY POST YEAR IN REVIEW

Park City made gains in 2013



The smiles outnumbered the tears in a year that concluded with reasons for optimism in the future. We saw new faces take the reins of city leadership, but familiar names stayed active in the community. By and large, the good things in 2013 outweighed the bad and another year that earned the title of “successful” is in the books. The end of the year comes with plenty to look forward to in 2014.

Here’s a look back at the year that was in Park City:

January

Park City Mayor Emil Bergquist announced that he planned to step down from the post he’d served since 2009. Including time as the city’s mayor and as a city council member, Bergquist served Park City for almost 16 years.

The Park City Council introduced Phil Bostian as its new police chief in replacement of Bill Edwards who had stepped down in December 2012. Bostian, a 30-year law enforcement veteran, was previously an administrative lieutenant with the Kansas Highway Patrol.

A longtime, successful player in the real estate business began operating out of his new Park City office. Hodge Real Estate, LLC owner Rick Hodge said moving his business to its current location at 61st North and Independence made sense because it provides easy access to clients in Wichita, Newton and the surrounding area.

February

More than 2,000 volunteers set a world record by packing more than 40,000 meals in one hour during a Feb. 16 event at the Kansas Pavilions. Numana, an El Dorado-based organization that has shipped food all over the world in its more than three-year existence, spearheaded the event called “Serving the Hungry at Home and in Haiti.”

A longtime equipment dealer announced its plans to move its local operation with the goal of being more accessible to its customers. Ditch Witch of Kansas, currently between 109th and 117th and Broadway announced its plans to move to about eight acres just south of Hartman Arena, west of 77th North and I-135.

The area received more than 20 inches of snowfall following a Feb. 25 blizzard.



The accumulation caused businesses and schools to close and delayed the start of the Feb. 27 state wrestling tournaments for classes 5 and 6A at Hartman Arena.

March

Chisholm Trail Elementary School kindergartner Peyton Henderson took a spring break trip to meet the Mississippi farmer who found a note attached to a balloon she had launched from the school. The farmer, David Whitehead, found Henderson’s note and the deflated pink balloon in a soybean field on his land in Chatham, Miss.

Dentists from across Kansas and beyond gathered

at the Kansas Pavilions to see patients on a volunteer basis as part of the annual free dental clinic called the Kansas Mission of Mercy. Park City police assisted with security at the two-day event that saw about 2,000 patients receive free dental care that primarily included cleanings, fillings and tooth extractions.

April

There was a mix of new and familiar names selected to the Park City council and mayoral post in the April 2 general election for municipalities. Incumbents John Lehnerr in Ward 1 and Gary

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CEO to purchase Hayes building

By Matt Heilman

The former home of a local business that had a strong presence in north Sedgwick county is on the market. And a successful businessman who has prospered in Park City with the development of large warehouse and manufacturing facilities is looking to buy.

At the Park City council’s Dec. 10 meeting, Air Capital Delivery and Warehouse CEO Lou Robelli formally announced his plans to purchase the Hayes Company facility just east of 77th North and Broadway. Robelli said he plans to make the purchase of the approximately 475,000-square-foot facility in March or April. He said plans call for the Coleman Company to occupy about 200,000 square feet and bring 20 to 25 jobs to the facility. Robelli said he’s spoken with another customer that has expressed “some interest” in occupying space in the Hayes facility.

Robelli has already leased space in the facility from which most of the Hayes Company’s operation has moved. The Hayes Company had specialized into a customer-managed warehousing business, which ultimately led to the bulk of its operation moving to Dallas. The facility was listed at \$17 million when it was reported on the market in May.

Robelli is looking to fill the void left by the Hayes Company with new companies utilizing the facility and making use of the 27,000 square feet of office space, 175,000 square feet of manufacturing space and 250,000 square feet of warehouse

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Senior director stepping down

By Matt Heilman

After more than 20 years serving the senior population in north Sedgwick County, Vicki Shepard is ready to join it in retirement. On Jan. 3, Shepard will work her last day as the Tri-City Senior director.



Shepard

Shepard is retiring from a position that has evolved since she stepped into the role in 1993, serving the communities of Park City, Bel Aire and Maize.

Budget cuts have restructured the tri-city senior services program to a point where Shepard’s replacement will take the role of Park City Senior Director, concentrating on the city in which Shepard has her office and spends most of her days. Shepard still attends events for the senior groups in Maize and Bel Aire and she has friendships in all three communities.

“I still love my seniors,” Shepard said. “I’ve made so many friends with my seniors, I’ll still be in contact with a lot of them. It’s just time to move on.”

Shepard said one of the primary reasons she’s retiring after this year is to spend more time with the senior she’s known the longest, her father.

“It’s just a combination,” she said. “I’m getting older and my father’s getting older. I want to spend more time with my dad and I want to start doing things that I want to do.”

Shepard said she’s also looking forward to spending time with her husband, Jim Shepard, on their rural property in Butler County, planting pecan trees and being able to play

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HIGHLIGHTS

Rock injures city worker

An angry man threw a rock and injured a citizen contracted by the City of Park City for sewer maintenance Nov. 26.

The worker received minor injuries and did not wish to press charges, Park City police said. The incident was reported shortly before 11:30 a.m. in the 1300 block of East Ashford. A citizen reported an unknown 80-year-old white male with long brown hair, driving a blue Buick, threw a rock, hitting him in the right side of his head while he was conducting the maintenance. The man who threw the rock was reportedly angry because he blamed the sewer cleaning for causing his toilet to overflow.

Park City Police Chief Phil Bostian said an argument ensued before the rock was thrown.

— Matt Heilman

City issues 8 permits in Nov.

The City of Park City issued eight building permits during November for a total valuation of \$337,419. Of that number, one permit was for new home construction. The permits are listed by date, address, type of project and valuation:

- Nov. 1, 1901 Gary, re-roof, \$3,500; •Nov. 4, 1410 Charleston, fire damage repair, \$8,000; •Nov. 7, 1037 Evanston, re-roof, \$5,000; •Nov. 12, 5044 Primrose Court, new storage shed, \$6,000; •Nov. 14, 8830 Old Oak Road, new home construction, \$289,942; •Nov. 15, 5615 N. Broadway, re-roof, \$9,246; •Nov. 20, 624 Rolling View Court, re-roof, \$8,731; •Nov. 19, 708 Sprucewood Circle, basement finish, \$7,000.

— The Post staff

Chase ends with crash, 3 arrests

A Nov. 24 police chase in north Sedgwick County ended in a crash at 77th North and Hillside and the arrest of three suspects. Officers from the Park City, Valley Center and Bel Aire police departments and deputies with the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office assisted on the call during first shift.

A Park City officer attempted to stop a 2007 Chevy Impala in the 5200 block of

North I-135 when the driver fled.

Police chased the vehicle that had about a mile lead on the officers. Officers found the vehicle crashed at 77th North and Hillside, but the driver of the wrecked Impala wasn't ready to give in.

The driver, identified as Cody Lane Bush, of Topeka, attempted to flee the scene on foot. Bush was caught a short distance from the vehicle. Bush was arrested on charges of unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession with intent to use drug paraphernalia, fleeing or attempting to elude law enforcement officers, operating a vehicle without liability insurance, driving with a suspended, canceled or revoked license and other traffic violations.

Two passengers who did not attempt to elude officers by foot were also arrested.

Theresa Jolynn Ashley and Michael Richard Patrick Wilkins, also of Topeka, were arrested on charges of possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia.

A Park City police report said the suspects were booked on possession of meth, marijuana and drug paraphernalia charges. The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office worked the wreck.

— Matt Heilman

Notice issued in beer theft

A QuikTrip customer didn't have money to buy beer, but that apparently didn't stop him from drinking.

Park City officers responded to a report of larceny at the convenience store in the 900 block of East 61st North shortly before 9 a.m. Dec. 12. The officers had been notified that a QuikTrip employee called and advised of a male in the bathroom stall for several hours with beer cans "strewn all over."

Officers made contact with a citizen who admitted to taking the beer from the store and not having money to pay for it. The business refused to prosecute for the theft, but did sign a no-trespass notice against the man.

— Matt Heilman

Chisholm Trail recognized for outstanding customer service



Courtesy photo

Chisholm Trail Elementary receives the Red Carpet Award for excellent customer service. From left are Single Source representative Kate Osborne, student Ashlynn Krotz, assistant superintendent Alicia Thompson, Chisholm Trail Principal Larry Perlman, Single Source representative Kevin Ulwelling, student Drake Wells and BOE President Jeff Davis.

By The Post staff

Chisholm Trail Elementary School makes its visitors feel welcome. So much so that the Park City school received the Fall 2013 Red Carpet Award for Excellent Customer Service

presented by the Parent and Community Support office.

Chisholm Trail Elementary School Principal Larry Perlman and a couple of students from the school accepted the award during a Dec. 19 assembly at the school. The school received

a \$1,000 check from Midwest Single Source, which partnered with the Wichita school district on the award.

A news release on the award said that "Chisholm Trail was recognized for treating everyone who comes into their

building with a friendly attitude and respect and for staff being true ambassadors to their building."

"Our students also are friendly and helpful to others, which demonstrates customer service," Perlman said.

Hayes

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space. The facility also includes more than 400,000 square feet of outdoor storage space.

In preparation for purchasing the facility, Robelli pitched a proposal for financing, including a tax abatement, to the Park City council. The proposal calls for Robelli to pay \$110,000 annually in lieu of taxes for a 10-year period. The council did not formally make a decision on the issuance of a tax abatement, but the group did formally give vocal support for the CEO's concept of purchasing the facility. Council member Tom Jones commended Robelli for his contributions in Park City.

"Other cities would love to have him," Jones said.

Robelli's print on the city is most evident in the Air Capital Industrial Park west of 61st North and I-135, which includes a 300,000-square-foot space occupied by TMX Aerospace. In all, Robelli has developed almost 1 million square feet of warehouse space on Prospect Drive, west of the interstate. In November, the Park City council confirmed Robelli's purchase of 19 acres in a floodplain just west of Leeker's and Atwoods. On the property, Robelli said he plans to add diversity to what he's made available in Park City by developing three lots with smaller buildings than what his company has previously developed in the city.

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CITY OF PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

November 23, 2013 Special Meeting

- Approved the lifting of the hiring freeze to fill existing positions that become vacant
- Toured various City facilities
- Held an executive session related to facilities during which no action was taken.

November 26, 2013 Regular Meeting:

- Approved the minutes of November 12, 2013 regular meeting.
- Appropriations 781-2013 with addendum.
- Approve designating December 26, 2014 a floating holiday for City employees.
- Approved the reappointment Curtis Zerr to the Park & Tree Board with a term to expire 05/31/2016.
- Transferred Water Rights to the CCUA.
- Tabled bids for drainage improvements in Habiger Park.
- Approved the installation of security equipment at the Sherwood building at a cost of \$2,836.95 not including the electrical hookup.
- Approved a recommendation to publish the addressed of residents who receive code enforcement citations or require that the City spend money to address violations. Publication will be in the Ark Valley News and on the City website.
- Approved a contract for bridge repair on 61st Street over Chisholm Creek at a price not to exceed \$30,000.
- Recommended that the City Attorney draw up

a contract between the Park City Youth League and the City.

- Agreed to sell two patrol cars at the IAAI auction and designate the funds for the Police Dept. Repair and Maintenance Fund.

December 10, 2013 Regular Meeting:

- Approved Minutes of the November 26, 2013 Regular Meeting.
- Approved the Minutes of the November 23, 2013, Special Meeting.
- Approved Appropriations 782-2013 with Addendum.
- Approved Appropriations 783-2013 with addendum to be disbursed in late December and approved at the January 14, 2014 Council Meeting.
- Approved an appointment to the Parks & Recreation Advisory/Tree Board; Carol Flower to fill unexpired term ending 05/31/2016.
- Approved membership in the League of Kansas Municipalities \$3,123.11 and subscription to the Kansas Government Journal \$280.
- Approved Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses for 2014 for the Kansas Pavilions, Leekers Family Foods, Quik Trip, Easy Trip, Pizza Hut, Snacks, and The Pantry.
- Heard a presentation by the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO) regarding MOVE 2040, the Long Range Transportation Plan.
- Approved the payout of vacation hours to

employees with balances in excess of the 208 hour maximum carryover as provided for in the Personnel Policy.

- Approved a resolution approving the sale of the Hayes Company facility and authorizing the execution and delivery of a special warranty deed; a bill of sale; a termination and release of lease; and a satisfaction, discharge and release of indenture (related to The Hayes Company, Inc. IRB, Series 2001 in the aggregate amount of \$19,000,000
- Expressed support for a request from Lou Robelli for future tax abatements if he successfully purchases the Hayes Company property.
- Reviewed fund balances in the utility funds and decided to wait until the end of December to determine if adjustments in the water and sewer rates are needed.
- Approved the replacement of a sewer manhole near the intersection of Ventnor and Randall Streets in Park City.
- Approved a bid for 61st Street North Streetscape Improvements.
- Entered an executive session to discuss security measures related to City facilities. No action was taken during the executive session.
- Approved a security plan for 6110 N. Hydraulic, Park City, Kansas and determined that the safety of a person in such building is sufficient to continue the ban on concealed weapons being carried inside the public space within such building.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

PC = Pride Center, SC = Senior Center, CB = Comm. Bldg, CH = City Hall, PCL = Park City Library

- Jan. 4,** 7 p.m. — Senior Dance SC
- Jan. 5,** 7 p.m. — PCYP Board CB
- Jan. 6,** 7 p.m. — Park Board CH
- Jan. 9,** 1 p.m. — Court Trials CH
- Jan. 9,** 6:30 p.m. — Court CH
- Jan. 9,** 7 p.m. — Library Board PCL
- Jan. 11,** 9 a.m. — PRIDE PC
- Jan. 11,** 7 p.m. — Senior Dance SC
- Jan. 14,** 7 p.m. — Council CH
- Jan. 16,** 5:30 p.m. — Seniors Finger Food

- Jan. 16,** 6:30 p.m. — Court CH
- Jan. 18,** 1 p.m. — Pride Food Pantry PC
- Jan. 20,** Martin Luther King Jr. Day, CH closed
- Jan. 23,** 1 p.m. — Court Trials CH
- Jan. 23,** 4:30 p.m. — CCUA Bel Aire CH
- Jan. 23,** 6:30 p.m. — Court CH
- Jan. 23,** 7 p.m. — Seniors Square Dance SC
- Jan. 25,** 7 p.m. — Senior Dance SC
- Jan. 27,** 7 p.m. — Planning/BZA CH
- Jan. 28,** 7 p.m. — Council CH
- Jan. 29,** 11:30 a.m. — Chamber Luncheon
- Jan. 30,** 6:30 p.m. — Court CH

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 Wii Bowling
- 1:00 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

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

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.

No Board meeting in January Board Meeting

No Chisholm Trail Seniors Catered Lunch and Meeting (Lunch Day by reservation) in January.

Thursday, Jan. 16, 1:00 Card Bingo—Fee \$1.00

Thursday, Jan. 16, 5:30 PM Finger Food

Friday, Jan. 17, 6:00 PM, Fun-Food-Games with Darlene

Monday Jan. 20, building Closed in observation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tuesday Jan. 21, 8:00 AM breakfast at Cracker Barrel

SENIOR DANCES

Saturdays
Jan. 4. 7:00 PM Yesterday's Play-boys

Jan. 18, 7:00 PM Wildwood Band

Call Vicki at 744-1199 for a complete monthly schedule

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

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 shows 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 ext 207.

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

East of I35 **TUESDAYS** – 7th and 21st

West of I35 **Wednesday** – 8th and 22nd

(Place recyclables at curb by 6 a.m.)

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Happy New Year!

City Hall will be closed Jan. 1, for New Year's Day and Jan. 20 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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 BASED ON WATER USED NOW

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 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.

FUTURE OF THE SWIMMING POOL

The Park Board is soliciting public input at the January meeting. At this meeting, the board will discuss the future of the swimming pool. The public is invited to come and share their ideas. If you are interested, the meeting will be at City Hall, January 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

WINTER STREET SAFETY

Winter weather is here, 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.

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)



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

INVITATION

Retirement Party for Tri-City Senior Director Vicki Shepard

Vicki Shepard, Tri-City Senior Director, will retire after providing 20 years of dedicated service to the senior citizens of Park City, Bel Aire and Maize. Please join us in wishing her a happy retirement by attending a party in her honor hosted by the Park City Senior Center.

**Park City Senior Center
Thursday, January 2nd
2:00p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

AUTOMATED PHONE SYSTEM AT CITY HALL

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

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| 207 | Utility Billing |
| 201 | Utility Billing |
| 213 | Inspections |
| 225 | Compliance Officer |
| 205 | Compliance Officer |
| 210 | Court Clerk |
| 216 | Asst. Court Clerk |
| 744-2011 | Police |
| 744-6417 | Court |

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

Name as it appears on bill: _____

Service Address: _____

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Make each day of the New Year count



Around Park City

By Cecile Cox

A new year is here! There are always those who make resolutions, many break them and a few keep them. Myself, I don't make any. New Years is a federal holiday, so enjoy the day.

Epiphany is 12 days after Christmas and commemorates the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles. What

led up to this was the baptism of Jesus, the miracle of the wine at the marriage feast at Cana, along with Christmas and Easter, and preceding Lent.

Martin Luther King Jr. day is a Federal holiday, celebrated on the third Monday in Jan. which honors the late civil rights leader.

Jan. 26 is the Chinese New Year. In China, the New Year is a time for family reunions. The festivities start the first day of the month and last until the 15th when the moon is the brightest.

Make each day count in the New Year, and always do your best. Happy New Year!

DEATHS

EVERETT MEYER

Everett R. Meyer, 77, farmer and automobile rebuilder, died Nov. 21, 2013.

Rosary and Funeral Mass were Nov. 25 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Andale. Interment was in St. Joseph Cemetery.

He was born July 19, 1936, in Haven, to Reynold and Helen (Matzek) Meyer.

On Jan. 14, 2005, he married Kathleen Strunk.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Lucille.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Survivors include his wife, Kathleen; sons, Doug Meyer of Andale, Ron (Mona) of Mt. Hope, Brad (Marsha) of Hesston; grandchildren, Alex and Austin Meyer, Marisa and Paul Meyer; stepchildren, Greg (Michelle) Wening of Burrton, Mark Wening of Colwich, Donna Wening of Overland Park; Curtis (Lisa) Wening of Maize; eight step-grandchildren; sisters, Shirley Cotton of Wichita, Carol Strunk of St. Mark, Suzanne Kraus of Colwich, Linda Maxwell of Park City.

DOLOROS FALK

Dolores K. Falk (Betzen), 73, homemaker and bookkeeper, died Dec. 4, 2013, at the Mt. Hope Nursing Center.

She was preceded in death

by her parents, Aloysius and Mary Ann (Spexarth) Betzen; daughter, Mary Sue Falk; and sister, Agnes Gorges.

She is survived by her sons, David and Steve, both of Andale, Michael of St. Mark, Nicholas and Peggy of Park City and Brian of Andale; brothers, Bernard and Paul Betzen of Geuda Springs, Joe and John Betzen of Derby and Eugene Betzen of Colwich; sisters, Evelyn Heimerman of Conway Springs, Loretta Nutsch of Derby, Rosella Betzen of Mulvane, Margaret Mans of Goddard and Joyce Tolle of Roxbury; and grandchildren, Justin Falk and Sarah Falk.

Rosary was Dec. 6 and funeral Mass was Dec. 7, both at St. Joseph Catholic Church, with Father Joseph Gile officiating.

Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Hall, Wulf-Ast Mortuary, Colwich, has charge.

JOHN LAW

John Law, 85, retired Cessna engineer died, Dec. 2, 2013.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lucile; and parents, John and Dula Law.

He is survived by his children, Steven (Laurie Perkins) Law of Madison, Wis., David Law of Wichita, Kathy Russell of Park City and Greg Law of Wichita; sister, Cindy (Denny)

Dillon of Palo Alto, Calif.; and grandchildren, Stacy (Tommy) Kettler, Henry Law of Wichita, Andrew Law of Madison, Wis., and Jack Law of Wichita.

Funeral service and visitation were Dec. 6 at Pilgrim Congregational Church. Graveside service was Dec. 6 at Resthaven Gardens of Memory.

Memorials may be sent to Pilgrim Congregational Church. Resthaven Mortuary has charge.

MARGARET BROWN

Margaret Louise Buchanan Brown, 64, of Wilkesboro, N.C., formerly of Wichita, died Dec. 6, 2013, at Frye Regional Medical Center in Hickory.

She was born May 17, 1949, in St. Francis County, Ark., to Henry Alvin and Ruby Mae Smith Buchanan.

She was a 1967 graduate of Wichita North High School, a member of Fairview Baptist Church and former owner of the Snack Shack.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Roy Buchanan; and two sisters, Stella Brannon and Joyce Buchanan.

She is survived by her daughter, Kimberly Blackburn Greene of North Wilkesboro; two grandchildren, Jacob Scott Reeves of Ashland, Ky., and Ashley Layell of New Bern; two great-grandchildren, Lexi and Emily Layell of New Bern; brother, Donald Buchanan of

Garland, Texas; four sisters, Barbara Birdsong of Garland, Texas, Faye Wagner of Newton, Wanda Buchanan of Dallas, and Tina Buchanan of Park City; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was Dec. 10 at Miller Funeral Chapel with Rev. Gary Miller officiating. Miller Funeral Service has charge.

DANNY ROBBINS

Danny Dean Robbins, 66, died Dec. 11, 2013.

He was retired from Hawker Beechcraft.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Flossie and Blaine Robbins, and brother, Blaine Robbins, Jr.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Suellen; children, Kevin Robbins (Shannon) of S.C., Jennifer Arnold (Kelley) of Wichita, Kyle Robbins (Ashley) of Valley Center; 11 grandchildren; sister, Loree Dredge (Loyd) of Park City.

Viewing and visitation with the family was Dec. 13 at Downing & Lahey Mortuary West. Celebration of Life Service was Dec. 14 at Country Acres Baptist Church.

Memorials may be made to Victory In The Valley, 3755 E. Douglas, Wichita, KS. 67218 and Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, 313 S. Market, Wichita, KS. 67202.

NATHANIEL BLOSSER

Nathaniel "Nate" Blosser, 59, formally of Park City, died Nov. 28, 2013, in his home at Benton.

He was born Oct. 20, 1954, to Richard and Laua Blosser at the Bethel Hospital in Newton. He attended Chisholm Trail Elementary School, Brooks Junior High and Wichita Heights High School. He worked many years in the food industry, then in woodworking in Newton. After moving to Yates Center he worked at Hilo Industries until he became disabled. Known for his humor, he was an avid reader and he loved animals and fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Renee of the home; daughter, Amanda Bruner; grandchildren, Zachary Posey, Jayden Smith and Abby and Noah Mirada all of Wichita; sisters Arletta Donald of Cassville, Mo., and Marcia Blosser of Yates Center; and several aunts, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1988, his mother in 2007 and his brother Victor Blosser in 2010.

Cremation is planned and a memorial service will be held at p.m. on Dec. 20 at the Benton Community building in Benton.

Much to do in 2014

Another year in Park City is in the books. And overall, 2013 treated the city well. A lot was accomplished.

In the spirit of making resolutions to keep ourselves progressing and improving, let's explore what we'd like to see Park City accomplish in the year ahead.

First, we'd like to see more tangible progress on the commercial development front, especially on the Echo Hills property. We want tenants to formally commit to building on the site and we want to see more construction.

We want to see 2014 be such a prosperous year that the city is able to simultaneously grow and lower its tax base. We want to see more homes sold in residential developments that have caused the city headaches with unpaid special assessments and we want to see the city make more progress on sprucing up its image.

In 2014, we hope to see Park City more effectively market its name by expanding entertainment options in its parks and keeping them pristine. We want to see long-awaited beautification projects get off the ground and leave no doubt what city motorists are in when they exit the interstate at 53rd or 61st Street. With that, we want motorists unfamiliar with the area to be positively impacted by the city, even if they just stop to fill up with gas.

We'd also like to see the Park City Police Department reach and maintain its full strength allocated in the budget. As important as marketing and economic development are to cities, nothing should take priority over public safety.

Have a safe and successful year.

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Aldrich in Ward 3 retained their seats without opposition. In Ward 2, George Glover won a seat on the council, defeating incumbent Cecil Goldsmith by eight votes. In Ward 4, Melvin Kerr defeated Dennis Patterson by 12 votes. Former council member Ray Mann was voted as the city's new mayor, replacing Emil Berquist who had announced his departure earlier in the year.

Enough residents spoke up for the Park City council to revisit its decision to close the city's pool at least through the summer of 2013. The council didn't overturn the decision, but they agreed to explore options for someday either replacing or repairing the pool, or adding a splash pad.

In 2012, the pool cost the city about \$71,000 including extra costs to fix leaks.

The Hard Charge Obstacle Course challenge was held for the first time on the Kansas Pavilions property. The four-mile race featured 27 obstacles including treks through cold water, wall climbing and tunnel crawling.

May

About one year after a child's death, a memorial was dedicated in his honor in Hap McLean Park. The memorial honors Noah Hill, a Chisholm Trail Elementary fourth-grader who had participated on a baseball team with the Park City Youth Program. Noah lost his battle with cancer in the summer of 2012.

Two men died following a busy two-day stretch for law enforcement authorities in Park City. The first call was reported shortly before 9 p.m. May 3 when a Denver man visiting a friend in Park City was accidentally shot in the 1600 block of East Gary Drive. In the second incident on May 4, a 30-year-old Ark City man drowned in a retention pond in Park City's High Ridge addition after abandoning his vehicle in a retreat from Wichita police.

June

Chris Johns, a 29-year-old

contract manager with C.E. Machine in Wichita, was appointed to fill a vacant council seat to serve the city in Ward 2. The seat was vacated by Ray Mann, who left the council to step into his new role as Park City mayor.

A longtime Park City resident had a battle with City Hall that she said made her feel unsafe in her own neighborhood. After receiving notice from a compliance officer with the city to cut down her tall hollyhock flowers at the edge of her lot on Millsboro, Winifred Oneslager said she was harassed and even stalked by city employees. Park City administrator Jack Whitson said the city wasn't out to get Oneslager and they weren't stalking her. It was just that the flowers were in the city right-of way and caused a traffic obstruction.

The Arby's restaurant chain became the first business to commit to building on the Echo Hills commercial property. The 84-acre property was previously a golf course in the area.

July

The city approved the publication of a 2014 budget that didn't call for a tax increase. City leaders projected an increase in the assessed valuation for 2014. One mill, which equates to \$1 for every \$1,000 of assessed property value, is projected to bring in nearly \$60,000 in the upcoming year.

The Park City Council was hit with a \$500 fine and ordered "to undertake remedial measures to ensure that future violations will not occur" after it was found that the city had violated the Kansas Open Meetings Act by not giving proper notice of a special meeting in October 2012.

A group of five students from the Holloway Martial Arts Training Center at 53rd North and Seneca brought home nine medals from the July 11 through 14 USA Karate Nationals in Greenville, S.C. Holloway Martial Arts is owned and operated by Don Holloway.

August

A new professional indoor soccer franchise was unveiled at an Aug. 22 news conference at Hartman Arena. The Wichita

B-52s play their home games at Park City's arena in the Professional Arena Soccer League.

The city council approved spending up to \$200,000 in reserve funds allocated in 2009 to get beautification projects underway in the city. The beautification efforts include a plan for landscaping to improve the medians off I-135 at 61st and 53rd North.

Wild West World founder Thomas Etheredge was released from prison after serving more than three years on seven charges of securities fraud. Wild West World opened near 77th North and I-135 in May 2007 and closed two months later with \$24 million in debt.

September

Much to the chagrin of several area residents, the Park City Planning Commission backed plans for the construction of a sand pit near 61st North and Seneca. The backing was in the form of a recommendation for the council to approve the plans, but not without addressing concerns that were expressed by more than 30 area homeowners.

In an attempt to make local businesses identify with the community they call home, the city council approved a resolution revising the city's incentive policy for businesses. The resolution passed on Sept. 24 includes an agreement with future tax exemptions for new businesses "that in all advertising media and printed and published material referring to the applicant's facilities and/or premises that are eligible for a tax exemption, the said facilities and/or premises shall be identified as being located in the City of Park City, Kansas."

October

Ditch Witch celebrated the groundbreaking of its new 24,000-square-foot facility on eight acres south of Hartman Arena. Plans for the new site call for the facility

to serve as the hub for Ditch Witch UnderCon's regional operation. Ditch Witch UnderCon was established as part of the company's expansion as an underground equipment dealer.

The city hosted its annual Fall Festival Oct. 19 in Hap McLean Park. The event featured live music, a fire pit, a small pumpkin patch and hayrack rides.

After a developer's plans for a sand pit near 61st North and Seneca were backed by the Park City Planning Commission, the city council and mayor approved a special use permit for sand mining on about 16 acres in a 53-acre triangle of undeveloped land.

November

The Park City council voted to keep its partnership with the Park City Youth Program, at least through 2014. After more than two hours of discussion at its Nov. 12 meeting, the council voted in support of the volunteer-based youth program over a proposal from a privately owned entity that was looking to take over the operation of youth baseball and softball in the city.

The possibility of additional senior housing in Park City gained momentum when the council 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 includes the possibility of adding senior housing on the property, likely in the form of duplexes.

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December

Air Capital Delivery and Warehouse CEO Lou Robelli formally announced his plans to purchase the Hayes Company facility east of 77th North and Broadway. Robelli said he plans to make the purchase of the approximately 475,000-square-foot facility in March or April. On Dec. 10, he told the council plans call for the Coleman Company to occupy about 200,000 square feet and bring 20 to 25 jobs to the facility.

Vicki Shepard, Tri-City senior director, announced her plans for retirement after serving her position for 20 years. Shepard served seniors in Park City, Bel Aire and Maize.

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Former coach preparing to launch new church

By Matt Heilman

Landon Jordan is taking a leap of faith. The former business owner and former assistant Valley Center High School girls' basketball coach is pursuing a venture more closely tied with what he believes.

Jordan and his wife, Laura Jordan, are preparing to launch a new church in Park City. On Jan. 12, New Anthem Community Church will begin meeting at Chisholm Trail Elementary School. It will be the third church planted by Newton's Grace Community Church, where the Jordans previously attended.

"(Grace Community) noticed they were going to need to start training leaders," Jordan said.

He was one of those leaders, and it changed his life.

Jordan took part in a residency program that trained men how to plant churches. He developed a friendship with the man Grace Community Church hired to plant two churches in Hillsboro and Moundridge.

Jordan said he went through



Matt Heilman

Former Valley Center High School assistant basketball coach Landon Jordan, his wife, Laura and the couple's two children, 3-year-old Layton and 8-month-old Launa.

a formal assessment process to see if he and Laura would be good candidates for planting a church.

They were.

"We started investigating communities and long story short, we ended up in Park City," Jordan said.

Jordan explained that he

didn't necessarily see a need for a new church in Park City. He saw a need for "a different kind of church."

"We felt like there were plenty of churches for 'church' people, but what about the rest of us?" Jordan said. "So, our heart was to be a place where you could come as you are,

because that's where Jesus will meet you. We are sold out for the Gospel and believe in being a comfortable place for proclaiming the good news of Jesus through teaching His word. We simply want to bring people into a relationship with Jesus, build them up in the faith, and send them out on mission in their work, school, home, community and world."

In preparation for launching New Anthem Community Church, the husband and father of two sold his Newton home and his business. Both moves happened within 10 days of each other. Jordan's business was a screen-printing and embroidery shop called Jordan Sports that opened at Newton's Chisholm Trail Shopping Center in 2010.

"Two guys came into the shop (and) said they were interested in buying the shop and all of the clients," Jordan said.

He said he had not made it publicly known that he was planning to sell his business when he received the offer.

"Really, it was a God thing," Jordan said.

After selling their home, the Jordans moved to Park City this summer.

In his pursuit of planting a church, Jordan has also put his basketball-coaching career on hold, at least for now. Jordan was an assistant coach for the VCHS girls' basketball team from 2009 to 2013. He's also coached at Newton High School, where his father, Randy Jordan, is the head girls' basketball coach, and at Tabor College, an NAIA school in Hillsboro.

While partnering with her husband on the church launch, Laura Jordan is coaching girls' basketball at Valley Center Middle School this winter.

In college, Jordan said he set out to be a teacher and a coach. He earned an undergraduate degree in political science and history and went on to receive a master's in sports management.

"My plan was to always be a head coach or an athletic director or something along those lines," he said. "(But) I never found the right fit in that realm."

Jordan said he had an entrepreneurial spirit. He opened Jordan Sports and did well, but something was missing.

He said he didn't feel like he was using all the talents he'd been given. In his new role as a church leader, Jordan is leading about 40 adults on a launch team for New Anthem Community Church and is training leaders as the church prepares for its Jan. 12 launch. The name of the church is derived from Psalm 40 in the Bible, which in part Jordan paraphrased:

"You raise me up out of the miry bog and set my feet on solid ground. You put a new song in my mouth and many will hear and sing praise to your name."

Jordan said he didn't like the name "New Song" for the church, so he looked in the thesaurus for a better word for "song." He liked the word "anthem" as a synonym for "song." More information on the church is available by visiting www.newanthemchurch.com or the New Anthem Community Church Facebook page.

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran Church

As always, Communion will be served at all morning services.

A variety of weekly and monthly activities are offered including Falcon Fellowship (Free lunch for students at Heights High School on the second Wednesday of the month), youth groups, quilting, choirs and men's breakfast.

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

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

*Looking for Healthy (Health Strategies) meets every Wednesday at 6 p.m.; cost is \$10/session.

CareGivers Support group meets every first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the basement parlor. Bingo is every first Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. Every third Tuesday a Hot Meal is prepared at KUMC and served to the United Methodist Open Door Ministries Drop-In Center at 10 a.m. Volunteers welcome!

Find us at www.KechiUMC.org. Follow us on Facebook, or Twitter @KechiUMC. Pastor Mitch can be contacted at Mitch@kechiumpc.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 every Sunday at 9 and 11 a.m. Professionally staffed child care and children's ministries are provided and a mother/baby room is also available. Youth "HOLEy (Donut) Time" is from 10:15 to 10:45.

Call or email 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.wichitarierviewbaptist.org.

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

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

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.

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

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

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

Wednesday Potluck Supper & Program "When A Nation Forgets God" Jan. 8 "When God is Separated from the Government, Judgement Follows" Jan. 22 "It's Always the Economy" Liturgy 6pm Supper 6:45 Program 7:30. All are Welcome.

Holy Days for January: Jan. 2 Holy Name of Jesus; Jan. 6 Epiphany; Jan. 12 Feast of the Holy Family; Jan. 21 St. Agnes; Jan. 24 Saint Timothy; Jan. 25 Conversation of Saint Paul

Fasting during January: All Fridays are days of fasting and abstinence. Jan. 4 is a fast and abstinence day in preparation for Epiphany. Jan. 4 is also the 10th anniversary of the founding of Saint Michael's Church.

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more rounds of golf.

"I used to play seven days a week and this year, I've only played once," she said.

She said she still remains involved in serving seniors in part by maintaining her place on the board for Active Aging, a monthly publication sent out to seniors throughout Sedgwick County.

Her county-funded position has become more complex and administrative over the years, but at the heart of her job have been the relationships that she cherishes.

Shepard has learned to counsel seniors through often-complex matters related to social security and Medicare, but the friendships she forged were with the strongly-participated programs, activities and celebrations that she's organized.

Shepard's service to seniors started before she became the tri-city senior director. About seven years before taking the

job, she began working as an assistant volunteer coordinator for the Meals on Wheels program, a position she served for about six months before she took over as the program's lead volunteer coordinator. For six-and-one-half years, Shepard was responsible for organizing 350 to 400 volunteers per week to deliver 750 to 1,000 meals per day.

She did well enough in the program to draw the attention of a woman who helped start the tri-city senior services program. Shepard had stood out as the coordinator for a program that benefited seniors and she was strongly encouraged to apply for the vacant Tri City Senior Director position.

"I had no idea what it involved," Shepard said. "I had no idea what a senior director did. 'I was kind of dumped into it and there we went.'"

Twenty years later, she's adapted to change and maintained a close bond with representatives of "America's Greatest Generation."

"I have so much fun with them," Shepard said.

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Pride lights up Park City for the holidays

By The Post staff

Park City Pride hopes that residents enjoy its efforts to bring holiday joy this year to Park City.

Thanks to the mayor, city council and Bob Shelinberger, Pride was given permission to have the large lot north of City Hall and the south lawn by the Senior Center lit up for the holidays. Pride received support from the PC Flyers 4-H group, Pride members, council members Melvin Kerr and George Glover and also Mayor Ray Mann, who drove all the way from McPherson to help construct the project on Nov. 30. Pride would also like to thank Principal Larry Perlman along with the staff and students of Chisholm Trail Elementary School for the ornaments that have been hung from the fence around the City Hall lot.

Many people helped with the project. Terry and Carol Ford cut out all nine reindeer, John and Terry Bates donated the large green tree and Martha Dougherty wrapped all the gifts in the sleigh. City workers put up the construction fence to cordon off the area to help keep away foot traffic and possible damage to the site.

A special thank you goes out to Ken and Keith Flower for their work on the sleigh, bear family and penguins as well as a month of maintenance to keep the lights on this year.

All in all, it was a wonderful, although tiring project to be a part of this year, Pride members said.

Members said they hope residents will consider helping Pride do this again next year. Residents are encour-



The lot north of Park City City Hall was lit up with holiday lights provided by Park City Pride and other volunteers.



The scene included handmade reindeer.

aged to contact their council members and tell them so that

they will be eager to give their approval to use the sites again

in 2014. Also, residents who have outside holiday items that are in good to excellent condition that they would be willing to donate are encouraged to contact Carol Flower to arrange for pick-up. Residents also are encouraged to go to after-Christmas sales and pick up 200-count rolls of LED lights, free-standing deer or blowup characters that could be donated to the Pride project and used in future years.

"As you probably know, displays of this type are not cheap and we need everyone's help to make it bigger and better," Flower said. "If you have worked on a project of this type and have ideas for other features for 2014, please

Pride feeds families at Christmas

Park City Pride members gathered Dec. 19 for their annual Christmas box packing and potluck dinner. More than 20 attended, packing boxes for 40 families totaling more than 160 adults and children. The boxes were distributed on Dec. 22, with Park City High Flyers 4-H Club members helping to carry out the food boxes.

Pride would like to thank the following businesses, churches, and organizations for their contributions to those in need at Christmas: Park City High Flyers 4-H Club, Chisholm Trail Seniors, Leeker's Family Foods, Christ Lutheran Church, Three Angels Seventh Day Adventist Church, Randall Road Baptist Church, Chisholm Trail Elementary School, Zion's Outpost, St. Michael's Orthodox Church, TW Metals, Kice Industries, the Park City Public Library and Mill-Tel.

The community project couldn't happen without all of these people, Pride said.



Pride volunteers made a family of bears to go with the holiday lights. Also in the mix were penguins.

contact me.

"We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and enjoy the happiest of New Years," Flower said. "It is always Pride's pleasure to be of service to you and to enhance the quality of life in our community. Please consider volunteering for any project in the future. You do not need to be a Pride member to volunteer to help with a project you find interesting. Contact Flower at

caflower@cox.net or 744-0766 regarding donations to or participation in the next holiday display.

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City council agrees to publish code violations

By Matt Heilman

Park City leaders say the objective isn't to embarrass anyone. But for the sake of holding habitual code violators accountable and making their neighbors aware that the city is working to resolve issues with code enforcement, the city council voted to approve the publication of code enforcement violations on the city's website, www.parkcityks.com. The violations would also be published in The Ark Valley News, similar to how Valley Center's code enforcement records are published.

Published items would cover the assessment of fines or any instance where the city has to spend money to bring a property back up to code.

The motion passed 7-1 at the council's Nov. 26 council meeting with council member Mike Alumbaugh opposed. Council member George Glover questioned the fairness of the plan for elderly or disabled residents who aren't able to upkeep their properties as well as most residents. In addition, Alumbaugh

wondered how much extra work would be required of city staff to publish the violations.

Park City Administrator Jack Whitson said the city is willing to work with anyone that has trouble with maintenance and mowing and could direct residents to volunteer organizations that can help.

"If someone is elderly or handicapped and appear that they don't have help, the city will try to find help for them," Whitson said. "If you're in a situation where you can't mow, let us know. We're not heartless on this."

He said there wouldn't be enough of an extra workload to keep employees from their primary responsibilities.

The approval of publishing the violations occurred two months after Mayor Ray Mann first discussed the plan with the council.

Council member Tom Jones pointed out that code enforcement violations could already

be available for publication in the newspaper upon request with the Freedom of Information Act. He wondered how effective the publication of the violations on the city's website would be and if the effort was in the city's best interest.

"I understand how this can help, but I also understand how this can hinder," he said.

Council member Chris Johns said citations aren't usually given out until a property owner has received at least a couple of notifications from the city and residents wouldn't have to worry about having their address published for falling behind on mowing after continuous rainfall.

"It's not, 'hey, your grass is too tall, you're in the paper,'" Johns said.

Council member John Lehnerr also supported the plan to publish code violations, but said he felt like the publication should only include repeat offenders that are more

likely to have caused headaches to neighbors that would be inclined to be more concerned about the city taking action.

The publications of code violations will only include addresses and what violations occur. Names will not be published, Mann said.

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