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## City puts pot-bellied pig ordinance on hold

Committee to study issue before making a recommendation

By Matt Heilman

With a belly just a few inches off the ground, 2-and-a-half-year-old Beaula chewed on the sparse grass in the backyard of her Park City home. On the back porch, 1-year-old Marge, also barrel shaped but smaller than Beaula, enjoyed a siesta in the shade.

The weather on April 10 was near perfect for Stephanie Thomison's pot-bellied pigs to enjoy time outdoors with her two dogs and her hens. Two nights earlier at the Park City council's April 8 meeting, Thomison kept her poise as she pled with city leaders to allow her to keep Beaula and Marge. About a week earlier, Thomison received a notice that her pot-bellied pigs violate a city ordinance.

She said the violation was written after a Park City compliance officer was notified that a pig was out. Beaula and Marge were inside their

home on East Evanston Street when the compliance officer approached the residence, Thomison said.

She says the ordinance in question is out-dated and applies to hogs, which grow to several times larger than pot-bellied pigs.

"Hogs get between 800 to 1,000 pounds. These guys are 80 to 200," Thomison said.

Thomison told the council Beaula and Marge were house broken and even smarter than her dogs. The pot-bellied pigs were litter-box trained in

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Stephanie Thomison talks to her pot-bellied pigs, Beaula and Marge, in the backyard of her Park City home. Last month, Thomison received a notice that her pot-bellied pigs violate a city ordinance.

Matt Heilman



Photos by Matt Heilman

Dee Stuart (right) cuts a ribbon with Chisholm Trail Elementary School students to dedicate a new playground at the school during an April 17 ceremony.

## New playground at Chisholm Trail

By Matt Heilman

The Park City Pride Committee has carried on its efforts to show support for the city's only public school. On April 17, Pride members celebrated the dedication of a new playground for Chisholm Trail Elementary School.

Pride donated \$1,000 for the playground equipment that gives students and children in the community more options for playing outside. The dedication concluded with a ribbon cutting with Pride members Dee Stuart and Carol Flower and students from the school.

Chisholm Trail Principal Larry Perlman, who attends Pride's meetings,

introduced the plans to the committee, which set the wheels in motion for the dedication. Chisholm Trail sits on enough land where students are typically split into two groups at recess. The fourth and fifth-grade students spend recess in the park area behind the school, where until recently, there wasn't playground equipment.

Perlman said he'd worked with a group of parents at the school to pay for the playground upgrade. The school was able to pay for part of the project with grant money. The Pride Committee helped the school make up the balance.

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The new playground equipment at Chisholm Trail Elementary School includes slides and monkey bars.

## Union: Measure is an attack on teachers

Bill strips away due process

By Chris Strunk

Legislation that was supposed to address inequities in public school funding in Kansas was instead an attack on teachers, the Valley Center teachers union and others said this week.

A bill passed last month and signed by Gov. Sam Brownback April 21 strips away teachers' rights to due process procedures in termination proceedings, which some say ultimately hurts teachers' ability to advocate for students.

"Our elected officials have done little to increase funding and instead resorted to political attacks on educators," Daniel Ackland, a teacher at the Valley Center Intermediate School and president of the Valley Center National Educators Association, said in a written statement in response to inquiries from The News. "Rather than focusing on the future of Kansas (your children), they focused on attacking those that advocate every day for them. VCNEA hopes that everyone in our community will remember this come November. It will take all of us to create the change in Topeka necessary to bring back strong schools in our state."

Ackland said due process, which is granted to teachers after their third year of employment, does not mean teachers have their jobs for life. It merely means that districts must provide evidence to justify the firing of a teacher.

"Without due process rights, teachers can be let go for having different philosophies and points of view than their administrators," Ackland said. "It quiet teachers who may otherwise advocate for themselves and for students."

The public education policy change was tacked onto a bill designed to respond to the Kansas Supreme Court's directive to make education funding more equitable across school districts.

Rep. Steve Huebert, R-Valley Center, said the bill represents a compromise.

"It's the best we could do and for the most part, we can be happy with the compromise we reached," Huebert said. "... I don't like everything about the bill. But I had to work with my colleagues in the House to pass a bill. After that, we had to try to make a compromise with the Senate."

Huebert voted for the measure.

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## Local man indicted on child porn charges

By Matt Heilman

Two weeks after detectives with the Sedgwick County Exploited and Missing Child Unit took a suspect into custody from a Park City residence, the identity of the suspect and the charges he's facing were revealed.

On April 9, 30-year-old Kyle B. Rains of Park City was indicted by a grand jury on federal charges involving child pornography. In a news release, U.S. Attorney Barry Grissom said Rains was charged with two counts of distributing child porn and one count of possessing child porn.

The news release said the offenses were alleged to have occurred in February and March in Sedgwick County. On March 26, the day of Rains' arrest, a Park City police report said that Park City officers assisted the EMCU on a search warrant in the 6400 block of North Tarrytown. The offi-

cers assisted by blocking off Tarrytown as the EMCU team entered a home on the residential street northeast of 61st North and Hydraulic.

The report, made at 9:47 a.m. March 26 said a suspect was placed in a Park City patrol vehicle after he fled the scene and was then taken into

custody by EMCU detectives. Lt. Chris Bannister with the Sedgwick County EMCU said the suspect, later identified as Rains, was taken in for questioning by EMCU detectives before he was booked into the Sedgwick County Jail.

If convicted, Rains faces a penalty of up to 20 years in

federal prison and a fine up to \$250,000 on the distribution counts, and a maximum penalty of 10 years and a fine up to \$250,000 on the possession count. Homeland Security Investigations, the Internet Task Force on Crimes Against Children and the Wichita Police Department investigated.

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Gaming machine seized from biz

The Park City Police Department seized a gaming machine they say didn't comply with the law.

On April 15, officers seized a machine from a business. The department requested that the identity of the business not be disclosed. A Park City police report said officers responded to the business in reference to "a commercial building allowing use of establishment for gambling place."

Park City Police Det. Dwight Wilkes said the machine that was seized was an electronic slot machine that spit out a ticket when players pushed a button.

Players would then get money if they had a winning ticket, Wilkes said. The April 15 police report said the illegal machine was placed into property and evidence at the Park City police station.

Wilkes said the case would be presented to the Sedgwick County District Attorney's Office, which would then determine if there would be any charges.

— Matt Heilman

## Local Cub Scout pack is growing

A Cub Scout pack in Park City is continuing to experience steady growth through its first several months in the community. Cub Scout Pack 404 currently meets at the United Methodist Church of Park City where the group's size has nearly doubled in less than a year. Logan Sissler, who joined Pack 404 with his son, said there are currently 45 scouts in the pack. The hope for the pack is to expand into a Boy Scout troop.

In the scout system, boys usually are ready to transition from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts at the end of their fifth-grade years, Sissler said.

Sissler is the coordinator for Cub Scout Pack 404 at the church. For more information on the pack, contact him at 640-3981.

The United Methodist Church of Park City is also the charter organization for a Daisy Troop affiliated with Girl Scouts. Park City resident Jessica Smith is the coordinator for the Daisy Troop. She is also a den mother with Cub Scout Pack 404.

— Matt Heilman

## Man arrested in altercation at 81

One man was arrested following an incident at 81 Speedway that the Park City Police Department described as a disturbance at the track's souvenir booth.

On the call reported at 7:30 p.m. March 29 as a simple assault, police were conducting a business check as racing went on at the track located in the 7700 block of North Broadway prior to the disturbance.

During the business check, a Park City police sergeant and an officer responded to a disturbance at the souvenir booth, stemming from a verbal and physical altercation between two patrons at the track.

Richard White was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and assault of a law enforcement officer after he reportedly verbally threatened a responding officer. Police said a separate uniform criminal complaint was issued against White for a battery against another patron that had allegedly occurred before officers arrived.

— Matt Heilman

## Police apparent target of hoax

A man claiming to be a bounty hunter and a bondsman wasn't able to get Park City police to fall for his apparent hoax.

At 12:15 a.m. April 16, four Park City officers were dispatched to check for a wanted person at the Super 8 motel, 6075 N. Air Cap Drive. The calling party claimed to be a bondsman and a bounty hunter who wanted officers to pick up a suspect and bring her to him at the Sedgwick County Jail in Wichita. When the officers told the man they couldn't make the arrest without a warrant, the calling party said he would have "the Feds" come, surround the motel and arrest the woman he claimed was a suspect. The "bounty hunter" also said he was going to come to Park City and arrest one of the officers for refusing to arrest the woman.

The police report says "after further investigation, it is believed that this was some sort of hoax, and the (reporting party) was not actually a bondsman or a bounty hunter."

— Matt Heilman

## Movies in the Park to start

The Park City Pride Committee is hosting Movies in the Park for the seventh year in a row this summer. The free movies are played near the tennis courts in Hap McLean Park. A new movie will be shown at sundown on the fourth Saturday of each month from May through August. This year, the first movie in the park is set for May 24. The first movie featured this year is "Man of Steel."

Attendance, popcorn and lemonade are free to the public. People who attend should provide their own blankets and lawn chairs.

This year's sponsors for Movies in the Park are Leeker's Family Foods, American Fun Foods, Auntie C's Restaurant, Murphy Tractor and the Valley Center Chamber of Commerce.

— The Post staff

# Larcenies and a vehicle theft reported in neighborhood

By Matt Heilman

Residents on East Fairchild in Park City woke up April 22 to find that they were victims of an apparent crime spree.

A call to police made shortly after 8 a.m. April 22 was a larceny report in the 2600 block of East Fairchild. A citizen reported that an unknown person(s) entered her unlocked 2010 Nissan Versa and her husband's unlocked

1997 Chevy Cavalier some time between 6:30 a.m. and 8 a.m. April 22. Taken from the Nissan were two pairs of sunglasses, a Sonic gift card and another unknown gift card.

A block away in the 2500 block of East Fairchild, officers responded to an auto theft shortly after 7 a.m. April 22. A citizen reported an unknown person(s) stole her gold 1997 Mazda 626. The citizen reported the

vehicle was stolen between 8 p.m. April 21 and 7 a.m. April 22. The vehicle was later recovered in the 6700 block of North Wendell Street.

At about 1 p.m. April 22 in the 6700 block of North Wendell, a Park City officer responded to a report from a citizen that unknown person(s) had entered her Buick Park Avenue sometime between 8:30 p.m. April 21 and 6:40 a.m. April 22 and went through her center console and glove box. The citizen didn't report anything missing at the time of the

report. A final larceny report was called in shortly after 3 p.m. April 22 in the 2600 block of East Fairchild. A citizen reported that an unknown person entered his unlocked Jeep Liberty and Ford Taurus, taking a GPS device and a garage door opener. The citizen also reported that his garage door was opened, but did not know if the garage was entered. There was no apparent loss from the garage.

As of April 23, the larcenies and the auto theft report were under investigation.

# Council approves equipment upgrades for police department

By Matt Heilman

The Park City Police Department had enough of a carryover from last year's budget to make some improvements that Chief Phil Bostian and the city council agreed are overdue.

At its April 22 meeting, the council unanimously approved allocating \$28,396 for patrol vehicle equipment, \$23,000 for new computers for the department's cruisers and \$17,776 for new Tasers. Bostian said the cost for the equipment updates could be spread out. He also suggested that the sale of old police vehicles could be rolled into a capital improvement fund to help replace vehicle equipment.

The police department's carryover at the end of last year was due in large part to the department having to op-

erate short-handed for much of 2013. In support of the upgrades, council member George Capps, who retired as the city's police chief in 2003, said most of the police department's equipment hadn't been updated since he led the department.

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# THE PARK CITY REPORT

## CITY OF PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### City Council Meeting March 25, 2014:

- Proclaimed April Fair Housing Month.
- Approved the minutes of the March 11, 2014 regular meeting.
- Approved Appropriations 789-2014 with addendum.
- Approved the cereal malt beverage license for Charles R. Hall, 81 Speedway.
- Renewed the contract for casualty insurance coverage with Z Insurance Group at a cost \$110,354.
- Accepted the low bid of McCullough Construction for improvements to the Prairie Hills 2nd Addition for Water and Sanitary Sewer
- Approved a Police Department restructuring including job descriptions (Operational Lieutenant and Administrative Lieutenant).
- Approved the Park City Youth League to sponsor the spring City-wide garage sale and the Friends

- of the Park City Public Library to sponsor the fall City-wide sale.
- Selected April 12 as the date for the City-wide clean-up day.
- Approved the low bid of Caveness to repair the City's tandem dump truck.
- Approved the transfer of phone service from AT&T to Cox for the Police Department, Public Works, and the swimming pool. Three-year term at a cost of \$23/line/month.

### City Council Meeting April 8, 2014:

- Proclaimed April 25, 2014 to be Arbor Day.
- Approved Minutes of the March 25, 2014 Regular Meeting.
- Approved Appropriations 790-2014 with addendum.
- Elected Chris Johns president of the City Council.

- Authorized the use of a City-owned lot west of the Library on 61st Street for a fireworks stand by Park City Community Events, Inc.
- Authorized Jack Whitson, Dana Walden, and Terry Coltrain to transact financial business with the Kansas Municipal Investment Pool.
- Appointed Larry Kelley to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and Tree Board for an unexpired term ending on 5/31/15.
- Approved a resolution waiving the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a (a) for the City's 2014 financial statements.
- Reaffirmed the terms of a real estate purchase contract with Murdock Properties LLC for land in the Country Villa addition.
- Agreed to hire a contractor for maintenance of City-owned residential lots in the Bearhill and Saddlebrook additions.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

- May 1, 6:30 p.m. — Court CH
- May 3, 7:00 p.m. — Senior Dance SC
- May 4, 7:00 p.m. — PCYP Board CB
- May 5, 7:00 p.m. — Park Board CH
- May 7, 10:30 a.m. — Seniors Catered Lunch SC
- May 8, 1:00 p.m. — Court Trials CH
- May 8, 6:30 p.m. — Court CH
- May 8, 7:00 p.m. — Library Board PCL
- May 10, 9:00 a.m. — Pride PC
- May 10, 7:00 p.m. — Senior Dance SC
- May 13, 7:00 p.m. — Council CH
- May 15, 5:30 p.m. — Seniors Finger Food

- May 15, 6:30 p.m. — Court CH
- May 17, 1:00 p.m. — Pride Food Pantry PCL
- May 17, 7:00 p.m. — Park City Alive! PCL
- May 19, 7:00 p.m. — Planning/BZA CH
- May 22, 1:00 p.m. — Court Trials CH
- May 22, 4:30 p.m. — CCUA Bel Aire CH
- May 22, 6:30 p.m. — Court CH
- May 22, 7:00 p.m. — Seniors Square Dance SC
- May 24, 7:00 p.m. — Senior Dance SC
- May 26 — City Hall Closed
- May 27, 7:00 p.m. — Council CH
- May 28, 11:30 a.m. — Chamber Luncheon
- May 30, 8:00 a.m. — Commodities - Leekers
- May 31, 7:00 p.m. — Senior Dance SC

## Commodities

May 30th, 8:00 am to 10:00 am at Leeker's  
Commodities are distributed to qualified individuals and families.

## What's Happening in Park City?

Do you want to know more about what is going on in Park City?  
www.parkcityks.com  
You can find information about upcoming events and meetings.

## PANCAKE FEED

The Park City Youth Program is sponsoring a Pancake Feed on May 3rd from 8 to 11:30 am at the Park City Community Building. Bring non perishable food items for the Park City Food Pantry.



## You Are Invited

The Park Board would like to invite you to attend the Activities Committee Meeting.

Are you interested in helping to develop and work on events for the Park City community? If you have great ideas and would like to be part of fun events then mark your calendar and plan on attending the Activities Committee meetings.

**When:** Third Thursday of the Month  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Pizza Hut

## Keep Your Grass Mowed

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

## 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. If you are in need of food assistance, you may come to the Park City Pride Building, 6512 N. East Parkview May 17 at 1:00 p.m. Pride members have prepared a packet of information with guidelines and requirements. Proof of income and residency is required. If you would like more information, please contact Park City Pride at 744-8685.

## RECYCLING DAYS IN PARK CITY

East of I35  
**TUESDAYS** -13th & 27th

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## PARK CITY SPRING GARAGE SALE

**Saturday, June 7, 2014**

It is time to Spring Clean! As the saying goes, one man's trash is another man's treasure; so take time to clean and turn your junk into cash. You can sign up to participate for \$5.00. The cost covers a one day garage sale permit (\$1) and the rest goes toward advertising the sale. Permits for additional days may be purchased at a rate of \$1.00 per day. The deadline to sign up is 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 4th. Garage sale maps will be available at City Businesses Noon, Thursday, June 5th. The Spring City Wide Garage Sale is sponsored by Park City Youth League.

## Summer Fun is Back!!!

Back by popular demand, Park City Pride is sponsoring Movies in the Park. Mark your calendars for the fourth Saturday of the month and come to Hap McLean Park where you can enjoy a movie under the stars. The movie, popcorn, and lemonade is free. Make sure to bring any other snacks, a chair or blanket to sit on, and be prepared to have a great time.

This summer's movie schedule:

<b>May 24</b>	<b>Man of Steel</b>
<b>June 28</b>	<b>Despicable Me II</b>
<b>July 26</b>	<b>The Lego Movie</b>
<b>August 23</b>	<b>Frozen</b>

Movies scheduled to start at Sundown, west side of tennis court

## Are you interested in Public Service?

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

## Monday

- 9:15 a.m. exercise
- 10:15 Bible study (except first Monday)
- 1:00 p.m. crochet/art class
- 7:00 cards

## Tuesday

- 8:30 a.m. Wii Bowling
- 10:00 Chair exercise
- 1:00 Bridge lessons
- 6:00 TOPS every Tuesday

## Wednesday

- Nail care with Brenda Ingram
- second Wednesday
- 9:15 a.m. Exercise
- 1:00 p.m. Walking
- 2:30 Line dance lessons

## Thursday

- 8:30 a.m. Wii Bowling
- 10:00 Chair exercise
- 7:00 p.m. Square Dance (except third Thursday)

## Friday

- 9: 15 Exercise
- 1:00 Pinochle

## Saturday

- 1:00 PM cards
- Lunch offered by Good Neighbor Nutrition, Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. Reservations Required, Call 744-0751. Homebound delivery Monday through Friday.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

- May 5 - 10:30 am Board meeting
- May 7 - 10:30 am Chisholm Trail Seniors Catered Lunch and meeting (lunch by reservation) Program by 2:00 pm CPAAA Line Dance Party (Please bring a snack to share)
- May 8 - 11:30 am Low Vision Solutions
- May 15 - 11:30 am What is Hospice? With Good Shepherd Hospice 1 pm - Card bingo — fee \$1 5:30 pm - Finger Food
- May 16 - 6 pm Food/Fun/Games
- May 19 - 11:30 am Quilting- My Source of Creativity and Health
- May 20 - 8 am Breakfast at Cracker Barrel
- May 21 - 11:30 am RSVP Volunteer Program
- May 26 The senior center will be closed in observance of Memorial Day
- May 28 10:15 am Rite Bite Series- "Carbs and fiber - friend or foe?" 3:30 - "Meet our Mummies" at the Museum of World Treasures, \$4 fee. We will carpool from the center, if you would be willing to drive, please let Jennie know.

## SENIOR DANCES

- \$4 donation at the door
- Refreshments served Saturdays
- May 3 - 7:00 PM Yesterday's Playboys
- May 17 - 7:00 PM The Wildwood Band
- May 31 - 7:00 PM The Wildwood Band

For more information on senior activities contact Jennie Benitez, Park City Senior Center Director at 744-1199.

## 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.

744-2026

City Hall

203

City Administrator

215

Assistant City Administrator/HR

204

Finance Dr./ City Clerk

214

City Attorney

206

Mayor

202

Accounts Payable

209

Payroll

208

Building Permits

207

Utility Billing

201

Utility Billing

213

Inspections

225

Compliance Officer

205

Compliance Officer

210

Court Clerk

216

Asst. Court Clerk

744-2011

Police

744-6417

Court

## Park City Alive! – Annie Diggs: A Voice for Working People

**May 17, 7:00 p.m. at the Park City Public Library**

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## Hard to find compromise in education measure

Teachers deserve to be protected, and the Valley Center school district should do whatever is possible to preserve their due-process rights.

Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback signed House Bill 2506 into law last month, fulfilling a supreme court directive to equalize state funds for capital improvement expenses among public schools.

At the same time, the bill removes K-12 public school teachers from the list of instructors governed by the state's automatic due-process laws, a move opposed by teachers unions across the state.

Proponents say the new law merely leaves it up to local school districts and local teachers unions to negotiate due-process procedures.

Opponents say not having the security of an automatic due-process procedure hurts teachers' ability to advocate for students for fear of being fired without any justification or process to handle objections.

We're afraid the differences are destined to be settled in the courts.

Limiting teachers' ability to advocate for students ultimately hurts students. Fortunately in Valley Center, current administrators and school board members have proven they have students' best interest in mind. But there is no guarantee that will always be the case. One local school board election could easily turn the tide.

Of course, we don't want bad teachers in the classroom. If their performance is poor, attempts should be made to improve their skills — just like any other business does for its employees. If they break the law and it hurts students, they should be fired. If they can't follow directions and improve their performance, districts should have a more permanent remedy.

Unfortunately, it's difficult for school districts to fire tenured teachers, no matter the reason.

That's why it's important for school board and teacher negotiators to strike a balance between teachers' employment rights and students' educational rights.

Teachers should be protected, but not at the expense of students.

Additionally, the policy changes should not have been tied to a funding measure, no matter how politically necessary it was to get a bill passed.

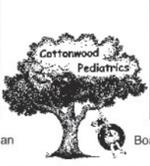
Important policies such as these should receive their own due diligence in the light of day.

— The Park City Post

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# May offers plenty of holidays to celebrate

May is here, but with winter hanging on, I wonder if we will have more cold weather?

Sunday May 11 is Mothers Day. There is no better person to honor than your mother. West Virginia was the first state to recognize the holiday in 1910. President Wilson proclaimed Mother's Day a national

holiday in 1914.

Memorial Day is Monday May 26. It's a day to remember our veterans and loved ones who have gone before. It was declared a Federal holiday in 1971.

The new Park City sign at the entrance of our city is a welcome addition. People coming into our city will certainly know where they are.



## Around Park City

By Cecile Cox

The last day of school is May 22. Chisholm Trail Elementary will have their

fifth grade graduation that day. Heights High School will have their high school graduation on May 10 at Koch Arena.

Dances in May at the senior center are May 3 with Yesterday's Playboys Band and May 17 with the Wildwood Band. If you enjoy country western music and dancing come out and sup-

port these dances. Admission is \$4 at the door. Birthdays are celebrated at each dance. There are snacks and a meal at 8:30 p.m.

"The woman who creates and sustains a home, and under whose hands children grow up to be strong and pure men and women is a creator second only to God" by Helen Hunt Jackson.

## DEATHS

### ADRIAN HUNTER

Adrian Lamont Hunter, 80, retired U.S. Post Office



Hunter

distribution clerk and retired Air Force senior master sergeant, died April 16, 2014. He was born in Harrisburg, Ill., to

James Robert Hunter and Ruby Anis (Josey) Hunter. He was a graduate of Harrisburg High School. He then served

and retired from the U. S. Air Force and was a Veteran of the Korean and Vietnam War eras. On June 10, 1956 he married Shirley (Dean) Hunter, who survives him.

He is also survived by his children, Adrian Hunter Jr. of Lincoln, Neb., Cynthia Keifer of Park City and James Hunter of Park City; grandchildren Christopher (Melissa) Hunter, Kaitlyn Hunter, Lucas Hunter, Derek Perkins and Amanda Jeffries; great grandchild Kaylee Hunter; sister Linda Dianne (Mike) Davis of Salisbury, Md.; brothers James Robert (Theima) Hunter of Bethalto, Ill., Jon Michael (Linda) Hunter of Jackson, S.C., Charles

Steven (Colleen) Hunter of Yuba City, Calif., David Leigh Hunter of Cornelius, Ore., Richard Joseph Hunter of Denver, Colo., Phillip Dean Hunter of Beaverton, Ore., and Gregory Alan (Brenda) Hunter of Melbourne, Fla.; and many other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Ruby Hunter and brother Ronald Barry Hunter.

Memorials may be designated in his name to the American Diabetes Association, 8533 E. 32nd N., Wichita, KS 67226. Graveside services were April 23 at Kechi Township Cemetery, 6523 N. Hillside, Wichita, Kansas.

Baker Funeral, Valley Center, had charge.

### ENID MATTSON

Enid Mae Mattson, 94, retired USD 259 teacher, died April 10, 2014.

She was born in Enid, Okla., to William Guy Lacy and Mabel Devene (Fisher) Lacy. She married the love of her life, Rudolph "Bill" Mattson Enid, taught third and fourth grade at Chisholm Trail Elementary in Park City.

She is survived by her daughters, Linda (Bill) Barton of Monument, Colo., and Janet (Ron) Crites of Wichita; grandchildren Christopher (Becky) Crites, Cindy (Robert) Haley

and Wally (Christy) Crites; great grandchildren Brittney Crites, Emily Crites, Timothy Crites, Jackson Crites, Dalton Haley, Ethan Haley, Garrett Crites and Brent Crites; great-grandson Lucian Charles; sister-in-laws Arlene Manning and Beverly Lacy; and many nieces, nephews and other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Mattson; parents William and Mabel Lacy; and brothers Norman Lacy, Bob Lacy and Gene Lacy.

Services were April 15 at the Kechi United Methodist Church, Kechi. Baker Funeral, Valley Center, has charge.

## Schools

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"I understand there are teachers who are upset," he said. "I also know there are teachers who understand there's a need to look at due process and make some changes because the current system doesn't work."

Huebert said the state's goal is like the local school district's goal — "have quality teachers in every classroom."

"The current process doesn't work in dealing with poor-performing teachers," Huebert said "This will allow local districts to set up a due process system in their negotiations with teachers. ... The issue has been worked on for years. It's not like it was just thrown together."

Sen. Carolyn McGinn, R-Sedgwick, voted against the legislation.

"I see this as a personal attack on teachers," she said.

McGinn said some legislators don't understand the due process system for K-12 teachers.

"We don't have tenure in this state. We don't," she said. "... The bottom line is, principals and superintendents have the ability to fire a teacher and all they have to do, just like a business, is write them up, put it in their file, and if it's a continu-

ing problem, they can fire a teacher. ... Taking away their ability to have a hearing, I think, is wrong."

McGinn said the Legislature should have passed a clean bill, one that dealt with funding and not policy.

"We had an equalization problem that we were supposed to try to fix for the court," she said. "I didn't hear anything in the court's interpretation that we needed to deal with policy changes."

Valley Center Superintendent Cory Gibson said the bill could mean more than \$700,000 in additional funds for the Valley Center school district next school year.

"This is a big win for us, but the challenge is, it's not going to help much with operations," he said. "We have a lot of needs with facilities, but it's not going to help a ton with the operational side."

Addressing the policy issues in the bill, Gibson said the district is taking a wait-and-see approach for now. He said the bill is unclear as to which teachers elimination of the due process rights will affect — current teachers or ones hired after the law goes into effect.

"If due process is ever removed, we would convene a team to discuss our options as a district," Gibson said. "If we had a teacher who wasn't doing their job,

we would go through the process. ... Teachers, in this district at least, shouldn't feel that things are going to change. We'll have the same process."

Valley Center has 100 tenured teachers, who have worked longer than three years, and 57 who aren't tenured.

Following state law, the district conducts performance reviews for teachers twice a year for the first two years, once a year for the next two years and every third year after that.

If reviews show unsatisfactory performance, a rigorous plan of improvement is put into place, Gibson said.

The district has not had a

due process firing in at least eight years, when the district ultimately lost a case that went to third-party arbitration.

Some administrators — and teachers — say it's difficult to fire teachers who are tenured, setting up a long and expensive process.

Ackland said the Valley

Center school district is fortunate because it has a team of administrators and school board members who "all possess high integrity."

"They are truly out to do what is best for students," he said. "They listen to input from all stakeholders. Sadly, this may not be the case in every school district."



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# Local teen battles through medical setbacks

By Matt Heilman

Jaden McAllister is on track to graduate next month with her Wichita Heights High School senior class. The 18-year-old, described as "outgoing, positive, strong and always willing to help," is planning to walk across the stage to accept her diploma despite the adversity that has limited her ability to live out her life the way she'd like.

McAllister has had to complete most of her schoolwork from home this year. She hasn't been able to enjoy her hobbies, spending more time visiting doctors than honing her culinary skills in the kitchen or kicking up dirt on the motocross track.

In September 2012, McAllister was diagnosed with Inappropriate Sinus Tachycardia, a rare cardiac arrhythmia that has limited her physical activity. McAllister's father, Shawn



McAllister

he said. "She would wake up in the morning and her resting heart rate would be 140 to 160 (beats per minute)."

One day, Shawn said Jaden approached him and said, "Dad. We've got a problem." The teen's heart rate was measured at 193 beats per minute. At rest, a normal heart is supposed to beat less than 100 times in a minute.

In January, Jaden underwent a procedure called a catheter ablation that was supposed to

settle the rapid heart rate. In the procedure, energy is directed through a catheter to an area of the heart causing the distress.

For Jaden, the source of the rapid heart rate is in the sinoatrial or "sinus" node, a small bundle of cells where electrical impulses trigger the heart to beat. Shawn said the procedure where doctors basically went in and "zapped" part of Jaden's heart wasn't able to slow her heart rate as much as the medical team had hoped it would.

He said the heart takes about three months to heal from the procedure. Jaden's most recent appointment with a cardiologist was April 23. From that point, it's possible that Jaden may need a pacemaker, Shawn said.

Ahead of Jaden's appointment, an effort sought to assist the high school senior and her family financially. On April 11, friends of the family hosted a benefit dinner and raffle for Jaden at Chisholm Trail

Elementary School, 6015 Independence in Park City.

Jaden's mother, Sheila McAllister is a Para educator at the school.

"We just thought it would be a good idea to help," said Tamira McFarlane, a friend of Sheila McAllister's who is organizing the benefit dinner.

Shawn McAllister said teachers and administrators at Heights planned to help with the benefit dinner. He said Jaden's home economics teacher also organized a bake sale for the teen.

Outside the financial assistance, Shawn said teachers have been willing to spend extra time to visit Jaden to assure that she's able to keep up with her peers in the classroom.

"I can't say enough about the staff at Heights," he said. "They've been awesome."

In addition to being able to graduate on time, Jaden was recently able to attend her

senior prom.

"That was huge for her because she was afraid she wouldn't get to go," Shawn said. "She's missed out on a lot of senior stuff, but the big stuff, she's been able to do."

Outside the classroom, Jaden had to sit out a recent culinary contest and she hasn't been able to get back out on the motocross track.

The teen's involvement with motocross began when she was a small child. She was diagnosed with infantile rheumatoid arthritis about two months before her second birthday.

The arthritis limited her participation in most sports, but it didn't stop her from being able to compete in motocross. Through the sport, Jaden became part of a tight knit group

that has been supportive of her in her time off the track.

"It's a really great community," she said. "I'm really, really hoping to get back into it."

Jaden said her culinary hobby began last year. With the hobby, she's been able to work with chefs in Wichita.

Jaden said its unknown if the arthritis she battled as a child is related to her current heart condition and she tries not to dwell on what she's had to miss.

"I try to live the most normal life I can," she said.

Looking ahead, Jaden said she's likely to take a break to focus on her health this fall before returning to school next spring. She said she'd like to attend a culinary school.

## CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

### Christ Lutheran Church

Christ Lutheran is located at 53rd Street North and Hillside, across from Wichita Heights High School. Services are at 8:30 a.m. (Contemporary), 9:45 a.m. (Kid Friendly) and 11:00 a.m. (Traditional). Communion is offered at all services. Adult Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m.

For more information about the church and its activities find the church online at [www.christ-lutheran.org](http://www.christ-lutheran.org), or call 744-1242. Pastor Chad Langdon is the minister of Christ Lutheran Church.

### 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](http://www.resurrectionwichita.com). Phone number is 744-2776. Rev. James F. Weldon is the pastor.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 Traditional Service is at 11 a.m. on Sundays.

All youth 6th - 12th grade are invited Sundays at 4 p.m. for youth group.

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](http://www.KechiUMC.org). Follow us on Facebook, or Twitter @KechiUMC. Pastor Mitch can be contacted at [Mitch@kechiumpc.org](mailto: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

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May 3 is the Girl Scouts Powder Puff Derby. This event will be at the United Methodist Church at Park City, so make your plans now to come out and support the girl scouts.

All events and activities are open to the community. Feel free to contact Pastor Rob with any questions about upcoming events and activities at 744-0029 / 200-0156. Find the church on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/TheChurchAtParkCity](http://www.facebook.com/TheChurchAtParkCity)), or follow us on Twitter "@Churchparkcity" or, visit our website ([www.churchatparkcity.com](http://www.churchatparkcity.com)) for more information.

### 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.

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Wednesday Bible study begins at 7 p.m.

Contact Pastor Jim McQuery at 201-1696 or e-mail at [jmcquery@cox.net](mailto:jmcquery@cox.net)

### St. Michael's Orthodox Christian Church

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### Wichita Three Angels Seventh-Day Adventist Church

The church is located at 4558 N. Hydraulic Wichita, KS 67219.

The pastor is Nathan Stearman. The Sabbath school is at 9:30 a.m. Worship service is at 11 a.m.

The church will have a God's Closet free shop day event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 9 at 4558 N. Hydraulic.

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## Chisholm

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After hearing the school's plans for its playground and receiving a request for assistance, Pride voted to donate \$1,000 for the project.

"We have worked so well with the school, the PTO, the teachers and the staff over the last six, seven years," Stuart said. "...I couldn't think of a better place to put \$1,000 than in this playground."

Chisholm Trail Elementary also received an award from the Park City Chamber of Commerce for improving the community with the new playground.

"We focused on a goal and were able to get it," Perlman said.

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## Youth Days of Caring

**ABOVE:** High school students, including Mercedes Chesney, representing the Wichita Children's Home and the Bridges Program volunteered their free time during spring break as part of United Way's Youth Days of Caring. On March 17, several of the students assisted the Park City Pride Committee with painting the interior of the Pride building at 6512 E. Parkview. Students also volunteered at the Andover Senior Center March 19 and March 21 at the Hope in the Valley Equine Rescue and Sanctuary in rural Valley Center. **RIGHT:** Canaan Davis adds color to a white wall in Park City's Pride building.



## Pigs

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just three days, she said. In mid April, Marge became ill and ultimately had to be euthanized. In most cases, Thomison said the animals could live to be 14 to 17 years old.

For now, Beaula can stay at her Park City home. At its April 22 meeting, the Park City council didn't go as far as to change its ordinance that currently prohibits pot-bellied pigs as pets in the city, but the group did take a measure to explore the matter further.

The council voted 5-3 in favor of forming a committee to further review the current ordinance disallowing the pets and to establish possible regulations for the animals should they be allowed as pets. The council was unanimous in appointing members Gary Aldrich, Tom Jones and Melvin Kerr to the committee.

Before the council began discussing the issue, Thomison addressed the group. She read a letter from her fiancé, Eric Mays, who was unable to attend the meeting.

In the letter, Mays requested that the council change its ordinance to recognize that pot-bellied pigs shouldn't be in the same category as much larger hogs in the city ordinance.

She said most cities that don't allow pot-bellied pigs as pets follow ordinances in place before 1985 when the animals native to Southeast Asia were introduced as pets in the United States.

In researching what ordinances are in place in other cities, Park City Administrator Jack Whitson said he found that the cities of Wichita and Kansas City allow pot-bellied pigs as pets, but many of the smaller communities do not. The pets are not allowed in the cities of Valley Center and Bel Aire.

And in Wichita, Whitson pointed out there is an 80-pound limit on the animals. Thomison said Beaula weighs about 150 pounds. The council didn't discuss the necessity for such a weight limit in Park City.

In volunteering for the committee to look into the matter further and bring back a recommendation to the first council meeting in May, Aldrich said from his perspective, pot-bellied pigs fall in line more as domesticated pets as opposed to hogs.

Council member Chris Johns pointed out that several heavily populated areas in the United

States, including Hollywood, Calif., allow pot-bellied pigs as pets. He also shared the opinion that many residents would probably prefer living next to a pot-bellied pig than a barking dog.

Council member George Capps said the council needs to make sure that its decisions on such matters are in the best interest of serving the citizens of Park City. Council member Tom Jones proposed the idea of letting Thomison and Mays keep Beaula, but keeping the

ordinance in place by prohibiting them from owning more pot-bellied pigs after her.

The city's attorney, Doug Moshier, warned that such a decision could set a precedent where more people would come forward to seek exemptions from ordinances and excuses from violations. Jones and council members John Lehnher and Mike Alumbaugh voted against the formation of the committee, but Jones agreed to be on the three-member group after it was approved by

## Park City girl to compete in national pageant

By The Post Staff

Park City's Kaylee Renee Krotz has been chosen as a state finalist in the 2014 National American Miss Kansas Pageant. The pageant is set for July 19 and 20 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in



Krotz

Wichita.

National American Miss pageants are held for girls from 4 to 18 years old. The pageants are divided into five age divisions. On July 19 and 20, Krotz will participate in the pre-teen age division.

The winner of the National American Miss Kansas Pageant will receive a \$1,000 cash award, the official crown and banner, a bouquet of roses and a free flight to compete

in the national pageant in California.

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Krotz is a fourth-grade student at Chisholm Trail Elementary School in Park City.

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