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City continues push to sell residential lots

By Matt Heilman

The situation today isn't as bleak as it once was. The City of Park City is getting by without having to rely on its reserve money, but there are still vacant residential lots that need home construction to plug the financial drain.

Last summer, Park City took ownership of vacant lots in two key developments at a pair of sheriff's sales. The properties include about 70 lots in the Bearhill addition near 85th North

and Hydraulic and 50 to 60 lots in the Saddlebrook addition near 85th North and Broadway.

When the city purchased the vacant lots with available reserves for about \$2,000 apiece in the summers of 2012 and 2013, Park City Administrator Jack Whitson explained the process as a short-term expense to save the city money in the long run.

He explained that while the city didn't want to get into the land business, temporary ownership of the lots

in Bearhill and Saddlebrook allowed the city to stop the cycle of properties changing hands while thousands of dollars worth of infrastructure work went unpaid and added to the city's debt.

In 2012, the city was owed about \$750,000 in unpaid special assessments for improvements that included, water, sewer and paving work. The bulk of that debt was in Bearhill and Saddlebrook.

"If we didn't buy (the vacant lots in

Bearhill and Saddlebrook) in a tax sale, somebody would pick them up cheap and sit on them," Whitson said.

When a property owner "sits" on a lot and doesn't pay the taxes owed on the property or attempt to get a home built on it, the tax burden is shifted to the city's tax base if the city doesn't have enough money from other sources to cover the debt.

With the debt load up to about \$750,000 in 2012, Park City had to implement a mix of budget cuts and

a slight property tax increase to cover the cost.

A combination of the cuts, an overall improved housing market and a marketing strategy has city leaders optimistic that the worst of times are in the rear view mirror.

"I think it won't get any worse than what we see right now," Whitson said. Since last summer, Whitson said the

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Troop strength



Courtesy photo

Troop 494 Leader Riley Greenwood shows scouts the details on a "survival stick" during a campout this weekend at Lake Afton.

Boy Scout groups expanding with community support

By Matt Heilman

A national organization that goes back more than a century has seen a sharp increase in its local presence over the last several months. The Boy Scouts of America is well represented in Valley Center, having its participation nearly doubled in the last year. In Park City, there is new life for the organization in a community that hasn't had scouting in recent years.

In Boy Scouts, participants stay involved until they either meet their Eagle Scout requirements in high school or age out when they turn 18. Most scouts that begin as Cub Scouts in early elementary school don't stick with the program long enough to become Eagle Scouts, but the feat is becoming more common for Valley Center's Troop 494, which has seen its participation balloon from 23 to 45 members since last May.

Representing Boy Scout Troop 494, Riley Greenwood said there have been six scouts complete their Eagle Scout requirements since he

became scoutmaster about six years ago.

"There are six more that probably will do so in the next couple years," he said.

The scout group that meets at Valley Center's First United Methodist Church also includes a Cub Scout pack from which 11 scouts moved up to the Boy Scout Troop in February, Greenwood said.

In scouting, participants usually begin as first graders in Cub Scouts. They move up the ranks within Cub Scouts, starting at the level of Tigers and working up to the levels of Webelos I and Webelos II about the

time they get to middle school. From Webelos II, scouts graduate past a Cub Scout pack to a Boy Scout troop. In Valley Center, Cub Scout Pack 494 shares the same number designation and charter organization as a Boy Scout Troop, allowing scouts to grow through the organization together.

Greenwood, a teacher in the Valley Center school district for 30 years, became active with scouts in the community when his now 17-year-old son became a Cub Scout.

Part of the story for the sharp

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Residents will have a say in pool's fate

City OKs survey

By Matt Heilman

Residents will have a say. The Park City Council didn't commit to any action related to the city's pool that was closed last year, but the group and Mayor Ray Mann seem to agree it's time to get a pulse on what the city wants.

At its May 27 meeting, the council voted 6-1 to spend up to \$4,000 in reserve funds to pay for a study from Kansas State University about recreational water-related infrastructure, including options for the city's pool in Hap McLean Park.

"This is a fact-finding expedition to find out what citizens want so we can put it on the ballot and have a vote on it," Mann said.

The study, conducted by representatives from Kansas State, including students in public affairs, would include a question of what residents want with the pool, whether to keep it closed, reopen it, have a new pool built at a new location, or use the current pool's infrastructure to build a splash pad in the park.

The survey, sent to residents in a mailer, would also include the question of how best to fund a new pool or splash pad.

Mann said the reason for calling on a third-party to issue the study is to eliminate the potential bias in the questioning that could occur from representatives within the city who would be more likely to have an opinion on the future of the pool.

Council member Tom Jones said he agreed that residents should have the final say on the future of the pool, but he felt that the cost for the study could have been split with the park board. Jones voted in support of the study, but indicated the city should have more of a say in the study and the cost for it could've been shared.

Council member Mike Alumbaugh was the lone elected official who voted against the study. Alumbaugh agreed it was a good idea, but he didn't want to

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Standoff ends quietly after tense moments

One man taken into custody four hours after call of shots fired inside a Park City residence

By Matt Heilman

A standoff that lasted about four hours came to a peaceful resolution in Park City April 25 with one suspect in custody and no reported injuries. Park City Police Chief Phil Bostian said an emergency call was made about 3:55 p.m. alerting officers that an individual had fired several shots inside

his home in the 6300 block of North Ulysses.

Bostian said the man, later identified as 48-year-old Donald Tharp, had fired three shots in the residence: one shot to the ceiling and two rounds into the front door of the home. Bostian didn't specify what caliber of firearm the man used, but he said the shots weren't directed at anyone.

A woman inside the home with Tharp left the residence after the shots were fired, but she was never a hostage, Bostian said. He didn't confirm an earlier report that she had made the call to 911.

A reverse 911 call was made to landlines in the area in an attempt to alert residents to stay in their homes. Officers outside the home attempted to commu-

nicate with Tharp.

A neighbor to the residence where the standoff occurred said he was outside mowing his backyard when "three or four officers" came running through his back gate with guns drawn.

"I couldn't hear anything over the mower," the man said.

He said officers told him he needed to get inside. Later, he was asked to evacuate.

Shortly before 8 p.m., the standoff ended peacefully. A robot equipped with a PA speaker and microphone approached the front of the residence.

Tharp surrendered peacefully and was transported by ambulance to receive a mental evaluation, Bostian said.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Hotel group receives award

Best Western Wichita North Hotel & Suites has received a TripAdvisor Certificate, the company announced last week. The award, which honors hospitality excellence, is given to establishments that consistently achieve outstanding traveller reviews on TripAdvisor, and is extended to qualifying businesses worldwide.

When selecting Certificate of Excellence winners, TripAdvisor uses a proprietary algorithm to determine the honorees that takes into account reviews ratings. Businesses must maintain an overall TripAdvisor bubble rating of at least four out of five. Additional criteria include a business' tenure and popularity ranking on the site.

"Winning the TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence is a true source of pride for the entire team at Best Western Wichita North Hotel & Suites and we'd like to thank all of our past guests who took the time to complete a review on TripAdvisor," said Kim Madison, general manager. "There is no greater seal of approval than being recognized by one's customers."

— The Post staff

Fishing derby set for June 14

Park City's annual fishing derby is set for 9 to 11 a.m. June 14 at the Chisholm Pointe Pond in Habiger Park near Ventor and Grove. The free event, open to the public, will provide hot dogs and bottled water to the participants. The first 50 children or families who arrive at the fishing derby will receive a free tackle box and bait.

Participants must provide their own poles, lawn chairs and blankets. Rewards will be given out for the largest and smallest fish caught in the two-hour derby. Sponsors have also donated prizes for a raffle. This year, there are more than 20 sponsors for the derby, including first-time local sponsors Don Hattan Chevrolet and QuikTrip.

— The Post staff

Meth-making material found

A call to Park City police made shortly after 3 p.m. May 9 revealed that one of the storage units in the 400 block of East 61st North was being used for more than its intended purpose.

Officers responded to the storage property after the site manager discovered what she thought to be possible methamphetamine-making materials. A May 9 Park City police report said a search warrant was pulled and the storage unit was entered with assistance from the Wichita Police Department's Explosive Ordinance Disposal, also known as the Bomb Squad. Park City Police Det. Dwight Wilkes explained the Wichita Police EOD responded to check the possible drug-making chemicals and there wasn't a concern about potential explosives in the storage unit.

Chemicals were located inside the unit along with a small amount of methamphetamine and a small amount of marijuana, Park City police said.

Officers with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation handled the cleanup at the scene, the May 9 report said. The case remains under investigation.

— Matt Heilman

Movies in the

Park returns

For the seventh summer, the Park City Pride Committee presents Movies in the Park, movies shown once a month at the tennis courts at McLean Park.

The movies, shown on the fourth Saturday May through August, start at dusk and are free and open to the public. The first movie, "Superman, Man of Steel," was shown on May 24. The next movie will be June 28, a showing of Despicable Me 2.

The movies are free. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets, bug spray and their families.

This year's sponsors are: Leeker's Family Foods, Park City Chamber of Commerce, Best Western Wichita North, Murphy Tractor, American Fun Foods, Auntie C's Restaurant, and the Chisholm Trail Seniors.

— The Post staff

Shakespeare performance set

The Wichita Shakespeare Company (WSC) opens its 2014 Shakespeare in the Park series with "Love's Labour's Lost."

The series, which includes several dates in Wichita, will include a June 21 performance in Hap McLean Park in Park City. Show time is 7 p.m.

Reset to the 1920s, the play tells the story of King Ferdinand of Navarre and his three bachelor friends who have sworn off women for a period of study and personal growth. Things go awry when the lovely Princess of France and her ladies in waiting arrive in the kingdom. Verbal fireworks ensue in what was one of Shakespeare's earliest comedies.

The play is directed by veteran WSC actor Michael Webber. Webber's previous WSC acting credits include "The Two Gentleman of Verona," "Measure for Measure," and "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

The play is performed free to all audiences but donations are accepted and appreciated. Those attending are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets and bug spray.

In the event of inclement weather, there will be a message posted at 6 pm on the WSC line (655-2017) alerting if the show has been canceled for that evening.

— The Post staff

Patients found in 'unlivable' home

Two patients were transported to a Wichita hospital following a May 21 call that was classified as an offense against family and children in the 1600 block of East Beaumont in Park City.

On the call, Park City officers and Lt. Henry Spurlock were dispatched to assist EMS with a patient complaining about withdrawals from methadone. Upon further investigation, another patient was found inside the house on the floor.

The May 21 police report says the patient on the floor had been in conditions that were described as "unlivable" for several months. Park City Code Enforcement was notified and the case was forwarded to the Sedgwick County Department of Children and Families. Both patients on the scene were transported by EMS.

— Matt Heilman

Pride Food Pantry's final day will be June 21

By The Post staff

June 21 will be the last Saturday for the Park City Food Pantry in Park City.

The food pantry has served the citizens of Park City well. Many volunteers are required to run a successful

pantry. At this time, there seems to be a lack of those willing to step up and help, said Linda Holsey with Park City Pride.

Park City Pride will continue to be involved with the distribution of food baskets for the holidays and spring

break for the families of children who attend Chisholm Trail Elementary School, Holsey said.

Pride members said they would like to thank those who have partnered with Pride to make the pantry possible: Church of the Nazarene,

Chisholm Trail Seniors, Friends of the Library, Chisholm Trail Elementary, Christ Lutheran Church, City of Park City, Leeker's Family Foods and all of the businesses in Park City that helped with food drives during the winter holidays.

City looking to improve communication with app

By Matt Heilman

In an age when information from most of the world is available with a push of a button, the City of Park City is taking a step to utilize technology to improve its communication with its residents.

At the May 13 Park City Council meeting, elected officials unanimously approved allocating \$150 per month to contract for the development of a mobile app for the city.

"This is another opportunity for us to interface with the community," Park City Assistant City Administrator Dana Walden said.

The city has increased its social media outreach with the utilization of its Facebook page.

The mobile app allows the city to send out mass messages to citizens without the clutter that often accompanies Twitter and Facebook posts, Mayor Ray Mann said.

Walden showed part of the mobile app used by the community of Snellville, Ga. and introduced some of the features the Park City app could have. In addition to giving the city a platform to reach out to every resident signed up for the free app, the app would allow residents to give feedback to the city. The app would feature options for citizens to directly contact city staff from different departments and elected officials including the mayor and city council members.

The free app, available on

smart phones and tablets, would allow for residents to alert city officials of incidents like animals at-large or poor street conditions that need attention.

Another feature of the app could be a list of businesses, hotels, municipal buildings, parks and other locations in the community with direct links that bring up GPS navigation to the locations.

Walden said the app could also be used effectively to help residents pay their utility bills online. The council generally agreed that the app could be used effectively to improve its communication with residents, but there were a few concerns that were discussed.

Council member George Capps said he didn't initially

understand how the app would work and he expressed a bit of hesitation due to potential dangers associated with Internet technology. Council member Tom Jones said he thought the app was a good idea, but he was concerned over how the city would manage the technology, requiring staff to take extra time to filter through complaints and other feedback from the public.

With a communication team in place among city staff and the general conclusion that the ability to instantly connect with residents in case of emergency was worth any potential challenges, the council approved allowing Mann and city staff to contract for the development of the app.

Chisholm Trail Elementary student to compete in national pageant

By The Post staff



Snider

Park City resident and Chisholm Trail Elementary School student Trinity Snider has been chosen as a state finalist in the junior pre-teen division of the 2014 National American Miss Kansas Pageant. The pageant is set for July 19 and 20 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Wichita.

National American Miss pageants are held for girls from 4 to 18

years old. The pageants are divided into five age divisions.

The winner of each division in 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.

A news release from National American Miss said the pageants "are dedicated to celebrating America's future leaders and

equipping them with life-long skills. Each year, the pageant nationally awards \$1.5 million in cash, scholarships and other prizes, which includes a New Ford Mustang Convertible."

Snider is the daughter of Nicole and Jeremy Snider.

Also representing Park City at the state pageant is Kaylee Krotz, a Chisholm Trail fourth grader who will compete in the pre-teen division.

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THE PARK CITY REPORT

CITY OF PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

City Council Meeting April 22, 2014:

- Proclaimed May 11 thru 17, 2014 Peace Officers Memorial Week
- Approved the minutes of the April 8, 2014 regular meeting.
- Approved Appropriations 791-2014 with addendum.
- Approved the 2014 Contract with the Midwest BMX Group for the use of the BMX Facility with amendments related to maintenance and insurance coverage.
- Approved the placement of an additional storage building at the Senior Center.
- Approved a policy that a person who will sign a waiver need not be home when water service is restored.
- Approved funds for police vehicle equipment, Tasers, and new computers for police vehicles.
- Reappointed Councilmember Capps to the Chisholm Creek Utility Board for a two-year term.
- Appointed a committee to consider allowing

- potbelly pigs in Park City.
- Considered updates to various parts of the municipal code. No action was taken.
- Reviewed the existing water conservation ordinance and discussed conservation efforts.

City Council Meeting May 13, 2014.

- Approved the minutes of the April 22, 2014 regular meeting.
- Approved Appropriations 792-2014 with addendum.
- Approved authorized signers for Emprise Bank due to recent changes in city staff and council officers.
- Allocated \$600 from the Special Events Fund to the Annual Fishing Derby.
- Approved a \$3,000 sponsorship for the ALSA Grand National Championship Llama and Alpaca Show.
- Reappointed Judge Gregory Keith as Municipal Court Judge.
- Reappointed Brandi Baily Treasurer.
- Heard a presentation by the WAMPO MOVE 2040

- Project.
- Approved a change in the zoning classification from R-2 Single Family Residential District to the C-1 Central Business District on land located at 6125 N. Hydraulic.
- Approved Prudential Dinning Beard Realtors to market City-owned Lots in the Bearhill and Saddlebrook Additions.
- Denied a \$2,825 change order on the Broadway Drainage Project for Dondlinger Construction.
- Approved the temporary use of City funds to finance \$315,000 of construction in the Prairie Hills 2nd Addition.
- Considered updates to the Municipal Code. No action was taken.
- Approved an annual contract for \$150 a month for a mobile app to communicate with City residents.

Questions about the meetings may be addressed to Terry Coltrain, City Clerk, at 316-744-2026 x204 or cityclerk@parkcityks.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

- June 1** — 7:00 p.m. PCYP Board CB
- June 2** — 7:00 p.m. Park Board CH
- June 4** — 10:30 a.m. Seniors Catered Lunch SC
- June 5** — 6:30 p.m. Court CH
- June 7** — 7:00 p.m. Senior Dance SC
- June 7** — CityWide Garage Sale
- June 10** — 7:00 p.m. Council CH
- June 12** — 1:00 p.m. Court Trials CH
- June 12** — 6:30 p.m. Court CH
- June 12** — 7:00 p.m. Library Board PCL
- June 14** — 9:00 a.m. Pride PC
- June 14** — 7:00 p.m. Senior Dance SC
- June 14** — Fishing Derby at Chisholm Pointe Lake
- June 16** — 7:00 p.m. Planning/ BZA CH
- June 19** — 5:30 p.m. Seniors Finger Food
- June 19** — 6:30 p.m. Court CH
- June 21** — 1:00 p.m. Pride Food Pantry PC
- June 21** — 7:00 p.m. Park City Alive! – Shakespeare in the Park
- June 24** — 7:00 p.m. Council CH
- June 25** — 11:30 a.m. Chamber Luncheon
- June 26** — 1:00 p.m. Court Trials CH
- June 26** — 4:30 p.m. CQUA Bel Aire CH
- June 26** — 6:30 p.m. Court CH
- June 26** — 7:00 p.m. Seniors Square Dance SC
- June 27** — 8:00 a.m. Commodities at Leekers
- June 28** — 7:00 p.m. Senior Dance SC
- June 28** — 9:00 p.m. Movies in the Park

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 Maclean Park where you can enjoy a movie under the stars. The movie, popcorn, and lemonade are free. Make sure to bring any other snacks, a chair or blanket to sit on, and be prepared to have a great time.

The Movie this month is:

June 28 Despicable Me II

Movies to look forward to are:

July 26 The Lego Movie

August 23 Frozen

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

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!

SENIOR CALENDAR

For a complete schedule of all daily/weekly activities & programs, call Jennie Benitez at 744-1199.

Monday

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

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 Pinochle

There will be a limited number of Farmer's Market Vouchers available in June. Please call Jennie for more information.

Lunch offered by Good Neighbor Nutrition, Monday through Friday, 11:30 am. Reservations Required, Call 744-0751. Homebound delivery Monday through Friday.

TOPS

Take Pounds Off Sensibly meets Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM. For more information on joining contact GiGi Roths at 312-1945.

SPECIAL EVENTS

A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls is a class coming soon. Please contact Jennie for more information.

- June 2 - 10:30 am** Board meeting
- June 4 - 10:30 am** Chisholm Trail Seniors Catered Lunch and meeting (lunch by reservation)
- June 11 - 11:30 am** Fall Prevention with Hart Pharmacy
- June 16 - 7:30 am** Osage Casino Trip
- Reservations Required – call (316)744-1199 for more info
- June 17 - 8 am** Breakfast at Auntie C's
- June 19** 1 PM - Card bingo – fee \$1
- June 20 - 6:00 pm** 5:30 PM - Finger Food
- June 20 - 6:00 pm** Food/Fun/Games
- June 23 - 11:30 am** AseraCare Hospice
- June 25 - 10:15 am** Rite Bite Series-"Footloose and Fat Free"

SENIOR DANCES

\$4 donation at the door Refreshments served Saturdays
June 7, 7:00 PM Yesterday's Playboys
June 21, 7:00 PM The Wildwood Band

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

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 E. Parkview, June 21, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 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.

What's Happening in Park City?

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

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Saturday, June 7, 2014

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Salute to Freedom Celebration

Would you like to be in the Parade?

The Salute to Freedom Celebration on the 4th is right around the corner. Would you like to participate in the Parade? You can ride a bike, walk, have a float or volunteer to help. If you would like more information, call Sheryl Karleskint at 734-0679.

Shakespeare in the Park

Saturday, June 21

"Love's Labour's Lost". A Comedy. Hap McLean, all day.

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PARK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

From Chief Phil Bostian,
 Park City Police Department

What to Teach Kids About Strangers

We are quickly approaching the end of the school year, and many of our children will be spending more time outdoors this summer. Now is a good time to be thinking about how to keep kids safer. The National Crime Prevention Council has some great tips about teaching your children how to deal with strangers.

I encourage every parent, and anyone else who supervises children, to take a couple of minutes to read through these tips. Then, be sure to take just a moment to share them with the kids who are in your care. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

If you ever feel that a stranger is acting suspicious around children, please call 911 right away to report it. We would much rather go on a call where we are not needed, than to be needed but not get a call.

-Chief Phil Bostian

Information about the differences between strangers kids should look out for, and strangers kids can trust.

Kids see strangers every day in stores, in the park, and in their neighborhoods. Most of these strangers are nice, normal people, but a few may not be. Parents can protect their children from dangerous strangers by teaching them about strangers and suspicious behavior, and by taking a few precautions of their own.

Who is a stranger?

A stranger is anyone that your family doesn't know well. It's common for children

to think that "bad strangers" look scary, like the villains in cartoons. This is not only not true, but it's dangerous for children to think this way. Pretty strangers can be just as dangerous as the not-so-pretty ones. When you talk to your children about strangers, explain that no one can tell if strangers are nice or not nice just by looking at them and that they should be careful around all strangers.

But don't make it seem like all strangers are bad. If children need help--whether they're lost, being threatened by a bully, or being followed by a stranger--the safest thing for them to do in many cases is to ask a stranger for help. You can make this easier for them by showing them which strangers are okay to trust.

Who are safe strangers?
 Safe strangers are people children can ask for help when they need it. Police officers and firefighters are two examples of very recognizable safe strangers. Teachers, principals, and librarians are adults children can trust too, and they are easy to recognize when they're at work. But make sure that you emphasize that whenever possible, children should go to a public place to ask for help.

You can help your children recognize safe strangers by pointing them out when you're out in your town. Also show your children places they can go if they need help, such as local stores and restaurants and the homes of family friends in your neighborhood.

Recognizing and Handling Dangerous Situations

Perhaps the most important way parents can protect their children is to teach them to

be wary of potentially dangerous situations – this will help them when dealing with strangers as well as with known adults who may not have good intentions. Help children recognize the warning signs of suspicious behavior, such as when an adult asks them to disobey their parents or do something without permission, asks them to keep a secret, asks children for help, or makes them feel uncomfortable in any way. Also tell your children that an adult should never ask a child for help, and if one does ask for their help, teach them to find a trusted adult right away to tell what happened.

You should also talk to your children about how they should handle dangerous situations. One way is to teach them "No, Go, Yell, Tell." In a dangerous situation, kids should say no, run away, yell as loud as they can, and tell a trusted adult what happened right away. Make sure that your children know that it is okay to say no to an adult in a dangerous situation and to yell to keep themselves safe, even if they are indoors. It's good to practice this in different situations so that your children will feel confident in knowing how to react. Here are a few possible scenarios:

- A nice-looking stranger approaches your child in the park and asks for help finding the stranger's lost dog.
- A woman who lives in your neighborhood but that the child has never spoken to invites your child into her house for a snack.
- A stranger asks if your child wants a ride home from school.
- Your child thinks he or she is being followed.

• An adult your child knows says or does something that makes him or her feel bad or uncomfortable.

• While your child is walking home from a friend's house, a car pulls over and a stranger asks for directions.

What Else Parents Can Do
 In addition to teaching children how to recognize and handle dangerous situations and strangers, there are a few more things parents can do to help their children stay safe and avoid dangerous situations.

• Know where your children are at all times. Make it a rule that your children must ask permission or check in with you before going anywhere. Give your children your work and cell phone numbers so they can reach you at all times.

• Point out safe places. Show your children safe places to play, safe roads and paths to take, and safe places to go if there's trouble.

• Teach children to trust their instincts. Explain that if they ever feel scared or uncomfortable, they should get away as fast as they can and tell an adult. Tell them that sometimes adults they know may make them feel uncomfortable, and they should still get away as fast as possible and tell another adult what happened. Reassure children that you will help them when they need it.

• Teach your children to be assertive. Make sure they know that it's okay to say no to an adult and to run away from adults in dangerous situations.

Encourage your children to play with others. There's safety in numbers

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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Local police do well in response to standoff

The response was impressive. And thankfully, nobody was injured and a man was taken into custody without a fight.

But there were some tense moments during a four-hour standoff April 25 in Park City. The response from our local law enforcement was impressive. And officers deserve credit for staying cool under pressure to keep residents safe. It was an intimidating sight to see members of Wichita's SWAT team file out of a large armored vehicle. They were prepared for all hell to break loose.

It didn't, but it could have. No gunfire was exchanged and no explosives were detonated. By the time the standoff ended, some in the area thought the response from officers with different city departments and the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office was overkill.

That's fine with us. We prefer to err on the side of caution. When an emergency call was made on the afternoon of April 25 that shots were fired in the 6300 block of North Ulysses, officers had no idea what they were getting into.

When the report turned into a standoff and the lives of an apparent mentally unstable suspect and responding officers were potentially in danger, it was absolutely necessary for all hands to be on deck. From traffic control to backup response to direct communication with the suspect, everyone in uniform performed his or her job admirably, at least from what we could tell.

Park City Police Chief Phil Bostian especially handled himself professionally in relaying information to the media. He provided as much information as he could and explained his reasoning for not being able to answer all the questions that were thrown his way. The chief displayed the kind of leadership a department head is supposed to have.

A suspect was peacefully taken into custody. Peace and quiet returned to a neighborhood and everyone on scene made it home safely.

As Bostian said, it was the best possible situation short of the call not going out in the first place.

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Flag Day is always nice in Park City

The weather is more unusual than I have ever seen, but I think summer is finally here. Flag Day is June 14. This day commemorates the adoption of the Stars & Stripes as the U.S. flag. President Truman signed a bill to call for its observance each year.

Fathers Day is the third

Sunday in June. A father is the backbone of a family. He loves and protects his wife and children. The Bible says honor your father, treat him special.

I think of the old hymn, "Faith of our Fathers, living still."

There has been many graduations in May and June,



Around Park City

By Cecile Cox

we are all proud of their accomplishments. May success

follow them in the future.

The Park City, City Wide sales are June 7. There is always a lot of good articles at these all over the city. So get out, drive around you will see something you can use or want.

May 31 Wild Wood Band would be playing in Park City Senior Center. There

will be a Country dance June 7 with the Yesterday's Playboys band. Yvonne

Washington celebrates her birthday. Everyone enjoys the dances, and its good exercise.

"Happy Fathers Day to all you fathers and husbands. God Bless you"

DEATHS

MARGARET GEE

Margaret Louise (Voelmeck) Gee, 84, died March 31, 2014.



Gee

She was the daughter of Frank and Frances Voelmeck of Eureka. She played bass guitar for her family band called The 3

Gees Band, which played for the senior country dances at the Park City Senior Center, for the Evergreen Park Golden Agers in Wichita, the Golden Agers of El Dorado, the Emporia Golden Agers, Memorial Hall in Eureka, the Leon Senior Center and Augusta Senior Center. The band also played for anniversaries and birthdays.

Husband Kenneth played guitar and son Blaine played mandolin and fiddle.

Service was April 3 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Eureka. Burial was in Greenwood County Cemetery in Eureka.

NANCY COX

Nancy Ellen (Hughes) Cox, 78, retired Vulcan Chemicals purchasing secretary, died April 26, 2014.

She loved playing bridge, bowling, bingo, golf, gambling, dancing and skating.

She is survived by her husband, Virgil Cox of Haysville; son Dennis Cox (Sheri) of Springfield, Mo.; daughters Delena Farmer (Scott) of Park City and Deanna Burroughs (Norman) of Valley Center; brother Glenn Hughes (Judy) of Wichita; sister Carol Cummings (Don) of Dodge City; grandchildren Sarah, Candise and Amanda; step-grandchildren

Crystal and Sandy; and great-grandchildren Tanner, Kaleb, "J.C." John Clyde, Bobby, Erin and two expected.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Evelyn Hughes.

Visitation was April 30 at Smith Mortuary, Haysville. Private graveside services will be held. Memorials to Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice.

George R. Watson, Jr., 67, died May 8, 2014, at his home in Wichita.

He was born Aug. 20, 1946, in Alliance, Neb., the son of Dr. George R. and Margaret Ruth Laughlin Watson. A longtime Wichita resident, he was a physician practicing alternative medicine and family medicine with offices in Park City and Hays. He was a member of Central Christian Church, Wichita; the NRA, past president of AAPS, and

was highly supportive of the Wounded Warrior Project. He achieved the rank of Capt. with the USAF, flying F-4 Phantoms in Vietnam. He became a Lt. Col. as a flight surgeon with the KS Air National Guard and was on active duty during Desert Storm. Flying was a passion of his.

He is survived by his wife, Julie (Cheatum) Watson whom he married on Oct. 26th, 1969 in Kingman; son George R. Jr. of Edmond, Okla.; daughters Jennifer (Will) King and Rebekah Watson, all of Wichita; mother Margaret Ruth Watson; brother Jeff Watson; and five grandchildren: Christian Watson, and Zechariah, Anna, Joshua, and Rachel King. He was preceded in death by his father and his sister Barbara Amerin.

Funeral services were May 12 at Central Christian Church in Wichita. Burial was in the

Hoosier Cemetery in rural Kingman. Memorials may be made with the Wounded Warrior Project and Good Shepherd Hospice, both in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main, Kingman, KS 67068.

DONNIE BROCKMAN

Donnie R. Brockman, 66, retired mechanic, died May 8, 2014. Memorial services were May 12 at Webb-Shinkle Mortuary Chapel, Clearwater. He was preceded in death by his father, Raymond. He is survived by his daughter, Ralyn Brockman of Park City; mother Evelyn (Vaught) Brockman of Clearwater; brothers Wayne (Mary) of Cheney, Jerry of Newton, Jimmy (Carol) of Wichita, Earl (Peggy) of Clearwater, and Carl (Rhonda) of Houston, Texas. Memorials to Kansas Humane Society, 3313 N. Hillside, Wichita, KS 67219.

Lots

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city has sold five lots in Bearhill and two in Saddlebrook. In line with a restored demand for higher end homes in the area, Whitson said there has been more interest in Bearhill where homes start at about \$250,000 and range up to more than \$500,000. There are currently three homes under construction in Bearhill including on property where two lots were combined into one. Lots in the

development range from about 1/3 of an acre to a full acre, Whitson said.

He said homes in Saddlebrook range in the \$180,000 to \$250,000 range. To build on some recent momentum, the Park City council unanimously approved contracting with Prudential Dinning-Bear to market lots in Bearhill and Saddlebrook.

Representing the real estate company, Patty Sanders, Managing Broker for Prudential's east Wichita office said new construction is the first to fall and the last to come back when

the housing market collapses as it did about five years ago.

She said builders are returning with a renewed sense of confidence in the market.

She said Prudential would be able to market the lots on multiple listing services and a strong web presence among a number of strategies.

"I think they have a good team that they can put together," Park City Mayor Ray Mann said.

The team includes realtor Jordan Noone, a 2003 Valley Center High School graduate who has experienced recent

success marketing properties in Park City's Cambridge Valley addition.

As part of Park City's marketing strategy already in place, the city offers up to a \$15,000 incentive in Bearhill and up to a \$10,000 incentive in Saddlebrook where lots are sold for \$20,000 and \$15,000 respectively.

For the full incentive to be offered, builders are required to pull a permit within six months of taking ownership of a lot and must have a home built within a year.

For several months, the council has weighed its options to market the properties beyond

just showing pictures of the available homes.

The bottom line for city leaders is to get new homes built and to expand the tax base. Whitson said the contract with Prudential Dinning-Bear would run for six months at which time the city would evaluate the effectiveness of the marketing strategies.

Even if the lots don't sell as well as the city hopes, Whitson said Park City residents shouldn't be saddled with the burden as they were with the tax increase in 2012.

"That would be absolutely the last resort we would do go back to the people," he said.

Pool

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use reserve funds to pay for it.

Council member Chris Johns was absent from the May 27 meeting.

After discussing proposed amendments to the city's environmental code and deferring the discussion to a future meeting, the council approved issuing a request for proposals for the design/construction of a new City Hall and police department facility. Council member George Capps said the long-time need was addressed

about 12 years ago when he still served as the city's police chief. Since then, construction costs have doubled, he said.

"We've kicked the can down the street too long," Capps said.

The concept for the two-phase project is to have a new

city hall and police department under one roof. The funding source for the preliminary design work would come from the city's capital improvement fund.

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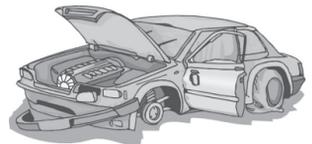
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McGinn to run for county commission

By Chris Strunk

A familiar name in state and local politics is coming closer to home.

Kansas Sen. Carolyn McGinn, R-Sedgwick, announced May 14 that she is running for the District 4 seat of the Sedgwick County Commission, a position she held for six years before being elected to the Kansas Senate in 2004.

"It's time for me to work on the ground again in Sedgwick

County, hand-in-hand with my neighbors," McGinn said. "It's time that I utilize the knowledge and experience I've gained during my years of public service to help Sedgwick County get back on the right track."

McGinn will face incumbent county commissioner Richard Ranzau in the Republican primary in August, if no one else files between now and the June deadline. The winner will face Melody McCray-Miller, who is the only Democratic challenger

to have filed for the race and who is also a former District 4 county commissioner.

District 4, which Ranzau has represented since 2011, includes Valley Center, parts of north Wichita and rural areas north and west of Wichita.

"I'm a fourth-generation citizen of Sedgwick County, and my husband, Mark, is fifth generation," McGinn said. "Our families have had roots in the rural areas of the county and inside the city limits of Wichita

since the late 1800s. The pioneer vision of free enterprise, growing the economy and ensuring we have an environment where citizens want to raise their families is what I have always worked for as your Sedgwick County commissioner from 1998 to 2004 and then as your State Senator since 2004. It's a vision I believe in, and it has brought me back to my roots."

McGinn said the county must act aggressively to com-

pete with other states and countries, boosting job prospects and retaining existing jobs.

She said she supports increased local investment in workforce training, education and public/private partnerships, such as the National Institute of Aviation Research and the National Center for Aviation Training.

A Valley Center High School graduate, McGinn was a substitute teacher and junior high coach in Sedgwick before being

elected to the Sedgwick County Commission in 1998 and then winning election to the Kansas Senate in 2004. She served as chair of the Senate Ways and Means Committee for two years and worked on a variety of committees and board during her Senate tenure, including as chair of the Natural Resources Committee.

McGinn lives on a farm outside of Sedgwick.

The General Election will be Nov. 4.

Standoff

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"The best outcome we could possibly ask for other than that this wouldn't have happened at all," Bostian said.

An April 25 Park City police report said Tharp was being held on charges of disorderly conduct and criminal discharge of a firearm.

Bostian said the case would be forwarded to the Sedgwick County District Attorney's Office.

The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office, Park City, Wichita, Bel Aire and Kechi police and the SWAT team responded to the scene.

Neighborhood hit by larcenies, theft

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 the center console and glove box. The citizen didn't report anything missing at the time of the report.

Two more larceny reports were made on East Fairchild. Shortly after 3 p.m. April 22, in the 2500 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.

A final larceny report in the neighborhood was reported on the morning of April 23 in the 2500 block of East Fairchild. A citizen reported sometime between 9 p.m. April 21 and 8 a.m. April 22, an unknown person(s) entered his locked 2011 Honda Civic, taking an iPod Nano from the center console. The citizen also reported that an unknown person(s) entered his locked 1985 BMW and went through the center console and glove box, but nothing was missing from the vehicle.

The larcenies and the auto theft report remain under investigation.

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

Park City Church of the Nazarene

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

The church is located at 1510 E. 61st North and has Worship every Sunday at 9 and 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Professionally staffed childcare and children's ministries are provided and a mother/baby room is also available. Youth group meets at 6 p.m. every Sunday evening. Wednesday Family Ministry Night starts with a potluck meal at 6 p.m. Our current series is "Heaven is For Real."

The Park City City Wide Garage Sale is on June 7. The church is having a "Love Sale" where everything is FREE. All proceeds benefit the Lifehouse.

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Tuesday: Celebrate Recovery at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday evening, using the Christ-centered curriculum.

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. Find the church on Facebook (www.facebook.com/TheChurchAtParkCity), or follow us on Twitter "@Churchparkcity" or visit our website (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.

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.riverviewbaptist.org.

Wichita River View Baptist Church

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 Christ 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 Wednesday our service is at 6 p.m. On Saturday Vespers is at 4:30 p.m. and Confession at 5 p.m.

June 4th Topic: "The Holy Spirit in the Life of the Church & the Christian" June 18 Topic: "Orthodox Positions on Social Issues"

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

the Gospel of Luke

Women's Study Group second and fourth Friday at 10am In June we begin the study of GOD'S PATH TO SANITY: Lessons from Ancient Holy Counselors on How to have a Sound Mind.

Wednesday Potluck Supper & Program : First and third Wednesdays - Liturgy 6pm, Potluck Supper 6:45 p.m., Program 7:30 p.m. Topic: "The Ascension of Christ and the Dignity of Man."

Holy Days for June: June 8 PENTECOST, June 11 Saint Barnabas, June 14 Saint Basil the Great, June 24 Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, June 29 Saints Peter & Paul

Fasting during June: June 8 - 14 Fast-free, Fasting on Fridays, (except June 13) Apostles' Fast June 16 - 28 (Fasting and abstinence throughout in preparation for Feast of Saints Peter & Paul.

Call the church for more information 734-6248 or visit our website: www.stmichaeloc.org. Email inquiries: jflora@cox.net.

Wichita Three Angels Seventh-Day Adventist Church

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

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Business fire forces residential evacuation

By Matt Heilman

No one was injured and buildings were spared in a May 4 fire that started at the Evergreen Pallet recycling facility at 302 W. 53rd North in Park City. However, the blaze did spread, caused damage and forced the evacuation of a few area residences said Sedgwick County Division Fire Chief Dan Wegner. A cloud of black smoke was visible from several miles away. Wegner said the fire call was made at 6:58 p.m. and crews worked until after midnight to monitor the scene. Crews extinguished a fire that rekindled from a vehicle fire in the early morning hours of May 5 at the Air Capital Delivery and Warehouse property in the 5800 block of Prospect, northeast of Evergreen Pallet.

"We had fire crews return to the scene every two hours through the night," Wegner said.

He said crews also monitored the scene throughout the day, May 5. Wegner said the source of the blaze hasn't been determined at the recycling facility where reusable lumber, wood, grass, brush and trees are accepted.

Wegner said semi trailers at the facility were destroyed and equipment on property northeast of Evergreen Pallet was damaged. The property affected included the industrial park land on Prospect Road and the JP Electric property on East Village Estates Drive. Wegner said a pile of telephone poles belonging to JP Electric was burned.

Wegner said a few residential neighborhoods north and east of Evergreen were evacuated. The evacuation area stretched along Broadway from about 58th North to north of 61st Street, he said.

Valley Center and Wichita fire crews assisted the Sedgwick County Fire Department on the call.

Scouts

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growth in Valley Center's Troop 494 over the last year is the solid leadership at the top from parents who are actively involved, Greenwood said.

He said the Valley Center troop has also grown with the addition of former members of another popular troop that was disbanded at the start of 2014. On the heels of The Boy Scouts of America's policy to allow openly homosexual members to participate in scouts, some area churches that had served as charter organizations for scout groups decided to take a stand against the policy.

"Several area churches decided not to affiliate with scouts then," Greenwood said.

Among the churches that dropped its affiliation with Boy Scouts of America was Riverlawn Christian Church, located about three miles south of Valley Center. Riverlawn was the charter organization for Boy Scout Troop 404, as well as Cub Scout Pack 404. The church's scout group had become one of the strongest in the area.

Riverlawn Pastor Jeff Isaacs said the church enjoyed hosting scouts and its decision to disassociate with the organization wasn't a stand specifically against homosexuality.

Isaacs said the leadership at Riverlawn felt the Boy Scouts' policy didn't line up with the church's beliefs based on Biblical teaching.

He said the church would have taken the same position had the Boy Scouts of America approved a policy in support of any behavior the church believes to be sinful.

"We'd have the same stance if they said it was okay for kids to talk back to their parents or to look at pornography," Isaacs said.

He said the church's decision to drop its affiliation with scouts was a difficult one for the

leadership group to make. Part of the group had been involved with scouting for decades, Isaacs said.

"We loved the Boy Scouts and it was a really hard decision," he said. "There were tears. There are guys in our leadership that had been involved for 20 years."

The church's decision to drop its affiliation with scouts was made last May, but Troop 404 was granted permission to keep meeting at Riverlawn until the end of 2013.

In Valley Center, Greenwood said the January transition of the Riverlawn group to Troop 494 went well because of the leadership that has joined the new members.

"Both groups have made it a great transition," he said. "Our boys have been welcoming."

In the First United Methodist Church's role as a charter organization for Troop 494, Pastor Eric Rook said he sat down at a conference table with scout leaders and discussed issues with the Boy Scouts of America, including its policy relating to homosexuality. He said the church's stance is essentially that the scout group it hosts should be viewed the same as its congregation on Sunday mornings.

"We are open and invite anyone to come and worship, no matter what," Rook said.

With the departure from Riverlawn, Cub Scout Pack 404 kept its tag with a fresh start at the United Methodist Church of Park City. With the Cub Scout pack at Riverlawn splitting last year, Park City resident Jessica Smith wanted to keep the pack alive with a fresh start. In September, the den mother in Pack 404 began leading a small group of scouts at the Park City church.

Smith said she and her son

had the option to join Pack 494 in Valley Center, but she felt the group was too big and she wanted to accept the challenge of helping to reestablish scouts in her community.

"This community needs Boy Scouts," she said of Park City. "This community is losing everything it has for the youth with the closing of the pool and everything else. Bringing Cub Scouts here was the best thing because it keeps our kids busy."

Smith is also a Girl Scout leader for her daughter's Daisy Troop at the United Methodist Church of Park City.

"We're a very big scouting family," she said.

In his church accepting the role as the charter organization for Cub Scout Pack 404, United Methodist Church of Park City Pastor Rob Schmutz said the Boy Scouts of America's position on homosexuality wasn't discussed. He said he supports scouts because of what he gained from the organization growing up in a single-parent home.

Schmutz said he became involved with Cub Scouts as a 7 or 8-year-old and stayed involved into his teens, ending his participation with scouts two merit badges shy of becoming an Eagle Scout.

Representing the church, Randy Roberts served as the coordinator for Pack 404 before his son's recent graduation from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts. Roberts said the pack struggled to take off in the beginning with some former members of Pack 404 transitioning to Valley Center when the group stopped meeting at Riverlawn.

Gradually, Pack 404 is growing in Park City with the addition of new members who attend Park City's Chisholm Trail Elementary School.

With the leadership in place,

Roberts said he's confident Boy Scout Troop 404 will make its return to join the Cub Scout Pack in Park City.

"What our goal is for here is to basically build this back up to what it was when it was at Riverlawn," Smith said.

Although he indicated he didn't agree with Riverlawn's decision to drop its affiliation with scouts, Roberts gave credit to the church for its years serving as one of the area's top charter organizations.

"They did a great job of running it," Roberts said.

Toward its goal of rebuilding the disbanded group in Park City, Valley Center resident Logan Sisler has taken the responsibility of being the pack leader for Cub Scout Pack 404.

Sisler, who has been a scout leader for about three years, joined Pack 404 with his fourth-grade son, Ben in February.

The Sislers had previously met with another pack in northwest Wichita.

Like Smith, Sisler said he and Ben could have joined Pack 494 in Valley Center. However,

he and his son agreed they'd prefer to be involved with a smaller group to help it grow. Sisler said his son ultimately made the decision to join Pack 404 in Park City.

"His outlook on scouting is to help as much as he possibly can," Sisler said. "... That's what it takes to be a great scout."

In April, Sisler said Pack 404 had grown to about seven leaders with "easily just as many boys."

For now, the United Methodist Church of Park City is working well for the pack, but Sisler said the group is on track to outgrow the space. The pack leader said he's been pleased with the support the group has received from the church and the Park City community.

In Valley Center, Greenwood said community support is what has established Troop 494 as a model scout group in the area and fostered its growth.

"We have great kids in Valley Center because we have a great community," he said.

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- 6:30 p.m. FREE Ice Cream Social – Sponsored by Emprise Bank
- 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Speed Ball Throw – Radar Checked (for all ages)
- 7:30 p.m. Gymcats – South YMCA Gymnastics (age 6 - 14)
- 9 p.m. Fireworks Display by Krehbiel Wholesale Fireworks sponsored by Shane Krehbiel

Saturday, June 28, 2014

- 7 - 10 a.m. Sausage and Pancake Feed at Kechi United Methodist Church (\$6 adults, \$4 kids, 3 & under free)
- 8 - 9:30 a.m. Drop off for the Kechi Baking Contest (all items donated to cake walk at 12 p.m.)
- 8 - 11:45 a.m. Karg Art Glass Free Glass Blowing Demonstrations
- 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Arts, Crafts, and Antique Fair
Booths on west side of City Hall
- 9 a.m. Bike Contest – In Front of City Hall
- 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Judging for Kechi Baking Contest
- 10 a.m. Kechi's 29th Annual Parade "Turtle Mania"
FREE Crown Carriage rides after the parade
- 10:30 a.m. FREE Ice Cream West of City Hall Sponsored by Chisholm Trail State Bank
- 11 a.m. Donut Eating Contest – West of City Building (Sponsored by Eden's Auto Sales)
- 11:10 a.m. Cowtown Cowboys Professional Gunfighters at the SW corner of 61st and Oliver
- 11:30 a.m. Sand Pile Treasure Hunt Ages 10 and Under West of City Hall Sponsored by Lane Alley
- 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Ident-a-kid by Sedgwick County Sheriff's Dept. in City Hall Community Room
- 12 p.m. Cake Walk – in Kechi Community Room
- 12:30 p.m. Cowtown Cowboys – SW corner of 61st and Oliver
- 12:45 p.m. Turtle Races (BYOT) behind City Hall
- 1:15 p.m. "Wet and Wild" Sedgwick County Fire Department SE of Kechi Convenience Store (Cool off with Fire Hoses)
- 1:30 p.m. Kechi Fair's 4th Annual Horseshoe Tournament at the South end of Park
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