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## Youth program's future is uncertain

City looking for proposals to run baseball, softball

By Matt Heilman

With a year under his belt and cooperation from Mother Nature, second-year Park City Youth Program president Jim Helms said the 2014 youth baseball and softball season

was "a leap forward from last year."

"We got many compliments on the fields," he said of the volunteer youth program.

Last year the condition of the diamonds in the baseball and softball complex in Hap McLean Park was a point of concern for city leaders. The youth program is responsible for the field maintenance. Late last summer, heavy rainfall combined with the breakdown

of mowing equipment caused tall grass and weeds to sprout up in the outfields. Somewhere along the way, there was a communication breakdown between the city and the 12-member volunteer board comprising the youth program, as the conditions worsened.

Eventually, with the city's assistance, the tall grass was cut and the youth program carried on until its 2013 contract expired in October. A month

later, the Park City council took serious consideration in replacing the volunteer board with a private organization that expressed interest in operating the youth baseball and softball program.

Although to this point, volunteers attest that 2014 has been successful, the long-running youth program finds itself in a similar situation as last year with its future potentially hanging in the balance.

"It's disappointing," Helms said.

At the Aug. 12 council meeting, the eight-representative group unanimously voted in favor of authorizing the preparation of requests for proposals to operate the city's youth baseball and softball program in 2015.

The RFPs come with a detailed list of criteria, including, but not limited to, carrying out maintenance-related

responsibilities, providing quarterly financial reports and annual reports going over all the improvements made during the year, how programs are promoted and participation numbers of players, teams and volunteers.

One of the issues for city leaders in 2014 was that there was a dip in the number of youth baseball, softball and

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Matt Heilman

Representatives taking part in the Aug. 19 groundbreaking for the new headquarters for the highway patrol in south-central Kansas are (from left) Kansas Secretary of Transportation Mike King, Kechi City Council President Kevin Opat, Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback, KHP Superintendent Col. Ernest Garcia, former state representative Jo Ann Pottorff and Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt.

## New headquarters

Overdue effort paying off for highway patrol

By Matt Heilman

A 21-year effort is finally paying off. On Aug. 19, representatives with the Kansas Highway Patrol joined state and local officials for a groundbreaking ceremony they say was long overdue.

The ground was broken on the new headquarters for Kansas Highway Patrol Troop F, currently operating in tight space in the 3200 block of East 45th North, near 45th North and Hillside. The ground for the new Troop F headquarters is located near Bel Aire on land owned by the Kansas Department of Transportation within Kechi's city limits just north of K-254 and west of Rock Road.

Troop F, which serves 13 counties in south-central Kansas, will share the new 22,000-square-foot facility with the Kansas Bureau of

Investigation. Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback commended the KHP and KBI for partnering on the effort to fund the approximately \$3.5 million facility without the use of tax dollars.

Brownback was the first to address the crowd gathered for the groundbreaking on Aug. 19. Other officials who spoke included Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt, Kansas Transportation Secretary Mike King and former State Representative Jo Ann Pottorff who represented House District 83 in east Wichita for 28 years before her retirement in early 2013.

During her service, one of the committees Pottorff worked on was the Transportation and Public Safety Budget Committee. On Aug. 19, she said she is pleased to see a project realized that she's championed for more than two decades.

She said the need for a new headquarters for the highway patrol troop was evident, but the project was



Courtesy photo

Plans for the 22,000-square-foot law enforcement facility northwest of K-254 and Rock Road will serve as the new headquarters for Kansas Highway Patrol Troop F. The KHP will share the space with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. The facility is expected to open next summer.

never a high enough priority to tackle when tax dollars were in play.

"We took our building committee down there several times," Pottorff said of the current Troop F headquarters near 45th North and Hillside. "Every year we talked about it and it just didn't pass through the legislature. It's

exciting to see it finally coming together with the KBI as a joint partner."

Kansas Highway Patrol Superintendent Col. Ernest Garcia said the new Troop F facility is being paid for with funds obtained from seized cash and property, referred

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## No new taxes in city's 2015 budget

By Matt Heilman

At the end of the day, the only thing that most Park City residents are likely going to care about is that the city's 2015 budget does not include a property tax increase. For now, Park City is able to upkeep its current level of service and provide needed upgrades to the police department without having to burden taxpayers.

Throughout the discussion of the 2015 budget, Park City Administrator Jack Whitson said that the city is in OK financial shape for now, but is in need of further residential growth and planned commercial development to start panning out in the next couple of years to keep it that way for the foreseeable future.

At first glance of Park City's 2015 budget, the picture looks bleaker than is actually the case. Staring the city council in the face is a \$250,000 deficit. However, the mark does not reflect that Park City is a quarter-of-one-million-dollars in debt, as it may seem on the surface.

In looking at the budget closer, Whitson explained

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## City taps design firm for city buildings

By Matt Heilman

The Park City Council took another step toward seeing a long-term project become a reality. On Aug. 12, the council approved selecting a Wichita-based architecture firm to design a new city hall and police station for Park City.

The selection of WDM Architects to design a new city hall and police station followed council discussions and a tour of the facilities in late 2013 and early this year.

In January, the council approved the dedication of an approximate \$162,000 down payment from the sale of 19 acres of a floodplain northwest of 61st North and Broadway to go toward a fund that is meant to pay for the construction of the new facilities.

The master plan for a new city hall building and police station is designed to build off what previous councils established with a campus plan that identified the need for larger, upgraded facilities.

At City Hall, located at 6110 N. Hydraulic, between 20 and 25 employees representing seven departments occupy about 7,000 square-feet of space.

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# HIGHLIGHTS City council clears way for tire business

## Woman hurt in one-car wreck

A Valley Center woman was hurt in a one-vehicle wreck on the I-135 exit ramp to 85th North.

The Kansas Highway Patrol said Linda Evans was driving a 2001 Hyundai Elantra north on I-135 and exited at 85th.

Evans failed to reduce speed and entered a ditch, striking a fence. Evans was taken to the hospital with injuries.

— The Post staff

## Sleepy driver involved in wreck

Nobody was injured in a one-vehicle, rollover wreck in the early hours of Aug. 12 on I-135 at 77th North.

In the wreck, reported at 6:18 a.m., Park City police said a vehicle crossed the median on the interstate and rolled into oncoming traffic after a driver fell asleep. The vehicle did not strike any other vehicles, police said.

— The Post staff

## Fitness in the Park Sept. 13

Park City resident Jalean Retzlaff is preparing to host a third annual event to raise money for her cause. From 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sept. 13 in Hap McLean Park, Retzlaff will host the third Annual Fitness in the Park to raise funds and awareness for Ataxia, a neurological disorder that affects fine motor skills, coordination, speech and hearing. Retzlaff was diagnosed with Ataxia in 2009. Her condition has limited her mobility and speech, but she's able to get around with use of a walker and last year, was able to participate in a Zumba exercise during the Fitness in the Park event.

On Sept. 13, the event will feature a Zumba session with silent auctions and a ticket raffle. Items up for bid in the auctions include quilts, two sets of pillowcases, jewelry, a photo session, a table runner and a basket from Mary Kay Cosmetics.

At last year's Fitness in the Park event, Retzlaff was able to raise more than \$200 for the National Ataxia Foundation of which she is an ambassador.

— The Post staff

By Matt Heilman

Two months after hearing the pitch, the Park City council moved forward. After taking initial supportive action in June, the council took the next step toward expanding the city's business community with the presence of a wholesale tire company.

At its Aug. 12 meeting, the council unanimously passed

an ordinance to issue \$2.5 million in industrial revenue bonds to complete the sale of an approximately 80,000-square-foot warehouse at 5950 N. Prospect Road. The sale is from Murdock Properties, LLC, representing Air Capital Delivery and Warehouse, to Langhals Enterprises, LLC. The sale will clear Langhals Enterprises to lease the warehouse to K&M Tire.

The Ohio-based tire company with a local presence is expected to continue the industrial growth Air Capital Delivery and Warehouse has helped bring to Park City.

K&M Tire is planning to utilize the warehouse for its tires, 12 employees and eight delivery trucks. As a wholesale tire dealer, K&M doesn't sell directly to the public. The company co-ops with car lots,

K&M Tire regional manager Kelly Greenstreet told the city council at its June 10 meeting.

Greenstreet said K&M Tire has rented a facility in the 800 block of East Murdock in downtown Wichita for about three years. Among the draws to Park City, he said, is its proximity to the interstate.

Greenstreet said K&M Tire has a presence in several

states and more than 400 employees company-wide.

The issuance of the industrial revenue bonds comes with five years' worth of property tax exemptions to help K&M Tire get established in Park City.

City Administrator Jack Whitson said the company has yet to announce when it plans to move in to its new facility.

## Program

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T-ball teams signed up to compete in the Wichita Heights League with the program this summer.

Helms said the 19 teams signed up this year was less than the youth program would have liked, but the decrease wasn't a reflection on how the program operated this summer.

"We can't twist their arms," he said of trying to encourage kids to participate on a team.

He said the youth program provided online registration for the first time this spring and spearheaded background checks in the Heights League for volunteer workers, coaches and umpires.

"We went above and beyond," Helms said.

The Park City Youth Program hosted a baseball tournament leading up to the Heights League schedule this spring as well as a benefit softball tournament.

This fall, Helms said the program is planning to host a coed adult softball league.

"There's always room for improvement," he said. "And (2014) was a great improvement."

Following a lengthy discussion at a meeting last Novem-

ber, in a 5-3 vote, the council approved a proposal for the Park City Youth Program to continue the volunteer work it's carried out for decades. It did so after first considering a proposal from BTS, Inc., an organization that planned to bring a youth academy to Park City. BTS, Inc. stated it would cater to the development of different age groups and skill levels.

City council member John Lehnher, who at that November meeting voted in favor of awarding the 2014 contract to BTS, Inc., is on the five-member committee that will review the proposals to manage the city's youth program next year and bring a recommendation back to the council in the months ahead. The committee also includes council members Gary Aldrich and Chris Johns and one representative each from the city's staff and the park board.

Lehnher said the request for proposals for the 2015 contract isn't an attempt to get rid of the city's youth program. But he said he also doesn't want to close the door on any private organization that may be able to step in and help the

program grow and attract more visitors to the city.

Lehnher said the issuance of the RFPs with a committee in place to review proposals is a more efficient process than what happened last year when the Park City Youth Program and BTS, Inc. were essentially left to compete against one another in a public meeting.

Helms said the Park City Youth Program doesn't have the same advantages as the fellow Heights League communi-

ties of Andover, Bel Aire and Valley Center where taxpayers support full-time recreation commissions.

But with a limited number of volunteers, he said he's been proud of how well Park City has been represented in the Heights League. He said he'd

support whatever the council decides for next summer, but believes the youth program deserves to move forward as it has followed the expectations spelled out by city leaders.

"We've done what's been put out there," Helms said. "All we can do is so much."

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# THE PARK CITY REPORT

## CITY OF PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### City Council Meeting July 22, 2014

- Approved the minutes of the previous meeting.
- Approved the most recent financial appropriations.
- Approved a revised safety manual.
- Deferred a request from Tim Hendricks for median improvements in the Cambridge Valley Addition
- Approved a one-step final plat for the 5855 Broadway Addition.
- Reviewed the preliminary 2015 Budget and scheduled a public hearing for August 12, 2014.
- Approved an ordinance which aligns the time period for licenses for the sale of alcoholic liquor with the State's licensing period.
- Authorized staff to submit a list of road projects to WAMPO for consideration.
- Approved the purchase of vacant lots in an upcoming tax foreclosure auction.
- Approved additional funding for the purchase of computer and accessories for police vehicles.

### City Council Meeting Aug. 12, 2014

- Approved the minutes of the previous meeting.
- Approved the most recent financial appropriations.
- Approved an updated emergency water supply plan.
- Held a public hearing related to delinquent recycling accounts and approved a list of unpaid charges to be converted to special assessment taxes.
- Held a public hearing regarding the 2015 Budget then approved the budget for submission.
- Approved the installation of three windows and the purchase of new countertops, electric range, and interior paint for the Community Building. Approved the installation of a new electric panel in the same building if it is needed.
- Considered a request from Tim Hendricks for median improvements in the Cambridge Valley Addition, and requested additional information from Mr. Hendricks.
- Approved the replacement of a sand/salt spreader for a dump truck.
- Approved a change in zoning on the South Side of 61st Street North and East of Hattan Drive.
- Selected an architectural firm for the first phase design of a new City Hall/Police Department.
- Approved a resolution allowing Murdock Properties to sell a warehouse covered by industrial bonds to Langhals Enterprises.
- Approved an ordinance authorizing Park City to issue taxable industrial revenue bonds on behalf of Langhals Enterprises in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 to acquire a warehouse facility.
- Authorized the staff to prepare a request for proposal for the City's youth baseball and softball programs.

Questions about the meetings may be addressed to Terry Coltrain, Finance Director, 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**
- Sept. 1** — City Hall Closed  
**Sept. 3** — 10:30 a.m. Seniors Catered Lunch SC  
**Sept. 4** — 6:30 p.m. Court CH  
**Sept. 6** — 7 p.m. Senior Dance SC  
**Sept. 7** — 7 p.m. PCYP Board CB  
**Sept. 8** — 7 p.m. Park Board CH  
**Sept. 9** — 7:00 p.m. Council CH  
**Sept. 11** — 6:30 p.m. Court CH  
**Sept. 11** — 7:00 p.m. Library Board PCL  
**Sept. 13** — 9:00 a.m. PRIDE
- PC**  
**Sept. 13** — 7:00 p.m. Senior Dance SC  
**Sept. 15** — 7:00 p.m. Planning/BZA CH  
**Sept. 18** — 5:30 p.m. Seniors Finger Food  
**Sept. 18** — 6:30 p.m. Court CH  
**Sept. 23** — 7:00 p.m. Council CH  
**Sept. 25** — 4:30 p.m. CCUA Bel Aire CH  
**Sept. 25** — 6:30 p.m. Court CH  
**Sept. 25** — 7:00 p.m. Seniors Square Dance SC  
**Sept. 26** — 8:00 a.m. Commodities - Leekers  
**Sept. 27** — 7:00 p.m. Senior Dance SC  
**Sept. 27** — CityWide Garage Sale

## The Challenge of Fall Lawn Maintenance

The fall season can be a challenging time when it comes to taking care of your yard. We think about raking leaves, but don't forget to keep your grass and weeds under control. Don't put the lawn mower away too soon. Remember it is your responsibility to mow your grass so it does NOT get too high. Also, make sure you keep the cattails and weeds under control. When leaves turn pretty colors and drop off the trees the result is a lot of work. Please remember, leaves should be bagged or placed in compost piles. Make sure that you don't rake or blow leaves into the gutters, ditches or storm water drains. Disposing of leaves in this manner is a violation of the erosion control ordinance and will clog the stormwater drains along streets.

## City Hall Closed in observance of Labor Day Sept. 1

## 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 Convention and Tourism 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](http://www.parkcityks.com).

## Prepare Your Pet for Cold Weather

Fall is around the corner and it's time to start thinking about how you will care for your pets when winter comes and brings cold and snowy weather. If your pets are outdoor animals or if they spend time outdoors they will need a house with fresh straw and a wind break so that they are properly protected from the elements. It is very important to keep the kennel area clean, make sure to remove the fecal matter at least once per week or more often depending on the number of animals that share the kennel or yard. Remember to keep fresh water available. Feed your animal and change the water at least twice daily. If the temperature is at or below freezing, remember to break the ice on the water or change it more frequently. If you have questions or concerns regarding your pets or neighbors pets feel free to contact the Department of Code Enforcement at 316-744-2026 ext. 205 or 225 during regular business hours.

## RECYCLING DAYS IN PARK CITY

East of I-135  
**TUESDAYS** -2nd, 16th & 30th

West of I-135  
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## Water Conservation Rebate Program

In an effort to promote water conservation Park City is partnering with the City of Wichita in a Water Conservation Rebate Program. Rebates applied to water bills of up to \$100 are being offered when a qualified low flow toilet, high efficiency dishwasher, high efficiency clothes washer or smart irrigation controller is purchased and installed. Rebates may be applied to the water bill of up to \$75 for eligible rain barrels.

The rebates are for qualifying devices or appliances purchased between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2014. The rebates will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Rebates are available only to single-family, owner occupied residences and there is a limit of five rebated items per household. For more information, see the Park City website at [www.parkcityks.com](http://www.parkcityks.com).

## PARK CITY CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014

Needing some extra cash? As the saying goes, one man's trash is another man's treasure; so take time to clean and turn your junk into cash. It is time for the Fall Citywide Garage Sale. 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 last day to purchase a permit is 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 26th. However, if you would like for your sale to be listed on the Garage Sale Map, you must purchase the permit no later than 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 24th. The maps will be available at City Businesses at noon on Thursday, September 25th.

Please make sure that when you pay your utility bills with a check that you write the account number on the check. The account number can be found on your statement. This will be helpful and ensure that the check is credited to the correct account. Also, if you place the payment in the drop box that is located in the parking lot at City Hall, please put your payment and the statement stub in an envelope so that they stay together. Remember - no cash please. As always, you can sign up for e statements and can pay on line.

## AUTOMATIC PAYMENT OF UTILITY BILLINGS

Enroll now for automatic payment of water and sewer bills. Once enrolled, a billing will continue to be mailed to you that shows the amount that will be automatically deducted from your bank account. If you would like to enroll in this plan, just come by City Hall and complete the authorization form or call the water clerk at 744-2026 ext 207.

## City Strives to Improve Communication with Citizens

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## WATER EXCESS USE CHARGE

The water and sewer billing received around the first of August will reflect an "Excessive Use Charge" for residential customers who used over 15,000 gallons during a billing cycle. This period began with the usage from June 15th and will extend through October 15th. The Excessive Use Charge for Commercial Customers is calculated on a different basis.

A garden hose left on can pour out 1,000 gallons of water or more in only a few hours. Remember that when you leave the sprinkler running all day or leave the hose unattended, thousands of gallons can be used in a very short time. A toilet flush uses up to seven gallons, water taps run at about five gallons a minute while waiting for the water to get hot or cold, showers use five to ten gallons a minute, and leaks can soak up hundreds or even thousands of gallons a day.

## SCHOOL IN SESSION WATCH FOR KIDS IN CROSSWALKS



Now that school has started, please make a concentrated effort to drive safely and watch out for kids. Here are some things to keep in mind:

- School in session means children will be crossing streets in the early morning and the afternoon. When driving, slow down and be alert - look for children in and around school zones and in residential areas.
- Pay attention to your speed in school zones. The speed limit is 20 M.P.H. when the signal is flashing.
- Parents please encourage kids to use the designated school crossing areas when crossing the street and to wait for the "go signal". Tell them to watch and make sure that traffic has come to a stop before crossing.
- When driving through residential areas watch for children who are waiting for school buses and be aware that school busses may make sudden stops.
- Watch for children running out between parked cars, especially when dropping kids off at school.
- Talk with your children and tell them not to talk to strangers and not to get into a car with a stranger. Instruct them to tell you or a teacher as soon as possible if a stranger has approached them or followed them while they were walking to or from school.
- Parents, encourage your children to flag down a Police Officer and ask for help if they get lost or are unsure of what to do.

## SENIOR CALENDAR

For a complete schedule of all daily/weekly activities & programs, call 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

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

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

**TOPS**  
 Take Pounds Off Sensibly meets Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM. For more information on joining contact GiGi Roths at 390-5531.

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

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

**Saturdays**  
**Sept. 6, 7:00 PM**  
 Yesterday's Playboys

- Friday**  
 9:15 Exercise  
 1:00 Pinochle

**Sept.20, 7:00 PM**  
 The Wildwood Band

- Saturday**  
 1:00 PM Pinochle

**For more information on senior activities contact the Park City Senior Center at 744-1199.**

**AUTOMATED PHONE SYSTEM AT CITY HALL**  
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| 205      | Code Enforcement                |
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## Vote not a referendum on McGinn's job in Topeka

While we believe that Carolyn McGinn would have represented north Sedgwick County well on the county commission, we want to encourage her to hold her head high as she goes back to Topeka to represent this area in the state Senate.

We encourage McGinn to continue to find common-sense solutions to problems and issues that have been, in many cases, unnecessarily painted black and white by extremes in both major political parties.

We understand that McGinn's views are not always the most popular among her Republican Party leaders. That shouldn't stop her.

McGinn brings a steady voice to Topeka and has shown a willingness to compromise in an effort to find the best solutions to a range of hot-button issues.

In the months ahead, we hope McGinn's energy is renewed. We hope her defeat on the county level isn't seen as a sort of referendum on the job she has done in Topeka.

Because McGinn's job isn't done. North Sedgwick County needs her voice of reason in the Legislature.

It's unfortunate that she was effectively but inaccurately portrayed as a liberal in the county commission race. And it's a shame that common sense and the middle ground are considered political strikes against you, no matter what party you're in.

— The Bel Aire Breeze

# Park City is getting ready for fall

Labor Day is observed the first Monday in September. It was first celebrated in New York in 1882 and sponsored by the Central Labor Union. There are other days in September to take note of are: Grandparents Day on Sept. 7th, the first day of fall on Sept. 23. Daylight savings time begins Sept. 28.

The movie Frozen was shown in McLean Park earlier in

August. It was a very popular movie. Movies in the Park is sponsored by Park City Pride but they will not continue in 2015 unless volunteers step up to help. There is a lot of planning and work that goes into having the movies. This is a worth while project and gives families enjoyment especially since we don't have a swimming pool in our city. If it



## Around Park City

By Cecile Cox

wasn't for volunteers where would our city be? Election is over, seems to

me the same people got back in. Remember, voting is a privilege. Get up! Get out! and vote in the General election in November.

There are two dances at the Senior Center in September: Sept. 6 with the Wildwood band — celebrating birthdays are Helen Bennetts 90th and Donald Fletchers 85th — and Sept. 20 again with the Wildwood

band are Cindy McCaskey, Charmanine Shonk and Jack Long celebrating birthdays. Come up and join in the fun. It's only four dollars for a good time.

School days, school days. Now its computers, lap tops and iPods. How our world has changed. The list of supplies kids need just blows my mind!

## Budget

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that the \$250,000 deficit accounts for a built-in contingency fund, which is money that is available as a safety net, accounting for possible emergencies like equipment breaking down or a natural disaster hitting the city.

"It shows we're running a deficit, but it all depends on what happens," Whitson said. "We always look at the worst scenario and take a look at the approach to the worst case."

Even with about \$100,000 extra available in the 2015 budget for the police department — in part including the replace-

ment of two older vehicles and making needed equipment upgrades — Park City clerk and finance director Terry Coltraine said the city intends to spend about \$320,000 less than it's authorized in the 2015 budget. The hope is for the city to have enough carryover to supplement increases in the budget for the following year.

Last year, Whitson said the city estimated a \$126,000 deficit, which actually ended up being a \$100,000 surplus. The conservative budget approach taken each year includes estimating revenues to be low and expenses to be high.

"We don't want something to happen and then not be prepared," Whitson said.

Two years ago, a problem with unpaid special assessments caught the city in a predicament where a small tax increase accompanied personnel cuts and the closing of the city's swimming pool in Hap McLean Park to manage the debt.

In a healthier situation for 2015, carryover from last year is accompanied by about \$250,000 that is available for transfer from the city's bond and interest fund to its general fund where the bulk of the city's tax dollars are spent.

On Aug. 12, the eight-member city council unanimously approved a 2015 budget with a property tax mill levy of 39.89 mills, consistent with the 2014 mark.

When the 2014 budget was approved last year, one mill in property taxes was expected to bring in about \$60,000. The expectation is similar for 2015.

When the council first began discussing the budget in July, council member Melvin Kerr opposed a motion to accept and file the budget's first draft.

While he supported holding the line on property taxes, Kerr felt the council should have taken a harder look at the needs for the city's public works department. He said two dump trucks, a loader and a road grader have gone down and there are rusted-out pieces of equipment that will need replaced. He shared his belief that at least a few of the improvements could've

been accounted for in the 2015 budget.

"I would have liked to have had more discussion about addressing these concerns," Kerr said.

But after the first draft of the budget was approved, Kerr joined the rest of the council in approving the publication of the budget on July 22.

Coltraine said he's available to discuss the 2015 budget with anyone who has concerns or questions about the spending plan for the year ahead. Coltraine said citizens are welcome to stop by City Hall at 6110 N. Hydraulic or call him at 744-2026 ext. 204. Coltraine can also be reached by email at cityclerk@parkcityks.com.

## KHP

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to in a KHP news release as "asset forfeiture funds."

"The new facility will more adequately meet our needs, and will carry us into the future," Garcia said. "I am deeply appreciative of our partners at the Kansas Department of Transportation in helping us with the work and area for this new facility."

The new Troop F headquarters is slated for completion next summer with hopes that it will be ready for occupancy next July.

The move will come 22 years after the Highway Patrol outgrew the space in its current building and made its first attempt at securing funding for a new Troop F headquarters.

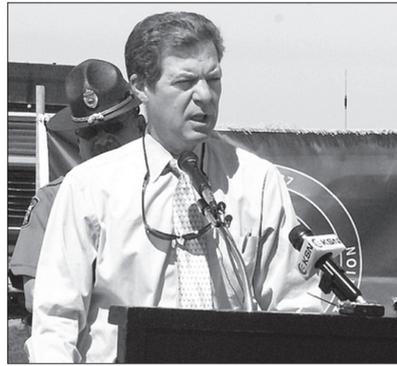
Schmidt followed Brownback in commending the KHP and KBI for its co-beneficial efforts paying off with the Aug. 19 groundbreaking

in Kechi.

"It really is, as the governor indicated, a terrific symbol of the cooperation between the two largest state-level law enforcement agencies every Kansan relies on to stay safe in our communities, day in and day out," Schmidt said.

Kechi's Walz, Harman, Huffman Construction, Inc is the contractor on the facility.

Emporia's Emig and Associates Architects completed the building's design.



**Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback addresses a crowd at the Aug. 19 ceremony for the new KHP headquarters it will share with the KBI.**

Matt Heilman

## CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

### Christ Lutheran Church

Christ Lutheran is located at 53rd Street North and Hillside, across from Wichita Heights High School.

Worship services are held at 9:00 (Contemporary) and 11:00 (Traditional). Communion is offered at both services. Sunday School for all ages begins at 10:10.

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.resurrectionwchita.com](http://www.resurrectionwchita.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 invited to worship at 9:03 a.m. (contemporary service) or 11:00 a.m. (traditional service) on Sundays at Kechi United Methodist Church, 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi.

All 6th - 12th grade youth are invited Sundays to the church, beginning Sept. 14 at 4:00 p.m. for youth group.

Kechi UMC will host a booth at the Kechi Artisan Lane Festival on Sept. 13 to assemble health kits for Open Door Ministries. Attendees are invited to stop by and put a kit together. Sept. 20, Kechi UMC will sponsor a family fun night and ice cream social with blowups, balloon art, and ice cream on the front lawn. The event is free and open to everyone. Persons interested in participating in a mission trip to Cookson Hills, Okla., Sept. 21-26 are encouraged to contact the church office for more information.

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 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join in.

Find us at [www.KechiUMC.org](http://www.KechiUMC.org) and "Like" us on Facebook. Pastor Mitch Reece can be contacted at [Mitch@kechi.umd.org](mailto:Mitch@kechi.umd.org). Phone number 744-1221.

### 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 Sunday Night Live starts back on Sept. 7 at 6:00 p.m. Professionally staffed childcare and children's ministries are provided for morning services, and a mother/baby room is also available.

Back to School Bash: Aug. 24 at Hap McLean Park - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Open to the community. Train ride, bounce house, cotton candy, watermelon eating contest. Fun for the whole family.

S.W.A.G. (Saved With Amazing Grace) Mixer: Meet at the Donut Whole at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 29, for fellowship, then continue to enjoy "Final Friday" arts and coffee shop crawl. Perfect way to meet and hang out with other 20 & 30 somethings!

Parents Night Out: Aug. 29: 5:30 - 10:30 p.m. Contact Danielle at 316-744-0030 for details. Very reasonable rates, with dinner, and pre-registration is required to guarantee we have enough staff to properly care for the children!

Every week we have small groups and special events.

Monday: Men's Coffee is at 6:30 a.m. at Cracker Barrel in Park City.

Zumba is back: Jeni Jo is our new licensed Zumba instructor — join her every Monday night beginning from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. for fun fitness.

ASL for Kids: Beginner level class is at 6:30 p.m. and Deaf Bible Study is at 7 p.m., contact Angie at 316-217-2847.

Tuesday: Celebrate Recovery is at 6:30 p.m., contact David at 316-841-0777 or Maureen at 316-990-4501.

Wednesday: Family Ministry Night is starting Sept. 3, at 6:30 p.m. Join us for a meal, then "Song Of Solomon" for adults and Awana for the kids. Professionally staffed childcare for the younger children.

Thursday: Chronological Bible Study, 2nd Thursday every month at 6:45

p.m. Contact Kristena at 316-706-6590. Every week is the women's Bible study at 6:30 p.m. This study is currently called "Questions Women Ask" and covers a different topic every week. Contact the church at 316-744-0029 for more information. Also, women's fitness and devotions. 5:45 - 6:15 p.m. Contact Angie 316-217-2847 or Kara 316-518-8345.

Friday: Love and Respect is at 6:30 p.m. at the Church at Park City starting June 13, contact Maureen at 316-990-4501.

Sunday: Morning Worship is at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday Night Live starts Sept. 7, at 6:30 p.m.

God Quest is at 4:30 p.m. at the Church at Park City, from July 20 through Aug. 24, contact Nick at 316-880-5192 or Adan at 316-253-0619.

Fitness/Bible Study is at 6 p.m. at the Church at Park City, contact Jerold at 316-213-1896.

All events and activities are open to the community. Feel free to contact Pastor Rob at 316-744-0029 with any questions about upcoming events and activities. Find the church on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/TheChurchAtParkCity](http://www.facebook.com/TheChurchAtParkCity)), 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.

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](mailto:jmcquery@cox.net).

### Riverview Baptist Church

Located at 844 W. 53rd North. The church office can be reached at 838-4861.

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

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

Awana Club is on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Youth Group is on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Call the church office for more information.

### St. Michael's Orthodox Christian Church

Saint Michael's Orthodox Christian Church is located at 2710 E 61st Street Park City, KS 67219. It is a congregation of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. "...the disciples were first called Christians at Antioch." Acts 11:26.

On Sunday at 9 a.m. is our adult class, "Jesus: The Man, the Message and the Meaning" Service of Matins is at 9:45 a.m. followed by the Divine Liturgy (Mass) at 10 a.m. Nursery service is provided.

On Wednesday our service is at 6 p.m. On Saturday Vespers is at 4:30 p.m. 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 10 a.m. We are studying the book, GOD'S PATH TO SANITY: Lessons from Ancient Holy Counselors on How to have a Sound Mind.

You are invited to a directed reading THE DIVINE COMEDY of Dante Alighieri in eight sessions beginning Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. Our presenter is Stan Cox. For more information contact

him at 316-648-1678 or email him at [latinf8@cox.net](mailto:latinf8@cox.net) This program is open to the public. Please join us for a study of one of the greatest spiritual classics in the Western Christian tradition.

Wednesday Potluck Supper & Program are on the first and third Wednesdays with Liturgy 6 p.m., Potluck Supper 6:45 p.m., Program 7:30 p.m. Sept. 3 will begin a seven part program on the Epistle to the Ephesians entitled, THE FULL ARMOUR OF GOD. Our first session will be an introduction to the Orthodox Church's teaching on Satan and the demons. On Sept. 17 our program is The Helmet of Salvation Ephesians 1:1-23.

Fasting during September: All the Fridays of the month are days of fasting and abstinence.

Sept. 29 is our patronal feast The Dedication of Saint Michael the Archangel. There will be a liturgy at 6 p.m. followed by a dinner.

Mark your calendars for our OLD FASHION CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE, which will be held on Sept. 27 beginning at 8 a.m. the city-wide garage sale day for Park City.

Call the church for more information 734-6248 or visit our website: [www.stmichaelsoc.org](http://www.stmichaelsoc.org)

Email inquiries: [jlflora@cox.net](mailto:jlflora@cox.net)

### Wichita Inquires 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.

For more information find us at [www.godscloset.com](http://www.godscloset.com) or on Facebook, email [eric@godscloset.com](mailto:eric@godscloset.com), or call 530-1040. For more information find us at [www.godscloset.com](http://www.godscloset.com) or on Facebook, email [eric@godscloset.com](mailto:eric@godscloset.com), or call 530-1040.

## Buildings

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About half of the building is occupied by administrative personnel with the police department.

Approximately 3,500 square feet of space, not occupied by police, is utilized by employees in billing, finance, planning, human resources, legal, code enforcement and building and zoning.

In the police department's squad room, located just west of 53rd North and Broadway, about 15 officers start and complete their shifts and write up reports in tight quarters.

The majority of the police

department's vehicle fleet is parked outside the squad room.

Inside the facility, a wall separates the squad room from the city's maintenance department, but both departments share the same ventilation, Park City Administrator Jack Whitson said.

He said officers are subjected to the smell of solvents from the maintenance department. The facility also needs new carpeting, electrical work and a new roof, Whitson said.

Park City Mayor Ray Mann said he's also concerned that the squad room and maintenance facility would not withstand a tornado.

On Aug. 12, nobody on the council questioned the

ability of WDM Architects to design the new facilities, but the vote on selecting the architecture firm was split, primarily due to financial considerations.

The vote passed 4-3 with council members Melvin Kerr, George Glover and Mike Alumbaugh opposed. Council member Tom Jones abstained from voting to eliminate any appearance of a conflict of interest since he has previously worked with WDM Architects.

Kerr said the city needs a new police department, but doesn't necessarily need a new city hall. On a similar train of thought, Glover said he likes the concept for a new police station, but indicated he was concerned with the pricetag that might come

with a new city hall, which he currently deems as less of a need.

"I just think we need to show some restraint, that's all," Glover said.

Alumbaugh voted against the selection of the architecture firm because he said he did not receive the packet of information needed to review the matter before making a decision. Park City Administrator Jack Whitson said he did not know why Alumbaugh didn't receive the information the other seven council members had reviewed.

Toward the end of the discussion, Mann said the design costs for the new city hall building and police station would be covered in the city's capital improvement

fund.

## 53RD ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL



## Attention: CRAFTERS & VENDORS

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# Wild's future to be addressed at news conference

By Matt Heilman

As of Aug. 20, new ownership had yet to open the checkbook. The two-time defending Central Plains Indoor Football League champion Wichita Wild were still on the market, coming up on two months after the team's ownership made the July 2 announcement on the

sale of the indoor football team. The uncertainty surrounding the Wild's future in Park City was to be addressed at an Aug. 21 press conference.

Wichita Wild owner Wink Hartman founded the indoor football team in 2006. The Wild experienced most of its success over the past five years with playoff runs in the Indoor

Football League leading to the team's back-to-back titles in the CPIFL.

Despite the success on the field, the team has struggled to generate revenue, which has prompted the sale. In July, the Wild were reportedly close to finding new ownership. However, the deal fell through.

"The handshake deal was

only good on our end," said Morrie Sheets, vice president for real estate for Hartman Oil, Co. Inc.

After the team went on sale in July, Hartman said he wanted the Wild to continue playing home games in the area.

Moving forward, Sheets indicated a recent merger between the nine-team CPIFL

and the five-team Lone Star Football League, which consists of four teams in West Texas and one in New Mexico, could help generate interest in the Wild.

"The league enlarging is exciting," Sheets said. "It should be good for all involved."

Sheets said it would be up to the league to establish a dead-

line by which the Wild must have new ownership in order to play next season. And it will be up to the ownership to determine if the team's home games will still be played at Hartman Arena.

The three-month indoor football schedule for both the CPIFL and the LSFL has run from March through June.

## DEATHS

### DAVID BOREN

David Carl "Dave" Boren, 49, of Park City, formerly of Tecumseh, Okla., died Aug. 7, 2014, at his home.

He was born Nov. 5, 1964, to Jesse Carl and Sharon Kay (Hester) Boren in Seminole, Okla. He was raised in Maud, Okla., where he attended Maud Public Schools through the 4th grade until his family moved to Tecumseh. He attended Tecumseh Public Schools from the 5th grade until he graduated in 1983 from Tecumseh High School.



Boren

with a bachelor of science degree. He was a member of

the Tecumseh Alumni Association. He loved sports and participated in baseball and football during high school. He loved OU football and was an avid OU fan. He enjoyed golf and playing in Trivial Pursuit tournaments. He worked as an industrial hygiene consultant for Goodyear in Lawton, Okla., and Tyler, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jesse Carl Boren, on April 21, 2002.

He is survived by his mother, Sharon Kay Boren of Tecum-

seh; brother and sister-in-law Darren and Carrie Boren of Shawnee; two nephews Logan Boren and Ryan Boren; two uncles and aunts L.C. and Oleta Boren and Guy and Ona Arzella Hester; and other extended family and countless friends.

Service will be 11 a.m., Aug. 14 at Cooper Funeral Home Chapel with Brett McKnight, Tecumseh, Church of Christ officiating under the direction of Cooper Funeral Home of Tecumseh. Cooper Funeral Home, Tecumseh, has charge.

grandchildren Christina Glenn and Dwayne Jones. Services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Aug. 7, at Roberts and Son Funeral Home Chapel, Blackwell, with Rev. Kendall Sheets of Believer's Tabernacle, Hutchison, officiating. Burial will follow in the Blackwell Cemetery. A memorial has been established in his honor with Believer's Tabernacle in Wichita, in c/o Roberts and Son Funeral Home, 120 W. Padon, Blackwell, OK 74631.

### MARVIN RANCIER

Marvin Lee Rancier, 84, formerly of Blackwell, Okla., died Aug. 2, 2014.

He is survived by his wife, Eva Rancier of Wichita; son Alvin Rancier and wife Debra of Blackwell; daughters Sharon Lakey and husband Robert of Park City and Norma Joyce Jones and husband Dennis of Wichita; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, and two

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# Ranzau wins Republican primary for county seat

By Matt Heilman

In north Sedgwick County, the Aug. 5 primary election revealed that voters are satisfied with their current leaders, at least for now.

In a close race, incumbent Richard Ranzau defeated challenger Carolyn McGinn in the Republican primary for Sedgwick County Commission District 4, which includes Valley Center, part of north Wichita and part of Sedgwick County north and west of Wichita.

The polls showed Ranzau defeating McGinn 54 percent to 45 percent.

"It means we crossed the first hurdle," Ranzau said. "This was a very important, tough first test."

The next test for Ranzau is Democrat Melody McRay-Miller, whom he'll face in the November general election. Ranzau said he planned to take a few days to rest before starting his campaign for November.

"We're gonna campaign like I'm 10 points behind," he said.

Ranzau said his message of accountability resonated with

voters. He said he spoke with constituents from all walks of life who have to make sacrifices to get by and want the same level of responsibility to be displayed in local government.

McGinn, a state senator who has represented the area in Topeka since 2005, said she was disappointed in the outcome. McGinn served District 4 on the Sedgwick County Commission from 1998 to 2004.

In her bid for another term on the commission, she said her message of improving the local economy with a push for better job opportunities didn't resonate with enough voters.

"Not just more jobs, but better paying jobs," she said.

Moving forward, McGinn said she planned to pick up her campaign signs on Aug. 6 and get caught up on her and her husband's farm just south of Sedgwick before she went back to work at the state level.

Incumbent Dave Unruh was unopposed in the Republican primary for District 1 of the county commission, which includes the City of Bel Aire and part of northeast Wichita. No

Democrat challenger registered to face Unruh in the November general election.

At the state level, incumbents also ruled the day in the Republican primary. In District 91 of the Kansas House of Representatives, poll results showed incumbent Gene Suellentrop soundly defeating challenger Eric Henderson, 64 percent to 35 percent. District 91 includes parts of Kechi, Maize, Park City, Valley Center and Wichita.

Incumbents Steve Huebert in House District 90 and Steve Brunk in House District 85 were unopposed in the Republican primary. Huebert will not face a Democrat

challenger in the November general election to represent the district that includes most of Valley Center and parts of Park City, Sedgwick and Wichita and all of Andale,

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# Park board updating playground, building in McLean

By The Post staff

The Park City Park Board has been working on its five-year comprehensive plan. During the process, all park equipment and buildings were inventoried and future needs for equipment and improvements were listed.

The inventory of Hap McLean Park revealed that the Community Building is in need of a great amount of updating and repair.

The walls need painted, countertops and backslashes need replaced, the old stovetop cook unit needs replaced, and many other issues need attended to, the park board said.

The park board established priorities for 2014 and the items at the Community Building will be addressed.

At its meeting on Aug. 12, the city council approved funding for the updates and repairs.

The park board is seeking help from the community.

The city council approved the purchase of paint for the inside of the Community Building, however, to save tax dollars, the park board needs volunteers to help prepare the paneled walls for painting. The building is more than 50 years old and has collected a lot of grime.

Contact park board member Carol Flower at [caflower@cox.net](mailto:caflower@cox.net) or 744-0766 to lend a hand.

Flower said the park board will work with the city to determine the best available dates to do the work and will contact all volunteers to determine their availability. The work will be done during periods when the building is not rented.

The park board, mayor and city council also invited the public to see the updated and painted playground equipment and tree bench behind the Community Building. Many people have commented that they thought it was new equipment, Flower said.

The 35-year-old play equipment was looking sad and in need of some care, Flower said.

The park board approved \$50 for the purchase of paint



Courtesy photos

The playground equipment in McLean Park has been repaired and painted.

to brighten the equipment. With those funds and the generosity of True Value in Park City, area children can now play on brightly painted teeter-totters, slipper slide,

swing set and the "spider." The tree bench has also been repaired and repainted in the Lions Club colors.

The Park Board would like to send out a special



thank you to retired kindergarten teacher Rita Smith, who spent an entire week painting the spider unit in primary colors that should be pleasing to children. Her love of children is evident in the meticulous care she took in her work, Flower said, and

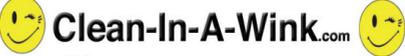
she went above and beyond by working on this project in the heat while fighting off wasps everyday.

"She wanted to make the area look nice for her granddaughter and she certainly succeeded," Flower said.

Ken Flower and Keith Flower rebuilt the teeter totter unit and painted the swing set.

Carol Flower also thanked Bruce Helberg and the park crew for their support.

"Wonderful things can be accomplished in our community through teamwork," she said. "You are invited to stop by and enjoy the area."

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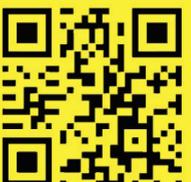
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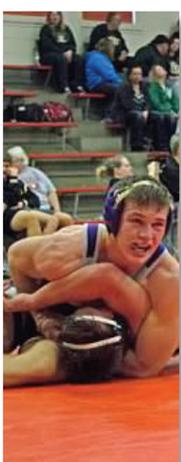
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