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Duplexes dominate new home starts



Chris Strunk

Construction crews work on duplexes in the Ridgefield subdivision in northwest Valley Center. Developers hope to have the first 30 units finished by the end of the year.

Some are unhappy with multi-family developments

By Chris Strunk and Matt Heilman

Developers in north Sedgwick County are betting on a need for rental properties. After years of single-family residential construction, duplexes have become the development of choice in Valley Center and Park City in 2014, and the trend doesn't appear to be changing anytime soon.

Between Valley Center and Park City, more than 50 duplex units are at various stages of construction.

"I think there is a need," said Valley Center community development director Warren Utecht.

In Valley Center, a duplex developer in the Ridgefield neighborhood is expanding its project.

After starting with a handful of units, Netco Remodeling received building permits last month for five sets of duplexes (10 units) and another set this month to reach 30 units under construction in the subdivision, which is north of Fifth Street and between Interurban and Kessler in the city's northwest corner.

The company's goal is to complete the first phase of duplexes by the end of the year and lease the properties before starting the second phase, Utecht said.

In Park City, building permits were pulled in September for the construction of eight units of duplexes in the Prairie Hills addition, located south-



Matt Heilman

Construction is underway on duplexes in Park City's Prairie Hills addition, located southwest of 61st North and Hydraulic. In all, plans call for the construction of 28 housing units in 14 duplexes.

west of 61st North and Hydraulic. In all, plans in Prairie Hills call for the construction of 14 duplexes with 28 units.

The additional residences will not only add to the cities' inventory of rental properties, they're also padding the cities' bottom lines.

The new houses, plus a handful of other projects, added more than \$1.2 million to Park City's property valuation.

"We just doubled what we did last year at this time," Park City Administrator Jack Whitson said, referring to the number of new homes.

Through the first nine months of 2013, the city had 12 permits for new home construction on properties zoned either multi-family or single-family residential.

"Now we're up to 24," Whitson said of the first three quarters of 2014.

In Valley Center, the new duplexes, along with a new home in the Prairie Lakes subdivision, pushed September property valuation past the \$1 million mark.

The numbers tell a feel-good story for north Sedgwick County. But not everyone is happy.

Construction of the duplexes in Prairie Hills was met with some opposition from residents who own homes in the addition. Neighbors said they were concerned that the rental properties could lower area home values.

After the zone change for the multi-family construction was approved in Oct. 2012, Whitson assured residents

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Play it Again owner to run youth sports program

By Matt Heilman

The Park City Council voted in support of a new direction for the city's youth baseball and softball program in Hap McLean Park.

With a 7-1 vote at its Oct. 14 meeting, the council approved a special committee's recommendation for the city to contract with Scott Martin to operate its youth program next year.

Martin, who owns the Play it Again Sports chain of sporting goods stores, submitted a proposal to the committee that outlined his plans for improving the condition of the fields and other areas of the complex in need of repair. He also highlighted his success as the owner and operator of Wichita's Southwest Boys Club, a youth baseball organization in the city that has experienced signifi-

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Candidates offer differing approaches for county

4th district to be decided

By Matt Heilman

Both candidates vying to serve north Sedgwick County in the fourth district of the county commission weighed in recently as the Nov. 4 general election draws near, each with differing philosophies toward reaching a common goal of prosperity and growth.

Republican incumbent Richard Ranzau, a former physician's assistant and U.S. Army veteran living in the Moorings in north Wichita, is seeking his second consecutive four-year term on the county commission.

Democratic challenger Melody McCray-Miller, an entrepreneur and small business owner living near Park City, is also seeking a second term on the commission after previously serving District 4 from 1995 to 1999. More recently, McCray-Miller served as a state representative in Topeka, representing District 89 from 2005 until 2013.

Both candidates expressed pride in their prior service to Sedgwick County and both candidates believe they're the right choice to make a positive impact in District 4, which includes Valley Center, Park City and part of north Wichita. Both candidates believe in transparency with local-government spending and both want to improve the economic state of Sedgwick County as a whole, encouraging job growth and sustainability.



Ranzau



McCray-Miller

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Residents may be paying too much for fire protection

By Matt Heilman

When Sedgwick County fire station 32 moved about four miles northeast in 2008, the idea was for crews to better serve residents in north Sedgwick County further away from Wichita, and to help lower property owners' insurance rates.

The new station was well

received as response times to rural areas on the north side of the cities of Valley Center, Park City and Kechi have been lowered. However, Kechi City Administrator Bob Conger, a retired Sedgwick County fire captain, pointed out last week that there may be north Sedgwick County residents who are overpaying for fire protection with their home insurance

premiums.

Recently, Conger said a rural Kechi resident called Kechi City Hall to announce that he had been able to save nearly \$1,000 in a year by updating information with his insurance company that shows that he lives within five miles of a fire station.

Previously, the resident said, his insurance company had

outdated information that still showed Station 32 at its previous location at the south end of Park City.

The station moved from 500 E. 53rd North to 7750 N. Wild West Drive, near 77th North and I-135 in the summer of 2008. More than six years later, Conger said outdated information could be costing residents more money than they need to

be spending.

Farmer's Insurance agent Rusty Lane, who serves several residents in north Sedgwick County from his office near 37th North and Rock Road in Wichita, said that technically, information such as the relocation of a fire station should be automatically updated. However, it doesn't happen immediately and for some residents, it

can take a few years before their rates are accurately adjusted.

"It never hurts the homeowner to be proactive because it could drag," Lane said. "If you know a fire station has moved closer to you, it's always a good idea to let your insurance company know."

Relating to fire protection,

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HIGHLIGHTS

City discusses plans for paths

Immediate plans aren't in place nor a funding source identified, but the discussion has picked up regarding a desired improvement for Park City. At the Oct. 14 Park City Council meeting, council member Tom Jones, who represents the area on the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO), brought up the topic of someday improving pedestrian traffic in the city with the addition of sidewalks and bike paths.

Currently, WAMPO is in the process of approving its 2040 plan, including a list of projects throughout the area slated for completion in the next 25 years.

Park City didn't submit a sidewalk or bike path plan to WAMPO for consideration in its 2040 plan, but Jones pointed out that the city could be eligible for other funding sources through the organization. The council agreed to form a committee to develop a plan for expanding its infrastructure with additional sidewalks and bike paths.

On Oct. 14, former Park City Mayor Dee Stuart addressed the council with a request for sidewalk expansion. On behalf of several citizens in the community, especially seniors, she said she'd like to see the city extend a sidewalk from the intersection of 61st North and Hydraulic, the short distance north to City Hall and the Park City Senior Center.

— Matt Heilman

Woman arrested after false report

A woman who reportedly falsely accused a man of abducting her daughter was arrested following an unusual case Oct. 4 in Park City.

A citizen calling from a residence in the 1200 block of East Village Estates Drive reported an unknown person taking his cell phone and accusing him of abducting her daughter.

In its report, Park City police said the "unknown person," identified as Laura Peterson, appeared to be "mental and/or high on drugs," and was uncooperative with officers. Peterson was arrested on charges of obstructing a law enforcement officer and child endangerment. Peterson's 4-year-old daughter was taken into protective custody.

After her arrest, Peterson picked up more charges. On the way to the Sedgwick County Jail, police reported that she was charged with criminal damage to property for destroying the rear seat camera of the patrol vehicle by tearing out the wiring. Upon arrival at the jail, police reported that Peterson picked up a new case and charge with the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office for felony battery of a corrections officer.

— Matt Heilman

Reserve holiday food boxes

This year Park City Pride will be giving out food boxes for Thanksgiving and Christmas to those in need. The food will be distributed Nov. 22 and Dec. 20.

Call the Pride Bldg, 744-8685, for more information and to reserve a box of food. Leave a name and telephone number.

Deadlines for requests are Nov. 15 for a Thanksgiving box and Dec. 13 for a Christmas box.

— The Post staff

Coffee shop set to open in Park City

A new coffee shop is set to open in Park City during the first week of November. "The Tasty Coffee Bean," is located at 434 N. 61st Street, just west of 61st North and I-135. For information on the shop's hours and menu, contact owner Penny Roths at 250-6424 or by email at pennyroths@gmail.com.

— The Post staff

Signal to be added at 61st

A busy Park City interchange, that at times, features some of the heaviest traffic in north Sedgwick County, is about to receive a small upgrade to make life a little easier for motorists. On Sept. 23, the Park City council approved spending \$3,000 for the addition of a left-turn signal for motorists traveling north on Interstate 135 from eastbound 61st Street North. The total cost includes \$1,500 for the LED signal, plus an additional \$1,500 for installation of the signal.

Currently, motorists on eastbound 61st Street at I-135 must yield to westbound traffic on 61st Street before turning left onto the northbound on-ramp.

A timetable for the installation of the left-hand turn signal has yet to be announced.

— The Post staff

Food pantry to open again

After a brief closure, the Park City Food Pantry is reopening.

The criteria for receiving food from the pantry remains the same. Recipients must live within the city limits of Park City and show proof of address. Proof of income must also be shown.

The pantry will be open from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month.

For more information, call the Pride building at 744-8685 and leave a message along with a telephone number.

— The Post staff

Hartman won't be home to team

Wichita's new indoor football team has found a new home at Intrust Bank Arena in downtown Wichita. After a deal couldn't be reached to keep the Wichita Wild franchise afloat at Hartman Arena, a new team called the Wichita Force was formed in mid September. About two weeks after the new team was unveiled, it was announced that professional indoor football would not be returning to Park City and Hartman Arena.

Force owner Marvin Fisher was one of the Wild's top supporters. With the Force, Fisher has retained former Wild head coach Paco Martinez as well as several players from the two-time Central Plains Indoor Football League champions.

When its season starts in late February, the Force will play in the Champions Indoor Football League, formed from a merger between the CFIPL and the west Texas-based Lone Star Football League.

— The Post staff

Toy run to make way through area

Motorcyclists from across the area will make their way through Park City and the surrounding area on Nov. 2 as part of the 35th Annual Wichita Toy Run. The event begins at 10 a.m. in the parking lot of Lawrence Dumont Stadium near downtown Wichita where bikers will load up with donated toys that they will deliver to the Kansas Pavilions property to be collected and distributed by the Salvation Army.

In the toy run, riders will travel several miles north on Broadway, from near Lawrence Dumont to 85th Street North where they will turn east for the Kansas Pavilions.

For more information on the event, visit <http://www.wichita-toyrun.com/>.

— The Post staff

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Holiday light display returns to Park City

By The Post staff

On behalf of Park City Pride, Carol Flower went before the Park City Council to request permission to once again use the land north of City Hall and the south lawn of the Senior Center to construct holiday light displays.

The area in front of Subway will also be used again this year. It was not used last year due to construction.

Pride and anyone else who would like to volunteer a few hours to help will meet in front of City Hall at 1 p.m.

Nov. 29. This project doesn't take too long to build and brings joy to those who drive by to see it.

Pride received so many positive comments about the 2013 display that it had to do it again this year.

The grand lighting will be

a 7 p.m. Nov. 29.

Anyone with green garland or Christmas wreaths they would like to donate is asked to contact Flower.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Flower at caflower@cox.net or 744-0766.

Park City plans community calendar

By The Post staff

The Park City Park and Recreation Advisory Board will hold a community planning meeting at 7 p.m. Nov. 24 in the council chambers at City Hall. All community organizations and groups are invited to attend.

The meeting has three goals:

- To put together a list of all special events that will be held in Park City. This would let the residents of the city know what's going on in town, and hopefully avoid conflicts. If the Chisholm Trail Seniors know that there will be a Movie in the Park on a particular Saturday, for example, they might schedule a dance on a different night. If there will be a big softball tournament the same weekend that there is a car show at the Community Building, planning for the two events might involve asking Pride members to direct traffic.

- Organizations that need help with a project would be able to see what organization might be able to contact members to provide that assistance if they

have no event planned for the same time. If the Lions Club is planning an activity and needs people to help and the PTO doesn't have anything planned for that time, a phone call might get the Lions what they needed.

- To help organizations and groups plan ahead for events, making their own calendars

to keep members informed on what's happening.

The Park Board believes that a calendar would facilitate cooperation among civic organizations, sports and church groups, etc. The calendar will be published on the city website and the new Park City phone app. Events could also be put on the

city sign and in the Park City Post. For more information, call Dee Stuart at 619-7800.

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THE PARK CITY REPORT

CITY OF PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

City Council Meeting Sept. 23, 2014

- Approved the minutes of the September 9, 2014 regular meeting.
- Approved the expenditures since the last meeting.
- Designated January 2, 2015 a city floating holiday.
- Approved funding for the Fall Festival, \$1500.
- Approved funding for an additional window at the Community Building, \$500.
- Approved the sale of real estate to Greater Peoria Properties, LLC.
- Approved a tower rental contract with SBA Monarch Towers, LLC.
- Heard an update on the upcoming mobile phone app.
- Approved the request for proposals for those interested in running the summer sports program.
- Held an executive session to consider City security needs.

- Approved a charter ordinance modifying the term limitations for Library Board members.
- Appointed Judy Taldo to the Library Board.
- Reappointed Linda Holsley to the Library Board.
- Approved an ordinance related to safety equipment for individuals using public facilities while rollerblading, skateboarding and playing roller hockey.
- Approved an equipment purchase for the Police Department at a cost \$5,500 from federal forfeited funds.
- Approved the installation of a left turn signal at 61st Street northbound to I-135 at a cost not to exceed \$3,000

City Council Meeting Oct. 14, 2014

- Approved the minutes of the September 23, 2014 regular meeting.
- Approved the expenditures since the previous meeting.

- Approved the purchase of 108 tons of road salt, cost \$5,616.
- Deferred approval of the 2014 Toy Run through Park City to the next meeting.
- Appointed Diane Kilts to the Library Board.
- Approved personnel policy change providing benefits for eligible employees while on approved medical leave.
- Approved the selection committee recommendation of Scott Martin to operate the summer sports program subject to approval of a contract.
- Appointed a committee to study future needs for sidewalks, walking paths, bike paths, and crosswalks.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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| PC = Pride Center, SC = Senior Center, CB = Comm. Bldg, CH = City Hall, PCL = Park City Library | Nov. 13, 7 p.m. — Library Board PCL |
| Nov. 1, 7 p.m. — Senior Dance SC | Nov. 15, 7 p.m. — Park City Alive! PCL |
| Nov. 2, 7 p.m. — PCYP Board CB | Nov. 17, 7 p.m. — Planning/BZA CH |
| Nov. 3, 7 p.m. — Park Board CH | Nov. 20, 5:30 p.m. — Seniors Finger Food |
| Nov. 4, 10:30 a.m. — Election Day | Nov. 20, 6:30 p.m. — Court CH |
| Nov. 5, 7 p.m. — Seniors Catered Lunch | Nov. 22, 7 p.m. — Senior Dance SC |
| Nov. 6, 6:30 p.m. — Court CH | Nov. 25, 7 p.m. — Council CH |
| Nov. 8, 9 a.m. — PRIDE PC | Nov. 26, 11:30 a.m. — Chamber Luncheon |
| Nov. 8, 7 p.m. — Senior Dance SC | Nov. 27 — Thanksgiving, City Hall Closed |
| Nov. 11 — Veterans Day, City Hall Closed | Nov. 28, 8 a.m. — Commodities, City Hall Closed |
| Nov. 12, 7 p.m. — City Council CH | Nov. 29, 7 p.m. — Senior Dance SC |
| Nov. 13, 1 p.m. — Court Trials CH | |
| Nov. 13, 6:30 p.m. — Court CH | |

SENIOR CALENDAR

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

****Park City Senior Center events will be canceled Tuesday November, 4th- the center will be used as a voting location on Election Day****
****The Park City Senior Center will be closed to observe the following holidays: Veterans Day (November 11th), Thanksgiving (November 27th) and the Friday following Thanksgiving (November 28th)****

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| Monday 9:15 AM Exercise 10:15 Bible study 1:00 Crochet/art class 3:00 A Matter of Balance 6:00 Pitch | **Lunch offered by Good Neighbor Nutrition, Monday through Friday, 11:30 am. Reservations Required, Call 744-0751. Homebound delivery Monday through Friday.** | 5:30 p.m. Seniors Finger Food Nov. 21, 6 p.m. Food/Fun/Games |
| Tuesday 8:30 AM Wii Bowling 10:00 Chair exercise 1:00 Bridge lessons 1:00 Pool 6:00 TOPS every Tuesday | TOPS Take Pounds Off Sensibly meets Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. For more information on joining contact GiGi Roths at 390-5531. | SENIOR DANCES \$4 donation at the door Refreshments served Saturdays Nov 1., 7 p.m. The Wildwood Band Nov. 15, 7 p.m. The Wildwood Band Nov. 29, 7 p.m. The Wildwood Band |
| Wednesday Nail care with Brenda Ingram 2nd Wednesday 9:15 AM Exercise 1:00 PM Walking 2:30 Line dance lessons | Monthly Events Nov. 3, 10:30 a.m. Chisholm Trail Board Meeting Nov. 5, 10:30 a.m. Chisholm Trail Seniors Catered Lunch and meeting (lunch by reservation) Nov. 6, 1 p.m. Movie Matinee Nov. 12 Nail care with Brenda Ingram Nov. 17 Movie Matinee Nov. 18, 8 a.m. Breakfast out- Cracker Barrel Nov. 20, 1 p.m. Card bingo — fee \$1 | SPECIAL EVENTS Nov 10, 11:30 a.m. Presentation from HomeBuddy Learn about a personal medical alert system Nov. 13, 1:00 p.m. Therapy BINGO (Presented by Brookdale HH) Come play to stay healthy-- Prizes will be awarded to the winners! Nov. 16, 9:45 a.m. Day Trip to Baldwin City Ride on a train, have a 3-course meal, and enjoy a WWII USO show to celebrate Veteran's Day Nov. 19 Medicare Part D one-on-one consultations |
| Thursday 8:30 AM Wii Bowling 10:00 Chair exercise 7:00 PM Square Dance (except the 3rd Thursday) | | |
| Friday 9:15 Exercise 10:30 Dance Aerobics 1:00 Pinochle Saturday 1:00 PM Pinochle | | |

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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, November 15th, 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.

Pool or Splash Pad – Don't Miss Your Opportunity to Tell Us What You Think!

The Council wants to hear from you. What kind of water recreational facilities would like to see in Park City's future? The City has contracted with the Kansas State University Regional and Community Planning Graduate Department to conduct a survey to gather information about what residents want in a community recreational water facility. Postcards inviting residents to participate in an on-line survey were mailed to all Park City households listed on the most recent list of registered voter addresses. This is a fairly common sampling technique for community survey mailing. The survey is limited to one per individual, is completely voluntarily,

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and will only take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete. All individual responses will be kept confidential, and only aggregate data will be shared.

If someone does not have a computer at home with internet access, they may use the computers in the Park City Library or the Park City Senior Center.

Look for your postcard in the mail. The online link closes at midnight on November 9th, so don't miss out on your opportunity to participate! If you have additional questions, please call City Hall at 744-2026.

Park City Alive! The Challenges of Civil War Disability

Presented by Brian Miller. When most Americans think about the Civil War, they tend to remember the grand battles, vibrant personalities, or the staggering death toll that shocked the nation. Largely forgotten, however, are the thousands of wounded soldiers who returned home missing a limb or suffering from an injury. This presentation examines the challenges that injured Civil War veterans faced as disabled men. These damaged men, coping with chronic pain, abundant health issues, and difficult transitions in a depressed post-war economy, struggled to return to normal life.

Saturday, November, 22nd 7:00 PM
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PARK CITY PROJECT FRIENDSHIP

Project Friendship is a charitable organization that helps families in the City of Park City with their water/sewer bill. If you are experiencing a financial hardship and need assistance, please call 744-2026 and someone at City Hall will get you in touch with one of the Project Friendship board members. The board meets on the second Friday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room at City Hall.

To make a tax-deductible contribution to Project Friendship simply round up the amount of your utility bill and write the extra amount on the donation line that is located on the left side of your return stub. You may also pledge an amount that will automatically be added to your bill each month. For more information, call the water clerk at 744-2026.

CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Veterans Day
November 11th
(Tuesday)

Thanksgiving
November 27th & 28th
(Thursday and Friday)



KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE IN COLD WEATHER

It's that time of year again to remind pet owners that they need to pay extra attention to their pets that are kept out doors. It is required that pets that live out doors have adequate shelter, substantial food and clean fresh water. Do you have enough dry bedding material for your dog to bed down in? On really cold nights can that dog or cat stay in the garage? Some animals absolutely love the cold weather and some don't tolerate it at all. Know which one your animal is, and take appropriate action. If you have a doghouse that is in great shape and don't use it any more contact our office at 744-2026 and donate it so we can then recycle your doghouse to someone who needs it. Got any cat carriers you don't use? We could use them to transport lost cats. Give us a call. Department of Code Enforcement

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Time right for new start with youth sports

The volunteers who sacrificed their time, energy and money over the past 40-plus years deserve a lot of credit. But at the end of the day, the City of Park City is taking the right step in looking for a fresh start for its youth baseball and softball program.

In its issuance of a request for proposals to operate the program in 2015, the council hoped to develop a game plan for making improvements to the complex in Hap McLean Park and to assure the program's long-term growth.

The Park City Youth Program did its best to serve the city. But with limited resources and volunteer assistance, the group was fighting an uphill battle over the past couple of summers.

Thousands of dollars of work is needed to spruce up the baseball and softball complex in the park.

Based on what's proposed and his past accomplishments, business owner Scott Martin appears to be the right person for the job.

Martin, owner of the Play It Again Sports chain of stores based in Wichita, has shown the ability to bring out the potential of a youth sports organization. In 2010, Martin took over the operation of Wichita's Southwest Boys Club.

In a relatively short window, he was able to repair the organization's facilities — reportedly in far worse condition than what he'll face in Park City — and was able to help more than double the participation in the Southwest Boys Club.

Based on his proposal, Martin has high expectations for Park City. He said he would like to bring 10 baseball or softball tournaments to the complex in McLean Park each year, providing a much-needed economic impact to the city.

The hope moving forward is that the teams affiliated with Park City will also be able to remain in the Wichita Heights League. The organization of teams and the league they'll represent are details that will be worked out down the road in the city's contract with Martin. The city is also expected to assist Martin with a portion of the costs needed for repairs to the fields and complex in McLean Park. The details of how costs will be split will also be worked out in the contract.

Looking back, Park City's youth baseball and softball program would not have survived without dedicated volunteers over the years. But we want the program to do more than just survive. We want it to thrive.

Martin has a solid track record and his services come highly recommended to the city from a committee that reviewed his proposal. We're glad that the committee — including three council members, city staff representatives and a trio of residents at-large — did its homework.

But now the real work begins. The success of the program depends on Martin's success as a manager.

There needs to be a reliable board of directors in place to hold Martin accountable and to assist him where needed to assure that the program runs like a well-oiled machine.

The city will have to have some of its own skin in the game for repairs to the complex in McLean Park, but any short-term expenses should pay off in the long run.

A well-run youth sports program is a financial gain for the city.

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CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran Church

Christ Lutheran is located at 53rd Street North and Hillside, across from Wichita Heights High School. Worship services are at 9:00 a.m. (Contemporary) and 11:00 a.m. (Traditional). Communion is offered at both services. Sunday School is at 10:15 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 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. Pastor Mitch Reece will begin a new series on Nov. 9 titled "A Blessed Life."

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

Kechi UMC's annual Turkey Dinner will be held on Nov. 1 from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$4 for children ages 4-11. Menu is Thanksgiving Dinner with all the trimmings, including pie and drink!

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 and "Like" us on Facebook. Pastor Mitch can be contacted at Mitch@kechiumc.org. Phone number 744-1221.

The United Methodist Church at Park City

The United Methodist Church at Park City is located at 1510 E. 61st North and has worship every Sunday at 9 and 11 a.m. Professionally staffed childcare and children's ministries are provided for morning services, and a mother/baby room is also available.

Every week we have small groups and special events designed with the community in mind. We'd love to have you join in! We are currently preparing for the holidays, and have begun our annual Thanksgiving and Christmas food drives to provide a "meal in a box" for families who may not otherwise enjoy a family dinner during the holidays. Contact Amanda for more info.

Also, we are sponsoring our Christmas Angels again this year through Chisholm Trail Elementary School. We will have the angels ready to adopt soon - be watching for more information, or contact the church for details at 316-744-0029.

Monday - Men's Coffee at 6:30 a.m. at Cracker Barrel.

Jeni Jo is our licensed Zumba instructor, join her every Monday night from

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. for fun fitness.

Tuesday — Celebrate Recovery at 6:30 p.m., contact David at 316-841-0777. If you've ever had a hurt or a hang-up, this is the place to be. Confidential and safe environment to celebrate together the recovery of your past hurts, and move to the future.

Wednesday — Family Ministry Night, at 6:00 p.m. Join us for a meal, then "Song Of Solomon" for adults, Youth Group for Middle and High School, and Awana for the kids age 5 - 5th grade. Professionally staffed childcare for the younger children. 316-744-0029 for more information.

Thursday - Men's Coffee at 6:30 a.m. at The Country Kitchen.

Ladies current Bible study is "Children of the Day", a Beth Moore study on Thessalonians. It is not too late to join in! Call the church at 744-0029 for information.

Friday - New Generation Worship at 7:00 p.m. Contact Ben at 316.303.4958. 1 Thessalonians 3:5.

Sunday — Morning Worship is at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Call the church at 744-0029 for more information. Worship God. Love People. Follow Jesus.

We are currently offering Epiphany Ministry, Inc. Team Training with Roy Bradshaw. This is a ministry for troubled and incarcerated teens and youth. Call Roy at 214-687-2754 if you want to know more about Epiphany Ministry, Inc.

Youth are planning several events in the next few weeks - jump right in! Call Steve at 680-8399 to get your middle or high school youth involved in the best youth group around! Coming up Nov. 15, Youth Bowling (The Alley) at 6-8 p.m. Cost: \$10, includes shoe rental, two hours of bowling, pizza, and soda. Contact: Steve 316.680.8399 or Ashley 316.833.0986.

Ta-Da Ladies Sew-in & Craft Day — ALL THINGS CHRISTMAS 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Nov. 1. Suggestions/patterns/materials welcome! Group project is "Cinnamon Kids" tree ornaments. Supply list available at the church. Contact: Shelley 316.258.7738 or Sherry 316.641.3259. You may also bring your own project, and your friends, and join in the fun.

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.

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 East 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 Saint Michael is a western rite congregation using the Liturgy of Saint Gregory. It is the only western rite Orthodox Church in the State of Kansas. Join us for our worship of the Holy Trinity using the ancient and beautiful liturgy of the Undivided Church.

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 of "The Divine Comedy" of Dante Alighieri on Thursdays at 7 p.m. Our presenter is Stan Cox. For more information contact him at 316-648-1678 or email him at latint8@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 and Program are on the first and third Wednesdays with Liturgy 6 p.m., Potluck Supper 6:45 p.m., Program 7:30 p.m.

This fall our program is on the Epistle to the Ephesians entitled, THE FULL ARMOUR OF GOD: An introduction to the Orthodox Church's teaching on Satan, the demons and Spiritual Warfare.

During the month of November we are collecting food and hygiene products for the Center of Hope in Wichita

Special Event on Nov. 19 at 6:30 p.m. with Kristi Smith whose dad was murdered while trying to help stop a robbery of a neighbor's pharmacy.

Kristi's story of her journey to forgiveness and what she thinks about the death penalty is simply moving. Following her speech, the floor will be open for Q&A session. Everyone is invited

Call the church for more information 734-6248 or visit our web: www.saintmichaelorthodoxchurch.com

Email inquiries: jflora@cox.net

Wichita Three Angels Seventh-Day Adventist Church

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

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

For more information find us at www.godscloset.com or on Facebook, email eric@godscloset.com, or call 530-1040. For more information find us at www.godscloset.com or on Facebook, email eric@godscloset.com, or call 530-1040.

Duplexes

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that the duplexes would utilize the same type of construction material as their single-family neighbors, including brick facades.

Another concern was the potential for increased traffic and more vehicles parked on the streets.

A representative from Edge LLC, which owned the lots planned for duplex

construction before selling them to a builder, said he didn't foresee any traffic concerns in the area beyond what could be expected if single-family homes were built on the 14 lots instead of the duplexes.

Despite the feedback from the city and the owner of the lots, some residents remained uneasy about the plans, believing the best option for Prairie Hills is to complete the addition with single-family homes.

In Valley Center, a handful of residents objected to the development of duplexes in the otherwise new single-family residential neighborhood. Like those in Park City, the residents were concerned about an increase in traffic and a potential rise in crime.

Multi-family construction is also in the plans for a struggling housing development in Kechi. In June, the Kechi City Council approved an ordinance to change the

zoning classification in the Rock Pointe addition at the northwest corner of K-254 and Rock Road from single-family residential to multi-family residential. The zoning change clears the way for 98 total units to be constructed into 49 duplexes on 49 undeveloped residential lots.

Kechi City Administrator Bob Conger said the completion of the sale of the 49 lots from the property's current owner to a Wichita-based

property management group, is expected this month.

Once the sale goes through, Conger said permits could be pulled to begin the construction on the duplexes in Rock Pointe.

The zoning change is meant to give a shot in the arm to the residential development that has struggled to attract interest from homebuyers. Currently, three single-family homes in Rock Pointe are occupied on lease to own bases.

Sports

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cant growth over each of the past four years since Martin took over the program.

Martin submitted his plans for improvements and growth for Park City's youth baseball and softball program after the council approved the issuance of requests for proposal.

In August, council member John Lehnerr said the issuance of the RFPs for the 2015 contract to operate the city's youth baseball and softball program wasn't an attempt to get rid of the long-serving volunteer Park City Youth Program, which has been run by volunteers since the late 1960s. 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.

The Park City Youth Program provided maintenance to the four diamonds in the complex, organized the setup and scheduling for teams and provided a portion of revenue from tournaments and concession sales to go toward capital improvements for the fields.

Lehnerr and council members Chris Johns and Gary Aldrich served on the committee that was formed to review the proposals to manage the city's youth program next year and to bring a recommendation back to the council.

The five-member committee included input from a few

residents who had experience and objective outlooks to help determine the city's best option, Lehnerr said. The Park City Youth Program had also submitted a proposal before the RFP was amended to seek more specific information relating to plans for improving the complex, including a funding source.

In contracting with Martin, the city would still be responsible for a portion of improvements made to the baseball and softball complex.

Council member Tom Jones said residents should know that there would be an expense on the city's part.

"This is an investment in the future of our ball program," Lehnerr said.

Mayor Ray Mann said the

specifics including how much of the needed improvements Martin will cover compared with the city, would be addressed in the contract along with the finer details including registration fees, tournaments and programs.

Martin's proposal calls for 10 tournaments to be played in Hap McLean Park each year. Johns said a slight increase in registration fees would pay off with the economic impact of tournaments and the improved conditions of the fields.

Lehnerr said Martin's proposal also calls for registration costs to be eased with options including fundraising opportunities. Council members George Glover and George Capps joined Jones in questioning potential costs

down the road for the city, but for now, they agreed to accept the recommendation from the committee to have Park City Administrator Jack Whitson, Park City Administrator Doug Moshier and Mann negotiate a contract with Martin.

Council member Melvin Kerr opposed the recommendation. Prior to the vote, Glover and Capps voiced frustration that the city's swimming pool remains empty and unused as the neighboring ball fields prepare for upgrades.

In the coming weeks, the council will have the final say on whether it wants to go through and finalize a contract with Martin to operate the city's youth baseball and softball program next year.

Insurance

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Lane said there are many factors that play a part in home insurance rates, chief among which are estimated response times for fire crews and proximity to an outdoor water supply, including fire hydrants.

On Sedgwick County's website, www.sedgwickcounty.org, there is a list of cities in Sedgwick County Fire District 1 and their level of fire protection classified through the Insurance Services Organization (ISO) Property Protection Class (PPC) program. The county says the program, "provides important, up-to-date information about municipal fire-protection services throughout the country."

The cities are classified with a number between 1 and 10 based on water supply capabilities and infrastructure. Generally speaking, the lower the number or class, the better the fire protection, Sedgwick County Fire Marshal Dan Wagner said.

Wagner said most cities in Fire District 1, including the cit-

ies of Wichita, Kechi and Park City, are categorized with an ISO Property Protection Class of 3. The cities of Bel Aire and Haysville are Class 2.

Wagner said an ISO Property Protection Class of more than 3 generally will have a greater impact on commercial property insurance rates than residential rates.

In rural Sedgwick County, areas without fire hydrants, but within five miles of a qualifying fire station, fall into Class

5, down from Class 9 in years past. In Sedgwick County, "qualifying fire stations," include the nine stations strategically placed throughout the county as part of Fire District 1, as well as volunteer stations in Valley Center, Mt. Hope, Cheney Clearwater, Derby and Mulvane.

Beyond five miles of a qualifying station, Wagner said properties fall into Class 10.

"What that means is basically, your insurance premiums

are gonna be double," he said. "Right now, we have a majority of Sedgwick County at least protected with a 5."

Wagner said the county has recently updated its information to have all of its stations properly located within the Insurance Services Organization.

However, like Lane, he encouraged property owners to contact their insurance agents to assure that they're not paying more than they need for fire protection.

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Election

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For Ranzau, fiscal responsibility and accountability have been the main talking points in his bid for reelection. Over the past four years, Ranzau has voted in a slim minority with fellow commissioner Karl Peterjohn in opposition to several of the larger expenses brought before the five-member commission. One of the biggest disappointments Ranzau mentioned in his first term was the commission's collective "difficulty of making good financial decisions in general," with he and Peterjohn in the more conservative minority.

"I have a reputation that I don't want to waste taxpayer dollars," Ranzau said. "But at the same time, if we have something that's a function of government, we want to do it right, we want to do it smart, and we want to do it cost-effectively."

Specifically, Ranzau pointed out that he was in the minority in his vote for support in keeping the Judge Riddell Boys Ranch open. The closing of the facility for troubled boys, located near Lake Afton and the City of Goddard, was a disappointment that Ranzau indicated could have been avoided with more conservative spending and better priorities.

Visiting citizens door-to-door, Ranzau said "an overwhelming majority" he's

spoken to have voiced support for the ranch.

However, McRay-Miller said Ranzau's ultra-conservative stance isn't always what is best for the people he represents. Particularly, McRay-Miller said one of her frustrations has been Ranzau's opposition to federal grant opportunities that have been available to assist programs and departments in the county.

She said it doesn't make sense to consistently vote against federal aid to the county because doing so means missed opportunities for funding that would only be offered elsewhere to benefit someone else.

"It's as simple as that," she said of opposition to funding. "I see it as turning a blind eye to needs of people in your own county and your district specifically."

Ranzau said he champions for the people of Sedgwick County with his votes. In defense of many of his "nay" votes, he said his bottom line is to view taxpayer spending at any level with the same constraint he practices with his personal spending.

"If I won't spend my money that way, why should I spend your money that way?" he said. "I try to buck the trend of politicians saying one thing when they're running for office and then doing another once they're in."

While often frustrated, Ranzau was able to cite areas where the county was able to

Mid-term elections

Voters can cast their votes in person at the Sedgwick County Election Office, 510 N. Main in Wichita, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 22 through 24 and Oct. 27 through 31, and from 8 a.m. to noon Nov. 3.

Advance vote centers — locally, Bel Aire City Hall and Valley Center First United Methodist Church — will be open from noon to 7 p.m. Oct. 28, noon to 5 p.m. Oct. 29, noon to 7 p.m. Oct. 30 and 31, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 1.

Regular polls on Election Day (Nov. 4) will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

On the ballot

U.S. senator — Republican Pat Roberts, Libertarian Randall Batsan and Independent Greg Orman

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Insurance commissioner — Democrat Dennis Anderson and Republican Ken Selzer

Secretary of state — Democrat Jean Kurtis Schodorf and Republican Kris Kobach

State treasurer — Republican Ron Estes and Democrat Carmen Alldritt

Sedgwick County commissioner District 4 — Democrat Melody McCray-Miller and Republican Richard Ranzau

Sedgwick County commissioner District 4 — Republican Dave Unruh

State board of education — Republican Kenneth R. Willard

Kansas House 85th District — Republican Steven Brunk and Democrat Patrick Thorpe

Kansas House 89th District — Democrat Roderick A. Houston and Republican Frank Chappell

Kansas House 90th District — Republican Steve Huebert

Kansas House 91st District — Republican Gene Suellentrop

Valley Center Township clerk — Republican John E. Tucker and Democrat Bill Grattan Jr.

1 percent citywide sales tax (in Bel Aire and Valley Center)

Kansas Court of Appeals judge — Eight up for retention

Sedgwick County District Court judge —

Kansas Supreme Court justice — Two candidates for retention

DEATH

SAMANTHA WILLIAMS

Samantha Lynn Williams, 20, of Park City, died Sept. 27.



Williams

She is survived by her fiancé, Joey Valentine, of Park City; daughter Maci Valentine of Park City; mother Crescent (Everett) Reese of Wichita; father Todd (Trish) Williams of Valley Center; siblings LeeAnn Walsh of Valley Center, Colt Williams of Valley Center, Creshanna Reese of Towanda, Tabitha Reese of Wichita; and Shelton Reese of Wichita; grandparents Orval and Ladonna Williams of Park City, Karen Weiss of Placerville, Calif., and Becky Walsh of Casper, Wyo.; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Terry Dodds, Dortha Robinson and Galen Walsh.

In lieu of flowers, send college fund donations in the name of Maci Valentine. Funeral service was Oct. 3 at Cavalry Baptist Church, Valley Center. Baker Funeral Home, Valley Center, has charge.

School. She was active in competitive and school cheer-leading throughout middle and high school. She was attending college pursuing a degree in early childhood education. She enjoyed being a stay-at-home mom before she became a para at Pleasant Valley Middle School. She had a passion for working with children and treasured time with family and friends. She was a loving, dedicated mother to her daughter Maci Valentine.

save taxpayer dollars over the past few years. The county was able to gain more than \$300,000 in additional revenue by auctioning off a cell tower near the Kansas Coliseum property instead of selling it to a handpicked buyer. The county was also able to save at least \$10 million by selecting a different vendor to equip its 911 emergency system, Ranzau said.

"We had to do a lot of homework and ask questions to make sure that was the right decision," he said.

Ranzau said he also has worked in taking measures to ease the burden of regulations on rural Sedgwick County residents, especially with the loosening of restrictions for farmers maintaining streams on rural properties.

"I think I've been doing a

good job fighting on behalf of the taxpayer," Ranzau said. "I've had a lot of people sensitive to their property taxes tell me they don't like to see their

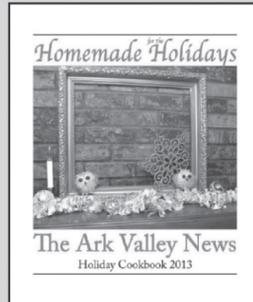
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tax dollars being wasted. I share that sentiment. That's one of the key frustrations that I have that encouraged me to be involved in politics. As long as I'm in office, I'll keep fighting for common sense fiscal responsibility and good, sound decisions."

The message McCray-Miller shares is that the county's investment into economic development and long-term growth can co-exist with fiscal responsibility. From her perspective as a small business owner, McCray-Miller said the county should be doing more to encourage growth in its efforts to recover from the loss of approximately 30,000 local jobs, primarily in the aircraft industry. And investments into the county's future can be made without burdening taxpayers, she said.

"I think Sedgwick County can and should take the lead when looking at economic development regionally," she said. "When you look at Sedgwick County and the 19 cities that make up Sedgwick County, we really should be leading on this edge of producing and creating an environment where we're not only successful at recruiting and keeping businesses here, but creating an environment in which established businesses can thrive and grow."

McCray-Miller said she would also like to see Sedgwick County develop a comprehensive transit plan, building off the efforts in the City of

Wichita. The bottom line, she said, is to increase opportunities for area job seekers whose means of transportation could be limiting their prospects.

"We should be able to coordinate transportation in the county where businesses know there's a viable system in place where people can get to and from their jobs," she said. "There is no comprehensive network that exists today."

A February news release announcing McCray-Miller's bid to retake her former seat on the county commission listed four focus areas for her campaign:

• "Economic development that celebrates the entrepreneurial spirit"

• "Community health and safety with an emphasis on livability"

• "Community engagement that is more reflective of Sedgwick County's make-up"

• "Superior service delivery at maximum cost savings."

McCray-Miller said her campaign goals can be within reach with the right policies in place.

"We need policy making at the local level as well as the state level that can have a vision for creating this environment in Sedgwick County that says we're open for business," she said. "Our policies are such that we support businesses and our policies are such that we support livable communities, people living here, working here and playing here. We need it all."

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Earthquake proves more puzzling than damaging

By Matt Heilman

Joan Rieger noticed that the decorative Tiffany lamp in her living room was shaking. The Park City resident said she knew almost immediately what was happening.

A U.S. Navy veteran, who has been stationed in southern California and Japan, Rieger knew that the vibration was from a small earthquake.

"I came to Kansas to get away from that," Rieger joked.

These days in Kansas, there's no escaping earthquakes.

The magnitude 4.4 quake shortly after 1 p.m. Oct. 2 was recorded about 90 miles southwest of Valley Center near Harper. The magnitude wasn't enough to cause serious property damage, but the shockwaves were felt in north Sedgwick County. The earthquake was one of the largest to hit Kansas since

the phenomena have become more frequently recorded in the Heartland over the past few years.

Valley Center resident Laurie Dove was working in her home office in the Fiddler's Creek neighborhood Oct. 2 when her chair began to shake.

"It took me a minute to figure out what was actually happening because an earthquake isn't the first thing that crosses your mind," she said.

Dove said heavy semi truck traffic on 85th Street has caused slight shaking in her home before.

"But this was something different," she said.

Valley Center resident Gerald Sledge, along with several others in the community, had similar stories, not realizing what they felt until they heard news reports via social media moments after the earthquake.

"I thought it was a train," Sledge said on The Ark Val-

ley News Facebook page. "I didn't think anything about it."

Local authorities with the Valley Center, Park City and Bel Aire police departments said there were neither damage reports nor an influx of emergency calls following the earthquake. Everything seemed to have stayed in place, including at one area business that specializes in creating and displaying breakable artwork.

Barbara Wade of Kechi's Karg Art Glass, located at 61st North and Oliver, said that one fellow employee felt a tremor and a chandelier shook, but

none of the glass sculptures, neither big nor small, played the role of Humpty Dumpty.

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