

False calls to 911 tying up dispatch

80,517 made in 2013

By Matt Heilman

Last year, more than 10 percent of Sedgwick County 911 calls proved to be non-emergency misdials. Including cases of children playing with phones, pocket dials and instances of mistaken emergency calls traced to old cell phones that still have batteries in them, dispatchers in Sedgwick County fielded 80,517 mistaken or abandoned cell phone calls last year.

The statistic highlights a problem that Laura Meyers of Sedgwick County Emergency Communications has shared with city leaders in the Wichita area. On Nov. 18, Meyers addressed the Bel Aire City Council.

She said the 80,517 abandoned emergency calls in 2013 equated to about 3,335 dispatch hours, time that dispatchers weren't able to speak with people calling to report actual emergencies.

"It's a problem that ties up dispatch even if emergency crews are not dispatched," Meyers said.

On Nov. 18, she shared advice for the City of Bel Aire and other communities to pass on to residents.

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Council considers funding for Echo Hills

Special tax district an option

By Matt Heilman

Someday, the Echo Hills Commercial property is expected to be a huge asset to Park City with new businesses attracting visitors from outside the community on a daily basis. The city has expressed cautious optimism in the development just west of 53rd North and Broadway, as the long-term potential for prosperity is taking longer to materialize than originally hoped. At its Nov. 12 meeting, the Park City Council took action to help kick start future growth in the development.

The council discussed the option of establishing a community improvement district (CID) within the Echo Hills commercial property, where a 1.5-percent sales tax would be implemented at future businesses within the 86 acres, about 80 of which includes the former Echo Hills Golf Club property.

Put simply, the objective of establishing a CID is for businesses within the development to pay for improvements including additional

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CITY MOVING AHEAD WITH CAMPUS PLAN

Project will include new City Hall and police station



Photos by Matt Heilman

The Park City Police Department has outgrown the space of its squad room located in the 200 block of East 53rd North. A campus plan is in place to someday bring a new city hall and police station to the city.

By Matt Heilman

Park City Mayor Ray Mann wants to see a plan put into action. For several years, Park City has had a campus plan in place, looking toward its future and the eventual construction of a new City Hall and police station.

City leaders say new digs for Park City's 45 employees is long overdue, but the issue of funding has kept the plan from coming to fruition.

When funding permits, the city has an eye on five acres between the city's library and the Park City Medical Plaza, just east of 61st North and Hydraulic. The city would also have an option to purchase additional acreage, Mann said.

Mann said he's hoping to see the city in position to go out for contract bids on a new City Hall and police station next spring, building off recently completed projects associated with beautification.

"I really want to keep steamrolling that," Mann said.

City Administrator Jack Whitson said the city is working with architects to develop a preliminary design for a new city hall and police station campus. He said the total pricetag for the project would likely be at least \$4.5 million.

Whitson said the city currently has about \$2 million available, most of which is within its capital improvement fund. He said funding for the entire project would be up to the council and could ultimately be brought to a vote for residents to consider on an election ballot.

Mann said the city also has a healthy reserve balance that could be used to help get the proj-



Park City Police Chief Phil Bostian discusses the squad room's small and outdated restroom and a cramped locker room area.

ect started and he's been working with the city's bond counsel on developing different financing options, looking to limit the burden on taxpayers.

"I'd like to have an overall campus plan with a park and walking paths, where it kind of becomes the focal point for the city," Mann said.

With the land already in the city's pos-

session, but financing yet to be determined, Whitson said he's optimistic that architectural drawings can come to life. For now, he said he couldn't say when that will happen. City leaders agree that eventually, a change is needed.

After touring city-owned facilities last December, the council indicated the police department has the most glaring need for a new facility.

In cramped quarters adjacent to the Park City maintenance facility, 13 police officers report to work in the small squad room over three shifts, keeping their city patrolled 24-7. The officers check in before getting into patrol cars to begin their shifts. Toward the end of each shift, officers sit at small desks in the squad room to type up reports. There's not much in the way of insulation within the structure, located in the 200 block of East 53rd North.

Fumes from the adjacent maintenance facility seep through the thin wall separating a large garage area from the squad room. A foul smell has also at times permeated from the nearby sewer treatment facility of the Chisholm Creek Utility Authority, located directly south of the property.

The approximately 3,000-square-foot building, which houses the maintenance facility and the squad room, is in need of about \$12,000 to \$15,000 in repairs, Whitson said when the campus plan was previously discussed in January.

A small bathroom reminiscent of something found in a dilapidated gas station includes two stalls, which neighbor a small locker room area. In the main room of the facility, limited desk space holds computers where officers type their reports for the daily interwatch.

Wires run along the floor on the worn carpet.

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Ranzau re-elected to county seat, tax defeated

By Matt Heilman

Voters in north Sedgwick County said "Yes" to incumbents and "No" to new taxes in a heated mid-term election that yielded several close races at the national, state and local levels.

In the race for Sedgwick County Commission Dis-

trict 4, incumbent Richard Ranzau breathed a sigh of relief when final results showed him hanging on for a 554-vote advantage with 100 percent of the district's precinct reported. Ranzau, a Republican, defeated Democratic challenger Melody McCray-Miller by a count of 12,021 votes to 11,467.

Ranzau trailed for most of election night before receiving a late push when votes came in from his supporters in District 4 communities outside of Wichita, including Valley Center and Park City.

"I knew it was going to be close and that turnout was going to be the issue," Ranzau said.

He said about 2,000 more Democrats, primarily in north Wichita, turned out to vote this year than they had in 2010. He said the number supporting him was about the same as it was four years ago.

"We were behind for the whole night until the very end, so it's been a roller

coaster," Ranzau said less than an hour after all of the precincts were reported. "We're very happy. We had a lot of people work very hard since the first week in April."

Ranzau said he knew he'd be OK if he could compile 12,000 votes.

"That turned out just to be

the case," he said.

Looking elsewhere in the county commission, a victory by Republican Jim Howell in District 5, representing south Sedgwick County, is projected to shift the balance on the commission. Howell has expressed similar views on

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HIGHLIGHTS

Horse killed in barn fire near

No one was injured and nearby homes were spared, but a horse was killed in a barn fire reported shortly after 2 p.m. Oct. 31 in the 5600 block of North Seneca. Sedgwick County Deputy Fire Marshal Bill Hinkley said the blaze "was pretty much contained to the barn," although there was minor damage reported to a nearby structure.

Hinkley said the estimated property loss of the barn and contents within the structure was \$30,000.

"It was pretty much a total loss," Hinkley said.

He said the cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Sedgwick County Fire crews from Station 32 near 77th North and I-135 and Station 33 out of Maize responded to the fire to assist crews from the Wichita Fire Department.

Hinkley said crews took about 30 minutes to extinguish the fire after arriving on scene.

— Matt Heilman

City issues eight permits in Oct.

The City of Park City issued eight building and roofing permits during October for a total valuation of \$260,979. Of that number, one was for a new residence. Permits are listed by date they were issued, address, type of work and valuation:

- Oct. 10, 1201 Gainsville, siding, \$2,000; •Oct. 14, 6358 Tarrytown, roofing, \$3,500; •Oct. 14, 2129 Ventnor, roofing, \$4,000; •Oct. 15, 1316 Denver, roofing, \$1,700; •Oct. 15, 6664 Longmont, roofing, \$2,279; •Oct. 17, 6459 E. Parkview, remodel, \$15,000; •Oct. 27, 6239 E. Parkview, roofing, \$2,500; •Oct. 31, 8865 Old Oak Road, new residence, \$230,000.

— The Post staff

Four arrested in vehicle burglary

Four men from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., were arrested early Oct. 27 on charges stemming from a vehicle burglary at QuikTrip, 928 E. 61st North.

On the report, made at 6:30 a.m. Oct. 27, a woman reported subjects stealing her wallet containing about \$1,200 from the front seat of her unlocked vehicle while she was pumping gas. The report says that "quick actions by (an) eyewitness resulted in the arrests" of four men. The suspects, all from Ft. Lauderdale, were identified as David Preston Heller, Masud Deandre Headen, Dwan Lashay Crooms and Derrick Devon McKenzie. The suspects were arrested following a traffic stop on northbound I-135, just past 85th North, on charges of conspiracy, burglary to an auto-

mobile and felony theft.

Park City Police Det. Dwight Wilkes explained the conspiracy charge was added because there was reason to assume that the suspects were all in agreement to commit the crime. Park City Police Lt. Hobert Capps said the "quick action" taken by the eyewitness occurred when he was able to quickly alert police of the incident and describe the suspect vehicle and which way it was headed.

After traveling about three miles north on the interstate, the suspect vehicle was pulled over by Park City police and the four suspects were taken into custody.

— Matt Heilman

Broken power line sparks fire

Two dogs were rescued from a home after a small fire spread to the back of the residence in the 2100 block of East 61st North in Park City Nov. 19.

The fire, reported a little after 10:30 a.m., ignited from sparks. The sparks resulted from a semi truck hitting electrical wires hanging down, just east of the intersection of 61st North and Hydraulic. Park City Police Lt. Henry Spurlock said the semi was traveling west on 61st Street, when the top of the rig struck the hanging wires. The contact caused a utility pole to snap in half.

The wires didn't make contact with the ground after the pole snapped, but they hung too low for passing vehicles to get through.

Spurlock said the semi involved in the accident was pulled over by Kansas Highway Patrol Troopers, about one-and-one-half miles west of the accident at 61st North and I-135.

Spurlock said the fire was extinguished quickly at the residence and no one was home when emergency crews arrived on scene. Westar Energy crews arrived to replace the broken utility pole.

— Matt Heilman

Pride to provide holiday food packages

By The Post staff

Park City Pride will provide food boxes to residents in need at Christmas. The distribution will take place on from 1 to 3 p.m. Dec. 20 at the Pride Community Center, 6512 E. Parkview. Residents must call 755-8685 and leave their names and numbers for the coordinator to call back

for details. The deadline to reserve a holiday box is Dec. 13.

Pride will also distribute take-home backpacks to Chisholm Trail Elementary students who live in Park City and receive weekend backpacks. The intent is to bridge the food gap when school is not in session. That distribution will take place

the morning of Dec. 19, at the school. The Winter Break is Dec. 22 through Jan. 2.

Leeker's Family Foods has agreed to host a food collection dumpster, Chisholm Trail Elementary had a food drive, and TMX is placing food collection dumpsters in two places in the plant. Other community organizations assist with food and

finances.

Items that are particularly needed for the backpacks are: small boxes of cereal; individual fruit, jello or pudding cups; peanut butter and jelly in plastic containers; individual servings of cookies and snack crackers; soups; canned pasta and meat; ramen noodles; and microwavable macaroni and cheese.

Vandals unload fire extinguishers in buses, vans

By Matt Heilman

A case of vandalism at the Valley Center school district's transportation facility left a mess inside six district vehicles, including three school buses.

As bus drivers for the district reported for work early Nov. 10, there didn't appear to be anything out of the ordinary by looking at the outside of the bus and van fleet stored at the facility southeast of Valley Center in the 6700 block of North Broadway.

However, on the inside of three USD 262 vans and three buses, a thick layer of dust covered all of the seats, floors and dashes. The mess was the result of a vandal, or vandals expending fire extinguishers in the vehicles, district officials said.

A report from the Park City Police Department said the vandalism occurred between

12:01 a.m. Nov. 9 and 5:50 a.m. Nov. 10.

Valley Center school district assistant superintendent Mike Bonner said every bus and van at the transportation facility is equipped with at least one extinguisher. The six vehicles that were vandalized will need detailing, but Bonner said there wasn't any further damage to report at this time.

He said the suspect or suspects likely jumped the fence surrounding the school district's transportation facility and were able to access the vehicles. Bonner said the case is under investigation following the report made to the Park City Police Department on Nov. 10.

The damage estimate was unknown at the time of the report. Photos were taken at the scene to serve as evidence in the investigation, police said.



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The contents of a fire extinguisher cover the seats of a bus at the district's transportation facility.

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She says the public needs to be aware that old cell phones no longer in use still have the capabilities to call 911 if the batteries aren't removed from

them. She encouraged parents to keep cell phones away from young children and for people to lock their cell phones when they're not in use, reducing the chances of pocket dialing wrong numbers, including 911.

"Don't play around and lock it down," Meyers said.

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THE PARK CITY REPORT

CITY OF PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

City Council Meeting Oct. 28, 2014

- Approved minutes of the Oct. 14, 2014, regular meeting.
- Approved the current appropriations.
- Approved ordinance regarding parade permits.
- Approved closing Broadway for the Toy Run on Nov. 2, 2014.
- Approved a contract with the state of Kansas for the distribution of the Emergency Food Assistance Program.
- Approved a one-year agreement with Jordan Noone, real estate agent, to market city-owned lots in the Bearhill and Saddlebrook additions.
- Approved appointment of Jon Seymour to Parks and Recreation Advisory Board/Tree Board.

City Council Meeting Nov. 12, 2014

- Approved minutes of the Oct. 28, 2014, regular meeting.
- Approved current appropriations.

- Approved a contract with the County Department on Aging for the Senior Center director.
- Approved an employee holiday party, at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.
- Approve an addendum to participation in the State Setoff Program.
- Approved an allocation of \$1,000 from the Parks Capital Outlay Fund for a Christmas light display, as recommended by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.
- Approved an allocation of \$3,400 for trees for the unfinished berms in the Grove Street parks and other areas.
- Approved the expenditure of Transient Guest Tax Funds as recommended by the Convention & Tourism Committee as follows:
 - § EquiFest of Kansas, February, \$10,000
 - § KCAC/B-52's College Soccer Camp and all-star games, \$5,000
 - § Scott Martin, Youth Baseball/Softball Program, total cost of \$50,000 with \$40,000

- for rehabilitation at the ball diamonds and \$10,000 for up to 10 tournaments at \$1,000 each
- BMX track lighting for tournaments, \$20,000.
- Approved a funding agreement with Echo Hills, LLC for a proposed community improvement district.
- Approved a resolution establishing a hearing date to consider a petitioned community improvement district.
- Reappointed Jeff Hardwick to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board/Tree Board.
- Reviewed utility rates for 2015. Any changes will be made in early 2015.
- Approved an ordinance of the Municipal Code pertaining to carrying concealed and unconcealed weapons

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

Dec. 1, 7 p.m. — Park Board CH
Dec. 3, 7 p.m. — Seniors Catered Lunch SC
Dec. 4, 6:30 p.m. — Court CH
Dec. 6, 7 p.m. — Senior Dance SC
Dec. 7, 7 p.m. — PCYP Board CB
Dec. 9, 7 p.m. — City Council CH
Dec. 11, 1 p.m. — Court Trials CH
Dec. 11, 6:30 p.m. — Court CH
Dec. 11, 7 p.m. — Library Board PCL
Dec. 13, 9 a.m. — PRIDE PC
Dec. 13, 7 p.m. — Senior Dance SC

Dec. 15, 7 p.m. — Planning/BZA CH
Dec. 18, 5:30 p.m. — Seniors Finger Food
Dec. 16, 6:30 p.m. — Pride Food Pantry PC
Dec. 20, 1 p.m. — Senior Dance CH
Dec. 23, 7 p.m. — Council CH
Dec. 25 — Christmas Day, City Hall closed
Dec. 26 — Christmas holiday, City Hall closed
Dec. 26, 8 a.m. — Commodities, Leekers
Dec. 27, 7 p.m. — Senior Dance SC
Dec. 31, 11:30 a.m. — Chamber Luncheon

SENIOR CALENDAR

For more information or a complete schedule of all daily/weekly activities and programs, call Madison Shriner at 744-1199.

****The Park City Senior Center will be closed December 25 and 26 in observance of the Christmas holiday****

Monday
 9:15 a.m. Exercise
 10:15 Bible study (except Dec. 1)
 1 p.m. Crochet/art class
 6:00 Pitch

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

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

Thursday
 8:30 a.m. Wii Bowling
 10:00 Chair exercise
 7:00 p.m. Square Dance (except the 3rd Thursday)

Friday
 9:15 a.m. Exercise
 10:30 Dance Aerobics
 1:00 p.m. Pinochle

Saturday
 1:00 p.m. Pinochle

Nutrition at 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Reservations are required. Call 744-0751. Homebound delivery Monday through Friday.**

TOPS
 Take Pounds Off Sensibly meets Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. For more information on joining call GiGi Roths at 390-5531.

Monthly Events
 Dec. 1, 10:30 a.m. Chisholm Trail Board Meeting
 Dec. 2 Harris Healthcare Nail Care
 Dec. 3, 10:30 a.m. Chisholm Trail Seniors catered lunch and meeting (lunch by reservation)
 Dec. 4, 1 p.m. Movie Matinee
 Dec. 10 Nail care with Brenda Ingram
 Dec. 15 Movie Matinee
 Dec. 16, 8 a.m. Breakfast out- Auntie C's
 Dec. 18, 1 p.m. Card bingo — \$1 fee
 Dec. 18, 5:30 p.m.

Finger Food
 Dec. 19, 6 p.m. Food/Fun/Games

SENIOR DANCES
 \$4 donation at the door. Refreshments served
 Dec. 6, 7 p.m. Yesterday's Playboys
 Dec. 20, 7 p.m. The Wildwood Band

SPECIAL EVENTS
 Dec. 4, 11:30 a.m. Presentation and donation collection for Medical Loan Closet of Wichita
 Dec. 9, 2 p.m. Northwest High School Madrigals
 Dec. 12, 3 to 5 p.m. Holiday Cookie Exchange Party. Call Madison at 316-744-1199 to RSVP
 Dec. 16, 11 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic and Brain Games with Park West Plaza
 Dec. 17, 5:30 to 8 p.m. Christmas Lights Tour. Call Madison at 316-744-1199 to reserve a spot. \$9 per person.
 Dec. 23, 10:30 a.m. Healthy Holidays Class with Denise Dias of the Sedgwick County Extension Office.

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 • Park City Pride Light Display. South lawn of Senior Center, North of City Hall.

Park City Library
 • Children's Party. Sat., Dec. 13 from 1 to 3 p.m. Pictures with Santa, cookies, carols and fun!

Park Senior Center
 • Movie Matinee — "Elf" Thursday, Dec. 4, 1 p.m.
 • **Holiday Concert** Northwest High School Madrigals. Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2 p.m.
 • **Holiday Cookie Exchange Party** — Friday, Dec. 12, 3 p.m. RSVP and more info 744-1199
 • **Movie Matinee** — "It's a Wonderful Life" — Monday, Dec. 15, 1 p.m.
 • **Christmas Lights Tour** — Wednesday, Dec. 17, 5:30 p.m. Music, snacks and fun! \$9 per person. Reservations required at 744-1199
 • **Healthy Holidays Class** Tuesday, Dec. 23, 10:30 a.m. Healthy cooking and eating during the holiday season. Sedgwick County Extension Family & Consumer Sciences

Park City Pride Holiday Food Drive
 You can help with this worthy cause by making food donations at Leeker's (look for the big barrel) or by making cash donations in jars located at local merchants until Dec. 26. Drop off donations at City Hall from Dec. 1 through 12.
 Holiday boxes for families in need and supplemental food for Chisholm Trail students during Christmas break who normally receive

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Backpack Lunches. Suggested items include:

- food boxes: baking mixes, canned fruit, boxed stuffing, instant potatoes, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, chicken broth, jello, gravy mix, marshmallows, and brown sugar.
- school supplemental boxes: individual fruit, jello or pudding cups, small boxes of cereal, peanut butter & jelly (plastic containers), individual servings of snack cracker/cookies, soups, canned pasta & meat, microwavable mac & cheese, Raman noodles.

Pride Food Pantry
 The Park City Pride Food Bank is open the third Saturday of each month at the Park City Community Building, 6512 E. Parkview. This month's date Dec. 20 from 1 to 3 p.m.

The food pantry is required to follow USDA income guidelines for commodities. Proof of income and residency is required.
 In December, there will also be a special Christmas box. If you are interested in the Christmas box, you must be signed up and approved in advance.
 If you are in need of food assistance or would like more information, please call Park City Pride at 744-8685.

Cold weather and pets
 It's time to remind pet owners they need to pay extra attention to their outdoor pets. You are required to provide those pets with 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 yours is and take appropriate action.
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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

Christmas Holiday
 December 25 and 26

New Year's Holiday
 January 1 and 2, 2015



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Next 3 months to determine 2015 sewer rates

Water usage from Dec. 15 through March 15 of each year determines the sewer charges on water bills for the 12-month period April 1 through March 31. The readings taken on the 15th day of January, February and March are averaged to calculate the sewer rate.
 These readings are usually the lowest usage of the year, but they can be high if there is a water leak during. If a leak has occurred, have it repaired in a timely manner and bring the receipts to the Water Clerk at City Hall.
 By keeping your water usage down during this three-month period, you can control the sewer rate on your utility bill.
 If you have any questions about how to conserve your water usage, stop by City

Hall and ask for a water conservation brochure.

Christmas tree recycle
 When the holidays are over, remember to recycle that Christmas tree. You can drop it off at Hap McLean Park, 6801 N. Hydraulic. (west at ball diamonds)

Winter street safety
 Winter weather is on the way and you could encounter hazardous driving conditions caused by ice and snow. The city of Park City has about 83 miles of roads maintained by the four-person Public Works Street Department.

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 Be safe. When driving on slick roads remember to drive, steer and brake more slowly than usual. You should keep at least a three-car distance from the vehicle directly in front you.

AUTOMATED PHONE SYSTEM AT CITY HALL

City Hall now has an automated phone system. When you call you will be asked to make a selection from the menu and will be connected to a specific department. The Police Department and the Court have a direct number that may be called from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A list of extensions/numbers is provided below for your convenience.
 Please do not leave messages for payments in case of busy days when calls cannot be returned promptly.

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Work to do for election winners

Republicans across Kansas were given a reason to celebrate when final election results rolled in during the late evening hours of Nov. 4 into early Nov. 5. It's time to put the champagne back on ice. Soon, it will be time to get back to work.

After representatives at the local, state and national levels are sworn in after the New Year, we hope that they get back to it with the best interest of their constituents in mind. Most of the races were close, which tells us that there are many dissatisfied constituents out there.

Drowning out opposing views won't move our state forward. The Republican majority can be open-minded and considerate of differing ideas without having to fret over "caving to the opposition." We encourage our elected officials to listen to what people have to say from different perspectives and to make decisions based on what they genuinely feel is in the best interest of our state as a whole.

At the local level, we congratulate Sedgwick County District 4 Commissioner Richard Ranzau on winning his second four-year term. We appreciate his positions in support of guarded spending and looking out for taxpayers. However, the close race with Democrat Melody McCray-Miller shows that there is a variety of interest in this district, and nearly half of voters in District 4 felt it was time for a new face to represent them locally.

The majority of people in Sedgwick County, regardless of political party, are simultaneously for progress and a common-sense approach to spending. You can have both.

We want to see Ranzau seek common-sense approaches to job creation and growth. We'd like to see him take a step back and weigh the best long-term options for Sedgwick County, understanding that sometimes you have to give a little to get results. There are costs associated with encouraging business growth, costs that with thoughtful planning can yield a positive return on investment.

We want Ranzau and the other four commissioners to consider the potential long-term rewards and what's ultimately best for Sedgwick County beyond the next four years.

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Sign up for party bus Christmas lights tour

Christmas, the most celebrated holiday of the Christian world. Christians remember the birth of Jesus Christ. Many others celebrate by giving gifts to loved ones and friends. It is a time to remember the needy, and spread peace and good will to all.

The Pride food pantry will

furnish holiday baskets to the needy. You will need to call 744-8685 to sign up for a basket.

The Park City Library will have a party for the children. There will be cash prizes for the best decorated homes in Park City, so get yours decorated early. It also lights our city to see all the houses.



Around Park City
By Cecile Cox

The Chisholm Trail Seniors will take a Christmas

light tour on a party bus Monday, Dec. 17, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Sign up at the Senior Center if you're interested. Call Madison at 744-1199.

Yesterday's Playboys will play the Dec. 6 dance at the Senior Center, as Jackie Miller and Darrell Fletcher celebrate their birthdays. The Wildwood Band plays Dec.

20, with Kathy Wells celebrating her birthday. Come on up and hear some good country music.

Have you tried the hamburgers at Hamburgers Hero on 61st North? They are delicious so stop in and have one.

Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Campus

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Officer evaluations and other personnel-related questions have to be conducted outside the facility, as there isn't enough room within the squad room for private conversations, Park City Police Chief Phil Bostian said.

Despite the limited room and inconveniences, Bostian acknowledges that his officers are able to work in the facility, at least for now. However, he indicated the squad room could be a deterrent for potential new officers down the road who are likely to consider the physical work environment of where they could be employed.

"Different law enforcement agencies nationwide are competing for a shrinking pool of applicants who are qualified people who want to be law enforcement officers," Bostian said. "We're all competing for the same group. So, if you have a nicer working environment, equipment that's adequate, and an adequate place for you to work that's clean, that's well-lit, that's large enough, that type of thing, all of those things add up to make you an attractive employer."

The need for an upgrade

has also been identified at Park City's shared City Hall and police department administrative facility in the 6100 block of North Hydraulic, about three miles northeast of the squad room/maintenance facility.

Twenty-six employees in seven departments work at the City Hall building, which Mann said was constructed about 20 years ago as a residential property.

Whitson said the facility has minor structural damage, including cracks in the floors, walls and ceilings.

Employees in billing, finance, planning, human resources, legal, code enforcement, and building and zoning utilize about half of the City Hall facility not occupied by the police department.

The facility has had additions over the past several years, but there isn't much more room for another band-aid fix, Mann said, describing the layout of the facility as "a maze."

Cubicles and workstations are pushed together with small offices for the city's building inspector, mayor, city administrator, assistant city administrator and city attorney.

One of the key concerns associated with the tight quarters at City Hall is tied in with

municipal court, which is held in the city council chambers. When prisoners are transported to Park City to make court appearances, Bostian said they have to be escorted through the lobby where residents pay water bills at the front desk.

During the court proceedings, attorneys have the option to meet with their clients in a conference room, but there is nowhere for judges to prepare or to speak with anyone privately.

"It's a terrible mixture," Bostian said.

Records and old files are kept in the unfinished basement of City Hall. The basement, which can be susceptible to flooding if the power goes out, also is used for storage.

Space throughout the facility is limited, but Mann credits Park City employees for making the best use of what they have.

"We've done a great job to this point," he said.

Moving forward, he's hoping to see the perseverance rewarded with a campus plan brought to life in the next couple of years.

"Now, we're just looking at 'what are the options?' Mann said. "What do we have to go through to bring this vision to digging dirt?"



Matt Heilman

Minor structural damage at City Hall includes cracks in the flooring, walls and ceilings. One of the most visible signs of the damage is in the main entry.

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 a.m. (contemporary) and 11 a.m. (traditional). Communion is offered at both services. Sunday School is at 10:15 a.m.

During the church season of Advent, worship services will be offered at 7 p.m. Wednesdays, preceded by a potluck meal at 6:15.

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 and at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Resurrection Catholic School has students from preschool through eighth grade.

The parish/school website is www.resurrectionwichita.com. Phone number is 744-2776. The 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. The 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 be preaching on "Finding Christ in Christmas" during Advent. Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be at 6 p.m. Dec. 24. All are welcome.

The "Epic of Eden" Bible Study will begin Jan. 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the KUMC Sanctuary. This 12-week Old Testament Bible study by Dr. Sandra Richter will clearly and powerfully communicate a history of God's redeeming grace, weaving together a story that runs from the Garden of Eden to the garden of the New Jerusalem. All are welcome.

All sixth- through 12th-grade youth are invited to the church at 4 p.m. Sundays for youth group.

CareGivers Support group meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month in the basement parlor. Bingo is at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month. Everyone is welcome to join in.

Find us at www.kechiumc.org and "Like" us on Facebook. Pastor Mitch can be contacted at Mitch@kechiuic.org or at 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 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. Upcoming events in December include:

Dec. 5, 9 a.m. — S.W.A.G. Party Bus. Childcare will be provided. Cost is \$15 per adult. Call Brandon at 618-6478.

Dec. 11, 6 p.m. — The Children's Church & Park City Christian Preschool

program. They will sing songs and have cookies and punch. Parents and community are invited to attend.

Dec. 12, 7 p.m. — Ladies Night In! It starts with worship at New Generation Worship. Childcare will be provided by the fellas. Makeovers, massages and a movie. All right here at the church.

Dec. 13 — Boy Scouts will distribute popcorn orders in the sanctuary from 8 a.m. to noon.

Dec. 15 — Children's Church will present the play "Unfrozen." A tale of princesses and fairy tales, all surrounding the birth of a very special prince. Free to the community, so invite a friend. Call the church at 744-0029 for more information.

We also 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 call the church for details at 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 to 6:30 p.m. for fun fitness.

Tuesday — Celebrate Recovery at 6:30 p.m. Call David at 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 p.m. Join us for a meal, Youth Group for middle and high school kids, and Awana for kids age five through fifth grade. Professionally staffed childcare for the younger children. Call 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 p.m. Call Ben at 303-4958. (1 Thessalonians 3:5)

Sunday — Morning Worship is at 9 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!

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 via email 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 for grade nine through 12.

Awana Club and Youth Group both meet at 7 p.m. Wednesdays. 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 North, 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 Kansas. Join us for our worship of the Holy Trinity using

the ancient and beautiful liturgy of the Undivided Church.

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.

Wednesday our service is at 6 p.m. Saturday Vespers are at 4:30 p.m.

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

Women's Study Group meets at 10 a.m. the second and fourth Friday. 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 at 7 p.m. Thursdays, presented by Stan Cox. For more information, contact Stan at 648-1678 or 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 the first and third Wednesdays, with Liturgy at 6 p.m. The potluck supper is at 6:45 p.m. and the program at 7:30 p.m. This fall our program is about the Epistle to the Ephesians called "The Full Armour of God: An introduction to the Orthodox Church's teaching on Satan, the demons and Spiritual Warfare."

Call the church for more information 734-6248 or visit our website at www.saintmichaelorthodoxchurch.com. Email inquiries to 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 online at www.godsclouset.com or on Facebook, email eric@godsclouset.com or call 530-1040.

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New director looking to keep seniors active in Park City



Shriner

By Matt Heilman

Two months in, one of Park City's newest employees is working to keep the local senior population active and engaged with its community. At the Park City Council's Nov. 12 meeting, senior director Madison Shriner addressed the group to give her first report from the program, going over its participation, activities

and goals.

Shriner started in Park City in September, about four months after earning her master's degree in Aging Studies from Wichita State University.

As of Oct. 31, she said the senior center has had 610 active members since the first of the year. For those members, the center offers 25 regularly scheduled baseline activities, in addition to special

events, workshops and celebrations. Through October, the center hosted 37 education activities and 11 special events in 2014. Through November and December, Shriner said she had scheduled five additional education activities and five more special events.

On Nov. 16, a group of 47 seniors signed up for a day trip to Baldwin City where the group rode on the Kansas Belle Dinner

Train, featuring a World War II USO-themed show and a three-course meal.

Shriner said dance aerobic classes held each Friday have been popular, in line with one of the center's three goals for its 2015 contract. The goals include increasing physical fitness levels, increasing membership in the 55 to 64-year-old age category and increasing volunteer numbers.

In January, Shriner said the center will be catering to younger seniors in the 55 to 64-year-old age group by hosting a social security workshop. Shriner said the center also hosted a movie matinee on Nov. 6, something she hopes to organize as a regular event, making use of its new popcorn machine.

"Hopefully, I'm starting to advertise more and we'll get more people out there," she said.

Challenger takes positives from failed election bid

By Matt Heilman

While election results aren't often associated with moral victories, Melody McCray-Miller carried a positive tone following election night. In a narrow loss to incumbent Richard Ranzau in the District 4 Sedgwick County Commission race, the Democrat, who has served on the commission before, was proud of the sup-

port she received.

On Nov. 4, McCray-Miller was leading in the polls for most of the evening until Ranzau received a late push from his support in precincts north of Wichita to retain his seat on the commission for the next four years. He won by fewer than 600 votes.

The final count recorded late Nov. 4 was 12,021 votes for Ranzau to 11,467 for Mc-

Cray-Miller.

Previously, McCray-Miller served on the county commission from 1995 to 1999. She also served as a state representative in House District 89 from 2005 until 2013. In her bid to return to public service at the local level, McCray-Miller focused on spurring economic development in the county and developing a comprehensive transit plan.

She said her message was received by enough voters to give her "better numbers than a Democrat has ever gotten," in the District 4 county commission race.

"I'm extremely happy about the outcome, particularly the numbers," McCray-Miller said. "... We were able to generate a lot of buzz on my candidacy. The closeness showed not only that people are not happy with

the current representation, but were willing to get out and show that."

McCray-Miller has been critical of Ranzau for focusing too much on criticizing county spending and not enough on working to promote the county and its potential for economic growth.

With the election behind her, McCray-Miller said she plans to continue her work as a

small business owner, as well as consulting work related locally to food policy and health disparity.

She said she remains focused on spreading her message on the importance of economic development in helping Wichita and the surrounding area prosper.

"Economic development is community development," she said.

DEATHS

DWAYNE DECKARD

Dwayne Arnold Deckard, 54, a former automotive finance director, died Nov. 12, 2014.

He was born in Wichita to Lowell A. Deckard and Leta Rose (Hughes) Deckard. He was raised in the Park City and Valley Center areas and graduated from Valley Center High School in 1978. He married Elizabeth Perel on June 1, 1985.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lowell and Leta Rose Deckard; father-in-law, William Perel; and sisters-in-law, Catherine Perel and Rebecca Bright Deckard. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Deckard, and children, Rachel

Deckard and James Deckard, all of Wichita; brother James (Dianne) Deckard, of Marquette; mothers-in-law Eugenie Perel and Tula Perel, of Wichita; brother-in-law Tod (Shirley) King, of Wichita; nephews and nieces Jeremy (Amy) Deckard, of Topeka, Chad (Teresita) Deckard, of Assaria, Charles King and Samantha King, of Wichita; a great-nephew and great-niece.

Visitation was Nov. 17 at Baker Funeral Home in Valley Center. Services were Nov. 18 at University United Methodist Church in Wichita, with graveside service at Kechi Township Cemetery.

ELLA FOLEY

Ella Margie (Light) Foley, 92, of Cheney, died Nov. 7, 2014. A retired farm wife and beautician, she was born March 3, 1922, in Millerton and graduated from Clearwater High School in 1940. She married Glen Arthur Foley on April 10, 1946.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents, Charles and Ella (Davies) Light; siblings, Verna Williams, Irene Cantrell, Mabel Light, Donna Parsons, Bud Light, Earl Light, Pearl Hammers, Leonard Light, Dick Light, Mattie Hardesty and Hank Light. Survivors include children Fred (Joyce) Foley, of Cheney, Kurt (Gail) Foley, of Park City; sisters-in-law, Mary Jane Light, of Clearwater, Mildred Foley, of Cheney; grandchildren, Clint (Dr. Stephanie) Foley, Ross (Kelby) Foley, Dr. Alicia Foley, Betsy Foley, Jennifer and Todd Bayless; great-grandchildren, Cassidy and Sam Foley, Kendall and Reagan Foley, Andrew and Alexandria Bayless.

Visitation was Nov. 10 at Wulf-Ast Mortuary, Garden Plain, with funeral service Nov. 11 at Cheney United Methodist Church. Memorials to the Cheney United Methodist Church, 406 W. Third, Cheney, KS 67025.

TODD MILLARD

Todd Alan Millard, 49, of Leon, died Nov. 1, 2014.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce; children, Kelli Millard, of El Dorado, Elaine Walker, of Wichita; mother, Linda Fair, of Park City; brothers, Dennis (Becky) Millard, of Springfield, Missouri, Dennis (Nat) Millard, of Wichita; grandchildren, Trenton LeMaster, Jace LeMaster, Brittany (Jay) Morain, Darius Henderson; and great-grandchild, Jady Morain.

Visitation with family and celebration of his life was Nov. 7 at Carlson Funeral Home, El Dorado. Memorial established with Midwest Transplant Network, in care of Carlson Funeral Home.

RONALD RODUNER

Ronald Lloyd Roduner, 69, died Nov. 18, 2014. He was a retired Boeing machinist and a Navy veteran.

He was preceded in death

by his wives, Dorothy and Wanda. He is survived by his son, LeRoy (Cindy) Roduner, of Wichita; daughter, Melanie (Alan) Crump, of Haysville; stepdaughter, Monet Lechner, of Park City; brother,

Charles Roduner, and sister, Charlotte Roduner, both of Minnesota; grandchildren, Ashley and Amanda; and four great-grandchildren. Funeral service was Nov. 22 at Resthaven Mortuary.

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Election

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county issues as Ranzau and fellow commissioner Karl Peterjohn who have often voted in a slim minority over the last four years on the five-member commission. Howell will take the seat of departing commissioner Jim Skelton who did not seek reelection.

Incumbent Dave Unruh retained his seat unopposed in District 1 of the commission to continue representing an area that includes Bel Aire and most of Kechi.

At the state level, incum-

bents ruled the day in local races. In House District 85, Republican Steve Brunk won convincingly against Democratic challenger Patrick Thorpe to continue representing an area that includes Benton, most of Bel Aire and part of Kechi and east Wichita.

In House Districts 90 and 91, incumbents Steve Huebert and Gene Suellentrop re-

tained their seats unopposed in the general election. In District 90, Huebert represents an area that includes most of Valley Center, parts of Park City, Sedgwick and Wichita and all of Andale, Bentley and Colwich. In District 91, Suellentrop represents an area that includes

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Results soon to be revealed in Park City pool study

By Matt Heilman

Soon, Park City leaders will have some guidance on how to move forward with the community's swimming pool in Hap McLean Park. Past the Nov. 9 deadline for residents to complete a survey on the future of the pool, it will now be up to city leaders to decide what to do with the information being gathered.

After structural problems and a budget shortfall led to the pool's closing in the summer of 2013, Park City Mayor Ray Mann and the city council agreed they should get a pulse on what taxpayers want with their pool.

In late May, as the city prepared for its second consecutive summer of the pool being closed, the council

agreed to spend \$4,000 in reserve funds to pay for a study to get the pulse.

The council approved the study from Kansas State University about recreational water-related infrastructure, including options for the pool in McLean Park.

Mann described the study as "a fact-finding expedition" aimed at guiding the city toward preparing a question for Park City voters to consider on the ballot in the spring 2015 local election.

The survey prepared by graduate students and a K-State assistant professor from the College of Architecture, Planning and Design, asked questions relating to how important residents think it is for Park City to have a community pool, and what they want with the pool, whether to keep closed,

reopen it, have a new pool built at a new location or use the current pool's infrastructure to build a splash pad in the park.

The survey asked residents how much they'd be willing to pay to use a pool or splash pad, how best to fund a recreational water facility in the city and a few demographic questions.

Mann said the survey was sent out to about 3,000 Park City homes in a mailer. About 10 percent of residents who received the mailer responded to the survey, which should be enough feedback to get a pulse of what residents want, Mann said.

"I'm hoping the survey leads us in one direction or the other," he said.

When the council approved spending \$4,000 for

the group from Kansas State to issue the study, Mann said the reason for calling on a third party for the work was to eliminate the potential bias in the questioning that could occur if representatives within the city issued the study.

Besides the mailers, the survey was available on the city's website. The link closed after midnight Nov. 9.

Park City Clerk and Finance Director Terry Coltrain said the city received "multiple phone calls" from residents who haven't been able to get the link to the survey to work. Coltrain said the main issue was that once they got online, some residents copied the link to the survey in the search engine box instead of the address bar at the top of the page.

For questions on the survey or for more information on the study, contact Park City Assistant City Administrator Dana Walden at 744-2026, ext. 215.

Mann said results from the survey would likely be revealed this month, at which point the council would begin considering options for the future of the city's pool.

Echo Hills

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paving and infrastructure work, site planning and construction throughout the property. On Nov. 12, the council approved a funding agreement with Echo Hills, LLC for the proposed community improvement district and a resolution establishing a hearing for Dec. 12 to consider a petitioned CID.

Council member Mike Alumbaugh was the lone council member among the eight-man group who opposed establishing a community improvement district in the Echo Hills development.

Alumbaugh said his primary opposition is that he saw the proposed 1.5-percent sales tax tied in with the CID as a new tax in the city. Even though it would only be implemented within the 86-acre commercial development, Alumbaugh said he wanted to stay true to the promise he made when he ran for city council in April 2011.

"When I ran for election, I promised I would not support new taxes," he said. "I am 100 percent in support of a revitalized development, I just think there is a better way to go about it."

So far, the Echo Hills commercial development hasn't

had construction start on its first tenant.

However, in coming months, tangible progress is expected. Recently, Park City leaders received news that a contract is in the works on the development, which has been described as "a very big deal for Park City."

Plans are in the works for the construction of a 300,000

to 400,000 square-foot multi-tenant building, although potential tenants of the building have yet to be announced.

The Arby's restaurant chain remains the lone tenant with a signed contract to build on the Echo Hills property. Reportedly Arby's is waiting on a larger tenant to formally agree to build on the land before its ready to break ground.

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