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Local company plans to add 30 new jobs

City grants Kice tax break

By David Dinell

Citing a track record of employment growth and adding economic development to the area, Park City's city council approved a property tax exemption at its May 26 meeting for Kice Industries.

Kice, which has a 65,000-square-foot plant set on 25

acres at 5500 N. Mill Heights Drive, just north of 53rd North, has been in Park City since 1994. It manufactures pneumatic tube equipment and systems for a variety of industries, including food, minerals and plastics. Founded in 1946, the privately held company also has a plant in Blackwell, Okla. Total employment is about

300, with about 200 in Park City — and that number will increase by about 30, said City Administrator Jack Whitson.

"It's good for the overall economy," Whitson said of the company's growth.

Whitson didn't have an exact figure on what the exemption would be, but did say it would be for six years. There also are

other taxes, such as on utilities, that would still be paid, so the city would still receive revenue from Kice.

"They pay more than their fair share of taxes," Whitson said.

While many of its employees are from Wichita, a good number are from Park City, he said. Whitson added that in his

view, the company has been "a good neighbor," and has been cooperative with the city. He cited its quick agreement when he sought a temporary easement right-of-way for the upcoming 53rd Street improvement project.

There were no company

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Extreme Makeover, Park City Edition

QT stays open while new facility is under construction

By David Dinell

When a business finds a location that working, it makes no sense to leave. That's exactly the thinking behind the decision of QuikTrip officials to stay at their Park City location at the corner of 61st North and I-135 as they put in a new, larger store with additional features. The older 4,000-square-foot building is in the process of being torn down and a new 5,800-square-foot structure, called a Generation 3, or Gen3, store, will be built and open for business before year's end.

But operations at the site won't come to a complete stop. It's a popular place to fill up with gas and QuikTrip's 12 pumps there remain open. That number will remain the same with the new store.

In the meantime, a small modular unit will serve as QuikTrip's base of operations and will have some, but not all, of the inventory of the older store, said QuikTrip spokesman Mike Thornbrugh.

"It won't be the experience everyone is used to, but hopefully people will have patience," he said.

The older store was constructed in 1994 and the spot has proven to be a hit, he said.

"We really like the location," he said. "There was no other location we were looking at," he said.

Frequently, when QuikTrip builds a replacement store, it searches for a new location, such as the case of 37th Street North and Rock Road in Wichita, when it built a larger store across the intersection. It also will keep a store open while it builds a bigger store behind it, called a "scrape and build," a process it's using at the corner of Oliver and Central in Wichita.

But because of the way the land and streets are positioned at the Park City site, that was not an option.

QuikTrip has used the modular method a few times, but it is not the usual route, Thornbrugh said.

"It's a little different than what we normally do," he said, "but this does save us a lot of time in construction."

Price of the project was not disclosed, but trade groups place the usual costs in the mid-six figures.

Thornbrugh said it's less than a standard Gen3 cost because the company owns the land.

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Photos by David Dinell

A small modular unit is serving as QuikTrip's base of operations and has some, but not all, of the inventory of the older store.



Wendy's in Park City is closed as it receives a makeover. The project got underway this week on May 11 and should be done by the end of June. The store is at 930 Connolly Court, near 61st North and I-135.

Wendy's to get whole new look

By David Dinell

Wendy's in Park City will be closed for the next several weeks as it receives a makeover — and it won't just be a some fresh paint and a new chairs, but a whole different look for the national chain restaurant.

The project got underway on May 11 and should be done by the end of June said a representative of Zemco Inc., the Wichita company undertaking the job for LDF Cos., which owns the unit at 930 Connolly Court, near the intersection of 61st Street North

and I-135.

When completed, the business will have a whole new appearance, including an electronic fireplace and new tables and a variety of seating, including lounge-style furniture. The interior will sport the company's noted red color scheme, accented with a metallic trim. There also will be new doors installed.

Outside, there will be new landscaping and a new bright red facade that will include an 18-foot tower sporting the company

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Council looks to get Prairie Hills residents control

By David Dinell

Residents of Prairie Hills may soon be getting more management over their own development. Park City's city council approved seeking the oversight of the developer's "rights and obligations" for the area. What that does is clear the way for the city to transition to having a homeowners' association for Prairie Hills operated by the

residents themselves, with an elected board.

The housing, which was developed by Edge LLC, is south of 61st Street North on the east side of Hydraulic.

The city has more than a causal interest in it as it owns 83 lots there, lots it would love to see occupied by new property taxpayers.

There are about 30 to 35 occupied houses in the subdivision. Those

homeowners recently received a letter asking for \$200 for community dues, but they balked at that request, saying they didn't see where the money was going and what it would be used for. Things such as mowing of common areas didn't seem to be getting done, they said.

Mayor Ray Mann and city attorney Doug Moshier have been working on the situation, and by backing Edge

LLC out of the picture and moving the city and then the residents themselves into it, they believe there will be a brighter future for the area.

Officers of the company still have to sign the measure, but city officials hope and believe that they will, especially as they have become less active in their business endeavors.

Mann is adamant that residents steer their future.

"It only makes sense to let the homeowners control it," he said. "This is a group of people who want an HOA (Homeowners Association) and that's what we want them to have. We're looking to protect the property owners there."

That would include the city — and its investment — as it would have

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HIGHLIGHTS Social media dispute fuels large scrap

No human remains found

Valley Center police did not find the remains of Theorosa or her baby May 9.

Police responded to 109th North and Meridian where an individual reported seeing a spine in the water beneath so-called Theorosa's Bridge on 109th but was unsure whether it was a human spine or an animal spine.

Officer Eric Leeker determined it to be the spine of an animal.

— The Post staff

City issues 18 permits in April

The City of Park City issued 18 building permits in April for a total valuation of \$1,890,286. Of that number, five were for new homes. The permits are listed by date they were issued, address, type of work and valuation:

- April 1, 5065 Primrose, garage detach, \$19,000; •April 3, 928 E. 61st North, new commercial, \$540,000; •April 9, 930 Connolly Court, commercial remodel; \$368,000; •April 9, 6433 Tarrytown, reroof, \$3,500; •April 14, 6637 Tarrytown, reroof, \$4,500; •April 16, 501 Rolling View Drive, reroof, \$8,786; •April 20, 2731 Fairchild Court, new home, \$190,000; •April 20, 2013 Ravenna, reroof, \$2,000; •April 22, 4603 Steeds Crossing, new home, \$154,900; •April 22, 4677 Briargate Court, new home, \$154,900; •April 22, 8849 Hidden Lane, reroof, \$6,900; •April 23, 2919 Fairchild Court, new home, \$180,000; •April 23, 1517 Bearhill Road, reroof, \$9,000; •April 23, 1535 Bearhill Road, reroof, \$11,000; •April 24, 1601 E. 77th North, reroof, \$35,000; •April 27, 6200 N. Grove 3 park gazebos, \$0.00; •April 28, 2320 Ventnor, reroof, \$2,800; •April 29, 1251 Bearhill Circle, new home, \$200,000.

— The Post staff

By David Dinell

An argument that started on a social media site spiraled out of control last week in Park City, leading to a long night for police.

The situation got heated when several carloads of juveniles showed up at the house of another juvenile on the evening of April 22 in the 6400 block of North Scottsville.

They became involved in a fight and that's when Park City police got a call shortly after 8 p.m.

As the police arrived, the juveniles scattered, and an adult, Brandon Tallchief, 19, attempted to leave. Police ordered Tallchief to stop, but he took off, resulting in a short chase that ended in his arrest.

He was arrested for traffic charges and warrants from Wichita, Andover and Sedgwick County and is being held in the Sedgwick County Jail. He faces at least six new charges, including disorderly conduct, assault, battery of a law enforcement officer, interference with an officer and failure to carry a driver's license. He has past charges, too.

Police had a difficult time putting together details of the fight as the people who remained on the scene didn't want to cooperate with the investigation.

Hours later, early in the morning of April 23, police were informed by a parent that a juvenile victim from the disturbance was in the hospital.

She had fractured facial bones, but didn't report the injuries right away to police because an older brother told her not to do so.

"We didn't even know we had a victim," said Park City Police Chief Phillip Bostian.

Handling the fight were officers from Park City along with backups from Kechi and Bel Aire police departments, a common practice if an area large-scale disturbance is under way, Bostian said.

"We help each other," he said.

The case is not over, either. "The whole case is under investigation," Bostian said.

Already it has resulted in two narratives of 22 pages and 23 pages being produced.

So far, no juveniles have

been arrested or booked.

If an assault charge does result, and it involves a juvenile, the case will be taken over by Sedgwick County, as Park City only handles juvenile curfew and traffic cases. In either situation, their names will not be released, Bostian said.

While juveniles have long been involved in fights, using social media to "promote" them and grow them is a new development. Other parts of the country have reported fights similar to the one in Park City.

More than likely, the fighters will be boys, according to Childtrends.org, which finds that male high school students are more likely than female students to be involved in a physical fight.

Its research finds that 30 percent of boys reported fighting. However, girls are not immune to fisticuffs as 19 percent of them have been in a physical altercation, too, the group reports.

Officials at a family group, Better Family Life Inc. of St. Louis, said that fights can sometimes start on sites such as Facebook and then disputes move to the streets.

Social media also can be used to seek violence.

That's precisely the case in Baltimore this week as a flier was sent through social media urging people to gather at a mall for a violent encounter. The message attracted hundreds of juveniles and the situation quickly spiraled out of control.

Kice

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officials at the meeting, but then the move was expected to pass and be non-controversial, and that was the case. If anything, city officials spent some time celebrating the development.

"It's exciting to see growth from within the companies here," said Mayor Ray Mann.

Added council member Jim Schroeder: "That's really good; bringing jobs to town."

And council member Tom Jones said the company did "everything they said they would do" in past dealings with the city.

In a related development, the council approved a legal measure to transfer the title of property it held for Kice back to the company after obligations were paid.

In other action, the council: •Approved appropriations \$254,990 for the period between May 13 and May 26.

•Listened to an update from Rick Norman, director of public works. He reported that the park depart-

ment staff has been busy mowing and trimming in the parks along with conducting repairs. In a similar vein, the street department has been mowing along with filling pot holes. For the water/sewer department, the average daily work order from May 1 to 15 was 20.

•Approved suggested expenditures of transient guest tax funds. The recommendations were made by the Park City Convention and Tourism Bureau:

1. Alefs Harley Davidson's 10th birthday event, July 18 — \$5,000.
2. The Kansas Pavilions for an alpaca/llama show, Oct. 22-25 — \$6,500.
3. Funding for the Kansas Pavilions' 2015 budget — \$14,800.
4. A three-quarter page ad in Wichita Go 2016 magazine — \$2,000.
5. Inclusion in the Spring Hill Press map — \$800.

•Approved concrete repairs of valley gutter and curb and gutter in a variety of locations throughout Park City as needed at a cost of \$8,325. The contract, signed with Wichita-based Calvin Opp Concrete Inc., consists of five different job sites. The two largest ones are Independence at Forester, at a cost of \$4,000, and Gary and Grove, at

\$3,000. The other three are 6200 Longmont at \$575, 6300 Grove at \$500 and 6701 Kerman at \$250.

"This is a really excellent price on this," Norman said. "That's a lot of work." The valley gutter, Norman explained, runs through the intersections to move water from one side to the other. Work is scheduled to be completed by June 30 in time for the Fourth of July parade, which was a factor, Norman said, in taking in the bid from Opp. There were other companies interested, but they didn't know if they could get the work done by the deadline, he said.

•Approved a request by Whitson for inclusion in the Home Buyer's Incentive Program of an area home developer, whom Whitson declined to name at this time. The approval is contingent on payment of all unpaid specials by the owner and de-

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veloper. The party will then get the city's cash inventive award. The arrangement, Whitson said, involves an individual who is breaking away from business partners. Jones expressed unease about the situation, but went ahead with the approval. "I don't like doing this, but it's probably the right thing to do," he said.

•Heard Whitson say he wanted to reserve a booth in next year's home show at Century II. The show is not until February, but Whitson said that given demand, it's likely wise to make a reservation now. All eight members and the mayor were present. The next meeting is 7 p.m. June 9 at City Hall.

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THE PARK CITY REPORT

CITY OF PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

City Council Meeting April 28:

- Approved the minutes of the April 14 regular meeting.
- Approved the most recent appropriations.
- Held a public hearing regarding the proposed issuance of industrial revenue bonds for Murdock Properties LLC in the approximate amount of \$21,000,000 and issuing an exemption from ad valorem property taxes.
- Approved a resolution related to the previous item.
- Viewed a presentation by the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization regarding the 2040 transportation plan.
- Appointed a committee to consider amending the municipal code to allow keeping domestic pigs in the city.
- Adopted a municipal code section prohibiting building fences out of tires.
- Designated \$1,000,000 from the MTBE Reserve Fund for a new city hall/police station
- Elected Gary Aldrich council president.
- Appointed citizens to various boards and committees.

- hall/police station by WDM Architects.
- Voted to include additional parking for the public and covered parking for police vehicles in the city hall/police station specifications.

City Council Meeting May 12:

- Approved the minutes of the April 28 regular and May 5 special Council meetings.
- Approved the most recent appropriations.
- Proclaimed National Police Week, May 10-16, 2015.
- Recognized Reserve Police Officers Brenda Adams and Randy Browning for their service.
- Approved a resolution to acquire private property in connection with planned improvements to 53rd North from Broadway to 1/2 mile east of Hydraulic.
- Approved an agreement with Buckley Industries for a right of way for the 53rd North improvement project.
- Accepted assignment of certain developer's rights and obligations for the Prairie Hills Subdivision.
- Appointed and reappointed individuals to various positions and boards.

Questions about the meetings may be addressed to Terry Coltrain, finance director, at 316-744-2026, Ext. 204, or at cityclerk@parkcityks.com.

- ### Special City Council Meeting May 5:
- Viewed a presentation of the proposed new city

SENIOR CALENDAR

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

- Monday**
9:15 a.m. Exercise
10:15 Bible study (except June 1 and June 29)
1:00 p.m. Crochet/art class
6:00 p.m. Pitch
- Tuesday**
8:30 a.m. Wii Bowling
10:00 WellREP (Well-Rounded Exercise Program)
1:00 p.m. Bridge lessons
1:00 Pool
6:00 TOPS. GiGi Roths 390-5531 for more information.
- Wednesday**
9:15 a.m. Exercise (except 1st Wednesday)
1:00 p.m. Walking
2:30 Line Dancing
7:00 Round Dance

- Thursday**
8:30 a.m. Wii Bowling
10:00 WellREP (Well-Rounded Exercise Program)
7:00 p.m. Square Dance (except third Thursday)

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

(Lunch offered by Good Neighbor Nutrition at 11:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday. Reservations are required. Call 744-0751. Homebound delivery Monday thru Friday.)

Monthly Events

- June 1, 10:30 a.m.**
Chisholm Trail board meeting
- June 3, 10:30 a.m.**
Chisholm Trail Seniors catered lunch and meeting (lunch by reservation)
- June 4, 1 p.m.**
Movie Matinee — "The Judge" (popcorn will be served)
- June 8, 2 to 4 p.m.** — Sedgwick County Health Department immunization clinic. For questions please call 660-7300.
- June 10, 1 p.m.**
Foot/nail care by Michelle Steinke. Call 946-0722 for appointment.
- June 15, 1 p.m.**
Movie Matinee — "Ever After" (popcorn will be served)
- June 16**
Hermis Healthcare Foot/Nail care. Call 260-4110 to schedule appointment
- June 16, 8 a.m.**
Breakfast out, Cracker Barrel
- June 18**
1 p.m. — Card bingo, \$1 fee
5:30 p.m. — Finger Food
- June 19, 6 p.m.**
Food/Fun/Games
- June 29, 10:30 a.m.**
Chisholm Trail board meeting

Senior Dances

\$4 donation at the door. Refreshments served.
June 6 and June 20
The Wildwood Band

Special Events

- Mondays, June 1 thru July 6, 3:30 to 5 p.m.** — **Diabetes Self Management Course.** Taught by Joy Sloan. Learn more about diabetes and how to properly manage the disease. Must get a doctor referral. Please call 660-9633 with questions and 744-

1199 to RSVP for the course.
Fridays, June 5 thru July 17 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Powerful Tools for Caregivers. Theresa Hatfield from the Sedgwick County Extension Office instructs this evidenced-based program for family caregivers. The six-week course has been shown to improve self-care behaviors (increased exercise, relaxation, check-ups, etc.), management of emotions (reduced guilt, anger, and depression), self-efficacy (increased confidence in coping with caregiving demands), and use of community resources (increased utilization of local services). Please call Madison at 744-1199 to reserve a spot. This course is during lunch; you may reserve a lunch at the Senior Center or bring one of your own.
Thursday, June 11, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Casino Trip!!! Enjoy a day of gambling at the Kansas Star Casino and then visit Mulvane's premier winery Wyldewood Cellars for a virtual tour of the winery and a free sample of up to five wines. The Spot's bus departs at 9 a.m. sharp from the Senior Center and will leave the casino at 3 p.m. for a stop at Wyldewood Cellars before a 5 p.m. return to the center. Cost is \$18 per person and each participant will receive \$10 in free play from the casino. Please call Madison at 744-1199 to reserve your spot before June 5. Sorry, no refunds after this date.
Monday, June 15, 11:30 a.m. Elder Abuse Awareness. Presentation by Stacy Nilles from the Department on Aging on TRIAD and Elder Abuse prevention. Also check out the Elder Abuse "Red Flag" display to learn more about signs of abuse and prevention strategies.
Tuesday, June 16, 11 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic and discussion on skin care. Presented by Sharon Wyatt, nurse from Park West Plaza.
Wednesday, June 17, 10:15 a.m. Rite Bite Series. Shirley Smith from the Sedgwick County Extension Office instructs this six-session series with a presentation and cooking demonstration on how to prepare healthy foods. Each session will focus on a new topic and will be the third Wednesday of the month. This month's topic: "Fats."

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Commodities

Commodities will be distributed from 8 to 10 a.m. June 20 at Leeker's Family Food, 6223 N. Broadway. Commodities are distributed to qualified individuals and families.

Citywide garage sale

The Park City citywide garage sale is June 6. You can sign up to participate for \$5.

The cost covers a one-day garage sale permit and the rest goes toward advertising the sale. Permits for additional days may be purchased for \$1 per day. The sponsor for the spring garage sale is the Chisholm Trail Senior Club.

Pride Food Pantry

The Food Bank will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. June 20 at the Park City Pride Building, 6512 E. Parkview.

The food pantry is required to follow USDA income guidelines for commodities. Proof of income and residency is required. An information packet with guidelines and requirements is available.

If you are in need of food assistance or would like more information, please call Park City Pride at 744-8685.

Enjoy your parks

It's time to start thinking about nice weather and enjoying outside activities. Park City has wonderful parks where you can enjoy outside activities with your family. From walking animals, playing on swings and slipper slides, a friendly game of baseball, skate boarding or riding BMX bikes — our parks have a fun activity waiting just for you!

Do you like baseball? You can take in a baseball tournament at Hap McLean Park on June 4 through 7, June 18 through 21, and June 26 through 28.

Yard of the Month

Spring is here and it's time for the Yard of the Month!

Once again, the City Council and the Park Board will be recognizing beautiful yards. Council members will be taking pictures of yards within their wards to send to the Park Board, who will select a winner from each ward.

Cleanup coupon

In lieu of the spring cleanup day, all residents were mailed a coupon that can be used to take a pickup load or 1,000 pounds of trash to the transfer station. This is your opportunity to get rid of all that clutter that you don't want anymore. The coupon will expire July 15.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

- June 1, 7 p.m.** — Park Board, CH
June 3, 10:30 a.m. — Seniors catered lunch, SC
June 4, 6:30 p.m. — Court, CH
June 4, 7 p.m. — Seniors Square Dance, SC
June 6 — Citywide garage sale
June 6, 7 p.m. — Senior Dance, SC
June 9, 7 p.m. — City Council, CH
June 11, 1 p.m. — Court Trials CH
June 11, 6:30 p.m. — Court, CH
June 11, 7 p.m. — Library Board, PCL
June 11, 7 p.m. — Seniors Square Dance, SC
June 13, 9 a.m. — PRIDE, PC
June 15, 7 p.m. — Planning/

- BZA, CH
June 18, 5:30 p.m. — Seniors finger food
June 18, 6:30 p.m. — Court, CH
June 20, 9-11 a.m. — Fishing Derby, Chisholm Pointe Lake
June 20, 1 p.m. — Pride Food Pantry, PC
June 20, 7 p.m. — Senior Dance, SC
June 23, 7 p.m. — City Council, CH
June 24, 11:30 a.m. — Chamber Luncheon
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June 26, 8 a.m. — Commodities, Leekers

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Looking Ahead ...

Thursday, July 2, 1 p.m. An Old-Fashioned Film Screening. Presented by Rick Every. Be transported back in time! View the documentary "Hollywood: Golden Years" narrated by Gene Kelly and several cartoons/newsreels including "The Little Rascals" and "Tom & Jerry" on the big screen with Rick's 16 mm sound projector and reels. \$5 per person. Popcorn will be served!

Thursdays, July 9 thru Aug. 6, 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. Seniors' Self Defense Program. Instructed by Clay Cox, Blackbelt. With this class you will learn to acquire confidence, assurance and demeanor. Self defense techniques employ principles of nonresistance in nature thus strength, size, and age are not the prime factors in an attack. Don't be a "helpless victim" — attitude is the first step! Please call 744-1199 to sign up for the class.

Thursdays, July 9 thru 30, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Aloha Lessons. Instructed by 'Ohana Halau: Hula by Tradition. In this course you will learn how to hula, create traditional Hawaiian art, learn about Hawaiian culture and history, and more. This four-session course costs \$18 per person and includes all materials and instruction culminating in a fun performance at the last class. Please call 744-1199 or stop by the center to reserve your spot and pay.

More summer fun!!!

Park City Fishing Derby

June 20 / 9 to 11 a.m.

Chisholm Pointe Lake at Grove Street Park

Lots of prizes and raffles!!

- Free tackle boxes/bait to first 75 kids
- 10 loaner fishing poles available
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Shakespeare in the Park

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Hap McLean Park

Movies in the Park

Summer fun is Back!

Back by popular demand, Park City Pride is sponsoring Movies in the Park. Mark your calendars for the fourth Saturday of the month and come to Hap Mclean Park where you can enjoy a movie under the stars.

The movie, popcorn, and lemonade are free. Make sure to bring any other snacks, a chair or blanket to sit on and be prepared to have a great time. Movies are scheduled to start at sundown on the west side of the tennis court

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a voice on the direction. If it didn't, such things as architectural mandates could be imposed that might make the area difficult to market.

Homes in Prairie Hills start in the low 160s. The development starts on Hydraulic and goes eastward with a large swath of city-owned land waiting to be developed.

City council members don't want to see the development deteriorate.

"It's an active area and we need to take care of it and protect it," said Jim Schroeder from Ward 1.

Moshier agreed. "It's important to protect our investment," he said.

In other action, the council: •Witnessed Mayor Ray Mann proclaim May 10 through 16 as "National Police Week."

•Presented service awards to senior reserve police officers Brenda Adams and Randy Browning. Both work without compensation from the city. Since January of last year, the officers have gone through a variety of



Courtesy photos

Chief Phil Bostian (left) with reserve officer Randy Browning.

training each month and have served at numerous community events. The awards were presented by Chief Phil Bostian and witnessed by three active-duty members of the force.

•Approved a resolution that allows the acquisition of private property for the city in connection with improvements to 53rd Street. "We're in pretty good shape," said City Administrator Jack Whitson about clearing the way for the project. Whitson is facing a June deadline to get property acquisitions and right-of-ways in place in order to obtain federal funding.

•Also approved an agreement with Buckley Industries concerning a right of way relating to the 53rd Street project.

•Heard a report from Rick Norman, head of public works, on his department's recent activities, most of which involve mowing and weed control. The department also replaced concrete blocks at the Senior Center.

•Approved the appointment of Judge Gregory Keith as municipal court judge and Brandi Baily as treasurer.

•Accepted appointments to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board/Tree Board. They are: Larry Kelley, Carol Flower and Joel Pumpfrey, all with terms expiring May 31, 2018; and Jeff Hardwick, with a term expiring May 31, 2017.

•Approved three appointments to the Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals, with terms expiring



Chief Phil Bostian (left) with reserve officer Brenda Adams.

May 31, 2018. They are: Harry Woodson, T. Michael Smith and Kris Lewis.

•Accepted two appointments to the Board of Examiners and Appeals, with terms expiring May 31, 2018. They are John Grisham and Tim Hendricks.

All eight council members were present along with the mayor. The next meeting is at 7 p.m. May 26 at City Hall.

Wendy's

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sign along with the familiar red-haired girl logo.

"It will really stand out," the representative said of the sign. "It will grab your attention."

There also will be behind-the-scenes changes that customers won't see but will be key to new business operations, officials say. Price of the project was not disclosed. However, a Wendy's remodeling usually costs between \$450,000 and \$650,000, according to Restaurant Finance Monitor. While it's costly, the remodels can increase sales from 10 percent up to 20 percent, bringing in up to \$320,000 in sales during a calendar year, according to the Monitor, allowing the project to pay off in two years. Average yearly sales at a Wendy's outlet is about \$1.6 million. The new models are being designed under the company's "Image Activation" plan, which aims to update the chain's look. Company officials say the new look is receiving positive reviews and thus it is pressing forward with it. The company's goal is to remodel about 35 percent of the franchise units by 2017 and about 85 percent of its own stores by the same time.

"It's basically a whole new Wendy's," said Jim Cook, senior vice president of marketing for LDF Cos.

One of the chief aims is to capture a younger market share, he said. It will be a more millennial friendly and be designed to attract young people who want to have "a restaurant experience," he said.

"It's a step up to be more modern in design," he said.

Wendy's is embarking on the makeover campaign for the foreseeable future and while it's a costly undertaking, it will pay for itself, he said.

"It's something we'll look back in three and four years and say we'll be glad we did," he said.

Along with adding features such as Wi-Fi, the unit will be rolling out new menu offerings designed to appeal to the millennials' desire for healthy but tasty food, which they're willing to pay more for.

At the same time, Wendy's will keep its popular dollar, or value menu, to appeal to that vital segment of the market, Cook said.

"We'll have both ends of it," he said.

Making Park City the site of a makeover was an easy choice, given its high traffic and location, Cook said.

"It's a well-established sales store," he said.

That's because of the high traffic it receives off the nearby interstate along with the cross-over volume it gets from the next-door QuikTrip, which itself is getting re-done.

"We like QuikTrip. They're a good partner to have," Cook said.

It also gets local traffic and he credits that to good relationships with the city's residents, schools, business community and city government.

Wendy's started its new look a few years ago and it is being implemented nationwide. It's part of a trend of fast-food outlets to compete with the highly successful Chipotle Mexican Grill by using fresher, higher quality ingredients and a modern minimalistic look.

Year to date, the chain is seeing the changes pay off as sales have increased 0.7 percent compared to a 1.7 percent decline for the far bigger McDonald's. Wendy's stock also has risen as the changes have spread.

The Park City unit operates under the supervision of the LDF Food Group Inc., founded by Wichitan Larry D. Fleming in 1975. It has 39 Wendy's outlets in the Kansas and Oklahoma markets.

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While the number of gas pumps will remain the same, they will be reconfigured to fit the new store's setting.

The new Gen3 store also will have more entrances, including two front ones instead of the standard single entrance, and two sides doors.

Along with a new look and more sales space, the Gen3 format includes a full-service kitchen.

The food is designed to be quick and ready for people on

the go, but also be tasty. Along with ready-to-eat items such as pizza, sandwiches, wraps and salads, there will be food to take home and cook, such as lasagna, as the chain works its way into markets usually dominated by grocery stores and sit-down restaurants.

It also will have cold and hot specialty drinks at a full-service counter. Those drinks are aimed at going head-on to compete against offerings at the much larger Starbucks chain.

Because the business remains open, with vehicles coming in and out and con-

struction going on at the same time, the scene may be a bit challenging for customers, but Thornbrugh said the result will be worth it, both for the company and its customers.

Based in Tulsa, Okla., QuikTrip is a private company that had more than \$11.2 billion in annual revenue in 2013.

Founded in 1958, it has more than 17,000 employees and more than 700 stores, mostly in the Midwest and Southeast. It's known in the convenience store business for saturating a chosen market with outlets. In the Wichita area it has 37 stores.

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran Church

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

Summer services from Memorial Day to Labor Day weekends are at 9 a.m. (contemporary) and 10:30 a.m. (traditional). Communion is offered at all services.

On Sunday evenings, from 5 to 7 p.m. June 7 through 28 and July 12, we will have Vacation Bible School for all ages. The theme for this summer's VBS is the Wacky World of Water.

For more information about the church and its activities, either 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.

The "Epic of Eden" Bible Study is being presented in the KUMC Sanctuary at 5:30. This 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 a 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@kechiUMC.org or at 744-1221.

New Anthem Community Church

New Anthem Community Church meets at Chisholm Trail Elementary, 6015 N. Independence, Park City KS 67219. Sunday service is at 10 a.m.

The church phone number is 260-5048. You can also contact us online at www.newanthemchurch.com or via email at info@newanthemchurch.com.

The United Methodist Church at Park City

The United Methodist Church at Park City, located at 1510 E. 61st North, has worship every Friday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 9 and 11 a.m. Professionally staffed childcare and children's ministries are provided, and a mother/baby room is also available.

Each week we have small groups and events designed with the entire community in mind. We'd love to have you and your family join in!

Monday — Men's coffee at Cracker Barrel at 6:30 a.m. Zumba with Jeni Jo at 8 p.m. in the worship area.

Tuesday — Zumba with Jeni Jo at 9 a.m. Celebrate Recovery is at 6:30 p.m. and is open to anyone with a hurt, habit or a hang-up. Call David at 841-0777 for more info. Childcare is provided.

Wednesday — Family ministry night is at 6 p.m. Join us for a meal,

followed by Worship, Small Groups and Youth Group (MS/HS), AWANA Truth Seekers Children's ministry and a professionally staffed nursery. (Youth group meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Call Steve at 680-8399 for more info.)

Thursday — Men's coffee at Country Kitchen on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 a.m. Women's Study Group at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room.

Friday — New Generation Worship at 7 p.m. will study 1 Thessalonians 3:5. Call Ben at 303-4958.

All events and activities are OPEN to the community. Feel free to contact Pastor Rob with any questions about upcoming events and activities at either 744-0029 or 200-0156.

You can find the church on Facebook (www.facebook.com/TheChurchAtParkCity) or follow us on Twitter (@Churchparkcity) or visit our website (www.churchatparkcity.com) for more info.

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 jmquery@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.

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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 E. 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 Adult class at 9 a.m. Men's Bible study group will meet at 7 p.m. June 1 and June 15 for study of Old Testament Deuterocanonical books.

Women's Bible study group meets at 10 a.m. June 12 and June

26 to study "God's Plan for Sanctuary."

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

Wednesday program will be at 7:15 p.m. June 3 and June 17, following Liturgy at 6 p.m. and potluck supper. Topic is "The 7 Churches of the Apocalypse."

Holy Days for June are: June 9, Saint Columba of Iona; June 14, Saint Basil the Great; June 18, Saint Ephrem the Syrian; June 24, Nativity of Saint John the Baptist; June 28, Saint Irenaeus; and June 29, Saints Peter and Paul.

Fasting during the month of June: The Apostles' Fast begins June 8 and runs through June 28.

Call the church for more information at 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.

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The pastor is Birger Draget. The Sabbath school is at 9:30 a.m. Worship service is at 11 a.m.

Vacation Bible School will be June 22 through June 27. Designed for children ages 4 through 12 to discover tools for getting to know Jesus, "Plug Into Power" will include activities, creative crafts, Bible stories, nature discoveries, memory fun and Tool Man interviews. For more information call either 831-0030 or 640-3207.

For more information about the church, find us online at www.godsclset.com or on Facebook, email eric@godsclset.com or call 530-1040.

Send your church's upcoming events and service times to legals@arkvalleynews.com or call 755-0821.

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PEOPLE HIGHLIGHTS

Sarah C. Draget of Park City was confirmed May 9 as graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Music and Communications Magna Cum Laude from Kansas Wesleyan University.

Founded in 1886, Kansas Wesleyan is affiliated with the United Methodist Church and accepts students of all faiths. KWU provides a rigorous academic liberal

arts education in its undergraduate and pre-professional majors and its MBA degree.

Erin Coulter of Wichita participated in commencement exercises May 16 at Benedictine College in Atchison. Coulter earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Founded in 1858, Benedictine College is a Catholic, Benedictine, residential,

liberal arts college located on the bluffs above the Missouri River in Atchison.

Shelby Marten of Wichita was among more than 80 first-year students inducted into the Phi Eta Sigma honor society at Emporia State University.

Phi Eta Sigma is the national scholastic honor society for students with a

grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. It is the greatest scholastic distinction a first-year student can attain.

The following area students were named to the Dean's List for the spring 2015 semester at Bethany College in Lindsborg: Nicholas Connell, Bel Aire; Taylor Langlois, Valley Center; and Prestyn Atherton and Angel

Martinez, Wichita. To qualify for this list, students must be enrolled full time and earn a 3.5 semester grade point average.

Bethany College, established by Swedish Lutheran immigrants in 1881, is a college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Jay Monahan of Wichita was named to the Grand

View University Dean's List for the spring 2015 semester. To make this list, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale while carrying at least 12 hours of classes.

Located in Des Moines, Iowa, Grand View is an independent, liberal arts college affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

DEATHS

ILAH BANGLE

Ilah Marie (Tebo) Bangle, 90, of Park City, died May 20, 2105.



Bangle

She was a retired owner of B&I Upholstery. She was born in Morland to Roy John Tebo and Alice (Caderet) Tebo and graduated from Morland High School. She married William A. Bangle Aug. 2, 1942, in Morland.

She was preceded in death by her parents, stepfather Francis Bishop, brothers John Tebo and Roy Tebo Jr., and sisters Roa Tebo and Clara McGuire. Survivors include her husband; son Gary (Pamela) Bangle of Park City; grandchildren Shannon (Dianne) Bangle, Tamra (Paul) Davis and James Bangle; great-grandchildren Eleanor Bangle, William Bangle, Jake Davis and Drew Davis; many other family and friends.

Service was May 26 at The Church of the Nazarene in Park City. A private family burial will take place at the Lenora Cemetery. Memorials to The Church of the Nazarene, 2100 E. 61st North, Park City KS 67219. Baker Funeral Home of Valley Center had charge.

Ernest Thomas Clark, 98, of Valley Center, died May 12, 2015. He was a retired minister and former pastor of First Baptist Church in Valley Center.

He was born in rural Holly, Colo., to Thomas Edward Clark and Mabel Anna (Manning) Clark. He graduated from Hartman High School in Hartman, Colo. He also graduated from Friends University and Central Baptist Theological Seminary.

He was a veteran of the Army Air Corps and World



Clark

War II. In 1944, he married Jean Avanelle Whatley in Denison, Texas. They were married 43 years. In 1988, he married Nadine "Bertie" Jones in Larned. They were married 22 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wives, brother Weldon Clark and grandson Michael Adkisson. Survivors include his children Linda (James) Anderson of Park City, Dr. John (Ruth) Clark of Kansas City, Kan., and Timothy Clark of Dallas; stepchildren Jerry (Sharon) Adkisson of Independence, Mo., Ernest (Betty) Adkisson of Austin, Texas, and Patsy (Daryl) Peterson of Walden, Colo.; 17 grandchildren; 52 great-grandchildren; and many other family and friends.

Service was May 19 at Grace Connections Church, Valley Center. Graveside followed at Kechi Township Cemetery. Memorials to the Union Rescue Mission, 2800 N. Hillside, Wichita KS 67219 and Camp Christy, 320 Camp Christy Drive, Scott City KS. Baker Funeral Home of Valley Center had charge.

WILLIAM DILLON

William E. Dillon, 91, of Valley Center, died April 26, 2015. He was a retired construction superintendent.

He was born Feb. 1, 1924, in Velpen, Ind., to Adam B. and Eve Dillon.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Jeannie and granddaughter

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Andrea Myers. Survivors include children Rick (Gloria) Dillon, Debbie (Danny) Rundell, and Michele (Ken) Murray, all of Park City, Frances (Ray) Smith of Andover and Tamra (Brett) Myers of Valley Center; 12 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

Memorial service was May 9 at Kechi Township Cemetery.

STEPHEN FRIEZE

Stephen Alan Frieze, 62, died May 3, 2015.



Frieze

He born Dec. 11, 1952, in Alva, Okla., to Charles M. and Sally A. (Osbourne) Frieze.

He was preceded in death by his father and his wife of 40 years, Jane C. Frieze. Survivors include his mother of Wichita; children Andy (Megan) Frieze of Wichita, Brian Frieze of Park City and Brad Frieze of California; siblings Tony (Judy) Frieze of Chapman and Barbara (Steve) Finley of Wichita; grandchildren Chip, Brayden, Logan, Mason and McKenna Frieze, all of Wichita.

Funeral was May 8 at Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Wichita, with interment at Green Valley Cemetery, Furley. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Trinity Academy Baseball

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PRISCILLA GREER

Priscilla D. "Darlene" Greer, 77, died May 17, 2015. She was retired from LearJet.

She was born Jan. 28, 1938, in Medford, Okla., to Merle and Gladys (Carver) Manning.

Survivors include her mother of Park City; children Walter Greer of Wichita, Carolyn Scofield of Burns, John Greer and Bryan (Cindy) Greer all of Wichita, Denise Dean (Chris) of Derby, and Joan Greer (Jon Ward) and Gregg Greer of Wichita; brothers Merle Manning of Park City, Robert Manning of Maize and Don Manning (Carolyn) of Wichita; sister Mary Sloan of Wichita; and 13 grandchildren.

No services were planned.

JESSE JOHNSTON

Jesse Allen Johnston, 76, of Newton, died May 8, 2015. He was retired after 34 years from Beech Aircraft.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one son and one grandson. Survivors include his wife Barbara, sister Arlene (Bob) King of Edmond, Okla.; daughters Linda (Darrell) Fritz and Layna (Tim) Clark all of Newton, and Leasha Moser of Blackwell Okla.; son Larry Johnston of Grove, Okla.; stepdaughter Richinda (Tony) Harvey of Park City; nine grandchildren and nine

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A private family service will be held at a later date. Petersen Family Funeral Home of Newton had charge.

GLENN PANKRATZ

Glenn "Pete" PanKratz, 73, died April 30, 2015. He had worked in the aircraft industry for both Yingling Aircraft and AirParts.

He was preceded in death by parents, Howard and Flora Ellen PanKratz. Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Judy; daughter Cheri Baker (Matt) of Kingwood, Texas; grandchildren Owen, Trevor and Aubrey; brother Jon PanKratz (Vicky) of Park City; nieces Niki, Andrea and Paige; several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Visitation was May 3 at Downing & Lahey Mortuary West. Memorials may be made to the Kansas Humane Society, 3313 N. Hillside, Wichita KS 67219.

KELLY SCHUESSLER

Kelly Susan (Porter) Schuessler, 50, of Sedgwick, died May 19, 2015. She was a former Chisholm Trail State

Bank loan officer and Wally's Auto Sales loan and title clerk.

She was born in Wichita and graduated from Heights High School.

Survivors include her father Chuck (Schari) Porter of Buhler; mother Diana (Steve) Herrell of Wichita;

husband Chad Schuessler; brothers Christopher Porter of Wichita and Charlie Porter of Lawrence; sister Blasi Porter of Buhler; many other family and friends.

Services were May 23 at First Christian Church in Sedgwick. A private family burial will be held at Peotone Cemetery in Viola. Memorials to the First Christian Church, 514 N. Franklin, Sedgwick KS 67135. Baker Funeral Home of Valley Center had charge.

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Mother and son avoid death penalty

By David Dinell

The fact that Kisha Schaberg and her biological son, Anthony "Tony" Bluml, both pleaded no contest in their capital murder cases is a relief, said Sedgwick County District Attorney Marc Bennett.

"Do I think this is a good thing? Yes. I just don't see a downside to it," Bennett said. "It's final."

Schaberg, 36, and Bluml, 20, were accused of shooting and killing Melissa and Roger Bluml Nov. 15, 2013, outside their rural Valley Center home. It was an attempt to collect on assets that Anthony Bluml believed he could obtain from their estate. He is the adoptive son of the murdered couple.

Melissa Bluml, 53, died the day after the shootings. Roger Bluml, 48, lived for five more weeks before he died.

Two others are involved in the case, Braden Smith and Andrew Ellington. Both are Valley Center High School classmates of Bluml and are set to go on trial later this year. Smith has worked out a deal in which he would testify against the others — now just Ellington — in exchange for facing lesser charges of second-degree murder.

Along with the capital murder charge, Bennett had filed charges of aggravated robbery against Schaberg and Bluml.

Bennett made it clear that he would seek the death penalty against them — had they chosen to go to trial and were found guilty. That was a fate the mother and son wanted to avoid.

By entering their pleas May 15 in Sedgwick County District Court, the two can't be put to death by the state, but they can be sentenced to life in prison without parole, and in these circumstances, the judges' sentencing discretion is limited, Bennett said.

The speedy end in capital murder cases like this is unusual, he added, but spares everyone a lot of energy, finances and resources as the trial of each defendant had been expected to take about a month.

He added that there is now



Courtroom pool photographs

Kisha Schaberg is led into a courtroom May 15, where she pleaded no contest to a charge of capital murder.

an "acceptance of responsibility."

Furthermore, the penalty of life without parole is as "profound" as anything available, he said.

Bennett pointed out that even if the death penalty had been imposed after a jury trial, the possibility of it being imposed was low. The last time such a penalty was carried out in Kansas was in the mid-1960s.

A death penalty case would mean close examination from the appellate courts and the reopening of painful wounds for family members, he said.

"I talked at length with the families," Bennett said of the process. "This puts this to rest for the families."

Family members were present at both hearings.

They sat quietly with themselves, although the trauma of the proceedings and the emotion of the situation were clearly etched on several of their faces by the time the Bluml proceedings got underway. Some had their heads lowered at times.

Throughout both hearings, the judges worked to ensure that the pleas were what the two wanted.

Late on the morning of

May 15, Schaberg entered the courtroom, escorted by deputies. Her long black hair fell onto a turquoise blouse, which was left untucked over black pants.

She was without makeup and her face was emotionless throughout the court appearance, which lasted about 25 minutes.

Sedgwick County District Court Judge Jeffrey Goering, looking right at Schaberg, repeatedly asked her about the decision.

"That's what you want to do?" he asked Schaberg when informing her that she was waiving her right to a jury trial.

She said it was. The

questions kept coming from Goering.

"Do you feel like you have a full understanding of this?"

"Do you understand this?"

"Do you realize no one can force you to do this?"

"Do you have any questions?"

Throughout it, she answered the judge's questions either "yes, sir," "yes," or "no sir," depending on the nature of the query.

Goering asked her if a signature of a two-page waiver of right form was her signature, and she said it was.

And for the four-page plea agreement, Goering asked Schaberg if a signature of a two-page waiver-of-rights



Tony Bluml in a previous court appearance.

form was her signature, and she said it was.

And for the four-page plea agreement document, Goering again asked her if that was her signature on it, even holding the document up.

"Yes, sir" was reply from the emotionless Schaberg.

"You are not going to be able to appeal your conviction," he informed her.

Nearing the end of the proceedings, Goering asked her if the decision to plead no contest was her decision alone.

Another "yes, sir" and the appearance was done.

Before leaving the courtroom, Schaberg bent over to say a few words to her attorney, Jeffrey Wicks, and then was led out of the courtroom by deputies, although she was not handcuffed as is usually the case.

She is due back in court June 24 for her sentencing.

A few hours later, Anthony Bluml made his court appearance. Dressed in a green jail jumpsuit, he also entered a no-contest plea, this time it was in front of District Court Judge Ben Burgess.

Bluml said he understood that he is giving up his right to a jury trial and to an appeal.

Bluml affirmed to Burgess that he made the decision on his own. However, unlike his mother's flat voice, his had a hint of emotion in it.

The judge asked Bluml if he needed more time to contemplate the decision and Bluml said he didn't.

The hearing was originally set to determine whether statements made by Bluml to the state were admissible, but changed to the no-contest plea.

He will be sentenced June 16.

Mother and son are in Sedgwick County Jail, each on \$2 million bond, as are Smith and Ellington.

Schaberg and Bluml will remain in that jail until their sentencing and then will be turned over to the Kansas Department of Corrections. Its officials will direct them to their assigned detention center.

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6 - 8 p.m. Caricature artist
6 - 8 p.m. Ball throwing contest, radar checked, all ages
6 - 8 p.m. Fishing Derby (if water in pond) Park & Tree Board
6 - 8 p.m. Horseshoe Tournament practice
6 - 9 p.m. Face Painting, Kelly Eden
6:30 - 9 p.m. FREE Ice Cream Social, sponsored by Emprise Bank

7:30 - 9 p.m. Gymnastic tumblers, ages 6-14
9 - 9:30 p.m. Fireworks, Krehbiel Wholesale Fireworks

Saturday, June 27, 2015

7 - 10 a.m. Sausage and Pancake Feed at Kechi United Methodist Church (\$6 adults, \$4 kids, 3 & under free)

8 - 9:30 a.m. Drop off for Kechi Baking Contest (all items donated to cake walk)

8 a.m. - noon Karg Art Glass free glass blowing demonstrations
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Arts, Crafts and Antiques Fair, booths on west side of City Hall

9 - 9:30 a.m. Bike Contest, in front of City Hall
9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Judging for Kechi Baking Contest
10 - 10:30 a.m. Kechi's 30th Annual Parade "30 Years of Turtle Power"

10:30 - 11 a.m. FREE Ice Cream, sponsored by Chisholm Trail State Bank

10:30 - 11 a.m. Crown Carriage rides
11 - 11:30 a.m. Donut Eating Contest, west of City Building
11 - 11:30 a.m. Cowtown Cowboys Professional Gunfighters, southwest corner of 61st North and Oliver

11:30 a.m. to noon Sand Pile Treasure Hunt, ages 10 & under, west of City Hall, sponsored by Buck & Lane Alley

11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Ident-a-kid, Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office, City Hall Community Room

Noon - 12:30 p.m. Cake Walk, Kechi Community Room
12:30 - 1 p.m. Turtle Races (BYOT), Gary Meitler, behind City Hall

12:30 - 1 p.m. Cowtown Cowboys Professional Gunfighters, southwest corner of 61st North and Oliver

1 - 2 p.m. Sedgwick County Fire Department trucks display, SE of Kechi Convenience Store (cool off with fire hoses)

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