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Salute to Freedom is a 'community party'

Many activities planned for Fourth of July

By David Dinell

Park City resident Steve Brown knows what he's going to be doing the week after July 4: joining with fellow volunteers to start planning for the following year's Fourth of July Salute to Freedom celebration. The massive event takes a lot of work and effort, in fact a full year's worth, but it's all worth it, said Brown, who represents the planning team.

It's all about community, family and saying "thank you" to those who serve and protect, he said.

"We are the community party for Park City," he said.

And people like it, as the event attracts large crowds. In 2014, it had from 2,000 to 2,500 people attending the day's events. Everything is free except for food and drinks and to enter the car show, which is a major part of the event and scheduled from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. July 4 in Hap McLean Park.

Brown said the weekend date is ideal.

"That will really help with our attendance," he said. "It should be a bigger party than ever."

Organizer Bob Robertson is

expecting a large crowd to view the vehicles and visit with their owners at the 15th annual show. Winners get trophies and plaques. It costs \$15 to enter before the event and \$20 at the door. The voting is from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the awards presentation is at 1 p.m.

The show, the only area car show on the Fourth, has grown from only nine vehicles to more than 100. It also attracts entries from a multi-state area.

"It's a huge deal for Park City," Robertson said.

The car show and a parade kick off the day's events.

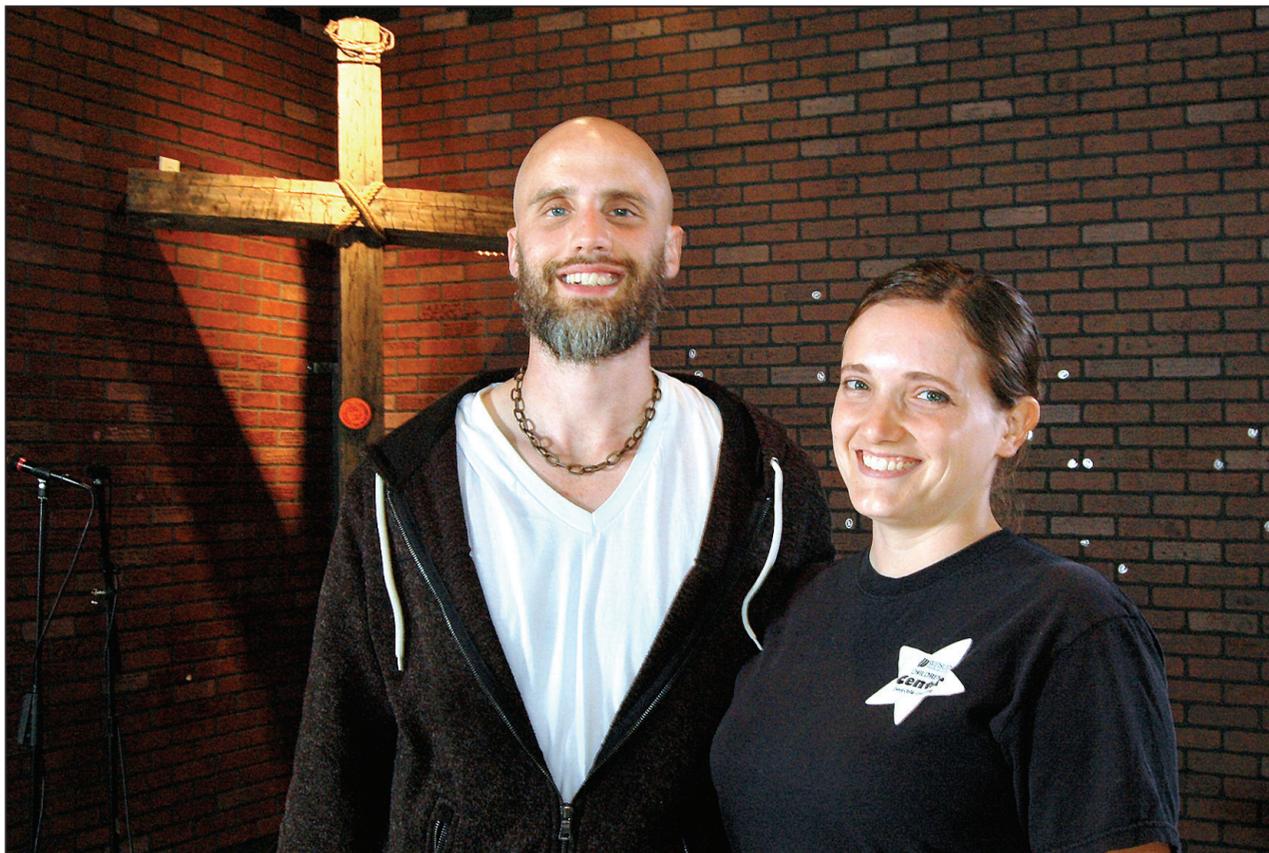
The parade registration and lineup

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The annual fireworks show will take place at 10 p.m. July 4.

Randy Fisher



Photos by Dave Dinell

Ben Walker is moving from minister of worship to the job of pastor at The United Methodist Church at Park City. He's shown here with his wife, Angie, who also helps with church operations, including playing music.

Possible rule changes on gays spark change at local church

By David Dinell

After suddenly losing its longtime pastor and founder in a protest resignation, members of The United Methodist Church at Park City found out that they will be getting a new pastor — one of their own.

Ben Walker, currently minister of worship, will take the church's reins. The announcement was made during June 21 worship services.

Walker replaces Rob Schmutz, who turned in his church credentials and resigned from employment with the United Methodist Church June 13 as a protest against its consideration of new rules regarding homosexuals in the church.

Schmutz was a founding force of the Park City church, at 1510 E. 61st North, which opened its preschool in August 2011 and its church doors in February 2012.

He was part of the Great Plains United Methodist Conference held in June in Wichita, a gathering that attracted about 1,000 church representatives. At the meeting, a document on homosexuals, called Petition 7, was approved. It calls for allowing



The United Methodist Church at Park City is at 1510 E. 61st North in a commercial complex. It opened its preschool in August 2011 and its church doors in February 2012.

homosexuals to be ministers and support of gay marriage, developments Schmutz objected to.

The passage, which was split 60 percent to 40 percent, doesn't itself make those two practices legal in the church, as the petition has been approved by the law-making branch of the church, the United Methodist General Conference. Nonetheless, Schmutz resigned on the spot to Bishop Scott Jones, who heads the area conference.

Schmutz said the decision was not made until he saw the direction the conference was going the night before the vote. Since then, it's been difficult, as he's out of job.

"It's been a tough time, but I'm in God's control and he's going to work it out," Schmutz said. "It was not an easy decision. It was a matter of obedience to God and I felt like it was I need to do to make the statement I needed to make."

Schmutz, who has a bachelor's degree in psychology and master's degree in divinity, said he can't envision himself leaving the ministry. However, he added that he would not try and "split" the Park City church by starting his own, independent church and thereby entice some current members to come to a new church.

Schmutz, who is originally from Abilene, had nothing but good things to say about the community.

"I love Park City," he said. "It's been the highlight of my life to be able to pastor there. It's a great church, with great people and great worship."

In a statement on his Facebook page, Schmutz said that what he did was "not about hate, or even really about homosexuality. It was, however, about the authority of God's word, about the primacy of scripture, and about supporting and defending the existing position of our Book of Discipline and the official mission of the United Methodist Church. ... My actions were simply a statement that I believe our denomination (like so many others) is losing

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Revelry regulations vary across the county

By The Post staff

The Fourth of July holiday kicked off with fireworks the last weekend of June in some parts of north Sedgwick County.

But rules surrounding fireworks vary from city to city.

Valley Center and Bel Aire have some of the strictest regulations, with a smaller window of time to shoot or buy fireworks, while Park City and Kechi have some of the more generous rules.

In Park City, fireworks go on sale June 27 and may be discharged between 8 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. June 27 through July 2, and 8 a.m. to midnight July 3 and 4 and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. July 5. This year, the city has seen an increase in the number of fireworks sellers. There will be tents at 415 E. 61st North, 1500 E. 61st North, 1600 E. 61st North, 1701 E. 61st North, 6024 N. Broadway and 6960 N. Broadway.

In Kechi, fireworks go on sale June 27. They can be sold and discharged from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. June 27 through July 2 and from 10 a.m. to midnight July 3 through 5. There is one

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New regs cause 53rd engineering costs to go up

By David Dinell

Expenditures — both planned and unplanned — dominated a lengthy meeting of the June 23 Park City Council.

Among the unplanned costs are more expenses for engineering work on the 53rd North improvement project. The contract for it was signed in 2003, but since then the Kansas Department of Transportation has changed numerous regulations, changes that mean more engineering work, said City Administrator Jack Whitson.

The firm the city has contracted with, Parsons Brinckerhoff of Wichita, said it would require \$70,950 more in engineering work. The council, while clearly not happy about having to spend more, approved the increase, capping the engineering side of the project at \$319,014.

Rule changes cover everything from bike path sizes to right-of-ways to util-

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HIGHLIGHTS Organizers seek help with holiday display

City issues 16 permits in May

The City of Park City issued 16 building permits in May for a total valuation of \$150,419.52. Of that number, none were for new homes. The permits are listed by the date they were issued, address, type of work and valuation:

- May 1, 1501 E. 91st North, reroof, \$15,000; •May 4, 6255 N. Hydraulic, storage structure, \$51,000; •May 5, 1526 Cedar Tree, reroof, \$5,200; •May 11, 6315 Jacksonville, reroof, \$4,300; •May 12, 6550 E. Parkview, reroof, \$3,456; •May 12, 6518 Longmont, remodel, \$3,000; •May 13, 1617 Fallbrook, reroof, \$13,000; •May 13, 6642 Randall, reroof, \$5,000; •May 14, 1553 Bearhill Road, reroof, \$11,000; •May 15, 2228 Charleston, reroof, \$3,000; •May 20, 6464 Ulysses, reroof, \$4,251; •May 21, 5900 Judson, reroof, \$6,800; •May 21, 6305 N. Grove, reroof, \$6,900; •May 26, 6235 Independence, reroof, \$9,705.76; •May 27, 6538 N. Hydraulic, reroof, \$4,500; •May 27, 1115 E. 61st North, reroof, \$4,306.76.

— The Post staff

Man arrested after chase

A north Wichita man was arrested May 27 after a high-speed chase in north Sedgwick County.

The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office said Kelly Ray Brooks was booked into jail on charges of fleeing or eluding a law enforcement officer, driving with a suspended license, contempt of court, DUI, domestic battery, criminal damage to property and interference with a law enforcement officer.

During the chase, speeds reached over 100 mph, police said.

Brooks was arrested at his residence in the 5300 block of North Delaware.

— The Post staff

It may seem very early to some Post readers, but the year is going by really fast. Park City residents have always shown their willingness to step up for a project when the need arises.

Well, the time has come for me to ask for help from anyone who has been a past

winner of the Christmas Home Decorating project.

Pride has been chairing project for many years. So many of our neighbors have been selected as winners. All of you out there who have been a winner or runner-up have shown that you possess the talent, imagination and

ability to create such beauty in your own yards. If you have enjoyed the community holiday light display in front of Subway, City Hall and the Senior Center, please consider using your talents to help build the community holiday displays this year.

Pride has purchased the

majority of the lights you have enjoyed at the community displays. Many lights, electrical cords, etc. have also been donated by generous friends.

Due to health issues, my husband, son and I will not be able to do as much work on them as we have in the

past. Please help Pride to keep this tradition going.

Please contact me at 744-0766 or caflower@cox.net if you have questions or would be willing to work with us to bring smiles to your neighbors. Thank you!

— Carol Flower

Residents invited to share garden surplus with Pride Food Pantry

By Park City Pride

Spring and summer are upon us and gardens are beginning to flourish. If you have planted a garden and are experiencing an abundance of its produce, why not donate it to the Park City

Food Pantry?

The need for food assistance in our community is growing. The number of patrons of the Food Pantry has grown, but the donations have not. Pride is looking for ways to increase donations to keep food going to

those in need.

If you own a business and would like to make a cash donation or hold a food drive to encourage your employees to help, you would make a difference. If you are a pastor or are active in a church, please ask

your members to help. If you belong to a civic group, partner with us to help the community in this way.

Prior to the Food Pantry closing a few years ago, it flourished with help and donations; now things are different.

Your help and support is needed to continue the efforts of Park City Pride in supporting our citizens and school children with food assistance. Please call the Pride Building at 744-8685 and leave a message if you can help. We will call you back.

PARK CITY PRIDE MEETING NOTES

Pride met at its usual time on June 13, with 22 members present.

The Park City Alive! program for June was to be Shakespeare in the Park presenting "As you Like It" on June 20 in Hap McLean Park. There was discussion of the possibility of bringing the Wichita Ballet to the park next year. Lai-L Daugherty will try to get information.

Christ Lutheran Church is working on its next trivia night to be held Aug. 1 at the church. Their project for this month is gathering household items for refugee families. Donn Bischoff passed out a list of needed items.

The Memorial Garden at the Senior Center is being replaced with a xeriscape garden which will use less water.

Leon Norris said that the Park City High Flyer 4-H Club has been helping Pride with the Food Pantry and with Movies in the Park. They are gearing up for the next school year. The Food Pantry served nine families in May, two of which were new patrons, according to Jan McGonigle, Food Pantry coordinator.

Pride members Carol Copeland, Kathleen Woodard and Dee Stuart have planted two of the raised beds in

Poston Park and will keep them weeded and watered as their part of the Park Board's drive to have the gardens adopted. Damon Daugherty will make a sign denoting the areas as a Pride project.

The May Movie in the Park presentation of "Annie" was cancelled due to weather. This is the fourth year that has happened, so Pride will make a determination in the fall whether to only present three movies each summer, or to have two in July when the weather is more reliable — dry and hot.

Work proceeds on the website and it should be ready to go live later this month, to be followed by the Facebook page and Twitter account. Members voted to participate in the Kechi parade on June 27, putting the same float in the Park City Fourth of July Parade. Pride

will also man a game after the parade, with giveaways and prizes for kids and Pride information for parents.

Donna Jardine and Kathy Woodard's sorority donated items left over from their garage sale. Pride will hold its first ever garage sale at the city-wide sale on Sept. 26.

The Trivia Night Committee was to meet June 16 to start planning for the Nov. 7 event.

Pride's main problem has for many years been attracting younger people. There was a discussion of ways to make clear the fact that Park City Pride, along with nearly 60 other local Pride orga-

nizations, is sponsored by the Kansas State University Research & Development and the Kansas Department of Commerce. We will be reaching out to some of the newer housing developments to find out what young families need to stay in Park City. We will also be holding a major fundraising drive for an important city-wide project in conjunction with the City of Park City. Watch

for the announcement later this summer.

Several members volunteered to help with the Fishing Derby on June 20. Pride voted to donate \$100 to a fund to help a young man who was injured in an industrial accident in Park City.

The next meeting is 9 a.m. July 9 at the Pride Building, 6512 N. East Parkview. As usual, breakfast is provided and everyone is invited.



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Rules concerning discharge of fireworks in Park City

Fireworks which may be displayed, detonated, discharged, and/or ignited within the city limits of Park City, shall only be those fireworks legal for sale within the state of Kansas.

1. No fireworks may be discharged anywhere in Park City, other than on one's own property (owned or rented).
2. Any resident under fourteen (14) years of age may not discharge fireworks unless under direct supervision of his parent/guardian or adult family member, and do so on your own property.
3. If you are visiting a resident of Park City, then an adult member of the host family must directly supervise the discharge of fireworks. Any guest age 13 or under who is discharging fireworks must have a parent/guardian present.
4. No fireworks may be discharged on city-owned property, including parks, ball-parks, parking lots, or other city-owned areas. They may not be fired on any city streets or on private property other than that which you own or rent.
5. Fireworks may be fired only between 8 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. June 27 through July 2, and from 8 a.m. to midnight July 3 and 4.
6. Fireworks may not be fired after the

Fourth of July, except when July 4 falls on a Friday or Saturday, fireworks may be fired through Sunday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. only.

Penalty for unlawful discharge of fireworks

Violations concerning the Discharge of Fireworks, Restriction on Location of Discharge, or Limitation On Age of Persons Who May Discharge Fireworks Unsupervised, shall subject the violator to a penalty of not more than Two Hundred Fifty Dollar (\$250.00) fine and/or forfeiture of any and all fireworks that were then in the position of the alleged offender, and not more than fifteen (15) hours of community service, as well as court costs.

Pets and fireworks

Fireworks will be sold from June 27 though July 4h. The noise from fireworks scares animals. As much as possible, keep animals indoors and monitor your pet while outside. This will keep animals from running away or from harming themselves or others.

Fireworks complaint hotline

Sedgwick County Emergency Communications will staff its nonemergency fireworks complaint line again for the upcoming Independence Day holiday. The nonemergency line, 316-290-1011, will be staffed July 3 and July 4 between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 3 a.m. both nights.

This line should be used to report fireworks complaints when nothing is on fire and nobody is injured, loud parties and general noise complaints where there are no disturbances, or other illegal activity involved to the caller's knowledge.

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 Friday, July 3, for the Fourth of July holiday.

Call 744-0751. Homebound delivery Monday thru Friday.)

Monthly Events

July 1, 10:30 a.m.
Chisholm Trail Seniors catered lunch (by reservation) and meeting
July 2, 1 p.m.
An old fashioned Movie Matinee (popcorn will be served)
July 8, 1 p.m.
Foot/nail care by Michelle Steinke. Call 946-0722 for appointment.
July 13, 2 to 4 p.m. — Sedgwick County Health Department immunization clinic. Call 660-7300 with questions.
July 16
1 p.m. — Card bingo, \$1 fee
5:30 p.m. — Finger Food
July 17, 6 p.m.
Food/Fun/Games
July 21, 8 a.m.
Breakfast out, Anne C's
July 27, 1 p.m.
Movie Matinee — "Still Alice" (popcorn will be served)

Senior Dances

\$4 donation at the door. Refreshments served.
July 4 and July 18
The Wildwood Band

Special Events

Thursday, July 2, 1 p.m. — An Old-Fashioned Movie Matinee 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.
Saturday, July 4, 1 p.m.
Chisholm Trail Seniors' Fourth of July Bingo & Raffle.

CITY OF PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

City Council Meeting May 26, 2015:

- Approved the minutes of the May 12, 2015, regular meeting.
- Approved the most recent appropriations.
- Approved Convention & Tourism hotel guest tax funding for the following: \$5,000 for Alefs Harley Davidson's 10th Birthday Bash; \$6,500 for the Kansas Pavilions Alpaca/Llama Show; \$14,800 for the Kansas Pavilions 2015 Budget; \$2,000 for a 1/4-page ad in the "Wichita Go" 2016 Magazine; and \$800 for inclusion in the "Spring Hill Press" map.
- Held a public hearing to consider a proposed property tax exemption for economic development purposes for Kice Industries Inc.
- Approved a resolution for a property tax exemption for Kice Industries.
- Approved an ordinance exempting certain property from ad valorem taxation for economic development for Kice Industries.
- Approved a resolution authorizing the sale and conveyance of certain property to Kice Industries Inc.
- Approved concrete repairs to valley gutters and curbs and gutters within the city by Opp Concrete (\$8,325).
- Approved a request for inclusion in the home buyer's incentive program contingent upon payment of all unpaid specials by the owner/developer.

City Council Meeting June 9, 2015:

- Approved the minutes of the May 26, 2015, regular meeting.
- Approved the most recent appropriations.
- Approved purchases recommended by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Candy and incidentals for the 4th of July parade float, \$600 for trees and plants for the 4th of July parade float, and purchase photo package for the 2015 Arbor Day celebration from Lepoleon Hall (\$100).
- Approved a request from the Police Department to purchase warranties on mobile video equipment (\$9,105) from the Special Drug and Alcohol Fund.
- Approved a request from the Police Department for the return of reimbursement funds.
- Approved the appointment of Karen Haughawout to fill an unexpired term on the C&T Board.
- Discussed the Councilmembers' participation in the Fourth of July parade.

Questions about the meetings may be addressed to Terry Coltraine, finance director, at 744-2026 x204 or cityclerk@parkcityks.com.

City Hall will be closed Friday, July 3, to observe the Independence Day holiday.

Pride Food Pantry

The Food Bank will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. July 18 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.

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 clean-up 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 chance to get rid of stuff you don't want anymore. The coupon will expire July 15.

Water excess use charge

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

A garden hose left on can pour out 1,000 gallons of water or more in only a few hours. Remember that when you leave the sprinkler running all day or leave the hose unattended, thousands of gallons can be used in a very short time. A toilet flush uses up to seven gallons, water taps run at about five gallons a minute while waiting for the water to get hot or cold, showers use five to 10 gallons a minute, and leaks can soak up hundreds or even thousands of gallons a day.

Keep your grass mowed

Remember, it is your responsibility to mow your grass so it does not get too high. Code Enforcement does not want to give you a notice of violation. Only one notice will be given, and then a citation will be issued for failure to comply.

Movies in the Park

Park City Pride is sponsoring Movies in the Park. Mark your calendars for the fourth Saturday of the month at Hap Mclean Park. This month's movie is "Paddington," to be presented July 25.

The movie, popcorn, and lemonade are free. Bring any other snacks, a chair or a blanket to sit on.

Movies start at sundown on the west side of the tennis courts.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

July 1, 10:30 a.m. — Seniors catered lunch, SC

July 2, 6:30 p.m. — Court, CH
July 2, 7 p.m. — Seniors Square Dance, SC

July 3 — City Hall closed

July 4, 7 p.m. — Senior Dance, SC

July 6, 7 p.m. — Park Board, CH

July 7, 7:15 p.m. — C&T Committee, CH

July 9, 1 p.m. — Court Trials, CH

July 9, 6:30 p.m. — Court, CH

July 9, 7 p.m. — Library Board, PCL

July 9, 7 p.m. — Seniors Square Dance, SC

July 11, 9 a.m. — PRIDE, PC

July 14, 7 p.m. — City Council, CH

July 15, 5:30 p.m. — Seniors finger food

July 15, 6:30 p.m. — Court, CH

July 18, 1 p.m. — Pride Food Pantry, PC

July 18, 7 p.m. — Senior Dance, SC

July 20, 7 p.m. — Planning/ BZA, CH

July 23, 1 p.m. — Court Trials, CH

July 23, 4:30 p.m. — CCAUA Bel Aire, CH

July 23, 6:30 p.m. — Court, CH

July 23, 7 p.m. — Seniors Square Dance, SC

July 25, sundown — Movies in the Park

July 28, 7 p.m. — City Council, CH

July 29, 11:30 a.m. — Chamber Luncheon

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Modernized Wendy's reopens for business

By David Dinell

Just a few minutes after the newly remodeled Park City Wendy's opened on the morning of June 23, Rose Babcock and her son and daughter were eating their lunch of burgers, chicken nuggets and fries. The total makeover of the restaurant got a stamp of approval from the Babcocks.

"It's a lot nicer than it was," said Babcock, a bus driver for Valley Center schools. "There's so much more room."

For his part, son Gary, 18, said the eatery looked a lot more "updated" and daughter Katelyn, 15, likewise gave it a thumbs-up.

That's just the reaction store manager Grace Phillips wants to hear. The business has been closed for the past six weeks while the remodel was underway, and Phillips said residents had been asking when Wendy's would be reopening.

"They were ready for us," she said.

There was no grand-opening ceremony for the restaurant, as officials wanted a "soft" opening to get staff ready to work with new systems and a new menu. At the same time, they worked to get the word out that they are open, placing up banner signs and overhead flags.

The site, at 930 E.



Photos by David Dinell

Park City residents Rose Babcock and her son, Gary, 18, and daughter, Katelyn, 15, eat lunch at the newly remodeled Wendy's. The interior has a lounge area, a widescreen TV and an electronic fireplace.

Connolly, just off I-135 attracts a mix of locals and travelers. Phillips estimates that about 35 percent of her customers are travelers from the highway.

The entire area at 61st and I-135 is in a bit of construction flux at this time as QuikTrip is building a new store at its site and resurfacing is taking place on the inter-

state, resulting in some of the ramps being closed for short periods.

Officials are urging patience, and Wendy's executives say a six-figure investment in the businesses is a testimony to the intersection's popularity.

"We're pleased to be here," said Jim Cook, senior vice president of marketing for

the LDF Cos., the franchisee owner and operator of the Wendy's.

While aware of the traveler customer volume, Cook also cited the city's support of the business and said it wants to be involved in helping the community. He cited the company's support of childhood adoption as part of that.

The remodeled store is the



The Park City Wendy's has a new look inside and out. The eatery, at 930 E. Connolly, gets a mix of local customers and travelers from nearby I-135.

first of its type locally.

LDF has 19 Wendy's outlets in the area and will be changing and remodeling as is warranted in the future.

While the "footprint," or 34-foot by 94-foot size of the building, is the same, the interior appears roomier, Cook says, because of styling moves and opening up floor space.

The interior, which holds up to 92 customers, has a lounge area, a widescreen TV and an electronic fireplace. There also is free Wi-Fi.

The exterior was redone and has new signage and coloring. The menu also has new items, including seasonal

salad offerings, specialty frozen fruit drinks and limited time items, such as a pretzel bacon cheeseburger.

The Park City store is a reflection of changes the company is making nationwide. However, Cook emphasized that the company is not getting rid of its longtime favorite top sellers, such as its burgers and fries.

The remodel was done on time, and Cook said expectations are high.

"We're excited about it," he said, as he passed out a few opening-day gifts to the Babcock family before they headed to their afternoon errands.

Wichita physical therapist hopes to grow satellite office in north Sedgwick County

By Chris Strunk

Hoping to reach new clients in north Sedgwick County, Jay Franz has opened a Valley Center satellite office for his Wichita-based Premier Physical Therapy.

He began seeing patients last week at the new location, 1220 S. Meridian, Suite A.

"My goal is a self-sustaining clinic within a year or two," Franz said.

Premier is now accepting patients by appointment only.

"We're having kind of a soft opening," Franz explained, adding that he

plans to fully staff the office as the business grows.

Franz, who is from Newton, directed Newton Medical Center's rehabilitation department for six years before running a couple of physical therapy clinics for eight years.

He opened Premier Physical Therapy at 8541 W. 21st North in Wichita nearly six years ago.

"In looking around the Wichita metro area, it seems that the Valley Center, Park City, Kechi and Bel Aire area is underserved from a rehabilitation services standpoint," Franz said.

After surveying orthopedic physicians

and receiving advice from colleagues in the medical community, Franz said he decided to open the Valley Center office.

The clinic focuses on outpatient orthopedic physical therapy "from head to toe," Franz said.

Franz and his wife, Monica, have two daughters, who are teachers in the Wichita school district, and a son, who is a college student.

Franz said since 2013 patients no longer need a doctor's referral to see a physical therapist. However, some insurance companies may require one.

The office can be reached at 613-3068.



Chris Strunk

Physical therapist Jay Franz is owner of Premier Physical Therapy, which opened an office in Valley Center last month.

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran Church

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

Summer services through Labor Day weekend are at 9 a.m. (contemporary) and 10:30 a.m. (traditional). Communion is offered at both services.

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.

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 is the 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 Greenwood 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 (traditional service) Sundays, with Sunday school at 10 a.m., at Kechi United Methodist Church, 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi. All are welcome.

Men's Bible Study is at 6:30 a.m. Wednesdays. The coffee is always on.

CareGivers Support group meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of every month in the basement parlor.

Bingo is at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month. Everyone is welcome to join in.

Thursdays throughout the summer, KUMC hosts the Kechi Farmers Market from 4 to 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot. Come see what's going on.

The Rummage Sale is Aug. 13 through 15. Come check it out.

Our new pastor is Greg Reed. Find us at www.KechiUMC.org and "Like" us on Facebook. The church phone number is 744-1221.

New Anthem Community Church

New Anthem Community Church meets at Chisholm Trail Elementary, 6015 Independence, Park City KS 67219. Sunday ser-

vice is at 10 a.m.

The church phone number is 260-5048. You can also contact us online at www.newanthem-church.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 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.

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PEOPLE HIGHLIGHTS

Wichita's Amanda Erwin, Sara Gaylor and Shelby Marten, along with Meghan Shave of Park City, were all named to the honor roll for the spring 2015 semester at Emporia State University. To qualify for the semester honor roll, students must earn a minimum 3.80 grade point average in at least 12 graded hours.

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Erin Coulter of Wichita was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2015 semester at Benedictine College in Atchison. To make this list, a student maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Coulter.

Founded in 1858, Benedictine College is a Catholic, Benedictine, residential, liberal arts college located on the bluffs above the Missouri River in Atchison, Kansas. The school is proud to have been named one of America's Best Colleges by U.S. News & World Report as well as one of the top Catholic colleges in the

nation by First Things magazine and the Newman Guide. It prides itself on outstanding academics, extraordinary faith life, strong athletic programs, and an exceptional sense of community and belonging. It has a mission to educate men and women within a community of faith and scholarship.

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Emily Wooldridge of Park City was named to the President's Honor Roll for the spring 2015 semester at Pratt Community College. To earn this honor, a student must be full time with at least 12 credit hours and a 4.0 grade point average.

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Park City-area students Rayan Alwahbi, David Cross, Susanna Killgore and Kristina Williard were named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring 2015 semester at Southwestern College in Winfield. Full-time students who earned a grade point average of at least 3.70 were eligible for the honor.

Southwestern College is

a private institution granting undergraduate and graduate degrees and is affiliated with the United Methodist Church. About 1,700 students attend classes at the main Winfield campus, at six professional studies sites in Kansas and Oklahoma, or online around the world.

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Sixteen area students have been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring 2015 semester at Fort Hays State University.

From Park City: Paul Noel Contemplacion is a senior majoring in information networking and telecommunications (web development). Lindsey Louise Fry, a 2011 graduate of Valley Center High School, is a senior majoring in tourism and hospitality management. Steven Frank Nelson is a senior majoring in management.

From Wichita: Addison Kevin Pauler, a 2012 graduate of Wichita Northwest High School, is a junior majoring in radiologic technology. Kelsey Mae Tully, a 2011 graduate of

Maize South High School, is a senior majoring in agriculture (animal science).

The list includes undergraduate students only. To be eligible, a student must have been enrolled in 12 or more credit hours and have a minimum grade point average of 3.60 for the semester. Fulltime on-campus and FHUS Virtual College students are also eligible.

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Logan Wohlford of Valley Center is a member of the 61st anniversary company of Emporia State University Summer Theatre. The troupe's second show is "Things My Mother Taught Me." The show runs June 24 through 27. Wohlford, a junior theatre education major, plays Wyatt.

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VenuWorks President Steve Peters, CFE and Hartman Arena announced in June it hired Ben Bolander as executive director. Bolander had been serving as interim executive director since April.

Bolander brings extensive

experience in building relationships through a knowledge of the principles and practices of the venue management industry. As general manager



Bolander

of VenuWorks-managed Victory Theatre in Evansville, Ind., he was responsible for working with tenants and promoters, developing and implementing capital projects, and setting budgets for operations and events. Additionally, Bolander assisted with bookings at the 11,000-seat Ford Center while in Evansville.

Bolander has also served as executive director of the Convocation Center at California University of Pennsylvania, and as associate director of the Toyota Center in Kennewick, Wash. He brings

over a decade of experience in the entertainment and venue management industry. Recently, he graduated from the International Association of Venue Managers' Graduate Institute.

"We feel that Ben is the right fit for the job. He has proven his ability to lead and manage well as general manager of the Victory Theatre, and we know that he will do a great job for Hartman Arena," said Peters. "He will bring his experience and creativity, along with his knowledge of multi-purpose venues, to this facility."

"I am very excited about this opportunity," said Bolander. "Hartman Arena has endless potential and I look forward to tapping into that potential and growing the Arena's presence in this market."

Wink Hartman, owner of Hartman Arena said, "We are excited to have Ben. He brings a new energy level to the arena and a diverse background."

City moves to cover police mobile video equipment from repair costs

By David Dinell

Members of the Park City City Council want to ensure that an expenditure of \$48,000 for mobile video equipment for the city's police department is protected. In that regard, they approved spending \$9,105 from the Special Drug and Alcohol Fund to purchase extended warranties on the equipment at their June 9 meeting.

The video units come with a one-year warranty, but this action makes them covered for five years, said Chief Phil Bostian, who briefed the council on the matter. While the cost of the warranties is almost 20 percent of their initial cost, the high prices of parts and repairs means that if it's used several

times, it will pay for itself, and perhaps more, he said.

The systems' DVR is most likely to go out and a refurbished system costs \$2,500 while a new one goes for \$4,800. Another pricey item is the camera, which costs \$1,245.

The warranties don't cover units that are vandalized or otherwise broken with intent, but because they're in the patrol cars, that's unlikely to happen, he added.

The units record things such as traffic stops and arrests and are valuable in court proceedings, especially DUI cases, and in any possible lawsuits the city may be involved in, officials say.

The five-year coverage will

serve for the life of their technology, he said.

"After five to seven years, the technology advances so that they have served their useful life," he said.

The Drug and Alcohol Fund has about \$78,000 in it and grows by about \$15,000 to \$16,000 a year from a tax on liquor sales. The use of the money is restricted by the state, but police equipment and expenses related to the gear, such as the warranties, is allowed by it.

In another matter taken up by the council and related to the police, it approved that the department have certain reimbursement funds returned. The issue is strictly a bookkeeping one that was brought to the

attention of city officials by an auditor to make it in compliance with law.

In other action, the council:

- Listened to a report by Rick Norman, director of public works. The department continued its seasonal mowing and trimming. It also replaced trees on 61st Street. Norman reported that six trees have died and that staff have been watching others for adverse health signs. The department also worked on berms in Poston Park. In seasonal work, the department is placing mosquito briquettes in ditches to fight the bugs and will start fogging as necessary when weather conditions are right. The street department con-

tinued its patching work. Year to date, it has patched 1,200 square feet. For the water/sewer department, the average work order per day was 19.

•Approved appropriations from May 27 to June 9 of \$114,239 with an addendum.

•Approved additional procedures from city auditors to assist in adjusting the books for 2014 year end procedures at a cost of \$5,150.

•Approved appointing Karen Haughawout to the Convention and Tourism Committee to fill an unexpired term. She has lived in Park City for 15 years and is a resident of Longmont Street. "I believe in giving back to the community," she said in her application to the board.

•Discussed the council participation in the Salute to Freedom Fourth of July Celebration. They agreed to appear together as a unit and that it would show the community their "cohesiveness." "All together is a great thing," said Mayor Ray Mann. Mann said he would be buying candy at his expense to pass out and other council members said they would, too. George Capps asked animal owners to be courteous during the event and clean up after their pets. He also reminded people that it was a city ordinance.

No executive session was held. Two council members, John Lehnher and Tom Jones, were absent, along with City Administrator Jack Whitson and city attorney Douglas Moshier.

DEATHS

WILLIAM BANGLE

William Austin Bangle, 92, Park City, died May 27, 2015.

He was a retired farmer and owner of Bangle's Café. He was born in rural Graham County to Samuel Paul Bangle and Minnie

Bangle

Beatrice (Turner) Bangle. He married Ilah Marie (Tebo) Bangle Aug. 2, 1942, in Morland. He was a farmer for most of his life. He owned Bangle's Café in Park City for three years.

Survivors include his 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; sisters Letha Acheson of Morland, Virginia Cook of Wichita, Norma (Bob) Lemon of Hill City, Minnie (Vern) Gano of Spokane, Wash., and Phyllis Lutz of Phoenix; brothers Raymond "Ray" (Katie) Bangle of Houston and Jess "Jay" (Ronada) Bangle; many

other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife on May 20, 2015; parents; brothers Harold "Mike" Bangle, Chester "Chet" Bangle, Richard "Dick" Bangle, Phillip "Phil" Bangle, Albert E. Bangle; and sister Alice Heron.

Services were June 20 at The Church of God in Lenora, with private family burial at the Lenora South Cemetery. Memorials to The Church of the Nazarene, 2100 E. 61st North, Park City KS 67219. Baker Funeral Home of Valley Center had charge.

PAUL RANDALL

Paul Edward Randall, 85, of Park City, died June 17, 2015.

He was born Aug. 23, 1929, in Halstead to John D. and Verna M (Stein) Randall. He graduated from the University of Kansas and worked as an aerospace engineer for Beech and LearJet, among other companies.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his second wife Jody. Survivors include children, Steve Randall of Halstead, Shelley Thomas (Keith) of Park City, and Kathy Randall of Newton; brother Robert (Pat) of Camdenton, Mo.; and first wife Patricia (Vetter) Randall of Newton.

Memorial service was at

Hillside Funeral Home East Chapel, Wichita. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation or the Michael J. Fox Foundation.

RUTH WILHITE

Ruth Ester (Bright) Wilhite, 88, Valley Center, died June 18, 2015. She was a retired cook with USD 262.

Survivors include children Dean (Beth) Wilhite of Wichita, Mike (Judy) Wilhite, Stan (Deborah) Wilhite of Park City, and Mel-lany (Sam) McCorkle of White-water; nine grand-children; 16 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and sister Audrey Atwood of Lebanon.



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Service was June 23 at Valley Center Christian Church.

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Three defendants plead no contest in Bluml homicides

By David Dinell

Two of the four people involved in the murder of rural Valley Center residents Melissa and Roger Bluml will never be free again. A third could spend up to 36 years in prison.

On June 16, Kisha Schaberg and her biological son, Anthony "Tony" Bluml, were both sentenced to life in prison without parole. The terms were expected.

Anthony Bluml, 20, is the adoptive son of the murdered couple. Bluml and Schaberg, 36, killed the couple on the evening of Nov. 15, 2003, outside of their home northeast of Valley Center in the belief that he would collect assets from their estate.

Last month, both entered no-contest pleas, which avoided trials for the two — and avoided the possibility of the death penalty — and put a speedy end to their part of the complex case.

They can't appeal their sentences.

Also involved in the case are Braden Smith and Andrew Ellington, 20-year-old Valley Center High School classmates of Bluml. As part of a deal worked out with the office of District Attorney Marc Bennett, Smith said he would testify

against the other three defendants in exchange for the lesser charge of two counts of second-degree murder.

That deal means that the district attorney will seek a sentence of 24 1/2 years.

Ellington pleaded no contest to charges of first- and second-degree murder. Previously, Ellington pleaded not guilty, but that was changed as part of an agreement with prosecutors.

Ellington admitted that he's not disputing the prosecutors' charges, and he was quickly declared guilty by Wilbert, who set sentencing for Aug. 27. Under the plea, charges of burglary and robbery were dropped. He also cannot be tried for capital murder and get the death penalty.

With the two murder charges, Ellington is looking at a term of 36 years to life. He could get parole. However, he cannot appeal the conviction or prison term.

Ellington's trial is expected later this year.

Bennett said that while Ellington was "the least involved" of the group, and didn't pull the gun's trigger, he was still a vital part of the plot and is

responsible for his action.

"His 1 1/2 hours of involvement got him a life in prison," he said.

Bennett said Ellington drove a vehicle with Schaberg in it to the murder scene, which, under Kansas law, makes him part of the crime.

Ellington also, Bennett said, held Roger Bluml at gunpoint, while Schaberg shot his wife. Schaberg then shot and killed Roger Bluml.

During the Bluml sentencing, a family member read an emotional letter to the court. After it, Judge Ben Burgess took note of his standing-room-only courtroom and the impact the murderers had.

"You changed the lives of many people," he said, looking straight into Bluml's eyes as he stood emotionless at a podium with his attorney, Mark Manna.

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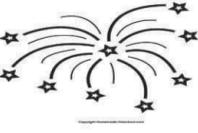
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Fourth

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start at 8 a.m. and the parade itself starts at 9 a.m. It begins at Spangles on 61st and then goes east to Hydraulic, where it goes north to the park.

"Miranda," a radio personality from Power 93.5, will be master of ceremonies for the parade.

Parade-goers should look up as well as ahead as there will be a flyover by the Commemorative Air Force

The park is the event's center as from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. there will be a variety of activities there, including inflatables, games with

prizes, a water slide, obstacle course, train rides, face painting, a disc jockey and more.

Most people work up an appetite and for hungry souls, the Lions Club will be selling hamburgers, hot dogs, pulled pork, pop, water, and more.

Also on site will be commercial vendors Brickhouse Barbecue and Kona Ice.

A summertime favorite, ice cream, will be served up at 10 a.m. at a social. At that same time, registration for the pet show begins. At 10:30 a.m., there will be the presentation of the colors and parade awards on stage along with the playing of the national anthem and presentation of prizes for parade entries. At 11 a.m., a horseshoe tourna-

ment gets underway, along with a pet show judging and awards sponsored by the Methodist Church at Park City.

There are nine categories in the contest, including most unusual pet, cutest pet, largest pet, smallest pet, best costumed pet, pet that most resembles the owner, best rescued pet, pet with the "waggiest" tail and most talented pet. Children under 12 with pets must be accompanied by an adult.

The action continues in the afternoon as there's a watermelon feed at 1 p.m. and bingo from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Senior Center.

There's a slight break in the later afternoon when the

heat of the day is at its prime before the evening entertainment gets underway on the stage at the west end of the park. At 6:30 p.m., local talent takes to the stage. Details of those selections will be announced. At 7 p.m., the professional musical bands start. First up is Road 23, an acoustic band, followed by Poultry in Motion, a "cover band" that plays a variety of music.

The concert is free, but requires a ticket. Those can be had obtained in advance at the Wholesale Fireworks stand at the corner of 61st and Hydraulic (between Emprise Bank and True Value Hardware) from June 27 to July 4 and at the disc jockey booth

in the park from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Fourth. They also are at the concert gate. The tickets will allow people the chance to win in drawings.

The capstone to the day, of course, is the traditional and popular fireworks display, which starts at 10 p.m. and is produced by Stellar Fireworks.

Brown said the fireworks show is as near as it can safely be to the crowd and it provides an ideal view.

"It's an awesome thing to see," he said. "You are so close."

Community fun and celebration are what the event is about, but there are a couple of vital rules to remember:

neither fireworks nor alcoholic beverages are allowed in the park.

The event couldn't happen without volunteers, most whom are from Park City. Brown is always open to more volunteers, whether they live in the city or not. The parade alone takes 20 to 25 volunteers, he said.

For more information, go to www.parkcityks4th.com. The website has a wealth of event information, including registration for the car and pet shows and parade. It also has directions to the event along with the weather forecast. Brown said the event has wide appeal to all ages.

"Everyone who comes will enjoy something," he said.

Fireworks

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fireworks stand in Kechi. It's at 1303 E. Kechi Road.

In Valley Center, the sale and discharge of fireworks is allowed from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. June 30 through July 3, and from 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. July 4. Fireworks stands

will be located at 801 S. Meridian (Riverlawn Christian Church), 506 S. Meridian (Family Value Fireworks), 1550 S. Meridian (Wholesale Fireworks) and the southwest corner 69th North and Meridian (Big Top Fireworks).

In Bel Aire, fireworks may be purchased as early as June 27, but may not be discharged until July 4. The

fireworks can be discharged from 9 a.m. to midnight July 4 only. Sales will be from 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. June 27 through July 4. Fireworks sales in Bel Aire are available at a tent located near Family Video at 4554 N. Woodlawn (Lions Club), the Wholesale Fireworks Building just northwest of 37th North and Woodlawn

and a tent at 37th North and Harding (Community Bible Chapel).

A general rule for shooting fireworks in cities is that any firework that may be sold in a city can legally be shot off in that city.

In all unincorporated areas of Sedgwick County, permitted fireworks may be shot from 8 a.m. to midnight

July 1 through 4. However, it is illegal to sell or buy fireworks in unincorporated Sedgwick County. In the county, most of the fireworks that can be purchased in a Sedgwick County city are OK to ignite.

In preparation for complaints and emergency calls that can accompany fireworks, the county will also

again utilize a non-emergency fireworks complaint line.

The non-emergency line reserved for fireworks complaints is 290-1011.

If fireworks cause injury or damage to property, residents are still advised to call 911. The non-emergency fireworks complaint line is available from 6:30 p.m. to 3 a.m. July 3 through 5.

Costs

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ity relocations, said project manager Ronald Nuessen, who appear before the council to answer questions.

"This is not something that we like to do," Nuessen said of the increase.

The firm likes to foresee possible changes. However, there's little choice but to invest more into the project to be in compliance with state law, he said.

In another unforeseen expense, the council approved a \$5,150 change order in the contract with the city auditors, Adams, Brown Beran &

Ball. The audit normally costs the city about \$10,000, but given the amount of time the auditors spent on the project this year, the extra cost is warranted, Whitson said.

"You can't ask these guys to do all this for free," he said.

Again, council members were not pleased, but agreed on the expense. Mayor Ray Mann said the city must do better.

"We took a step backwards this year," he said. "This should be an improvement process."

The mayor and council want audit "spot checks" throughout the year, so the work doesn't pile up at the end of the accounting period,

resulting in a more costly audit.

Another expense, \$490,000 for improvements to the Chisholm Creek Utility Authority, was not unforeseen and its funding will come from the utility fund. The money will be used to tackle problems with corrosion and odors, a source of citizens' complaints. Since the cash is there, it makes no sense to make it a bond issue, Mann said. Whitson agreed.

"No one has the stomach to raise sewer rates," he said.

In other action, the council:

- Approved appropriations of \$306,926 for the period of June 10 to June 19. Such funds covers the normal day-to-day spending of the city. There also are \$248,132 in open purchase orders.

- Listened to a presentation by Ben Wilson and Danielle Hollingshead Adams, Brown Beran & Ball on the 2014 audit report.
- Heard a report from public works director Rick Norman. The park department continues with a heavy load of seasonal moving and trimming, has treated Chisholm Pointe Lake for algae and repaired the irrigation lines in the landscape bed on 61st Street North. The street department has completed mosquito fogging and has been working in sign installations. The water/sewer department has been fixing potholes on 53rd Street North and its average work orders per day as 19 from June 1 to 15.
- Approved the purchase of a backhoe for the Water and Sewer Department at a cost of \$59,151. The Utility Reserves will provide 80 percent of the funding and the Special Street and Highway Fund will be the source of 20 percent of funding.

The department's existing backhoe is a 1985 Case 580E model,

and, after 30 years of heavy use, is showing its wear and tear, according to utility supervisor Jerry Martin. The department recently obtained a quote of more than \$5,000 to replace its fuel tanks and some other part.

"The worth of the backhoes does not justify those costs," Martin reported to the council. In addition, the backhoe has other repair issues that need to be addressed, he said.

Martin assembled three models for the council to consider, all 2015 models. The costs ranged from \$59,151 to \$62,679. All three models — a Caterpillar, a John Deere and a Case — come with a four-in-one bucket feature. Martin recommended the Caterpillar model from Foley Equipment in Wichita and the council concurred. The city will be able to get a \$5,000 trade-in allowance for the existing Case model.

•Commissioned the sale of two of the city's Ford police vehicles in an auction. Proceeds from the sale will be deposited into the police de-

partment's capital equipment fund to help equip two new Ford Explorers.

- Authorized depositing \$18,000 from a reimbursement from the Department of Justice into the police department capital equipment fund.
- Heard a report from Ward 2 council member George Glover on the June 20 fishing derby. Earlier, Norman reported that the event attracted 160 participants.
- Asked Whitson to send a letter to the county on the Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners' proposal to eliminate the "zoning area of influence," stating that it is against the move. The area of influence allows to the city to have a say in zoning matters that are outside of its legal boundaries but that may have an effect of it nonetheless. An example would be putting a commercial operation outside of the city, but close to a residential area. Whitson said the city should be able to have a say in such matters as they impact property values and quality of life issues.

E-cig store works to educate customers

By David Dinell

Eddie Hoyle sees his Park City store, Zola's Vapor Emporium, 120 W. 61st Street North, as more than just a business: it also has a mission to help tobacco smokers with their addiction.

Switching to vapor smoking, or e-cigarettes, worked for him, including being able to lower his nicotine intake, and he wants to get others to try it, too.

Hoyle, 57, had been a smoker for 39 years and tried everything to quit, including a patch and chewing gum.

"But I just couldn't quit smoking," said Hoyle.

He looked into some of the local e-cigarette stores, but wasn't pleased with them.

"I wasn't given the type of information I wanted," he said. "It was more like, 'here, give me your money and I'll see you.' I didn't like that."

So he decided he could do better and opened his own venture in December 2013 in Park City, with an emphasis on customer education.

"I wanted to show what it could do for others," he said.

Indeed, on a recent afternoon, a couple of customers were in the store with Hoyle and the atmosphere was decidedly low key as they discussed the merits of different vapor flavors and undertook e-cigarette smoking.

One customer, John Robinson, a Park City resident who had been a tobacco smoker for 40 years, said he was ready for a change when he came into the shop earlier this year.

He liked smoking, but didn't like the smell and side effects he said the tobacco smoking cause him.

"I can breathe again," he said. "That's the big thing."

Robinson said he feels better in general and has "a lot more energy."

Hoyle said Robinson took to e-cigarettes "like a duck to water."

Another customer, Courtney Janzen, said he likes the vapor smoking because the craving for it is much less than a tobacco cigarette.

"This is something you



Photos by David Dinell

Zola's owner Eddie Hoyle with some of the liquids used with e-cigarettes. Some of the more popular ones are black honey with caramel and a strawberry juice-based concoction called "Zola's Milk."



The liquid that produces the vapor sell for \$6.50 for one, \$12 for two and \$17.50 for three bottles. The nicotine level can be adjusted with the product.

can do for a long time," he said.

Whether that's true or not is still unknown, according to a Feb. 28, 2015, report in The American Journal of Medicine.

"Some acute effects of e-cigarettes on heart rate, blood pressure, and airway resistance are reported," the publication stated. "Although there are some reports of improved cessation in a subset of users, there are also studies reporting decreased cessation in dual users of

regular and e-cigarettes."

The Journal also pointed out that there is no regulation of the devices, which allows anyone to obtain them online. A check of online sites found that they will ask if the buyer is 18 or older, but there is no verification of that. Zola's and other in-person stores do restrict sales to legal adults. The Journal also stated that whatever the health effects, customers are flocking to them since they were introduced in the United States in 2007 — and

personal experience, such as Hoyle's and others, is what's driving growth.

But vaping, as it's called, is still considered smoking, and in that regard, earlier this year, Park City officials banned e-cigarette smoking in public places or places with public access, such as restaurants. Hoyle said he doesn't have a problem with that.

"It didn't affect me as a business," he said. "We do need to be respectful of others in their space."

Smoking is still permitted on private property and in the store, where Hoyle was happy to show e-cigarette techniques.

Indeed, even after 20 minutes of heavy smoking, there was little evidence of the product in the air, and a non-smoking visitor's clothing didn't smell, nor did his eyes tear up from smoke.

A basic kit to get started with e-cigarettes can be obtained for about \$25. That includes the tank, battery and charger. A more upscale unit can be had for about \$100, Hoyle said, although some spend even much more than that on deluxe equipment.

The recurring cost is buy-



Park City resident John Robinson smoke tobacco for 40 years before he switched to e-cigarettes. "I can breathe again," he says. "That's the big thing."

ing the liquid that produces the smoke and those sell for \$6.50 for one, \$12 for two and \$17.50 for three bottles.

The store custom mixes the liquids that are used to make the vapor in the e-cigarettes. Some of the more popular ones are black honey with caramel and a strawberry juice-based concoction called "Zola's Milk."

The cost, Hoyle said, is less than tobacco smoking and the only tax on e-cigarettes is the sale tax, although that could change.

Tobacco cigarettes today in Kansas go for \$6 for a pack of 20 and from \$60 to \$65 for a carton.

The business is a side venture for Hoyle, as his full-time job is a truck driving for a Wichita welding supply company. He does stop by in the later afternoon after work and is there on Saturdays.

His son, Seth Hoyle, mans the store the rest of the time.

The location, on the west side of Broadway, is a mixed blessing. The traffic is not as heavy as Hoyle would like, but on the other hand, there's lots of parking, even for big trucks — and he occasionally gets inquiries from truckers

about stopping by.

To attract attention to the store, which is in the front of an industrial building, Hoyle put a wind banner in front.

The name, Zola's, comes from a well-loved and respected babysitter he had as a child, and the emporium part of it comes from the fact that he plans to branch out into other items in the futures.

Hoyle has done some internet marketing, but has relied a lot on word of mouth and repeat business.

"Compared to where we were a year ago, I'm pretty happy," he said. "It's been a struggle at times, but I'm glad we haven't given up."

Despite the competition, Hoyle said his customers come back because of the north Sedgwick County location and his customer service.

"Those are our selling points," he said.

Any money Hoyle makes goes back into the venture to improve its inventory. "This isn't about getting rich," Hoyle said. "What I'm trying to do here is give people good customer service and an understanding of what this is all about."

Church

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(and in many ways already has lost) its way."

He also wrote that he made the choice to resign.

"I also hope and pray you will not have angry or ill feelings toward the United Methodist Church or The Great Plains Annual Conference, they didn't do anything to me," he said. "I chose what I chose of my own free will. So, if you are going to choose to be angry, please choose to be angry at me."

Walker said Schmutz did an excellent job as pastor, building church attendance and its preschool.

"I love and respect Rob," Walker said. "He's a brother to me."

Adan Grimaldo, summer youth coordinator at the church, said Walker is a fine choice for taking over as pastor.

"He's a servant-hearted man," Grimaldo said. "He wants to serve people and serve the community. God will use Ben to lead us."

Grimaldo, added, however, that the church's emphasis is on following the teachings of Jesus Christ and Walker is "just a man" who is doing a job.

Like Grimaldo, Walker said the church is for people, not as a place to honor an individual. In that regard, its operations will continue in place, he said.

"We're busy," Walker said, "and our preschool is totally full. We're here for the community of Park City."

The church is not a chartered Methodist Church, but is considered a "fellowship" church. However, it is the only Methodist worship service in Park City.

While part of the long-established United Methodist Church, the Park City location, which is in a shopping complex, has a decidedly non-traditional church feel to it. On one side is a long coffee and snack bar and on another high-topped tables and tall chairs. The open floor

can be arranged in different formations with seating and along one wall are musical instruments and amplifiers.

And each Friday night and Sunday morning, worship will continue, now with Walker, whom Schmutz called "a great guy."

"The church is going to continue, minus myself," he said.

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