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Park City to display 'In God We Trust' motto

City OKs resolution to post words in council chambers

By David Dinell

Park City is the first city in Kansas to pass a resolution allowing the words "In God We Trust" to be displayed in its city council chambers.

It joins 529 cities and counties across the country that have voted to permit a public showing

of the motto, which also is on all the country's coins and currency.

The movement has been embraced by governing bodies in Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Colorado, but Kansas is slow in joining it. City council member Gary Aldrich wanted to change that, so he floated the proposal at a recent council meeting.

The resolution was put on the council's Sept. 22 meeting agenda and passed by a 8-0 vote.

Aldrich was pleased by the passage and said it had to do with building patriotic spirit and reminding people of the way Americans' rights come from a creator and not from royalty or a government.

"That's what we were founded on and what separates us from other nations," he said.

Before the vote, Aldrich provided the council with a mini lesson in American history and the movement, which is being spread by "In God We Trust America Inc.," a group started in 2004 by Jacquie Sullivan of the Bakers-

field (Calif.) City Council.

Its purpose, she said, is to spread "the mission of patriotism across America."

No one on the council had an objection to the passage and no one spoke for or against it during the public forum, but council

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New gun ordinance aims to clarify law

By David Dinell

When Park City police were called to the Prairie Hills subdivision on the evening of Sept. 2 about shotguns being fired nearby, they found themselves in a bit of dilemma.

Residents were upset not only about the shots going off but the fact that shotgun pellets were falling around their homes, hitting two vehicles and a 17-year-old girl. Even though the girl was unhurt, the situation was disconcerting to residents.

But there wasn't much the police could legally do as

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Photos by David Dinell

Nutrition educator Shirley Lewis hands out sugar-free banana pudding parfait to Dorleen Martens (left) and Kay Tubach at the Park City Senior Center during a class dealing with sweeteners.

Sweet lesson

Area seniors get the inside scoop on nutrition

By David Dinell

The folks gathered around tables at the Park City Senior Center recently were getting a critical health message: sugar may taste good, but watch out, too much of it can be lead to serious health problems.

That was part of the educational program put forth by Shirley Lewis, program assistant for the Sedgwick County family nutrition program.

The outreach is funded through Kansas State University's Research and Extension division, and, in that regard, Lewis sported a bright purple K-State T-shirt.

The September class was the last of a seven-part series called "Rite Bite" that started in the spring.

Topics dealt with a variety of nutrition subjects, such as sodium, fats, reading food labels and "Choose My Plate," which are new dietary guidelines.

Lewis' overall message was one of being careful about what you eat: "Everything in moderation," she said. Americans, she said, are people of excess in the eating department.

"We eat way too much fat, sodium, sugar and calories," she said. "We don't need all that."

It's not a message people



Clarinda Howland (left) and Barbara Stafford listen to Shirley Lewis, program assistant for the Sedgwick County family nutrition program.

want to hear — but they need to, said Lewis, who herself has to handle Type 2 diabetes, which is a long-term health condition that affects the way the body processes blood sugar, or glucose.

Certainly, humans are drawn to sweets. As one attendee jokingly asked: "Which food group is chocolate?"

It got a laugh, but the other part of the message was not so light. The American Heart Association recommends consuming no more than 9.5 teaspoons of sugar daily. However, the average adult takes in 22 teaspoons daily and the average child, even more, some 32 teaspoons.

The major source of sugar

consumption by far are soft drinks. They're followed by candy and cakes and cookies.

Lewis said sugar is a major cause of childhood obesity and much of that is caused by too many sugary drinks, including sports and fruit drinks, along with candy bars.

Food can still taste good, even if it doesn't have sugar itself in it, Lewis said.

There are artificial sweeteners, but individuals need to see how they react to them first.

There also are a variety of natural sweeteners, such as fruit, honey and maple syrup that can add desired sweetness to food, although, she stressed, use them in moderation.

To prove her point, Lewis made and dished out a sugar-free pudding parfait made with bananas to add a dash of sweetness to it.

Lewis said she used to be a heavy sugar consumer, eating lots of candy and drinking excess amounts of sugary drinks until her diabetes gave her a health alert wake-up call.

Lewis, who makes a circuit of Sedgwick County senior centers with her classes, said her messages find a receptive audience as more older adults realize how important diet is and want to make better choices.

Madison Shriner, director of the center, which is at 6100 N. Hydraulic, said the classes got a positive reception and she wants to bring them back next year. Area seniors echo that.

"I really enjoyed it," said Park City resident Kay Tubach after the class on sweeteners. "I learned a lot."

Likewise, Dorleen Martens, also from Park City, said the hour-long classes were time well spent.

"I learn new things every time," she said.

Added Twila Kruse: "I definitely can say that I learned something."

Kruse said she has already changed some of her dietary habits, and the lesson just reinforced them.

"I don't drink sugary drinks now," she said. "I try and make things healthier."



David Dinell

The Park City swimming pool, which opened in 1958 and is in McLean Park, is closed permanently after having been shut for several years.

Park City to close its pool for good

By David Dinell

After 57 years, the Park City pool is dead.

The city council voted 8-0 Sept. 8 to permanently close the aging pool, fill it and take down the surrounding fence. The pool, which opened in 1958 and is in McLean Park, was called an "eyesore" by Mayor Ray Mann.

"Its life is over," he said in pitching his plan to close it.

Mann and others had looked at replacing it with a splash pad, a specialized water play park, for children, but found that cost was well into the six figures.

The pool has been closed for several years as the council tried to come to grips with what to do with it. In

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HIGHLIGHTS

City issues 18 permits in August

The City of Park City issued 18 building permits during August for a total property valuation of \$1,149,066.95. Of that number, two were for new homes and two for new duplexes. The permits are listed by date they were issued, address, type of project and valuation:

- Aug. 6, 2316 Fairchild, reroof, \$8,300; •Aug. 6, 6351 Louisville, siding, \$6,100; •Aug. 7, 1219 Charleston, reroof, \$3,000; •Aug. 7, 5908 Judson, reroof, \$5,400; •Aug. 11, 1611 Denver, reroof, \$4,000; •Aug. 12, 1726 Cedar Tree, basement finish, \$12,000; •Aug. 17, 4821 N. Hydraulic, new commercial, \$300,000; •Aug. 17, 2102 Cedar Tree, new duplex, \$132,000; •Aug. 17, 2106 Village Estates, new duplex, \$132,000; •Aug. 21, 8914 Ridgewood Court, reroof, \$8,000; •Aug. 25, 2711 Fairchild Court, new home, \$114,200; •Aug. 27, 2400 Fairchild, reroof, \$5,400; •Aug. 28, 6021 E. Parkview, reroof, \$808; •Aug. 28, 1325 Arlington, reroof, \$3,658.95; •Aug. 31, 6417 Randall, reroof, \$3,600; •Aug. 31, 1301 Arlington, reroof, \$3,000; •Aug. 31, 903 W. 69th North, new home, \$400,000; •Aug. 31, 8817 Ridgewood Lane, reroof, \$7,600.

— The Post staff

Road trip set to Wamego

Area seniors are invited to take part in a day trip to Wamego, sponsored by the Park City Senior Center.

The outing is set for 8:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 8 and the cost is \$48 a person. That includes transportation on a heated bus, lunch and admission to the Oz Museum, which is one of the largest private collections of items related to the movie The Wizard of Oz and the book by L. Frank Baum.

Lunch is at the Friendship House, which is known for its fresh baked goods. Wamego is about two hours north of Park City. Space on the trip is limited and reservations are required. The payment is due by Oct. 5. For more, call 744-1199.

— David Dinell

Area chase pulls in local police

Law enforcement officers from Wichita enlisted the help of Park City police during an early morning pursuit Aug. 30. The incident began in

Wichita at the intersection of 13th and Oliver and continued north on Oliver. Park City police got involved at about 2:54 a.m. at the intersection of Oliver and 61st North after they heard a broadcast for chase assistance through an all-channel call.

Park City police were asked to lay down a spike strip in an effort to disable the vehicle, but weren't able to get in position at the correct time, said Chief Phil Bostian.

"Getting them (spikes) in the right place at the right time is difficult and safety is a huge issue as there are a number of police officers who are killed each year putting out the road strips," Bostian said. "People either accidentally, or more often, deliberately, run over them."

Bostian doesn't know what the driver was being chased for, but said the incident came to an end at the corner of Oliver and 101st North after the driver lost control. According to a Sedgwick County's Sheriff's report, the driver, Kevin Lopez-Perez, struck a street sign. He fled the scene on foot, but was later apprehended. He was not listed as an inmate of the county jail as of late Aug. 31. Vehicle damage was estimated to be more than \$1,000, according to the sheriff's office.

— David Dinell

Health dept. encourages shots

The Sedgwick County Health Department (SCHD) encourages everyone in Sedgwick County to get a flu shot. SCHD says that vaccination is still the best way to protect yourself and your family from becoming ill with the flu.

Influenza is a contagious disease that spreads around the country every year usually between October and May. Flu vaccinations are recommended for anyone six months or older, unless otherwise directed by a physician.

If you have questions about the flu vaccine, you can call the health department's immunizations line at 316-660-7362.

Residents who qualify for free or reduced cost vaccinations may visit the health department's clinic at 2716 W. Central in Wichita. Clinic hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, from noon to 6:30 p.m. Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday.

If you do not qualify for a free flu vaccination, please visit your primary care provider or neighborhood pharmacy to receive one.

— The Post staff

Park City Fall Festival set for Oct. 24

By The Post staff

Come one, come all! The annual Park City Fall Festival will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 24 west of the skateboard facility at McLean Park. As usual, hot dogs, s'mores, hot cider and hot chocolate will be on the menu. Local resi-

dents will be entertained with hayrack rides, a bonfire, face painting and games. Sunshine The Bunny Band will provide family friendly musical entertainment from the stage. And of course, there will be lots and lots of pumpkins to decorate.

Everything is free and all Park City residents are en-

couraged to attend this family event, which is organized by the Park City Park and Recreation Advisory Board, with help from community volunteers. Special thanks to Parks Superintendent Bruce Helberg for his help and guidance.

The Fall Festival was formerly put on by the Events

Committee under the auspices of the Park Board, but this year board members voted to take the responsibility themselves — with the assistance of the committee members. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated. To help, contact Dee Stuart at 619-7800 for more information.

Students arrested in school threat

By Chris Strunk

Northeast Magnet High School in Bel Aire was on lockdown with heightened security Sept. 22 as authorities responded to a possible threat to the school the night before.

Bel Aire police said they received information about the possible threat about 8:45 p.m. Sept. 21.

The threat was posted to a social media website and involved photos of firearms and warnings not to attend school on Tuesday.

Students who viewed the posts alerted their parents and those parents notified the Bel Aire Police Department.

Police identified three students suspected to be involved in the threats. All three were taken into custody without incident and were questioned.

Each faces charges regarding the threats of violence.

As a safety precaution, there was an increased law enforcement presence at the school on Sept. 22. Officers from the Bel Aire Police Department, Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office and the school district's security services were on hand.

District security conducted a metal detector search of each student entering the school, which was placed on lockdown.

District administrators notified parents before the start of school about the increased law enforcement presence.

Bel Aire Chief Darrell Atteberry said the students who notified their parents of the threat are to be commended

for taking action to stop violence at their school.

The case remains under investigation, he said.

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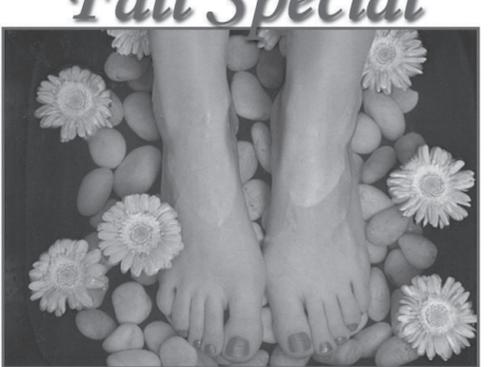
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<p>Kids Consignment Sale <i>Infant to Teens</i> Oct. 8 & 9: 8 am - 7 pm Oct. 10: 8 am - 2 pm Many 1/2 price items on Sat., Oct. 10</p>	<p>Riverlawn Christian Church (gym) 4243 N. Meridian (42nd & Meridian) 655-3132 or 990-9979 twiceisnicewichita.com for info on how to get a presale pass</p>
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CITY OF PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

City Council Meeting August 25, 2015:

- Approved the minutes of August 11, 2015 Regular Meeting.
- Approved Appropriations 823-2015 with Addendum.
- Held a Public Hearing on Echo Hills Commercial Addition Improvement.
- Approved an Ordinance Levying Special Assessments on Certain Property to Pay the Costs of Internal Improvements in the City of Park City, Kansas, as Heretofore Authorized by Resolution Nos. 827-2012, 828-2012, 829-2012, 830-2012, 831-2012, 833-2012, and 834-2012, as Amended by Resolution No. 842-2012 of the City; and Providing for the Collection of such Special Assessments.
- Approved a Contract for Providing Volunteer Transportation Services for Sedgwick County Department on Aging's Transportation Program.
- Approved One Step Final Plat on Land Located West of Hartman Arena Drive/North of 77th Street North.
- Approved Establishing a New Cox Internet Service to Separate the Police and Administration at a Cost of \$99.95 per month for 36 Months with the funds coming out of the Police Department.
- Approved an Amendment of Sections 8-108 and 8-303 of the Municipal Code Relating to Motor Vehicle Nuisances.
- Approved a Conditional Right of Way Clearance Agreement with Kansas Department of Transportation for the 53rd Street North Improvement Project and Authorized the City Administrator to Sign State Form 1306.
- Approved the purchase for Temporary Easement and Right of Way for the 53rd Street North Improvement Project.
- Approved the Purchase of 150 Tons of Salt for Treating Ice/Snow by the Street Department.

Special City Council Meeting Sept. 3, 2015:

- Approved an Ordinance 962-2015 Amending Section 11-122 Of The Municipal Code Of The City Of Park City, Kansas, Pertaining To The Unlawful Discharge Of Firearms Within The City..

City Council Meeting Sept. 8, 2015:

- Approved the Minutes of August 25, 2015 Regular Meeting.

- Approved Cereal Malt Beverage License for Circle K Store.
- Approved Senior Center Agreement with Aging Projects, Inc. Meals on Wheels/Friendship Meals.
- Approved Expenditure of Transient Guest Tax Funds as Recommended by the Convention and Tourism Board: 1. Wichita Area Sports Commission - Sponsor the 2016 Kansas State Junior College Region VI Men's and Women's Basketball Championship Quarter Finals February 28 - March 3, 2016. \$18,000 at Hartman Arena. 2. Dr. Scott Crawford - Sponsor KCAC Basketball Tournament February 29, 2016 at Hartman Arena, \$12,500. 3. Sponsor the Sunflower Cluster Dog Shows at the Kansas Pavilions, April 7 - 11, 2016, \$4,000. 4. Sponsor Wichita State Shooting Sports Fall Classic, September 12 - 14, 2015, \$10,000. 5. Increase Funding for Advertisement in Spring Hill Press to Include Map on Back Cover \$350 (\$800 Previously Approved for Ad Only) for a Total Expenditure of \$1,150.
- Approved John Haas, Financial Consultant for the City to pursue work on gathering information regarding the refinancing City Bonds and bring the information back to a future meeting.
- Approved Ordinance 963-2015, a change of zoning at 6125 1/2 N Broadway, Park City KS 67219, from C-2 Service Business District to I-1 Light Industrial.
- Approved Amendment No. 1 to the Restrictive Covenants for Prairie Hills and Prairie Hills 2nd Additions.
- Approved filling the Municipal Swimming Pool and taking the fence down as needed.
- Scheduled a Special Meeting of the Council for September 15th at 7:00 p.m. for a Workshop on Public Building Commissions (PBC).
- Determined Two Voting Delegates and Two Alternates to the Annual League of Kansas Municipalities Conference in Topeka.
- Held an Executive Session on Contract Negotiations, Attorney/Client Privilege; no binding action was taken.

Special City Council Meeting Sept. 15:

- Held a Workshop for information on the creation of a Public Building Commission (PBC)

Questions about these meetings may be addressed to cityclerk@parkcityks.com.

Nifty facts to know ...

Fall cleanups

The leaves are falling. Remember to keep the street and ditches free of raked leaves and grass clippings.

Do not blow grass clippings or rake leave into the street or ditches. The water that runs off the street and into the gutters eventually ends up in the lakes and streams.

The clean water act prohibits the introduction of leaves and grass clippings into the storm water system. It is a violation of the Park City Municipal Code.

Remember, it is the responsibility of homeowners to mow and maintain the ditches behind their homes and to keep them free of limbs and debris.

Limb day— 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 3 at the west end of McLean Park. Brush and tree limbs only. Proof of residency is required.

Document shredding — 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 10 in the City Hall parking lot. By the file, by the box, by the bag! Bring your old files, canceled checks, etc. Paper clips and staples are OK. No binder clips. This event is

provided by Waste Connections and the City of Park City. Proof of residency is required.

Automatic payment of utility bills

You can also enroll now for automatic payment of water and sewer bills. Once enrolled, a billing will continue to be mailed to you that shows the amount to be deducted from your bank account.

If you would like to enroll, come by City Hall and complete the authorization form or call the water clerk at 744-2026, Ext. 207.

Commodities

Commodities will be distributed from 8 to 10 a.m. Oct. 30 at Leeker's Family Food, 6223 N. Broadway. Commodities are distributed to qualified individuals and families.

Seniors! We want to know what you think ... take the Senior Survey

Pick up a copy of the Senior Center Survey at City Hall, the Library, the Senior Center or you can take it on the city's website at www.parkcityks.com.



Pride Food Pantry

The Park City Pride Food Pantry is a food bank that is required to follow the USDA income guidelines for commodities.

If you are in need of food assistance, come to the Park City Pride Building, from 1 to 3 p.m. Oct. 17. Pride members have prepared a packet

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 first Monday)
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 first Wednesday)
1:00 p.m. Walking
2:30 Line Dancing

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
1:00 p.m. Pinochle
1:30 p.m. Dance Aerobics

Saturday

1:00 p.m. Pinochle

(Friendship Meal lunch now offered through Aging Projects Inc. at 11:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday. Homebound delivery Meals on Wheels Monday thru Friday. Reservations are required. Call 744-0751.)

Monthly Events

Oct. 1, 1 p.m.

Movie Matinee- "RV"

Oct. 5, 10:30 a.m.

Chisholm Trail board meeting

Oct. 7, 10:30 a.m.

Chisholm Trail Seniors catered lunch and meeting (lunch by reservation)

Oct. 14

Foot/Nail care by Michelle Steinke. Call 316-946-0722 to schedule an appointment.

Oct. 15

1 p.m. — Card bingo, \$1 fee

5:30 p.m. — Finger food

Oct. 16, 6 p.m.

Food/Fun/Games

Oct. 19, 1 p.m.

Movie Matinee — "Tootsie"

Oct. 19, 2 to 4 p.m.

Sedgwick County Health Department Immunization Clinic

Oct. 15, 8 a.m.

Breakfast out, Cracker Barrel

Oct. 20

Foot/Nail care by Hermes Healthcare. Call 316-260-4110 to schedule an appointment.

Senior Dances

\$4 donation at the door. Refreshments served.

Sept. 3, 17 and 31, 7 p.m.

The Wildwood Band

Special Events

Tech Tutor, 1 to 4 p.m., 1st & 3rd Mondays

Have questions about using your laptop, iPad, iPhone, Kindle, digital camera or other device? Want to learn how to use email, Facebook, Microsoft Word, Powerpoint, or other programs? Then sign up for a one-on-one session with our volunteer Tech Tutor. Please call Madison at 316-744-1199 to schedule a one-hour session.

Oct. 8, 8:45 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"Oz"tober Day Trip — Join us for a trip to Wamego, including lunch at the Friendship House and a guided tour of the Oz Museum. Time to explore downtown Wamego may be available. The Friendship House is known for their fresh-baked goods. Our lunch will consist of your choice of either homemade Bierocks or ham &

cheddar rolls, Kansas broccoli salad (other salads available), unlimited drinks, and their homemade bread pudding for dessert. The Oz Museum is a fun museum featuring one of the largest private collections of artifacts relating to L. Frank Baum's book and the movie "The Wizard of Oz." Meet at the Park City Senior Center, 6100 N. Hydraulic at 8:45 a.m.; the bus will leave at 9 a.m. sharp. We will be riding a First Student bus with heating. Wamego is approximately two hours from Park City. The price of \$48 includes everything. Space is limited, so call Madison at 744-1199 to sign up and make payment by Oct. 5.

Oct. 13, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Walgreens flu/pneumonia shot clinic. Stay healthy through flu season. Come to receive a flu or pneumonia shot from Walgreens professionals (high dose flu vaccine is provided if needed). Please bring insurance information and ID.

Oct. 20, 11 a.m.

Blood Pressure Clinic and Health Talk- presented by Sharon Wyatt, nurse from Park West Plaza.

Oct. 14, 10:15 a.m.

Balance Disorders & Brain Health. Presented by Dr. Sean Hubbard, chiropractic neurologist. Learn about brain health and balance disorders including prevention tips and the newest treatments.

Oct. 21, 10:30 a.m.

Strategies for an Effective Doctor's Visit. Learn how to get the most out of a visit to your doctor with tips presented by Angels Care Home Health. Door prize and snacks included.

Oct. 28, 10:15 a.m.

The Basics of Alzheimer's Disease. Presented by The Alzheimer's Association. Learn important information about this disease that is the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States, including the 10 warning signs of Alzheimer's.

What else is going on in Park City??

of information with guidelines and requirements. Proof of income and residency is required.

If you would like more information, please call Park City Pride at 744-8685.

Fall Festival

The Park City Fall Festival will be held from 6 to 8 p.m.

Oct. 24 at Hap McLean Park.

Family fun events include a bonfire, hot dogs, smores, hot chocolate, hay rack ride, pumpkin painting, money dive and lots of kids games.

This event is sponsored by the Park Board.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

- Oct. 1, 6:30 p.m. — Court, CH
- Oct. 1, 7 p.m. — Seniors Square Dance, SC
- Oct. 3, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Brush & tree limb cleanup day
- Oct. 3, 7 p.m. — Senior Dance, SC
- Oct. 5, 7 p.m. — Park Board, CH
- Oct. 7, 10:30 a.m. — Seniors catered lunch, SC
- Oct. 8, 1 p.m. — Court Trials, CH
- Oct. 8, 6:30 p.m. — Court, CH
- Oct. 8, 7 p.m. — Library Board, PCL
- Oct. 8, 7 p.m. — Seniors Square Dance, SC
- Oct. 10, 9 a.m. — PRIDE, PC
- Oct. 12, 7 p.m. — Lions, CB
- Oct. 13, 7 p.m. — City Council, CH
- Oct. 15, 5:30 p.m. — Seniors

- finger food
- Oct. 15, 6:30 p.m. — Court, CH
- Oct. 17, 1 p.m. — Pride Food Pantry, PC
- Oct. 17, 7 p.m. — Senior Dance, SC
- Oct. 19, 7 p.m. — Planning/BZA, CH
- Oct. 22, 1 p.m. — Court Trials, CH
- Oct. 22, 4:30 p.m. — CCUA Bel Aire, CH
- Oct. 22, 6:30 p.m. — Court, CH
- Oct. 22, 7 p.m. — Seniors Square Dance, SC
- Oct. 24, 6 to 8 p.m. — Fall Festival, McLean Park
- Oct. 26, 7 p.m. — Lions, CB
- Oct. 27, 7 p.m. — City Council, CH
- Oct. 28, 11:30 a.m. — Chamber Luncheon
- Oct. 30, 8 a.m. — Commodities, Leeker's
- Oct. 31, 7 p.m. — Senior Dance, SC

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For more information about the church and its activities, find the church online at www.christ-lutheran.org, or call 744-1242.

Chad Langdon is the pastor of Christ Lutheran Church.

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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

Greenwich UMC, at the edge of Wichita, KS, is a traditional, family church that serves all ages. Sunday Worship is at 9 a.m. Life Studies (study group for all ages) is Sunday from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Paula Scott is available at the Church each Wednesday for prayer and fellowship. United Methodist Women meet at 10 a.m. the first Wednesday of each month and also hosts a Church brunch quarterly. Special Events are announced on the Church sign, Facebook and by mailings. Please call to be added to our mailing list or email shagemaster@sbcglobal.net.

Greenwich UMC missions support large local charities like Open Door, Grace Med or Youthville, as well as small charities like Flint Hills Therapeutic Riding Center, Wichita Children's Home, to name a few.

The church is located at 5500 N. Greenwich Road, about one mile south of K-254 and five miles north of 21st St.

Like us on Facebook at Wichita Greenwich United Methodist Church. We would love for you to come join us Sunday. Feel free to call anytime 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.

Our 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 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 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 for more information.

All events and activities are open to the community.

Contact the church at 744-0029. 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 Road, 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 email jmcquery@cox.net.

Riverview Baptist Church

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

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

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

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

St. Michael's Orthodox Christian Church

Saint Michael's Orthodox Christian Church is located at 2710 E. 61st 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.

Men's Bible Study Group will meet at 7 p.m. Oct. 5 and 19. It will study the Old Testament Deuterocanonical Books.

The Wednesday program is at 7:15 p.m. Oct. 7 and 21, following Liturgy at 6 p.m. and potluck supper. The topic: An Orthodox Interpretation of the Book of Revelation.

Women's Bible Study Group will meet at 10 a.m. Oct. 9 and 16, studying "Thirty Steps to Heaven."

The second annual church rummage sale will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 10.

Holy days during October are Oct. 7, Saint Mark the Ascetic; Oct. 15, Our Lady of Walsingham; Oct. 18, Saint Luke the Evangelist; Oct. 21, Saint Hilarion of Gaza; Oct. 24, Archangel Raphael; Oct. 28, apostles Simon and Jude; and Oct. 31, Vigil of All Saints.

Fridays are days of fasting and abstinence during October.

Sunday Adult class is at 9 a.m. Discovering Jesus in the Book of Deuteronomy is the topic.

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

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. Hydraulic Wichita, KS 67219. The pastor is Nathan Stearman. The Sabbath school is at 9:30 a.m. Worship service is at 11 a.m.

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

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

Motto

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member Tom Jones did take issue with calling for the "prominent" display of the motto in the chambers.

Aldrich had shown photos of other chambers and lobbies, some with large, expensive-looking massive gold letters.

"Who is going to pay for this?" Jones asked.

After Jones voted for the measure, he added the caveat that he "may be opposed in the

future" when it comes to paying for a display.

After the vote, Aldrich played down those concerns and said he wasn't interested in seeking a costly shrine to the motto itself, but rather making a statement and trying to educate young people about the country's heritage. A simple sign costing \$100 or so would do the job just fine, he suggested.

"This is not about the money," he said. "It's about patriotism."

It also has nothing to do with religion, he said, and the legal system has upheld that, so Park

City will not be open to any lawsuits.

The motto, which was officially adopted in 1956 as a replacement or alternative for the unofficial motto of "E pluribus unum," has a history of legal challenges, but those have not succeeded.

The heart of the defense is that the motto is not advocating religion.

A U.S. appeals court affirmed that and stated: "In God We Trust" has nothing whatsoever to do with the establishment of religion. Its use is of patriotic or ceremonial character

and bears no true resemblance to a governmental sponsorship of a religious exercise."

Framed posters of the motto, for example, can legally be placed on walls of schools and public places, like a U.S. flag is, the courts have ruled.

The motto has appeared on money since 1957. It also has been the official motto of at least one state, Florida, since 2006.

In other business, the council: •Approved an appropriation of \$111,688 for the period from Sept. 9 to Sept. 22 and open purchase orders

of \$270,139.

•Rejected all bids to fix a retaining wall at McLean Park as unacceptable. It instructed staff to negotiate a new price with lowest bidder and come back to the next council meeting with it. No money has been spent on the project so far. Council and staff say it needs to be done, but made it clear they were disappointed in the estimates.

•Approved sidewalk extension work from City Hall north along Hydraulic to 61st Street North. at a cost of \$9,908 with the money coming from the MtBE Fund. The money is from an earlier settlement and substantial funds remain in it, officials say. "This is something that's been needed for a long time," said member Chris Johns. Member John Lehnherh questioned whether

it was a wise use of funds since plans call for a new city building east of the intersection, but Mayor Ray Mann said the work needs to be done and it will be a "good use of funds."

•Approved granting Zayo Group LLC access to public right-of-ways by a franchise ordinance. The business is a telecommunications provider and infrastructure provider.

•Approved transferring \$4,480 to the Police Capital Equipment Fund to authorize the purchase of two LIDA radar units at a cost of \$4,986. The transferred money will come from the "Click It or Ticket" program and the additional money will come from the police equipment fund. The devices are used to enforce speed limits. The department only has one unit.

Guns

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the shooters, who were dove hunting, fell into a gray area of Park City law. On the one hand, they were on more than five total acres, which makes it legal to use the guns, and they had the permission of the land owner who has part of that land.

On other hand, some of that land was platted reserves and easements owned by the city and a bank, and they didn't have permission from them to be able to include that land in the five-acre count.

The area in question is just north of 53rd Street North halfway between Hydraulic and Hillside. The shooters were in the southeast corner of the area shooting northwest in the direction of Prairie Hills.

The law says they must be 300 feet away from structures, which they were, but a strong wind carried the pellets into the housing area, prompting the complaints — and the action by city officials.

By noon the following day, they called a special city council meeting to take on the issue.

The subject had been on the agenda for the Sept. 8 meeting, but officials were in no mood to delay the subject and five council members, along with Mayor Ray Mann, City Administrator Jack Whitson, Police Chief Phil Bostian and City Clerk Dana

Walden met at the Park City Library at 6 p.m. Sept. 3.

"This needs to be addressed right away," Mann said. "We have to resolve the language of the ordinance."

Bostian said the shooters were cooperative with the police, but, at the same time, the way the law was written, the police didn't have any legal ground to stand on in dealing with them.

In rewriting the ordinance, officials had to walk a fine line on the issue, because on the one hand, they don't want to infringe on the rights of those with five acres or more to discharge shotguns, but on the other hand, they don't want to have residents with pellets in their yards — or hitting them.

The changes included: •Changing the words as to what can be fired from "firearms" to "a shotgun."

•Not allowing platted reserves and easements to count in a five-acre total.

•Not allowing the discharge of a solid projectile or slug from a shotgun.

The ordinance still allows

police to discharge a firearm in the course of their duties, firearms to be used in a licensed shooting gallery and licensed gunsmiths to fire guns in association with their work.

The unlawful discharge of a firearm within the city limits remains a Class B violation.

The changes to the ordinance were approved by a 5-0 vote and the meeting was completed in 30 minutes. Council members George Glover, Melvin Kerr and John Lehnherh were not able to make the meeting.

Usually, when passed, the city's ordinances are published in The Ark Valley News on Thursdays and at that time they take effect.

However, city leaders directed Walden to have it printed in the Sept. 7 issue of The Wichita Eagle in order to make it legal a few days early and to legally cover the end of the Labor Day weekend.

"We want to give them (the residents) a little peace of mind," Mann said.

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Couple opens unique shop in Park City

By David Dinell

Shoppers never know what to expect when they enter the doors of Paak Ratz Trade Post in Park City — but then again, that's the whole idea. Constant turnover of merchandise is what makes running the secondhand store fun for shoppers, say owners Andrea and Aaron Lagree. "If I can't sell it, I'll donate it," Aaron Lagree said. "Anything to get it on its way." Indeed, there's even a "free" box at the store's entrance for small items Lagree wants to give a new home. Paak Ratz is different from nonprofit thrift stores in that Lagree is willing to bargain on the merchandise — and does just that on a regular basis. Horse trading comes naturally for the outgoing and free-talking Valley Center resident. The store, at 420 E. 61st North, is not a pawn shop

and it doesn't buy merchandise, although it will take donations, and sometimes gets them from people who just want their stuff to get a new home and don't want to throw things out. "I like this," Lagree said. "It's the suspense and excitement of the treasure hunt." As the name — a play on pack rats — implies, it's all about stuff, stuff and more stuff. Of course, one person's junk is another's treasure. The merchandise reflects that. Want a drum set? Check. Want a Swiss Army knife? Check. Want a window fan? Check. It's all there, and more, but given the churning nature, it could be gone in hours and something else will have taken its place. Merchandise is stocked throughout the cozy 650-square-foot store — but wait,

there's more. Outside, in the 1,000-square-foot backyard, Lagree has tables and tables full of miscellaneous items along with furniture of all types such as tables, dressers and chairs. Paak Ratz has been open since mid-August, just when the couple's children went back to school. Andrea helps at the store a few days a week and is going to school. Aaron Lagree staffs the store during the bulk of its hours, which are Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Lagrees do some online business, mostly through Facebook and some through Craigslist and a local classified service, but he stays away from eBay, which he called "too big and with too many rules." So most of the business is in person, and that suits the

people-oriented Aaron Lagree fine. On a recent day, Park City resident Michelle Rubia stopped by, searching for unique gifts for her new grandchild. She found a colorful bench and toy — and got a 20 percent discount to boot. She even gave Lagree a special request: Scrabble letters, and the couple said they would call her if they found them. The store has had many lives before, including a hamburger joint and a beauty salon. The curious shopper, of course, wonders where on earth Lagree gets all the stuff. The bulk of it comes from storage auctions, wherein a business sells off all the contents of a storage locker whose customer has failed to pay the rent, or quite often, simply disappears. There's no time to go through the whole locker's con-



David Dinell

Andrea and Aaron Lagree have opened Paak Ratz Trade Post in Park City. The secondhand store, at 420 E. 61st North, carries a little bit of everything and is constantly turning over its stock.

tents, so Lagree simply sticks his head in, takes a look and joins in the bidding. He never knows what he'll get. "It's all hit and miss and there's all kinds of crazy stuff," he said.

"I hate shopping, especially for clothes. You ever try and find a Five X?" asked the robust-sized Lagree with a laugh.

That once included dynamite, a situation that resulted in the bomb squad being called. Ironically, given his love of merchandise, one might think Lagree, a former factory worker, would have a passion for conventional shopping, but that's not the case.

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DEATHS

MARY GARNETT

Mary Lynne Garnett, 54, died Sept. 17, 2015. She was a licensed practical nurse at Larned State Hospital. She was born Feb. 24, 1961, in Wichita, the daughter of Lawrence "Gus" and Donna (Kellogg) Davis.

She was preceded in death by her father; grandparents Bert and Mabel Davis, and Myron and Julia Kellogg. Survivors include son Steven Garnett, Hutchinson; mother; sisters Rachel (Robert) Prine and Marsha Cavender, both of Wichita; nieces and

nephews Alex Prine, Waco of Texas, David Prine of Wichita, Miranda Newman of Park City and Jeremy Cavender of Wichita; and great-nephews Jared and Jayden Newman of Park City. Funeral service was Sept. 22 at Hillside Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established with The ARC of Sedgwick County "Yes Program."

RICHARD HARE

Richard Milton Hare, 88, Park City, died Sept. 15, 2015. He was a retired Boeing Aircraft mechanic. He was a U.S. Navy and World War II veteran. He was preceded in death by daughter Jo Elliott and two grandchildren. Survivors include wife Ramona Hare; children John Hare of Langley, Wash., Jean Counter, and Janet Hare, both of Park City;

nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Service was Sept. 21 at Baker Funeral Home of Valley Center, with graveside following at Kechi Township Cemetery.

DARLEEN KELLY

Darleen JoAnn Kelly, 82, Derby, died Sept. 7, 2015. She was a retired clerk from the U.S. Postal Service. She was preceded in death by her husband

John, parents Gaspard and Alma Girard, brother Gerald Girard, sister Phyllis Collette

and grandson Shane Hoesli. Survivors include her son Tim (Marcy) of Wichita; daughters Kathy Gonzales (Steve) of Wichita, Cindy Beiswanger (Dennis) of Derby, Colleen Hoesli (Robert), Clyde, Janelle McReynolds (Rick) of Rose Hill, Sandra Chaput (LeRoy) of Park City and Barbara Taylor (Randy) of Fall River; brothers Don Girard (Ruth) of Pratt, Bill Girard (Mary) of Manhattan and Bob Girard of Hays; 19 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. Memorials to St. Mary Faith Center, 2300 E. Meadowlark, Derby KS 67037 and Victory in the Valley, 3755 E. Douglas, Wichita KS 67218. Rosary and Mass of Christian Burial were Sept. 12 at St. Mary Faith Center, Derby. Smith Mortuary of Derby had charge.

Pool

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the meantime, its condition has continued to decline. The pool had long been a money loser for the city, but recent repair and operating costs had just gotten too high, officials said. In addition, the city had been paying for video monitoring services just to look out over the aging facility. Several council members said they would like to see a new pool built and said residents still want some sort of pool. "We need amenities here," said member Tom Jones. "Citizens want a pool, not a splash pad," said member George Glover. But dealing with the old pool, and not a new one, was the topic at hand, and on that, there was no disagreement. There was discussion on making the top of the old pool into basketball courts, but that, too, was pushed aside for the moment to get the decision about the pool's future decided. Some of the work to fill in the pool will be done by outside contractors, but some of it can be done in house, said City Administrator Jack Whitson. No cost of the task was readily available.

In other action, the council:
•Approved a zoning district change at 6125 N. Broadway from C-2 service business district to I-1 light industrial district. The request was made by Roberto R. Balderas, 6125 1/2 N. Broadway. He has a vehicle lot there and needed the zoning change for storage purposes.
•Listened to a presentation by the city's financial consultant, John Haas, on refinancing of the city's bonds. He said the city could save about \$450,000. Council members said they were interested in that and asked Haas to come back at a later meeting with precise details.
•Approved appropriations of \$208,438.
•Listened to a report from Rick Norman, director of public works. Among other tasks, the park department staff has completed repairs to the irrigation systems and replaced the slide at Primrose Park, the street department has filled thermal cracks on Hydraulic and worked on the sidewalk along that street from 61st Street to City Hall. For the water and sewer department, the average work orders each day for August was 18.
•Approved an agreement with Aging Projects Inc. for Title III nutrition program services at the Senior Center, 61001 N. Hydraulic. The agreement allows Aging Projects to use the center for meals through Meals on Wheels and/or Friendship Meals from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30, 2016. The city's main responsibility for the program, which is for citizens who are 60 and older, is to provide the facility. It doesn't make or pay for the meals.
•Approved a license for Phoenix, Ariz.-based Circle K Stores Inc. to sell cereal malt beverage at its store at 6115 N. Air Cap Drive.
•Approved expenditures of Transient Guest Tax Funds as recommend-

ed by the Convention and Tourism Board. They include: Sponsor the 2016 Kansas State Junior College Region VI men's and women's basketball championship quarterfinals from Feb. 28 to March 3 for \$18,000. The event takes place at Hartman Arena. Sponsor the KCAC Basketball Tournament Feb. 29 for \$12,500 at Hartman. Sponsor the Sunflower Cluster Dog Shows from April 7 through 11 for \$4,000 at the Kansas Pavilions. Sponsor the Wichita State Shooting Sports Fall Classic Sept. 12-14 for \$10,000. Increase funding for advertising with Spring Hill Press by \$350, going from \$800 to \$1,150. The increased expenditure pays for a back cover map on a Park City guide the company is producing.
•Selected Ray Mann and George Capps as voting delegates to the annual league of Kansas Municipalities Conference. The event will be from Oct. 10 through 12 in Topeka.
•Postponed a decision on an extension of Millsboro Street.
•Scheduled a special meeting of the council for Sept 15 for a workshop

on Public Building Commissions. All eight council members and the mayor were present. There was one 10-minute executive session for contract negotiations and attorney/client privilege. No action was taken.

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District moves toward vote on bond issue

By Chris Strunk

Valley Center school district voters may be asked to vote on a \$15 million school improvement bond issue next year.

The school board on Sept. 14 took its first formal steps toward a vote.

District leaders said the money could be used to address a handful of student safety issues plus provide space to handle growth among the district's three elementary schools.

All seven school board members agreed to explore the options.

"We know that there's a need," board member Rhonda Price said.

"We would not be doing our due diligence if we did not pursue this," board member Richard Harris said.

The board approved a tentative agreement with Howard & Helmer to provide pre-vote and architectural services. It's the same firm the district hired in 2008 to oversee its most recent

bond issue, a \$57.5 million plan that included a new high school, District Office and transportation facility and host of other additions and improvements.

Though no pricetag has been set, this bond issue would be considerably smaller.

"The community did an outstanding job last time guiding us where we needed to go," said board member Bart Balthazor. "... We definitely have some additional needs that we need to address."

No other decisions have been made so far regarding a bond issue. However, the board has discussed the possibility of constructing storm shelters at the intermediate school, the middle school and Wheatland, the only three schools without one. The board also has considered remodeling the entrance to Wheatland so the public has to enter the main office before going anywhere else in the building, another safety concern.

In addition, the district

wants to address growth at the elementary schools.

Several options exist, including the possibility of building a new school, adding on to existing buildings or reconfiguring grade level groupings. The intermediate school and the middle school have additional space for growth. Superintendent Cory Gibson said, however, that only five classrooms in the three elementaries are currently unused.

Since 2008, the district has grown by more than 260 students.

Board member Roger Joyal said any facility improvement plan that is developed should make student safety a priority.

James Nightengale, Howard & Helmer partner, said his firm would analyze existing facilities, estimate costs, prioritize needs, develop options to meet those needs, work with a steering committee made up of district staff, parents and community members, gather public input and develop a plan to

present to the public for a vote.

If the bond issue passes, Howard & Helmer would also design the projects.

Nightengale said for a bond issue election to succeed the projects must be "politically viable, educationally sound and financially feasible."

If the board moves forward with the process, a vote could come as early as February 2016, but more likely late May or early June.

The board took steps Sept. 14 to absorb the cost of a 20-year, \$15 million bond issue — if it is approved — without increasing the current property tax mill levy to pay for it.

In a 7-0 vote, the board approved a resolution to refinance what's left of the 2008 bond issue (about \$42 million) and extend its payment schedule from 20 years to 25 years.

It will cost the district more than \$2.1 million in interest and fees to extend the schedule. However, state aid pays for about 49 percent of the princi-

pal and interest payments.

Restructuring the district's debt was necessary, district leaders and board members said, to avoid a sharp increase in the mill levy. When the 2008 bonds were issued, the district had estimated that the assessed property valuation in the district would grow by about 4 percent each year, which allowed the district to set a 20-year payout schedule. That kind of growth didn't happen. Instead, annual growth has hovered around 2 percent, making a mill of property tax revenue worth less than anticipated.

The board has options with its bond and interest fund.

Extending the payout through 2033 would allow the district to either lower the property tax mill levy by about 3 mills or add another bond issue to the mix without affecting the mill levy.

Some board members saw the restructuring as an opportunity to issue additional debt to make facility improvements.

"Now is a good time to move forward, especially after hearing we could layer in some bonds without affecting the (tax rate)," Price said.

Over 20 years, a \$15 million bond issue would cost the district about \$29 million in interest and principal payments.

Bluml murder accomplice sentenced

By David Dinell

Legal proceedings in the 2013 deaths of rural Valley Center residents Roger and Melissa Bluml are winding down.

The last of four defendants charged in the couple's murder, Braden Smith, 20, entered a plea of guilty to two charges of second-degree intentional murder Sept. 14 in Sedgwick County District Court.

On Aug. 27, accomplice Andrew Ellington was sentenced to life in prison on a first-degree murder conviction. However, he will be eligible for parole in 25 years. If he gets that parole, he then will need to start serving a 155-month sentence, or almost 13 years, for his role in the murder, a combined 38 years in prison.

Smith will be sentenced Oct. 29. The district attorney has requested a sentence of 24 1/2 years. While not at the scene of the murders, Smith provided two guns to be used at the crime scene and since the weapons were provided with the intent of committing the killings, he becomes part of the crime, said Marc Bennett, district attorney.

However, Smith made a deal

with prosecutors in which he wouldn't be charged with capital murder and instead get the two counts of second-degree murder in exchange for testifying against the other three in the case.

The Blumls were shot on Nov. 15, 2013, outside their home as they were returning from dining out.

They both survived, but died later. Melissa Bluml, 53, died Nov. 26, 2013 and Roger Bluml, 48, died a little more than a month later.

Two others were involved: Krisha Schaberg and her biological son, Anthony Bluml, who also was the adoptive son of the Blumls. Ellington and Smith were friends of Bluml from their days at Valley Center High School.

Schaberg and Bluml pleaded no contest to capital murder charges and in exchange for their pleas, were saved from the death penalty. Both are serving life terms without parole.

The murders were an attempt to get life insurance money from the Blumls' estate. The plan was conceived by Schaberg and her son.

The Sept. 14 hearing was brief and, unlike other legal proceedings in the complex

case, fairly uncrowded.

About six family members filled part of a bench in District Judge Jeffrey Goering's courtroom as Smith was led in.

Dressed in an orange jail jumpsuit, Smith was shackled and expressionless. He didn't make eye contact with the family or courtroom gallery and remained subdued throughout the 16-minute hearing, answering the judge's series of ques-

tions in a monotone, "yes, sir," or "no, sir" reply.

Repeatedly, Goering asked Smith if he was entering the pleas voluntarily and if he realized he was giving up his constitutional right to a trial, and Smith said he was and made the decision on his own.

Upon release from prison, the judge informed Smith that he will have to register as a violent offender.

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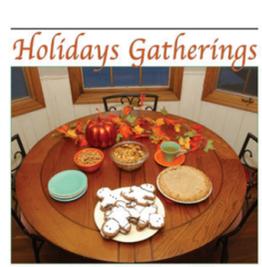
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