

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Photos by David Dinell

Chisholm Trail students take part in a cheer before their run. Since the girls' running abilities vary widely, each is encouraged to go at her own pace

# Girls on the Run

Program for girls teaches life skills along with exercise

By David Dinell

For the past couple of months, it's been hard to catch 16 Chisholm Trail Elementary School students on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school.

That's because they have been taking part in a new area program, Girls on the Run, and true to its title, there's no stopping the girls during their 1 1/2-hour program time.

While actual running is a part of the schedule, it's much more than that.

Exercises focusing on building confidence, teams, cooperation and community

service, such as a food drive, are all part of guidance they get from adult coaches.

On a recent afternoon, the girls spent time in circles, writing positive statements about each other, then it was off to sort food, then a warm-up, then back for another confidence-building exercise and then finally out to the field to run laps in the crisp fall air as the sun set.

Among the participants were students Katelynn Henderson and Paris Martin.

Henderson, 9, said she likes the program because it gives her a lot of challenges and teaches self esteem.



Girls take practice laps at the Chisholm Trail Elementary School field. Running is only one component of the girls' afternoon activity session.

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# Business expansions in the works for Park City

Thermo King, F.M.I. growing

By David Dinell

A couple of industrial revenue bonds measures were before the Park City City Council Nov. 9, and the council was glad to pass them both as they mean continued business development in the city.

One will be for a new home for Central States Thermo King near Ditch Witch south of Hartman Arena. The developers got approval for a \$4 million bond and while there was some disagreement as to what the final price will be, it will be close to that figure, they said.

The important thing, said bond counsel Sarah Steele with the firm of Gilmore & Bell, is to get the process underway.

"This will allow the project to move forward," she said.

The final bond details will be ironed out later.

The new structure will be 20,000 square feet, with 4,000 of that set aside for office, said Michael Fishman, president of Fishman Commercial Real Estate, and one of the owners of the building.

Work on it should get underway in the first quarter of 2016 and be finished by late summer. The company installs, repairs and services commercial refrigeration units. The units are usually placed on trucks, trailers, buses and other vehicles.

The company doesn't make the units in Park City as they're made at one of nine international plants by Thermo King, a brand of larger corporation, Ingersoll Rand.

About 25 employees will move to the larger space. "We're excited about it," Fishman said of the expansion. "It will be a lot more efficient."

Also pleased to see the development is Mayor Ray Mann.

"Any new business development is good," he said.

Mann especially likes the fact that the company is staying in Park City and reinvesting in the community.

In another development, the council approved a \$9 million bond for F.M.I. Inc. that will pay for the cost of building and equipping additions to its plant at 5615 N. Broadway.

No one from the company spoke at the meeting. The company's initials stand for Form Machining Industries, and the company is a supplier to the aerospace industry, including Wichita manufacturers, such as Cessna Aircraft Co. and Spirit AeroSpace. It was formed in 1992.

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# Two-wheeled 'Santas' cruise into Park City

By David Dinell

Christmas is still seven weeks away, but that didn't stop more than 2,000 motorcyclists from taking part in the annual Wichita Toy Run Nov. 1.

One of them was Brad Batemon, a Cessna employee who was making his first run.

"I had a nice ride," he said between bites of chili after his ride. "The weather was a great and it was well-organized."

Batemon guided his 2008 Harley-Davidson motorcycle — and an Etch A Sketch style gift — north from the stadium to the arena in about 30 minutes.

"It went really quickly," he said.

The father of three children himself, Batemon, sporting a

colorful red knit cap for the season, said he just wanted to help a child in need have a joyful Christmas.

"I get a really good feeling about helping out," he said.

That pleases people such as Major Robin Shiels of the Salvation Army, who was entertaining the crowd with the Army's band.

"People like to donate to good causes, especially for children," she said.

On the arena floor, Shannon Cabrera of the Salvation Army was helping pile toys on a rapidly growing heap.

"This is special in so many ways," she said as she took in yet another toy.

There was no firm count as to how many toys were col-

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Photos by David Dinell

LEFT: Santa rides to Hartman Arena to drop off his toys. There was no winter weather for him as the day had temperatures in the low 70s, a sunny sky and just a slight breeze. ABOVE: Motorcyclists make their way west on Briar Rose Lane to the arena.

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Park City woman killed in wreck

An attempt to pass a vehicle on a two-lane highway in eastern Kansas resulted in the death of a Park City woman. About 5 p.m. Oct. 30, Dana Horning, 52, was driving east on U.S. Highway 54 in a 2009 Pontiac Torrent when she tried to pass another vehicle. Her vehicle crashed head-on into a westbound pickup and she died at the scene, according to a Kansas Highway Patrol report.

The accident took place about two miles west of Yates Center, which is in Woodson County, and about 91 miles east of Wichita. The other driver, Luis Tejada-Fuentes, 24, of Wichita, was not hurt. He was driving a 2009 Chevrolet Silverado and pulling a trailer. Both drivers were wearing seat belts, according to the highway patrol. Officials released no other details about the accident.

— David Dinell

## Bail bond scam hits home

A nation-wide bail bond scam has hit Sedgwick County.

The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office is warning residents to beware of the scam.

Recently, a woman who bonded out of the Sedgwick County Jail was contacted by someone named Monica who was calling from a number in a California area code. "Monica" told the woman that more money needed to be paid for the bond by way of Western Union or her bond would be revoked and she would be booked back in to jail. The woman immediately called the original bonding company and determined that this was a scam, the sheriff's office said.

This bail bond scam has happened in other counties in Kansas as well as across the United States. Anyone who gets a call like this should contact their original bonding company to ensure that they don't pay money that they don't owe, the sheriff's office said.

— The Post staff

## More dash cams for police cruisers

The Park City City Council approved a request by Police Chief Phil Bostian to purchase three in-car video cameras at a total cost of \$19,785. The funds will come from the special alcohol and drug fund, which currently has a balance of \$78,779.

Bostian said there were two cars in the city's police fleet without the cameras and one with an older camera using outdated technology. Those three vehicles are his and those of two lieutenants. Bostian said he was concerned about the situation.

"I would hate for one of us to be involved in a critical incident or receive a significant citizen complaint while driving a vehicle with no video equipment," he said in his written request to the council. All three department offi-

cers respond to calls and make traffic stops as needed.

— David Dinell

## Deputy city clerk graduates CPM

Dana Walden, Park City's deputy city clerk, is one of 55 graduates of the Kansas Certified Public Manager (CPM) program through the University of Kansas Public Management Center. The graduates were honored in a ceremony Nov. 20 in the House Chamber at the Capitol in Topeka.

The 55 graduates began their coursework in January. They represent local, county, state or federal agencies, as well as utilities, from across Kansas. They participated in classes in Topeka, the Kansas City area and Southwest Kansas.

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## Senior Center to host dance

The Park City Senior Center will host a country dance from 7 to 10 p.m. Dec. 5 and Dec. 19. The Wildwood Band will be playing. Celebrating birthdays Dec. 5 will be Jackie Miller and Darrell Fletcher. At the Dec. 19 dance, Kathy Wells, Chrystal Kerr and Darrel Fillmore will celebrate birthdays, while Royal and Cindy McCaskey will celebrate their anniversary.

Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served, and there will be door prizes. Bring a covered dish or snack to share.

For more information, call either Madison Shriner at 744-1199 or Aggie Dry at 755-1060.

— The Post staff

## City issues 18 permits in Oct.

The City of Park City issued 18 building permits in October for a total valuation of \$1,128,042. Of that number, two were for new residences. The permits are listed by date they were issued, address, type of work and valuation:

- Oct. 1, 4850 N. Broadway, commercial equipment enclosure, \$250,000;
- Oct. 1, 4825 N. Hydraulic, new commercial storage units, \$300,000;
- Oct. 1, 1000 Evanston, reroof, \$9,500;
- Oct. 5, 6640 Tarrytown, reroof, \$2,700;
- Oct. 6, 6644 Tarrytown, reroof, \$2,500;
- Oct. 7, 6411 Ulysses, reroof, \$7,332;
- Oct. 7, 5044 Primrose Court, reroof, \$8,400;
- Oct. 7, 1704 E. 61st North, reroof, \$23,000;
- Oct. 8, 5250 Lakewood Hills, in-ground pool, \$25,000;
- Oct. 15, 1518 Fallbrook, reroof, \$14,800;
- Oct. 15, 2322 E. 61st North, reroof, \$4,000;
- Oct. 20, 2550 Windsong Court, reroof, \$4,500;
- Oct. 22, 1928 Ravena, reroof, \$5,700;
- Oct. 22, 201 W. 61st North, commercial addition, \$80,000;
- Oct. 29, 2727 Fairchild Court, new home, \$190,000;
- Oct. 29, 2747 Fairchild Court, new home, \$190,000;
- Oct. 29, 2324 Ventnor, reroof, \$5,500;
- Oct. 30, 6337 Scottsville, reroof, \$5,110.

— The Post staff

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Spend wisely

I am responding to an article in the Park City Post concerning the city council.

I believe financial decisions by the council need to reflect the greater needs of our community. As much as I enjoy holiday lights, I do not believe taxpayers should be burdened with paying for them at the cost of other more pressing items, such as our streets and roads being neglected.

Council members should be looking at the greater good for the community and not their "pet" projects. If that is why they serve, then perhaps it is best they not be a council member. There are civic orga-

nizations that can have fund drives to raise money for those special interests.

I appreciate a council that considers the needs of the community and keeps spending in check, making the best use of taxpayers' money.

— Virginia L. Allen, Park City

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# PRIDE NOTES NOV. 14 MEETING

Pride met Nov. 14 with 24 members and guests present. Lai-L and Damon Daugherty, Larry Perlman and Dee Stuart provided breakfast. Madison Shriner, Park City Senior Center director, and Lona Kelly, Sedgwick County RSVP program manager, attended as guests. Patrick King attended as a new Pride member.

Ed Arzinger reported, as chair of Project Friendship, that their board voted to transfer remaining funds to Park City Pride if they disband at the end of the year. Pride members voted to accept the money and agreed to disburse funds as Project Friendship has done.

Dee Stuart said that she had told City Administrator Jack Whitson about the weakness in the floor at the south door of the Pride Center. Jan McGonigle had previously told Assistant City Administrator Dana Walden. Stuart will write a letter to Whitson and copy it to governing body members. We are afraid someone will be injured if the floor gives way.

Park City Alive! on Dec. 12 will be "Sharing Patterns, Sharing Lives, Kansas Quilt Workshop." Reservations are requested. Call Linda Holsey at 214-3389. Allow two hours for this presentation and workshop; minimum five participants and maximum 25. Participants should bring a thimble, needles, thread, fabric, scissors and straight pins. This is a participatory program.

As Darrell and Darren Wil-

cox will not be doing Movies in the Park next year, there was a discussion about the possibility of continuing them. Dee and Darrell will approach Emprise Bank and New Anthem Community Church, both of whom have expressed interest.

News from the Pride Posse: New Anthem Community Church is participating in Operation Christmas Child, sending shoeboxes with school supplies to be sent to children around the world who have none. The Park City Chamber of Commerce had a mixer on Nov. 19 at the Best Western North Park City for chambers from Park City, Kechi, Bel Aire and Valley Center. Chisholm Trail Elementary School is focusing on "Girls on the Bus," a program to bolster self-esteem and confidence. Their Christmas Music Program will be held on Dec. 17 and there will be a Movie Night on Dec. 11. Christ Lutheran Church is collecting hats and gloves.

The Food Pantry assisted 10 families in October; 28 total people helped.

Jan McGonigle, Damon Daugherty and Dee Stuart planted 400 spring bulbs, including tulips, daffodils and grape hyacinths, in the Pride garden in Poston Park. There should be lots of color at the end of Grove in the spring.

Trivia Night was successful again, raising over \$3,000 for helping to repair the sign at Chisholm Trail Elementary School and to purchase food for

the holiday projects.

Damon manufactured a metal sign for the top of our new display board and Lesley Davis will highlight the letters for higher visibility.

Pride members will be busy with holiday food projects — packing on Nov. 20 and Dec. 18, 21, and 28, and distributing on the days following. The bags we have used for the kids' lunch break food are just not large enough. Jan will order 500 bags with the Pride logo on them, which have a different handle and much more space to pack food. Marian Crouse will take care of the money jars around town, and Etta Kingsford will monitor the food bins at Leeker's. Jan weighs all contributions for Food Bank Warehouse reports and will need help with that.

Madison Shriner introduced Lona Kelly to explain the Sedgwick County RSVP program, a system of volunteers who provide rides for Park City

residents who do not drive and in the process, getting more funding for the Senior Center.

Trivia Night has provided funding for Pride projects this year, but we think we need to find an ongoing project that would be more reliable. The phonebook provided us with operating funds for years and we need to find something to replace that. Pride officers will meet with the board of the Chisholm Trail Elementary PTO to discuss holding a soup supper each February.

The next meeting will be 9 a.m. Dec. 12 at the Pride Center, 6512 E. Parkview. As always, you are welcome to check us out. The process for joining Pride: Come to a meeting and say "I'm in!"

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# THE PARK CITY REPORT

## CITY OF PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### City Council Meeting Oct. 27, 2015:

- Approved minutes of Oct. 13, 2015, regular meeting.
- Approved Appropriations 827-2015 with Addendum.
- Approved cereal malt beverage license for Leeker's Family Foods at 6223 N. Broadway.
- Appointment of Dana Walden as interim city clerk until the oath of office has been Administered to Daniela Rivas; thereafter appoint Dana Walden as deputy city clerk.
- Approved bids for sale of General Obligation Bonds Series 2015-A, 2015-B, and 2015-C
- Approved ordinances authorizing and providing for the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2015-A, 2015-B, and 2015-C and making certain covenants with respect thereto.
- Approved resolutions prescribing the form and details of and authorizing and directing the sale and delivery of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2015-A, 2015-B, and 2015-C.
- Approved final plat for land in Murdock Properties Addition located west of I-135 highway and north of 69th Street North.
- Designated the city administrator, city building official, and code enforcement officers as persons charged with the responsibility and authority for administration and enforcement of the provisions of Chapter 2 (Animals), Chapter 8 (Health and Welfare) and Chapter 16 (Planning and Zoning) of the Municipal Code.
- Approved ordinance amending Sections 4-319, 4-320 and 4-321 of the City Code relating to designating unfit buildings or structures and the procedure for correction.
- Approved resolution changing the debt management and fiscal policy for the financing of capital improvements in the City.
- Approved resolution approving the fees established as recoverable in connection with the issuance of parade permits.

### City Council Meeting Nov. 11, 2015:

- Approved minutes of Oct. 27, 2015, regular meeting
- Approved Appropriations 828-2015 with Addendum.
- Approved employee holiday party, cost not to exceed \$3,000.
- Approved development of a frisbee golf course, cost \$500 as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
- Approved expenditure of Transient Guest Tax Funds as recommended by the Convention and Tourism Committee: (1) \$15,000 per year for five years to be renewed annually, depending on availability of funds for Hartman Arena scoreboard sponsorship; and (2) \$10,000 sponsorship of the high profile high school basketball tournament on November 15, 2015; and (3) title sponsorship for the Greater Wichita Area High School Senior Boys All-Star Soccer Game, \$5,000 on January 8-9, 2016, at Hartman Arena.
- Approve preparation of an agreement with Sedgwick County for the City to agree to annex certain rights of way once improvements are completed.
- Approve resolution determining the advisability of issuing industrial revenue bonds in the amount of \$9,000,000 for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction and equipping of additions to the FMI Manufacturing Facility located in the city after holding a public hearing.

- Approve resolution of the Governing Body of the City of Park City, Kansas, determining the advisability of issuing taxable industrial revenue bonds in the amount of \$4,000,000 for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction and equipping of a commercial facility (Fibro Corporation) to be located in the city after holding a public hearing.
- Approved resolution authorizing the offering for sale of general obligation refunding bonds, Series 2016-A.
- Approve request to place holiday lights north of City Hall and at the statue area at Subway.
- Approved ordinance approve zoning district classification change from R-2 Single Family Residential to R-3 Multi Family Residential District on land located in the general area to the east of Hydraulic, in the eastern area of Prairie Hills Addition.
- Approved charter ordinance relating to procedure for filling governing body vacancies after changes in state laws.
- Approve charter ordinance relating to the election of officers, their terms of office, transition to November elections, the appointment of officers and nomination petitions to comply with new state regulations.
- Approved ordinance and resolution relating to the designation of depositories for city funds and those persons authorized to sign checks and orders for the payment of city monies.
- Approved resolution changing policy for city credit cards.
- Approved lowest Bid of \$16,800 from Mel Hamblen Ford for purchase of a new truck for Public Works Department.
- Approved lowest bid from Utility Maintenance Contractors \$133,590 for annual sewer line cleaning from the Sewer Contracted Services Fund.
- Disapproved requesting bids for sidewalk extensions along Hydraulic Avenue north from Ravena Street to 69th Street North AND south from the Senior Center to Prairie Hills Addition; bids to include necessary stormwater and utility relocation costs.
- Scheduled a special meeting of the governing body on Nov. 17, 2015, for a workshop on financing the new City Hall/Police Department.
- Approved equipping three police vehicles with video cameras, cost \$19,785 from the Drug and Alcohol Fund.
- Approved resolution designating agents authorized to transfer funds for investment in the Municipal Investment Pool.
- Approved Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with the Kansas Department of Transportation on the 53rd Street North Street Improvement Project.
- Discussed new rules and regulations pertaining to the new stormwater permit.
- Held an executive session regarding personnel matters.

### Special City Council Meeting Nov. 17, 2015:

- After discussing financial options on funding, city council directed the city administrator to have WDM go out for bids to construct a new City Hall/Police Station.

Questions about these meetings may be addressed to [cityclerk@parkcityks.com](mailto:cityclerk@parkcityks.com).

## Happy 35th Birthday, Park City!

Park City was incorporated in 1980 after approval by the Sedgwick County Board of Commissioners on Nov. 26, 1980. A special election was held Feb. 17, 1981, with a mayor and five council members elected to form the first governing body of the new City.

## CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

**Christmas Holiday** December 25, 2015  
**New Year's Holiday** January 1, 2016

*Thanks to the Hardwick family for volunteering to set up the holiday lights north of City Hall!*

## PRIDE holiday food boxes & food bank

Park City PRIDE will distribute holiday food boxes from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Dec. 19 at the PRIDE building for families and individuals in need of assistance. Each food box will contain a voucher and staples for a holiday meal. Please call PRIDE at 744-8685 if you would like more information or would like to receive a holiday food box. Proof of income and residency is required.

### 2016 SEWER RATES

Water usage from Dec. 15 to March 15 each year determines the amount of sewer charges on water billings for the 12-month period April 1 to March 31.

The readings taken on the 15th of January, February and March are averaged to calculate the sewer rate. These readings are usually the lowest of the year, but they can be high if

there is a water leak during that time. If a leak has occurred, repair it in a timely manner and bring your receipts to the water clerk at City Hall.

By keeping your water usage down during this three-month period, you can control the sewer rate on your utility bill.

If you have any questions about how to conserve your water usage, stop by City Hall and ask for a water conservation brochure.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

PC = Pride Center / SC = Senior Center / CB = Comm. Bldg. / CH = City Hall / PCL = Park City Library  
**Dec. 2, 10:30 a.m.** — Seniors catered lunch, SC  
**Dec. 3, 6:30 p.m.** — Court, CH  
**Dec. 3, 7 p.m.** — Seniors Square Dance, SC  
**Dec. 5, 7 p.m.** — Senior Dance, SC  
**Dec. 7, 7 p.m.** — Park Board, CH  
**Dec. 8, 7 p.m.** — City Council, CH  
**Dec. 10, 1 p.m.** — Court trials, CH  
**Dec. 10, 6:30 p.m.** — Court, CH  
**Dec. 10, 7 p.m.** — Library Board, PCL  
**Dec. 10, 7 p.m.** — Seniors Square Dance, SC  
**Dec. 12, 9 a.m.** — PRIDE, PC  
**Dec. 12, 7 p.m.** — Park City Alive,

PCL  
**Dec. 14, 7 p.m.** — Lions, CB  
**Dec. 17, 4:30 p.m.** — CCUA Bel Aire, CH  
**Dec. 17, 5:30 p.m.** — Seniors finger food  
**Dec. 17, 6:30 p.m.** — Court, CH  
**Dec. 19, 1 p.m.** — Pride Food Pantry, PC  
**Dec. 19, 7 p.m.** — Senior Dance, SC  
**Dec. 21, 7 p.m.** — Planning/BZA, CH  
**Dec. 22, 7 p.m.** — City Council, CH  
**Dec. 25** — City Hall closed, Christmas Day.  
**Dec. 28, 7 p.m.** — Lions, CB  
**Dec. 30, 11:30 a.m.** — Chamber Luncheon  
**Jan. 1** — City Hall closed, New Year's Day.

## Commodities

**Commodities will be distributed at 8 a.m. Dec. 18 at Leeker's Family Foods, 6223 N. Broadway. Commodities are distributed to qualified individuals and families. Because of the holidays, the date has been moved up to the 18th instead of the last Friday of the month.**

## 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, Dec. 25, in observance of Christmas. Neither Friendship Meals nor Meals on Wheels will be served Thursday, Dec. 24, or Friday, Dec. 25.**

**Monday**  
9:15 a.m. Exercise  
10:15 a.m. 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 a.m. WellREP (Well-Rounded Exercise Program)  
1:00 p.m. Bridge lessons  
1:00 p.m. Pool  
6:00 p.m. TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly). 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 a.m. 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 offered through Aging Projects Inc. at 11:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday. Homebound delivery of Meals on Wheels is Monday thru Friday, except first Wednesday of the month. Reservations are required. Call 744-0751.)

There will be no Friendship Meals or Meals on Wheels served either Thursday, Dec. 24, or Friday, Dec. 25, because of the Christmas holiday.

### Monthly Events

**Nov. 30, 10:30 a.m.** Chisholm Trail Board Meeting  
**Dec. 2, 10:30 a.m.** Chisholm Trail Seniors catered lunch and meeting (lunch by reservation)  
**Dec. 3, 1 p.m.** Movie Matinee — "Woman In Gold"  
**Dec. 9** Foot/Nail care by Michelle Stein-

**Park City Alive!**  
Sharing Patterns, Sharing Lives  
Kansas Quilt Workshop  
Saturday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m.  
Park City Public Library  
2107 E. 61st North  
Sponsored by Park City PRIDE

In the early 20th century, Emporia was home to a group of innovative quilters that

ke. Call 946-0722 to schedule an appointment.

**Dec. 14, 2 to 4 p.m.** Sedgwick County Health Department Immunization Clinic  
**Dec. 15, 8 a.m.** Breakfast Out, Cracker Barrel  
**Dec. 17**  
1 p.m. — Card bingo. \$1 fee  
5:30 p.m. — Finger food  
**Dec. 18, 6 p.m.** Food/Fun/Games  
**Dec. 21, 1 p.m.** Movie Matinee — "Miracle on 34th Street"  
**Dec. 22** Foot/Nail care by Hermes Healthcare. Call 260-4110 to schedule an appointment.

### Senior Dances

\$4 donation at the door. Refreshments served.  
**Dec. 5 and 19, 7 p.m.** The Wildwood Band

### Special Events

#### Volunteer Transportation Program

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

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**Dec. 7, 11:30 a.m., Personal Emergency Response Options** — Presented by Home Technology Solutions Inc., a not-for-profit personal emergency response service. They will discuss their services and how they can provide safety and peace of mind for seniors in their homes.  
**Dec. 8, 10:45 a.m., Holiday ID Theft Educational Workshop** presented by Maggie Newton from Harvard Risk Management.

included Rose Kretsinger, Charlotte Whitehill and Hannah Haynes Head-lee. Today their quilts are housed in art museums and revered internationally.

This presentation will explore Kansas quilts from this time period. Afterward, participants will make a Kretsinger-inspired quilt square of their own.

Deborah Divine is a researcher, instructor and quilting historian from Salina. Members of the community are invited to attend this free program, but reservations are requested. Contact Linda Holsey at 214-3389 for more information and to sign up.

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# CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

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**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](http://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, 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 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 host 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 [shagemeister@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shagemeister@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. Greenwood Road, about one mile south of K-254 and five miles north of 21st North. 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.

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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](http://www.KechiUMC.org) and "Like" us on Facebook. The church phone number is 744-1221.

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**The United Methodist Church at Park City**  
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You can find the church on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/TheChurchAtParkCity](http://www.facebook.com/TheChurchAtParkCity)) or follow us on Twitter @Churchparkcity or visit our website ([www.churchatparkcity.com](http://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.

**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. 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](http://www.saintmichaelorthodoxchurch.com). Email inquiries to [jflora@cox.net](mailto: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](http://www.godsclot.com) or on Facebook, email [eric@godsclot.com](mailto:eric@godsclot.com) or call 530-1040.

Send your church's upcoming events and service times to [legals@arkvalleynews.com](mailto:legals@arkvalleynews.com) or call 755-0821.

## Business

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In other action, the council:  
• Heard a report from public works director Rick Norman on his staff's work. The street department has completed handrail installation on the Hydraulic sidewalk and worked on the striping project. The Park Department has filled in the now-closed swimming pool at McLean Park and

applied pre-emergent, a herbicide, to Grove Park. Within the Water/Sewer Department, the average work order each day in October was 22.  
• Approved appropriations of \$288,548.  
• Authorized a request from Carol Flower to put Christmas lights on display in the area north of City Hall and by the Subway restaurant. Flower was not at the meeting, but Marsha Hardwick spoke on her behalf.  
• Scheduled a special council meeting for 7 p.m. Nov. 17 at City

Hall for a workshop on funding matters for the new City Hall/Police Department building.  
• Approved an ordinance that would allow the city to be exempt from new legislative rules governing replacing city council members.  
• Discussed rules and regulations concerning new stormwater permits.  
• Approved two expenses from the Transient Guest Tax as suggested by the Convention and Tourism Committee. One is for \$25,000 for the Hartman Arena scoreboard

sponsorship and the other is \$10,000 for sponsorship of the Tornado Alley high school basketball tournament Nov. 14 at Hartman Arena.  
• Approved a Christmas party for city employees at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.  
• Authorized development of a disc golf course for \$500. The project was recommended by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.  
• Approved purchase of a half-ton pickup truck for the Public Works Department for \$16,800. The bid was

from Mel Hamblen Ford and includes a \$2,000 credit for the city's trade-in, a 1998 Chevrolet S-10 with 78,000 miles. An in-city dealer bid on the sale, but was not the lowest bidder.  
• Approved a bid of \$133,590 from Utility Maintenance Cos. for sewer line cleaning. The funds will come from the Sewer Contracted Services Fund. There were two bids on the project.  
• Turned down a proposal to have staff seek bids for two side-

walk extension projects. One would be along Hydraulic north from Ravenna Street to High Ridge Addition and the other south from the Senior Center to Prairie Hills Addition. The bids were to include utility relocation and stormwater relocation costs, but with the projected cost of \$145,000 and \$183,005, the council thought the expense was too high and not a good use of funds. In addition, they were told that if the streets were expanded in a few years, the sidewalks would have to be torn up.

## Girls

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"You really learn how to stand up for yourself," she said. Added Martin, 10: "It helps you make a lot of friends and have a good attitude." Cindy Opat, a special education teacher at the school, said the program had been a

success since it got underway in September and she likes the encompassing nature of it. "This is not just a running club," she said. The Chisholm Trail chapter is part of the Girls on the Run of Sedgwick County, which is an independent council of Girls on the Run International. That group has a network of more than 200 councils across the United

States and Canada. Other teachers or staff involved in the activity are Jessica Padilla, Andrea Zimmerman and Meghan Melchor. At Chisholm Trail, the girls in the program are in third to fifth grades, most of them 10 to 12 years old. It's an important time in life, say organizers, as they're headed in their teen years when peer influences might

steer them in a negative direction. Instilling positive feelings about themselves, their bodies, and life in general at this time can lay the groundwork for more positive and productive life path, they say. The girls meet on Tuesdays and Thursday from when school gets out at 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Opat said it's a serious

schedule and the girls are expected to stick with it. "It takes commitment," she said. That commitment paid off during the program's finale, which took place Nov. 15 at Sedgwick County Park, where the girls — and willing parents or mentors — took part in a 5K run with a festival-like atmosphere. It was chilly with a stiff breeze at

times, but the girls, dressed for the occasion, didn't seem to mind and took to the course like running veterans. The semester program was at its enrollment limit. More wanted to get in, and they will get a chance next semester as it will be back. It is a fee-based program, however, scholarships are available for students whose parents can't pay it.

## Toys

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lected, but it was well into the thousands. Some bikers were bringing in more than the one toy requested, a few even with large plastic bags full of toys. Several sharply dressed U.S. Marines also were on hand to help the Salvation Army volunteers. The early jump on the season gives charitable groups plenty of time to sort through the presents and prepare them for needy children, officials say. It also gives the bikers a good chance at decent weather — and it was picture perfect with temperatures in the low 70s, a sunny sky and just a slight breeze. The bikers started gathering at Lawrence-Dumont Stadium at 10 a.m. and, led by a squad of six motorcycle officers from the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office, took off at 1 p.m. on the 12-mile route north on Broadway to Hartman Arena. Throughout the length of the rally, people lined Broadway, waving to the riders. This is the 36th year for the run, which has had some rocky times in years past, including a fatal accident in 2011. Officials said that was due to a rider us-

ing unsafe techniques. After that, the event took a break for two years, and had two non-ride rallies in Delano, but that wasn't as popular as the run. It then returned to the road last year, ending up at the Kansas Pavilions on the east side of I-135. Because of a change in direction there, it sought out the Hartman Arena, whose management was pleased to sign on to the run. "We had an opening on this date, so it worked out great," said Abby Marr, the arena's director of sales and marketing. She added that the management is hopeful to make it the permanent site of the run's finale. This year, the safety rules were firm: No unsafe riding or "wheelies" and no alcohol. Run organizers say the rules were strictly enforced and paid

off with a safe event. Sheldon Wallis, a salesman with ALEF's Harley-Davidson in Park City, which had a trailer and display of motorcycles to examine at the event, said he thought the changes were a good idea. "We don't need riders showing off in a dangerous way," he said. The idea is to have a fun and safe time, he said. Each rider brought a new toy, and they were gently reminded that each stuffed animal needed to be a "huggable" size and that the older kids, those from 10 to 14, could use a Christmas gift, too. Past rides had an abundance of toys for the younger set. Proceeds from the event go to the U.S.M.C. Toys for Tots organization, the Salvation Army and the Kansas Food Bank. The activity is spon-

sored by the Kansas Modified Bike Association and ABATE of Kansas, District 8, along with Wichita area motorcycle clubs. Bob Winegarner, a Toy Run committee member, said he's pleased with this year's event and the ideal weather. "It's packed down there," he said of the arena floor, where hundreds of people milled around. While the committee knew that there were more than 2,000 motorcycles in the run, they don't know how many people because many cycles held two people. Winegarner, who's been involved in the event for 30 years, said it took a lot of

work and fine-tuning to get the event just right. One of the reasons the run was so quick, he said, is they had the riders, who were side-by-side, pick up the pace and ride at a steady to 30 mph to 40 mph. "It's actually safer that way," he said. "Last year we

had them going too slow and some riders had to weave back and forth." Like others, he said the run is all about fun for a good cause. "It's all for the children," he said. "We just like to help the kids out."

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## Motto goes up

The motto "In God We Trust" now is in place in the Park City City Council chambers. The council voted to allow the motto after a suggestion from Ward 3 member Gary Aldrich. He paid for the letters with his own money.

# Park City police building to undergo repair project

By David Dinell

When Park City Police Chief Phil Bostian is in the department's squad room at its 53rd Street facility and looks east, he sees an unwelcome sight: daylight through cracks in the wall.

"That's been going on for a long time," he said. Now he and others say it's time to fix the wall.

That project will happen soon as the city council gave the go-ahead Nov. 24 to get the 35-foot wall repaired.

With a bid of \$6,935 from general contractor Multicon of Wichita to fix the wall and a door, it's certainly not a huge expense for the city, but council members are watching each and every dime these days.

They're under pressure from constituents to get the streets fixed. Also, the department is scheduled to move into a new city hall as soon as it's built, so an additional expense at a building the police are going to move out of was not exactly welcomed.

On the other hand, they didn't want to compromise safety.

## Park City Public Building Commission starts work on City Hall/police station

By David Dinell

Three officers were elected at the first meeting of the Park City Public Building Commission Nov. 17. They are: John Goyette, president; Rick Laudner, vice president and Gary Miller, secretary. There are two other members on the body: Lee Copeland and William Judd. The five-member volunteer body is overseeing the design, engineering and construction of the new Park City City Hall/police station building, which is set to be built on the south side of 61st Street between the Medical Plaza of Park City and

the Park City library.

The meeting featured presentations by Garth Herrmann, an attorney with Gilmore & Bell, and John Haas, a financial adviser with Ranson Financial, on the structure of a public building commission and its processes.

The board also heard from Park City Mayor Ray Mann, who outlined the concept for the building. He said it would take nine months, if not longer, for the design and engineering phase. He showed an artist's initial rendering of the project and explained that, as planned, the structure has the ability to expand to handle future growth.

"I don't like to spend it, but we have to fix it," said City Administrator Jack Whitson.

Whitson told council members that he has money set aside in an emergency fund for situations just like this and Bostian has been operating below budget, so the repair can be covered.

After the police move out, the city's maintenance department will continue to use the

structure, so the repair will pay off in the years ahead, officials say.

The building, at 200 E. 53rd North, was a former Sedgwick County fire station and constructed in the 1950s.

"It was build pretty well, but there were some modifications," Bostian said. That was done without proper reinforcements and now there are problems, such as mortar falling out.

So much is falling that officers are sticking paper towels in the wall to keep the air out. But the problem is only getting worse, Bostian said.

"It's affecting the structural integrity of the building," he said. "Now we're watching the wall move."

There was another bid, but that firm wouldn't warranty the work without hiring an engineer, which would cost several

thousand dollars more, and it couldn't get to the project right away.

This will be the first time Park City has done business with Multicon, which member Jim Schroeder was concerned about. Whitson said he's aware of that.

"We'll be watching them," he said. "If they don't do the work right, they don't get paid."

The department splits its functions between the 53rd Street facility and offices in City Hall.

In other action, the council:

- Received a report from Rick Norman, director of public works. The park department has put up a tree and Christmas decorations at Prairie Wind Park and City Hall. Staff also removed the mulch pile from the Oct. 3 brush and limb day at McLean Park. The street department worked on thermoplastic striping on 61st Street from Broadway to Hydraulic and completed repairs to the perimeter fence at the police and maintenance building on 53rd Street. Also, the water and sewer department completed the waterline relocation on 53rd Street and undertook an average of 31 work orders a day from Nov. 1st to 15th.
- Thanked the Hardwick family for putting up Christmas decorations north of City Hall.
- Authorized an appropriation of \$140,377.
- Approved a bid of \$107,143 for road improvements to Millsboro Street,

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# Valley Center school district stumbles with new state tests

By Chris Strunk

On new math and English learning standards, the Valley Center school district has a lot of work to do.

The school board on Nov. 9 got a look at how Valley Center students fared on new state tests, which were taken last spring and covered new and more rigorous standards

of proficiency.

"The bar was raised significantly," said Rebecca Khosravipour, the district's director of student learning.

The new standards are a result of the state's emphasis on preparing students for college and careers. The standards are aligned to the so-called Common Core measures.

The tests showed that

while many Valley Center students met expectations for their grade levels in English and math, most did not meet expectations for college and career readiness. Further, the number of students who achieved the expectations for college and career readiness was much lower in the upper grade levels.

The tests were taken by

students in third through eighth grades and 10th-graders.

For English, 53 percent of students in third grade were at or above expectations for college and career readiness, but only 26 percent of 10th-graders met the goals.

Results on math tests were similar.

"To me, this is an indica-

tion that our curriculum was not aligned like it needed to be and was not meeting the high level of rigor that it needs to meet," Khosravipour said.

To improve those scores, the district implemented new math and language arts curriculum this year. Khosravipour said the new curriculum is aligned with the new state standards.

"State standards jumped in rigor," she said. "... Now it is so much more challeng-

ing than in years past. ... The program we're implementing is supporting the standards we need to meet."

Khosravipour said she would be "shocked" if Valley Center's test scores didn't improve next year.

She called the first year of test scores "baseline data," which will be used to measure the district's progress.

"We have a lot of work to do, as you can see," Khosravipour said.

## DEATHS

### ALVIE BATES

Alvie Roy Bates, 92, of Park City, died Oct. 26, 2015. He was a retired over-the-road truck driver.

He was born in Alluwe, Okla., to Alvie Willard Bates and Helena Sophia (Johnson) Bates.

He graduated from Oiltown (Okla.) High School. He was a veteran of the Merchant Marine, U.S. Navy and World War II. He married Dolores Catherine Orth. He worked for Meadowlark for 27 years and Sta-Krisp Potato Chips.

He was preceded in death by his wife and sons John Bates and Robert Bates. Survivors include children Barbara (Rick) Watkins of Texas, Billy (Jinny) Bates of Wichita, Jerry G. Bates of Wichita and Linda (Don) McGinty of Wichita; 13 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, six great-great-grandchildren.

Service was Oct. 30 at Baker Funeral Home in Valley Center. Memorials to Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, 313 S. Market, Wichita KS 67202.

### KRISTEN PATTERSON

Kristen Lilliana Patterson, 20, died Nov. 16, 2015. She was born March 17,



Patterson

moved to Kansas in 2006, and she graduated from Valley Center High School in 2014. Following graduation, she attended Maize TransNet.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents Robert and Margaret Patterson. Survivors include her parents; brothers Daniel (Kari) Hackney of Tucson, Ariz., and Matthew Patterson of Valley Center; sisters Andrea (John)

Bascom of Omaha, Neb., Jessica (Joe) Rasmussen of Oakland, Iowa, Kira (Osman) Elbeyli of Laurel, Md., and Megan Vaughan and Zabrina Moore, both of Crescent, Ore.; grandparents Loyd and Loree Dredge of Park City, Ron and Roxanne Moore of Crescent, and Steve and Beth Russell of Lexington, Mo.; nieces and nephews Sara and John Bascom, Kimberly Rasmussen, Elizabeth Rasmussen, Abigail Rasmussen, Lena Drege and soon to be born Attila Elbeyli.

A memorial service and celebration of life were held Nov. 21 at Le Venue, Valley Center. Memorials to the Patterson family, 315 E. Fourth, Valley Center KS 67147. Baker Funeral Home of Valley Center had charge.

### THOMAS TILLEY

Thomas Edward Tilley, 53, of Park City, died Oct. 29, 2015.

He was born in Wichita. He is preceded in death by his father Kenneth Tilley and brother Dale Tilley. Survivors include his

Tilley

son Jonthon (Amber) Crutcher of Augusta, mother Geneva Younger of Park City, brother Kenney Tilley of Park City, and many other family and friends.

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**Business leaders get together**

Board members from four area chambers of commerce — (from left) Betty Washington with the Kechi chamber, Dean Frankenberry with Park City, Tom Bartel with Valley Center and Gary O'Neal with Bel Aire — get together at a mixer Nov. 19 at the Best Western in Park City. This was the first gathering designed to bring together all four chambers of commerce. "It's just a good idea to get together," said Kim Madison, general manager of the Best Western and a member of the Park City Chamber of Commerce.

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**Pride works in park**

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Earlier this year, Park City Pride voted to adopt raised beds in Poston Park (the northernmost park on Grove Street) and make them into gardens. They planted shrubs and flowers in early summer, watered them when it got dry and pulled weeds whenever they had time. On Nov. 1, Pride members Jan McGonigle, Damon Daugherty and Dee Stuart planted 400 spring flowering bulbs in the gardens — daffodils, tulips, grape hyacinths. Watch for a burst of color next spring. Residents are encouraged to join Pride in adopting the small gardens in the Grove Street parks. All it takes is willingness to plant and maintain while coordinating with Parks Supervisor Bruce Helberg.

**Bluml double-homicide case comes to a close**

By David Dinell

Braden Smith, the final defendant in the murder case of Melissa and Roger Bluml, was sentenced to 24 1/2 years in prison. The sentence was handed down Oct. 29 in Sedgwick County District Court and represents the end of legal proceedings of the murders of the rural Valley Center couple.



Roger Bluml

students and knew each other. Bluml is the murdered couple's adoptive son. He and the other two men went into a scheme



Melissa Bluml

hatched by Schaberg to murder the Blumls for insurance money. Schaberg also made it clear that she hated the Blumls, who were shot by her outside their home on Nov. 15, 2013. Melissa Bluml died shortly after the shooting and Roger died more than a month later. Melissa was 53 and Roger 48 at the time of their deaths.

Smith has no right to appeal the sentence given for two counts of second-degree murder. His role in the case was to provide the guns used in the murders.

He was not at the scene of the shootings, but, under Kansas law, he is still held responsible as he knew the weapons would be used to commit a criminal act.

In September, Smith pled guilty to the murder counts against him. The plea was part of a deal with prosecutors in which he agreed to testify against the three others involved in the murder. Those three, Kisha Schaberg, Anthony Bluml and Andrew Ellington, have all been sentenced. All pled guilty to avoid being charged with capital murder, a charge that carries a possible death penalty.

Earlier this year, Schaberg and Bluml were sentenced to life in prison with no possibility of parole. Ellington was sent to prison for at least 37 years.

All three men are former Valley Center High School

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Schaberg also made it clear that she hated the Blumls, who were shot by her outside their home on Nov. 15, 2013. Melissa Bluml died shortly after the shooting and Roger died more than a month later. Melissa was 53 and Roger 48 at the time of their deaths.

Smith's sentencing procedure was brief, taking about 10 minutes. The 20-year-old Smith appeared in a green jail jumpsuit and shackles. During the proceedings, he spoke briefly with his attorney, Charlie O'Hara, and glanced at the paperwork in front of him. Smith didn't look back at the gallery or the Bluml family, who had 10 members there, filling one of the courtroom's benches.

When asked by Judge Jeffrey Goering if he wanted to say anything, Smith simply relied, "no, sir."

No one from the family made a statement, either. District Attorney Marc Bennett

him," he said. The sentencing fulfills a prediction by Bennett that all the legal procedures in the case would be wrapped up before Thanksgiving.

After the sentencing, Bennett addressed the family in the courtroom, and then they filed out, most shaking his hand. The family made no statement to the media.

In the past, the family has commented that while legal aspects of case get completed, their emotional suffering continues and they feel the pain of missing their loved ones, especially at family gatherings and during holidays.

O'Hara said his client took responsibility for what he did and cooperated with law enforcement after the murders. "He did provide the gun," O'Hara said, "but he has never been in trouble with the law before."

O'Hara said the young Smith was "influenced" by the three others involved in the murder. "This is a difficult time for

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