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## City eager to get Echo Hills started

By David Dinell

The long-awaited Echo Hills commercial development is moving closer to construction. At least that's what the Park City Council certainly wants to happen, along with developer Michael Loveland.

With that in mind, the council extended Echo Hill's Community Improvement District status at its Dec. 8 meeting until March 15.

Without the extension, the agreements between the city and developer would be dissolved and the two parties have

to start all over if they want to see the project happen.

The retail and apartment project, at the northwest corner of 53rd North and I-135, has been planned for three years. Leasing and financial agreements sought by developers have taken longer than project-

ed, but now Loveland is saying the complex should be ready for business in summer 2017.

"We're still moving forward," said Loveland, who bought Echo Hills, an 80-acre former golf course property, in 2010.

Some of the delay was due to

soft market conditions and the amount of work it takes to get the interest of national retailers, officials say.

For the council and mayor, construction can't come too soon.

"I just want to see dirt moving," said Mayor Ray Mann.

"Everyone wants to see it happen."

Several council members, including Tom Jones, said they are constantly asked about the development by residents and felt a bit frustrated because they

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Photos by David Dinell

A participant cuts out a heart pattern for her quilt square. Divine explained specialized techniques for making quilts.

## A stitch in time

### Park City sewing set gathers for quilting workshop

By David Dinell

Deborah Divine has many interests in life, but among her favorites are quilting and history. She got a chance to share both of those topics recently at the Park City Public Library during a seminar called "Sharing Patterns, Sharing Lives: Kansas Quilt Workshop."

The feeling was mutual. "I'm among friends," Divine said surveying the full meeting room.

She asked if there were any "quilt collectors" in the audience.

"That means more than one quilt in your household," she said to laughter and a show of hands.

Divine, an instructor, researcher and quilter from Salina, spent the first part of



Deborah Divine with some of her favorite quilting fabric.

the event sharing a program on early 20th century quilters in Emporia, a creative — and productive — group whose members made their mark on the quilting world.

Some of those, Rose Kretzinger, Charlotte Whitehill and



Vickii Barbe concentrates on making a quilt square. The Park City library program included a presentation of quilting history and a hands-on session.

Hannah Haynes Headlee, now are well-known in the quilting world and have their work hanging in art museums.

Divine knows their history well, along with other quilters, as she also is president of the Quilters Hall of Fame.

Attendees, including Judy Norton of Park City, studied the patterns and shapes closely.

"It was fascinating to see all those quilts," she said afterwards.

Studying famous quilters, Divine said, is not just dry history, but can serve a valuable purpose by getting inspired to make something on your own.

And the class of 10 did just that after the parade of photos of Kansas history, making a quilt square featuring a bright red heart.

That only took an hour, less for the speedy students, much faster than a full quilt, which can take up to five years to make, Divine said.

Some take a shortcut and "quilt by check," or pay for others to make parts or most of their quilt. But this group seemed determined to do things on their own, which is why they were there.

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## Petition underway for slots in Park City

By David Dinell

Another effort is in progress to allow slot machines at the now closed Wichita Greyhound Park in north Sedgwick County.

A group calling itself Sedgwick First has mounted the drive and is collecting names online in a petition. It sent postcards to local residents to draw attention to the petition at [www.SedgwickFirst.com](http://www.SedgwickFirst.com).

The move is backed by the park's owner, businessman Phil Ruffin. If slots are allowed, Ruffin would spend between \$50 million and \$100 million to reopen it, said Beth King, owner of King MERJ Public Relations and a spokeswoman for the organization.

The idea is to only allow slot machines. There would be no other gaming, such as card games, roulette wheels and the like, King said.

If the park is reopened, dog racing would return, too, she said.

There was a vote in 2007 to allow slots at the track. However, that effort failed by a margin of 244 votes.

The group says reopening the park will create 500 "new, good-paying" jobs for county residents and lower property taxes for all. Since the park closed in 2007, the Kansas Star Casino in Mulvane has opened, which has resulted in lower property taxes in Sumner County while improving county and city services, the group says.

"Reopening Wichita Greyhound Park can do the same for Sedgwick County," the group says.

According to Sedgwick First officials, the county would realize \$1.8 million in revenue from the park. Additional property tax revenue is estimated at:

- \$367,500 to Sedgwick County.
- \$770,000 to Valley Center School District.
- \$228,750 to Sedgwick County Fire District 1.
- \$13,750 to South Central Kansas Library System.
- \$118,750 to Grant Township.
- \$57,500 to Recreation Commission 262.
- \$18,750 to state of Kansas.

That would be property tax revenue only. Gaming revenue would be higher, King said.

The petition drive has collected a few thousand signatures, King said, but the group is aiming for much more in order to make an impression on state legislators in the upcoming session, which starts Jan 11. There is no legal mandate that comes with the petition, which seeks to collect names from adult Sedgwick County residents.

Sedgwick County commissioner Richard Ranzau, whose District 4 includes the park, said slots are a hot-button issue.

"I have constituents who argue on both sides on it, but the matter is really a state one," he said.

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## Five people arrested in Christmas Eve death

### 42-year-old man found stabbed to death in vehicle

By David Dinell

Authorities working the case of a murder victim found just outside Park City have arrested five people. They've been taken into custody on

first-degree murder and aggravated kidnapping charges.

The five are: Diego S. Olivas, 28, California; Gabriel R. Lara, 20, Wichita; Jose A. Rojas, 29, Wichita; Amelia Wilson-Ramos, 21, Wichita; and Aubrey D. Cole, 25, Oklahoma.

Detectives from the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office are to meet with district attorney staff this week to

discuss additional steps in the case.

Officers are sorting through details of the murder, said Capt. Greg Pollock.

"I am unable to discuss any specific details of the case at this stage in our investigation," he said in a release.

No motive was given for the killing.

The murder victim was identified as Moises Arias-

Aranda, 42, of Wichita, according to Pollock. The initial cause of death is a stab wound.

The body was found at 6:44 p.m. Dec. 24 in the 5100 block of North Hydraulic by a Park City police officer on patrol. The sheriff's office is heading the investigation as the area is an unincorporated part of the county. The man was pronounced dead at the scene and

the road was closed through the evening as the investigation continued.

Pollock said the office was thankful for the assistance it received from area residents and businesses.

Earlier, he requested help from anyone who may have seen the vehicle the body was found in, but said that's no longer necessary.

Park City Police Chief Phil

Bostian said it's not uncommon for his officers to patrol slightly outside the city limits, especially in areas where the boundaries between the city and county jag back and forth.

The officer's suspicions were raised when he noticed how far off the road the four-door 1994 maroon Ford Explorer was.

"It wasn't just on the shoulder," Bostian said.

# HIGHLIGHTS PRIDE NOTES DEC. 12 MEETING

Erin A Black, of Valley Center, graduated Dec. 12 with a Master of Science degree in School Psychology from Emporia State University.

†††  
The Park City Senior Center will host a free country dance from 7 to 10 p.m. Jan. 16, featuring the Wildwood Band.

Celebrating birthdays Jan. 16 will be Marion Shuman, Randy Bryan, Mickey Down, Marlin Satterfield and Russell Babcock.

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 City of Park City issued 10 building permits in November for a total valuation of \$513,101. Of that number, one was for a new home and two for new duplexes. The permits are listed by date they were issued, address, type of work and valuation:

- Nov. 2, 6000 E. Parkview, reroof, \$3,001; •Nov. 2, 2558 Windsong Court, reroof, \$5,000;
- Nov. 3, 5101 N. Broadway, reroof, \$45,000; •Nov. 3, 2122 Fairchild, remodel \$65,000;
- Nov. 6, 672 Sprucewood, new home, \$165,000; •Nov. 6, 1804 Denver, reroof, \$5,500;
- Nov. 13, 1022 Beaumont, reroof, \$1,600; •Nov. 13, 1030 Bearhill Circle, detached garage, \$13,000; •Nov. 18, 5920 Millsboro, new duplex, \$105,000; •Nov. 18, 5924 Millsboro, new duplex, \$105,000.

Pride met on Dec. 12 with 25 members present. The first order of business was acceptance of a funds from Project Friendship to be administered by a Pride committee consisting of Gary Davis, Eric Henderson and Amber Pomphrey. Project Friendship was a fund started by late Park City Mayor Olin Hiebert to assist residents who have had problems paying their city utility bills.

The threshold to the Pride Building has been replaced, thanks to action by the city. Members voted to contribute \$40 to the Kansas Humane Society in memory of Pride member Donna Jardine's son Eddie Jardine. Principal Larry Perlman reported that the sign at Chisholm Trail Elementary School has been fixed, with assistance from Pride and the Park City Chamber of Commerce. Christ Lutheran Church is collecting games for the Wichita Children's Home. Pastor Landon Jordan reported that attendance is up at New Anthem Community Church and they are preparing for Christmas Eve service.

Food Pantry coordinator Jan McGonigle said that Pride

distributed boxes of food for Thanksgiving dinners to 29 families, 11 of which were not regular Food Pantry clients. There are 35 families signed up for boxes at Christmas; Pride will make up the boxes at their annual Christmas party/box packing on Dec. 18. Hams have been purchased from Aldi's and bread from the Indian Hills discount bakery, as well as items from the Food Bank Warehouse. The boxes will be distributed on Dec. 19. Pride will pack take home bags for children who normally get free lunch at Chisholm Trail Elementary School on Dec. 20 for distribution on the 21st.

Pride will partner with Chisholm Trail Elementary on a fundraiser at the school on Feb. 6 to be called "Souper Bowl Saturday." Larry Perlman from the school and Dee Stuart from Pride will coordinate. Preliminary plans are to offer chicken and noodles, chili, potato soup and vegan vegetable soup, along with crackers, raw vegetables, homemade desserts and drinks.

Fearing the demise of Movies in the Park, Pride had a protracted discussion about

ways to continue. The functions handled by Darrell and Darren Wilcox will be split up with Eric and Tracy Henderson actually setting up and showing the movies, Lai-L Daugherty raising funds, and Landon Jordan recruiting volunteer teams to help. So it looks as if there will be movies next summer!

Pride will once again partner with the Park City Chamber of Commerce to Light Up Park City for Christmas, awarding cash prizes to houses with the best light displays. Len Warren will coordinate. Chair Dee Stuart announced that Barry Owens, Neighbors editor for the Wichita Eagle, will attend the Christmas packing party on the 18th. Members were asked to wear Pride shirts.

Principal Larry Perlman

presented an explanation of the way the State of Kansas figures what it calls "administrative" costs. He asked members to list things they thought it took to keep a school operating, excluding facility cost. Budget items that were considered essential to supporting students came to 88.1 percent of the total budget — a far cry from some figures

coming from our legislators. The next regular meeting is Jan. 9 and everyone is welcome.

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# THE PARK CITY REPORT

## CITY OF PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### City Council special meeting Nov. 17, 2015:

- Discussed the financial options of funding a city hall/police station and determined the next steps for moving forward with funding.
- Instructed the City Administrator to have WDM go out to bids for a new city hall/police station.

### City Council regular meeting Nov. 24, 2015:

- Approved minutes of Nov. 10, 2015, regular meeting.
- Approved minutes of Nov. 17, 2015, special meeting.
- Approved Appropriations 829-2015 with Addendum.
- Approved a resolution Authorizing the Sale and Conveyance of Certain Land by the City of Park City, Kansas to Murdock Properties, LLC.
- Approved bids for street improvements for Millsboro Street.
- Amended charter ordinance to exempt the City from new state regulations relating to the Election of Officers, Their Terms of Office, Transition to November Elections, the Appointment of Officers and Nomination Petitions.
- Amended ordinance relating to the Policy for Authorized Signatures on Park City Checks, Notes, Drafts, Bills of Exchange.
- Requested quotes for the repair of the east wall and door to the squad room.
- Discussed 2016 Home Show.
- Met in executive session regarding contract negotiations.

### City Council regular meeting Dec. 8, 2015:

- Approved minutes of Nov. 24, 2015, regular meeting.
- Approved Appropriations 830-2015 with Addendum.
- Considered three-year agreement with Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball Certified Public Accountants for auditing services.
- Approved extension of agreement with PenFed Real Estate Agent for the sale of lots in Bearhill and Saddlebrook Additions.
- Development agreement with Echo Hills Community Improvement District, Project No. 1 — Outlet Center.
- Development agreement with Echo Hills Community Improvement District, Project No. 2 — Echo Hills Mixed Use.
- Approved charter ordinance Exempting the City of Park City, Kansas from the Provisions of the Water Pollution Act.
- Adopted storm water management program 2014-

2019.

- Delineated the boundaries of the City of Park City as of Dec. 31, 2015.
- Approved purchase of first-year subscription to Lexipol Law Enforcement Policy Manual.
- Approved amendment of 2015 budget and scheduled public hearing date for publication.

### City Council regular meeting Dec. 22, 2015:

- Approved minutes of Dec. 8, 2015, regular meeting.
- Approved Appropriations 831-2015 with Addendum.
- Approved cereal malt beverage licenses.
- Approved reappointments to the Convention and Tourism Committee, two-year terms expiring Jan. 1, 2018, for John Goyette, Kimberly Madison and Jack Whitson.
- Approved public hearing on 2015 Budget Amendment.
- Adopted 2015 Budget Amendment.
- Approved a resolution approving the Sale of a Certain Project Financed with the Proceeds of Revenue Bonds of the City; Approving the Call and Early Redemption of these bonds.
- Approved an ordinance authorizing the Execution of a Fourth Supplemental Water Supply and Wastewater Service Agreement with Chisholm Creek Utility Authority.
- Approved an ordinance Creating Chapter 1, Article 11, of the Municipal Code Relating to Establishing a Land Bank in Conformance with Kansas State Statute.
- Extended the current Homeowner's Incentive Program through Dec. 31, 2016.
- Approved a \$2,000 Incentive for duplex builders for each duplex with both sides leased for one year through December 2016. Both sides must be leased within three months of occupancy permit.
- Approved spending \$12,039.92 to redo a signal warrant/traffic study for signal lights at 53rd Street North and Broadway.
- Approved authority to award contract commitment of city funds for the 53rd Street Project.
- Approved an amendment to Professional Services Agreement with WDM Architects P.A., approving additional costs for changes for new city hall/police station.
- Discussed governing body attire at council meetings
- Met in executive session regarding land purchase.

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

## 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 Monday, Jan. 18 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Friendship Meals and Meals on Wheels will be served Jan. 18.**

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### Weekly Events

#### 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 is offered through Aging Projects Inc. at noon Monday thru Friday. Homebound delivery of Meals on Wheels is Monday thru Friday, except for the first Wednesday of the month. Reservations are required. Call 744-0751.

Neither Friendship Meals nor Meals on Wheels will be served Friday, Jan. 1, or Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016.

### Monthly Events

- Jan. 4, 2016, 10:30 a.m.** Chisholm Trail Board Meeting
- Jan. 6, 10:30 a.m.** Chisholm Trail Seniors catered lunch (by reservation) & meeting
- Jan. 7, 1 p.m.** Old-fashioned Movie Matinee
- Jan. 11, 1 p.m.** Movie Matinee — "Cocoon"
- Jan. 11, 2 to 4 p.m.** Sedgwick County Health Department Immunization Clinic
- Jan. 13** Foot/Nail care by Michelle Steinke. Call 946-0722 to schedule an appointment.
- Jan. 15, 6 p.m.** Food/Fun/Game
- Jan. 19, 8 a.m.** Breakfast Out, Auntie C's
- Jan. 21** 1 p.m. — Card bingo. \$1 fee
- 5:30 p.m. — Finger food

### Senior Dances

- Jan. 2, 16 and 30, 7 p.m.** The Wildwood Band. \$4 donation at the door. Refreshments served.

### Special Events

**Tax Assistance.** In January, the Park City Senior Center will begin taking appointments for AARP Tax Preparation assistance beginning Feb. 1. One-hour appointments will be scheduled between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. for Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**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 744-1199 to schedule a one-hour session.

**Jan. 4, 2 p.m., Coloring Party.** Join in on the latest party craze! Coloring has been found to reduce stress, improve cognitive functioning, encourage creativity, and release the "inner child." We will be using adult

coloring books (designs are more intricate than children's coloring books). Some coloring pages and coloring utensils will be provided but participants are welcome to bring their own. Please bring a snack to share; drinks will be provided! Please RSVP to Madison at 744-1199.

**Jan. 7, 1 p.m., Old-Fashioned Movie Matinee.** Presented by Rick Every. Be transported back in time for our third showing. View a fun, old local film along with several cartoons/newsreels on the big screen with Rick's 16 mm sound projector and reels. \$5 per person. Popcorn will be served.

**Jan. 13, 3:30 p.m., Hospice Volunteer Information** — Presented by Dan Floyed, chaplain for Serenity Hospice. Learn about hospice and what you can do as a volunteer for the program.

**Jan. 19, 11 a.m., Blood Pressure Clinic and Eye Health & Maintaining Good Eyesight.** Presented by Sharon Wyatt, nurse from Park West Plaza.

**Jan. 20, 10:30 a.m., Take Control of Chronic Disease.** Presented by Angels Care Home Health. Door prize and snacks included. Learn tips on how to best manage chronic pain and other affects of chronic disease.

**Jan. 21, 10:45 a.m., Section 8 Q&A.** Join us as Craig Perbeck, director of Sedgwick County Mill Levy, Mobility, and Housing, presents information and answers all of your questions about Section 8 and Sedgwick County Housing.

**Jan. 23, 9 a.m., Beginners Square Dance Lessons.** This begins a six-week square dancing class for beginning square dancers. For more info please call Tammy Gough at 371-3991.

**Jan. 28, 2 p.m., Brain Boot-camp.** Right at Home Senior Care presents this memory workshop. Included is Virtual Dementia Training, brain games, educational information on memory loss, and tips and tricks for memory retention.

## City Hall will be closed

**Monday, Jan. 18, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.**

## Recycle your Christmas tree

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Go to [www.sedgwick-county.org](http://www.sedgwick-county.org) for a video on emergency kit preparation.

### 2016 SEWER RATES

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

- Jan. 1** — City Hall closed, New Year's Day.
- Jan. 2, 7 p.m.** — Senior Dance, SC
- Jan. 4, 7 p.m.** — Park Board, CH
- Jan. 6, 10:30 a.m.** — Seniors catered lunch, SC
- Jan. 7, 6:30 p.m.** — Court, CH
- Jan. 7, 7 p.m.** — Seniors Square Dance, SC
- Jan. 9, 9 a.m.** — PRIDE, PC
- Jan. 11, 7 p.m.** — Lions, CB
- Jan. 12, 7 p.m.** — City Council, CH
- Jan. 14, 1 p.m.** — Court trials, CH
- Jan. 14, 6:30 p.m.** — Court, CH
- Jan. 14, 7 p.m.** — Library Board, PCL
- Jan. 14, 7 p.m.** — Seniors Square Dance, SC

- Jan. 16, 1 p.m.** — Pride Food Pantry, PC
- Jan. 16, 7 p.m.** — Senior Dance, SC
- Jan. 18** — City Hall closed, Martin Luther King Jr. birthday
- Jan. 21, 5:30 p.m.** — Seniors finger food
- Jan. 21, 6:30 p.m.** — Court, CH
- Jan. 25, 7 p.m.** — Lions, CB
- Jan. 25, 7 p.m.** — Planning/BZA, CH
- Jan. 26, 7 p.m.** — City Council, CH
- Jan. 27, 11:30 a.m.** — Chamber Luncheon
- Jan. 28, 1 p.m.** — Court trials, CH
- Jan. 28, 4:30 p.m.** — CCUA Bel Aire, CH
- Jan. 28, 6:30 p.m.** — Court, CH
- Jan. 28, 7 p.m.** — Seniors Square Dance, SC
- Jan. 30, 7 p.m.** — Senior Dance, SC

## RECYCLING DAYS IN PARK CITY

### January 2016

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Tuesdays —  
Jan. 5 and Jan. 19

**West of I-135**  
Wednesdays —  
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## CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

### Christ Lutheran Church

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

Worship services are held at 9 (contemporary) and 11 a.m. (traditional). Communion is offered at both services. Sunday School for all ages begins at 10:15 a.m.

For more information about the church and its activities, find the church online at [www.christ-lutheran.org](http://www.christ-lutheran.org), or call 744-1242.

Chad Langdon is the pastor of Christ Lutheran Church.

### Church of the Resurrection

The 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 at 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.

Youth activities are on the first Saturday evening of each month.

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@sbeglobal.net](mailto:shagemeister@sbeglobal.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 and 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 North.

Like us on Facebook at [WichitaGreenwichUnitedMethodistChurch](https://www.facebook.com/WichitaGreenwichUnitedMethodistChurch). We would love for you to come join us Sunday. Feel free to call anytime 744-0203.

### Kechi United Methodist Church

The church is located at 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi. Sunday worship includes a contemporary service at 9:03 a.m., Sunday school at 10 and a traditional service at 11. 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.

### 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](http://www.newanthemchurch.com) or via email at [info@newanthemchurch.com](mailto: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. is open to anyone with a hurt, habit or a hang-up. Call David at 841-0777 for more info. Child-care 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/](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.

## Quilts

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After passing out materials, Divine instructed the class on some of her special techniques.

Maria Varela has sewn before, but never any quilting.

"I love it," she said, "especially the way you're taught how to thread. I hadn't never

known that before."

Next to her, Barb Mason had a bit of experience as a quilter, but was still picking up new techniques.

Even Park City's library administrator Len Warren, the only male student there, got into the swing of things, gamely taking to the quilt square, although he did have a bit of a challenge threading the needle to get going.

As to why they quilt, the reasons from the group were varied, but given the amount of visiting and story-sharing, the social aspect was certainly a prime factor.

Other reasons included being creative, feeling productive, preserving family history and recreation.

If you're not doing it as a job, you can take your time and work when you want — or

don't — one quilter said.

Lots of people take part in the endeavor.

A recent survey of quilters by Quilters Newsletter found that 14 percent of U.S. households have at least one active quilter in it and that there are more than 21 million quilters nationwide.

"Dedicated quilters," or those who spend \$600 or more on it, are typically women in

their early 60s who have been quilting for 16 years. It's a big business, too, as the industry reports \$3.58 billion of revenue.

Quilters say that's money well spent as there's a serenity in what they do whether they sell their quilts, or, more typically, keep them as a treasured family memento.

Divine drew on that theme during her presentation with statements along those lines,

including: "A thing of beauty is a joy forever," and "beautiful things appeal to the emotions and create a sort of mental state of quiet and spiritual goodness."

The Kansas Quilt Workshop was sponsored by Park City Alive! and the Kansas Humanities Council. It is part of a regular series of Saturday evening programs at the library.

## City

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had nothing to tell them.

Loveland sympathized and said work should get underway in early 2016. He already has a lease agreement with an Arby's restaurant franchisee who wants to build as soon as other construction begins.

The proposed development is slated to have a cutting-edge outlet mall in a concept that is known as a "racetrack design,"

one in which all the store doors face inward with a common area between them.

It's proven to be a hit in other areas of the country, according to officials at Fort Worth, Texas-based The Woodmont Company, which is spearheading the concept.

The development will be about 300,000 square feet, cost \$70 million to \$80 million and have about 1,000 employees. Earlier this year, the council voted to waive sales taxes on construction materials to be

used at the planned complex.

Loveland also discussed the proposed 232-unit apartment complex on the west side of the site. Because of the hill on that side, he's planning to have the structures be a combination of two and three stories, incorporating the natural elevation to keep the project at the same height.

"It's a real pretty piece of property," he said.

Mann said the city would gladly welcome the new housing.

## Slots

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There also are business owners who believe that the track, with its food and drink sales, would take commerce away from them, Ranzau said.

"It's not just the church groups, but some businesses are opposed, too," he said.

Of course, whether the state is interested in more gaming only 25 miles from the Kan-

sas Star Casino in Mulvane remains, literally, a wild card.

While it has a business entity operate that casino, the state owns it and gets a cut of the revenue stream from it. Since it opened in 2012, that casino has been the top producer among the state's three casinos with cumulative revenue of \$728 million, according to a state website.

However, if it wanted to, the state could allow slots at the track, even given the short distance to the Mulvane casino,

King said.

"There are some limitations on what the state can do, but there is not a conflict of interest law that prevents slots at the park," she said.

The track lies just outside the Park City limits and thus if it reopens, it won't have a direct taxing benefit for the city, said City Administrator Jack Whitson. However, traffic coming through Park City would help, he said, as people stop to buy gas and meals or rent a motel room.

**In 2015, PRIDE spent \$15,420 to provide the community with:**

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# Park City Public Library offers more than what you may expect

By Jan Penhorwood

Have you visited the Park City Public Library? We are located on 2107 E. 61st St. North in Park City.

You may have a memory of an old stuffy and drab looking library from your past, but our library is really more than the old-style type of library.

We are a multi-services facility and you must come see us! We not only have fascinating books, but also adventures, mystery, science fiction and all the best-sellers you don't want to miss!

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Our library also has computers if yours in on the blink or you do not have one and also you can print your information on our printer. Our printer also processes faxes and scans

to your email, prints color as well as black and white for a nominal fee.

We are so sure we can find the selection you want that we also have interlibrary loan service. If you want it and we do not have it, we will search nationally to find it for you. All you need is a little patience, and most times we can locate your request.

We also have E-books than you can learn how to use and also we can sign you up for a Kansas Library Card, which opens up even more resources for you to explore with hundreds of resources you can search for that topic you are dying to know about.

Our facility also has programs, oh, do we have programs!!

We have lap sit for little babies on Thursdays, we have story time for toddlers on Wednesdays and during the summer we have an exciting summer reading program that extends from June until the end of July, which includes fun activities and entertainers you just can't miss!

We have book clubs that meet once a month, one on the second Wednesday of the month that meets at 1 p.m. and one at night on the third Thursday of the month and it meets at 7 p.m. Come read with a group and enjoy tasty munchies and interesting book discussion.

Also our library has a basement and also a conference room which you might care to rent out for the reception for Aunt Nellie, or the birthday

party for Junior, maybe a retirement party or shower? Maybe your company needs a room just to meet and discuss the operations and future, we have the space for you! Just call and reserve your time ahead with us and discuss our nominal renting fees.

We have updated our basement space with a kitchenette. A refrigerator and one hot burner. There are plenty of plugs for crockpots. Book your get-together today!

As you can see, Park City Public Library has the various resources to make your visit a fun one.

For more information, look us up online at parkcitypubliclibrary.com

Check us out on Facebook! Or come in and visit us, our

operating hours are as follows:

Monday and Tuesday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Wednesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday we are open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

However, we do rest on Sundays, and are not open then.

As you can see, the library today is not only a building housing books, but a media/resource center for fun and information.

Come by and see us as a vintage library and also the new technology and services of a new library, stop by and see the 'tales of two libraries'

You will be glad you did.

Jan Penhorwood is assistant librarian at the Park City Public Library.

## DEATHS

### FRED HANEY

Fred James Howard Haney, 88, of Park City, died Nov.

22, 2015. He was a retired Cessna engineer.



Haney

He was born April 6, 1927, in Kearney, Neb., the son of Fred D.

and Elsie Mable (Schnacker) Haney. He graduated from Lisco (Nebraska) High School and worked as a crop duster in Julesburg, Colo. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He married Betty Jean Riggs on Sept. 2, 1951. He was active in his church, the Shepherd's Center, a wood carvers club, and the Kansas Author's Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents and their son David Haney. Survivors include his wife of 64 years, son Brian D. (Glenna) Haney, four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and many friends.

Service was Nov. 28 at Kechi United Methodist Church with burial at Kechi Cemetery. Memorials to Kechi United Methodist Church. Hillside Funeral Home had charge.

### GEORGE HILL

George Robert Hill, 91, of Wichita, died Dec. 26, 2015. He retired from the Kansas Coliseum in 1990.

He was born Dec. 29, 1923, in Leon to George Allen and Nellie Mae Hill and grew up in Augusta and Wichita. He served with the U.S. Army during World War II and later worked in the sheet metal industry.

He was preceded in death by his son George D. Hill. Survivors include his wife of 52 years Donna; sons Roger and Ronald Hill of Wichita, Pete and Lloydena Wentz of Denton, Texas, and Mel and



Hill

Lia Brushers of Park City; stepdaughter Glenda Carpenter of Kansas City; 10 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Service was Jan. 2 at Family Church, Wichita, with burial at Kechi Township Cemetery. Baker Funeral Home of Valley Center had charge.

### CHARLES JARDINE

Charles "Eddie" Jardine, 63, of Wichita, died Dec. 5, 2015. He was a retired PCA coordinator from Boeing Aircraft after 42 years.



Jardine

He was born in Independence to Charles and Donna Jardine. He was raised in the Park City and Wichita areas, graduating from Wichita Heights High School in 1971.

He was preceded in death by his father. Survivors include his wife of 21 years, Cheryl Bellew Jardine; his mother of Wichita; brothers Donald Jardine and Christopher Jardine, both of Keller, Texas; nieces Robyn Jardine and Aubrey Jardine; nephew C.J. Jardine; aunts and uncles Geraldine Moore of Independence, and Bob and Mary Lou Jardine

of Bartlesville, Okla.; parents-in-law Keith and Wanda Bellow; and many other family and friends.

Service was Dec. 10 at First Church of the Brethren, Wichita. Memorials in lieu of flowers to the Kansas Humane Society, 3313 N. Hillside, Wichita KS 67219 and the American Lung Association, 2024 N. Woodlawn, Suite 114, Wichita KS 67208.

### CATHA JOHNSON

Catha "Carlene" Johnson, 95, died Nov. 25, 2015. She was a retired teacher from USD 259.

She was born Sept. 13, 1920, to Fred and Medalene (Clayton) Anderson in Chautauqua.

She was preceded in death by her husband Howard, sister Maxine, brothers

Bill and Bob; and twin brother Carson. Survivors include her son Ed (Rita) Johnson, daughters Chris (Harry) Gilliland and Janet Lynn, sister Jimmie Lu Boucher, six grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Service was Dec. 1 at Cochran Mortuary with interment at Kechi Township Cemetery. Memorials to the Park City Senior Center, 6100 N. Hydraulic Ave., Park City KS 67219.

### ELVARETTA MITTS

Elvaretta Faye "Retta" Mitts, 64, died Dec. 8, 2015. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister and son Casey Lee Mitts. Survivors

include her husband Robert of the home; son Chris (Bethanie) Mitts and daughter Michele (Dave) Bollenback, all of Wichita; brother Albert Miller of Park City; and grandchildren Ducan Pepper, Rhodry Pepper and Teagan Mitts.

A memorial service was held Dec. 12 at Cochran Mortuary. Memorials to the Johnson Cancer Research Center, Kansas State University, 1 Chalmers Hall, Manhattan KS 66506.

### HERMAN MOORE

Herman "Leon" Moore died Nov. 22, 2015.

He was born Jan. 15, 1944, in Milburn, Okla., the second of five children born

to Pauline Ingram and Otis B. Moore. The family traveled between Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, following the oil fields. He served in the Army

and settled in Texas with his before moving to Kansas in 1971.

He worked as a truck driver; lead mechanic at McGill Trucking; fleet maintenance manager at Coke Cola; fleet manager for Miller Equipment and maintenance supervisor for the city of Park City the last 13 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Shelia Moore and sister Betty Sales. Survivors include his wife Carol of the home; daughters Teresa Moore of El Dorado, Kathy (Bryan) Weidler of Andover and triplets

Brianne, Destiney and Alicia Meredith of Wichita; stepsons Jeff and Justin Meredith of Wichita and Jason Meredith of Pomona, Mo.; brother Gene Moore (Cathy) of San Diego; sisters Shirley McBain (Leroy) of McKinney, Texas, and Judy Moore of Dallas; grandchildren, Chris Moore of San Marcos, Texas, Devon O'Roke of El Dorado, Savannah and Jack Weidler of Andover, Mya, Alexis and Ian Meredith of Wichita, T.J. Thompson of the home, and Jason Jr., Tessa and Taylor Meredith of Missouri.

Memorial service was held Nov. 27 at Hillside Funeral Home East.

### CHARLES WILLIAMS

Charles Williams, 95, died Dec. 19, 2015.

He was preceded by his



Williams

first wife Maxine, his second wife Nona, son Michael, and brother Roger. Survivors include his daughter Debra (Gonzalo) Sales of

Wichita, stepdaughter Faith (Brad) Bonesteel of Park City, three stepgrandchildren, and three step-great-grandchildren.

Service was Dec. 23 at Old Mission Mortuary with burial at White Chapel.

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# Disc golf course slated for Park City

By David Dinell

There are some details to finalize, but an 18-hole disc golf course will be built in Park City's Hap McLean Park. Supporters say the course will be in place sometime in 2016, using \$9,000 in funding approved by the Park City council.

The council wants to expand recreational opportunities for city residents, but made it clear that it more than welcomes visitors to the course. If they stop and shop in the city,

all the better, officials say.

There will be no charge to use the course, which will wrap itself around the 11-acre park.

Bill Paulson, a Valley Center resident and retired teacher who is designing the project, said there are some challenges in laying out the course, but he's addressing them and a final plan should be done soon.

Originally, funding the project was part of the council's Dec. 22 consent agenda, which receives a blanket vote, but council member Tom Jones

asked that it be taken off that because he wanted to discuss his concerns with the proposal, mainly the size of it and safety issues.

Jones' concerns centered on the course being close to playground equipment and the BMX track.

Paulson agreed that the set-up was not ideal and said he was working with what he had.

"It's a tight layout, but there are ways to solve it," Paulson said.

Paulson also said communication will be paramount

among event planners to ensure that there are no disc golf contests at the park at the same time as another event, such as a baseball tournament.

The plan has the backing of Mayor Ray Mann, who said the Park Board, which drew up the concept, had done its "due diligence." He also was pleased that it's a resource that can be used year around. The rest of the council also backed the concept.

"This is going to be huge," said member John Lehnher. "It's not going to be perfect,

but the growing pains will be good."

Mann ruled out putting the course anywhere else in town, saying that there was simply no other open space that could be used for the course.

The benefits to the city will be clear, Paulson said.

"Disc golf is going to bring a lot of people to your city," he said.

They may not be overnight visitors, but they will stop at convenience stores, buy gas or visit a restaurant, he said, helping the city's tax revenue.

Larry Kelley of the Park Board said the group has put in a lot of work to make the course happen, but he believes it all will be worth it.

"It's going to be a big draw," he said.

The activity is something that can be undertaken by all age groups, he said.

For the city, the expenses include buying and installing tee boxes, the steel baskets with chains that serve as the course's holes, and design expenses. The game is similar to regular golf with the same scoring system.

# Skeletal remains tied to missing parolee

By David Dinell

Human bones found last month in north Sedgwick County were positively identified, but how the body got there remains a mystery.

After several days on the case, the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office said the remains were those of James T. Labat, 54, of Wichita.

The identification was made through dental records. According to the Kansas Department of Corrections, Labat was

a parole absconder as of July.

The sheriff's office, however, doesn't have a cause or manner of Labat's death, said Capt. Greg Pollock.

"We've started looking for the cause of death and how he ended up in this field out here," he said.

At this time, authorities are treating it as a suspicious death and a crime has not been ruled out, Pollock said, even if no major trauma was found. There was no indication that Labat was living there, he added.

Labat's remains were found late on the evening of Dec. 1 by a bow hunter who was going after a deer.

The site is northeast of 61st Street North and Hillside and just inside the Kechi city limits. However, Kechi police were not involved in the case, nor were Park City police.

It was all handled by county officials, including the sheriff's office and forensic investigators. Also assisting in the search effort were firefighters, who helped clear heavy brush,

and students from Wichita State University's anthropology department.

"We had a lot of folks doing a lot of searching out here," Pollock said.

Complicating the job was the fact that animals got a hold of some of the bones and moved them around the area.

The searchers marked off 260 grid areas and examined the ground closely, recovering some 90 to 95 percent of the remains along with articles of clothing.

Pollock didn't want to go into details about the clothes other than to say that they were consistent with what family

members say he would have worn and they were the size he wore.

The wooded site, once a salvage yard, has a dirt road as access. It had recently changed hands and the new owner is trying to clean it up, Pollock said.

During the week, authorities had set up a command post there and restricted public access. By Dec. 4, they had wound up their examination of the area and had moved the remains off site.

Authorities worked through numerous data bases and missing persons' reports before finding Labat's name and tying

him to the remains.

Labat was no stranger to law enforcement.

Since 1996, he had been in prison for theft, drug possession and aggravated burglary, according to corrections records. While in prison, Labat was written up for several violations.

The state reported Labat as an absconder in 2000 and 2001. He also had charges of criminal damage to property and burglary in 2007.

Pollock said officials may conduct some follow-up activities and might take more measurements. They also may take aerial photos of the scene.

# Green light given to overhaul of 53rd Street

By David Dinell

The long-awaited reconstruction of 53rd Street North through the southern section of Park City will get underway in the first quarter of next year.

At its Dec. 22 meeting, the Park City council approved committing city funds to the project.

The road will be rebuilt and repaved from Primrose, which is halfway between I-135 and Broadway, to a half mile east of Hydraulic at a cost of \$3.8 million. Of that amount, \$1.1 million is coming from Park City and the remaining from federal highway funds.

The contractor is Cornejo & Sons Inc. of Wichita. The total project cost is \$4.3 million, which includes \$525,236 for Park City's construction engineering contract.

"This is the last step before it can begin," said City Administrator Jack Whitson, who has been working on the project since early this year and expressed relief that it will take place.

He had a firm deadline of June to get the paperwork complete and rights of way obtained or miss the vital federal funding.

The bids came in a little higher than anticipated, but the city will live with it, he said.

The city will be issuing a bond next month and get the money to the state by its February deadline.

When complete, motorists will notice a big improvement along the 1 1/2-mile stretch, Whitson said. The road will be enlarged to four lanes on the now narrow section from the Interstate to Hydraulic and then three lanes eastward. There's a new housing project south of

53rd that the city would like to see developed and this will help in that regard, officials say, along with making the road safer.

In another development on 53rd, the council approved spending \$12,093 for a traffic study in order to justify work at Broadway, a much-complained about intersection.

That project would include new lights and the reconstruction of the intersection along

with work about 600 feet to the east. Again, the city needs to comply with requirements, including the study, in order to get an 80 percent federal funding match.

The total project would be in the range of \$1.3 million and without the outside funding, the city would be hard-pressed to underwrite it. There's no guarantee that the city will get the funding, but the chances are good.

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