

Contractor cuts waterline

Break disrupts service to residences, businesses

By David Dinell

A contractor's trencher cut into a main water line April 25 at 61st North and Broadway in Park City, cutting water service for thousands of area residences and businesses.

While the break happened mid-morning, it wasn't possible to start

repairs until that evening as officials were concerned about a nearby electrical transformer.

"There was a lake around it, and we didn't want our guys hurt," said City Administrator Jack Whitson.

Compounding the situation was the intense water

pressure, and when that was on, work was impossible.

"They (city workers) got down and almost drowned trying to get a sleeve over the pipe," he said. "We had to wait until the pressure was almost gone."

City workers had a

problem getting the pressure down, turning off 20 or 30 valves trying to cut the water off, said Whitson, who spent the night at the scene and went to work the next day.

"The problem was we couldn't get it isolated," he said. "That's when we made the decision we had to shut the whole system down. Before that, we had

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Water under pressure shoots from the water main in Park City April 25. The break was repaired by the next morning.

Courtesy photo

Card skimmer found in gas pump

By David Dinell

A skimmer device was found inside a Park City gas pump last month.

The skimmer was reported April 25 at the Presto station, 6115 N. Air Cap Drive. The devices can record customers' financial data from debit or credit cards as they swipe them. Making this unusual is that it was inside the pump, said Park City Police Chief Phil Bostian.

"This device was the first one of its kind that has been found in Park City," he said. "In the past, credit card skimmers have usually been external devices that were attached to the outside of the card reader."

Those outside devices are easier to see because they often are attached to the card reader by adhesive or double-sided tape, he said.

By having a skimmer installed inside a gas pump, the criminal only has to drive up somewhere near the pump, and the stolen financial card information can be downloaded without the criminals leaving their vehicle.

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Council tackles exotic animals

Business looks at Park City

By David Dinell

Park City officials have had a number of domestic animal topics come before them, including keeping pigs and goats as pets. Now they have a new one: exotic animals, creatures such as anteaters, spider monkeys, lemurs, flying squirrels, marmosets and more.

A request to sell such animals in the city limits in a retail outlet came from James Brashers and Taron Langhove, owners of a proposed business to be called Animaltopia. The two appeared before the city council April 12 to present their proposal and field a range of questions during a 35-minute discussion. For sales to take place, they need an amendment to the municipal code.

There was no approval granted at the meeting, nor was there a stop put to the idea, either.

Members agreed that this is a subject needing more examination, especially on the legal side. Thus the city attorney and the two men are going to get together to see what they can agree on.

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Photos by David Dinell

Some of the new building's features are pointed out by Mayor Ray Mann. The building was designed by WDM Architects and the lead contractor is Sauerwein Construction Co.

Combined police department, city offices Park City breaks ground for new City Hall

By David Dinell

The new home for Park City's government operations is under construction.

A brief groundbreaking ceremony on a cool, windy day at the beginning of April kicked off construction on the new \$5.1 million City Hall and Police Department headquarters. The event was attended by most of the city council along with other officials and included the signing of a shovel, which will be on display in the new structure.

"This is an exciting day," said Mayor Ray Mann shortly after the dirt was turned.

Mann had been a major backer of the project and said council members did a lot of homework on the design, examining other city halls to see what worked and what they thought would do well in Park City.

Residents can now view the building work underway as they pass by on 61st Street between Hydraulic and the library. City Administrator Jack Whitson said work has been moving along, other than some heavy rain, which meant a slight delay to the groundbreaking.

The lead contractor, Wichita-based Sauerwein Construction Co., has



City council members and Mayor Ray Mann (third from left) put shovels to dirt to officially open work on the Park City's new City Hall/Police Department building on 61st North.

420 days to complete the project, meaning it will be finished by next summer. The work is actually starting ahead of the once-projected month of May.

The building was designed by WDM Architects, also of Wichita.

To finance the project, the city is making a \$2 million down payment and will be using \$3.5 million of industrial revenue bonds. Council members were pleased with the big financing inroad the city has already made on the project.

The new City Hall

will be 24,922 square feet with a 10,819-square-foot basement. As planned, the structure has the ability to expand to handle future growth, which Mann said is important.

"We expect to grow during the next 20 to 25 years," he said.

City offices are now in a structure at 6110 N. Hydraulic that appear house-like in layout and appearance because that was its original design when it was built in the late 1980s.

It has problems with cracking and the challenge

of a convoluted layout, making it inefficient for staff and visitors, officials say.

But the bigger problem has been for the police department, whose operations have been split between City Hall and an aging facility on West 53rd Street.

The new centralized building will make it easier for the public and officers, said Police Chief Phil Bostian.

Bostian said that while a building itself doesn't

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HIGHLIGHTS

Taylor Johnson of Park City was among more than 60 undergraduate and graduate business students of Kansas Wesleyan University who planned, promoted, hosted and attended the third annual Results That Matter Continuous Improvement and Innovation Conference (CiC) April 20.

Professional business men and women came from Salina and surrounding areas to attend this one-day workshop and had the opportunity to learn the skills to embed continuous improvement and innovation within their activities and processes to enhance efficiency in the workplace. They came from the fields of manufacturing, health care, city government, small businesses and education.

The event was organized by about two dozen business seniors in the

Strategic Management class, led by a cross-functional team. Marketing class students spread the word about the workshop by putting up posters around Salina and promoting the event through social media.

Newman University presented Tanner Kriss, Park City, with an Outstanding Achievement Award for Organizational Leadership during the 2016 Academic Honors and Awards Convocation, held April 21 on the Newman campus.

The Valley Center school district will offer a food service program again this summer. The meals are free to all youth. Service will be from May 31 through July 28 at the high school and middle school.

Breakfast at the high school will be 7:30 to

8 a.m. Breakfast at the middle school will be 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. Lunch at the high school will be 11:15 a.m. to noon. Lunch at the middle school will be 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Students in Valley Center will start their summer vacations a day earlier than expected.

The Valley Center school board on April 11 accepted a proposal to close on May 17. Teachers' last day will be May 20.

Superintendent Cory Gibson said the move will allow teachers to have an additional professional development day, making up for lost time in April because of state assessment scoring requirements. Letting out early also makes up for having no snow days this year. Releasing students a day early will save the district about \$2,000.

PRIDE NOTES APRIL MEETING

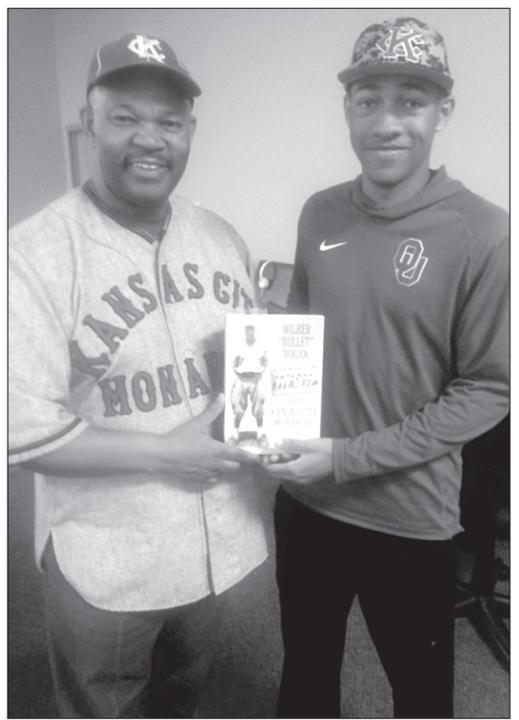
The news is finally out! The Kansas Masons have made a commitment to support Kansas PRIDE groups across the state with financial aid and cooperation with local Masons. This is the biggest single grant PRIDE has received and we are looking forward to contacting area Masonic Lodges to establish working relationships. The commitment amounts to \$1,000,000.

"This gift is on behalf of Kansas Masons to benefit programs that are good for Kansans and Kansas communities," said Darren Kellerman, grand master of Kansas Masons.

The Kansas PRIDE Program is a partnership between K-State Research and Extension, the Kansas Department of Commerce and Kansas PRIDE Inc. The program encourages and assists local volunteers working in cooperation with local government in making their community a better place to work and live through projects that preserve, create and improve.

Park City PRIDE is working on a calendar of events for the year to be posted on the website and Facebook page. Members voted to contract with Tracy Jackson to redesign the website and teach members how to insert articles and photos, maintain and upgrade the website. She will also link the website to the Facebook page. Watch for the redesign soon.

The Food Pantry served 14 families in March. Representative of the city have approached members about



Local student R.J. McCoy is pictured with Park City Alive! speaker Paul S. Dixon, co-founder of the Negro League Baseball Hall of Fame.

accepting responsibility for commodities distribution. After some discussion, Donn Bischoff said that Christ Lutheran Church might be willing to take it over since they do commodities at the church.

Chairperson Lai-L Daugherty said that we are only \$250 short of our fundraising goal for Movies in the Park. She will approach the Library Board.

The topic for April's Park City Alive! was "The Great Sports Mascot Controversy." The talk was April 23 at the library. The program for March was "The Kansas City Monarchs in Your Hometown" about the Negro Baseball Hall of

Fame in Kansas City and the Negro Baseball League. Over 20 people attended, including R.J. McCoy, an outfielder for the Wichita Heights baseball team.

PRIDE's next meeting will be 9 a.m. May 14 at the PRIDE Center, 6512 E. Parkview. Please join us for breakfast!

Man dies after Easter morning wreck

By Chris Strunk

A Wichita man died March 31 from injuries he suffered in a motorcycle wreck at 53rd North and Meridian on Easter Sunday.

Wichita police said Robert R. Redd was hospitalized after the

motorcycle he was riding collided with a vehicle in the intersection just before noon.

Redd died four days later.

According to a police report, Redd was riding a 2014 Harley Davidson east on 53rd North across the intersection when he

collided with a northbound 2004 Chrysler Sebring that ran a red light at 53rd. The driver of the Sebring was a minor whose name has not been released.

Redd was a lifelong Wichita resident and president of a spring manufacturing company. He was a U.S. Marine veteran.

Drovers the topic of next Alive program

By The Post staff

Park City Alive! will present a program titled "Head 'em Up and Move 'em Out" at 7 p.m. May 28 in the Park City Public Library.

Jim Gray, a sixth-generation Kansan who co-founded the COWBOY (Cockeyed Old West Band of Yahoos) Society, will be the presenter. He is executive director of the National Drovers Hall of Fame and writes a newspaper column called "The Way West."

The program will center on the early days of ranching and trail driving, the challenges drovers faced trying to get cattle to market and how today's beef industry owes its beginning to



Gray

these ranchers.

"In our modern world, we often forget that the food

we find on the shelf and in the cooler comes from our farms and ranches," Gray said in a news release.

"Beefsteak was once a steer on the hoof, and so it was 150 years ago when cowboys pointed their herds across the open plains to the railroad corrals of the Kansas cattle towns. The meth-

od of deliver has changed, but the spirit of the cowboy will never change as long as cattle graze and beef is on the menu."

The program is sponsored by Chisholm Trail Seniors and is made possible through the Kansas Humanities Council and Park City Pride.

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CITY OF PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

City Council meeting March 22, 2016:

- Approved minutes of March 8, 2016, meeting.
- Approved Appropriations 837-2016.
- Proclaimed April 5, 2016, as National Service Recognition Day in Park City.
- Approved purchase of trees for planting during Arbor Day celebration as recommended by the Tree Board.
- Considered Site Agreement for the Collection of Household Hazardous Waste by and Between Sedgwick County and the City.
- Considered purchase of four ballistic shields and protective storage bags from the Police Department, Cost \$5,604.23 from the Police Forfeited Assets Fund.
- Considered modified land sales contract.
- Considered change order for the 53rd Street North Improvement Project.
- Considered inclusion of two WAMPO projects/local costs in the Capital Improvement Program.
- Considered appointment to the Library Board as recommended by the Mayor; 1) Lois Hudleston and 2) Jason Brabander.
- Considered reappointment of Jennifer Woodson to Library Board.
- Considered moving future appointments and/or reappointments to the Consent Agenda.
- Considered insurance renewal with EMC.
- Considered scheduling workshop on March 29, 2016, at 7 p.m. to discuss disc golf.

City Council meeting March 29, 2016:

- Reviewed plans for a disc golf course.
- Approved expenses for the construction of a disc golf course.

City Council meeting April 12, 2016:

- Approved minutes of March 22 and March 29

- meetings.
- Approved Appropriations 838-2016.
- Proclaimed April 29, 2016 as Arbor Day in Park City.
- Considered appointment to the Park Board as recommended by the Mayor: Jessica Prilliman.
- Considered appointment to the Park Board as Recommended by the Mayor: Jennifer McQueen.
- Approved expenditure of \$1,000 from the Parks Capital Outlay, Contingency Fund for Plants & Shrubs for Prairie Wind Park Sign.
- Approved funding for the cost of construction of four batting cage gases as recommended by the Convention and Tourism Board. Cost \$50,000 from Transient Guest Tax Funds.
- Considered a resolution determining the advisability of the making of a certain internal improvement in the City of Park City, Kansas (water improvements, sewer improvements, and paving improvements/Prairie Hills Addition)
- Consider contract for engineering improvements to Prairie Hills Addition.
- Discussion Item: Review request from James Brashers and Taron Langhovey to consider an amendment to the Municipal Code to allow the sale of exotic animals at a pet shop in Park City.
- Approved change order with APAC in the Millsboro Road to include construction of a concrete protection slab over the gas pipeline.
- Considered resolution Determining Policy for Issuance of Purchase Orders for the City, Amending Resolution No 852-2013.
- Authorized soliciting bids to pave the parking lot at Hap McLean Field.
- Approved planting improvements to the Park City signage in the median at 61st and I-135.
- Considered distribution of 2015 carryover funds.

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

Protect your purse from the Felony Lane Gang

Park City residents need to be aware of a multi-state crime organization known as the “Felony Lane Gang.” The Park City Police Department believes this group has struck in Park City in the past.

The Felony Lane Gang has been operating for years, raking in millions of dollars with criminal activity that crosses state lines. Until recently, many of these cases were filed away as local burglary and the bigger picture was missed entirely. These cases are connected — very well connected — and this law enforcement is working hard to put the puzzle pieces together.

Members of the Felony Lane Gang are normally based in south Florida and from there travel the country in rental vehicles. They target gyms, parks, day care centers and sporting events likely to be frequented by women, increasing the

chances of finding purses left in vehicles. They conduct surveillance at these locations and unlawfully enter vehicles through unlocked doors or by using a window punch to break the window of a locked vehicle, and they specifically look for identification such as driver licenses, checks, and debit cards.

Gang members also have been known to pull up alongside vehicles at gas stations and convenience stores. While the citizen is busy at the fuel pump, a passenger from the gang vehicle will enter the passenger-side of the citizen’s vehicle, grab their purse, run back to the getaway car and flee, often before the victim even realizes their purse is gone.

Be alert of where they are and where they are traveling. They have multiple groups working in different parts of the state. Stay alert and be able to provide

timely information to law enforcement in hopes of catching these crooks and deterring future felony lane operations.

HOW CAN I PROTECT MYSELF?

Citizens should practice “defensive crime fighting”:

- Don’t leave purses or anything valuable visible in your vehicle
- Make sure your car is locked, even if you’re only outside of it for a moment
- Be observant of your surroundings
- Report suspicious activity in the parking lot
- If you are a victim:
 - immediately report it to police by 911 (better chance of catching the crooks)
 - immediately after calling police, notify your bank and credit card companies
 - See this Facebook page for help: www.facebook.com/felonylanegang

Remember: Click It or Ticket

The Click It or Ticket traffic enforcement campaign is aimed to reduce the number of preventable deaths and injuries that occur when unbelted drivers and passengers are involved in traffic crashes. The campaign takes place every year around Memorial Day. The dates for the 2016 campaign are May 23 through June 5.

Across Kansas, law enforcement agencies, including the Park City

Police Department, will be participating so remember to buckle up. Expect strict enforcement of the Safety Belt Use and Child Passenger Safety Acts. All occupants must be appropriately restrained.

Occupants 4 and over are cited individually. In the event a passenger under the age of 14 is unrestrained, the driver will be cited.

Children under the age of 4 must be secured in an

approved child safety seat. Children ages 4 through 7 must be securely belted into an approved booster seat, unless they are taller than 4 feet, 9 inches or heavier than 80 pounds.

All other children must be safety-belted. In addition, the act prohibits persons under the age of 14 from riding in any part of a vehicle not intended for carrying passengers, such as a pickup bed.

Severe Weather – Storm Shelter

Are you prepared? Severe weather season is upon us. Know where you will go in the event of a tornado warning? The designated public shelter for the City is the basement at the library. It will be open if the tornado sirens are going off. Sorry, no pets allowed.

Park City Alive! Presents

Head ‘em Up and Move ‘em Out

7 p.m. May 28
Park City Public Library
2107 E. 61st North
Sponsored by Chisholm Trail Seniors

This presentation by Jim Gray will explore how today’s beef industry owes its beginnings to the men and women who were bold enough to “head ‘em up and move ‘em out.”

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

May 2, 7 p.m. — Park Board, CH

May 7, 7 p.m. — Senior Dance, SC

May 8, 2 p.m. — Seniors Square Dance, SC

May 10, 7 p.m. — City Council, CH

May 16, 7 p.m. — Planning/BZA, CH

May 21, 1 p.m. — Pride Food Pantry, PC

May 21, 7 p.m. — Senior Dance, SC

May 23, 4:30 p.m. — CCUA, Bel Aire City Hall

May 24, 7 p.m. — City Council, CH

May 25, 11:30 a.m. — Chamber Luncheon, CH

May 26, 7 p.m. — Seniors Square Dance, SC

May 29, 1 p.m. — Seniors Square Dance party, SC

May 30 — City Hall closed, Memorial Day

SENIOR CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MAY

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

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 through Friday, except for the first Wednesday of the month. Reservations are required. Call 744-0751.

Monthly Events

- May 2, 10:30 a.m. — Chisholm Trail board meeting
- May 4, 10:30 a.m. — Chisholm Trail Seniors catered lunch & meeting (lunch by reservation)
- May 5, 1 p.m. — Movie matinee “Grease.”
- May 9, 2 to 4 p.m. Sedgwick County Health Dept. immunization clinic.
- May 11 — Foot/nail care by Michelle Steinke. Call 946-0722 for an appointment.
- May 16, 1 p.m. — Movie matinee “RED”



- May 17, 8 a.m. — Breakfast out, Auntie C’s
- May 21
1 p.m. — Card bingo, \$1 fee
5:30 p.m. — Finger food
- May 20 6 p.m.
Food/Fun/Games

Senior Dances

May 7 and 21, 7 p.m.
The Wildwood Band.
\$4 donation at the door.
Refreshments served.

Special Events

Volunteer Transportation Program. The Park City Senior Center is starting a new volunteer transportation program for seniors in the Park City area with the Sedgwick County RSVP program. For more information or to inquire about becoming a volunteer driver or a passenger, call 744-1199. Rides must be scheduled at least two days in advance.

Tech Tutor, 1 to 4 p.m., 1st & 3rd Fridays. 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? Sign up for a one-on-one session with our volunteer Tech Tutor. Call Madison at 744-1199 to schedule an appointment.

May 6, 2 to 4 p.m.
Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea & Spring Fashions. Join us in celebrating Mother’s Day by spending an afternoon viewing the latest spring fashions from Christopher & Banks and a makeup demo provided by Tonia Sturm with Mary Kay. We will also be enjoying an afternoon tea spread complete with a variety of teas, finger sandwiches, and sweets. Tickets are \$5 per person and must be purchased in advance. A limited number of seats are available. Please call 316-744-1199 to reserve your spot and purchase your ticket before May 5.

May 10, 11 a.m. — Stop Suffering from Allergies & Asthma. Presented by

Angels Care Home Health. Door prize and snacks are included. Allergies and asthma getting you down? Come learn about how to stop suffering from these two health conditions.

May 13, 10:45 a.m. — **Mental Health Association overview.** It’s time we pay as much attention to mental health as we do physical health. Join us as the Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas provides an overview of the services and volunteer opportunities they provide.

May 18, 10:30 a.m. — **Maximizing Social Security Seminar.** When and how you file for Social Security can make a huge difference. A representative from New York Life presents information on how to develop your best social security game plan. This seminar is geared towards those who have not filed yet, but those who have already filed are welcome to attend.

May 19, 11 a.m. — **Housing Options for Seniors.** Dawn Messenger from Senior Choices: Senior Placement & Advisory Services discusses their services and the many different housing options for seniors looking for additional care or changing homes. She will also give a short presentation on the importance of hydration for seniors.

May 25, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. — **Botanica lunch-time lecture outing.** Join us for another outing in our Park City Senior Center van Tour Wichita’s premier botanical garden, enjoy a catered lunch, and attend their Lunchtime Lecture Series. This lecture, presented by Karl Miller, is called “What Hostas Can Do For Your Garden.” The local Hosta Club will have plants for sale. Price for this event is \$13.50 per person (everything included) and is paid the day of the outing. Space is limited. Please call 316-744-1199 to reserve a spot.

Volunteer Opportunities

Welcome to the city’s new Park Board members!

On April 12, the City council appointed Jessica Prilliman and Jennifer McQueen to the Park Board. We would like to welcome them to the Board and thank them for stepping up to serve the city.

Would you like to serve on a board? Find the right volunteer opportunity for you.

The Senior Volunteer Transportation Program is looking for a volunteer coordinator to assist with scheduling and coordinating rides, as well as volunteer drivers.

If you are interested, call Madison at 744-1199

for more information.

The Commodities Program is seeking a volunteer. The program distributes commodities to needy families at Lecker’s every two months. The time commitment is about four hours every two months.

If you’re interested, call City Hall at 744-2026.

Pride Food Pantry

The Park City Pride Food Pantry will be open from 1 to 2:30 p.m. May 21 at the Pride Building, 6512 E. Parkview. You must live within the boundaries of Park City and meet income guidelines for the program. If you have questions, please call 744-8685 and leave a message.

Free coupon to get rid of trash

Do you have trash, old furniture, appliances or bulk waste that you need to get rid of?

The city will distribute 175 coupons to Park City residents, on a first come, first serve basis, that can be used to take up to 1,000 pounds of trash to the Waste Connection Transfer Station. The coupons will be valid through Dec. 31, 2016.

The council voted to distribute the coupons in lieu of hosting a citywide cleanup day for trash and debris.

Call City Hall at 744-2026 for your coupon.

RECYCLING DAYS

May 2016

East of I-135
Tuesdays —
May 10 & 24

West of I-135
Wednesdays —
May 11 & 25

East of
Hydraulic/South

of 53rd N.
Thursdays —
May 12 & 26
(Place recyclables at curb by 6 a.m.)

GET YOUR RECYCLING CART — CALL CITY HALL TODAY!

Local students earn Awana's top award

By The News staff

On May 1, three local students received the Citation Award from the Northside Bible Chapel Awana program in Kechi. The Citation Award is given to students who have completed all of the materials that are required in the Awana program.

Those who have completed the program are Charlotte Lathrom of Wichita, Jacob Schlitten-

hardt of Wichita, and Joel Banzhaf of Wichita.

To achieve this award, each student had to complete over 10 years of lessons and activities in the Awana program. They learned more than 700 Bible verses, read through the entire Bible, completed several Bible studies and fulfilled four dedicated years of Christian ministry service projects in their church and community. The Citation Award is the high-

est recognition that any participant can receive, enabling them to earn scholarships from select colleges and universities.

Awana, which stands for Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed (taken from a Bible verse in 2 Timothy 2:15), is an international weekly Bible-based ministry for youth ages 3 to 18 to help them build Biblical foundations for their faith in Christ. Meetings consist of practical Bible

messages, memorization and games. Each week, more than 1 million children and youth and 250,000 volunteers take part in Awana in more than 17,000 churches worldwide.

The Awana program that meets at Northside Bible Chapel in Kechi starts in September each year and runs through April. For more information about the program, contact Errick Robles at 258-5550.



Pictured are (from left) Stuart Atherton (Awana trek/journey commander), Jacob Schlittenhardt, Charlotte Lathrom, Joel Banzhaf and Errick Robles (Awana director).

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran Church

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

Contemporary worship service is at 9 a.m. with a traditional service at 11. Communion is offered at both services. Sunday school for all ages begins at 10:15.

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

Chad Langdon is the pastor of Christ Lutheran Church.

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. 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@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 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 Wichita Greenwich United Methodist Church. We would love for you to come join us Sunday. Feel free to call anytime at 744-0203.

Kechi United Methodist Church

Sunday worship is at 9:03 a.m. (contemporary service)

or 11 (traditional service), with Sunday school at 10 a.m., at Kechi United Methodist Church, 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi.

Caregivers support group meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month.

Men's Bible Study is at 6:30 a.m. Wednesdays. Bingo is at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month.

Our pastor is Greg Reed. Find us at www.Kechi-UMC.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.newanthem-church.com or via email at info@newanthemchurch.com.

The United Methodist Church at Park City

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

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

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

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

Wednesday — Family ministry night is at 6 p.m. Join us for a meal, followed by worship, small groups and youth group (MS/HS), AWANA Truth Seekers Children's ministry and a professionally staffed nursery. Youth group meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Call Steve at 680-8399 for more info.

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

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

All events and activities are open to the community. Contact the church at 744-0029.

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

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 at 2710 E. 61st North, Park City. It is a congregation of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.

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Sunday Adult class at 9 a.m. will study Paul's Letters to the Church in Corinth

Men's Bible Study Group will meet at 7 p.m. May 9 and 23 and study "A Christian Appraisal of the Quran."

Women's Bible Study Group will meet at 10 a.m. May 13 and 27. It will study "The Ladder of Divine Ascent: Thirty Steps to Heaven."

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

There is no morning

service on Easter Day, May 1, but we will serve Paschal Vespers at 1 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us for Orthodox Easter and to experience our Easter liturgy which has its origin in the practices of the ancient Church in Jerusalem.

Holy Days for May are May 11, Saints Philip and James; May 12, Finding of the True Cross; May 16, Brendan the Navigator; May 21, Saint Constantine; and May 24, Saint Vincent of Lerins.

There is no fasting or abstinence during the Great Fifty Days of Easter.

Call the church for more information at 734-6248 or visit our website at www.saintmichaelorthodoxchurch.com. Email inquiries to jflora@cox.net.

The Very Rev. Dr. John Flora is archpriest and pastor. The Rev. Father Basil Anderson is the deacon, and James Finneran is the reader.

Wichita Three Angels Seventh-Day Adventist

The church is located at 4558 N. Hydraulic, Wichita, KS 67219.

The pastor is Nathan Stearman. The Sabbath school is at 9:30 a.m. Worship service is at 11 a.m.

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

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

Card

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There are no suspects at this time and the case is an ongoing investigation, Bostian said. However, it's clear someone had the ability to get inside the pump, he said.

If the person or persons who did this are caught, they will be charged with a felony in Sedgwick County District Court. Likely charges would be identity theft and unlawful use of a financial transaction device. Final charges would depend on the dollar amount of damage.

As technology changes and criminals get more technologically savvy, officials say these the sophistication of such crimes get more intense. Bostian said this device — wherein the data can be downloaded wirelessly — appears to be similar to others that other police departments are beginning to see nationwide.

The use of skimmers has exploded worldwide, with the United States having the distinction of being

tops in terms of skimming-related losses, according to the Accounting Today website.

Experts say while the technology has existed for years, the devices are becoming more advanced, like the device found in Park City. While banks and card companies are fighting back, including using new chip cards, the best method to combat it is for card holders to be aware of it and conscious of the possibility of their data being stolen when they use their cards, say law enforcement officers such as Bostian.

One way around it is to simply use cash, but if that's not possible or preferred, simply go inside the store to make the payment.

The Park City Police Department offers the following advice for citizens to protect themselves from skimmers:

- Use the pumps nearest to the store windows. Although this is no guarantee of safety, these pumps are usually less likely to be wired with internal skimmers.
- Use a credit card instead of a debit card if you

do pay at the pump. Credit cards usually have more protection for consumers than debit cards.

- If the seal on the fuel pump's access door has been broken, do not use that pump.
- Avoid gas stations that close overnight. Stores that close overnight provide more opportunity for criminals to access the pumps without being detected.
- Gently pull on and wiggle the housing around the card reader. If it appears loose, do not use it.
- Cover the keypad with your hand when you enter your PIN. Some criminals

install small cameras nearby that record you as you enter your PIN. Covering the keyboard will prevent your PIN from being recorded on video.

- Pay attention to your credit card statement. Check your account frequently online.
- Answer your phone promptly if your credit card company attempts to call you. They may be trying to check with you about apparent fraudulent charges.
- Immediately report any suspicious activity on your account to your credit

card company or financial institution.

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City to study speed limit on Hydraulic

By David Dinell

What should the speed limit be through a neighborhood?

That was one of the topics confronting the Park City City Council at its April 26 meeting as it took a close look at the stretch of Hydraulic from 61st Street North to Highridge.

At issue is whether the current limit of 30 mph is the right one. The road starts with commercial outlets at the corner of 61st and Hydraulic then quickly turns into all residential as it goes past Broadbeck Drive. It also passes McLean Park, which is to the west.

"It's always a balance of safety versus reality," Police Chief Phil Bostian said of setting the limit.

While officials want the road to be safe, if the speed limit is set too slow for

conditions, drivers end up not obeying it, he said. That stretch of road did have a speeding problem back when the Kansas Coliseum was open.

"At that time, we had people driving 50 or 60 miles per hour on it," he said.

Bostian suggested a traffic study to see what the limit should be. Such surveys take into account at what speed about 85 percent of the current traffic moves.

City Administrator Jack Whitson said city workers will set out counters at two different places on the street to measure the traffic volume and speed.

"We're not bound by it, but it's a good barometer," he said of measuring the speed.

Other issues with the limit are not wanting to

increase it too much as residents along with west side of Hydraulic still need to get in and out of their driveways and speeding vehicles could make it less safe.

Whitson also expressed a bit of frustration about the street walking near the street when they don't need to.

"I don't why they do that," he said.

The council also discussed city speed limits in general, agreeing that being consistent was the best policy. There have been occasions when there were different speed limits on each side of the street. Member Tom Jones said he would like to see the limit increased on 61st Street west of Leeker's, which staff said they could look at later.

It also was explained that on many of the roads

leading out of Park City, the speed limit suddenly changes and that's because those are under county control, which sets its own limits.

Whitson said he would be back to the council with the results of the Hydraulic study.

In other action, the council:
 • Thanked the public works staff for its work on the April 25 water main break. All were appreciative of the dedication and extra hours and effort workers put in to fix the leak. Many members said they were contacted by the public asking about the situation and most were understanding. Whitson said the problem was complex and because of the extreme pressure, the system had to be shut down. "We're sorry to put the citizens in that situation where they didn't have water for a while, but the mayor had to make a tough decision," he said.

• Listened to Mann proclaim May 1 through 7 as Public Service Recognition Week. The proclamation is in honor of millions

of public employees at the city, county, state and federal levels and encourages citizens to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of government.

• Withdrew a motion to authorize the mayor to determine the successful bidder of building batting cage concrete pads at McLean Park. Council set a special meeting for May 3 to look at that bid along with other concrete work at the park, such as filling in the former swimming pool. There was some misunderstanding about whether the bids were to be broken out or packaged as one. Whitson said the city would get the best price if they were bundled as one bid rather than broken out.

• Approved appropriations of \$201,472. There are open purchase orders of \$408,809.

• Listened to a report from public works director Rick Norman who said that the Parks Department has been busy with moving and trimming work. It also has sprayed Chisholm Pointe Lake for algae control and worked on the brush and limb dump and household waste day, which was April 23. There were 107 loads of limbs and 106 loads

of household waste.

Also, newly painted signs have gone up for Prairie Winds. The Street Department has been sweeping streets and working on road gradings in 73rd, 91st and 93rd streets, which are gravel surfaces. For the Water/Sewer Department, the average work orders per day from April 1-15 was 23.

• Received a report on recent building activity. For March, there was one commercial building permit, which had a value of \$6 million. There were eight permits issued for new residential construction and the total value of those were \$1.1 million. Those permits were for four new homes and four duplexes.

For the first quarter, including March, there were six commercial permits, for a total value of \$12.7 million and 12 permits issued for new residential structures, which has a value of \$1.9 million. Other permits included plumbing, 23, electrical, 18, improvement, 13 and mechanical, 4. The permit report doesn't include the new City Hall/Police Department building, which has a value of \$5.1 million and is considered as public ownership.

Former teacher at Heights sentenced for sexual misconduct

By David Dinell

A one-time Wichita Heights High School teacher received probation for his attempt to have sexual relations with a student last year.

Alan J. Martens, 26, who taught music at the school, which has students from Park City and Kechi, received a sentence of two years probation last week in Sedgwick County

District Court. Martens pleaded guilty in February to the allegations he faced. While the victim in this case was of the age of consent — 16 or older — Kansas law states that an intimate relationship between a teacher and a student at his or her school is not permitted.

Under terms of the agreement, if Martens, who now is an Overland Park resident, violates his

probation, he may have to go to prison for 12 months. As part of the probation, he has to hold a full-time job, not have contact with the victim and avoid alcohol and drug use. He also had to give up his state teacher's license and register as a sex offender.

Wichita school district spokeswoman Susan Arensman said the district released Martens from his job at the school, 5301 N.

Hillside, and has no relationship with him.

"He hasn't been with us for awhile," she said.

Surrendering his license effectively ends his teaching career in Kansas, Arensman said. She wasn't aware if he could teach in other states, but a background screening would turn up this incident. Martens has no previous arrest record, according to court records.

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make or break a police force, this one will "make a tremendous difference" for the staff of 21, including 17 officers, and citizens.

Mann said he's pleased about seeing the building become a reality.

"We've gone a long way to get to this point and everything is working out as projected," he said.

Officials say the current City Hall will be sold once the new one is occupied.

The ceremonial shovel collects signatures from city officials.

David Dinell



Animals

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"It went well," Brashers said after their presentation.

Added Langhove: "We expected lots of questions."

And they got them, especially after they submitted a long list of proposed animals for their possible sale. Some members admitted they had never heard of many of the animals.

Brashers and Langhove say their intent is to only deal with animals that weigh 20 pounds or less.

"That way it's safe," said Langhove, who added that he's been working with exotic animals his whole life as part of his family's business.

He has two other outlets:

Pet World of Newton and Wichita and an online site called DartFrogConnection. The two assured the council that they wouldn't be dealing in snakes, alligators or other such animals. Furthermore, these animals would be strictly indoors.

"They couldn't survive outdoors," Langhove said. "They will simply die."

And since the investment with the animals is so large — a spider monkey can cost \$3,000 to \$5,000 — owners are extra cautious about them and their care, he said.

Members, while cautious, also reassured the two that they are pro-business and want to see new ventures in town.

"I don't want to be difficult," said member Tom

Jones, "but I want to do this right."

Earlier in the year, the council shot down a proposal to allow pet goats, with Mann saying his major objection was that they were outside animals and could affect property values. He was receptive to the exotics, as they would be inside.

Langhove said exotic animal sellers already have to comply with numerous federal regulations and he's well versed in the required paperwork.

They want to be in Park City due to regulations selling the animals in Wichita and to be closer to a larger market.

Numerous suggestions were put forth to include in regulations, including a

license fee and examination by a veterinarian.

The two men have been looking at several sites, including a couple near 61st North and Broadway.

In other action, the council:

• Approved appropriations of \$426,391.
 • Approved a consent agenda that included two expenditures. One was for \$1,000 for plants and shrubs for Prairie Wind Park. The money is from the Park Capital Outlay Contingency Fund. The other was for four batting cages at McLean Park. The cages were recommended by the Convention and Tourism Board and will cost \$50,000. The money is coming from the transient guest tax.

• Heard of the sale of the city's \$3.5 million in bonds for construction of the new City Hall/Police Department building. The bonds sold April 12 to Raymond James and Associates at a rate of 2.35 percent. The financing is costing \$440,000 less than projected.

Mann said he was pleased with the result. "All this work we put into this confirms we did the right thing," he said.

• Approved appointing two residents to the Park Board. They are Jessica Prilliman and Jennifer McQueen.

• Authorized water, paving, sanitary sewer and engineering improvements to the Prairie Hills Addition.

• Received a report from public works director Rick Norman. He reported that the Park Department has been mowing and trimming along with spraying for weed control. Also, the average daily work orders for the Water and Sewer Department for March was 23. Brush and limb dump day will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 23 at McLean Park.

• Heard Police Chief Phil

Bostian report that the total number of 911 calls for the city in 2015 was 10,911, which he termed "quite a bit higher than the last year." He also said officers continue to monitor school zones for speeders.

• Proclaimed April 29 as Arbor Day in Park City. As part of the celebration, a tree will be planted at Chisholm Trail Elementary School.

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Water

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water shooting up in the air 20 feet.”

They managed to cut the pressure and start repairs about 8:30 p.m. April 25 and worked through the night.

The water came on at 7 a.m., but it took awhile for the pressure to build up so not everyone had full service for hours after that.

“The important thing was to try and get the water back to the people,” Whitson said.

Park City officials turned to social media avenues of Facebook and Twitter to update residents on the situation and also post photos.

Jennifer Rice of Sonic Drive-In, 6122 N. Broadway, reported that the business lost water at 4 p.m. April 25 and had to close. Other businesses reported similar situations, although some stayed open. Power was not affected.

City worker Kari Karleskint said on social media that a few of the workers were able to leave at 1:30 a.m. and “those of us who did were able to get a couple hours of sleep before we were back on the job at 7 this morning.”

The work was difficult, Karleskint said, including working in soaking wet clothes and the pressure of getting the job done before predicted storms were to arrive later in the day.

The workers got numerous compliments on social media for their dedication.

“I know we at Leeker’s



Courtesy photos

City workers shut down a water valve. They managed to cut the system’s pressure and start repairs on the line about 8:30 p.m. April 25.



Water floods an area south of 61st North near Broadway.

thank you,” wrote Steve Slipsager.

From Jonathan Hopkins: “thanks for such a timely response and control.”

To focus on the situation, city officials closed City Hall until noon April 26,

but the Senior Center was open as usual and meals

were delivered on schedule for those who made their reservations.

Shortly after water was restored April 26, Mayor Ray Mann said, “We are already seeing chlorine in the water and things are going smoothly.”

Due to state law, a water warning, or boil advisory, was in effect for 18 hours after the water was restored until chlorine levels were considered normal.

Whitson said officials will thoroughly examine the situation, including why the workers, who were trenching for an electric line, went



Crews are able to get a sleeve around the water main.

ahead and dug and whether it was marked properly.

“Instead of jumping to conclusions, we’re going to try and figure out what the situation was,” he said. “We’re going to look to the facts and see why it happened.”

Boil water advisory — The Kansas Department of Health and Environment issued a boil water advisory for the Park City public

water supply because of a loss of pressure. Failure to maintain adequate pressure may result in a loss of chlorine residuals and bacterial contamination, KDHE says.

The advisory took effect April 26 and remained in effect until conditions were deemed by KDHE officials to be adequately resolved.

The advisory was lifted around noon on April 27.



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