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Hope helps for back to school

LifePoint Church and From the Ground Up hosted Hope VC July 26 at Valley Center High School. The event helped local families as their children prepare to go back to school. Organizers said 180 volunteers handed out 1,670 bags of groceries and 504 backpacks. A total of 765 people were served and 385 were prayed for. Haircuts were given to 70 people, physicals were given to 40 and vaccines to 50. The Lions Club conducted 87 vision screenings.

Courtesy photos



SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Link training will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Aug. 4 and from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Aug. 5 in the auditorium at the high school.

Chromebook checkout for sixth-graders and new students will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Aug. 4 at the middle school. Checkout for seventh- and eighth-graders will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Aug. 5 at the middle school. Checkouts for all middle schoolers will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Aug. 5 at the middle school.

Chromebook, locker and parking permit checkouts for high schoolers will be from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and from 12:30 to 3 p.m. on Aug. 5 at the high school.

There will be a PTO/site council meeting from 6 to 7 p.m. on Aug. 5 in the library at the intermediate school.

Marching band rehearsals for high schoolers will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Aug. 5 and 7 at the middle school.

New teachers will be in training on Aug. 5 and 6.

Back to School Night will be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 7 at the intermediate school.

There will be an Open House from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 11

at the middle school.

Meet Your Teacher Night for first- through third-graders will be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 11 at West, Abilene and Wheatland elementaries.

There will be a Valley Center school board meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. on Aug. 11 in the board room at the District Office.

The first day of school for students in first through sixth grade, high school freshmen and new students in the district is Aug. 12. The first day of school for students in seventh, eighth, 10th, 11th and 12th grades will be Aug. 13.

Kindergarten screening will be from 8:25 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. on Aug. 12 at Abilene and Wheatland. Kindergarten screening will be from 8:25 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. on Aug. 13 at Wheatland.

There will be a parent meeting for middle school and high school athletes participating in fall sports from 6 to 8 p.m. on Aug. 13 at the high school.

Meet Your Teacher Night for preschoolers and kindergarteners will be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 14.

The first day of school for kindergarteners will be Aug. 15.

Track

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a standing position before it drops flat on the hill when the race begins; riders then drive over the top of the gate to start each race.

Roughly \$5,000 was spent on the application of a specialized glue that is meant to hold the track in place. Someone got on the track with a dirt bike after recent heavy rainfall so the glued surface got messed up.

Park City BMX vice president Jordan Kieffer said the glue helps make

the track safer and more fun for the riders.

“The glue is designed to maintain the surface to keep it nice and smooth for the riders,” said Kieffer. “But when the track is wet, it becomes more malleable. And then when we have recreational vehicles entering illegally, it causes these deep ruts. Technically, it is trespassing, but they are not really prohibited from going back there by any physical barriers. So tonight, we are going to be dragging the track and restarting with our surface; and the \$7,000 that we invested in June is

now lost. We have a very significant race coming up in September. We are going to host a state finals based on our success over the last couple of years. A lot of hours of track volunteer time is going to be needed to get our track back in working order for those big races.”

Improper use of the track has been an ongoing issue. Park City BMX has asked people to stay off the track when it's wet and to stop using motorized vehicles on it, but efforts to prevent damage have failed. The group wants to install a six- or eight-foot fence to help with access

control.

“We really need assistance in being able to prevent trespassing,” said Kieffer. “For us to be able to maintain the surface and the integrity of the track that has gotten to host these state events and the high caliber of events we’ve been hosting. ... We’re hoping that we might get approval for a chain link fence so that we could have that installed and perhaps prevent some of this vandalism.”

Kieffer said volunteers have stayed at the track working until 2 a.m. in the past to get it ready for

a race after it was damaged. She said everyone who volunteers their time is there for the kids, but she admitted that it is demoralizing to see their work destroyed so quickly.

“We’ve talked about how to go about this,” said Park City BMX track operator and president Jamie Johnson. “I know it’s part of the park and everybody wants it to be accessible, but we’ve talked about it off-and-on. That’s \$7,000 that we put into the surface and all it takes is one bike or scooter or one dirt bike to go out there and break up

the surface of the glue; and then all the water gets under the glue and destroys all of the glue. We want to have a great facility that people want to come to and it’s hard to keep putting all of our money into it and just having it destroyed.”

Council members George Glover and Linda Westhafer both expressed support for helping the group look at fencing the track. Glover praised the group for its hard work maintaining the track and Westhafer noted that the events hosted by Park City BMX bring a lot of people to the city.

Bond

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only coming in one entrance and cars coming in and out. People are just gonna have to be patient with the process and just know that it’s the old adage, to make an omelet, you’ve got to break some eggs.”

High school Principal Eric Flaton said the school will follow the same parking lot procedures it did when work started in the spring.

“If we all follow the plan, it helps keep everyone safe,” Flaton said. “Returning students and parents used the same protocols last year, and while it may take a little longer, the parking

lot is typically clear by 3:05. We’re simply asking for 10 minutes of patience to ensure a safe and efficient dismissal.”

Flaton reminded parents and students that:

- There is no parent entrance on the west side after school. This area is for buses only.
- Parents must enter from the south for student pick-up.
- There is no parent pick-up north of the roundabout.

The classroom additions — a wing on the northwest part of the school and a classroom on the northeast corner — as well as the stand-alone supplemental learning center on the south side of the school should be open by the

2026-27 school year.

Flaton said the new classroom to support the school’s career and technical education program will expand opportunities for students, while the 18-classroom addition will accommodate the rising student population.

“While we know this could change based on resources, we hope to focus on expanding engineering, aeronautics and our graphic design programs,” Flaton said. “Currently, every classroom in our building is in use, and we are operating at full capacity. As enrollment projections continue to rise, the new wing positions us to meet

future growth while continuing to provide high-quality learning experiences for our students.”

Flaton said the supplemental learning center will house the district’s alternative education programs, including The Learning Center and Next Steps Academy, which are currently in a building on South Meridian.

Meanwhile, a classroom addition at the intermediate school will open this fall.

“With the addition of new classrooms, we are now able to move staff members out of shared spaces and into their own rooms,” intermediate

school Principal Heath Elliott said. “We will keep two of the six new classrooms open this year to use as flexible student workspaces, such as quiet, separate settings for assessments and other support services. Last school year, we had no open classrooms, which made it challenging to find dedicated workspaces for students and staff when needed.”

The intermediate school is for fourth- and fifth-graders. The addition is on the west side of the building in the 700 block of North Meridian.

“As enrollment continues to rise, we’ll be able to add sections (when needed) more comfort-

ably without being limited by classroom space,” Elliott said.

The middle school restrooms are in the school’s B Hall, which previously did not have any restroom facilities.

Work is progressing on the new elementary school near Fifth and Seneca. It also is expected to open for the 2026-27 school year.

The projects are part of a \$58.9 million bond issue that voters approved in 2024.

The first day of school for first through sixth grades, ninth grade and new students is Aug. 12. Seventh, eighth and 10th through 12th grades start Aug. 13.

Public notice

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NOTICE TO TRUST CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that John E. Theis died on January 9, 2025. The decedent was a Grantor of The Theis Family Revocable Trust dated September 6, 2019. Sharon E. Quaney serves as Trustee. The Trustee has the power to pay the outstanding debts of the decedent from the trust property, upon receipt of proper proof thereof.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Trustee of The Theis Family Revocable Trust dated September 6, 2019, at the address below, within the later of four months from the first publication of this notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and K.S.A. 58a-818, and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after receipt of actual notice. If a creditor fails to present such demands or claims to the Trustee within such prescribed time period, they shall be forever barred.

Sharon E. Quaney, Trustee of The Theis Family Revocable Trust dated September 6, 2019

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IN THE INTEREST OF: Zoei N. Martinez Alejandro J. Martinez	Born in: 2012 2014	Case No.: SG-2025-JC-000330 SG-2025-JC-000330
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NOTICE OF PROCEEDINGS

STATE OF KANSAS to: OLIVIA R. MARTINEZ, MOTHER; KRISTINE WHITE, MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER; MICHAEL WHITE, MATERNAL GRANDFATHER; JOHNNY R. LOWERY AND HIS PARENTS, ALLEGED FATHER; ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN FATHER AND HIS PARENTS; AND ANY OTHER PERSONS WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED.

A petition has been filed in this court requesting that the court adjudge Zoei N. Martinez and Alejandro J. Martinez a child/children in need of care as defined in the Kansas Code for Care of Children K.S.A. 38-2202(d), as amended.

You are required to appear before this court at **08:30 AM on Friday, August 15, 2025**, in the District Court, Juvenile Department, 1900 East Morris, City of Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas, 67211; or prior to said time file your written response to said pleading with the Clerk of this court. Failure to either appear or respond may result in the court entering judgment granting the requested action.

Each parent, guardian or other legal custodian of the child has the right to hire and be represented by an attorney. The court will appoint an attorney for a parent who is financially unable to hire one.

**CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
by: Clark, Deputy Clerk
PUBLISH: 7/24 and 7/31, 2025.**

Sedgwick Co. public notice

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IN THE INTEREST OF: Damien N Toledo	Born in 2014	Case No.: SG-2025-JC-000360
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NOTICE OF PROCEEDINGS

STATE OF KANSAS to: SHANE A TOLEDO, ALLEGED FATHER; LAURA M BIRD, MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER; CUTIS D MILLER, MATERNAL GRANDFATHER; STELLA A RUTHERFORD, PATERNAL GRANDMOTHER; WILLIAM TOLEDO, PATERNAL GRANDFATHER; ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN FATHER OF DAMIEN N TOLEDO; ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN MATERNAL OR PATERNAL GRANDPARENTS, RELATIVES OR NEXT-OF-KIN OF DAMIEN N TOLEDO; AND ANY OTHER PERSONS WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED.

A petition has been filed in this court requesting that the court adjudge Damien N Toledo a child/children in need of care as defined in the Kansas Code for Care of Children K.S.A. 38-2202(d), as amended.

You are required to appear before this court at 8:30 AM on Friday, August 29, 2025, in the District Court, Juvenile Department, 1900 East Morris, City of Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas, 67211; or prior to said time file your written response to said pleading with the Clerk of this court. Failure to either appear or respond may result in the court entering judgment granting the requested action.

Each parent, guardian or other legal custodian of the child has the right to hire and be represented by an attorney. The court will appoint an attorney for a parent who is financially unable to hire one.

**CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
by: McFarlane, Deputy Clerk
PUBLISH: 7/31 and 8/7, 2025.**