

Fire

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or join the fire district, which would require property owners to pay more in taxes. Valley Center uses about 6.8 mills of property taxes to operate its fire department. The fire district levies 16.75 mills.

“They’ve grouped us all in a pot and it all boils down to one issue that got this whole thing started,” Truman said.

Truman did not elaborate.

Valley Center’s department includes six full-time and 13 paid, on-call firefighters.

Public safety Director Lloyd Newman said a group of city employees and city council members will meet to discuss options to bring back to the council, investigating the impact of losing the aid agreements.

Council member Ben Anderson said the fire district appears to lump Valley Center with all other

smaller departments.

“I just feel like there could’ve been a better route to start this, and maybe there was,” he said. “... I hope we can get this figured out where it’s not detrimental to anyone.”

Council member Matt Stamm said he would support expanding the city’s fire department to staff the station around the clock seven days a week.

In other business May 19, the council:

- Heard a presentation on future improvements to the Valley Center Cemetery.

- Approved a bid of \$446,023 from Pearson for the reconstruction of Seneca from 69th Street to the railroad tracks and approved spending \$141,868 for inspection and testing.

- Gave Dependable Pallet until Aug. 1 to stop operations at its plant at 201 S. Cedar. The facility is out of zoning compliance and the property owner told the company it would not be doing anymore to reach compliance.

- Approved a change order worth \$9,300 on the Seneca reconstruction project between Fifth and Ford.

- Approved amending an ordinance to expand by one day the sale of fireworks from June 26 through July 5. The ordinance will be voted on at the next council meeting.

- Approved the police depart-

ment’s assistance with the Hornet Hustle fundraising run, which will be Aug. 29.

- Approved a request by Main Street Valley Center to use the city’s lot at 225 W. Main for the Movie on Main Street June 6.

- Approved a change order for Trails End, which corrects a previous change order that the council approved in March.

- Discussed a change order

for Trails End, a residential subdivision near the new elementary school at Fifth and Seneca, for \$144,043.30 before approving it. Council members were surprised by how much it was and were surprised that the work had already been done before the council’s approval. Jake Vasa with SEH engineering firm said he made the decision to move forward with the work so the completion timeline

would not be affected. The additional dirtwork was the result of a surveyor’s error in an elevation measurement. “I’ve never denied a change order before, but this is kind of shocking,” council member Matt Stamm said.

- Approved a professional services agreement with SEH for Valleypoint subdivision near Meadow and Interurban for \$220,000.

- Heard brief presentations of the city’s 2027 preliminary budget.

- Met in executive session for five minutes to discuss possible litigation.

- Met in executive session for 10 minutes to discuss personnel. Council member Ron Colbert was not at the meeting.

Sedgwick Co. public notice

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IN THE INTEREST OF:
Ronyiah L. Phillips
Veronica L. Phillips

Born in
2011
2012

Case No.:
SG-2026-JC-000016
SG-2026-JC-000017

NOTICE OF PROCEEDINGS

STATE OF KANSAS to: ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN FATHER; ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN MATERNAL OR PATERNAL GRANDPARENTS, RELATIVES OR NEXT-OF-KIN; AND ANY OTHER PERSONS WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED.

A petition has been filed in this court requesting that the court adjudge Ronyiah L. Phillips and Veronica L. Phillips 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 Tuesday, June 2, 2026**, 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: 5/21 and 5/28/2026.

Sedgwick Co. public notice

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IN THE INTEREST OF:
Jazmin S. L. Alvis
Samuel A. W. Alvis
Kenneth M. W. Alvis Jr

Born in
2020
2021
2023

Case No.:
SG-2024-JC-000282
SG-2024-JC-000283
SG-2024-JC-000284

NOTICE OF PROCEEDINGS

STATE OF KANSAS to: KIMBERLY L. FOWLER, MOTHER; AND ANY OTHER PERSONS WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED.

A Motion for Review and Termination has been filed in this court requesting that the court find the parents of Jazmin S. L. Alvis, Samuel A. W. Alvis and Kenneth M. W. Alvis Jr unfit to have custody of such child(ren) and make an order permanently terminating the parental rights of such child(ren) who has previously been adjudged each a child in need of care.

You are required to appear before this court at **08:30 AM on Monday, August 10, 2026**, in the District Court, Juvenile Department, 1900 East Morris, city of Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas; or prior to that time file your written response to the pleading with the clerk of this court. Failure to either appear or respond may result in the court entering judgment granting the requested action.

Joel Hesse, an attorney, has been appointed as guardian ad litem for the child(ren). Each parent or other legal custodian of the children has the right to appear and be heard personally either with or without an attorney. The court will appoint an attorney to represent a parent who fails to appear.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
by: Clark, Deputy Clerk
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Area Church Directory



First United Methodist Church
560 N. Park

In-person worship services on Sundays. Traditional at 9 a.m. and contemporary at 11 a.m. UMYF for high school and middle school is 6 p.m. Wednesdays. WOW ZONE! for children 3 years old through fifth grade is 6 p.m. Wednesdays. Call 755-1112 for more information. The church’s website is www.fumcvc.org. Pastor is Ji Seok Ju. Youth sponsor is Denise Newfer.



Faith Church, 325 N. Emporia

Adult Sunday school classes begin at 9 a.m. Sunday services are at 10:00 a.m. with FaithKidz. Ages 6 weeks through 5th grade. Wednesdays: AWANA (kids) 6 p.m., Faith Church Youth 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. – middle school; 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – high school. Worship Pastor: Tyler O’Donnell Church: 755-0687 Website: yourfaithchurch.com



Grace Connections Church
300 N. Ash

Sunday — Sunday morning coffee and donut fellowship are at 9:30 a.m. Praise and Worship are at 10 a.m. Wednesday — Free home-style meal at 6 p.m., Kids and Youth at 6:30 p.m., adult Bible study at 6:45. Senior pastor: Doug Wedan Worship pastor: Joe Wedan Student pastor: Kevin Bogle Church: 755-1855 Website: www.journeyofgrace.info Grace Connections is a fellowship of the American Baptist Churches, USA



Northside Church of Christ
4545 N. Meridian

Sunday — Sunday school 9 a.m.; worship 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday — Ladies’ Bible study 9:45 a.m.; worship 7:30 p.m. Programs are for children, teens, singles, young marrieds, home-builders (families), empty-nesters (couples whose children are gone from home) and goodtimers (50+). Northside sponsors a question-and-answer program, “Know Your Bible,” that airs every Sunday at 10 a.m. on KSN Channel 3. Minister: Steve Tandy. Youth Minister: Toby Levering. Church Phone: 838-5200; 1-800-282-4253. Fax: 838-6028.



LifePoint Church, 400 S. Abilene
(A Fellowship of the Assemblies of God)

Sunday — Sunday services are at 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Nursery and Kids Church are available at both times. Online service is at 10:45am only. There are no regular Sunday evening services.

On Wednesdays, LifePoint Kids and LifePoint Students meet from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Adult small groups are also available.

Lead Pastor: Steve Rains
Youth Pastor: Levi Massey
Children’s Pastor: Nathaniel Thurman
Church: 755-2331 Website: www.lpcag.org



Pathway Church Valley Center
800 N. Meridian

Pathway Church Valley Center (meets in the Valley Center Middle School) Sunday: Kids ministry & contemporary worship service @ 10:30am • IGNITE: High School @ 6:30pm Sunday, Middle School @ 6:30pm Wednesday • All IGNITE programs meet at the Pathway Valley Activity Center, 320 S Meridian. Groups meet @ various days, times & locations • Campus Pastor: Jarred Peine; Kids Director: Dana Doerflinger; Student Directors: Garret & Kailah Rockwood; Jamie Dennison. Church: 722-8020 www.pathwaychurch.com



New Hope Community Church
109 W. Main, Valley Center

(in LeVenue, SE corner of Main & Park)
Sunday — Worship 9 a.m., fellowship 10 a.m., Sunday school, 10:15 a.m. Pastor: Art Smith. Church phone: 316-613-9560.



Calvary Baptist Church
320 N. Sheridan

Sunday — 9:30 a.m. worship & Children’s Church, 11 a.m. Bible study for all ages, 6 p.m. worship. Wednesday Activities — 6:30 p.m. Phone: 755-2343 www.CalvaryVC.org Pastor: Dr. Philip Carlson Director of Music and Christian education: Jerry Cress — Jerry@CalvaryVC.org Youth Pastor: Michael Wearda



Riverlawn Christian Church,
4243 N. Meridian, Wichita

Sunday— Traditional worship 8 a.m., contemporary services 9:30 and 11 a.m., Community Hour classes (Sunday school) 9:30 a.m. Wednesday— Kid’s ministry and student ministry activities are at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. Small groups meet throughout the week at both the church and in leaders’ homes. Lead pastor, Jeff Isaacs; executive pastors, Jeff Bennett and Todd Hutchison; pastoral care pastor, Kurt Schneider; discipleship pastor, Josh Gores; student pastor, Kendall Eden; small group/online pastor, Caleb Isaacs; kids Minister, Rachel Clemment; middle school minister, Sarah Kelley.

Church: 838-9388.