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HUTCHINSON 7th ANNUAL ROD RUN - Classic Car Show: (Oct. 3-4-5, 2014) http://www.downtownhutchrodrun.com

(Big show taking up several blocks of Downtown shopping area & lots more)

Project X Eyed for Local Business Park

"Another Business maybe coming to The Salt City Business Park, where Siemen's Energy Inc. is currently the only occupant."

According to a memo written by City Manager John Deardoff for Tuesday's Hutchinson City Council meeting, the city and the Hutchinson/Reno County Chamber of Commerce have been working for several months to land a business prospect, identified only as "Project X," for the business park.

The memo says that the city needs Lot 5 in the business park for Project X. But Siemens has an option to purchase that 22-acre lot and five others for \$1 an acre under its original development agreement with the city.

With its option expiring on Oct. 28, Siemens, Deardoff wrote, "has indicated an interest in exercising its option on Lot 5." However, he said, Siemens has agreed to give up its option on Lot 5 and "assist the city in facilitating Project X" provided that the city, the chamber and the Kansas Department of Transportation help pay for a 2,200-foot rail storage/staging spur paralleling the existing rail spur east of the Siemens plant.

Currently, as the sole occupant of Salt City Business Park, Siemens is able to store its rail cars on the existing spur. But because that spur also serves Lot 5 and other lots to the south, Siemens would not be able to continue using the main spur to park rail cars if the other lots were developed.

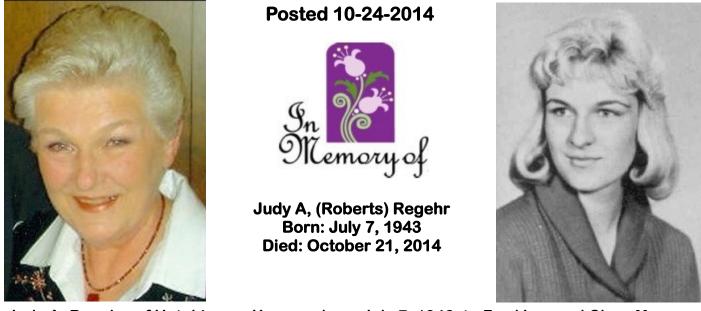
So Deardoff is recommending that the council agree Tuesday to amend the development agreement and commit to provide \$200,000 for the new rail spur, which would be for Siemens' exclusive use. The chamber would be required to kick in \$100,000 and KDOT at least \$500,000. Siemens would contribute \$200,000, and Siemens and KDOT would agree to share equally in any costs in excess of the estimated \$1 million total for the rail spur.

Deardoff said in an interview that Project X actually will require more than Lot 5 in Salt City Business Park. "The bottom line is that Lot 5 is pretty strategically located for the balance of development in the south part (of the park)," Deardoff said. "If you take it out, it ties our hands on any project we would be able to entertain in the future. That's the driving force behind us buying out Siemens' option."

Deardoff would not identify Project X or say how many jobs it might bring to Hutchinson.

"We should have an answer within the next 30 days - whether it's going to happen," he said.

As part of the amendments to the development agreement with Siemens, the city also will extend Siemens' options on the five other lots and release the company from current requirements that it build facilities or create jobs on those parcels. Deardoff's memo says Siemens intends to use some of the parcels for a "lay down yard" to store material and products needed for plant operations.



Judy A. Regehr, of Hutchinson, Ks., was born July 7, 1943, to Fred Lee and Clara Mae (Philips) Roberts, and passed away Oct. 21, 2014, in the care of her family and Hospice House of Reno Co.

She was married April 12, 1962, to Robert E. Regehr. In addition to her husband, Judy is survived by her four children, Jeffrey Regehr, Kelly Graber, Kristin Kaiser, and Tracy Regehr; and eight grandchildren, Zachary, Emily and Jesse Van Dyke, Jake and Wyatt Regehr, and Makayla, Kylee and Chance Kaiser.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27, 2014, at Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home, 300 East 39th, Hutchinson. Visitation with the family present will be from 4-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Burial will be held at Penwell-Gabel Cemetery, Hutchinson. Relatives and friends are also welcome at reception to be held from 4-6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, 2014, at Rice Park, 44 Swarens, Hutchinson. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice House of Reno County, the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund, or the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition.

Obit: <u>http://www.hutchnews.com/obituaries/judy-a-regehr/article_639eac9b-378d-5bee-82b6-9bbb578b3713.html?mode=jqm</u>

To leave a personal message for family: Visit <u>www.PenwellGabelHutchinson.com</u>

For personal condolences to family, cards, calls and emails;

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'61 Class has sent a memorial to the: HHS Class of 1961 Memorial Scholarship Others wishing to contribute may send memorials:
% Hutchinson Community Foundation, 1 N. Main, Hutchinson Ks. 67501 (Please mark your contributions: '61 Scholarship in her memory)

Rod Run and Car Show

October 3, 4, 5, 2014



Rod Run And Car Show: Keith Wetzel sits behind his 1958 Chevrolet Impala during the 7th Annual Downtown Rod Run and Car Show Friday, Oct. 3, 2014 on Main St. in downtown Hutchinson. The car show will take place from 8 am to 9 pm Saturday and 8 am to 2 pm Sunday. - Travis Morisse/The Hutchinson News



Good weather helped boost attendance Friday through Sunday at the Downtown Hutchinson Rod Run & Classic Car Show.

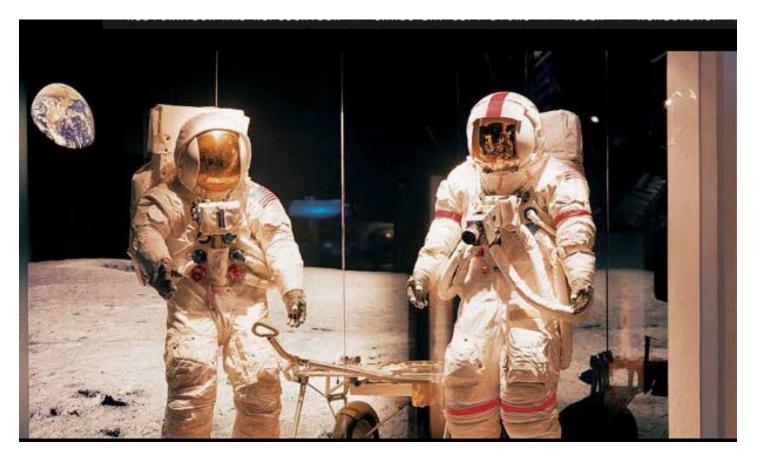
"It was a great show. Everybody loved it," said Jim Gruver, Rod Run president for the show's seventh year, although he didn't have any immediate attendance numbers.

Hutchinson Downtown Development Manager Jim Seitnater cited the good weather over the weekend and said there were "lots of cars, lots of people." He heard restaurants, in particular, were busy.

Traffic was detoured around Main Street to accommodate the car show on the city's Main Street. "They add to the whole, overall downtown scene," said Greg Flores, manager of the Anchor Inn. The Mexican food restaurant had more than 100 reservations both Friday and Saturday nights, and hosted two rehearsal dinners and two separate high school reunion groups – plus visitors from out of town for the car event.

Parking and traffic movement proved challenging for some, but Flores said they take those issues with a grain of salt.

Bobette Siemens, of Cottonwood Quilts, called the downtown event "great" and said it was "very helpful to us."



Planetarium to get \$400K revamp

Cosmosphere donations will replace the 20-year-old starball, seating and more.

By KEN STEPHENS

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The Justice Planetarium at the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center will undergo a \$400,000 renovation in February, thanks to contributions from the Walter E. & Velma G. Justice Fund for Reno County and from Dave and Dee Dillon.

The planetarium will get new seating, carpet, lighting, control system and sound system, and the two-decadeold optical starball will be replaced by a state-of-the-art digital projection system, the Spitz Sci-Dome.

The new projection system will give the Cosmosphere the ability to tailor programs to meet specific needs of school field trip themes and grade levels, addressing the Cosmosphere's new mission of "inspiring innovation through science education and honoring the history of space exploration."

The planetarium will close for renovation in February and reopen in March, before spring break when the Cosmosphere experiences a surge in visitors.

"These gifts are more than just a contribution; they are indeed an investment in the Justice Planetarium, the venue that served as the launch pad for (founder) Patty Carey's vision," Cosmosphere CEO Dick Hollowell said. "We are grateful for the leadership demonstrated by great friends of the Cosmosphere who recognized the opportunity to support the mission to inspire and educate through this venue. Renovating the Justice Planetarium on the heels of a complete renovation of the Carey Digital Dome Theater foreshadows the many positive changes in store for the Cosmosphere in the coming years.'

The Walter E. & Velma G. Justice Foundation, a component fund of the Hutchinson Community Foundation, was created to improve the quality of life for people living in Hutchinson and Reno County. Over the years, the Justice Fund has awarded grants to the Cosmosphere, YMCA, New Beginnings, the Salvation Army, HCC Technology Center, the Hutchinson Zoo, the Fox Theatre, Family Community Theatre, Boys & Girls Club and the Fairgrounds Splash Pad.

Dave Dillon is the great-grandson of Dillon stores founder J.S. Dillon. Dave and his wife, Dee, are Hutchinson natives, and longtime supporters of the Cosmosphere. In 2013, Dillon retired from his position as CEO of Kroger, which acquired the Dillon Companies in 1983. He continues to serve as chairman of the board of Kroger through December.

UPDATE: Hutchinson Mall sold to Houston Investment Group

Posted 1 month ago By Fred Gough

HUTCHINSON, Kan. — The Hutchinson Mall has been sold and a real estate investment company based in Houston, Texas is buying the property as well as three other shopping malls in three other states. In addition to the Hutchinson Mall, RockStep Capital Real Estate is buying the Imperial Mall in Hastings, Neb., Lakewood Mall in Aberdeen, S. D., and Thunderbird Mall in Virginia, Minn.

They say in the news release that they're a full-service investment firm that uses investor capital to acquire shopping centers in small towns throughout the U.S. They say they believe in small town values, in building long-lasting partner relationships and improving the communities in which they invest. They have developed or acquired over four million square feet of shopping centers throughout the country.

The First National Bank of Omaha had filed a petition of foreclosure against the owners of Hutchinson Outlots, LLC, and the Rubloff Development Company, based out of Rockford, Ill. That was back in April of 2012. The company owned the Hutchinson Mall and surrounding property. The property then went into receivership and now has a new owner.

Jason Ball, President of the Hutchinson Reno County Chamber of Commerce had told us for some time that something was in the works, but declined until now to comment. He says he's very excited about the transition of ownership. He says, "that was something that had to change before we would see any progress." He adds, "it had to get out of receivership for that to happen and we're extremely excited that this step has been taken today."

Andy Wiener, President of the company, says he believes that these assets provide a huge opportunity for redevelopment because they have effectively been under managed and under capitalized for a long period of time. He says, "the communities in which they're located are vibrant and strong." In addition, he says they believe in local ownership and have been successful in obtaining local investors to join the investment group.

Hutchinson City Manager John Deardoff says they have been in discussions with this group for over a year. He says, "we're really excited about what they can bring to the Hutchinson Mall and what the future looks like under their ownership."

These malls purchased by RockStep will employ local management with Jody Vest as manager of Thunderbird Mall and Operations Manager for all four properties. Dan Flores will be the manager for the Hutchinson Mall.

Tommy Stewart, based in Houston, is the asset manager for all four properties. Director of Acquisitions, Beth Isaacson-Hoeft, based in Aberdeen, S. D., will negotiate leasing with current tenants as well as new tenants interested in coming to each property.

They also say that their company has a seasoned management team with a combined 80 years of experience in the real estate industry. In addition, Wiener has first-hand knowledge of the major retailers who operate throughout the Midwest as he has managed the operations of a clothing store chain with over 150 locations.

They say they're very excited about this opportunity to purchase these properties, and look forward to working with each community.

History at Hutchinson Regional Med. Ctr.

History made at hospital



No time was wasted at Hutchinson Regional Healthcare System following the approval Oct. 10 by the Food and Drug Administration of a drug-coated balloon used in treating peripheral arterial disease.

History was being made inside the hospital's catheterization lab as Dr. Michael Hagley, the lab's director, used the "LUTONIX 035 Drug Coated Balloon PTA Catheter" for the first time on a 56-year-old woman.

Once the FDA approved the device, things began moving quickly nationwide. The first patient to receive the treatment was in Chicago on Tuesday. That was followed in Manhattan, Kansas, by Dr. Ray Dattilo, a cardiologist with Flint Hills Heart, Vascular and Vein Clinic, who treated a patient on Wednesday.

Hagley's patient was scheduled for 9 a.m. Thursday, making her about the sixth in the nation to experience the new procedure. It combines an angioplasty balloon coated with a low dose of Paclitaxel, which was inserted into an artery above the patient's knee joint. The artery absorbed the drug, with the end result being a reduced likelihood of PAD reappearing.

Hagley had previously treated the woman; however, the condition persisted. Now with the medicated balloon, he expects great results. After all, Hagley had used the medicated balloon two years ago when he participated in the LEVANT 2 trials and saw "significant success," he said.

According to Hagley, as many as 12 million Americans suffer from peripheral arterial disease. Plaque builds up inside the arteries on a person's legs, causing the arteries to narrow, reducing blood flow to the legs and feet, which may result in heart attacks, amputation and even death.

This type of medical procedure is more necessary with age, Hagley said, and more common with people who have diabetes, smokers or those who suffer from kidney disease. People lose legs because of blocked arteries. Before they reach that stage, it's imperative to restore circulation. Now with the medicated balloon, the artery would be healed.

Thursday morning, Hagley was methodical with the procedure, working to unclog the artery in the patient's left leg. He began by injecting a dye so he could photograph the problem area.

On hand to watch history being made was Jeremy Taylor, director of the Heart and Vascular Department at Hutchinson Regional Hospital. He stood in the control center, where Aubrey Nuss, manager of the cath lab, observed the patient's vital signs and documented the procedure.

"The cath lab is the coolest place in the hospital to work," Taylor said." They get to see the most cutting-edge technology and watch the patient get better before their eyes. They really get to save lives."

To prepare the artery, Hagley used a Diamondback Peripheral Orbital Atherectomy System to grind up the calcium that was clogging her arteries. Then he inserted a regular balloon to exert pressure in the artery, followed by the drug-coated balloon. Keep in mind, these are not round party balloons, but minute and skinny, more what you might use to make a poodle dog out of a balloon.

As Nuss watched the procedure, she could tell the artery appeared much better.

"She will go home in four hours and will feel amazing," Nuss said. "There will be a very short recovery."

Bits from 'Oct. Third Thursday' Downtown Stroll ... How about this cutie pie -Batman...babe is on O2 n in Specially Equiptted W/C.



Love the this little Gnome Costume idea! Heard the downtown last eve was quite lively n colorful.





Football | 03 - 21 -14 (some old news we missed earlier)

The future of Hutchinson Community College football will have a bright new centerpiece in the Jack Mull Family Football Complex.

The building of that future began on Friday with groundbreaking ceremonies just outside the HCC Football Building at Gowans Stadium.

Hutchinson Community College President Ed Berger and Blue Dragon football coach Rion Rhoades welcomed Jack and Jeanette Mull and their family as well as Bob Peel Sr., and Bob Peel, Jr, who donated to build the Bob and Lou Peel Weight Room.

"We had a vision and we identified needs that our program," Rhoades said.

Those needs were an expanded weight room, additional locker room space, a multi-purpose meeting facility and next expanded and addition coaching offices.

When Rhoades took over the football program, he became friends with both the Mulls and Peels. Both families have become major contributors and friends of Blue Dragon football.

"The Mull family feels it is very important to give back to a community that has been so good to our family," Jack Mull said. "Investing in the future very important to this institution and I want Hutchinson Community Junior College to do as well in the future as it has in the past."

The complex will be located on the northeast corner of Gowans Stadium. The total project will be in two phases at a cost of \$2.4 million.

The Bob and Lou Peel Weight Room will be three times the size of the current weight room.

"We will make championship players in the Bob and Lou Peel Weight Room," Rhoades said.

Construction is to begin right away with a target date of completion of Phase I set for September 1.

Hutchinson is set to open the 2014 season on Thursday, Sept. 28 against an opponent to be determined. Rhoades said he hopes, with weather cooperating, Phase I will be completed by that date.

Schafer, Johnson, Cox and Frey is the architecture firm hired to design the project and A&A Builders of Hutchinson will serve as general contractors.

See more at: http://www.bluedragonsports.com/news/101440#sthash.hvLqEZGi.dpuf

They did complete the complex and had opening/dedication on Sat morning Oct 4, 2014.

Hutch Community College magazine: http://issuu.com/hccmarketing/docs/fall2013 hccnow fa ecopy



Picture posted by, Alice Davenport Lewman Posted on FB site: You know you're from Hutchinson Kansas if... (https://www.facebook.com/groups/106598502702878/)

For those of you who went to Liberty Jr High c. 1962, these teachers dressed in their centennial costumes.

Mr Anstine, Mrs. Welch, Miss Ham, Mrs. Wells, Miss Hahn, Miss Ballard, Mrs. Spanier and Mr. Bachman.



Prairie dog roundup set for future restaurant property

http://www.hutchnews.com/news/local_state_news/prairie-dog-roundup-set-for-future-restaurant-property/article_e789859f-b793-5235-9360-573ac06a663d.html?mode=jgm



By John Green The Hutchinson News jgreen@hutchnews.com | Posted 5 days ago

Owners of a three-acre commercial development north of 17th Avenue and K-61, east of Olive Garden, plan an effort to relocate prairie dogs from the land before dirt work on the property begins.

"We cannot destroy the colonies and push scared animals running into the streets," Doug Henzlik, owner and managing partner of Hutchinson Crossing LLC stated in a release. "It's important to do what we can and relocate as many prairie dogs as possible before we begin site work."

The plan, said Cheryl L. Mitchell, controller for Henzlik Real Estate Companies, who researched and then organized the relocation effort, is to flush the animals from their burrows and catch them with gloved hands or nets. About a half-dozen people will conduct the captures.

Mitchell said she has spent about two months developing the plan working closely with Ron Klataske, executive director of Audubon of Kansas, and Mike Mitchener, Wildlife Section Chief of the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism.

"I live in Leawood," Mitchell said. "I'd never seen (a prairie dog) in my life, but I've become an expert."

"We have a lot of people working on this," Mitchell said. "We want everything to be safe and for it to succeed. We've really worked hard to get it done. There's a moratorium (on relocations), so we had to get special permits from the state."

The relocation was approved under a Scientific and Educational Permit issued by the Kansas Department of Agriculture and the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism.

They'll use a 2,000-gallon water truck filled with soapy water to force the animals from their burrows. A group of organized volunteers will try to catch them as the prairie dogs emerge, and then rinse them off.

"We're not using traps," Mitchell said. "Why would they go into traps? This is the best and safest way."

The captured animals will be placed in large 60-gallon plastic tubs lined with hay they can burrow under, and the open tubs placed in roll-off dumpsters supplied by Stutzman Refuse for a 100-some-mile trip to Barber County.

"The release efforts will be divided into two groups on a ranch of existing colonies that are in need of further repopulation," Mitchell said. "The Hutchinson prairie dogs will bring additional members to the colonies, along with providing genetic diversity."

Owners of the private 42,000-acre ranch operate it in large part to benefit wildlife, Mitchell said.

They discovered that prairie dogs populated the Hutchinson property when they went out to walk the site, Mitchell said.

The land will house two new restaurants – Buffalo Wild Wings and Rib Crib – and two retail businesses, an AT&T store and Mattress Firm. "Nobody wanted to start excavating, doing site work, to have them run into the streets or get covered up," Mitchell said. "The area is surrounded by streets."

There are various estimates on how many prairie dogs are at the site, Mitchell said, so she couldn't provide a number. But they expect the roundup to take five to six hours.

"It depends on the day you counted how many were above ground, and there's likely as many below ground," she said. "We'll be ready for a lot and, hopefully, not overly a lot."

Mitchell declined to say exactly when the effort will begin, in an effort to prevent gawkers from lining the streets or further scaring the prairie dogs as they emerge.

"With the help from the right people and organizations, we can make a positive impact and do the right thing, and hopefully succeed in re-establishing the colonies where they have an abundance of land and free from city development," Henzlik stated.



Besides Klataske and Mitchener, Mitchell thanked Dr. Bill Brown of the Department of Agriculture, Jeff Wells of Advance Pest Control in Hutchinson, Jay Mitzner of Mitzner's Bobcat Service, and Stutzman Refuse Disposal, and the volunteers who will assist in the roundup. http://www.hutchnews.com/news/prairie-dog-relocation-project-at-th-avenue-and-k/youtube_31df9f40-7461-5fc6-b400-09f5f146435e.html? mode=jgm