

The Bel Aire Breeze

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Development in hands of state official

By Matt Heilman

To this point, the City of Bel Aire has fulfilled its responsibilities in pushing for a new downtown commercial development to forever change to landscape of the city. Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher said a third-party study was to be presented to the Kansas Secretary of

Commerce this week to determine the advisability of funding the large-scale development with help from state sales tax revenue in the form of STAR bonds. Now, the city is left to wait until the secretary of commerce makes a final decision on whether or not the proposed commercial district, called Caban Marketplace, qualifies as a STAR bond district.

There is no timetable for a final decision to be reached and it's unclear if developers could move forward with their plans if the funding source is denied.

There are several qualifiers for a development to qualify for STAR bonds, chief among which is its ability to draw a large number of visitors from out-of-state. The establishment of a

STAR bond project district would not affect citizens' property taxes, Lasher has said.

The proposed commercial development is planned to give Bel Aire an identifiable downtown, running along Rock Road from K-254 to 53rd North and southeast to the northeast corner of 53rd North and Webb Road.

Developers and city leaders in Bel

Aire believe the plans for Caban Marketplace meet the criteria to receive state sales tax revenue. The plans call for a 100,000 square-foot aquarium, 220,000 square-foot sports training facility, \$100 million resort destination water park, a shopping center and a market-based, gated apartment

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TREE OF LIFE



Courtesy photo

Molly and John Breen stand by the tree donated by the Bel Aire Tree Board and planted on the couple's Long Island, N.Y., property. The tree recognizes John as a survivor of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York City.

Bel Aire man honors survivor of 911 attacks

By Matt Heilman

Although he was advised to stay where he was on the 84th floor, John Breen picked up his backpack and ran to the stairwell. As he rushed down the stairs, the building shook above him, 15 floors below where his office was located and his descent began.

Dark smoke began to fill the stairwell.

A second passenger airplane had crashed into the World Trade Center, this time hitting the 69th floor of Tower 2, or The South Tower.



In May 2010, the family of former Bel Aire resident Randy Jackson took part in a ceremony in Bel Aire Park to honor the longtime teacher and Wichita State University football team plane crash survivor.

The first tower directly north had collapsed. It was a matter of time before the South Tower did as well.

Before the 110-floor building in which he worked was resorted to a mas-



The survivor tree in the front yard of Bel Aire residents Dennis and Cheryl McCallum was planted in 2011 after the couple rebuilt their Hillcrest home that had been destroyed in a July 2010 fire.

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Police chief offers tips to protect property

By Matt Heilman

Bel Aire Police Chief John Daily wants residents to be cautious in contracting services to repair damage from the May 19 severe thunderstorm that hammered the area. Contractors are ready to help with roof and siding repair, but not all of them are reputable, Daily said.

The Better Business Bureau has a list of "10 things to know when hiring a contractor," that Daily encourages residents to follow.

The first tip is to check out a company's business review and complaint history on the bureau's website, www.kansas-plans.bbb.org, or calling the bureau at (800) 856-2417.

The second tip is to obtain at least three written bids from contractors and to take the time to learn why the bids are different.

The third and fourth tips are to make sure the contractor working for you is licensed and insured. The bureau says homeowners should ask for references from the contractor's previous jobs and go over them before signing a written contract.

Homeowners need to read the fine print in any contract

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Matt Heilman

The Rock Springs addition south of Wichita Northeast Magnet High School is seeing continued construction of a mix of duplexes and single-family homes.

New leaders take city tour

By Matt Heilman

A new city council and mayor already knew their community well, but the group took advantage of an opportunity to learn more at a May 22 tour of the city. Aboard a van provided by Sunrise Christian Academy, City Manager Ty Lasher showed the council and mayor what vacant land the city owns, what land is planned for development and where development has already begun. The group saw the bare ground southeast of City Hall that is someday planned to give Bel Aire an identifiable downtown and the residential progress in the Elk Creek and Rock Springs additions.

Lasher provided a boundary map of Bel Aire and pointed out several complex divisions where one side of the road is in Bel Aire and the other side, Wichita.

He explained what streets and intersections city workers are responsible to maintain.

The tour also gave the new council and mayor the opportunity to meet the city's newest employee, Community Development Director, Rick Rekoske. Part of Rekoske's job involves marketing the city's vacant land.



Mayor's corner

By David Austin

Involved citizens rock! One thing I have quickly learned as mayor is that priorities and agendas vary vastly depending on with whom I am talking about city business. This week alone I have received e-mails or had conversations about dogs, unsightly yards, solicitations and, the number one topic, streets.

This doesn't include my neighbors and good friends ribbing me about other topics.

Solicitations: I heard from a concerned citizen who was alarmed after a number of different door-to-door visitors approached their home trying to sell items. In the city of Bel Aire, we require a permit for anyone who wants to solicit within the city limits.

We cannot prohibit people from going door-to-door, but if at any time you encounter a solicitor that is making you uncomfortable, please lock your door, report him or her to 911 immediately and allow our fantastic police department to determine if their motives are good or not.

I also encourage you to ask anyone knocking on your door with an agenda of getting you to sign up for or to buy something to see their city permit. If they have a permit, they have paid the required \$5 fee and been screened to make sure they are legitimate.

Unsightly yards: It is that time of the year again. No, we cannot tell your neighbor to spray for weeds or water their lawn. We can, however, ensure that lawns do not grow above six inches. City code says no yard can grow above six inches. So if you see a yard that needs mowed, please contact City Hall and you can report the address confidentially to code enforcement.

Once it is inspected, the homeowner will be given notice and a set amount of time to bring the yard to within compliance. If they do not comply the city can and will mow the yard at the homeowner's expense.

Streets: As I said in one of our candidates' forums, if I had a magic wand I could wave to make all the streets in Bel Aire be as good as new, I'd do it. Even with very limited funds, however, your city council members are looking at a number of streets within the city limits that need improvements and will present a priority list at the June 4 meeting.

We seek citizen input as we look at ways to fund these projects. Please check the city website at www.belaireks.gov for a survey to let us know which street(s) you think needs repair.

Until next time.

Don't ask him to speak for the media

About six weeks ago, we saw a pair of tragedies happen near the same time in different parts of the country. The April 15 bombing at the Boston Marathon was followed two days later by an explosion at a fertilizer plant in West, Texas. Three people died in the terrorist attack in Boston with more than 140 injured.

At least 14 were killed and about 200 injured in the fertilizer plant explosion that devastated a small Texas town.

In the days following the tragedies, I heard several people ask why the events in Boston received the bulk of the media coverage while what happened in West, Texas, seemed to be put on the back burner despite being a bigger tragedy, at least according to the body count.

Heil on life

By Matt Heilman



The Boston news received more play because it happened at one of the bigger sporting events in our country and involved an act of terrorism followed by a manhunt. With national security in the mix, I understand why the Boston Marathon bombing got most of the attention, but I also understand why people were upset by the perceived lack of coverage given to West, Texas.

To me, the moment of silence for Boston prior to the

April 20 Hard Charge obstacle course challenge at the Kansas Pavilions didn't feel complete without also acknowledging those who lost their lives at the fertilizer plant.

While I understand the national media's focus on Boston, I get why people are irritated. But I encourage people in our area fed up with the news not to give up on us.

I consider what we do at The Ark Valley News to be important, but we're not in the same category as massive outlets like The New York Times, The Washington Post and USA Today. Lately, in the wake of the two tragedies in mid-April and continued unrest beyond our borders, I've been asked a few times why "the media" is biased one way or the other or how "the

media" often seems to ignore big stories.

Honestly, my response is often, "I don't know" or "that's a good question."

"The media" is the national media and the cynicism and skepticism many people have toward it is understandable. I just ask for our readers to have proper perspective and not to give up on The Ark Valley News when they feel let down or misled by "the media."

As our location, coverage area and size of operation should indicate, you're much less likely to find an "East Coast bias" or "liberal agenda" in our paper.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Consider hosting exchange student

I have noticed after reading through your newspaper you have an interest in the young people of our community. I would like to bring

some exciting news to your attention along these lines! The Valley Center, Park City, Kechi, and Bel Aire communities have so much to offer these young people and additionally the International High School Exchange Students from all over the world who are still awaiting

host homes for the upcoming school year.

I am a part of a wonderful organization, ASSE International. We are a High School Student Exchange Program seeking to impact and change the world one teenager at a time! We need your help! There are many students ea-

gerly awaiting to participate in the life of an American teenager! All they need and seek is a loving host family to help make this happen!

— Stephanie Weishaar, ASSE Kansas area coordinator, 665-4095.

Developer

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complex.

Lasher said STAR bonds would pay for amenities like landscaping and parking-lot construction. Infrastructure improvements from the city like widening of a main street could be paid for by establishing a Community Improvement District in Caban Marketplace where a 1- or 2-cent sales tax in the development would essentially pay the city back for financing the work.

Any proposed sales tax would be confined to future businesses within Caban Marketplace Lasher said.

The plans for the apartment

complex were briefly discussed at the Bel Aire council's May 21 meeting. The council approved an addendum to a real estate contract with Shopping Center Development Consultants for about 12 acres where the apartment complex is planned southwest of 53rd North and Rock Road.

The addendum extended the contract 90 days. Shopping Center Development Consultants is the developer for Caban Marketplace and the accompanying apartment complex. Last fall, Lasher announced Shopping Center Development Consultants has a contract with Hendersonville, Tenn.-based Corson Development Inc. to build the 150- to 200-unit, market-based apartment complex, financed through

the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on land neighboring the Central Park community.

Lasher said the contract is for about 15 acres at \$1 per square foot. When the contract was originally approved last fall, he said the apartment complex would be gated. The complex would include a pool and garages for parking and it would serve as a buffer between the future downtown district and single-family homes in Central Park.

Last September, Lasher said construction on the apartment complex was about a year from beginning, meaning ground is likely to break by the end of the year.

Also on May 21, the council:

- Approved an appropriations ordi-

nance for \$613,730.16.

- Approved a quote of \$45,617 from Comejo & Sons for entry monuments for the Sunflower Commerce Park.

- Approved a quote from Midwest Single Source of \$7,779 plus a \$1,439 annual maintenance fee for a folder stuffer for utility bills.

- Approved a proposal from South Central Paving for asphalt repair, crack seal and slurry seal in rec center parking lot for a little more than \$20,000 from money budgeted for the rec center.

- Approved the 2013 City of Bel Aire pay plan, which includes consolidation of the city clerk duties and the addition of a community development director and a city engineer. The community development director recently started with the city. A new city engineer is expected to join the staff in mid to late summer.

- Held a 35-minute executive session to discuss matters relating to attorney-client privilege. No binding action was taken. All five council members and mayor David Austin were present at the May 21 meeting.

Trees

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sive pile of bent steel and broken glass, Breen made it out alive. He was a physically fit corporate bond broker in his late 30s, capable of escaping from the carnage more easily than most.

Still, he was lucky to be alive. And so was a fellow survivor he encountered along the way.

On his way down to the bottom of the South Tower, Breen saw a woman frozen with fear. He stayed by her side as they made it to the street below, unharmed.

It was Sept. 11, 2001.

Breen had survived the worst terrorist attack in American history. Almost 12 years later, his determination to escape the World Trade Center alive was recognized with a connection to Bel Aire, Kansas.

Last month, Bel Aire City Council and Tree Board member Guy MacDonald visited Breen's Long Island property to honor him with a token of goodwill planted in the ground as a reminder of what Breen was able to overcome.

Breen is the son-in-law of a close friend to Pat Mac-

Donald, Guy MacDonald's wife. The MacDonalds heard Breen's story last year at the 70th birthday party for Pat's friend in Ocean City, N.J.

In April, the MacDonalds returned to the eastern seaboard where they dedicated a plaque and a Survivor Tree on behalf of the Bel Aire Tree Board. The tree was planted on Arbor Day, April 26, in a quiet ceremony on Breen's property on Montauk Island off the northeast shore of Long Island.

The plaque accompanying the tree gives a brief explanation of the tree's origins and touches on why Breen is deserving of the recognition.

"Instinct and fine physical condition allowed him to descend the stairwell to the street," the plaque says. "It is fitting that this man and this tree accompany each other through life."

The tree, an American elm, grew from a seedling of the strong elm that survived the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

It was the eighth Survivor Tree planted and dedicated by the Bel Aire Tree Board. The tree on Long Island was a seedling from the original

Survivor Tree during a 2011 trip to Oklahoma City.

The seven previous Survivor Trees, sprouted from seedlings of the elm in Oklahoma City, were obtained in 2008. Since then, Guy MacDonald and the tree board have used the sprouting of the original Survivor Tree's descendants as a way to show the City of Bel Aire cares.

The first of the next generation of Survivor Trees was planted at Bel Aire City Hall. The second was offered as a donation to Botanica in Wichita. A third was donated to the City of Greensburg in recognition of the city's rebuilding efforts after its near destruction from a May 2007 tornado. Today, the elm is growing strong in front of the Kiowa County Courthouse in Greensburg.

The fourth Survivor Tree honors veterans as it was planted in front of Wichita's Robert J. Dole V.A. Medical Center. The fifth was planted next to the Memorial '70 sculpture at Wichita State University that honors the memory of those who died in the Oct. 2, 1970, WSU football team plane crash.

In line with the Bel Aire Tree Board's fifth ancestor of the original Survivor Tree,

tree No. 6 was planted in Bel Aire Park in honor of longtime Bel Aire resident and teacher, Randy Jackson, who was a survivor of the 1970 plane crash as a football player for WSU.

A couple months after the tree was planted in his honor in May 2010, Jackson died, losing his fight against cancer.

The final tree from the seedlings obtained in 2008 was planted in 2011 in the yard of the rebuilt home of Bel Aire residents Dennis and Cheryl McCallum. A year earlier, the retired couple's home was destroyed in a fire.

MacDonald said the Bel Aire Tree Board hopes to continue planting Survivor Trees and finding proper dedications across the country that can also serve as a way to promote the city. He said the board has taken photos everywhere a Survivor Tree has been planted so far and hopes to have the photos and information about where the trees have been planted and why displayed at the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum.

"We as a tree board in Bel Aire have just by chance come across a theme that is going to add to the positive thoughts about the Bel Aire community," MacDonald said.

Storms could have been worse in county

We dodged a bullet. The conditions were right for severe weather and a tornado wasn't only not out of the question; it seemed likely for parts of northeastern Sedgwick County.

Windows were broken by hailstones. Cars were dented, roofs and siding were damaged, tree limbs were broken and several area residents had to spend a few hours in the dark after the power went out.

But there were no reported injuries and by most accounts the cleanup effort and response from local police and fire officials was seamless. Tornado sirens blared as the storm rolled in during the early evening hours of May 19.

When it was over, structures still stood and everyone was safe. For as sinister as the skies looked, it was the best case scenario.

The city of Bel Aire was especially fortunate. There was noticeable rotation in the clouds above the city, but a tornado didn't touch down.

At the Bel Aire City Council's May 21 meeting, Mayor David Austin said the strong winds and falling hail made it sound like his home was being shot by a machine gun during the storm. Like many Bel Aire residents, he saw hailstones in his yard after the storm and had possible roof damage assessed.

Bel Aire Police Chief John Daily expressed that citizens need to be cautious in their efforts to repair storm damage to their homes.

He advised homeowners to use local contractors and to assure that anyone who works on their property represents a reputable business with proper licensing, credentials and information available online.

Council member Ken Lee echoed Daily's advice at the May 21 council meeting, advising residents to be aware of "fly by night" contractors from out-of-state.

It's unfortunate that dishonest people claiming to be professionals try to take advantage of homeowners in their time of need. It's a sad reality residents are wise not to ignore.

Seeing the devastation from the May 20 Moore, Oklahoma tornado was a chilling reality check of what Mother Nature is capable of doing to a community. We're lucky the damage from the May 19 storm was minimal in our communities and we hope the headache with the following cleanup is the worst we'll have to experience for the rest of the year.

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Safety

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before signing it, the bureau says. The seventh through 10th tips deal with payments, warranties, bonding and permits.

If a deposit is required, it should not be more than half of the total job cost, Daily

said. Final payment should only be made when the job is complete and has passed final inspection.

Warranty information should be in writing and anyone working on your home should be bonded if required locally, to protect from theft and damage. Finally, in Bel Aire, Daily said no contractor can work in the city without

a city-issued permit. Before a contractor tries to unload a ladder to climb on a homeowner's roof to assess damage, Daily said the contractor should be able to provide a copy of the permit and licensing to do the work.

He also recommended using local contractors that are easier to stay in touch with and have name recognition.

Daily advises residents to call 911 if they see someone soliciting for work that makes them feel uneasy.

Residents can also call police if they feel they've been scammed, he said. Complaints can also be filed on the Bel Aire Police Department's website, www.belaireks.org/police_main.cfm.

With school out, Daily also wants residents and motorists to be aware of more children outside during the day, especially with bicycle riders on city streets. And with the warmer weather, he advised residents to be aware of area thieves looking to take advantage of open homes.

He advised residents to keep doors locked, garage

doors shut and bicycles put away when not in use. Residents now have the option to get a license for their bicycles for a small fee. Registering bicycles with a license can make them easier to recover if they're stolen.

To obtain a bicycle license, visit the Bel Aire Police Department at 7651 E. Central Park Ave.



City of Bel Aire



Bel Aire Recreation

5251 E. 48th North • www.belaireks.gov • 744-2700
 Mon., Tue., & Thur. 8-8 • Wed. & Fri. 8-7 • Sat. 9-3

For more information on these or any Bel Aire Recreation Programs call 744-2700.

HELP WANTED

The City of Bel Aire has part-time openings available for youth baseball/softball umpires & substitute lifeguards. Apply in person at the Bel Aire Recreation Center.

RECREATIONAL SUMMER BALL LEAGUES

(boys ages 7-11 & girls ages 7-12)
 Teams will play up to two games per week on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday evening, or Saturdays beginning June 3. Leagues include Machine Pitch and Youth Pitch Baseball & Softball. The deadline has passed and practices have begun but limited openings remain.

HERSHEY'S TRACK & FIELD DAY

Bel Aire Recreation has partnered with the Newton Recreation Commission to bring you the free Hershey's Track & Field Day. Open to boys and girls ages 9-14. Please call for more information.

FISHING CLINIC

Bel Aire Recreation has partnered with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks to bring you a free fishing clinic on Friday, June 21st from 10:00 - 11:30am. Space is limited, therefore pre-registration is required.

DAZZLING DANCERS

These summer workshops, ages 4 & up, will focus on ballet and jazz dance. Class attire includes: comfortable clothing, dance slippers, and a hair-tie. The classes will be held on July 20, July 27, & August 3. Pre-registration is required.

A \$5 late fee will be charged to all sign-ups after the deadline.

For more information on these or any Bel Aire Recreation Programs call 744-2700

MAXIMIZE BASKETBALL INSTRUCTION

Bel Aire Recreation has partnered with Brent Atwater, a former collegiate player and coach in offering group and individual basketball instruction. Call 807-1036 or 744-8841 for more information.

SUMMER DAY CAMP

The Wichita YMCA will again offer a state-licensed day camp this summer at the Bel Aire Recreation Center. Elementary age activities include arts & crafts, games, sports, swimming, field trips, and much more. For more information or to register call the YMCA at 264-1610.

TAEKWONDO (ages 5 & up)

Classes meet on Monday & Friday from 5:00-6:00 pm or Tuesday & Thursday from 7:00-8:00 pm. These are great classes for beginners to black belts.

YOGA

Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:10-7:10 pm. Participants need to provide their own yoga mat. Adults can join at any time! Teens & adults can join at any time!

FITNESS CENTER (ages 16 & up)

The Fitness Center consists of elliptical cross trainers, treadmills, recumbent bike, multi-station weight machine, and free-weights. There is no charge for pass holders, or it is available with the purchase of a daily pass.

Bel Aire Seniors

All SENIORS 55+ are cordially invited to all events listed below. The Senior Center and Library area is open from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Monday through Friday excluding holidays. The library has a wide selection of library books to check out at no cost nor time restraints, along with computers available for study or research. Remember any senior can belong to or attend more than one senior center/club in Sedgwick County.

Locations:

Senior Center/Community Room – 7651 E. Central Park Ave., 744-2451
 Recreation Center – 5251 E. 48th St. N., 744-2700

Weekly Events:

- Bel Aire Walkers** – M-F, 8-9 a.m. at the Rec Center (indoors & climate controlled)
 Free for BA Senior members, alternate times available
- Men's Coffee & Fellowship** – Mondays, 10 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Yoga** – Mondays & Wednesdays, 6 p.m. at the Rec Center (monthly fee)
- Bridge Games** – Tuesdays, 1 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Low Impact Aerobics** – Wednesdays, 9 a.m. at the Rec Center
- Braum's Breakfast** – Fridays, 9:00 a.m. on North Rock Road

Monthly & Special Events:

- June 3rd, 6:30 p.m.** — Potluck Dinner, Tim Barney "Identity Theft" - Community Room
- June 4th, 8:30 a.m.** – Breakfast at Livingston's Diner 832 N. Webb Rd.
- June 5th, 10 a.m.** – Library work day at the Senior Center
- June 5th** –Tour and Meal at the Harvey House Museum in Florence Kansas, contact Vicki 744-1199
- June 5th, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.** – Wichita Riverfest Senior Gala at Botanica, for more info call 744-2451 ext 121
- June 10th, 9:30 a.m.** – RS Advisory Meeting at the Rec Center
- June 10th, 11:30 a.m.** – Lunch at Bob and Luigi's
- June 11th, 9:00 a.m.** – CS Advisory Meeting at the Rec Center
- June 12th, 10 a.m.** – Open sewing at the Senior Center
- June 13th, 11 a.m.** – Constance Mansaw, "Caregiving 101" at the Senior Center
- June 13th, 14th and 15th** – Senior Garage Sale, for info call Vicki 744-1199
- June 18th, Ladies Dine Out** - for info call Anita at 744-2840
- June 19th, 10 a.m.** – Men's Coffee at Braum's on North Rock Road
- June 19th, 10:15 a.m.** – Senior Aerobics Brunch (different locations)
- June 19th, 2 p.m.** – Ladies Tea/Coffee at Braum's on North Rock Road
- June 24th, 6 p.m.** – Covered Dish Dinner, Bruce Hoge "Scenes from the Flint Hills" – Rec Center
- June 26th, 10 a.m.** – Open Sewing at the Senior Center
- June 26th, 7 p.m.** – Bunko games at the Senior Center
- June 27th, 11 a.m.** – Presentation on Alzheimer's by Bryan Dillon from Comfort Keeper's – Senior Center

Central Park Pool

7350 E. Central Park Ave. • 744-7331

SUMMER PASSES

Individual (ages 12 & older): \$100/year
Family (2 adults and dependent children residing in the home): \$150/year

DAILY FEES

Under age 12 (must be accompanied by an adult): \$2 per day
Over age 12: \$3 per day

POOL HOURS

Weekdays

Swim Lessons 11 AM - 1 PM
 Open Swim: 1 PM - 7 PM
 Swimming Lessons: 7 PM - 8 PM

Weekends

Saturday & Sunday:
 Pool Hours — 1 PM - 6 PM

POOL HOURS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

POOL RENTALS

Have your next party at the pool!
 Rental packages are available after normal business hours.
 Rentals are subject to availability.
 Up to 25 patrons — \$40/hour
 Over 25* patrons — \$60/hour
 *limit of 50 patrons

GROUP SWIMMING LESSONS

Members — \$35/session
 Non-members — \$44/session

Morning Sessions

Sessions dates: 6/17-6/27; 7/8-7/18;
 and 7/22-8/1
 Times: 11-11:45 AM & 12-12:45 PM

Evening Sessions

Sessions dates: 6/17-6/27; 7/8-7/18;
 and 7/22-8/1
 Times: 7-7:45 PM

Private Lessons

Private swimming lessons are available by appointment and are subject to availability

Registration for lessons, rentals, and memberships begin May 25 at the pool.

City-wide Garage Sales

June 13th-15th. Permit Fees waived.

City-wide Cleanup Day

June 29th 8am till noon

Storm Damage Repairs

Just a reminder that re-roofing and re-siding must be performed by a contractor who is licensed in the City of Bel Aire and a permit is required for all new and replacement activities.

Community Blood Drive

August 19, 2013 3:30 to 6:45 P.M.
 Bel Aire Recreation Center
 5251 E. 48th North, Bel Aire, KS 67226
 Call 744-2451 ext. 220 to schedule

Enroll for automatic bill pay

Never worry if you paid your utility bill on time again with automated bill payments through the City. Each month on the 5th, your checking account will be automatically debited for your current bill. All you need to do to sign up is fill out the ACH auto payment form available on the City's website, www.belaireks.gov, or come into City Hall to fill out the form and submit a voided check to the Utility Clerk. Simple, easy, and you don't have to worry when the 10th rolls around if you paid the bill or not!

Sign up today for e-billing!

Hate having to pay for a stamp or worry about a piece of mail being lost? Then sign up to have your Bel Aire Utility Bill e-mailed to you. It will not only reduce the clutter of paper on your kitchen counter, but will also save a tree or two in the process. Go Green Today! Contact the Utility Department at 744-2451 ext. 132 or utilclerk@belaireks.gov to sign up today!

Community Events

- TOPS** – Tuesdays, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- City Council Meetings** – 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of every month
- June 15th – 11:00 a.m.** – Red Hat meeting - Call Anita for more info at 744-2840.
- June 10th – 7 p.m.** Central Park HOA meeting at the Senior Center
- June 10th – 6 p.m.** Bel Aire Heights HOA meeting in Community Room
- June 18th – 4-6 p.m.** - UAC Meeting at the Senior Center
- June 24th – 7 p.m.** - Tree Board Meeting at the Senior Center

We want to hear from you!

What would you like Bel Aire's budget priorities to be for 2014?

The City Council would like to hear from citizens about what is important to you for the 2014 budget process. Improving City streets has been identified as one priority. We have compiled a list of street repair projects and would like citizens to determine which locations are priorities. Because street repair projects are very expensive, it will not be possible to fund all repairs immediately, but with citizen input we hope to allocate funding to areas of utmost importance.

Please visit www.belaireks.gov to respond to a short survey about City street projects and provide guidance for the 2014 budget process.

We thank you so much for your willingness to participate in making our City the best it can be and we look forward to another engaging and productive budget process.

City Hall

- Ty Lasher, City Manager 744-2451, ext. 217
- Recreation Department 744-2700
- Central Park Pool 744-7331
- Parks Department 744-8609
- Police • Emergency 911
- Non-emergency 744-6000
- Animal Control (Sedgwick County) 660-7070
- Public Works 744-2888
- Water/Sewer Emergency (after 5 p.m.) 761-6972 or 761-6973
- Utility Billing 744-2451, ext. 132
 (Waste Connections) 838-4920
- Hazardous Waste (Sedgwick County) 660-7464

**Deadline for July *Bel Aire Breeze*
 Friday, June 21**

Authorities ID victim in wreck near Bel Aire

By Matt Heilman

The name of the victim of an April 30 fatal wreck was released a day after he was ejected from his Jeep just south of Park City. On May 1, Sedgwick County Sheriff's Lt. David Mattingly identified the man who died in the crash near 45th and Hillside as 27-year-old Barardino G. Bonaminio II of northeast Wichita.

About an hour after emer-

gency crews responded to the wreck, Sedgwick County Sheriff's Capt. Michael Stover said the driver of a black Jeep, now known to be Bonaminio, was ejected from the vehicle and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Stover said there were no known witnesses to the one-vehicle wreck and no passengers in the Jeep. After the wreck, he said investigators were working to examine marks on the road-

way, off the roadway and debris from the crash to determine what happened.

The wreck, reported about 11:30 a.m. April 30, occurred on 45th Street, just west of Hillside near the entrance to the Falcon Falls neighborhood south of Wichita Heights High School.

It remains unknown what factors contributed to the roll-over wreck. Most of the damage to the Jeep was to the crushed-in passenger side of the vehicle.

First graduating class at NE high

By The Breeze staff

Students in the first graduating class of a high school in Bel Aire flipped their tassels and tossed their caps in the air at the May 13 commencement ceremony at Century II.

The Wichita Northeast Magnet High School Class of 2013 had 120 graduates, including three valedictorians and two salutatorians.

Last fall, Wichita Northeast Magnet opened its new home at the northeast corner of 53rd North and Rock Road, northeast of

its former home in the 1800 block of North Chatauqua near Wichita State University.

The pure magnet school that draws students from across the Wichita school district also welcomes 25 percent of incoming freshman living in the Wichita Heights district.

Isely Traditional Magnet Elementary School also completed its first year in Bel Aire. In August, the K-5 school moved to its new home just south of 53rd North and Woodlawn from its former home southwest of 21st North and Grove in Wichita.

Local and national talent on display in Walter Johnson League

By Matt Heilman

It's time to soak up some sunshine and take in the smell of fresh cut grass and hot dogs on the grill. College baseball players from across the country have made their way to north Sedgwick County to hone their skills on summer teams affiliated with the National Baseball Congress in the Walter Johnson League.

The league includes several local connections including the three-time league champion and four-time NBC World Series qualifier Valley Center Diamond Dawgs, the Park City Rangers and the Kansas Aviators, owned by Class of 2002 Valley Center High School graduate and Bel Aire resident Kris Wheeler.

The deep and diverse Diamond Dawg roster includes two Valley Center High School graduates from the Class of 2011.

Catcher Andre Vieyra returns for his second year with the Diamond Dawgs from the University of Texas-Arlington. Pitcher Jarod Wheelock will play his first summer with his hometown team by way of Friends University.

Returning to coach the Dawgs this season is Pat Hon, who guided Valley to three league titles before stepping down to coach the El Dorado Broncos in the Jayhawk League last summer. Last year, Brown Mackie College coach Tyler Gunnelson coached the Diamond Dawgs after previ-

ously serving as the pitching coach for the team under Hon.

This summer, Gunnelson will coach pitchers for El Dorado alongside head coach Chad Gerwick who coached the VCHS baseball team from 2009 to 2011.

The Dawgs open their season on the road at 7 p.m. May 28 against Wheeler and the Aviators in Maize. The Aviators were known as the Wichita Wheat Kings last summer before Wheeler purchased the team over the winter.

Wheeler changed the team's name and is looking to establish the Aviators immediately as a Walter Johnson League contender.

Wheeler's roster includes talent from the junior college, NAIA, and NCAA Division I and II levels. The new owner said the Aviators have a solid mix of pitching and hitting to compete in the summer league that he says has shown continued improvement.

Among the players Wheeler mentioned that could lead the Aviators on the mound were Oklahoma Christian University's Cale Coshow, a right-hander with a 93 to 95 mile-per-hour fastball and Arkansas Tech's

Ryan Taylor, a right-hander who pitched more than 100 innings this spring.

Wheeler said the Aviators also have speed and power on offense including Berea College (Kentucky) shortstop Blake Crow who hit .380 for the NAIA school this spring.

The Park City Rangers are looking to return to the top of the Walter Johnson League and the NBC World Series with a deep roster built around an experienced core of players. The leadership group includes left-handed pitcher Jacob Furr and catcher Roger Diaz who both are returning to play their third summers with the Rangers.

Other players Rangers owner and head coach Barry Newell mentioned as likely leaders early in the summer are outfielder Brandon Weber, a Rockhurst University (Mo.) sophomore and Bishop Carroll High School graduate, Pittsburg State junior second baseman Tanner Carpenter and Owens (Ohio) Community College pitcher Jordon Hill.

Newell, the assistant principal at Bishop Carroll has known Webber since the college sophomore was one

of the state's best all around players as a catcher in high school.

Newell is also familiar with Pratt Community College sophomore utility player Tanner Johnson, whose parents have hosted players on the Ranger's roster in past summers.

Newell said the college season is finished for most of his players and they're anxious to get the summer season started.

This summer, the Rangers will once again carry Park City's name while playing its home games at Newman University's home field in Wichita. For more than five years, Newell worked with the Park City council to obtain land north and west of 61st North and Broadway to build a complex and a stadium for the Rangers.

He said a contractual agreement he had with a business partner on the land fell through and the future of the Rangers affiliation with Park City is uncertain. Also facing uncertainty is the state of the annual NBC World Series in Wichita after

delinquencies and debt were uncovered in a recent audit of the tournament.

Currently, the managing group of the Wichita Wingnuts is responsible for putting on the NBC World Series each year.

Newell said the tournament would be better suited to be run by a group that would specifically market the NBC World Series without an affiliation to the Wingnuts.

In recent summers, team participation in the NBC World Series has decreased with more local teams and less variety. While acknowledging the tournament field hasn't been as diverse in recent summers, Newell said the quality of play is as solid as ever with rosters comprised of college players from across the country.

"If you look at our roster, we're not local," Newell said. "With the current landscape of college baseball, a lot of kids are coming here. If you're watching the Park City Rangers, that doesn't mean it's a lesser quality

just because it carries a local name."

Joining the Diamond Dawgs, Aviators and Rangers in the Walter Johnson League this summer are the Topeka Golden Giants, the Hutchinson Monarchs, the Newton Rebels, the Kansas Cannons and the North Central Kansas Knights, a team formed in a merger of the Lindsborg Knights and the Salina Bluejays.

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POLICE REPORTS

May 13 — Lt. Griggs took a report of vandalism in the 5300 block of East 45th North. Two evergreen trees that belong to the City of Bel Aire and located on city property were trimmed by a resident. The trees were not trimmed properly and may die as a result, police said. The resident said she didn't know the trees were on city property and would stop trimming the trees.

May 13 — Lt. Griggs responded to an alarm in the 6100 block of East Edinburg. The residence was secure.

May 13 — Lt. Griggs checked the welfare of a resident in the 4200 block of North Woodlawn. Everything was OK.

May 13 — Officer Hutton noticed a vehicle parked on Tierra Lakes in the Tierra Verde area and a man was walking south in the field toward the railroad tracks. The man returned to the vehicle and told the officer that he was throwing a piece of meat by the tracks for good luck. The man was cited for no driver's license. A computer check found him to be a registered gang member with "Players for Life," but the man said he was no longer active.

May 12 — Officer Foxx assisted Wichita police on an alarm.

May 12 — Officer Murphy assisted EMS in the 5600 block of East 45th North. A girl fell from her bike and hit her chin on the sidewalk.

May 11 — Officer Mavia responded to a barking dog in the 5800 block of East Odessa. There were no problems.

May 11 — Officer Mavia stopped a vehicle in the 3800 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for driving without a license, no proof of insurance and defective tail lamp.

May 10 — Officer Hutton noticed a pornographic slogan and pictured spray-painted on a road sign in the 5500 block of North Lycee.

May 10 — Officer Steele assisted Wichita police in contacting a person whose vehicle was left running in the 8100 block of East 53rd North.

May 10 — Officer Steele stopped a vehicle at 37th North and Harding. Jessica A. Brazil was arrested on a charge of DUI and was cited for speeding.

May 9 — Lt. Griggs responded to an alarm in the 4300 block of North Westlake Court. The house was secure.

May 9 — Officer Foxx took a report of an auto theft in the 4000 block of North Woodlawn. A 2007 Dodge Caliber was taken.

May 9 — Officer Mavia responded to a suspicious person report in the 6200 block of East 44th North. There were no signs of criminal activity.

May 9 — Officer Mavia stopped a vehicle in the 4200 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for failing to stop at a stop sign and driving with a suspended license.

May 8 — Officer McCaslin responded to an alarm in the 4400 block of North Westlake Court. There were no signs of an attempted entry.

May 8 — Officer McCaslin responded to an alarm in the 3900 block of North Woodlawn Court. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

May 8 — Officer McCaslin assisted EMS in the 4500 block of North Westlake Court. A woman was taken to the hospital with chest pains.

May 8 — Officer Mavia assisted the sheriff's office with a stranded vehicle in the 9600 block of East 53rd North. The driver was cited for no proof of insurance and no driver's license in possession.

May 7 — Officer Murphy responded to a suspicious person report in the 6600 block of East Perryton. A child was walking on the sidewalk and was being followed by a vehicle. The woman in the vehicle was the child's mother, who said the child was having behavior problems.

May 7 — Officer Murphy stopped a vehicle in the 5000 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for speeding, no proof of insurance and no driver's license in possession.

May 7 — Officer Murphy assisted firefighters with a trailer on fire in the 9700 block of East 50th North. It was a construction trailer.

May 7 — Officer Murphy assisted EMS at the Catholic Care Center in the block of East 45th North. A patient had died.

May 7 — Officer McCaslin responded to a disturbance in the 6600 block of East Rodeo. A resident's daughter left the residence but later returned.

May 6 — Officer Murphy took a report of larceny in the 3800 block of North Woodlawn. A water back-flow device at Chisholm Trail State Bank was removed from the piping.

May 6 — Officer Murphy stopped a vehicle in the 5000 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for speeding and no driver's license in possession.

May 6 — Officer Murphy responded to check the welfare of a person in the 4200 block of Country Lane. A woman was taken to the hospital.

May 6 — Officer Swanson stopped a vehicle in the 5100 block of North Webb. The driver was

cited for driving with a suspended license, speeding and no proof of insurance.

May 4 — Officer Foxx responded to a suspicious person report in the 4300 block of North Mission. A man was seen knocking on the door of a residence for several minutes before leaving.

May 4 — Officer Murphy responded to a suspicious person report in the 4700 block of North Glendale. A vehicle was parked on the street, was moved periodically and then returned.

May 4 — Officer Foxx took a report of larceny in the 3900 block of Woodlawn Court. Aluminum framing was taken.

May 4 — Officer McCaslin responded to a suspicious person report in the 4300 block of North Rushwood. A person was going door-to-door with a clipboard.

May 4 — Officer Hutton responded to a possible suicidal person in the 6700 block of East Summerside Place. A woman had been drinking vodka for seven days. EMS took the woman to the hospital for evaluation.

May 4 — Officer Steele assisted EMS in the 4200 block of North Rushwood Court. A woman was taken to the hospital.

May 3 — Officer Foxx took a report that a man ordered prescription medication and had not received it in the mail. The post office said it was delivered.

May 3 — Officer Murphy assisted EMS in the 6600 block of East Shepherds Crossing. A woman was taken to the hospital after falling.

May 3 — Officer McCaslin responded to a non-injury accident at 53rd North and Oliver. A driver was cited for inattentive driving.

May 3 — Officer McCaslin responded to a 911 hang-up call in the 4700 block of North Glendale. It was a misdial.

May 3 — Officer McCaslin responded to a suspicious person report in the 5100 block of North Rock Road. A truck pulled into a driveway and then left.

May 3 — Officer McCaslin responded to a suspicious person report in the 4300 block of North Stratford. A person was selling alarm systems door-to-door.

May 3 — Officer Steele stopped a vehicle at 37th North and Harding. Bradley P. Weber was arrested on a charge of DUI and was cited for speeding and no insurance.

May 2 — Officer Foxx took a report of a suspicious character in the 5100 block of East Ashton Court. Someone was walking around the neighborhood.

May 2 — Officers assisted Wichita police by calling a resident to tell the resident her son was involved in an accident.

May 1 — Lt. Griggs assisted Park City police in serving a trespass warning in the 6100 block of East Edinburg.

May 1 — Chief Daily responded to an alarm in the 6000 block of East 45th North. The homeowner was having problems with the alarm.

May 1 — Officer Foxx responded to a suspicious character in the 6800 block of East Odessa Court. A woman said a man was going door-to-door asking for donations for a trip overseas. The man could not be found.

May 1 — Officer McCaslin responded to an alarm in the 4300 block of North Rushwood. There were no signs of a burglary.

May 1 — Officer McCaslin responded to a suspicious character in the 5700 block of East Kenawee. A door-to-door salesman did not have a permit.

April 30 — Lt. Griggs took a larceny report at Enterprise Rent a Car in the 6300 block of East 37th North. Someone broke the pipes off the outdoor water system on the west side of the business, taking the back-flow device and causing water to flood the parking lot.

April 30 — Chief Daily assisted EMS in the 5900 block of Kenawee. A subject was taken to the hospital after suffering a seizure.

April 30 — Officer Swanson took a burglary report in the 4500 block of North St. James. A door was damaged. No items were missing.

April 29 — Officer Hutton took a larceny report in the 6700 block of East Odessa. A spare tire was stolen.

April 28 — Officer Foxx stopped a vehicle in the 4800 block of North Oliver. James Blanchat was arrested on a charge of driving with a revoked license.

April 28 — Officer Hutton responded to a report of a suspicious

vehicle in the Sunrise school parking lot in the 5500 block of East 45th North. Someone was practicing driving and had permission to be there.

April 28 — Officer Hutton assisted EMS in the 5900 block of East Clarendon. A woman was taken to the hospital after passing out.

April 28 — Officer Hutton took a suspicious character report in the 3800 block of North Oliver.

April 27 — Officer Mavia stopped a vehicle in the 5100 block of East 37th North. The driver was cited for having no driver's license in possession.

April 26 — Officer Hutton spoke to two women who were selling products door-to-door without a permit in the 4400 block of North Janesville.

April 26 — Officer McCaslin assisted EMS in the 5700 block of East Flagstaff. A man was taken to the hospital.

April 26 — Officer Steele stopped a vehicle in the 5200 block of East 53rd North. The driver was cited for speeding and driving without a driver's license in possession.

April 25 — Officer Foxx took a report of a suspicious character in the 4800 block of North Glendale. A person was sitting in a truck. The driver was a private investigator working on a workers compensation case.

April 25 — Officer McCaslin responded to a domestic disturbance in the 5900 block of East Perryton. It was a verbal argument between a woman and her mother.

April 25 — Officer McCaslin responded to a larceny in the 4400 block of North Edgemoor. A vehicle was damaged apparently being broken into.

April 25 — Officer McCaslin responded to a suspicious character report in the 4200 block of North Eaglelake. Unpermitted solicitors were selling products door-to-door.

April 25 — Officer Swanson responded to an occupational accident in the 5200 block of North Lycee. A dozer overturned on a man while being removed from a trailer. The man was taken to the hospital with serious injuries.

April 25 — Officer Swanson responded to a suspicious character report in the 6200 block of East Woodlow. Two men were selling cleaning products door-to-door without permits.

April 25 — Officer Steele discovered an open garage door in the 5500 block of East Prairiehawk Lane. Officer closed the door.

April 24 — Officer Foxx assisted EMS in the 4100 block of North Woodlawn. A woman who was pregnant slipped on ice and broke an ankle. The woman was taken to the hospital.

April 24 — Officer Foxx responded to a vehicle wreck in the 5200 block of East 37th North. While stopped in traffic, a vehicle was struck from behind by another vehicle. The driver left the area and was later determined to be borrowing the car and not returning it. Wichita police made an embezzlement case.

April 24 — Officer Foxx responded to an alarm in the 4800 block of North Farmstead. The alarm was set off by the weather.

April 24 — Officer Foxx responded to a non-injury vehicle wreck in the 5500 block of East 37th North. The driver of one of the vehicles fled from the area and was later determined to have warrants.

April 24 — Officer Mavia noticed trash on the street and at the Bel Aire Rec. Center in the 5200 block of East 48th North. A driver of a vehicle at the rec center was cited for littering.

April 23 — Officer Murphy responded to a 911 hang-up call in the 5000 block of East 37th North. There were problems with the phone.

April 23 — Officer Murphy responded to a larceny in the 5400 block of Westlake Court. A vehicle

window was broken and a GPS was taken.

April 23 — Officer Murphy assisted EMS in the 4800 block of North Battin with a subject who had fallen and struck her head. The woman was taken to the hospital.

April 23 — Officer Murphy responded to the Catholic Care Center to investigate the report of abuse. An employee was accused of making rude comments to residents.

April 23 — Officer Murphy spoke to two men sleeping inside a vehicle in the 4200 block of North Westlake. Officer smelled marijuana and saw drug paraphernalia in the vehicle. The two men were cited for possession of drugs and paraphernalia.

April 23 — Officer McCaslin took a report off vandalism in the 4300 block of North Eagle Lake Court. A woman said someone damaged flowers in her yard. Other incidents had occurred in the past, she said.

April 23 — Officer Hutton assisted Wichita police with a physical disturbance.

April 22 — Officer Hutton responded to an alarm in the 4300 block of North Edgemoor. There were no signs of criminal activity.

April 22 — Officer Hutton called a family services worker who reported a former resident of Bel Aire had reported being raped while living in a foster home in Bel Aire. The case was turned over to the EMCU.

April 22 — Officer Steele took a larceny report in the 4500 block of North Westlake Drive. A vehicle window was broken and a woman's purse was missing.

April 22 — Officer McCaslin took a larceny report in the 4300 block of North Edgemoor.

April 21 — Officer Foxx responded to a report of a suspicious character in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn. A person was seen rummaging through a vehicle. The person owned the vehicle and was looking for money that fell between the seat and the console.

April 21 — Officer Swanson assisted EMS in the 4500 block of North Rushwood Court. A person was taken to the hospital with respiratory problems.

April 21 — Officer Steele responded to a burglary in progress in the 4300 block of North Rushwood. The homeowner said she heard someone open the basement sliding glass door and saw someone run away from the house. Officer could not find the suspect. A stereo and navigation system were taken from a vehicle.

April 21 — Officer Steele responded to a larceny in the 4300 block of North Edgemoor. A DVD player, speakers and a remote-controlled car were taken from a vehicle.

April 21 — Officer Steele responded to a larceny in the 4500 block of North Westlake Court. A vehicle window was broken. No property was taken.

April 21 — Officer Foxx responded to a report of suspicious characters in the 3800 block of North Cozy. There were several people in the backyard of a woman's parents' home. The subjects were from a church group that the homeowner hired to work on the back deck as a surprise for his wife. The homeowner didn't notify his daughter of their presence.

April 20 — Officer Foxx responded to a holdup alarm at Braum's in the 3600 block of North Rock. The alarm was accidentally set off.

April 20 — Officer Foxx responded to an audible alarm in the 4300 block of North Mission. It was a false alarm.

April 20 — Officer McCaslin took an auto theft report from Major League Roofing and Exciters in the

4700 block of North Oliver. A 1994 Honda Civic was taken.

April 20 — Officer Mavia stopped a vehicle in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for defective tail lamp and no driver's license in possession.

April 19 — Officer McCaslin responded to a barking dog in the 6700 block of East 44th North. The dog's owner was not home, but arrived later and said she would take care of the dog.

April 19 — Officer McCaslin responded to check a suicidal person in the 4900 block of North Highland. It was a misunderstanding and everyone was OK.

April 18 — Officer Mavia responded to a call for service in the 6000 block of East Danbury. The homeowner said he did not call for police. There were no problems.

April 18 — Lt. Griggs responded to check the welfare of a man who was reported missing from work in the 3800 block of North Oliver. The man was sick and didn't go to work.

April 18 — Officer Foxx responded to two dogs at-large in the 5000 block of North Remington. The owner took control of the dogs.

April 18 — Officer McCaslin responded to check a residence in the 4500 block of North Hillcrest. The residence was OK.

April 18 — Officer Mavia responded to a disturbance in the 4200 block of North Janesville. A man was issued a notice to appear in court.

April 17 — Officer Mavia stopped a vehicle in the 4600 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for defective headlamp, no proof of insurance and driving without a license. EMS was called to the scene when the driver had symptoms of a possible stroke.

April 17 — Officer Foxx responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 5800 block of East Denise. A woman parked her vehicle to wait for the school bus to pick up her children.

April 17 — Officer McCaslin checked a vehicle in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was issued a notice to appear in court for expired registration and no proof of insurance.

April 17 — Officer Swanson assisted EMS in the 4700 block of East Glendale. A woman was taken to the hospital after falling.

April 16 — Lt. Griggs took a report in the 6500 block of East 44th North of an unidentified person obtained the reporting party's debit card information and purchased merchandise in foreign countries.

April 16 — Officer McCaslin took a report of a runaway in the 5900 block of East Memphis.

April 15 — Officer Hutton responded to a report of a lost juve-

nile in the 4900 block of East Wil-lowpoint Court. A 1-year-old girl was let out of the house by her 4-year-old brother. The girl was found nearby.

April 15 — Officer Hutton assisted EMS and firefighters in the 4600 block of North Farmstead Court. A person had overdosed on prescription pills and died.

April 15 — Officer Swanson responded to an aggravated assault in the 4400 block of North Edgemoor. A juvenile was taken into custody and questioned after being accused of threatening another person with a knife.

April 14 — Officer Murphy responded to a non-injury accident in the 6200 block of East 37th North. Two vehicles collided. A driver was cited for inattentive driving.

April 13 — Officer Murphy stopped a vehicle in the 3900 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for no driver's license in possession and no proof of liability insurance.

April 13 — Officer Murphy stopped a vehicle in the 6200 block of East 37th North. The driver was cited for defective brake light, driving with a suspended license and no proof of insurance.

April 13 — Officer McCaslin responded to a domestic disturbance in the 6100 block of East Edinburg. It was a verbal argument only.

April 13 — Officer Hutton responded to a one-vehicle wreck in the 5000 block of North Greenwich. A vehicle struck a deer. No injuries were reported.

April 12 — Lt. Griggs responded to a report of larceny in the 6300 block of East Crestmark. A catalytic converter was stolen from a J.T. Enterprises company vehicle. Loss was valued at \$800.

April 12 — Lt. Griggs took a report of larceny in the 6300 block of East Quailridge. A person reported that someone assumed his identity and filed a federal income tax return.

April 12 — Officer Hutton took a report of a missing person in the 6000 block of East 41st North. A man had been missing for five days.

April 12 — Officer Hutton responded to a report of a lost adult at Catholic Care Center in the 6700 block of East 45th North. The man returned unharmed. He had been at the tag office in Andover.

April 12 — Officer McCaslin responded to a found dog in the 5600 block of East Denise. The dog was taken to the Wichita Animal Shelter.

April 12 — Officer Steele responded to a domestic disturbance in the 4200 block of North Rushwood Court. A man was issued a notice to appear in court on a charge of disorderly conduct.

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Growth near high school expands with sale of land

By Matt Heilman

It's only five acres, but it's another step in the right direction on the residential development front in Bel Aire.

At its May 7 meeting, the Bel Aire City Council unanimously approved a real estate sales agreement with Developer's Inc. for about five

acres of land for \$58,650. The property, neighboring Northeast Magnet High School near 53rd North and Rock Road, is planned to include duplexes.

The acreage also is near the Rock Spring Addition just south of the high school where developer Gene Vitarelli two years ago proposed a 67-lot phase of duplexes

and single-family homes in the \$130,000 to \$150,000 range. The plans for the development's initial phase were scaled back to 30 lots last year.

Plans for an apartment complex are in the works on land neighboring the five acres in the sales agreement with Developer's Inc.

Following a 20-minute executive session, the council agreed to issue a letter of intent with Zimmerman Properties LLC to issue industrial revenue bonds for the construction of a 48-unit apartment complex on a four-acre tract just north of the high school.

In November, the council learned that Zimmerman Properties was still looking to build the apartment complex through the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program after it was initially unable to obtain the tax credit last May.

At its Nov. 20 meeting, the council approved a resolution of support for Zimmerman Properties to submit another application to build the complex.

This time, the application was approved, clearing the way for the project.

When the plans for the \$5 million project were introduced in January 2012, the council was told the developers wouldn't require any incentives from the city.

Calls for police end fatally in Park City

By Matt Heilman

Two men are dead following a busy two-day stretch for law enforcement authorities in Park City. Two incidents about 24 hours apart ended fatally.

The first was reported shortly before 9 p.m. May 3 when a Denver man visiting a friend in Park City was accidentally shot in the 1600 block of East Gary Drive.

The Denver man, identified as 36-year-old Eloy Portillo-Meza, died during surgery at Wesley Medical Center, about three hours after he was reported to have been shot.

Park City Police Chief Phil

Bostian said Portillo-Meza and his friend had a conversation about guns that led to the friend showing him his .22 Magnum revolver.

Bostian said the friend took the gun apart and thought he had completely unloaded it, but there was still a round in the cylinder. The gun went off and one bullet hit Portillo-Meza in the stomach. The friend called 911 and Portillo-Meza was taken to the hospital in critical condition. He was pronounced dead about 12:15 a.m.

In the second incident, a 30-year-old Ark City man drowned in a retention pond in Park City's High Ridge

addition after abandoning his vehicle in a retreat from Wichita police. At a May 6 media briefing, the Ark City man was identified as Jeremy D. Horton.

Wichita Police Capt. Brent Allred said a call for police came in about 9:15 p.m. May 4 from the Rusty Eck Ford dealership in the 7300 block of East Kellogg. Horton reportedly entered the business and behaved bizarrely, Allred said.

Horton allegedly acted as if he was going to pull out a knife clipped to his belt and drove away in his vehicle when approached by police. A chase ensued for several miles before

Wichita police deployed spike strips at about 53rd North and Hydraulic.

Horton drove for about two more miles north before he left his vehicle and ran into the retention pond just south of 69th North and Hydraulic. Bostian said Horton went underwater and did not resurface. The Sedgwick County Fire Department assisted at the scene. Divers located the suspect about 45 minutes after he went into the water, Allred said.

Horton was pronounced dead about 30 minutes after being pulled from the water.

Police are unsure why the man fled.

Kechi man linked to burglaries

By Matt Heilman

The investigation into several burglary cases in Kechi continues, but a recent arrest of one of its residents may have a connection to numerous crimes throughout the Wichita area, including Bel Aire.

On April 19, John Arlen Rogers of Kechi was arrested on three burglary charges in the 8000 block of North Ridge Road in Valley Center. Sedgwick County Sheriff's Lt. David Mattingly said that on April 11, Rogers allegedly entered a rural Sedgwick County residence through a rear garage

door and stole \$3,070 worth of jewelry.

Rogers, whose address was listed in the 300 block of West Cherokee in Kechi, also is being charged in a burglary in Maize and is possibly linked to several more burglaries in Sedgwick County and neighboring counties, Mattingly said.

In his April 25 report to the Kechi City Council, Kechi Police Chief John Blevins said there is currently not enough evidence to prosecute Rogers on any of the burglary cases that have been reported in Kechi in the past few months, but he is a suspect.



Shred day

The Bel Aire Lions Club hosted the Paper Shredding and Electronic Recycling Day event at Bel Aire City Hall in conjunction with the City of Bel Aire on May 4. Even though the weather was cold and rainy, the event had a good turnout. Cintas Shredding shredded more than one-half truckload of paper documents. Electronix Recyclers recycled more than 6,600 pounds of electronic equipment, which filled its truck to the maximum. Citizens of Bel Aire e-mailed the city afterwards thanking all involved for the "efficient and orderly" manner in the way the event was managed. The Bel Aire Lions Club and the City of Bel Aire look forward to hosting the event again next year as an annual event in May.

Courtesy photos



HIGHLIGHTS

The Class of 2013 Senior Honor Men and Women of Wichita State University was honored at a banquet on April 9 at the Wichita Country Club. Among the honorees was Joseph Woodward, a graduate of Sunrise Christian Academy in Bel Aire. Being named a Senior Honor Man or Woman is one of the most prestigious honors a WSU student can receive.

Six men and six women have been selected for this year's honor.

Since the program's inception in 1917, more than 1,050 students have been selected for the honor. Less than 1 percent of all Wichita State students receive this distinction.

Selection is based on a student's commitment to academic excellence, their involvement on campus and contribution to the community, academic standing and oral and written communication skills.

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Lirona Rexhepi of Bel Aire

received the Dorothy Flaherty Scholarship at the 2012-13 Annual Student Awards Ceremony held on April 25 at College of the Ozarks.

She is a Sunrise Christian Academy graduate.

Awards are given based on outstanding accomplishments in the areas of academics, work and character. College of the Ozarks has held an annual awards night for the past 105 years.

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Andrea Ellen Brainard of Bel Aire, will graduate from Pittsburg State University with a master in science degree.

Todd W. Miller of Valley Center, will graduate as well from Pittsburg State University with a bachelor of arts degree.

More than 850 students are expected to participate in Pittsburg State University's spring commencement exercises on May 10 and 11. Commencement exercises will be held in the Garfield Weede physical education building on the PSU

campus. The College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Business' ceremonies will take place Friday evening. The

College of Technology and the College of Education's ceremonies will take place Saturday morning.

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DEATH

JOHN CUTTER

John H. Cutter of Bel Aire, 68, died May 8, 2013, at Galichia Heart Hospital in Wichita.

He was born Jan. 23, 1945, in Dodge City, the son of Kathryn (Bestgen) and Ernest Cutter.

After his graduation from high school, he furthered his education at Electronics School in Denver, Co.

On Feb. 27, 1965, he and Sherryl Hallagin were married. For the last 40 years, they have made their home in Bel Aire.

On Feb. 9, 1972, he was honorably discharged from his service to his country in the United States Navy. He was awarded the Vietnam Navy Commendation Medal. He

was a member of the Christian Church, and Veterans of Foreign Wars—Lowell Cole Post 1133.

Preceding him in death were his parents and son Jeffrey Cutter.

Surviving family includes his wife, Sherryl Cutter of Bel Aire; three children, Bradley Cutter of Wichita, Darian (Joel Fulton) Rohr of Wichita, and Kim (Jason) Jones of Ocala, Fla.; six grandchildren; and sister, Carol (Richard) Conley of Sharon Springs.

The funeral was May 13 at Koons Chapel in Goodland with Pastor Jeff Hanson officiating. Burial, with military honors, will be in Goodland Cemetery. Friends may share their respects one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be made to VFW Post 1133 and may be left at or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main Ave., Goodland, KS 67735-1555.

Koons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

28th Annual Kechi Fair

NOTE: All Activities DO Require a Burton!!
FRIDAY, JUNE 21

All evening: Family Fun Night at Kechi City Park- BRING LAWN CHAIRS

6:00 pm Inflatables & raw egg toss

6:00 pm Horseshoe Tournament practice

6:00 pm Fishing Derby (If there is water in the pond.)

6:00 pm Face Painting- Kelly Eden

6:00 pm Sloppy Joe Dinner - Sponsored by Kechi Chamber

6:00-7:00 pm Hot Air Balloon Launching (weather permitting) by Dennis Koleman

6:30 pm FREE Ice Cream Social- Sponsored by Emprise Bank

6:30-8:30 pm Speed Ball Throw—Radar Checked (for all ages)

9:00 pm Fireworks Display by Krehbiel Wholesale Fireworks sponsored by Frank Flores & Shane Krehbiel

SATURDAY JUNE 22

7:00-10:30 am Sausage and Pancake Feed at Kechi United Methodist Church
\$5 Adults, \$4 kids, 3 & under free

8:00-9:30am Drop off for the Kechi Baking Contest (all items donated to cake walk at 12 pm.)

8 to 11:45 am Kechi Art Class Free Glass Blowing Demonstrations

8am to 4 pm Arts, Crafts, and Antique Fair- Booths on 61st Street West of City Hall

9:00 am Bike Contest - at Kechi United Methodist Church Basketball Court

9:30-10:30am Judging for Kechi Baking Contest

10 am Kechi's 28th Annual Parade "Krazy for Kechi"

FREE Crown Carriage rides after the parade

10:30 am FREE Ice Cream West of City Hall Sponsored by Chisholm Trail State Bank

11 am Donut Eating Contest—West of City Building

11:10 am Cowtown Cowboys Professional Gunfighters - on the corner of 61st and Oliver

11:30 am Sand Pile Treasure Hunt Ages 10 and Under West of City Hall Sponsored by Lane Alley

11:30 to 2 pm Ident-a-kid by Sedgwick County Sheriff's Dept. in the City Hall Community Room

12:00 pm Cake Walk - in Kechi Community Room

12:30 pm Gunfighters - on the corner of 61st and Oliver

12:45 pm Turtle Races (BYOT) behind City Hall

1:00 pm "Wet and Wild" Sedgwick County Fire Department South of Kechi City Park (Cool off with Fire Hoses)

1 am to 3 pm Inflatables - South bend of Kechi Park (Behind Kechi Kar Wash)

1:30 pm Kechi Fair's 3rd Annual Horseshoe Tournament

8:00 pm David Holland Band (see details below)

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Arbor Day

Taking part in an April 27 Bel Aire Arbor Day ceremony to honor former resident and tree board member Kae Bowles with the planting of a tree are (from left) Bel Aire Tree Board member Gary Northwall, Bel Aire City Council member Ken Lee, Bowles' husband, Dan Bowles, council member Ramona Becker, Bel Aire Mayor David Austin, council member Betty Martine and tree board member Diane Martin.



Courtesy photo

Ole Miss signees

Sunrise Christian Academy basketball seniors Sebastian Saiz Soto (left) and Janari Joesaar sign their national letters of intent to play NCAA Division I basketball at the University of Mississippi next year. Joining the duo at the signing are (back row, from left) Sunrise boys basketball coach Kyle Lindsted, school administrator Mary Jane Campbell and Sunrise superintendent Dr. Robert Lindsted. Other Class of 2013 seniors from Sunrise signed to play college basketball are Andre Sands, who has committed to play at Hutchinson Community College next year, and Daniel Nwuso, who signed with Casper (Wyo.) Community College.

Catholic Care Center to host benefit for National Parkinson's Foundation

By The Breeze staff

Bel Aire's Catholic Care Center is hosting a June 29 event to raise awareness for Parkinson's disease and funding for research. The event, called Party for Parkinson's will feature a five-kilometer race and a one-mile walk, starting and ending at the Catholic Care Center, 6550 E. 45th North.

The 5K run will start at 8 a.m., followed by the walk at 9 a.m. Online registration packets can be picked up from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 27 at GoRun West, 2556 N. Maize Road, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 28 at GoRun East, 2350 N. Greenwich or

at 7:15 a.m. June 29 at the Catholic Care Center.

Entry fees for the 5K run and the one-mile walk are \$25 before June 18 or \$30 on race day, June 29.

Area sponsors for the event, designed as a benefit for the National Parkinson's Foundation, include Panera Bread, Sonic Drive-in, Hiland Dairy Foods, Hall's Culligan, Preston Pharmacy, Simpson Construction Services, Vitztum Commercial Flooring, Inc. Right at Home In Home Care and Assistance and Quik Print.

For more information on the Party for Parkinson's event, contact Jennifer Sanders at the Catholic

Care Center at jennifer_sanders@viachristi.org.

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**** Make sure to bring proper shoes, shin guards & water ****

Our club also features an Academy for the U5 thru U8 age group. The focus is on the development of the individual's foot skills thru a fun & healthy environment using the game of soccer. To join the Academy requires no tryouts. Detailed information can be found on our website. Just click on "RUSH ACADEMY".

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CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran Church

There are three different types of services every Sunday. At 8:30 a.m., there is a Contemporary Service; at 9:45 a.m., a Kid Friendly Service as well as Sunday School for all ages; and at 11:00 a.m., a Traditional Lutheran Service. Communion is offered at every service every Sunday.

A variety of weekly and monthly activities are offered including Falcon Fellowship (Free lunch for students at Heights High School on the 2nd Wednesday of the month), Youth groups, Quilting, Choirs, and Men's Breakfast.

Find the church online at www.christ-lutheran.org; e-mail office@clc.kscoxmail.com. Pastor Chad's email is pastor@clc.kscoxmail.com. Call the office at 744-1242.

The church is located at 5356 N. Hillside (at 53rd and N. Hillside, across from Wichita Heights HS)

Church of the Resurrection

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 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday. Weekday Masses are 8 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; also 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. Rev. James F. Weldon is the pastor.

Community Bible Chapel

The church is located at 4551 Auburn, south of 45th North between Oliver and Woodlawn, in Bel Aire.

Worship service and breaking of the bread are at 9 a.m.,

with Bible study and Sunday school at 10:30 on Sundays.

Wednesday prayer and Bible study are at 7 p.m.

For more information, call Melvan Adair at 744-7091.

Fairmount United Church of Christ

The church welcomes a new minister, Rev. Larry Young.

Visit the newly renovated building at 1605 Fairmount in Wichita (one block south and one block east of Hillside and 17th North).

Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m. which includes children's church. Sunday school begins at 9:30.

For more information, call 682-1597 or visit at www.fairmountucc.org.

Gospel Assembly Church

Located at 4230 N. Oliver in Bel Aire, service times are 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Bible study is 7 p.m. Monday. Prayer service is 7 p.m. Tuesday. Praise and worship is 7 p.m. Wednesday. Phone number is 744-1502. Rev. Gary D. Green is the pastor.

Greenwich United Methodist Church

Sunday worship service at 9 a.m. Fellowship and coffee follow the service.

Pastor Jeff Miller can be reached at 744-0203.

Senior Day first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m.

United Methodist Women meet the first Thursday of each month at 1 p.m.

Movie night is the second Saturday of each month at 6:30 p.m. A snack is served.

The church is located about a mile south of K-254 on Greenwich Road. The phone number is 744-0203.

Kechi United Methodist Church

Kechi United Methodist Church is located at 4533 E.

61st North. The phone number is 744-1221.

Rev. Guy E. Rendoff is the pastor. Website is www.kechiumc.org; Email is kechiumc@sbglobal.net

Worship services on Sunday morning are at 9:03 and 11 a.m. with Sunday school at 10 a.m. During both worship services, children's church and a nursery are offered.

On June 9, there will be a Retirement Reception for Pastor Guy Rendoff who is retiring at the end of June. It will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

Vacation Bible School will be June 24 through the 27 from 9 to noon. Pre-K through 5th grade are welcome. Contact the church office for more information.

Pine Valley Christian Church

The church is located at 5620 E. 21st North. Sunday school is at 9 a.m. with worship at 10:15. For more information call 685-2421.

Randall Road Baptist Church

Randall Road Baptist is located at 6556 N Randall, Park City.

Sunday School starts at 10 a.m. Worship is at 11 a.m.

Sunday evening activities start at 6 p.m.

Wednesday bible study begins at 7 p.m.

Family Fun Day will be June 15. There will be activities for all ages, including inflatables, a fun flush, and carnival games. Come between noon and 3 p.m. for a fun-filled afternoon. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Door prizes will be given away each half hour starting at 1 p.m.

Contact Pastor Jim McQuery at 201-1696 or e-mail at jmcquery@cox.net

Risen Savior Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

Contemporary Sunday

worship services at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Communion on the first and third Sunday. Adult Sunday school and Bible class meet at 9:15 a.m. Children's church at 10:30. A nursery is provided during Bible class and second service.

Enrollment for Risen Savior Preschool for the 2013-14 school year has begun. Registrations are now available for Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 9 to 11:45 a.m. Preschool class for 3- to 5-year-olds. Please call the church office for details.

The church is located at 6770 E. 34th North in Wichita. The phone number is 683-5538. www.risensavior.net.

Senior pastor is Tom Harmon.

St. Michael's Orthodox Christian Church

The church is located at 2710 E 61st Street in Park City. It is a congregation of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

"The Story of Christianity", a Sunday adult class is at 9 a.m. Service of Matins is 9:45 a.m. followed by the Divine Liturgy (Mass) at 10 a.m.

Wednesday night service is a 6 p.m. First and third Wednesday liturgy is followed by potluck and program.

Men's Study Group is the first and third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Women's Study Group meets every second and fourth Friday of each month at 10 a.m.

Beginning in June a Wednesday program entitled: "Welcome to the Church That Gave You The New Testament" will explore the Faith and Practice of the Orthodox Church. June 5 "Where is the Church that Jesus Founded?" June 19 "Christianity before the New Testament" Worship starts at 6 p.m. followed by potluck and program. The lecture begins at 7:15 p.m. Important celebrations in

June: The Ascension of Our Lord is on June 12 at 6 p.m.; Feast of Holy Pentecost is on June 23 at 10 a.m., Trinity is on June 30 at 10 a.m.

Call the church for more information at 734-6248 or visit www.stmichaeloc.org

Fr. John Flora, Pastor can be reached at 734-6248 or jflora@cox.net.

University United Methodist Church

The church is located across from the Wichita State University campus at 21st and Yale.

Sunday activities include adult and youth educational

classes at 9:15 a.m., traditional service at 10:30 and youth group activities from 4 to 6 p.m.

E-mail uume2220@uume.net; phone 686-6765. Rev. Charles Claycomb is the pastor.

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

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