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Issues unsettled with new schools

Staffing, boundaries need to be decided

By Matt Heilman

Budget cuts have slowed the wheels of progress toward settling matters related to five new Wichita public schools expected to open next fall. Two of the schools, a K-8 building and a high school, are being constructed in Bel Aire, about one mile apart along 53rd Street North.

Bel Aire's new schools are expected

to give the city a large economic boost, but staffing and district boundaries remain unresolved.

At a Sept. 12 Wichita school board meeting, the board discussed a timeline to gather public feedback on a boundary change study that will take place this fall, as well as financial issues with the new schools.

With steep budget cuts approved this spring, one of the key concerns

with the new schools is whether there will be enough funding for them to open on time.

Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher said he was confident the new schools in his city would be properly staffed by next fall, as long as there's not another round of deep budget cuts to education next year.

Another challenge is identifying new school boundaries. Bel Aire's new

high school is planned for Class 5A. The state's largest 32 schools are in Class 6A, with the next 32 largest in 5A.

USD 259 spokeswoman Susan Arensman said the district's website, www.usd259.org, will soon have a "boundary" section that will be updated with new information as it becomes

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Marketing effort a priority for Bel Aire



Matt Heilman

Bel Aire resident Joey Parnell enjoys some time in Bel Aire Park with his 4-year-old daughter Aurora. Parnell said he likes living in Bel Aire, but believes its perception as "an expensive city" is justified.

Some say city should do more to make living here less expensive

By Matt Heilman

Bel Aire's city council approved a tax hike for 2012 this year and the city doesn't have its own school district or a downtown business district. And Bel Aire continues to fight an uphill battle against a heavy debt load. Without turning their backs to its problems, city leaders are trying to convince potential Wichita-area homebuyers that Bel Aire's positive attributes outweigh the negatives.

In an effort to bring attention to Bel Aire and its homes for sale, a marketing effort has become a priority for the city. The promotion

should highlight Bel Aire's services and be supported by data, says Cody Sims, who is working part-time at Bel Aire City Hall as an assistant to City Manager Ty Lasher.

Sims, who received his master's degree in public administration from Wichita State University in May, is taking a leadership role in marketing Bel Aire. Specifically, he's working with developers and real estate company J.P. Weigand to bolster home sales in the Central Park development, which includes four phases as well as the campus for City Hall and the Bel Aire Police Department.

The first goal of marketing Bel Aire is to shed its reputation as an expensive city, Sims said.

"What we want to do is we want to eliminate the perception that Bel Aire is an

expensive place to live," Sims said. "We want to show that the services we offer are high-quality services that citizens appreciate and that citizens demand."

Bel Aire's services include the presence of a Sedgewick County fire station in its limits, its own rec center, senior organizations and 24/7 police service.

These services were defended during budget discussions this summer and all of them remain intact, although they had to take cuts in operating expenses. In August, the city council approved a 2012 mill levy up about 6.8 mills from the 2011 mark.

As could be expected, the reaction to the tax hike was mixed.

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Matt Heilman

Sunrise Christian Academy junior quarterback Zach Howell broke a state passing record in early September. Howell threw for 579 yards in Sunrise's Sept. 2 win.

Sunrise QB snaps passing record

579 yards in a single game

By Matt Heilman

The first full season as a starting quarterback for the Sunrise Christian Academy football team has gone well for junior Zach Howell. Through five games, Sunrise is 3-2 in its first full year playing 11-man football and Howell is averaging more than 380 passing yards per game, likely tops in the state, said Sunrise football coach Trey Hall.

On Sept. 2 at Christ Preparatory Academy of Kansas City, Mo., Howell broke a state record with 579 passing yards. He shattered the old record of 498 yards.

The effort drew statewide attention. Howell was named the KAKE Athlete of the Week and Ted Hayes of the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame, who keeps a list of state records, contacted Hall.

Looking back on the career performance, Howell

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Kechi, Bel Aire discuss collaborative efforts

By Matt Heilman

Nearly five months after winning a \$25,000 collaborative grant through the Kansas Department of Commerce, the cities of Bel Aire and Kechi are ready to explore what they can accomplish through a joint venture.

The grant, called the Community Capacity Building Grant, pays for Professional Engineering Consultants to work with Bel Aire and Kechi to identify areas where each city can maximize efficiencies by finding where they can pool resources and services while maintaining their own identities.

In the past few months, ideas to potentially

share infrastructure and development plans along K-254 have been mentioned, as has the possibility of allowing Kechi residents to join Bel Aire's rec center and utilize the city's pool in the Central Park development.

As the third-party consultant, PEC was responsible for studying each city individually before returning to each city council with recommendations on where resources can be pooled and money can be saved.

On Sept. 28, the Bel Aire and Kechi councils took part in a joint workshop in the community room of Bel Aire City Hall. The meeting drew several residents from each city, but the plan for the joint session was for each city's

council to go over some of the information gathered by PEC, ask questions and develop ideas for collaboration.

"This is the beginning process of gathering public input," Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher said.

At the meeting, PEC planning consultant Scott Dunakey and Alan Morris, who has more than 40 years of public management experience working with communities, addressed the councils.

Dunakey and Morris discussed some areas where the cities may be able to combine services, including in municipal court and police coverage, allowing Kechi to use Bel Aire's rec

center and sharing equipment.

Any collaboration isn't intended to take away from the identity of either city, Dunakey said.

"Nobody's talking about consolidation," he said.

Ultimately, it will be up to the councils to decide where they want to combine services or infrastructure, but residents will have several chances for input, Dunakey said.

After the councils have the chance to meet, Lasher said there would be scheduled public input meetings and the formation of a steering committee. The steering committee would include residents from Bel Aire and Kechi.

Utility line maintenance approved for Bel Aire neighborhoods

By Matt Heilman

By now, Bel Aire residents may notice utility workers in their backyards. On Sept. 6, the Bel Aire City Council approved the replacement of two sewer lines in a section of the city known as "Old Bel Aire" south of 45th North between Edgemoor and Woodlawn, and a water line abandonment on the south side of Eagle's Landing near 45th and Oliver.

The water line abandonment, which runs along the north edges of Battin and Parkwood avenues in Eagles Landing, won't result in any long-term shutoffs or decrease in available water, Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher said. This is because the residents who live along the edge where the line runs between Battin and Parkwood have available water flowing from other directions so the damaged line isn't necessary

and the abandonment is cheaper than repair, he said.

The sewer work concerns two replacements of lines that are between 40 and 50 years old in places. The damaged lines are made of clay tile, which has resulted in deterioration, Lasher said. The clay has started to crack under the pressure around it and tree roots have broken through the tile, clogging the lines.

Replacement of the sewer

lines is planned along the Clarendon Street crossing and between Kenawee and Memphis streets. Kenawee and Memphis are two winding streets that run east to west parallel to each other.

Lasher said the sewer line replacements and water line abandonment were to start Sept. 18 and take two to three weeks to complete.

"There should be minimal if any shutoff of water to resi-

dents," Lasher said.

The council awarded the contract for the work to WB Carter at a cost not to exceed \$46,175. The city has enough budgeted in the water and sewer funds to complete the project, Lasher said.

Residents won't be paying for the work directly, although the funding source is accumulated from monthly fees they have to pay.

Also on Sept. 6, the council
 •Approved an appropriations ordi-

nance of \$601,690.02.

•Approved the appointment of council members Moe Terrebonne and Peggy O'Donnell as voting delegates for the Kansas League of Municipalities business meeting Oct. 10 at Bel Aire City Hall. Council members David Austin and Dave Sly were appointed alternates.

•Confirmed Mayor Harold Smith's appointments of Fred Sullivan and Monica Saull to the Special Events Committee.

•Held a 25-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Every motion passed 4-0 with council member Gary Breault absent from the meeting.

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran Church

Sunday contemporary guitar service with communion is at 8:45. Traditional service with communion first and third Sunday is at 10:30. Adult classes are at 9:45 a.m. There is no children's Sunday School during the summer.

The church is located at 5356 N. Hillside (53rd North and Hillside) across from Heights High School.

Find the church online at www.christ-lutheran.org; e-mail office@clc.ksoxmail.com. Call the office at 744-1242 for more information.

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.resurrectionwchita.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

New pastor for Christ Lutheran Church

By The News staff

Chad Langdon will become new pastor at Christ Lutheran Church, 5356 N. Hillside, Oct. 2.

He will preside over the services and preach his first sermon on at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. service Oct. 9.

Langdon was previously an associate pastor in the St. Louis area. This will be his first role as a solo pastor.

Langdon is originally from St. Joseph, Mo., and graduated from the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, S.C., in 2004 and has been at Hope Lutheran Church ever since. In addition to working with youth and young families, he brings a particular interest in reaching out not only to those who attend worship, but also those who are unchurched,



Courtesy photo

Chad Langdon with his wife Lynde and their daughter Vivine.

he said.

He is married to Lynde and has a daughter, Vivine, whom they adopted from Haiti in 2009. Both he and Lynde share a common passion for Haiti and have been taking semi-annual mission trips there for several years,

serving at the House of Hope orphanage in Port au Prince. It is here that they met their daughter for the first time.

Vivine is now 6 years old and will attend Gammon Elementary School as a first-grader. The family will live in Bel Aire.

study are at 7 p.m.

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

Crossroads Friends Church

Crossroads Friends Church meets at Stucky Middle School (east from 45th North and Hillside) at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday.

The church has Crossroads Kids and Crossroads Crib

ministry areas, as well as contemporary music, relevant Bible teaching and a laid-back, friendly atmosphere.

Pastor is Jeff Mullen.

Call the church office at 361-0407 or visit it online at www.crossroadswchita.com.

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 is at 9 a.m. Fellowship and coffee following the service.

Pastor Natalie can be reached at 773-2300 or 744-0203.

Pastor Natalie is at the church from 5:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays.

Visit the church online at Greenwichsumc.org.

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

Kechi United Methodist Church

Located at 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi, the Rev. Guy E. Rendoff is the pastor. Church phone number is 744-1221, its website is www.kechiumc.org and its e-mail address is kechiumc@sbcglobal.net.

Sunday praise band and worship are at 9:03 a.m. Sunday school is at 10. Worship is at 11.

Wednesday evening worship services from 7 to 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. There is music, prayer time, come and go communion and a short sermon. Child care is provided.

Park City Church of the Nazarene

Sunday school for all ages is at 9:30 a.m. Worship and children's church are at 10:45. Wednesday Bible study for adults begins with sandwiches and chips at 6:15 p.m.

The church is located at 2100 E. 61st North in Park City.

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.

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 uumc2220@uumc.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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FALL LAWN, HOME & GARDEN

By ARA Content

Snow, ice, freezing temperatures and other elements of winter are not far off. You've enjoyed your backyard all summer long, but now it's time to get everything prepped to handle the upcoming cold weather.

Preparing your lawn, shrubbery and gardens for the winter months can help ensure you'll be able to enjoy your landscaping as soon as the temperatures warm next spring. By renting the right equipment to successfully handle those jobs, you'll save time and free up space for all of your home beautification projects.

Tree trimming and planting. The fall months offer the perfect opportunity to plant and trim trees. If you're planting, make sure to give the new trees plenty of water in the weeks leading up to the first hard frost. Also, make sure your established trees receive a good supply of water, especially if the end-of-summer weather has been hot and dry.

Tree trimming allows you to remove dead branches and limbs, as well as growth that may be blocking your patio, sidewalk and driveway, or hanging over the roof of your house. If the tree is quite large in size, consider renting a tree trimmer to reach the high branches. When you're done, rent a wood chipper to make mulch for next year's garden with the branches and limbs you've trimmed. A brush cutter can help clear away ground clutter.

Give your lawn some life with lawn aeration and dethatching. If your lawn is showing signs of runoff and thinning, it can mean the dirt is very compacted, and needs aeration to allow water and nutrients in. Aerator rental is an option to perforate your lawn with small holes, giving

the grass a chance to refresh and thicken prior to the winter freeze. This will help give your lawn a beautiful green look next season.

Dethatching is another lawn care option to help your lawn grow thick and lush come spring. Roots, dead stems and clippings often get trapped between the soil and the green vegetation, blocking the soil from receiving water and nutrients. Stop at your local rental store for a thatcher, which will slice through the dead materials, lifting them up and out of the way. The American Rental Association's RentalHQ.com helps you to quickly and easily find the nearest rental store to you.

Prep your gardens — both floral and vegetable — to help minimize the work you'll have to do in the spring. Remove all the dead plants, and turn over the soil using a rototiller from your local rental store, adding a layer

of natural fertilizer like leaf clippings, grass clippings or compost. Don't make the layer too thick. These materials will help provide some additional nutrients to the soil as they break down over the winter months.

Fall is a great time to plant bulbs for early spring flower decorations. Cultivate the soil by churning it up and adding a bit of compost or other fertilizer. Plant the bulb, water it and mark it so you don't accidentally dig it up early in the spring while preparing your garden for another season of growing.

Renting lawn and garden equipment washes away the worry of having to maintain and store it, leaving more room in your basement, garage and garden shed, and affording you more time to enjoy your backyard and peruse gardening catalogs and magazines as winter arrives and you dream for the first sign of spring.

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NOTES FROM CITY HALL

SOIL EROSION CONTROL

Soil erosion is a natural process that occurs when top soil is displaced by wind or storm water run-off. For municipalities, water runoff is a costly problem that often goes unnoticed and can be easily corrected with a few simple actions by builders and homeowners. It has been estimated that for every acre of land under construction, an average of three-to-six dump trucks of soil are washed into nearby bodies of water or deposited into the storm water drainage system.

Storm water run-off is generated when precipitation flows over land or impervious surfaces and is not absorbed into the ground. Moving storm water can pick up dirt, chemicals, litter and many other pollutants as it flows into the storm water system or can be deposited directly into neighborhood ponds or streams. This detachment and movement of soil and other materials by moving storm water runoff is also a significant cause of water pollution in many locations when it is discharged into untreatable bodies of water, which are often the same one's used for drinking water and recreational use.

Soil erosion can be divided into two types; sheet erosion and gully erosion. Sheet erosion occurs

when raindrops strike unprotected soil, bouncing loose dirt particles that are then rinsed away with the draining storm water. Gully erosion occurs when concentrated flows of storm water wear a channel into unprotected soil and overtime create a deep "gully" that carries away draining storm water. The accumulation of eroded soil and sediment in storm drainage systems increases the risk of damage to drainage infrastructure and the cost for storm drainage system maintenance, such as storm drain cleaning and street sweeping for local government budgets.

Implementing effective erosion control techniques are an important step in the prevention of soil loss and reducing the potential for increased water pollution. Erosion control should be an important consideration for all construction projects and home maintenance. Most often erosion control methods involve the creation of physical barriers to contain or divert the flow of excess storm water. Fortunately there is a variety of erosion-control methods that are relatively inexpensive and can be done with materials that can be obtained locally. Putting materials to use for soil erosion is a straightforward process. The knowledge needed to implement appropriate erosion

control is not extensive and is simply a matter of thinking about controlling the effects of rainfall and the storm water runoff.

Some common erosion control materials and practices include:

- Silt fence or straw bales to trap sediment on the down slope side of inclines or hills;
 - Gravel drives for use by vehicles which must leave paved roadways;
 - Mulch to cover unprotected soil;
 - Manufactured mats and screens to crate barriers between unprotected soils and paved roadways;
 - Preserve existing trees and vegetation during periods of construction;
 - Replace vegetation as soon as possible to prevent future soil erosion;
 - Limit vehicle access to only roads and streets, keeping vehicles off unprotected and future yard areas;
 - Planting of new lawns should use erosion control where needed;
 - Incorporate erosion control into new and existing landscapes.
- Erosion control is an important part of storm water management and is now required by all levels of government.

MOWING REMINDER

Whether you own or rent a property in Bel Aire, you are responsible for proper lawn care. In accordance with Bel Aire Ordinance 345, Section 9.2.1, all owners, agents, les-

sees, tenants or other person occupying or having control of a given property must maintain the premises between the property lines and extending to the centerline of any adjacent

street or alley. If you have any questions about the responsibilities pertaining to the ordinance, please contact Bel Aire City Hall at 744-2451.

Bel Aire Recreation

5251 E. 48th North • www.belaires.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.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

For girls ages 5-11. Practices will be set up by the coaches on weeknights beginning October 17. Games will be played on Saturdays starting October 29 (no games on November 26). The registration deadline is October 14. A \$5 late fee will be charged to all sign-ups after the deadline.

LITTLE DRIBBLERS

Little Dribblers is a coed instructional basketball program focusing on fundamental skills for 4 year olds. It will take place on Saturday afternoons at a time to be announced beginning October 29. The registration deadline is October 14. A \$5 late fee will be charged to all sign-ups after the deadline.

MAXIMIZE BASKETBALL CLINICS/CAMPS
Bel Aire Recreation has partnered with Brent Atwater, a former collegiate player and coach, to bring you several basketball clinics and camps throughout the year. Atwater's programs stress the fundamentals of basketball which make them perfect for kids of all ages and skill levels. This Girl's Basketball Clinic will be for ages 5-12 on Saturday, October 22 from 1:30-4:00 pm.

2012 BOYS BASKETBALL

For boys ages 5-11. Practices will be set up by the coaches on weeknights beginning December 19. Games will be played on Saturdays starting January 7, 2012. The registration deadline is November 18. A \$5 late fee will be charged to all sign-ups after the deadline.

HOLIDAY CRAFTS

Boys and girls ages 5-10 are invited to spice up your holidays with some homemade holiday crafts and decorations. On Saturday, October 22 from 10:00-11:00 am kids will be given the opportunity to get their creative juices flowing and put their own special twist on some holiday

craft projects. Space is limited, therefore pre-registration is required.

SENIOR AEROBICS

The senior aerobics class meets on Wednesdays from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. at the Bel Aire Recreation Center. You can join at any time!

ZUMBA

ZUMBA is at the Bel Aire Recreation Center! This is a Latin-inspired, dance-fitness class that incorporates Latin and international music and dance movements, creating a dynamic, exciting, exhilarating, and effective fitness system. A ZUMBA class known as a ZUMBA Fitness-Party combines fast and slow rhythms that tone and sculpt the body using an aerobic/fitness approach to achieve a unique blended balance of cardio and muscle-toning benefits. Classes are held on Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 pm and Saturdays from 9:05-10:05 am. You can join at any time!

TAEKWONDO

We are accepting registrations for ages 5 & up. Classes meet on Monday & Friday from 5:00-6:00 pm or Tuesday & Thursday from 7:10-8:10 pm. These are great classes for beginners to black belts.

YOGA

Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:10-7:10 pm. You will need to provide your own yoga mat.

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.

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

Bel Aire Senior Club

Activities are held at 4551 N. Auburn unless otherwise noted. Those 55-plus are welcome to participate. For information on programs and services for seniors, contact Vicki Shepard, Tri-City Senior Director, at 744-1199. The club is self-governed and activities benefit all participating seniors.

Free computer class Monday 10:00 AM Park City Senior Center

Free Line Dance lessons Wednesday 2:30 PM Park City Senior Center

Square Dance Lessons and Dancing 6:30 PM every Thursday (except 3rd Thursday of the month) Park City Senior Center

Dances—Saturdays 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 5th Saturday of each month At Park City Senior Center.

Call Vicki at 744-1199 for details

NEW Dances 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month with Kenny Pruitt Band for information call 755-9849

Oct. 4, 8:30 AM — Breakfast Jimmies Egg east 21st/Rock Road

Oct. 10, 10:00 AM — Board Meeting

11:30 AM Lunch at Cooperate Café—E. 29th / Rock Road

Oct. 19, 10:00 AM — Men's Coffee at Braums

Oct. 19, 2:00 PM — Ladies Tea/Coffee at Braums

Oct. 19, 1:00-2:30 PM — Flu Shots at Park City Senior Center

Oct. 25, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM — Active Aging's 2011 Independent Living Tour—seating is limited, \$10.00 per person for more information call 942-5385

Oct. 24, 6:00 PM — Covered Dish Dinner

Hosts: Helen Duncan, Jan Spangler, Donna McFarlane

Program: Loren Corliss—World War II Veteran

Oct. 26 — Assistance with enrolling in Medicare Part D—Call Vicki at 744-1199 for an appt. (enrollment at Park City Senior Center)

Oct. 31, 6:00 PM — Halloween Party (bring snacks)

For information on senior activities or resources contact Tri-City Senior Director Vicki Shepard at 744-1199

Teresa Schmied – Ark Valley News October 2011 Member of the Month Bel Aire Area Chamber of Commerce

The Executive Board of the Bel Aire Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to recognize Teresa Schmied as the October 2011 Member of the Month.

About the Ark Valley News:

The Ark Valley News is a monthly news resource which citizens have come to rely on since it merged with the Valley Center Index in 1975. Currently, the Ark Valley News is by subscription only with circulation at approximately 2,100. In 2005 a survey was conducted in Bel Aire to see if there was enough demand for a monthly newspaper. The survey results indicated overwhelming demand for a Bel Aire newspaper, which officially began in February 2006. The current owners of the Ark Valley News are Chris and Lisa Strunk, who purchased the newspaper in January 2006.

About Teresa:

Teresa has been married for 30 years to Richard Schmied. They have four children. Three are grown, and one son attends 8th grade at Valley Center Middle School. From 1997 to 2006, they lived in Bel Aire and currently live in Valley Center. Teresa started with the Ark Valley News as an advertising sales account rep in October 2009. Prior to the Ark Valley News, Teresa served as a customer service manager and senior sales manager for the former Penny-power. Her hobbies include scrapbooking and anything pertaining to NASCAR.

Bel Aire Senior Center

All events are held at the Bel Aire Senior Center located at City Hall located at 7651 East Central Park Ave. unless otherwise noted.

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 two computers available for study or research. Remember any senior can belong or attend to more than one senior center/club in Sedgwick County.

For any information about Bel Aire Senior Center activity or calendar of events,

Contact Senior Director Rick Eberhard

Office 316.744.2451 Ext. 121 – Fax 316.744.3739 – Cell 316.734.7530

E-Mail: reberhard@belaires.gov

Weekly Events:

Men's Fellowship & Coffee – On Monday @ 10 AM

TOPS Club Meetings & Educational Programs – On Tuesday @ 9:30 AM (Visitors are welcome anytime!)

Senior Bridge Club Games – On Tuesday @ 1 PM

Senior Aerobic Class – On Wednesday @ 9 AM @ Bel Aire Rec. Center 5251 E. 48th St. North

Senior Oil Painting Class – On Thursday @ 1 PM (Cost)

Weekly Senior Breakfast – On Friday @ 9 AM @ Cracker Barrel Restaurant – 995 E. 61st North, Park City (Not held on Fridays when Breakfast & Learn or other special events are held at the Senior Center)

For more information about events about the Bel Aire Senior Center or to sign up for electronic senior news/events contact Senior Director Rick Eberhard

Office Telephone: 316.744.2451 Ext. 121 – Fax 316.744.3739 or Cell 734.7530 or E-Mail reberhard@belaires.gov

Attention All Seniors: Medicare OPEN ENROLLMENT starts Oct. 15 through Dec. 7, 2011!!!

Next "Bel Aire Community wide BLOOD DRIVE" for the American Red Cross is Nov. 1 from 12 P.M. to 6 P.M. in Community Room!!!

Oct. 1 - 7:30 to 9:30 AM – Via Christi Senior Connection Semiannual Blood Screening at West River Plaza Office, 2622 W. Central, Call 689-5700 for appointment (cost)

Oct. 3 - 6:30 PM - Monthly Senior Potluck Dinner and Special Program – bring a large covered dish to share with others and your own table service – Program @ 7:30 PM – Guest Speaker is Mr. John Boldenow. Mr. Boldenow is well known locally and nationally for his exemplary work in the performing arts. John serves as Director of Theatre at Wichita Center for the Arts. He also is a member of the Certified Appraisers Guild of America, and specializes in American art and furniture, and ethnographic material from around the world. Each senior couple or single senior is invited to bring 1 hand carried item to be reviewed and appraised free during the evening program. Drinks are provided.

Oct. 5 - 6:30 PM - Senior Advisory Board Meeting at the Senior Center

Oct. 7 - 9 AM - Special "Senior Breakfast & Learn" in Senior Center. Diane Yoder and a Counselor from Showalter Villa in Hesston, KS will be here to discuss "Dementia". Is it a senior moment or is it dementia? What are the signs and symptoms? RSVP for food count-please.

Oct. 7 - 10 AM to 7 PM – All Seniors are invited to the 3rd Annual Mobility Rodeo at Kansas Truck Mobility office at 8846 Monroe Circle in Wichita (just S of Kellogg on Tyler Rd.) Visit representatives from mobility and manufacturer firms from Bruno, El Dorado National, PVI and VMI. Call 722-4291 for more info.

Oct. 7 - 7:00 PM – "Senior Fun Night" – call area seniors are encouraged to come enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship in our Senior Center. Bring your favorite card or board game/s from home to share with others. Please bring some snacks or finer food to share with others for the evening.

Oct. 8 - Senior Red Hats Society Meeting – Call 744-0217 for time and details.

Oct. 8 - Enjoy dancing with Charlotte and Terry Crane and The County Heartbeats at the Senior Center in Park City at 7:00 PM. Tickets are cheaper with advance RSVP's as compared to tickets at the door. Call 316-305-1008 for ticket information.

Oct. 11 - 9:30 AM – Special educational speaker at TOPS Club meeting. Agent Lisa Friesen from Sedgwick Co. Extension Office will present a special program "Why whole grains are healthy and good for you." Come find out why American's are urged to "choose a variety of grains, especially whole grains." Public is cordially invited.

Oct. 12 – 10 AM - "Preserve your Family Memories" presentation by Rod Frederking of Wichita in the Senior Center. Come discover how you can preserve and pass on old memories to future generations. Old photos, old film/video tapes and much more can be restored to almost new for all to enjoy.

Oct. 14 – 9 AM – Come enjoy hearing "What's more, Cooking under Pressure" presentation by Michael Steinberg, M, PHR from Home Instead Senior Care during the Friday morning Breakfast and Learn event in the Senior Center. RSVP's are encouraged.

Oct. 16 – 3 PM – Health group meeting in the Senior Center.

Oct. 18 - 9:30 AM - TOPS Club meeting – Special educational speaker Mr. Tony Madrigal of Wichita will be presenting his unique life's story of "Losing Weight Sensible." The Public is invited.

Oct. 21 - 9 AM – Come enjoy hearing Holly Bellora from Right @ Home will share the benefits of Home and Health Care for seniors in the Senior Center. She will provide light refreshments and hot coffee will be served while you learn some differences between the two special services available to most seniors.

Oct. 21 & 24 – Senior Director will be out of the office. Call Director's cell phone 316-734-7530 if needed.

Oct. 24 – Bel Aire Tree Board Meeting at 7 P.M.

Oct. 25 – 9 AM - Enjoy a fun-filled day exploring Wichita's Independent Living Communities. You will be treated to a FREE lunch and lots of goodies. Don't miss out and contact the Senior Director to sign up for \$10.00 and forms are available.

Oct. 25 – 9:30 AM – Agent Lisa Friesen from the Sedgwick Co. Extension Office will discuss "Holiday Health for Food Safety and Turkey Do's and Don'ts at the morning TOP'S Club meeting.

Oct. 26 - 1 to 3:30 PM – "Senior Law Fair" @ Kansas Legal Services, 200 N. Broadway, Suite 500 in Wichita. Get free assistance with preparing POA for healthcare, durable Powers of Attorney, Living Wills, Transfer on Death Deeds (bring your legal description). Must be 60 or older.

Oct. 26 – 7 PM - Senior Bunko Games @ 7 P.M. in Senior Center.

Oct. 28 - 6 PM – Light Senior Supper @ Senior Center \$6.00 per person (catered). 7 P.M. Senior Pitch Games will begin until 9:30 PM. Please bring some finger type food to share or snacks to share with others. Complimentary drinks will be provided. RSVP's are required for supper only. Bring a brown bag if you would like and just come on down and join the fun and fellowship.

ATTENTION VETERAN'S: Sign up to enroll early for the official "AARP Driver Safety Course" coming up on Friday, November 4th from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.? Sign up on special Veteran Participant Form in Senior Director's Office and you take the class for FREE. (Specific veterans ID is required) The public is invited to enroll in this class. Upon completion of the class you should be eligible for a discount from your insurance carrier. This will be the last class offered in Bel Aire in 2011. Sign up in the Senior Director's office.

Plan your 2012 Vacation with Collette Vacations and the Bel Aire Senior Center: Drop by and pick up your NEW 2012 "San Francisco Getaway" featuring Monterey & Sonoma Valley scheduled for March 19-23, 2012 and get the packet for "Islands of New England" for 8 days from September 21 – 28, 2012. The New England package includes Rhode Island, Boston, Mass., Martha's Vineyard in Cape Cod and Nantucket etc. If you cannot come by and pick up the 2012 travel packets/brochures, they can be mailed to you. Sign up soon!!!!!!

POLICE REPORTS

Sept. 26 — Officer Hutton responded to an audible alarm at 5801 E. 45th North. The house was secure.

Sept. 26 — Officer Hutton assisted EMS at 5300 N. Rock Road.

Sept. 25 — Officers Hutton, Wallender and Swanson checked for a wanted subject at 4033 N. Danbury. Fredrick Crabtree II was arrested on traffic warrants and a felony drug warrant.

Sept. 25 — Officer Steele conducted a building check at 5500 E. 45th North.

Sept. 25 — Officers Steele and Toomey assisted Valley Center police with a motor vehicle accident at 4900 E. 77th North.

Sept. 24 — Officer Hutton assisted Park City and Kechi police with a car chase in the 5100 block of East K-254.

Sept. 24 — Officer McCaslin assisted Sedgwick County fire at 4610 N. Farmstead Court. There was no fire at this location. There was a controlled burn at 4618 N. Farmstead Court.

Sept. 24 — Officers Hutton and McCaslin responded to the report of a suspicious character in a vehicle in the area of 4900 N. Ashton. Officers checked the area and did not locate the vehicle.

Sept. 24 — Officer Steele responded to the report of a suspicious character at 3800 N. Oliver. Officer located two subjects; one was a resident. Officer located several unlocked doors in part of the apartment building that was undergoing restoration.

Sept. 23 — Detective Pentecost took the report of a lost or stolen tag at 6000 E. Perryton.

Sept. 23 — Officer McCaslin contacted a person about a vacation watch on their home.

Sept. 23 — Officer McCaslin responded to the report of a stolen vehicle at 4602 N. Hedgerow. A vehicle was taken from the driveway. The vehicle was repossessed.

Sept. 23 — Officer Steele discovered a broken city limit sign at 5700 N. Webb Road. The sign was transported to the public works building.

Sept. 23 — Officer Steele responded to a vehicle accident at 53rd North and Oliver. A vehicle with damage was in the ditch. There were no occupants in the vehicle. Officer searched the area and went to the registered owner's address. Officer did not locate any occupants. Officer Hazelwood was later contacted by the registered owner who completed a report.

Sept. 23 — Officer Foxx assisted Sedgwick County Fire Department at 5200 N. Woodlawn.

Sept. 23 — Officer Steele was approached by a person at 5200 N. Woodlawn. Officer observed a clear plastic bag with a botanical substance on the person. The substance later tested positive for marijuana. Aaron C. Stegink was arrested on a charge of possession of drugs. Officer said Stegink later confessed to setting the grass and leaves on fire during questioning at the station.

Sept. 22 — Officer Steele conducted a building check at 5500 E. 45th North.

Sept. 22 — Officer Steele found a missing speed limit sign at 4800 E. 53rd North.

Sept. 21 — Officer McCaslin responded to an alarm at 6300 E. 37th North. Officer contacted employees and determined the alarm was false.

Sept. 21 — Lt. Spencer responded to the report of disorderly conduct at 4550 Woodlow. Michael Carter was arrested on a City of Wichita warrant.

Sept. 21 — Officer Steele responded to the report of domestic violence at 4550 N. Woodlow. Michael Carter was arrested on a City of Wichita citation warrant certification.

Sept. 21 — Officer Steele conducted a building check at 5500 E. 45th North.

Sept. 21 — Officer Steele responded to the report of a burglary at 3919 N. Hillcrest Suite 2. Officer contacted two people. They didn't know if anything was missing. The container near an unsecured door appeared to be untouched.

Sept. 21 — Officer Steele found a vehicle parked on the street in the 3800 block of North Hillcrest with no license plate. The vehicle tag was inactive/expired since 2003. A notification of impound warning was attached to the vehicle.

Sept. 21 — Officer Steele conducted a traffic stop at 5600 E. 53rd North. A person was issued citations for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

Sept. 19 — Officer Hazelwood assisted EMS at 5331 N. Woodlawn.

Sept. 19 — Officer Hutton responded to a vehicle accident at 5100 E. 45th North.

Sept. 19 — Lt. Spencer responded to the report of an intoxicated male at Family Video at 4554 N. Woodlawn who was refusing to leave. Officer contacted the person who said he was trying to get directions to his brother's house. His brother was contacted and picked him up.

Sept. 19 — Officer Swanson responded to the report of disorderly conduct at 4257 Rushwood Court. A person received several phone calls on her cell phone.

Sept. 19 — Officer Steele conducted a building check at 5500 E. 45th North.

Sept. 18 — Officer Hazelwood assisted a citizen at 6135 Quail Ridge Court.

Sept. 18 — Officer Hutton responded to a vehicle accident at 4830 E. 44th North Court.

Sept. 18 — Officer Swanson was contacted by a person at the station who found a purse in the 4100 block of North Woodlawn. Officer found the owner of the purse. The owner picked up the purse from the station. Nothing was missing.

Sept. 18 — Officer Swanson assisted

Wichita police at 3561 N. Rock Road. Officer Swanson located a shoplifting suspect and took him into custody.

Sept. 18 — Officer Hutton responded to the report of larceny in the 6900 block of Perryton. A person reported that his son lost his phone in Bel Aire Park. When he called his son's phone, a person answered and said he would only give the phone back if he was paid \$600. Officer called the phone and got voicemail. T-Mobile agreed to shut off the phone if the owner contacted them.

Sept. 18 — Officer Steele conducted a building check at 500 E. 45th North.

Sept. 17 — Officer Steele found an open outgoing mail door at Central Park Avenue and Gabriel Street. There were no noticeable signs of suspicious activity.

Sept. 17 — Officer Steele responded to the report of a disturbance at 4171 N. Harding. Officer contacted a person who said that a birthday party was going on. Officer advised the person to take measures to avoid additional complaints.

Sept. 17 — Officer Steele conducted a building check at 5500 E. 45th North.

Sept. 17 — Officer Steele conducted a traffic stop at 4900 N. Rock Road. Christa G. Delaney was arrested on a charge of DUI.

Sept. 16 — Officer Spencer responded to an alarm at 6300 E. 37th North. The alarm was false.

Sept. 16 — Officer Steele responded to a request to contact the owner of a vehicle possibly involved in an accident in Wichita. Officer contacted the owners at 5824 E. Danbury. Their son informed them earlier that the vehicle had been stolen.

Sept. 15 — Officer Swanson responded to the report of suspicious characters in the 4600 block of Hedgerow. Officer located the people. They were helping a homeowner at 4639 N. Hedgerow unload items into her home.

Sept. 15 — Officer Swanson noticed a vehicle at 53rd North and Woodlawn make a wide turn and nearly drive into the ditch. Officer conducted a traffic stop. Officer noticed a smell of marijuana coming from the interior of the vehicle. He also noticed a prescription pill bottle in the center console of the vehicle. The juvenile driving the vehicle said there was marijuana in the vehicle. He was cited for traffic violations and released to the care of his parents. The three other juveniles in the vehicle were released to their parents. The marijuana and a glass pipe were confiscated and placed into property and evidence.

Sept. 15 — Officer Foxx assisted EMS at 5700 E. 41st North.

Sept. 14 — Officer Brandewide responded to the request to check on a student who left school. Officer located the student near Bel Aire Park and brought him back to the school. He said that two students were picking on him. The school was informed of the situation and said they would take appropriate action.

Sept. 14 — Officer Swanson responded to the report of a larceny at 4212 N. Rushwood. An air conditioner unit was taken.

Sept. 13 — Officer Hutton responded to the report of vandalism at 4319 N. Edgemoor. Someone broke out a car window between Sept. 12 and 13.

Sept. 13 — Officer Foxx conducted a traffic stop at 5800 E. 37th North. Officer issued citations.

Sept. 12 — Officer Hazelwood took the report of burglary at 4234 N. Oliver, No. 2. Someone tried to enter by forcing the garage door handle. They did not make entry to the residence.

Sept. 12 — Officer Brandewide conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle with a broken window and defective muffler. The driver had no proof of insurance. She was issued a citation.

Sept. 12 — Officer Hutton responded to the report of larceny at 4065 N. Woodlawn, No. 1. A piece of office equipment was taken between Sept. 2 and 5. Another piece of equipment was taken between Sept. 9 and 12. There was no forced entry.

Sept. 12 — Officer Steele responded to a person in the 4800 block of East Willow Point Court about a vehicle that was reported stolen. The vehicle was taken from the juvenile by a parent.

Sept. 11 — Officer Brandewide conducted a traffic stop at 6300 E. 37th North. A person was issued citations.

Sept. 11 — Officer Brandewide conducted a traffic stop in the 5800 block of East 37th North. A person was issued citations.

Sept. 10 — Officer Hazelwood responded to the request to check shots fired in the area of 53rd North between Woodlawn and Oliver. Officer contacted several hunters. They were asked to stop hunting.

Sept. 10 — Officer Hazelwood responded to the report of a larceny at 5500 E. 45th North. A person stole a football jersey. The jersey was returned.

Sept. 10 — Officer Foxx assisted Park City police at 4616 N. Hydraulic.

Sept. 10 — Officer Foxx assisted EMS at 4700 N. Hillcrest.

Sept. 10 — Officer Steele conducted a traffic stop in the 5100 block of North Oliver. A person was issued citations.

Sept. 10 — Officer Foxx assisted EMS at 4037 N. Parkwood.

Sept. 9 — Officer Hazelwood assisted a citizen at 5720 E. Memphis.

Sept. 9 — Officer Hazelwood took the report of a person receiving threatening phone calls at 7651 E. Central Park.

Sept. 9 — Officer Hutton responded to an audible burglary alarm at 6254 E. 37th North, No. 110. Officer checked the

Police adjusting to budget cuts

By Matt Heilman

Change is on the way for the Bel Aire Police Department, but Chief John Daily said he hopes to maintain the quality of service residents have come to expect.

On Oct. 1, the police department will have three fewer full-time officers and two fewer part-timers working for the city. The personnel hit is a result of a more than \$300,000 cut to the department's budget.

The department is also having to function without an administrative assistant. Daily said officers wouldn't be available to answer every call made to the department at 744-6000.

If an officer isn't available to answer a call at the police department, Daily advises citizens to call 911 and ask for a Bel Aire officer to come by their home or business or leave a number so the officer can call them back.

"We're going to do the absolute best we can to provide the services our community has grown accustomed to," Daily said.

business. There were no signs of criminal activity.

Sept. 9 — Officer Foxx responded to the report of an audible alarm at 4415 Dundee. The alarm was false.

Sept. 8 — Officer Foxx conducted a traffic stop at 5000 N. Woodlawn. A person was issued traffic citations.

Sept. 7 — Officer Brandewide assisted Sedgwick County EMS at 4412 N. Edgemoor.

Sept. 7 — Officer Brandewide conducted a traffic stop in the 4800 block of North Woodlawn. A person was issued traffic citations.

Sept. 7 — Officer Foxx checked the construction site at 5200 N. Woodlawn. Officer secured a trailer.

Sept. 5 — Officer Brandewide took the report of a larceny at 6983 N. Woodlawn, Suite 1. A person reported damage to a Pepsi machine and money stolen from the machine.

Sept. 5 — Officer Hutton responded to a trash dump at 4900 N. Greenwood.

Sept. 5 — Officer Swanson responded to the report of a suspicious person in the 5000 block of Lake Breeze Court. Officer did not locate the person.

Sept. 4 — Officer Brandewide responded to the report of a 911 hang-up call at 6428 E. Odessa. Children were playing on the phone.

Sept. 4 — Officer Brandewide conducted a traffic stop at 6700 E. 45th North. Glen Wade Williams II was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

Sept. 4 — Officer Brandewide conducted a traffic stop at 6600 E. 45th North. Shawna Denise Webb was arrested on a Wichita Police Department bench warrant.

Sept. 4 — Officer Hutton responded to an audible alarm at 4839 N. Glendale. The house was secure and there did not appear to be any criminal activity.

Sept. 4 — Officer Swanson responded to the report of a disturbance at 5251 E. Central Park Avenue. There was no disturbance. Several people playing soccer on the fields were asked to leave.

Sept. 4 — Officer Steele responded to an audible alarm at 4466 N. Rushwood. Officer contacted a person.

Sept. 4 — Officer Steele conducted a traffic stop in the 5600 block of North Rock Road. A person was issued citations.

Sept. 3 — Officer Brandewide conducted a traffic stop at 6300 E. 37th North. Dawna Aeissa Lester was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

Sept. 3 — Officer Hutton assisted EMS at 6715 E. 44th North.

Sept. 3 — Officer McCaslin responded to an audible alarm at 4839 N. Glendale. Officers checked the residence and found it secure.

Sept. 3 — Officer Steele responded to an audible alarm at 4100 N. Woodlawn. Officer checked the area. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

Sept. 2 — Officer Hutton responded to the report of a stolen tag decal at 5033 N. Lake Breeze Court.

Sept. 2 — Officer Foxx responded to the report of a loud party at 4415 Edgemoor Court. Officer contacted the resident who said they would move the party indoors.

Sept. 2 — Officer Foxx responded to the report of a loud party at 4657 N. Farmstead. Officer contacted a person and told him to take the party indoors.

Sept. 1 — Officer Foxx responded to the report of an audible alarm at 3200 E. 45th North. Officer checked the buildings. They were secure. There were no signs of burglary or vandalism.

Aug. 31 — Officer Brandewide conducted a traffic stop at 4800 E. 37th North. Veola May Quianna Austin was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

Aug. 31 — Officer Brandewide conducted a traffic stop at 4800 E. 37th North. Veola May Quianna Austin was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

Aug. 31 — Officer Brandewide responded to the report of vandalism at 7651 E. Central Park Avenue. A person scratched another person's car.

Aug. 30 — Officer Brandewide found a wallet at 5300 E. 45th North. Officer contacted the owner of the wallet.

Aug. 28 — Officer Brandewide responded to the report of a suspicious character in the 3900 block of Edgemoor. Officer located the person. He was waiting for his son.

Aug. 28 — Officer Hazelwood responded to the report of a 911 hang-up call at 125 S. Foreman in Kechi. There was no answer at the residence. The neighbor said the neighborhood has been having phone problems.

Aug. 28 — Officers Toomey and Steele responded to the report of an audible alarm at 5910 E. 37th North. Officer did not hear an alarm. Nothing appeared to be damaged.

Aug. 27 — Officer Brandewide responded to the report of vandalism at 5601 E. 41st North. Two tires on a trailer were punctured.

Aug. 27 — Officer Hazelwood assisted EMS at 4740 Glendale.

Aug. 27 — Officer Hutton responded to the report of a domestic disturbance at 5810 E. Denise. The disturbance was verbal only.

Aug. 27 — Officers Hutton and McCaslin responded to the report of a domestic disturbance at 4949 N. Homestead. The disturbance was verbal only.

Aug. 27 — Officer Foxx responded to the report of a suspicious vehicle in the 4900 block of Parkhurst. Officer did not locate the vehicle.

Aug. 27 — Officer Foxx assisted Kechi police by searching for a subject in the 200 block of S. Flint Ridge. Officer did not locate the person.

Aug. 27 — Officer Foxx responded to an audible alarm at 5910 E. 37th North. The building was secure. The alarm company contacted the key holder. Officer did not make contact with the key holder.

Aug. 26 — Lt. Griggs conducted a traffic stop at 6200 E. Perryton after observing four people riding in the bed of a truck. A person was issued citations.

Aug. 26 — Officer Hutton responded to an audible alarm at 4033 N. Woodlawn Court, No. 2. Officer contacted an employee. There was no criminal activity.

Aug. 25 — Officer McCaslin took the report of a dog running away from 4382 N. Eagle Lake.

Aug. 25 — Lt. Spencer assisted EMS at 4622 N. Farmstead.

Aug. 25 — Officer Foxx checked a ve-

hicle parked illegally at 4500 N. Auburn. Officer contacted the owner who said the vehicle broke down. A tow sticker was placed on the vehicle.

Aug. 24 — Officer Swanson responded to the report of domestic battery at 5800 E. 49th North. A person was issued a uniform criminal complaint and a protection-from-abuse order.

Aug. 24 — Officer McCaslin responded to the report of a burglary at 6111 E. Danbury. An item was taken from the house.

Aug. 24 — Officer Foxx responded to an audible alarm at 5910 E. 37th North. There were no signs of entry or burglary. All doors were secure.

Aug. 23 — Officer Brandewide responded to the report of an auto theft at 6300 E. 37th North. Enterprise leased a vehicle on July 1 that was to be returned Aug. 10. The vehicle was not returned and Enterprise could not contact the lessee.

Aug. 23 — Officer Brandewide conducted a traffic stop at 4800 N. Woodlawn.

Aug. 23 — Officer Brandewide took the report of a person returning a vehicle to Enterprise related to an earlier case. Tanesha Newton-Hines was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license and a Wichita warrant.

Aug. 23 — Officer Brandewide arrested Gino F. Pipkins on a charge of driving with a suspended license at 6300 E. 37th North.

Aug. 23 — Officer Hazelwood responded to the report of vandalism at 6321 E. 44th North. A person broke out a driver's side window in a vehicle.

Aug. 22 — Officer McGuire took the report of trespassing at 5251 E. 48th North. A group of unknown people played soccer on fields that were marked "field closed." The fields were damaged as a result.

Aug. 22 — Officer McGuire conducted a traffic stop at 5000 N. Woodlawn. A person was issued traffic citations.

Aug. 22 — Officer Hutton assisted EMS at 4843 N. Chapel View.

Aug. 22 — Lt. Spencer responded to the report of possible shots fired in the 5500 block of East 38th North. Officer checked the area but did not locate the source of the noise.

Aug. 21 — Officer Brandewide conducted a traffic stop in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn. Anthony Gregory Livingston was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

Aug. 21 — Officer Brandewide responded to the report of telephone at 5150 N. Hampton.

Aug. 20 — Officer Brandewide was flagged down by a citizen who noticed a dog at large in the yard at 5550 E. 38th North. An animal control officer arrived and retrieved the dog.

Aug. 20 — Officer Brandewide conducted a traffic stop at 5531 E. 37th North. Jessica Marie Eckhardt was arrested on City of Wichita warrants.

Aug. 19 — Officer McGuire responded to an audible alarm at 4846 E. 44th Court. Officer found no signs of burglary, theft or vandalism.

Aug. 19 — Officer Foxx took the report of harassment from a person at the station.

Aug. 19 — Officer Foxx took a phone call from a person who checked her son's Facebook page and found an invitation to a keg party in Bel Aire on Sept. 24. It said that parents should not attend. The person said she would e-mail a copy of the invitation to the police station.

Aug. 19 — Officer Hutton responded to an audible alarm at 6175 E. Quail Ridge Court. The homeowner set the alarm and forgot that a construction company was coming to do work at the house.

Aug. 19 — Lt. Spencer responded to the report of two dogs at large. The

owner was contacted and officer told the reporting party that animal control would be notified.

Aug. 19 — Officer Hutton assisted EMS at 5120 N. Colonial Ave.

Aug. 19 — Officer Hazelwood responded to an audible alarm at 6300 E. 37th North. The alarm company was unable to locate a key holder.

Aug. 18 — Officer Foxx took a report by phone of a lost or stolen decal from a license tag.

Aug. 18 — Officer McGuire assisted Sedgwick County EMS and Fire at 3975 Woodlawn Court.

Aug. 18 — Officer McGuire transported a person to the Bel Aire City Court. The person threatened to "kill" the officer. The person pled "no contest" to two previous charges and the charge of assault was dropped regarding her plea.

Aug. 18 — Officer Swanson responded to an alarm at 3835 N. Hillcrest. Officer found the building secure. A key holder arrived and found no signs of forced entry and nothing missing.

Aug. 17 — Officer Brandewide responded to an alarm at 4839 N. Hedgerow Court. Officer found the home secure with no signs of criminal activity.

Aug. 17 — Officer Swanson assisted EMS at 4016 N. Auburn.

Aug. 17 — Officer Hazelwood took the report of a threat. The threat was made while the person was at work in Dodge City. She was advised to call the Dodge City police to make a report.

Aug. 16 — Officer Brandewide assisted Sedgwick County Fire Department at 4452 N. St. James Place.

Aug. 16 — Officer Foxx assisted a citizen at 4356 Eagle Lake Court.

Aug. 16 — Lt. Griggs checked a residence at 5916 E. 41st North.

Aug. 14 — Officer Hutton responded to an audible alarm at 4747 N. Webb Road. Officer contacted the owner and several employees who said the alarm was false.

Aug. 14 — Officer Hutton assisted Kansas Highway Patrol and Sedgwick County Fire Department with an injury accident at K-254 and 45th North.

Aug. 14 — Officer Steele confirmed a Bel Aire Municipal Court bench warrant on Ida Amanda-Sue Bennett. A copy of the warrant was faxed to the Sedgwick County jail.

Aug. 14 — Officer Hutton responded to a hit-and-run accident at 4435 N. Eagle Lake Drive.

Aug. 14 — Officer Steele responded to the report of an overturned vehicle on fire at 4900 N. Greenwood.

Aug. 13 — Officer McGuire responded to a non-injury hit-and-run accident at 4464 N. Mission.

Aug. 13 — Officer Brandewide responded to an alarm at 5620 N. Perryton. The building was checked. A resident showed up and said everything was OK.

Aug. 13 — Officer McCaslin responded to the report of a burglary at 6518 E. St. James. Someone was able to enter the garage but was not able to enter the home. Nothing was missing.

Aug. 13 — Officer Hazelwood noticed a vehicle by the gas pumps at the high school at 5900 N. Greenwood. The person was attempting to take gas. The person led the officer on a short chase. The person shot himself.

Aug. 12 — Officer McGuire assisted EMS at 5826 E. Clarendon.

Aug. 12 — Lt. Spencer took the report of a person dumping a dead goat in a business dumpster at 3845 N. Woodlawn.

Aug. 12 — Officer Hutton took the report of children at a birthday party accidentally knocking down a lamp post next to the city pool at 7300 E. Central Park.

Aug. 12 — Officer Hutton took the report of a person making a threatening phone call at 4423 N. Edgemoor.

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HIGHLIGHT

Levon Holden and Tim Walburn exchanged vows Sept. 16 in a private ceremony at the Botanical Gardens in Wichita with their children present. Randy Storm officiated the ceremony. She has a son, Joshua Holden, and two daughters and a son-in-law, Emily and Jamie Fewin and Hannah Holden. His daughter Shelbie Walburn and her boyfriend Kevin Harper attended the wedding. He also has a daughter, Bayleigh Walburn, in Seattle who was unable to attend the wedding.

The couple celebrated with family and friends at The Boulevard. The couple will reside in Bel Aire with her daughter Hannah.



Levon and Tim Walburn

DEATHS

JOHN DEENIHAN

John J. "Jack" Deenihan, 86, died Sept. 8, 2011.

He was a retired loan officer of SBA.

He was preceded in death by his son, Michael.

Survivors include his wife, Tillie (Hurd) Deenihan; children, Patrick Deenihan and Kelly Johnson (Bob), both of Wichita, Erin Daily (Mark) of Bel Aire, KS and Teri Irick (Dean) of Wichita; grandchildren, Bridget Deenihan, Sean Deenihan, Daniel Deenihan, Danielle Mapes, Ryan Irick, Brianna Wolf, Erin Deenihan, Missy Daily and Patrick Daily; sister, Colleen Young (Tommy) of Okla.

Rosary was Sept. 12 and Funeral Mass was Sept. 13, both at Church of the Resurrection.

A memorial has been established with Resurrection School Library, 4900 N. Woodlawn, Bel Aire, KS, 67226.

Downing & Lahey Mortuary East had charge.

FELIX MARTINEZ

Felix M. Martinez, 83, of Wichita, died Sept. 22, 2011.

He was a retired Rock Island - Katy Railroad Foreman. He was born in Los Nietos, Calif. to Baudelio Martinez and Geronina (Martin) Martinez.

He was preceded in death by his infant son, Antonio Martinez; and his parents, Baudelio and Geronina Martinez.

Survivors include his wife, Manuela Martinez; children, Janie Dominguez of Clovis, Calif., Felix (Pamela) Martinez of Wichita, Baudelio Martinez of Wichita, Andres (Jackie) Martinez of Bel Aire, Marie (Brian) Methe of Wichita, Dolores (Geoff) Hurst of Wichita, Ysidro Martinez of Taylor, Texas; 19 grandchildren; many great grandchildren.

Private services. Baker Funeral Home of Valley Center had charge.

Sunrise

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credited his receivers for piling up the yardage. Howell said most of his 44 pass completions were screens and short routes where receivers were able to find room through a Christ Prep defense that didn't apply much pressure.

His favorite target was Prestyn Atherton, who caught 12 passes for 257 yards.

"Most of the routes were open all night and most of the yards came after the catch," Howell said.

Howell said he didn't feel like he threw for as many yards as he did in the Sunrise win over Christ Prep, but thought it was "pretty cool" to break a record and be recognized on the local news. Howell didn't find out he had set a state record until Hall broke the news to him on Sept. 5.

While he may not have foreseen a state record, Hall said Howell's success this season hasn't come as a surprise.

"We thought that he had the

Bel Aire looking to kickstart chamber involvement

By Matt Heilman

In addition to marketing Bel Aire, Cody Sims, a part-time assistant to City Manager Ty Lasher, is trying to spur growth with the Bel Aire Chamber of Commerce. Currently, the chamber has about 35 members, but only a few business representatives attend monthly meetings.

In partnership with Wichita State University, the chamber obtained a grant to provide local employers and employees with training modules in job retention and business expansion.

The first module held at City Hall was Sept. 9. Wichita State University's Barton School of Business professor, Dr. Gerald Graham guided 10 participants on management

decisions and how to make the best hires.

The second module is planned for Nov. 18 and will focus on what employees want from their jobs. The third and final module set for Feb. 10 will focus on how employers retain good employees.

Sims said he sees a lot of

potential for Bel Aire's chamber of commerce if more businesses in northeast Wichita would get involved.

"There are a lot of businesses that would be a benefit to the chamber," Sims said. "Bringing them in and getting them involved would help the community."

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On paper, the tax increase might look bad, but it's the best the city can do without impacting services, Lasher, Mayor Harold Smith and the council have said. As Lasher noted during final budget presentations in August, Bel Aire's tax rate remains "toward the middle of the pack" even after the increase when comparing Bel Aire to other south-central Kansas cities of a similar size that offer similar services.

The tax rate comparison Lasher presented looked at how much the owner of a \$150,000 home has to pay in 10 Wichita area cities, including Bel Aire, Andover, Goddard, Park City, Valley Center, Mulvane, Rose Hill, Maize, Haysville and El Dorado.

In comparing the same cities, Bel Aire has the lowest crime rate and is among the closest to amenities in Wichita, Lasher said.

During this month's Fall Parade of Homes, Lasher said he planned to put together packets of information, breaking down the cost to live in Bel Aire and the comparisons to other cities.

He said he also wanted to provide more information for residents to get a better grasp of where their tax and utility dollars are spent. On the city's website, www.belaireks.gov, there is a link to the 32-page outline of the 2012 budget. To

Bel Aire most affluent city in area

According to a database compiled on a blog affiliated with the Wichita Business Journal, Bel Aire is the most affluent city in the Wichita area while Kechi is No. 3 on the list. Andover is ranked second. The ranking is based on factors such as median household income, home values and education.

In a population of 6,694, Bel Aire has a median household income of \$80,723. The median house value is \$146,000. Nearly 50 percent of residents at least 25 years old have at least a bachelor's degree.

With a population of 1,869, Kechi has a median household income of \$72,321 with a median house value of \$156,300. Also on the list is Valley Center, the ninth most affluent city in the Wichita area, according to the study.

While being considered "affluent" is a positive mark for any city, Kechi Administrator Mark Tallman discussed one drawback. Per capita, Bel Aire and Kechi are too wealthy to qualify for most federal and state grants, he said.

See the outline, click on the 2012 budget tab along the left side of city's home page then scroll down to the last link that says "2012 ADOPTED BUDGET."

After getting through another budget season, Lasher and Sims are trying to develop a new mission statement for Bel Aire, a single sentence that outlines the city's vision for what it aspires to be.

City leaders are seeking input from residents to help establish the new mission statement. Lasher said he was encouraged by the residents' feedback during two town hall budget meetings this summer and hoped to see public interest continue.

"We want to have the citi-

zens help create a brand, if you will, for the City of Bel Aire that we all can call our own," Sims said.

Lasher said the time is right to form a new mission statement for Bel Aire because there's a new economy with a vital need for growth.

"We want to get the message out there that Bel Aire isn't just another small town," Lasher said. "We thought it'd be a great time to give Bel Aire a new mission statement."

Residents are encouraged to send ideas for Bel Aire's new mission statement to Cody Sims at csims@belaireks.gov.

On the first page of the budget outline, there is Bel Aire's current mission statement, which calls for the city's staff

to work for and with citizens to provide a safe and clean community that includes basic services, educational programs and recreational facilities "that enhance the excellent quality of life for residents, potential residents and visitors."

So, what do residents think?

In Bel Aire, there are basically two trains of thought in regards to how residents feel about how much they spend to live in the city. Some residents feel they see a return on what they pay in property taxes and utility bills while others think the city hasn't done enough to find money-saving opportunities, and believe the "expensive tag" applies.

Resident Joey Parnell has lived in Bel Aire's Central Park development for five years. While Parnell said he enjoys living in Bel Aire, he believes the city should have been more open to explore opportunities to utilize the infrastructure available in Wichita to save costs, including help with law enforce-

ment.

"I think it's an expensive city and it's not just the mill levy, but the water rates," Parnell said. "It's at least twice as high as Wichita's."

Bel Aire's water rates are higher than most area cities because residents get water from the City of Wichita as well as the Chisholm Creek Utility Authority.

During this summer's town hall meetings about the budget, some residents voiced a concern that Bel Aire was paying more than they should to the CCUA, which also includes Park City.

Residents like Jared Hamburg addressed the council over the last several months and pointed to higher gasoline and food prices in the case against the city's plans to raise taxes.

Katie Wyatt, a Central Park resident, said water rates are the biggest complaint she's heard from fellow residents, but she doesn't see Bel Aire as "expensive," with the city's services and amenities including parks and the rec center.

"As far as from a community perspective, I don't think I've ever met anyone who

actually lives in Bel Aire who doesn't love it. Everybody loves the small-town atmosphere," she said. "Is Bel Aire feeling the pinch right now? Sure, but a lot of people are."

Longtime resident Pat MacDonald said she considers herself an amateur salesperson for Bel Aire and said fellow residents should focus on the city's positive attributes.

Along with defending its services, she pointed out that Bel Aire was the first city in the state to have a smoking ban and one of the first in the area to implement a recycling program.

"I think everything is well run and we are getting a return," she said.

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On Sept. 28, residents in Wichita's school district were "invited to attend an introductory community meeting to learn about the school boundary change process and the timeline the Board of Education will use to make key decisions," Arensman said.

In December, there will be

more opportunities for public input, as different boundary options and maps will be presented to the community in four quadrant meetings, a USD 259 news release on the district's website said.

To keep tabs on the district's progress toward opening the new schools, follow updates available under the "Headline News" banner on the home page of www.usd259.org.

Enrollment figures for USD 259 have also been re-

leased. District-wide, 50,103 students attend Wichita schools, an increase of 70 students from last year and the district's highest enrollment since 1975, said a USD 259 news release.



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