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Candidates address city's needs in forum

By Matt Heilman

In the first public forum to introduce Bel Aire's city council candidates and its mayoral candidate, the key issues in the city were brought to the surface. In front of a full house gathered March 18 at the Bel Aire Rec Center, the candidates addressed the future council's vital role in helping the city alleviate its land debt and keep a watchful eye on utility rates.

For council candidate Guy MacDonald, the city's most important issue toward solving its debt is continued development of The Sunflower Commerce Park. He also said it was important for the city to live within its means and vowed to be a spending watchdog on discretionary expenses.

Retired City of Bel Aire Utility Clerk and council candidate Betty Martine said she believes the current mayor and council have done well to watch their spending, but advised that the next council will need to find a way to pay for much-needed infrastructure improvements on the city's streets.

She indicated the key to answering questions of funding would be answered with an expanded tax base.

"We just need to get better and bigger businesses out there," she said.

Council candidate Shelly Smith said the city needs to be careful with its land sales, assuring that land isn't "just given away." While she understands the desire to be released from the burden associated with the debt, she doesn't want to see Bel Aire fall short of its potential.

"We do need to sell the land, but be careful of who we sell it to," she said.

Council candidate Andrew Uhlschmidt agreed the city should sell the land for what it's worth, but he said it was important to "tackle the debt like a gazelle" to keep it from burdening his children's generation.

Mayoral candidate and current city council member David Austin said the city has had a few offers on land that were too low for consideration, but the whole economic development picture

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ABOVE: Bel Aire mayoral candidate David Austin discusses his decision to run for the position during the March 18 forum hosted by the Bel Aire Senior Club at the city's rec center. Austin currently serves on the Bel Aire City Council.

RIGHT: The first candidate forum drew interest from several residents.

Photos by Matt Heilman



Confusion surrounds council election

By Matt Heilman

The first public forum for Bel Aire City Council and mayoral candidates concluded with some controversy and confusion. At the March 18 forum, council candidate Carolyn Smith, wife of current Bel Aire Mayor Harold Smith announced she had filed to serve on the council for two years, completing the unfinished term of former council member Moe Terrebonne.

After Terrebonne moved from Bel Aire in November, the council decided to wait until the April 2 election to fill his seat. When she filed, Smith said she checked a box to indicate that she specifically sought to fill Terrebonne's unfinished term.

Since the other seven candidates expressed interest in filling one of three available seats for full, four-year terms, Smith was under the impression that she was seeking to fill Terrebonne's unexpired seat unopposed. After the filing deadline, Bel Aire City Clerk Vicki Bradford said the candidate that receives the fourth-highest number of votes in the election would occupy Terrebonne's seat.

Sedgwick County Commissioner Dave Unruh, who moderated the March 18 forum, said the information provided by Bradford was correct because the Bel Aire City Council had approved a

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City council seats up for grabs

By The Breeze staff

After the April 2 general election, the governing body representing the City of Bel Aire is guaranteed to have a different look. Barring voters' preference for a write-in candidate, current council member David Austin will be the city's next mayor.

Bel Aire will also have at least three new city council members in the five-member group. Eight candidates are vying for four open seats on the Bel Aire council. Incumbent Peggy O'Donnell is seeking her third four-year term. She's joined in the race by newcomers Jeanette Clement, Shelly Smith, Andrew

Uhlschmidt, Guy MacDonald, Ramona Becker, Carolyn Smith and Betty Martine. The field is diverse with all of the candidates having varying times living in the city and different professional backgrounds.

The top three vote getters in the April 2 election will fill three, full four-year terms on the Bel

Aire Council. The candidate who receives the fourth highest number of votes will fill the unexpired term of former council member Moe Terrebonne who moved from the city late last year.

Bel Aire voters can cast their ballots from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the community room at City Hall, 7651 E. Central Park Avenue.

Bel Aire closer to establishing district to finance development

By Matt Heilman

The plans for Bel Aire's proposed downtown retail and entertainment district are expected to forever change the area landscape by potentially attracting millions of visitors per year.

And Bel Aire's part in making the plans a reality is near completion.

For the planned 100,000 square-foot aquarium, 220,000 square-foot sports training facility, \$100 million resort destination water park and shopping center to become a reality, developers are hopeful the project can be funded with the help of state sales tax revenue in the form of STAR bonds.

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, Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher said.

At the March 19 Bel Aire City Council meeting, Lasher announced that the Kansas Secretary of Commerce had written a letter of support for the proposed boundaries for the development called Caban Marketplace. The district is planned along Rock Road from K-254 to 53rd North and will run southeast to the northeast corner of 53rd North and Webb Road, Lasher said. The council approved a resolution in support of issuing the STAR bonds.

Lasher said the city and developers are now left to wait on the final decision from the Kansas Secretary of Commerce on whether STAR bonds will be granted to fund the development. The next step is for developers to put information together and have the third-party study on the district reviewed by the secretary of commerce before he makes a final decision on the issuance of STAR bonds. Assuming the STAR bonds are approved, the green light would be given for the large-scale dreams

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City approves water and sewer rate increases

By Matt Heilman

The move isn't expected to win the Bel Aire City Council any popularity contests. But the council was left without much of a choice than to implement a slight increase to its water and sewer rates.

The increase that will amount to the average customer paying about \$8.85 more per month for water and sewer was unanimously approved by the council at its March 5 meeting.

The approval followed a short presentation from Bel Aire Finance Director Michelle Meyer. The rate increases are in line with the recommendation from Springstead Inc. following its utility rate study of Bel Aire.

Meyer said Springstead was hired in August to look at current and anticipated expenses and to determine what will be needed to keep the utilities on solid ground. Ultimately what was determined was the city could run into a significant

problem if incremental utility rate increases aren't approved now.

Meyer discussed the annual debt service and maintenance costs for the water and sewer utilities. Bel Aire is partnered with the City of Park City for water and sewer service in the Chisholm Creek Utility Authority, but is also a wholesale water customer of the City of Wichita.

In recommending a necessary water rate increase, the utility study factored Wichita's possible rate increases over the next 10 years if drought conditions continue.

Current resolutions in Bel Aire provide for a 3 percent annual increase in the water and sewer funds.

In its utility rate study, Springstead recommended Bel Aire keep a three-month reserve of operating expenses in its water and sewer funds and establish rates on a three-to-five-year period with an annual review and renewal.

On March 5, the council approved a recommended 6-percent increase in the water fund for the rest of 2013 through 2015 before reverting back to a 3-percent annual increase thereafter.

The council also approved a recommended 5-percent increase in the sewer fund for the rest of 2013 through 2017 before reverting back to the automatic 3-percent annual increase thereafter.

Meyer said the average monthly water bill will increase by \$6.10 for the average user and the average sewer bill will increase by \$2.75.

Based on current information, Meyer said the utility funds would go negative in 2015 and there would be a violation of debt service covenants in 2014 if the increases weren't approved. Also, she said the incremental increases will save the city from substantial utility-rate hikes down the road.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why is Smith running?

Why two Bel Aire Senior Groups, Carolyn Smith? With the current tight government funding at all levels, and in particular local government, I have questions regarding Bel Aire funding for two senior groups under the guise of Bel Aire Seniors. There is the Bel Aire Senior group that meets at City Hall in the Senior Center, and there is the Bel Aire Senior Club Incorporated, that last year began meeting at the Bel Aire Recreation Center. Why two groups? For the sake of brevity, let me say a "Center" is required by Sedgwick County Department of Aging to provide more services to seniors than a "Club." Thus my following questions:

1. Bel Aire Senior Club Incorporated, Carolyn Smith, President and wife of Mayor Harold Smith is incorporated as a nonprofit 501(c)3. The club has been in existence 25 years, most of which Carolyn has been president. The most recent article of incorporation dated Oct. 8, 2003, shows Carolyn as president and her home address as the registered office. Why is the City of Bel Aire providing

funding to a nonprofit of which the mayor's wife is president?

2. Why did Bel Aire spend \$6,522.21 from the general fund for a kitchenette at the recreation center when Carolyn's "Club" moved there? The senior center at city hall already has a warming kitchen.
3. Why did Bel Aire sign a contract with Park City in the amount of \$2,500 in 2012 for services of the Tri-City senior director when Brian Hayes is the senior director for "all" Bel Aire seniors?
4. Why doesn't Bel Aire have the bylaws of Bel Aire Senior Club, Inc.? Stacey Niles, Sedgwick County Department of Aging responsible for "Clubs" and "Centers," said the cities keep by laws on file. Bel Aire has the "Center" bylaws, but has been unable to get the "Club" bylaws per my written request dated at 11 a.m., Feb. 15, 2013. Why not?
5. The "Club" articles of incorporation say membership requirements are in the bylaws. Bel Aire doesn't have the bylaws. The "Club" charges \$5,000 per year membership fees. The "Center does not charge fees. Why does the "Club"?
6. As a 501(c)3 nonprofit, what does the "Club" do with funds from its garage sale fund-

raiser? Is it commingled with city funds? If not, why not?

7. Why did the "Club" only provide 24.1 percent of required Department of Aging events in 2012 when they were asked by Bel Aire to provide 50 percent? The "Center" provided 75.9 percent of the total required, much more than the 50 percent asked for by Bel Aire.
8. Why did Carolyn Smith send out to fellow candidates of the upcoming City Council election on "Club" letterhead as president, inviting them to a candidate forum, and if they had questions to contact her? Why not have someone else from the "Club" send it out?
9. Why is Carolyn Smith's husband, Harold Smith, current Bel Aire mayor, her campaign fund treasurer and listed as such in her newspaper ads?
10. The City of Bel Aire pays for "Clubs" postage on their correspondence. Why? Is it a conflict Carolyn Smith sent out invitations to a candidate forum when she is a candidate using "Club" letterhead, a 501(c)3 nonprofit, and city-funded postage?
11. Why did Bel Aire fund \$1,215.13 for Carolyn's "Club" 25th Anniversary Celebration? How much did the 501(c)3 nonprofit fund for their celebration?

Why is Bel Aire funding two senior groups? Why is Carolyn Smith running for council?

— Gary O'Neal, Bel Aire

Former mayors support hopefuls

We the undersigned former mayors of Bel Aire are supporting Shelly Smith, and Guy MacDonald for Bel Aire City Council.

These two long-term residents of Bel Aire are independent thinkers, both have raised their families here, operated their own Businesses, and are forward positive advocates of Bel Aire's development plans. We believe these council members would compliment a new direction being set forth by the soon to be new Bel Aire Mayor, David Austin.

— William (Bill) Brookhaus-er, mayor, 1980-82; Dale Walter, mayor, 1985-89; Lyle Ackerman, mayor, 1989-91, 1998-99; Gary O'Neal, mayor, 1999-2005

Err on side of caution

Since we were small children, we've been taught never to call 911 if there's not an emergency. While the message holds true, local law enforcement agencies have advised an emergency call is appropriate even if there's no immediate danger.

Since December, cities in north Sedgwick County have seen a spike in the number of car and home break-ins. It's unsettling that we can't leave our doors unlocked in small-town America.

The world has changed and quite frankly, we can't trust each other as much as we used to. In recent attempts to reach out to the public in response to increased property crimes, Bel Aire Police Chief John Daily and Kechi Chief John Blevins have advised residents not to hesitate with a call to 911 if they see anyone suspicious in the area.

Does this open the door for false alarms? Yes. But it's better to err on the side of caution. Thieves often carry a nothing-to-lose attitude, which is especially dangerous if they're armed.

We don't want residents to become paranoid and abuse the emergency service, but we all need to be alert.

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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.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 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.fairmountuccc.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@sbcglobal.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.

The A.I.M. Class (Adults in Ministry) will begin a new Advent Bible study on Dec. 2. The class meets in the parlor at 10 a.m. Newcomers are always welcome.

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.

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

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Sunday school interpreted for the deaf at 10

Please come and join us!

There will be special guest, Monty & Laura Cruise performing gospel songs on April 28 at 6 p.m.

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. Wednesday evening ministries are 6:30-8 p.m.

Our Preschool is now OPEN! Enrollment continues for our Monday/Wednesday/Friday Preschool class currently in session for 3- to 5-year-olds from 9-11:45 a.m. Please call the church office for details.

March 28 is Maundy Thursday - Worship Service with Holy Communion at 7 p.m.

March 29 is Good Friday - Worship Service at 7 p.m.

March 31 is Easter Sunday - Worship Services with Holy Communion at 8 & 10:30 a.m. 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.

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.

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City of Bel Aire



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

HELP WANTED

The City of Bel Aire has part-time/summer openings available for youth baseball/softball umpires, lifeguards, and an assistant pool manager. Apply in person at the Bel Aire Recreation Center.

MAXIMIZE BASKETBALL CAMP (ages 6-11)

Bel Aire Recreation has partnered with Brent Atwater, a former collegiate player and coach, to bring you a coed Spring Break basketball camp. Participants will meet March 18-21, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

BLASTBALL

Blastball is an introductory coed T-ball program for four year olds. The registration deadline is March 23.

SHORT SPORTS

This instructional program for three year olds will teach basic sports skills including throwing, catching, kicking, and batting. The registration deadline is April 13.

RECREATIONAL SUMMER BALL LEAGUES (boys ages 5-11 & girls ages 5-12)

Teams will play up to two games per week on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday evening, or Saturdays beginning June 3. The registration deadline is April 20.

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

Have you seen the Action Line?

Log on to <http://www.egovlink.com/belaire/action.asp> to submit comments and concerns, ask questions or report a problem directly to City staff. We want to hear from you!

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Sign up for E-billing by April 15th and you'll receive a one-time \$5 credit to your utility account. Your utility bill will be emailed to you every month. Sign up for this convenient option today by contacting the Utility Department at **744-2451 ext. 132**

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utilclerk@belaireks.gov

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Elections for Mayor and Council Members will be April 2.

Annual Bel Aire Easter Egg Hunt!
 Sponsored by The Bel Aire Lions Club

Where: Bel Aire City Hall,
 7651 E Central Park Ave

When: Saturday March 30th

Time: 10:00am

Four Age Groups:

1-3 4-6 7-8 9-10

Don't forget your camera! Bring your baskets!

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:

- April 1, 6:30 p.m. – Potluck – Jim Mason, "Wichita's Riverside Parks" – Community Room
- April 2, 8:30 a.m. – Breakfast at Cracker Barrel
- April 3, 10 a.m. – Volunteer library work time at the Senior Center
- April 4, 11 a.m. – Facebook Training with Megan Kelly – Senior Center
- April 8, 10 a.m. – RS Advisory Meeting at the Rec Center
- April 8, 11:30 a.m. – Lunch at Olive Garden 323 N. Rock Road
- April 9, 9 a.m. – CS Advisory Meeting at the Rec Center
- April 10, 10:00 a.m. – Open Sewing at the Senior Center
- April 12, 12 p.m. – Staying Active as We Age, lunch and learn – Senior Center (RSVP 744-2451 ext 121)
- April 16, Ladies Dine Out – for info call Anita at 744-2840
- April 17, 10 a.m. – Men's Coffee at Braum's on North Rock Road
- April 17, 10:15 a.m. – Senior Aerobics Brunch (different locations)
- April 17, 2 p.m. – Ladies Tea/Coffee at Braum's on North Rock Road
- April 22, 6 p.m. – Covered Dish Dinner – Carl Williams, "Truth We Were Never" – Rec Center
- April 24, 11 a.m. – Open Sewing at the Senior Center
- April 24, 7 p.m. – Bunko games at the Senior Center
- April 26, 7 p.m. – Paint the Towne, 8027 E Peach Tree Ln. – Call Jennie 744-2451 Ext 121
- May 6, 6:30 p.m. – Potluck Dinner – Mariachi Jalisco Band – Community Room

Community Events

- TOPS – Tuesdays, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- City Council Meetings – 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month
- April 2 – General Election Day
- April 3, 12:00 – Chamber of Commerce Meeting
- April 4 – Weather Spotters Meeting
- April 15, 6:00 – Bel Aire Heights HOA at the Community Room
- April 15, 6:00 – Central Park HOA at the Senior Center
- April 16, 4:00 – Utility Advisory Committee Meeting

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 Friday, April 26**

Charitable event brings free dental care to pavilions

By Matt Heilman

Each year for the past decade, a free dental clinic has made a two-day stop in a different Kansas community to provide access for people throughout the state who might not otherwise have a chance to see a dentist.

On March 1 and 2, dentists from across Kansas and beyond gathered at the Kansas Pavilions to see patients on a volunteer basis as part of the annual free clinic called the Kansas Mission of Mercy.

Kansas Dental Association Assistant Executive Director Greg Hill said the idea for the Kansas Mission of Mercy started about 11 years ago when two dentists, one from Garden City and one from Wichita, organized the volunteer effort



Matt Heilman

Dental care professionals work on patients during the Kansas Mission of Mercy free clinic March 2 at the Kansas Pavilions. About 2,000 patients received dental care during the two-day event.

modeled from a charitable effort they witnessed in Virginia.

The first Kansas Mission of Mercy free dental clinic was held in Garden City in 2003. Several dentists have volunteered since the beginning, including Dr. Wendy Reynolds who has operated her clinic in Park City for 17 years.

Reynolds said volunteering her time for the annual clinic is a humbling experience that brings together colleagues from a large area.

"It's great to see dentists from across Kansas and other

states join us," she said. "...It's just a neat thing that brings us together."

With the Kansas Mission of Mercy held at the pavilions this year, Reynolds thanked Park City volunteers and the city's police department for contributing to the clinic's success.

Park City police assisted with security at the two-day event that saw about 2,000 patients receive dental care that primarily included cleanings, fillings and tooth extractions.

"I'm very proud of Park City," Reynolds said.

HIGHLIGHT



Donna Phillips

Donna Phillips of Valley Center will celebrate her 90th birthday with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. April 13 at Grace Connections Church, 300 N. Ash in Valley Center.

She was born in Capron, Okla., on April 13, 1923. She was the third of six children born to Henry and Phoebe Schwerdtfeger. She survived the Capron tornado in 1939, graduated from Cosmetology School in 1940, and moved

to Wichita in 1942, where she worked for the Coleman Company during World War II.

She married Robert Phillips in Wichita on Sept. 15, 1945, and together they raised five daughters and enjoyed being an important part of the lives of their 10 grandchildren. She was a long-time member of Riverview EHU and was an avid gardener. She still enjoys sewing and needlework and has crocheted baby blankets for each of her 15 great-grandchildren. She is a 15-year breast cancer survivor and active in her church and community.

Please send your birthday greetings to Donna at 960 Old Trail Road, Valley Center KS, 67147. No gifts, please.

†††

Sarah Henderson of Bel Aire was named to the fall 2012 honor roll at Emporia State University. To qualify for the semester honor roll, students must earn a minimum 3.80 semester grade point average in at least 12 graded hours.

Election

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charter ordinance last fall that called for the April 2 election to decide who would complete Terrebonne's unfinished term.

Before the council decided to keep Terrebonne's seat unfilled until the election, the group had considered filling the seat for about four months with a mayoral appointment.

A few residents who at-

tended the March 18 forum said they found it suspicious that the mayor's wife seemed to have an inside track on filling a council seat without opposition.

One resident said he "smelled a rat."

Harold Smith acknowledged the confusion and expressed that he didn't have any control over who will serve on the council in April. After speaking with the Sedgwick County election commissioner March 19, Unruh said the bal-

lot showed Smith unopposed for Terrebonne's seat, apparently because the election commission had not received notice of the city's charter ordinance. Advanced ballots had already been sent out.

Unruh said 97 new ballots had to be sent out with a note disregarding the previous ballot.

This wasn't the first time that city charter ordinances have tripped up the county election office.

The election office in Feb-

ruary had to give late notice about the primary election in the Ward 2 race of the Valley Center City Council because election officials said they didn't know that Valley Center had passed a charter ordinance exempting it from a state law designed to cut down on the number of primaries. Valley Center requires a primary election when there are more than twice the number of candidates for a contested position.

Council candidates Peggy O'Donnell and Jeanette Clement were absent from the March 18 forum. O'Donnell is seeking to retain her council seat that she has held since 2005 while Clement is among the group of seven candidates seeking their first term on the council.

Forum

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was important. Besides the cost benefit on land sales, he said the city needed to weigh other factors including how many jobs a new business could bring to the city.

Council candidate Carolyn

Smith agreed the city needed to be selective of who it sells its land to. She also said the city needed to look for an alternate source of water, especially if there's a long-term continuation of the current drought.

Council candidate Ramona Becker said the city should attack its key issues in unison as part of an

overall effort to improve the community.

"To attract businesses, we have to address infrastructure needs," she said.

Becker said she was proud of the city for being able to keep its rec center open and maintain a solid police department despite the deep budget cuts that accompanied the 2012 budget.

STAR

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associated with Caban Marketplace to become a reality. On March 19 Tom Blitz of Shopping Center Consulting and Development LLC said the development was on target and he was looking forward to announcing new tenants.

To cover its cost for infrastructure improvements for the development, the Bel Aire council has approved establishing a Community Improvement District (CID) that would allow the city to

implement up to a 2-percent sales tax in Caban Marketplace. The CID would allow Caban Marketplace to pay for its own infrastructure with sales tax revenue going back into the development. The CID would only apply to future businesses in Caban Marketplace and would not be a new sales tax on existing Bel Aire businesses, Lasher said.

Lasher said the 580-acre development is the type of project the state legislature had in mind when it created the STAR bond process be-

cause it calls for new construction that will ultimately bring new jobs, new taxes and new revenue for the city, the county and the state.

Last month, Blitz said a third-party study shows the plans for Caban Marketplace will draw more than enough out-of-state visitors and revenue to qualify for STAR bonds. He said estimates show the development could attract about 7 million visitors per year.

Bel Aire's plans for a downtown development have been about five years in

the making. The city began working with Shopping Center Development and Consulting LLC about two years ago to develop the plans that are to include a mix of retail and entertainment options neighboring City Hall.

"This is something that is

very exciting for Bel Aire, Sedgwick County and the State of Kansas," Lasher said.

Also on March 19, the council:

- Approved an appropriations ordinance \$811,072.92.

- Approved the purchase of a replacement utility vehicle for the recreation department from Kansas

Golf and Turf for \$6,457.

- Approved a services agreement with the Central Park Homeowners Association for 2013.

- Approved a residential developer marketing agreement with Prudential Dinning-Bear for lots in The Village of Central Park.

- Approved a residential developer marketing agreement with Century New Homes.

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David Austin

Occupation: Director of Development for Orpheum Theatre
Political experience and community involvement: Served on Bel Aire City Council since 2009; serves on Bel Aire Lions Club



Board of Directors; serves on American Red Cross Board of Directors.

1. The City of Bel Aire has made great strides the past two years and the future now looks bright. This wasn't always the case and I am proud to have served the past four years as an elected member of the City Council. When I learned that Mayor Harold Smith did not plan on seeking re-election, I decided to seek the office for a purpose of continuity in city government. I also am excited about the future and want to see many of the plans we have laid out recently come to fruition.

2. No-one wants to raise taxes. Trust me, I pay them, too. Two years ago, our city held filled-to-capacity town hall meetings where we discussed dire straits and were able to limit the mill levy increase and keep city services. This was planning ahead and budgeting for our required payment obligations. I do not want to raise taxes and will do so only as a last resort and only if absolutely necessary. My hope is we continue to sell off land to business owners and developers, which will in turn bring in larger revenues for the city budget.

CITY COUNCIL (vote for up to four)

Jeanette Clement

Occupation: Marketing manager for Cabela's



1. While the race will be competitive, I believe my candidacy brings a unique perspective. I am a proven marketing professional who has implemented successful brand-building programs and possesses a strong business background. I hope to bring reasonable, responsible, and representative leadership, while ensuring the work we accomplish provides sustainability and economic growth for the Bel Aire community.

2. I am never in favor of raising property taxes. With economic growth in both the residential and business sectors projected for the future I would bring solid leadership regarding spending and budget accountability. If elected it would be a priority for me to ensure that as we continue to grow our community it is done efficiently, with the lowest impact for taxpayers possible.

Guy MacDonald

Occupation: retired owner of a trucking business



MacDonald

Moe Terrebonne two years ago. After he moved out of state, his council seat was vacated. Like-minded friends asked me to apply for his seat. Council chose not to appoint a replacement; therefore, I chose to run.

2. No one is ever in favor of increasing taxes; nor am I. With a revenue shortfall, some cities can resort to local options – user fees, taxes on cigarettes, gasoline, liquor – but they would yield very little revenue in Bel Aire. When there is insufficient revenue to run the city, council members must make the same decisions that individuals make. Usually, that means cutting expenditures. If city spending exceeds revenue income, I will look first, and foremost, at cutting spending to bring the two into alignment.

Andrew Uhlschmidt

Occupation: Foster care supervisor



Uhlschmidt

1. I want to represent the young families of Bel Aire. As a father of four children under six, I have a great interest in the future of our city. I believe that young families need a voice on the City Council. As a family that earns less than the median household income for this area, I understand what it means to be fiscally responsible and think I could have great input on our city budget and how to adhere to it. I am honest, open, ethical, and ready to make difficult decisions regarding the future of our city.

The questions

1. Why are you running for city office this election?
 2. With state aid and other revenue waning, the city could be facing another possible property tax increase for its 2014 budget. Would you be in favor of increasing property taxes? Why or why not? If not, do you see other options in maintaining services?

2. As state funding dwindles, it will be up to our citizens to maintain the city services. We will be counting on our neighbors, church members, and friends to do their part to keep Bel Aire moving in the right direction. Prior to any reduction in services or property tax increases, I will advocate for revisions to city code to collect on existing property, as well as enforcing current code so that revenue can be collected. I will also propose an increase to fees for city services and citations by the amount of inflation. Once those avenues have been exhausted, I would be willing to look at property tax increases.

Shelly Smith

Occupation: freelance court reporter, co-owner of Ireland Court Reporting



Smith

1. I am excited for Bel Aire's future. I feel it is imperative to work hard to sell land and reduce debt; and yet walk the fine line and be cautious with who our new neighbors will be. Secondly, we need to budget carefully for repairs to our existing infrastructure.

2. Until you are privy to really see the City's "checkbook" it is hard to know if there are other ways you can make the budget work without State aid. Certainly increasing property taxes would not be the first option, but yet I recognize we do need to pay our bills.

Ramona Becker

Occupation: Retired organizational/staff development director for Butler Community College and semi-retired online instructor; former director, Public Affairs and Consumer Protection, Kansas Corporation Commission, Topeka



Becker

1. Bel Aire is my chosen home. I have invested in this exceptional community for 18 years both in my property and in working for the common good of the community. With four members stepping away from leadership on the Bel Aire

City Council, I decided to run when asked by several people I respect. It is important for citizens to step up and help lead the city to ensure that responsible and inspired progress is to fulfill the vision for this vibrant community.

2. An increase in property taxes is never the desired solution and would be a last resort after another thorough scrutiny of the city budget. Bel Aire will attract more homeowners if we can continue to keep our taxes low in comparison to surrounding communities. Bel Aire land debt must be lowered by aggressively selling the land owned by the city, thereby making more revenue available to the city budget. This is our greatest challenge but we are already moving in the right direction and must continue to broaden our tax base, remove debt, and build a quality community that will attract homeowners and businesses to our city.

Betty Martine

Occupation: retired utility clerk for the City of Bel Aire



Martine

1. I will do everything I can to keep the city going in the right directions selling the land. I will use my past experience as Planning Secretary and understanding of permits and other issues to come before the Council. I will keep Bel Aire moving in a positive direction set by current Mayor and Council. I will keep working with our partner (Park City) on water and sewer issues and keeping costs down. I will work hard to maintain city services without further cuts. I will maintain open and transparent city government. I will listen and be open to your ideas.

2. The State of Kansas has been reducing their payments to local governments. Bel Aire only receives a portion of the state gas tax for road maintenance and no other payments. Bel Aire does not receive any payments from the federal government so any reductions at that level would not impact Bel Aire. Bel Aire receives its revenues from property taxes, a portion of the county-wide sales tax and fees. A slowing economy that reduces property values and local sales could negatively impact the city. In 2011, the city made some major cuts as part of the 2012 budget and increased property

taxes to balance the budget and pay for land costs. If revenues were to decline it would be important to see if there is any room to cut expenditures and how those cuts might affect services. It's also important to consider if citizens would be willing to pay more to maintain certain services or make improvements such as street repairs. Bel Aire is seeing some great growth with new houses, business in the park and new schools bringing visitors to our city. It is important to keep this growth continuing as this brings in more property taxes and other fees adding revenues to take the place of any declining revenues. A property tax increase would only be considered if it was the only alternative to keep the city in a stable financial position, if it was supported by residents as a way to maintain service levels.

Carolyn Smith

Occupation: family counselor at Carolyn Smith Counseling



Smith

Political experience and community involvement: Served on original Bel Aire Tree Board; serves on Special Events Committee; Member of Sedgwick County Advisory Council (Department on Aging).

1. (1) Bel Aire needs council members who understand the need to sell land to reduce the land debt. Interest on this land is our most serious budget limitation. As we reduce our interest payments on the land debt, more road improvements will be possible. (2) I want to keep the rec center open. People of all ages use this facility. There is a "sense of community" at the rec center like no other place in our city. (3) I strongly believe the city staff and the governing body must be civil, open and honest.

2. In the event that state aid or other revenue is reduced, there would be two options:
 (a) find other income sources (b) reduce expenses. The problem is, when you say you would not raise taxes, this means you will cut city services OR, if you say you will not cut city services, this means you will raise taxes. The answer will probably be some combination of these two options. Before the council can make specific decisions on this, they would need to see the first draft of the 2014 budget to know how much will be needed. This is another example of why it is so necessary to pay down the land debt and reduce our interest payments.

Peggy O'Donnell

Occupation: teacher and principal at Sunrise Christian Academy



O'Donnell

Political experience and community involvement: Served on Bel Aire City Council since 2005; president of Bel Aire Public Building Commission; serves Bel Aire on Chisholm Creek Utility Authority; delegate to the Kansas League of Municipalities.

1. It has been my privilege to serve on the city council for the last eight years and I feel that there are several issues that I would like to continue to work on and see accomplished. The number one issue is to continue to market and sell the land and see Bel Aire get out of debt. There are so many exciting things going on with the addition of two new schools, the Sunflower Commerce Park, a Medical Plaza and new residences being developed. I believe that we are in a much better place as a City, but I want to continue to be a voice of a fiscal conservative while maintaining necessary services. I also want to find ways to get grants and partner with Sedgwick County and Wichita to fix our roads; keep the Recreation Center a place for our citizens and have local police and fire services. Simply put, I want to continue to help improve the quality of life in Bel Aire!

2. I realize that there are many issues facing the budgets on a state and local level. However, I am not in favor of raising our property taxes and increasing the mill levy. One of the difficult things that the City had to do was to increase the sewer and water rates in order to keep our Chisholm Creek Utility Authority solvent. Although there have been drastic cuts and the City is operating with less employees, we must be careful not to cut essential City services. I will work with the City Manager, Mayor and Council Members, along with the committees, to find ways to reduce spending and not raise property taxes. We recently received a joint grant with the City of Kechi and the study showed that we might be able to actually combine some of our overlapping services to our citizens, and therefore, not have to raise taxes. I have some ideas that I will utilize before I vote to raise any taxes!

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Bel Aire looking to build on success in industrial park

By Matt Heilman

In the Wichita area, the City of Bel Aire has arguably the most potential for significant growth. Tapping into that potential is essential for a city that is working to overcome a steep debt owed on undeveloped land.

Bel Aire has worked as its own developer on several projects and battled through a couple challenging budget seasons to arrive at a point of relative stability. Lately, the good news has outweighed the bad, thanks in part to the city's restructuring of its debt and professional partnerships to market what it has to offer.

At the March 5 Bel Aire City Council meeting, Marlin Penner, president and managing broker for Wichita commercial

real estate company, John T. Arnold and Associates, discussed progress on the city's 800-acre industrial park property and plans to spur progress on the commercial and residential front in the city.

On the industrial park land, known as The Sunflower Commerce Park, Century Manufacturing is the first tenant the city was able to draw with Penner's marketing expertise in industrial development and the creation of a master plan for the property.

Century Manufacturing, a company that specializes in making acrylic and transparent plastic promotional materials, has 30 employees working at its 36,000 square-foot site near 53rd North and Webb Road.

Penner helped Bel Aire work with the company to get its start

in the Sunflower Commerce Park.

The city issued a little more than \$2 million in industrial revenue bonds for construction. The issuance of the bonds involves a 10-year property tax abatement, an incentive that will be offered to each subsequent tenant expected to follow Century Manufacturing in the Sunflower Commerce Park.

While he couldn't disclose the identity of the next potential tenant until a contract is finalized, Penner announced that a business tied in with the aviation industry is looking to build on an eight-acre lot near Webb and 50th Street North in the Sunflower Commerce Park.

Another company working in conjunction with the aviation company is looking at three

acres just north of Century Manufacturing, Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher said.

Lasher said another business that supplies materials to concrete companies is looking at the possibility of constructing a facility at the southwest corner of 53rd North and Greenwich Road where a Union Pacific rail line runs through the Sunflower Commerce Park. Lasher said the materials supplier relies on rail access and would need a rail spur built off the main line to operate in Bel Aire.

While there haven't been any contracts signed for the next tenant of the Sunflower Commerce Park, the Bel Aire council has been pleased with the overall progress on the property.

The city hired Penner two years ago and worked with

a consulting team consisting of a project manager and an engineer to develop a master plan for the industrial park land.

Lasher said Penner has worked off of commission on land sales. The city paid about \$40,000 to hire the consultants to help develop the master plan for the Sunflower Commerce Park that includes the layout and branding for the sight.

The master plan calls for the first 155 acres to be shovel-ready, meaning infrastructure is put in place ahead of development plans so that construction can begin immediately when a business commits to building on the property.

Penner said land in the Sunflower Commerce Park

is being offered at about \$25,000 per acre, but is expected to increase with more business development.

Looking to build off the success in the Sunflower Commerce Park, Penner is expanding his role to help the city develop a master plan for its commercial development and to help spur residential growth.

Working with area commercial real estate experts, builders and developers, Penner said he's planning to help Bel Aire come up with a master plan similar to what's established for the Sunflower Commerce Park.

"The goals are to broaden the tax base, lessen the debt and improve the community," Penner said.

Law enforcement troubled by increased burglaries and thefts

By Matt Heilman

This winter, an unfortunate trend hit north Sedgwick County.

Since December, there has been a spike in the number of thefts and break-ins in cities around Wichita.

Bel Aire has been a target for thieves with eight burglaries and 11 larcenies reported in the city from the beginning of December through Feb. 11, Police Chief John Daily said.

He said Bel Aire's troubles are related to an overall problem with property crimes in Wichita.

"It's a combination of several things," Daily said.

Chief among the causes is a struggling economy that may lead otherwise law-abiding citizens to resort to theft out of desperation, he said.

Daily said the break-ins could likely be attributed to a couple organized groups.

"We've been working with the county and the City of Wichita and a couple of the other surrounding communities to try and get a handle on these guys," Daily said.

There has been some progress in the fight against property crime. Daily said two men who had been spotted acting suspiciously in Bel Aire were later arrested following a burglary attempt in south

Wichita.

Daily said he believes three or four thieves may be involved in another group that has been hitting the area, but there's not yet enough evidence to release suspect or vehicle descriptions to the public.

On Jan. 9, Daily said a citizen's call to police allowed almost \$16,000 worth of property to be recovered following an attempted burglary. Police responded to a suspicious person call that spooked burglars attempting to rob a home in the 3900 block of Cozy Drive, Daily said.

He said 36 firearms, a coin collection and miscellaneous jewelry were recovered.

Also on Jan. 9, officers were able to recover \$100 in coins and between \$2,400 and \$2,700 in cash following an attempted robbery in the 6100 block of East Quail Ridge Court.

Unfortunately, Daily said his officers were unable to locate the suspects.

Daily advises residents not to be afraid to call 911 instead of the police station.

"We love to have them call the office and we love to hear from them and all that, but when there is a crime being committed or somebody is acting in a suspicious manner, they need to call 911 because that's the easiest way to get an officer to come to their house or

come to that area," he said. "It's the fastest way to do it because it goes directly to dispatchers who are the ones responsible for sending the officers out on those calls to begin with."

He said most of the larcenies recently in Bel Aire have occurred in unlocked vehicles. Daily said valuable items shouldn't be left in vehicles in plain sight, especially unlocked vehicles. He said items should be locked in trunks if they're not taken into a residence.

At home, he advises residents to lock all of their doors and windows when they're not home and to request extra patrol from Bel Aire officers if they're leaving town for an extended period of time. He also advised residents to

watch out for their neighbors and to leave outside lights on.

"One of the biggest deterrents of crime is light," Daily said. "The bad guys are willing to break into your house or steal your stuff, but they don't want to be seen doing it."

Law enforcement in Kechi is also urging residents to be on alert. At the Feb. 14 Kechi City Council meeting, Chief John Blevins said there were five break-ins of Kechi homes over a recent 10-day stretch.

Blevins has been working to generate an e-mail list to get information out to the public, including suspect and vehicle descriptions.

On Feb. 25, an e-mail alert was sent out from Kechi Chamber of Commerce

president Janet Faust advising that an attempted break-in had occurred on Feb. 23 on Comanche Drive, just blocks from City Hall and the Kechi Police Department.

Like Daily, Blevins has encouraged residents to call 911 if they see anything

or anyone suspicious and suspect thieves may be in the area.

"It's better to error on the side of caution to help our law enforcement catch those who are violating our community," Faust said in the Feb. 25 alert.

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POLICE REPORTS

March 17 — Officer Murphy stopped a vehicle in the 4000 block of North Oliver. The driver was cited for speeding and no driver's license in possession.

March 17 — Officer Murphy responded to a report of two dogs at-large in the 4900 block of East Willow Point Circle. The owner was contacted.

March 17 — Officer Swanson responded to a possible disturbance in the 4600 block of North Farmstead. The disturbance concerned property. The property was retrieved without further incident.

March 16 — Officer McCaslin responded to a check a residence in the 5100 block of Willow Point. There was an open door but nothing was wrong.

March 16 — Officer Mavia took a report of a physical altercation between a woman and her boyfriend. The boyfriend said he was out of town with his other girlfriend.

March 16 — Officer McCaslin assisted Sedgwick County firefighters with checking on smoke in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn. A hot-running furnace in a residence was determined to be the source of the smoke.

March 16 — Officer Foxx stopped a vehicle in the 5100 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for speeding, driving without ever being licensed and no proof of insurance.

March 15 — Officer Mavia assisted EMS in the 3900 block of North Harding. The resident refused to be transported.

March 15 — Officer Mavia took a suspicious character report in the 4500 block of North Eagle Lake. A resident said she believed her neighbors were involved in drug trafficking. There was no evidence of criminal activity.

March 15 — Officer Foxx stopped a vehicle in the 4800 block of North Rock Road. The driver was cited for speeding and no driver's license in possession.

March 14 — Officer Swanson inspected an abandoned residence in the 7900 block of East Caribou.

March 13 — Officer Murphy assisted Kechi police on a traffic stop in the 5400 block of North Oliver.

March 13 — Officer Murphy assisted Sedgwick County firefighters on a possible gas leak at Isley Elementary in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. There were no signs of a gas leak.

March 13 — Officer Swanson assisted EMS in the 4200 block of North Oliver. A woman was taken to the hospital for seizures.

March 13 — Officer Swanson responded to a one-vehicle, non-injury wreck in the 3900 block of North Harding. The driver swerved the vehicle to miss a cat, and the vehicle went into a ditch.

March 13 — Officer Foxx assisted the sheriff's office with a burglary in the 5300 block of North Hydraulic. A man, armed with a revolver, attempted to run from officer. The man, Matthew Jay Woolsey, had a child with him. He was later arrested for possession of methamphetamine and child endangerment.

March 12 — Officer McCaslin took a lost property report from the 5900 block of East Clarendon. A resident lost a wallet.

March 12 — Officer McCaslin responded to a report of motorcycles driving at a high rate of speed in the 4300 block of North Rushwood. No motorcycles were seen.

March 12 — Officer Mavia took a report of dogs barking and possible suspicious activity in the 5100 block of East Willow Point. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

March 11 — Lt. Griggs responded to an alarm in the 4200 block of North Westlake. The residence was secure.

March 11 — Officer Swanson stopped a vehicle in the 5300 block of North Webb. The driver was cited for no driver's license in possession and speeding.

March 11 — Officer Swanson assisted Sedgwick County firefighters in the 4500 block of North St. James, where there was a gasoline smell coming from a neighbor working on a car.

March 11 — Officer Toomey stopped a vehicle in the 5100 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for speeding and no driver's license in possession.

March 10 — Officer Hutton took a found property report in the 6000 block of East Clarendon. A driver's license and bank cards were found on Woodlawn. They were returned to their owner. Parts of one of the cards were later found. It was determined a dog chewed it up.

March 9 — Officer McCaslin took a report of vandalism in the 4200 block of North Mission. A resident said a clay flower pot was broken. There was no evidence of a crime. The damage was possibly caused by the weather.

March 9 — Officer Mavia responded to an alarm in the 5000 block of North Lake Breeze.

March 8 — Officer Hutton responded to an alarm in the 4800 block of North Hedgerow. The house was secure. There were two small dogs in the house.

March 8 — Officer McCaslin responded to an alarm at Heartland Animal Clinic in the 4100 block of North Woodlawn. The alarm was declared false. There was no suspicious activity.

March 8 — Officer Steele stopped a vehicle at 37th North and Woodlawn. Phyllis T. Haibon was arrested on charges of DUI and transporting an open container of alcohol.

March 8 — Officer Mavia stopped a vehicle in the 4200 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license and speeding.

March 7 — Officer McCaslin responded to Catholic Care Center in

the 6700 block of East 45th North regarding the investigation of a nursing aide.

March 7 — Officer McCaslin took a report at Catholic Care Center in the 6700 block of East 45th North regarding missing medication.

March 6 — Officer McCaslin responded to an alarm in the 3900 block of North Woodlawn Court. A door was unsecured. There were no signs of criminal activity.

March 6 — Officer Mavia checked the welfare of residents in the 5300 block of East 49th North Court. No one answered the door.

March 5 — Officer McCaslin took a theft report in the 4400 block of North Rushwood Court. A child's stroller was reported stolen.

March 5 — Officer Mavia stopped a vehicle in the 4900 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for no driver's license in possession and defective tag lamp.

March 4 — Officer Hutton responded to a trash dumping in the 3900 block of North Woodlawn Court.

March 4 — Lt. Griggs assisted a resident by closing a garage door at his residence in the 4000 block of North Oliver.

March 4 — Officer McCaslin responded to an alarm in the 3900 block of North Woodlawn. The business was secure.

March 4 — Officer McCaslin responded to an alarm in the 6300 block of East 37th North. The business was checked. A key holder responded.

March 3 — Officer Hutton responded to an alarm at Tree Top Nursery in the 5900 block of East 37th North. There were no signs of criminal activity.

March 3 — Officer Hutton responded to an alarm in the 4800 block of North Homestead. A garage door was open slightly. There were no signs of criminal activity.

March 3 — Officer Hutton responded to a simple assault in the 5400 block of East Falcon Lane. There was a fist fight between two brothers and between two women. Justin Turner was arrested on charges of domestic battery and criminal damage to property. Nicole Turner was arrested on a charge of battery. A four-inch folding pocket knife was discovered in the underwire area of Turner's bra while at the jail.

March 2 — Officer Steele stopped a vehicle in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for speeding, driving with a suspended license and no proof of insurance.

March 1 — Officer Hutton checked the welfare of a dog in the 4300 block of North Country Lane. The dog was skinny, but appeared to be in good health. The breed, Vizsla, is known for skinny bodies, the officer learned.

March 1 — Officer Mavia stopped a vehicle at Perryton and Woodlawn. The driver was cited for no driver's license in possession, no proof of insurance and failure to stop at a stop sign.

March 1 — Officer Mavia assisted Wichita police on an assault in the 4900 block of East Willow Point Court. Kay Chapman was arrested on a charge of domestic battery.

Feb. 28 — Officer Murphy responded to a larceny at Resurrection Church in the 4900 block of North Woodlawn. A man was reportedly leaving the church after taking money from a donation box.

Feb. 28 — Officer Murphy stopped a vehicle in the 4700 block of North Woodlawn. The driver, Dennis Perrine Jr., was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

Feb. 28 — Officer McCaslin arrested Joshua A. Deere on a Sedgwick County warrant.

Feb. 27 — Officer Murphy responded to a rollover wreck in the 4400 block of North Oliver. Officer assisted in directing traffic.

Feb. 27 — Lt. Griggs stopped a vehicle in the 4800 block of North Oliver. The driver was cited for no driver's license in possession.

Feb. 27 — Officer Swanson responded to an alarm in the 6300 block of East 37th North. It was accidentally set off.

Feb. 27 — Officer Mavia assisted the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office with a chase near K-96 and Hillside.

Feb. 26 — Officer Hutton discovered an injury accident at Woodlawn and Mainsgate while en route to Bel Aire. Officer helped with traffic control.

Feb. 26 — Officer Hutton took a fraud report in the 4800 block of East Willowpoint Court. The resident received a call asking for a Social Security number and bank account numbers.

Feb. 26 — Officer Hutton responded to a hold-up alarm in the 4400 block of North Mission. The cleaning lady accidentally set off the silent panic alarm.

Feb. 25 — Officer Hutton responded to a call in the 5200 block of North Holder Court. Officer checked footprints in the snow that the resident said were not made by a human. Officer determined they were made by a rabbit.

Feb. 25 — Officer Swanson responded to a found property report at Subway in the 6200 block of East 37th North. A wallet was found and returned to its owner.

Feb. 25 — Officer Swanson responded to a report from the 4400 block of North Auburn. A resident said his neighbor was in his yard watching his dog. The neighbor had complained about his dog in the past, but all rules were being followed. The neighbor was told not to return to the property.

Feb. 25 — Officer Swanson responded to a 911 hang-up call in the 5000 block of East 37th North. There

were problems with the phone.

Feb. 24 — Officer Steele responded to an alarm in the 9700 block of East 50th North. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

Feb. 24 — Officer Steele responded to a suspicious character call in the 4300 block of North Eagle Lake Court. A subject with a covered face drove a silver station wagon into the neighborhood. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

Feb. 24 — Officer Steele responded to a 911 hang-up call in the 4800 block of North Chapel View. An EMS squad had responded.

Feb. 23 — Officer Hutton assisted Kechi police with a burglary alarm in Kechi. The officer kicked open a door and searched the house. There were no signs of a burglary.

Feb. 22 — Officer Steele discovered the gates for Tree Top Nursery were open in the 5900 block of East 37th North. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

Feb. 21 — Officer Murphy investigated reports of larceny from multiple vehicles in the 4300 block of North Eagle Lake Court. Items, including change and sunglasses, were taken from three vehicles.

Feb. 21 — Lt. Griggs took a report of a vehicle larceny in the 4300 block of North Eagle Lake Court.

Feb. 21 — Officer Murphy responded to a burglary in progress in the 4100 block of North Farmstead. Children were sledding in the backyard of a residence. They were told to leave.

Feb. 21 — Officer Swanson responded to a vehicle larceny in the 4300 block of North Eagle Lake Court.

Feb. 21 — Officer McCaslin took a fraud report in the 4800 block of North Harding. A resident said she received a call from someone who claimed a relative had been held on a DUI charge in Canada and requested money to get him out of jail.

Feb. 21 — Officer Steele discovered the gates for Tree Top Nursery were open in the 5900 block of East 37th North. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

Feb. 20 — Officer Murphy responded to a disturbance between a juvenile and a babysitter in the 6100 block of East Danbury.

Feb. 20 — Lt. Griggs responded to sex offense case at Northeast Magnet High School. A 15-year-old reported that two other students in Wichita and Andover had nude photographs of her on their phones.

Feb. 20 — Officer Murphy assisted Wichita police in checking the welfare of a resident in the 4400 block of North Edgemoor Court. Everything was OK.

Feb. 20 — Officer Mavia assisted EMS in the 4700 block of North Hillcrest. A man was pronounced dead.

Feb. 20 — Officer Mavia responded to a burglary in progress in the 5100 block of East Willow Point. There was no evidence of criminal activity.

Feb. 19 — Officer Swanson responded to a disturbance in the 4300 block of North Rushwood. A resident said a man hit the windshield of his vehicle with a tire iron. The resident said he backed up and struck a tree with his vehicle. No arrests were made.

Feb. 19 — Officer McCaslin responded to a call in the 4900 block of Hedgerow Court. A resident said she received two suspicious phone calls.

Feb. 18 — Officer Hutton stopped a vehicle in the 4800 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

Feb. 18 — Officer Hutton responded to a report of larceny in the 9700 block of East 50th North. Stolen were batteries and cables. Loss was estimated at \$3,000.

Feb. 18 — Officer Swanson responded to a non-injury wreck in the 4400 block of North Edgemoor Court. A driver was cited for inattentive driving.

Feb. 18 — Officer Swanson assisted EMS in the 4400 block of North Rushwood. A patient was taken to the hospital with difficulty breathing.

Feb. 18 — Officer Swanson took a child custody report in the 4800 block of East 44th North. A woman reported her ex-husband was intoxicated when she picked up her two children.

Feb. 18 — Officer Swanson assisted EMS in the 4800 block of Chapel Hill. A person was taken to the hospital for dehydration.

Feb. 18 — Officer Swanson responded to a call in the 4200 block of North Eagle Lake. A resident said his mailbox was open.

Feb. 18 — Officer Mavia stopped a vehicle in the 4500 block of North Frithill. The driver was cited for violation of restrictions, no proof of insurance and failure to stop at a stop sign.

Feb. 17 — Officer Hutton assisted Wichita police in trying to locate a suspicious character that matched the description given for a suspect in multiple burglary attempts in the area.

Feb. 17 — Officer Swanson responded to a report of a vicious dog in the 4800 block of North Harding. The officer made contact with the dog's owner. The dog has all of its shots and is tagged.

Feb. 16 — Officer Murphy responded to a report of a domestic dispute in the 5100 block of East 46th North.

Feb. 16 — Officer McCaslin responded to a larceny report in the 6500 block of East Danbury. A tag was stolen from a company truck.

Feb. 16 — Officer McCaslin responded to a 911 hang-up call in the 4800 block of North Oliver. A man advised he had been having trouble with the phone and the call was made by mistake. There was no emergency.

Feb. 15 — Officer Hutton responded to a report of disorderly conduct in the 4200 block of North Rushwood Court. A woman complained of receiving multiple phone calls in the middle of the night.

Feb. 15 — Officer Hutton assisted EM in the 4100 block of North Auburn.

Feb. 15 — Officer McCaslin took a miscellaneous report in the 6700 block of East 44th North.

Feb. 15 — Officer McCaslin conducted a traffic stop in the 5200 block of North Oliver. The driver was cited for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

Feb. 15 — Officer Mavia assisted Kechi police on a traffic stop in the 5500 block of North Woodlawn.

Feb. 15 — Officer Mavia conducted a traffic stop in the 5000 block of North Woodlawn.

Feb. 14 — Lt. Griggs responded to a report of simple assault at Wichita Northeast Magnet High School, 5550 N. Lycee Road. Two students were arrested on charges of battery and disorderly conduct.

Feb. 14 — Officer McCaslin took a miscellaneous report in the 6700 block of East Rodeo.

Feb. 14 — Officer Mavia conducted a traffic stop in the 5400 block of East 37th North. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license and a defective tail lamp.

Feb. 14 — Officer Mavia conducted a traffic stop in the 9000 block of East 45th North. The driver was cited for displaying an improper colored tag lamp and driving without a valid drivers' license.

Feb. 13 — Officer Murphy responded to a burglary in progress call in the 4900 block of North Hedgerow Court. There was no burglary. A woman at a residence was with a cleaning company.

Feb. 13 — Officer Swanson assisted EMS in the 4200 block of North Eagle Lake Court.

Feb. 12 — Officer Swanson responded to a possible fraud report in the 4400 block of North Stratford. There was no fraudulent activity.

Feb. 12 — Officer Swanson responded to a silent alarm in the 5900 block of East 37th North. The alarm was false.

Feb. 12 — Officer Mavia conducted a traffic stop in the 4400 block of North Woodlawn. Jonathan Allen Thomas was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license and on a Wichita warrant.

Feb. 12 — Officer Mavia responded to an audible alarm in the 5900 block of East 37th North. There was no evidence of suspicious activity and the vicinity was secured.

Feb. 12 — Officer Mavia assisted EMS in the 6700 block of East 45th North.

Feb. 11 — Officer Hutton responded to a report of larceny in the 6300 block of East 37th North. Two tires and wheels were taken off a vehicle.

Feb. 11 — Officer Swanson responded to a business alarm in the 3900 block of North Woodlawn Court. The alarm was false.

Feb. 11 — Officer Swanson responded to a burglary in progress reported in the 6600 block of East 44th North. There was no burglary.

Feb. 11 — Officer Steele conducted a traffic stop at 53rd North and Rock Spring. The driver was cited for speeding and driving without a license.

Feb. 11 — Officer Hutton responded to an audible alarm in the 4800 block of North Battin. The alarm was set off accidentally by the homeowner.

Feb. 11 — Officer Hutton took a miscellaneous report in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn.

Feb. 10 — Officer Steele responded to a suspicious character report at 45th North and Rock Road.

Feb. 10 — Officer Steele took a miscellaneous report in the 7800 block of East 53rd North.

Feb. 10 — Officer Steele conducted a traffic stop in the 5100 block of East 37th North.

Feb. 9 — Officer Hutton conducted a traffic stop in the 4600 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

Feb. 9 — Officer McCaslin took a miscellaneous report in the 7800 block of North Rock Road.

Feb. 9 — Officer McCaslin responded to an alarm in the 5000 block of North Prestwick. The alarm was false.

Feb. 9 — Officer McCaslin responded to assist the Sedgwick County Fire Department on a report of smoke in the 4400 block of North Westlake. The smoke was caused by a residential fireplace being lit.

Feb. 9 — Officer Wallender responded to a report of simple assault in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn. Melissa R. Barker was arrested after admitting to striking a man during an argument, police said.

Feb. 8 — Officer Murphy took a miscellaneous report in the 5800 block of Denise.

Feb. 8 — Officer Hutton transported Teresa Carlson from the Butler County Jail to the Sedgwick County Jail. Carlson had a Bel Aire warrant.

Feb. 8 — Officer McCaslin assisted EMS in the 6400 block of Sheppard's Crossing.

Feb. 8 — Officer McCaslin conducted a traffic stop in the 4600 block of North Woodlawn. Monika Lindburg was arrested on a Sedgwick County warrant.

Feb. 8 — Officer Mavia checked for two suspicious characters reported to be seen trying to hide in the 4500 block of North Oliver. Officers were unable to locate anyone in the area for find an evidence of suspicious activity.

Feb. 8 — Officer McCaslin responded to a barking dog complaint in the 4400 block of North Westlake

Court.

Feb. 8 — Officer Wallender took a miscellaneous report in the 6200 block of East 37th North.

Feb. 8 — Officer Wallender stood by to prevent a disturbance in the 4800 block of North Farmstead.

Feb. 8 — Officer Wallender took a miscellaneous offense report in the 12500 block of East 45th North.

Feb. 8 — Officer Murphy responded to assist Kechi police on a burglary-in-progress call in the 300 block of Comanche Circle in Kechi. It was determined a Fed Ex driver had delivered a package and when he knocked on the door, the frame busted, causing the trim to break off.

Feb. 7 — Officer Murphy responded to an alarm in the 6500 block of East Danbury. The residence was secure.

Feb. 7 — Officer Murphy conducted a traffic stop in the 5100 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for speeding, driving with a suspended license, an invalid tag and no proof of insurance.

Feb. 7 — Officer Swanson responded to a burglary in the 6700 block of East 44th North. A suspect reportedly entered a side garage door of a residence and kicked in a door to the home, but no items were reported stolen.

Feb. 7 — Officer Swanson responded to a suspicious character report in the 4400 block of North Mission.

Feb. 7 — Officer Foxx responded to an audible alarm in he 15600 block of East 45th North. The alarm was false.

Feb. 7 — Officer Foxx responded to an audible alarm in the 6300 block of East Crestmark. The alarm was false.

Feb. 6 — Officer McCaslin contacted a citizen regarding a hit-and-run, non-injury vehicle accident in the 4800 block of North Battin.

Feb. 6 — Officer Swanson responded to a non-injury vehicle accident in the 5300 block of North Oliver.

Feb. 6 — Officer McCaslin assisted EMS in the 6000 block of East 41st North.

Feb. 6 — Officer Foxx took a miscellaneous report in the 4300 block of North Woodlawn.

Feb. 6 — Officer Foxx responded to assist Wichita police on a suspicious character report in the 3700 block of North Woodlawn.

Feb. 6 — Officer Foxx responded to an alarm in the 12500 block of East 37th North. The alarm was false.

Feb. 5 — Lt. Griggs responded to assist the Wichita Fire Department on a fire reported in the 5100 block of East 39th North. There was no fire.

Feb. 5 — Lt. Griggs took a miscellaneous report in the 4200 block of North Eagle Lake.

Feb. 5 — Lt. Griggs responded to a child-in-need-of-care call at Northeast Magnet High School, 5550 N. Lycee.

Feb. 5 — Lt. Griggs took a miscellaneous report in the 4800 block of East 37th North.

Feb. 5 — Officers McCaslin and Swanson responded to a report of a door-to-door salesperson becoming aggressive with a resident in his attempt to sell a magazine subscription. The salesperson was contacted and advised he needed to stop selling door-to-door until he obtained a Bel Aire vendor's permit.

Feb. 5 — Office Swanson took a miscellaneous report in the 3700 block of North Whispering Brook. A residence appeared to have been burglarized and the homeowner said he might be missing handguns and other items.

Feb. 5 — Officer McCaslin responded to a medical call in the 6700 block of East Odessa. A subject was taken to a Wichita hospital by EMS after overdosing on medication.

Feb. 5 — Officer Wallender responded to a report of a hit-and-run, non-injury vehicle accident in the 4400 block of North Edgemoor Court.

Feb. 5 — Officer Wallender checked a residence in the 6300 block

Bel Aire and Kechi OK collaboration

By Matt Heilman

The cities of Bel Aire and Kechi have separate plans for development, but share the goal to grow and expand their tax bases. Ultimately, the cities hope the development along K-254 will benefit them both, as the highway is the functional border between Bel Aire and Kechi.

In 2011, the cities combined to win a \$25,000 grant called the Community Capacity Building Grant, which paid for a third-party consultant, Professional Engineering Consultants, to work with the cities to help them identify opportunities for collaboration where they could pool resources to save money and increase efficiencies.

PEC thoroughly studied each city and returned with a long list of money-saving opportunities, including sharing equipment and combining services.

Ultimately, each city decided that collaboration efforts should primarily focus on economic development along K-254 and the possibility of sharing IT services.

With the focus of possible collaboration narrowed, the Kechi City Council approved the joint plan for community collaboration at its Feb. 28 meeting. Kechi leaders indicated their approval of the plan puts it on the shelf for now until K-254 development

picks up for the city.

The City of Bel Aire approved the plan at its March 5 meeting. With plans along K-254 surging for his city, Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher said it was important to work closely with Kechi to develop a master plan for development.

He said the cities should incorporate zoning into a master plan to make sure there aren't conflicts with neighboring developments. For example, he said it wouldn't make sense for Kechi to zone property for industrial use on the north side of K-254 and Rock Road with nearby residential development and Bel Aire's plans for developing the core of its 500-plus-acre downtown, retail and entertainment district on the south side of K-254 and Rock Road.

"The whole idea is keeping each other involved with individual planning," Lasher said.

Last fall, the Kechi council approved a special use for 11 lots in the 17.61-acre development known as Northpointe Centre at the northwest corner of K-254 and Rock Road that will allow a Wichita-based transportation company, Cillessen & Sons, to construct an office and warehouse facility on the property.

The company's plans in Kechi don't interfere with Bel Aire's plans for nearby

residential and commercial growth.

In discussing master planning along K-254, Scott Dunakey, a senior planner at PEC, outlined possible scenarios on maps that showed how land is zoned and what types of development could be the best fit for the land.

Both the Kechi and Bel Aire city councils and a few residents in each city weighed in on the scenario they thought would work best for development along K-254.

On Feb. 28, the Kechi council approved the joint plan for community collaboration, 5-0. The plan was compiled and published in a document prepared by PEC and submitted to the Kansas Department of Commerce.



National Honor Society at Sunrise

On March 4, the Sunrise Christian Academy held its annual induction ceremony for the National Honor Society. Fourteen new members were inducted, bringing to 42 the number of NHS members at Sunrise. Guest speaker was Kansas State Treasurer Ron Estes. Pictured are (front from left) Elizabeth Harp, Katie Howell, Shannon Cantrell, Nicholas Young, Tanner Brandt, Matthew Brooks, Weston Brewster, State Treasurer Ron Estes, (back from left) adviser Peggy O'Donnell, Abigail Primm, Miranda White, Amanda Cockrell, Jacob Norris, Alex Lasher, Zachary Young, and Jared Sleppy.

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