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Health care law forces city to find new plan

By Matt Heilman

Employees for the City of Bel Aire have been told they may soon have to pay more for less. Last week, the city learned that its insurance plan through Blue Cross Blue Shield doesn't qualify with the Affordable Care Act and will no longer be available starting in February.

Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher

said the city's insurance was well above the minimum standard established with the new law and there wasn't a clear explanation offered for why the current coverage couldn't continue.

"That's my biggest question," Bel Aire Mayor David Austin said.

Lasher clarified that Blue Cross Blue Shield wasn't dropping the city from receiving coverage; it's just that

the plan in place is no longer offered with the current insurance law.

Lasher said the city's plan comes with a low deductible and low out-of-pocket expense.

"We had a good plan," Lasher said.

He said its termination prompted a letter he sent to Congressman Mike Pompeo.

In the letter, Lasher expresses the city's concerns and confusion, espe-

cially because he had understood that as long as an insurance plan wasn't considered "a high risk" it wouldn't be pulled. He said Blue Cross Blue Shield offered the city another plan that costs more and has less benefits.

"I simply wanted you to know the pain this is causing me and my staff in losing the terrific health coverage we had through Blue Cross Blue Shield in exchange for worse coverage at a

higher price," Lasher said in his letter to Pompeo.

Moving forward, he said the city is considering a plan through Coventry Health Care that is similar to the plan city employees previously enjoyed.

However, it comes with a higher price tag to the tune of about \$200 more per month for a family, Lasher

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City obtains funding to expand rail access in commerce park



Photos by Matt Heilman

The Union Pacific railroad line that runs through the heart of Bel Aire's 800-acre Sunflower Commerce Park is a key feature that has fueled interest in the property from across the region and beyond. A plan to add rail siding to the main line will increase shipping capabilities for manufacturers.

By Matt Heilman

A key project in Bel Aire's Sunflower Commerce Park has clearance to begin. On Nov. 18, Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher announced that funding from the Kansas Department of Transportation has been secured for the construction of railroad siding.

The 800-acre commerce park has a Union Pacific industrial line running through the center of the property.

"With the funding package from KDOT, the siding will become a reality, allowing four lots totaling more than 60 acres in Phase I to now have rail shipping capabilities," the city announced in a news release.

The approximate \$1.3 million project to construct rail siding off the main line is made possible with a \$250,000 grant from the KDOT Economic Development Division, a \$316,000 grant from the KDOT Freight and Rail Division, a \$316,000 city match and a \$421,000 low-interest loan of 2 percent over 10 years from the KDOT Freight and Rail Division.



With funding secured to construct a rail siding, a cement manufacturing company is planning to construct a \$6 million facility on about 12 acres at 53rd North and Greenwich. The company, Buzzi Unicem, U.S.A., is one of the nation's largest cement manufacturers.

The promise of railroad siding seals a contract with a cement manufacturing company that was committed to building in the Sunflower Commerce Park contingent upon the rail access.

"With the funding from KDOT, the city can now move forward with construction of the siding and allow

for the land contract to close," Bel Aire said in its news release.

The contract is with Buzzi Unicem, U.S.A., one of the nation's leading cement manufacturers.

The 12-acre lot purchased by the company is located along the railroad

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City wants input from young residents

Mayor's Youth Council forming

By Matt Heilman

Bel Aire Mayor David Austin would like to see more residents involved in their community. Specifically, he'd like more of the city's youth actively involved in Bel Aire and to have a say in what happens in their community.

To reach out to teens in the community and encourage them to contribute to the place they call home, Austin is working to establish the Mayor's Youth Council.

The group will consist of up to 21 students living in Bel Aire between the ages of 13 and 19.

The mission of the group is "to provide Bel Aire youth with an opportunity to weigh in on community issues and learn about city government."

A resolution the council approved to pave the way for the formation of the youth council spells out the mission, qualifications, information on membership, meeting information and the selection process.

The resolution passed at the council's Nov. 5 meeting.

"Youth council members will forge partnerships in the community, engage youth in city projects and be a representative body of the youth of Bel Aire," the council's mission said.

Members of the youth council will be appointed through an application process and will have opportunities to serve on committees. The youth council will have an executive board including a mayor, a vice-mayor a manager and a clerk of the council.

Youth Council members will be allowed to stay involved with the organization throughout high school, but will be required to reapply every year.

Wichita Mayor Carl Brewer formed a youth council in 2007.

State of the City address

Bel Aire Mayor David Austin is planning a State of the City Address at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 3 prior to the regularly scheduled Bel Aire City Council meeting. In his address, Austin said he will discuss the city's plans for 2014, including updates on the development front and a list of improvement projects the city plans to tackle.

Refreshments will be available following the presentation before the council meeting. Residents are encouraged to attend the address and the following council meeting.

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City seeks to expand community development

By Matt Heilman

The City of Bel Aire has tangible evidence to back up its assertion that its land debt is manageable. The city has come through the last two budget seasons without raising property taxes and has seen construction pick up on the residential and commercial front over the last couple of years.

Bel Aire still has a long way to go, but the city has gotten to a point where it isn't in desperation mode

on the development front. Implementing the best strategies to continue the progress was one of the key talking points during an Oct. 28 city council special meeting.

The council and Mayor David Austin also reviewed what they learned at the League of Kansas Municipalities Conference held earlier this month in Overland Park.

Joining the council and mayor at the special meeting were the city's community development director, Rick

Rekoske, and Marlin Penner, president and managing broker for Wichita commercial real estate company, John T. Arnold and Associates. Penner has worked with Bel Aire to market its commercial property in the Sunflower Commerce Park.

In building off its momentum on the commercial and residential development fronts, Penner emphasized the importance for Bel Aire to implement a master plan to make the most out of the vacant land. Besides adher-

ing to how property is zoned, he said the city needs to do its research and gain an understanding for what types of businesses or residences best fit the community and what potential residents want in a new home.

So far, Penner indicated the city has done well incorporating a mix of single family and multi family residential properties and progressing on plans for a future commercial center near 53rd North and Rock Road, north of City Hall.

In preparation for growth that is expected to forever change Bel Aire, the council also discussed community development. Council member Ken Lee said he attended a forum at the League of Kansas Municipalities Conference that discussed the concept of crowdfunding where a large project or venture citizens want is paid for over time through small amounts gathered from a large number of people at community fundraising events.

Lee said he heard that a healthy community should host a community fundraising activity at least once every three years.

One project on a wish list discussed by the council at its special meeting is the inclusion of a dog park in Bel Aire. Rekoske said he'd like to see the first Hot Dog Pool Party the city held this summer at the community pool in Central Park work as

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Mayor's corner

By David Austin

Burger King, a jumpy jump house and an ocean. It's all we need. You know the poem, "All I ever needed to know, I learned in kindergarten." I lived it.

Earlier this month I was invited to speak to a gathering of kindergarten students at Sunrise Christian Academy. The purpose was to let the youngsters know what a mayor does as a public servant.

That was fun, interesting and exhausting in a good way. In addition to a fire drill at the beginning of my talk, in which a young girl insisted I follow her instructions to a tee on evacuating the building or that I would fail, I learned a lot.

I learned that trying to describe infrastructure to a group of 5-year-olds is not easy. In doing so they realized that when they potty and flush a toilet that the city provides sewer services to make sure it doesn't stink — yes, that was an actual realization shared during our time together.

After some more discussion on city services like police, roads, sidewalks, communication, housing, etc., it was time for the kiddos to design their own city. We discussed several things that a city needs to be successful, and then it was time to vote. I was told they think I should get a Burger King, a jumpy jump house and an ocean — that would make Bel Aire awesome. Remember, they are in kindergarten.

I think Bel Aire is already awesome.

As I write this, we are two weeks away from Thanksgiving. I am also in the throes of planning the first-ever State of the City address, which will take place before the first December City Council meeting. Both have made me pause and reflect on being mayor of this city and all the positive momentum and growth we are experiencing.

It is hard to believe that it is nearly time to say Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year. Some Christmas lights are already starting to pop up on houses.

So, as we celebrate this holiday season, I hope we will continue to spend time with family and friends. Let us use this time to reflect and count our blessings. The greatest gift we could exchange this season is to serve one another. May I ask you all to remember your neighbors at this time of year, especially the elderly and those who live alone.

I would also like to extend a special welcome to those who are returning to or visiting our city to be with their families and hope that you have a wonderful time. Be sure to check out our city offerings. It's not an ocean nor do we have a business filled with amazingly fun inflatables, but we have great parks, great neighborhoods and a good variety of eating options within our city limits.

From my family, our city council and your dedicated city staff, we wish your family all the love and blessings of the season.

We look forward with anticipation to another great year in 2014.

Insurance

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said. The City of Park City offers its insurance through Coventry on a plan that city administrator Jack Whitson said is good until November of 2014.

He said the city is already preparing for challenges and looking at options for its future coverage.

"We'll have a big decision coming up," he said.

The City of Kechi offers its employees insurance through Blue Cross Blue Shield, but is not having to drop its plan. City clerk Laura Hill said the city's current plan is good through

Assassination: Mystery in history

Nov. 22 is the golden anniversary of one of the darkest hours in American history. And 50 years later, the case isn't closed for most of the country. A recent Gallup poll shows that 61 percent of Americans still believe the assassination of John F. Kennedy was part of a conspiracy and others besides Lee Harvey Oswald were involved.

Of the skeptical majority, the poll shows that 3 percent believe former president Lyndon B. Johnson orchestrated the assassination. Among that group is Don Bennett, a Valley Center resident and retired Wichita police officer who has owned and given haircuts at Don Jr.'s Barber Shop in Valley Center since 1992.

In law enforcement, Bennett said he was able to hone his sense of knowing when there's something more to a story than what's been told.

The final report on the Kennedy assassination from the Warren Commission concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone, firing three shots from a book depository overlooking the Dallas street on which the president's motorcade traveled on Nov. 22, 1963.

Based on reports he's read and documentaries he's seen, Bennett believes there was more than one gunman involved in the plot to kill the president. He believes Johnson orchestrated the assassination and utilized his political power in Dallas to manipulate the investigation.

"Johnson's power base was in Texas," Bennett said. "In Texas, he had the political power to even control things like autopsy reports."

He believes the intricate web of manipulation involved players spanning the political, civil and law enforcement levels. He's confident there's more to the story than what's been told, but acknowledges that

Heil on life

By Matt Heilman



he'll likely never know the whole story. The Warren Commission was closed in 1968 and was to remain closed for 100 years.

Bennett remembers being a 17-year-old high school senior in shop class in WaKeeney, about 36 miles west of Hays, when he heard the news that shook the world on Nov. 22, 1963.

"They called everybody to the front and told us that the president had been shot and that everything would be OK," Bennett said. "As far as we were concerned, there was a war about to start."

Bennett soon heard the assassination wasn't carried out by a foreign enemy. For three days following Nov. 22, Bennett and his friends spent their time in WaKeeney's pool hall, playing pool and watching the events following the assassination unfold on a television.

"That's all there was on TV," Bennett said.

On live TV, Oswald was gunned down by a Dallas nightclub owner, Jack Ruby. Bennett, like many Americans, including myself quite frankly, believe Oswald was killed for fear that he'd expose a conspiracy.

Halfway across the country, John Goyette, the chairman of Park City's Convention and Tourism Board, was a junior in high school in a small Massachusetts town west of Brookline, the Boston suburb where the 35th president grew up.

Goyette said people in his home state were hit especially hard when the news spread that Kennedy had been assassinated.

"He was a favorite son," Goyette said. "He affected our daily life in Massachusetts."

In 1963, Goyette used to leave school early and go to work at a department store. After the assassination, he helped set up a small shrine for JFK at the front of the store, including a picture of the president.

"Everything was quiet in the store," Goyette said. "The shrine right there as you came into the store said it all."

Goyette said he remembers listening to JFK's news conference on the radio during the Cuban Missile Crisis and the widespread shock about a year later when the president was killed.

"Jack was a pretty damn strong person," Goyette said. "I can't remember doing a lot of mourning, but I think it was two or three weeks before anybody really snapped out of it. Communities (in New England) just about stopped. I've never been involved in anything that stopped so much. It affected everybody pretty hard back there. No matter what you thought, he was a local guy."

Goyette is also part of the 61 percent that believes there is more to the Kennedy assassination than meets the eye. And like Bennett, he knows he'll probably not know the complete story in his lifetime.

Fifty years later, the Kennedy assassination remains another piece of history surrounded in mystery.

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Health care law messy for city

Right, wrong or indifferent, there's no denying that a multitude of issues has accompanied the launch of the Affordable Care Act. For every horror story of deductibles and monthly fees going through the roof, we're sure there will be plenty of cases where people who have long gone without treatment will finally be able to see a doctor without going broke.

However, currently, the rollout of the healthcare law has been convoluted and messy.

The City of Bel Aire was more or less blindsided in November when the city received notice that its current plan for employees no longer qualified under the new health care law.

Blue Cross Blue Shield didn't drop the city's coverage, but the well-received, competitive plan in place was no longer available.

What it amounted to, Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher said, was that the city was left to offer its employees less quality insurance at a higher price. On behalf of the city, Lasher expressed his concerns to Congressman Mike Pompeo.

Ultimately, Bel Aire and its employees are going to be OK. Lasher said the city has the option to sign on to a plan similar to what it's had under a new provider, but the switch won't come without a price increase.

Lasher said the city has budgeted for the increase, so at least through next year, there won't be a negative impact on taxpayers. However, no matter which way you cut it, it's unfortunate that Bel Aire wasn't able to keep its coverage.

In looking for workers, cities usually offer a strong benefits package to gain an edge in a market where most workers can land higher salaries in the private sector.

It's unfortunate when the rules from the top make an already difficult task even more so at the local level.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Lions Cub fundraising dinner well attended

The Bel Aire Lions Club would like to thank the more than 100 citizens who attended the Third Annual "Taste Of Italy" fundraising dinner held Nov. 9 at Gospel Assembly Church. We also want to thank the members of Gospel Assembly Church for allowing us to use their wonderful facility for our annual fund raising dinner. One hundred percent of all funds raised by the Lions go back into the area community for aid and projects. One of our targeted projects is to build a shelter/pavilion at the Bel Aire Recreation Center ball fields, similar to the one in Bel Aire Park, for all to use and enjoy.

We look forward to seeing you again next year at "A Taste Of Italy", and once again "Thank you!"

— Gary O'Neil, Bel Aire Lions Club



The Bel Aire Lions Club welcomed more than 100 visitors to its Nov. 9 "Taste of Italy" fundraising dinner. All of the money raised at the dinner goes back into the community for aid and projects.

Rail

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line at the intersection of 53rd North and Greenwich. On the site, Buzzi Unicem is planning construction of a \$6 million facility.

The city said the company will start construction in the Sunflower Commerce Park after the New Year and will utilize about 800 rail cars

per year.

"The city currently has two other land purchase contracts in the due diligence phase for lots in the (commerce) park," the Nov. 18 news release said.

One contract is with Shuttle Aerospace, a Wichita-based aircraft parts manufacturer that is looking to build on about eight acres at the southwest corner of 53rd North and Webb Road. Shuttle Aerospace also

has an option to purchase six additional acres adjacent to the eight acres in its purchase agreement with Bel Aire.

In September, Lasher said plans call for the closing of the land sale to take place by the end of the year with construction on Shuttle Aerospace's new facility to start in the spring.

The second contract the city has been working on involves what Bel

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an annual fundraiser to go toward a dog park.

In regards to the dog park, city

leaders have eyed a couple acres on a flood plain north of the Heartland Animal Hospital, just south of 45th North and Woodlawn, as a possible site. But the prospect of a dog park hasn't been taken much farther than the discussion phase.

Rekoske said the realization of such a project could be helped by a core group of passionate volunteers who could spur excitement and help organize fundraising activities.

Also on Oct. 28, the council and mayor had an executive ses-

sion with Bel Aire City Attorney Allison Brown to discuss matters relating to attorney-client privilege.

In the closed session, the council discussed a potential land sale, but didn't publicly disclose details of the potential sale.

Aire only described as "a yet to be announced international company." Currently, Century Manufacturing is the lone tenant in the Sunflower Commerce Park, operating in a 36,000 square-foot building on three acres.

The company that specializes in manufacturing acrylic and transparent promotional materials and awards, has been operating in the commerce park since January.

Youth

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The implementation of a youth council in Bel Air would work in a similar way, city leaders said.

Austin said Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher and community development director Rick Rekoske would also be involved in the youth council. The mayor said he hoped to begin gathering applications and get the group started in Bel Aire after the New Year.

"I want (students) to have a say in city government and that they also have a say in the events that take place here in

Bel Aire," Austin said.

Council Member Peggy O'Donnell, an administrator at Bel Aire's Sunrise Christian Academy said the formation of the Mayor's Youth Council would be a positive addition to the city for its leaders and students in the community.

"I'm very excited about this," she said.

Also on Nov. 5, the council:

- Approved an appropriations ordinance for \$544,687.39.

- Heard a proclamation from Austin recognizing Nov. 11 as Veterans Day.
- Approved an ordinance changing zoning on certain property from commercial to residential.

- Approved a resolution establishing a utility advisory committee.

- Approved a change order with Cornejo & Sons in the amount of \$11,513 for work in the Sunflower Commerce Park.



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City of Bel Aire



Bel Aire Recreation

HOLIDAY ARTS & CRAFTS (ages 5-12)

Spice up your holidays with some homemade holiday crafts and decorations on Saturday, November 23rd & Saturday, December 21st from 2:00-3:00pm. Kids will be given the opportunity to get their creative juices flowing and put their own special twist on some arts and crafts. Space is limited, therefore pre-registration is required.

PRE-SEASON BOYS BASKETBALL CLINIC

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. The basketball clinic will be held Saturday, December 14th; time 2:00-4:30pm.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Basketball is for boys ages 5-11. Games will be played on Saturdays beginning January

4, 2014. Practices will be set up by coaches on weeknights beginning the week of December 16th. The registration deadline is December 7.

TAEKWONDO

(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. Participants need to provide their own yoga mat. Adults can join at any time! Teens & adults can join at any time!

FITNESS CENTER

(ages 16 & up) The Fitness Center consists of elliptical cross trainers, treadmills, recumbent bike, multi-station weight machine, and free-weights. There is no charge for pass holders, or it is available with the purchase of a daily pass.

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

Bel Aire Seniors

All SENIORS 55+ are cordially invited to all events listed below. The Senior Center and Library area are 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 or attend to 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 a.m. on North Rock Road

Monthly & Special Events:

Oct. 15 – Dec. 7, Medicare Open Enrollment
Dec. 2, 6:30 p.m. – Potluck Dinner with the Great Plains Jazz Orchestra - Community Room
Dec. 3, 8:30 a.m. – Breakfast – Jimmies Egg
Dec. 4, 10 a.m. – Volunteer library work time at the Senior Center
Dec. 5, 9:30 a.m. – “A Veteran’s Experience” with Chuck Peters, Hot Cocoa and Cookies at the Senior Center
Dec. 9, 6 p.m. – Christmas Dinner and music by Sunrise reservation required—contact Vicki at 744-1199
Dec. 10, 9 a.m. – CS Advisory Meeting
Dec. 11, 10 a.m. – Open Sewing at the Senior Center
Dec. 12, 5:30 p.m. – A Country Christmas at Fulton Valley Farms. For Reservation call 744-2451 x 121
Dec. 16, 11:30 a.m. – Lunch at Olive Garden, call Vicki for information
Dec. 17, 6 p.m. Ladies Dine Out - for info call Anita at 744-2840
Dec. 18, 10 a.m. – Men’s Coffee at Braum’s on North Rock Road
Dec. 18, 10:15 a.m. – Senior Aerobics Brunch (different locations)
Dec. 18, 2 p.m. – Ladies Tea/Coffee at Braum’s on North Rock Road
NO POTLUCK IN JAN.
Feb. 3, 6:30 pm – Teresa Hatfield, “Master of Memory” – Community Room

Community Events

TOPS – Tuesdays, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
City Council Meetings – 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of every month
Dec. 3 - 6:30 p.m. - State of the Address (Cookies & Punch in between)
Dec. 4 - 12:00 p.m. - Chamber of Commerce Lunch
Dec. 4 - 7:00 p.m. -Municipal Court
Dec. 9 - 7:00 p.m. -Central Park HOA
Dec. 12 - 1:30 p.m. - Red Hat cheese, chocolate and cheer party. Call Anita for more info at 744-2840.
Dec. 19 - 12:30 p.m. - Municipal Court
Dec. 23 - 7:00 p.m. -Tree Board Meeting
Dec. 24 - 25th Offices Closed for Christmas



The City of Bel Aire proudly presents “Bel Aire Christmas Celebration”

Enjoy Christmas lights, a night with Santa, punch/coffee/hot cider/hot chocolate, and holiday music on December 7th from 6-8 pm at City Hall!

Come celebrate Christmas in your own backyard!
And, don't miss the Bake Sale by the Bel Aire Seniors and the Coloring Contest by our local youth!

For the kids: Christmas coloring contest

In celebration of this festive and fun time of year, children 12 and under are encouraged to enter a coloring contest hosted by the City of Bel Aire. Three winners will have a group photo taken with the Mayor of Bel Aire, Kansas and an article with photo displayed in the January 2014 edition of the Bel Aire Breeze. Children may pick up the official coloring page and entry form at the Bel Aire City Hall, located at 7651 E Central Park Ave Bel Aire, KS 67226 or download it at: <http://www.belaires.gov/>. All entries must be dropped off or mailed to the Bel Aire City Hall by December 6th. All entries will be displayed at the Bel Aire City Hall. Winners will be chosen in age groups 6 and under, 7-9 and 10-12. Judging will be based on the following: Creativity/Originality; Use of Color and Artistic Ability/Skill in Relationship to Age Group. Limited to residents of Bel Aire and one entry per child.

Just for Kids!
The City of Bel Aire Presents a
Christmas Coloring Contest

PICK UP YOUR OFFICIAL COLORING SHEET AND ENTRY FORM AT THE BEL AIRE CITY HALL OR DOWNLOAD AT: www.belaires.gov

All entries will be displayed at the Bel Aire City Hall. Contest runs from November 1st through December 6th. Age division winners will be announced on December 7th at 6:45 in the Community Room and have their photos taken with the Bel Aire Mayor and be showcased in the Bel Aire Breeze. Age Categories: "6 and under", "7-9" and "10-12". Any child residing in Bel Aire, Kansas 12 years of age and under is eligible to enter. One entry per child. Pick up official coloring page and entry form at the Bel Aire City Hall at 7651 E Central Park Ave or download at: www.belaires.gov.

Building and Zoning

Although Bel Aire doesn't have many areas in a designated flood area, the entire USA is in the middle of a change related to flood insurance and a property owner's risk. If you are one of the few with property in a pre-firm map area, it may be a good idea to have your house surveyed and submit an elevation certificate to FEMA. If the structure is removed from the flood zone based on elevation data collected, your insurance rate would be reduced to a preferred rate. Any property owner can purchase flood insurance, and as you know, any area can flood. If you have any questions please contact the Building and Zoning Department at 744-2451 Ext 120, or check out the city web site for more flood related information www.belaires.gov under (FEMA Quick Reference Guide).

State of the City Address

On December 3rd at 6:30 at Bel Aire City Hall in the City Council Chambers, the Mayor will present a State of the City Address. During the Address, the Mayor is going to reflect on the past year 2013, including some of the accomplishments we made and upcoming priorities and tasks ahead in 2014. We encourage everyone to come and listen to our Mayor speak about this very important State of the City Address.

City Hall

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

HIGHLIGHTS



Courtesy photo

City Clerk Jamie Hayes with Bel Aire City Council member and former utility clerk for the city, Betty Martine at the Nov. 14 ceremony recognizing Hayes for her completion of a four-year-program and achievement as a certified municipal clerk.

City clerk receives certification

Bel Aire City Clerk Jamie Hayes received her Certified Municipal Clerk Award at a Nov. 14 ceremony in recognition of her completion of a four-year program through the Hugo Wall School of Public Affairs at Wichita State University. Hayes said the certification program started four years ago when she was an administrative assistant for Bel Aire. In 2011, she became the deputy city clerk and utility clerk before becoming the full-time city clerk this year.

Hayes said the certification program she recently completed included daily classes, projects and homework, similar to a traditional college class.

Hayes has worked for the City of Bel Aire for four-and-one-half years.

— Matt Heilman

TOPS sets Christmas dinner

Rick Eberhard, TOPS 1105 leader, extends an

invitation to the public to come and visit the local TOPS 1105 Club meetings on Tuesday mornings at the Bel Aire Senior Center, 7651 E. Central Park Ave., at 9:30 a.m.

TOPS Club Inc. is the original, nonprofit, weight-loss support and wellness education organization. The program is scientifically proven and has helped millions over the last 60-plus years.

TOPS promotes successful, affordable weight management with a hands-on pounds-off-approach to weight loss that combines: healthy eating, regular physical activity, wellness information, rewards and recognition and support from others at weekly chapter meetings (excluding holidays).

TOPS 1105 weekly meetings provide a supportive, educational environment where people are encouraged and not judged.

TOPS 1105 will host its annual Christmas dinner at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 3 at the Bel Aire Senior Center. TOPS 1105 will not be meeting on that morning. Party and dinner reservations are requested at 744-1337.



Matt Heilman

Clinic taking shape

The future home of Rock Ridge Family Medicine is taking shape at the northeast corner of 53rd North and Rock Road. Dr. Timothy Wolff is planning to see patients in the new facility starting in the spring.

The chapter will purchase the meat and other members/guests will be asked to bring a side dish. A white elephant gift exchange will also take place. All gifts will be limited to \$10 in value. The public is invited.

On Dec. 10, Steve Jackson will share his story on how to lose weight in the mountains over the summer months. Then at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 17, the EMT-paramedics from A Shift at Sedgwick County Fire Station 37 in Bel Aire will share their health

and wellness program that keeps them healthy. They will also giving blood pressure checks from 9 to 9:30 a.m.

TOPS 1105 will not host Tuesday meetings Dec. 24 and 31 due to the holidays. Regular meetings will resume on Jan. 7.

For more information, contact Eberhard at 744-1337 or email: rickeberhard@cox.net. TOPS 1105 has complimentary 2014 community planning calendars available as well.

— The Breeze staff

Bel Aire adds engineer to city staff



Glaser

By Matt Heilman

The City of Bel Aire took advantage of room in its 2014 budget to make a hire that, in the long run, is expected to save a lot of money. Garrett Glaser, a 31-year-old licensed engineer with a master's degree in Public Administration has joined Bel Aire's staff as the city engineer.

Glaser started in the new role on Oct. 7. Prior to completing his master's work at Wichita State,

Glaser earned his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Kansas State University and spent eight-and-one-half years working for the City of Wichita as a project engineer.

Glaser said he's "Always enjoyed supervising and likes his new position because it effectively mixes his experiences with engineering and public administration.

"This position marries the two of them just perfectly," he said.

Glaser said he also likes being in Bel Aire because of the broad range of projects he gets to work on.

"I like Bel Aire for the simple fact that I get to be part of such a big thing, whether it be water, sewer, storm, streets, parks... I get to see it all and I get to be involved in it," he said.

In the next year, Glaser said the city is looking to spend money on streets, finally tackling some work that has long been a wish

list.

"There's not nearly enough to go around, but we're gonna definitely try to (make improvements) on the places that have the biggest impact on the most people," he said.

Glaser said he's also preparing for water and sewer line projects in the city.

"Because the position is so broad, it can be a little overwhelming, but that's part of the fun of it too," he said.

Beach Boys to be at Hartman

Never mind the forecast. A legendary group is coming to north Sedgwick County this month to perform some songs of summer.

At 7 p.m. Dec. 19, the Beach Boys are set to play at Hartman Arena. Tickets for the concert went on sale Nov. 8.

The Beach Boys are coming to the Wichita area for the first time since 1985. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame members notched 11 top 10 singles from 1963 to 1968 in a career that has spanned more than 50 years.

Tickets for the Dec. 19 concert are available at www.stage1tickets.com, at select CD TradePost locations, at the Hartman Arena Box Office or by calling 927-3999.

— The Breeze staff

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran Church

As always, Communion will be served at all morning services.

A variety of weekly and monthly activities are offered including Falcon Fellowship (Free lunch for students at Heights High School on the second 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 North Hillside, across from Wichita Heights High School).

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. Weekly Masses are 8 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; also at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Resurrection Catholic School has students from preschool through eighth grade.

The parish/school website is www.resurrectionwichita.com. Phone number is 744-2776. Rev. James F. Weldon is the pastor.

Community Bible Chapel

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

Worship service and breaking of the bread are at 9 a.m., with Bible study and Sunday school at 10:30 on Sundays.

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

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

Fairmount United Church of Christ

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

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

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

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

Gospel Assembly Church

Located at 4230 N. Oliver in Bel Aire, service times are 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Prayer service is 7 p.m. Tuesday. Praise and worship is 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. The first Saturday evening of each month are youth activities.

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

You are welcome at Kechi United Methodist Church, 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi. The Contemporary Service is at 9:03 a.m.; the Blended Service is at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays.

Pastor Mitch Reece will begin a new sermon series, Dec. 1 entitled, "The Person God Can Use."

Youth Group for 6th - 12th grades meets every Sunday at 4 p.m..

Looking for Healthy (Health Strategies) meets every Wednesday at 6 p.m.; cost is \$10/session.

CareGivers Support group meets every first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the basement parlor. Bingo is every first Wednesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. Every 3rd Tuesday a Hot Meal is prepared at KUMC and served to the United Methodist Open Door Ministries Drop-In Center at 10:00 a.m. Volunteers welcome!

The KUMC Cookie Caper is Dec. 7, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cookies and candies sold by the pound, benefits Missions Projects

Christmas Candlelight Service Dec. 24 at 6 p.m.

Find us at www.KechiUMC.org. Follow us on Facebook, or Twitter @KechiUMC. Pastor Mitch can be contacted at Mitch@kechiumpc.org. Phone number is 744-1221.

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 jimcquery@cox.net

Risen Savior Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

Contemporary Sunday worship services at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Communion on the first and third Sunday. Adult Sunday school and Bible class meet at 9:15 a.m.

Children's church at 10:30. A nursery is provided during Bible class and second service.

Wednesday Evening Ministries is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. with activities for all ages. A nursery will be available for preschool-age children. King's Kids is for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Confirmation class for children in grades six through eight. IMPACT! is for grades nine through twelve. There will also be adult Bible classes.

Blue Christmas Service on Sunday, Dec. 8th at 5:30 p.m.

Advent Worship Services will be on Wednesday, Dec. 4, 11 & 18th at 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship Services on Dec. 24th will be at 6:00 p.m. and a Candlelight Service at 8:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Worship Service on Dec. 25 will be at 10 a.m.

Risen Savior Preschool class for 2013-14 school year is currently in session. Preschool classes for 3 to 5 years old children are on Monday/Wednesday/ Friday from 9 to 11:45 a.m. Please call the church for details.

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

Senior pastor is Tom Harmon.

St. Michael's Orthodox Christian Church

Saint Michael's Orthodox Christian Church is located at 2710 E 61st Street Park City, KS

67219. It is a congregation of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.

"...the disciples were first called Christians at Antioch." Acts 11:26

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

On Wednesday our service is at 6 p.m. On Saturday Vespers is at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night Potluck Supper Program: Dec. 4 Topic: "Saint Nicholas of Myra" and Dec. 18 "The O Antiphons" Liturgy 6 p.m., Potluck 6:45, Program 7:15 p.m.

Men's Study Group first and third Monday at 7 p.m. We are studying the Gospel of Luke.

Women's Study Group second and fourth Friday at 10 a.m. Dare To Live Fully Right Where You Are. We will continue our study of "One Thousand Gifts" by Ann Voskamp.

Holy Days for December: Dec. 6 Saint Nicholas, Dec. 7 Saint Ambrose, Dec. 13 Saint Lucy, Dec. 21 Saint Thomas the Apostle, Dec. 24 Eve of the Nativity, Dec. 26 Saint Stephen, Dec. 27 Saint John the Divine, Dec. 28 The Holy Innocents.

Call the church for more information 734-6248 or visit our website: www.stmichaeloc.org

SERVICES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON: On Dec. 8 at 4 p.m. Festival of Lessons and Carols a service of Advent and Christmas music and Scripture for the Ark Valley communities of Park City, Valley Center, Kechi and Bel Aire. Join us as we prepare ourselves

for the celebration of our Lord's Nativity. Co-sponsored with Saint Michael, by The Church at Park City, Kechi United Methodist Church, and Jubilee Presbyterian Church.

Dec. 18 at 6 p.m. we will offer the traditional Golden Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This Advent liturgy is celebrated by candle light and is a beautiful and solemn offering of praise to the Holy Trinity and to our Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary. Following this service we will have a potluck and program.

Christmas Eve Dec. 24 at 11 p.m. the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ according to the Flesh.

New Years Eve Dec. 31 at 6 p.m. Liturgy of Thanksgiving for 2013 and special intercessory prayers for the New Year. Blessing of the Vasilipita or Basil Bread in honor of Saint Basil whose Feast is Jan. 1. Saint Basil Day is our Bishop's Namesday.

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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POLICE REPORTS

Nov. 14 — Officer Thompson observed a juvenile throw a large chunk of concrete in the drain at Farmstead and Denise.

Nov. 14 — Officer Thompson assisted EMS in the 4000 block of Clarendon. A woman was taken to the hospital.

Nov. 14 — Officer McCaslin responded to a non-injury accident in the 3800 block of North Oliver. A driver was cited for inattentive driving.

Nov. 14 — Officer McCaslin assisted EMS in the 4400 block of North Edgemoor. A patient was taken to the hospital.

Nov. 14 — Officer Murphy stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 6800 block of East 45th North. The driver was taken to the jail on suspicion of DUI.

Nov. 14 — Officer Steele took a report of found property in the 6400 block of East Rodeo Drive. Found was what appeared to be hockey equipment. The owner retrieved the property.

Nov. 13 — Officer Swanson responded to a non-injury accident in the 4400 block of North Woodlawn.

Nov. 13 — Officer McCaslin assisted Sedgwick County Fire on a water call in the 5200 block of North Colonial Avenue. A sprinkler head had ruptured.

Nov. 13 — Officer Murphy stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5400 block of East 37th North. Jeff Brown was arrested on charges of driving with a revoked license and driving while a habitual violator.

Nov. 12 — Officer Foxx took a report of suspicious activity in the 4700 block of North Krueger. A man with glasses and a stocking cap carrying a bag was seen walking in the area.

Nov. 12 — Officer McCaslin assisted EMS in the 4100 block of North Oliver. A woman was taken to the hospital.

Nov. 11 — Officer Swanson took an animal report in the 6400 block of East Danbury. The reporting party saw two cats limping and thought they were being harmed. The cats showed no signs of abuse.

Nov. 10 — Officer Swanson responded to an injury motorcycle accident in the 4500 block of Hedgerow. The rider was taken to the hospital.

Nov. 10 — Officer Steele stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation in the 3900 block of North Woodlawn Court. The driver was cited for failing to signal and driving with a suspended license.

Nov. 9 — Officer Thompson responded to an alarm in the 6200 block of East 37th North. The business was secure.

Nov. 9 — Officer McCaslin responded to a 911 hang-up call in the 4000 block of North Edgemoor. There was no emergency.

Nov. 9 — Officer McCaslin assisted EMS in the 6800 block of East 45th North. A woman was taken to the hospital.

Nov. 9 — Officer Murphy stopped a vehicle for a defective headlight in the 3800 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was taken to the Sedgwick County Jail for suspicion of DUI. He was later taken to his residence and released.

Nov. 9 — Officer Steele responded to a loud music complaint in the 4800 block of East Willow Point Court.

Nov. 8 — Officer Thompson took a call of a suspicious subject in a truck in the 4400 block of Edgemoor Court. The suspect could not be found.

Nov. 8 — Officer Steele assisted EMS in the 4500 block of North Rushwood. A woman was taken to the hospital.

Nov. 7 — Officer Foxx took a report at the station of a missing passport in the 4400 block of North Edgemoor Court.

Nov. 7 — Officer Foxx took a report of a larceny in the 4500 block of North Hillcrest. Someone took a drill, batteries and charger from a bag in the bed of a truck. Loss was estimated at \$110.

Nov. 7 — Officer McCaslin responded to a disturbance call in the 5900 block of East Memphis. The reporting party said six teenage boys were fighting at the bus stop. The boys were rough-housing, but not fighting.

Nov. 7 — Officer McCaslin took a report from a woman who said a man "whooped" at her while she was getting her mail in the 4800 block of East Aston.

Nov. 7 — Officer McCaslin responded to JT Enterprises in the 6300 block of East Crestmark, where a man thought to be stealing pallets was detained by the reporting party. The man was issued a no-trespass warning.

Nov. 7 — Officer Murphy stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5100 block of North Oliver. The driver was cited for speeding.

Nov. 6 — Officer Foxx took a report at the station from a woman receiving a phone call from a security alarm sales person.

Nov. 6 — Officer McCaslin took a report of suspicious activity in the 4400 block of North Janesville. A man reported receiving a suspicious phone call from North Carolina and seeing a suspicious person and thought the two were related.

Nov. 6 — Officer McCaslin took a larceny report in the 6300 block of East Crestmark. Pallets were taken from behind the building.

Nov. 6 — Officer Murphy responded to a 911 hang-up call in the 5100 block of East 46th North. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

Nov. 5 — Officers responded assisted the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department in checking for a wanted person in the 5300 block of North Rock Springs.

Nov. 5 — Officer McCaslin took a report of vandalism at the Catholic Care Center in the 6500 block of East 45th North. A window was broken.

Nov. 3 — Officer Hutton responded to a burglary alarm in the 4400 block of North Janesville. There were no signs of criminal activity.

Nov. 3 — Officer Hutton took a larceny report in the 4500 block of North Glendale. Someone broke into a vehicle and took a debit card.

Nov. 3 — Officer Steele assisted the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office in the 5900 block of East 41st North.

Nov. 3 — Officer Steele stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5900 block of East 37th North. The driver was cited for speeding and no driver's license in possession.

Nov. 2 — Officer Thompson took a report of a set of keys hanging on a utility pole at 48th North and Parkhurst. The keys were placed in a property locker.

Nov. 2 — Officer Murphy stopped a vehicle for driving without headlights in the 4000 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for driving without headlights and no driver's license in possession.

Nov. 2 — Officer Steele stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5900 block of East 37th North. The driver was cited for speeding.

Nov. 1 — Officer Thompson took a call of a dog running at-large in the 3800 block of Cozy Drive. A resident reported a dog was hanging around his house.

Nov. 1 — Officer Steele stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. Todd Lopez was cited for speeding and arrested on a Wichita warrant.

Oct. 31 — Officer Thompson responded to a report of a suspicious character in the 5700 block of Memphis. The reported party said a man parks his vehicle in the area during lunchtime.

Oct. 30 — Lt. Griggs took a report of larceny in the 5700 block of East Memphis. Someone entered an unlocked vehicle and took an iPad, laptop computer, carrying case and chargers. Loss was estimated at \$1,782.7.

Oct. 30 — Lt. Griggs took a report of larceny in the 6500 block of East 45th North. Someone broke into a vehicle and took a purse. Loss was estimated at \$1,005.

Oct. 30 — Lt. Griggs responded to a report of a burglary in progress in the 6800 block of East Summerside Place. Everything was OK. There was no burglary in progress.

Oct. 30 — Officer McCaslin responded to a report of a larceny in the 8400 block of East Granite Court. Taken was a trailer with a 42-inch lawnmower on it.

Oct. 30 — Officer McCaslin took a report of a larceny in the 4400 block of North Rushwood. A trailer was taken from a driveway.

Oct. 29 — Officer Swanson responded to a larceny in the 4900 block of North Highland. Someone entered an unlocked vehicle and took tools, gloves, sunglasses and garage door opener.

Oct. 29 — Officer Swanson responded to a larceny in the 6800 block of Summerside Place. Someone broke into a vehicle and took a trailer wiring harness.

Oct. 29 — Officer Swanson took a report of disorderly conduct that occurred in the 4200 block of North Rushwood. A resident said she had received numerous calls from a man asking if she wanted to join Al Qaeda.

Oct. 28 — Officer Swanson made contact with two individuals standing near a business in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn. Raven Phillips and Chad Engel were arrested on warrants.

Oct. 28 — Officer Hutton responding to a report of a suspicious character in the 6000 block of East Clarendon. A man in a white vehicle was driving down the street attaching yellow fliers to poles on mailboxes, offering reflective home address numbers painted on the curbs for \$25.

Oct. 28 — Officer Hutton responded to a report of a suspicious character at the Catholic Care Center in the 6700 block of East 45th North. Officer was unable to locate the suspicious character.

Oct. 28 — Officer Steele assisted Park City police in searching for a wanted person.

Oct. 27 — Officer Thompson responded to an alarm at Enterprise Rent-a-Car in the 6300 block of East 37th North. It was a false alarm.

Oct. 27 — Officer Hutton took a report of a suspicious character in a field west of the 5000 block of North Webb Road. A man in the field had permission to take small amounts of top soil in buckets.

Oct. 26 — Officer Thompson took a traffic complaint.

Oct. 26 — Officer Steele stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for speeding and no driver's license in possession.

Oct. 26 — Officer Murphy assisted EMS with a person who had fallen in the 5700 block of East Hanover. There were no injuries.

Oct. 25 — Officer Thompson responded to a larceny in the 6300 block of Crestmark. Someone drove onto the property and removed 10 pallets.

Oct. 25 — Lt. Griggs responded to a larceny in the 5700 block of East Kenawee. A resident reported the theft of three rings in August.

Oct. 25 — Officer Thompson took a report of found property at 48th North and Hedgerow. Found in the street was a partial box of water meters.

Oct. 25 — Lt. Griggs assisted Wichita police is looking for a robbery and kidnapping suspect.

Oct. 25 — Officer Hutton took a report of fraud in the 5900 block of East Denise. A woman reported that someone opened an eBay account and purchasing items using her Social Security number.

Oct. 25 — Officer Hutton responded to an alarm in the 6000 block of East Danbury. There were

no signs of criminal activity.

Oct. 25 — Officer Hutton assisted EMS at the Spiritual Life Center in the 7100 block of East 45th North.

Oct. 25 — Officer Hutton responded to an alarm in the 6000 block of East Danbury. There were no signs of criminal activity.

Oct. 24 — Officer Thompson responded to a burglary at a residence in the 4100 block of Parkwood. The suspect(s) entered an unlocked door and took power and hand tools, an air compressor, four faucets, tool belt and a radio.

Oct. 24 — Officer Murphy responded to a burglary at Tree Top Nursery in the 5900 block of East 37th North. Jose Carmen Jr. was arrested on charges of burglary, theft and criminal damage to property.

Oct. 23 — Officer Thompson responded to an injury accident in the 5800 block of East 37th North. A vehicle rear-ended another vehicle. A driver complained of discomfort to the neck and shoulder but refused medical treatment.

Oct. 23 — Officer Swanson stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5000 block of North Rock Road. The driver was cited for speeding, no driver's license in possession and no proof of insurance.

Oct. 23 — Officer Murphy stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 6000 block of East 37th North. The driver was cited for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

Oct. 22 — Officer Thompson responded to an alarm in the 6600 block of Summerside Place. All was OK.

Oct. 22 — Officer Thompson responded to assist Sedgwick County Fire on an alarm in the 5900 block of East Memphis. It was a false alarm.

Oct. 21 — Officer Toomey responded to an alarm in the 6500 block of East Rodeo Drive. A piece of gutter hit a window and set off the alarm.

Oct. 21 — Officer Toomey took a report of a hit-and-run wreck in the 4200 block of North Westlake Drive. Damage was less than \$1,000.

Oct. 20 — Officer Thompson responded to an alarm in the 5100 block of Willow Point. The home was secure.

Oct. 20 — Officers responded to a non-injury, one-vehicle wreck in the 4500 block of North St. James. A vehicle ran off the road and struck

DEATHS

JOHN KENEMER

John Kenemer, 80, computer analyst and U.S. Air Force veteran, died Nov. 5, 2013.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Grady and Antoinetta Kenemer; sisters, Gladys, Virginia, Joan, Loretta; and brother, James.

He is survived by wife, Patricia Kenemer of Bel Aire; sons, John (April) Kenemer of Wellington, Steve Kenemer of Minneapolis, Minn., Robert (Wendy) Kenemer of Lebanon, Mo., Matthew (Kate) Kenemer of Portland, Ore., Christopher (Mary) Kenemer of Kensington, Md.; daughters, Linda (Jeff) Mason of Vancouver, Wash., Annemarie (Patrick) Gallagher of Wichita; and grandchildren, Patrick, Alexander, Anthony, Gabriel, Seth, Thomas, Moira, Joseph, Patrick, Daniel, and one on the way.

Rosary was Nov. 8 at Church of the Resurrection. Mass of Christian Burial was Nov. 9 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic

Church.

A memorial has been established with the St. Katharine Drexel Catholic School Fund, c/o Catholic Diocese of Wichita, 424 N. Broadway, Wichita, KS, 67202.

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JULIANN PORTER

Juliann "Julie" Porter, 76, died Oct. 26, 2013.

Graveside services were Oct. 29, 2013 at Fredonia City Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband, Wayne; daughters, Beth Burns, Neodesha; Pam Dunham, Cassoday; Wynette Kelley, of Bel Aire.

Memorials may be made to the Fredonia Flag Fund.

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Oct. 20 — Officer Hutton responded to an alarm at American Exteriors in the 3900 block of North Woodlawn. There were no signs of criminal activity.

Oct. 20 — Officer Hutton assisted EMS in the 6000 block of East Perryton. A patient was taken to the hospital.

Oct. 20 — Officer Hutton assisted the sheriff's office by checking an abandoned residence in the 12000 block of East 61st North. A man was seen loading items from the garage. The man returned the items when confronted by a neighbor. The man was later arrested on a charge of burglary.

Oct. 20 — Officer Hutton assisted EMS in the 6700 block of East 45th North. A patient was taken to the hospital.

Oct. 20 — Officer Steele stopped a vehicle for defective tag lamp at 37th North and Oliver. The driver was cited for defective tag lamp and right turn signal and driving with a suspended license.

Oct. 19 — Officer McCaslin responded to a burglary report in the 4400 block of North Eagle Lake

Drive. A tool belt with hand tools was taken from a garage while the homeowner was gone. Estimated loss was \$289. While on the call, the reporting party fell to the floor and began to convulse. EMS was called. The man was taken to the hospital.

Oct. 19 — Officer Steele stopped a vehicle for speeding at 37th North and Harding. Deshawn T. Renfroe was arrested on a charge of driving while a habitual violator.

Oct. 18 — Officer Thompson responded to a report of larceny in the 7400 block of Summerside Place. A construction container was broken into with bolt cutters, and 27 nail guns, saws and various power tools were removed.

Oct. 18 — Officer Thompson responded to a report of vandalism in the 5200 block of East 48th North. Vandals flipped soccer goals, picnic tables, trash cans and a bike rack and pulled signs from their poles.

Oct. 18 — Officer McCaslin responded to a possible larceny at Tree Top Nursery in the 5900 block of East 37th North. The owner was unable to determine whether any items were taken.

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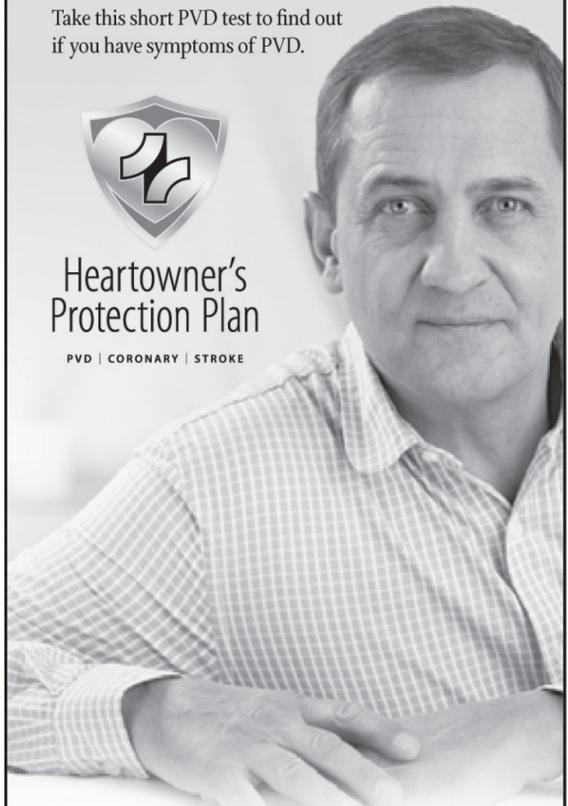
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Financing secured for Bel Aire apartment complex

By Matt Heilman

Another financial hurdle was cleared. Now, all that separates a developer from starting construction on a new apartment complex in Bel Aire is the approval of the final contract with the city.

At its Nov. 19 meeting, the Bel Aire City Council approved an ordinance authorizing the issuance of taxable industrial revenue bonds for Springfield, Mo.-based Zimmerman Properties to finance its approximate \$5.5 million, 48-unit apartment

complex planned near the Lycee Heights addition near 53rd North and Rock Road and Northeast Magnet High School. The complex will be constructed through the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program. Zimmerman Prop-

erties secured financing through the federal program in May. The council approved the developer's plans in January 2012 and issued a letter of intent to issue the industrial revenue bonds in May after funding was secured through the Low-Income Housing Tax

Credit Program. Zimmerman Properties has developed affordable housing through the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program since 1986. The developer's past work includes Valley Center's Brookfield Apartments, which also consists of

48 units. A representative from Zimmerman Properties present at the Nov. 19 meeting, said the final contract would be complete by the end of the year and construction would follow when the weather allowed.

Area students qualify for regional robotics competition

By The Breeze staff

The Wichita Warriors BEST robotics team shined again. On Nov. 2, the team was recognized as one of the top six teams in the field of 25 schools represented at the 2013 Kansas BEST robotics competition at Hartman Arena. The Warriors, consisting of 45 home school students from across the Wichita area including Valley Center, Park City and Bel Aire, advanced to the regional competition of the BEST robotics challenge

for the 14th consecutive year. On Nov. 2, teams were challenged with operating a robot they'd built to collect items needed to assemble a central processing unit. The Wichita Warriors, recognized as the top team overall at the state and regional levels last year, were recognized in the top three of several categories used in the judging process. The team will next compete at the BEST regional competition Dec. 6 and 7 in Fort Smith, Ark.

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