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## Collective effort yields success for robotics team



Photos by Matt Heilman

Fifteen-year-old Caleb Scarberry (left), of Derby works on a chassis with 17-year-old Blake Smith of Bel Aire. The home school students are part of the 45-member Wichita Warriors BEST robotics team.

## Winning innovation

By Matt Heilman

Like a well-oiled machine, every part serves a purpose. For five days per week over the last month, forty-five high school-aged home school students have spread out at stations set up in the spacious, metal-sided shop building on property owned by Paul and Penny Weddle of Park City.

For about 20 hours per week leading up to an annual competition, students from as far as 35 mile away from the Weddle property have gathered at the site to compete on the Wichita Warriors BEST robotics team. The home school students represent communities throughout the area including Wichita, Valley Center, Park City, Bel Aire, Derby Maize, Benton, Haysville, Towanda, Goddard, Newton, Rose Hill and Belle Plaine. BEST is a national program established to boost students' interests in math, science and engineering.

The acronym stands for Boosting Engineering, Science and Technology.

On Oct. 19, the students at the Weddle property were making strides on their project of building a robot to compete at the Kansas BEST competition Nov. 2 at Hartman Arena.

The Kansas BEST winner moves on to the regional level of the BEST robotics competition set for Dec. 6 in Fort Smith, Ark.

In simple terms, the competition requires students to construct a robot that can perform certain tasks. This year, the challenge for Kansas BEST 2013 is to design a robot to construct a Central Processing Unit over the course of three fabrication stages.

Computer-based judgment grades the robots' performance, but there's also a human element involved where aspects such as presentation and spirit are taken into account.

In line with the robot construction, students are required to prepare a notebook that goes over the robot's final design and the trial and error process of reaching the final design.

Senior Sara Harms, in her fourth year competing on the robotics team has the title of "co-BEST leader" in charge of the team compiling the notebook. Harms



Fourteen-year-old Josh Maxton works on a gear for the robot designed and built by members of the Wichita Warriors BEST robotics team.

said the notebook is a significant part of the competition that was to be judged during a trial run of the team's robot a week ahead of the Nov. 2 competition.

Each year, the BEST Robotics competition features area teams at the private, public and home school levels. And just about every year, the Wichita Warriors are in the running to win the competition at the state level.

This year, the group expects to perform at a high level, putting forth the workload needed to compete for hardware. On Oct. 19, the collective work ethic was on full display with students gathered at stations throughout the shop.

A loft area of the Weddle's shop has been converted into a computer lab where robotics team members have worked on web page design and structural design of the robot via a CAD program.

In a corner of the room, several large trophies stand in a group. The trophies represent less than half of the awards the Wichita Warriors robotics team has won in the last 14 years, said this year's BEST team leader, Sam Burk of Wichita. Below the loft area on Oct. 19, stu-

dents were divided into separate departments. On the main shop floor, mechanical groups worked on different functions of the robot including an arm team, a claw team and a chassis team.

As the entire operation runs like a small business, another student is seen as "the department head" of the robotics team, the group that implements the design work completed by students on a CAD program.

Until Nov. 2, designated as "game day," they requested that no photos be taken of the robot.

Burk is responsible for helping team members find a role in which they can best contribute and make sure the overall project runs smoothly.

"I'm amazed at watching these students mentor one another," said Karen Smith, of Bel Aire, whose two sons, 17-year-old Blake and 14-year-old Devin are participating in their first year with the Wichita Warriors Robotics team.

Blake Smith has been assigned to the

## City OKs agreement for addition to Commerce

By Matt Heilman

The Bel Aire City Council saved its biggest news for last. Following a 15-minute executive session at its Oct. 15 meeting, the council approved a real estate agreement that has followed about two months of negotiations with a company interested in building in the city's 800-acre Sunflower Commerce Park.

The real estate agreement between the City of Bel Aire and a company called Buzzi Unicem is for 14.9 acres at a price of about \$306,000. The acreage is located along a Union Pacific line at the intersection of 53rd North and Greenwich.

The agreement is contingent upon whether or not the city will be able to pay for railroad siding to run along the main Union Pacific line for Buzzi Unicem to use for shipping.

Buzzi Unicem, headquartered in Italy, has a presence in several European countries and North America.

Buzzi Unicem U.S.A. is one of the nation's leading cement manufacturing companies, currently with eight sites including two in Missouri and one each in Oklahoma, Texas, Illinois, Indiana, Tennessee and Pennsylvania.

Bel Aire has submitted an application to the Kansas Department of Transportation to help pay for the approximate \$1.2 million project of adding railroad siding.

Lasher expected the city to hear back by the end of October whether the rail project can receive all or most of its funding through a grant.

Lasher said the agreement with Buzzi Unicem would likely fall through if the city isn't able to find a funding source to pay for the railroad siding.

City leaders have expressed confidence that grant money will be available to help cover the cost for railroad siding.

"This is another exciting piece as our commerce park continues to grow," Bel Aire Mayor David Austin said at the Oct. 15 council meeting.

Century Manufacturing remains the lone tenant in the Sunflower Commerce Park. The city also has a contract for Shuttle Aerospace, an airplane parts manufacturer, to move to Bel Aire from its current home in space leased in Wichita.

## City takes advantage of marketing opportunity

By Matt Heilman

The City of Bel Aire is looking to strike while the iron is hot. The city has the attention of developers and realtors with its available land and the land's potential use. Slowly, but surely, plans have been put in place for construction to replace open fields. And recently, several plans have followed through with action as the city has welcomed new homes and construction on new businesses.

On Sept. 26, the city hosted a "Lunch and Learn" event attended by more than 50 realtors at Bel Aire City Hall. The purpose of the event was to introduce what the city has planned on the development front and the advantages to buying a home in Bel Aire.

The city's community development director Rick Rekoske highlighted Bel Aire's proximity to employers and amenities in Wichita and a comparison of the city's property tax and utility rates to other area cities.

Rekoske said Bel Aire's taxes "are very competitive," with an overall mill levy about level with Maize and

lower water rates than Maize and Rose Hill.

Most of the recent residential progress in Bel Aire can be attributed in large part to the presence of new schools in the community.

The landscape around Northeast Magnet High School in Bel Aire will soon be more developed. At its Sept. 17 meeting, the Bel Aire City Council took steps to forge ahead with residential development planned to neighbor the school near 53rd North and Rock Road.

The council approved the final plat and developer's agreement for the Lycee Heights addition, a five-acre project where developer Gene Vitarelli is planning to build about 15 duplexes that will likely consist of three bedrooms and rent in the \$1,000 to \$1,100 price range. Vitarelli is also the developer in the Rock Spring Addition located south of Lycee Heights and Northeast Magnet. Home sales have been strong in the Rock Spring development, which consists of single-family homes and

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## Mayor's corner

By David Austin

Bel Aire is open and was never closed. Too bad that our national government — you know, those we elect to solve problems and fix things — can't say the same.

We citizens got to hopelessly watch as President Obama and a few members of both political parties refused to budge one inch or negotiate. It often seems like federal-level politicians care more about creating gridlock than solving the world's problems.

So who's actually getting bold things done? Mayors are, according to my new hero, Benjamin Barber, senior research scholar at the Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society at The City University of New York.

Members of the city council and I were lucky enough to hear him speak at the League of Kansas Municipalities conference earlier this month. When I read the title of his address, "If Mayors Ruled the World," I made sure to have a front row seat. His talk could not have been more timely as the government shutdown was still in full force at the time.

No one on the city council has ever asked me what political party I claim membership in and I have never asked any of our elected council members their party affiliation either. And guess what? We get things done. We put the city and taxpaying citizens first. I have bragged more than once in this column about how much our city does on so little. In my role as director of fund development for Kansas Children's Service League, I can ill afford to place an R, D, or L next to my name. I don't think it would matter what party I subscribed to, I know I would instantly upset many donors just because I may or may not think like they do.

That is how America is today. We see party lines and not what is best for our country and community.

In the face of the most perilous challenges of our time — terrorism, government takeover, crippling debt, out-of-control spending, etc. — our U.S. Congress seems paralyzed. What was once democracy at its best seems almost dysfunctional and obsolete.

Barber said that mayors and councils offer the best new forces of good governance.

"Mayors are problem solvers," he continued in his talk. "Often voters in city elections don't vote or elect a Democrat or Republican, they elect someone who will help their city best."

Why mayors? Through rigorous research, he says, "that regardless of city size or political affiliation, local executives exhibit a non-partisan and pragmatic style of governance that is lacking in national and international halls of power."

In the immortal words of former New York Mayor Fiorello La Guardia, "There is no Democratic or Republican way of fixing a sewer."

He is so right and I am so thankful that when it comes time to discuss park repairs, vehicle purchases, equipment upgrades, land purchase contracts, signage, committee membership, budgets and more, everyone on your city council has an equal voice. There is no party line. It doesn't get more democratic than that. Do we disagree from time to time? You bet! But our way represents what should be a new paradigm of global governance — of democratic localism rather than top-down imposition.

Pragmatic interdependence rather than outworn ideologies and party lines is the name of the game at Bel Aire City Hall.

No congressmen called to ask my advice during the shutdown. But I'd have been happy to invite them to a city council meeting and show them our way.



## Success hard to find without motivation

Recently, a fourth-grade class at one of the poorest schools in the Wichita school district fell short of its goal, but made an impressive run before it happened. Every student in Brianna Falvey's class at Colvin Elementary School in the southeast Wichita neighborhood of Planeview was challenged to turn in every homework assignment for 100 consecutive days. If even one student failed to turn in even one assignment, the count would start at zero.

This week, the Wichita Eagle reported that two students from the class failed to turn in a recent assignment, stopping the streak of 100-percent homework completion at 32 days. I don't know how many students are in Falvey's class, but I know it's more than a handful and less than an army.

The students fell short of their goal by 68 days, but I'm impressed that they were able to get as far as they did. And now the countdown starts over.

There are more than 100 school days left and another chance for Falvey to live up to her end of the bargain by wearing a prom dress to school and dying her hair orange if the goal is reached.

I haven't seen for myself what life is like for students at Colvin Elementary School, but the high poverty rate indicates that they have more to worry about than deciding they're

### Heil on life

By Matt Heilman



favorite video games and TV shows.

For 32 consecutive days, students in Falvey's class completed their assignments despite facing adversity outside of school that the majority of students in suburban districts like Valley Center are blessed enough to not have to worry about. Most of the students in Valley Center schools know where their next meal is coming from and can feel safe being outside without supervision.

I remember when I was in fourth grade, I'm not sure I ever successfully turned in my homework for 32 consecutive days. The Eagle reported that one of the students in Falvey's class that broke the 32-day homework completion streak stood before her class and apologized for letting her peers down. The student allegedly had been spending time with a cousin at the hospital and didn't get the assignment done.

When I was in fourth-grade, I had no excuses. If my homework wasn't completed, it always came down to laziness and apathy. I don't know

enough about Falvey to rush a golden apple to her, but by the accounts I've read, the homework challenge she presented to her students seems to have been a strong character-building exercise.

Children that may not have a positive role model to look up to outside of school are learning the value of establishing a solid work ethic. It's a lesson that can carry through for a lifetime and potentially break the cycle of poverty for some children down the line when they decide that school doesn't have to suck and furthering their education past high school is an attainable goal.

The Valley Center school district also has its fair share of administrators and teachers that have implemented some fun and unique lessons and challenges to encourage and motivate students. And USD 262 is no stranger to the diversity and battles that come with the responsibility of molding young minds.

Educating our future leaders isn't an easy job. And I credit the educators I know for doing the best they can to make a difference. Now if we can just motivate some of our country's current leaders to grow up, we'll be in business.

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## Nation's leaders could learn from local representatives

In his column this month, Bel Aire Mayor David Austin gives the city council a collective pat on the back for the progress it has made and the efficiency by which the group has been able to get things done. He said leaders at the national level who seem to be stuck in neutral because they can't agree on anything could learn how cooperative government is supposed to work by observing his city's council.

The issues on Capitol Hill are often far more complex than anything our local elected officials have to deal with, but Austin makes some solid points about how the ability of Bel Aire's council to look past their differences for the betterment of the community has paid off. And his points are also valid in the communities of Park City, Valley Center and Kechi.

There are times when we don't agree with city leaders.

We have respect for the positions held by our leaders in Topeka and Washington, D.C., but we're irritated that politics often become a roadblock to progress.

We don't know the party affiliations of our local mayors and city council members. And that's a good thing. Council members sometimes look at the country at large and give indications of where they fit on the political spectrum. But when it comes to voting on matters that directly affect their neighbors whom they represent, we're fortunate that most of the people we cover at bi-weekly meetings leave their self-interests at the door.

It's ridiculous to compare challenges associated with nationwide healthcare reform and threats of war with passing local property tax and utility rates, but we agree with Austin that the largest level of government could stand to learn a thing or two about cooperation from our local councils.

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## DEATHS

### JACQUELINE JACKMAN

Jacqueline "Jackie" L. Jackman, 79, homemaker, died Oct. 14, 2013.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard.

She is survived by her daughters, Susan (David) Bumsted and Kathy Jackman; grandchildren, Adam (Heather) Bumsted, Jonathan (Cassie) Bumsted, Alec and Daniel Reep; brother-in-law, Steve (Laurie Mitchell) Jackman; sister-in-law, Delores Jackman and a host of family and friends.

Visitation with family was Oct. 18, followed by funeral service, both at Tyler Road Southern Baptist Church. Burial followed at the City Cemetery in Lincoln.

Memorials may be sent to the Catholic Care Center, 6700 E. 45th St. N., Bel Aire, KS 67220. Baker Funeral Home, Wichita has charge.

### BLANCHE LUTTRELL

Blanche Lorene (Luginbill) Luttrell, 86, of Kimberling City, Mo., died Oct. 9, 2013.

She is survived by her husband, Norman; children, Steve Luttrell, Mike and Roselyn Luttrell, all of Wichita, Patricia and John Elmore of Sedan, and Susan and Toby Smith of Branson, Mo.; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; Nolan Luginbill and Marty of Kimberling City, Mo., Jim Moody of Bel Aire, Melvin Luttrell and Bessie of Newton; along with many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arnold and Elda (Westerman) Luginbill; one brother, Kermit Luginbill; one sister, Shirley Moody and one nephew, Gary Luginbill.

Services were held Oct. 12 at the United Methodist Church of Kimberling City. Interment was in the Missouri Veteran's Cemetery, Springfield, Mo.

Donations can be made to the United Methodist Church of Kimberling City, PO Box 10, Kimberling City, MO 65686 or Hospice Compassus, 3044 Shepherd of the Hills Expressway, Suite 200, Branson, MO 65616.

### CLAY PATTERSON

Patterson, H. Clay, 57, ornithologist, park ranger and former Leeker's floral driver, died Oct. 17, 2013.

He was born in Rogersville, Mo., to John Jacob Patterson and Cecilia Mona (Ellis) Patterson. He loved the outdoors with great care and preservation by serving as a park ranger at the Grand Canyon and the Flint Hills Tallgrass Wildlife Prairie National Preserve. He was a master chef for his family whom he loved dearly.

He is survived by wife, Debi Patterson; children,

Stephany (Adam) Bailey of Wichita, Robert (Sara) Brown of Wichita; grandchildren, Trey, Dalton, Kyla, Raegan, Rylan and Brady; brother-in-laws, Charlie Decatur of Wichita, Dale Decatur of Salida, Colo.; sister-in-law Billie Kilgore of Jasper, Ark.; and many cousins, family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents John and Cecilia Patterson and his brother Melvin Patterson.

Services were held Oct. 21 at Cornerstone Christian Church, Bel Aire.

Private family burial was at Springhill Cemetery, Rogersville-Pedlo, Mo.

Memorials may be designated to the Cornerstone Christian Church, 5531 E. 37th St. N., Bel Aire, KS 67220. Baker Funeral Home, Valley Center has charge.

### IRENE MOSHER

Irene Faye Mosher, (Lower), 85, beloved grandmother and sister, died Tuesday, October 1, 2013.

She was born in Wichita to Henry B. Lower and Mable (Crocker) Lower.

She was a graduate of North High School in Wichita.

She worked for 31 years at Silver Dollar City as a Pottery Sales Clerk before retiring to their cabin on Grand Lake,

Reeds Spring, Mo.

She is survived by her grandson, James P. Mosher and wife Sheree of Bel Aire; granddaughter Joni L. Mosher of Wichita; great grandchildren, Jennifer Campbell, Justin Mosher, Andrew Mosher, Brianne Williams; great-great grandchildren, Blanca, Grace, Austin, Cassidy, Harmony, Ella and Madison; her sister Betty Carter; many other family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, sister Harriette Dirksen, stepson Kenneth E. Mosher, Jr. and stepdaughter Bertha Haskell.

Services were held Saturday, October 5, at the cabin. Baker Funeral Home Valley Center has charge.

Condolences may be left for the family at [www.bakerfhvc.com](http://www.bakerfhvc.com)

### JAMES SPARKS

James Lee Sparks, 72, retired George Myers mechanic and road construction, died Oct. 8, 2013.

He was born in Las Vegas to Paul Sparks and Opal Eugene (Good) Sparks.

He is survived by his children, James (Wanda) Sparks of Valley Center, Vickie Smith of Sabetha, Sandy (Richard) Mann of Wichita, Tim Sparks of Sabetha, Jamie (Steve) Morrow of Park City, and Matt (Maris) Rotan of Florida; grandchildren, Miranda Sparks, Melinda Sparks, Clarence Sparks, Raven Smith, Kirby Richard, Emmaleigh Morrow, Jordon Morrow, Levi Morrow, Keri Murhpy, Greg Sparks, Stephanie Lewis, Kayla Breedlove, Amber Cario, Brandon

Kimball, Davin Williams, Ethan Scott, Jasmin Rotan, Tony Rotan, and Prestin Rotan; great-grandchildren, Jeremiah, Corey, Matthew, Jonathan, Kinslee, Levi, Miah, Meredith, Alexandria, Riley, Lucas, James, Kyle, Jenessa and Markus; brother Raymond (Evelyn) Sparks of Florida; sister Paula (George) Beller of Aurora, Colo.; and many family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Linda Sparks; daughter, Debbie Sparks; parents, Paul and Opal Sparks; and brother Joe Sparks.

Services are pending with Baker Funeral Home, Valley Center.

### LINDA ORCUTT-NEICE-CATHER

Linda K. Orcutt-Neice-Cather, (Looney), 68, died Oct. 6, 2013.

Survivors include her son, Charles Cather; daughters, Shelly Cather, Melissa Cather-Thiede, Stacy (Mike) Cather-Terhune, and Traci (Damon) Neice-Stephens; brother, Drew; sisters, Alice and Ann; grandchildren, Benjamin, Roy, Morgan, Sophie, Anna, Jane, Ashley, Avery, Charles, Randi, Jayce and Madi.

She is also survived by several "adopted" children, grandchildren and many friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge, 239 Turpentine Creek Lane, Eureka Springs, AR. 72632.

Memorial service was Sunday, Oct. 6 in Bel Aire. Services provided by Broadway Mortuary.



# City of Bel Aire



## Bel Aire Recreation

### 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 14; time TBA.

### 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 16. 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

October 15 – December 7th, Medicare Open Enrollment  
November 1, Medicare Part D counseling, call 744-2451 X 121 to schedule an appointment  
November 4, 6:30 p.m. – Potluck Dinner and Edith Knox "My Journey with One's Addictions" – Community Room  
November 5, 8:30 a.m. – Breakfast at IHOP followed by a visit to the Great Plains Nature Center  
November 6, 10 a.m. – Volunteer library work time at the Senior Center  
November 11, 10 a.m. – RS Advisory Meeting at the Rec Center  
November 11, 11:30 a.m. – Lunch at Jimmies Diner  
November 12, 9 a.m. – CS Advisory Meeting at the Rec Center  
November 13, 10 a.m. – Open Sewing at the Senior Center  
November 14, 11 a.m. – Foot Care information with Micha Seal from the Kansas Foot Center at the Senior Center  
November 15, 8 a.m. - AARP Driving Course at the Senior Center (Call 744-2452 Ext. 121 for reservation)  
November 19, 6 p.m. – Ladies Dine Out - for info call Anita at 744-2840  
November 20, 10 a.m. – Men's Coffee at Braum's on North Rock Road  
November 20, 10:15 a.m. – Senior Aerobics Brunch (different locations)  
November 20, 2 p.m. – Ladies Tea/Coffee at Braum's on North Rock Road  
November 21, 7 p.m. – Fall Prevention with Jean Skladzien from Always There Senior Care at the Senior Center  
November 25, 6 p.m. – Covered Dish Dinner, Program with Drew Pearson  
November 27, 10 a.m. – Open Sewing at the Senior Center  
December 3, 6:30 p.m. – Potluck Dinner, the Great Plains Orchestra – Community Room

## Community Events

TOPS – Tuesdays, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center  
City Council Meetings – 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of every month  
November 6, 12 p.m. – Chamber of Commerce  
November 6, 7 p.m. – Municipal Court  
November 9, 11:00 a.m. – Red Hat meeting, call Anita for more info at 744-2840.  
November 11, Veterans Day (Bel Aire City Offices Closed)  
November 11, 7 p.m. – Central Park HOA meeting at the Senior Center  
November 12, 7 p.m. – Bel Aire Heights HOA meeting in Community Room  
November 19, 4-6 p.m. – UAC Meeting at the Senior Center  
November 21, 12:30 – Municipal Court 12:30  
November 25, 7 p.m. – Tree Board Meeting at the Senior Center  
November 28, Thanksgiving (Bel Aire City Offices Closed)  
November 29, Bel Aire City Offices Closed

## Christmas in Bel Aire Dec. 7

The Mayor, City of Bel Aire staff, and Community Development Committee wish to cordially invite everyone to swing by City Hall for a special open house Christmas celebration on December 7th from 6-8 pm.

Enjoy Christmas lights, a night with Santa, punch/coffee/hot chocolate, and holiday music! Hayrack Rides will be provided (weather permitting) as well! Come celebrate Christmas in your own backyard!

### Just for Kids!

### The City of Bel Aire Presents a Christmas Coloring

PICK UP YOUR OFFICIAL COLORING SHEET AND ENTRY FORM AT THE BEL AIRE CITY HALL OR DOWNLOAD AT: [www.belaireks.gov](http://www.belaireks.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.belaireks.gov](http://www.belaireks.gov).

**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.belaireks.gov/>. All entries must be dropped off or mailed to the Bel Aire City Hall. 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.

## 1st Annual Bel Aire community talent show



The City of Bel Aire in partnership with Sunrise Christian Academy held a first Annual Talent Show/Broadway on 45th musical on October 12th at 5:30 pm. The Talent show was hosted by Power 93.9, Greg "the hitman" Williams. The show displayed 15 very talented acts ranging from dancing, singing, horse tricks, and a self-defense re-enactment. The top 5 contestants received cash prizes and the Grand Prize winner won \$100 and a limo ride following the talent show. Several participating businesses donated drawing prizes for the audience.

## 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

## Pet waste station



The City of Bel Aire recently installed a pet waste station in Central Park for your pets to use. The proceeds from the Hot Dawg Pool Party this past summer were used to fund this pet waste station. We want to thank the community for their support and acknowledge the tangible results from the event.

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Student's finger partially severed

A 17-year-old Sunrise Christian Academy student was taken to a Wichita hospital after partially severing a finger shortly before 3 p.m. Oct. 11 at the school in the 5500 block of East 45th North.

Lt. Troy Griggs with the Bel Aire Police Department said the student playfully jumped up to touch the top of a doorway when his ring finger got caught in the hinge of the door. The student was wearing a ring that dug into his finger, Griggs said. The student was transported by ambulance to Wesley Medical Center.

About 50 minutes after the accident at Sunrise, at least two people suffered minor injuries in a four-vehicle accident less than a mile away in the 6200 block of East 45th North.

Griggs said three vehicles were stopped when a fourth vehicle rear-ended the back vehicle in the line of three, causing a chain-reaction collision.

— The Breeze staff

## B-52s ready to start season

The Wichita B-52s inaugural season in the Professional Arena Soccer League is ready to roll. The B-52s first game is Nov. 2 on the road against the Dallas Sidekicks. The B-52s home opener is at 7 p.m. Nov. 9 against the Illinois Piasa. The B-

52s home other home dates are Nov. 23, Dec. 7, Dec. 14, Dec. 28, Jan. 10, Feb. 1 and Feb. 9.

For ticket information, call the Hartman Arena Box Office at 927-3999 or visit the arena's website at [www.hartmanarena.com](http://www.hartmanarena.com).

For more information on the B-52s, visit the team's website at [www.wichitab52s.com](http://www.wichitab52s.com), or the team's Facebook page.

— The Breeze staff

## Hit shows to air at Hartman

Come on Down! The Price is Right Live! is headed to Hartman Arena, the first of two hit TV shows that are planning a showing at the venue in early November. The interactive stage show where contestants from the audience compete for a chance to win the grand prize in the Showcase Showdown is airing its live show in north Sedgwick County at 6 p.m. Nov. 3.

At 7 p.m. Nov. 10, the Primetime Emmy Award-winning dance show, "So You Think You Can Dance," is making a stop at Hartman Arena as part of its 42-city tour that kicked off in October.

For more information on the upcoming events at Hartman Arena, visit the arena's website at [www.hartmanarena.com](http://www.hartmanarena.com) or call the arena's box office at 927-3999.

— The Breeze staff

## TOPS meets in Bel Aire

Rick Eberhard, TOPS 1105 leader, extends an open invitation to the public to come and visit the local TOPS 1105 Club meetings at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Bel Aire Senior Center, 7651 E. Central Park Ave.

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, Eberhard said.

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 recognitions and support from others at weekly chapter meetings (excluding holidays).

TOPS 1105's weekly meeting provides a supportive, educational environment where people are encouraged and not judged.

TOPS 1105 will have special programs in November that will include Lucy Lavelle, RN from Wesley Rehabilitation Hospital; Monty Bednasek, TOPS South Central Kansas area captain; TOPS bingo game and Bud Rimel, former public safety director for Bob Jones University.

For more information, contact Eberhard at 744-1337 or [rickeberhard@cox.net](mailto:rickeberhard@cox.net).

— The Breeze staff

# Sunrise students among top National Merit scholars

By Matt Heilman

Two Sunrise Christian Academy high school students stood out from the pack to be recognized among the brightest young minds in the nation. Nationwide, about 1.5 million high school students take the PSAT test every year.

From that group, Sunrise seniors Michael Lee and Abigail Wilson received some of the most distinguished honors a high school student can achieve.

Lee was recognized as one of the top 32,000 students from the group of about 1.5 million, achieving a strong enough score to receive commendation for the National Merit Scholarship Program. Lee, who said he's always made his schoolwork a top priority, also competes in varsity sports including football.

The nine-year Sunrise stu-



Lee

dent said he plans to study electrical engineering at Wichita State University next fall. He said his success in and



Wilson

perform well on the PSAT because students at Sunrise are encouraged to take the test every year, starting as freshmen.

"Also, I think a big part of it is that I love to read," she said.

Wilson said her advancement in the National Merit Scholarship Program requires a recommendation letter from her principal, writing an essay and taking the SAT test.

Wilson said she is likely to attend Kansas State University next fall and is interested in studying architectural engineering, combining her interests in art and math.

out of the classroom could be attributed to his pursuit of devoting his full effort to all of his activities.

"Basically what's made me successful is just the Biblical idea of doing everything I do to the best of my ability unto the lord," Lee said.

Fellow senior Abigail Wilson is a National Merit semifinalist, recognized as one of the top 16,000 National Merit participants.

Wilson said she was able to

**A team of Sunrise Christian Academy high school students finished in first place among 15 high school teams at the Oct. 15 LifeSmarts Training Camp at the Federal Reserve Building in Kansas City, Mo. The LifeSmarts Training Camp included competitions in core areas of financial literacy, including personal finance, consumer rights and responsibilities, technology, health and safety. The Sunrise students participating in the event were (from left) Cynthia Matson, Sarah Myose, Brett Howie and Michael Lee.**



# CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

## Christ Lutheran Church

Christ Lutheran is located at 53rd North and Hillside, across from Wichita Heights High School. Services are at 8:30 (contemporary), 9:45 (kid friendly) and 11 (traditional). Communion is offered at all services. Adult Sunday school is at 9:45.

For more information about the church and its activities find the church online at [www.christ-lutheran.org](http://www.christ-lutheran.org), or call 744-1242.

Pastor Chad Langdon is the minister of Christ Lutheran Church.

## 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. on Wednesday.

Resurrection Catholic School has students from preschool through eighth grade.

The parish/school website is [www.resurrectionwichita.com](http://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](http://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.

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 in Kechi. Phone number is 744-1221. Email is [Office@kechiumc.org](mailto:Office@kechiumc.org).

The Sunday contemporary service is at 9:03 a.m., traditional service is at 11 a.m. and Sunday school is at 10 a.m. Nursery is available.

Mitch Reece is the pastor. Website is [www.kechiumc.org](http://www.kechiumc.org); email is [Mitch@kechiumc.org](mailto:Mitch@kechiumc.org)

Pastor Mitch Reece will begin a new sermon series, Nov. 3 entitled, "The Power of a Thankful Heart — How thankfulness transforms our situations and relationships."

Youth group for sixth through 12th grades meets every Sunday at 4 p.m.

CareGivers Support group meets every first Monday of the month at 7 pm in the basement parlor. Bingo is every first Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m.

Every third Tuesday a hot meal is prepared and served to the United Methodist Open Door Ministries Drop-In Center at 10 a.m. Volunteers are welcome.

The KUMC Turkey Dinner is Nov. 2 beginning at 4:30 pm. Find the church at [www.kechiUMC.org](http://www.kechiUMC.org), on Facebook or Twitter @KechiUMC. Pastor Mitch can be contacted at [Mitch@kechiumc.org](mailto:Mitch@kechiumc.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 [jmcquery@cox.net](mailto:jmcquery@cox.net)

## Risen Savior Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

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

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.

Risen Savior Preschool class for 2013-2014 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](http://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 North in Park City. It is a congregation of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.

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: Nov. 6 Topic: "The Saints and Our Icons" and Nov. 20 "Mary the Mother of God" Liturgy 6pm, 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 10am Dare To Live Fully Right Where You Are. We will continue our study of "One Thousand Gifts" by Ann Voskamp.

Holy Days for November: Nov. 1 Feast of All Saints, Nov. 8 Patriarchs and Prophets of the Old Law, Nov. 11 Saint Martin, Nov. 21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Temple, Nov. 28, Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 30 Saint Andrew the Apostle

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## Local man arrested on fraud charges

By Matt Heilman

A Bel Aire resident and former financial adviser in Wichita could face more than four years in prison for more than \$700,000 in fraud-related charges. The Kansas Securities Commissioner filed charges Oct. 10 against Dennis Dale Bailey, 65.

Bel Aire police arrested Bailey Oct. 9.

The criminal complaint filed by the securities commissioner alleges that Bailey committed securities fraud “by unlawfully employing a scheme to defraud seven persons by selling securi-

ties in Legacy Capital, resulting in victim losses of over \$700,000.”

Bailey has been charged with 39 counts of securities fraud and selling unregistered securities.

“If found guilty, Bailey faces up to 55 months in prison, as well as fines and restitution,” the Kansas Office of the Securities Commissioner said in a news release.

Kansas Securities Commissioner Josh Ney encourages Kansans who had prior financial dealings with Bailey to contact the KSC at (785) 296-3307 or [ksc@ksc.ks.gov](mailto:ksc@ksc.ks.gov).

## KDOT warns motorists to watch out for deer

By The Breeze staff

November is the peak month for deer-related vehicle accidents and the Kansas Department of Transportation is urging motorists to be cautious.

Law enforcement officers say motorists should expect deer activity to increase beginning in late October through December.

According to KDOT, Nov. 17 is “D-Day,” standing out historically as the day most

vehicle accidents involving deer have occurred in Kansas.

Information from KDOT shows that during the 1990s, the statewide annual average was 700 accidents on Nov. 17.

Sedgwick County leads the state in the number of motor vehicle collisions with deer, officials say. KDOT offers several pieces of advice for motorists to avoid collisions with deer.

Officials point out that deer seldom travel alone and

chances are that if you see one deer, crossing a road, there are others nearby.

Motorists are advised to be especially watchful at dawn and dusk when deer are the most active.

Motorists need to reduce their speeds and be alert near wooded areas or green spaces like parks or golf courses and near water sources like streams or ponds, officials say.

Drivers should also never swerve to avoid a collision

with a deer.

“The most serious accidents occur when motorists are taking evasive action, which can lead to a loss of control of the car,” officials said.

Motorists are also advised to watch out for deer crossing signs and to always wear their seat belts. When driving at night, motorists are advised to use high beams when there is no oncoming traffic, as the high beams are more likely to reveal a deer’s eyes.

## POLICE REPORTS

**Oct. 17** — Officer McCaslin reported to a report of a missing cellphone in the 4400 block of North Edgemoor Court.

**Oct. 17** — Officer Murphy assisted EMS in the 5500 block of East 38th North. A woman was taken to a hospital with chest pains.

**Oct. 16** — Officer Thompson took a report of larceny from a vehicle in the 6500 block of East 45th North. The front passenger window was broken out and a purse was taken from the vehicle.

**Oct. 16** — Lt. Griggs took a report of a larceny from a vehicle in the 6500 block of East 45th North. A window was broken out and a purse was taken.

**Oct. 16** — Lt. Griggs took a suspicious character report in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. A person was seen sleeping in a vehicle. The man was waiting to work with a construction crew at the school.

**Oct. 16** — Officer Thompson took a report of a larceny in the 4500 block of North Glendale. The reporting party said she believed her sister took her Video iPod.

**Oct. 16** — Officer Thompson assisted EMS at Isely Elementary in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. A student having breathing problems was taken to a hospital.

**Oct. 16** — Officer Steele pursued a speeding vehicle on Oliver and 61st North. The vehicle got away.

**Oct. 16** — Officer Steele responded to an alarm in the 5000 block of North Lake Breeze Court. It was a false alarm.

**Oct. 15** — Officer Thompson took a report in the 4700 block of North Webb. A former employee of Wickham Glass would not leave the property.

**Oct. 15** — Officer Thompson took a report that a vehicle was at Auburn and Memphis with an unidentified man inside. The vehicle was seen at this location two times.

**Oct. 15** — Officer Thompson took a report of a suspicious character in the 4200 block of Eagle Lake Drive. The suspicious person was working on a nearby house and placed a ladder in the backyard of the reporting party.

**Oct. 15** — Officer Hutton took a report in the 5900 block of East Flagstaff. It was a civil matter between a homeowner and a roofing company.

**Oct. 15** — Officer Hutton contacted a woman who reported that someone called and said she was from the federal government and the woman was entitled to a \$7,000 refund on taxes. The caller asked for the woman’s bank account, so the woman hung up the phone.

**Oct. 15** — Officer McCaslin took a vandalism report in the 4000 block of North Farmstead. A resident said her mailbox was knocked off its post.

**Oct. 14** — Officer Foxx responded to the 5300 block of North Lycee to prevent a disturbance. A man reported having trouble with a gen-

eral contractor over money owed. The man needed assistance retrieving tools from the job site.

**Oct. 14** — Officer Hutton took a report of a suspicious character in the 4300 block of North Janesville. The reporting party said two men came to his door and asked if any neighbors spoke Spanish. The men left. Officer stopped the vehicle and one of the men said they were trying to find Spanish-speaking people in the area to start a Spanish-speaking only prayer group.

**Oct. 14** — Officers took a protection-from-stalking report in the 5800 block of East Kenawee. A woman reported her ex-girlfriend was harassing her at work and driving by her new residence in Bel Aire.

**Oct. 14** — Officer Murphy responded to check the welfare of a resident in the 5000 block of East Perryton. The resident was OK.

**Oct. 14** — Officer Steele responded to a vicious dog report in the 4800 block of East Ashton.

**Oct. 13** — Officer Foxx responded to an assault in the 6100 block of Edinburg. A woman reported being thrown to the floor, kicked and hit with a closed fist. The suspect, the woman’s boyfriend, was not located.

**Oct. 12** — Officer Thompson took a report of a larceny in the 4900 block of North Hedgerow Court. A string of decorative lights was taken from a tree. The lights were valued at \$25.

**Oct. 12** — Officer Thompson responded to an alarm in the 6200 block of East 37th North. It was a false alarm.

**Oct. 12** — Officer McCaslin took a found property report in the 4700 block of East Krueger. A woman reported finding a 9 mm empty shell casing.

**Oct. 12** — Officer Steele stopped a vehicle in the 5000 block of North Woodlawn. The driver and a passenger were cited for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Oct. 11** — Officer Thompson took a report from a resident in the 6700 block of East 44th North Court. The resident said a truck and trailer were parked at a nearby residence, and the resident was told to report any activity at the house. The truck and trailer belonged to a person who was contracted by a bank to mow the grass and check on the house.

**Oct. 11** — Officer Foxx stopped a vehicle in the 4300 block of North Woodlawn. The driver, James A. Hensley, was arrested on charges of driving with a revoked license and driving while a habitual violator.

**Oct. 11** — Officer Thompson took a report of a lost cellphone in the 4500 block of North Hillcrest.

**Oct. 11** — Officer McCaslin responded to a non-injury accident in the 4500 block of East Auburn.

**Oct. 11** — Officer Hutton responded to an alarm at Heiland

Roofing in the 3800 block of North Hillcrest. The alarm was false.

**Oct. 11** — Officer McCaslin responded to the 5300 block of East Ashton. A resident reported the driver’s side door of his van was open. Nothing was missing from the vehicle.

**Oct. 10** — Officer Foxx responded to a report of an injured dog as a result of a possible dog fight in the 4200 block of North Rushwood Circle. The dogs’ owner said the dogs weren’t fighting and there were no injuries.

**Oct. 10** — Officer Thompson took a report of a suspicious character in the 4800 block of East 44th North Court. The reporting party said a man rang the doorbell, tried to turn the doorknob and walked around the front and side of the house looking in windows while talking on a phone. The suspect drove away.

**Oct. 10** — Officer Foxx attempted to contact the owner of a boat and trailer that were creating a traffic hazard in the 5800 block of East Danbury. A tow sticker was placed on the boat.

**Oct. 10** — Officer McCaslin responded to a 911 hang-up call in the 4500 block of North Westlake Court. There was no emergency.

**Oct. 10** — Officer Swanson responded to a suspicious character report in the 6100 block of Edinburg.

**Oct. 9** — Officer Thompson responded to a report of suspicious subjects in the 6200 block of East Woodrow. The reporting party said two females were in a vehicle that was parked in front of a residence and appeared to be smoking drugs and passing a glass pipe. The women were told to leave by the reporting party’s son.

**Oct. 9** — Officer Thompson responded to an alarm in the 4800 block of Chapel View. It was a false alarm.

**Oct. 9** — Officer McCaslin discovered a vehicle in a ditch in the 5900 block of East 37th North. A vehicle that left the scene caused the vehicle to swerve to avoid a collision.

**Oct. 9** — Officer McCaslin assisted Wichita police detectives in serving a warrant in the 4500 block of Fritillary. The suspect, Dennis D. Bailey, was arrested on a felony warrant.

**Oct. 9** — Officer Swanson took a report of a lost cellphone.

**Oct. 8** — Officer Thompson responded to a barking dog complaint in the 4800 block of North Homestead. The dogs’ owner said the dogs would be kept inside that night and the barking would be under control.

**Oct. 8** — Officer Thompson stood by to prevent a problem while an employee was being fired at Total Installation in the 3900 block of North Hillcrest.

**Oct. 7** — Officer Foxx stopped a suspicious vehicle in the 5000 block

of North Rock Road. There were no signs of criminal activity.

**Oct. 7** — Officer Foxx checked on a complaint of barking dogs in the 4000 block of North Farmstead. Attempts to contact the owner were unsuccessful.

**Oct. 7** — Officer Hutton responded to a suspicious character report in the 4500 block of North Eagle Lake. A woman with a clipboard was seen walking up and down the street and writing things down. The woman was with AT&T and was going to customers’ houses.

**Oct. 7** — Officer Steele observed a vehicle backing from a driveway, travel through a ditch and collide with a mailbox. Officer contacted the driver, Ashly D. Wright, who was arrested on charges of DUI and inattentive driving.

**Oct. 5** — Officer Thompson assisted EMS in the 4500 block of North St. James. A woman was taken to a hospital.

**Oct. 5** — Officer McCaslin responded to the 4800 block of North Woodlawn where a man reported seeing a white male thought to resemble the suspect in a double homicide in Eureka. Officers did not find anyone in the area.

**Oct. 4** — Officer Thompson responded to an alarm in the 3800 block of North Woodlawn. It was a false alarm.

**Oct. 4** — Officer Moyer responded to an alarm at Enterprise in the 6300 block of East 37th North. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

**Oct. 4** — Officer McCaslin responded to a report of lost dogs in the 4300 block of North Bellmore. The dogs were returned to their owner.

**Oct. 4** — Officer Steele stopped a vehicle in the 3800 block of North Woodlawn. Aaron Rowhuff was arrested on charges of DUI and failure to maintain a lane of traffic.

**Oct. 3** — Lt. Griggs responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 4800 block of North Oliver. A woman in the vehicle hid when the reporting party drove near the vehicle. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle.

**Oct. 3** — Officer McCaslin responded to an alarm at American Exteriors in the 3900 block of North Woodlawn Court. The alarm was false.

**Oct. 3** — Officer Swanson responded to a workplace accident at Wickham Glass in the 4700 block of North Webb. An employee’s wrists were cut by broken glass. The injuries were not life-threatening.

**Oct. 2** — Officer McCaslin responded to a non-injury accident in the 4900 block of North Woodlawn. A driver was cited for inattentive driving.

**Oct. 1** — Officer Foxx stopped a vehicle in the 6300 block of East 37th North. The driver was cited for defective tail lamps, no insurance, expired tag and driving without

having been licensed.

**Oct. 1** — Officer Thompson assisted EMS with an unruly patient in the 6800 block of East 45th North. The patient was transported to a hospital.

**Oct. 1** — Officer McCaslin responded to an alarm in the 5100 block of North Remington. It was a false alarm.

**Oct. 1** — Officer McCaslin responded to a verbal disturbance about a traffic accident in the 4300 block of North Stratford Court. A driver was cited for inattentive driving and no proof of insurance.

**Oct. 1** — Officer Murphy responded to a report of a suspicious character in the 6200 block of East 41st North Circle. A person reported hearing someone run across the backyard and jump a fence. Officers did not find anyone in the area.

**Sept. 30** — Officer Toomey discovered a stalled vehicle at 45th North and Woodlawn. The driver pulled the vehicle to the side of the road and was cited for no tag, no insurance and driving with a suspended license.

**Sept. 29** — Officer Foxx took a report of a verbal disturbance in the 4400 block of North St. James Place. Two people were about \$12,000 worth of work to a residence that was not completed in the agreed amount of time. It was a civil matter.

**Sept. 28** — Officer Foxx stopped a vehicle for infractions in the 5300 block of North Oliver. James A. Nixon was arrested on a charge of DUI.

**Sept. 28** — Officer Steele responded to an alarm at Paul Mitchell-The Source in the 6200 block of East 37th North. The alarm was false.

**Sept. 26** — Officer Foxx took a report of a dog running away.

**Sept. 26** — Officer Thompson responded to a hit-and-run wreck in the 5300 block of East 49th North. A white truck struck another vehicle and then left.

**Sept. 26** — Officer McCaslin responded to an alarm at Enterprise Rental Car in the 6300 block of East 37th North. The alarm was false.

**Sept. 26** — Officer McCaslin took a report of two women going door-to-door selling magazine subscriptions. Neither had a city vendor permit. They were referred to the city building for permits.

**Sept. 26** — Officer Murphy responded to a burglary in progress in the 4000 block of North Farmstead. The reporting party said he heard what sounded like a person using a crowbar and hammer to pry open the side garage door of the residence. Officer was unable to locate anyone in the area or any damage to the property.

**Sept. 25** — Officer Thompson responded to an alarm in the 6400 block of Perryton. A man was at the home removing furniture with permission.

**Sept. 25** — Officer Swanson took a report of an unknown ve-

hicle parked on the street near a residence in the 6200 block of East Woodrow.

**Sept. 24** — Officer Thompson took a report of a man carrying copper tubing. Officer stopped the man and found out he was walking home from his vo-tech class with his class project. The man had paperwork from Wichita Area Technical College.

**Sept. 24** — Lt. Griggs stopped a vehicle for driving erratically in the 7600 block of East Central Park. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license.

**Sept. 24** — Officer Hutton responded to an alarm in the 4200 block of North Rushwood. It was a false alarm.

**Sept. 24** — Officer Hutton responded to a burglary in progress in the 3900 block of North Oliver. A known suspect took a Wii gaming system without permission. It was a civil issue.

**Sept. 23** — Officer Toomey took a report of identity theft in the 4800 block of East 44th North. A credit card was used to buy airline tickets from Wichita to San Francisco and to Los Angeles.

**Sept. 22** — Officer Foxx responded to an alarm in the 6200 block of East 37th North. The alarm was false.

**Sept. 22** — Officer Hutton took a found property report at Eagle Lake Park. A small black cloth purse was found hanging on a park bench.

**Sept. 22** — Officer Hutton responded to a report of a suspicious character in the 4900 block of North Highland Court. A dark car was backed into a dead end with its lights off. The car left when another vehicle shined its lights on it. Officer was unable to locate the vehicle.

**Sept. 22** — Officer Steele responded to a suspicious character report in the 200 block of West Cherokee Drive in Kechi. There was no suspicious activity.

**Sept. 22** — Officer Steele responded to a found property report in the 4500 block of North Westlake Court. The contents of a wallet were found spread across a driveway. The items were returned. Missing were \$50 to \$60, a credit card and a debit card.

**Sept. 21** — Officer Foxx responded to an alarm in the 5200 block of North Holder Court. The alarm was false.

**Sept. 20** — Officer Foxx took a report of a stolen motorcycle tag in the 6200 block of East 37th North.

**Sept. 20** — Officer Foxx checked a residence in the 7100 block of East Gabriel after discovering a door open. The residence was secured.

**Sept. 20** — Officer Steele responded to a report of disorderly conduct in the 8400 block of East Granite Court. Danielle Bertram was arrested on a charge of domestic violence.

## Robotics

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chassis team, showcasing his building skills while Devin has had the chance to expand his technological strengths by learning the CAD system.

“I’m just blown away by what these kids are learning,” Smith said.

Burk, in his fourth year on the Wichita Warriors robotics team, said his involvement in robotics started with his interest in playing with Legos when he was in elementary school. He competed in the Lego Minestorm Competition before expanding his skill set into robotics.

“Legos are what really

got me into robotics, but after that, robotics has really shaped what I want to get into and what I’m learning about,” he said.

In college next year, Burk said he’s planning to major in computer science at Wichita State University. Others in the group that share his technical affluence are looking toward similar career paths, but overall, the interests and skills of the Wichita Warriors robotics team is diverse, said David Alexander, the mentor of the organized group tagged with the title of “principal.” Alexander, a network architect for Spirit Aerosystems had three of his now grown children compete on the Wichita Warriors robotics team.

He and his wife, Bev Alexander, have stayed involved to support the students, whether they be learning a design program, learning how to operate a skill saw or expressing their creativity.

Beyond programming, building and data collecting, team members work on designing T-shirts, constructing and decorating a booth, creating and editing a video project and keeping a solid rapport with fellow schools as part of the spirit team.

While the goal of the BEST program is to get students interested in engineering, math and science, Alexander said former Wichita Warriors robotics team members have gone on to fill a wide range of career

paths including in marketing, teaching and physics.

Park City resident Jacob Burford, a senior who previously has played soccer for the Wichita Warriors home school team, is in his first year participating in robotics. Burford said he knew the program was successful and he joined because he was curious and “thought it’d be fun.”

He said he is interested in film editing and directing film, but hasn’t yet decided what area of study he’d like to pursue past high school. On the robotics team, Burford said he’d found a niche in building gears. His younger brother, sophomore Joel Burford said he started working on the T-shirt design team

and had moved on to working on electronics.

Hudson Paris, a sophomore from Bel Aire has been designated a co-BEST leader in his second year on the robotics team. He said he’s in charge of overseeing the spirit team and construction of the booth among several leadership responsibilities.

“I think especially the leadership skills that I’m learning here are going to be helpful in college,” Paris said.

Paris’ sister, Larkin Paris is one of the college-aged student mentors for the team that were part of the Wichita Warriors group in high school. The mentors are available for support and can offer some guidance, but they’re

not allowed to actually get their hands on any part of the project, Alexander said.

As the group’s over-arching mentor, Alexander said he’s also limited on what he can do to help the students. Like a principal at a school, he indicated his primary role is basically to support team leaders and make sure that every student has a job to do.

“It’s just amazing to watch what these students come up with,” he said. “All we do is provide the environment for them to learn as they go forward.”

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Also on Sept. 17, the council approved the final plat and developers agreement for the Broadstone Villas Addition located across the street from the Lycee Heights addition. Broadstone Villas is a planned 48-unit apartment complex that will be constructed through the Low-Income Housing Tax

Credit Program. The property is being developed by Springfield, Mo.-based Zimmerman Properties. Representing the developer on Sept. 17, James McDonald said his company planned to close within 45 days and look at possibly pre-leasing units in the early spring with a “true opening” targeted for next summer.

In addition to making a pitch for why it makes sense to move to Bel Aire, Rekoske said the Sept. 26 “Lunch and

Learn” event allowed the city to discuss its progress on the economic development front. Among several projects and plans for construction throughout the city’s undeveloped acreage, Bel Aire recently finalized a contract for Shuttle Aerospace to build on about eight acres near 53rd North and Webb Road in the Sunflower Commerce Park. Shuttle Aerospace, an airplane parts manufacturer currently consisting of 21 employees, is moving to Bel

Aire from its current home in space leased on East Industrial Street in Wichita. The company has plans for growth in Bel Aire and room for expansion.

Rekoske said the Sept. 26 event was successful toward its goal of generating interest from realtors. Now, Rekoske said, the city is hoping the interest translates to more commitments for construction.

“We’ll see what happens,” he said. “But we’re definitely gaining more interest.”

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# Work picking up on medical development in Bel Aire

By Matt Heilman

It won't be long before the doctors are in. At its Oct. 1 meeting, the Bel Aire City Council took action to approve sanitary sewer and water distribution improvements for the future home of Rock Ridge Family Medicine and approved similar improvements, plus paving work for the Tierra Verde development and the Concierge Surgical Recover Center, which is part of the development's second phase.

The work on Tierra Verde brings the drawn out project near 47th North and Webb Road another step closer to completion. The Concierge Surgical Recover Center will serve as the new clinic home for Dr. George Watson who is currently seeing patients out of his office near

61st North and Broadway in Park City. The second phase of the Tierra Verde development calls for the surgical recovery center to be on the main floor of a facility as patients and visitors enter the development off Webb Road. Watson's office will be on a lower level walkout that will lead into a courtyard.

Watson works in a patient-direct model that allows him to contract directly with patients without having to go through insurance companies. Watson has worked in the patient-direct model for 10 years.

"We've been talking about this for a long time," Bel Aire Mayor David Austin said

at the council's Oct. 1 meeting of the approved infrastructure work. "It's great to see."

Ground broke on the new home for Rock Ridge Family Medicine at the northeast corner of 53rd North and Rock Road on Aug. 29. Dr. Timothy Wolff, who has practiced in Wichita for 16 years and has been on his own for six years with Rock Ridge Family Medicine, will own the new home for his clinic in Bel Aire.

Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher said Wolff will likely be ready to see patients in Bel Aire in April.

Also on Oct. 1, the council:  
 • Approved an appropriations ordinance of \$880,043.06.  
 • Held an executive session for 14 minutes to discuss matters relating to attorney-client privilege.  
 • Approved the low bid of \$934,543.03 from Kansas Paving for paving and drainage work in Tierra Verde.  
 Council member Ramona Becker was absent from the Oct. 1 meeting.

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