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Not everyone on board with housing plans

Elk Creek residents see better use for property

By Matt Heilman

No one in Bel Aire is likely to argue the positive points made about new home construction in the city. However, how and where homes are built need to be carefully planned before builders start adding rooftops, developers say.

Residents of Bel Aire's Elk

Creek addition, where homes are priced in the \$300,000 to \$500,000 range, have been frustrated with a lack of development in the area, but they've recently shared some concerns with what has been proposed to neighbor the housing addition.

Premier Holdings LLC has a purchase agreement with the City of Bel Aire to build on 15 lots in

the Central Park Fourth Addition located near Elk Creek between City Hall and the Catholic Care Center, northwest of 45th North and Rock Road.

Premier Holdings is planning to build single-family and twin homes, which are similar to duplexes with each of two individual homeowners occupying half of a structure.

Homeowners in the Villas at Elk Creek were concerned that the property values of their homes could decrease with the construction of the lower-priced residences. They were especially concerned that the twin homes would be converted to rental properties.

To move forward with the plans, the city council approved

a zoning change at its May 1 meeting, which clears the way for the twin homes to be built in the Central Park Fourth Addition.

The council approved the zoning change 4-1 after it had previously been approved 3-1 by the planning commission. Council member Peggy O'Donnell

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New home for Isley students

Magnet program looks forward to move to Bel Aire

By Matt Heilman

Although the final school boundary plan approved by the Wichita school board fell short of what was called for in the \$370 million bond issue that brought two new schools to Bel Aire, the city has shared an optimistic take on what's in place for next year. Specifically, there's a positive buzz about the incorporation of Isley Traditional Magnet Elementary into Bel Aire's new K-8 building at 53rd North and Woodlawn.

Isley is moving from just southwest of 21st and Grove in northeast Wichita. Bel Aire's K-8 building will serve as a K-5 next year and include students living in the city, as well as Isley students.

The transition seems to be smooth for several Bel Aire parents who already send their kids to Isley. The group includes resident Mike Corder, who has two children at Isley.

"My family's excited because of the possibility that neighborhood kids that live around the corner can come to the new school," he said. "I think it's great for Bel Aire in terms of drawing new people to the community."

Tammy Hager, a Bel Aire resident and secretary at Isley explained that students living in Wichita's northeast quadrant for the magnet program could apply for busing to attend Isley next year. Students living outside the neighborhood boundary and the northeast quadrant can also apply to attend Isley, but their parents or guardians would be responsible for their transportation to and from Bel Aire.

While Isley could lose a few students from the school's former neighborhood, Hager said most of the feedback she's received about the move to Bel Aire has been positive. The school's kindergarten roundup drew a full capacity to the community room of Bel Aire City Hall, she said.

Next year, current College Hill



Matt Heilman

Isley Elementary students compete in a tug-of-war competition during the school's May 4 Field Day at the Bel Aire Rec Center. Next year, Isley will move from its current home in northeast Wichita to the new K-8 school at 53rd North and Woodlawn in Bel Aire. Bel Aire's rec center has hosted the school's Field Day for the past two years.

Principal Kathy Stybr will take the leadership role at Bel Aire's K-5 school, where there will be three sections each of first through fifth grades and four sections for kindergarten.

Stybr said she expects between 450 and 500 students next year in the school that's built to hold a capacity near 1,000. Inside, Bel Aire's new grade school will include what Stybr

described as a "state of the art auditorium," "nice commons area" and a "big gym" complete with bleachers. The auditorium will be able to seat 800 people, Hager said.

Classrooms will feature mounted projectors and smart boards, among several amenities.

Stybr has worked in the Wichita school district for 22 years as a teacher

and administrator. She has experience working in new buildings and said she was "excited" to blend Isley's magnet program into a neighborhood school.

For Isley, the move to Bel Aire means students will get to experience a brand-new school for the second year in a row. Isley had just moved into a new building adjacent to its original home in October. Now, that space will

house nearby Mueller Elementary, which is closing its current building.

"Our building seemed so big and now (the school in Bel Aire) is even bigger," Hager said.

Isley kindergarten teacher Seth Lindberg said the school is "going to lose some good families" who live in

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Commercial development slow to get going in Bel Aire

By Matt Heilman

There's a bit of a Catch 22 on the development front in Bel Aire. The city needs to sell land to bite into its debt, but in today's economy, commercial developers seem interested in building where there are already rooftops.

That was part of the message delivered in a report from representatives of Weigand Commercial during the Bel Aire City Council's May 1 meeting.

Bel Aire's one-year marketing agreement with Weigand Commercial expired last month. A report from representatives Randy Johnston and John Rupp was the first step in renewing that contract.

While Bel Aire has worked as its own developer, it has leaned on Weigand for help. A primary focus of commercial development in Bel Aire is near the new high school, just off 53rd North and Rock Road.

Johnston said there is one contract pending

to develop acreage in the area, first brought to the council's attention at a January meeting. Springfield, Mo.-based Zimmerman Properties LLC, a real estate development company, plans to develop a 48-unit apartment complex on a four-acre tract just north of the new high school through the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program.

Johnston said Zimmerman applied for the tax credit with the Kansas Department of Commerce in February and "there is a 99 percent probability" that they will build the apartment complex if the credit is approved.

However, Johnston said there haven't been any bites on the commercial front near 53rd and Rock. He said Weigand approached a few businesses, including QuikTrip and Kwik Shop. Both said there aren't enough homes in the area.

Council member David Austin pointed out

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Bel Aire optimistic about 2013 budget

By Matt Heilman

Bel Aire's financial woes aren't yet in the rearview mirror, but the upcoming 2013 budget process is expected to go more smoothly than the past couple of years. The city has made progress with land sales and has more carryover than expected, City Manager Ty Lasher said.

Last year, the council put its signature on a 2012 budget that called for a property tax increase of about 6.8 mills. The increase was accompanied by about \$745,000 in cuts, including more than \$300,000 to the police department, where three full-time officers, two part-timers and a full-time administrative assistant lost their jobs.

The tax hike and cuts stung, but it appears the worst financial troubles may be over for

Bel Aire, helped in large part by progress in land sales, which haven't come easily for the city over the last few years.

In less than a month, Lasher said area builder Rick Hoffman is expected to start digging basements for single-family homes planned for the Central Park Fourth Addition.

Construction is also expected to start in the next two or three months in the Rock Springs addition near the city's new USD 259 high school near 53rd North and Rock Road.

"Land sales have picked up, which is great," Lasher said.

While the council hasn't yet had a chance to go over line items and break down the numbers for the 2013 budget, Lasher indi-

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Let voters decide the fate of park and gaming

While its implementation likely wouldn't happen for at least a couple of years, we like the idea shared by a grassroots organization that wants to resurrect the Wichita Greyhound Park.

Using private-sector dollars, backed by the Greyhound Park's former owner, Phil Ruffin, there's a plan in place to reopen the dog track as a \$100-million entertainment facility.

The plan calls for the return of greyhound racing and the addition of electronic gaming, among several entertainment options.

The name of the group pushing for a new life for the Greyhound Park is Wichita Wins.

For now, the organization's primary purpose is to revisit the electronic gaming issue on voters' ballots in Sedgwick County.

Without the gaming option, the new facility and the estimated 500 jobs that could go along with it wouldn't be realized. Sedgwick County voters have already spoken once on a 2007 ballot, rejecting a vote for gaming in the county. But Wichita Wins members point out the question of gaming was denied by just 244 votes and they argue that it wasn't worded clearly enough for most voters to understand exactly what they were deciding.

While the people have spoken once, we think enough time has passed for the gaming issue to be revisited on a ballot. As of April 26, Wichita Wins had collected more than 10,000 names of people in support of reopening the Greyhound Park with the option for gaming.

We understand the concerns about gambling. We're not ignorant to the societal ills, but we don't anticipate a sharp increase in the area's crime rate if people are allowed to use slot machines at the dog track. The proposed entertainment facility isn't a casino.

Speaking of which, the state-owned Kansas Star Casino has provided an economic boon for the City of Mulvane. Through March, the city and Sumner County's share from the casino eclipsed \$500,000.

While exact details of what's planned for the entertainment facility at the Greyhound Park haven't been disclosed, we are optimistic that the City of Park City and its neighbors in north Sedgwick County would benefit. It's sad to see the current state of the Greyhound Park.

The facility is closed and the parking lot is full of cracks with tall grass and weeds growing out of it.

We want to see something open at the dog track and we like the idea of that something providing entertainment that isn't funded through property taxes. We want to see new life pumped into the Greyhound Park. If we see a few slot machines with that new life, we're OK with that.

Wichita Wins promises that the proposed entertainment venue will be first-class and we think voters should make the ultimate decision on whether it becomes a reality.

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Simple steps can improve our complex world

The world is complicated. Our tax code is convoluted, our politicians are swayed by special interests and we just can't seem to stay out of trouble. We eat too much and don't exercise enough. We spend money we don't have and feel a sense of entitlement just for being alive.

If we get offended, we sue. If our toughness is being questioned, we fight.

We don't take care of our own stuff and we vandalize other people's property. We don't take responsibility for mistakes and we are bitter against people who don't share our opinions.

I use the term "we" loosely here. A lot of people do a lot of good every day.

But we're all in this together. By most estimates, the world population has eclipsed 7 billion people.

The world hasn't gotten any bigger in the last 200 years, yet the population has increased sevenfold. We're living longer and much less simply.

I'm not going to go as far as John Lennon in "Imagine" and ask you to picture a world where



Heil on life

By Matt Heilman

there's nothing to kill or die for. I'm not naïve enough to believe that some grand message of peace is going to somehow convince everyone to start looking out for their neighbors and stop committing crimes and wasting food and energy.

But think about how much better our surroundings in northern Sedgwick County would be if we volunteered a little bit of free time, or at the very least thanked those who do. What got me on this train of thought was the recent effort of Valley Center High School students Stephen Jones and Nathan Collins.

Last week, the pair was recognized for their efforts to clean up trash in McLaughlin Park on a strictly volunteer basis. They didn't seek the attention they received. They did it because they

had a little downtime and thought it'd be a good thing to do.

I know we're all busy, but what if more of us allotted just a few minutes in a given week to pick up some trash, clean up a yard that's not ours or prepare or buy a meal for someone not in our family? The message of everyone doing something small to make a big difference has been rehearsed numerous times. We hear the cliché message, but not many of us act on it.

And maybe our time is just too valuable to volunteer at all. Fine, if that's the case, I ask you to at least consider how much better our surroundings would be if we practiced common sense.

What if we read labels properly and followed instructions? What if we occasionally replaced a bag of potato chips with a piece of fresh fruit and didn't mind parking farther away from the store in parking lots to get the exercise? What if we set our alarms 10 minutes earlier to give ourselves enough time to get to work without having to rush?

What if we abandoned our pride and weren't afraid to ask

questions when we didn't understand something? What if we took better care of what we have and didn't feel the need to wreck what doesn't belong to us?

A lot of common sense practices are sadly easier said than done. And our police would get bored if everyone did what they were supposed to.

Our world is full of factors that we can't control, but imagine how much simpler life would be if we were responsible for ourselves and occasionally cared for someone who doesn't stare back at us when we look in a mirror.

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Howdy from Auntie C's Restaurant

Editor's note: Five students from Sunrise Christian Academy's Journalism Club completed a project in which they wrote a restaurant review. The restaurant the students and club sponsor Mindy Ploeckelmann chose was Auntie C's Restaurant in Park City. Ploeckelmann said she's anticipating more involvement in the fledgling club next year with "some neat ideas on the horizon."

By Sierra Skillen, Carrie Schmidt, Abigail Wilson, Anna Klein and Sarah Keely

Quaint and family oriented, Auntie C's Restaurant captivated our appetites with its hearty old-fashioned breakfast. Owner Cheryl Hooten has created a classic snapshot of an old Western kitchen with friendly staff and a welcoming atmosphere.

The Journalism Club of Sunrise Christian Academy enjoyed a satisfying breakfast served by our gracious waitress Jamie. We were served heaping plates of sugar-dusted French toast, fluffy buttermilk pancakes with warm homemade syrup, eggs of choice, and crispy bacon and hash browns.

Not only a breakfast restaurant, Auntie C's also serves lunch until 2 with options such as all-you-can-eat home-fried chicken and mashed potatoes. If you are still not full after

your meal, Auntie C's restaurant offers a wide selection of daily dessert specials, including homemade pies, custard bread pudding and fried candy bars.

Each of us enjoyed our time at the restaurant, a break from hectic life, to sit around a country table with family and friends. We will definitely revisit Auntie C's restaurant with our families at 425 E. 61st North in Park City. They are open seven days a week from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. We hope to see you there!

Isley

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east Wichita and are electing not to send their kids to Bel Aire, but most of the parents, faculty and staff are on board with the move.

"A lot of our families are from (Bel Aire) already," he said. "They're excited for us to come up there."

Isley gym teacher David Hinton said Bel Aire Rec Center Director Brian Hayes has shown an interest

in forming a partnership with the school. He said Hayes offered to volunteer instructors for students to take part in activities at the rec center. On May 11, the rec center hosted Isley's Field Day for the second straight year.

Enrollment times for Isley are planned for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 30 and 31 and 12 to 7 p.m. Aug. 1. Hager said parents were also encouraged to enroll online.

"It's going to be exciting," Stybr said of Bel Aire's new school. "It's an amazing facility."

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cated residents would have a reason to feel more at ease than last year. He said going into budget talks, the council is not looking at raising taxes and

is in overall better shape than expected.

"Our goal is to have gotten ourselves into a position where we won't have to have a major tax increase or cuts or anything like that," Lasher said. "Overall, I think we're very pleased with the results from the hard work of the council and citizens."

Deadline for the July Breeze: Friday, June 15

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran Church

Contemporary guitar service with communion each Sunday at 8:30 a.m. Traditional service at 11 with communion each Sunday. Sunday school for all ages at 9:45 a.m.

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

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

Church of the Resurrection

Church of the Resurrection (Roman Catholic) is located at 4910 N. Woodlawn in Bel Aire.

Masses for the Lord's Day are 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday. Weekday Masses are 8 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; also at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Resurrection Catholic School has students from preschool through eighth grade.

The parish/school website is

www.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.

Crossroads Friends Church

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

The church has Crossroads Kids and Crossroads Cribs ministry areas, as well as contemporary music, relevant Bible teaching and a laid-back, friendly atmosphere.

Pastor is Jeff Mullen. Call the church office at 361-0407 or visit it online at www.crossroadswichita.com.

Fairmount United Church of Christ

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

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

Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m. which includes Children's Church. Sunday School begins at 9:30.

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

Gospel Assembly Church

Located at 4230 N. Oliver in Bel Aire, service times are 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Bible study is 7 p.m. Monday. Prayer service is 7 p.m. Tuesday. Praise and worship is 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Phone number is 744-1502. Rev. Gary D. Green is the pastor.

Greenwich United Methodist Church

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

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

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

Visit the church online at Greenwichkumc.org.

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

Kechi United Methodist Church

The church is located at 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi. The Rev. Guy E. Rendoff is the pastor. Phone number is 744-1221, website is www.kechi-umc.org and e-mail address is kechi-umc@sbcbglobal.net.

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

Wednesday evening worship services are from 7 to 7:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. There

will be music, prayer time and a short sermon. Childcare is provided.

Park City Church of the Nazarene

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

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

Pine Valley Christian Church

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

Risen Savior Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

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

during Bible class and second service.

Wednesday evening ministries are from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday evening adult praise choir rehearsal is from 7 to 8 p.m.

The church is located at 6770 E. 34th North in Wichita. The phone number is 683-5538. The fax number is 683-5536. www.risensavior.net

University United Methodist Church

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

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

E-mail 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.

Business

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that the new high school will drastically increase traffic in the area, especially if it opens to its full capacity in the next few years. Johnston said he's made that point to developers. He said the best prospects for now appear to be for senior housing, including a senior community from Wichita and one from Hutchinson that are looking to build on four-acre

sites.

Rupp said business has been picking up at Weigand Commercial, but land sales remain a much stiffer challenge than they were four years ago. Land is being sold at less than its market value. From about 2005 through the first half of 2008, Rupp said land with utilities in place would sell in the range of \$8,000 to \$10,000 per acre. Now, land in that range is being sold for \$4,000 to \$5,000 per acre and "transitional ground" within two to three

miles of utilities is going for about \$2,500 per acre.

Mayor Harold Smith lightheartedly asked the Weigand Commercial representatives when the economy would get better.

Rupp said Weigand's business has been picking up, especially with industrial property, but land sales are challenging.

"It's getting a lot better, it's just there's a price point issue for everybody," he said.

Toward the end of the May 1 meeting, the council did take

another step toward potentially bringing commercial property to Bel Aire in a downtown district near City Hall.

A development agreement with Shopping Center Development Consultants was approved 3-2 with Peggy O'Donnell and Austin opposed. O'Donnell and Austin made it clear that they are excited about the potential development, they just had a couple of concerns with the potential funding for the project. Chiefly, they wondered why

the consultants felt that STAR bonds and the establishment of a Community Improvement District would both be needed for development to happen.

STAR bonds are tax revenues from the state to pay for a project that draws revenue from out of state. The proposed retail and entertainment facility should help Bel Aire qualify for STAR bonds, City Manager Ty Lasher has said. Establishing a Community Improvement District with the development would allow the

city to implement up to a 2 percent sales tax in the proposed downtown district, essentially allowing the development to pay for itself.

While they understood that the development agreement doesn't actually set up a CID, O'Donnell and Austin weren't comfortable with the agreement since Shopping Center Development Consultants made it sound as though STAR bonds couldn't be implemented without the issuance of a sales tax in the development.



City of Bel Aire



Central Park Swimming Pool

7350 E. Central Park Ave. 744-7331

<p>FEE INFORMATION Summer Passes Individual (ages 12 and over) \$50 remaining season Family (2 adults & dependent children residing in the home) \$75 remaining season Daily Fees Under age 12 (must be accompanied by adult) \$2/day Over age 12 \$3/day</p>	<p>POOL HOURS WEEKDAYS Swim Lessons 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Open Swim 1 p.m. - 7 p.m. Swim Lessons 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. WEEKENDS Saturday & Sunday Pool Hours 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. POOL HOURS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE</p> <p>POOL RENTALS Have your next party at the pool! Rental packages are available after normal business hours. Rentals are subject to availability. Up to 25 patrons — \$40/hr Over 25* patrons — \$60/hr *Limit of 50 patrons</p>	<p>GROUP SWIMMING LESSONS Members — \$30/session Non-Members — \$37.50/session MORNING SESSIONS Session Dates: 7/5-7/15, & 7/18-7/29 Times: 11 - 11:45 a.m. & 12 - 12:45 p.m. EVENING SESSIONS Session Dates: 7/5-7/15, & 7/18-7/29 Time: 7 - 7:45 p.m.</p> <p>PRIVATE SWIMMING LESSONS Private swimming lessons are available by appointment and are subject to availability.</p>
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Bel Aire Recreation

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

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

<p>FISHING CLINIC The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks will conduct a free fishing clinic at Bel Aire's Alley Park on Friday, June 15th from 9:00 – 11:00am. Topics introduced include: safety, fish identification, baiting a hook, hooking a fish, reeling and handling a fish. Fishing equipment will be provided. Parents are encouraged to assist their children. Space is limited, pre-registration is required.</p> <p>SUMMER DANCE WORKSHOPS (ages 4-11) Bel Aire Recreation has partnered with Jennie Thompson, a collegiate dance major, to bring you several dance workshops this summer. Instruction will include ballet, jazz, and other forms of dance. June 16th is the first available workshop for ages 4-6. Please call for more information.</p> <p>SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP (ages 6-11) 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 skills. The summer camp will run from July 16-19. The registration deadline is July 7.</p> <p>SUMMER DAY CAMP The Wichita YMCA will again offer a state-licensed day camp this summer at the Bel</p>	<p>Aire Recreation Center. Elementary age activities include arts & crafts, games, sports, swimming, field trips, and much more. For more information or to register call the YMCA at 264-1610.</p> <p>ZUMBA Zumba is a Latin-inspired, dance-fitness class that incorporates Latin and international music and dance movements, creating a dynamic, exciting, exhilarating, and effective fitness system. Classes are held on Mondays & Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 pm. Teens & adults can join at any time!</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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!</p> <p>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.</p>
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Bel Aire Seniors

All SENIORS 55+ are cordially invited to all events listed below. The Senior Center and Library area is open from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Monday through Friday excluding holidays. The library has a wide selection of library books to check out at no cost nor time restraints, along with computers available for study or research. Remember any senior can belong 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, 9:00 a.m. on North Rock Road

Monthly & Special Events:

- June 4th, 6:30 p.m.** — Potluck Dinner & Antique Road Show - Community Room
- June 5th, 8:30 a.m.** – Breakfast (call for location)
- June 11th, 10 a.m.** – RS Advisory Meeting at the Rec Center
- June 11th, 11:30 a.m.** – Lunch at Country Kitchen
- June 11th, 1:15 p.m.** – Tour of Water/Sewer Plant - 5551 N. Broadway
- June 12th, 9:00 a.m.** – CS Advisory Meeting at the Rec Center
- June 12th, 9:30 a.m.** - Cash in with Coupons Presentation at the Senior Center
- June 13th, 10 a.m.** – Volunteer library work time at the Senior Center
- June 14th, 12 p.m.** – Ladies Salad Potluck Lunch at Senior Center
- June 14th, 7 p.m.** – Movie Night at the Senior Center
- June 14-16** – Senior Garage Sale at 5701 Kenawee
- June 16th, 10 a.m.** – PTSD Presentation, Jerry Reece at Senior Center
- June 19th, Ladies Dine Out** - for info call Anita at 744-2840
- June 20th, 10 a.m.** – Men's Coffee at Braum's on North Rock Road
- June 20th, 10:15 a.m.** – Senior Aerobics Brunch (different locations)
- June 20th, 2 p.m.** – Ladies Tea/Coffee at Braum's on North Rock Road
- June 25th, 6 p.m.** – Covered Dish Dinner & Patriotic Presentation at Rec Center
- June 27th, 10 a.m.** – Open Sewing at the Senior Center
- June 27th, 7 p.m.** – Bunko games at the Senior Center
- June 29th, 7 p.m.** – Pitch Night at the Senior Center

FYI: For any possible cancellations due to inclement winter weather conditions, call 744-2700 or 744-2451.

New Senior Participation Forms with Emergency Contact and other information will be needed from each Senior for 2012. Please complete a new form and return to the Senior Director offices.

Citizens interested in serving as volunteers for the City of Bel Aire, in any capacity, are strongly encouraged to **contact City Manager Ty Lasher at (316) 744-2451 or tlasher@belaireks.gov**

CITY OF BEL AIRE CONTACTS

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To remember Carolyn Marlier

From left to right, Guy MacDonald, Diane Martin and Gary Northwall (back row) of the Bel Aire Tree Board; Cindy Marlier, Craig Marlier, Kathy Terrebonne of the tree board and Bel Aire Mayor Harold Smith gather near the tree planted April 28 in the park area of the Central Park Community to serve as a memorial for Carolyn Marlier, a long-time volunteer in Bel Aire who served on the city council for 12 years. (See story on page 5).

POLICE REPORTS

May 20 — Officer Hutton responded to a hit-and-run wreck at 37th North and Oliver. No injuries were reported.

May 20 — Officer Hutton made multiple attempts to locate the vehicle involved in the hit-and-run wreck at 37th North and Oliver, but was unsuccessful.

May 20 — Officer Swanson transported Kellie R. Burch to the Sedgwick County jail on a Bel Aire warrant. Burch was arrested by Valley Center police in the 7700 block of North Broadway.

May 19 — Officer Hutton responded to a burglary alarm in the 4500 block of North Glendale. The residence was secure.

May 19 — Officer Hutton assisted EMS in the 4400 block of North Eagle Lake. No one was transported.

May 19 — Officer Hutton responded to a report of a disturbance in the 5100 block of East 46th North. There was no disturbance. A follow up with SRS was to be scheduled.

May 19 — Officer Hutton assisted EMS at a funeral in the 7200 block of East 45th North. A person passed out, but regained consciousness and refused EMS treatment.

May 19 — Officer Hutton responded to a suspicious person in the 4100 block of North Auburn. The resident said someone came to the home looking for her son, but her son did not know the man. The son's cell phone was lost at Wichita State University, and the resident thought that's how the man discovered the son's address. The resident requested extra patrol.

May 19 — Officer Steele checked the perimeter of the school under construction in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. A door was open, but there were no signs of suspicious activity.

May 19 — Officer Mavia arrested David Woodworth after a disturbance in the 5700 block of East Flagstaff and booked him into jail on a charge of domestic battery.

May 18 — Officer Hutton assisted EMS with a man having chest pains in the 4400 block of North Gunnison. The man was taken to the hospital.

May 18 — Officer Agon contacted four juveniles who were walking close to the construction trailers at the school under construction in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. The boys said they were out for a walk after having pizza for dinner. The boys were advised to stay off of the construction site.

May 18 — Officer Fox arrested two juveniles after they admitted to vandalizing several mailboxes, including at least one in the 5900 block of East Kenawee, and writing with washable marker on several vehicles in the area.

May 18 — Officer Mavia observed a mailbox in the street in the 5900 block of East Memphis.

May 18 — Officer Mavia observed a truck that was vandalized with a marker in the 5700 block of East Perryton.

May 18 — Officer Mavia observed a vehicle that was vandalized with a marker in the 5900 block of East Danbury.

May 18 — Officer Fox located a mailbox in the 5800 block of East Clarendon that was pulled out of the ground and thrown into the street.

May 18 — Officer Steele responded to a report of mailbox vandalism in the 5800 block of East Kenawee.

May 18 — Officer Fox stopped a vehicle in the 4100 block of North Woodlawn and issued citations for speeding, no driver's license in possession and no insurance.

May 17 — Officer Swanson responded to the report of a suspicious character selling children's items door-to-door. The person had a valid permit through the city.

May 17 — Officer Swanson assisted

EMS in the 4900 block of East Willow Point Court. A toddler fell off a swing set. The boy was OK.

May 17 — Officer Steele found an open door at the school under construction in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

May 17 — Officer Fox stopped a vehicle in the 4300 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for a suspended license.

May 16 — Lt. Griggs assisted EMS in the 6000 block of East Danbury, where a person fell. EMS transported the man to the hospital.

May 16 — Lt. Griggs took a report of someone stealing a trash can in the 4200 block of North Rushwood Court.

May 15 — Officer Fox arrested Jennifer L. O'Reilly in the 5100 block of North Woodlawn on a charge of driving while a habitual violator.

May 14 — Lt. Griggs Hutton responded to a burglary at the school under construction in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. A construction trailer was broken into. About \$1,000 worth of copper wire was stolen.

May 14 — Officer Hutton stopped a vehicle in the 4700 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for speeding and no driver's license.

May 14 — Lt. Griggs stopped a vehicle in the 4900 block of North Parkhurst. The driver was cited for no driver's license in possession.

May 14 — Officer Swanson responded to a report of a suspicious character in the 4200 block of North Rushwood Court. No one was found.

May 14 — Officer Steele found an open door on the school under construction in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

May 13 — Officer Steele found an open door on the school under construction in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

May 13 — Officer Steele stopped a vehicle in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for speeding and expired driver's license.

May 12 — Officer Hutton responded to a report of two dogs damaging a garden and a drainage pipe in the 4800 block of Farmstead Court. The owner of the dogs was contacted. The owner said he would fix the damage. Sedgwick County Animal Control was notified.

May 12 — Officer Agon found an open door on the school under construction in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

May 12 — Officer Agon found an unlocked trailer door at the school construction site in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn.

May 12 — Officer Fox assisted EMS in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. A person was taken to the hospital with chest pains.

May 12 — Officer Steele arrested Reuben E. Grant on a charge of DUI in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn.

May 12 — Officer Mavia responded to a disturbance in the 4600 block of North Farmstead.

May 12 — Officer Fox discovered a mailbox that was damaged in the 4500 block of Eagle Lake Drive.

May 12 — Officer Mavia responded to a report of mailbox vandalism in the 4500 block of Eagle Lake Drive.

May 12 — Officer Fox was arrested on a charge of DUI in the 5100 block of North Oliver.

May 11 — Officer Hutton responded to a report of two dogs at-large in the 4900 block of East Ashton. The dogs' owner was advised this was an ongoing problem. Sedgwick County Animal Control was notifi-

ed.

May 11 — Lt. Griggs responded to a citizen complaint of a vendor soliciting door-to-door. The vendor did not have a city permit and agreed to stop soliciting until he had one.

May 11 — Officer Mavia responded to a report of a runaway in the 5700 block of East 41st North.

May 10 — Officer Steele discovered an unsecured door on the school under construction in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

May 9 — Lt. Griggs assisted EMS with a person who had fallen in the 4700 block of North Farmstead. The man was taken to the hospital.

May 9 — Lt. Griggs assisted EMS in the 4000 block of North Harding.

May 9 — Officer Swanson took a report at the station of a lost motorcycle tag.

May 8 — Lt. Griggs assisted EMS with a person having difficulty breathing in the 5100 block of East 37th North. The person was taken to the hospital.

May 8 — Officer Agon responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 4000 block of North Parkwood.

May 7 — Officer Steele discovered an unsecured door on the school under construction in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

May 6 — Officer Hutton assisted EMS with an unconscious person in the 4000 block of North Harding. The person was taken to the hospital.

May 6 — Officer Steele assisted EMS in the 6600 block of East Summerside Place. The person was taken to the hospital.

May 6 — Officer Steele stopped a vehicle in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for speeding and no license in possession.

May 6 — Officer Steele stopped a vehicle in the 6300 block of East 53rd North. The driver was cited for exhibition of speed and driving with a revoked license.

May 6 — Officer Steele discovered an unsecured door on the school under construction in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

May 6 — Officer Steele responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 4500 block of North Auburn. The report was later canceled.

May 5 — Officer Hutton assisted third-shift officers with reports of multiple cars and residences that had been egged.

May 5 — Officer Hutton assisted EMS with a person who fell in the 4400 block of North Westlake Court. The person was taken to the hospital.

May 5 — Officer Agon assisted EMS with an infant who was choking in the 6900 block of East Odessa Court. The child was not taken to the hospital.

May 5 — Officer Agon assisted Park City police in the 5200 block of North Arkansas, providing Spanish translation on a field sobriety test.

May 5 — Officer Fox stopped a vehicle in the 5100 block of North Greenwood. The driver was cited for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

May 5 — Officer Fox arrested Stephen D. Rowell in the 10000 block of East 53rd North on a Wichita warrant.

May 5 — Officer Fox arrested Stephen D. Rowell in the 10000 block of East 53rd North on a Sedgwick County bench warrant under the alias of David E. Wolfe II.

May 5 — Officer Fox arrested Stephen D. Rowell on a Kansas Department of Corrections parole violation warrant.

May 5 — Officer Steele discovered

an unsecured door on the school under construction in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

May 5 — Officer Steele responded to a report of violation of road and driving laws in the 4300 block of North Eagle Lake Court. A person was driving a mini-bike.

May 5 — Officer Fox reported while taken Stephen D. Rowell to jail on warrants, white rocks that tested positive for cocaine were found under him while sitting in the patrol vehicle. Rowell also was booked into jail on a charge of possession of cocaine.

May 4 — Officer assisted Wichita police in investigating a possible child abuse case in the 3200 block of North Greenwood. No crime was committed. It was parental discipline only.

May 4 — Officer Steele discovered an unsecured door on the school under construction in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

May 4 — Officer Steele responded to a report of a vehicle being egged in the 6200 block of East Quail Ridge.

May 4 — Officer Steele responded to a report of a vehicle being egged in the 4100 block of North Farmstead.

May 4 — Officer Fox responded to a report of a vehicle being egged in the 5700 block of East Denise.

May 4 — Officer Fox responded to a report of a vehicle being egged in the 5700 block of East Denise.

May 3 — Lt. Griggs responded to a 911 hang-up call in the 6300 block of East 37th North. There was no emergency.

May 3 — Lt. Griggs responded to a disturbance in the 4800 block of North Farmstead Court.

May 3 — Officer Agon assisted the sheriff's office on a suspicious character report in the 15000 block of East 53rd North.

May 3 — Officer Fox responded to a disturbance in the 4900 block of North Hedgerow. A vehicle was stopped. The driver was cited for no driver's license in possession.

May 3 — Officer Mavia responded to a disturbance in the 4400 block of North Eagle Lake Drive.

May 2 — Lt. Griggs assisted EMS on a child choking in the 5900 block of East 47th North. The child was not taken to the hospital.

May 2 — Officer Swanson responded to a report of phone harassment in the 4800 block of North Hedgerow Court.

May 2 — Officer Swanson transported a woman to the hospital for mental assessment.

May 2 — Officer Fox observed a truck entering the school construction site in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was released. He was a subcontractor installing lockers.

May 2 — Officer Fox arrested Elson Cervantes-Encarnacion in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn on charges of DUI, transporting an open container of alcohol, driving with a suspended license and no insurance and on a warrant.

May 1 — Officer Agon assisted EMS with a person having difficulty breathing in the 5100 block of East 37th North. The person was taken to the hospital.

May 1 — Officer Agon stopped a vehicle in the 4900 block of East 53rd North. The driver was cited for speeding, no license, no tag and no insurance.

April 30 — Officer Steele discovered an open gate in the 6200 block of East 37th North. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

April 30 — Officer Steele discovered an unsecured door on the school under

construction in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

April 30 — Officer Mavia discovered an unsecured door on the school under construction in the 5500 block of North Lycee. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

April 29 — Officer Steele responded to a report of a suspicious character in the 5700 block of East 37th North.

April 29 — Officer Steele discovered an unsecured door on the school under construction in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

April 28 — Officer Agon responded to a report of a stolen vehicle tag in the 6700 block of East Odessa.

April 28 — Officer Mavia stopped a vehicle in the 5000 block of North Oliver. The driver was cited for speeding, no proof of insurance and no driver's license in possession.

April 28 — Officer Steele discovered an unsecured door on the school under construction in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

April 28 — Officer Mavia responded to a report of shots fired near the 4300 block of North Eagle Lake Court. Nothing was found.

April 27 — Officer Agon responded to a disturbance in the 4500 block of North Rushwood. The resident received a phone call saying she won \$1.5 million. The resident said the caller allegedly threatened to burn the house down.

April 27 — Officer Agon responded to a stalled vehicle in the 4400 block of North Woodlawn. The drier said AAA was on its way.

April 27 — Officer Steele discovered unsecured doors on the school under construction in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

April 26 — Lt. Griggs responded to a report of a mailbox vandalized in the 4100 block of North Parkwood.

April 26 — Lt. Griggs observed a mailbox that had been pushed over in the 4100 block of North Parkwood.

April 26 — Lt. Griggs responded to a report of a mailbox vandalized in the 4100 block of North Parkwood.

April 26 — Lt. Griggs observed the decorative knob of a mailbox had been removed and was seen in the yard.

April 26 — Lt. Griggs responded to a report of someone taking trash out of a trash can in the 5700 block of East 45th North.

April 26 — Officer Agon responded to a report of a suspicious character in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn.

April 26 — Officer Steele discovered an open gate in the 6100 block of East 37th North. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

April 26 — Officer Steele discovered an unsecured door on the school under construction in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

April 25 — Lt. Griggs responded to a report of possible child abuse in the 5000 block of North Lake Breeze Court. There were no signs of abuse.

April 25 — Lt. Griggs responded to a report of a burglary in progress in the 4300 block of North Bellmore. A building inspector was inspecting a residence for sale.

April 25 — Lt. Griggs assisted EMS in the 5200 block of East 37th North on a man having difficulty breathing. The man was taken to the hospital.

April 25 — Officer Agon responded to an alarm in the 4000 block of North Danbury.

April 25 — Officer Mavia assisted Wichita police on a burglary in progress call. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

April 24 — Officer Hutton responded to a report of disorderly conduct in the 4800 block of North Hedgerow Court. The resident said an unknown person called pretending to be her grandson.

April 24 — Officer Hutton assisted EMS in the 4600 block of North Hedgerow. A teenager accidentally got battery acid in his face.

April 24 — Officer Wallender responded to a disturbance in the 5000 block of Wil-lowpoint Road.

April 24 — Officer Swanson responded to a dog at-large in the 4200 block of North Eagle Lake. The dog was taken to the Sedgwick County Animal Shelter.

April 23 — Officer Hutton responded to a non-injury wreck in the 4400 block of North Edgemoor Court. A school bus struck a parked vehicle.

April 23 — Officer Steele discovered an unsecured door on a portable building in the school construction site in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

April 22 — Officer Steele discovered an unsecured door on a portable building in the school construction site in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

April 22 — Officer Steele discovered an unsecured door on the school in the 5500 block of East 45th North. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

April 21 — Officer Hutton responded to a hold-up alarm at a bank in the 3800 block of North Woodlawn. There were no signs of criminal activity. The alarm was accidentally activated.

April 21 — Officer Agon responded to an alarm in the 4800 block of North Farmstead. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

April 21 — Officer Agon discovered an unsecured door on the school under construction in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

April 21 — Officer Agon discovered an unoccupied vehicle at the school under construction in the 5500 block of North Lycee. An employee was working late.

April 21 — Officer Agon responded to assist Wichita police with a cutting at 34th North and Woodlawn. A stabbing victim was discovered at 37th North and Woodlawn.

April 21 — Officer Steele discovered an unsecured door on a portable building in the school construction site in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

April 21 — Officer Mavia discovered an open gate in the 5900 block of East 37th North. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

April 21 — Officer Fox stopped a vehicle in the 6400 block of East Danbury. The driver, Alan A. Rivera-Navarro, was arrested on a charge of DUI.

April 20 — Officer Steele discovered an unsecured door on a portable building in the school construction site in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

April 20 — Officer Fox stopped a vehicle in the 6000 block of East 37th North. The driver was cited for possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia.

April 20 — Officer Mavia responded to a possible break-in in the 4100 block of North Auburn.

April 20 — Officer Mavia arrested Tyler J. Swartzendruber in the 4100 block of Clarendon on a Wichita warrant.

Houses

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opposed the zoning change because she wanted more feedback from the planning commission since a couple of the group's members were absent at the time of the vote.

Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher and Weigand commercial sales manager Richelle Knotts addressed a few of the concerns of the Elk Creek homeowners. As the developer of land in Central Park, Lasher said the city would have "architectural control," which gives Bel Aire a say in how the homes are built, including the layout and construction material used to build them.

Twin homes will be built on just eight lots along a tree row, adjacent to the care home property, Lasher said.

He said the new construction, including the twin homes and the single-family units, will be in the \$180,000 to \$300,000 price range. The homes won't be built as rentals, but the builder could rent them out if they don't sell, Lasher said.

No ordinances are in place in Bel Aire to block any homeowner from renting their home. However, if any of the homes in the Central Park Fourth Addition were rented, it would likely

run at least \$1,500 per month, Lasher said.

Knotts said there are several area housing developments with variations in the price range and building style of homes and there wouldn't be a negative impact on the current home values in Elk Creek with the new construction. Knotts said she's had a chance to speak with homeowners in Elk Creek and felt that they have a clear understanding of what's going to be built near them.

"I think it will be good," she said of the Central Park Fourth Addition plans. "We've got a lot of activity (in Bel Aire) since the first of the year and it's only going to continue with the schools opening up in the fall."

While they have been assured that neighboring homes will be built to an adequate standard, Elk Creek homeowners still aren't happy with the plans that also include building in a second phase of Elk Creek.

The city has accepted a commercial and real estate sales contract with Wichita-based Perfection Builders LLC to purchase lots in Elk Creek to build new patio homes, referred to as "courtyard homes" by Perfection owner Scott Lehner because each home will be built with a private courtyard.

What's in mind is similar to what's available in Watercross Village in Maize, which

consists of two-and three-bedroom homes between 1,600 and 1,700 square-feet starting in the \$160,000s, Lehner said.

The initial plan from Perfection Builders is to build seven courtyard homes on lots where utility lines are in place.

On May 10, the council approved a zone change for the courtyard homes.

Elk Creek homeowners Mahlon and Cindy McCaleb say none of the 11 homeowners in their development are satisfied with the zone change in the Central Park Fourth Addition or what's proposed for a second phase in Elk Creek.

The primary issue is space. The zone change in the Central Park Fourth Addition allows for six residences per acre, Mahlon McCaleb said.

"Although the proposed structures are somewhat attractive, the density change is most disturbing," McCaleb said. "... Spaciousness and the relaxation that comes with it is an integral part of Elk Creek."

He said the rezoning for the smaller housing units in the Central Park Fourth Addition and second phase of Elk Creek could decrease the overall potential real estate value from what could be expected if more homes were built similar

to what's already in place.

"In reality, the total average potential value of real estate of a fully occupied Villas at Elk Creek Phase I and Phase II was \$60 million-plus," McCaleb said. "If the rezoning of Phase II also occurs, the maximum value declines to \$41 million, a tremendous decrease in value and future tax revenue."

Lasher said the city is "trying to make sure that what goes in doesn't negatively affect home values," and he was confident that the new home construction would only benefit Elk Creek residents.

"Having lots built up around Elk Creek will up the value, or at least not negatively affect it like a bunch of empty lots would," he said.

After visiting with the planning commission at its May 10 meeting, McCaleb and area builder Bob Cook approached the council May 15 with a plan to show city leaders that Elk Creek can be successful without the zoning change to its second phase and construction of patio homes. The key, they said, is proper marketing and they asked for a two-month delay on the zoning decision.

"If we can just delay the zoning discussion, we can develop a polished plan that will have

results," McCaleb said.

Cook is a homebuilder who purchased a home repossessed by his bank in Elk Creek. He bought the house because "he saw some possibilities."

"I financed it and finished it up and put it in the parade of homes and I had a tremendous response," Cook said.

He said he had people interested in buying a home in Elk Creek, but they were concerned about the plans to build neighboring patio homes.

"We need to get that pushed back," Cook said. "The thing about it is, you've got to market an area. A sign in the yard is not marketing. You've got to have a responsible agent on site and develop a relationship with people coming through and you've got to build that interest."

Cook said the last three years have been "terrible for homebuilders," but he's continued to be successful with aggressive marketing. Cook said he's been able to sell homes in The Oaks in Derby, where homes start at about \$400,000.

Specifically, he said, he has a real estate agent on site for a few hours, six days per week to meet with potential homebuyers.

Working with Stillwater Bank, which has worked extensively with the City of Bel Aire over the years, McCaleb and Cook said they plan to develop a marketing strategy to boost home sales in Elk Creek.

The council didn't take any binding action from the discussion, but they voiced appreciation that McCaleb and Cook are being proactive.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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Students earn top Awana award

By The Breeze staff

On May 6, several area students received the Citation Award from the Northside Bible Chapel Awana program in Kechi. The Citation Award is given to students who have completed all of the materials that are required in the Awana program, which is based in Streamwood, Ill.

Those who completed the program were Rachel Sidwell,

Bethany Snow, Caleb Banzhaf, Rachel Mollohan and Micah Williams.

Each student had to complete over 10 years worth of lessons and activities in the Awana program. They learned more than 800 Bible verses, read through the entire Bible, completed several Bible studies and fulfilled four dedicated years of Christian ministry service projects in their church and community.

The Citation Award is the highest recognition that any participant can receive, enabling them to earn scholarships from select colleges and universities.

Awana, which stands for Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed (taken from a Bible verse in 2 Timothy 2:15), is an international weekly Bible-based ministry for youth ages 3 to 18 to help them build Biblical foundations for their faith in Christ. Meetings include

practical Bible messages, memorization and games. Each week, more than 1 million children and youth and 250,000 volunteers take part in Awana in more than 17,000 churches worldwide.

The Awana program that meets at Northside Bible Chapel in Kechi starts in September each year and runs through April. For more information about the program, contact Sid Johnson at 744-1128.



Courtesy photo

Sid Johnson (left), Awana commander, is pictured with (from left) Rachel Sidwell, Bethany Snow, Caleb Banzhaf, Rachel Mollohan, Micah Williams and Awana leader Larry Sater.

Arbor Day tree-planting honors longtime volunteer, former council member

By Matt Heilman

In more than four decades living in Bel Aire, Carolyn Marlier cared for her community, before and well after it was incorporated. Marlier,

a retired home economics teacher for USD 259, served 12 years on the city council, from 1999 to 2011.

The 72-year-old lost her fight with cancer last year. She died June 20, setting a

somber tone to the next evening's council meeting, where the governing body spoke of how she would be missed and what her volunteerism and community involvement meant to the city.

Each Arbor Day, the Bel Aire Tree Board carries on a tradition to plant a tree in the city to honor a Bel Aire resident.

On the morning of April 28, the day after Arbor Day, the tree board planted a Chinese Pistache to honor Marlier. Among the group gathered for the tree-planting in the park area of the Central Park Community were Bel Aire Mayor Harold

Smith, council member Peggy O'Donnell and Marlier's son and daughter, Craig Marlier, of Wichita and Cindy Marlier of Bel Aire.

Smith discussed Marlier's time on the council and how she considered how residents would be impacted with every decision she made.

"She was very valuable to the council," he said.

Craig and Cindy Marlier recalled how Carolyn and their father, Donald Marlier, were always eager to volun-

teer when help was needed. The Marliers built their Bel Aire home in 1964, Cindy

said. "(Mom) was all about Bel Aire," Craig said.

Bishop Carroll senior receives Crest Award

By The Breeze staff

Bel Aire resident and Bishop Carroll senior Alaina Thom was named a recipient of The Bishop's Crest Award of Excellence for Development of the Full Human Potential during the school's graduation ceremony on May 20.

This award is typically presented to one outstanding senior in each of the four Catholic high schools of the Wichita Diocese each year.

According to Bishop Michael O. Jackels, "The Crest Award is an acknowledgment of Alaina's concerted efforts to take full benefit of the educational and spiritual opportunities available at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School. It honors her for developing spiritually, intellec-



Alaina Thom

tually and emotionally to the very best of her ability."

Since the award was kept a secret until the ceremony, Thom was surprised when her name was called to go on stage and accept her award.

DEATH

CLARA DAVIS

Clara June (Timm) Davis, 89, lifetime homemaker who enjoyed gardening and caring for children, died May 7, 2012.

She was preceded in death by husband, Mervin D. Davis, and daughter, Bernice Anukam. Survivors include sons, Robert Davis and Billy Davis, both of Wichita; daughters,

Betty Williams of Derby, Barbara Jacobs of Bel Aire, Beverly Davis and Bonnie Manning, both of Wichita, Helen Coager of Goddard, Carolyn Breese of Wichita; 56 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was May 14 at Baker Funeral Home, Wichita. Burial was in Kechi Cemetery.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Billy D. Rhiley, son of Carol Rhiley of Carpenter, Wyo., and Bill Rhiley of Valley Center, currently attached to the Patrol Squadron (VP) 10 homeported in Jacksonville, Fla., was recently awarded the 2011 Aviation Battle Efficiency (Battle "E") from Commander, Naval Air Forces (CNAF).

The aviation Battle "E" is the U.S. Navy's top performance award presented to the aircraft carrier and aviation squadron in each competitive category that achieves the highest standards of performance readiness and efficiency. The award recognizes a unit's training and operational achievements while including a balance that incentivizes efficiency.

Rhiley is a 1992 graduate of Wichita Heights High School and joined the Navy in December 1993.

More than 4,800 students graduated with degrees from The University of Kansas this spring. The commencement was May 13.

Several students are from this area. They include:

From Wichita, Danielle Aldrich, business minor and bachelor of fine arts in design; Jeffrey Bell, master of science in civil engineering; Derek Cooley, bachelor of arts in psychology; Christian Corrigan, juris doctor; Kylie Deneen, business minor and bachelor of science in journalism and leadership studies minor; Jake Droge, business minor and bachelor of science in geology; Lara Felts, doctor of medicine; Brian Guhl, doctor of medicine; Samuel Gurney, bachelor of science in business in accounting and bachelor of science in business in finance; Ronald Harder, doctor of physical therapy; Yasser Hassan, bachelor of science in biology; Cheryl Jabara, doctor of physical therapy; Li Jia, doctor of medicine; Maureen Lahey, bachelor of science in education; Garrett Lent, bachelor of science in journalism; Perry Malzahn, master of

social work; Taylor McIntosh, doctor of pharmacy; Kara McKinney, bachelor of general studies in film and media studies; Christine Miller, East Asian language and cultures minor and bachelor of fine arts in design; Clayton Nguyen, bachelor of science in mechanical engineering; Meghan Patni, doctor of medicine; Kelli Sanborn, bachelor of arts in East Asian languages and cultures and business minor; Mohammad Siddiqui, bachelor of science in accounting; Whitney Smith, doctor of medicine; Ross Snodgrass, bachelor of arts in political science and business minor; Jessica Straffuss, doctor of medicine; Wenjia Wang, doctor of medicine; Bradley Wine, bachelor of science in biology.

From Valley Center, Michael Campbell, doctor of medicine; Gabrielle Schock, bachelor of science in journalism and English minor; Keith Preston, doctor of philosophy in electrical engineering; Leah Nelson, psychology minor and bachelor of arts in communication studies.

From Bel Aire, Jordan Leiker, bachelor of general studies in communication; Nicholas Harbert, business minor and bachelor of arts in communication studies.

Butler Community College submitted 61 new nurses into the field May 10 as the Spring 2012 class was presented with its pins in the gymnasium at Butler of El Dorado. The graduates completed the associate of applied science degree in nursing and are eligible to take the

registered nurse licensure test in the state of their choice.

Along with college accreditation, Butler's nursing program is accredited by the Kansas State Board of Nursing and the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. Clinical laboratory experiences are

provided in health care settings in El Dorado and the Wichita metro area.

Local graduates include Janel Brake, Jana Kirschbaum, Amy McNeal and Lindsay Scott, all of Park City; and Nathan Jacobberger of Valley Center.

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