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King of rock 'n' roll

Bel Aire man entertains crowds by resurrecting Elvis

By Matt Heilman

In less than an hour, a Bel Aire resident becomes a new man. He steps into a dressing room as Marshall Matthews and emerges as "The King."

For about four years now, Matthews has performed as an Elvis "entertainer" or "tribute artist." He said the difference between performers like himself and Elvis "impersonators" is the attention to detail.

Matthews dons a white embroidered jumpsuit complete with a belt made in England and jewelry like Elvis wore during the middle part of his chart-topping career in the 1960s.

He sports gold-rimmed sunglasses, a black wig and fake sideburns to complete the ensemble. He also wears a pair of blue contact lenses to match Elvis' eye color.

"We just strive for accuracy," Matthews said of entertainers or tribute artists. "It's professional pride."

Matthews has a full-time job as the police chief at Butler Community College. His 34-year law enforcement career has also included time as an officer in Bel Aire and Valley Center.

Over the past few years, Matthews has performed as Elvis "all across the country" when his work schedule allows him to travel. He's played at large benefits, public festivals and concerts from coast to coast, including stops in Kansas and its neighboring states and as far away as Oregon and Atlantic City in New Jersey.

His performances have been well received, catapulting Matthews to the title of "The No. 1 Elvis Tribute Artist in the Midwest."

On Oct. 1, Matthews performed at a free outdoor concert on the lawn of Bel Aire City Hall. In front of a more modest crowd than he's used to seeing, Matthews sang about 20 songs from Elvis' catalog, matching "The King's" pitch almost note for note.

During his performance of "Blue Suede Shoes," Matthews sang a duet with his friend John Turck, who has been an Elvis entertainer for about 20 years.

Turck encouraged Matthews to try his hand at live performances as Elvis.

"We were sitting, several years ago, in a nightclub and there was a band playing. When the band stopped playing, a DJ started playing some Elvis music," Matthews said. "So, John and I started singing along. And he said 'Wait a minute, man. You sound more like (Elvis) than I do. You ought to be doing Elvis entertainment.'"

Matthews said he was reluctant at first, but he ultimately thought it'd be fun to perform as Elvis. After getting his start in the Wichita area, his name was added to a national booking site, which ranked him the No. 12 Elvis entertainer in the nation after about one year of performing.

Matthews performed his first show with Turck at a Wichita club. Matthews and Turck referred to the two-Elvis performance as "Elvi."

"The audience reaction was very positive," Matthews said. "So, I thought, 'Well, maybe I should start in with this.'"



Photos by Matt Heilman

Bel Aire's Marshall Matthews entertains a crowd for about an hour Oct. 1 during a free concert outside Bel Aire City Hall. Matthews, a former Valley Center police officer, has performed as an Elvis tribute artist for about four years.



After completing the transformation to Elvis, Marshall Matthews waits for his cue to take the stage in Bel Aire Oct. 1.

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Bel Aire and Kechi discuss teamwork

Cities look for efficiencies

By Matt Heilman

With the bottom line of looking to save money, two neighboring cities met in a joint workshop Sept. 28 at Bel Aire City Hall to discuss a grant won by Bel Aire and Kechi through the Kansas Department of Commerce called the Community Capacity Building Grant.

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

At the Sept. 28 joint workshop, PEC representatives Scott Dunakey and Alan Morris discussed some areas where the cities might be able to combine services, including municipal court and police coverage, possibly allowing Kechi to use Bel Aire's rec center, and sharing equipment.

Dunakey had said that any collaboration would not entail consolidation, but the discussion about the police force and the perception that sharing staff members with Bel Aire could be possible left some Kechi residents uneasy.

Former Kechi mayor Naomi Fultz addressed the Kechi council at an Oct. 6 special meeting.

Fultz said she didn't want to see Kechi police officers, bookkeepers or building inspectors have to relocate to Bel Aire and

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No jail in plans for Coliseum complex

County considers selling

By Matt Heilman

Something is going to happen with the Kansas Coliseum Complex. Britt Brown Arena won't sit mothballed forever and the Kansas Pavilions could serve a new purpose, separate from its agricultural identity in the next few years.

At least that's the indication from recent county news.

In mid-October, Sedgwick County Commissioner Richard Ranzau — whose district includes the coliseum complex, Valley Center and Park City — confirmed that Wichita developer Johnny Stevens has made an offer to buy the coliseum complex and lease Britt Brown Arena to NIAR (the National Institute for Aviation Research).

On Oct. 19, the commission approved a letter of intent for Stevens — either a \$1.5 million proposal for the entire complex or \$500,000 for the arena and 50 acres.

There are still commitments for events at the pavilions through 2015, Ranzau said.

While he thinks NIAR could be a good fit for the complex, Ranzau gave a "No" vote for the letter of intent. He said the commission should have gone through with its plans to send out an RFP (request for proposals) on the property before moving forward.

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Incentives are worth the risk

While the housing market continues to falter and budgets are tighter than ever, we applaud our cities for taking a chance on incentives. Bel Aire has highlighted a competitive incentives package offered from Oct. 4 through May 1 as part of a large-scale marketing effort spanning the Fall and Spring Parades of Homes.

The incentives aim to benefit builders, realtors and new and existing homebuyers. The incentives include a maximum \$1,500 water and sewer abatement for the buyer of a new home up to \$150,000, a \$2,000 cap for the buyer of a house between \$151,000 and \$400,000 and a \$2,500 maximum utility abatement for the buyer of a home that costs more than \$400,000.

Another approved incentive for new homebuyers is a grant where the city of Bel Aire could cover 50 percent of the city's portion of property taxes for the first two years, 35 percent for the third year, 25 percent for the fourth year and 15 percent for the fifth year.

For new and existing homebuyers, the council also approved offering a free family membership to the Bel Aire Rec Center for up to one year.

Especially with the utility and tax savings, the incentives for new homebuyers may seem risky. But Bel Aire, like most area cities, has to do something to try and spur home sales.

If no potential homebuyer, builder or realtor bites on the incentives, the city doesn't lose anything.

If the incentives spur legitimate interest that results in actual home sales, it shouldn't take long for the city to see a return on its investment.

We know incentives involve a certain degree of risk, but we're confident city leaders in Bel Aire aren't interested in taking action to benefit new residents at the expense of current residents.

While encouraging Bel Aire to do what it can to lighten the tax burden on current residents, we believe incentives are worthwhile to attract new ones. If a city operates like it is supposed to, the concept is simple: The more the city grows, the more stable the tax rate.

If the incentives and plans for development attract new residents like Bel Aire hopes, everybody will win.

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Upgrade: Angry Birds, Pandora

I upgraded last month and got a smart phone.

I'm wondering when it's going to make me smarter. By my estimation, it's making me look like more of a fool instead.

I had to call T-Mobile tech support to get my contacts list all synced up. And I had to use my teenage son to Tweet and Facebook updates during last week's Valley Center High School football game at Newton.

I'm not very tech-savvy. But I'm learning.

I cleared the first two worlds of Angry Birds and set up eight stations on my Pandora application, which I downloaded all by myself. That's a good start, I'd say.

I also downloaded Redbox,

Out of the office

By Chris Strunk



Sports Center and Solitaire apps. I'm well on my way.

I remember telling my wife about seven years ago that phones would be headed in this direction. We were at the spotlight at the corner of 21st and Rock Road in Wichita needing the address and phone number of some store. I can't remember what it was, but I remember saying that some day you'll be able to touch a couple of buttons on your phone and pull up everything

you need.

Welcome to some day. I suppose I'm better off being late than never arriving.

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All is well in the world of sports again.

By the time this edition of The Breeze hits mailboxes, the World Series will be decided as the Texas Rangers and the St. Louis Cardinals are tied 3-3. The Cardinals won an extra-inning game in St. Louis to force a seventh game, but I'm hoping the Rangers clinch their first championship with a win Oct. 28.

I jumped on the Rangers bandwagon this summer after seeing them play at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington while our family was on vacation back in July. It's a fun team to

watch.

I'm not big on stuff from Texas, probably because Texas is a pretty cool state and Texans know it and they like to flaunt it. Maybe it's jealousy. I don't know.

There's a lot to do in Texas. They have great sports teams at every level. They're just good at a lot of things, and that makes me uncomfortable.

But the Rangers grew on me, and I'm rooting for their success.

Whatever else happens in the World Series, it's been fun to watch.

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CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran Church

Sunday contemporary guitar service with communion is at 8:30. Traditional service with communion first and third Sunday is at 11. Adult classes are at 9:45 a.m. There is no children's Sunday School during the summer.

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

Find the church online at www.christ-lutheran.org; e-mail office@clc.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 Greenwichsumc.org.

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

Kechi United Methodist Church

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

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

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

Park City Church of the Nazarene

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

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

Pine Valley Christian Church

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

Risen Savior Church — Missouri Synod

Sunday School and Bible Class meet at 9:15 a.m.

There is communion every first and third Sunday. Wednesday evening ministries are from 6:30 to 8:00

p.m.

Wednesday evening adult praise choir rehearsal is from 7:00 to 8:00 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

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.

University United Methodist Church

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

Send your church's upcoming events and service times to legals@arkvalleynews.com or call 755-0821.

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Bel Aire utility customers can now receive their monthly utility bill via e-mail, rather than traditional postal delivery. To sign up, e-mail utilclerk@belaireks.gov or call 744-2451 Ext. 132.

Please provide the following information:

- Name
- Address
- Phone number
- Utility account number

Citizens are encouraged to participate in the program to help cut cost and reduce waste. Contact Bel Aire City Hall with any questions.

Bel Aire City Hall will be closed on November 11 in observance of Veterans Day and on November 24 & 25, 2011 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**Brad Edwards – Chisholm Trail State Bank
November 2011 Member of the Month
Bel Aire Area Chamber of Commerce**

The Executive Board of the Bel Aire Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to recognize Brad Edwards as the November 2011 Member of the Month.

Brad has been a loyal supporter of the Chamber of Commerce since it began in 2008. Thank you, Brad, for your continued dedication and service to the Chamber. For more information on how the Chisholm Trail State Bank can take care of your financial needs, please visit online at www.chisholmbankonline.com, or in person at the Bel Aire branch located at 3813 North Woodlawn, Bel Aire, KS 67220.

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.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The deadline has passed, however a few open spots remain. A \$5 late fee will be charged to all sign-ups after the deadline.

LITTLE DRIBBLERS

The deadline has passed, however a few open spots remain. A \$5 late fee will be charged to all sign-ups after the deadline.

MAXIMIZE BASKETBALL CLINICS/ CAMPS

Bel Aire Recreation has partnered with Brent Atwater, a former collegiate player and coach, to bring you several basketball clinics and camps throughout the year. Atwater's programs stress the fundamentals of basketball which make them perfect for kids of all ages and skill levels. This Boy's Basketball Clinic will be for ages 5-12 on Saturday, December 10 from 1:30-4:00 pm.

2012 BOYS BASKETBALL

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

SENIOR AEROBICS

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

ZUMBA

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

TAEKWONDO

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

YOGA

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

FITNESS CENTER (ages 16 & up)

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

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

Bel Aire Senior Club

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

Free computer class Monday 10:00 AM Park City Senior Center
Free Line Dance lessons Wednesday 2:30 PM Park City Senior Center
Square Dance Lessons and Dancing 6:30 PM every Thursday (except 3rd Thursday of the month) Park City Senior Center

Dances—Saturdays 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 5th Saturday of each month At Park City Senior Center. Call Vicki at 744-1199 for details

Nov. 1 — 8:30 AM Breakfast Cracker Barrel
Nov. 10 — 10:00 AM Board Meeting
11:30 AM Lunch at Chili's Greenwich between K-96 and 21st
Nov. 16 — 10:00 AM Men's Coffee at Braums
Nov. 16 — 2:00 PM Ladies Tea/Coffee at Braums
Nov. 28 — 6:00 PM Covered Dish Dinner

Hosts: Need Hosts

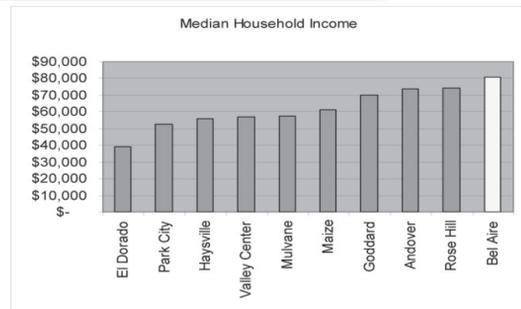
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Nov. 8 Assistance with enrolling in Medicare Part D—Call Vicki at 744-1199 for an appointment (enrollment at Park City Senior Center)

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

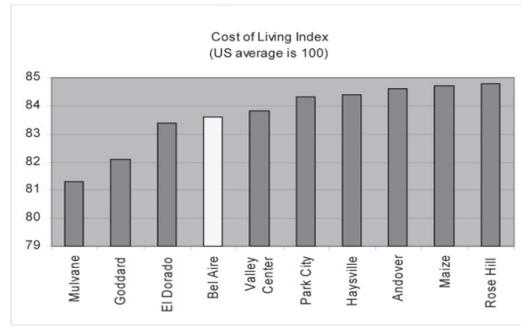


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Bel Aire Senior Center

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

ALL SENIORS 55+ are cordially invited to all events listed below. The Senior Center and Library area is open from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Monday through Friday excluding holidays. The library has a wide selection of library books to check out at no cost nor time restraints, along with two computers available for study or research. Remember any senior can belong or attend to more than one senior center/club in Sedgwick County.

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

Contact Senior Director Rick Eberhard

Office 316.744.2451 Ext. 121 – Fax 316.744.3739 – Cell 316.734.7530

E-Mail: reberhard@belaireks.gov

Weekly Events:

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

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

Senior Bridge Club Games – On Tuesday @ 1 to 4 PM

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

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

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

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

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

Medicare's Annual Open Enrollment is from Oct. 15th – December 7th!!!
See www.medicare.gov - The official Web Site for People with Medicare

Nov. 1st – Bel Aire Community Blood Drive – 12 Noon to 6 P.M. – In Community Room – Go online to www.red-crossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS

Nov. 1 – 9:30 AM TOPS Club Meeting

Nov. 3rd – MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT EVENT – 1 PM to 4:30 PM with SHICK Counselors in the Senior Center

Nov. 4th – AARP Official Drivers Safety Course – 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. – Veterans are FREE – small fee for others. Contact Senior Directors Office to register ASAP.

Nov. 6th – Daylight Savings Time Ends @ 2 AM

Nov. 7th – Senior Potluck Dinner & Program @ 6:30 PM – Special Speaker: Deputy Director and Supervisory Archivist Timothy Rives of the Eisenhower Presidential Library, Museum and Boyhood Home from Abilene, KS. Bring a large covered dish to share and your own table service. Drinks are provided. Senior Veteran pictures wanted from service days and a current picture?

November 7th - 2 PM The Bel Aire Senior Center will have a "Jewelry Making Class" in the Senior Center. There will be a small charge of \$3.00 per week for items used in the class to be paid to the class instructor. This class will be every 2 weeks.

Nov. 9th – 6:30 PM Sr. Ctr. Advisory Board Meeting in the Senior Center.

Nov. 11th – Veteran's Day 2011 – City Hall & Senior Center CLOSED

Nov. 11th – 7 PM – Senior Fun Night – Bring card/board games from home and snacks to share

Nov. 14th – 7 PM – Central Park HoA Meeting in Senior Center

Nov. 15th – 9:30 AM – TOPS Club with special speaker Amy Leslie from the 50+ Fitness Center

Nov. 16th – 11:30 AM – Special Lunch & Learn Event with Michael Steinberg from Home Instead Senior Care; special presentation "How to Successfully Age in Place" RSVP's are required. A light lunch will be provided.

Nov. 17th – Day Trip in the evening to Showalter Villa in Hesston, KS. Depart from Sr. Center @ 5 PM to go eat supper at the Water's Edge Restaurant and to take a on site tour and enjoy dessert during evening seminar on "Fall Prevention". RSVP required by 11-11-11. Small cost for supper. Call to car pool?

Nov. 18th – Breakfast & Learn Event with Angels Care Home Health in Senior Center at 9 AM. RSVP's requested in advance.

Nov. 20th – 3 PM – Health Meeting in Senior Center

Nov. 21st – Nov. 25th – Senior Director - Out of Office all week

November 21st - 2 PM The Bel Aire Senior Center will have a "Jewelry Making Class" in the Senior Center. There will be a small charge of \$3.00 per week for items used in the class to be paid to the class instructor.

Nov. 24th & 25 – Thanksgiving Holiday – City Hall and Senior Center CLOSED on both Thursday/Friday for Thanksgiving (NO Pitch games on 11/25/11)

Nov. 28th – 7 PM – Tree Board Meeting in the Senior Center

Special Event on Tuesday – Dec. 6th – Christmas Light Home Tour – Holiday Reception 7 P.M. in Senior Center with refreshments and Party Bus will pick up guests at 8:00 PM for a 2 hour Christmas Light Tour from 8:15 to 10:15 PM. Tickets on sale until 11-28-11 - \$15.00 per person. Contact Senior Center Director to purchase advance tickets and make all reservation/s.

New Years Eve Party is coming on December 31, 2011 @ 7 PM – Public Invited!!!!

NO Bunko Games no Pitch Game Night this month!!!

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

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

The Bel Aire TOPS Club #1105 will be hosting a HOLIDAY COAT DRIVE during the month of November. The Coat Drive will be collecting ALL sizes and kinds of coats that have been gently used. Bring the donated coats to the Senior Center and drop them in the large collection box under the coat rack. In early December they will be collected and then cleaned and then donated to the Wichita Children's Home in Wichita in time for Christmas 2011.

POLICE REPORTS

Oct. 25 — Lt. Griggs responded to the report of larceny at 5550 Falcon Lane. A person reported 10 perocet pills missing.

Oct. 25 — Officer Foxx observed a person driving a vehicle at a low rate of speed, passing up and down residential streets and stopping in front of several houses. The vehicle stopped in the 4700 block of North Elk Creek. The driver got out and began arranging items in the vehicle. Officer contacted the driver and found she was delivering newspapers in the area. She was delivering earlier than normal due to concern about possible bad weather. The driver was driving with a suspended license and did not have proof of insurance. Officer issued citations.

Oct. 24 — Officer Hazelwood responded to the report of vandalism at 4200 N. Westlake. City workers stated they found writing on the playground equipment and a sign at Eagle Lake Park.

Oct. 24 — Officer Hutton conducted a traffic stop at 4600 N. Woodlawn. A driver was issued a citation for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

Oct. 24 — Officer Steele responded to the report of a suspicious character at 4134 N. Auburn. The resident heard banging on the side of the residence. Officer found an open gate that was blowing into the side of the house.

Oct. 24 — Officer Steele attempted to contact a person at 5308 E. Ashton for the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office. Officer spoke to a person who said the person was not at the residence.

Oct. 23 — Officer Swanson responded to the request to assist Kechi police with the search for a missing juvenile in Kechi. The juvenile was located and returned to his parents.

Oct. 23 — Officer Wallender found a trash dump on the side of the road at 10200 E. 53rd North.

Oct. 23 — Officer Swanson conducted a traffic stop at 4500 N. Rock Road. A juvenile was driving the vehicle without a driver's license. Officer contacted the parent who admitted to letting the juvenile drive the vehicle without a license. The parent and juvenile were issued citations.

Oct. 22 — Officer Hazelwood assisted a citizen at 4524 N. Fritillary Court.

Oct. 22 — Officer Foxx conducted a traffic stop at 5100 N. Woodlawn. A person was issued a citation for driving with a suspended license.

Oct. 22 — Officer Foxx conducted a traffic stop at 5900 E. 37th North. Officer issued traffic citations for driving with a suspended license, no proof of insurance and speeding.

Oct. 22 — Officer Foxx assisted EMS at 6700 E. 45th North.

Oct. 21 — Officers Hutton and McCaslin assisted Sedgwick County EMS at 5826 E. Clarendon.

Oct. 21 — Officer Hutton re-

sponded to the report of a suspicious character at 4860 N. Ashton. Officer checked the area and did not locate the person.

Oct. 21 — Officer McCaslin assisted EMS at 4117 N. Danbury.

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Oct. 21 — Officer Foxx conducted a traffic stop at 3700 N. Woodlawn. A person stated she snuck out of her residence to go to a friend's house and did not bring her driver's license. Her parents were notified.

Oct. 20 — Officer Hazelwood responded to an audible alarm at 4850 N. Homestead Court. Officer checked the residence with the homeowner. Everything was OK.

Oct. 20 — Officer Foxx faxed a copy of a Bel Aire warrant on Daniel L. Martin to the Sedgwick County Jail.

Oct. 19 — Officer McCaslin assisted Sedgwick County EMS at 4839 N. Battin.

Oct. 19 — Officer Foxx checked a building at 5500 E. 45th North.

Oct. 18 — Lt. Griggs responded to a non-injury accident at 6300 E. 45th North. The driver of one vehicle was issued a citation for failure to yield the right-of-way.

Oct. 18 — Lt. Griggs took a phone found by a citizen in the area of 4246 N. Auburn. The phone was turned into senior patrol. Officer contacted the owner of the phone. He said he would pick up the phone at the police station.

Oct. 18 — Officer Swanson spoke with a person at adult protective service who investigated a case in Bel Aire. She wanted officers to be aware that she found substantiated evidence on a neglect charge.

Oct. 18 — Officer Hutton spoke with a person who came to the police station and stated he wanted to "turn himself in." He said he hadn't done anything yet but was having nightmares and vivid thoughts about hurting someone he knows. He was transported to the hospital.

Oct. 18 — Officer Foxx responded to an audible alarm at 3835 N. Hillcrest, No. 4. A door was found unsecured. Officer checked the interior of the building.

Oct. 16 — Officer Hazelwood took the report of burglary at 4933 N. Parkhurst.

Oct. 16 — Officer Toomey assisted EMS at 4325 N. Woodlawn.

Oct. 15 — Officer Hazelwood took the report of a mail truck backing into a vehicle at 6300 E. Quail Ridge.

Oct. 15 — Officer McCaslin observed a vehicle at a business after hours. Officer contacted a person who said he was there to retrieve a tool bag he left at the site earlier in the day.

Oct. 15 — Officer Foxx conducted a traffic stop at 4000 N. Edgemoor. A person was issued citations for failing to drive on the right side of the roadway, driving without a license in his possession and no proof of insurance.

Oct. 15 — Officer Foxx responded to a request to assist Wichita police at 6717 E. 39th North. Officers checked the area for a suspect. Officers did not locate the person.

Oct. 14 — Lt. Griggs assisted Sedgwick County Animal Control at 4937 N. Hedgerow.

Oct. 14 — Officers Hutton and McCaslin responded to the request to check the welfare of a person at 4052 N. Auburn. Officers found that the person moved out of the residence.

Oct. 14 — Officer Foxx responded to a loud party complaint at 4657 N. Farmstead. Officer contacted a person a served a complaint.

Oct. 13 — Officer Hazelwood responded to a motor vehicle accident. A person came into the station and said his vehicle was struck by another vehicle at 4230 N. Westlake.

Oct. 13 — Officer Hazelwood responded to the report of a suspicious character at 4572 N. Fritillary Court. A person found two people looking in the windows of a truck. They drove away when the homeowner came home. Officer checked the area and did not locate the people.

Oct. 13 — Officer McCaslin assisted the Sedgwick County Fire Department at 4900 N. Woodlawn. A juvenile got his leg trapped in bars on playground equipment.

Oct. 13 — Officer Swanson responded to the report of a suspicious character in the 4400 block of North Stratford Court. Officer located the person. He said he was on his nightly jog through the neighborhood.

Oct. 13 — Officer Foxx took the message that Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office located a vehicle parked on the side of the road at 4800 N. Greenwich. The vehicle had extensive front-end damage and a deceased deer was found in the ditch. Arrow Wrecker arrived and said the owner asked to have the vehicle towed. Officer contacted the owner who said he was at the airport to catch a flight and would come in and fill out an accident report when he returned.

Oct. 12 — Lt. Griggs took the report of larceny at 4013 N. Farmstead. A person entered a vehicle and took items.

Oct. 12 — Lt. Griggs assisted Wichita police by checking on Heights High School students having a picnic at 4333 N. Woodlawn. The students planned on skipping school the rest of the day. The school resource officer arrived and told the students to return to school.

Oct. 12 — Lt. Griggs took the report of vandalism at 4356 N. Eagle Lake Court. A person placed tack strips under vehicle tires. The strips were discovered prior to the vehicle backing up and there was no damage.

Oct. 12 — Officer Swanson responded to a hit-and-run accident at 4500 N. Woodlawn. A person

was rear-ended by another vehicle at a stop sign. The vehicle fled the scene.

Oct. 12 — Officer Swanson responded to the report of a suspicious utility trailer parked in the 7200 block of East Central Park Avenue. The trailer had no tag. Officer was unable to locate the owner.

Oct. 12 — Officer Foxx assisted EMS at 6700 E. 45th North.

Oct. 12 — Officer Foxx assisted EMS at 5228 E. Ashton Court.

Oct. 11 — Officer Hazelwood responded to an accident at Perryton and Woodlawn.

Oct. 11 — Officer Hazelwood assisted EMS at 4309 N. Eagle Lake Drive.

Oct. 11 — Officer Foxx assisted Wichita police at 4860 N. Oliver.

Oct. 10 — Officer Hazelwood assisted Sedgwick County EMS at 5826 E. Clarendon.

Oct. 10 — Officer Swanson responded to an alarm at 6527 E. Rodeo Court. The resident said he hit the panic button by mistake.

Oct. 10 — Officer Steele located a stop sign ahead sign that was damaged at 9400 E. 53rd North.

Oct. 10 — Officer Steele checked a business at 5500 E. 45th North.

Oct. 10 — Officer Steele conducted a traffic stop at 4800 E. 37th North. A person was issued citations for a defective tail lamp, driving with a suspended license and no proof of insurance.

Oct. 10 — Officer Steele faxed a copy of a bench warrant on Briana R. Van Egmond to the county.

Oct. 10 — Officer Steele faxed a copy of a bench warrant on Lance R. Bottom to the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office.

Oct. 9 — Officer Steele located a plastic baggy containing a green botanical substance after searching the rear passenger seat of his patrol car. The item was submitted as evidence.

Oct. 8 — Officer Hazelwood responded to a traffic complaint at 5531 E. 38th North. The calling party complained about vehicles parked on both sides of 38th North. The cars were parked there due to a funeral.

Oct. 8 — Officer Foxx responded to the report to assist Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office at 6131 E. Perryton.

Oct. 8 — Officer Steele conducted a traffic stop at 5100 N. Woodlawn. Arrested Olin L. Hawbaker on a charge of DUI.

Oct. 7 — Officer Hazelwood assisted EMS at 5118 E. 37th North.

Oct. 7 — Officer Hutton stood by to prevent a disturbance while a person picked up personal items at 4339 N. Rushwood.

Oct. 7 — Officer McCaslin assisted EMS at 4184 N. Oliver.

Oct. 7 — Officer Foxx conducted a traffic stop at 9100 E. 45th North. The driver was issued citations for failing to drive in the marked lane and driving with a suspended license. Grant Graybill was arrested on a Wichita Police Department ci-

tation warrant.

Oct. 7 — Office Steele checked a business at 5500 E. 45th North.

Oct. 6 — Officer Hazelwood responded to the report of a suspicious character at 3700 N. Woodlawn. Officer checked the area and did not locate anything. Officer ran the tag number the calling party gave and it showed no record found.

Oct. 6 — Officer Hazelwood responded to an audible alarm at 4849 E. 44th North. Officer found that the wind blew open the door.

Oct. 6 — Officer McCaslin responded to the report of a burglary at 4770 N. Oliver. The resident reported the dogs barking in an excited manner. The storage shed door was open and the backyard gate was open. There was nothing missing from the shed.

Oct. 5 — Officer Foxx assisted EMS at 6520 E. Shepherds Crossing.

Oct. 5 — Officer Foxx responded to the report of fraud at 4229 N. Eagle Lake. A person reported that his ATM card was used in New York and Georgia.

Oct. 5 — Lt. Griggs responded to an alarm at 5039 E. Willowpoint. The homeowner arrived on scene and advised that everything was OK.

Oct. 5 — Officer Swanson responded to an accident at Summerside Place and Central Park Avenue.

Oct. 5 — Officer McCaslin assisted EMS at 7651 E. Central Park Ave. with a person who passed out.

Oct. 5 — Officer McCaslin arrested Marlid L. Burns Jr. on a five-day Bel Aire Municipal Court Commitment order.

Oct. 4 — Lt. Griggs responded to the report of a burglary at 5550 N. Lycee. Three males entered two construction trailers being used by the construction company, taking \$6,300 in copper tubing, clamps and scrap.

Oct. 4 — Officer Hutton assisted EMS at 4184 N. Oliver.

Oct. 4 — A person walking at 4900 N. Indian Oaks was stopped. He was in possession of a loaded .45-caliber gun and two pocket-knives. The person said he hid his motorcycle in the field and was walking to his girlfriend's house. The person said he hid his motorcycle so his girlfriend's family would not know he was there. The person had no warrants. Officer contacted the girlfriend who confirmed the story.

Oct. 4 — Officer Steele responded to the request to check the welfare of a person standing in the ditch at 61st North and 79th East. Officer transported the person to K-254 and Southwest Ohio Street where El Dorado police provided the remaining transportation.

Oct. 4 — Officer Steele noticed a vehicle turn toward the high school construction site at 5600 N. Rock Road at 1 a.m. Officer contacted the people who claimed to be lost.

Oct. 3 — Officer Hazelwood re-

sponded to an audible alarm at 4263 N. Rushwood Court. The residence was checked and was secure.

Oct. 3 — Officer Hazelwood responded to the report of a lost dog at 5917 E. 45th North. Officer contacted a person who said he returned home to find his two dog's missing.

Oct. 3 — Officer Swanson responded to the report of a burglary at 4045 N. Auburn.

Oct. 2 — Officer Hazelwood checked a residence at 5901 E. Hanover. The door was open and unlocked.

Oct. 2 — Officer Steele Officer Steele found a vehicle without a license tag parked on the street at 3800 N. Hillcrest Street. An impound warning was placed on the vehicle.

Oct. 2 — Officer McCaslin responded to the report of barking dogs in the area of 5800 E. Odesa. Officer located two large-breed dogs barking, but could not contact the owner of the dogs.

Oct. 2 — Officer Steele discovered a signpost missing a speed limit sign at 4800 E. 53rd North.

Oct. 2 — Officer Steele conducted a traffic stop in the 5100 block of North Oliver. David A. Garrett was arrested on a charge of DUI.

Oct. 2 — Officer Foxx conducted a traffic stop at 5100 E. 37th North. Jennifer R. Domebo was arrested on a charge of suspicion of DUI.

Oct. 1 — Officer Hazelwood assisted EMS at 4835 N. Hillcrest.

Oct. 1 — Officer Swanson responded to the report of a burglary at 4041 N. Woodlawn. Five storage units were broken into.

Sept. 29 — Officer Hazelwood took the report of a person's vehicle being rear-ended by another vehicle at 6300 E. 45th North.

Sept. 29 — Officer Hazelwood assisted Sedgwick County Fire Department with a vehicle fire at 5701 E. Perryton.

Sept. 29 — Officer McCaslin assisted Sedgwick County Fire Department at 5224 E. Ashton.

Sept. 29 — Officer Steele checked a business at 5500 E. 45th North.

Sept. 29 — Officer Foxx found a trash dump at 9300 E. 53rd North.

Sept. 29 — Officer Foxx conducted a traffic stop at 3800 N. Oliver. A person was issued citations for driving without a license and driving an unregistered vehicle.

Sept. 27 — Officer Swanson responded to an audible alarm at 6320 E. Crestmark. Officer found the business vacant and the building secure with no signs of forced entry.

Sept. 27 — Officer Foxx conducted a traffic stop at 4900 N. Rock Road. A person was issued citations for failing to drive in the marked lane, driving with a suspended license and no proof of insurance.

Sept. 27 — Officer Foxx conducted a traffic stop at 4900 N. Rock Road. Sherman D. Bailey was arrested on two Wichita Police Department warrants.

Elvis

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That's how it started."

He ordered his own costume, boots and wig and hasn't looked back. Matthews said his favorite part about performing is seeing an audience's reaction.

"Depending on the venue and the size of the crowd and the particular day, there are some songs that people will cry," he said.

At some of his larger shows, Matthews said he performs a veterans salute, which "can be very emotional."

Matthews is also a military veteran who said he could perform about 60 songs. In a one-hour set like he played Oct. 1, he said he'd typically sing about 20 songs and double that number in a two-hour set.

"Usually, they're all the standards that were big hits," Matthews said.

Besides sounding like Elvis, Matthews is a fan of the legendary singer. Matthews' father and the father of Elvis'

widow, Priscilla Presley, were stationed together at Travis Air Force Base in the Bay Area of California in the 1960s.

One day after school in 1967, Matthews and his mother were headed to the base when they noticed all the cars on the road had pulled over outside of the base.

"There were a couple limousines and a charter bus at the gate," Matthews said. "And everybody wondered what the heck was going on. Well, later in the evening on the news, we saw that Elvis had come out to the base to pick up Priscilla to take her to get married."

As a senior in high school, Matthews had his first chance to see Elvis in concert, an experience he says he'll never forget.

"I've never been to a concert (since then) where the entire venue ... it just seemed like there was electricity going through the crowd, for the whole show" he said. "Because he was so energetic and energized the audience. It was just amazing."

Grant

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have to expand their roles for both communities.

She pointed out that Bel Aire and Kechi police already assist one another and doesn't think anything should change with law enforcement or city staff.

Kechi council member Kevin Opat agreed. He said collaboration should focus on four areas: economic development along the K-254 corridor, the possibility for Kechi residents to utilize Bel Aire's rec center, street maintenance shared equipment and inspection, and IT services.

"No, the police departments will not be shared, consolidated or merged," Opat said.

Opat said he hoped to focus on rebuilding Kechi's police department without any city employees losing their jobs or having to serve new roles.

He said he wanted to dispel some of the rumors

about the collaboration and encouraged residents to stay informed by attending council meetings, speaking with council members, or reading reports from the meetings.

"No, we and Bel Aire and/or Wichita are not merging," Opat said. "No, the city halls and staffs are not merging. We in Kechi are not going to bail out Bel Aire. Kechi tax dollars are not going to prop up Bel Aire."

Nothing has been decided regarding collaboration, and Jackson and the council assured Kechi residents that no decisions would be made without their input.

Jackson said each community would establish a committee to explore where shared services are feasible. The committee in Kechi will be made up of residents and representatives from various organizations in the city, including the fair committee, the Over 55 Club, the planning commission and the chamber of commerce.

"This committee will be given ample time to study and identify opportunities

to the city council, who will make the final decision on implementation," Jackson said. "... I would like to restate that consolidation has not ever been considered an option.

Bel Aire Mayor Harold Smith said neither he nor the council had discussed plans to merge police departments or city employees. He emphasized that the purpose

of the grant was to benefit both cities in the long run without negatively impacting the other. Like Kechi, Bel Aire's leaders are anticipating feedback from residents to help determine what can be achieved with collaboration.

"We're just looking to save money," Bel Aire council member Moe Terrebonne said at an Oct. 11 meeting. "That's all we're trying to do."

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City OKs incentives to boost home sales

By Matt Heilman

In step with marketing efforts, the Bel Aire City Council unanimously approved incentives to run from Oct. 4 through May 1, spanning the Fall and Spring Parades of Homes.

The council approved incentives for builders, new and existing homebuyers and realtors, with the goal of making every realtor in the area aware of them.

For builders, the council approved offering a choice of three incentives. A builder can buy two lots and get one free in The Village and The Park additions of Central Park; accept a 10 percent discount for any of the lots owned by the city, including all of Central Park and some of Elk Creek; or the city can carry the price of a city-owned lot for a new spec of model home for up to one year.

For new homebuyers, the council approved offering a list of three incentives.

The city can offer free water and sewer for up to six months or up to a certain dollar amount, depending on the cost of the home.

The incentive includes a maximum \$1,500 utility or sewer abatement for the buyer of a new home up to \$150,000, a \$2,000 cap for the buyer of a house between \$151,000 and \$400,000 and a \$2,500 maximum water and sewer abatement for the buyer of a home that costs more than \$400,000.

Another approved incentive for new homebuyers is a five-year grant based on the city's portion of the property tax. With the grant, Bel Aire would cover 50 percent of the city's property tax for first two years, 35 percent



Photos by Matt Heilman

In Bel Aire's Central Park, the city has served as its own developer. Marketing efforts have drawn interest, but there hasn't been much in the way of actual home sales.

the third year, 25 percent the fourth year and 15 percent the fifth year.

For buyers of new and existing homes, the council approved a plan to offer a free family membership to the Bel Aire rec center for up to one year. The marketing incentives also include the waive of disconnect and reconnect utility fees for residents who

move from one home in Bel Aire to another.

For realtors, the marketing incentives include the city offering to pay a 6 percent commission to the buyer's agent at the closing for lots owned by the city in Central Park or Elk Creek.

While incentives involve sacrifices from the city, the council observed interest

other cities have sparked on the housing market through incentives and agreed Bel Aire should step up to stay competitive.

"In this economy and the competitive environment we find ourselves in, I think this is good," council member Moe Terrebonne said before the council approved the incentives at the Oct. 4 meet-

ing. The incentives are intended to go along with the marketing plan the city has been working on since finalizing the 2012 budget in August. Bel Aire's administrative staff and J.P. Weigand have prepared a packet of information to present to potential homebuyers, realtors and media outlets for the Fall Pa-

rade of Homes, which begins Oct. 8.

In the packet, Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher shares a letter explaining how the city has managed its debt and introduces the statistical information that backs up his assertion that the "expensive" tag shouldn't apply to Bel Aire.

As has been discussed at council meetings and reported in The Breeze, Bel Aire ranks "toward the middle of the pack" when comparing the total mill levy to area cities that are near Bel Aire's size and offer similar services.

And while Bel Aire does have higher water rates than most area cities, Lasher pointed out that the total utility bill isn't far off from the median when considering Bel Aire's savings through contracting its trash service.

Beyond the numbers presented on graphs in the information packet, Lasher and the council discussed Bel Aire's advantage with its proximity to Wichita's amenities and major highways in the area.

On average, Bel Aire is the closest to Wichita's major employers compared to Park City, Andover, Valley Center, Haysville, Maize, Rose Hill, Goddard, Mulvane and El Dorado.

Bel Aire also boasts one of the area's lowest crime rates.

Along with presenting information to potential new residents, the council agreed it's important to present tax and utility rate comparisons to current residents.

At its Oct. 4 meeting, the council approved the idea to provide the information in residents' water bills.

"We don't want the perception that dollars and cents are against us because it's not the case," Lasher said.

By the numbers

Here is a look at the numbers the city released to compare Bel Aire with nine other area cities of similar size that offer similar services.

Total mill levy comparison (based on a \$150,000 home). This includes the entire property tax, not just the portion that goes to the city:

1. Andover—162.119 mills
2. Haysville—160.57 mills
3. Bel Aire—153.149 mills
4. Maize—153.106 mills
5. El Dorado—152.875 mills
6. Goddard—147.288 mills
7. Valley Center—146.197 mills
8. Rose Hill—144.744 mills
9. Park City—143.47 mills
10. Mulvane—142.235 mills

Total monthly utility bill (looking at cost for 10,000 gallons of water used, sewer trash and recycling):

1. Rose Hill—\$144.21
2. Mulvane—\$133.15
3. Maize—\$122.26
4. Bel Aire—\$118.13
5. Andover—\$98.71
6. Valley Center—\$98.03
7. Goddard—\$91.12
8. Park City—\$87.40
9. Haysville—\$82.70
10. El Dorado—\$76.48

In September, Bel Aire was named the Wichita area's most affluent city by data collected and published in The Wichita Business Journal. To see how Bel Aire's median household income stacks up with the cost of living index, see page 3.

Coliseum

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"We had agreed on a process to go out for an RFP and to get a broker that would market it and take all offers," Ranzau said. "Now what we're saying is, all of a sudden, we're going to drop that process and go with this

particular developer."

While Ranzau knows Stevens and knows "he'd do a good job," he said stopping the RFP process and moving forward with one developer may look "kind of fishy" to county residents not directly involved with selling the land.

The entire 208-acre complex is valued at \$22 million by the county. Ranzau said

besides NIAR utilizing the arena, he wasn't sure specifically what Stevens has in mind for his proposal.

And he emphasized that the letter of intent doesn't finalize any deals. There are still discussions to be had regarding whether the county wants to keep any of the Coliseum complex land, and if so, how much it would want to keep.

"Before we sell anything, should we think about the land we have?" Ranzau said. "Because once you sell it, if you want to try and buy it later, they're gonna jack up the price."

With Stevens' proposal, some residents who opposed bringing a minimum-security jail to acreage on the complex may take a sigh of relief. However, until plans

to expand the jail actually move forward, Ranzau said he couldn't dismiss any options.

He said Sheriff Robert Hinshaw likes land near Furlley, about 15 miles northeast of Valley Center, but there aren't any immediate plans to expand the jail.

Ranzau pointed out for now, it's actually cheaper to ship inmates to neighboring

counties than it would be to build a new facility.

"You can't totally dismiss anything until something's signed," Ranzau said. "I've always said the chances (of a minimum security jail being built at the coliseum complex) are less than 1 percent, and I'm still saying that. "But you can never say 'zero.'"

Bel Aire ponders plans for property

By Matt Heilman

On the east side of Bel Aire, there's a lot of land with a lot of potential. Eight-hundred acres that run along 53rd North between Webb and Greenwich are set aside for an industrial park. At its Oct. 18 meeting, the Bel Aire City Council discussed the land and how to make the best use of it.

Mayor Harold Smith discussed three proposals from companies that could help the city develop a master plan. The proposals present different types of expertise that could benefit Bel Aire, including architecture, engineering and marketing.

City Manager Ty Lasher said the master plan should help establish the layout, naming, branding and lot

sizes for the park. The plan should help peg whether the 800 acres should serve as strictly an industrial park or include some commercial development or manufacturing facilities.

For now, there are more questions than answers about the park, but considering three proposals from an RFP (request for proposals) is a start toward developing

the acreage that someday is expected to provide a major boost to Bel Aire's economy.

No binding action was taken from the discussion, which is expected to continue at the council's next meeting, Nov. 1.

Also on Oct. 18, the council:

- Heard from Senior Center board member Dianne Wynn who

discussed a concern with a recommendation to include membership fees at the center and a lack of communication regarding the cen-

ter's spending. Lasher said monthly statements could be sent to all the board members instead of just to senior director Rick Eberhard.

- Approved a farm lease.
- Approved a change order with Unruh Excavating, which returned \$505 to the city.

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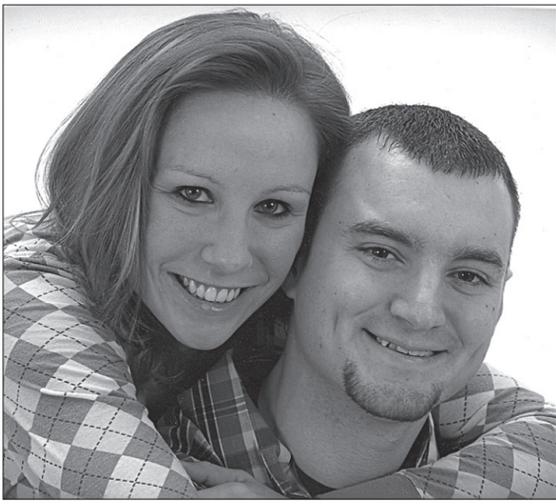


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HIGHLIGHTS



Lacie Robbins and Chris Shaw

Lacie Robbins and Chris Shaw are pleased to announce their engagement.

She is the daughter of Jamie Lewis and Darren Robbins and the granddaughter of Norma Lewis of Derby and Juanita Robbin of Tahlequah, Okla. She is a Derby High School graduate.

He is the son of Brian and Pat Shaw. He is a Heights High School graduate and a graduate of Universal Technical Institute in Arizona. He is currently employed at Case New Holland in Wichita.

They reside in Wichita. They plan a fall 2012 wedding.

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The beginning of the fall 2011 semester saw more than 950 new students enrolled at Emporia State University. Students from this area included: Perry Colella of Wichita, new freshman; Simone Cospes of Wichita, new freshman; Huynhmy Phan of Wichita, new freshman; Ashley Williams of Wichita, new freshman; Bethany McCormick of Valley Center, new freshman; Whitney Shelton of Valley Center, new freshman; Brianna Kaiser of Valley Center, transfer junior; Brandon Allen of Wichita, new freshman; Dalton Beard of Wichita, new freshman; Amanda Erwin of Wichita, new freshman; Amber Traffas of Wichita, new freshman; and Abbey Hope of Bel Aire, new freshman.

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Students from 13 Kansas high schools will be honored Nov. 7, by the University of Kansas Alumni Association and KU Endowment. A total of 361 seniors from high

schools in Sedgwick County will be recognized for their academic achievements and named Kansas Honor Scholars at a 7 p.m. program and reception at the Wichita State University, Eugene M. Hughes Metro Complex, 5015 E. 29th North, Wichita.

Area students being honored include: Molly Faragher, a Wichita senior at Kapaun Mount Carmel High School; Aaron Wolf, a Wichita senior at Kapaun Mount Carmel High School; Shauntel Pearson, a Wichita senior at Northeast Magnet High School; Hatim Zeineddine, a Wichita senior at Northeast Magnet High School; Andrew Parker, a Wichita senior at The Independent High School; David Berry, a Wichita senior at Trinity Academy; Kyle Burris, a Wichita senior at Trinity Academy; Abigail Reusser, a Wichita senior at Trinity Academy; Jihad Al-Khatib, a BelAire senior at Wichita Heights High School; Kasey Anderson, a Wichita senior at Wichita Heights High School; Callie Baker, a Wichita senior at Wichita Heights High School; Kathryn Caverson, a Wichita senior at Wichita Heights High School; Lauren Cox, a Wichita senior at Wichita Heights High School; Robert Diec, a Wichita senior at Wichita Heights High School; Sarah Hardyway, a BelAire senior at Wichita Heights High School; Krystal Iheme, a Wichita senior at Wichita Heights High School; Lamya Scott, a BelAire senior at Wichita Heights High School; Kelly Tang, a BelAire senior at Wichita Heights High School; Abigail Amstutz, a Wichita senior at Wichita High School East; Jeung Cho, a Wichita senior at Wichita High School East; Omar Farhat, a Wichita senior at Wichita High School East; Keegan Hughes, a Wichita senior at Wichita High School East; Rachel Kenagy, a Wichita senior at Wichita High School East; Nicholas Ragias, a Wichita senior at Wichita High School East; Jean Rust, a Wichita senior at Wichita High School East; George Savvides, a Wichita senior at Wichita High School East; Sapna Shah, a Wichita senior at Wichita High School East; Kayla Steelsmith, a Wichita senior at Wichita High School East; Cuong Le, a Wichita senior at Wichita High School Southeast; Alison Meeth, a Wichita senior at Wichita High School Southeast; Lauren Pfeifer, a Wichita senior at Kapaun Mount Carmel High School; Molly Schmitz, a Bel Aire senior at Kapaun Mount Carmel High School; Courtney Baker, a Wichita senior at Northeast Magnet High School; Esra Barut, a Wichita senior at Northeast Magnet High School; Tia Camarillo, a Wichita senior at Northeast Magnet High School; Craig Bair, a BelAire senior at Wichita Heights High School;

Ivory Boyce, a Wichita senior at Wichita Heights High School; Krystal Bradley, a Wichita senior at Wichita Heights High School; Kristen Doberer, a BelAire senior at Wichita Heights High School; Perry Ellis, a Wichita senior at Wichita Heights High School; Laura Farkas, a BelAire senior at Wichita Heights High School; Joshua Florez, a BelAire senior at Wichita Heights High School; Tyler Nattier, a BelAire senior at Wichita Heights High School; Jonathan Reeder, a Wichita senior at Wichita Heights High School; Jacqueline Reimschisel, a BelAire senior at Wichita Heights High School; Madison Snead, a Wichita senior at Wichita Heights High School; Kevin Tran, a Wichita senior at Wichita Heights High School; Samantha Tran, a Wichita senior at Wichita Heights High School; Jesyka Ware, a Wichita senior at Wichita Heights High School; Jonathon Wilcoxson, a Wichita senior at Wichita Heights High School; Yi Diao, a BelAire senior at Wichita High School East; Mai-Khanh Hoang, a Wichita senior at Wichita High School East; Hung Nguyen, a Wichita senior at Wichita High School East; Kelsey Pressnall, a BelAire senior at Wichita High School East; Annelise Chaparro, a BelAire senior at Wichita High School North; Rachael Staudt, a Wichita senior at Wichita High School Northwest; Leandre Carthen, a Wichita senior at Wichita High School Southeast.

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The annual holiday shopping party will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Nov. 19 at the Furley Co-op basement. There will be a variety of vendors as well as free coffee and hot spiced apple juice.

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Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Vu Tran, son of Hong Xuan Pham of Bel Aire and Peter Tran of Bel Aire,

recently completed the Navy Nuclear Power Training Unit course with Nuclear Power Training Unit, Ballston Spa, N. Y.

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