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Boundary 'supposal' affects local students

By Matt Heilman

A first proposal of Wichita school boundaries for next school year didn't sit well with some area residents. Keeping a close eye on the boundary issue with the construction of new schools and closing of others, city leaders in Kechi have voiced their desire for elementary school students living in the city to attend Bel Aire's new K-8 school when it opens next fall.

Currently, most elementary school students in Kechi attend Chisholm Trail Elementary in Park City. In a first-draft boundary proposal, students living in Kechi west of the

railroad tracks on East Kechi Road would attend Spaght Elementary, which is nearly 10 miles south near Ninth and Grove in Wichita.

The majority of Kechi residents live west of the tracks.

Kechi Mayor Bob Jackson said the boundary issue could affect "hundreds of students" and indicated he hoped the final decision on boundaries for the fall of 2012 would allow a shorter commute for Kechi students.

"The staff and myself and the council are looking at this and hopefully, we'll have a say in the final decision," Jackson said.

Kechi residents Mike and Tomi

Hoffman have three children who attend Chisholm Trail. Tomi said the family has thought about moving, but has remained at their residence in large part because they like the school their children attend.

"I'm really happy with our school," Tomi said. "That's kind of why we haven't left. We chose this neighborhood because we like Chisholm Trail."

She said she understands that "someone is going to be upset" when final boundaries are established, but she and her husband don't think it makes sense to move their children

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Students at Chisholm Trail Elementary gather for lunch in the school cafeteria Nov. 29. The first "supposal" for school boundaries in the Wichita school district next year calls for fewer students to attend Chisholm Trail in 2012.

Matt Heilman



Paint the town

Crews work to repaint the Bel Aire water tower, including the city's name, at 45th North and Edgemoor. The work began about six months after the city council approved an agreement for the structure's annual maintenance. In April, the council approved a 10-year annual service agreement with the Perry, Ga.-based Utility Services Co. Inc. for the painting and annual maintenance of the 500,000-gallon tower at a cost not to exceed \$34,128 per year. The painting concluded in late November.

Photos by Carol Jones



Bel Aire to charge its own jail fees

By Matt Heilman

The courts have spoken and Kansas counties are in their legal right to charge jail fees to cities. To make up some of this lost revenue, the City of Bel Aire is joining Wichita and Lawrence in passing along some of those fees to prisoners.

Now, if you are arrested in Bel Aire, the city will charge what the county does, plus an administrative fee, likely around 5 percent, City Manager Ty Lasher said. The fee will be added to regular court charges.

Currently, Sedgwick County charges cities \$2.09 per prisoner per hour to stay at the jail.

Lawrence was the first city to start charging jail fees. The news caught Lasher's attention, but he waited to review the legality of the charges and see how other cities would react before initiating the change in Bel Aire.

He decided to move forward when Wichita began charging jail fees. During the battle against jail fees from the county, Bel Aire followed Wichita's lead.

Lasher said it's not likely that every prisoner arrested in Bel Aire will pay the fee, but the city can at least put a dent in what it owes to the county.

"We have fees that people don't pay and we can't track them down through collections and they don't file taxes. So, there'll be some people that don't pay, but we figure if we can get 50 percent of the people that we send to jail to pay, that's better than doing nothing," Lasher said.

Lasher said the city could collect on its delinquent jail fees through a couple of different methods.

"We can go through the state revenue department so that whenever you fill out your taxes, if there are any refunds, they'll pull it out of that and send it to us," Lasher said. "If you don't file taxes, then we don't receive the money, then we turn it over to a collection agency and then they go after them."

City continues discussion on industrial park

By Matt Heilman

Perhaps the best way to view the 800 acres of land along 53rd North between Webb Road and Greenwich Road is as a blank canvas in which the City of Bel Aire hopes to someday see turned into a masterpiece.

On Oct. 18, Mayor Harold Smith discussed three proposals from consultants that could

help the city develop a master plan for the industrial park.

The plan should help establish a name and a brand for the industrial park, determine what industries will be the best fit for the park and the appropriate lot sizes on the acreage.

After City Manager Ty Lasher had a chance to hear the proposals, he invited a team of consultants to visit the city council at its Nov. 1 meeting.

Jeff Best, a project manager for Law Kingdon with expertise in landscape architecture, and Jeff Lackey, an engineer with Kansas City-based TranSystems, discussed the potential for Bel Aire's industrial park and the importance of developing a plan to market to potential investors and builders.

With TranSystems, Lackey said his company has done several projects working with rail

lines and had worked closely with Union Pacific, which has a line that runs through the 800 acres in Bel Aire.

Among the considerations for potential industrial development is whether a rail spur may be necessary. A rail spur is a line that runs off the main track to allow for large manufactured items to be loaded directly onto train cars.

Lasher said TranSystems'

experience with Union Pacific is one of the factors that he liked about the proposal presented to the council.

Best and Lackey discussed forming a master plan for Bel Aire's industrial park in two key phases. The first phase would entail identifying assets in the area, looking at the available acreage, how it's zoned and what is already in place with utilities and infrastructure

to build from.

Once assets are identified, the second phase of a master plan would involve profiling the area to determine the industries that would best fit the land.

Through analyzing Newton's industrial park, Best said Law Kingdon was able to help establish an identify with wind energy. In Newton, the South

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Laid-back holiday was enjoyable

Turkey, ham, mashed potatoes with brown gravy, vegetables, salad, a can of pop, two sugar cookies, a handful of chips, boring football games on television and good company. For anyone who cares, I had a nice Thanksgiving. I spent the day with members of my mom's side of the family at my parents' house.

The homestead is just a 15-minute drive northeast of Park City in an even slower-paced world than Hornet Country where the roads are dirt and the Furley elevator can be spotted on the skyline.

On Thanksgiving, I visited with a few aunts, a couple of uncles and several cousins I don't get to see very often. I heard how everyone was doing and what they were up to before falling asleep in a recliner in the basement in front of the TV that showed the

Heil on life

By Matt Heilman



Green Bay Packers demolishing the Detroit Lions.

Thankfully, I was awake when Ndomukong Suh was ejected for shoving a Green Bay offensive lineman's head into the turf and then stomping on his arm.

It was the play of the day and earned Suh a two-game suspension.

Before the meal, I took part in a game of catch. Some years, if enough people are interested we'll get a touch football game going in the yard on Thanksgiving. This year, my cousin Mike and I settled for a casual game of

catch where I felt like I had been kicked in the ribs by Chuck Norris after running three long routes.

I was feeling lazy and didn't even want to toss the pigskin, but a cliché day of thanks is never complete without playing catch.

I dropped several passes and blamed it on the ball being over-inflated and not worn in enough to get a decent grip before I spent the rest of the day indoors.

The day was laid back and comfortable. Just the way Thanksgiving should be. At the tail end of the day in the cold air under the moonlight, I stood behind about 1,000 people outside Target with my sisters, waiting for the doors to open at midnight to take part in the Black Friday blitz.

I wish I had some crazy story about the madness, but

Target deserves a lot of credit for denying me an intriguing story to tell. Of course, the place was packed, but security, order and courteous fellow shoppers made the experience bearable. At one point, a woman mistakenly pushed her shopping cart into the back of my legs, but even that wasn't a big deal.

It hurt a little, but I was OK after I yelled, "AGHHH!" The poor woman wouldn't stop apologizing and we got just about everything on our list without much pushing, shoving or yelling.

Again, I was thankful for my laid-back Thanksgiving. I'm sorry if the lack of conflict or controversy bores you, but thanks for reading.

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Much was accomplished in area cities

As we enter the holiday season and roll toward a new year, it's clear that north Sedgwick County residents have plenty to be thankful for.

The communities that make up our coverage area have accomplished much during the past year, despite the deflated economy and financial uncertainty.

As we greet the final weeks of 2011, The News is taking a moment to highlight some of those accomplishments, many of which will position this area for future growth.

In Valley Center

The school district's beautiful new high school opened this fall, capping three years of bond issue projects. The school is life-size evidence of the community's commitment to quality education. It shows that residents care about their students, today and into the future.

Valley Center also completed a bridge project on Ford Street that could pave the way for future development along that stretch of the road.

In Park City

Park City opened its BMX track and welcomed riders of all skill levels from the Wichita area and beyond. The track is built to host national-caliber races and is expected to draw thousands of visitors to Park City someday. The track shows the city's desire to attract visitors and expand its recreational opportunities.

Park City also sold acreage north and west of 61st and Broadway where a new stadium will be built for the Park City Rangers, a college-aged summer league baseball team, to play. Having a stadium for the Rangers to play in the town they represent should excite local baseball fans that enjoy the game at the top amateur level.

In Bel Aire

Developments in Bel Aire are moving along as planned. Two new schools will open next fall and commercial and residential growth is expected to continue. Through marketing initiatives, the city has shown its progress and resolve.

Bel Aire received an honor as the Wichita area's most affluent city. The honor factored in the city's average household income compared to cost-of-living, as well as education levels and recreation opportunities for residents.

In Kechi

Kechi saw the reformation of a park and tree board to beautify the city's park at the north end of town. City parks are important staples of communities and the arrival of new trees and landscaping will serve Kechi well.

Residents in the city also banded together to save one of the last historic buildings in Kechi. The old post office and original city building at 138 E. Kechi Road was spared of demolition and will move to space near the current City Hall to stand proud as a historic landmark.

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CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran Church

Contemporary guitar service with communion each Sunday at 8:30 a.m. Traditional service with communion 1st and 3rd Sunday at 11. Sunday school for all ages at 9:45 a.m.

Advent Mid-Week Services on Dec. 7 and Dec. 14. Dinner will be at 6:15 and service will be at 7. All are welcome.

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@clclksocmail.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.

The Annual Cookie Caper will be held in Fellowship Hall Dec. 3. The funds will go toward the 2011 Love Gifts to Missions through the United Methodist Women.

The Kechi United Methodist, Kechi Fair Committee and Sunnydale 4-H Club will put together good baskets to be given to shut-ins or those in need of Christmas cheer.

The church will sponsor Christmas caroling from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Dec. 18. Meet at the church at 4:15. After caroling there will be pizza and hot chocolate or wassail at the church.

There will be two candle-light services at 6 and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 24.

There will be one worship service at 10 a.m. Dec. 25.

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

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.

School

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to a school they don't know much about 10 miles away in an unfamiliar neighborhood.

"We already have a great school just two miles down the road," Tomi said. "I really don't want to uproot them."

She said if her children weren't able to attend Chisholm Trail next year, her second choice would be Bel Aire's K-8 school.

From the city of Kechi's perspective, busing students to Spaght Elementary could pose a problem for its home-marketing efforts. Kechi City Administrator Mark Tallman sent out an e-mail to the city's civic groups last month, hoping to reach as many residents as possible and encouraged residents and city officials to

attend public input meetings on the issue. He also encouraged residents to voice their thoughts and concerns with the Kechi City Council.

The Wichita school board is expected to finalize school boundaries for next year in February. Before then, Chisholm Trail Principal Tammy Alexander encourages parents to stay informed and involved. Four public forums are planned in January: Jan. 11, 12, 18 and 19. The times and locations for the forums have yet to be determined.

Final recommendations will be presented to the USD 259 school board on Feb. 27. For the latest information on the boundary issue and the first proposal, called a "supposal," visit www.boundary.usd259.org. Parents can also follow the issue through social media on Facebook: www.facebook.com/wichitapublicschools and Twitter: @Wichitausd259.net.

If the first supposal sticks, Alexander said Chisholm Trail would likely see a reduction of about 150 students, taking away the student population east of Park City.

"I think the district needs to hear from our parents so they know what parents value," she said.

Alexander said diversity

was in mind with the first supposal, but changes could come with the next tentative plan that takes into account parents who have voiced that they value neighborhood schools. Alexander said she believes the district will heavily consider the feedback they receive with the final proposal, although not everyone will likely be satisfied when the new boundaries are established.

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NOTES FROM CITY HALL

Bel Aire City Council meetings now available on website

Did you miss a recent Bel Aire City Council meeting? There is no need to worry; recent Bel Aire City Council meetings are now available on the website! Simply visit the City of Bel Aire website, www.belaireks.gov, and click on "Council Meeting Video Archives" on the homepage. From there you will be able to view recent meetings and stay up-to-date with what is happening in the community.

Tom Church, Catholic Care Center December 2011 Member of the Month Bel Aire Area Chamber of Commerce

An ordained Presbyterian minister by training, Tom Church first got involved with senior ministries while he was a pastor in Dodge City. At the time, he was involved with the planning and marketing for a developing retirement community. The facility opened in 1990, and Church became its administrator. He has been working with senior living communities since.

Church moved to Wichita in the late 1990s to become the executive director for Wichita Presbyterian Manor and by 1999 was the CEO of the Catholic Care Center in Bel Aire. Since Church took over leadership at Catholic Care, it has grown from a 178-bed nursing home to a complete retirement campus that includes independent living, memory care housing, assisted living and special care and post-acute care centers.

Church's peers describe him as a visionary who always has the residents' best interests at heart. He is an industry advocate as well. He has served on the board of directors for the Kansas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, LeadingAge and often serves as a lobbying voice in the Kansas Legislature. He has been honored with the Excellence in Leadership Award from LeadingAge Kansas and was named a Health Care Hero by the Wichita Business Journal.

Church and his wife, Peggy, have been married for 39 years. He has two daughters and six grandchildren.

Remain informed...remain engaged. Keep up with City news and events at www.belaireks.gov, Bel Aire Channel 7, or follow us on Twitter (@BelAireKS).

Deadline for January: Friday, Dec. 23

Bel Aire Breeze

Community Meeting – Dec. 12:

- **Open House (7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.)**
- **Presentation (7:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)**
 - o Project goals and objectives
 - o Collaboration opportunities
 - o Implementation strategies
 - o Steering Committee recommendations
- **Keypad Polling (8:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.)**
 - o Audience demographics
 - o Community perceptions
 - o Level of agreement with Steering Committee recommendations
 - o Identify other collaboration opportunities

CITY OF BEL AIRE CONTACTS

City Council		Central Park Pool	744-7331
Mayor Harold Smith	744-2650	Parks Department	744-8609
Dr. Gary Breault	744-0560	Police • Emergency	911
Peggy O'Donnell	744-0250	• Non-emergency	744-6000
Moe Terrebonne	744-2747	Animal Control (Sedgwick County)	660-7070
David Austin	744-7188	Public Works	744-2888
Dave Sly	204-5574	Water/Sewer Emergency (after 5 p.m.)	761-6972 or 761-6973
City Hall		Utility Billing	744-2451, ext. 132
Ty Lasher, City Manager	744-2451, ext. 217	Trash (Waste Connections)	838-4920
Recreation Department	744-2700	Hazardous Waste (Sedgwick County)	660-7464

Bel Aire Recreation

5251 E. 48th North • www.belaireks.gov • 744-2700
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For more information on these or any Bel Aire Recreation Programs call 744-2700.

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 5-11 on Saturday, December 10 from 2:00-4:30 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 Mondays & Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 pm. 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. You can join at any time!

FITNESS CENTER (ages 16 & up)

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

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

Dec. 2 — Lunch and entertainment at Schowalter Villa Campus, Hesston, KS. Lunch at Water's Edge. Contact Vicki at 744-1199 to sign up

Dec. 6 — 8:30 AM Breakfast Jimmies Egg

Dec. 12 — 6:00 PM Christmas Dinner. Catered meal by reservation. Hosts: Lois Hiebert

Program: Children's Choir from Resurrection School

Dec. 21 — 10:00 AM Men's Coffee at Braums

Dec. 21 — 2:00 PM Ladies Tea/Coffee at Braums

Dec. 1 — Casino Trip to First Council

Call Vicki at 744-1199 to sign up

Dec. 16 — Mystery Bus Trip

\$76.00 per person includes—transportation, lunch and all admissions. Limited to 30 reservations. Call Vicki at 744-1199 to make a reservation

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

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

Call for times & dates for computer classes.

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)

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 Call 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

TOPS Club #1105 will celebrate a month long Membership Drive all during December!!!

Special refreshments each meeting in December.

Watch for some new start time changes for some senior events starting in January 2012!!!

(NEW) Dec. 2nd – 9:00 A.M. Senior Get-to-Know-Coffee @ Senior Center. Come enjoy friendly fellowship and some complimentary coffee!

Dec. 5th – Jewelry Class at 2:00 P.M. in the Senior Center. Bring needle nose pliers and a hand towel from home?

Dec. 5th – Senior Potluck Dinner & Program @ 6:30 PM – Special holiday program/group activity "Mr. & Mrs. Right" (special presents of fresh fruit platters for each table) & Christmas Music: By Bel Aire TOP's (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Club Members #1105. Bring a large covered dish to share plus your own table service. Drinks are provided. Meat will be catered for this dinner compliments of the City of Bel Aire.

Dec. 6th – Home Christmas Light Tour by Ivan's Party Bus. \$15.00 pp paid in advance to Sr. Director Rick Eberhard. Holiday Reception @ 7 PM for Christmas with goodies and coffee in the Senior Center and depart on light tour at 8:15 P.M.

Dec. 7th – 6:30 PM Sr. Ctr. Advisory Board Meeting in the Senior Center. Last Day for Medicare 2012 OPEN ENROLLMENT.

Dec. 9th – 9 AM Breakfast & Learn @ Senior Center – Speaker will be Becca Hess from Transitions of Wichita. Will discuss offering a helping hand, to those seniors transitioning from home to the next level of care. Light refreshments will be provided along with hot coffee.

Dec. 9th – 7 PM – Senior Fun Night at the Senior Center. Bring your favorite card or board game and holiday/goodies/snacks to share with others.

Dec. 10th – Senior Red Hat Society – Call 316-744-0217 for time and location of event.

Dec. 12th – 6:30 PM – TOPS Club #1105 Christmas Covered Dish Dinner/Party in Senior Center. Guests are invited and meat dish will be catered. Bring a side dish to go with turkey.

Dec. 12th – TBD – Central Park HoA Meeting pending—Location TBD (No TOP's meeting on 12/13/11)

Dec. 15th – 10:00 AM – Last "Computer Training Class" of 2011 with Brian Tracy. Get holiday gift ideas for your computer friends.

(NEW) Dec. 16th – 9 AM – Senior Get-to-Know-Coffee @ Senior Center. Come enjoy friendly fellowship and some Complimentary Coffee!

Dec. 18th – 3:00 PM – Health Meeting in Senior Center.

Dec. 19th – 2 P.M. – Jewelry Class in the Senior Center.

Dec. 20th – 9:30 AM – TOP's Club Meeting with special speaker Beverly Bednasek, TOPS Area Captain.

Dec. 23rd – NO "Senior Get-to-Know-Coffee" due to holiday weekend.

Dec. 23rd – NO monthly "Pitch Party" due to holiday weekend.

Dec. 26th – Tree Board Meeting @ 7 P.M. In the Senior Center.

Dec. 28th – NO Bunko Games due to holidays.

(NEW) December 30th – 9 A.M. – Senior Get-to-Know Coffee @ Senior Center. Come enjoy friendly fellowship and complimentary Coffee!

(NEW) Dec. 31st – 7 P.M. to ??? Senior Center New Years Eve's Party – Bring your favorite card or board games and finger food and snacks to share. No alcohol beverages allowed!! Come help bring in the New Year and have fun!!! The public is also invited.

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NO Bunko Games no Pitch Game Night this month!!

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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. Deadline is Dec. 10.

POLICE REPORTS

Nov. 28 — Officer McCaslin responded to the report of a burglary at 6254 E. 37th North, No. 140.

Nov. 28 — Lt. Griggs responded to the report of an assault at 3952 N. Edgemoor.

Nov. 28 — Officer McCaslin responded to the report of disorderly conduct by phone at 4711 N. Glendale. A person was receiving unwanted phone calls.

Nov. 27 — Officer McCaslin responded to the report of a suicide attempt in the 4000 block of North Rushwood.

Nov. 27 — Officer Foxx responded to a non-injury accident at 5800 N. Woodlawn. A vehicle hit a deer.

Nov. 27 — Officer Toomey assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office at 7700 N. Greenwood. Officers helped locate an accident. No one was found at the scene. Officers found a purse belonging to a person in the vehicle. The person was already taken into custody by the sheriff's office.

Nov. 26 — Officer Hutton was contacted by a person about an assault at 5112 N. Rock Road. Officer contacted the parties who agreed that the issue was settled. There were no injuries.

Nov. 26 — Officer Steele conducted a traffic stop at 5200 N. Woodlawn. A person was issued citations for traffic violations.

Nov. 26 — Officer Steele checked a building at 5500 E. 45th North.

Nov. 25 — Officer Steele faxed a copy of a bench warrant on Ida A. S. Bennett to the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office.

Nov. 25 — Officer Foxx assisted the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office with the request to check the welfare of a person walking in the eastbound lanes of traffic on K-254. Officer contacted a person who was agitated. The person believed he was in Winfield. A sheriff's officer attempted to talk with the person. The person became belligerent and began to rip his shirt off. He was taken into custody and attempted to head butt and kick out the windows of the sheriff's vehicle.

Nov. 24 — Officer Swanson responded to the report of a verbal argument in the 4400 block of North Edgemoor. A person was involved in a verbal disagreement with a juvenile.

Nov. 24 — Officer Swanson responded to the report of an accident at 5917 E. Flagstaff. A person hit an unoccupied vehicle.

Nov. 24 — Officer Steele checked a building at 5500 E. 45th North.

Nov. 24 — Officer Foxx assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office with a hold-up alarm at 9055 N. Woodlawn. The alarm was false.

Nov. 23 — While conducting follow up at 4340 N. Linden, Officer Swanson discovered a utility vehicle that was reported stolen. The vehicle was impounded along with a saw that was possibly stolen.

Nov. 23 — Officer Swanson assisted EMS at 4626 N. Farmstead.

Nov. 23 — Officer Swanson assisted EMS at 4646 N. Farmstead.

Nov. 23 — Officer Foxx assisted Park City police with a traffic pursuit in

the area of 101st North and I-135.

Nov. 22 — Officer Hutton responded to the report that Senior Patrol found a large yellow trash bag in the ditch at 9100 E. 53rd North. Officer checked the bag and found a deer carcass.

Nov. 22 — Officer Hutton observed a vehicle pull into the school construction site at 5550 N. Lycee. Officer advised Officer Foxx who contacted the occupants. They said they were heading home from playing paint ball and did not realize it was a construction site. Nothing appeared to be out of the ordinary at the site.

Nov. 22 — Officer Foxx responded to a domestic disturbance at 4445 N. Mission. The disturbance was verbal only.

Nov. 21 — Officer McCaslin found a television dumped at 9200 E. 45th North. Officer checked the serial number. The television was not reported stolen.

Nov. 21 — Officer Steele checked a business at 5500 E. 45th North.

Nov. 20 — Officer McCaslin responded to the report of a burglary at 6254 E. 37th North, No. 140. The business owner checked and confirmed that no items were missing. A Wichita Eagle vending machine was missing from the area. Officer forwarded the information on the vending machine to Wichita Police Department. Photos were taken at the scene.

Nov. 20 — Officer Steele checked a business at 5500 E. 45th North.

Nov. 20 — Officer Toomey responded to an audible alarm at 5021 N. Lake Breeze Court. Officer could not contact anyone at the residence. Officer checked the residence and everything appeared secure.

Nov. 19 — Officer McCaslin responded to the report of a juvenile kicked out of his residence in the 4000 block of Clarendon. Officer contacted the parent who said there were disciplinary issues with the juvenile and he was told he could stay with his other parent if he did not follow house rules. Officer contacted the other parent and transported the juvenile to his house.

Nov. 19 — Officer McCaslin responded to an audible alarm at 5018 N. Prestwick. The residence was found to be secure.

Nov. 19 — Officer Hutton responded to the report of disorderly conduct by phone at 3862 N. Oliver. A person was receiving threatening phone calls.

Nov. 19 — Officer Hutton responded to the report of a suspicious character at the school construction site at 53rd North and Woodlawn. Officer checked the area and did not locate the person or any suspicious activity.

Nov. 19 — Officer Foxx responded to the report of domestic violence at 4550 N. Woodlow Drive. The incident occurred in west Wichita. Wichita police were notified. Michael Carter was arrested on charges of domestic violence battery and criminal restraint.

Nov. 19 — Officer Steele conducted a traffic stop at 5600 N. Rock Road. The person was issued citations for no driver's license, no proof of insurance and a defective tail lamp.

Nov. 19 — Officer Steele faxed a copy of a Bel Aire Municipal Court bench warrant on Michael Ortega-Alvarez to Sedgwick County.

Nov. 18 — Officer McCaslin responded to the report of larceny at 5550 N. Lycee. A utility vehicle was stolen.

Nov. 18 — Officer Foxx attempted to conduct a traffic stop at 4700 N. Rock Road. A pursuit followed. The driver was arrested.

Nov. 17 — Officer Steele assisted Park City police at 915 E. 53rd North in Park City.

Nov. 17 — Officer Foxx found a trash dump at 9000 E. 53rd North. A deer carcass was left in a plastic bag.

Nov. 16 — Lt. Griggs responded to a hold-up alarm at 6700 E. 45th North. Officer contacted employees. Work was being done on the phone lines which caused a false alarm.

Nov. 16 — Officer Foxx responded to the report of a domestic disturbance at 423 W. Cherokee. Chief Kuykendall was notified and responded to the scene to take over the call.

Nov. 14 — Officer McCaslin responded to the report of a burglary at 5550 N. Lycee. Tools were taken from the construction site.

Nov. 13 — Officer McCaslin responded to an audible alarm at 5018 N. Prestwick. Officer checked the residence and found it secure.

Nov. 13 — Officer McCaslin responded to a domestic disturbance at 423 W. Cherokee. Chief Kuykendall was notified and responded to the scene to take over the call.

Nov. 13 — Officer Hutton responded to an audible alarm at 5018 N. Prestwick. Officer checked the residence and found it secure.

Nov. 13 — Officer Hutton responded to the report of a suspicious character at 5500 E. 45th North. The resident saw a person riding his daughter's bike that was reported stolen on Nov. 11. Officer contacted the person with the bike. He said his brother gave him the bike. Officer confirmed the story with the suspect's parent. The bike was returned to the owner.

Nov. 13 — Officer Hutton responded to an audible alarm at 3979 N. Woodlawn. Officer contacted the business owner. He set off the alarm accidentally.

Nov. 12 — Officer Medlin responded to an audible alarm at 6300 E. 37th North. Officer contacted a person cleaning the building. She set off the alarm accidentally.

Nov. 12 — Officer Medlin assisted EMS at 5708 E. Denise.

Nov. 12 — Officer Medlin responded to the report of a burglary at 4580 N. Westlake Court. Suspects broke windows and removed cash, jewelry and watches from the residence.

Nov. 12 — Officer Foxx responded to the report of a suspicious character at 6221 E. 44th North. Someone was ringing the doorbell and knocking on windows at the residence. Officer checked the area and found a gate open. Officer did not locate anyone.

Nov. 11 — Officer McCaslin confirmed a tag found by the Arkansas City police as stolen.

Nov. 11 — Officer Medlin responded to the report of larceny at 4430 N. Edgemoor. A bike was stolen.

Nov. 11 — Officer Medlin assisted

EMS at 4839 N. Glendale.

Nov. 11 — Officer Steele faxed a copy of a Bel Aire Municipal Court bench warrant on Linda R. Johnson to Sedgwick County.

Nov. 11 — Officer Foxx conducted a traffic stop at 4500 N. Woodlawn. Officer issued citations.

Nov. 11 — Officer Foxx responded to the report of a 911 hang-up call on Prairie Creek Circle. Officer contacted the resident who was having phone problems.

Nov. 11 — Officer Foxx conducted a traffic stop at 3700 N. Woodlawn.

Nov. 10 — Officer McCaslin discovered a trash dump at 10800 E. 45th North.

Nov. 10 — Officer Swanson responded to the report of fraud at 5801 E. Memphis. The fraud was committed by telephone.

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

Nov. 10 — Officer Steele found two buckets dumped in the ditch at 9800 E. 53rd North.

Nov. 9 — Officer Foxx took the report of someone striking a parked vehicle and causing damage on Nov. 8.

Nov. 9 — Lt. Griggs assisted EMS at 4935 N. Highland.

Nov. 8 — Chief Daily assisted EMS at 4109 N. Auburn.

Nov. 8 — Officer Foxx assisted EMS at 6636 E. St. James.

Nov. 7 — Officer McCaslin responded to the report of a burglary at Sunrise Christian Academy. A television was missing.

Nov. 7 — Officer McCaslin responded to the report of vandalism at 4007 N. Danbury. A person reported that vehicle tires were slashed.

Nov. 7 — Officer McCaslin responded to the report of an accident at 37th North and Oliver. A driver was issued a citation for failing to stop.

Nov. 5 — Officer McCaslin responded to the report of larceny at 5810 Hanover. A trailer was missing.

Nov. 5 — Officer McCaslin responded to an audible alarm. Officer contacted an employee. The alarm was set off accidentally.

Nov. 5 — Officer Hutton responded to the report of domestic violence at 4551 N. St. James. A person received a phone call that he considered harassing.

Nov. 5 — Officer Foxx responded to the report of several vehicles driving recklessly in the parking lot at 4554 N. Woodlawn. Officers contacted the remaining car in the lot. The occupants said they left a party to go home and did not realize all their friends followed them to the parking lot.

Nov. 5 — Officer Foxx conducted a traffic stop at 5000 E. 37th North. A

person was issued citations.

Nov. 5 — Officer Foxx responded to the request to check the welfare of a person at a party at 1505 E. Cedar Tree.

Nov. 4 — Officer Hazelwood and Lt. Griggs responded to the report of an open door at 4487 N. Edgemoor Court. Officer searched and secured the residence.

Nov. 4 — Officer Hutton assisted EMS at 4820 N. Harding.

Nov. 4 — Officer Hutton responded to the report of a burglary in progress at 318 W. Tomahawk. Officer contacted the homeowner. There was no criminal activity.

Nov. 4 — Officer Foxx conducted a traffic stop at 4500 N. Woodlawn. A person was issued a citation.

Nov. 3 — Officer McCaslin responded to a disturbance at 5816 N. Hanover. The disturbance was verbal only.

Nov. 3 — Officer Foxx responded to the report of an armed robbery at 3707 N. Woodlawn. A person pointed a handgun at the clerk and took an undisclosed amount of money. The suspect left on foot. Officer checked the area and did not locate anyone.

Nov. 2 — Lt. Griggs assisted EMS at 4357 N. Edgemoor.

Nov. 2 — Officer McCaslin responded to an audible alarm at 4709 Hedgerow Court. Officer contacted the homeowner. The alarm was set off accidentally.

Nov. 2 — Officer Foxx found a trash dump in the ditch at 6100 N. Rock Road. Bel Aire City Works was notified.

Nov. 2 — Officer Foxx assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office and Park City police with an audible alarm at 901 E. 53rd North.

Nov. 1 — Officers Hutton and McCaslin responded to an accident at 45th North and Woodlawn. One person was transported to the hospital.

Nov. 1 — Officer McCaslin assisted Sedgwick County Fire Department at 4527 N. Fritillary.

Oct. 31 — Officer Swanson responded to the report of a verbal disagreement at 6746 E. 44th North. The disagreement was verbal only.

Oct. 31 — Officer Toomey checked a business at 5500 E. 45th North.

Oct. 31 — Officer Toomey checked a residence at 6527 E. Odessa.

Oct. 30 — Officer Hutton assisted EMS at 4914 E. 48th North.

Oct. 30 — Officer Swanson responded to the report of a burglary at 5550 E. Falcon. The homeowner arrived home to find a window open and empty Halloween candy wrappers in the kitchen. Resident later found that her son returned home and picked up some clothing.

Oct. 29 — Officer Hutton assisted EMS at 4300 N. Woodlawn.

Oct. 29 — Officer Hutton assisted with traffic control while protest marchers walked through the city.

Oct. 29 — Officer Foxx conducted a traffic stop at 4700 N. Farmstead. Adam D. Starr was arrested on a charge of suspicion of DUI.

Oct. 28 — Officer Steele checked a residence at 6527 E. Odessa to check for possible squatters. The residence was secure.

Oct. 28 — Officer Steele discovered a vehicle parked in the lot at the school construction site at 5200 N. Woodlawn. Officer asked Maize police to contact the registered owner. Maize was unable to contact the owner. Officer checked the area and did not locate any suspicious activity.

Oct. 28 — Officer Foxx conducted a traffic stop at 4100 N. Woodlawn. A person was issued traffic citations.

Oct. 28 — Officer Steele faxed a copy of a Bel Aire Municipal Court bench warrant on Coran D. Johnson to Sedgwick County.

Oct. 27 — Officer Hazelwood responded to the report of vandalism by phone. Someone spray-painted a person's vehicle.

Oct. 27 — Officer Hazelwood responded to the report of a vehicle vs. deer accident at 5800 N. Greenwood. The deer was euthanized.

Oct. 27 — Officer McCaslin responded to the report of vandalism at 4234 N. Oliver, No. 3. A person saw a suspect who matched the description of someone fleeing Wichita police take a mountain bike.

Oct. 27 — Officer McCaslin responded to a motor vehicle versus deer accident. A deer ran into the driver's side of a vehicle.

Oct. 27 — Officer Foxx checked a vehicle parked in the ditch at 11000 E. 53rd North. The vehicle was not running and the windows were fogged over. Officer contacted a 35-year-old male and 31-year-old female. The male had his pants around his ankles and the female was covered from the waist down with a jacket. The subjects said they thought they were in the country and were trying to add excitement to their love life. They were advised to reclothe and leave the area.

Oct. 26 — Officer McCaslin responded to the report of fraud. A person found his e-mail had been accessed by unknown persons who were sending e-mails to people on his contact list asking them to send money.

Oct. 26 — Officer McCaslin faxed a copy of a Bel Aire warrant on Alexander U. Clements to Valley Center police.

hard at 744-2451, extension 121, or reberhard@belaireks.gov. Anybody living in the Bel Aire or Kechi or surrounding areas are invited to attend any TOPS meeting.

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Molly Schmitz of Bel Aire received a \$3,000 Dual Admissions Scholarship from Newman University. She is majoring in early childhood education.

DEATHS

CORDELIA HILL

Cordelia Ann Hill, died Oct. 27, 2011.

She was an owner of the Phoenix Studio for Hair and Wigs in Wichita's Normandie Center for more than 30 years. She was born on Jan. 5, 1940, in Parsons to Gerald G. and Pearl I. Majors Hill.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Phillip Hill; half-siblings, Peggy Beasley and Roger Cunningham; brother-in-law, Larry Farber.

Survivors include sisters and brothers-in-law, Donna and Ron Lathrop of Bel Aire, Geri Farber of Derby; half-brother and sister-in-law, David and Denise Beasley of Altamont; nieces, Lori Elliott-Bartle (John) and children Alex and Sarah of Omaha, Neb., Tracey Elliott Organ (Patrick) and son Ryan of Wichita, Sherry Lathrop of Wichita; nephews, Gregory Lathrop and daughter Claire of Derby, and Phillip Hill Jr. of Wichita.

Funeral service was Nov. 1 at Mission Chapel Mausoleum in Wichita.

A memorial has been established with Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, 313 S. Market, Wichita, KS 67202.

WANDA TURNER

Wanda Lee (Scribner) Turner, 79, died Nov. 9, 2011.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Atlas; and son, Bruce.

Survivors include her son, Kenneth Turner of Cheney; daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah and Earl Dimmick of Murdock, and Monica and Larry Williams of Bel Aire; two grandchildren, Rebecca and Kevin.

A celebration of the love and life of Wanda and Atlas Turner was Nov. 19 in the Alumni Lounge, Dugan Library and Campus Center at Newman University.

Contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Research Foundation, American Diabetes

Association or Kansas Humane Society.

LES ANDERSON

Leslie Wayne (Les) Anderson, 62, died Nov. 12, 2011.

He was born Nov. 23, 1948, in Viola. He was a journalism professor at Wichita State University since 1977. He was publisher of The Ark Valley News, that he and wife, Nancy, founded in May of 1975, until it was sold in 2001. He worked for five newspapers, including the Wichita Eagle and the Wichita Sun. He volunteered at the Lord's Diner and Valley Center United Methodist Church and was involved in fundraising for the new Valley Center library.

He was preceded in death by father, Delbert Anderson. Survivors include his wife, Nancy of Valley Center; mother, Marceille Sult of Valley Center; brothers and sisters-in-law, Dan of Houston, Gary and Vicki of Valley Center, John and Kelly of Wichita; sister and brother-in-

law, Debbie and Brad Edwards of Valley Center; children and families, Spike and wife Kristin (children Emma and Isaac) of Valley Center, Maggie and husband Mike (children Joey and Tommy) Spratt of Valley Center, Ben and wife Jamie (children Abby, Katie, Charlie and Samantha) of Valley Center, Seth and wife Julie (children Sydney and Kelsey) of Andover, and Patrick Vera of Wichita; half-brothers, James and Doug of Wichita; half-sisters, LaDonna Smith and Kristy Anderson of Wichita.

Visitation was Nov. 18 at Valley Center First United Methodist Church. Memorial service will be 10 a.m. Nov. 19 at WSU Hughes Metropolitan Complex, 29th North and Oliver. Burial at noon Nov. 19 in Valley Center Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the WSU Foundation c/o Les Anderson Fund for Students, 1845 Fairmount, Wichita, KS 67260, or the Valley Center Library building fund c/o Friends of the Library, 321 W. First, Valley Center, KS 67147.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Rick Eberhard, senior director for the Bel Aire Senior Center and TOPS Club secretary, announced last month that the Bel Aire TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Club No. 1105 will host a month-long holiday membership drive during December.

The TOPS Club will host the following four special events during the month to encourage and invite potential new members:

•9:30 a.m. Dec. 6, business meeting and enjoy a healthy bran muffin along with coffee or hot tea.

•6:30 p.m. Dec. 12, visitors and guests are invited to a Christmas potluck supper, and the meat dish will be catered.

•9:30 a.m. Dec. 20, business meeting and enjoy a holiday (sugar-free) coffee cake along with coffee or hot tea.

•9:30 a.m. Dec. 27, business meeting and enjoy holiday (sugar-free) cookies and coffee or hot tea.

The names of all guests and visitors will be submitted to win a complimentary American Medical Holiday Cookbook at the Dec. 27 meeting.

The TOPS Club is also collecting gently used coats of all sizes during the first part of December and all of November for a local family

in need and those remaining will be cleaned and donated to the Wichita Children's Home. A collection box is under the coat rack in the Bel Aire Senior Center.

The TOPS Club sponsors weekly special programs and has guest speakers one or two times a month to come in and stimulate new discussions.

For more information about the club, contact Eber-

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HIGHLIGHTS

Land swap benefits property owner and city

Both sides say it's a win-win situation. Bel Aire resident Kevin Arnel owns acreage that the city would like to use for development. Arnel said he owns the land as an investment and doesn't want to be a developer. Bel Aire is anxious for development, both residential and commercial.

To utilize about 85 acres of Arnel's land for economic development, including about 60 with utilities in place, the city struck a deal with Arnel in the form of a land swap.

In exchange for Arnel's 62 acres near the planned Rock Spring housing development near 53rd and Rock Road and 23 acres along 53rd and Webb near railroad tracks at the city's proposed industrial park, Bel Aire has agreed to give Arnel about 80 acres north of 53rd and Webb.

Arnel said the deal works for him because he'll get to keep land for investment and receive one large parcel of land in exchange for two parcels for the city.

Arnel said the possibility of a land swap deal "sort of came up a year or so ago," and the City of Bel Aire "has been really good to work with over the years."

"My perception's been, like any business discussion, there have been issues to go through, but it's been real amicable," Arnel said of the deal.

— Matt Heilman

Sunrise shines during fall sports season

The fall sports season for Sunrise Christian Academy ended on a strong note for the soccer, football and volleyball programs.

The boys' soccer team finished with an 18-6 overall record. Sunrise won the Tri-State Christian Conference championship and the Kansas Christian Athletic Association (KCAA) state championship.

The Tri-State title was the second in a row for the soccer team, which also took fourth at the National Christian School/Homeschool Championship in Springfield, Mo.

Seniors Ben Schmidt, Gabe Salazar and junior Corey Doan were named to the Tri-State All-Tournament team; seniors Ben Gerber, Paul McQuery and sophomore Eddy Chung were selected to the KCAA All-Tournament team; and junior Eric Stringfield was named the KCAA Tournament Most Valuable Player.

End-of-season awards recognized senior Jacob Cantrell for leadership, Gerber as the best offensive player and team MVP and McQuery as the best defender.

In volleyball, Sunrise finished with a 35-11 record and runner-up in the Tri-State and KCAA tournaments. Senior Erica Sims and junior Mika Skillen were named to the Tri-State All-Tournament team while senior Tori Campbell was selected honorable mention.

Campbell was also selected first-team All-KCAA while Sims and Skillen received second-team All-KCAA honors.

In its first full season playing 11-man, the Sunrise football team finished 7-3 and set five state passing records. Junior quarterback Zach Howell broke the single-season passing record with 4,208 yards and the single-game passing record with 627 passing yards and he tied for the state's single-game touchdown passing record with eight.

Senior wide receiver Bo Westerfield set a single-season reception record with 98 catches and senior wide receiver Prestyn Atherton broke the single-season record for receiving yards with 1,548.

— The Breeze staff

'Modern and Modest'



Courtesy photos

Members of the Challenge Catholic Girls' Club model outfits during the "Modern and Modest" Fashion Show Nov. 6.

Resurrection hosts fashion show

By The Breeze staff

Bel Aire's Church of the Resurrection hosted a "Modern and Modest" Fashion Show Nov. 6. The event, put on by the Challenge Catholic Girls' Club, featured eleven Challenge girls from Bishop Carroll and Kapaun Mount Carmel High Schools, modeling outfits "that displayed modesty with flair for church, party and school dances and fall fun."

Challenge is a national Catholic Girls' club where members "can grow in virtue, friendship and their Catholic faith."

The guest speaker at the fashion show was former fashion model and current teacher at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Liz Schmitz. The show also included a song written and performed by Challenge member Molly Schmitz called "Stay Beautiful."



Challenge member Molly Schmitz sings a song she wrote, "Stay Beautiful," during the fashion show at Church of the Resurrection.

Lasher recognized as honorary commander

By Matt Heilman

Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher was honored as an honorary commander during a Nov. 5 luncheon at McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita. Lasher was one of seven citizens honored by the 931st Air Refueling Group.

The program gave Lasher the chance to see how the Air Force base operates and get to know the men and women who work at the base and what their roles are at McConnell.

As part of being recognized as an honorary commander, Lasher received a command pin.

He said he read about the honorary commander program in a news article and was immediately interested. He called McConnell to inquire about the program.

"It's a way that they try to be a part of the communi-



Courtesy photo

Chief Master Sgt. Kathy Lowman presents a commander's insignia pin to Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher.

ties here," Lasher said. "They reach out to the communities and get to know people in the communities."

He submitted his resume to be considered an honorary commander and was one of seven chosen to the program. He said he'd hold the honor-

ary commander position for two years and is looking forward to learning more about McConnell.

"I've never served in the military before, but obviously, I have a great deal of respect for those who serve in the military," Lasher said.

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Carolina-based Tindall Corporation manufactures concrete bases for wind turbines on about 100 acres.

Establishing the right identity for Bel Aire's park hopes to someday attract similar growth that could result in job creation.

"You don't want to waste your resources on industries that don't fit," Best said.

Once the plan reveals an idea of what types of industries could be best suited for the acreage, marketing can begin with a name and brand for the industrial park.

After a master plan is complete for the industrial park, there will be enough flexibility for changes to be made before

a final plat is complete and construction begins, Best said.

Council member Dave Sly said a key advantage to industrial development is that it doesn't rely as heavily on residential growth as commercial development.

Lasher said he saw industrial development plans as an important team-building project for the city. He also reported that paving planned on 53rd and 45th between Webb and Greenwich is still on Sedgwick County's list of capital improvement projects.

To this point, the council hasn't taken any binding action on the master plan for the city's industrial park. Best and Lackey gave a presentation on how to execute a plan Nov. 1, but the council has not yet hired any consultants for the project.

On Nov. 15, Greg Alison and Jason Gish with Wichita-based MKEC gave a similar presentation.

Gish, a 13-year Bel Aire resident, said one advantage of the property is its potential for a variety of industries. He said the first step in deciding the best fit will be to look at industries already established in the area and get feedback from city leaders on what they'd like to see.

For now, there's nothing but open space and a rail line waiting for future use. KMEC has experience working with a vari-

ety of developments, including residential, commercial and industrial properties.

The company, which started as a small civil engineering firm and now employs more than 150 people, has helped with the development of the Comotara and Greenwich Business Parks in Wichita, the Kansas Star Casino in Mulvane and several other projects in Kansas and other states.

To highlight KMEC's efficiency, Gist said the company started developing a plan for Kansas Star last December and

dirt started moving in March.

Both presentations outlined a similar goal to attract investors and developers, though Best and Lackey represented separate companies working together.

After the presentation from Alison and Gish, Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher announced that the city has applied for

a grant to receive up to \$2.7 million in federal funds to go toward infrastructure improvements in the industrial park. This could include adding a rail spur and making road improvements. He didn't have a timeline on when the city would know if there will be any money rewarded for the project.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Midwest quakes common, yet rarely felt

By Matt Heilman

Every morning, Stucky seventh-grade students in Aaron Kealey's science class take a look at a computer monitor to see if there are any significant spikes on an otherwise flat, horizontal line.

Kealey, a Bel Aire resident who teaches and coaches Stucky's Science Olympiad, has used a piece of equipment he obtained about five years ago to further lessons in geology, explaining how seismic activity occurs and how to detect where and when earthquakes happen.

The piece of equipment is an AS-1 Seismometer, and it's getting a lot of attention these days.

The seismometer consists of a magnet suspended by a spring from a boom. When the ground vibrates, the boom moves and the spring stretches.

The motion causes a small electric current that is registered on a seismogram that looks similar to results from a lie detector test. Vibrations are electronically recorded on a computer.

"Some guy, just called an amateur seismologist, invented that thing," Kealey said.

At Stucky, several students embrace science and are eager to learn, Kealey said, but recently more of them are paying attention to the monitor in the back of his classroom.

Since most of the students felt a shake last month, Kealey's students have become increasingly interested in earthquake science.

When windows, pictures and furniture shook in the Wichita area Nov. 6, it naturally caught a lot of people off guard. In the middle of the state a couple thousand miles from where earthquakes are supposed to happen, those who felt the shake were left scratching their heads.

Facebook and Twitter exploded with reactions heralding the Apocalypse or questioning what had just happened.

We learned there was an earthquake in Oklahoma, about 50 miles northeast of Oklahoma City. The quake measured 5.6 on the Richter scale that measures an earthquake's magnitude on a scale of 1 to 10.

An encore of the shaking Nov. 8 was likely a violent aftershock following the Nov. 6 earthquake, Kealey said. Though a rare occurrence, Kealey sought to reassure his students that the quake didn't signal immediate danger and wasn't an ominous warning.

He explained some basics about earthquakes and offered some insight into how a region



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Stucky Middle School teacher Aaron Kealey discusses the seismometer in his classroom.

called "Tornado Alley" could experience one.

Under the ground, there are tectonic plates, or pieces of large rock that make up Earth's foundation. These plates are constantly moving, it's just that most of the time we don't feel it, Kealey explained.

"Tectonic plates are moving, and they're all moving different ways," Kealey said. "Some slide back and forth, some slide side-to-side and some fall apart. What happened in Oklahoma, they theorize, is that it's just a crack in the middle of the plate."

Earthquakes can be expected along the infamous San Andreas Fault in California where the massive Pacific Plate meets the North American Plate. But the ground beneath us is supposed to be more stable in the heart of the country.

When asked to give an elementary school explanation about how an Oklahoma earthquake might have happened, Kealey used a rubber band analogy.

Geologists believe the Nov. 6 earthquake likely occurred along a fault between Oklahoma City and Tulsa at a point where large chunks of rock from the earth's crust slide horizontally past each other. The crack in the large volume of moving rock likely resulted from what's called "friction lock," Kealey said.

"They say the plates are kind of like rubber. Like a rubber band, when you snap it, it goes back to where it was," he said.

He explained that a plate can "lock up" because the rock movement isn't smooth along fault lines.

"There's lots of friction like sandpaper," Kealey said. "And they say that when it builds up over time, (rock) breaks free and that's when you feel the shaking."

The aftershock some of us felt was likely the result of a

well rounded.

Kealey said Stucky's administration has been supportive of the school's extracurricular activities beyond athletics. Awards for Stucky's achievements in the Team America Rocketry Challenge are displayed equally as the school's sports trophies.

Kealey obtained his seis-

mometer from an instructor at Kansas Wesleyan University and learned how to use it at a conference in Texas hosted by the Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology (IRIS), sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

While seismic activity is difficult to predict, Kealey indicated it's unlikely we'll

feel another earthquake in the next few years. Before Nov. 6, the last Oklahoma earthquake that shook Kansas occurred more than 50 years ago.

"It'll be a while before another large one, but there are other little ones that occur in Oklahoma all the time," Kealey said.

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