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Matt Heilman

Students from Wichita's Isley Traditional Magnet Elementary School enjoy their Field Day at the Bel Aire Rec Center May 13. Isley, which has several students from Bel Aire, used the rec center because construction of a new school building limited Isley's playground space.

Rec center sees increased usage, continued support

By Matt Heilman

About this time last year, the Bel Aire rec center's future was in doubt. Under heavy land debt, the city had to cut expenses and nothing was safe.

As the deadline to finalize a 2011 budget approached late last summer, residents began to fear they could lose their rec center.

A group of supporters from the community, led by rec center volunteer Scott Schul, filled an August council meeting with signs and pleas to keep the rec center open. A council that has emphasized the importance of listening to residents backed up its talk by finding a way to manage debt for another year without closing the rec center.

"There was some unrest among staff, I'm not gonna lie to ya," rec center director Brian Hayes said last August.

Fast-forward 10 months. Participation at the rec center has increased, while Hayes continues to make do with a small staff. Besides Hayes, Adam Glendening is the only full-time employee.

Hayes, Glendening and a small part-time staff handle all of the maintenance on the main building as well as the fields.

The part-time help consists of three front-desk workers and Wichita State University senior Drew Conwell, who has stepped up with everything from mowing to umpiring baseball and T-ball games as part of an internship with the center.

"There isn't much I haven't done here," Conwell said.

Conwell said he might be interested in operating a rec center full-time someday.

"He's learning a lot about how a small rec center operates," Hayes said, "because he's doing a little bit of everything."

Hayes attributes the efficiency of his staff for keeping the rec center popular for residents, as well as a few non-residents.

"Participation is up, pretty much across the board, especially in youth sports," Hayes said.

"Since baseball last summer, every youth sport, we've seen increases. We're looking right now at least matching the numbers we had last year in baseball. Facility use is up

a little and we're seeing more non-residents."

As a way to bring in more funds to the center, Hayes said he's allowed non-resident memberships this year. On the horizon, more difficult decisions are likely going to have to be made to get through the next budget process.

Whether the rec center will be affected in the 2012 budget has yet to be determined. For now, Hayes and his staff keep doing what they can to stabilize or increase participation at the rec center. A lot of their work goes unnoticed.

"People don't see the inner workings, but they see the end result," Hayes said.

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In recognition of its 30th anniversary, the City of Bel Aire unveiled a monument and buried a time capsule on a median just east of City Hall.

City buries capsule in recognition of 30 years

By Matt Heilman

The City of Bel Aire celebrated its 30th birthday in November and had a birthday party a few weeks before Christmas. Former mayors, council members, city staff and residents joined the city's current leadership in the celebration that featured posters, books and a video of Bel Aire's history, along with live music, refreshments and Bel Aire memorabilia, including hats, T-shirts and mugs.

The celebration also included a project where residents could purchase commemorative bricks engraved with their names to be stacked at the base of a monument that stands on a median east of City Hall. On Arbor Day, April 30, the unveiling of the artwork was accompanied by the burial of a time capsule and a tree dedication.

Items buried in the 30th-anniversary time capsule included a Bel Aire Police Department badge, several pictures, a map of the city, medals from the Bel Aire rec center, business cards, 30th anniversary coins, the guestbook from the December celebration, a cookbook from the city's senior center, a coffee cup with the city's logo, DVDs, CDs and a few editions of The Bel Aire Breeze.

The Bel Aire tree board dedicated a tree to long-time city employee Betty Martine, who served as Bel Aire's utility clerk for nearly 28 years before retiring in January.

Positive signs in housing spur extension of incentives

By Matt Heilman

With indicators of improvement in the housing market, the Bel Aire City Council unanimously agreed to extend a marketing incentive for the Central Park development, which includes four phases as well as the campus for Bel Aire City Hall and the city's police department.

A recent sale in Central Park with another potential sale in the neighboring, higher end Elk Creek addition has given the council confidence to continue incentives to see how much more attention they can grab from potential homebuyers.

"We're starting to see some positive signs," Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher said. "New home sales are up."

On March 15, the council approved a special marketing incentive that includes a promotion to provide free water and sewer service to new homeowners in Central Park for up to six months, or a maximum of \$2,000.

The incentive was offered for homes sold through May before the council agreed to extend the deadline four months. They also agreed to extend the incentive to Elk Creek. Lasher said the council could look at whether they'll wish to continue the marketing incentive during the fall parade of homes.

Bel Aire council hears plans for collaborative grant with Kechi

By Matt Heilman

Earlier this month, the Bel Aire City Council heard that a collaborative grant-seeking effort with its neighbor to the north was a success. The cities of Bel Aire and Kechi won a \$30,000 grant through the Kansas Department of Commerce that is meant to spot areas where the cities can maximize efficiencies by finding where they can pool resources and services while maintaining their own identities.

The grant involves the hiring of a third-party consultant from outside the cities, which is responsible for studying Kechi

and Bel Aire individually and returning to each city's council with recommendations on where resources can be pooled and ultimately, where money can be saved.

The grant pays the consultant \$25,000 with Bel Aire and Kechi splitting a \$5,000 charge, or a 20 percent match on the consulting fee.

On May 17, a representative of that consultant, Professional Engineering Consultants (PEC), visited the Bel Aire Council to discuss the process moving forward with the grant, called the Community Capacity Building Grant.

PEC representative Scott Dunakey

began his presentation to the Bel Aire council by pointing out that each city is happy with its own identity and character, but in the face of a trying economy, was wise to take advantage of the opportunity to stretch tax dollars and maximize efficiencies.

Over the last few months since each city council approved seeking the grant, Kechi City Administrator Mark Tallman and Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher have discussed where the neighbors could benefit with collaboration, especially along

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Better without bin Laden

The long-bearded lunatic was shot in the head and now he's shark bait. Nearly 10 years after his terrorist organization conducted a devastating attack on American soil, Osama bin Laden is dead.

How should we feel?

Many Americans felt a sense of patriotism after hearing the May 1 news that public enemy No. 1 had been killed. Others saw the news as a hollow victory since nearly a decade had passed since the Sept. 11 attacks and wondered if bin Laden was still a threat.

And a few extreme conspiracy theorists believe that bin Laden wasn't really killed and we can't trust our own government and national media to give us accurate information.

I look at it from an elementary point of view, a bad man is gone and the world is better off without him in it.

I'm not going to break this thing down politically and dwell on foreign policy and military strategy I don't know very much about.

All I know is a group of brave U.S. troops carried out their mission and shot the coward who used women as human shields during a firefight outside an ex-



Heil on life

By Matt Heilman

pensive condo in the heart of Pakistan.

Regardless of what you think about Barack Obama as a president, he deserves some credit here for making the executive decision to carry out the mission the way it was done.

The ground attack assured that bin Laden wouldn't escape and that more fanatical psychopaths couldn't get to his body and use his burial site as a shrine representative of pure evil disguised as heroism.

Bin Laden was a sack of crap whose hatred was for fellow Muslims and non-Muslims alike. I understand the concerns associated with retaliation threats from the most backwards, brainwashed people on the globe, but I don't see how any rational thinker with an ounce of human

decency wouldn't be glad bin Laden is dead.

He was spoiled, rich, manipulative and narcissistic and the world is a better place without him. He was the opposite of everything right with the world.

He despised the good things in life that we take for granted everyday. Bin Laden hated freedom and equality.

I'm sure he hated baseball, barbecues and birthday parties too. He'd hate our communities in north Sedgwick County. He'd hate the fact that we have several churches that preach messages of peace. He'd hate it that we have non-segregated school systems and even let girls compete in sports.

He's be seething if he could see some of our local businesses doing well despite his hopes to bankrupt America forever.

I don't think it's my place to judge where bin Laden will spend eternity.

I will say, that in the opinion of most Americans, he's in a place he hates worse than he'd hate our cities.

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We're sure graduates will make us proud

Hundreds of high school students from north Sedgwick County began a new phase of their lives last month. We're excited to wish them well as they begin to achieve some of the goals they set for themselves.

Some will enter the workforce. Many have one last "free" summer before they start another educational career at colleges and universities.

Many others will leave the area to pursue their educations or careers. When they do, we hope they will always remember where they came from. As a community, we enjoy when young people leave to experience the world, gain knowledge for their futures and then apply right here in their hometown what they've seen and heard. We'd like to see some of them return to teach young people some day. We'd like to see some of them return to run businesses. We'd like for them to have a sense of ownership in the futures of the school systems and cities that gave them their starts.

As a community newspaper, we have enjoyed chronicling their young lives, highlighting their accomplishments in the classrooms, in the auditoriums, in the gyms and on the fields.

It's been a pleasure watching them grow.

So, we say congratulations to all the graduates.

We also thank the parents who have dedicated years of hard work, love and patience to their children. It's a bittersweet moment for many as they watch their sons and daughters take a giant step into adulthood.

It wouldn't be right if we didn't acknowledge the teachers, coaches, administrators and other school workers who were part of these students' education over the years. While many taught students how to read and write, we realize the education of young people extends beyond the four walls of a classroom. Some of the most powerful lessons aren't written in a textbook. From the examples adults set in their own lives, students learn self-discipline, manners, dedication and hard work.

We hope the education they received has fueled their desires to become more than just innocent bystanders in the "real world." We hope these young men and women will feed their passion to be involved.

At the same time, we hope that all of them have learned at least one thing from their high school experience: Education was important to their parents and teachers.

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Bel Aire resident completes water-saving project in East Willowpoint front yard

By Matt Heilman

Last month, Bel Aire resident Keith Ehrlich discussed his plans to save on his monthly water bill at his residence in the 4900 block of East Willowpoint Court. In May, landscapers were busy putting in plants that can grow and flourish with less than 12 inches of water per year.

There is no trace of grass in Ehrlich's front yard, which manages to stay aesthetically pleasing with flowers and other plants growing out of what looks like light brown mulch.

In the backyard, Ehrlich said he planned to grow buffalo grass, which requires much less mowing than most grasses and also less water.

The process of landscaping with plants that require little or no water is called "xeriscaping." When Ehrlich first discussed his plans last month, The Breeze mistakenly called the process "zeroscaping," thinking the number zero was part of the title.

Xeriscaping is complete in



Ehrlich's front yard where last month, he said he "theoretically" might not have to water ever again.

Ehrlich said he anticipated seeing a return on his xeriscaping investment in the next four to five years.

Currently in Bel Aire, water rates are higher than most cities due in large part to its partnership with Park City in the Chisholm Creek Utility Authority, where the cities get much of their water.

Bel Aire currently has a base rate of \$22 for residential users. Residents who use between zero and 3,000 gallons in a month pay \$2.53 per thousand gallons used, \$3.48 per thousand gallons for 3,000 to 6,000 gallons used, \$3.80 per thousand gallons for 6,000 to 12,000 gallons used, \$3.91 per thousand gallons for 12,000 to 17,000 gallons used, \$3.99 per thousand gallons for 17,000 to 25,000 gallons used and \$4.04 per

Bel Aire resident Keith Ehrlich recently completed a landscaping project on his front yard called "xeriscaping." The process includes landscaping with plants that require little or no water. Ehrlich said he'd see a return on the investment for the project within a few years.

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thousand gallons for 25,000 gallons or more used in a month.

Bel Aire's commercial water rates are a little higher with a \$32 base rate and an average of about 30 cents more per thousand gallons used.

In neighborhoods where proper lawn care is expected, water bills can add up quickly. Ehrlich said the soon-to-be "no water operation" on his property meets the aesthetic standard of his neighborhood.

"I think it looks pretty good," he said. "I think the neighbors are pleased."

Wings soccer soars back into Park City

By Matt Heilman

A decade was long enough. Ten years after disbanding, the Wichita Wings are back. And for those who didn't know that professional indoor soccer has returned to the area, the announcement was made loud and clear at a May 16 media event where fans gathered at Park City's Hartman Arena to see the new logo for the rebirth of the Wings, buy season tickets and memorabilia and see who will coach the team when it begins play in the Major Indoor Soccer League in November.

The man picked to guide the resurgence of the Wings is LeBaron Hollimon, a former player who suited up for the Wings from 1992 to 1999 during his 10-year professional career.

After his playing days ended in 2001, Hollimon became a middle school science teacher and continued to coach youth club teams. For the last three years, Hollimon has served as the assistant principal at Mead Middle School in Wichita.

He said he got the call, offering him the head coaching position with the Wings on May 10. Hollimon said he grew up with the Wings, starting as a ball boy for the club when he was a child. His mother was one of the original members of the Wings dance team called "The Angels."

The new head coach said he was excited to play a key role in the franchise's revitalization, but had a few things to consider



Former Wichita Wings player and appointed coach of the new Wings franchise, LeBaron Hollimon greets fans May 16 as he's introduced at Hartman Arena.

before he made the commitment.

"I had to look at the contract obviously, because I was in a very stable situation," Hol-

limon said. "I was the assistant principal in a wonderful school district."

After deciding the move to full-time coaching would work



Wichita Wings owner Wink Hartman, General Manager John Blazek and former Wings Coach Roy Turner take part in a May 16 event at Hartman Arena to introduce the new version of the Major Indoor Soccer League team to the media and fans.

for his wife and three children, Hollimon took the reigns. So far, he said he hasn't had time to form his roster, but when the group does come together, Hollimon said he'll guide a team that should be expected to contend for championships.

Building up to the return of the Wings, team owner Wink Hartman said he consulted former Wings coach Roy Turner when he started hearing buzz from fans interested in seeing indoor soccer returned to the

Wichita area.

"After I talked to Roy, I decided it was something that I really wanted to do," Hartman said.

He said the success of his indoor pro football team, the Wichita Wild, gave him confidence in moving forward with revitalizing the Wings, with everything in place, including a loyal fan base.

Hartman said the same medical and organizational staff and management that works

for the Wild, will also run the Wings' franchise.

"That was a very big part of the puzzle," Hartman said.

To this point, just about everything is in place for the Wings except for the roster that will sport the new logo on their jerseys. On hand to witness the introduction of phase 2 of the Wichita Wings were long-time indoor soccer fans, Wanda and Mike Flynn, of Wichita.

The couple said they purchased Wings season tickets during the original franchise's second season in 1979. For more than 20 years, the Flynns attended most of the home games that were played at the Kansas Coliseum.

On May 16, the couple sported bright orange Wings attire they used to wear to the games. Wanda Flynn said she was drawn to soccer because her kids played and eventually became a loyal supporter of the indoor game and the Wichita franchise that drew large crowds for most of two decades until popularity dwindled in the late 1990s.

Wanda said she was glad the new version of the Wings is keeping the same name with a familiar face as its head coach.

"I think it's great," she said. "I'd like to have even kept the same logo, but I guess you can't do that."

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NOTES FROM CITY HALL

Bel Aire Annual City Wide Garage Sale Thursday – Saturday June 9-11, 2011 No Permit Required Questions? Call City Hall at (316) 744-2451	Bel Aire Community Wide Blood Drive Friday June 10, 2011 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Bel Aire Community Room at City Hall	7651 E. Central Park Ave. Contact Rick Eberhard, Senior Center Director (316) 744-2451 Ext. 121
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Bel Aire Recreation

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

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

X-BOX CONNECT

A new X-Box Connect gaming system is now available for use at the Rec Center thanks to donations from the Bel Aire Lions Club, Sam's Club, and the Bel Aire Senior Center. The virtual video game is available during scheduled times for members and day fee users.

MARVELOUS MODELS

This beginner class will focus on how to model your own clothes and walk the "runway," with an emphasis on self-confidence and having fun! The class will be for ages 5-10 and meet from 6:00 – 7:00 pm beginning on Tuesday, June 7th. On the last day of class, August 2nd, there will be a mini fashion show for parents, grandparents, friends, and family to come and enjoy.

FISHING CLINIC

On Tuesday, June 14th from 9:00 – 11:00 am the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks will conduct a free Fishing Clinic at Bel Aire's Alley Park. Topics introduced include: safety, fish identification, baiting a hook, hooking a fish, reeling and handling a fish. Fishing equipment will be provided. Parents are encouraged to assist their children. Space is limited, pre-registration is required.

HORSEBACK RIDING at Singletree Stables (2100 E. 45th St. N.)

Participants will experience the basics of horsemanship including horse care, grooming, tacking up, and riding. Parents are welcome to observe. This year we are going to have five sessions in the month of June instead of one a month. The classes will be on Thursdays from 1:00 – 2:30 beginning June 2nd and running through June 30th. The registration deadline is Friday, May 27th.

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. Our first summer camp will be for boys and girls ages 5-12 from 1:00-5:00 pm on June 13-June 16. The fee for this camp is \$60.

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 and Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 pm. You can join at any time! New spots have opened and the class will move to the gym beginning May 2nd.

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.

Central Park Swimming Pool

7350 E. Central Park Ave. 744-7331

FEE INFORMATION Summer Passes Individual (ages 12 and over) \$100 yr Family (2 adults & dependent children residing in the home) \$150 yr Daily Fees Under age 12 (must be accompanied by an adult) \$2/day Over age 12 \$3/day	WEEKENDS Saturday & Sunday Pool Hours 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. POOL HOURS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE	Non-Members — \$37.50/session
POOL RENTALS Have your next party at the pool! Rental packages are available after normal business hours. Rentals are subject to availability. Up to 25 patrons — \$40/hr Over 25* patrons — \$60/hour *Limit of 50 patrons	GROUP SWIMMING LESSONS Members — \$30/session	MORNING SESSIONS Session Dates: 6/13-6/24, 7/5-7/15, & 7/18-7/29 Times: 11 - 11:45 a.m. & 12 - 12:45 p.m.
		EVENING SESSIONS Session Dates: 6/13-6/24, 7/5-7/15, & 7/18-7/29 Time: 7 - 7:45 p.m.
		PRIVATE SWIMMING LESSONS Private swimming lessons are available by appointment and are subject to availability.

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
- NEW Dances 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month with Kenny Pruitt Band for information call 755-9849

- June 7, 8:30 AM — Breakfast at Cracker Barrel
- June 9, 10 & 11th — Senior Garage Sale
- June 13, 10:00 AM — Board Meeting
- 11:30 AM — Lunch at Applebees in Park City
- June 15, 10:00 AM — Men's Coffee at Braums
- June 15, 2:00 PM — Ladies Tea/Coffee at Braums
- June 27, 6:00 PM — Covered Dish Dinner
Hosts: Lynda & Harley Newland
Program: "Little" Donnie Do-Dad

Just a reminder to start saving for the annual senior garage sale

- DAY TRIP — JUNE 10, 2011**
Bus trip to Abilene, Kansas
Ride on the Abilene & Smoky Valley Railroad
Lunch at the Kirby House
Stop at Russell Stover Candies
Tour the Smoky Hill Vineyards & Winery
Tour Prairie Lavender Farm
Price includes transportation & all admissions & lunch \$65.00 per person
Reservations & payment need to be made by May 27th
Call Vicki at 744-1199 for reservations
Bus departs from Maize at 7:00 AM
Bus departs from Park City at 7:30 AM

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

City of Bel Aire Music & Moonlight

Join us June 18th for a special Bel Aire event!

LIVE MUSIC & TALENT CONTEST 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.
FREE ADMISSION!



We need YOUR musical talent to complete this perfect evening!

Sign up at City Hall,
7651 E Central Park Ave.
June 18th
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (?)

- Live from the City Hall Lawn
- Free Ice Cream
- Bel Aire Musical Talent Show
- Performances by Boeing Jazz Band, Wichita Community Concert Band, and Elvis
- Food and soda available for purchase
- BYOC (Bring Your Own Chair)

Thanks to Our Event Sponsors!

Chisholm Trail State Bank
Bel Aire Area Chamber of Commerce

For more information, call (316) 744-2451

Personal/Band Contact Information		Equipment Needed:	
Contact Name: _____	_____	Microphone(s):	Qty: _____
Age: _____	Phone: _____	Vocal	Qty: _____
E-Mail: _____	_____	Instrumental	Qty: _____
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Performing (song title): _____	_____	CD Player	Yes No
		Cassette Player	Yes No
		Electrical Cord	Yes No
		Other: _____	
Mail or Bring this form to: City of Bel Aire ATTN: Music & Moonlight 7651 E. Central Park Ave Bel Aire, KS 67226		TALENT SHOW	

Bel Aire Senior Center

All events are held at the Bel Aire Senior Center, 7651 E. Central Park Ave., unless otherwise noted and are for ALL SENIORS living in or near Bel Aire.

The center is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and has library books to check out, places to study or do research and computers for use.

For more information about the center and its activities, contact Rick Eberhard, Senior Director, at either 744-2451, extension 121, or reberhard@belaireks.gov. Beginning Jan. 1, Officer hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday (Excluding holidays, special events or senior-related meetings.) Any senior can belong to or attend more than one senior center/club in Sedgwick County

- Sr. Breakfasts Friday, 9 a.m. except on Breakfast & Learn Days, McDonalds 3527 N. Rock Rd. Buy your own breakfast.
- Men's Fellowship Coffee Every Monday, 10 a.m., Bel Aire Sr. Center, all men over 55 invited
- Bridge Every Tuesday, 1 p.m.
- Aerobics NEW TIME Every Wednesday, 9 a.m.
- Oil Painting Classes Every Thursday, 1-4 p.m., Cost

The Jewelry Class will be on vacation during the month of June so no classes are scheduled this month.

- June 6 @ 6:30 PM — Senior Center Potluck Dinner (bring a large covered food dish to share); short business meeting at 7:15 PM; Special Speaker @ 7:35 PM – Schance Anderson, Curator from the Sedgwick County Zoo discussing "What's New at the Sedgwick County Zoo?" Area seniors and the public are always invited.
- June 8 @ 6:30 PM — Senior Center Advisory Board Meeting in the Senior Center.
- June 10 @ 12 noon to 7 PM — Bel Aire Community Wide Blood Drive in the Community Room @ City Hall 7651 E. Central Park Ave. Call 744-2451 Ext. 121 to schedule your appointment. (See separate NEWS RELEASE?)
- June 10 @ 7 PM — Senior Fun Night – bring our favorite card/board games to play and a snack or finger food to share with others.
- June 11 — Bel Aire Garage Sale Day (citywide); Senior Red Hats Meeting Call 744-0217 for details.
- June 13 @ 7 PM — Central Park HOA Board Meeting.
- June 15 @ 10 AM — Computer Class with Brian Tracy in Senior Center – will hear new information on Backing Up Computers, Using Flash Drives, Info on Virus and Malware issues, DVD and CD Archiving, attend this meeting and find out how to get complimentary Diagnosis on your home PC.
- June 17 — Senior Director Out of Office.
- June 18 — Bel Aire Music and Moonlight Event; NO Single Seniors Meeting today.
- June 19 — Celebrate Father's Day 2011.
- June 20 — Senior Director Out of Office.
- June 21 — Positive Aging Workshop/Protect your Health, Wealth and Self @ Sedgwick Co. Extension Education Center 8:00 AM, register by June 17th @ 316.660.0127, \$10.00 per person, This event was formerly known as Senior Law Day.
- June 22 @ 7 PM — Senior Bunko Games @ Senior Center.
- June 24 @ 6 PM — Light Senior Fellowship dinner (contact Sr. Director for details); Senior Pitch Games @ 7 PM @ Senior Center.
- June 25 @ 6 PM — Dinner with Friends @ Stroud's Restaurant @ 3661 North Hillside in Wichita. RSVP by Wednesday, June 22nd to Sr. Director's Office.
- June 27 @ 7 PM — Bel Aire Tree Advisory Board Meeting.
- June 28 @ 10 AM — TOPS Club Meeting with Guest Speaker Marilyn Sharp discussing "Sugar Substitutes". Public and members welcomed.
- June 28 @ 11 AM — Celebrate "2011 Elder Abuse Awareness Day @ Botanica, The Wichita Gardens" @ 701 N. Amidon. Go Help Celebrate the 6th Annual Elder Abuse Awareness Day and show the world you care about ending elder abuse and neglect by wearing something purple. The featured speaker will be Larry Hatteberg of KAKE TV. Event includes a FREE Senior Fair and balloon launch. Drop by and visit the Bel Aire Senior Center booth.

SPECIAL EVENT IN JULY: Be sure to mark your calendar for the special "Senior Intergenerational Summer Family Picnic" coming up on Monday, July 11th. It will be held at the Horseshoe Shelter at the Sedgwick County Park @ 6501 W. 21ST St. North.

Be watching for more details and sign up today for weekly electronic news and events by contacting Sr. Director Rick Eberhard @ reberhard@belaireks.gov

POLICE REPORTS

May 24 — Officer Brandewiede responded to the report of a telephone scam in the 4000 block of North Oliver.

May 23 — Officer McGuire arrested Jason L. Hawk on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia at 9800 E. 53rd North.

May 23 — Lt. Spencer responded to a non-injury vehicle accident at Oliver and Willow Point.

May 23 — Officer Steele assisted Wichita police in the 3900 block of North Auburn with a fraud report. Wichita police took the report because the fraud took place in Wichita.

May 23 — Officer Steele conducted a traffic stop at 5800 E. 37th North.

May 22 — Officer McGuire responded to the report of disorderly conduct in the 4900 block of North Homestead. Someone threw eggs at a residence.

May 22 — Officer McGuire arrested Stephen Nelson on charges of driving with a suspended license, illegal tag and no proof of insurance and on a Sedgwick County bench warrant.

May 22 — Officer McGuire assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office in the 9100 block of East 77th North with an audible alarm.

May 22 — Officer Hutton assisted EMS in the 4000 block of North Gunison.

May 21 — Officer McGuire arrested Stephen R. Atterberry on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 3800 block of North Oliver.

May 21 — Officer Brandewiede conducted a traffic stop in the 4200 block of North Woodlawn. Angela Lynne Trimble-Stokes was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

May 21 — Officer McCaslin discovered a discarded mattress and bedspring at 9700 E. 53rd North while on patrol.

May 21 — Officer McCaslin responded to the report of a suspicious person at 5600 E. 41st North. Officer located the suspicious person and made contact with the calling party.

May 20 — Officer McGuire responded to the report of larceny in the 4100 block of North Edinburg Street. Someone entered vehicles parked in the driveway and on the street.

May 20 — Officer McGuire responded to the report of larceny in the 6200 block of East Quail Ridge Court. A laptop computer was taken out of vehicle parked in a driveway.

May 19 — Detective Pentecost responded to the report of fraud in the 5100 block of North Cambridge. Someone made two unauthorized purchases on a Master Card.

May 19 — Officer Hazelwood responded to an audible alarm in the 4700 block of North Webb Road. The alarm was false.

May 19 — Officer Foxx checked the welfare of a person in the 4800 block of North Harding.

May 19 — Officer Foxx responded to the report of a suspicious person in the 4900 block of North Woodlawn. The person was located and contacted and left the area.

May 19 — Lt. Griggs assisted a citizen with finding a family member in the 5100 block of North Remington.

May 18 — Detective Pentecost arrested Daniel L. Martin on a Bel Aire warrant at 7651 E. Central Park Ave.

May 18 — Officer Foxx responded to the request to remove an unwanted subject in the 6000 block of East Clarendon. Officer did not locate the subject.

May 18 — Officer Foxx assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office with attempting to contact a person at 6700 E. 45th North.

May 17 — Detective Pentecost responded to the report of disorderly conduct at 5500 E. 45th North. An ex-family member was being disorderly.

May 17 — Officer Hutton arrested Raisa Ginyard on a Bel Aire court

commitment.

May 17 — Lt. Griggs responded to the report of a strange noise in the 5100 block of North Remington. The area was checked and everything appeared to be OK.

May 17 — Officer Foxx assisted Sedgwick County Fire Department with a water main break in the 4200 block of North Auburn.

May 16 — Officer McGuire checked the welfare of a resident in the 4300 block of North Auburn. The resident was located at another location.

May 16 — Officer McGuire responded to the report of phone harassment in the 6100 block of Edinburg.

May 16 — Officer Brandewiede conducted a traffic stop in the 4800 block of North Hedgerow. Fredy Osman Escobar-Guerra was arrested on a charge of driving without a license.

May 16 — Officer Hutton assisted EMS in the 6800 block of East Summerside Place.

May 15 — Officers McCaslin and Hutton assisted Butler County Sheriff's Office at 53rd North and Webb. A vandalism occurred in Butler County, and subjects were stopped in Bel Aire.

May 14 — Officer Steele assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office and Wichita police by locating a suspect at 5400 E. 21st North.

May 13 — Detective Pentecost assisted EMS in the 5800 block of East Flagstaff.

May 13 — Officer Hutton responded to an audible burglary alarm in the 6300 block of East 37th North. The alarm was false.

May 13 — Officer Steele responded to an audible alarm in the 6300 block of East 37th North. The alarm was false.

May 13 — Officer Steele responded to the report of shots fired at 6900 E. Odessa. There was no sign of suspicious activity.

May 12 — Officer Swanson responded to the report of vandalism in the 5900 block of East 37th North. An automobile was vandalized.

May 12 — Officer Swanson assisted EMS at 4500 N. Woodlawn.

May 12 — Officer Swanson responded to a non-injury vehicle accident at 4400 N. Woodlawn.

May 11 — Detective Pentecost responded to the report of larceny in the 6500 block of East 45th North.

May 11 — Officer Swanson responded to the report of a child in need of care in the 4600 block of North Farmstead.

May 10 — Detective Pentecost took the report of a lost tag decal at 5910 E. 37th North.

May 10 — Officer Brandewiede responded to the report of a trash dump at 4049 N. Woodlawn Court.

May 10 — Detective Pentecost took the report of a city works employee finding a Kansas tag at 5300 N. Woodlawn. The owner of the tag was notified.

May 10 — Lt. Spencer responded to the report of vandalism in the 5900 block of Denise.

May 10 — Officer Hazelwood checked the welfare of a person at 6220 E. Woodlow.

May 10 — Officer Hazelwood took the report of indecent liberties with a child at an unknown location.

May 9 — Officer McGuire observed a vehicle make an improper turn and almost strike another vehicle at 3700 North Woodlawn. The driver complained of breathing problems. EMS was contacted and the subject was transported to the hospital.

May 9 — Detective Pentecost took the report of disorderly conduct by phone in the 5800 block of East Danbury. A person received multiple calls from card services.

May 9 — Officer McGuire responded to the report of an assault, criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct in the 6900 block of East Odessa Court. A juvenile was arrested.

May 9 — Officer Hutton took the report of a stolen license plate in the 5900 block of East 37th North.

May 8 — Officer Brandewiede arrested Marris Wildes on a charge of driving with a suspended license at 5500 E. 45th North.

May 8 — Officer Brandewiede conducted a traffic stop at 5000 E. 45th North. Krista A. Trail was arrested on a Sedgwick County warrant.

May 8 — Officer Brandewiede arrested Ronetta Ann Clements on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 6200 block of East 37th North.

May 8 — Officer McGuire was flagged down in the area of 45th North and Woodlawn and was informed of a missing stop sign in the area of Danbury and Janesville. While checking the area, officer found the missing stop sign and pole in the 6100 block of East Danbury. While checking the area, officer found the missing stop sign and pole in the 6100 block of East Danbury.

May 8 — Officer McCaslin arrested Robert A. Pennington on a Barton County District Court warrant in the 4300 block of North Mission.

May 7 — Officer McGuire responded to an alarm in the 6900 block of East Odessa. The alarm was false.

May 7 — Officer Brandewiede arrested Stephen R. Atterberry on charges of obstruction, driving with a suspended license, driving while a habitual violator, no driver's license in possession and no proof of insurance in the 3900 block of North Oliver.

May 7 — Officer Hutton assisted EMS in the 5800 block of East Flagstaff.

May 7 — Officer Foxx assisted Wichita police with a domestic violence disturbance in the 8700 block of East 44th North.

May 6 — Officer McGuire assisted a citizen in the 6700 block of East 45th North.

May 6 — Officer Foxx responded to an audible alarm in the 3800 block of North Hillcrest. The building was secure and the alarm was deemed false.

May 6 — Officer Steele responded to the report of a person with a flashlight in a yard in the 6000 block of East Clarendon Street. Officer did not locate the person.

May 6 — Officer Foxx conducted a traffic stop at 5800 E. 37th North. Citations were issued.

May 5 — Officer McGuire responded to an audible alarm in the 4200 block of North Westlake Drive. The alarm was false.

May 5 — Officer Hazelwood responded to a holdup alarm at 4500 N. Westlake Court. The alarm was false.

May 3 — Officer Hutton responded to the report of a burglary in the 4000 block of North Auburn. There were no signs of forced entry.

May 2 — Officer Brandewiede conducted a traffic stop at 6200 E. 37th North.

May 2 — Officer Brandewiede arrested Cynthia Grau on a charge of

driving with a suspended license at 6200 E. 37th North.

May 1 — Officer McGuire took a citizen complaint of a parking violation in the 4100 block of North Farmstead. Officer was unable to locate the vehicle's owner and the vehicle had a flat tire. The vehicle was towed.

May 1 — Officer Brandewiede arrested Sylvia Manuel on charges of driving with a suspended license and driving as a habitual offender in the 4800 block of East 37th North.

May 1 — Officer Brandewiede took the report of child abuse in the 5500 block of East 45th North. The criminal activity or signs of abuse were found.

May 1 — Officer Steele arrested Gracen E. Guice on charges of DUI, driving with a suspended license and transporting an open container in the 3800 block of North Woodlawn.

April 30 — Officer McGuire responded to the report of domestic violence in the 5900 block of East 45th North.

April 30 — Officer Steele took the report of arson in the 5900 block of East 45th North.

April 29 — Officer Hutton responded to the report of auto theft in the 6600 block of East Summerside Place.

April 29 — Lt. Spencer stood by in a civil matter in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn.

April 29 — Officer Hutton took the report of a stop sign blown over at 41st North and Edgemore.

April 29 — Lt. Spencer took the report of abuse in the 6800 block of Odessa.

April 29 — Officer Foxx arrested Nicholas A. Villalobos on charges of DUI and transporting an open container at 5900 E. 37th North.

April 28 — Officer McGuire arrested Joshua M. Halstead on a charge of possession of marijuana and a Bel Aire warrant in the 3400 block of Great Plains.

April 28 — Officer McGuire responded to the report of a motor vehicle accident at 5400 N. Oliver.

April 28 — Officer Hazelwood assisted Wichita police in the 3200 block of North Rock Road.

April 27 — Detective Pentecost took the report of larceny in the 4200 block of Eagle Lake Court.

April 26 — Detective Pentecost arrested Elreuc M. Nolan on charges of obstruction, driving with a suspended license and a domestic violence warrant at 3930 N. Oliver.

April 25 — Officer Brandewiede assisted EMS in the 4000 block of North Clarendon.

April 25 — Officer Brandewiede arrested Samantha Renee Trent on charges of driving with a suspended license, no proof of insurance and a City of Wichita warrant at 4400 N. Woodlawn.

April 25 — Officer Swanson took a report of threats in the 6500 block of East Odessa.

April 25 — Officer Hutton responded to the report of an assault in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn. The suspect left before the officer's arrival.

April 24 — Officer Brandewiede assisted Wichita police with an injury accident in the parking lot at 3707 N. Woodlawn.

April 24 — Officer Hutton arrested Fredrick Crabtree II on a City of Wichita warrant at 3500 N. Woodlawn.

April 23 — Officer Brandewiede took the report of larceny in the 4500 block of Eagle Lake Drive.

April 23 — Officer McGuire conducted a traffic stop at 5000 N. Woodlawn and issued traffic citations.

April 23 — Officer Steele conducted a traffic stop at 4300 N. Woodlawn and issued traffic citations.

April 23 — Officer Steele assisted Butler County Sheriff's Office at 3800 N. Hillcrest Street.

April 22 — Officer McGuire responded to the report of a verbal disturbance in a moving vehicle in the 6300 block of East 37th North.

April 22 — Lt. Spencer responded to an audible alarm in the 4200 block of Westlake Drive. The alarm was false.

April 21 — Officer McGuire conducted a traffic stop at 5900 E. 37th North and issued citations.

April 21 — Detective Pentecost responded to an audible alarm in the 4300 block of North Rushwood Court. The alarm was false.

April 21 — Officer Hazelwood

took a report of identity theft at 7651 E. Central Park.

April 21 — Officer Swanson assisted EMS in the 4200 block of North Janesville.

April 21 — Officer Steele assisted a citizen in the 5900 block of East Memphis.

April 19 — Detective Pentecost took a fraud report in the 5100 block of Willow Point.

April 19 — Officer Hazelwood checked for a suspicious person in the 600 block of East Rodeo Court. Officer located two people in the 6400 block of East Perryton. They were advised that they must have a city permit to go door to door.

April 19 — Officer Hutton arrested Robert Shaw on a court commitment at 7651 E. Central Park.

April 19 — Officer Swanson responded to the report of a suspicious person in the 4700 block of Glendale Street.

April 18 — Officer Toomey attempted to conduct a traffic stop at 5000 N. Webb. The driver fled the scene. The unoccupied vehicle was located on Sharon Lane in Wichita.

April 18 — Officer Toomey responded to a 911 hang-up call in the 4700 block of North Kruger. The residence was having phone problems.

April 17 — Officers McCaslin and Hutton assisted a citizen with removing a raccoon from a yard in the 6100 block of East Quail Ridge Court.

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HIGHLIGHTS Summer meal program offered PEOPLE

Bel Aire woman hurt in wreck

A Bel Aire woman was hurt in a five-car pileup on K-96 near I-135 May 17. The Kansas Highway Patrol said five vehicles were westbound on K-96 in the left lane approaching the I-135 interchange when the first two vehicles stopped because of heavy traffic, causing a chain reaction of wrecks.

Chenelle D. Summers, 30, of Bel Aire, was driving the fifth vehicle in the line, striking the rear of the fourth vehicle. Summers was taken to Galichia Medical Center with injuries.

— The Breeze staff

Cops crack down on copper thefts

Local law enforcement officials are hoping to reverse a recent spike in copper thefts. At a May 12 Kechi City Council meeting, Kechi Police Chief Steve Symonds said his department assisted the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department with a case of copper thefts near 77th North and Greenwich.

Symonds said sheriff's deputies made a few arrests, which seems to have curtailed the thefts.

"It was pretty heavily hit for about a two week time span," Symonds said of 77th North and Greenwich.

Symonds said the reason for a spike in copper thefts is economic with a current high price for copper. Thieves can get copper several ways, including from engines on oiltrigs or from communication wires, he said.

After stripping the copper, he said thieves often take the metal to recycling centers in exchange for cash.

"Any time the economy gets bad, people look for ways to steal things. Metal theft is nothing new," Symonds said.

— Matt Heilman

By The Breeze staff

Just as learning does not end when school lets out, neither does the need for good nutrition. Free breakfasts and lunches will be offered to children 18 years old and younger at 35 locations in the Wichita area

during the summer as part of the Summer Food Service Program. The program will be at Chisholm Trail Elementary in Park City from May 31 through July 29. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. Lunch will be from 11:30 to 12:15 p.m.

No meal reservations are required and there are no qualifying guidelines. Participants can go to the location serving breakfast and/or lunch and they will be accommodated. Breakfast will include milk, cereal/bread and milk. Lunch will consist of an entrée, fruit, vegetable and

milk. Adults can buy a meal for \$3.25. The Kansas State Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Agriculture sponsor the Summer Food Service Program, which has been administered by the Wichita public schools since 1982.



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National Honor Society

The Sunrise Christian Academy National Honor Society grew to 45 members this spring when 17 students were inducted during a ceremony at the school March 30. Dr. Carol Johnson of Bel Aire was the guest speaker. After the ceremony, there was a reception for students and their parents at Community Bible Chapel. Sunrise had its first National Honor Society induction in 2006.

DEATHS

RALPH AMEY

Ralph Clay Amey was born Feb. 25, 1955, in Coffeyville to Ralph L. and Rosanna L. Amey. He grew up in Wichita. He graduated from the University of Kansas in only three years, with a degree in Physics. He received a master's degree in physics from the University of Arizona. He worked at McDonnell-Douglas, Boeing, Allied Signal, Hughes, and then Raytheon. Survivors include his brothers, Alan of Bel Aire, Butch of Bel Aire, Virgil of

Cambridge, Kan.; sister, Carol Riegel of St. John; daughter, Susannah Ivester of Gardner; granddaughters, Anastasia, Aurora, and Isabel. A celebration of Ralph's life was held at Flandrau Planetarium in Tucson on May 8. Donations in Ralph's name can be made to the Flandrau Planetarium (520) 621-7827.

ANGIE BATSON
Batson (Pogue), Angie Marie (Pogue) Batson, 46, died May 15, 2011.

She was a homemaker and previous RN at Wesley. She was preceded in death by her mother Deanna Thomas in 2002. Survivors include her husband, Bret C.; sons and daughters-in-law, Seth and Emilee Belt, Jesse and Nicole Thomas in 2002. Survivors include her husband, Bret C.; sons and daughters-in-law, Adam and Stacey Pogue of Wichita, Burk and Callie Pogue of Bel Aire; sisters and brother-in-law, Julie Burrows, Connie

and Troy Campbell of Wichita; grandchild Aviana Belt; aunts, Nora Reed, Donna Paasch, Sandy Clements; uncle, Robert Clements; nephews and nieces Jared, Stephanie, Gage, Lexie, Brice, Alexis, Brooke and Harper. Viewing was May 18 at Resthaven Mortuary. Funeral service was May 19 at Family Church. Memorials in lieu of flowers may be sent to Girl Scouts Troops 959 and 549 or KSU Foundation for Basic Cancer Research.

Matthew D. Aelmore, son of Don and Dorothy Aelmore of Bel Aire, graduated with a master's degree in music composition from the Manhattan School of Music, New York City, on May 13. He is a 2005 graduate of Heights High School and 2009 Wichita State University graduate. He will be attending the University of Pennsylvania in the fall for his doctoral degree in music composition.

Ashlyn Hermann of Bel Aire is the recipient of one of nine Presidential Scholarships awarded by Ottawa University. As a Presidential Scholar, Hermann will receive a full tuition scholarship, as well as other benefits and honors, during her four-year educational tenure at OU, a value of at least \$80,000.



Hermann

More than 2,800 students are set to graduate from Kansas State University in ceremonies this spring. Candidates for graduation include Elizabeth Jean Erickson, of Bel Aire, bachelor of science in dietetics. More than 1100 students graduated during Pittsburg State University's 107th spring commencement exercises. Local graduates include Lauren A. Smith of Bel Aire, bachelor of science in education.

The names of more than 4,800 candidates for degrees at the University of Kansas this spring have been announced by the University Registrar. Local graduates include Joshua D. Arpin, Amanda Elizabeth Connolly and Sarah K. Miller, all of Bel Aire. Students attending area high schools and community colleges have been awarded scholarships by Washburn University. Rachel Proffitt from Bel Aire received a scholarship.

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran Church

Sunday service times are 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship and 9:45 a.m. Sunday School. 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.ksoxmail.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. Sherman A. Orr 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. Vacation Bible school will be held at the church from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. June 13 through June 17. This is for

children ages 4 through sixth grade. 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. Lead pastor is David Norman and associate 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 (1 block south and 1 block east of Hillside and 17th N.). Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m. which includes Children's Church. Sunday School begins at 9:30.

The church's 100th Anniversary of the Sanctuary with tours is from 2 to 4 p.m. June 12. Everyone is welcome. 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. Free coffee and donuts are available from 5:30 to 9 a.m. Thursdays. Senior day will be at 10 a.m. June 7. Confirmation class begins June 2 at 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

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.

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.

True Life Church

True Life Church meets at Circle Greenwich Elementary (just north of K-96 on Greenwich Road). Coffee, juice and donuts are served early Sundays. There are activities with the TLC Kids Zone from children from birth through fifth grade. True Life Church has gospel-centered contemporary music and biblical messages delivered by Norm Duncan. For more information,

call 978-9292 or visit www.experienceTLC.com.

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. Phil Shull is the pastor.

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Stucky students compete in national rocketry challenge

By Matt Heilman

A group of seven eighth-graders and a seventh-grader at Dean Ray Stucky Middle School near 45th North and Oliver saw about seven months worth of trial and error pay off with an invitation to a national competition against some of the sharpest middle school and high school minds in the country.

On May 12, two teams from Stucky competed at the national Team America Rocket Challenge in The Plains, Va. The contest allowed students to show off their engineering and mechanical prowess with the launching of model rockets they built themselves.

The rockets built to specific specs had to reach an altitude of 750 feet and takeoff and land within a small window of time.

"It has to come down to the ground in a time window from its first movement on the pad until it touches the ground in 40 to 45 seconds," Stucky Middle School physical science teacher and rocket challenge coach Callan Ammons said. "And it has to carry a raw egg for the entire flight and recover it unbroken."

A perfect performance that includes a launch of exactly 750 feet with a safe landing in 40 to 45 seconds with an intact egg would result in a score of zero.

Points are added with penalties assessed for going too far or too short of the required altitude or deviating from the time window. The national competition consisted of 100 teams, 96 of which were at the high school level, where most participants have already taken calculus and advanced physics courses.

To compete with some of the high school teams that include



Matt Heilman

Stucky Middle school students who took part in the National Team American Rocketry Challenge May 12 in The Plains, Va., are (from left) Leon Chau, Cierra Smallwood, Zach Pitcher, Mollina So, Angel Nguyen, Jovan Lawless, Ashley Darrow and (not pictured) Ian Meredith.

geniuses who have the potential to work for NASA in the next few years, Ammons emphasized the importance of trial and error with his younger group.

"We work backwards," Ammons said. "Their first design challenge was to calculate or figure out, from 750 feet, what decent rate they needed to come down at a certain number of feet per second."

The students utilized a design program to help them with their calculations, starting in October and concluding with the May 12 national Team America Rocketry Challenge.

"Our season actually started in October, but we didn't even launch a rocket in the air until March," Ammons said.

Two years ago, a team from Stucky finished 13th at the national Team America Rocketry Challenge and was No. 1 in the nation among middle schools. This year, the group faced difficulty trying to sustain the required altitude and finished in the bottom half of the 100-team field.

Although his group was hoping for a better performance, Ammons said it spoke well for his middle school students to qualify two teams for the select national competition, which is sponsored by the Aerospace Industries Association and the National Association of Rocketry and judged by NASA engineers.

Ammons' group started with

more than 20 members in the fall, but dwindled to eight when it was discovered that research and development took a lot more time than actual launches.

"The kids that want to see something built and blow up right away and don't get the immediate gratification, they find something else to do. They get bored with it," Ammons said.

Ammons said the five girls and three boys who competed brought different skill sets to the table. A few of them excel with numbers, while others, who don't do as well with math, contribute with mechanical know-how.

"You can have a Rhodes Scholar who can't change a tire," Ammons said.

eral clubs involved in academics and athletics.

Stucky principal Terrell Davis said he wants to encourage his students, regardless of what activities they're involved in, and hoped to see the rocketry teams continue to receive invitations to the annual national Team America Rocketry Challenge.

"We celebrate our kids' success, so if they make it, we try to give them the resources to go," he said.

Laughter group seeks members

The Park City Laughter Aerobics group is looking for new members.

The program is not humor-related, but was developed by a cardiologist emphasizing good quality breathing and deep aerobic belly laughter.

It benefits both physically and emotionally, organizers say — reducing stress and depressing, toning muscles and stimulating immune systems. The group meets from 8:15 to 8:30 a.m. Mondays through Fridays at the Park City Library. For more information, call 744-0981.

— The Breeze staff

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On May 13, the rec center hosted Field Day for Wichita's Isley Traditional Magnet Elementary School. The school, which includes several students who live in

Bel Aire, was allowed to use the rec center for Field Day for free while construction on a new building has limited its playground space.

Isley parent Nicki Ellison said her fourth-grade son Jordan has been active at the Bel Aire Rec Center for about six years, taking part in outdoor and indoor soccer, T-ball,

baseball and basketball.

"He's done everything since about age four," Ellison said of her son.

Ellison said the rec center's staff was accommodating and overall provided "a wonderful program" for the city.

Bel Aire resident and Isley fifth-grade teacher Darcie Rudd said her family has

utilized the rec center over the years and appreciated that her school was given approval to bus students a few miles northeast of Isley to take part in a day that most elementary students look forward to.

"This is just phenomenal that they would let us come here. Otherwise, we wouldn't have a field day," she said.

Grant

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the K-254 corridor where each city has a stake in development.

Dunakey pointed out that while Kechi and Bel Aire have the self-interest in an expanded tax base, the cities' collaborative marketing effort and a shared vision for K-254 development would ultimately serve both cities well, calling a shared plan for economic development, "the low-hanging fruit."

To begin the collaborative effort, Dunakey said he wanted to emphasize community involvement.

"I don't have all the answers," Dunakey said. "I'm

going to rely heavily upon making sure that this project engages, not just elected officials, but also the community."

The community involvement would include public input meetings, the first of which will be an opportunity to introduce citizens of each city to the joint planning effort and get some "initial high-level feedback on what citizens of each city would like to see."

The first action step is for PEC to help each city find solutions for needs or issues that are addressed by city leaders or citizens.

PEC will issue surveys to citizens of each city that aim to gauge community satisfaction regarding city services and input on what issues most need addressed.

From the studies and input,

PEC will develop a list of goal and objectives and a list of strategies to achieve them. From here, Dunakey said a final plan would be developed to implement in order for Bel Aire and Kechi to realize their goal of maximizing efficiency and maintaining progress and economic stability without burdening taxpayers.

Dunakey said the planning process, from the community input to the development of the final plan, is likely to take

about one year. From there, he said it would likely take about five years for the final plan to be implemented.

Moving forward, there is likely to be a mix of shared utility lines, city services and economic development between Bel Aire and Kechi over the next few years. Dunakey said the cities' collaborative planning could pay off by limiting the negative impact of any future economic downturn.

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