

The Bel Aire Breeze

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City increases water rates

By Chris Hunter

Saying it had to be done to keep the utility afloat, the Bel Aire City Council agreed to increase the rates residents and businesses pay for water.

The council voted 5-0 in February to increase the base water rate by \$8 for residents, from \$14 to \$22,

and by \$14 for commercial customers from \$18 to \$32.

While several members of the council had said in the past how they were not in favor of the increase, a \$700,000 shortfall in the city's budget for water led to a change of heart.

"This is something we are pretty well locked into," said Mayor Har-

old Smith. "We have expenses and we have to cover them."

Council member Peggy O'Donnell said she had previously opposed the increase until seeing the work of the water board.

"I just wanted to publicly thank every member of the water board for their work," O'Donnell said.

O'Donnell compared the increase

to a trip to Starbucks or a case of pop.

At the previous council meeting, council member Dave Sly compared the increase to the price of movie tickets.

"It has to be done," O'Donnell said.

Other council members echoed O'Donnell's sentiment.

"None of us wants to do this, but it is necessary," said council member Dave Austin. "This is a lot less than what we originally thought it would be."

Sly motioned to pass the resolution with council member Carolyn Marlier seconding it.

The change will take place on the city's March utility bills.

Police department's citizens of the year



Courtesy photo

Mayor Harold Smith (third from left), Police Chief John Daily (third from right) and City Administrator Ty Lasher (far right) honor (from left) Steve Rankin, Edward Bole, Larry Anderson and Det. Craig Pentecost.

Bel Aire honors volunteers, officer

By Chris Hunter

In his three years in Bel Aire, Police Chief John Daily has made an effort to recognize those who have helped the department.

Recipients of the awards are honored each year at a council meeting in early February and the competition for the awards is usually tough, but Daily said this year he had some easy choices.

Each year, Daily has awarded a Citizen Merit Award and Citizen Service Award but added a special award this season for his top officer on the department.

Citizen Merit Award

In 2009, Daily implemented a new program

in the city of Bel Aire utilizing a pair of volunteers to take to the streets.

Born was the Senior Patrol. Daily began accepting volunteers and the first two were Larry Anderson and Ed Bole.

Duties for the pair include checking on vacation homes, patrolling the streets looking for issues such as open garages and even calling in emergencies on the walkie-talkies they are armed with.

"They have been a tremendous asset to the police department," Daily said. "We are not the first law enforcement organization to have a senior patrol and I hope we are not the last because if other agencies can get a program like this and get volunteers like we have, it is a great asset to the department and a great service to the city they wouldn't normally get."

Daily said his choice of the duo was an easy

one.

"They do a lot of work for us that relieves the patrol officers from doing those tasks," Daily said. "They are freed up to do other things. It is just a tremendous service to the community."

Daily said he received nominations from city residents.

"We could not find anyone who has served the community in the capacity they have any better than Ed and Larry," Daily said. "There are no words to describe the level of appreciation I have for what they do to the community and for the police department."

Daily said the pair have become well-known by residents.

"They will flag down these guys before a regular patrol officer," Daily said. "It is just a

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Tribe: Casino in Park City in 2010

Park City mayor calls Wyandotte's effort 'old news'

By Matt Heilman

The Wyandotte Tribe of Oklahoma has owned 10.5 acres in Park City since 1992. After nearly 18 years, the tribe's initial plan to build a casino on the land might happen by the end of 2010, according to the tribe's second chief, Billy Friend.

The 10.5 acres is located on the south side of 77th North between the county fire station near I-135 and the Wild West World property.

Doug Spangler, the Wyandotte tribe's director of governmental affairs, said the tribe applied for a trust application about 12 years ago with the U.S. Department of the Interior. If the land were put into trust, it would be set aside for the tribe to do what they want with the property.

"If the trust application gets approved, that's sovereign land," Spangler said. "(The issue) doesn't have to do with gaming."

Recent reports say it's possible for the application to be approved by the Department of the Interior soon, paving the way for a Class II, bingo-style casino to be built on the 10.5 acres.

Until the trust application is approved, a casino can't be built on the property.

Gambling is illegal in Sedgwick County. Making the property sovereign to the tribe would lift this restriction.

If the trust is approved and the Wyandotte tribe eventually decides to pursue buying the adjacent 97 acres of Wild West World, they could use the former theme park for entertainment and retail

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County mothballs Britt Brown Arena

By The News staff

Some came for the motorcycles and boats. Others came for the "live shark encounter."

A handful went to the Kansas Coliseum Feb. 18 through 21 out of pure nostalgia.

The Sports, Boat and Travel Show was the final event inside the Britt Brown Arena on 85th North.

The arena will be mothballed until Sedgwick County commissioners decide what to do with it. The county will continue to operate the pavilions at the col-

iseum complex. County officials said they hoped to develop a plan to financially break even with the pavilions by 2012, but it's unclear whether they'll remain open past 2011. County staff had suggested that commissioners shut down the complex entirely, saying it has been a financial drain on the county's budget. In 2008, the county lost about \$1 million operating the coliseum.

Last year, the county asked developers to submit proposals to take over the complex. One, Heritage Development Group,

wanted to build the Saddle Rock Rodeo Resort. Another, North American Management of Kansas, sought to construct a mix of retail and entertainment.

Commissioners later decided not to open talks with a developer, citing too much financial risk to the county.

Commissioners Kelly Parks and Gwen Welshimer voted to enter negotiations with North American Management, but were outnumbered 3-2.

County-owned Intrust Bank Arena opened in downtown Wichita on Jan. 9.



Chris Strunk

The Sports, Boat and Travel Show inside Britt Brown Arena wraps up Feb. 21. It was the final event held at the arena. The county will continue to use the pavilions at the Kansas Coliseum.

Hard to say goodbye to arena

It hurts to say goodbye. Feb. 21, 2010, will be remembered as a sad day for north Sedgwick County. That's when the doors to Britt Brown Arena were closed for good.

We're sad because the arena is part of our history. For years, it defined this part of the county, especially for the thousands who only saw our cities from the highway.

We used it as a landmark for visitors, and our kids wandered its concourse. It's where our grandkids turned their tassels and threw their mortarboards. And our gas stations and hotels benefited from the shows it brought in.

Britt Brown was part of us. And we loved it because no one else around here had an arena like it.

It attracted Garth Brooks at the height of his popularity, elephants and acrobats every year and more professional sports action than any other venue around.

For all of its flaws, we were proud of Britt Brown Arena. It was in our neighborhood, and it belonged to us.

Though it never was a state-of-the-art facility, it became increasingly clear over the past several years that it was time to let go of the old barn at the Kansas Coliseum complex.

There was no sense in throwing money at the place in an effort to match today's standards and the public's expectations, not to mention the capacity an arena needs to attract the big-name entertainment.

So, we'll be content to have the county run a handful of events out of the pavilions and every once in a while, we'll think back to the old days when we drive by. We'll also keep our fingers crossed that some day — maybe when this recession ends and capital starts flowing again — someone will come in with a grand plan to transform the facility into the entertainment show place it once was.

For now, we gladly welcome the Intrust Bank Arena in downtown Wichita. It's a fine facility and appears to be as functional as it is aesthetically pleasing.

We only wish it was in our backyard.

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He's beginning a new chapter

During my tenure at The Ark Valley News and The Bel Aire Breeze, I have had the opportunity to meet many people and write about many different types of events.

Now it has come to an end. Last month I accepted a position with the Salina Journal, a daily newspaper in a town I have visited only three times.

While it will be hard to leave and take on another new challenge, it is hard for me not to think back on the things I have written about during my time here.

In high school, I thought Valley Center and Park City were boring with nothing going on, but my time at The Ark Valley News has proven me wrong.

The north part of Sedgwick County is where everything is, it seems.

The many city council discussions over a variety of issues (some of which make you wonder about the thought process involved), the trial of

Hunting for the truth

By Chris Hunter



a businessman who allegedly cheated his investors, accidents, fires, more accidents and the Kansas Coliseum fiasco have been among the top issues I have covered in the past and have added to my experience here in my childhood home.

While these issues might drive some insane, other stories — like the boy with leukemia becoming a firefighter for a day — touch you, making you realize there is more in the world than the bickering and fighting.

One thing I have enjoyed is receiving feedback on my columns from people who are big "fans" of mine. I still get a laugh out of the com-

ments from people who slightly disagree with me. OK, outright dislike my opinions.

The phone calls, e-mails, letters to the editor and anonymous "What's on your mind?" I have received always gave me a laugh each time.

Who knew one of my health care, limited-government "fans" would actually go into selling life insurance and government-mandated auto insurance?

While I have received complaints and grievances (sometimes I feel like George Carlin), I have also received compliments and support from people who agree with me.

All in all, I will miss writing the opinion pieces so many of you enjoy, one-way or the other.

In case you miss me, you can check out my blog (I changed the name for the few of you who have seen it before) at www.hunterinsalina.blogspot.com.

If you miss my columns and want a shortened version, or just want to tell

me you disagree with me again, the blog is for you.

I also have Facebook. I will gladly discuss positions on issues with you over the chat feature.

In fact, I gladly will accept any friend request and encourage people to talk about issues.

Yes, I will miss the phone calls, e-mails, comments and such but I will also just miss the people.

Whether my opinions were liked or not, I have remained fair to the people of the cities through my reporting.

Never did I let my personal views on issues interfere with news stories and I have reported strictly the facts, and even caused a little bit of a stir by digging.

So, as I depart from my home, I would like to thank you all for the experience, the fighting and the issues you gave me to report on.

It is because of you, and the staff here that I am moving up in the field. Thank you all and see you online.

Awards

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good program that has worked out well for us. I am just thankful for these guys."

Bole said people are happy to see the Senior Patrol.

"People comment on how they like to see the patrol vehicle in their neighborhood," Bole said. "They want to see us and they know we are there."

Bole said people have responded in other ways such as remembering to shut garage doors when they see the Blazer driving around.

"They know we are going to stop," Bole said. "People are very receptive to us."

Daily said people have called him and talked about the appreciation of the Senior Patrol.

Anderson said he was surprised by the award.

"I am just thankful we have patrolmen like Chief and Pentecost and the others," Anderson said.

Bole echoed Anderson and said he appreciates the responsibility and the award. "I didn't expect it at all

and it is wonderful," Bole said. "My wife was very impressed. These guys have been great to us. All the police department has. We enjoy what we do."

Daily said he felt the department made the right choice and will even add a new Senior Patrolman soon.

"I am honored to have these guys as part of the department," Daily said.

Citizen Service Award

The Citizen Service Award went to Steve Rankin, husband of Police Clerk Cindy Rankin.

Daily said Steve Rankin has been involved in the department since before his arrival.

Steve, who works for the Newton school district, was chosen for his involvement in volunteer activities.

"We give this award to people who have assisted the police department and the city in crime prevention and policing projects throughout the year," Daily said. "Steve

was nominated because he has helped us ever since I have been here."

Daily said Rankin has helped with every activity imaginable the department has held.

"Anytime we have a community event, Steve is there," Daily said. "He is taking pictures, filling hotdog buns and passing out stuff. He is a real asset to us."

At the awards ceremony, Rankin even took photos of the recipients of the awards, until his name was called.

"It was a no-brainer," Daily said.

Officer of the Year

Throughout the year, Det. Craig Pentecost has been involved in some tough cases.

Whether it is a break-in or the disappearance of a Bel Aire resident, Pentecost has worked tirelessly and is being recognized by the department, not just his superiors.

Pentecost was awarded the Officer of the Year award

from the Bel Aire Police Department at the council meeting.

"I was very surprised," Pentecost said. "I didn't even know we had such an award."

Pentecost is the first recipient of the new award.

"To walk into the council meeting and see my family there," Pentecost said. "They kept it hidden."

"Lied to you," Daily said to Pentecost.

Pentecost said he thought the family had somewhere else to be the night of the awards.

"I was in a panic because I thought the kids had to be places," Pentecost said. "I was very honored."

Daily said he asked all officers in the department to nominate the top officer.

"I asked rank-and-file officers, not just the supervisors, for nominations," Daily said. "They had to follow a certain criteria and the nominations got turned in and read the nomination letters."

Daily said the staff chose Pentecost based on the department's core values, type of work and mission

statement.

"Craig is like cream," Daily said. "He just rose to the top."

Daily said the awards was created last year but finally got included in the presentations.

"Craig was the first recipient but that doesn't mean nobody else will ever get it," Daily said. "It is an annual award and gives the officers an incentive to actually practice the core values and mission statement and better service the community."

Daily said he intends on keeping the awards going for the foreseeable future.

"This is an annual thing," Daily said. "A lot of people don't like recognition they just do things. In my mind, if people volunteer and put their time and effort into making this community a better, safer place they need to be recognized."

Casino

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space.

There wouldn't be an option for gaming at the park.

"Under no circumstances could Wild West World be home to a casino," Spangler said. "The gaming would be confined to the 10 1/2 acres in the trust agreement."

For the retail and entertainment option to be possible, the proposed casino would have to be upgraded to Class III rules, which apply to the casinos in Las Vegas.

For Las Vegas-style gambling to be allowed on the land in the trust agreement, an agreement would have to be reached with the Kansas governor's office.

Park City Mayor Emil Bergquist said the tribe's idea to build the casino is "old news" that is resurfacing.

He said the potential to develop the Wild West World property is a stretch at this

point.

Although based in Oklahoma, the Wyandotte tribe has a tie to several states, including northeast Kansas.

The tribe doesn't have as direct of a tie to Park City as it does to the Kansas City area, but Spangler said the group has a right to apply for a trust on any land they are permitted to buy and develop.

He said the state recommended Park City as the place for the original land purchase in 1992.

Spangler talked about the Wyandotte tribe's long-history of forced relocation. He indicated that having land taken from them in the past gives the tribe the right to pursue opportunities like the one in Park City.

"What we want to do is protect the best interest of the Native Americans," Spangler said.

He said the tribe has pursued the project legally and believes a casino could be a good fit for the area.

Spangler said a casino could bring as many as 1,500 new jobs to Park City.

Bergquist said there are other matters in Park City more pressing than the proposed casino. He indicated that there's not much the city can do until a trust for the Wyandotte tribe is approved.

He said the city's responsibility "is to maintain safety and services for the people of Park City."

"We work on a regular basis to listen to job, housing and commercial proposals based on how eminent, beneficial, viable and likely they are," Bergquist said in a written statement. "We can't focus our attention only by how much press (proposals) get or how big they are. We would not have time to take care of the pressing issues of serving our citizens."

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City of Bel Aire



NOTES FROM CITY HALL

Water Rate Increase

On Feb. 2, the City Council adopted a base rate increase of \$8 for residential customers and \$14 for commercial customers, effective on bills due March 10. The rate increase was required to cover expenses and debit service as well as to comply with bond indentures.

For more information, go to www.belaireks.gov.

City Manager charter ordinance

The City Manager Charter Ordinance was approved for

publication on Jan. 5, 2010. There is a 60-day window for residents to submit a petition to challenge the change.

Formal protest with signed petitions must be submitted by March 15. The ordinance will take effect on March 16 if there are no protests.

For more details on this proposed change and ordinance, go to the Bel Aire Web site, under Citizenship University.

Budget discussions

The City Council will continue its discussion of

the 2010 budget throughout March. More information can be found on the Bel Aire Web site (www.belaireks.gov). The official budget document will be published in March.

Regular City Council meetings are scheduled for 7 p.m. on March 2 and 16. A City Council workshop may be scheduled for March 8 if needed. Agenda and updated information are available at www.belaireks.gov.

Current meetings are broadcast live on Cable Channel 7 and rebroadcast daily at 9 a.m. noon, 5 and 10 p.m.

CITY OF BEL AIRE UPCOMING EVENTS

March

- 1 Senior Potluck, 6:30 p.m.
- 2 City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- 3 Chamber of Commerce, noon
- 4 Municipal court, first appearances, 7 p.m.
- 5 City Council workshop, 6:30 p.m.
- 6 Water Board, 2:30 p.m.
- 7 Bel Aire Lions Club, noon
- 8 Planning Commission, 6 p.m.
- 9 Tree Board, 7 p.m.
- 10 City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- 11 Municipal Court, trials, 12:30 p.m.
- 12 Economic Development Board, 7 p.m.
- 13 Bel Aire Lions Club, noon

Bel Aire Recreation

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Folger's Gymnastics

Classes for boys and girls ages 3 and up are being held on Tuesday evenings. Call Folger's Gymnastics at 733-7525 for more information and to register.

Coed indoor soccer

The sign-up deadline has passed, but we will take registrations until we fill the remaining limited number of spots. Practice began Feb. 22.

Wichita Heights Junior baseball/softball league

A limited number of teams will play in the Wichita Heights Jr. baseball/softball league. Teams will practice and play half their games at Bel Aire Recreation and half at other league locations. This semi-competitive program is sanctioned by NBC Baseball and ASA Softball. **Registration deadline March 6.**

Spring break sports week

For boys and girls ages 5-14. Each day will feature a sports clinic such as baseball, flag football, soccer, basketball, or volleyball. **Registration deadline is March 6.**

Blastball (coed)

Introductory T-ball program

for 4-year-olds. Registration deadline for residents is April 2. Others may sign up April 3 as space allows.

Recreational summer ball leagues

Teams play up to two games per week on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings or Saturdays beginning June 1. Practices begin the week of May 17. Registration deadline for residents is April 16. Others may sign up April 17 as space allows.

Pitch, Hit and Run

Baseball skills competition for boys and girls that encourages participation and emphasizes the FUN element of baseball. Compete in three important aspects of baseball: pitching, hitting and running. Registration deadline is April 17.

Motor Madness

Children are given the chance to touch, feel and climb in and out of a variety of vehicles. If you or someone you know has a unique vehicle you would like to show the kids, let us know at 744-2700.

Taekwondo

For ages 5 & up. Classes meet

from 5 to 6 p.m. Mondays and Fridays or from 7:10 to 8:10 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays. For beginners to black belts.

Tai-chi

A great activity for adults of all ages. Meets at 10 a.m. the first Saturday of the month.

Yoga

Classes held at 6:10 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Fitness center

(Ages 16 & up)
A yearly membership costs less than what you would pay in one month at other facilities. Includes elliptical cross trainers, treadmills, recumbent bike, multi-station weight machine and free weights.

Summer Day Camp

The Wichita YMCA will again offer a state-licensed day camp at the Center. Activities include arts and crafts, games, sports, swimming, field trips and much more. For more information or to register call the YMCA at 264-1610.

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

Get to know your Bel Aire parks

In conjunction with the release of the Bel Aire Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan, the City will be profiling all parks in Bel Aire.

Alley Park

Size: seven acres
Type: Natural Park
Location: North of Park Vista Subdivision
Amenities: Extensive underground utilities greatly

prohibit what can be placed on the site and therefore Parks staff have left the park as maintained natural park.

Future plans: Possible additions include adjacent parking and possible light recreation equipment and benches outside of the restricted area.



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 has library books to check out, places to study or do research and computers for use. Phone 744-2451, extension 121. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. (Excluding holidays, special events or senior-related meetings)

For more information about the center and its activities, contact Rick Eberhard, Senior Director, at either 744-2451, extension 121, or reberhard@belaireks.gov.

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Any senior can belong to or attend more than one senior center/club in Sedgwick County

Sr. Walking	Every weekday, 8 to 9 a.m., Bel Aire Rec Center
Yoga	Every Monday, 6:10 p.m., Bel Aire Rec Center
Bridge	Every Tuesday, 1 p.m.
Aerobics	Every Wednesday, 10 a.m.
Sr. Breakfast	Every Friday, 9 a.m. at Braum's, 3641 N. Rock Road, with Kechi Over 55 Club (except second Friday of the month)
Wii time	By request or when the senior center is available.

Notes from the Utility Department

We now have an ACH program available for our water costumers. Fill out a form, attach a voided check and return both to the water department. Payment of your utility bill will be taken out of your checking account on the 5th of each month. No more late fees.

If you have a new cell phone number or home phone number, please let the water department know so we can add them to your record. These may come in handy for emergencies or if we need to get in touch with for one reason or another.

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.

- Monday through Friday, 8 to 9 a.m., walking at Bel Aire Rec Center.
- Mondays 10 a.m., computer class at Park City Senior Center (no charge)
- Wednesdays 2:30 p.m., free line dancing lessons, Park City Senior Center.
- Thursday 9 to 11:30 a.m. (except second Thursday of month), Wii open play, Park City Senior Center.

AARP sponsored tax assistance is available at the Park City Senior Center. Call Vicki at 744-1199 to make an appointment.

March 2, 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast out, Piccadilly Grill, 7728 E. Central.
March 3	Wichita Garden Show. Seniors \$8.50. Meet at church at 12:30 p.m to car pool.
March 5	Bus trip to Prairie Band Casino, north of Topeka. \$20 per person. Receive \$10 slot play and free lunch. Call Vicki 744-1199 to make a reservation.
March 8, 10 a.m.	Board meeting.
11:30 a.m.	Lunch at Cheddar's, 11711 E. 13th North.
March 17, 10 a.m.	Men's coffee at Braum's
2 p.m.	Ladies' coffee/tea, Jimmie's Diner.
March 22, 6 p.m.	Covered dish dinner and meeting. Host: Mary June Hefley. Program: Sherii Farmer with WeStar Energy.

For services & resources for seniors, call Vicki Shepard, Tri-City Senior Director, 744-1199.

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Ty Lasher, City Administrator	744-2451 ext. 217
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Parks Department	744-8609
Police	
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• Non-emergency	744-6000
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Public Works	744-2888
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Utility Billing	744-2451, ext. 132
Trash (Stutzman)	1-800-230-0383
Hazardous Waste (Sedgwick County)	660-7464

March 2010 is National Nutrition Month

March 1, 6 p.m.	Monthly covered dish dinner. Bring table service and salads/deserts or potato toppings. Irish potato bar and drinks will be provided. A registered nurse will be available at 5:30 to take your blood pressure.
March 3, 6 p.m.	Senior center advisory board.
March 6, 4-7 p.m.	Bel Aire Lions Club fundraiser, all you can eat spaghetti dinner, Plymouth Congregational Church, 200 N. Clifton in Wichita. Tickets on sale in advance or at the door. Call 734-7530 for tickets or more information.
March 7-May 1	Walk Kansas 2010 to help people lead a healthier life by being more active. Check www.walkkansas.org for more information.
March 8, 7 p.m.	Central Park Homeowners Association monthly meeting.
March 9, 10 a.m.	Tuesday Morning Wellness Clinic. Free blood pressure and blood sugar checks. Discuss the benefits of hospice care. Coffee and snacks provided. Fast for two hours before blood sugar check. Held on the second Tuesday each month.
March 10, noon	Bel Aire Lions Club catered lunch and meeting.
March 11, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Senior Arts and Crafts Day. Bring your favorite projects to work on and share. Bring a snack lunch or something microwavable for lunch at noon. Coffee will be provided. This event will occur on the second Thursday of each month.
March 12, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.	Breakfast and Learn. Complimentary breakfast and learning program to be held on the second Friday of each month with a different speaker. Senior Fun Night. Bring your favorite card or board game and snacks or finger food. Drinks will be provided. To be held on the second Friday of each month.
March 13, 10 a.m.	Red Hat Society. Call Coleen at 744-2372 for more information. 2010 Flight for Air Climb. Intrust Bank Arena. www.breathehealthy.org . Cost. Daylight Saving Time begins.
March 14, 2 a.m.	Single Seniors Dine Out. Call 558-2820 for details.
March 21, TBA	Lions Club catered lunch and meeting.
March 24, noon to 7 p.m.	Bunko in the Senior Room.
March 25, 1 p.m.	Senior advocacy training. CAAA West River Plaza office, 2622 W. Central, third floor conference room. RSVP 660-5229.
March 26, 7-10 p.m.	Senior pitch party. Bring snacks or finger foods to share. Complimentary drinks.

The Bel Aire Lions Club is collecting eye glasses no longer being used. Drop them off in the Senior Center or water office at city hall.

Sign up for one of four senior cruises in 2010 offered by the Bel Aire Senior Center (all packages include airfare from the Kansas City airport):

- May 24 — Carnival Cruise on the Carnival Glory: The Bahamas (6 days, five nights)
- Aug. 28 — Princess Cruise on the Princess Diamond: Alaska (8 days, 7 nights)
- Oct. 23 — Royal Caribbean Cruise on the Explorer of the Seas: Bermuda (6 days, 5 nights)
- Oct. 28 — Norwegian Cruise Line Hawaiian Cruise (10 days, 9 nights)

For reservations, price sheet and specific cruise information, contact Rick Eberhard, Senior Coordinator, at either 744-2451, extension 121, or reberhard@belaireks.gov. (passports will be required.)

Contact Rick Eberhard, Senior Coordinator of the Bel Aire Senior Center, at either 744-2451, extension 121, or e-mail reberhard@belaireks.gov to receive the Bel Aire Senior Center news, information, special events and upcoming trips electronically or via the U.S. mail.

BEL AIRE POLICE REPORTS

Feb. 14 — Officer Brandewiede responded to an alarm in the 4200 block of North Eagle Lake Drive.

Feb. 14 — Officer Steele responded to an alarm in the 5900 block of East 37th North.

Feb. 14 — Officer Steele responded to domestic violence in the 4900 block of North Homestead. He arrested Jason Barnaby on a charge of simple assault.

Feb. 14 — Officer Hutton assisted EMS in the 4000 block of North Danbury.

Feb. 14 — Officer Foxx checked on a suspicious person in the 4100 block of North Auburn.

Feb. 14 — Officer Foxx assisted Wichita Police Department in the 3800 block of North Woodlawn.

Feb. 13 — Det. Pentecost stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation in the 5700 block of Kenawee. He issued a citation to James A. Abrams for driving with a suspended license.

Feb. 13 — Officer McCaslin responded to a disturbance in the 5700 block of East Flagstaff.

Feb. 13 — Officer McGuire responded to a motor vehicle accident in the 6100 block of East Quail Ridge.

Feb. 13 — Officer Foxx assisted Wichita Police Department in the 3700 block of North Whispering Brook.

Feb. 12 — Officer Steele responded to an alarm in the 6100 block of East Quail Ridge.

Feb. 12 — Officer Steele reported that Wichita Police Department arrested Shakala Moore on a Bel Aire Municipal Court bench warrant.

Feb. 12 — Officer Hutton assisted EMS in the 3900 block of North Oliver.

Feb. 12 — Officer Foxx responded to a noise complaint in the 4200 block of North Edgemoor.

Feb. 12 — Officer Foxx assisted Kechi Police Department in the 4700 block of East 61st North.

Feb. 12 — Officer Foxx checked a residence in the 4800 block of North Hedgerow.

Feb. 12 — Officer Foxx responded to a noise complaint in the 4500 block of North Edgemoor.

Feb. 12 — Officer McGuire checked the welfare in the 4500 block of North Rushwood.

Feb. 12 — Officer McGuire followed-up on a found-property case in the 5100 block of East 48th North.

Feb. 12 — Sgt. Spencer checked the welfare in the 4500 block of Rushwood.

Feb. 11 — Officer Swanson assisted EMS in the 5600 block of East 45th North.

Feb. 11 — Officer Swanson responded to a report of trash dumping in the 9500 block of East 45th North.

Feb. 11 — Officer Hazelwood checked on a suspicious person walking in the middle of the road in the 3800 block of North Parkwood. He arrested Deantrae Hill on a City of Wichita bench warrant.

Feb. 10 — Officer Swanson responded to an accident at 45th North and Edgemoor.

Feb. 10 — Det. Pentecost responded to a child abuse call in the 5300 block of North Hillside.

Feb. 10 — Officer McGuire responded to an audible alarm in the 5000 block of Prestwick.

Feb. 10 — Officer McGuire assisted Wichita Police Department in the 5400 block of North Oliver.

Feb. 10 — Officer McGuire responded to disorderly conduct in the 6000 block of East 41st North.

Feb. 10 — Sgt. Spencer assisted a motorist at 45th North and Woodlawn.

Feb. 9 — Det. Pentecost arrested Tristen Hollins in the 1100 block of North Broadway on a Bel Aire warrant.

Feb. 9 — Det. Pentecost and Officer Hutton checked on a residence in the 4500 block of St. James.

Feb. 9 — Det. Pentecost assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office at 77th North and Greenwich Road.

Feb. 8 — Officer Hutton responded to an audible alarm in the 5100 block of North Remington.

Feb. 8 — Officer Toomey checked the welfare in the 5300 block of East 49th North.

Feb. 8 — Officer Toomey received an animal found in the 4800 block of North Chapel View.

Feb. 8 — Officer Steele checked on an abandoned vehicle at 45th North and Greenwich Road.

Feb. 7 — Officer Toomey responded to a disturbance in the 6100 block of East 41st North.

Feb. 7 — Officer Foxx stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation in the 4400 block of North Woodlawn. He cited Kirsten Calvert for no proof of insurance and no driver's license.

Feb. 7 — Officer Foxx assisted a citizen at 37th North and Woodlawn.

Feb. 6 — Officer Steele took a report of contempt of court at 7651 E. Central Park Ave.

Feb. 6 — Officer Hutton assisted EMS in the 4000 block of North Farmstead.

Feb. 6 — Officer McCaslin assisted Wichita Police Department in the 7900 block of East 37th North.

Feb. 6 — Officer McGuire responded to a vicious animal at 45th North and Dundee.

Feb. 6 — Officer McGuire checked on a suspicious person in the 5800 block of East 37th North.

Feb. 6 — Officer McCaslin assisted a motorist in the 5400 block of North Woodlawn.

Feb. 6 — Officer McCaslin assisted Wichita Police Department in the 9700 block of East 37th North.

Feb. 6 — Officer Hutton assisted EMS in the 4000 block of North Farmstead.

Feb. 5 — Officer McGuire and Sgt. Spencer responded to an alarm in the 4200 block of North Rushwood.

Feb. 5 — Officer McGuire responded to vandalism in the 9500 block of East of 53rd North.

Feb. 5 — Sgts. Spencer and Griggs stopped a vehicle going in excess of 100 mph. They arrested Henry A. Spaulin on charges of speeding, fleeing and eluding.

Feb. 5 — Officer Hutton responded to an audible alarm in the 4200 block of Rushwood.

Feb. 5 — Officer Hutton assisted a motorist at 45th North and Oliver.

Feb. 5 — Officer McGuire assisted Kansas Highway Patrol in the 4500 block of Glendale.

Feb. 5 — Det. Pentecost assisted Kansas Highway Patrol at K-254 and Rock Road.

Feb. 5 — Det. Pentecost assisted a motorist in the 5000 block of East 37th North.

Feb. 5 — Det. Pentecost assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office in the 5800 block of North Hillside.

Feb. 4 — Det. Pentecost responded to a home accident in the 4000 block of Parkwood.

Feb. 4 — Officer McGuire stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation in the 4900 block of North Woodlawn. He

cited Leecole D. Cooper for driving with a suspended license.

Feb. 4 — Officer Swanson recovered a stolen vehicle in the 4900 block of North Hillcrest.

Feb. 4 — Officer Hazelwood checked on a suspicious person at 53rd North and Oliver.

Feb. 4 — Officer Swanson assisted a motorist at 37th North and Woodlawn.

Feb. 4 — Officer Swanson checked the welfare in the 5000 block of North Woodlawn.

Feb. 4 — Officer Swanson checked on a suspicious person in the 4900 block of North Woodlawn.

Feb. 3 — Officer McGuire arrested Daniel East Ragan at 7651 E. Central Park Ave. on a Bel Aire warrant.

Feb. 3 — Officer Hazelwood assisted Kechi Police Department at 69th North and Oliver.

Feb. 3 — Officer Hazelwood checked on a suspicious person in the 6700 block of East 45th North.

Feb. 3 — Officer McGuire assisted a motorist in the 6800 block of East 45th North.

Feb. 2 — Det. Pentecost responded to a hit and run in the 3800 block of Cozy.

Feb. 2 — Officers Steele and Hutton and Sgt. Spencer responded to an audible alarm in the 4900 block of North Hedgerow Court.

Feb. 2 — Officers McGuire and Hutton responded to a motor vehicle accident in the 4000 block of North Woodlawn.

Feb. 2 — Officer Hazelwood assisted EMS in the 4000 block of North Danbury.

Feb. 1 — Officer Steele assisted EMS in the 4300 block of North Eagle Lake Court.

Feb. 1 — Det. Pentecost assisted EMS in the 5800 block of East Perryton.

Feb. 1 — Officers Toomey and Foxx checked the welfare in the 6400 block of East Rodeo.

Feb. 1 — Officer Foxx responded to an alarm in the 6300 block of East 37th North.

Feb. 1 — Officer Steele removed hazardous material from the road at 44th North and Spyglass.

Feb. 1 — Officer Steele and Det. Pentecost assisted EMS in the 4300 block of North Eagle Lake.

Feb. 1 — Det. Pentecost assisted EMS in the 5800 block of East Perryton.

Feb. 1 — Officer Toomey assisted a motorist at Rock Road and K-254.

Jan. 31 — Officer Hutton assisted EMS in the 4800 block of North Farmstead Court.

Jan. 31 — Officers Foxx and Toomey assisted Wichita Police Department with a disturbance in the 3500 block of North Rock Road.

Jan. 31 — Officer Foxx checked on a motorist at 45th North and Oliver.

Jan. 31 — Officer McCaslin responded to a disturbance in the 5600 block of East 39th North.

Jan. 30 — Det. Pentecost received property found in the 4800 block of North Farmstead Court.

Jan. 30 — Officer Foxx assisted EMS in the 4000 block of North Parkwood.

Jan. 30 — Officer Hutton responded to a disturbance in the 5600 block of East 39th North.

Jan. 30 — Officer Hutton checked on a suspicious person in the 4700 block of Greenwich Road.

Jan. 30 — Officers Foxx and Hazelwood assisted Kechi Police Department with a motorist at Baird and Oliver.

Jan. 30 — Officer Foxx assisted a motorist at Woodlawn and Rodeo.

Jan. 30 — Officer Hazelwood checked on an abandoned vehicle in the 5800 block of East 45th North.

Jan. 30 — Officer Hazelwood checked on a suspicious person at 45th North and Spyglass.

Jan. 29 — Officers Hazelwood and Hutton assisted EMS in the 4600 block of North Hedgerow.

Jan. 29 — Officer Hutton assisted a motorist in the 4600 block of North Rock Road.

Jan. 29 — Officer Foxx assisted Kechi Police Department at K-254 and Woodlawn.

Jan. 28 — Det. Pentecost assisted EMS in the 4800 block of North Batin.

Jan. 28 — Officer McGuire assisted EMS and Sedgwick County Fire Department in the 5600 block of East 48th North.

Jan. 28 — Officers McGuire and Swanson responded to a disturbance in the 6900 block of East Perryton.

Jan. 28 — Officer Hutton responded to a lost animal in the 5800 block of East Perryton.

Jan. 27 — Det. Pentecost arrested Sue Scott in the 4700 block of North Woodlawn on charges of obstruction of the legal process and driving with a suspended license, along with three warrants from the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office and a warrant from the Mulvane Police Department.

Jan. 27 — Officer Swanson responded to a hit and run in the 5300 block of North Oliver.

Jan. 27 — Officers McCaslin and McGuire took a runaway report from the 4500 block of North Westlake Court.

Jan. 27 — Officer Swanson checked a residence in the 4400 block of Frittillary.

Jan. 26 — Det. Pentecost assisted EMS in the 3900 block of North Oliver.

Jan. 26 — Det. Pentecost checked on a suspicious person in the 6600 block of East 44th North.

Jan. 26 — Det. Pentecost assisted EMS in the 3900 block of North Oliver.

Jan. 26 — Det. Pentecost checked on a suspicious person in the 6500 block of East 44th North.

Jan. 26 — Officer Swanson responded to a noise complaint in the 5100 block of Remington.

Jan. 25 — Officer Steele checked on a suspicious person in the 6700 block of East 44th North.

Jan. 25 — Officers Swanson and Hutton responded to an audible alarm in the 4400 block of North Edgemoor.

Jan. 25 — Officer Toomey responded to an audible alarm in the 5900 block of East 37th North.

Jan. 25 — Officer Hutton checked

the welfare in the 6000 block of Flagstaff.

Jan. 25 — Officer Swanson responded to an audible alarm in the 4400 block of North Edgemoor.

Jan. 25 — Officer Swanson checked on a residence in the 4400 block of North Frittillary.

Jan. 25 — Officer Swanson checked the welfare in the 6000 block of East Flagstaff.

Jan. 24 — Officer Swanson assisted EMS in the 4000 block of North Parkwood Ave.

Jan. 24 — Officer Hutton checked the welfare in the 5600 block of East 39th North.

Jan. 24 — Officer Hutton checked on an abandoned vehicle at 45th North and Woodlawn.

Jan. 24 — Officer Hazelwood responded to an audible alarm in the 5900 block of East 37th North.

Jan. 24 — Officer Steele responded to an audible alarm in the 4300 block of North Westlake.

Jan. 24 — Officers Toomey and Swanson responded to an alarm in the 5900 block of East 37th North.

Jan. 23 — Officer Hutton assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office in the 10800 block of North Webb Road.

Jan. 22 — Officer Steele checked on a suspicious person in the 4100 block of North Edinburg.

Jan. 22 — Officer Hutton responded to a report of trash dumping in the 9000 block of East 53rd North.

Jan. 21 — Det. Pentecost assisted EMS in the 4000 block of Chapel View.

Jan. 21 — Officer Swanson and Sgt. Spencer responded to an audible alarm in the 4900 block of North Farmstead Court.

Jan. 21 — Sgt. Spencer assisted a motorist at 37th North and Oliver.

Jan. 21 — Officer McGuire checked on a suspicious person in the 6500 block of East Perryton.

Jan. 21 — Det. Pentecost assisted Wichita Police Department in the 7200 block of East 37th North.

Jan. 21 — Det. Pentecost assisted EMS in the 4800 block of Chapel View.

Jan. 21 — Det. Pentecost responded to a disturbance in the 6000 block of Clarendon.

Jan. 21 — Officer Swanson responded to an alarm in the 4900 block of North Farmstead.

Jan. 20 — Officer Swanson responded to disorderly conduct in the 6700 block of East 45th North.

Jan. 20 — Officer Swanson responded to a report of trash dumping in the 8500 block of East 53rd North.

Jan. 20 — Officer McGuire responded to a disturbance in the 6000 block of East Clarendon.

Jan. 19 — Det. Pentecost responded to an audible alarm in the 6200 block of East 37th North.

Jan. 19 — Officer Hutton responded to an audible alarm in the 6300 block of East 37th North.

Jan. 19 — Officer Hutton assisted Kansas Highway Patrol with an accident at K-254 and Greenwich.

Jan. 19 — Officer Hutton assisted a motorist in the 5800 block of East 37th North.

Jan. 19 — Officer McGuire assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office at 63rd North and Hoffman.

Jan. 19 — Det. Pentecost assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office at K-254 and Greenwich Road.

Jan. 18 — Officer Swanson arrested Andrew J. Coe on a Bel Aire bench warrant at 7651 E. Central Park Ave.

Jan. 18 — Officer Swanson reported that Kingman Police Department arrested Fabian Herndon on a Bel Aire bench warrant.

Jan. 18 — Officer Hazelwood reported that Wichita Police Department arrested Alrenda Sebastian on a Bel Aire bench warrant.

Jan. 18 — Officer Toomey assisted a motorist in the 4500 block of North Greenwich.

Jan. 18 — Officer Swanson assisted animal control in the 9200 block of East 37th North.

Jan. 17 — Officer Pate stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation in the 11200 block of East 53rd North. There were several weapons in the vehicle but after checking, he determined everything was OK.

Jan. 17 — Officer Toomey responded to a disturbance in the 5600 block of East 59th North.

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Bel Aire Breeze

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

News hires ad rep, reporter

The Ark Valley News has hired two new employees.

Teresa Schmied of Valley Center joined the newspaper as advertising representative. Schmied was customer service manager and senior sales executive for the former Pennypower Inc. for three years and was a senior account executive for Bank of America Deposit Contact Center for nearly two years.

Schmied and her husband, Richard, have three grown children as well as a sixth-grade son who attends Valley Center Middle School.



Schmied



Heilman

Matt Heilman was hired as a general assignment reporter, primarily covering the cities of Park City, Bel Aire and Kechi.

Heilman graduated from Valley Center High School in 2005 and

from Wichita State University with a bachelor's degree in communication with an emphasis on print journalism in December 2008. He was a site manager for a sports Web site and a general assignment reporter for The Newton Kansan. He also was a freelance writer for The Ark Valley News. Heilman lives in rural Valley Center.

The Ark Valley News publishes The Bel Aire Breeze

— The Breeze staff

Hit-and-run causes damage

A hit-and-run wreck caused minor damage but sent a vehicle into

the ditch Jan. 22 in the 5100 block of North Webb Road.

The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office reported that Brian Sanderson was driving north on Webb when his vehicle was passed on the left by an unidentified vehicle, striking the driver's side mirror on Sanderson's vehicle. The contact forced Sanderson's vehicle off the road. Damage was less than \$1,000. No one was hurt.

— The Breeze staff

Lawn mowing clinic for youth

The Sedgwick County Extension Agency will host a Youth Lawn Mowing Clinic from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. March 17 at the education center, 7001 W. 21st North. The clinic is designed to assist youth (fifth through ninth grades) in earning summer income by mowing lawns. Cost is \$5 for advance registration or \$10 at the door.

Information will acquaint youth with lawn grasses and their proper care. Each graduate will receive an information packet, business cards and certificate.

Call the extension office at 660-0100 to register.

— The Breeze staff

DEATHS

SANDRA HUESER

Sandra Kay Hueser, 55, sister and sister-in-law of Terry and Tanya Cole of Bel Aire, died Feb. 2, 2010. Memorial service was Feb. 5 at St. Jude Catholic Church, Wichita.

Other survivors include husband of 30 years Tim Hueser of Wichita; parents Fred and Mary Cole of Wichita; children and spouses Jason and Lucki Schrader of Madill, Okla., and Ashley and Brad Lindquist of Wichita;

sisters and brothers-in-law Sue Cooney of Wichita, Cindy and Jack Baker and Annie and David Rowe, both of Candenton, Mo.; brothers and spouses Gary and Vicki Hueser and Craig and Robbie Daniels, all of Wichita; sisters-in-law Sharon Dondlinger of Wichita, and Jan and J.R. Hooker of Moore, Okla.; grandchildren Bonnie Goe Pate, J.D. Bird, Reisa Dawn Schrader, Bradley Cooper, Summer Lee and Jeremy Douglas; and three

great-grandchildren.

Memorials to Harry Hynes Hospice, 313 S. Market, Wichita, KS 67202 or St. Jude Catholic Church, 3130 N. Amidon, Wichita, KS, 67204. Affinity Mortuary had charge.

BETTIE PEW

Bettye Elizabeth (Storey) Pew, 83, of Maize, mother and mother-in-law of Ray and Rachel Pew of Bel Aire, died Feb. 9, 2010. Service was Feb.

13 at Maize United Methodist Church with interment at Maize Park Cemetery, Maize.

She was born in Hector, Ark., to Thurman C. and Ruby Mae (Pyburn) Storey.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hubert C. "Bud" Pew, and her father.

Other survivors include her mother Ruby McGuire of Russellville, Ark.; son and daughter-in-law of Jack and Betty Jo Pew of Maize; grandsons and granddaughters-in-law Jeff and

Jodi Pew of Winfield, Jeremy and Josie Pew of Maize, and Aaron Pew of Manhattan; granddaughter and grandson-in-law Amy and Lance Leslie of Wichita; great-grandchildren Brandon Pew and Justin Pew of Winfield, Brice Pew of Maize, Noah Leslie, Gracie Leslie, Abram Leslie, Hannah Leslie and Moriah Leslie, all of Wichita, Andy Davison and Lacy Davison of Maize, and Josh Abreu and Jessica Abreu of Maize; brother Jack Storey

of Russellville; sisters Kitty Conely of Ponca City, Okla., Carol Cooney of Springfield, Mo., and Peggy Propps of Port Arthur, Texas; and numerous other family and friends.

Memorials designated to Maize United Methodist Church, 208 E. Central, Maize, KS 67101 or River Cross Hospice, 10333 E. 21st North, Ste. 401, Wichita, KS 67206.

Baker Funeral Home of Valley Center had charge.

PEOPLE HIGHLIGHTS

Amanda Orloske and Hannah Hunsinger, both of Bel Aire, were named to the 2009 fall semester Dean's list at Pittsburg State University.

To receive this honor, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours, receive a grade point average of 3.60 for all credit course work that semester, have no grade lower than a B and no grade of I in any course during the semester.

Orloske, a junior, is majoring in biology. Hunsinger,

also a junior, is majoring in nursing.

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Ron and Donna Lathrop of Bel Aire celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by their family Feb. 21 at the Park City Senior Center, 6100 N. Hydraulic.

Ron Lathrop and Donna Hill were married Feb. 26, 1960. They have two children: Greg of Derby and Sherry of Park City, and one granddaughter, Claire, of Derby.

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Betsy Sue Reynolds and Nathan John Oglesby have announced their engagement.

She is the daughter of David and Charlotte Sue Reynolds of Bel Aire. He is the son of Sam and Barb Oglesby, and Janet Oglesby, all of Derby. The bride-elect and prospective bridegroom both reside and work in Wichita.

The wedding will be May 22, 2010.

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Midland Lutheran Col-

lege from Fremont, Neb., will present a free concert at 7 p.m. March 12 at Christ Lutheran Church, 53rd North and Hillside. The choir is under the direction of Jim Logue, and is beginning its Spring Tour in Wichita. The choir last visited Wichita in 2008.

This year the choir will include Christ Lutheran's own Brittany Garrelts. The daughter of Jim and Mary Garrelts, she is pursuing a nursing degree at Midland.

For more information call Paul Carlstedt at 648-7908.

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The Bel Aire Senior Center will hold a St. Patrick's Day dinner and meeting March 1 at the center, 7651 E. Central Park Ave. in Bel Aire.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with an Irish potato supper bar at 6:30. The club will hold a short business meeting at 7:15 followed by a presentation by KWCH meteorologist Ross Janssen and Millie the Weather Dog at 7:30.

Please dress Irish or wear green. Bring potato toppings, a salad or dessert and your own table service.

The center will be collecting used kids' picture books for children around the world and in the U.S. at this meeting. All books collected will be donated to the 2010 Kansas Youth Book Drive.

For more information, contact Rick Eberhard, Senior Director, at 744-2451, extension 121, or reberhard@belaireks.gov.

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran Church

Sunday services include worship at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m., with Sunday school for both children and adults at 9:30.

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

Find the church online at www.christ-lutheran.org; e-mail office@clc.kscsoxmail.com. Call the church 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 Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Weekday Masses are 8 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; also at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Resurrection Catholic School has students from preschool through eighth grade.

The parish/school Web site 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.

On Sunday at 9 a.m. is worship service and breaking of the bread, with Bible study and Sunday school at 10:30.

Wednesday evening, prayer and Bible study is 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 a.m. every Sunday, with its Worship Experience in the school cafeteria starting at 10:30.

Every Sunday at Crossroads includes a Moonwalk for kids, Crossroads Cafe and Coffee bar, relevant and engaging messages, cutting-edge music

with a live band and a dynamic Crossroads Kids program.

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 is located at 1605 Fairmount in Wichita. Adult and children's Sunday school classes begin at 9:15 a.m. with worship service at 10:30. Michael Poage is the pastor. For more information, please call 682-1597 or visit at www.fairmountucc.com.

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.

Sunday worship services are at 9:03 and 11 a.m., with Sunday school at 10.

Yoga meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Kechi City

Hall. Children's choir Chancel choir will not meet again until the fall.

The church's phone number is 744-1221. It is still collecting 18-ounce jars of peanut butter, diapers and tuna fish for the United Methodist Open Door.

Park City Christian Church

Sunday worship service is at 9 a.m. with Sunday school at 10. Bill Nestelroad is pastor of the church, located at 2230 E. 61st North. Phone 744-0493 or 744-2091. The church accepts food donations for Union Rescue Mission.

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. The church is located at 2100 E. 61st North in Park City. Wednesday Bible study for adults begins with sandwiches and chips at 6:15 p.m.

Pine Valley Christian Church

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

University United Methodist Church

Located across from the WSU campus at 21st & 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.

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

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Man starts new year 265 pounds lighter

By Chris Hunter

Losing weight is not easy but don't tell Jerome Biggars it's impossible.

At the end of 2008, Biggars tipped the scales at 493 pounds but decided he would not stay there in 2009.

Biggars, the operations manager at KSNW, said he made the decision to lose weight before Christmas in 2008.

"I had really been watching myself deteriorate," Biggars said. "I was at the point where it was real hard to walk. When I would go to the grocery store, first thing I would look for would be a cart because I would have to lean on it."

Biggars said something as simple as shopping became a workout for him, leaving him drenched with sweat.

"I knew I had to do something," Biggars said. "I knew it was time to get on it." And did he.

Biggars lost an incredible 265 pounds in 13 months the old-fashioned way: hard work.

Biggars said four factors contributed to his success.

The first was determination. "I became determined to do something," Biggars said. "It is like I put blinders on and said 'here's where we are going.'"

The second step was figuring out a diet.

Biggars' friend, Bonnie Voegeli of Valley Center, suggested Medi-Weightloss, a program she saw success with in the past.

The program put Biggars on "doctor-supervised, low-carb diet."

"They check you out with blood work, an EKG and everything else," Biggars said. "They mold their diet for you. It has worked pretty good for me."

Biggars' diet consists of 1,000 to 1,200 calories per day, no more than 25 carbohydrates per day and no bread.

"I get all of my carbs from fruit each day," Biggars said. "I also spread my meals out each day. I don't just have three meals. I have a meal every two hours. I have some eight meals a day."

Biggars said the meals consist of three larger meals and healthy snacks in between to keep his body metabolizing.

"(The extra meals) make it a lot easier," Biggars said. "Since it is a high-protein diet, it feeds off the hunger pains."

While the diet allows more meals, Biggars is not allowed to eat food he really likes such as hot rolls and desserts.

"I don't really miss them,"

Biggars said. "I have gotten into a routine."

In place of bread, Biggars began using Mama Lupe's low-carb tortillas to make tuna wraps, barbecue chicken and other items.

Biggars' third step was support from family members and Taking Off Pounds Sensibly, a non-profit, weight-loss group in Valley Center.

The group helped Biggars discuss weight loss with others who are attempting to lose weight.

Biggars said his family has also been supportive.

"I have a boy that is 18 and a boy that is 20 and they have never seen me this light before," Biggars said. "This is the lightest I have been since 1986."

The fourth component is exercise, Biggars said.

On top of the diet, Biggars began exercising 15 minutes a day in January 2009.

"You have to move to lose," Biggars said.

As part of the system, Biggars plans on running a 10K and a half marathon in October in Wichita and a full marathon in 2011.

Biggars is down to 228 pounds, but will soon be lower after he has a "tummy tuck" to remove excess skin.

Jerome Biggars with the pants he wore when he weighed close to 500 pounds.

Chris Hunter

Biggars said he has never gained weight or been the same weight as the previous week during his dieting and exercise.

He said the lifestyle change has been "easy"

"I say that, but it has been a lot of hard work," Biggars said. "A lot of sweat and sticking with it. There are moments that can be kind of tough."

Biggars said he hopes to reach 193 pounds but would be happy with 210.

Through his blog, Biggars said people have told him how they have been inspired and have quit smoking and others who have looked to join TOPS.

"I'm not missing anything," Biggars said. "Except the fat I had at one point and I am not even missing that. The freedom I have gained is enormous. If you want to lose weight, I am proof you can do it. You just have to become determined and find the other three things."



Students in honor choir

By The Post staff

Ten students from Chisholm Trail Elementary were selected to perform with the Northeast Area Honor Choir. The group rehearsed Tuesdays and Thursdays in January to perform a concert alongside the Brooks Middle School Allegro Choir on Jan. 26. The performance took place at Stucky Middle School and had an audience of about 500. Selections included "The Star-Spangled Banner,"

"Dance of the Willow" and a French piece "J'entends Le Moulin."

Students selected for the choir were Tiyana Brown, fifth grade; Bethany Connor, fourth; Christina Connor, fifth; Brody Day, fifth; Breanna Erickson, fourth; Courtney Massony, fifth; Joseph Otey, fourth; Amanda Ramsey, fifth; Dymond Taylor, fifth; and Katie Youngers, fifth.

Selected students may then be chosen for the Wichita All City Choir in February.



Students chosen for honor choir are (front from left) Amanda Ramsey, Breanna Erickson, Bethany Connor, (back from left) Joey Otey, Brody Day, Courtney Massony, Dymond Taylor, Katie Youngers, Christina Connor and (not pictured) Tiyana Brown.

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