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HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Photos by David Dinell

Guy MacDonald uses an old family recipe from Italy for the meatballs and pasta sauce. "I just loved those meatballs as a kid," he says.

Major land sale means new housing in Bel Aire

Developer purchases 63 acres

By David Dinell

A sale of 63 acres to a developer was approved Nov. 3 by the Bel Aire City Council, a move officials say will bring more housing to the city — and help reduce its debt.

The \$589,500 sale was made to PDS Development Co. and involves undeveloped land east of Rock Road, north of Saw Mill Road and south of 53rd North.

A little more than 8 acres on the western side of the area are in a flood plain and not available for housing construction. City Manager Ty Lasher said company officials still wanted that land as they can use it for open space and amenities such as walking paths.

PDS Development management was not at the meeting, but Lasher indicated that they would probably want to proceed on building soon after closing. They have four months to finalize the purchase.

"We're very pleased with the sale," Lasher said.

Single-family homes there should sell in the \$200,000 to \$250,000 range.

The sale is another in the city's quest to move land into private hands. Along with reducing its substantial land inventory, the sale puts the acreage on the tax rolls and brings growth to Bel Aire, said Mayor David Austin.

"It shows us as a place where people want to move to," he said.

Austin also is pleased that the city is building an inventory of housing for sale at all prices, from entry level in the \$120,000 to \$150,000 range to housing that comes in at \$600,000.

Austin said PDS is a welcome addition to the city.

"We're real excited about it and glad to see them come here," he said. "We hope they can get started as soon as possible."

The sale was approved by a 5-0 vote, the first meeting that had five council votes since Sept. 1, when council member Ken Lee resigned. The fifth vote came from newly sworn-in member Diane Wynn, serving at her first meeting. Wynn said she was pleased about the sale and being on the council.

Wynn, 71, runs Acumen Business Connections and has been a Bel Aire resident since 1971. She's interested in "unifying" the city and continuing to make it an attractive place to live.

Wynn served on the Community Development Committee, which is charged with promoting Bel Aire, so she has experience with civic matters and interaction with the

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Buon appetito!

Lions Club's meatball dinner helps the community

By David Dinell

When Guy MacDonald's stepfather came from Italy to the United States in the 1890s, he brought with him a much beloved family recipe for meatballs and pasta sauce. More than 100 years later, that recipe is still used and is the basis of the Bel Aire Lions Club annual "A Taste of Italy" meatball fundraiser dinner.

"It's all fresh ingredients," said MacDonald as he stirred a large pot of pasta sauce in the kitchen of the Gospel Assembly Church on North

Woodlawn, where the dinner is held. It also takes a long time, he added. The burners are set to low for a long, slow cook.

Preparation is just as time-consuming as the 786 meatballs are all made and rolled by hand. MacDonald, who also is a city council member, supervises the process every step of the way.

"He has us roll the meatballs a certain way," said Jackie O'Neal, one of the volunteers.

The process gets underway earlier in the week and takes a couple of days before the doors opened at 4 p.m. Nov. 14 for

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The Lions Club "A Taste of Italy" fundraising dinner includes a salad and buttered bread. Food preparation starts days before the annual event.

Sunrise basketball among best in the country

By Randy Fisher

Fifteen years ago, Kyle Lindsted took over a relatively unknown basketball program at Sunrise Christian Academy. Since then, he has built it into a nationally prominent high school and prep program. Along the way he met Dan Hudson, who felt the best high school basketball teams should play each other whenever possible. To that end, Hudson created the Grind Series.

"To get better, you really need to play the best teams week in and week out," said Sunrise athletic director Jeremiah Adair. "Hudson started this (series) many years ago, and it's kind of grown from there."

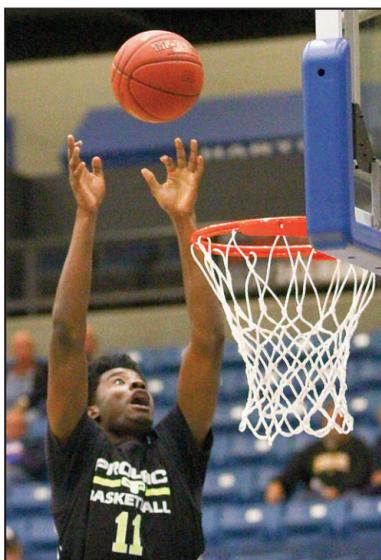
This year, Lindsted became

an assistant coach at Wichita State. Despite the change, Adair said the school convinced Hudson it was committed to continuing what Lindsted had started. That resulted in Hudson bringing the Grind Series to town.

A frequent flyer in the top 25 national rankings, Sunrise, along with the Greater Wichita Sports Commission, hosted five of the country's best teams in the Tornado Alley Classic. The event was held Nov. 14 at North High School and Nov. 15 at Hartman Arena.

The field also sparked with individual talent. Three of the top-12 ranked players in the Rivals.com recruiting class of 2016 were on hand,

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Photos by Randy Fisher

ABOVE; Sunrise Christian Academy elite team coach Luke Barnwell (seated left) watches the last game of the weekend during the Tornado Alley Classic Nov. 15 at Hartman Arena. LEFT: Josh Jackson, the top-ranked high school basketball player in the country by Rivals.com, soars for a dunk off an alley-oop Nov. 15.



Mayor's corner

By David Austin

Happy 35th birthday, Bel Aire. It was 35 years ago in late November when Bel Aire officially incorporated itself as a city. And look at where we are now. Nearly 7,000 citizens and more houses sprouting up every day. Lots of great things are happening.

And Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each and every one of you.

Well it is finally starting to really feel like winter outside. That means it is time to start thinking about the new year.

In 2016, you can look forward to continued transparency, improved community events and greater and enhanced communication from city hall.

Upcoming events and openings

Mark your calendar for Dec. 15. Just before your final scheduled city council meeting of the year, City Hall will host a Christmas Open House, thanks to the community development advisory committee. This committee has already scheduled four exciting events for 2016.

It along with the Bel Aire Tree Board has an opening for an interested Bel Aire citizen. Please contact city hall if you are interested in being considered for either committee. The mayor's youth council will also kick off shortly after the first of the year.

Thanksgiving

With Thanksgiving coming and going, I want to remind all citizens that the city council looks forward to recognizing a citizen or group for doing a good deed within the city limits for a person or persons or for the city as a whole. Please contact city hall if you would like to nominate someone(s) for this special recognition.

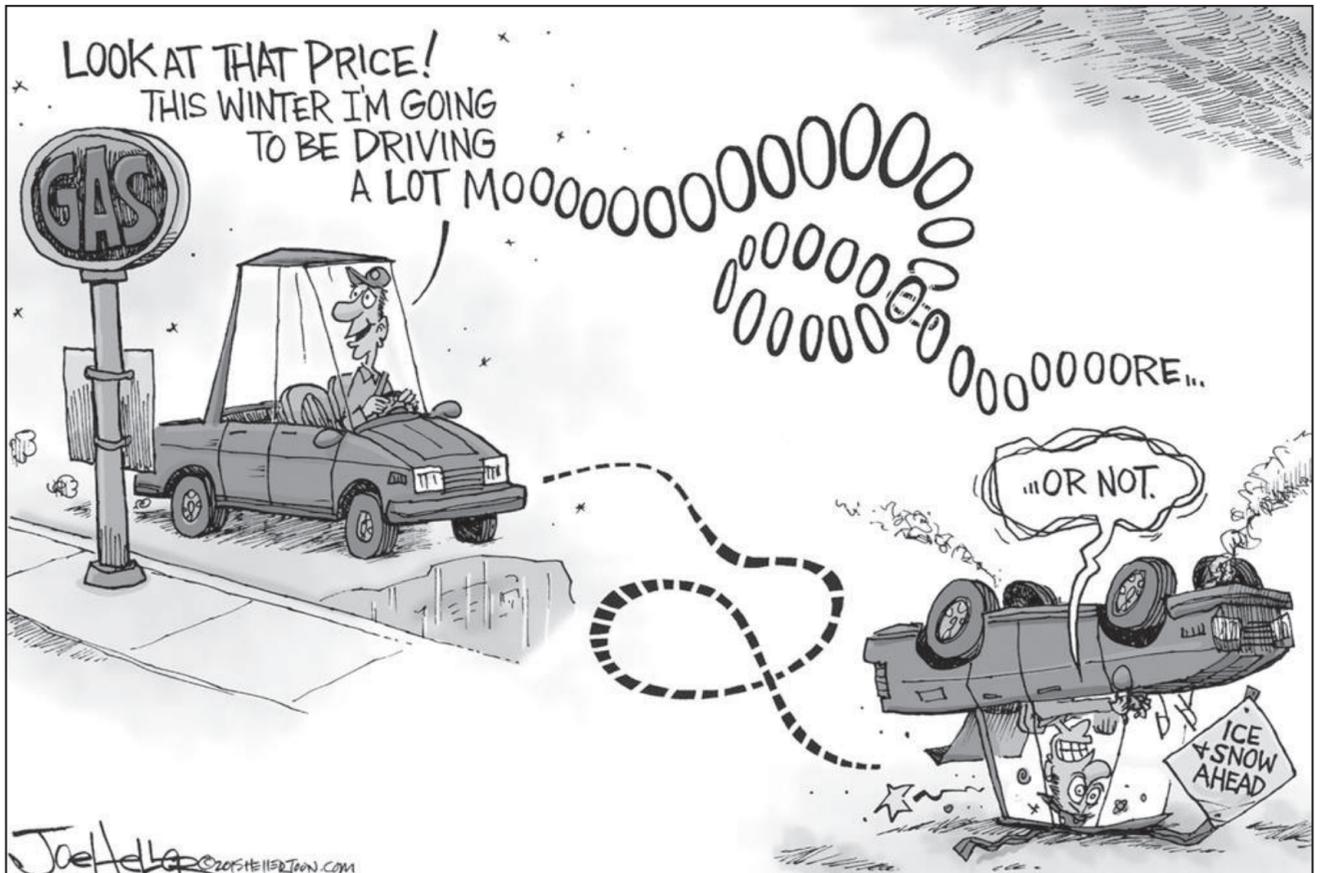
Record setting

Bel Aire had 91 home starts in 2015. This is a record for our growing city. Looking at some of the plans developers have and in having conversations with them, there is no reason to think that more homes won't begin construction in 2016. This is huge. Not only does it help pay down the city debt, it adds to the tax base.

On Dec. 17, your city council will host its ninth workshop of the year. This too is a record and speaks to the work and priority items before city council.

So you can see we have much to be thankful for and a bright future to make us excited.

See you next year.



Blessings abound in north Sedgwick County

As we enter the holidays and take time to reflect on our own personal blessings, we can't help but think of all the things in north Sedgwick County for which we are thankful in 2015.

In Valley Center, we are thankful for the completion of a project to improve stormwater drainage in the heart of the city and reconstruct a couple of heavily-used roads.

The Ford and Meridian project was long and inconvenient for drivers. It seemed even longer for area business owners. The virtual shut-down of Meridian proved financially difficult for many businesses. The effects of the loss of revenue will be felt for many months.

However, we appreciate the improvements that have been made. The project made parts of downtown Valley Center more inviting and convenient, especially during rainstorms.

In Park City, several current businesses have moved, remod-

Out of the office

By Chris Strunk



eled and expanded during the past year, culminating in an economic energy surge in this north Sedgwick County city.

Central States Thermo King announced this year it will be moving its operations to a new building near Hartman Arena. The facility will be about a \$4 million investment.

QuikTrip was expanded. Wendy's remodeled.

And another large employer, F.M.I. Inc., on the city's west side, announced a \$9 million expansion to its plant in the 5600 block of North Broadway.

"Any new business development is good," Park City Mayor Ray Mann said.

We completely agree.

In Bel Aire, we're thankful for another year of growth and continued interest in residential and commercial development.

Bel Aire is quickly becoming the hottest attraction in Sedgwick County.

The city in 2015 recorded 91 new home starts, the most in the city's history. It also welcomed recent additions to the industrial park.

"We're pretty excited we've reached that milestone," said City Manager Ty Lasher. "Hopefully, it will continue."

We have no reason to believe it won't.

In Kechi, we're thankful for the growing number of people interested in commercial development in the heart of the city.

One of the biggest examples is the so-called "Boardwalk" project,

a plan to revitalize a two-acre lot in Kechi. The project looks to be one of those kinds of initiatives small towns only dream about. A local couple is investing their time, money and energy into the construction of a restaurant and retail spaces in the 200 block of East Kechi Road.

Art and creativity are at the very core of Kechi. This project, it seems, will be a perfect fit.

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Stirring up divisiveness?

What purpose was served with your editorial in The Bel Aire Breeze critical of the Park City Council for deciding to have a plaque saying "In God We Trust" in the council chambers of Park City City Hall?

"In God We Trust" is the official motto of the United States of America. "In God We Trust" has been on U.S. coin currency since 1864. "In God We Trust" has been on U.S. paper currency since 1957.

So what business is it of your publishing company to weigh in on this small town council decision? Maybe your

editorial is for the purpose of stirring up divisiveness. — **Duane and Gaye Steen, Bel Aire**

Responding to council questions

As a member of the Bel Aire City Council, I feel I must respond to calls I've received from several residents insisting that I share the rest of the story regarding two recent Breeze articles in the October and the November issues.

In the October Breeze article titled "City Council Rejects Cell Phone Tower," there was a quote "appeals process . . . could end up costing the city thousands of dol-

lars in legal fees." In reality, just like every other city, and most Bel Aire homeowners, the City of Bel Aire maintains liability insurance to cover such lawsuits.

As the article stated, each council member who did not vote in favor of this cell tower application had valid reasons for their vote. Bel Aire remains one of the most attractive growth locations in our region. Our city council remains dedicated to both positive and sensible growth for our city and our bright future.

The November Breeze article titled "Divided Council Approves Member" aptly described the discussion as "sparked." However, the phrase "council coalition" is not accurate, as it infers a

planned or coordinated action, which it was not. In 2012, the city council passed Charter Ordinance 16 that effectively changed the manner in which city council members were to be replaced if needed. Replacements were no longer limited to those who had run and lost in the last election.

When Ken Lee was subsequently appointed to the council on April 12, 2012, he had never previously run for election. It is relevant to consider Lee's Economic Advisory Council experience for a number of years prior to his appointment and doing so is certainly not a litmus test.

As to being unfair to those who had lost the last election and were not appointed, I feel that was a needlessly harsh statement, as the council

members were not being unfair at all. Every competition has a winner and losers and those who choose to participate should not take the outcome personally.

As to the quote, "will of the voters not being represented," I submit that it was represented quite clearly in the last election when voters made their choices at the ballot box. And we must not forget that there will always be another election.

I feel confident the council made the correct choice. I, personally, used an objective rating system routinely used in business hiring situations that assessed the qualities and skills required of a city council member. Based on applying the submitted information to this scale, Diane Wynn was

clearly the best qualified.

The 2012 Bel Aire Governing Body Vacancy Policy does no doubt need to have clarified wording added so future council members will be informed of all interested parties and be able to review their applications in a timely manner so the discussion will be not be quite so "sparked" the next time the council seeks to fill a vacancy.

I worked with Les Anderson of The Ark Valley News when Bel Aire first decided to support our own newspaper. I greatly appreciate that the Breeze has a reporter at all our meetings as it is so important all citizens be informed about our city and all that is happening in our community.

— **Ramona Becker, member, Bel Aire City Council**

Deadline for January: December 18

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City of Bel Aire



Bel Aire Recreation

TUMBLING CLASS

Tumbling is for boys and girls ages 4 and up. This class will focus on flexibility, conditioning and the basics of tumbling skills. There will be a free introductory class at noon Dec. 5.

BOYS BASKETBALL 2016

Basketball is for boys ages 5 through 11. Games will be played Saturdays beginning Jan. 16. Practices will be set up by coaches on weeknights beginning the week of Jan. 4. **Registration deadline is Dec. 12.**

YOUTH CHEERLEADING

For boys and girls ages 4 and up. These recreational cheer classes will focus on motions, jumps, and routines involved in cheerleading. Classes are held Thursday evenings beginning Jan. 14. Space is limited.

BASKETBALL CLINIC (ages 5 & up)

From noon to 2:30 p.m. Jan. 9. The clinic will be run by Brent Atwater of TMK Sports Training.

TAEKWONDO (ages 5 & up)

Classes meet either Monday and Friday from

5 to 6 p.m. or Tuesday and Thursday from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. These are great classes for anyone from beginner to black belt.

YOGA

Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. Participants need to provide their own yoga mat. Teens and adults can join at any time.

FITNESS CENTER (ages 16 & up)

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

SENIOR AEROBICS/CHAIR EXERCISES

The senior aerobics class meets Wednesdays from 9 to 10 a.m. Chair exercise meets Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. You can join at any time.

A \$5 late fee will be charged to all sign-ups after registration deadlines. For more information about these or any Bel Aire Recreation programs, call 744-2700.

Bel Aire Seniors

All SENIORS 55+ are cordially invited to all events listed below. The Senior Center and library area are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. The library has a wide selection of books to check out with neither cost nor time restraints and computers are available for study or research. Any senior can belong to or attend more than one senior center/club in Sedgwick County.

Locations

Senior Center/Community Room
7651 E. Central Park Ave.
744-2451
Recreation Center
5251 E. 48th North
744-2700

Weekly Events

- Bel Aire Walkers** — M-F, 8-9 a.m. at the Rec Center (indoors & climate controlled). Free for Bel Aire Senior members, alternate times available
- Yoga** — Mondays & Wednesdays, 6 p.m. at the Rec Center (monthly fee)
- Chair Exercises** — Tuesdays and Fridays, 10:30 a.m., at the Rec Center
- Bridge Games** — Tuesdays, 1 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Low Impact Aerobics** — Wednesdays, 9 a.m. at the Rec Center
- Senior Coffee** — Thursdays, 10 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Braum's Breakfast** — Fridays, 9 a.m. on North Rock Road
- Line Dance Class** — Fridays, 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room

Monthly & Special Events

Medicare Part D Open Enrollment through Dec. 7.

- Dec. 2, 10 a.m.** — Volunteer library work time, Senior Center.
- Dec. 2, 11 a.m.** — Christmas Craft with Michelle Bible at the Senior Center, call 744-2451, ext. 135, to RSVP.
- Dec. 3, 11:30 a.m.** — Wesley Geriatrics with Meg Gaston, Senior Center.
- Dec. 3, 1 p.m.** — Game Day, Rec Center.
- Dec. 4, 1 p.m.** — Social Security changes with Minh Nguyen, Senior Center.
- Dec. 4, 6 p.m.** — Pitch, Senior Center.
- Dec. 7, 6:30 p.m.** — Potluck dinner, Christmas music with Jeb Beck, Community Room.
- Dec. 9, 10:30 a.m.** — Memory Café with Cypress Springs.
- Dec. 10, 5:45 p.m.** — Christmas Lights Tour, call 744-2451, ext. 135, to reserve your spot.
- Dec. 15, 6 p.m.** — Ladies Dine Out, call Anita at 744-2840 for more info.
- Dec. 16, 11 a.m.** — Identity Theft Workshop, Senior Center.
- Dec. 16, 1:30 p.m.** — Book Club meeting, Senior Center.
- Dec. 16, 10:15 a.m.** — Senior Aerobics Brunch, different locations.
- Dec. 18, 6 p.m.** — Pitch, Senior Center.
- Dec. 24-25** — Senior Center closed for Christmas holiday.
- Dec. 28, 6 p.m.** — Covered dish dinner, Rec Center.
- Dec. 31** — Senior Center closed for New Year's holiday.

Community Events

- TOPS** — Tuesdays at 9 a.m., Senior Center
- City Council** — First and third Tuesday of each month
- Dec. 15, 10 a.m.** — Red Hat Cheese, Chocolate and Cheer Party. Call Anita for more information at 744-2840.
- Dec. 8, 7 p.m.** — Bel Aire Heights HOA meeting in the Senior Center
- Dec. 8, 7 p.m.** — Central Park HOA meeting in the Community Room
- Dec. 24-25** — Bel Aire city offices closed for Christmas holiday
- Dec. 31** — Bel Aire city offices closed for New Year's holiday

Winter water tip:

Help keep winter salt and sand out of our ponds

At your home, you can prevent pollution to the ponds and backwaters by limiting the amount of salt and deicers you use on your driveways and sidewalks. One teaspoon of salt can contaminate five gallons of water.

- As a rule of thumb, if there is a layer of salt remaining on your driveway after the ice melts, you used too much salt. If you do have excess sand or salt, sweep it up and throw it away so that it is not washed into the storm sewer.

- The earlier you shovel after a snowfall, the less likely you are to need salt.
- Consider using an anti-icing agent before it snows. It will prevent the snow from bonding with the pavement and speed the melting process.

You're Invited
to the

City of Bel Aire

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

December 15th
5:00-7:00pm

Take pictures with Santa!
Enjoy some treats & hot drinks.
Tour the building.




7651 E Central Park Ave | (316) 744-2451 | www.belaireks.gov

CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Christmas Holiday Dec. 24-25, 2015	New Year's Holiday Jan. 1, 2016
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**Wishing you a Merry
Christmas and a
Happy New Year
* the City of Bel Aire ***



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CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran Church

Christ Lutheran is located at 53rd North and Hillside, across from Wichita Heights High School.

Worship services are held at 9 (contemporary) and 11 a.m. (traditional). Communion is offered at both services. Sunday School for all ages begins at 10:15 a.m.

During the church season of Advent, worship services will be offered Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., preceded by a potluck meal at 6:15. Christmas Eve services will be held at 4:30 p.m. (contemporary) and 7 p.m. (traditional).

For more information about the church and its activities, find the church online at www.christ-lutheran.org, or call 744-1242.

Chad Langdon is the pastor of Christ Lutheran Church.

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 at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday. Weekday Masses are 8 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Resurrection Catholic School has students from preschool through eighth grade.

The parish/school website is www.resurrectionwichita.com, and the telephone number is 744-2776.

The Rev. James F. Weldon is the pastor.

Community Bible Chapel

Community Bible Chapel is located at the corner of 45th North and Arlene. Please call Amy Smith at 323-2819 with any questions.

Cornerstone Christian Church

Cornerstone Christian Church is located at 5531 E. 37th North in Wichita KS 67220-2037. The church phone number is 686-0208.

Our pastor is Jim Rackham and youth pastor is Brandon Morrow.

Sunday Worship is at 9:30 and 11 a.m. and a nursery is provided.

Our Wednesday Study Groups include adult studies, youth and AWANA. They all meet at 6:30 p.m.

Please join us for the service of your choice.

Fairmount United Church of Christ

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

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

Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m. which includes children's church. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m.

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

Gospel Assembly Church

Located at 4230 N. Oliver in Bel Aire, service times are 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Prayer service is at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Praise and worship is at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. The first Saturday evening of each month are youth activities.

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

Greenwich United Methodist Church

Greenwich UMC, at the edge of Wichita, is a traditional, family church that serves all ages. Sunday worship is at 9 a.m. Life Studies (study group for all ages) is Sunday from 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Paula Scott is available at the church each Wednesday for prayer and fellowship. United Methodist Women meet at 10 a.m. the first Wednesday of each month and also hosts a church brunch quarterly. Special events are announced on the church sign, Facebook and by mailings. Please call to be added to our mailing list or email shagemister@sbcglobal.net.

Greenwich UMC missions support large local charities like Open Door, Grace Med or Youthville, as well as small charities like Flint Hills Therapeutic Riding Center, Wichita Children's Home, to name a few.

The church is located at 5500 N. Greenwich Road, about one mile south of K-254 and five miles north of 21st North.

Like us on Facebook at Wichita Greenwich United Methodist Church. We would love for you to come join us Sunday. Feel free to call anytime 744-0203.

Kechi United Methodist Church

You are invited to worship at 9:03 a.m. (contemporary service) or 11 (traditional service) Sundays, with Sunday school at 10 a.m., at Kechi United Methodist Church, 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi. All are welcome.

Men's Bible Study is at 6:30 a.m. Wednesdays. The coffee is

always on.

CareGivers Support group meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of every month in the basement parlor.

Bingo is at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month. Everyone is welcome to join in.

Our new pastor is Greg Reed. Find us at www.KechiUMC.org and "Like" us on Facebook. The church phone number is 744-1221.

LifePoint Church

A fellowship of the Assemblies of God, LifePoint is located at 400 S. Abilene in Valley Center.

Sunday worship service and Kids Church are at 10:30 a.m., with Life University/Sunday school for all ages is at 9. No regular Sunday night service. For special activities, see the website, www.lpcag.org.

On Wednesday evenings, Launch children's program meets at 6:30 p.m. Velocity Student Ministries for youth meets at 7 p.m.

Adult small groups meet throughout the community.

Senior pastor is Steve Rains. Youth pastor is Jacob Soyez. Children's pastor is Nathaniel Thurman. Call 755-2331.

Risen Savior Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

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

During Advent, Wednesday evening ministries are from 6:30 to 7:20 p.m. There are activities for all ages. A nursery will be available for preschool age children. King's Kids is for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Confirmation class is for children in grades six through eight. IM-PACT! is for grades nine through 12. There will also be Adult Bible Classes available.

Advent worship services will be at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 2, 9 and 16.

Christmas Eve worship services will be Dec. 24 at 6 p.m., with a candlelight service at 8 p.m.

Christmas Day worship service will be at 10 a.m. Dec. 25.

There are two weekly sessions of Lifetree Café in Valley Center. Thursday at 1 p.m. (lunch at noon) at the Community Building (316 E. Clay) and Monday at 7 p.m. at the home of Pastor Terry and Barb Wiechman (1241 S. Park). Lifetree Café is a conversation café — a place and time for people to gather weekly to experience stories and talk about thought-provoking topics relating to life and faith.

Risen Savior preschool classes for 3- to 5-year-olds are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 to 11:45 a.m. Please contact Michelle Peshek, director/lead teacher, with questions at atmichelpe@risensavior.net or call the church office at 683-5538.

Please join us. The church is located at 6770 E. 34th North in Wichita. The phone number is 683-5538, and we are online at www.risensaviorwichita.net.

Senior pastor is Tom Harmon.

St. Michael's Orthodox Christian Church

Saint Michael's Orthodox Christian Church is located at 2710 E. 61st North, Park City KS 67219. It is a congregation of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. "The disciples were first called Christians at Antioch." (Acts 11:26).

Saint Michael is a western rite congregation using the Liturgy of Saint Gregory. It is the only western rite Orthodox Church in Kansas. Join us for our worship of the Holy Trinity using the ancient and beautiful liturgy of the Undivided Church.

Sunday Adult class is at 9 a.m. Discovering Jesus in the Book of Deuteronomy is the topic.

Wednesday service is at 6 p.m. with Saturday Vespers at 4:30 p.m. Call the church for more information at 734-6248 or visit our website at www.saintmichaorthodoxchurch.com.

Email inquiries to jflora@cox.net.

Wichita Three Angels

Seventh-Day Adventist Church
The church is located at 4558 N. Hydraulic, Wichita KS 67219.

The pastor is Nathan Stearman. The Sabbath school is at 9:30 a.m. Worship service is at 11 a.m.

For more information find us at www.godsclot.com or on Facebook, email eric@godsclot.com or call 530-1040.

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



Photos by David Dinell

Linda Landoll of Bel Aire gets her dinners to go. She likes the fact that the funds raised go back to help the community.

Meal

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the three-hour event.

The hot dinner also has a fresh vegetable and fruit salad along with buttered bread, beverages and desserts.

The dinners are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 3-10, with no charge of those under 2. A group of volunteers donates their time to make the dinner happen and all the proceeds go to help the Lions with their projects for the city. A recent project was building a pavilion at the recreation center.

The dinner, which has been held for about five years, averages 200 people for both carryout and dine-in. The room is set up with 11 tables for 88 people and there's also a table with silent auction items.

Among the early arrivals was Linda Landoll of Bel Aire,

who filled several takeout containers with the dinner.

"It's great food," she said. "Guy does such a good job with it."

She likes the fact that the funds raised go back to the community.

"Coming here is a small 'thank you' for all the Lions do," she said.

Diners sitting down to eat included Bel Aire residents Julie and Dick Thompson, both eager to sample the results of the Lions' long hours of labor. Both gave the dinner a thumbs-up with Julie commenting that the penne pasta was easier to eat than long strains of spaghetti.

The event also included entertainment by Leah Rosales, a young violinist whom the Lions helped sponsor for orchestra competitions. Her accomplishments include being accepted for district, state and national honors orchestras.

The Lions say all the effort



Julie and Dick Thompson of Bel Aire start on their dinner. The event also included entertainment by Leah Rosales, a young violinist whom the Lions helped sponsor for orchestra competitions.

and long hours are worth it to have happy diners and the coffers replenished to help Bel Aire with another project. For MacDonald, the smells in the kitchen brought back happy

memories. "I just loved those meatballs as a kid," he said.

Now the fact that he can share the taste with others brings a smile to his face.

Housing

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council. She said she is going to spend some time catching up with current issues facing the governing body. Wynn was well received by the council and mayor.

"You have a long history of service to Bel Aire," said member Ramona Becker after Wynn was sworn in.

Wynn did not come onto the council without controversy as Austin's first two

choices, Jeannette Clement and Jeff Oldenettel, were both rejected by the council's majority.

The two finished third and fourth in the last election. Wynn did not run in the election. Wynn said she was aware of the situation that preceded her seating, but, like others involved, said she wants to move forward and work for the city.

Austin will now need to appoint someone to replace Wynn on the CDC.

In other action, the council:

• Heard from Gary Northwall,

chair of the Tree Board, about an opening on the body. Gary O'Neal left the board Nov. 1 and his seat needs to be filled. The seven-member board meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month in the Senior Center. To apply, contact City Hall. The successful applicant needs to live in the city and be approved by the City Council.

• Approved a bid of \$69,598 from Dutton Construction for water and sanitary improvements for Phase 2 of The Courtyard at Elk Creek development. That's far under the engineer's estimate of \$89,550, but is not unusual, said Jason Gish, principal and project manager of MKEC Engineering Inc. of Wichita, which is handling the job. A company's bid on a job varies widely depending on its other work, he said. "They still make

money on it," he said. The project deals with a development of about 20 patio homes.

• Approved a contract with Sedgwick County in which it provides \$18,000 for the Bel Aire Senior Center. The city provides it with \$10,000 for its total funding of \$28,000.

• Approved appropriations of \$277,779.

• Listened to Caleb Soliday, a senior at Northeast Magnet High School, on the value of broadcasting the council's workshops on cable TV.

• Heard Austin report that there have been numerous thefts from cars. The crimes have all taken place with unlocked cars, Austin said, and he urged residents to lock their vehicles and remove valuables or lock them in the trunk.

Sunrise

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as were three of the top seven from the class of 2017.

Each team played two games, one each day. Sunrise lost 62-52 to Prolific Prep from Napa, Calif., and won 76-72 over Athlete Institute Prep out of Orangeville, Canada.

Josh Jackson, a 6-7, 185-pound guard from Prolific Prep, is ranked No. 1 nationally. Kansas University is one of several colleges who have expressed interest in both Jackson and Thon Maker, a 7-foot, 210-pound five-star recruit from Athlete Institute Prep.

"Prolific has three or four guys who are potential NBA guys," Sunrise coach Luke Barnwell said. "Thon Maker is the best player that I've seen at our level."

Barnwell and Adair are quick to point out that the players on Sunrise's elite team are all high school students, usually playing against older students from prep schools. They all have to meet graduation requirements for both the school and the state, along with NCAA

requirements.

Sunrise fields three boys basketball teams: an elite team, a prep or postgraduate team and a traditional team that plays in the Kansas Christian Athletic Association. Sunrise is an approved school by the Kansas State High School Activities Association, but is not a member school.

The fifth-year, post-grad (prep) team gives high school graduates a chance to make up a core and raise their ACT or SAT score to qualify for Division I without losing a year of eligibility. Barnwell said Sunrise is the only school in Kansas that offers an extra year.

After two years coaching Sunrise's prep team, Barnwell is in his first year at the helm of the elite squad with its share of talent recruited by NCAA Division I schools. Lindy Waters III signed with Oklahoma State at halftime of a Nov. 15 game at Hartman. Kameron McGuisty has committed to Oklahoma. Roman Young has received offers from Oklahoma and SMU, while Georgia and Memphis have extended offers to Terrell Turner.

Since 2010, Sunrise has

sent 35 players from its elite high school and prep teams to Division I schools. Wichita State has Sunrise alums Zach Brown, Rauno Nurger, Brett Barney and Eric Hamilton on its roster. The Shockers announced Nov. 17 the signing of C.J. Keyser, a 2014 Sunrise graduate who played at a prep school last season.

Other notable signees include Oklahoma's Buddy Hield, the reigning Big 12 Player of the Year. As freshmen, Lourawls "Tum Tum" Nairn Jr. and Marvin Clark helped lead Michigan State to the 2015 Final Four.

"What we really hang our hats on — what we really pride ourselves on — is them going to college, ready in every aspect of life — academically, on the basketball court and off the court — so that they can step onto a college campus and be successful," Barnwell said.

New players are surprised at how tough Sunrise is academically.

"They're doing two or three hours of homework a night. They have to study and work hard at it," Barnwell said. "We really hold them accountable and make sure they're taking care of their

business."

On the court, Sunrise's loftiest goal is a March trip to Madison Square Garden for the national high school invitational tournament.

"We shoot for the stars; we want to make that," Barnwell said. "We know it's going to be tough but that's what we want to shoot for and work toward."

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Bel Aire child care business cited by KDHE

By David Dinell

A Bel Aire day care center's license has been suspended by state regulators and now the business is limited in who it can care for.

The move follows complaints and an investigation by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, which regulates child care operations.

The business, Melissa Prock Day Care Home, in the 4600 block of Farmstead

Court, can continue to care for children, but only those 18 months and older, state officials say.

KDHE's order was released Oct. 30 and is the result of an investigation that started earlier in the summer.

The center has 15 days to appeal the decision.

Officials say they took action to "protect children in the home from any potential threat to health or safety."

Prock obtained a day care license Feb. 20 of this year

and on June 12, a KDHE investigation was launched.

It found that infants were "left in a closed room for long periods of time without interaction" between Prock and the children.

It also reported that Prock is not "qualified by emotional maturity, sound judgment and an understanding of children" as she left infants to cry for hours without any response or interaction.

She also, officials say in their order, used banned

punishment methods by leaving children and infants in playpens or strapped into a "bouncy seat" in order to restrict their movement.

Other alleged violations include not having enough play space, not providing "age appropriate" daily activities and not giving children the opportunity to participate in activities.

In addition, the daily activities, when provided, did not provide "healthy growth and development," officials say.

The state requires Prock to notify guardians and parents in writing that she is restricted in what ages she can provide care for.

Prock declined to return a voice mail message from The Breeze for comment.

The business also is being examined by Bel Aire city officials, who say that it failed to obtain a city license.

"We're taking a look at that," said City Manager Ty Lasher.

That license requires a

nominal fee and helps city planners know which businesses are where in the city.

"We need to make sure it fits the zoning," Lasher said. City officials also want to know where businesses are in case complaints about traffic and parking are raised, he said.

Home-based service businesses, such as day cares, are permitted in Bel Aire, but they need to have the proper permits from the state along with the city license, Lasher said.

City considers proposal for help with IT

By David Dinell

After much discussion, the Bel Aire City Council tabled a measure Nov. 17 calling for a service agreement with an outside vendor for technology support.

The contract is set to come back before the council at its next meeting, which is Dec. 1, after a meeting between two council members, City Manager Ty Lasher and officials from the vendor, Wichita-based Cybertron, to iron out concerns.

Council members indicated that they want someone aligned with the city who can handle its complex technology situations, but a few members, especially Ramona Becker, had concerns about the contract's language.

"I do feel uncomfortable about this contract," she said during a 40-minute discussion on it.

Those concerns included cancellation clauses, ownership of data, time frame of the contract, costs and other subjects.

As proposed, the city would pay a flat fee of \$4,000 per month for un-

limited technology support, including help on computers at the recreation center and public works, said Garland Egerton, a Cybertron official who was at the meeting to explain the service and answer questions.

The fee also includes quarterly meetings for technical issues and semiannual meetings for strategic planning, he said.

The last couple of months have included rough spots for the city as it has worked through problems with its information technology.

Until three months ago, it had contracted out services such as website maintenance, cable TV, computer software and hardware.

But additional time charges irked the council and its members decided that it would be less expensive to get a full-time employee to handle those chores.

Ted Wallender was hired to handle them. However, the city recently went through a major email and server crash situation, said City Manager Ty Lasher. Shortly thereafter, Wallender resigned from the position.

The job was looked at in a new light and the staff realized that it would be nearly impossible to find one person who had all the skill sets the city sought, so it was determined that the best route would be to go back to what the city had before: a contract with an outside vendor.

Cybertron is familiar with the city's computers as it has bought products from it. The company also fixed the city's server during the recent crash.

"We feel they are very knowledgeable of our system, work with other cities and would be a good resource for IT maintenance," Lasher said.

Lasher said a flat-fee contract would save Bel Aire money as opposed to trying to hire another employee. Egerton said the company wants to work with Bel Aire.

"We'd be glad to have the opportunity," he said. In other action, the council: •Authorized spending \$40,000 to clean the sewer main in Pearson's Addition and run a TV camera through it to detect problems. The work will be done by Mayer Specialty Services. The company has been doing work in the addition

and found some problems, including a power pole in the lines and pipes in poor condition.

"We would like to have Mayer clean and televise the remainder of Pearson's Addition so we can understand the condition of the pipes and develop a plan for necessary repairs," said Anne Stephens, public works director and city engineer, in a report to the council.

The work area is basically south of 45th Street North and between Edgemore and Woodlawn. Member Betty Martine asked Stephens to ensure that area home owners are notified of the upcoming work.

One of the lines the company was working on had heavy root intrusion, offset joints and broken taps, Stephens said. The lines in the addition are among the oldest in Bel Aire and most are made of clay tile, which can be infiltrated by tree roots.

Those roots can then block flow through the pipes. In the addition, there are 24,000 linear feet of eight inch and 10 inch clay tile, Stephens said. Those lines were installed in the late 1950s. Money from the work will come from the city's sewer account, which has the funds available to cover it.

•Approved Series 2015 industrial revenue bonds to be used by Buzzi Unicem USA for its operation at Sunflower Commerce Park. The vote was a procedural one finalizing the issuance of \$7.5 million worth of bonds. The city isn't responsible for the bonds' cost or debt.

•Approved appropriations of \$1.73 million. The higher-than-normal figure is due to paying down

the city's debt from cash resulting from land sales.

•Approved adopting a new fire code, the 2012 edition of the International Fire Code, which replaces the 2003 edition. The new code is updated to incorporate new technologies and changes in construction and materials. Dan Wegner, fire marshal from Sedgwick County District No. 1, explained the updates to the council.

•Approved a change in the zoning regulations concerning storage

sheds. The new rules allow a shed up to 10-feet by 12-feet with a normal permit instead of requiring a special permit. Bigger sheds will need to have the special permit.

•Received a report from the police department stating that it is starting evaluation of new software and hardware called e-Citation.

All five members and the mayor were present. There was a 15-minute executive session for attorney-client privilege.

DUI arrests up in Bel Aire

By David Dinell

Arrests for driving under the influence of liquor or drugs has increased in Bel Aire this year. Year to date, Bel Aire police have made 21 arrests for those violations, a 24 percent increase from 17 for all of 2014, according to a report submitted to the City Council by Police Chief Darrell G. Atteberry.

"This increase could be attributed to officers encountering more impaired drivers during traffic stops during the late night hours," he said. He said police are going to stress enforcing traffic laws to make the streets safer.

"Enforcing speed zones and other traffic laws helps reduce factors associated with traffic crashes that cause personal injury as well as property damage," he said.

Atteberry has reason to be concerned as crashes have already increased from last year. For 2014, there were 49 accident reports. In 2015, that number has increased to 50 with six weeks to go in the year.

Atteberry said a traffic problem is Rock Road and 53rd Street North.

"A number of traffic crashes have occurred this year due to inattention when navigating the intersection," he said.

DEATHS

EMILY GOEBEL

Emily Kate Goebel, 13, of Bel Aire, died Nov. 14, 2015. She was born April 26, 2002, in Newton to James and Lori (Claassen) Goebel.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandmother Annie Goebel. Survivors include her parents; siblings Thomas, Jeremiah, Lucy, Paige and Maggie; maternal grandparents Ralph and Debora Claassen; and paternal grandfather Frank Goebel.

Committal service was held at Haldeman Cemetery in rural Potwin, with funeral service at Emmaus Mennonite Church, Whitewater, both on Nov. 17. Memorial fund to His Safe Haven, c/o Lamb Funeral Home, 120 S. Main, Whitewater KS, 67154.

LEA ETTA JORDAN

Lea Etta Ann Jordan, 73, died Nov. 8, 2015. She was the former owner of TomKat LTD.

She was preceded in death by her husband Steve Jordan and former husband Gerald Kathol. Survivors include her son Kenneth Strickland of Tuc-



Jordan

son, Ariz.; daughter, Deb Rimer (Bob Carter) of Bel Aire; brother Charles "Chuck" Newman of St. Charles, Mo.;

half-brother Dwight Newman; and grandchildren Michael and Kristen (Denny Endd) Rimer.

Funeral service was Nov. 13 at St. James Episcopal Church. Memorials to Episcopal Social Services, 1010 N. Main, Wichita KS 67203. Downing & Lahey Mortuary East had charge.

OLLIE WARD

Ollie Earl Ward, 93, died Oct. 31, 2015. He was born in Cook Coun-



Ward

ty, Texas, to Odus and Myrtle Ward.

He was preceded in death by his son Jody Ward; sister Marie Renard; brothers Clyde

Ward, H.R. "Hap" Ward, Grady Ward and Spurgin Ward; and granddaughter Amber Ward. Survivors include his wife Peggy Ward of Wichita; sons Dennis of Bel Aire and Rodney

of Haysville; stepdaughters Sandra Abbott of Wichita and Sharon Scott of Grayland, Wash.; stepsons Ron Scott of Piedmont and Dr. Steven Scott of Seattle; brothers Herbert Ward of Wichita and Bill Ward of Joplin, Mo.; sister Mary Scheerger of Wellington; 12 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Service was Nov. 4 at Bethany United Methodist Church. Memorials to Bethany United Methodist Church and Gentiva Hospice. Broadway Mortuary had charge.

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Business leaders get together

Board members from four area chambers of commerce — (from left) Betty Washington with the Kechi chamber, Dean Frankenberry with Park City, Tom Bartel with Valley Center and Gary O'Neal with Bel Aire — get together at a mixer Nov. 19 at the Best Western in Park City. This was the first gathering designed to bring together all four chambers of commerce. "It's just a good idea to get together," said Kim Madison, general manager of the Best Western and a member of the Park City Chamber of Commerce.

Homicide case comes to a close

By David Dinell

Braden Smith, the final defendant in the murder case of Melissa and Roger Bluml, was sentenced to 24 1/2 years in prison. The sentence was handed down Oct. 29 in Sedgwick County District Court and represents the end of legal proceedings of the murders of the rural Valley Center couple.



Roger Bluml

two men went into a scheme hatched by Schaberg to murder the Blumls for insurance money.



Melissa Bluml

and cooperated with law enforcement after the murders.

"He did provide the gun," O'Hara said, "but he has never been in trouble with the law before."

O'Hara said the young Smith was "influenced" by the three others involved in the murder. "This is a difficult time for him," he said.

The sentencing fulfills a prediction by Bennett that all the legal procedures in the case would be wrapped up before Thanksgiving.

After the sentencing, Bennett addressed the family in the courtroom, and then they filed out, most shaking his hand. The family made no statement to the media.

In the past, the family has commented that while legal aspects of case get completed, their emotional suffering continues and they feel the pain of missing their loved ones, especially at family gatherings and during holidays.

HIGHLIGHTS

Bel Aire reaches two milestones

Bel Aire is marking two achievements. On Nov. 26, Thanksgiving Day, it reaches the 35th anniversary of its founding. No official ceremony is scheduled, but the city is holding its annual open house a few weeks later from 5 to 7 p.m. Dec. 15 at City Hall. The holiday party includes refreshments and a visit from Santa.

On another front, Bel Aire has recorded 91 new home starts this year — the most in the city's history. "We're pretty excited we've reached that milestone," said City Manager Ty Lasher. "Hopefully, it will continue."

— The Breeze staff

Bail bond scam hits home

A nation-wide bail bond scam has hit Sedgwick County.

The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office is warning residents to beware of the scam.

Recently, a woman who bonded out of the Sedgwick County Jail was contacted by someone named Monica who was calling from a number in a California area code. "Monica" told the woman that more money needed to be paid for the bond by way of Western Union or her bond would be revoked and she would be booked back in to jail. The woman immedi-

ately called the original bonding company and determined that this was a scam, the sheriff's office said.

This bail bond scam has happened in other counties in Kansas as well as across the United States. Anyone who gets a call like this should contact their original bonding company to ensure that they don't pay money that they don't owe, the sheriff's office said.

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