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Cops indicted in scheme to sell guns

Former Bel Aire officers face federal charges

By Matt Heilman

Two former officers with the Bel Aire Police Department were charged Dec. 9 in a federal indictment involving the illegal sale of firearms.

The indictment alleges that one of the officers devised a

scheme to buy and sell firearms by falsely claiming the weapons were property of the Bel Aire Police Department and would be used for law enforcement purposes, U.S. Attorney Barry Grissom said.

A second officer is accused of lying to cover up the illegal

firearms sale.

Nathan A. Mavia, 26, has been charged with one count of mail fraud. Mavia served as a Bel Aire police officer from February 2012 to June 2014.

Robert S. McCaslin, 40, is charged with one count of making false statements dur-

ing a federal investigation. McCaslin served as a Bel Aire police officer from August 2007 to February 2014 before transitioning to the Valley Center Police Department in February.

McCaslin was a Valley Center police officer until the

indictment was announced Dec. 9.

City Administrator Joel Pile said McCaslin submitted a letter of resignation on Dec. 1, informing the city he had accepted a position with the

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So long, 2014

Bel Aire had its ups and downs during the past year



Photos by Matt Heilman

With tax revenue expected from a flurry of new home construction in Bel Aire, the city council adopted a 2015 budget that called for no property tax increase.

After a successful 2013 that saw some of the city's best growth in more than 30 years, the stage was set for an encore in Bel Aire. The year proved to match or exceed 2013 in several ways, and with more development on the horizon and construction ongoing in the city, there's no reason to doubt that the good times will keep rolling in the years ahead. Before we look forward, here's a look back at the last 12 months in Bel Aire.

January

The Bel Aire City Council took binding action at its took binding action in its first meeting of the year in the form of ordinances that supported key developments in the city. One of the ordinances established a community improvement to fund railroad siding that will increase shipping capabilities in the Sunflower Commerce Park.

Wholesale Fireworks announced its plans to expand with the purchase of an 8,000 square-foot structure just northwest of 37th North and Woodlawn. Wholesale Fireworks' new facility in Bel Aire expanded its sales presence leading up to the Fourth of July each year. The company also has air-conditioned buildings in Valley Center, Haysville, Towanda and Andover, as well as about 60 tents throughout the area.

February

U.S. Sen. Mike Pompeo joined members of the city council and representatives of City Hall with a tour of businesses in Bel Aire. On



Rock Ridge Family Medicine, at 53rd North and Rock Road, had a ribbon-cutting ceremony April 11, one of several such events in the city in 2014.

Feb. 13, Pompeo toured Wickham Glass and Century Manufacturing. The visit highlighted the city's growth efforts.

High school students from Bel Aire's Sunrise Christian Academy gathered at City Hall Feb. 13 to learn about local government through participation in a mock city council. Students that were sworn in during the exercise were Mayor Katriana Kisner and council members Chad Armstrong, Grant Conrady, Miranda White, Nathan Kampe and Berk

Orhon.

March

Former Kansas State University quarterback and 2012 Heisman Trophy finalist Collin Klein spoke at Sunrise Christian Academy's National Honor Society induc-

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Bel Aire, Valley declared safe cities

By Matt Heilman

Two cities in north Sedgwick County have been recognized among the state's safest places to call home. Movoto, a real estate brokerage company, unveiled its list of the top 10 safest small towns in Kansas on Dec. 12.

"We looked at towns with populations between 5,000 and 20,000 and ranked them based on data from the 2012 FBI Uniform Crime Report," said Movoto's Chad Stiffney.

The report painted north Sedgwick County in a positive light. The City of Bel Aire ranked No. 1 on the list, recognized as the safest small town in the state.

The City of Valley Center ranked in a tie for third with Spring Hill in northeast Kansas. The northeast Kansas community of Gardner and fellow Wichita suburb Andover tied for fifth.

Lansing, also in northeast Kansas, ranked second on the list. Wichita suburb Mulvane ranked seventh on the list. Eudora, located just east of Lawrence, ranked eighth. The western Kansas communities of Colby and Ulysses ranked ninth and 10th, respectively.

Ranking just outside the top 10 safest small towns in Kansas, Park City was in a tie for 12th on the list of 35 cities observed in the study.

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Election candidate deadline approaches

Mayor, 2 council seats in Bel Aire

By The Post staff

The deadline to file as a candidate in local city and school spring elections is fast approaching. Candidates have until noon Jan. 27 to submit paperwork to be on this year's ballot.

The primary election will be March 3. The general election will be April 7.

In Bel Aire, the mayor seat and two at-large city council positions are up for election in 2015.

In Kechi three at-large city council positions — those held by David McConaughay, Kevin Opat and Brian Adams — are up for election.

In Park City, city council seats held by Mike Alumbaugh (Ward 1), Chris Johns (Ward 2), George Capps (Ward 3) and Tom Jones (Ward 4).

Four of seven seats are open for election on the Valley Center school board. Seats held by Rhonda Price, Roger Joyal, Dave Spears and Colin McKenney will be decided. They are four-year terms. Price has filed for re-election for a fourth term.



Mayor's corner

By David Austin

It is the time of year when many of us reflect on another year gone by and make New Year's resolutions in anticipation of a greater 2015. It seems like a good time then to pause and consider my beliefs and why they continue to matter on my journey through life.

FAITH ... Because without it, we lose hope.

HOPE ... Because with it, anything is possible.

LOVE ... Because of it, life has meaning.

It was a great year for the City of Bel Aire. We were able to make a significant dent in our debt obligations thanks to a banner year in land sales and new businesses opening their doors in our city.

Each day, I am honored to be your mayor, I watch your city volunteers, council members and city staff exercise their faith in the city. It takes faith, experience and confidence to make our city run. It is also their faith in a greater good that guides them on difficult and sometimes disappointing days.

And I have seen hope turn into reality as land negotiations become cemented in a contract and dirt begins to move as new houses and buildings go up. And I have seen it as employees work beyond their 40 hours with no complaint because they know we are growing and they want to serve.

And I have seen love for a city and its citizens first hand in a police officer responding to big and small situations. I see it in our council meetings, when we have passionate discussion, let's say, about issues and all wanting to do what is best for each citizen and each newcomer to our city.

I look back at just the past six weeks of 2014 and am amazed at what happened and know it is a sign of even greater things to come in 2015. We had two huge grand-opening celebrations at Next Level Hoops Academy and at Concierge Surgical Recovery Center. New homes sprang up and dirt began to really move for a new development on Woodlawn. In addition, the largest crowd I can recall attended the City Hall open house and Christmas celebration in mid-December. Thanks to the community development advisory council and the Bel Aire Lions, it was a great event. Plus our staff stayed late and gave tours.

And we closed out the year with some super exciting news. Bel Aire city leaders are proud to announce the City of Bel Aire was ranked as the No. 3 safest town in Kansas by SafeWise. The ranking comes just after being ranked the No. 1 safest small town by Movoto Real Estate. These studies look at populations between 5,000 and 20,000 and ranked them based on data from the FBI Uniform Crime Report.

We have much to be proud of in Bel Aire and I know we will have many more new neighbors in 2015 because we have such a great community to call home. Much of this and more will all be discussed at 6:30 on Jan. 6 at the second annual Mayor's State of the City address. I invite every single one of you to attend. It will also be shown on Cox, Channel 7.

In the meantime, I wish you all a very happy, prosperous and joyous holiday season and a safe and blessed 2015.

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2015-OUT WITH THE OLD AND IN WITH THE NEW



Thank you for five years of stories

In February 2010, I stepped into a new, yet familiar role. I began reporting for the hometown newspaper of the community where I attended school for 12 years.

Growing up on rural property on the far northeastern boundary of Hornet country, I remember looking forward to Thursday evenings when I could sit down and page through the weekly Ark Valley News. After scanning the front page and the sports pages, I most looked forward to reading page 2 and the police reports.

If you would have told the teenage version of myself that I'd spend nearly five years writing for The Ark Valley News someday, there's a good

chance I would have politely asked you what you were smoking. But I had a good head on my shoulders growing up, so I wouldn't have asked you if I could have some.

Under the tutelage of Les Anderson at Wichita State, I found an appreciation for community journalism. I took advantage of freelance opportunities to cover Valley Center High School sports for Chris Strunk toward the end of my college career, which ultimately led to the position I've held for half of a decade.

When I started full-time at The Ark Valley News, Anderson, who started the paper in the 1970s, advised me that it would be a great place to work for two to three years



Heil on life

By Matt Heilman

before I should move on with my life.

After sticking around for about double the recommendation, the time has finally come for me to move on. Starting this week, I am transitioning into my new full-time job as a web content producer for KWCH Channel 12 in Wichita.

Don't worry; you won't see my mug on TV.

I'll be working behind the scenes, keeping everyone updated on news via the station's website and social media platforms. My experiences at The Ark Valley News made my next move possible and I've enjoyed almost every day in the last five years that I built that experience.

I'm going to miss covering city council meetings on Tuesday and Thursday nights in the cities of Park City, Bel Aire and Kechi. I'm going to miss attending VC Hornet sporting events and silently rooting for the purple and gold as I pretend to be objective. I'm going to miss interacting with go-to sources and kind residents in the four communities in our coverage area that

I've grown to know well. I'm going to miss Pat Houston's donuts on Wednesday mornings and the near daily visits from Pete Hester, the self-proclaimed captain of the Valley Center High School football team.

I'm going to miss typing up and editing those police reports I once enjoyed reading. I'm going to miss all of you, probably much more than you'll miss me.

As always, thanks for reading. And thanks for letting me share your stories for the best five years of my life.

Matt Heilman was a reporter for The Park City Post, Bel Aire Breeze, Kechi Lamp and Ark Valley News since 2010.

2014

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tion ceremony March 6 at the school. Klein discussed the importance of selflessness and priority setting and the hazard of trying to measure accomplishments against others.

Senior citizens representing the Catholic Care Center prepared a banner congratulating the Wichita State University men's basketball team on its undefeated regular season. A group from the center presented the banner to Wichita State's mascot, Wu Shock, March 21 at Charles Koch Arena.

April

Construction began with an April 18 groundbreaking ceremony for the new home of the Next Level Hoops Academy in Bel Aire's Sunflower Commerce Park. The organization, co-owned by former Wichita State University basketball standout Jason Perez, consists of more than 20 boys teams and more than 10 girls teams ranging in age from 8 to 17 years old.

The city hosted a well-attended Spring Festival and Easter egg hunt April 12 on the City Hall grounds. The festivities, which went on for most of the day, drew many Bel Aire residents as well as visitors from outside of the community.

May

A sense of stability returned to the Bel Aire Police Department with the hiring of a new chief. Bel Aire resident and retired Wichita police captain Darrell Atteberry took command of the department about five months after previous chief John Daily submitted his resignation due to health-related issues.

Marco's Pizza opened in space shared with Bel Aire's Family Video at 45th North and Woodlawn. The new pizza restaurant was the 70th in the nation and the second in Wichita to be franchised by Family Video.

June

Bel Aire resident and the city's first mayor, Bill Brookhouser, took a trip to Camden, N.J., to visit the USS New Jersey battleship on which he served during World War II. Brookhouser served in the Navy aboard the New Jersey in the South Pacific from 1943 to 1946.

Nearly 300 youth baseball and softball players competed in their final games of the summer June 23 at the Bel Aire Rec Center. The 299 participants in the rec program participated on 26 teams.

July

In its ongoing efforts to keep its residents in touch with what's going on in their community, the Bel Aire City

Council approved allocating \$150 per month to contract for the development of a mobile app for the city.

The Bel Aire City Council approved the publication of a 2015 budget that called for no tax increase from the city's portion of property taxes. The council was able to keep the tax rate level with the 2014 mark due in large part to new home construction throughout the city.

August

About 110 dogs and 250 people attended the Aug. 11 Hot Dawgs Pool Party at the community pool in Central Park. The second annual event raised more than \$500 for the City of Bel Aire to use toward making its parks more pet-friendly.

An Aug. 19 groundbreaking celebrated the start of construction for a 22,000-square-foot law enforcement facility northwest of K-254 and Rock Road. The facility will serve as the new headquarters for Kansas Highway Patrol Troop F. The KHP will share the space with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.

September

With room in its budget, the Bel Aire Police Department received the go-ahead to update the department with new equipment. The equipment included a gun safe, a trail camera and spike strips that can be thrown onto a street to puncture the tires of a fleeing

vehicle in a police pursuit.

Three former members of the Bel Aire Police Department were subjects of a joint local and federal investigation concerning possible illegal weapons sales. On Sept. 5, Sedgwick County Sheriff Jeff Easter confirmed his department was involved in the investigation with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, which led the investigation.

October

The city celebrated a fall festival and talent show on Oct. 4. The fall festival included a myriad of outdoor activities on the Bel Aire rec center property. The community talent show was held in the auditorium at Northeast Magnet High School.

The Bel Aire City Council approved spending for two key paving projects identified as priorities in the city. The larger of the projects was the \$147,962.50 reconstruction of Gunnion from Flagstaff to Clarendon in "Old Bel Aire."

November

The Next Level Hoops Academy hosted a ribbon cutting on Nov. 15, celebrating the grand opening for its new home in the 50,000 square-foot Fast Forward Premier Athletic Facility. The Next Level Hoops Academy is one of two tenants of the facility. The other tenant is the ICT Mavs Volleyball program. The facility includes eight volley-

ball courts and six basketball courts.

Information from Sedgwick County Emergency Communications revealed that there were 80,517 abandoned emergency calls in 2013, which equated to about 3,335 dispatch hours.

December

A project that has been about eight years in the making celebrated its grand opening Dec. 6 in Bel Aire. The Concierge Surgical Recovery Center, located about half of a mile south of 53rd North and Webb Road is preparing to accept patients. The recovery center, part of Phase I of the Tierra Verde health and wellness development, is a facility where patients can spend additional time recovering from surgery after they've been released from the hospital.

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City of Bel Aire



Bel Aire Recreation

DAZZLING DANCERS

These recreational dance classes will focus on ballet and jazz dance. Dance is for ages 4 & up. Class attire includes: comfortable clothing, dance slippers and a hair-tie. Classes will be held Saturdays beginning Feb. 14, 2015. Space is limited and registration is required.

YOUTH CHEERLEADING

Cheer is for ages 4 & up. These recreational cheer classes will focus on motions, jumps, and routines involved in cheerleading. Classes will be held Monday evenings beginning Jan. 19, 2015. Space is limited and registration is required.

CO-ED INDOOR SOCCER

Indoor soccer is for boys and girls ages 4-11. Games will be played Saturdays beginning March 7, 2015. Practices will be set up by coaches weeknights beginning the week of

Feb. 23, 2015. The registration deadline is Feb. 14, 2015.

TAEKWONDO (ages 5 & up)

Classes meet from 5 to 6 p.m. Monday and Friday or from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. These are great classes for everyone, from beginners to black belts.

YOGA

Classes will be from 6:10 to 7:10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Participants need to provide their own yoga mat. Adults can join at any time

FITNESS CENTER (ages 16 & up)

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

A \$5 late fee will be charged to all sign-ups after the deadline.

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

EXCITING NEWS FOR BEL AIRE!

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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 library books to check out at no cost nor time restraints, along with computers available for study or research. Remember 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 St. N., 744-2700

Weekly Events

- Bel Aire Walkers** — M-F, 8-9 a.m. at the Rec Center (indoors & climate controlled) Free for BA Senior members, alternate times available
- Men's Coffee & Fellowship** — Mondays, 10 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Yoga** — Mondays & Wednesdays, 6 p.m. at the Rec Center (monthly fee)
- Bridge Games** — Tuesdays, 1 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Low Impact Aerobics** — Wednesdays, 9 a.m. at the Rec Center
- Game Day** — Thursdays, 2-4 p.m. at the Rec Center
- Braums Breakfast** — Fridays, 9 a.m. on North Rock Road
- Chair Exercises (new)** — Fridays, 10:30 a.m. at the Rec Center

Monthly & Special Events

- Jan. 5, 6:30 p.m.** — Potluck dinner (meat provided), Community Room, "The Benefits of Line Dancing"
- Jan. 7, 10 a.m.** — Volunteer library work time at the Bel Aire Senior Center
- Jan. 8, 2:30 p.m.** — Senior Center planning meeting at the Senior Center
- Jan. 9, 10:30 a.m.** — Chair Exercise, first class, at the Rec Center
- Jan. 14, 10 a.m.** — Open sewing at the Bel Aire Senior Center
- Jan. 16, 6 p.m.** — Pitch at the Bel Aire Senior Center
- Jan. 20, 6 p.m.** — Ladies Dine Out. For information call Anita at 744-2840
- Jan. 21, 10:15 a.m.** — Senior Aerobics Brunch (different locations)
- Jan. 22, 2 p.m.** — Genealogy group (new) first meeting



From the staff of the City of Bel Aire

Bel Aire hosts Santa at open house

The city of Bel Aire held a Christmas Open House Dec. 16 at City Hall.

Santa was a huge draw, as more than 200 people gathered for Christmas music, cookies, brownies and punch.

Tours of City Hall were also available for visitors who joined all the fun and

excitement.

The Bel Aire City Council and Mayor welcomed many visitors, including several state and local public officials.

The event was a huge success with the help of the Bel Aire Lions Club. Their support and partnership for this event is greatly appreci-

ated by the city of Bel Aire and the entire community of Bel Aire.

Thank you to everyone who made it out.



Community Events

- TOPS** — Tuesdays, 9 a.m., Bel Aire Senior Center
- City Council meetings** — First and third Tuesday of each month
- Jan. 1 and 2** — Bel Aire city offices closed for New Year's holiday
- Jan. 10, 10 a.m.** — Red Hats jewelry making and lunch. Call Anita for more information 744-2840
- Jan. 13, 7 p.m.** — Bel Aire Heights HOA meeting, Community Room
- Jan. 13, 7 p.m.** — Central Park HOA meeting, Senior Center
- Jan. 19** — Bel Aire city offices closed for Martin Luther King Jr. birthday observance

City of Bel Aire contacts

City Hall	
Ty Lasher, City Manager	744-2451, ext. 217
Recreation Department	744-2700
Central Park Pool	744-7331
Parks Department	744-8609
Police • Emergency	911
Non-emergency	744-6000
Animal Control (Sedgwick County)	660-7070
Public Works	744-2888
Water/Sewer Emergency (after 5 p.m.)	761-6972 or 761-6973
Utility Billing	744-2451, ext. 132
(Waste Connections)	838-4920
Hazardous Waste (Sedgwick County)	660-7464

POLICE REPORTS

Dec. 15 — Officer Camplin stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 4900 block of North Oliver. The driver was cited for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Dec. 14 — Lt. Foxx responded to a burglary in progress in the 4200 block of North Rushwood Court. Three people were removing property from a residence. They had permission to do so.

Dec. 14 — Officer Elpers responded to a disturbance in the 6100 block of Edinburg. The calling party said she was having problems with family members.

Dec. 13 — Lt. Foxx took a report of someone opening a mail package that was left on the doorstep of a residence in the 4000 block of North Danbury. The suspect removed eight sheath knives and one folding knife. The knife cases were left in the package. The larceny occurred between Dec. 12 and 13.

Dec. 13 — Officer Elpers located a lost dog at Next Level Hoops Academy. Animal control retrieved the dog from the station.

Dec. 13 — Officer Steele assisted Park City police with a disturbance at Motel 6 in the 1000 block of East Hopalong Cassidy Circle. The unruly guest was allowed to stay in the room if he calmed down.

Dec. 12 — Officer Roney took a report of lost property in the 4100 block of North Oliver. A woman lost a Dooney and Burke purse.

Dec. 12 — Officer Camplin stopped a vehicle for running a stop sign in the 6400 block of East 45th North. Officer smelled alcohol on the driver's breath. The driver was arrested after a field sobriety test.

Dec. 11 — Officer Roney responded to a report of a vicious dog in the 8400 block of East Granite Court. A woman said a large black dog that was barking ran toward her while she was standing in her driveway. She said she was frightened because she did not know if the animal was vicious. The woman used a large decorative candy cane from her front yard to fend off the dog and keep it from jumping on her. She stated the

dog belonged to a neighbor in a duplex across the street. She said the man has a black dog and another tan dog that get out frequently. Officer attempted to contact dog's owner. However, he shut the blinds on his residence and did not answer the door. Animal control was notified to review the incident.

Dec. 11 — Officer Steele was contacted by a man about a young man swinging a baseball bat in the 4000 block of North Friar Lane in Wichita. Officer contacted the young man in the 3800 block of North Rock Road. Wichita police took over the case.

Dec. 10 — Officer Louks responded to a report of criminal damage to property at Enterprise Rental in the 6300 block of East 37th North. A manager showed officer a 2014 Chevrolet Camaro that was returned with what appeared to be three bullet holes in the passenger door. The renter said he rented it for a friend of his daughter. Wichita police and Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office were contacted to see if the vehicle matched the description of any vehicles used in crimes in their jurisdictions. It did not.

Dec. 9 — Officer Camplin stopped a vehicle for running a stop sign in the 9500 block of East 46th North. The driver was arrested on a charge of driving while a habitual violator.

Dec. 9 — Officer Roney stopped a vehicle for an expired license plate in the 5500 block of East 45th North. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license.

Dec. 9 — Officer Elpers responded to a report of domestic violence in the 4200 block of North Rushwood. The calling party said he was attempting to remove items from the house. Elpers reviewed court documents and said all items were to remain inside the residence until further court action. Both parties agreed.

Dec. 8 — Officer Camplin stopped a vehicle for failing to dim high beams. The driver was cited for no license in possession.

Dec. 8 — Chief Atteberry responded to a home accident in the

4900 block of North Farmstead. An elderly man said he lost his balance while picking up a package from his front porch. The man fell from the porch, hit his head and received abrasions to his right arm. The man was taken to Galicia Hospital.

Dec. 8 — Officer Elpers took a 17-year-old female into custody after she refused to speak to officers about a three-vehicle wreck in which she was involved.

Dec. 6 — Officer Camplin stopped a vehicle for an unreadable tag in the 7800 block of East 45th North. The tag did not belong to the vehicle. The driver was cited for no proof of insurance.

Dec. 6 — Lt. Foxx stopped a vehicle for running a stop sign and failing to signal. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license.

Dec. 6 — Officer Steele received a telephone call at the station about a domestic violence incident. There were incidents in Bel Aire and Wichita. After an investigation, additional domestic violence charges were filed on a suspect.

Dec. 5 — Lt. Foxx responded to a sudden death at Catholic Care Center in the 6700 block of East 45th North. The man was pronounced dead.

Dec. 5 — Officer Elpers responded to a report of a lost license plate at Enterprise Rental Cars in the 6300 block of East 37th North. The plate number was entered in NCIC.

Dec. 5 — Officer Elpers responded to a three-vehicle wreck in the 6900 block of East Perryton. Injuries were reported.

Dec. 5 — Officer Steele stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5100 block of North Oliver. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license.

Dec. 4 — Officer Roney responded to a report of domestic violence in the 4300 block of North Stratford Court. A woman said she was involved in a verbal argument with her husband, and he threw a paper plate full of food and a glass of water at her. Both struck her. The man was arrested.

Dec. 3 — Officer Camplin stopped a vehicle for an expired tag in the

4400 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license.

Dec. 3 — Officer Camplin stopped a vehicle in the 4400 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was arrested on a warrant.

Dec. 3 — Officer Steele responded to a report of domestic violence in the 5000 block of North Colonial Court. A subject was drunk and arguing with his stepfather.

Dec. 3 — Officer Steele took a report of found property at the station.

Dec. 2 — Officer Camplin stopped a vehicle for a tag violation in the 4000 block of North Oliver. The driver said she bought the car a year ago and the dealership said she could take the tag from her other car and place it on the new car. She said she did not know she was required to register the tag to her new car. The driver was cited.

Dec. 2 — Officer Elpers responded to a two-vehicle wreck in the 6700 block of East 45th North. No injuries were reported.

Dec. 2 — Officer Louks responded to a report of disorderly conduct in the 3800 block of North Woodlawn. The reporting party said she was being threatened by her brother. She requested extra patrol at her residence.

Dec. 1 — Officer Elpers responded to a disturbance in the 5300 block of North Rock Springs. The homeowner said he ex-wife was coming to pick up the children after more than a month with no contact. Officer referred the parents to mediation.

Nov. 29 — Officer Camplin made contact with the driver of a vehicle in the 8000 block of East Old Mill. The driver and passenger said they were lost and looking for directions on their phones. Officer smelled alcohol on the driver's breath. The driver was arrested.

Nov. 29 — Officer Roney responded to a possible domestic dispute in the 4500 block of North Westlake Court. The reporting party said her husband had two of her four kids and was supposed to have taken

all four. Officer asked Wichita police to conduct a welfare check on the children at a motel on East Kellogg.

Nov. 28 — Officer Roney took a report of found property in the 4000 block of North Oliver. A Bel Aire Water Department employee found an iPad in the intersection of 40th North and Oliver. The iPad's owner later called and claimed the property after providing the proper security code.

Nov. 26 — Officer Roney responded to a two-vehicle wreck in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn. No injuries were reported.

Nov. 25 — Officer Camplin stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 4200 block of North Oliver. The driver got out of the vehicle and fled on foot. After a search, a Kechi officer found the driver at Willow Point and Country Lane, just south of 37th North in Wichita. The driver was taken into custody on a charge of fleeing and eluding an officer.

Nov. 25 — Officer Elpers stopped a vehicle for a seat belt violation in the 5500 block of East 37th North. The driver was cited for no driver's license in possession and no proof of insurance.

Nov. 25 — Officer Steele checked the perimeter of Northeast Magnet High School in the 5500 block of North Lycee. Officer found an unlocked door. There was no evidence of suspicious activity.

Nov. 25 — Officers Steele and Menges took a report of larceny in the 4100 block of North Woodlawn. A suspect was questioned and released and was advised to not return to the business.

Nov. 24 — Lt. Foxx stopped a vehicle for a seat belt violation in the 5500 block of East 37th North. The driver was cited.

Nov. 24 — Officer Elpers responded to a fraud report in the 4300 block of North Rushwood. A woman received a call from someone who said he was with the Department of Homeland Security. The man told her to call him and set up payment arrangements or she would have a warrant out for her arrest. The call was a scam.

Nov. 23 — Officer Camplin ob-

served a vehicle run a stop sign at 53rd North and Rock Road. Officer stopped the vehicle. The driver was cited for suspended vehicle registration.

Nov. 23 — Officer Elpers observed a vehicle fail to use a turn signal in the 5500 block of East 37th North. The driver was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

Nov. 22 — Officer Camplin observed a vehicle run a stop sign at 45th North and Oliver. The vehicle was stopped. The driver said she ran the stop sign because something was wrong with the vehicle's brakes. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license.

Nov. 22 — Officer Camplin arrested a motorist on a Sedgwick County warrant in the 4500 block of North Oliver.

Nov. 22 — Officer Camplin stopped a vehicle in the 4500 block of North Oliver. The driver was arrested on a city of Mulvane warrant.

Nov. 21 — Officer Elpers witnessed a vehicle drive through the Family Video parking lot to avoid the stop sign at 45th North and Woodlawn. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license.

Nov. 21 — Officer Elpers responded to a report of possible domestic violence in the 5800 block of Flagstaff. The calling party reported seeing two people yelling at each other. The two got into a gray minivan and left the area.

Nov. 20 — Lt. Foxx took a report of larceny from a business in the 4100 block of North Woodlawn. The business reported that an unknown suspect took cash and checks from registers and the night deposit envelope between Oct. 27 and Nov. 19.

Nov. 20 — Officer Roney responded to a domestic dispute in the 5300 block of North Rock Springs. Officer contacted the mother who said she was at the address because she wanted to speak to her children who live their with her ex-husband. The ex-husband would not let her do so. They were referred to mediation.

Council approves funding for newest tenant in commerce park

By Matt Heilman

The project is complete and business is going well. And now the financing is in place to cement the City of Bel Aire's partnership with its newest tenant in the Sunflower Commerce Park.

At its Dec. 16 meeting, the Bel Aire City Council approved an ordinance authorizing the city to issue industrial revenue bonds to finance the acquisition, construction, furnishing and equipping of the Fast Forward Premier

Athletic Facility, built on about six acres near 53rd North and Webb Road.

The 50,000-square-foot facility includes six basketball courts, eight volleyball courts, a strength and conditioning facility and a pro shop.

The facility is home to two tenants: the Next Level Hoops Academy, consisting of more than 20 youth basketball teams, and the ICT Mavs volleyball program, recognized as one of the premier youth volleyball programs in the central United States.

Former Wichita State University basketball standout Jason Perez, who started the Next Level Hoops Academy in 2010 by utilizing available gyms in Wichita, said his program has already hosted its first tournaments in Bel Aire, less than one month after breaking ground on its permanent home.

The agreement to finance the Fast Forward Premier Athletic Facility through the issuance of IRBs was made between the City of Bel Aire and Wichita Hoops, LLC, which

Perez represented at the Dec. 16 council meeting.

With the issuance of the IRBs, Bel Aire will serve as a conduit, utilizing lease payments made by Wichita Hoops, LLC to cover the bond payments.

The city is not otherwise financially responsible for the facility, although the issuance of the IRBs does include a five-year property tax abatement for Wichita Hoops, LLC on the Fast Forward Premier Athletic Facility.

The financing agreement

followed the facility's grand opening on Nov. 15. In April, Perez took part in a ground breaking ceremony to celebrate the beginning of construction on the permanent home for the Next Level Hoops Academy.

On Dec. 16, the Bel Aire council unanimously approved the ordinance authorizing the issuance of the IRBs to finance the city's new sports facility.

"It's exciting to have a facility like that in the City of Bel Aire," council member Ken Lee said of the Fast Forward Premier Athletic Facility. "It's

exciting that it happened on our watch."

Also on Dec. 16, the council:

- Approved an appropriations ordinance of \$1,652,837.67.
- Approved the Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP) membership assessment in the amount of \$2,107 for 2015.

- Approved a farm lease with Clyde Roths for agricultural land owned by the City of Bel Aire.

- Approved a water allocation agreement with Park City for water purchased from the Chisholm Creek Utility Authority.

- Approved the 2015 revised pay schedule for the City of Bel Aire that includes a 1 percent COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment).

Safe

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The safety-related criteria for compiling the list included statistics on murder, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, theft and vehicle theft. The crimes were listed into four sub-categories: murders, violent

crimes, property crimes and total crimes.

Among 35 cities Movoto observed, the company ranked each city with a score from 1 to 35 in each of the categories, all per capita, with 1 being the best possible score.

Bel Aire ranked first for having the lowest number of violent crimes according to

the 2012 FBI Uniform Crime Report. The city joined several other cities with zero murders reported in 2012 and ranked second on the list for its number of property crimes per capita.

Bel Aire community development director Rick Rekoske said the city's recognition as "the safest small town in Kan-

sas" can be used effectively to attract new residents.

"It's just a fantastic additional marketing tool we can utilize that can help spread the word on Bel Aire," he said. "... We were excited when we got the news."

Valley Center Mayor Mike McNown also said his community's recognition as one

of the safest small towns in the state was "something (the city) can capitalize on."

"We know Valley is safe and a great family-friendly community," McNown said. "It's nice to see that we rank toward the top."

In 2012, Valley Center had the third lowest number of violent crimes per person,

a low number of property crimes and the seventh fewest crimes per capita on the list.

For the complete ranking of the 35 cities in the study and more information on the cities featured in the top 10 and the methodology to compile the ranking, visit www.movoto.com/ks/safest-small-towns-in-kansas.

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran Church

Christ Lutheran is located at 53rd Street North and Hillside, across from Wichita Heights High School. Worship service is at 9 a.m. (contemporary) and 11 a.m. (traditional). Communion is offered at both services. Sunday School is at 10:15 a.m. For more information about the church and its activities, find the church online at www.christ-lutheran.org or call 744-1242. Pastor Chad Langdon is the minister.

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 316-323-2819 with any questions.

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 Hillside and 17th North.

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.fairmountucc.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

Sunday worship service at 9 a.m. with fellowship and coffee afterward.

Pastor Jeff Miller can be reached at 744-0203.

Senior Day is at 10 a.m. the first Tuesday of each month.

United Methodist Women meet at 1 p.m. the first Thursday of each month.

Movie night is at 6:30 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. A snack is served.

The church is located about a mile south of K-254 on Greenwich Road. The phone number is 744-0203.

Kechi United Methodist Church

You are invited to worship at 9:03 a.m. (contemporary service) or 11:00 a.m. (traditional service) Sundays at Kechi United Methodist Church, 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi.

All sixth- through 12th-grade youth are invited to the church at 4 p.m. Sundays for youth group.

CareGivers Support group meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of the month in the basement parlor. Bingo is at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month. Everyone is welcome to join in.

Find us at www.KechiUMC.org and "Like" us on Facebook. Pastor Mitch can be contacted at Mitch@kechi.umd.org or by calling 744-1221.

LifePoint Church

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

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

www.lpcag.org.

Wednesday evening is the Launch children's program at 6:30 p.m. Velocity Student Ministries for youth meets at 6:30 p.m.

Adult small groups meet throughout the community.

Senior pastor is Steve Rains. Youth pastor is Jacob Soyev. Children's pastor is Nathaniel Thurman. The phone number is 755-2331.

Risen Savior Lutheran Church

— **Missouri Synod**
Contemporary Sunday worship services are at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Communion is the first and third Sunday. Adult Sunday School and Bible class meet at 9:15 a.m., with children's church at 10:30. A nursery is provided during Bible class and second service.

There are two weekly sessions of Lifetree Café in Valley Center: Thursday at 1 p.m., with Lunch at noon, at the Community Building, 316 E. Clay, and Sunday at 5 p.m. at the home of Pastor Terry and Barb Wiechman, 1241 S. Park Ave. 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.

Wednesday Evening Ministries is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. There are activities for all ages. A nursery will be available for preschool age children. King's Kids is for children in K through fifth grade. Confirmation class is for children in grades six through eight. IMPACT! is for grades nine through 12. There will also be adult Bible classes available.

Risen Savior Preschool classes for 3- to 5-year-olds are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 to 11:45 a.m. Enrollment forms and information are available at the church office. Please contact Michelle Peshek, Director/Lead Teacher, with questions at michellep@risensavior.net or call the church office at 683-5538.

The church is located at 6770 E. 34th North in Wichita. The phone number is 683-5538 and the Website is 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 the state of Kansas. Join us for our worship of the Holy Trinity using the ancient and beautiful liturgy of the Undivided Church.

Sunday at 9 a.m. is our adult class, "Jesus: The Man, the Message and the Meaning." Service of Matins is at 9:45 a.m., followed by the Divine Liturgy (Mass) at 10 a.m. Nursery service is provided.

Wednesday our service is at 6 p.m. Saturday Vespers is at 4:30 p.m.

Men's Study Group is the first and third Monday at 7 p.m. We are studying the Gospel of Luke.

Women's Study Group is the second and fourth Friday at 10 a.m. We are studying the book, "God's Path to Sanity: Lessons from Ancient Holy Counselors on How to have a Sound Mind."

You are invited to a directed reading of "The Divine Comedy" of Dante Alighieri on Thursdays at 7 p.m. Our presenter is Stan Cox. For more information contact him at 316-648-1678 or email him at latim8@cox.net This program is open to the public. Please join us for a study of one of the greatest spiritual classics in the Western Christian tradition.

Potluck Supper and Program are on the first and third Wednesdays with Liturgy 6 p.m., Potluck Supper 6:45 p.m., Program 7:30 p.m. This fall our program is on the Epistle to the Ephesians titled, The Full Armour of God: An introduction to the Orthodox Church's teaching on Satan, the demons and Spiritual Warfare.

Call the church at 734-6248 for more information or visit its Website at

www.saintmichaelorthodoxchurch.com. Send email inquiries to jlfora@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.

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Bel Aire honors second mayor, extends agreement for marketing land

By Matt Heilman

A month-and-a-half after Bel Aire's first mayor listened to a proclamation with a day in his honor, it was time for the city's second mayor to be honored with

a day of his own. On Dec. 2, Bel Aire Mayor David Austin read a statement formally proclaiming Dec. 5 as Charles Eaton Day in Bel Aire. Eaton, a 98-year-old World War II veteran, at-

tended the Dec. 2 meeting with his son. Eaton moved to Bel Aire in 1976 and soon after began serving on the community's incorporation committee that guided Bel Aire to cityhood in November 1980. Eaton served as

Bel Aire's second mayor from 1983 to 1985 and went on to continue serving Bel Aire on the city council for 20 years.

After reading the proclamation announcing Dec. 5 as Charles Eaton Day, Austin presented Eaton with a plaque and a key to the city. "I really enjoyed working here," Eaton said of his service in Bel Aire. "It has been a great place for me to live."

Previously, Austin proclaimed Oct. 24 as Bill Brookhouser Day in Bel Aire, honoring the city's first mayor who served the role from 1980 to 1983.

In its efforts to keep momentum going with growth

in the community on Dec. 2, the council also approved extending its listing agreement with John T. Arnold Associates Inc. until Feb. of 2017.

Over the past few years, John T. Arnold Associates President Marlin Penner has aided Bel Aire in marketing the city's vacant property, including the first phase of the Sunflower Commerce Park.

"I think the city is in great shape with Mr. Penner," council member Guy MacDonald said.

Also on Dec. 2, the council:

- Approved an appropriations ordinance of \$1,614,028.67. Austin explained that the spending plan was significantly higher than usual with about \$800,000 allocated for the city's portion of a project to construct rail siding in the com-

merce park.

- Heard that a ribbon-cutting for the Concierge Surgical Recovery Center is set for Dec. 6.
- Heard that the Christmas open house at City Hall is planned from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Dec. 16.
- Approved the re-codification of ordinances in the city.
- Approved farm leases with Eldon and Harris Entz, Richard Henning, Mike Bohannon and Tom Patry for agricultural land owned by the city.
- Approved an addendum to the real estate purchase agreement with C Plus LLC until May 2015 for the northwest corner of 45th North and Rock Road.
- Denied the purchase of a new pickup for public works.
- Approved a change order with Nowak Construction for \$23,480.30 to allow for 9-foot basements in the Chapel Landing addition.

All five council members were present at the Dec. 2 meeting.

'Mr. Kechi' left lasting impact on community

By Matt Heilman

Rick Eberhard was active in and around the town he called home for 26 years. His contributions to the local business community and senior population earned him the nickname of "Mr. Kechi."

Eberhard, a retired Boeing employee who had moved to Kechi in 1988, died Dec. 3 after losing a fight with cancer. He was 62 years old.

He left a lasting impact on the community that friends and colleagues say will be difficult to replace.

"He will be missed," said Kechi City Administrator Bob Conger, who attended Eberhard's funeral on Dec. 8 with several Kechi representatives.

In an article shared with The News last week, Kechi resident and Eberhard's friend, Dennis McKay, highlighted several of Eberhard's volunteer efforts and accomplishments.

"He loved the city he was a part of and never hesitated to volunteer whenever there was a need," McKay wrote.

Through the years, Eberhard served on the Kechi City Council, the Kechi Economic Development Committee, the Kechi Chamber of Commerce and the Kechi Fair Committee. Kechi City Clerk Laura Hill,

who began working for the city during Eberhard's first term on the city council in 1994, said Eberhard was diligent about how the city spent its money and being transparent with taxpayers.

"He made me a better city clerk," Hill said. "He kept me on my toes."

After completing his service on the council, Eberhard continued to attend meetings to stay plugged in with what was happening at City Hall.

"He deeply cared about the issues he was involved with," former Kechi Mayor Bob Jackson said.

Among the issues closest to Eberhard's heart was the well-being of the local senior citizens. Eberhard was the founder and president of the Kechi Senior Club, which evolved into the Kechi Senior Center, McKay said.

"He loved to organize events and spend many hours planning activities for seniors such as a bus trip to Kansas City to stop and enjoy the Plaza Christmas lights and a trip to Abilene to take a train ride while enjoying a meal in the dining car," McKay wrote. "He was always up for a game of pitch and provided transportation to others that wanted to play but had no

way to get to the game."

Outside of Kechi, Eberhard was the senior director for the City of Bel Aire and senior director at Chapel Hill United Methodist Church in Wichita.

In August, he received the Bonnie Lynch award for his commitment to helping the elderly population, McKay said.

In Bel Aire, Eberhard was the founder and leader of a health initiative called TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) and a member of the Bel Aire Lions Club. He also served as the executive director of the Sedgwick County Association of Cities and was a member of the Central Plains Area Agency on Aging.

In Kechi, some of Eberhard's most lasting contributions were on the economic development front. Patty Karg who owns Kechi's Karg Art Glass with her husband, Rollin Karg, said Eberhard was instrumental in helping the business find a home in Kechi in 1992. He also helped to support Karg as it outgrew its original space in the community and moved its current spacious home at 61st North and Oliver.

"He was very delightful," Karg said. "He would do just about anything for businesses. He had very good marketing skills. He was very pro-business. He did a lot for just about everyone."

McKay indicated Eberhard's legacy could be defined by his generosity.

"Rick was a kind and giving man and will be greatly missed by his family, friends, City of Kechi, and numerous officials in Sedgwick County," McKay wrote.

Eberhard is survived by his wife of 36 years, Debbie Eberhard, his son, Mike (Jeni) Eberhard, a sister, his stepmother, two stepbrothers, two step-sisters and four grandchildren with one more on the way.



Courtesy photo

Lemonade money for Lions

In June, the Bel Aire Lions Club received a \$119 donation from a group of friends' lemonade stand sales during Bel Aire's citywide garage sales. Running the stand were (left to right) Asher Bleich, Danick Bleich, Gage Masterson, Landon Winters and (front) Zane Masterson.

DEATH

RICK EBERHARD

Eric "Rick" Eberhard, 62, a retired Boeing employee, died Dec. 3, 2014.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rollan and Betty Eberhard, and brother, Chuck Eberhard. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Debbie Eberhard; son, Mike (Jeni) Eberhard; sister, Nancy Phipps; stepmother, Louise Eberhard; stepbro-

thers, Terry Smith and Monty Smith; stepsisters, Vickie Hershberger and Jan DeVaney; and four grandchildren.

Visitation was Dec. 7 at Broadway Mortuary. Funeral service was Dec. 8 at Chapel Hill United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Chapel Hill United Methodist Church or Gentiva Hospice.

Wichita man killed in crash near Bel Aire

By Matt Heilman

A 22-year-old Wichita man was killed in an early morning, one-vehicle wreck Dec. 7 in the 4100 block of East 37th North near 37th Street North and Hillside. Police identified the man as Ryan Hamilton, of Wichita. Wichita Police Lt. James Espinoza said the wreck was

reported shortly after 4 a.m. Security with Koch Industries, located just east of 37th and Hillside, discovered the wreck after Hamilton's SUV came to a rest at a tree, Espinoza said.

Espinoza said the investigation into the wreck concluded that Hamilton's vehicle crashed into the tree after it left the roadway. Espinoza said speed

played a factor in the wreck and further investigation, including toxicology reports, would determine if Hamilton was impaired at the time of the wreck.

Hamilton was pronounced dead on scene. Espinoza said there were no other occupants in the vehicle at the time of the wreck.

Guns

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city of Andale and would be leaving Dec. 12.

When city officials learned of the indictment, they immediately suspended McCaslin for the remainder of his shifts.

"As of last night, he is no longer with the city," Pile said Dec. 10.

The indictment alleges that Mavia devised the scheme to falsely certify that the firearms would be owned by the Bel Aire Police Department and would be used for law enforcement purposes in order to buy firearms at reduced prices for personal use or resale.

The indictment alleges: Mavia ordered three rifles from Sig Sauer, falsely certifying that they were being acquired for performing official duties, not for personal use. The order form was accompanied by a letter on police

department letterhead, a form signed by the former chief of police in Bel Aire, a copy of Mavia's police identification card and a cashier's check.

On Nov. 15, 2013, one of the rifles (a Sig Sauer Model 716 Patrol, 762 caliber) was delivered to the Bel Aire Police Department. Two other rifles were delivered to another location.

On Jan. 29, 2014, the interim police chief in Bel Aire found an FNH, model PS90, 5.7X28 caliber rifle in the department armory. Department policy did not allow officers to carry such a firearm on duty. He contacted FNH and learned that two other PS90 rifles were purchased at the same time. The order for the guns was accompanied by a letter stating that the

guns were being ordered for officers' official duties, not for personal use or resale. The City of Bel Aire sent information to the Kansas Department of Revenue stating that the rifles were tax exempt because they were being purchased for the exclusive use of the Bel Aire Police Department.

On Dec. 20, 2013, McCaslin was interviewed by the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office. He stated that he understood the PS90 firearms were purchased for personal use. He said that Mavia and another officer each ordered one. He said he did not know who received the third PS90. During a second interview on Dec. 23, 2013, McCaslin stated the

third PS90 possibly was sold to one of his friends. Investigators located a man who purchased a PS90 from a Bel Aire officer for \$699. No ATF form was completed for the purchase.

The indictment alleges Mavia paid another officer for one of the PS90 rifles, knowing that the rifle was being purchased by the officer, and that Mavia did not complete the required ATF form. Mavia knew at the time of the purchase that police department policy did not allow officers to carry this type of firearm.

If convicted, Mavia

faces up to 20 years in federal prison and a fine up to \$250,000 on the mail fraud count. McCaslin faces up to five years in federal prison and a fine up to \$250,000 on the charge of making a false statement. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Sedgwick

County Sheriff's Office investigated the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Debra Barnett is prosecuting.

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Long-awaited project celebrates grand opening

By Matt Heilman

A project that has been about eight years in the making celebrated its grand opening Dec. 6 in Bel Aire. The Concierge Surgical Recovery Center, located about half of a mile south of 53rd North and Webb Road is preparing to accept patients.

The recovery center, part of Phase I of the Tierra Verde health and wellness development, is a facility where patients can spend additional time recovering from surgery after they've been released from the hospital. The facility includes 12 suites on the 9,000 square-foot main level, where patients can stay in a hotel-like setting, accompanied by a medical staff. On the lower level of the facility, approximately 10,000 square feet is planned to serve as a wellness center that will feature specialists in a number of health-related disciplines, available to serve patients in the community.

Tierra Verde developer Terrie Grillot said she's working to find medical professionals to work in the wellness center, as well as additional staff to serve patients in the recovery center.

Dr. Susan Lovelle, a plastic surgeon with the Newton Medical Center, is on board to serve as the facility's director. Lovelle replaces Dr. George Watson, a longtime family physician who practiced alternative medicine in Park City before his death in May.

With the Concierge Surgi-



Matt Heilman

The staff at the Concierge Surgical Recovery Center in Bel Aire's Tierra Verde development includes (from left) Concierge Surgical Recover Center manager Zita Mason, nurse Helen Pope, head nurse and assistant manager Angel Forrester-Kernes, Tierra Verde developer Terrie Grillot and Concierge Surgical Recovery Center head of janitorial services Mary Carmen-Cook.

cal Recovery Center completed and work ongoing with the wellness center, the next phase of planning in Tierra Verde calls for the construction of housing. The housing includes independent senior living in the form of patio homes, a 200-unit apartment community and 10 additional housing units where patients

can live independently outside of a hospital setting, but with medical staff available.

The master plan for Tierra Verde includes three phases

with a mix of medical, residential and commercial/retail properties laid out in several projects throughout the 150-acre site.

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Boston Park 6655 E. Zimmermanly	Cheney E. South Ave. and Garfield
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College Hill United Methodist Church 1st and Erie	Colwich 115 N. 3rd Street
Earhart Environmental Magnet School 4401 N. Arkansas	Derby 2801 E. James
Edgemoor Park 5815 E. 9th St.	Garden Plain at the Water Tower
Extension Education Center 7001 W. 21st St. N.	Goddard Means Park
Great Plains Nature Center 6232 E. 29th St. N.	Kechi 107 Sioux St.
Old Cowtown Museum 1865 Museum Blvd.	Maize 201 S. Park
Osage Park 2121 W. 31st St. S.	Mount Hope 400 S. Thomas
South Linwood Park Hydraulic and Mt. Vernon	Mulvane 117 E. Main St.
	Park City 6801 N. Hydraulic
	Valley Center Veterans Park

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