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Growth benefits Bel Aire police in city's budget

Property taxes remain level for 2015

By Matt Heilman

More residential and commercial construction throughout Bel Aire has the city poised to pay off more of its debt by the end of this year and allowed it to pass its 2015 budget without raising

taxes. In a budget presentation delivered to the Bel Aire City Council in July, finance director Michelle Meyer introduced a spending plan with a property tax mill levy of 45.695 mills on par with the 2014 mark.

The council approved the final 2015 budget with the proposed mill levy on Aug. 19.

With an increased assessed valuation, highlights in the 2015 budget include additional revenue available for the police department.

Approximately \$865,945

of the \$2,879,945 total for general fund operations is allocated for police, an increase of about \$312,000 from the department's 2014 budget.

The increase will allow the city to hire two full-time officers, starting to rebuild the department back to the point it was at before it was faced with about \$300,000 in cuts in 2011.

Bel Aire Police Chief Darrell Atteberry said the addition of two full-time officers would allow two officers to be on

duty during every shift of his department's around-the-clock patrol.

Atteberry said there is no timetable on when the new hires would be made. He said his department has been able to maintain its 24-7 coverage of Bel Aire in part due to assistance from neighboring departments and the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office.

In turn, Bel Aire officers have been able to assist fellow departments when needed, Atteberry said.

"It's a cooperative effort," he said.

Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher said additional tax revenue projected for 2015 also allows for capital improvements in the police department.

"The reason we're able to do that is because of all the growth," Lasher said.

He pointed out that the city hasn't had to raise taxes or implement cuts since 2011 when a mix of both was needed as the city fought to

manage its debt owed on undeveloped land.

Refinancing measures and land sales have the city in a position where leaders aren't forecasting the need for a property tax increase at least through the next few years.

"It's my hope we have major land sales in the next couple years and might even be able to look at lowering the mill levy in the not-too-distant future," Bel Aire Mayor David

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Representatives taking part in the Aug. 19 groundbreaking for the new headquarters for the highway patrol in south-central Kansas are (from left) Kansas Secretary of Transportation Mike King, Kechi City Council President Kevin Opat, Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback, KHP Superintendent Col. Ernest Garcia, former state representative Jo Ann Pottorff and Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt.

New headquarters

Overdue effort paying off for highway patrol

By Matt Heilman

A 21-year effort is finally paying off. On Aug. 19, representatives with the Kansas Highway Patrol joined state and local officials for a groundbreaking ceremony they say was long overdue.

The ground was broken on the new headquarters for Kansas Highway Patrol Troop F, currently operating in tight space in the 3200 block of East 45th North, near 45th North and Hillside. The ground for the new Troop F headquarters is located near Bel Aire on land owned by the Kansas Department of Transportation within Kechi's city limits just north of K-254 and west of Rock Road.

Troop F, which serves 13 counties in south-central Kansas, will share the new 22,000-square-foot facility with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback commended

the KHP and KBI for partnering on the effort to fund the approximately \$3.5 million facility without the use of tax dollars.

Brownback was the first to address the crowd gathered for the groundbreaking on Aug. 19. Other officials who spoke included Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt, Kansas Transportation Secretary Mike King and former State Representative Jo Ann Pottorff who represented House District 83 in east Wichita for 28 years before her retirement in early 2013.

During her service, one of the committees Pottorff worked on was the Transportation and Public Safety Budget Committee. On Aug. 19, she said she is pleased to see a project realized that she's championed for more than two decades.

She said the need for a new headquarters for the highway patrol troop was evident, but the project was never a high enough priority to tackle when tax dollars



Courtesy photo

Plans for the 22,000-square-foot law enforcement facility northwest of K-254 and Rock Road will serve as the new headquarters for Kansas Highway Patrol Troop F. The KHP will share the space with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. The facility is expected to open next summer.

were in play.

"We took our building committee down there several, times," Pottorff said of the current Troop F headquarters near 45th North and Hillside. "Every year we talked about it and it just didn't pass through the legislature. It's exciting to see it finally coming together with the KBI as a

joint partner."

Kansas Highway Patrol Superintendent Col. Ernest Garcia said the new Troop F facility is being paid for with funds obtained from seized cash and property, referred to in a KHP news release as "asset forfeiture funds."

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Senior club funding creates contention

By Matt Heilman

There's an undeniable division in the City of Bel Aire's senior population. The rift isn't new and there doesn't appear to be any plans to bury the hatchet in the immediate future.

Somewhere along the way, feelings were hurt and the city's senior population of residents 55 and older was fractured. The division was at the forefront in an Aug. 5 public hearing on the city's 2015 budget.

The source of contention was the \$2,500 allocated in the budget for the city's senior club, which doesn't receive county funds or hold office at City Hall like the city's other group, the Bel Aire Senior Center. The senior center receives \$18,000, the bulk of its funding, from Sedgwick County. The rest of about \$25,000 it annually receives comes from the city.

The \$2,500 for the senior club is barely a drop in the bucket and a fraction of a mill in Bel Aire's overall budget. Nonetheless, the proposed allocation for the senior club was by far the most disputed line item in the budget, at least from residents.

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Man killed in work site accident in Bel Aire

By Matt Heilman

A man taken to a Wichita hospital following a July 31 industrial accident in Bel Aire has died.

Bel Aire Police Chief Darrell Atteberry said construction worker Benjamin Gomez, 40, died Aug. 8, eight days after he fell from the front-end hoist of a Bobcat while working on the future Broadstone Villas Apartment complex in the 5600 block of North Lycee Road.

Atteberry said Gomez was standing on the hoist and putting construction equipment on the second floor of the future apartment complex when the Bobcat apparently became unstable and rolled back, causing construction material to fall from it.

Atteberry said the sudden weight shift caused Gomez to be catapulted over the top of the Bobcat. Gomez landed on his head.

Atteberry said fellow workers on the site provided immediate first aid and an emergency call was made. Gomez was transported to Wesley Medical Center.

The Bel Aire police chief said Gomez, originally from Honduras, was living in Wichita and working for Houston-based LMT Construction.

He said the Occupational Safety and Health Administration is actively investigating the accident.



Mayor's corner

By David Austin

Last month, many of us, well, a few of us headed to the polls and chose the man or woman we wanted to represent our respective political party in the general election this November. There were political signs everywhere. It was hard to read a newspaper, get on social media or turn on the television or radio without hearing or seeing a political ad. If that weren't enough, there were billboards and sometimes fliers awaiting us on our front door.

I have to admit part of me, a lover of politics, was somewhat annoyed and couldn't wait for the primary to end because, well, as the song goes, signs signs everywhere a sign.

But as I drove home that evening and began to hear the returns trickle in, I couldn't help but think of how lucky we are to live in a country where not only do we get to pick our leaders, but we get to do so freely.

Despite the fact voter apathy was rampant and a pathetic small number of registered voters even bothered to vote, democracy works and was and is alive and well.

In November, I hope more people head to the polls to exercise their right to pick who will represent us in Topeka, in Washington and even in downtown Wichita at the county level.

Also on the ballot, you will be able to decide if your city council members should have a 1 cent sales tax to consider as an option for street repairs. Every vote counts.

I cannot believe summer has come and gone. Your city council spent most of the past couple of months going over the city budget for next year. I remain proud of our staff and council as we have a zero mill increase for the second time in as many years.

Also this summer your Community Development Council has been hard at work planning events for the fall and winter. The Hot Dawg Pool Party before we closed the city pool was another success. More than 110 dogs and 250 humans attended. Thank you Heartland Animal Hospital for sponsoring the event.

I want to thank all of our volunteers who serve on different committees and make our city great.

Enjoy the cooler weather and fall. Hopefully next year, there will be more options for outdoor recreation in Bel Aire. Ty Lasher, your city manager, met with Markus Meyer, the new director of the Catholic Care facility. They have applied for a walking trail grant to surround their campus through the Sunflower Foundation.

The city of Bel Aire supported the grant in that their master plan includes attaching their trail with Central Park trails. I hope it is approved and think it would be great for the community. The Sunflower Foundation typically works with government agencies but was very intrigued by our partnership with Catholic Care.

A few years ago, Bel Aire received a grant from the Sunflower Foundation to build the walking path in Central Park that also connects with the Isely. However, the trails do not go south of Central Park Avenue as there is no place to go. With Catholic Care willing to construct a walking trail that winds through their campus and ends at 45th Street, staff felt this was a great opportunity to increase walking trails without Bel Aire covering all the cost.

Please join me in hoping this grant application is approved, giving our citizens another walking trail.

To close, I want to again say thank you for the honor of being your mayor. Remember, City Hall is always open if you have any questions or concerns.



Actor's death leaves questions

From the outside looking in, it makes no sense. Why would a man financially set for life and beloved around the world decide this life wasn't worth living anymore? Why would a man relatively young by today's standards throw away his talents when, by all appearances, he still had plenty to give?

The death of Robin Williams stings because he was one of the world's best-known actors. He had the rare ability to be equally brilliant in comedic and dramatic roles and there was rarely a harsh word to be said about the man, who by all accounts I've heard over the years, was generous with his time and genuinely cared about people.

Without knowing Robin Williams beyond the characters he portrayed to entertain the masses, it's difficult to fathom what motivated him to hang himself.

Ultimately, the culprit, we've been told, is depression that Williams reportedly battled for years. It's unfortunate that apparently nobody in his circle was able to detect that something was wrong or to get through to him in time to save his life.

Heil on life

By Matt Heilman



Justifiably, there have been kind words and tributes to Robin Williams splattered all over television screens, newspaper and magazine pages and social media sites this week.

Williams deserves to be missed. But before carrying on with discussing which role he played best, take a moment to think about how you treat less-celebrated people every day, people who may be facing similar struggles with depression. Is it possible that the "jerk" you salute with your middle finger for cutting you off in traffic could be battling a hardship that you could never fully understand without going through it yourself? And maybe the angry gesture makes the hole they're in seem even deeper?

Is it possible that the "idiot" who got your order wrong at a restaurant

could be distracted by personal tragedy? And maybe your lousy tip makes the heartache a little more painful?

Being kind to people won't solve all of the world's problems, but how we treat strangers does matter. You never know when a simple compliment or a word of encouragement could change the bleak outlook for someone you'd never met before.

Depression is a cruel mental disorder and as we've seen repeatedly through the years, the cure isn't found in fame and fortune. As an optimist with the perspective that the darkest nights are followed by the brightest days, I may never comprehend why people decide suicide is the best way out.

And frankly, I hope that I'm never in the situation where I do comprehend it.

Another star burned out too soon. It doesn't make sense and it doesn't seem fair.

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Vote not a referendum on McGinn's job in Topeka

While we believe that Carolyn McGinn would have represented north Sedgwick County well on the county commission, we want to encourage her to hold her head high as she goes back to Topeka to represent this area in the state Senate.

We encourage McGinn to continue to find common-sense solutions to problems and issues that have been, in many cases, unnecessarily painted black and white by extremes in both major political parties.

We understand that McGinn's views are not always the most popular among her Republican Party leaders. That shouldn't stop her.

McGinn brings a steady voice to Topeka and has shown a willingness to compromise in an effort to find the best solutions to a range of hot-button issues.

In the months ahead, we hope McGinn's energy is renewed. We hope her defeat on the county level isn't seen as a sort of referendum on the job she has done in Topeka.

Because McGinn's job isn't done. North Sedgwick County needs her voice of reason in the Legislature.

It's unfortunate that she was effectively but inaccurately portrayed as a liberal in the county commission race. And it's a shame that common sense and the middle ground are considered political strikes against you, no matter what party you're in.

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Budget

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Austin said in his monthly column published in the August Bel Aire Breeze.

This spring, Lasher said the city was able to pay off about \$600,000

toward the principal on its land debt that, at its peak, was about \$20 million. He said the city is looking to pay off another \$400,000 by the end of this year.

"A million dollars off the principle. If we can keep that up, we'll be doing good," Lasher said.

In a conservative estimate, the city

is forecasting an additional \$280,000 in land sales for 2015. With the conservative estimate, the city's projected 2015 mill levy includes 37.914 mills to the general fund where most of residents' tax dollars are spent. Another 7.781 mills will go toward the city's debt service with its bond and interest fund. One mill is equal to \$1 in prop-

erty taxes for every \$1,000 in assessed valuation.

In 2015, Bel Aire is projecting an estimated assessed valuation of \$45.3 million, which means one mill is expected to bring in about \$45,300 next year. The projected assessed valuation for 2015 is an approximate 2.8 percent increase from the 2014 mark.

Funding

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During the Aug. 5 public hearing, five senior residents spoke. The first was Bel Aire Senior Club president Carolyn Smith. Smith discussed how the senior club was established in 1987, before the senior center.

She said the club has worked to provide educational opportunities for its members at low costs. She thanked the council for its past support.

"You've always been there when we've needed you," she said.

Among a small group representing the senior center, Linda Landoll dis-

cussed improvements to City Hall and elsewhere in the community made by the county-funded group. In recent years, she said the senior club hadn't provided detailed information on its events, including attendance figures and expenses. David Landoll wondered why there was money allocated for the senior club when the group didn't request its \$2,500. He said he'd like to see both senior groups consolidated into the senior center.

Sylvia Forte also said it made more sense to have one senior group in the community.

Council member Ken Lee said he too would like both groups to be able to join together, but for now, it makes

more sense to keep two groups where citizens seem happy. He said the two groups have coexisted successfully for the past several years. He expressed a concern that a consolidated group could alienate some seniors who prefer to be in one group over the other, even though both groups advertised that all of their events are open to any senior in the community.

He said he didn't want people's egos because the city's senior participation to drop below the mark needed to obtain the funding from Sedgwick County. To receive funding from the city, Lee said the senior club would be required to account for every expense.

Council member Guy MacDonald also said it would be best for the city to have one senior group.

Council member Betty Martine said it makes sense to have two senior groups as long as that's what participants seem to prefer. Before the public hearing, Mayor David Austin summed up the contention, acknowledging that the council wasn't going to please everyone whether or not they approved \$2,500 for the senior club in the final 2015 budget.

"I hate no-win situations," he said. "But that is what we have tonight. We owe a lot to all of our senior population. I know that we have two fractured segments here."

KHP

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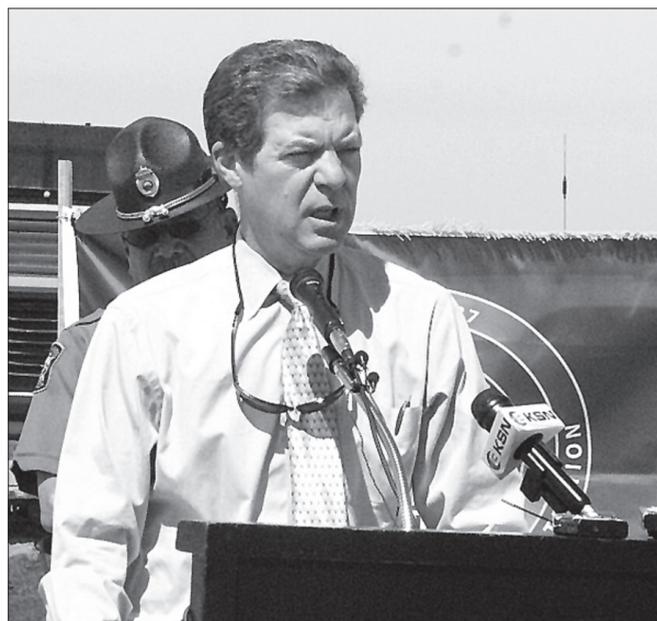
"The new facility will more adequately meet our needs, and will carry us into the future," Garcia said. "I am deeply appreciative of our partners at the Kansas Department of Transportation in helping us with the work and area for this new facility."

The new Troop F headquarters is slated for completion next summer with hopes that it will be ready for occupancy next July.

The move will come 22 years after the Highway Patrol outgrew the space in its current building and made its first attempt at securing funding for a new Troop F headquarters.

Schmidt followed Brownback in commending the KHP and KBI for its co-beneficial efforts paying off with the Aug. 19 groundbreaking in Kechi.

"It really is, as the governor indicated, a terrific symbol of the



Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback addresses a crowd at the Aug. 19 groundbreaking ceremony for the new KHP headquarters. The \$3.5 million facility is being funded without the use of taxpayer dollars.

Matt Heilman

cooperation between the two largest state-level law enforcement agencies every Kansan relies on to stay safe in our communities, day in and day out," Schmidt said.

Kechi's Walz, Harman, Huffman Construction, Inc is the contractor on the facility.

Emporia's Emig and Associates Architects completed the building's design.



City of Bel Aire



Bel Aire Recreation

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball is for boys and girls, ages 8-11. The registration deadline is September 6th. Program format and dates are subject to change.

CHEERLEADING

For boys and girls ages 4 & up. These recreational cheer classes will focus on motions, jumps, and routines involved in cheerleading. Classes will be held on Monday evenings beginning September 8. Space is limited, therefore pre-registration is required.

TAEKWONDO (ages 5 & up)

Classes meet on Monday & Friday from 5:00-6:00 pm or Tuesday & Thursday from 7:00-8:00 pm. These are great classes for beginners to black belts.

YOGA

Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:10-7:10 pm. Participants need to provide their own yoga mat. Adults can join at any time! Teens & 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 it is available with the purchase of a daily pass.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Girls Basketball
Marvelous Models
Little Dribblers
Dazzling Dancers

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

Hot Dawgs Pool Party

Aug. 11, 2014



About 110 dogs and 250 people attended the Aug. 11 Hot Dawgs Pool Party. The second annual event raised more than \$500 for the City of Bel Aire to use toward making its parks more pet-friendly. Specifically, money raised on Aug. 11 will go toward adding a doggie waste station to Bel Aire Park, encouraging owners to pick up after their pets.



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
Braums Breakfast – Fridays, 9:00 a.m. on North Rock Road

Monthly & Special Events:

Sept. 3, 10 a.m. – Volunteer library work time at the Senior Center
Sept. 5, 6 p.m. – Pitch Night at the Senior Center
Sept. 10, 10 a.m. – Open Sewing at the Senior Center
Sept. 16, 6 p.m. – Ladies Dine Out - for info call Anita at 744-2840
Sept. 17, 10:15 a.m. – Senior Aerobics Brunch (different locations)
Sept. 19, 6 p.m. – Pitch Night at the Senior Center
Sept. 22, 6 p.m. – Covered Dish Dinner – Rec Center
Sept. 24, 10 a.m. – Open Sewing at the Senior Center
Sept. 25, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Senior Expo – Participating locations include Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, Exploration Place, Old Cowtown Museum, and The Wichita Art Museum, more info at www.cpaaa.org/senior-expo/
Sept. 27, 7 p.m. – Bunko games at the Senior Center

Community Events

TOPS – Tuesdays, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
City Council Meetings – 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of every month
Sept. 1, – City Offices Closed (Labor Day)
Sept. 8, – 7 p.m. - Central Park HOA Meeting
Sept. 9, – 6 p.m. - Bel Aire Heights HOA Meeting
Sept. 13, - 11 a.m. – Red Hats Lunch, for info call Anita at 744-2840
Sept. 22, - Tree Board Meeting



Save the Date

Oct. 4, Bel Aire will have a fall festival to help celebrate our recreation department's 20th anniversary, the festival will include a talent show! Check our website soon for more details!

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

City looking to renegotiate land deal

By Matt Heilman

The Bel Aire City Council voiced support for the development, but at least for now, the group elected to decline its request. The Tierra Verde Health and Wellness development has experienced tangible progress in its first two phases over the past couple of years.

The progress has been encouraging city leaders say, but the negotiation regarding future expansion hit a slight snag at the council's Aug. 19 meeting.

The issue is with the development's request for the

city to put a hold on property neighboring the platted areas of Tierra Verde near 47th North and Webb Road. Developers have requested that the city put a hold on a piece of vacant property for four years, denying the sale of the land to any other potential buyers.

Council member Peggy O'Donnell said she wasn't comfortable holding the land for four years. After consulting with Bel Aire City Attorney Allison Brown, O'Donnell recommended that the council deny the proposed land sale agreement with Tierra Verde and suggested

that the city's staff work on negotiating a different contract that doesn't include the four-year hold on the land.

O'Donnell and Mayor David Austin said they're confident the city will still be able to work with Tierra Verde on an agreement to purchase the additional property for its future growth.

"I've been excited about this project since it was first proposed," council member Ramona Becker said. "I really hope something can be worked out because I'd love to see all of that come to fruition."

So far in Tierra Verde,

construction is nearing completion on the Concierge Surgical Recovery Center planned as part of the development's first phase. The center is designed for patients to recover from surgery outside of a hospital setting. The facility will also include an office for a physician to see patients.

The development's second phase, Homes Plus at Tierra Verde, includes 10 housing units for patients to live independently with medical staff available.

The master plan for Tierra Verde is compiled of three phases, including a mix of

medical facilities, assisted-living facilities, residential units, commercial/retail property and a hotel among several projects.

An official grand opening for the Concierge Surgical Recovery Center is planned for September.

Also on Aug. 19, the council:

- Heard from resident and former mayor Gary O'Neil, who expressed his concern with the council's allocation of \$2,500 for the Bel Aire Senior Club in the city's 2015 budget. O'Neil said the senior club is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization and therefore, questioned its reception of funding from the city. He said the Lion's Club and Boy Scout troop in the community were also non-profit organizations and he shared

his view that any such group should have the same opportunity for funding from the city as the senior club. He also said it's important for the senior club to be held accountable for its spending.

• Heard from resident Sylvia Forte who said she appreciated that senior programs in the city are available for all seniors in Bel Aire. She also thanked the council for the city's tree limb-disposal program.

• Approved the 2015 budget, keeping the city's property tax mill levy at the same level as 2014. Last year, the city approved a 2014 property tax mill levy of 45.754 mills. In 2015, the city's general fund expenses are forecast to grow by nearly \$1 million, while the overall assessed property value is expected to go up by about \$1 million.

All five council members and Mayor David Austin were present.

POLICE REPORTS

July 21 — Officer Joshua Elpers took a miscellaneous found property report at the police station.

July 22 — Chief Darrell Atteberry took a report of the theft of a vehicle registration decal at 6944 E. Odessa Court.

July 23 — Officer Clinton Thompson took a miscellaneous public report at 4936 N. Farmstead.

July 24 — Continental Construction, Memphis, Tenn., reported the theft of roadbase rock and diesel fuel, valued at \$658, from 10495 E. 53rd North.

July 24 — Officer Clinton Thompson responded to a report of a suspicious character at 6116 E. Edinburg.

July 25 — Officer Justin Camplin took a miscellaneous report at 4464 N. Mission.

July 27 — Officer Justin Camplin reported a suspicious character at 5256 N. Woodlawn.

July 28 — Officer Justin Camplin took a miscellaneous report at 4416 N. Rodeo Court.

July 31 — Officers responded to an occupational accident, which included a fall, at 5650 N. Lycee.

July 31 — Officer Clinton Thompson took a miscellaneous report at 6200 E. Danbury.

July 31 — Officer Clinton Thompson took a miscellaneous report at 5715 E. Odessa.

Aug. 1 — Officer Clinton Thompson responded to a report of a found white face bulldog at 5251 E. 48th North.

Aug. 2 — Officer Justin Camplin responded to a report of disorderly conduct at 5823 E. Flagstaff.

Aug. 2 — Officer Joshua Elpers reported a case of driving with no license at 5600 E. 45th North.

Aug. 2 — Officer Joshua Elpers reported a case of suspended tag at

4000 N. Oliver.

Aug. 2 — Officer Clinton Thompson responded to a report of a suspicious character at 4420 N. Edgemoor.

Aug. 3 — Officer Seth Louks reported a case of driving without a valid license and no liability insurance at 45th North and Woodlawn.

Aug. 3 — Officer Justin Camplin reported a case of no driver's license in possession at 6300 E. 45th North.

Aug. 3 — Officer Joshua Elpers reported a case of driving with a suspended license and no liability insurance at 6300 E. 37th North.

Aug. 4 — Officer Justin Camplin responded to a report of disorderly conduct (domestic violence) at 6020 E. Clarendon.

Aug. 4 — Officer Joshua Elpers reported a mental case at 5917 E. Flagstaff.

Aug. 4 — Officers James Toomey responded to a report of a salesman

not having a city license at 4342 N. Mission.

Aug. 5 — Officer Justin Camplin reported a case of driving in violation of restrictions and operating a vehicle without a required ignition interlock device at 5560 N. Lycee.

Aug. 6 — Officer Clinton Thompson responded to a report of trespassing at 3934 N. Oliver.

Aug. 6 — Officer Clinton Thompson responded to a report of burglary and theft of a gun (\$976), a Nikon camera (\$500), a Nikon camera lens (\$200) and a camouflage camping bag filled with survival gear (\$150) from a residence at 6534 E. St. James Place. Force was used to enter the home.

Aug. 7 — Officer Clinton Thompson took a miscellaneous report at 4323 E. Stratford Court.

Aug. 7 — Officer Joshua Elpers made a miscellaneous report at 8010

E. 53rd North.

Aug. 8 — Officer TJ Steele made a miscellaneous report at 4653 N. Krueger.

Aug. 8 — Officer TJ Steele made a miscellaneous report at 4654 N. Krueger.

Aug. 8 — Officer Joshua Elpers took a report of disorderly conduct (disturbing the peace by excessive noise) at 5900 E. Hanover.

Aug. 8 — Officer Joshua Elpers took a report of burglary and theft of two motorcycles, valued at \$5,000 each, at 6412 E. Rodeo Drive. Force was used to enter the residence.

Aug. 9 — Officer Justin Camplin reported lost miscellaneous property at City Hall, 7651 E. Central Park Ave.

Aug. 9 — Officer Joshua Elpers reported a case of driving with a suspended license and no liability insurance at 4100 N. Oliver.

Aug. 10 — Officer Robey Foxx

reported a case of driving with a suspended license and vehicle registration violation.

Aug. 10 — Officer Robey Foxx made a miscellaneous report at 4900 N. Elk Creek Drive.

Aug. 11 — Officer Justin Camplin reported a suspicious character at 4312 N. Bellmore.

Aug. 12 — Officer Justin Camplin responded to a report of disorderly conduct at ITI Glass, 4747 N. Webb.

Aug. 12 — Officer Joshua Elpers reported a case of driving without a valid license and seatbelt violation at 5100 E. 37th North.

Aug. 13 — Officer TJ Steele responded to a miscellaneous report near 53rd North and I-135 in Park City.

Aug. 13 — Officer Justin Camplin reported a case of driving with a suspended license and no liability insurance at 4500 N. Woodlawn.

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran Church

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

Worship services are held at 9:00 (Contemporary) and 11:00 (Traditional). Communion is offered at both services. Sunday School for all ages begins at 10:10.

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

Resurrection Catholic School has students from preschool through eighth grade.

The parish/school website is www.resurrectionwichita.com. Phone number is 744-2776. Rev. James F. Weldon is the pastor.

Community Bible Chapel

Community Bible Chapel invites the community to join us for Arrow Island VBS-Choosing God's Way! VBS will take place in the evenings during the week of June 16 - June 20, from 6:15-

8:45 p.m. We would love to have kids age 4 through the sixth grade join us for music, games, snacks, crafts, and time exploring God's deep love for us. We are located at the corner of 45th st. N and Arlene. Please contact Amy Smith at 316-323-2819 with any questions. Hope to see you there!

Fairmount United Church of Christ

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

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

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

For more information, call 682-1597 or visit at www.fairmountuccc.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 7 p.m. Tuesday. Praise and worship is 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. The first Saturday evening of each month are youth activities.

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

Greenwich United Methodist Church

Sunday worship service at 9 a.m. Fellowship and coffee follow the service.

Pastor Jeff Miller can be

reached at 744-0203.

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

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

Movie night is the second Saturday of each month at 6:30 p.m. 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 am (contemporary service) or 11:00 am (traditional service) on Sundays at Kechi United Methodist Church, 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi.

All 6th - 12th grade youth are invited Sundays to the church, beginning Sept. 14 at 4:00 p.m. for youth group.

Kechi UMC will host a booth at the Kechi Artisan Lane Festival on Sept. 13 to assemble health kits for Open Door Ministries. Attendees are invited to stop by and put a kit together. Sept. 20, Kechi UMC will sponsor a family fun night and ice cream social with blowups, balloon art, and ice cream on the front lawn. The event is free and open to everyone. Persons interested in participating in a mission trip to Cookson Hills, Okla., Sept. 21-26 are encouraged to contact the church office for more information.

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

month at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join in.

Find us at www.kechiUMC.org and "Like" us on Facebook. Pastor Mitch Reece can be contacted at Mitch@kechiUMC.org. Phone number 744-1221.

Risen Savior Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

Contemporary Sunday worship services 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 at 10:30. A nursery is provided during Bible class and second service.

Two weekly sessions of Lifetree Café in Valley Center: Thursday at 1:00 p.m. (Lunch at Noon) at the Community Building (316 E. Clay) and Sunday at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Pastor Terry & Barb Wiechman (1241 S. Park Avenue). 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.

The church is located at 6770 E. 34th North in Wichita. The phone number is 683-5538. www.risensaviorwchita.net.

Senior pastor is Tom Harmon.

St. Michael's Orthodox Christian Church

Saint Michael's Orthodox Christian Church is located at 2710 E 61st Street 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.

On 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.

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

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

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Wednesday Potluck Supper & Program are on the first and third Wednesdays with Liturgy 6 p.m., Potluck Supper 6:45 p.m., Program 7:30 p.m. Sept. 3 will begin a seven part program on the Epistle to the Ephesians en-

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Fasting during September: All the Fridays of the month are days of fasting and abstinence.

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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.godscloset.com or on Facebook, email eric@godscloset.com, or call 530-1040.

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

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Bel Aire Breeze

Ranzau wins Republican primary for county seat

By Matt Heilman

In north Sedgwick County, the Aug. 5 primary election revealed that voters are satisfied with their current leaders, at least for now.

In a close race, incumbent Richard Ranzau defeated challenger Carolyn McGinn in the Republican primary for Sedgwick County Commission District 4, which includes Valley Center, part of north Wichita and part of Sedgwick County north and west of Wichita.

The polls showed Ranzau

defeating McGinn 54 percent to 45 percent.

"It means we crossed the first hurdle," Ranzau said. "This was a very important, tough first test."

The next test for Ranzau is Democrat Melody McRay-Miller, whom he'll face in the November general election. After the primary, Ranzau said he planned to take a few days to rest before starting his campaign for November.

"We're gonna campaign like I'm 10 points behind," he said.

Ranzau said his message of

accountability resonated with voters. He said he spoke with constituents from all walks of life who have to make sacrifices to get by and want the same level of responsibility to be displayed in local government.

McGinn, a state senator who has represented the area in Topeka since 2005, said she was disappointed in the outcome. McGinn served District 4 on the Sedgwick County Commission from 1998 to 2004.

In her bid for another term on the commission, she said

her message of improving the local economy with a push for better job opportunities didn't resonate with enough voters.

"Not just more jobs, but better paying jobs," she said.

Moving forward, McGinn said she planned to pick up her campaign signs on Aug. 6 and get caught up on her and her husband's farm just south of Sedgwick before she got back to work at the state level.

Incumbent Dave Unruh was unopposed in the Republican primary for District 1 of the county commission, which includes the City of Bel Aire

and part of northeast Wichita. No Democrat challenger registered to face Unruh in the November general election.

At the state level, incumbents also ruled the day in the Republican primary. In District 91 of the Kansas House of Representatives, poll results showed incumbent Gene Suellentrop soundly defeating challenger Eric Henderson, 64 percent to 35 percent. District 91 includes parts of Kechi, Maize, Park City, Valley Center and Wichita.

Incumbents Steve Huebert in House District 90 and Steve

Brunk in House District 85 were unopposed in the Republican primary. Huebert will not face a Democrat challenger in the November general election to represent the district that includes most of Valley Center and parts of Park City, Sedgwick and Wichita and all of Andale, Bentley and Colwich. The situation is the same for Suellentrop.

Brunk will face Democrat Patrick Thorpe in the general election for the district that includes all of Benton and parts of Bel Aire, Kechi and Wichita.

City asking residents to complete transit survey

By The Breeze staff

The City of Bel Aire is seeking input from its residents in a cooperative effort with Wichita Transit. Wichita Transit is conducting a survey meant to determine the

demand for transit services in suburbs of Wichita.

The beginning of the survey includes identifying the nearest cross street where residents live, what times they arrive to and leave from work, how long the commute to and back

home from work takes each day and the estimated fuel cost of the daily round trip.

The survey then asks residents about what their primary purpose would be to use alternate transportation, what scenarios they would

consider for using alternate transportation and what mode of alternate transportation they would prefer.

The survey concludes with demographic-related questions including gender, age group, race/ethnicity and annual

household income.

The survey, available on Bel Aire's website, www.belairesks.gov, can be mailed back to the city with the monthly water bill, or mailed directly to Bel Aire Community Development Direc-

tor Rick Rekoske at 7651 E. Central Park Ave., Bel Aire, KS, 67226. Surveys must be completed and mailed by Sept. 12. For more information, contact Rekoske at 744-2451 ext. 218, or by email at rrekoske@belairesks.gov.

Sunrise football gearing up for eight-man schedule

By Matt Heilman

The Sunrise Christian Academy football team is preparing for a full season of eight-man competition. The Buffaloes, who in recent years have played a mix of 11-man and eight-man football, kick off their 2014 season at home Sept. 12 against St. Mary's Academy. Sunrise then travels to Lawrence on

Sept. 19 to face Vertas Christian Academy. On Sept. 26, the Buffaloes go back on the road to play Cair Paravel High School in Topeka. The Buffaloes return for its final home game Oct. 3 against the Manhattan Eagles before embarking on its longest road trip of the season, Oct. 10.

On Oct. 10, Sunrise travels to northwest Kansas to face Heartland Christian Academy

in Colby. The Buffaloes then have its shortest road trip of the year Oct. 17 against Wichita Area Home School. Sunrise then travels to Salina Oct. 24 to face St. John's Military School before concluding its season Oct. 31 at Bishop Seabury Academy in Lawrence.

Sunrise Christian Academy also is competing in volleyball and cross country this fall.

The Sunrise volleyball team was scheduled to start its season Aug. 28 in a road match against Wichita Area Home School. The team's first match home match is Sept. 4 against the Wichita Defenders. The

cross country team starts its season Sept. 6 at Lake Afton in a meet hosted by Bishop Carroll.

The complete fall sports

schedules are available under the "Athletics" tab on Sunrise Christian Academy's website, www.sunrisechristian.org.

Wild's future to be addressed

By Matt Heilman

As of Aug. 20, new ownership had yet to open the checkbook. The two-time defending Central Plains Indoor Football League champion Wichita Wild were still on the market, coming up on two months after the team's ownership made the July 2 announcement on the sale of the indoor football team.

The uncertainty surrounding the Wild's future in Park City was to be addressed at an Aug. 21 press conference.

Wichita Wild owner Wink Hartman founded the indoor football team in 2006. The Wild experienced most of its success over the past five years with playoff runs in the Indoor Football League leading to the team's back-to-back

titles in the CPIFL.

Despite the success on the field, the team has struggled to generate revenue, which has prompted the sale. Last month, the Wild were reportedly close to finding new ownership. However, the deal fell through.

"The handshake deal was only good on our end," said Morrie Sheets, vice president for real estate for Hartman Oil, Co. Inc.

After the team went on sale in July, Hartman said he wanted the Wild to continue playing home games in the area.

Moving forward, Sheets indicated a recent merger between the nine-team CPIFL and the five-team Lone Star Football League, which consists of four teams in

West Texas and one in New Mexico, could help generate interest in the Wild.

"The league enlarging is exciting," Sheets said. "It should be good for all involved."

Sheets said it would be up to the league to establish a deadline by which the Wild must have new ownership in order to play next season. And it will be up to the ownership to determine if the team's home games will still be played at Hartman Arena.

The three-month indoor football schedule for both the CPIFL and the LSFL runs from March through June.

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City opens swimming pool to 4-legged residents



Matt Heilman

Among the crowd of more than 110 dogs and about 250 humans, a four-legged participant fetches a tennis ball thrown into the water by her owner. Along the edge of the pool, a resident carries his pet above the water.

By Matt Heilman

Bel Aire's second annual Hot Dawgs Pool Party on Aug. 11 welcomed about 110 dogs to the community pool in Central Park.

The two-hour event featuring vendors and the chance for dogs to swim with their owners raised more than \$500 for the city to use toward making its parks more pet-friendly.

Last year, funds raised from the event were used to purchase a doggy waste station in Central Park.

Bel Aire Community Development Director Rick Rekoske said the proceeds from the event this year will go toward a second waste station at Bel Aire Park, neighboring Sedgwick County Fire Station 37 in the 4200 block of North Woodlawn.

The Hot Dawgs Pool Party,

which charged pet owners \$5 per dog to swim, had similar attendance to last year's event, Rekoske said.

"We were pleased with the turnout and had a lot of good vendors," he said.

Sponsors for the event included Heartland Animal Hospital, the Hairy Sofa Pet Grooming Boutique, The Dog Treatory, Century Manufacturing and the City of Bel Aire.

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