

# The Bel Aire Breeze

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## High school getting more neighbors

Duplexes planned near 53rd and Rock

By Matt Heilman

The landscape around Northeast Magnet High School in Bel Aire will soon be more developed. At its Sept. 17 meeting, the Bel Aire City Council took steps to forge ahead with residential development planned to neighbor the

school near 53rd North and Rock Road.

The council approved the final plat and developer's agreement for the Lycee Heights addition, a five-acre project where developer Gene Vitarelli is planning to build about 15 duplexes that will likely consist of three bedrooms and rent in

the \$1,000 to \$1,100 price range. Vitarelli is also the developer in the Rock Spring Addition located south of Lycee Heights and Northeast Magnet. Home sales have been strong in the Rock Spring development, which consists of single-family homes and duplexes.

Also on Sept. 17, the council

approved the final plat and developers agreement for the Broadstone Villas Addition located across the street from the Lycee Heights addition. Broadstone Villas is a planned 48-unit apartment complex that will be constructed through the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program. The property

is being developed by Springfield, Mo.-based Zimmerman Properties. Representing the developer on Sept. 17, James McDonald said his company planned to close within 45 days and look at possibly pre-leasing units in the early spring with a "true opening" targeted for next summer.

## Wichita doctor to open clinic in Bel Aire



Photos by Matt Heilman

Dr. Timothy Wolff (right) shakes hands with Bel Aire Mayor David Austin while David Harris of Relianz Bank watches during an Aug. 29 groundbreaking at 53rd North and Rock Road.

By Matt Heilman

A Wichita doctor has his eyes focused north. On Aug. 29, Dr. Timothy Wolff of Wichita's Rock Ridge Family Medicine dug some dirt with a gold-colored shovel and discussed his plans to move his clinic to the northeast corner of 53rd North and Rock Road in Bel Aire.

Wolff, a doctor of osteopathic medicine who has practiced in Wichita for 16 years has been on his own for six years at 9050 E. 29th North. The move to Bel Aire will allow him to own the building in which he sees patients.

He said he plans to start working in Bel Aire next spring. In celebration of the start of construction on the new home for

Rock Ridge Family Medicine, the City of Bel Aire hosted an Aug. 29 groundbreaking ceremony for Wolff.

"This area's gonna look so different in a couple years because of the growth that's coming," Bel Aire Mayor David Austin said before introducing Wolff at the Aug. 29 groundbreaking.

Austin said community surveys have shown the need for a family medicine practice in Bel Aire. The future home of Rock Ridge Family Medicine is a short distance from Bel Aire City Hall and North East Magnet High School.

Nearby, residential development is scheduled to pick up and commercial growth is expected to take off over the next few years, drawing visitors to Bel Aire like

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Shortly after the ceremonial groundbreaking Aug. 29, construction began on the new site for Rock Ridge Family Medicine at the northeast corner of 53rd North and Rock Road. Dr. Timothy Wolff and his staff at Rock Ridge Family Medicine are making the move to Bel Aire from the 9000 block of East 29th North in Wichita. Wolff plans to see patients in Bel Aire starting in the spring.

## Company solidifies move to Bel Aire

Shuttle Aerospace coming to Sunflower Commerce Park

By Matt Heilman

All along, it was a matter of when and not if the second tenant committed to building in Bel Aire's Sunflower Commerce Park would be ready to break ground. Even so, there was a sense of relief at the Sept. 17 Bel Aire City Council meeting when the finalization of a real estate sale contract was added to the agenda for the council's consideration.

The finalized contract seals Shuttle Aerospace's pledge to move its operation from Wichita to Bel Aire. The growing airplane parts manufacturer has locked in to build on about eight acres at the southwest corner of the 800-acre Sunflower Commerce Park near 53rd North and Webb Road. In the agreement, Suprema Holdings, LLC agrees to buy the acreage for \$202,000 or about \$25,000 per acre for Shuttle Aerospace to relocate to Bel Aire.

In addition, the City of Bel Aire plans to make an approximate six-acre lot, neighboring the eight-acre site to the east, available for Shuttle Aerospace to expand. The agreement calls for the city to hold the six acres for six months following the closing of the initial land sale and exclusively offering the property to Suprema Holdings, LLC to purchase for Shuttle Aerospace's planned expansion within a couple years of its move to Bel Aire.

In July, Shuttle Aerospace owner Clovis Ribas said his company has grown at a rate of 20 to 30 percent per year over the last decade. Currently, the 21-employee company is operating in about 12,000 square feet of space leased on East Industrial Street in Wichita.

Shuttle Aerospace will own its new facility in the Sunflower Commerce Park.

On Sept. 17, Lasher said plans call for the closing of the land sale to take place by the end of the year with construction on Shuttle Aerospace's new facility to commence in the spring.

Currently, Century Manufacturing is the lone tenant in the Sunflower Commerce Park, operating in a 36,000 square-foot building on three acres.

Also on Sept. 17, the council:

- Approved an appropriations ordinance of \$435,807.09, more than half of which is budgeted for debt payment to the Chisholm Creek Utility Authority.

- Heard Mayor David Austin declare Sept. 19 as Drive 4 Pledges Day, recognizing the dangers of texting while driving.

- Received a presentation of the 2012 audit from Andi Willem of Allen, Gibbs and Houlik.

- Approved an ordinance moving temporary notes into permanent financing with the issuance of general obligation bonds.

## Enrollment grows at Bel Aire's new schools

Northeast and Isely have an increase in number of students

By The Breeze staff

The official Sept. 20 headcount shows that the overall enrollment in the Wichita school district has increased by 530 to 51,169 students.

Northeast Magnet High School showed an increase of 56 students in its second year in Bel Aire. The Sept. 20 headcount showed that 644 students are enrolled at the school, up from 588 in the 2012-13 school year.

In part because of the presence of Northeast Magnet just a few miles east, Wichita Heights High School showed the largest dip in enrollment from last year.

The Sept. 20 headcount showed Heights' enrollment to be 1,304, down 88 students from the 2012-13 school year.

Stucky Middle School, located about two miles southeast of Wichita Heights also has a slight enrollment dip from last year. On Sept. 20, the headcount at Stucky showed 606 students enrolled at the school, down from 627.

At the elementary level, Bel

Aire's Isely Traditional Magnet Elementary showed the third highest enrollment increase among 57 elementary schools in the Wichita school district. On Sept. 20, 492 students were counted at Isely, up 51 students from last year's enrollment of 441. Park City's Chisholm Trail Elementary School saw a decrease of 16 students from last year. On Sept. 20, 459 students were counted at Chisholm Trail,

down from 475. Earhart Environmental Magnet Elementary School, located just south of 45th North and Arkansas, saw an enrollment increase of 15 students on the Sept. 20 headcount, up to 433 students from last year's enrollment of 418.

Area private schools, including Bel Aire's Sunrise Christian Academy and Resurrection Catholic School did not take part in the Sept. 20 headcount.



## Mayor's corner

By David Austin

I love my city.

Two weeks ago at church, when James and Danielle Dalton shook my hand and said "Thank you," I was taken aback. What did I do? What rumor was out there? So I said "You're welcome, I think, but what did I do?" Their response was all about taxes, "you lowered our taxes."

Man I wish I could take all the credit for that, but like I have said before, this was a team effort. Bel Aire has a committed staff and council who work hard to keep costs to a minimum and do more with less every day. It is tough when 100 percent of all our sales tax revenue go toward land debt payments. I think anyone would be amazed to see how much our city does on so little.

The excitement is growing. Houses continue to be built; developers continue to show great interest in the land. Sunflower Commerce Park is getting a new addition or two soon. Selling the land remains the top priority for Bel Aire, and there is lots of it. But if you look closely you can see the light at the end of the tunnel. It is there and getting brighter every single passing week, it seems.

At church this Sunday, our pastor unveiled a new theme titled, "I Love My Church." So allow me to borrow from that great sermon series to say "I love my city."

When looking to purchase a home and/or move, potential homebuyers or renters must consider a number of important decisions. What does the community offer? What is the cost of living? What is the average commute time to work? What is the crime rate? What is the tax rate, and what services are provided?

Go ahead and get a scorecard and I think you will see that Bel Aire is a place to brag about.

Our new population signs welcome us and boast a population of nearly 7,000. Bel Aire is a vibrant community filled with an active Lions Club, chamber of commerce, two senior citizen groups, a fantastic recreation center filled with activities for all ages, a top-notch police force, and much more.

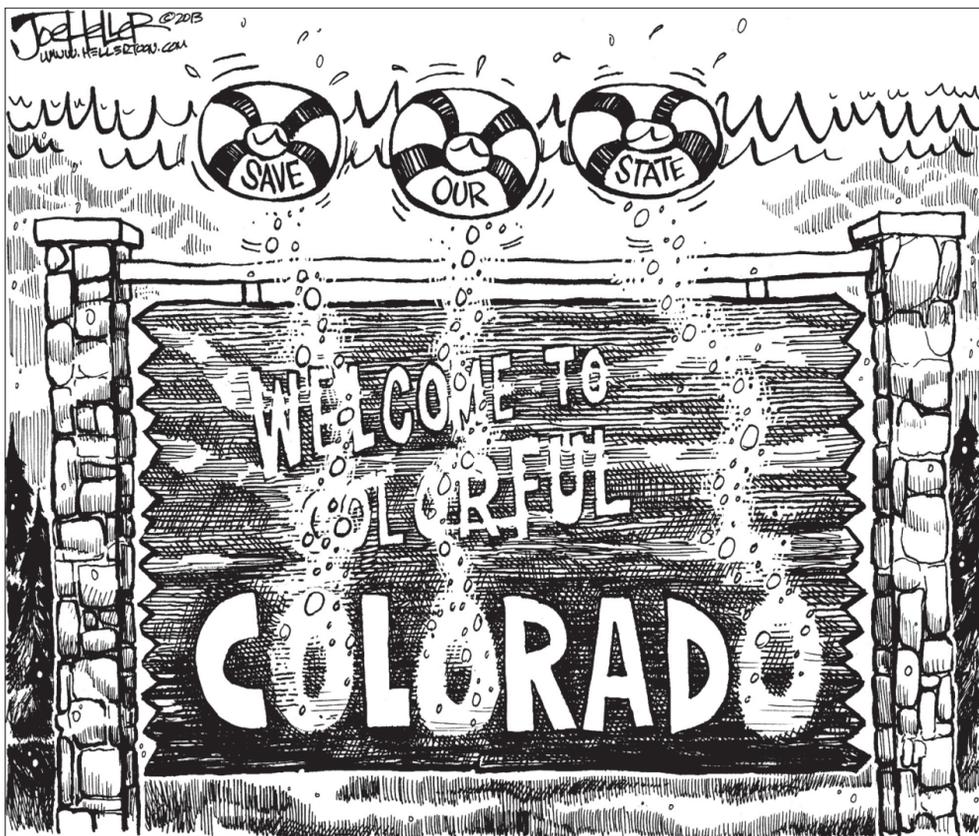
We are a dynamic place to live, work and raise a family and in my humble opinion is the community of choice.

What makes our city special? When comparing Bel Aire to communities such as Andover, El Dorado, Goddard, Haysville, Maize, Mulvane, Park City, Rose Hill and Valley Center, Bel Aire stands out. We are in the top five for cost of living and tax levy. And Bel Aire ranks first in lowest crime rates and least miles to major employers.

Bel Aire has been a Tree City USA for nearly two decades and also has plentiful water from two sources. Additionally, Bel Aire has the small-town charm with five parks, churches, schools and walking paths scattered throughout.

If it sounds like I am a salesman, I guess I am. More than 30 realtors will soon come to City Hall for a planned open house to learn more about our great town and what is available.

Buckle up, folks! It's going to be awesome!



## Trash vs. class in college sports

Lately it seems like the most thoroughly written pieces of investigative print journalism are targeted at exposing the corruption at large NCAA Division I universities that are good at football. Last month, Sports Illustrated released its story that if validated, will likely be the beginning of the end for the preseason Big 12 champion pick's steady rise to relevance in the college football world.

Eight former players on the Oklahoma State University football team gave testimony in the article that they accepted cash payments. Twenty-nine other players also took money, according to testimony in the article from former teammates.

And the money is just part one of the five-part series that also points to issues with academic fraud, drug use, drug dealing and prostitution used as a recruiting tool at Oklahoma State. If the NCAA survives long enough to drop the hammer, Cowboy nation will be caught in a nasty mess that not even T. Boone Pickens himself can write a check big enough to escape.

I'm sure the proud Oklahoma Sooner faithful are delighting in the Sports Illustrated report. But something tells me the "student" athletes on the football team in Norman haven't exactly been angelic off the football field.

And no, Sooner fans, I'm not picking on you. Show me

### Heil on life

By Matt Heilman



an NCAA school with a strong athletic program and given time, I'll show you at least one instance where the rules are at least bent if not completely shattered.

Now, I enjoy a well-played college football game just as much as the next guy, but I think it's time we stop with the hero worship of college kids. I'll admit I was euphoric when the Wichita State men's basketball team made its Final Four run in this year's NCAA basketball tournament, but don't expect me to be shocked or to even express much doubt if I'm ever told that a few players on that team enjoyed a free meal at a restaurant when they returned to Wichita.

Whether you're talking about players receiving presents for scoring touchdowns, a cocky signal caller allegedly charging money for writing his name on footballs, helmets and posters or academic cheating scandals involving entire teams, there's one thing we all need to keep in mind: college sports is a multi-billion industry that values the bottom line more

than the intellectual development of its players.

With all that said, I do firmly believe there is a lot more class than trash in college sports. And whether you drink the purple Kool-aid or not, there's no denying that few if any coaches or athletes out there exemplify class more than Kansas State football coach Bill Snyder. The guy seems to genuinely care about his players' lives beyond his program and he's not afraid to give credit where it's due after a loss, even one that dented his team's season in the first week. After Kansas State's Aug. 30 loss to North Dakota State, Snyder sent a congratulatory, hand-written letter to Bison quarterback Brock Jensen.

Snyder said he usually wishes his team's opponents well, but if I was K-State's head coach, I don't think I'd be able to muster enough courtesy to formally wish good will on the team that damaged my season out of the gate.

I applaud sports news sources like Sports Illustrated and Yahoo! Sports for fighting for what's right by exposing corruption in a flawed system, but from a fan's perspective, it'd be nice to see more headlines dedicated to unconventional acts of sportsmanship and class.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### City seeks input on entrance signs

The City of Bel Aire wants input from you on new entrance signs.

The survey is on the city website, belaireks.gov. The website indicates that the city seal signs will cost "just under \$5,000" to replace and the new design will cost "just

under \$3,000." You can also submit your own design.

Do you believe that new signs are needed? There are new ones you might have seen along Woodlawn and Rock that have the Lions Club sign attached that have just been installed.

How much do you believe the City of Bel Aire should spend on entrance signs given the amount

paid by other cities — \$250, \$500, \$1,000, \$3,000, \$5,000?

Please let your city council know. They are asking for your input and would appreciate it.

They can be reached at City Hall at 744-2451

— Andrew Uhschmidt, Bel Aire

## Clinic

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the city has never experienced before.

"We're looking 10 years down as to what's gonna happen here," Wolff said. "I'm excited to think that we're gonna be part of the initial step of that."

Wolff said owning his own medical practice fulfills a dream he's had since he was in high school. Besides the projected growth around the future site of Rock Ridge Family Medicine, Wolff said the move to Bel Aire makes sense for him because of his familiarity with the area. Wolff attends church in Bel Aire and owns land north of Park

City.

With the move to Rock Ridge Family Medicine, he's looking to establish a small-town doctor's office that is part of the community where patients are known personally.

"The whole aspect of community is really where I want to be at," he said. "As a solo practitioner, it's so very important to me."

# Talking is key for cities to function

Communication is an underrated skill. Most professions say they value "strong communication skills," but too often messages get lost in translation, confusion abounds and a mess is created out of an issue that could have been more easily resolved.

Recently, there was a communication breakdown in the City of Park City that had community volunteers and parents fearful that city leaders were interested in pulling the plug on the Park City Youth Program, which runs rec league baseball, softball and T-ball.

Members of the volunteer board have had to spend extra time to maintain the ball fields in Hap McLean Park. And although it's required a lot of extra effort during evenings and weekends, no one from the youth program complained. They knew that more was required of them since the program isn't supported with tax dollars like it is in the neighboring communities of Valley Center and Bel Aire.

However, a problem arose when a mower belonging to the youth program needed repair at the worst possible time. Rain drenched the area in early August and tall grass and weeds sprouted up on the baseball and T-ball fields.

Park City crews stepped in to clean up the fields and in doing so went above and beyond what was in the 2013 contract between the city and the youth program. With the stance that the youth program failed to live up to its end of the bargain, city leaders proposed ending the 2013 agreement with the volunteer board. The ending of the contract essentially would have done nothing more than kept the youth program from hosting any events on the fields for the rest of the contract year that was due to expire in October anyway.

In terms of its role hosting little league games in the park, the youth program was pretty much done for the year with the completion of the Wichita Heights League schedule.

Park City Mayor Ray Mann said the city valued the youth program and was willing to renegotiate the 2014 contract to assure that the fields in the park stay maintained. But the president of the youth program didn't receive a call from anyone with the city and didn't know about what was being proposed until a motion to end the 2013 contract early was listed as an agenda item for the Sept. 10 city council meeting.

As it turned out, Mann had tried to reach out to the youth program; he just failed to contact the right people. The city wondered why no one from the youth program had reached out for help when they weren't able to keep up with the mowing.

The youth program wondered why the city didn't come to them before taking charge and threatening to end their contract. They also wondered why city workers mowed every part of every park in the city except for the baseball and T-ball fields.

The air was somewhat cleared at a Sept. 9 park board meeting where youth program president Jim Helms said the group's mower had been fixed and the board would take care of the fields for the rest of the year. Mann agreed to work with the youth program in its 2014 contract with the city in hopes of developing a more efficient way to maintain the fields and ease the burden on the volunteers.

Members of the youth program rightfully felt blindsided by the city when the call to end their contact was made without much of a notice. On the other side of the coin, the city rightfully felt obligated to do something when the fields looked shabby and there was no explanation why.

In the end, the misunderstanding could have and should have been avoided. The Park City Youth Program has a lot to be proud of. The program has steadily grown over the years and turned Hap McLean Park into a place where teams from other towns look forward to playing. For that to continue, there is no room for communication breakdowns.

Unfortunately, misunderstandings between City Hall and citizens aren't uncommon in most communities. Here's hoping clarity and trust become the norm in all of our cities in north Sedgwick County.

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Deadline for November: Oct. 18

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# City of Bel Aire



## Bel Aire Recreation

**DAZZLING DANCERS**  
These recreational classes will focus on ballet and jazz dance. Classes are for girls ages 4 & up and will begin Wednesday, October 16th. Space is limited therefore pre-registration is required.

**PRE-SEASON GIRLS BASKETBALL CLINIC**  
Bel Aire Recreation has partnered with Brent Atwater, a former collegiate player and coach, to bring you several basketball clinics and camps throughout the year. Atwater's programs stress the fundamentals of basketball which make them perfect for kids of all ages and skill levels. The basketball clinic will be held Saturday, October 19th; time TBA.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Basketball is for girls ages 5-11. Practices will be set up by the coaches on weeknights beginning October 14th. Games will be played on Saturdays starting October 26th (no games on November 30th). The registration deadline is October 5th.

**HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN PAINTING!**  
Spice up your Halloween with some homemade holiday crafts and decorations on Saturday, October 26th. Kids will be given the opportunity to get

their creative juices flowing and put their own special twist on a pumpkin. 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 7:10-8:10 pm. These are great classes for beginners to black belts.

**YOGA**  
Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:10-7:10 pm. 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.

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.

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Talent Show will be hosted by The Hitman from Power 93.9



The Annual Bel Aire Community

# talent SHOW

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HOSTED BY THE HITMAN FROM POWER 93.9

**Win \$40, \$50, or even \$100 dollars!**

**Who:** 10-18 year olds  
**When:** Saturday, Oct. 12th, 5:30pm  
**Where:** Sunrise Christian Academy outdoor stage  
**What:** Perform music, dance, comedy, or whatever you're awesome at!

**Details:** Judging will be based on stage presence, ability appearance, and audience reaction. All acts must be limited to 3 minutes. Creative or unusual acts are especially encouraged. All acts must be clean and in good taste. Accompaniment CD's are allowed, and must be cued and consist of the item used for the performance only. Performers are responsible for picking up their CD's at the sound booth after the show on Oct. 12th. All contestants to check in between 5:00pm - 5:15pm.

Time slots will be only be given to the first 20 participants. Contact Rick Rekoske to reserve your spot!  
316-744-2451 Ext 218 or RRekoske@belaireks.gov  
Deadline for entries: Oct. 9th, 5pm

City of Bel Aire POWER 93.9

## 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 or attend to 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  
Braum's Breakfast - Fridays, 9 a.m. on North Rock Road  
Arthritis Foundation's Walk with Ease Program - Mon, Wed, Fri, 8:15 a.m. at the Rec Center  
Ends October 18th

## Monthly & Special Events:

October 15 - December 7th, Medicare Open Enrollment, see below for related events  
October 2nd, 10 a.m. - Volunteer library work time at the Senior Center  
October 7th, 6:30 p.m. - Potluck Dinner and Threadbare Theatre Group - Community Room  
October 8th, 8:30 a.m. - Breakfast at Auntie C's 425 N. 61st N. Park City  
October 9th, 10 a.m. - Open Sewing at the Senior Center  
October 14th, 10 a.m. - RS Advisory Meeting at the Rec Center  
October 14th, 11:30 a.m. - Lunch at Outback Steakhouse 2020 N. Rock Road, visit to the Great Plains Nature Cntr  
October 15th, 9 a.m. - CS Advisory Meeting at the Rec Center  
October 15th, 6 p.m. - Red Hat dinner. Call Anita for more info at 744-2840.  
October 16th, Ladies Dine Out - for info call Anita at 744-2840  
October 16th, 10 a.m. - Men's Coffee at Braum's on North Rock Road  
October 16th, 10:15 a.m. - Senior Aerobics Brunch (different locations)  
October 16th, 2 p.m. - Ladies Tea/Coffee at Braum's on North Rock Road  
October 17th, 11 a.m. - Facebook Class with Megan Kelley (if you have a laptop, please bring it!)  
October 23rd, 10 a.m. - Open Sewing at the Senior Center  
October 23rd, 7 p.m. - Bunko games at the Senior Center (reservation required, call 744-2451 x 121)  
October 24th, 7 p.m. - Woodcarving Presentation with Preston Orr  
October 28th, 6 p.m. - Covered Dish Dinner, program TBA  
November 5th, 6:30 p.m. - Potluck Dinner, presenter Edith Knox

## Community Events

TOPS - Tuesdays, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center  
City Council Meetings - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of every month  
October 2nd - 7 p.m. - Municipal Court  
October 10 - 9 a.m. - Red Hat excursion to Emporia. Call Anita for more info at 744-2840.  
October 14th - 7 p.m. - Bel Aire Heights HOA meeting in Community Room  
October 14th - 7 p.m. - Central Park HOA meeting at the Senior Center  
October 28th - 7 p.m. - Tree Board Meeting at the Senior Center



More than 50 people attended the City of Bel Aire Lunch and Learn on September 26th, attendees including realtors, builders and marketing teams.

## 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

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Church to start meeting at Stucky

Starting on Oct. 20, a new church will begin meeting at Stucky Middle School, just west of 45th North and Oliver. Revolution Church is one of three churches that is starting as part of Wichita's West Evangelical Free Church's church planting residency program.

Revolution Church pastor Austin Abney moved with his wife from Bradenton, Fla. in December to guide the new church just outside of Bel Aire.

Abney said his church has started meeting in groups throughout northeast Wichita and he's looking to find a worship leader for the services that will start this fall. He said he was called to guide the new church in the Wichita area

to address a concern with an increased number of people in Sedgwick County claiming no religious affiliation and overall declining church attendance.

For more information on Revolution Church, visit the church's website at [www.wichitarevolution.com](http://www.wichitarevolution.com).

— Matt Heilman

## Moody Blues to crash Hartman

It's almost here. Park City's Hartman Arena is one of the stops planned for a legendary rock band on its U.S. tour.

On Oct. 15, The Moody Blues will play their first concert in the Wichita area since 1984. The band is touring to promote the release of their 17-disc box set, "Timeless Flight,"

which spans four decades of the band's hit songs. Tickets are still available. For ticket information, call 927-3999. Ticket prices range from \$37.50 to \$85.

— The Breeze staff

## Couple celebrates 60th anniversary

Ernie and Leora Foster of Bel Aire celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sept. 19. Ernie Foster retired from Mobil Oil Co. in 1993. Leora retired from St. Francis and ODC. They celebrated their anniversary with family and friends. Cards may be sent to them at 4071 N. Harding, Bel Aire, KS 67220.

— The Breeze staff

# City continues support for subdivision

By Matt Heilman

Near the beginning of its Sept. 3 meeting, the Bel Aire City Council heard a presentation from Dr. Stan Longhofer, a professor in Wichita State University's Barton School of business with extensive research in real estate market trends.

Longhofer's presentation sought to provide an analysis of single-family home construction through 2040. He discussed factors that determine new home construction activity, chief among which is population growth.

While unknown how far Bel Aire will have grown 25 to 30 years from now, residential growth is steadily on the rise in the community. And leading the way in welcoming new residents to

the city is the Rock Spring Addition just south of Northeast Magnet High School and east of 53rd North and Rock Road.

The housing addition has prospered with the construction of a mix of single-family homes and duplexes. While the development's second phase has yet to be filled out with new homes, there has been enough success in Rock Spring to justify moving forward with placing infrastructure in a third phase on the south side of the addition.

Phase 3 of Rock Spring consists of 30 single-family lots. On Sept. 3, the council accepted petitions for sanitary sewer, water, paving, streets and sidewalks for Phase 3 of Rock Spring, approved an engineering services agreement for engineering of

public infrastructure in Phase 3 and approved resolutions for the paving, sanitary sewer, sidewalk, water distribution system, sidewalk and street improvements.

Developer Gene Vitarelli first proposed a 67-lot phase of duplexes and single-family homes for Rock Spring in 2011. The plans for the initial phase were scaled back, but the development has seen steady home sales, in large part because the properties are more affordable than most of the new construction in Bel Aire.

The single-family homes in Rock Spring are built in the \$130,000 to \$150,000 price range. Once the development is complete, Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher said Rock Spring would likely consist of five or six phases.

# CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

## Christ Lutheran Church

Sunday service times are 8:30 (contemporary) and 11 a.m. (traditional) with a kid friendly service and adult learning at 9:45.

Communion is served at all morning services.

A variety of weekly and monthly activities are offered including Falcon Fellowship (free lunch for students at Heights High School on the second Wednesday of the month), youth groups, quilting, choirs and men's breakfast.

Find the church online at [www.christ-lutheran.org](http://www.christ-lutheran.org); e-mail office@clc.kscoxmail.com. Pastor Chad's email is [pastor@clc.kscoxmail.com](mailto:pastor@clc.kscoxmail.com). Call the office at 744-1242.

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

Wednesday prayer and Bible study are at 7 p.m.

For more information, call Melvan Adair at 744-7091.

## 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.fairmountucc.org](http://www.fairmountucc.org).

## Gospel Assembly Church

Located at 4230 N. Oliver in Bel Aire, service times are 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Bible study is 7 p.m. Monday. Prayer service is 7 p.m. Tuesday. Praise and worship is 7 p.m. Wednesday.

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

## Greenwich United Methodist Church

Sunday worship service 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

Kechi United Methodist

Church is located at 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi. Phone number is 744-1221.

Rev. Guy E. Rendoff is the pastor. Website is [www.kechiumc.org](http://www.kechiumc.org); E-mail is [kechiumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kechiumc@sbcglobal.net)

Worship services are Sundays at 9 and 11 a.m. with Sunday school at 10 a.m. Nursery is available.

## Pine Valley Christian Church

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

## Randall Road Baptist Church

Randall Road Baptist is located at 6556 N. Randall, Park City.

Sunday School starts at 10 a.m. Worship is at 11 a.m.

Sunday evening activities start at 6 p.m.

Wednesday bible study begins at 7 p.m.

Contact Pastor Jim McQuery at 201-1696 or e-mail at [jmcquery@cox.net](mailto:jmcquery@cox.net)

## 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.

Enrollment for Risen Savior Preschool for the 2013-14 school year has begun. Registrations are now available for Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 9 to 11:45 a.m. Preschool

class for 3- to 5-year-olds. Please call the church office for details.

Risen Savior Preschool will have an open house from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Aug. 7.

The church is located at 6770 E. 34th North in Wichita. The phone number is 683-5538. [www.risensavior.net](http://www.risensavior.net).

Senior pastor is Tom Harmon.

## St. Michael's Orthodox Christian Church

The church is located at 2710 E. 61st Street in Park City. It is a congregation of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.

Adult class, "The Story of Christianity," is 9 a.m. Sundays. Service of Matins is at 9:45 a.m. followed by the Divine Liturgy (Mass) at 10 a.m.

Sept. 29 is the Feast of the Dedication of Saint Michael the Archangel. This is the names day of our church. Join us as we celebrate our first patronal feast in our Park City church temple. All are welcome. Nursery is provided for the 10 a.m. Liturgy. Coffee Hour follows the service. Wednesday service is 6 p.m. Saturday vespers is at 5:30 p.m.

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Women's Study Group second and fourth Friday at 10 a.m. with Dare To Live Fully Right Where You Are. We will continue our study of "One Thousand Gifts" by Ann Voskamp.

Holy Days for October: The Holy Guardian Angels Oct. 2, Commemoration of the Council of Ephesus Oct. 11, Our Lady of Walsingham Oct. 15, Saint Luke Oct. 18, Archangel Raphael Oct. 24, Saints Simon & Jude Oct. 28, Eve of All Saints Oct. 31.

Catechetical sermon series for October: "Healing in Orthodox Christianity," Oct. 6 "The Origins of Illness," Oct. 13 "The Spiritual Meaning of Illness," Oct. 20 "Christian Paths Toward Healing," Oct. 27 "Theosis & the Healing of the Soul."

Call the church for more information at 734-6248 or visit [www.stmichaeloc.org](http://www.stmichaeloc.org). Fr. John Flora, pastor, can be reached at 734-6248 or [jflora@cox.net](mailto:jflora@cox.net).

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E-mail [uumc2220@uumc.net](mailto:uumc2220@uumc.net); phone 686-6765. Rev. Charles Claycomb is the pastor.

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# POLICE REPORTS

**Sept. 19** — Lt. Griggs responded to an alarm on a residence in the 4200 block of North Westlake. The alarm was false.

**Sept. 19** — Officer Thompson responded to a residence in the 4200 block of North St. James. The reporting party said a young woman came to the door and said she wasn't selling anything but was just trying to get to know people in the neighborhood.

**Sept. 19** — Officer McCaslin responded to a report of a suspicious character in the 6000 block of East Clarendon. A woman was seen getting into a vehicle.

**Sept. 19** — Officer McCaslin responded to a report of a suspicious character in the 3800 block of North Oliver. A vehicle sped away after the reporting party asked the driver if she could be of any assistance.

**Sept. 18** — Officer McCaslin responded to an alarm in the 5800 block of East 45th North. The alarm was false.

**Sept. 18** — Officer McCaslin took a domestic violence report in the 6000 block of East Clarendon. A man reported that his son would not return the man's handicapped placard. The man later said there was a misunderstanding and the placard was already returned.

**Sept. 18** — Officers responded to a possible suicidal subject in the 6100 block of Danbury. A woman was taken to the hospital.

**Sept. 17** — Officer Thompson responded to a larceny from two vehicles in the 4200 block of Westlake Court. \$43 and two debit cards were taken from the vehicles.

**Sept. 17** — Officer McCaslin responded to a report of a suspicious character in the 4300 block of North Janesville. Fives men were in a vehicle in front of a residence passing around a marijuana cigarette, the reporting party stated. Officer did not find the vehicle.

**Sept. 16** — Officer Hutton responded to a report of a suspicious character in the 4900 block of East 44th North. Two men were seen walking back and forth between a vehicle and a house and then just sitting in the vehicle. The men worked for a siding company.

**Sept. 16** — Officer Hutton responded to an animal bit in the 5700 block of East Odessa. A girl was attacked by a Chihuahua and was bitten on both legs. EMS treated the girl. Officer reported that the dog has been a nuisance in the past.

**Sept. 16** — Officer Steele responded to a report of a burglary in progress in the 9400 block of East 43rd North. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

**Sept. 16** — Officer Steele responded to a report of shots fired in the 4300 block of North Rushwood Court. Officer saw discharged fireworks in the street.

**Sept. 15** — Officer Steele responded to a burglary in progress in the 5000 block of East Willow Point. There was no apparent suggestion of suspicious activity.

**Sept. 15** — Officer Steele assisted the fire department on a systems alarm at Catholic Care Center in the 6500 block of East 45th North. It was a false alarm.

**Sept. 14** — Officer Carter responded to an alarm at Advance Catastrophe Technologies in the 3800 block of North Hillcrest. It was a false alarm.

**Sept. 14** — Officer Carter assisted the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office with a physical altercation between two females in the 4500 block of North Hydraulic.

**Sept. 14** — Officer Steele stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for speeding. A passenger was cited for transporting an open container of alcohol.

**Sept. 13** — Officer Thompson assisted EMS in the 5000 block of North Remington.

**Sept. 13** — Officer Hutton assisted EMS in the 4000 block of North Harding. A woman was taken to the hospital.

**Sept. 13** — Officer McCaslin responded to a report of a disturbance

in the 4200 block of North Eagle Lake. A man said another man in a vehicle spun his vehicle's tires and said he was a taxpayer and could spin the tires if he wanted to.

**Sept. 13** — Officer Hutton responded to a report of two men pouring oil into the city stormwater drain in the 6500 block of East Rodeo. No oil was poured into the drain.

**Sept. 13** — Officer Murphy responded to a hold-up alarm at a residence in the 4500 block of North Westlake Court. It was a false alarm.

**Sept. 13** — Officer Murphy responded to a disturbance at the police department at 7651 E. Central Park. Wichita police responded because the incident of possible child abuse had occurred in Wichita.

**Sept. 13** — Officer Steele responded to a report of a suspicious character in Greenwich. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

**Sept. 12** — Lt. Griggs responded to an alarm in the 4200 block of North Rushwood Court. The alarm was false.

**Sept. 12** — Officer Thompson responded to found property in the 4900 block of North Parkhurst. It was a canoe with two paddles, a dip net and a fishing line. The canoe was taken by the parks department to the city yard, where it was to be held until the owner could be found.

**Sept. 12** — Officer McCaslin responded to a report of a suspicious character in the 4000 block of North Edinburg. A jogger saw a vehicle traveling in the area suspiciously.

**Sept. 12** — Officer McCaslin responded to a report of a disturbance in the 5100 block of North Colonial. A man working with National Recovery Services was looking for a resident.

**Sept. 12** — Officer Hutton took a report of vandalism in the 4100 block of North Edgemoor. An air-powered gun was used to damage the window of a vehicle.

**Sept. 11** — Officer Thompson responded to a non-injury accident in the 4200 block of North Oliver. The driver had a coughing fit, which caused her to drive her vehicle off the road and strike a mailbox.

**Sept. 11** — Officer Murphy responded to a report of a suspicious character in the 4400 block of Westlake Court. A man was sitting in a parked vehicle. The man was with a construction crew working in the area.

**Sept. 10** — Officer Thompson responded to an alarm in the 4000 block of Danbury. The home was unlocked, but there were no signs of a burglary.

**Sept. 10** — Officer McCaslin responded to an alarm in the 4100 block of North Edgemoor. It was a false alarm.

**Sept. 10** — Officer Swanson stopped two vehicles in the 5300 block of East 37th North. A driver was cited for driving with a suspended license and no proof of insurance.

**Sept. 9** — Officer Foxx stopped a vehicle for an expired tag in the 4300 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for expired tag, driving without ever having been licensed and no insurance.

**Sept. 9** — Officer Foxx took a report of disorderly conduct in the 5000 block of North Remington. A resident reported receiving a \$100 bill in her mailbox and then a note several days later that said: "Urgent, Start prepping. I put the \$100 in you box. Spread the Word! The rats are coming."

**Sept. 9** — Officer Swanson responded to a report of a lost adult in the 6700 block of East 45th North. Two people were reported missing from the Catholic Care Center. They later returned.

**Sept. 8** — Officer Foxx assisted the fire department on a smoke alarm in the 4000 block of North Rushwood Court. The resident was cooking sausage, causing the residence to fill with smoke.

**Sept. 8** — Officer Hutton responded to an alarm at The Source in the 6200 block of East 37th

North. There were no signs of criminal activity.

**Sept. 8** — Officer Steele checked on two people sitting in a vehicle in the 4200 block of North Westlake. They were released.

**Sept. 8** — Officer Steele stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 6200 block of East 37th North. The driver, Alex H. Mathiesen, was taken to the jail and later cited for speeding and DUI.

**Sept. 7** — Officer Foxx took a report of vandalism in the 5400 block of Prairie Hawk. A window on a vehicle was shot out by a BB gun. Damage was estimated at \$100.

**Sept. 7** — Officer Foxx took a report of vandalism in the 4400 block of Eagle Lake. A rear window of a vehicle was shot out by a BB gun. Damage was estimated at \$300.

**Sept. 7** — Officer Foxx reported to a report of a suspicious character in the 4300 block of North Bellmore. Two men were sitting in a truck outside of a residence. They were painters working in the area.

**Sept. 7** — Officer Thompson responded to an alarm in the 4800 block of Krueger. A painter set off the alarm.

**Sept. 7** — Officer Foxx responded to a report of vandalism in the 4000 block of North Edgemoor. The rear window of a vehicle was shot out by a BB gun. Damage was estimated at \$300.

**Sept. 7** — Officer Foxx responded to an alarm at American Exteriors in the 3900 block of North Woodlawn. It was a false alarm.

**Sept. 7** — Officer Thompson responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 3900 block of North Woodlawn. One person complained of neck and back pain.

**Sept. 6** — Officer Foxx responded to an alarm at The Source in the 6200 block of East 37th North. It was a false alarm.

**Sept. 6** — Officer Foxx responded to an alarm on a residence in the 6200 block of East Quail Ridge. It was a false alarm.

**Sept. 6** — Lt. Griggs stopped a vehicle in connection with a found bicycle in the 3800 block of North Edgemoor. The occupants of the vehicle were allegedly trying to steal an unattended bicycle. The driver was cited for driving without having been licensed.

**Sept. 6** — Lt. Griggs recovered a bicycle in poor condition in the 3800 block of North Edgemoor.

**Sept. 6** — Officer Thompson took a report of a larceny in the 5800 block of East 45th North. Missing were 99 silver bullion coins from a locked safe.

**Sept. 6** — Officer McCaslin responded to an alarm at Advance Catastrophe in the 3800 block of North Hillcrest. The alarm was false.

**Sept. 6** — Officer McCaslin responded to a report of a suspicious character at Catholic Care Center in the 6500 block of East 45th North. A person said a car pulled up to the building, a female went inside and then she returned to the vehicle five minutes later. Officer did not locate the car.

**Sept. 6** — Officer McCaslin took a report of lost property in the 4500 block of North Westlake Court. A person's vehicle tag was missing.

**Sept. 6** — Officer Steele responded to a report of a suspicious character in the 6500 block of East 45th North. There was no apparent suspicious activity.

**Sept. 6** — Officer Murphy assisted EMS in the 6600 block of East Shepherd's Crossing. A woman was taken to the hospital.

**Sept. 5** — Officer Thompson responded to a complaint of a loud noise in the 3900 block of West Lake. Officer found no source of the noise, which was heard by several residents in the area.

**Sept. 5** — Officer Foxx stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 4100 block of North Oliver. Jamie R. Baldwin was arrested on a charge of driving with a revoked driver's license and on warrants through Barton and Cowley counties.

**Sept. 5** — Officer Murphy stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5000 block of East 37th North. The driver was cited for speeding, driving without having been licensed and no proof of insurance.

**Sept. 5** — Officer Murphy stopped a vehicle in the 4000 block of North Woodlawn. While conducting a field sobriety test on the driver, a passenger got out of the vehicle and yelled at officers and the driver. The passenger, Schalee Frasier, was arrested on a charge of obstruction.

**Sept. 4** — Officer McCaslin responded to a report of a larceny in the 4500 block of North Glendale. Reported missing from a residence were 14 hydrocodone tablets.

**Sept. 4** — Officer Swanson stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5000 block of North Rock Road. The driver was cited for speeding, no driver's license in possession and driving a vehicle without an interlock device.

**Sept. 3** — Officer Thompson responded to a report of a suspicious subject in a black truck in the 4400 block of Edgemoor Court. A guttering company was working on a nearby house.

**Sept. 3** — Officer Thompson stood by for the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office on the report of a dead body found in Greenwich. A resident of Greenwich had died during the night.

**Sept. 3** — Officer Hutton stopped a vehicle in the 7700 block of East 53rd North after receiving a report that a man was abusing a woman inside the vehicle. The case started in Greenwich. A sheriff's deputy arrested the driver.

**Sept. 3** — Officer Swanson stopped a vehicle for no tag lamp in the 5000 block of North Rock Road. The driver was cited for defective tag lamp, no proof of insurance and no driver's license in possession.

**Sept. 2** — Officer Foxx stopped a vehicle for a seatbelt violation in the 7900 block of East 45th North. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license and failing to wear a seatbelt.

**Sept. 2** — Officer Foxx arrested Taite A. Nelson on a warrant out of Douglas County for charges of robbery and conspiracy to commit aggravated burglary.

**Sept. 2** — Officer Foxx stopped a vehicle for a seatbelt violation in the 5200 block of East 37th North. The driver was cited for driving without a valid license and failing to wear a seatbelt.

**Sept. 1** — Officer Hutton responded to a report of a suspicious character in the 4700 block of North Krueger. A resident said a man came to the residence, rang the doorbell and looked in the front windows. The man then went to the backyard. A teenager who was inside the house let a dog out the back door. The dog bit the man's right hand, and the man left.

**Sept. 1** — Officer Steele responded to a report of a suspicious

character in the 5800 block of East 49th North. There was no suspicious activity.

**Aug. 31** — Officer Foxx assisted EMS with a combative patient in the 6700 block of East 45th North. The patient was taken to the hospital.

**Aug. 31** — Officer Thompson contacted a resident in the 4300 block of Bellmore to ask whether her dog had shade and water. There was no animal abuse.

**Aug. 31** — Officer Murphy responded to check the welfare of a person in the 4900 block of North Hedgerow.

**Aug. 30** — Officer Moyer responded to a report of larceny at Family Video in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn. A customer reported leaving her cellphone at the store. It couldn't be found later.

**Aug. 29** — Officer Foxx stopped a vehicle for defective brake lamp in the 3800 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for defective brake lamp, driving without ever being licensed and no proof of insurance.

**Aug. 29** — Officer Swanson responded to a burglary in progress in the 4500 block of North St. James. Officer did not find anyone in the area and there was nothing missing from the residence or vehicle.

**Aug. 29** — Officer Steele stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for speeding and no driver's license in possession.

**Aug. 28** — Officer Thompson assisted a paving company with moving two vehicles from the 4300 block of Eagle Lake Drive.

**Aug. 28** — Officer McCaslin responded to check the welfare of a person in the 4500 block of North Rushwood. There was no problem.

**Aug. 27** — Officer Thompson responded to an alarm in the 4500 block of North Westlake. It was a false alarm set off by a roofing crew.

**Aug. 27** — Officer Hutton responded to a report of a burglary in the 5100 block of East 46th North. There was no criminal activity.

**Aug. 26** — Officer Foxx checked a business in the 3900 block of North Woodlawn Court. A door at American Exteriors was left open, but there were no signs of suspicious activity.

**Aug. 26** — Officer Foxx took a report of larceny from a vehicle in the 4300 block of North Woodlawn. Missing was \$4 in change.

**Aug. 26** — Officer Foxx checked on a vehicle parked in a field in the 4900 block of North Greenwich. The vehicle's four wheels were missing and it was sitting on cement blocks. The owner was contacted. The owner reported that the vehicle had been ebezzed.

**Aug. 26** — Officer Toomey discovered a trash dump in the 4900 block of North Woodlawn.

**Aug. 26** — Officer Hutton responded to a report of a larceny from the Catholic Care Center in the 6700 block of East 45th North. Three wireless antennas were missing.

**Aug. 26** — Officer Steele checked an abandoned vehicle in the 3800 block of North Oliver. The vehicle's owner said he would have the it removed.

**Aug. 25** — Officer Foxx responded to a report of suspicious characters in the 4100 block of North Parkwood. Three juveniles were reportedly throwing rocks at ducks. Officer was unable to locate the juveniles.

**Aug. 25** — Officer Foxx re-

sponded to a report of vandalism in the 4200 block of North Janesville. Two windows were broken by a known suspect, who could not be found.

**Aug. 25** — Officer Hutton responded to a domestic violence call in the 4200 block of North Rushwood Court. There was no altercation.

**Aug. 25** — Officer Steele responded to a report of a suspicious character in the 4200 block of North Rushwood Court.

**Aug. 24** — Officer Thompson took a report of lost keys in the 4200 block of Janesville.

**Aug. 24** — Officer Foxx assisted in a traffic pursuit at 53rd North and Hydraulic. The vehicle was later found in Wichita.

**Aug. 24** — Officer McCaslin responded to check the welfare of an individual in the 3800 block of North Oliver. A man in his 20s was reportedly walking down the middle of the road carrying two trash sacks. The officer could not locate the man.

**Aug. 24** — Officer McCaslin responded to an alarm in the 5800 block of East Perryton. It was a false alarm.

**Aug. 23** — Officer Thompson responded to an alarm in the 4100 block of North Edgemoor. The residence was being roofed, which set off the alarm.

**Aug. 23** — Officer McCaslin stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5100 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for speeding, driving with a suspended license and no proof of insurance.

**Aug. 23** — Officer McCaslin responded to an alarm at American Exteriors in the 3900 block of North Woodlawn Court. An employee accidentally set off the alarm.

**Aug. 23** — Officer Steele assisted EMS in the 4600 block of North Hedgerow. A woman had fallen from her bed.

**Aug. 23** — Officer Steele assisted EMS in the 4600 block of North Hedgerow. While there, the officer noticed a broken window on the front of the residence. It was previous damage.

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# THE WRITE STUFF

## Bel Aire's newest officer provides well-rounded experience

By Matt Heilman

More than 40 years ago, Bel Aire Police Chief John Daily received his first speeding ticket in his hometown of Newton. In the car that pulled him over was a young officer about four years older than him who was being trained by a senior officer in the Harvey County community. Today, that young officer who assisted in issuing Daily his first traffic citation works for the Bel Aire police chief.

"I was a Newton police officer and (Daily) was a Newton teenager," Officer Clint Thompson said of his first encounter with his current boss.

Thompson, whose law enforcement career goes back to 1969, started with the Bel Aire Police Department in June.

Thompson's career in law enforcement has spanned the municipal, state, national and global levels. He applied for a position with the Bel Aire Police Department and moved from the Oklahoma City area this summer to work for his longtime friend, who he grew to know after the encounter involving the speeding ticket.

"John asked me to come up and apply for the job," Thompson said.

As a young officer at the start of his career, Thompson worked part-time in the sporting goods department at the Alco Store in Newton. Daily also worked at the store.

"That's how we really kind of got to know each other," Thompson said of his relationship with his current boss.

During that time, he also got to know Daily's twin



Matt Heilman

Clint Thompson has worked for the Bel Aire Police Department since June. His law enforcement career started in 1969.

brother, Jim Daily, who is the current police chief in Newton. From the days of working with Daily at a small town department store to working under him on the Bel Aire Police Department, Thompson was able to see the world, raise a family, kickstart a charitable foundation and become a published author. Thompson, 64, spent the last couple of years away from the daily grind of police work, living in Edmond, Okla.

He had time to write, but he knew he wasn't ready for retirement. His 89-year-old father still lives independently in Udall and his uncle in his early 80s still works as a full-time farmer on about 2,000 acres.

"My family lives to be older," Thompson said.

And while he has his health, Thompson said he plans to work as a police officer for at least five or six more years. He likes the steady pace of Bel Aire.

The call log keeps him busy, but isn't overwhelming.

Previously in law enforcement, Thompson served as the police chief in Holcomb, a small community just west of Garden City best known for being the home to the Clutter family farmhouse where a farmer, his wife and two children were brutally murdered in 1959, inspiring the 1966 Truman Capote book, "In Cold Blood."

Thompson served in Holcomb from 2009 to 2011, following a stint as an air security guard for the U.S. Marshal's Service and the air transport of federal prisoners.

About five months before starting in Holcomb, Thompson fulfilled a dream with the publication of his first novel, a Western called "Death at Red Creek," a story of "a man's man" who encounters danger and unforeseen challenges while searching for his wife who had been missing for two years after being kidnapped.

The lead character in Thompson's 118-page work likes to mind his own business, but "he's a man who knows his weapons, including the bowie knife tucked away in the top of his right boot," says the synopsis of the book on its listing on Amazon.com.

The story that takes place in West Texas and New Mexico around 1880 is an historical novel that accurately

ly paints a picture of the time period, Thompson said. He wrote the novel after a close friend told him he ought to write a Western, but he says he didn't seek fame in the publication of his book.

"It sells a few here and there," Thompson said.

When he retires, the experienced officer said he might delve into writing children's books, building off a short story he's written that's been well received.

"I've had some youngsters who read it and really liked it," Thompson said of the story about a law-enforcing squirrel.

Reaching out to children and helping them feel safe around law enforcement has been part of Thompson's mission during his career and led him to develop a charitable organization with three fellow officers in the Oklahoma City area.

For nine years, Thompson worked for an Oklahoma state police agency where the focal point was protection of a children's hospital where neglected or abused children were brought in for investigations.

Thompson and the officers he worked with tried to make children who had to be pulled from their homes feel more at ease by giving them teddy bears. This led to the development of a non-profit organization called 401-KIDS, Inc.

Thompson said he and the fellow officers who started the organization went through about 800 teddy bears in a year. Now that he's an officer in Bel Aire, the chairman and founder of 401-KIDS said he hopes to see the organization expand in the Wichita area.

"We are working toward providing a place of safety where the child can be taken once they are removed from their home," the organization said on its website, www.401kids.org. "This friendly and loving environment will be where the child will live while they are being evaluated and treated for the abuse. A place where they can catch their breath till a suitable loving home can be found for them to continue the healing process."

Beyond his community police work and charitable efforts, Thompson spent two years in Iraq as an international police adviser, a few years following a 2001 stint in Kosovo, Yugoslavia, as a United Nations police officer.

It was in Kosovo, that Thompson honed his writing skills by submitting articles to Knives Illustrated Magazine about some of his adventures and use of a particular knife.

"I wrote an article and the editor liked it," Thompson said.

The father of two and grandfather of two more who holds a master's degree in administration management of criminal justice, said his career has afforded him the opportunity to travel to 27 countries and form friendships with officers and citizens from around the world. He jokes that Bel Aire isn't as exciting as Takrit, Iraq, but said he's been impressed with the professionalism of the department that includes about 10 full-time officers responsible for nearly 7,000 people.

Everybody here seems to be very nice. And the chief, of course, is an excellent police officer, Thompson said."

## Echo Hills developer expects to make a major announcement

By Matt Heilman

Developer Mike Loveland spoke for several minutes about his Echo Hills project. But he didn't have much news to share at the Aug. 28 Park City Chamber of Commerce meeting.

"I'm standing up here and there's an awful lot of things that I can't tell you about today that I wish I could tell you about," Loveland said.

One prospect he said he could discuss was Arby's. He confirmed that the restaurant chain is planning to occupy one of the lots "at the very front" of the commercial development west of 53rd North and I-135.

The plat for the 84-acre, former golf course property calls for lots of varying sizes that will include a mix of restaurants, small retailers and large box stores, including an anchor that will be the largest tenant in the development.

Loveland said one potential anchor is 80-to-90-percent committed to build in Echo Hills. He said a couple other large box stores are about 50 percent committed.

"I wish I could tell you

about who all these specific users are I'm talking with," he said.

He said he expected to announce "something of significance" within a month and progress on the development could be expected to speed up rapidly once the first big box store commits to build on the property. As of Sept. 26, Loveland had yet to make an announcement.

"Those anchors have such an effect on just a bunch of small businesses that will come in right behind them as soon as we can get them nailed down," Loveland said.

Once complete, he said the Echo Hills commercial development would resemble what's in place on about 80 acres at Kellogg and Greenwich where a Walmart and Lowe's Home Improvement store are accompanied by an auto dealership out front with some multi-use retail and restaurants.

Loveland said the prospect of bringing a large commercial development to Park City resembles what occurred in the City of Derby where progress moved slowly before a Target, Lowe's and a Kohl's

opened the floodgates.

In preparation for the floodgates to open in Park City, the city spent about \$4.2 million in infrastructure improvements on the Echo Hills site. The bulk of the expense was for paving and sanitary sewer work.

Part of an extensive, long-term construction project on 53rd Street includes the widening of the street at the entrance to the Echo Hills property. Preliminary work for the street widening was completed this summer.

An engineering study last year revealed that about 45,000 vehicles per day could be expected to travel on the 53rd Street corridor by 2030. On Aug. 28, Loveland pointed out that 53rd Street is the only road in Sedgwick County north of Kellogg that runs all the way across the country east to west.

Currently, about 50,000 cars per day travel past 53rd North on I-135. Looking at

the Echo Hills property, commercial development makes a lot of sense, Loveland said.

But he admits his initial vision for the land was different when he was first interested in Echo Hills about 13 years ago.

"I was looking for a site for a nighttime golf course," he said.

At that time, Weigand had a listing on about 27 acres north of Echo Hills. He observed a frontage road that stopped at the golf course.

"The more I looked at it, I go, 'gosh, this doesn't need a nighttime golf course. This road needs to go through here,'" Loveland said.

Currently in the Wichita area, he said there is not a location where a motorist can exit off an interchange and get back on the other via the same frontage road.

Loveland said he started asking Echo Hills Golf Club owner Bert Henderson if he'd be interested in selling the

property. For a few years, the answer was "No."

Eventually the sale made sense. Loveland put together a group of investors that auctioned the property and closed on it in 2010. The last rounds of golf at Echo Hills were played last April.

Loveland said 2010 was a tough time to start attracting interest, but he didn't want to wait on buying the property.

"It was such a good property that we didn't want to pass on it," he said.

Since Loveland closed on the property, there has been a wide range of speculation from area residents about what tenants will fill out the acreage.

After the initial interest began to wane, excitement began to ramp back up last year when Loveland began working with Park City to get dirt moving at Echo Hills.

"It's hard to get people's attention until they start

seeing some construction," he said. "Some streets and utilities."

Once the project is complete, Loveland said the Echo Hills property is planned to create a "city center kind of feel" for Park City that will attract much more business from outside the city, especially from the north.

"I think what I'm working on is something that's going to help you in your community," he told the chamber.



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