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## President's Comments

*Wayne Wells*

Now that the Holidays have passed, 2006 is here, and it will be Spring before we realize it. Now is the time to be planning on what we, as a Neighborhood, wish to accomplish these next twelve months. As I stated in the December Dispatch, the board has been busy making some plans, but we need to hear from you what you would like to see accomplished within the neighborhood. Send us your suggestions.

I realize much of this has already been published but don't want to let you forget.

The first activity the board discussed was the possibility of a Neighborhood Yard Sale. The tentative date we talked about was June 10th. We chose this date because it is right after the River Festival and Memorial Day. However, it will depend on which day we can have our annual clean-up. We want the clean-up on the following Saturday. We need to begin now organizing the Yard Sale, so if you are interested in being a part of it, let me know and I will put your name on the list.

The second activity discussed was the Annual Clean-up on the tentative date of June 17th. We will be making a few adjustments this year. Each year we learn some new lessons and want to utilize what we have learned. After we obtain a firm date, we will be giving the details.

The third activity discussed was the 10th year Anniversary Celebration. We did not talk about a tentative date, but agreed that with the planning involved, we needed until late summer or early fall. Probably late September or early October. Some of the activities discussed were having a Pancake Feed at the beginning of the day. After that a Children's Transportation Parade. That would include bicycles, scooters, skate boards, roller skates, strollers etc. All manpowered. No motorized. The person or persons, in the case of stroller, would have their means of transportation and themselves decorated. There would be prizes awarded for each category. Also discussed was a house tour. Exterior only. It would be organized for both walking and/or riding. For those who have difficulty walking, it was discussed having a Trolley for their transportation. If you have a house which would be of interest to people, write up a brief history about it and we will put it on a map. There were many other good ideas discussed and we desire for you to give us yours. **We will be able to do only those for which we have sufficient volunteers.** We need your input and commitment to make these activities a success. I have learned, over the years, that for an activity to be a success, it must be well planned and planning takes time.

Give us your suggestions and make your commitment as soon as possible.

Another item mentioned was starting a fund to show we are seriously supporting our Revitalization Plan. If we would raise a few thousand dollars and inform the city, I am sure it would have a positive effect in getting our Gate Way Markers installed. Anyone wishing to contribute to a special Gate Way Markers Fund, we will put it in a separate account. Just put your contribution in an envelope and mark it "Gate Way Fund". Other Neighborhood Associations have used this method to speed-up installations of some of their desired improvements. Another special fund we need to establish is for the expense of the 10 Year Anniversary Celebration. It will require a considerable amount of money to finance the required fee to bring in the Pancake Company and rent a Trolley for the House Tours. I am sure there are other activities and projects you would like the Neighborhood Association to sponsor.

Another very important activity in 2006 is the election of officers. In keeping with our By-Laws, we will hold the election in November with installation at the January 2007 general meeting. I will be appointing a Nominating Committee in August or September to recommend a slate of officers. Start thinking now about which office you would like to fill. We need people with new ideas. Especially a President. When I agreed to submit my name for President in 2004, I stated I would be willing to serve for one year. However, when the board began reviewing the By-Laws I learned I had been elected for two years. Being one who takes responsibility seriously, I agreed to serve the two years. For various reasons, I will not be submitting my name for President for another term. I do plan to stay involved and will support the new officers to the best of my ability.

It has come to my attention that since the March 2005 Dispatch, we have been giving the West Side Christian Church an incorrect address. I apologize for this mistake. The correct address is 1819 West Douglas.

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**The Master Gardener's Corner**

*By EMG Chuck Guenther*

Whoever said variety is the spice of life must have been talking about herbs. They fill the air with exotic aromas, infuse food with fantastic flavors and some of them even provide health benefits. Enjoy the wonders of herbs year round by growing your own indoor herb garden. It's easy to have a thriving indoor herb garden wherever you live.

**Choices:** There are dozens of herbs you can grow indoors, but not all of them are edible. If you want to cook with herbs, start your first indoor garden with traditional favorites that are easy to grow and widely available such as dill, chive, basil, rosemary and thyme.

**Lighting:** Location is important when growing herbs indoors because they need several hours of direct sunlight each day to thrive. A sunny kitchen window is a perfect spot because it provides quick access to your herbs as you're cooking. Kitchen activities also tend to add beneficial humidity to the air. A bathroom window receiving ample light is also a good location for the same reason.

If well-lit spaces are in short supply where you live, remember that several herbs can be bunched together into a compact container. A smaller garden also makes it easier to move as seasons and light conditions change.

While herbs grow well under fluorescent lights, keep in mind that standard fluorescent bulbs will need to stay on for about 14 hours to replicate 5 to 6 hours of natural sunlight. If you choose to grow with artificial lights, invest in a timer that will regulate the light your plants receive. Various fluorescent grow lights are available which may shorten lighting times. The tops of established plants should be placed about 6 to 12 inches from the lights, while seedling should be kept only a few inches away until they are mature.

**Soil, Water and Food:** Herbs are hardy plants that do well in a variety of soils, nutrients and moisture conditions. Herbs do best, however, in pots with good drainage and soil that is either neutral or slightly acidic. Watering requirements will vary by humidity conditions in your home, so check your garden frequently. Keep it moist but be careful not to overwater because some herbs like rosemary do not tolerate it well. Herbs also like a light misting from time to time.

Most potting mixtures will supply enough nutrients for your herbs to grow initially. After a few months or if your herbs aren't growing, apply a houseplant fertilizer. Herbs don't generally need as much fertilizer as other houseplants however, so use about half strength when feeding them.

**Flavorful Food:** Cooking with herbs is fun and easy. To get the best flavor, add them in the last few minutes for quick-cooking dishes and in the final 30 minutes for soups and other slow-cooked dishes. You can add dried herbs to your recipes at any time.

Gardening Questions? Call the Sedgwick County Extension Center at 722-7721 and ask for the Hot Line



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**Editors comment**

I mentioned last month of my hospital stay. I shant dwell on the subject, but I must say I had a blood transfusion of two pints. Because of an unrelated blood disease I cannot donate blood to the Red Cross. I thank every one who does donate thus making the blood available for me when I needed it. I am very grateful. *Lee Webster*



**Low-Income Energy Assistance Program**

The Low-Income Energy Assistance Program helps people who meet certain income guidelines pay their winter heating bills.

The program won't start taking applications until Jan. 17. In Kansas, SRS administers the program and will take applications through March 31. SRS spokeswoman Laine Brumley said consumers should not call or stop by the SRS office to apply before Jan. 17.

To qualify for help, the applicant must be personally responsible for the heating bill. The applicant also must demonstrate a recent history of payments.

The income guidelines are based on 130 percent of the federal poverty rate, which are based on monthly gross income before deductions:

- For one person: Up to \$1,009
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- Family of three: Up to \$1,698
- Family of four: Up to \$2,043
- Family of five: Up to \$2,387
- Family of six: Up to \$2,732, with \$345 allowed for each additional person

Brumley said the elderly, disabled and families with children "are the primary groups assisted."

To apply starting Jan.17, go to the SRS office at 230 E. William or call (800) 432-0043 or 337-7006.



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## Do You Remember

By Faye Graves

I came across an old friend the other day who's also a Wichita personality. He reminded me of an era that is just about gone. The time of the small, privately owned hamburger stand that graced every neighborhood. Those days have now been replaced by the giant franchises. The man of which I am speaking is "Arky". He was the owner of "Takhoma Burger". Everyone knew Arky and all the guys that worked there in that small building just west of Lawrence DuMont Stadium on Maple Street. Boyd started the group of Takhoma Burger stands.

Then there was "Creamo" but Arky was there for many years. There just wasn't anything that could top a big triple cheeseburger and one of Arky's stories. He was a "Philosopher", comedian and everyone's friend. His grandson, Bryan, still keeps the family tradition going. He worked there at the old location for years, but now Takhoma Burger is still serving their great hamburgers just a few blocks south of the Kellogg overpass. But, it made me think of all of the individually owned hamburger stands years ago.

There was Ralph Baums. I thought it had the best Chili Burger Wichita had to offer. Maybe some of you remember Calvins Hamburger Haven originally located at Harry and Seneca. Now, still in business some years later, Henry Burger. On North West Street there is a drive in with curb service called "Best Burger". Of course we can't leave out the Lazy R's with their great charcoal hamburgers owned and operated for years by George Stevens. Jacks

North High Hamburgers is still at it, just across the street from North High School. Kings X, still in business, White Castle and many more.

All those special places, locally owned and usually operated by the owner, had its own special qualities. I know this will spur your memories to many more hamburger stands that I failed to mention. Wichita is still a fast food capitol and have many great restaurants to experience.

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**Note:** Takhoma Burger is still in business, it's just in business somewhere else. The restaurant moved a little more than a month ago to the former Sonic at 802 N West St.

## Chicken Noodle Dinner

St. Paul's United Methodist Church will hold their 60th annual chicken noodle dinner on Saturday, January 28 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The cost if you pay in advance is only \$7.00, and if you pay at the door it is \$8.00. (Children 6 years and younger eat **FREE**).

The dinner is served family style - all you can eat, homemade chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, bread and butter, pies and other desserts, fruit drinks, coffee, tea and water. Carry out is also available. No waiting in cold weather to be served. The church address is 1356 N. Broadway, Wichita. Phone number 267-3263.

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## Messiah's Branch

By Pastor Dan Catlin

John 13:34 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Thanksgiving at Messiah's Branch is one of our most favorite days of the year. You see our little storefront church, located at 801 West Maple located in the Delano Neighborhood of central Wichita, opens as a day room two days a week for the homeless and poor. Any who walks in from 1 till 3 PM will get a sandwich, sweets, coffee, tea, depending on what's donated or we can buy and at 4:30 PM we serve a meal on those days. There is also donated clothing which we freely give as all one has to do is walk in and get what is available. Sometimes when we have extra canned foods we give food boxes. In winter many blankets, coats and hats are given out donated from places like Panama, Australia, Minnesota, just to name a few. The Biggest thing we offer is love, which is dealt out in huge portions. I, Pastor Dan Catlin, have been driving over from Florence two days a week since July of 2000 to care for those who have less than we do.

It is a neighborhood I grew up in, running the streets in a street gang. So I can relate to the many homeless and poor, which come to a safe zone, and is open to all who walk in the door. Men, women, children, homeless, poor, black, white, green, or purple all are loved the same as family.

Thanksgiving we opened special as we always do at 1 PM. By 2 PM we were overflowing. But the Lord always provides enough. Most come as they did Thanksgiving to forget the burdens of the street for a little while as we let them watch a movie on our two little TVs and on Thanksgiving we watched the game! After having a great day and great food we went home, fulfilled, the 60 miles to Florence.

The next morning I woke up to the police on the phone. It seems someone threw a large rock through our front door. They stole the praise and worship stereo, the TVs, and a microwave. As I was such a long ways off, I called my daughter Sarina to deal with the Police till I arrived.

I drove over in a mixed mood as money was very tight after paying for the meal the day before. Sarina called me back before I arrived. She had great news. The woman police officer came back and told her she called around and got a TV donated. A BIG screen TV! Praise the Lord that was more than what we had! We had a day of mixed entertainment such as a couple of the guys broke out harmonica's playing tunes as we waited on the TV to arrive.

But as promised the caring police officer came back with the TV. A few days later she brought a surround sys-

tem for the people. This was above and beyond the call of duty for her. I know it was the Lord who touched her heart. As she truly was showing love to people who could never repay her. An action we are all supposed to do ourselves. The people are so happy as they get to watch their afternoon movies in a near theater like way. I am so thankful to know that such caring people are on the police force. People who put their lives at risk daily to protect us. My heart bursts with joy to know this. And of course I prayed the Lord would bless the woman police officer and those that helped her, but I knew as I prayed they were already blessed. And the people that broke in, well I asked the Lord to forgive them as I had, before the evening meal.

If you wish to help in any way, clothing, canned foods, hygiene items, well they need what you need. Call us at 316-619-4886. We do not push religion on them but rather offer love and a safe place for a little while. Through love many are reached. So many just come for prayers.

The members of Messiah's Branch and I wish to thank the Delano Dispatch for asking me to write this article giving me the chance to publicly say, Thank you this day to the police whom acted as angels, you touched our hearts, be Blessed! Pastor Dan Catlin We are to love our neighbors as ourselves and all are our neighbors!



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## Thank You West Side Christian Church

Wayne Wells

On Wednesday December 7th, I met with Pastor Linn Taylor of the West Side Christian Church. I came away from that meeting greatly encouraged. The Delano Neighborhood Association will be able to continue meeting in the same room we have been meeting in this past year. Plus, I shared with Pastor Taylor our plans for 2006 and he assured me the Church would support us and be able to assist with many of the planned activities.

One of my concerns was the availability of equipment to show the film "Save Our Land-Save Our Town". Pastor Taylor said they could supply it. For those of you who are not familiar with this film, it concerns Urban Sprawl and Inner City issues. I would encourage any of you who receive this Dispatch and are interested in this issue, to plan to attend this showing, even if you live outside the Delano Neighborhood. Church Leaders, please announce this showing in your Church Bulletin. It will be shown on February 21st beginning at 7:00pm; so please be there a few minutes before 7:00. The film is approximately forty-five minutes viewing time. We will show it first so those who are not interested in the business part of the meeting will be able to leave.

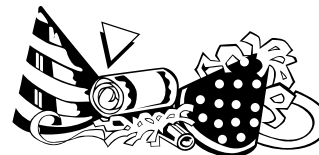
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**Pet Considerations for Winter**

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**Housing:** It is best to keep pets indoors during the winter months, but if this is not possible, outdoor pets must be provided with shelter. Their home should be elevated off the ground to prevent moisture accumulation and have a door of some kind to keep out winter winds, sleet, and snow. Shelters should be insulated or heated. Water sources may be heated to permit constant access to unfrozen water; thermal units designed 2006 specifically for this purpose are readily available. Outdoor pets require extra calories to keep warm, feed your pet according to it's needs when the temperature drops. In severely cold or inclement weather, no pet should be kept outside. Indoor pets should have sleeping quarters in a draft-free, warm area with their bed or mattress elevated slightly off the floor.

Roaming cats, as well as house pets and wildlife, may climb onto vehicle engines for warmth during cold weather. Be sure to check under the hood before starting your vehicle and honk the horn to startle any animals seeking shelter inside.

A "PAWS for PETS" Feature by:  
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**News Flash**

The date of the Delano Neighborhood Association Clean-Up has been confirmed. Saturday June 17, 2006.

We can now plan our Yard Sale for the week-end of June 8th, 9th and 10th.

Mark your calendar and make your preparations.

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## Delano History, Ackerman Island

Riversider Susan Herndon brought me a 1983 issue of the Wichita Eagle-Beacon in which "Ackerman Island" was discussed. I'm so glad to know the name of the island. Although Ackerman Island was in the Delano district rather than Riverside, it was, as I had surmised, a popular place of entertainment for not only Riversiders, but the whole city. The park opened as "Wonderland Park" in 1905. Susan's father, Dick Shacklett, who resided in the 800 block of Spaulding for many years, was interviewed for this newspaper article (he was 83 at the time), and shared these interesting recollections: He was 10 years old in 1910, and worked in a concession stand (pre child-labor laws). He explained that Sunday entertainment was illegal by city regulations, but since the island fell under federal jurisdiction, people were able to go there to enjoy baseball, an open-air theatre, the park with a roller coaster and "all the crazy houses", and

*Islands in the Stream*



of course all the concession stands. It was mostly a summertime evening and Sunday activity. The article also states that there was an indoor theatre (Crawford Theatre), which brought colorful, attractive stock company actors and directors to the area.

Second street bridge connected to the island. I like the reporter's (Gordon Henry) description: "Linked by the bridge to the city's east and west sides, it became an island of adventure in a sea of reserve." The baseball diamond was south of the bridge, and was host to teams from the old Western League.

The advent of the motorcar and shortage of manpower because of WWI spelled the demise of the park in 1919. In 1934 the island was eliminated by way of a WPA project which filled in the waterway on the west side of the island.

This map shows that there were a couple of islands that were in the Riverside area and have been filled in. How interesting! It looks like Greenleaf Island was where Riverside Hospital sets. I heard one time that it was used for a trash dump. Can anyone clarify that, or confirm?

*Article by Joann Ryan from The Riverside Booster*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**