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Sewer bill fallout continues

Sunrise asks for council member's resignation

By David Dinell

The fallout surrounding overcharging sewer bills in Bel Aire continued in May as city leaders

faced pointed accusations and are being forced to make difficult decisions.

The issue boiled over during the May 17 city council meeting, where a local business has asked a city council member to resign.

At issue are charges to nine customers between 2003 and 2007 resulting in more than \$29,000 of overbilling. The city

has acknowledged the mistake, but the subject continues to live on — and likely will for some time.

"This issue is not going to go away any time soon," said Mayor David Austin. "This is a much bigger deal than I thought."

Austin said he has "lost count" of the number of calls and emails he's received from

concerned residents.

The topic first came to light when council member Betty Martine said at a workshop meeting that some customers were overcharged for sewer services. She was the city's former clerk and did that billing. Martine said she was doing what she was told.

At the meeting, former mayor

Gary O'Neal said Martine meant no harm and was merely doing her job.

O'Neal also said Martine is a "dedicated and loyal person" and she is concerned about Bel Aire.

Caleb Bowers, president of the Sunrise Christian Academy board, said Martine should re-

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Out of tragedy, new life is growing



Photos by David Dinell

District fire chief Tavis Leake says the department is honored to be a recipient of the tree. Leake says he hopes people will take the time to read the plaque and understand what it means.

By David Dinell

For this year's Arbor Day, the Bel Aire Tree Board used a sapling from the Oklahoma City bombing Survivor Tree and planted the American elm on the north lawn of Sedgwick County fire station No. 37 on Woodlawn near 45th Street North.

During a ceremony, Gary Northwall of the Bel Aire Tree Board said the tree was being dedicated in honor of the men and women of the Sedgwick County Fire Department. The county department serves the city of Bel Aire and its residents.

The board also placed a plaque in front of the tree, reading in part: "This tree is a living symbol of the hope that all those who risk injury and death on our behalf survive each working day."

The 40-foot tall Survivor Tree is near the former Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, which on April 19, 1995 was destroyed by a domestic terrorist attack. The bombing killed 168 people and injured hundreds more.

At one point, the tree was scheduled to be cut down. It also was full of shrapnel and glass fragments. While badly damaged, the tree didn't die, nor was it cut down. It went on to bloom the next spring.

Now, in a major volunteer effort, seedlings are taken from the tree and given away around the country as symbols of hope and inspiration.

The ceremony, held April 29, the last Friday of April and the traditional Arbor Day, was forced to move inside the station due to heavy rain, but the spirit of the day carry forth.

"We accepted it with open arms and we're honored to be a recipient of the tree," said Tavis Leake, the district's fire chief.

Firefighters, he said, have a special bond with others in the pro-



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Sedgwick County Fire Department Lt. Brad Burdick cares for Bel Aire's newly planted Survivor Tree.

profession, and are supportive of them, no matter where they are.

Leake said he hopes people will take the time to read the plaque and

understand what it means.

He also promised that it would be well taken care of.

On a recent afternoon Lt. Brad Burdick spent some time giving the tree a healthy dose of water. Burdick is not regularly stationed in Bel Aire, but read the plaque and was impressed by it as was his colleague, firefighter Cory Matke.

"It's pretty neat that they did this," Matke said.

As the tree is still young, about 5 years old, it's supported by wires and two poles, which will be taken down as it grows.

Bel Aire council members, along with county officials, attended the ceremony.

City council President Guy MacDonald said the tree serves as an example that "catastrophes can be overcome."

As part of that effort to inspire others to overcome, other offshoots from the Survivor Tree have been given to places that have been devastated by major tornadoes.

Ex-chief to change plea in gun case

By The Breeze staff

John Daily, former chief of police in Bel Aire, plans to change his plea in a federal firearms-purchasing case involving him and three other former officers.

The Associated Press reported in May that Daily notified the court of his intention. A change-of-plea hearing was to take place May 31. It was unclear how Daily will plead in the case. Daily has said publicly that he would never knowingly break the law.

The U.S. Attorney's Office in 2015 charged Daily with wire fraud and mail fraud.

Daily is accused of conspiring to buy firearms at a discount by claiming the weapons were the property of the police department and would be used for law enforcement purposes.

Daily was chief from May 2006 through December 2013. He is accused of signing paperwork to purchase three rifles at a discounted price. The weapons were not used by the police department, the U.S. Attorney's Office said.

By misrepresenting the rifles as police department property, the defendants were able to take advantage of special pricing and tax exemptions, the U.S. Attorney's Office said.

Bel Aire named a Playful City for 4th time

By The Breeze staff

The city of Bel Aire was named a 2016 Playful City USA in May, the fourth time the city has received the designation.

Celebrating its 10th anniversary, the national recognition program honors cities and towns across the country for making their cities more playable. One of the more popular community programs in Bel Aire is Adopt-A-Hydrant, which allows residents to adopt one of the many hydrants throughout Bel Aire and transform it from an ordinary object to something playful and fun.

"The children of Bel Aire represent the future of our community and one of the most important ways to invest in our future includes a healthy, well-balanced lifestyle represented in our wide range of parks and amenities," Bel Aire Mayor David Austin said in a news release.

Communities across the country are creating innovative ways to bring back play and attract residents through family friendly activities. Interactive sidewalk art, designated play spaces on trails and the transformation of schoolyards into active play areas are just a few examples of how cities are becoming more playful.

"We are thrilled to recognize these communities that have invested their time and efforts to put kids first," said KaBOOM! CEO James Siegal. "Balanced and active play is crucial to the well-being of kids and the communities that they thrive in. By integrating play into cities, the leaders of Playful Cities USA are working to attract and retain the thousands of families that want homes in close proximity to safe places to play."



Mayor's corner

By David Austin

Last month, I shared with you my excitement about Bel Aire being named one of the happiest cities in Kansas. I continue to be excited about our community's family friendly environment with our recent selection as a Play City USA for the fourth consecutive year.

Unfortunately, our friendly city has been in the news quite a bit recently for a public statement made by a council member in which she said that she overcharged several commercial sewer accounts during her time as a city employee. At my direction, an audit of the sewer utility took place going back to 2003, which is as far as city records exist. That audit showed that nine commercial sewer accounts were overcharged through 2007.

I was hopeful that in addressing these overcharges the matter would be closed. After watching the May 16 city council meeting, however, several of you have contacted me voicing your concerns about the length of time during which these overcharges may have occurred. During public comments a former mayor of Bel Aire, Gary O'Neal, stated that the overcharges began during the tenure of a specific city administrator who served during the mid-1990s. This is why the questions I'm receiving now focus on the length of time the overcharging of those nine accounts occurred.

At the Wichita Wingnuts game on May 21, a teacher from Heights High School stopped me and thanked me for being so open with the findings, but asked about the most recent comments.

"Is the former mayor right, did these illegal activities really happen for two decades?" she asked me.

At church in Andover on May 22, two different individuals (one current resident and one former Bel Aire City Council member) approached me and asked similar questions. My answer to these questions is that I don't know exactly when the overcharging began. City records only go back to 2003, so we can't confirm when this started.

What I can tell you is that all sewer rates, commercial and residential, are developed by the city administrator/manager with assistance from staff, and then presented to the governing body for review and approval. Changes in utility rates are never made quickly or without exhaustive research into the funds necessary to cover the costs of operating the utility.

It doesn't make sense that an administrator, with the knowledge and authority to request an increase of sewer rates through the governing body, would decide to overcharge just a few accounts to generate a relatively small amount of money in proportion to the total amount of money needed to operate the sewer utility. For that reason, I find it hard to accept statements blaming others.

Fortunately, it is not my job to understand the motivation behind these acts. My job is to make sure that these types of acts do not take place during my tenure. While the audit proves my confidence in current utility billing practices, I am working with the auditors to discern any additional steps that can be taken to better monitor utility billing practices in the future to prevent this from ever happening in our city again.

Let's celebrate — We have many reasons to celebrate in Bel Aire. In May, Bel Aire was named a Playful City USA award recipient for the fourth year in a row. One of the more popular community programs is Adopt-A-Hydrant, which allows residents to adopt one of the many hydrants throughout Bel Aire and transform it from an ordinary object to something playful and fun.

I firmly believe the children of Bel Aire represent the future of our community and one of the most important ways to invest in our future includes a healthy, well-balanced lifestyle represented in our wide range of parks and amenities.

The public pool, located in Central Park, is set to open this month, and on the few dry days, kiddos have been seen filling the Recreation Center's many ballfields gearing up for the summer league.

The City of Bel Aire was one of just four Kansas cities to receive the prestigious Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 2016 Budget. This is the third consecutive year that the city has received this award. This award reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principals of government budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, Bel Aire had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as: A policy document, a financial plan and an operations guide.

In closing, I have spent a lot of time this month enduring the gray and overcast weather, while answering questions and researching answers, when I would much rather have been focused on my real job: promoting Bel Aire as an amazing place to live and to grow a business! But to use a cheesy quote (one of my favorite things to do) "Gray skies are gonna clear up, put on a happy face."

I hope everyone has a fun and restful summer in and around our great Playful City!

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Kansas House election races brewing

By The Breeze staff

All Kansas House seats are up for election in November. A few area districts have more than one candidate.

Republican incumbent Steve Huebert will face Democratic challenger Lou Cicirello for the

District 90 seat, which includes Andale, Bentley, Colwich, Mount Hope and parts of Kechi, Maize, Park City, Sedgwick, Valley Center and Wichita.

In House District 85, Chuck Weber, incumbent Republican, has filed for re-election. Patty Beamer is a Democratic challeng-

er. The district includes parts of Kechi and Bel Aire.

In District 89, which includes parts of Bel Aire and Park City and part of Kechi Township, Roderick Houston is the Republican incumbent but has not officially filed to retain the seat. KC Ohaebosim

has filed as a Democratic candidate.

In District 91, which includes parts of Kechi, Park City and Valley Center, Gene Suellentrop is Republican incumbent, but has not officially filed for the seat. Two Republicans have filed. They are Greg Lakin and J.C. Moore.

DEATHS

DEBRA DRY

Debra Lynn (Mickelson) Dry, 60, of El Dorado, died May 16, 2016.



Dry

She was born in Wichita to Bob and Betty Mickelson. She was a teacher with the USD 259 School District.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Bobby D. Dry Jr.

and brother Jerry Mickelson. Survivors include mother-in-law Agnes Dry of Valley Center; sister-in-law Lillie Marlene (Michael Sr.) Steiner of Haysville; nephew Michael (Dwan) Steiner Jr. and their children Carley and Abbie; nieces Sheila Marie (Michael) Smallwood and their children Briana, Grant and Alyssa, Cindy (David) Brooks and Pauletta (Richard) Roberts; uncles Bill Dry of Bel Aire and James Warner of Texas; aunts Cindy (Bob) Zinnell, Pat Clendennen, Sheryl (Eddie) Deases, Jeanette Warner; and many friends.

Memorial graveside service was May 26 at Kechi Township Cemetery. Baker Funeral Home of Valley Center had charge.

MARIA LOVEGROVE

Maria Guadalupe Lovegrove, 71, of Buckeye, Ariz., formerly of Bel Aire, died May 9, 2016.

She was born Dec. 10, 1944, to Guillermo and Elena Ramirez in Laredo, Texas. She was a longtime resident of Haysville and Bel Aire. She became a licensed practical nurse and was a certified Spanish medical interpreter for the State of Kansas.

She was preceded

in death by her parents and brother Guillermo Ramirez. Survivors include her husband of 50 years, Jim; sons James (Lurina) and Michael; granddaughter Shelby; grandson Cole; sisters Christina Sanchez and Elena (Gerald) Blomstedt; and many nieces and nephews.

A mass was held May 12 at St. Thomas Aquinas in Avondale, Ariz., with interment at National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona. Donations to Alzheimer's Association Central and Western Kansas Chapter, 1820 E. Douglas, Wichita KS 67214.

Bills

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sign from her position. He said it would be the "right thing" to do.

Others, including O'Neal, said there's no need for that.

"Ms. Martine was a victim of a comedy of errors of a growing city," he said. "I would encourage Betty to not resign."

She also doesn't need to be recalled, he said.

Figuring out water and sewer rates is not as easy as it sounds, O'Neal said, especially for commercial accounts and working with the software the city had at the time. That software has been updated several times since then.

Council member Ramona Becker also said she received many calls on the issue, but reassured people it's not a current problem.

"This happened long ago," she said. "Residents don't have to worry about problems now."

She also supported Martine.

"People have called in support of Betty Martine," she said. "I have heard lots of good thing and support of her."

Despite happening years ago, the issue needs to be resolved, said council member Peggy O'Donnell.

"We need to pay back what we overcharged," she said. "I do not think it's OK to break the law."

Austin apologized on behalf of the city for the problem, and said he would be happy to talk with anyone who has concerns about it.

"I take this overcharging seriously," he said.

To resolve the matter, the council directed the city's attorney to work out a repayment agreement with affected customers.

The entities overbilled were: Sunrise Christian Academy, Sunrise Christian School, Resurrection Church, Tree Top Nursery, Catholic Care Centers' two facilities, the Sedgwick County Fire Station and Heartland Animal Hospital.

In other business on May 17, the council:

- Approved appropriations in the amount of \$2 million. The higher-than-average amount included payments down on the city's debt. That funding comes from land sales. There also is funding for reconstruction road work on Edgemoor included in

it.

- Approving the purchase of three new police vehicles. They are: a 2016 Ford Police Interceptor Explorer for \$43,500, a 2016 Ford Police Interceptor Explorer for \$33,200 and a 2016 Dodge Charger Police Pursuit vehicle for \$42,600 for a total of \$119,300.

- Received a dividend check of \$11,781 from Lonnie Currier of ICI from the city's insurance policy, which is in a pool of policies with other cities. If the pool does well, dividend checks are distributed.

- Listened as Austin read proclamations declaring National Public Works Week and National Kids to Park Day.

- Approved the purchase of a new backhoe for the Public Works. Two backhoes meet these criteria, John Deere and Caterpillar. Staff has tested both machines and would be happier with either. The low bid was a John Deere 310HL for \$110,436 from Murphy Tractor.

- Approved a paving change order with Andale Paving for \$7,903. The order deals with the reconstruction of Edgemoor, which includes both new and overlay pavement. "The area to receive the asphalt overlay had several locations that were failing and needed repaired prior to the overlay," Lasher reported.

"This repair was not anticipated in the agreement and therefore a needed change." Despite the added cost, the project still comes under the project's estimate.

All five members and the mayor were present. There was one 10-minute executive session for attorney-client privilege. No binding action was taken.

In other business on May 3, the council:

- Made three reappointments: Ty Lasher as Bel Aire City manager, Alison McKenney-Brown as the Bel Aire city attorney and Greg Keith as the Bel Aire Municipal Court judge. With the manager-council form of government, the council appoints the individuals who hold these three positions each year. The appointments came up at the last meeting, but were tabled for members to review documents for each post. The manager serves at the will of the council, but works under an employment agreement, which must be approved by both parties.

Lasher said he understood that the council wanted to remove language concerning a possible bonus based on land sales.

"I only received one bonus since 2013 when it was first added and none since, so I have no concerns removing that section," he wrote to the council. "I am not asking for anything to be added at this time so I would be comfortable signing if no other

changes are made."

McKenney-Brown's post is a contracted job as the city doesn't have the resources or demand for a full-time attorney. Keith works under a memorandum of understanding as opposed to an agreement, so he can maintain impartiality and not be obligated to the city.

- Approved a new ordinance moving savings from lower trash rates to a new fund to handle stormwater infrastructure repairs in Bel Aire. In February, city officials sought proposals for trash and recycling services from 16 businesses. Waste Connections and Waste Management responded and Waste Connections was selected. A 10-year agreement was negotiated. With the agreement, trash rates are going down by \$2, but a \$2 stormwater fee was created, resulting in no change. Moving the fee allows the city to address the stormwater need and compliance, Lasher said.

City officials estimate that \$60,000 annually will be available for bridge, culvert and curb repairs, Lasher said.

- Heard Austin proclaim May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day, which pays tribute to the local, state, and federal law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. The event is sponsored by the National Fraternal Order of Police. Austin also declared May as Older Americans Month, which began in 1963 when President Kennedy first celebrated older Americans by designating May as Senior Citizens Month. Every President since has issued a formal proclamation during the month of May

in support of those 65 and older. In 1980, the name was changed the name to Older Americans Month.

- Appointed Peggy O'Donnell to continue to serve as a member of the Chisholm Creek Utility Board, representing the council.

The appointment goes from 2016 to 2018. Former council member Ken Lee is on the board through 2017 as is Austin. Each member city is required to have its mayor and one council member on the board. A third seat can be filled by a council member or a non-elected resident.

- Adopted the 2016 Municipal Water Conservation Plan as required by the state, which requires any provider of potable water to maintain a water conservation plan in case a drought or emergency impacts their system. The plan must be adopted annually with the CCUA and state receiving a copy. City officials review the plan annually and see if changes are needed. Lasher said the staff is satisfied with the update plan, which was forwarded to council members, and recommended its approval.

Four members and the mayor were present. Member Diane Wynn was absent due to a previously announced appointment. There was no executive session.

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City of Bel Aire



Bel Aire Recreation

HELP WANTED

The City of Bel Aire has part-time openings available for youth baseball/softball umpires. Apply in person at the Bel Aire Recreation Center.

RECREATIONAL SUMMER BALL

Games began May 31. For boys ages 5 to 8 and girls ages 5 to 9.

BEL OF THE BALL

We invite all fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, brothers, uncles and friends with their special princesses to a magical evening filled with music, food and fun! The Bel of the Ball will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. June 17. Please call for more information.

SUMMER DAY CAMP

The Wichita YMCA will again offer a state-licensed day camp this summer at the Bel Aire Recreation Center. Elementary age activities include arts & crafts, games, sports, swimming, field trips, and much more. For more information or to register call the YMCA at 264-1610.

BRITISH SOCCER CAMP

Challenger Sports' British Soccer Camp is the most popular soccer camp in the country. Simply put, amazing coaches, awesome accents, innovative practices and a unique cultural twist combine for a one-of-a-kind camp experience! Camp will run from July 11 to 15. Register today at www.challengersports.com.

OZ BASKETBALL CAMP

From 9 a.m. to noon June 27 through 30.

TAEKWONDO CAMP (ages 8 & up)

A week-long camp with speed, agility, and endurance drills designed to benefit athletes of any sport. Basics of Taekwondo and self-defense are also included. Class is from 10 a.m. to noon July 18 through 22.

CARDIO FUSION

This adult fitness class, at 8 p.m. Thursdays, is for ages 16 & up. We will focus on total body fitness, including cardio and strength training. Every workout can be scaled to fit each participant's level of needs. The movements will incorporate lifting, yoga and agility techniques to give you a unique workout each time.

YOGA

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

SENIOR AEROBICS/ CHAIR EXERCISES

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

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

Bel Aire Seniors

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

The Bel Aire Senior Center will be closed for all programs when USD 259 schools are closed due to inclement weather. For more information, please call 744-2451, Ext. 135.

Locations

Senior Center/Community Room

7651 E. Central Park Ave.

744-2451

Recreation Center

5251 E. 48th North

744-2700

Weekly Events

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

Monthly & Special Events

- June 1, 1 p.m.** — Game Day, Rec Center.
- June 3, 6 p.m.** — Pitch, Senior Center.
- June 6, 6:30 p.m.** — Potluck dinner. Fire and Fall Safety Program with the CPAAA, Community Room.
- June 7, 8:30 a.m.** — Breakfast at IHOP.
- June 8, 10 a.m.** — Volunteer library work time.
- June 8, 10 a.m.** — Open Sewing at the Rec Center.
- June 9, 2 p.m.** — Outsmarting Investment Fraud, Office of the Kansas Securities Commissioner, Senior Center.
- June 13, 11:30 a.m.** — Lunch at Hoof and Horn, Sedgwick.
- June 14, 9 a.m.** — Trip to Tallgrass Prairie Reserve, lunch at Grand Hotel. \$22 a person. Call 744-2451, ext 121, for reservation.
- June 15, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** — Elder Abuse Awareness Day, Sedgwick County Extension Office.
- June 15, 10 a.m.** — Men's coffee at Braum's, north Rock Road.
- June 15, 10:15 a.m.** — Senior Aerobics Brunch.
- June 15, 1:30 p.m.** — Book Club meeting, Senior Center.
- June 15, 2 p.m.** — Women's coffee at Braum's, north Rock Road.
- June 16, 10:30 a.m.** — Lunch and Learn. Caregiver Dementia Support with Cypress Springs.
- June 17, 7:15 a.m.** — Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, OKC. \$30 must be in by June 3, Call Carolyn for more info.
- June 17, 6 p.m.** — Pitch, Senior Center.
- June 21, 8:30 am to 3 p.m.** — Positive Aging Day, Sedgwick County Extension Office.
- June 21, 9:30 a.m.** — Simple seasonal meals sponsored by TOPS. Denise Dias, Senior Center.
- June 21, 6 p.m.** - Ladies Dine Out, call Anita at 744-2840 for info.
- June 22, 7 p.m.** — Bunko at Senior Center. Call 744-2451, ext. 121, for reservation.

Bel Aire Seniors garage sale June 23 at Recreation Center
Drop-offs begin at 8 .m. | Sale runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Call Jennie at 744-2451, ext 121, to reserve your spot!

- June 23, 2 p.m.** — Genealogy & Family History Group.
- June 25, 12:30 p.m.** - Private traditional acoustic music jam. Listeners welcome, Senior Center.
- June 27, 6 p.m.** — Covered dish dinner and bingo.

Central Park Swimming Pool

7350 E. Central Park Ave. 744-7331

Fee Information

Summer Passes	
Individual (ages 12 & older)	\$110 /year
Family: 2 adults and dependent children residing in the home	\$165/ year
Daily Fees	
Under age 12 (must be accompanied by an adult)	\$2 per day
Over age 12	\$3 per day

POOL HOURS

WEEKDAYS

Swimming Lessons 11:00 am—1:00 pm

Open Swim 1:00 pm—7:00 pm

Swimming Lessons 7:00 pm—7:45 pm

WEEKENDS

Saturday & Sunday

Pool Hours 1:00 pm—6:00 pm

POOL HOURS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

POOL RENTALS

Rental packages are available outside of normal business hours.

Up to 25 patrons—\$44/hour

Over 25* patrons—\$66/hour

* Limit of 50 patrons

GROUP SWIMMING LESSONS

Morning & Evening Sessions will begin June 13

Members - \$39/session

Non-Members - \$48/session

PRIVATE SWIMMING LESSONS

Private swimming lessons are available by appointment and are subject to availability.

Community Events

TOPS — Tuesdays at 9 a.m., Senior Center
City Council — First and third Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m.

For Red Hat info, call Anita at 744-2840.

June 1, 7:30 a.m. — Chamber of Commerce meeting.

June 4-5 — Next Level Hoop Sand Volleyball Tournament. Call Zach at 440-4990 for more info.

June 11 — Catholic Care Center presents Party for Parkinson's (More info at www.partyforparkinsons5k.com)

June 11, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Brush site open.



CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE

June 23—25
Permit Fee Waived

- June 16, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.** — Chamber Mixer (More info Tristin at 744-2451, ext. 119)
- June 20, 7 p.m.** — Community Development Committee meeting
- June 23-25** — Citywide garage sales, permit fee waived.
- June 23, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.** — Bel Aire Seniors Garage Sale
- July 9, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** — Communitywide cleanup day.

Congratulations Amy Vaught June Beautify Bel Aire Winner



Beautify Bel Aire

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CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran

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

Summer services through Labor Day weekend are at 9 (contemporary) and 10:30 a.m. (traditional). Communion is offered at both services.

Vacation Bible School will be from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. June 19 through 23. The theme is "Cave Quest: Following Jesus, the Light of the World." There will be science experiments, games, snacks, videos, singing and, of course, learning. It is free to participate and everyone is welcome. If you have any questions or would like to register, call the church at 744-1242 or send an email to pastor@clc.kscocmail.com.

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

Chad Langdon is the pastor of Christ Lutheran Church.

Church of the Resurrection

Church of the Resurrection (Roman Catholic) is located at 4910 N. Woodlawn in Bel Aire.

Masses for the Lord's Day are 5:30 p.m. Saturday and at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday. Weekday Masses are 8 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Resurrection Catholic School has students from preschool through eighth grade.

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

The Rev. James F. Weldon is the pastor.

Community Bible Chapel

Community Bible Chapel is located at the corner of 45th North and Arlene.

Vacation Bible School will be from June 6 through 10. It will be from 6:15 to 8:45 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

The theme is Cowabunga Farm — Growing with our Faithful God! All children from age 4 through sixth grade are invited to come and join the "herd," as we explore the story of Joseph with plenty of snacks, amazing crafts and games to enjoy. Please call Amy Smith at 323-2819 with any questions.

Cornerstone Christian

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

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

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

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

Please join us for the service of your choice.

Fairmount United Church of Christ

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

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

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

Steve Bridwell is the minister.

Gospel Assembly Church

Located at 4230 N. Oliver in Bel Aire, Sunday services are 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Prayer service is at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Praise and worship is at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. The first Saturday evening of each month are youth activities.

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

Greenwich United Methodist Church

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

Pastor Paula Scott is available at the church each Wednesday for prayer and fellowship. United Methodist Women meet at 10 a.m. the first Wednesday of each month and also host a church brunch quarterly. Special events are announced on the church sign, Facebook and by mailings.

Please call to be added to our mailing list or email shagemeister@sbcglobal.net.

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

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

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

Kechi United Methodist

Sunday worship is at 9:03 a.m. (contemporary service) or 11 (traditional service), with Sunday school at 10 a.m., at Kechi United Methodist Church, 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi.

Caregivers support group meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month.

Men's Bible Study is at 6:30 a.m. Wednesdays. Bingo is at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month.

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

LifePoint

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

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

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

Adult small groups meet throughout the community. Senior pastor is Steve Rains. Youth pastor is Jacob Soyez. Children's pastor is Nathaniel Thurman. Call 755-2331.

Risen Savior Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

The church is at 6770 E. 34th North, Wichita. Phone number is 683-5538. The church is online at www.risensaviorwichita.net.

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

Lifetree Café is a conversation café, a place and time for people to gather weekly to experience stories and talk about thought-provok-

ing topics relating to life and faith. They meet Thursdays at 1 p.m., with lunch at noon, at the community building, 316 E. Clay, in Valley Center.

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

Senior pastor is Tom Harmon.

St. Michael's Orthodox Christian

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

Saint Michael is a western rite congregation using the Liturgy of Saint Gregory. It is the only western rite Orthodox Church in Kansas.

Join us for our worship of the Holy Trinity using the ancient and beautiful liturgy of the Undivided Church.

Sunday Adult class at 9 a.m. will study Paul's Letters to the Church in Corinth

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

Wednesday's program will begin at 7:15 p.m. following liturgy and potluck supper. A new series, "War of the World Views," will explore the various world views competing for our attention and acceptance. June 1 is "Christian Theism" and June 15 is "Deism."

Taming the Lion Within, a five-part program dealing with anger and how to triumph over it, will be held at 7 p.m. Thursdays during June. There is a \$10 per person registration fee to cover the cost of materials. Call 734-6248 to register. Program topics are: June 2, "Admitting I am an Angry Person," June 9 "Identifying My Type of Anger," June 16 "Understanding My Anger," June 23 "Taming the Lion Day by Day," and June 30 "The Lion Lies Down with the Lamb."

Holy days are June 9 Ascension Day, June 19 Feast of Pentecost, June 24 Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, and June 29 Feast of Saints Peter and Paul.

There is no fasting or abstinence during the Great Fifty Days of Easter. Fasting resumes July 1.

Men's Bible Study Group will study "A Christian Appraisal of the Quran" at 7 p.m. June 6 and 20.

Women's Bible Study Group will study "The Ladder of Divine Ascent: Thirty Steps to Heaven" at 10 a.m. June 10 and 24.

Call the church for more information at 734-6248 or visit our website at www.saintmichaelorthodoxchurch.com. Email inquiries to jflora@cox.net.

The Very Rev. Dr. John Flora is archpriest and pastor. The Rev. Father Basil Anderson is the deacon, and James Finneran is the reader.

Wichita Three Angels Seventh-Day Adventist

The church is located at 4558 N. Hydraulic, Wichita.

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

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



Courtesy photo

Pictured (from left to right) are State Bank Commissioner Deryl Schuster, Cynthia Matson, Gov. Sam Brownback and Securities Commissioner Josh Ney.

Local student wins state agency award

By The Breeze staff

A Sunrise Christian Academy senior received a scholarship in an essay contest through two state agencies.

Kansas Securities Commissioner Josh Ney and Kansas State Bank Commissioner Deryl Schuster announced the winners of the 2016 Financial Scholars essay contest in an awards ceremony held at the Dillon House in Topeka in May.

The contest was jointly sponsored by the Office of the Kansas Securities Commissioner and the Office of the State Bank Commissioner. Five scholarships, ranging from \$500 to \$2,500, as well as 10 \$100 honorable mention awards were presented to Kansas high school seniors

to help cover the cost of tuition at a Kansas school of higher education.

Cynthia Matson was the second-place winner and won a \$2,000 scholarship. She wrote her essay about Sunrise Christian Academy's founder and executive director, Dr. Robert Lindsted.

The following is an excerpt from her essay: "When Dr. Robert Lindsted hired a teacher for a group of six students in 1983, he had no idea that the classroom starting in his home would transform into a school with over 800 students... He not only makes smart financial decisions, but makes these decisions compassionately, by choosing to invest in the lives and education of others... I hope to follow in his example investing

whatever I have into something worthwhile."

Matson will be attending Wichita State University this fall, where she will major in finance. She plans to pursue a law degree. She traveled to Topeka for the ceremony along with her mother, Jane Matson.

Students were asked to submit an essay profiling an individual whose personal financial decisions impacted the lives of others and apply the wisdom or lessons from that person's life to their own future financial plans. To be eligible, students must have participated in at least one of three financial literacy programs sponsored by the state agencies: EverFi, the Stock Market Game or LifeSmarts.

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

The following area students received degrees during Emporia State University's spring graduation May 14: Kelsey Mariah Carr, bachelor of science in nursing; Heidi Lee Dreiling, master of science degree in educational administration with a concentration in educational admin prek-12; Vanessa Lynn Kindall, bachelor of science degree in sociology; Morgan Marsh, master of science degree in educational administration with a concentration in educational admin prek-12; and Paris Chanel Tibbs, bachelor of science in education degree in elementary education.

Kayla Rose West of Wichita was among more than 1,800 University of Nebraska-Lincoln students honored during individual college celebrations and the All-University Honors Convocation April 24 at the Lied Center for Performing Arts. A junior in the College of Education and Human Sciences, West was recognized as a High Scholar.

Brandon Wiggers, of Wichita, achieved the Dean's List at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn., for the spring 2016 semester. Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

Micaela Heinrich and Madelynn Buckman, both of Wichita, were named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Oklahoma City University for the spring 2016 semes-

ter. To achieve this recognition, students successfully completed a minimum of 12 credit hours and maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Brenden Mar of Wichita graduated magna cum laude with a Doctor of Dental Surgery from the School

of Dentistry at Creighton University in Omaha during May 14 commencement ceremonies.

Jacob Potvin of Bel Aire received an associate of applied science degree from Cloud County Community College during commencement ceremonies May 13.

31st Annual Kechi Fair

ALL ACTIVITIES DO REQUIRE A BUTTON!! AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE (\$3) AT KECHI CITY HALL, LEEKER'S FAMILY FOODS (PARK CITY) AND AT KECHI CONVENIENCE.

Friday, June 24

All Evening Family Fun Night at Kechi City Park
BRING LAWN CHAIRS

- 6 - 8 p.m.** Inflatables & Egg Toss
- 6 - 8 p.m.** Sloppy Joe dinner, Kechi Chamber
- 6 - 8 p.m.** Ball Throwing contest (radar checked, all ages)
- 6 - 8 p.m.** Fishing Derby, Park & Tree Board
- 6 - 8 p.m.** Horseshoe Tournament practice
- 6 - 9 p.m.** Face painting, Kelly Eden
- 6:30 - 8 p.m.** Ice Cream Social, sponsor Emprise Bank
- 9 - 9:30 p.m.** Fireworks, Krehbiel Wholesale Fireworks

Saturday, June 25

- 7 - 10 a.m.** Pancake and Sausage Feed at Kechi United Methodist Church (\$6 adults, \$4 kids, 3 & under free)
- 8 - 9:30 a.m.** Drop off items for Kechi Baking Contest (all items donated to cake walk)
- 8 a.m. - noon** Karg Art Glass Blowing Demonstrations
- 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.** Arts, Crafts and Vintage Fair
- 9 - 9:30 a.m.** Bikes & Kids Motorized Cars Decorating Contest, Janet Faust & Fred Dimick, in front of City Hall
- 9:30 - 10 a.m.** Baking Contest Judging
- 10 - 10:30 a.m.** Kechi's 31st Annual Parade, "Small Town, Big Dreams"
- 10:30 - 11 a.m.** Ice Cream, sponsored by Chisholm Trail State Bank
- 10:30 - 2 p.m.** Free Crown Carriage rides, sponsored by Geno's Bar-B-Q, Leeker's, Kechi Chamber
- 11 - 3 p.m.** Bean Bag Baseball (bring your lawn chair), Kechi United Methodist Church front lawn
- 11 - 11:30 a.m.** Donut Eating Contest
- 11 - 11:30 a.m.** Cowtown Cowboys Professional Gunfighters, SW corner of 61st & Oliver
- 11 - 2 p.m.** SCFD Trucks/Police Car Displays & KHP Demo
- 11:30 a.m. to noon** Sand Pile Treasure Hunt (10 & under) sponsored by Buck & Lane Alley
- Noon - 12:30 p.m.** Cake Walk
- 12:30 - 1 p.m.** Turtle Races (Bring Your Own Turtle), Don Richrath, behind City Hall
- 12:30 - 1 p.m.** Cowtown Cowboys Professional Gunfighters, SW corner of 61st & Oliver
- 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.** Horseshoe Tournament, at the park
- 8 - 11:30 p.m.** Street Dance, Dave Holland Band

Button required for Street Dance. \$3 in advance or \$5 after 4 p.m. at the gate.

North Heights Christian Church will sponsor food at the dance.

We would like to thank Kechi's local businesses for their support. Please thank them by visiting them all year round. Geno's will be open Friday and Saturday, serving some of the best bar-b-que in Wichita.

33rd Annual Kansas Numismatic Association Coin & Stamp Show

Saturday, June 18, 2016 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)
Sunday, June 21, 2016 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

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BEL AIRE POLICE REPORTS

May 16 — A resident called Bel Aire police to report a dog bite in the 4400 block of North Rushwood. A neighbor is the owner of a German Shepherd that bit the calling party's dog. The calling party had veterinarian bills totaling \$500. This dog bite happened one month ago. The owner of the German Shepherd has stopped answering the calling party's phone calls requesting payment for the veterinarian bills.

May 16 — A man contacted the Bel Aire Police Department to report a stolen trailer. The man said he parked his two-wheeled trailer in the 5200 of North Greenwich because it had a flat tire. The trailer was being used to carry 2,000 pounds of cow manure. The man said he returned to retrieve the trailer and discovered that it was missing. The man contacted the Bel Aire Police Department and the Kansas Highway Patrol to see if it had been impounded. The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office was also checked. None of the agencies impounded the trailer so it and the manure were reported stolen.

May 16 — Bel Aire police and a Kechi officer were sent to check on a 911 hang-up call in the 5300 block of East 39th North. Officers made contact with the resident and found nothing wrong. A low battery in the phone may have caused it to dial 911.

May 16 — Officer Steele responded to an unknown call for police with Park City officers. As the call developed it sounded like a domestic violence call with someone throwing chairs. Park City Police officers took the report.

May 15 — While responding to a suspicious person call in the 6400 block of East Odessa, Officer Elpers saw two people sitting in a car so he stopped to ask them if they had seen any suspicious person in the area. Officer smelled the odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. He conducted a search of the vehicle and located five marijuana pipes. The female passenger admitted she had marijuana on her person located inside her bra and voluntarily gave it to Elpers. Officer T. Davis confirmed the driver had a warrant out of Wichita for possession of drug paraphernalia. The female was issued a complaint and the driver, whose name was not available, was arrested and booked into the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility. The suspicious character was not located.

May 15 — Officer Trelow was behind a white pickup truck moving west in the 7700 block of East 45th. He ran the tag and it came back to a different vehicle. He stopped the truck and contacted the driver. The driver provided a license but informed the officer it was expired due to his paperwork being held up at the immigration office. The man said he was unable to renew his license and was unable to renew his tag due to the immigration office. He was cited for illegal license plate and expired driver's license and given a Bel Aire Municipal Court Date.

May 15 — A resident reported her son was at their residence in the 6000 block of East Clarendon and called her cursing and acting "out of control." Officers T. Davis and Trumbull made contact with the son and he stated he got upset and cursed at his mom. The son then voluntarily left the residence to stay with a friend for the night to let things cool off.

May 13 — Officer Elpers stopped a white Toyota Corolla for driving with no rear lights in the 7900 block of East 45th North. The driver was found to have a suspended driver's license and a citation warrant through Wichita. The driver, whose name was not available, was cited and issued a Bel Aire Municipal Court date and was transported to the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility and booked on warrant.

May 13 — While at a residence in the 5300 block of North Rock Springs assisting Officers Roney, Elpers and Camplin who were working a domestic violence case, a man, whose name was not available, was taken into custody for battery against a bystander.

May 13 — Officers Elpers, Trelow, Camplin and Roney responded to an unknown call for police that turned out to be a domestic violence case in the 5300 block of North Rock Springs. Officers discovered the resident had struck his mother and stepfather. While attempting to take the suspect into custody, he assaulted Roney and a conducted energy weapon was used to subdue him. The suspect continued to resist arrest after the conducted energy weapon was used. Neither the suspect nor the officers received injuries during the arrest. The suspect, Dustin Kyle Langehenning of Bel Aire, was transported to Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility and booked on charges of two counts of domestic violence battery, one count of assault on a law enforcement officer and one count of Interference with a law enforcement officer (resist arrest). The suspect's mother was served with a complaint for battery.

May 12 — While conducting a traffic stop, Officer Camplin observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed with an expired tag in the 5500 block of North Oliver. Officer found the driver's license to be suspended. The woman was issued a citation for driving with no proof of insurance, expired tag and driving while suspended.

May 12 — A First Student school bus driver was stopped for speeding westbound in the 6800 block of East 53rd North. The driver had 11 students on the bus at the time of the infraction. He received a citation and was released. First Student supervisors were notified.

May 12 — Officer Elpers stopped a black Volkswagen Passat for speeding in the 4000 block of North Oliver. Officer could smell the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. After an investigation the driver was cited for speeding and driving with a suspended license and given a Bel Aire Municipal Court date.

May 12 — A Wichita man was caught by an officer for careless driving and no insurance. The man claimed vehicle problems. He agreed to take the vehicle out of the private drive he had pulled down to the Northeast Magnet parking lot until a wrecker could pick the vehicle up. The man pulled out and took off south on Rock Road when

he thought no officers were watching. He was stopped again. Officers stood by until a wrecker arrived and loaded the vehicle so the man would not be tempted to drive the defective vehicle on city streets again.

May 10 — Officer Steele responded to a call of an auto theft in the 5600 block of North Lycee. A man returned home to discover his vehicle and the belongings of his fiancé were gone. Also gone was his fiancé.

May 9 — Police were sent to Eden's Storage Units on North Woodlawn. The property manager reported the burglary of storage units.

May 9 — A 15-year-old female was given a notice to appear for possession of marijuana while on school property.

May 9 — Chief Atteberry reported finding a broken pellet pistol in the road in the 4300 block of North Rushwood Court. The item was collected.

May 9 — A resident reported a man coming to his home uninvited, agitating and disturbing him. The reporting party chased the suspect from the area. Chief Atteberry stopped the suspect at 45th and Woodlawn. The man explained he was over at the reporting party's residence to try to find a bicycle he left there. The description of the bicycle matched one that was stolen during a theft and the suspect, Gary Dennis Yost of Bel Aire, was taken into custody and booked into the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility on a charge of felony theft. The reporting party did not wish to pursue charges of disorderly conduct.

May 8 — Officer T. Davis was dispatched to an overdose call in the 4100 block of North Woodlawn. A woman found her ex-girlfriend in the employee lounge area of her work, lying on the couch. She said she took three bottles of pills. The woman was taken to St. Joseph Hospital in serious condition.

May 8 — Officer T. Davis was dispatched to a suspicious character/ check the residence call in the 4000 block of North Auburn. He checked the residence and found nothing out of the ordinary. Davis contacted residents to advise them of his findings.

May 8 — A resident called to advise her son-in-law was inside her residence in the 4000 block of North Auburn and he was not allowed to be there. He had previously been given a trespass warning. Officers Camplin and Trumbull found the man inside the residence sitting in a chair in the living room. Trumbull placed the man, Gary Dennis Yost of Bel Aire, under arrest on a charge of trespassing and transported him to the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility. The woman also thought her son-in-law stole a bicycle from the residence. The bicycle was valued at over \$1,000.

May 7 — An unknown individual cut the locks to multiple storage units at the storage facility in the 4000 block of North Woodlawn.

May 7 — Officer Elpers stopped a red Mazda truck for speeding in the 5300 block of North Oliver. The driver had a suspended driver's license from Louisiana. The man was cited and issued a Bel Aire Municipal Court date.

May 7 — Officer Trelow stopped a black Cadillac for having a headlight out in the 4100 block of North Oliver. The driver said he did not have a valid driver's license because it was suspended. He also had an unrestrained child in the vehicle. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license, no child restraint and for the vehicle defect.

May 6 — Officers Elpers and Steele responded to a call to check a residence in the 4400 block of North Mission. There was the report of a disturbance involving a red Dodge Durango with windows broken out and flat tires. Officers found damage to two vehicles and a large amount of clothing piled in the front yard. One of the people involved in the disturbance, Tamnica Raychete Johnson of Bel Aire, was transported to the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility, where she was booked on charges of criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct.

May 6 — Officer Roney responded to a three-vehicle non-injury accident in the 5900 block East of 37th North. Based on driver and witness statements, it appears that a vehicle was stopped waiting to make a left turn while in the eastbound lane of 37th when it was struck from behind, pushing it into another vehicle. One of the drivers, Tommy Jewell Washington Sr. of Wichita, was taken into custody on a charge of DUI and booked into the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility.

May 6 — Officer Trelow was dispatched to a residence in the 5100 block of North Hampton on an assault report. The reporting party was the aunt and legal guardian of the teenage victim. The teenager was unable to give a detailed description of the suspect.

May 6 — Officer Roney was dispatched to a disturbance in the 6000 block of East Clarendon. The reporting party said he was battered by his son. The reporting party said his son is off his mental health medicine and became upset and caused a disturbance. The son battered the reporting party and then left the residence. A complaint for battery/domestic violence was issued for the son.

May 5 — Officer T. Davis was dispatched to make contact with a suicidal person in the 7600 block of East 32nd North. He arrived and contacted the reporting party. She was worried about her ex-boyfriend who is upset about getting arrested in Harvey County for his relationship with a 15-year-old girl. The calling party thought her ex-boyfriend was suicidal. Wichita Police Department, Patrol North officers made contact with the ex-boyfriend and checked his welfare.

May 5 — Officer Elpers noticed a white Chevy van parked in the trees just north of 7700 E. 45th. He made contact with a man fishing in a nearby pond. The male had two City of Wichita warrants. Kelly Troy Knutson of Park City was transported and booked into the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility.

May 5 — Officer Steele responded to a dispatched call of a disorderly conduct about a barking dog in the 4600 block of North Farmstead Court. Officer heard the barking dog. He attempted to make contact at the residence but got no answer. A

neighbor contacted him and advised the dog owner was out of town. The dog-sitter neighbor moved the dog into the garage for the night.

May 5 — Officers Camplin and Trumbull checked in the 4400 block of North Rushwood Court for an individual who had warrants out of Sedgwick County and Wichita. They made contact with the wanted man. He was arrested and transported him to the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility and booked.

May 5 — While on patrol Officer Roney observed a blue Ford Freestyle traveling west on 37th in the 5500 block with an expired tag. The driver had a suspended license. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license, illegal license tag and no proof of valid insurance.

May 4 — Chief Atteberry was driving north at 45th and Woodlawn behind a silver vehicle. He noticed the car had an expired tag from December 2015. He followed the vehicle to Central Park Avenue where he stopped the vehicle. Atteberry approached the driver and explained the reason for the stop. The driver was cited for the expired license plate and released.

May 4 — Officers Elpers and Steele responded to a call to check the Northeast Magnet High School in the 5500 block of North Lycee, where the fire alarm had been activated. There was no sign of suspicious activity. USD 259 security was on scene.

May 3 — Officers T. Davis and Steele responded to a call of a welfare check in the 6700 block of East 45th North. The call involved a cellular telephone location and suspects hitting the residence of the calling party. After arriving within the general area, nothing was found.

May 2 — Officer T. Davis was dispatched to an accident in the 5800 block of East Perryton. He saw a group of people standing around vehicles. A silver Mercedes-Benz was facing west in the eastbound lanes. The Mercedes had a head-on collision with a parked brown Ford Explorer. The Mercedes hit the Ford hard enough to make it travel backwards into a parked black Chevrolet Silverado 1500. The Mercedes had air bag deployment and severe front-end damage. The vehicles had significant damage. The driver of the Mercedes, Thomas Michael Ahlf Jr. of Bel Aire, was arrested on a charge of DUI.

May 2 — A resident from the 4200 block of North Stratford reported receiving a call from a man identifying himself as a Sedgwick County sheriff's deputy. The caller said the reporting party had missed court and had to pay a fine or warrants would be issued for his arrest. The reporting party took the caller's information and then called the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office to check on the validity of the call. He was told the call was a scam and to report it to his local police department.

May 2 — Police were asked to assist with a runaway juvenile from Kechi. An 11-year-old had run away from his father's truck while in Kechi. The child was located and got back in his father's truck.

May 2 — Police were called to the scene of an injury accident in the 4100 block of North Woodlawn. A 2000 BMW 323i crashed into the back of a 2009 Chrysler 300. The Chrysler was stopped on Woodlawn and making a left turn onto Perryton when the BMW impacted the rear of the car. EMS was on scene. The driver of the BMW was cited for inattentive driving. Both vehicles were driven away.

May 1 — Officer Camplin was dispatched to an unknown accident at the intersection of 53rd and Greenwich. He found a white Ford F150 stuck in the ditch between two trees. The vehicle appeared to fail to stop at the stop sign and run straight off the road about 150 feet. The vehicle then appeared to back up trying to get out, where it was stuck in the ditch. The driver left the scene and was unable to be contacted. Tow service towed the vehicle. The driver later contacted Bel Aire police and was identified. The driver said his phone was broken during the accident so he thought it would be best if he just walked home to Towanda. The driver was cited and issued a court date for leaving the scene of an accident, not reporting the accident and for running the stop sign.

May 1 — Officer Trumbull stopped a white Honda Civic for speeding in the 4300 block of North Rock Road. The driver was annoyed about being stopped. While conducting a records check of the vehicle, it was discovered the vehicle had an expired registration. While contacting the driver, Officer Camplin smelled the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle and observed a scale on the driver's side floorboard. The man said he smoked marijuana the day before and said the scale was not his. The man was cited for speeding, expired license plate and possession of marijuana paraphernalia. He was given a court date and released.

April 30 — Officer Elpers stopped a white Chevrolet Caprice for a suspended and withdrawn tag in the 4800 block of East 37th. The driver said he was unaware that his tag was not valid. The driver was cited and issued a court date.

April 29 — A resident from the 5300 block of North Lycee reported that an unknown individual hit her parked Jeep sometime during the early morning hours. There was damage to the driver's side front headlight and bumper.

April 29 — A man from the 3900 block of Danbury reported that he received credit cards in the mail with his name and another person's name on the card. He said he did not apply for the card. The man contacted the credit card company and did not have any loss. The man requested a case number for his credit report.

April 28 — A resident from the 6700 block of East Perryton reported that her driver's license was lost. The woman stated she last saw her driver's license on April 22 at her residence.

April 28 — A resident from the 4900 block of East 48th North reported an unknown individual called his residence claiming to be his grandson. The caller ID displayed a Chicago telephone number. The man knew his grandson was not in Chicago because his grandson is not

allowed to leave the state, nor can he drive. The man said he laughed at the caller when he claimed he was "on a trip" and the caller disconnected from the call.

April 28 — A two-vehicle wreck was reported in the 3300 block of North Rock Road. A Honda CRV was traveling north on Rock Road and struck a GMC Sierra pickup as it was turning left from Rock toward the on-ramp of K-96. Wichita police and highway patrol were not available.

April 28 — Officer Trelow stopped a brown Oldsmobile Cutlass for expired tags in the 5300 block of North Webb. The driver presented a Georgia driver's license, which was found to be suspended. The driver was cited and given a Bel Aire Municipal Court date.

April 27 — A Wichita man was observed by Lt. Foxx fishing under the bridge on the North side of 45th Street in the protected wildlife area. The man is a repeat offender for fishing in that location and for fishing without a license. A Kansas Wildlife, Parks and Tourism officer responded to the scene and issued multiple citations.

April 27 — A black wallet containing \$2 was found at 45th and Greenwich. The wallet is at the station today. There was no identification in the wallet to lead to an owner. It was submitted as found property.

April 27 — Officer Elpers was dispatched to a domestic violence call in the 5800 block of North Oliver. The suspect and the calling party had multiple opportunities to leave the situation. Both parties continued to argue and physically batter each other. The man punched the woman in the face and the woman bit the man on the shoulder. Both parties had physical injuries. Both were booked on domestic violence battery charges. The suspects' names were not available.

April 26 — A Wichita police officer requested officers go by a Bel Aire address to view text messages regarding a suicidal person in Wichita. A mental health therapist presented the text messages. They were photographed and forwarded to the WPD officer.

April 26 — A 1992 Chevy S10 was stopped for failing to maintain a single lane of travel in the 4800 block of North Woodlawn. The driver displayed an expired Kansas driver's license from 2010 and a Mexico ID. The man was issued a warning for the moving violation and a notice to appear in court for the expired driver's license.

April 26 — A resident reported from the 5600 block of North Lycee that on April 20 she had friends over for a birthday party and a known suspect admitted to taking her debit card and using it at Walmart on North Rock Road. The suspect told the reporting party that he intends to pay the money back to her. The woman said she wishes to prosecute for the theft and signed a complaint.

April 25 — Officers were requested to check the welfare of an elderly man in the 5900 block of East 45th North. The man was removed from a court-ordered care facility by his estranged wife on April 24. The man has several medical conditions and is unable to take care of himself. The man was located at St. Francis and was being treated and taken back to the care facility.

April 25 — Bel Aire police were set to Enterprise Car Rental in the 6300 block of East 37th North where employees found a handgun inside a rental car glove box. Officer Toomey contacted the branch manager and she showed Toomey to the car. From the glovebox, Toomey retrieved the black plastic handled chrome Ruger 40-caliber pistol. The gun was loaded. The handgun was in a black colored leather clip-on holster. The weapon, holster and ammo were seized and placed into Bel Aire police evidence. The gun owner was contacted and told how he could pick up his handgun.

April 25 — Bel Aire police were called to investigate an occupied gray Nissan sedan in the 4800 block of East Ashton. A man said he was waiting for a friend to return home. The friend showed up and all was well.

April 25 — Bel Aire police were sent to the fire station at 4338 N. Woodlawn to take a report of domestic violence. The victim said her 38-year-old son had been drinking throughout the day, taking Ambien pills and now he was violent. He struck the woman on the left side of her face. EMS checked the woman's medical condition and reported no problems. Officer Toomey took pictures of the woman's face, but did not see any marks or injury. Other officers contacted the suspect, who denied any physical contact. There was no compelling evidence of battery against the suspect and he was not arrested. The woman filled out a witness statement and signed a complaint against her son.

April 24 — Officer Davis and other officers were dispatched to a disturbance with a gun call in the 5600 block of North Lycee. A woman said she was trying to get money back from people who owe her money and the people have

guns. During the investigation of the event, the suspect refused to provide information. Eventually, the suspect admitted she was an escort/prostitute and she was coming over to an apartment to meet her boyfriend/pimp. There was a disagreement over money. No actual crimes were committed in Bel Aire. All other parties were uncooperative.

April 24 — Officers Trumbull and Camplin were dispatched to the Catholic Care Center in the 6700 block of East 45th North. A nurse said she entered a patient room and observed a maintenance worker standing at the head of a patient bed. There was no work order for work in the room. The patient was checked and was OK. No evidence of improper action by the maintenance worker was identified.

April 24 — Police said that while conducting an investigation of a possible sex offense at the Catholic Care Center, it was discovered the incident happened at approximately 7 a.m. However, the Catholic Care Center waited four hours to call the police to report the incident. The Catholic Care Center conducted its own investigation and compromised any possible evidence that may have been recoverable by police investigators, police said.

April 24 — Officer Trelow observed a vehicle with the tail lamps off at night approach the intersection of 45th and Woodlawn. He stopped the vehicle and the driver did not have his driver's license with him, and his license was suspended. The man was cited for no tail lamps, no driver's license in possession and driving while suspended and given a Bel Aire Municipal Court date.

April 23 — Officers Trumbull and Camplin were dispatched to make a report for a lost wallet in the 5600 block of North Lycee. A man said he left his wallet in his truck from the night before around 7 p.m. and when he entered his vehicle the next morning it was not there. The man said his girlfriend may have accidentally grabbed it and dropped it outside and that he will check with the office on Monday.

April 23 — A Bel Aire resident from the 4700 block of North Indian Oak called to report barking dogs. The woman said four dogs were barking and irritating her. The caller had attempted to contact the owner. Upon investigation, no contact could be made with the owner of the dogs. Officer Trelow also discovered the dogs were inside the residence. The dog owner called Officer Trelow later in the day. When told of the reason for the visit, Officer Trelow was told about previous complaints and confrontations.

April 22 — Lt. Foxx stopped a 2005 Dodge Ram 2500 for speeding in the 5100 block of North Webb. The driver was not in possession of his Kansas driver's license. The driver was issued a citation for speeding and no driver's license in possession. A Bel Aire Court date was assigned.

April 20 — Two students were fighting on a school bus in the 4000 block of North Woodlawn. The bus pulled over and the driver called police. USD 259 will handle the case administratively because the incident took place on a school bus.

April 20 — A woman from the 4000 block of North Clarendon reported her foster daughter was out of control and violent. She said the girl was not welcome in her home any more. The teenager was transported to ComCare Crisis and released to the custody of her caseworker.

April 20 — A Wichita man reported that his 16-year-old daughter not returning home after school. The girl was last seen leaving the school in the 5500 block of North Lycee. An investigation was initiated with the assistance of the Kansas Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. The girl was located in Tennessee with a man she had met online. She was taken into protective custody by Tennessee authorities and arrangements were made to reunite her with her family.

April 20 — Officer Elpers stopped a Durango in the 3800 block of North Woodlawn for failure to signal a turn. The driver was found to have a suspended driver's license. The man was cited and issued a court date.

April 19 — A Bel Aire resident from the 4600 block of North Hedge-

row reported that her black iPhone 4S had been missing since April 9. She was unsure where she lost the phone and could not provide the ESN number to assist in tracking the phone. The woman received an e-mail through her g-mail account with airline reservations out of Dallas and believes her phone is in Dallas. The woman said she had no personal information on the phone other than contacts and e-mails.

April 18 — A Bel Aire resident from the 5500 block of East Falcon Lane called Bel Aire police after she discovered a large "rodent" in her basement. She asked police to remove it. The woman said she opened the basement door and saw a gray furry face staring back at her. The woman immediately closed the door and called police. Officer Toomey spent nearly an hour carefully looking through the basement and ceiling rafters. The animal was not located. It was recommended to the woman to call in a professional animal control company to locate and remove the animal.

April 18 — A two-vehicle wreck was reported at 37th and Woodlawn. A 2016 Nissan failed to yield a left turn to a 2002 Chevrolet and they collided.

April 18 — Bel Aire police were sent to an alarm call in the 4300 block of Eagle Lake. There were multiple alarms: Burglary, injury-fall, fire, etc. Fire department and Sedgwick County EMS were standing off. A Kechi officer assisted Bel Aire with the call. The alarms were false. The resident said the alarm company removed all alarm systems after she cancelled the contract. The woman reported the alarm company representatives literally ripped the alarm fixtures from the wall, leaving holes and exposed wires. The woman said she bought the service "last Thursday" in haste from a salesman.

April 18 — An assistant principal from Wichita Northeast Magnet High School contacted police at the Bel Aire station regarding verbal threats reported to her by cell phone messages. The caller threatened to "shoot" a school teacher. The caller was angry at the teacher about a defective car the teacher sold to the suspect. The suspect communicated that he intended to go to the school and shoot the teacher. The suspect had no direct contact with the teacher. Derby and Wichita police worked the threats cases and the Bel Aire Police Department augmented security at the Wichita Northeast Magnet High School.

April 17 — Officer Trelow took a report in the 4900 block of North Hillcrest from a man who said his ex-wife is physically abusing their 3-year-old son. The man said he picked him up for visitation and found red marks along the waist and center of the child's back. The man sent a picture and text messages as evidence.

April 16 — A Bel Aire resident reported from the 5300 block of North Rock Springs that he got a mysterious phone call from a known suspect. The resident said the suspect came into his work place (T-Mobile) and caused a disturbance. The resident said the voice mail came from a number that did not belong to the suspect. The suspect left the message: "I will find you." The resident was advised to get a protection-from-stalking order.

April 16 — Officer Camplin was dispatched to make a child abuse report over the phone. The caller said he did not want to make a report with the Bel Aire Police Department and said he would call Wichita Police Department.

April 16 — Officer Camplin was dispatched to a report of a person who had items taken from his vehicle overnight in the 8400 block of East Chris. The reporting party said that he must have been in a hurry and didn't ensure his vehicle doors were locked. The man was missing small change, a GPS and a 50-pound bag of dog food.

April 15 — A Bel Aire resident reported from the 4100 block of North Oliver that his wife, who is in the first stages of Alzheimer's, had not returned home and he was unable to get in touch with her. The woman's information was entered as a missing person. Shortly after being entered, the woman was found in the parking lot of Barnes and Noble at Rockhill and Rock Road in Wichita.

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Lions Club to donate fireworks proceeds to community projects

By David Dinell

As it has in past years, the Bel Aire Lions Club will be selling fireworks this season. Community projects are the sole focus of the Bel Aire Lions Club's annual fireworks sale, said club president Richard Caldwell.

"One hundred percent of the profits go into the community," he said.

With the Fourth falling on a Monday this year, sales will start the week before on June 27 and continue until the holiday. Sales will be held from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. under a tent set up near 45th and Woodlawn.

Recent club projects include building a pavilion

at the recreation center, purchasing a defibrillator for the swimming pool and buying two body cameras for the police department.

The club also has helped its partner school, Isley Elementary, with a variety of projects, along with helping needy families, Caldwell said. It also has sent students to band camp.

It's looking to use funds from this year's sale to build a shelter at the park

near the fire station.

Other long-term projects include park improvements, especially for children with disabilities.

The fireworks operation is owned by Farha Fireworks and the Lions donate their labor. In return, they get a percentage of the profits, which they return to the community.

There are three other

fireworks permits issued and all are required to have a community sponsor.

Caldwell said the tent requires a lot of time, but

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