

# The Bel Aire Breeze

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Courtesy photos

Haitian children at Sunday school touch Harrison Metzger's hair. Metzger and his father, Cori Metzger, performed volunteer work earlier this year in Haiti.

## Council approves pay raises for city workers

By Taylor Messick

On March 21, the Bel Aire City Council unanimously approved a one-step increase in pay for all full-time and part-time employees beginning April 1.

Members of the council were supportive of the increase, but council member Peggy O'Donnell had some concerns. She stated that the increases were planned and included in the 2017 budget and was displeased that employees had to wait a quarter of the way through the year to start benefitting.

"I was in favor of this from the beginning and I wanted this to happen Jan. 1," said O'Donnell. "Our employees have now missed three months of this raise. In January, I think we voted down the cost of living increase. I understand the difference between (cost of living) and a one-step increase; my frustration is that the employees missed out on what we put in the budget for January, February and March."

Council member Ramona Becker re-

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## Father, son respond to needs in Haiti

By Taylor Messick

Cori Metzger and his son, Harrison, recently had a chance to travel to Haiti with other church members to do some relief work in the country, and they ended up having an eye-opening experience.

A major earthquake in 2010 devastated the population and destroyed houses, hospitals and other important fixtures. That earthquake measured a magnitude of 7.0 and left 316,000 dead and displaced over 1.5 million. Hurricane Matthew made matters worse in late 2016. The hurricane's 140-mph winds and heavy rainfall destroyed entire cities and also wiped out a large amount of the plant and animal life that once helped to sustain residents.

Now, organizations from around the world are gathering to chip in relief for the Haitians. One of them is an American organization called HarvestCall. HarvestCall sends missionaries and relief workers all over the world to help those in need.



Cori Metzger shows Haitian children a video on his cell phone.

The organization is affiliated with the Apostolic Christian Church. The Metzgers, who live in Bel Aire, are members of the Apostolic Christian Church in Wichita.

"The organization does the construction work," said Cori. "But the core of the mission work is not necessarily the work, itself, but sharing the gospel. Of

course, it's one thing to share the gospel, but if you're not also doing physical work to benefit the Haitian people it doesn't mean as much."

Cori and Harrison arrived in Port-au-Prince on Jan. 27 with a group of 16 people. They stayed for a week and worked to build roofs for a school and a church. Cori said some of the structures

that would take the Haitians up to five years to build can be completed in as little as six months by outside organizations. HarvestCall estimates that two-thirds of the construction work they had already done prior to the hurricane now has to be rebuilt because of the ad-

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## City finds new way to track lost pets

By Taylor Messick

With the cost of stray animal intakes at the Sedgwick County Animal Shelter set to double this year, cities have been looking for better ways to safely get lost pets back to their owners at lower costs to the cities and their police departments.

Recently, Park City added refund incentives to owners who register their pets with the city. If owners prove their pet has been microchipped, the city will now kick back a portion of the registration fee. Officers in Park City have access to wands that will read microchips and provide contact information for the pet's owner.

In a similar move, Bel Aire announced that it has ordered three years worth of URL tags for pets. These tags cost the city about \$2 each and will be mailed to pet owners who have already purchased tags in the city.

"What's cool about these tags is they have URL codes on them," said city manager Ty Lasher. "We saw this as a way citizens can get something in return for the \$10 fee they're paying. We'll still make about \$8 to cover the licensing, paperwork and things

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## Local student wins WSU's Barton Scholarship

By Taylor Messick

Wichita Northeast Magnet High School senior Anisia Brumley was recently awarded the 2017 Barton Scholarship through Wichita State.

The scholarship is worth \$48,000, or \$12,000 for four years. The scholarship was named by W. Frank Barton, for whom Wichita State's business school is named. He named the scholarship for his late son, Clay Barton, who died from cancer in 1988 at just 20 years old.

Brumley is from Wichita and moved to the Bel Aire area specifically to attend Wichita Northeast Magnet when the school relocated before her fresh-

man year. She is passionate about her school and feels that it's experimental and challenging style has set her up for success.

"When I started my freshman year I wanted to go to Heights," said Brumley. "After my first semester I realized how involved I was with student council, theater and my freshman class, in general. I would've had fun at Heights, but I could see myself blossoming here."

She started her freshman year as a dual magnet in two of the school's three focuses. The school offers tracks for law, art and science; Brumley started with both art and law. She said the double workload was challenging and decided to

focus on law.

While applying for the Barton Scholarship, Brumley went through a rigorous screening process. Her 3.7 GPA was the first step in qualifying for the scholarship; she said she was one of 40 applicants who were selected as finalists. Those finalists were given a week's notice to prepare a 40-minute speech over which charity they would choose if they had \$5,000 to donate.

Finalists for the scholarship also had to perform an impromptu speech that they were notified of the same day. There was a timed essay, a personality test, a questionnaire

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Taylor Messick

Anisia Brumley stands inside Northeast Magnet High School, where she is a senior.

# City receives government budget award

**By The Breeze staff**

Bel Aire receives the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada

announced last month that the City of Bel Aire received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 2017 budget.

This award represents a significant achievement

by Bel Aire and is the fourth year the city has received such recognition. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of government budgeting. To receive the 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, an operations guide and a communications device. Budget documents

must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and the 14 mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

A Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation was presented to Ted Henry, the city's director of finance and

administration, and Tristin Terhune, community development director.

In the last fiscal year, 1,565 participants from all over North America received the award; 17 were cities within Kansas and only four were cities of the second class.

# Landscaper placed on probation for fraud

**By The Breeze staff**

A local landscaping contractor was sentenced to five years of probation for defrauding homeowners in Maize, Bel Aire and Wichita, the Sedgwick County District Attorney's Office announced last month.

James Arnold, 44, owner of Premier Lawn Care LLC, was convicted by a jury in January of four counts of theft for taking money and not doing the work on landscaping and sprinkler projects. Arnold was ordered to repay \$8,781.54 to the homeowners.

District Court Judge Jeffrey Syrios told Arnold March 16 that he could serve two years in prison if he violates probation. Syrios ordered Arnold to obtain employment within the next 45 days and make mandatory payments on the

restitution for the next five years. Syrios told Arnold that he could be released from probation early if he paid all the victims in full before the end of the probationary period.

Arnold's company listed a Kechi post office box as its address.

He was convicted of two felony counts of theft and two misdemeanor counts of theft.

Evidence at trial showed that the victims prepaid Arnold for labor and materials on landscaping contracts in 2015 and 2016. Arnold failed to start three of the

projects and abandoned the fourth project before it was completed.

The case was investigated by the Bel Aire Police Department, the Maize Police Department and the Consumer Protection Division of the Sedgwick County District Attorney.

## PEOPLE HIGHLIGHTS

The following students from Bel Aire earned honor roll distinction for the fall 2016 semester at the University of Kansas: Peter Ercolani, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences; Shegufta Huma, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences; Daniel Ozor, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences; John Ward, School of Engineering; Farrah Zonoozi, School of Pharmacy; Dylan Crane, College of Liberal Arts

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Jaffar Al Matar of Wichita has been accepted to McMurry University for entrance in fall 2017.

Located in Abilene, Texas, McMurry University was founded in 1923 as a United Methodist institution. The university has more than 1,200 students with an average class size of 16. No graduate assistants teach courses and more than 77 percent of its professors have achieved the highest degree in their academic field. McMurry offers its students a diverse academic curriculum with 45 majors in the arts,

business, education and the sciences, as well as pre-professional programs in medicine, dentistry, engineering, law, pharmacy, physical therapy and others.

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Abigail Gray of Bel Aire was named to the university honor roll and The Teachers College dean's list for the fall 2016 semester at Emporia State University.

To qualify for the se-

semester honor roll, students earned a minimum 3.80 semester grade point average in at least 12 graded hours. To qualify for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences dean's list, students earned a semester grade point average that puts them in the top 10 percent of all students enrolled in full-time undergraduate work within the college and have a cumulative 3.5 GPA for all Emporia State courses.

## CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

### Christ Lutheran-ELCA

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

Contemporary service is at 9 a.m., Sunday school is at 10:15 and traditional service is at 11 a.m. Communion is offered at all services.

On Wednesday evenings through Lent (April 5), a potluck supper will begin at 6:15 p.m., followed by a Lenten worship service at 7. During Holy Week, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be at 7 p.m. Easter Sunday services will be at 9 and 11 a.m. Children's activities and a breakfast will be offered between services.

For more information about the church and its activities, find us online at [www.christ-lutheran.org](http://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](http://www.resurrectionwichita.com), and the telephone number is 744-2776.

The Rev. James F. Weldon is the pastor.

### Community Bible Chapel

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

Please call Amy Smith at 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](http://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 [shagemaster@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shagemaster@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 at 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 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi.

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

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

Our pastor is Greg Reed. Find us at [www.Kechi-UMC.org](http://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.lpcg.org](http://www.lpcg.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 Soye. 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](http://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.

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Lifetree Café is a conversation café, a place and time for people to gather weekly to experience stories and talk about thought-provoking topics relating to life and faith. 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](mailto: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.

Sunday Adult class continues at 9 a.m. with An Exploration of Ecclesiastes.

Wednesday service is at 6 p.m.

Saturday Vespers are at 4:30 p.m.

Lenten program on Wednesdays. We will serve the Pre-sanctified Liturgy at 6 p.m. followed by fasting potluck supper and program. We will study To Open One's Heart by Archbishop Michel Evdokimov.

Lenten Program on Fridays with service at 6 p.m. For more information, call 734-6248, go online at [www.saintmichaelorthodoxchurch.com](http://www.saintmichaelorthodoxchurch.com) or email inquiries to [jflora@cox.net](mailto: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

Located at 4558 N. Hydraulic, Wichita.

Birger Draget is pastor. Sabbath school at 9:30 a.m. with worship service at 11.

For more information, go online at [www.godsclaset.com](http://www.godsclaset.com) or on Facebook. For God's Closet, call Veronica Jenkins at 778-0474.

Send your church's upcoming events and service times to [legals@arkvalleynews.com](mailto:legals@arkvalleynews.com) or call 755-0821.

## CLASSIFIEDS

### 5 Garage Sales

**Shop Til' You Drop**  
Saturday, April 15th, 2017  
10 am to 6 pm / Kechi City Hall  
Come shop local with all your favorite vendors:  
Tupperware, Posh, Pink Zebra, Mary Kay, Love to Craft, Young Living, Paparazzi, LuLaRoe, US-Borne, L & R Creations & more...  
Plus the following Food Trucks: Charlie's Taco Pizza, Big Apple and Funky Monkey Munchies (4-6 pm)  
For more information contact: Heather 316-841-9299

### 18 For Rent

Three bedroom, unfurnished stone house with a barn and garage on 3 acres. Located at 77th and Broadway. 316-321-7368.

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# City of Bel Aire



## Bel Aire Recreation

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### DAZZLING DANCERS

A recreational dance class focusing on jazz and ballet forms and movements. Class began March 29. Ages 4-10.

### BLASTBALL (4 year olds)

This introductory T-ball program will teach the fundamentals and concepts of baseball. It's a blast! Games will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings from April 11 until May 4. Registration deadline is April 3.

### SHORT SPORTS (3 year olds)

This coed instructional program for 3 year olds will teach basic sports skills including throwing, catching, kicking, and batting. Short Sports will meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning April 18.

### SUMMER BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL

Recreational leagues include coed T-ball (5-6 year olds), machine pitch baseball (7-8 year olds) & softball (7-9 year olds) and youth pitch baseball (9-11 year olds) & softball (10-12 year olds). Registration deadline is May 1.

### TAEKWONDO

Ages 5 and up. Classes meet from

5 to 6 p.m. Mondays and Fridays or from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. These are great classes for beginners to black belts.

### YOGA

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

### LINE DANCING

Line dancing benefits the entire body. It can help you lose weight, improve balance and coordination, increase muscle and bone strength, and the best part — it's FUN! Monday & Friday afternoon classes are held in the Community Room at City Hall.

### FITNESS CENTER (ages 16 & up)

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

### 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.

*For more info about 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** – Monday through Friday, 8-9 a.m., Rec Center (Indoors & climate controlled)

**Yoga** – Mondays & Wednesdays, 6 p.m., Rec Center (monthly fee)

**Bridge Games** – Tuesdays, 1 p.m., Senior Center

**Low Impact Aerobics** – Wednesdays, 9 a.m., Rec Center

**Senior Breakfast** – Fridays, 9 a.m.

**Chair Exercises** – Tuesdays & Fridays, 10:30 a.m., Rec Center

**Line Dance Class** – Mondays & Fridays, 1:30 p.m., Community Room (April 7 and 10 classes at the Rec Center)

### Monthly & Special Events

**April 1, 9 a.m.** – Red Cross blood drive, Sunrise Christian Academy  
**April 1, 9:15 a.m.** – Barn quilt workshop, Rec Center. Call 744-2700 to reserve a spot.

**April 3, 6:30 p.m.** – Potluck dinner and program “Common Spiders of Kansas” with Jim Mason, Community Room

**April 4, 8:30 a.m.** – Breakfast out

**April 5, 10 a.m.** – Volunteer library work time

**April 6, 11 a.m.** – Easter card making, Senior Center, RSVP to 744-2451, extension 121.

**April 6, noon** – Advanced voting, Community Room

**April 6, 1 p.m.** – Game day, Rec Center

**April 7, 6 p.m.** – Pitch, Senior Center

**April 8, 1 p.m.** – Bel Aire Spring Festival, Rec Center

**April 10, 11 a.m.** – 10 Sign of Alzheimer's disease, Jenna Smith, Senior Center

**April 11, 6 a.m.** – 4th Congressional District Special Election

**April 12, 9:30 a.m.** – Quilting bee, Senior Center

**April 12, 10 a.m.** – Open sewing, Rec Center

**April 13, 10 a.m.** – Bel Aire Seniors program meeting, Senior Center

**April 18, 6 p.m.** – Ladies dine out, call Anita 744-2840 for info

**April 19, 10 a.m.** – Men's coffee, Braums

**April 19, 10:15 a.m.** – Senior aerobics brunch

**April 19, 1:30 p.m.** – Book Club meeting, Senior Center

**April 19, 2 p.m.** – Women's coffee, Braums

**April 21, 6 p.m.** – Pitch, Senior Center

**April 24, 6 p.m.** – Covered dish dinner and program, Rec Center

**April 26, 9:30 a.m.** – Quilting bee, Senior Center

**April 26, 7 p.m.** – Bunko games, Senior Center (Reservation required, call 744-2451 x 121)

**April 27, 2 p.m.** – Genealogy & Family History Group,

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## Community Events

**April 4** — City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

**April 5** — Bel Aire Area Chamber of Commerce meeting, noon

**April 5** — Municipal Court, 7 p.m.

**April 8** — City Brush Site, open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. City arborist on-site for any tree- or plant-related questions.



**April 8** — City of Bel Aire Spring Festival, 1 to 3 p.m.

**April 1** — City Council workshop, 7 p.m.

**April 13** — Planning Commission meeting, 6 p.m.

**April 18** — Utility Advisory Committee, 4 p.m.

**April 18** — City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

**April 18** — Community Development Advisory Committee, 7 p.m.

**April 20** — Municipal Court, noon

**April 24** — Tree Board meeting, 7 p.m.

**May 6** — E-Recycling & Shredding Day

**June 22-24** — Citywide Garage Sale weekend (permit fee waived)

**July 1** — Curbside Cleanup Day

## Beautify Bel Aire

**Have you made improvements to the outside of your home or lawn?**

Send us your before & after pictures for a chance to win a \$50 gift card from Tree Top Nursery. One home will be selected each month from April to September.

### How to enter:

Share on our Facebook or Twitter (#BeautifyBelAire)  
 E-mail [tterhune@belaireks.gov](mailto:tterhune@belaireks.gov)

## CITY OF BEL AIRE 2017 SPRING FESTIVAL

# EASTER EGG HUNT

**SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH | 1-3 PM**

### »» Egg Stroll (New):

**1:00 - 2:00 pm:** 2 & under

*A specific area designated to the little ones so they can hunt at their own pace.*

### »» Egg Hunt:

**2:00 pm:** 3-5 years

**2:15 pm:** 6-8 years

**2:30 pm:** 9 & up



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**Mayor's corner**

By David Austin

Road improvements continue to be a hot topic at City Hall and around the community. I assure you there isn't one city employee or member of your city council who hasn't wanted to put more funds towards road improvements. I am happy to report that this year, beginning pretty soon, Bel Aire will invest about \$400,000 in infrastructure improvements.

This is higher than any previous year in recent history. With 50 percent of our budget designated for debt payments on the land, there hasn't been as much available as we would have liked to put towards these improvements, at least not without a mill increase. Thanks to more land sales and residential growth, we continue to pay down the debt, keep our mill levy steady and now can begin the real work of street repairs.

While \$400,000 seems like a lot of money, and it is, please know that to complete all necessary road improvements would cost upwards of \$3 million to \$4 million. With that in mind, your city council, at its March 14 workshop, discussed different options to allocate close to \$400,000 this year, which is not an easy task with so many roads needing attention.

If all goes according to plan, next month, we will outline which road improvements will be made in 2017. Our staff has spent many hours the past few weeks identifying and taking inventory of what is needed and is in the process of prioritizing them. We have heard from residents, too. Hedgerow Court and Farmstead are on our radar, especially given the number of visitors and residents alike who travel those streets to attend events at our Recreation Center or pick up kids from school.

In the meantime, we will continue to promote land sales and attract new residents and businesses. That is what it will take for this to continue.

**More road news** — With a partnership between the City of Bel Aire and City of Wichita, construction on 37th Street is ahead of schedule. I guess that was one good thing about the dry weather. Look for two-way traffic to be allowed by early May, if not sooner.

**Back by popular demand** — Thanks to the Bel Aire Lions Club, American Family Insurance - Rachel Fenske Agency, Bel Aire Area Chamber of Commerce and Wichita Hoops, everyone is invited to come to the Bel Aire Recreation Center to enjoy an afternoon of fun, including an Easter egg hunt. We even have an area designated to little ones under the age of 2 to hunt at their own pace. Other activities include face painting, Zorb Ball, kite flying (Wings of the Wind Kites & Toys will be on site), food trucks, opportunity to meet and have your photo taken with the Easter Bunny and more. For more information visit us online at [www.belairesks.gov](http://www.belairesks.gov) and don't forget to bring your kites and baskets.

**New homes** — I am also very excited about all the new home builds popping up all over Bel Aire. Be sure to check them out during the Spring Parade of Homes and tell your friends and families. We'd love to welcome new neighbors.

Lovely newer Chisholm Pointe addition in Park City. 2 Bed., 2 Bath up; 1 Bed., 1 Bath down. No pets or Smoking. \$1100/month. Call Brad 316-258-8396

**DEATHS**

**JOHN CROFT**

John Croft, 95, of El Dorado, died March 14, 2017.

He was retired from the McKesson Drug Co. and Shady Creek Marina. He was a World War II army veteran.

Survivors include his son, Carlton Croft, of Golden, Colo.; daughter Carolyn Croft of Bel Aire; grandchildren Adam Croft of Laramie, Wyo., and Olivia Croft of Sundance, Wyo.

Funeral service was held March 23 at First Presbyterian Church. Inurnment was March 24 at Wichita Park Cemetery. Memorial contributions to First Presbyterian or Friends University Chemistry Department in care of the funeral home. Carlson Colonial Funeral Home of El Dorado has charge.

**DWIGHT RICHARDSON**  
Dwight L. Richardson,

63, of Wichita, died, Feb. 20 2017.

He was born May 16, 1953, to Lawrence and Geneva Richardson in Clarksville, Ark.

He served in the U.S. Navy during Vietnam. He was a manager at various Pep Boys Auto Parts stores for 13 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister Margaret Cochran; nephews Steve and Jim Cochran, and Tim McReynolds.



**Richardson**

of Las Vegas; brother-in-law Fred Cochran; nephews Rick (Janelle) McReynolds, Brian

Survivors include siblings Mary (Jim) Bily of Bel Aire and Suzi (Bob) Banto

(Denise) Cochran and Rob and Tony (Kat) Banto; great-nieces Shawna (Steve) Lowder and Casey Cochran; and great-nephews Kyle McReynolds, Kelly McReynolds and Max Cochran.

A celebration of life service was held Feb. 24 at Sharon Baptist Church, with inurnment at Lakeview Cemetery, both in Wichita. Memorials can be made to the Sharon Baptist Church.

**Raises**

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vealed more information about why the increase took a little bit longer. She wasn't as concerned about the missed time as O'Donnell, but was glad the city could get the increase approved.

"We have some council members who have a philosophical issue with cost of living increases," said Becker. "We have to have a consensus before we can do anything and it just worked out that this is the time we had a consensus. We have hard-working employees in our state who haven't had a raise in 10 years. I think we're very lucky to be able to do this and I'm glad we can."

Council member Diane Wynn is not in favor of cost of living increases. She

said she felt much more comfortable with the one-step increase and believes the extra time spent yielded positive results.

"I'm one of those council members who is somewhat opposed to cost of living raises," said Wynn. "We worked very hard on these step raises and realigning these job steps. Once we realigned some of these salaries, I thought this was much more fair."

Council member Betty Martine has been pushing hard recently to get these raises approved. She acknowledged that it took longer than she'd hoped, but this time she made sure it got done by any means necessary.

"The reason it took so long is because we worked from January to almost the middle of March figuring out the step income," said Martine. "I'll take part of

the responsibility, but there are four other council members who could've brought this back up. That's why I went ahead and got this done for April. Mr. Lasher said some employees have already earned their merits for a step increase, so in reality they will get two this year. Our employees haven't gotten an increase in three years, so I felt both our full-time and part-time employees should get this step increase now."

Martine also adamantly called for holiday pay for part-time employees on the following agenda item. There wasn't a great deal of resistance to the idea, but Martine refused to take no for an answer. Ultimately, she persuaded the council to unanimously approve eligibility of holiday pay for part-time employees, as well as full-time employees. In other business, the coun-

•Proclaimed March 2017 American Red Cross Month and honored members of Sedgwick County RSVP.

•Approved a change order with Nowak Construction to add a fire hydrant and anchored valve to water improvements in Rock Spring 2nd Addition at a cost of \$6,375 by a unanimous vote.

•Accepted an addendum to the option agreement for purchase of property with PDS Development Company, Inc. to extend closing for 120 days by a unanimous vote.

•Approved a proposal from Mayer Specialty Services for cleaning, treating and telescoping sewer mains in Lawn Terrace and Aurora Park at a cost not to exceed \$41,820 by a unanimous vote.

•Accepted a bid from Kansas Paving for \$354,186.30 for six inch concrete street improvements in Phase 1 of Rock Spring 2nd Addition by a unanimous vote.

•Approved an ordinance concerning the adoption of Chapter 2, Article 2 of the Bel Aire code in connection with the establishment of the Bel Aire Tree Board and the amendment of Chapter 10, Article 3 of the Bel Aire code in connection with removal of

reference to the tree board and associated updates.

All members of the council were present. There was no executive session taken.

In other business during its March 7 meeting, the council:

•Approved an ordinance amending nomination petition requirements for candidates running for city office by a 4-1 vote.

•Accepted a change order with Mies Construction for alterations in street and storm water improvements in Deer Run at a total cost of \$12,142.31 by a unanimous vote.

•Approved the purchase of a replacement mower for the recreation department from Maximum Outdoor Equipment at a cost of \$5,109.25 by a unanimous vote.

•Accepted a bid of \$175,500.00 from Mies Construction for sanitary sewer and water distribution mains in Phase 3 of the Courtyards at Elk Creek by a unanimous vote.

•Approved the resignation of the city attorney at the end of March by a unanimous vote.

All members of the council were present. There was a five-minute executive session and no binding action was taken.

**Haiti**

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ditional damage.

"Two guys in our group had already been to Haiti about four times," said Harrison. "One of the roofs we were building this time was one that they had helped to build on their very first trip."

The need for buildings is just one of the problems facing the Haitians. Organizations from Canada, Germany, Korea, South America and around the world also travel to the country to contribute various services. Many of the organizations seem to be working towards a common goal of teaching the Haitians to sustain life in

the long-term.

Organizations from around the world contribute food, clothing and construction work. Others take it a step further and stick around to teach Haitians how to farm, raise livestock and make goods to develop important skills. This strategy is particularly focused on developing the skills of Haitian women. A domestic center set up by one organization acts as a trade school that teaches Haitian women how to sew and cook.

"They don't bring computerized equipment in that will replace potential labor," said Cori. "They're not necessarily trying to make money; they're trying to give people something to do. That way they can learn a skill, learn how to make something and how to be

productive. Right now, there's about a 20 percent employment rate; so people literally just do little things to survive."

The Metzgers also visited a church that is organized and run by a Canadian family. They originally came to Haiti as missionaries eight years ago and they now live in the country. The church holds services each day to spread the gospel to a specific portion of the population.

They started out as a Sunday school for about seven kids and can now host as many as 1,500. The main draw seems to be the high-protein food packs that are handed out after the service. Only the children and elderly are allowed to attend and take a meal's worth of non-perishable

food.

"As we drove into the slums with the food truck, we saw kids running after us from the fields," said Harrison. "You look along the sides of the road and there are kids running out of shacks and swimming across the river to get to the church. When we came around the corner to the church, we could hear a dull roar but couldn't tell what it was. Then we realized it was all the kids who were already inside the church."

Cori and Harrison both felt safe during their time in the country. They got to talk to the Haitians who could speak a little bit of English, and Harrison even got involved in a pick-up soccer game. Overall, they felt welcome and said the

Haitians seemed glad and thankful to have them there.

"On the first day I was thinking about how blessed we are in America," said Cori. "Then I got to thinking that maybe we're spoiled or even cursed. We're so consumed by possessions and they don't have anything to possess them. I think we lose perspective on what's important in life. These people generally have nothing, but they all had smiles on their faces and everyone would wave at you. You don't always see that in America."

**Pets**

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like that, but it will be neat for owners to have a unique URL code on their tags."

The tags will have a

Bel Aire logo on the front and a specific URL code will be found on the back. Most phones now have a code reader that will allow the URL to be scanned and searched in the database. If a pet gets lost, whoever

finds it will be able to scan the code and retrieve the contact information for the owner.

The tag won't help the owner pinpoint the exact location of a lost pet like a microchip would, but it is

an effective method. Owners can register their pets on the website for free and include as much information as they'd like. If someone scans the pet's URL, an email notification will be sent to the owner.

**Student**

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and a personal interview, as well. Professors at the business school observed each event and helped select Brumley as the winner.

"I got a text from one of the judges afterwards who said he was one of my advocates," she said. "He said I was his personal number one choice out of the seven finalists. He said he related to me the most and felt that I was passionate and committed to what I'm involved in instead of just looking for resume builders. He said he came from a similar background and likes to see kids being productive."

Brumley said she has enjoyed the law magnet at Northeast but isn't sure if she wants to pursue law at Wichita State. She said

that if she does study law, it will be business law. In the mean time, she plans to start her business education, which serves as a precursor to business law, anyway.

Right now, she plans to begin studying to get into the field of arena management. She has been getting some experience in planning and management at Northeast by assisting the baseball coach.

"I'd like to run a place like Staples Center," she said. "I like business

and I like doing exciting things. I think being in an arena where things are constantly changing and there are events to plan would be really enjoyable. I also think sports are great and if I could facilitate sports for kids my age that would be great. Sports give kids

something productive to do and help them stay out of trouble."

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# BEL AIRE POLICE REPORTS

**Feb. 15** — Officer Steele worked a rear-end collision between two vehicles that occurred at 6300 E. 45th North.

**Feb. 15** — Officers Roney and Trumbull drove up on an injury accident in the intersection of 45th North and Oliver. Officers determined that a northbound pickup drove forward into the intersection before the intersection was clear. The truck struck the rear quarter panel of a car that was moving through the intersection eastbound. The driver of the at-fault vehicle said he did not recall the crash or how it happened. A citizen following the eastbound vehicle was equipped with an in-car camera that captured the incident and clearly showed the crash. The driver of the pickup was issued a citation for failing to let the intersection clear before proceeding forward from the stop sign.

**Feb. 15** — Officer Forman checked a suspicious character who was walking in the neighborhood in the 4100 block of North Danbury.

**Feb. 16** — Officer Webb saw a white Toyota Avalon traveling north in the 4700 block of North Rock Road. The registration was expired as of February 2016. Officer stopped the vehicle. The driver had a Kansas ID card and did not have proof of insurance. The driver, Dylan P. Fallier of Bel Aire, was arrested on charges of DUI, driving while a habitual violator, expired license plate and no insurance.

**Feb. 16** — A man reported having a verbal argument with a job supervisor over the removal of a tree in the 5100 block of North Rock Road.

**Feb. 16** — Officer Gibson assisted a woman who was pulled over to the side of the road in the 4900 block of North Webb. The driver of the car had a revoked driver's license and called her sister to give her a ride.

**Feb. 17** — Officer Webb was on routine patrol when he saw a man walking away from a vehicle in the 4900 block of North Webb. Officer determined the car he was walking away from was registered to the man. He advised he was walking to his girlfriend's house on Quail Ridge Court and did not want to park in front of the house because he was surprising her.

**Feb. 17** — Officer Gibson answered a call of a disturbance in the 5600 block of North Lycee. A man and a woman had been in Old Town earlier in the evening. The woman had been friendly with other men during the evening. The man expressed to his girlfriend how it made him feel. She got upset and went to some nearby dirt mounds and rolled in the dirt. No criminal behavior was involved.

**Feb. 17** — Officer Trumbull was dispatched to an address in the 4000 block of North Clarendon to attempt to retrieve a cellular phone that was taken by a student at Heights High School. The phone theft had been reported to the Wichita Police Department. Officer contacted the homeowner who woke up their daughter who was a suspect in the theft. The daughter denied having the cellular phone but gave officer permission to search her room. During the search, officer located and seized the stolen cellular phone. The phone was later returned to its owner and follow-up is being conducted by the Wichita Police Department.

**Feb. 17** — Officer Trumbull stopped a 2005 Mitsubishi Lancer for running the stop sign at 45th North and Woodlawn. The driver was cited for running a stop sign and driving without a license.

**Feb. 17** — Officer Trumbull saw a green Ford Expedition speeding in the 5000 block of North Oliver. He stopped the vehicle and contacted the driver who said he did not know what the speed limit was. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license and for speeding.

**Feb. 18** — Officer Crouse witnessed a blue Chevrolet Spark tailgating another vehicle in the 4000 block of North Woodlawn. When stopped, the driver smelled of consumed alcoholic beverage. The driver was booked into jail on charges of DUI and following too closely. The suspect's name was not available.

**Feb. 18** — Officer Webb was on routine patrol when he saw a Chevrolet Tahoe traveling west in the 6000 block of East 45th North. He saw the Tahoe driving to the left of the yellow centerline so he conducted a traffic stop. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license, driving left of center and no insurance.

**Feb. 18** — Officer Steele assisted Kechi officers with a domestic disturbance in Kechi.

**Feb. 18** — Officer Steele responded to a shots fired call near the Woodbridge Suites at 3400 N. Great Plains.

**Feb. 18** — Officer Steele responded to a fraud report in the 4600 block of North Farmstead. The reporting party said they received three packages from Amazon that they did not order. Amazon was contacted and it was discovered that a third party ordered the items and had them delivered to the Bel Aire address.

**Feb. 18** — Officer Steele responded to a call of a verbal disturbance in the 5200 block of North Holder Court.

**Feb. 18** — After making a call of a verbal disturbance in the 5200 block of North Holder Court, Officer Steele was at the police department when he heard knocking at a secure door to the station. When he answered the door, he encountered some of the subjects involved in the previous call. They wanted to have their side of the story heard as

they did not have the opportunity during the initial call. Officer Steele took their statements and generated a new case.

**Feb. 19** — Officer Gibson assisted on an officer-in-trouble call in the 2900 block of North Bramblewood in Wichita where a Sedgwick County sheriff's deputy needed assistance.

**Feb. 21** — Chief Atteberry stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5700 block of East Denise. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license and was issued a warning for speeding.

**Feb. 21** — A man reported the tag from his 2003 Dodge Ram 1500 as missing from the 4900 block of North Parkhurst. He last noticed the tag on his vehicle the day before he called police and is unsure where he may have lost it.

**Feb. 21** — Officer Steele responded to a call of a vicious dog in the 4500 block of North Rushwood. The calling party had been delivering handbills when she was accosted by a German shepherd dog that was running at large. The calling party was found standing on a picnic table in the park. Chief Atteberry transported the woman to her car for her safety as the whereabouts of the dog were uncertain. Officer Crice later discovered a German shepherd in the area of 6600 E. 44th North. The dog was skittish and ran back to its home when officers attempted to apprehend it. Steele contacted the owner of the dog. The owner was warned to contain his animal upon his property.

**Feb. 21** — Officer Forman was dispatched to Enterprise Rent-A-Car in the 6300 block of East 37th North for the report of stolen vehicle registration renewal stickers. He made contact with the on-duty manager who said nine vehicle renewal stickers were signed for and taken by an unknown person(s) not employed by Enterprise. The State of Kansas tracked the package and it was delivered on Nov. 17, 2016.

**Feb. 21** — Officer Roney assisted the Wichita Police Department with the pursuit of a suspect who attempted to strike a Wichita officer with a vehicle in the 3400 block of North Rock Road.

**Feb. 22** — Officer Webb stopped a tan Ford Taurus for failure to maintain a single lane in the 4000 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was arrested on charges of driving with a suspended license and no insurance and on Wichita warrants. The suspect's name was not available.

**Feb. 22** — Lt. Foxx stopped a vehicle in the 4900 block of North Woodlawn while she was driving a 2008 white Scion. The tag on the Scion was issued to a Dodge Intrepid. Both were registered to the woman. The woman said she had just purchased the vehicle and did not have any of the required paperwork with her. The woman was unable to locate proof of insurance for the vehicle either. The woman was cited and released.

**Feb. 22** — Officers responded to a call of a suspicious character trespassing on private property in the 5800 block of East 53rd North. The calling party described a white male 40 to 50 years old, wearing a black hat, mesh shorts over sweatpants and sunglasses and was riding a bicycle. Officers located the subject at 61st North and Sioux in Kechi. The man said he was not aware he was trespassing. The man was instructed to stay off private property unless he has permission from the property owner.

**Feb. 23** — A man reported his daughter was abusing him in the 4400 block of North Rushwood. The man said she was controlling everything about his life and would not let him leave. Officer Davis spoke with both individuals and gained understanding about the situation. There were no signs of abuse and it was found to be a verbal disagreement.

**Feb. 23** — Chief Atteberry attempted to conduct a traffic stop for speeding on a black motorcycle that was southbound in the 5000 block of North Rock Road. The suspect refused to stop and fled on the motorcycle. The motorcycle had a mechanical malfunction and the suspect fled to the east and then jumped over the retaining wall southbound behind a shopping center located at 7700 E. 37th. The suspect was greeted by a Wichita Police officer who detained him for Bel Aire police. The motorcycle was stolen. The man was arrested on charges of felony flee and elude, possession of a stolen motorcycle and a multitude of traffic charges. The suspect had been involved in numerous pursuits in the previous few weeks, police said.

**Feb. 23** — Officer Trumbull went to the 5600 block of North Lycee to serve a notice to appear in court. He saw a black Chevrolet Impala inside the open garage of the residence. A license check confirmed the vehicle/tag was stolen. Officer was able to get legal access to the garage to retrieve the license plate and to check the vehicle identification number on the car. The car was not stolen. The license plate was returned to its owner.

**Feb. 23** — Officer Forman assisted the Benton Police Department with attempting to locate a reported runaway. The runaway was located and taken into custody.

**Feb. 24** — Officers Trumbull and Gibson were dispatched to an active domestic disturbance call in the 4600 block of North Farmstead. The reporting party said one of the people at the residence was intoxicated and acting out. After speaking with all parties, they agreed to remain civil.

**Feb. 25** — Officer Webb stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5200 block of East 37th North. The driver was cited for speeding and arrested on a Sedgwick County warrant.

**Feb. 25** — Officer Webb stopped a vehicle for a vehicle defect in the 5100 block of East 45th North. Officer issued a warning to the juvenile driver. Officer recognized the front seat passenger and checked him for warrants or warrants. The youth had an active bench warrant for his arrest, which was issued on Feb. 24. The youth was placed under arrest and transported to Sedgwick County Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center. Officer Webb also notified the father of the youth that his son had been arrested.

**Feb. 25** — Officer Steele responded to a disturbance in the 4900 block of North Parkhurst. A man was upset that two women were pounding on his front door. Officer made contact with one of the women who said she lost her phone at Emerson Biggin's in downtown Wichita. She was able to track her phone to the address on Parkhurst. Officer contacted a woman at the residence. She reported she located a phone in the restroom of Emerson Biggin's. She did not turn in the phone at the business. She did not call for a police officer to turn in the phone. After the phone was collected by the officer, it was returned to its owner.

**Feb. 25** — Officers Gibson and Trumbull were dispatched to a non-injury hit-and-run in the 4300 block of North Janesville. A maroon PT Cruiser crashed into a Pontiac Grand Prix that was legally parked on the street. Gibson tracked the vehicle to an address on Kenawee. Gibson made contact with the suspect who admitted to the accident and fleeing the scene. The man was issued a citation for failing to report the traffic crash and other traffic charges.

**Feb. 26** — Officer Webb stopped a vehicle for running a stop sign at 47th North and Farmstead. The driver, Mahmoud Imad Shuaib of Wichita, was arrested on a charge of DUI.

**Feb. 27** — Officer Steele responded to a report of barking dogs in the 6500 block of East Central Park. Officer went to the area and noticed there were no barking dogs. He contacted the reporting parties. The complainant advised the owner of the dogs leaves the dogs for hours at a time. The dogs bark incessantly. Officer contacted the owner of the dog and advised them of the complaint and suggested solutions to resolve the problem.

**Feb. 27** — Officer Crouse saw a white Toyota corolla west bound on 37th from Woodlawn with defective equipment. When he attempted to stop the vehicle, the driver was slow to react to emergency lights, and the vehicle eventually stopped at the QuikTrip near 3400 N. Oliver. The driver had only a Kansas identification card. After checking her license, it showed that she had a current restriction for an interlock device. The vehicle she was driving was not equipped with such a device. The license plate attached to the vehicle belonged on a different vehicle. The driver was cited for the vehicle defect, for not having an interlock device on the vehicle, and for improper license on her vehicle.

**Feb. 27** — Officer Steele went to an address in the 1300 block of East Evanston in Park City to check for a wanted suspect who had a bench warrant through the City of Bel Aire. The wanted person, Caroline D. Duncan of Park City, was located and arrested. She was also booked for three bench warrants through the City of Wichita.

**Feb. 27** — Chief Darrell G. Atteberry stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5000 block of East 37th North. The driver was cited for no license in possession, no proof of insurance and speeding in a construction zone.

**Feb. 27** — A visitor at the Catholic Care Center reported losing her phone while visiting the facility.

**Feb. 27** — A resident at the Broadstone Villa Apartments in the 5600 block of North Lycee reported to Officer Steele that a neighbor was coming by her apartment at all hours of the day.

**Feb. 28** — Officer Trumbull stopped a vehicle for driving without lights in the 4600 block of North Rock Road. The driver said he was not aware the lights were off. The driver was 14 years old and did not have a driver's license. Neither of the passengers in the car had a driver's license. The driver said the vehicle belongs to his mother who knew he was driving the vehicle. There was a 2-year-old in the back seat of the car not wearing a seat belt or in an approved child seat. Two passengers in the vehicle were released to their parents. All attempts to contact the driver's parents were unsuccessful. The driver was cited for driving without a license, failing to provide a child restraint for a child under 4 years of age, driving without lights when required, and driving without proof of liability insurance. The driver was taken to the Wichita Children's Home. Later in the shift, the Wichita Children's Home called for release authority issues. The mother of the child requested the 14-year-old be released so he could walk home. The request was denied and the case was directed to the Department on Families and Children for investigation.

**Feb. 28** — A woman reported that she and her boyfriend were having an argument and she at-

tempted to leave the apartment in the 5600 block of North Lycee. The male grabbed her, threw her onto the bed and started spanking her hard. She said she was angry and told him to get out. The man said he would but also said he was going to go and kill himself. The area was checked and the man was not located. The man was later contacted by phone. He would not disclose his location but said he was not going to harm himself. A criminal complaint was issued for domestic battery for the suspect.

**Feb. 28** — A vehicle was stopped westbound on 45th North waiting to turn south on Westlake when it was struck from behind by a second vehicle. The driver of the second vehicle said she was watching the passing vehicle and when she realized the first vehicle was stopped, she could not get stopped in time. The second driver received a citation. Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

**Feb. 28** — Lt. Foxx witnessed a black 2003 Buick Regal fail to maintain a single lane while driving on Rock Road. When stopped, the driver stated she spilled her drink and was trying to catch it, which caused her to swerve. The driver displayed a Kansas driver's license that was suspended. The driver was issued a warning citation for failing to maintain.

**Feb. 28** — Chief Atteberry stopped a vehicle for an expired tag in the 4500 block of East 45th North. During the traffic stop, it was confirmed that the driver had a bench warrant through the City of Mulvane. Officer Roney took the woman into custody for the bench warrant and transported her to the Mulvane Police Department for processing.

**Feb. 28** — Officer Trumbull and a Sedgwick County deputy were dispatched to a call of a person making suicidal statements in the 5900 block of East Kenawee. The man made comments to his brother. The man denied making the statements. The man's mother advised the man was an alcoholic and had medical issues related to his alcoholism. The man involuntarily went to St. Joseph Hospital to be evaluated.

**Feb. 28** — Officers Davis and Steele responded to a non-injury accident at 45th North and Westlake. One vehicle pulled out from the stop sign into the path of a second vehicle. The driver of the car that pulled out into the path of the other vehicle was issued a citation for inattentive driving.

**March 1** — A Bel Aire resident reported finding what appeared to be a bullet hole in the siding of the front porch of her residence in the 5100 block of North Hampton. Based on the investigation, the round was fired from a great distance away and was not directed at a specific residence.

**March 1** — During Bel Aire Municipal Court, a defendant was found to be in violation of his probation agreement after testing positive for drugs during a urine test issued by the court probation officer. The judge ordered the defendant be taken into custody to serve a five-day court commit. The man was transported to the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility and booked on the court commit. The suspect's name was not available.

**March 2** — Officer Trumbull stopped a black Chevrolet Impala for speeding in the 5000 block of North Greenwich. The man was cited for speeding and driving with a suspended license and he was arrested and booked into the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility for a warrant. The suspect's name was not available.

**March 3** — A woman came to the Bel Aire Police Station to report a domestic battery, which occurred between herself and her son. The son lives at his mother's home. She reported being pushed twice by her son. The woman advised she was going to get a protection-from-abuse order from the district court.

**March 3** — Officer Gibson met with a subject who was having issues with his child visitation because of his excessive alcohol consumption. While speaking with the man in the 5900 block of East Kenawee, a Sedgwick County Sedgwick sheriff deputy arrived on the scene and served the man with a protection-from-abuse order. The man collected his belongings from the house and was given a ride to the Home Depot at K-96 and Woodlawn.

**March 3** — While at a residence serving a protection-from-abuse order in the 5900 block of East Kenawee, a relative located illicit drugs in a common living area in the basement of the residence. The drugs were collected by Officer Trumbull and submitted.

**March 3** — Officer Trumbull observed a female walking south in the 3800 block of North Oliver. The girl said she was getting picked up at Quick Trip by her dad. She said she was leaving a friend's house. A records check confirmed the girl as a runaway from the Wichita Children's Home. After being informed she was listed as a runaway, the girl attempted to flee. The girl resisted being taken into custody but was later transported to the Wichita Children's Home.

**March 3** — Officer Trumbull stopped a green Mitsubishi 3000 GT for an expired tag in the 3800 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for expired tag, driving with a suspended license and no proof of insurance.

**March 3** — Officer Steele took a report of the theft of a notebook computer in the 6700 block of East 45th North. The reporting party said she got a text

message from the father of her child that showed the computer. Officer contacted the suspect, who claimed to have found the computer in the closet of his residence. The man turned over the computer. Officer also arrested the man on a warrant from the City of Wichita. The suspect's name was not available.

**March 3** — Officer Steele responded to a call of a domestic violence involving child custody in the 6600 block of East 44th Court North. Officer found the issue involved child visitation for his daughter.

**March 4** — Officers Trumbull and Gibson were dispatched to a domestic violence disturbance in the 4800 block of North Hedge-row. A woman reported she had just had a knee surgery and her husband was not helping her adequately and was being a jerk.

**March 4** — Officers were dispatched to assist EMS with a man having difficulty breathing in the 4400 block of North Eagle Lake. The man was transported to Wesley Medical Center for treatment and evaluation.

**March 4** — Officer Forman stopped a Jeep Cherokee for a vehicle defect in the 5500 block of East 45th North. The driver said she did not have a driver's license in her possession. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license and no license in possession and was warned for the vehicle defect.

**March 4** — Officers responded to the call of a domestic disturbance in the 4500 block of North Rushwood Court, where a man wanted his son out of the house because of a disagreement over money.

**March 4** — Officers were dispatched to assist the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office with a physical disturbance at a group home in the 11000 block of North 63rd East.

**March 5** — Officers Gibson and Roney responded to assist a Wichita police officer and a sheriff's deputy conduct a traffic stop on a suicidal subject in the 2800 block of East K-96. The subject was believed to have been in possession of a firearm and it was reported that he had just discharged the weapon several times before leaving the residence. After being stopped, the man did not comply with orders from the deputy. The man stepped out of the vehicle and began demanding to be shot. Officers used verbal commands to get compliance from the man and were able to take him into custody. The suspect's name was not available.

**March 6** — A man went to the Bel Aire Police Station to report a fraud case on his credit card. The man said someone bought two blenders from a website and had the items shipped to a location in Bel Aire. Investigation is ongoing.

**March 6** — A woman called into the Bel Aire Police Station to report her son had attempted to contact her three times via phone at her work and two times via text message on her personal cellphone. The attempted contact was in violation of a protection-from-abuse order through district court. Chief Atteberry contacted the man by phone. The man admitted to attempting to contact his mother even though he knew he was not supposed to according to the protection order.

**March 6** — An unknown individual turned in items that were found somewhere in Bel Aire. The items were an unusual metal wallet, five \$1 bills and a grocery list on yellow sticky note paper. There was no one to contact. No phone numbers were found with the items. The items were submitted as found property.

**March 7** — Officer T. Davis was dispatched to domestic violence call at Enterprise Rental Car. A woman called advising that her son came to her work looking for her. The woman had an active protection-from-abuse order against her son. The man was located at the woman's residence and arrested for violating the order. The man was arrested on charges of violation of a protection order and domestic violence battery. The suspect's name was not available.

**March 7** — Two 16-year-old males became involved in a verbal dispute, during which one of the males pushed the other in the 5500 block of North Lycee. After separating the two, the suspect began screaming and yelling, kicking the walls and doors, causing the witnesses in the area to be in fear.

**March 7** — Officers Trumbull and Roney responded to the call of suspicious drug activity in the 5900 block of East Danbury. The officers checked the residence and the area around it and found nothing unusual. Trumbull drove by the residence and noticed a gray Chrysler 300 had pulled into the driveway. The officers went to the residence and could smell the odor of burnt marijuana. No marijuana was located. However, a female passenger from the car was taken into custody on a Wichita warrant. The suspect's name was not available.

**March 7** — Officer Webb stopped a blue Mercury Cougar for an expired tag in the 6200 block of East 37th North. The driver was cited for expired registration, no insurance and driving with a suspended license.

**March 8** — Officer Trumbull stopped a maroon Chevrolet Trailblazer for defective equipment I the 6300 block of East 45th North. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license, no license in possession and no insurance and was given a warning for the vehicle defect.

**March 9** — Officer Webb

stopped a black Ford F-150 for traveling left of the centerline in the 5600 block of North Lycee. The driver was cited for driving left of center and driving with a suspended license.

**March 9** — A man reported that a plastic paver struck his vehicle while westbound in the 5900 block of East 37th North. The man needed a report for insurance purposes.

**March 10** — Officer Webb stopped a white Ford Focus for speeding and tailgating in the 5300 block of East 4th North. A passenger was arrested on Sedgwick County and City of Salina warrants. The driver was cited for tailgating and driving with a suspended license.

**March 10** — Officer Webb was dispatched to assist a Kechi officer with a traffic stop in the 4700 block of North Woodlawn. The Kechi officer stopped a vehicle for defective equipment. The driver's license was suspended and the driver had two arrest warrants. The Kechi officer placed the man, Aaron Michael Petit of Wichita, under arrest and while searching him, he located a clear plastic baggie containing a substance consistent with methamphetamine. The man stated to the officer that the substance in the bag was meth. The Kechi officer and Webb searched the vehicle and located an additional plastic baggie containing meth along with several used and unused injection needles. The Kechi officer booked the man into jail.

**March 10** — Officer T. Davis stopped a black Chevrolet Malibu for speeding in the 5300 block of North Oliver. The driver was cited for speeding, obstructed windshield, no valid driver's license and no insurance.

**March 10** — A woman was contacted by her credit card company in reference to an unusual charge on E-Bay with the product being sent to California. The charge was reversed and she is not out any money.

**March 10** — Officer Forman was dispatched to the Enterprise Rent-A-Car in the 6300 block of East 37th North for a found property case. A vehicle had been returned and a firearm was left inside.

**March 11** — Officer Crouse stopped a silver Dodge Charger for speeding and failing to maintain its lane near the 4800 block of North Woodlawn. While approaching the vehicle, the driver moved to the passenger seat and stated the driver left the vehicle. The driver, Briana D. Botteron of Haysville, was arrested on a charge of DUI.

**March 11** — Officer Webb saw a red Jeep Grand Cherokee traveling west in an area blocked by construction cones in the 5000 block of East 37th North. Officer stopped the vehicle. The driver said she did not have her glasses on and could not see where she was supposed to drive. The woman provided the officer with her identification and said she did not have a driver's license but lived in Wichita. The woman was issued citations for disobeying a traffic-control device designating lane use and driving without a driver's license.

**March 11** — Officer Webb stopped a white Ford Fusion for speeding in the 5700 block of East 45th North. The driver told Webb she had been smoking marijuana at the park earlier and that there was marijuana and a pipe in the car. Drugs and drug paraphernalia were located. The driver, a juvenile, was arrested on charges of possession of drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia and booked into the Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center.

**March 12** — Officer Webb stopped a gray Subaru Legacy for speeding in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn. The driver, Samuel A. Steele of Bel Aire, was arrested on charges of DUI and speeding.

**March 12** — The property manager of the Broadstone Villas apartments in the 5600 block of North Lycee reported evicting a tenant. Upon reported the residence to inventory the belongings that were left, the apartment complex staff located a rifle hidden under a mattress. The serial number was checked and it was found to be stolen under a case from Wichita. The rifle and other contraband were collected and submitted.

**March 12** — Officers received a call of a suspicious character in the 8700 block of East 53rd North. Officers discovered a man's vehicle had a blowout on the front passenger side tire and was in the process of putting on his spare.

**March 12** — Officer Steele responded to a vandalism report in the 4400 block of North Westlake Court. Officer found three mailboxes had been knocked to the ground.

**March 15** — Officer Crouse checked an occupied vehicle in the 4300 block of North Edgemoor. The driver said she just recently had an altercation with her husband. Officer could smell a strong odor of consumed alcohol coming from the woman. During the investigation it was discovered the woman had two warrants through the City of Wichita. The woman was arrested. Also during the investigation it was learned that the woman and her husband had a physical altercation. The woman's husband was also arrested. Both were booked into the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility on a charge of domestic battery. The woman was also booked on the Wichita warrants.

# NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

## Scared woman runs from dog

Police responded to a frightened woman standing on a picnic table trying to stay away from what she described as a vicious dog Feb. 21.

The woman told police that she had been delivering handbills in the 4500 block of North Rushwood when a German shepherd accosted her. Police said the woman was found standing on a table in the park.

Chief Darrell Atteberry transported the woman to her car for her safety because the whereabouts of the dog was uncertain.

Another police officer later found the dog in the 6600 block of East 44th North. The dog was skittish and ran back to its home when officers attempted to apprehend it. The owner of the dog was warned to contain his animal on his property.

— The Breeze staff

## Thief takes kitchen sink

A thief took everything and the kitchen sink.

Bel Aire police took a report from a property management company Feb. 23 regarding a theft from a vacant residence in the 3900 block of North Oliver. The man said that about two weeks to a month earlier, he was at the property and saw that the rear door had been kicked in. He did not call police. The man said he fixed and secured the door and noted several things missing, including a hot water tank, furnace, AC unit, stove, refrigerator and sink. The man was unsure when the theft occurred.

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## Police catch fleeing cyclist

A fleeing motorcyclist jumped a retaining wall only to find police waiting for him on the other side. Now, police believe they have arrested a serial runner.

On Feb. 23, Bel Aire Police Chief Darrell Atteberry attempted to stop a motorcycle for speeding in the 5000 block of North Rock Road. The rider refused to stop, instead fleeing on the motorcycle. It didn't get too far. The motorcycle had a mechanical malfunction and the suspect got off and ran to the east and then jumped over a retaining wall behind a shopping center in the 7700 block of East 37th. The suspect was greeted by a Wichita police officer, who detained the suspect for Bel Aire police.

Police discovered that the motorcycle was stolen. The man was arrested on charges of felony flee and elude, possession of a stolen motorcycle and a multi-

tude of traffic charges. The suspect had been involved in numerous pursuits in the previous few weeks, police said.

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