

# The Bel Aire Breeze

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## Mayor touts city's accomplishments

By Taylor Messick

On Jan. 3, Bel Aire Mayor David Austin took a half hour before the usual city council meeting to give a "State of the City" address to the residents of Bel Aire. Austin praised the staff, council and community members for the city's accomplishments over the

last year and gave a few things to look forward to in the future.

One thing Austin was excited about was the city's new ways of communicating with residents. He feels that the city's new mobile app will be a great way of keeping the community informed — along with Bel Aire's internet presence. He encouraged resi-

dents to try the app and follow the city's official Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or Nextdoor pages.

"If we are not able to reach our current or future citizens through mobile search or display — or because we don't provide a satisfactory experience — we will miss out because others will," said Austin.

Austin also boasted the city's "strong" budget, which once again included a zero mill levy increase. He said land sales and debt payments were clear reasons for optimism heading into 2017.

"Getting out of debt while maintaining and providing city services and planning for the future remained an interesting bal-

ancing act," he said. "The good news is we've had over \$1.5 million in land sales to date. This has led to two additional payments totaling \$1.1 million that went directly to our debt principles. Over the past three years the city has made \$3,720,000 in principle

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## Local men witness political history

Brewster, Dennett have high hopes for Trump presidency



Courtesy photos

Weston Brewster (left) and Andrew Dennett show their support for President Donald Trump before his inauguration Jan. 20.

By Chris Strunk

They weren't exactly front-row seats. In fact, they weren't even seats at all.

Still, two local men had a decent view as history unfolded last month, even if they were standing to watch it.

Andrew Dennett, 18, of Valley Center and Weston Brewster, 22, of Bel Aire were among the hundreds of thousands of spectators at President Donald Trump's inauguration Jan. 20. (Of course, in this season of fake news and alternative facts, the exact number of spectators is being debated.)

They stood to the right of the stage several yards back.

They could barely see the president as he made his speech, but they could hear

him, and they liked what he said.

"I loved his speech," Dennett said.

Dennett, a senior at Sunrise Christian Academy, and Brewster, a senior majoring in finance at Wichita State University, were accompanied by Brewster's parents and two of his aunts. One of his aunts lives in the Washington, D.C., area, while the other works in Congressman Mike Pompeo's Wichita office.

The trip was a whirlwind.

"It was crazy, but it was really awesome," Brewster said.

The group flew out of Wichita Jan. 18. They toured Arlington Cemetery and some monuments, went to the inauguration and then witnessed the Women's March.

"It hasn't really all sunk in," Dennett said. "It was a



Brewster and Dennett could see part of the stage where they were standing.

cool trip."

Dennett and Brewster said they supported Trump's presidential bid and they are encouraged by Trump's promises.

"He's not a politician," Dennett said. "... We've had a system of politics for so long that's not benefitting us like it should be. He says

things not to get elected, but because he wants it."

Dennett said he was impressed by Vice President Mike Pence.

"A lot of it was Pence, honestly," Dennett said. "It's his openness about religion. He's pro-life, and

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## City unveils new app

A communication tool

By Taylor Messick

The City of Bel Aire has launched a new mobile app that it hopes will keep residents informed and allow them to communicate with the city easier.

The city previously had a mobile app but it didn't function the way the city would've liked. Community development specialist Tristin Terhune said when looking for the right company to launch the city's new website, the availability of a mobile app was of importance. Civic Plus built Bel Aire's new website and offers a mobile app that is easily compatible with the functions of the website.

"We want to be able to get our information out in any way possible to the residents," said Terhune. "Some may prefer the website, which is mobile friendly, and some may prefer the app to pay bills, find staff information or relay a concern. Another nice thing is if they have the app and we ever have an emergency, we can send out notifications easily and quickly and they don't have to subscribe to anything to get them."

The city has been making sure the app



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## Bel Aire partners with TV station

By Taylor Messick

On Jan. 17 the Bel Aire City Council welcomed Victor Hogstrom, the new president and CEO of KPTS.

KPTS Channel 8 is a locally owned public media television station that is affiliated with PBS. The channel shows some of PBS' programs as well as some local programming.

Hogstrom left a commercial station in Tennessee to accept the position in Kansas public broadcasting about three months ago. He is a graduate of Brigham Young University in Utah and has worked as the president of six different television stations.

"I've always had an eye on KPTS," said Hogstrom. "For a station that's 47 years old, I told the board when I was being interviewed that I felt it was still playing in the sandbox. It had not reached out to the communities that it should be serving. It has not done what it should be doing and that's what we want to achieve."

KPTS' budget has dropped by more than \$1 million in recent years and laid off nine

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# PEOPLE HIGHLIGHTS

Kechi United Methodist Church will have its annual chili cookoff at noon Feb. 19 in the church's Fellowship Hall. Submit a pot of your favorite chili or soup or just come for good food and fellowship. Prizes will be awarded for the best chili and soup and the most unique chili and soup.

Local students were among the 1,471 named by Fort Hays State University to the Deans Honor Roll for the fall 2016 semester. To be eligible, undergraduate students must have enrolled in 12 credit hours.

Students from Bel Aire include: Alicia Marie Perry, a senior majoring in art (studio); Keagan Ray Davis, a junior ma-

joring in social work. Students from Park City include: Michelle Ann Rothchild, a senior majoring in social work. Students from Valley Center include: Cheryl Conrady, a freshman; Claudia Lauren Giffin, a junior majoring in psychology; Jared David Gullede, a sophomore majoring in psychology; Desiree Lauren Hoetmer, a senior majoring in psychology; Chelsea Faith Jackson, a junior majoring in health and human performance (health promotion).

Taylor Lee, of Wichita, has been named an Emporia State University Ambassador for 2017.

A service organization, ESU Ambassadors has a long history of service

to the university and strives for excellence in everything from campus tours to E-Zone to Senior Week. Ambassadors promote service, spirit and success and with leaders from a wide variety of campus and community organizations, the ESU Ambassadors are setting the stage for years of future success.

Lee is a freshman majoring in sociology.

Jordan Plank, of Wichita, was one of 36 student-athletes from all 15 of Emporia State University's intercollegiate sports named as a 2016-17 Earl W. Sauder Athletic Scholar. Those student-athletes were honored Nov. 28 during the annual luncheon at the

Sauder Alumni Center. Plank, a senior majoring in elementary education, competes in baseball for ESU.

Cynthia Webster, of Wichita, has been named to the President's list with a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the fall 2016 semester at Graceland University in Lamoni, Iowa.

Thomas Warner, a Wichita native, was named to the fall 2016 semester Dean's list at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn.

Eligibility for the Dean's list is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours, a grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

Cassidy Morlan, of Kechi, was named to the President's Honor Roll at Kansas Wesleyan University for the 2016 fall semester. Full-time students with a semester grade point average of at least 3.75 and no incompletes are listed on the President's Honor Roll at the end of each semester.

The following area students were named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall 2016 semester at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina: Taylor Johnson of Park City, and Christopher Stadler and Mary-Katherine Swanson, both of Wichita.

Full-time students with a semester grade point average between 3.25 and 3.74 with no incompletes are listed on the Dean's

Honor Roll at the end of each semester.

Newman University officials announced the students on the Dean's List for the fall semester of 2016. To qualify for this achievement, a student must complete 12 credit hours and have attained a grade point average of 3.5 or better. Several students from the area are on the list.

From Bel Aire are Manisethika Sotha, Miquel Swann and Christine Wolf.

From Kechi is Christina Scherer.

From Park City are Krista Howard and Savannah Outley.

From Valley Center are Jace Allen, Joanne Fluker, Korrie Raney and Julianna Soto.

# CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Services are at 9 a.m. for contemporary, 10:15 for Sunday school and 11 for traditional. Communion is offered at all services.

For more information about the church and its activities find the church 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 Church**  
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.

**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](mailto: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 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.lpcag.org](http://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 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.

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 resumes Jan. 8 with An Exploration of the Song of Songs.

Men's Bible Study Group will meet at 7 p.m.

Women's Bible Study Group will meet at 10 a.m. Jan. 13 and 27. Topic is Thirty Steps to Heaven.

Wednesday service is at 6 p.m.

Saturday Vespers are at 4:30 p.m.

Upcoming Holy Days are: Jan. 6, The Epiphany; Jan. 17, Saint Antony; Jan. 21, Saint Agnes; and Jan. 25, Conversion of Saint Paul.

In January, fasting on all Wednesdays with fasting and abstinence on all Fridays.

For more information, call 734-6248, go online at [www.saintmichaelsorthodoxchurch.com](http://www.saintmichaelsorthodoxchurch.com) or email inquiries to [jlflora@cox.net](mailto:jlflora@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.gods-closet.com](http://www.gods-closet.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.

# TV

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employees. The station is in need of a studio upgrade or replacement. Hogstrom has big plans to turn things around at the station, but says he needs the help of the communities he plans to serve.

The education outreach program was recently scrapped by KPTS, but Hogstrom feels that supporting education inside and outside the classroom is an important role for the station and wants to bring the program back. He also wants to bring back Kansas Week, which was originally a KPTS program but was taken over and recently shut down by KAKE. He already has plans for three more new local shows, as

well.

One on One will be a program that explores Kansas communities and the people who make them work. Positively Kansas will send crews around the state to profile and learn about special individuals in the state. Another show will feature pieces by 51-year KAKE news veteran Larry Hatteberg. Hogstrom says the team already has plans for two documentaries in Wichita and Kingman.

KPTS relies on communities for funding. That is the reason Hogstrom will be travelling around the state and meeting with cities to try to form

relationships like he has in Bel Aire.

The Bel Aire council unanimously approved a donation of \$1,250 per year to establish a relationship with KPTS; the council also hopes to donate more later when the budget has been solidified. Hogstrom said the station will heavily market and cover cities that donate and establish support for KPTS. The council agreed that the station could help provide

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a beneficial image of Bel Aire and spread the word about their city.

"We are watched by over 350,000 homes in the viewing area," said Hogstrom. "Think of the fact that you'll have the name Bel Aire in the minds of people and what that

will mean; when a business decision-maker decides to move their business or when people decide they

want to move. I love it here. It's a nice place. If you scratch our back, we'll scratch yours."

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# City of Bel Aire



## Bel Aire Recreation

### BOYS BASKETBALL

For ages 5 through 11. Games begin Jan. 7. Registration deadline has passed but some openings are still available.

### YOUNG REMBRANDTS

Provides children with comprehensive art literacy that will serve them well, not just at the drawing table but in school and into adulthood. Young Rembrandts is held from 5 to 6 p.m. every Monday. Register online at [www.youngrembrandts.com](http://www.youngrembrandts.com).

### WICHITA HEIGHTS BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

For boys ages 11 through 14 and girls ages 11 through 15. Registration deadline is Feb. 18. Restrictions apply; please call for more information.

### COED INDOOR SOCCER

For boys and girls ages 4 through 11. Games will be played Saturdays beginning March 4. Practices will be set up by coaches weeknights beginning the week of Feb. 20. Registration deadline is Feb. 11.

### 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 are 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 and Friday afternoon classes are held in the Community Room at City Hall.

### FITNESS CENTER

For ages 16 and up. Consists of elliptical cross trainers, treadmills, recumbent bike, multistation weight machine and free weights. There is no charge for pass holders. The center is available 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 is 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** — M-F, 8-9 a.m. at the Rec Center (indoors & climate controlled).
- 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
- Scrapbook Class** — Tuesdays, 1 p.m., Community Room
- 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

- Feb. 1st, 10 a.m.** — Volunteer library work time
- Feb. 2nd, 10:30 a.m.** — Hearing Wellness Clinic with Renee Vermillion at the Senior Center. To RSVP call 744-2700
- Feb. 2nd, 1 p.m.** — Game Day at the Rec Center
- Feb. 3rd, 6 p.m.** — Pitch at the Senior Center
- Feb. 6th, 6:30 p.m.** — Potluck Dinner and Program w/Father Hotze — Community Room
- Feb. 7th, 8:30 a.m.** — Breakfast Out
- Feb. 8th, 9:30 a.m.** — Quilting Bee at the Senior Center
- Feb. 8th, 10 a.m.** — Open Sewing at the Rec Center
- Feb. 11th, 9:15 a.m.** — Barn Quilt Workshop; call for information and registration.
- Feb. 13th, 11:30 a.m.** — Lunch Out
- Feb. 15th, 10 a.m.** — Men's Coffee at Braums
- Feb. 15th, 10:15 a.m.** — Senior Aerobics Brunch
- Feb. 15th, 1:30 p.m.** — Book Club Meeting at the Senior Center
- Feb. 15th, 2 p.m.** — Women's Coffee at Braums
- Feb. 17th, 6 p.m.** — Pitch at the Senior Center
- Feb. 20th, 6 p.m.** — Covered Dish Dinner and Program
- Feb. 21st, 6 p.m.** — Ladies Dine Out,
- Feb. 22nd, 9:30 a.m.** — Quilting Bee at the Senior Center
- Feb. 23rd, 2 p.m.** — Genealogy & Family History group

### Have unwanted advertising circulars?

Many of you have expressed concerns about the advertising circulars The Wichita Eagle throws in your yard each week. It has been determined that they have a legal right to do this as a matter of free speech, so the City is not able to prohibit them. However, you have a right to contact them and ask that your address be removed. You can do this by calling 1-800-200-8906. If you see these circulars piling up in front of vacant homes, you can also call in those addresses as well.

### CONNECT WITH US!



## Community Events

- Feb. 1** — Bel Aire Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting, Noon
- Feb. 1** — Municipal Court, 7pm
- Feb. 7** — City Council Meeting, 7pm
- Feb. 16** — Planning Commission, 6pm
- Feb. 20** — Community Development Advisory Committee, 7pm
- Feb. 21** — City Council Meeting, 7pm
- Feb. 27** — Tree Board
- Feb. 28** — Utility Advisory Committee, 4pm

### Looking to Volunteer?

TREE BOARD IS NEEDING MORE MEMBERS!

The Tree Board promotes the planting, growing and maintenance of trees by providing assistance to our citizens. Bel Aire is celebrating 20 consecutive years as Tree City USA community thanks to the Tree Board's continued efforts.



For more information on the Tree Board, visit <http://belaireks.gov/164/Tree-Board> Please email Mayor Austin at [daustin@belaireks.gov](mailto:daustin@belaireks.gov) if interested in this opportunity.

### New City of Bel Aire Mobile App Available!

Our new mobile app is available in both the App Store and Google Play. Download the app today to experience all the features of our website in one convenient place.

Once the app is downloaded, you have the option to sign up to receive notifications. Follow the steps or if you wish to continue without signing up, simply select "Do not show this again" and click cancel. Enjoy!



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**Sunday, Feb. 12** – 10:00 am - 5:00 pm



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**Mayor's corner**

By David Austin

Jan. 3 marked the first meeting of your city council in 2017 and it was also the day I was honored to deliver the annual state-of-the-city address. Before closing out 2016, I shared a quote that I'll share again: "An optimist stays up to watch the new year come in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old one leaves."

I am happy to report this grandpa was able to stay awake to watch the New Year come in. And the theme of optimism ran throughout the address. As I pen this column, President Trump has just been sworn in and we are witnessing a major time of transition at the federal level.

I have been thinking a lot about the word transition. This is a good time for all of us to think about our own transition. Forget politics, I am talking about preparing for the next 11 months, and a fresh start, at work and in our personal life.

Set in motion last year were many things such as development, housing starts, improved communications, especially online and through popular social media avenues. Optimism.

In 2016, we were able to make two additional land debt payments totaling \$1.1 million going directly toward our debt principal. This is above and beyond the payments already budgeted and worthy of a celebration. Over the past three years, the city has made \$3.72 million in principal prepayments on our land debt.

And I fully believe we can continue this trend in 2017. We will be a bit more aggressive in marketing our land and reasons to live in Bel Aire. In the next couple of months, we will reveal plans for a new park designed by citizen input. We will share results from community-wide surveys completed this fall.

**More to celebrate** — Earlier this month, I was notified by the League of Kansas Municipalities that for the second time in as many years, a student at a Bel Aire school has won the prestigious "If I Were Mayor" contest. And I am proud to announce Rhianna Schmidt, a seventh-grader from Sunrise Christian Academy, has won from our region, which includes public and private schools throughout the region.

At the Jan. 17 council meeting, we heard from Greg Wickham, president of Wickham Glass, and learned of their plans to grow and add 19 new employees. Wickham Glass was the first manufacturing plant to really stake a claim in Bel Aire and we congratulate them, too.

**Resolution** — A few years ago, Starbucks, hoping to increase sales, introduced VIA Ready Brew, an instant coffee. During the unveiling ceremony, then CEO Howard Schultz asked his team to "think big and then think bigger." Ken Blanchard, the author of "One Minute Manager," said, "If you want to go places you have never been before, you have to think in ways you have never thought before."

I want us to significantly decrease our debt and attract commercial and retail opportunities to Bel Aire. This will be my thinking bigger and my New Year's resolution for all of you.

I hope you all have a prosperous, joyful and blessed 2017.

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"If I Were Mayor" contest winner, Rhianna Schmidt, in front of Bel Aire City Hall on Jan. 24.

# IF I WERE MAYOR

Sunrise seventh-grader's winning essay focuses on issues in her community

By Taylor Messick

Rhianna Schmidt, a seventh-grader at Sunrise Christian Academy in Bel Aire, was recently named this year's regional winner of The League of Kansas Municipalities' "If I Were Mayor" competition.

Each year, The League of Kansas Municipalities chooses a winning essay from six regions of Kansas. Students are told to outline what they would do as mayor to improve their communities. The program aims to encourage

civic education and engagement while also satisfying Kansas Board of Education requirements.

For the second straight year, south-central Kansas' winner comes from Jill Kelly's English class at Sunrise Academy. Taylor Hoffman won the competition last year and 13-year-old Schmidt brought the title back to the school again this year.

Students were asked to emphasize three points of focus in their essays. Schmidt focused on cutting

down the consumption of green space, combating vandalism and involvement in neighborhood issues. She said she got these ideas by paying attention to things going on in her home community of Valley Center.

"I've seen a lot of vandalism and graffiti on the neighborhood playground in my city," said Schmidt. "My mom is on the chamber of commerce and they've been talking a lot about green space lately because of Lions Park — that's where I got

that idea. One neighborhood issue we've dealt with recently with the post office involved mail carriers being chased by a dog. They wanted everyone to put mailboxes by the curb and it angered people; the dog that caused the issue wasn't on our street and it upset our neighbors. We felt it could have been dealt with differently."

On Jan. 25, Schmidt and her classmates got to visit the capital building in Topeka for a ceremony. She received a plaque and a

check for \$125 along with the winners from the five other regions. Schmidt said she has enjoyed the experience but isn't sure if she's interested in being active in local government when she gets older.

"It was really exciting to win," she said. "There were over 1,000 entries in our region; but I don't know if (government) is my calling. I like art and I really like books; those are my main interests and I hope to continue spending a lot of time with them."

## Trump

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limited government is always good."

Brewster said Trump's campaign theme to help America "win" again resonated with him.

"Where has that thought been?" he said.

Brewster said he hopes Trump can breathe life into the nation's economy, secure its borders and increase national security.

Dennett said Trump has the business sense to help the economy.

Brewster and Dennett hope Trump has a successful presidency.



Andrew Dennett and Weston Brewster are joined by Brewster's parents — Kelly and Jackie Brewster — and his aunts — Phyllis Oster and Abby Relihan.

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## City

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pre-payments on our land debt. Any time you can make pre-payments and get out of debt faster, that's what you should do."

Austin said last year the city added 61 new housing units worth more than \$13 million. There were also three new commercial businesses with more than \$16 million of construction value. He detailed a list of housing and business properties that have been completed and a number of other projects that will be completed this year, including the beginning of the second phase of Sunflower Commerce Park.

"It's no secret that we are saddled with land debt," he said. "In fact we still owe nearly \$16 million on 1,300 acres; we continue to chip away at this more and more every passing year. Sixty percent of our budget — approximately \$3.5 million each year — goes directly for land-related debt payment, special assessments, etc. That leaves just 40 percent to cover operating costs to run the city; yet we continue to operate all our city departments in an effective and efficient manner."

Austin said that not only does the city operate with a fraction of its budget, it also operates effectively with a staff about half the size of what "most cities the size of Bel Aire" have.

He praised the staff for their hard work and also thanked community development committees for their successful community events this year and in the future.

Streets were another topic of the address and Austin expressed optimism over the start of the 37th Street reconstruction project in 2016. He said completion of the project will satisfy residents and make travel easier. He said two-way traffic will re-open back in April and the project will be completed in the fall. He was also excited to announce Bel Aire's inclusion in a WAMPO project to rebuild Woodlawn between 37th Street and 45th Street that will begin in 2020.

Austin was also proud of the city's initiative to survey every Bel Aire resident to try to pinpoint exactly what people want to see their city government do in the future.

"I set a goal of engaging more of our citizens," he said. "We want to know your desires, thoughts and ideas on how our city should look. We have a golden opportunity with over 1,000 acres, a dedicated commerce park, designated residential and feel ripe for the addition of retail and entertainment. The government will receive the results within the next month and this is going to be my laser focus in 2017."

In other business Jan. 3, the council:

- Approved the issuance of taxable IRBs for Empire Wall Systems by a unanimous vote.
  - Established a public hearing at the Feb. 7 city council meeting at 7:00 to receive public input on IRBs for Wickham Glass by a unanimous vote.
  - Accepted an agreement concerning the development of Broadstone Villas 2nd Addition by a unanimous vote.
  - Approved an ordinance allowing special use on certain property zoned R-4 by a unanimous vote.
  - Accepted an Engineering Services Agreement with MKEC for public infrastructure design of Phase 3 of the Courtyards at Elk Creek by a unanimous vote.
  - Approved a bid from Nowak Construction for \$367,803.70 for sanitary sewer and water main improvements in Phase 1 of Rock Spring 2nd and the 53rd Street water main extension by a unanimous vote.
- Council member Peggy O'Donnell was absent. There was no executive session.

## App

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runs smoothly since about mid-December. Now that they are comfortable that there are no problems with

functionality, they will begin to promote the tool to residents.

The app makes the functions of the website quicker and more accessible for residents. Other functions, such as access to staff direc-

tories, community calendars and contacts for the city about issues or concerns, are also easier to navigate. The city wants to use the tool to increase communications between the city, residents and businesses; in

order to do this, they are encouraging residents to use the community calendar by notifying the city of events to help fill it up.

"Residents want to know what's going on," said Terhune. "Our main goal is

to get that information out to them before they have to go searching for it. They can also let us know about things they think need to be done — and the more we hear from them, the more we can do for them."

# BEL AIRE POLICE REPORTS

**Jan. 13** — Officer Webb stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 6000 block of North Oliver. Webb could smell the odor of a consumed alcoholic beverage coming from the driver. The driver, Eric Wayne Toms of Kechi, was arrested on charges of DUI and speeding and a Wichita warrant.

**Jan. 12** — Officers responded to a domestic violence call in the 5600 block of North Lycee. Officers made contact with a male and a female. Both subjects had been involved in a domestic violence call on Jan. 10. The female was arrested for that incident and booked into jail. The female was in violation of the mandated 72-hour no-contact order. The female was allowed to leave with a relative who was on-scene. The male also moved much of his property from the residence.

**Jan. 12** — Officers Trumbull and Forman served a woman with a complaint for writing checks on a closed account.

**Jan. 10** — Officers Trumbull and Forman received a check the welfare call in the 5600 block of North Lycee. They made contact with a male individual and a female at the apartment. The male said he and the female were involved in a verbal altercation. He said he was inside his locked room when the female became upset and began banging on the door with her fists and subsequently kicked the door open. The female wanted property from him and attacked him causing numerous scratches on his arms and back. The female was arrested on a charge of domestic battery. The suspect's name was not available.

**Jan. 9** — Officer Steele responded to a call regarding a lost license plate in the 4900 block of East Willow Point Court.

**Jan. 9** — Officer Steele responded to the main lobby of the city building regarding someone needing to make a report. The man reported that someone had "slashed" the tires of his vehicle sometime during the night.

**Jan. 9** — Officer Roney responded to a non-injury accident at Woodlawn and Woodlawn Court. One driver said he was stopped on 39th waiting to turn onto Woodlawn. He pulled out into traffic and struck another vehicle. The first driver was cited for inattentive driving and driving without a valid driver's license.

**Jan. 9** — Officer Steele responded to a call of found handgun in a rental vehicle in the 6300 block of East 37th. The manager of Enterprise Rent-A-Car reported that one of their service employees discovered a handgun in a returned rental vehicle. Steele identified the person who had rented the vehicle and conducted research to ensure the person could legally possess the handgun and to make certain it could be released to the person. Steele contacted the person who advised she had forgotten the weapon in the car. She had taken a trip to another state to retrieve the weapon because she had forgotten it there on a previous trip. The weapon was released to its owner. She was admonished to keep better track of the weapon.

**Jan. 9** — Officer Steele responded to a telephone call at the office regarding a stolen license plate in the 5100 block of North St. James. The owner, who has moved to another state, reported that someone had switched license plates on his car and now he is receiving warrant notices for parking violations in Wichita.

**Jan. 8** — Officers Webb, Crouse and Davis assisted the Park City police with a vehicle pursuit. As Bel Aire units caught up to the pursuit the driver of the fleeing vehicle crashed through a fence on I-135 just south of the K-254/K-96 junction. The vehicle being pursued by Park City quickly became fully engulfed in flames and the driver fled on foot. Officers assisted with clearing the vehicle and taking the driver into custody. The suspect's name was not available.

**Jan. 8** — Officer Webb stopped a white 1995 Toyota Corolla with an expired decal in the 5300 block of North Oliver. Officer noticed the smell of burnt marijuana coming from the vehicle. The driver, Jeffrey Mason Martinez of Valley Center, was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia and cited for expired tag and no insurance.

**Jan. 7** — Officer Gibson was dispatched to Wichita Hoops for a car that had been vandalized in the 5200 block of North Toler. A woman said she parked her GMC Acadia in the parking lot early in the morning and went inside to watch her daughter play volleyball. When she left late in the afternoon, she noticed that her passenger side had been keyed.

**Jan. 7** — Officer Forman stopped a white Ford Mustang in the 4600 block of North Rock Road for an expired registration. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license, expired registration and no insurance.

**Jan. 6** — Officer Gibson was driving west on 53rd from Rock Road when he noticed something hanging from a branch on the south side of the road. When he checked he found a gold colored Del Mono purse. The purse was empty and had no information as to who the owner is. It was submitted to evidence.

**Jan. 6** — Officer Forman took a report of a lost ring in the 4900 block of North Woodlawn. A woman said she was wearing her ring when she attended church on Dec. 24. The woman said she lost the ring somewhere between the foyer and the midpoint of the church when she removed the glove from her hand.

**Jan. 6** — Officer Gibson was dispatched to an unknown accident at 53rd and Rock. He located a vehicle in the 5000 block of North Rock Road that had three of the four tires flat and on the rims. The road was scarred from the rims scraping the pavement. The driver of the van said he was driving north on Rock Road when he was rear-ended out of nowhere by a white Dodge truck. The truck pulled over briefly and then fled the scene. Upon further investigation, it appears that there was a road-rage incident between the drivers. Neither has been forthcoming with truthful information.

**Jan. 5** — Officer Webb was on routine patrol and was running radar in the 6000 block of East 53rd when he observed a black GMC Acadia traveling east at 52 mph in a posted 40 mph zone. He stopped the vehicle. The driver was cited for speeding and no license.

**Jan. 5** — A woman said she was parked in the parking lot of Sunrise Christian School waiting for her child when she saw a woman exit her vehicle and go inside the school in the 5500 block of East 45th. The woman forgot to put her vehicle in park and it went into reverse and struck another vehicle.

**Jan. 5** — Officer Forman was dispatched to the 4500 block of North Westlake Drive for the report of a motor vehicle accident. He found a 2011 Nissan Altima and a 2005 Toyota Sequoia. The driver of the Toyota stated he was not paying attention and struck the back of the Nissan. The driver of the Toyota was cited for inattentive driving.

**Jan. 4** — Chief Atteberry was driving on Oliver when he saw a white Chrysler 300 with an expired license from April 2016. The 28-year-old driver was cited for expired license.

**Jan. 4** — Officer Forman took custody of a man who had a Bel Aire warrant who was arrested by the Kansas Highway Patrol. The man, whose name was not available, was booked into the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility.

**Jan. 4** — While working municipal court, Officer Roney observed a man who he knew to have an active warrant through Wichita. He verified the warrant and took the man into custody. The man, whose name was not available, was booked into the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility.

**Jan. 4** — Officer Gibson took a man into custody during court by order of the judge. The man, whose name was not available, was booked into Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility on a warrant.

**Jan. 4** — Officer Forman was dispatched to the 7900 block of East Caribou Place to take a report of a stolen firearm. Forman was advised an unknown person(s) had removed a handgun from his residence. The man said he was unsure of the timeframe of when the firearm was stolen.

**Jan. 3** — Officer Roney responded to assist Kechi police on traffic stop with a vehicle that had a stolen license plate. The Kechi officer determined the license plate on the car was reported stolen. It was reported after the vehicle was sold and the previous owner had allowed the buyer to use the license plate to drive the vehicle home. The license plate was never returned. The driver of the vehicle had a suspended license. A passenger had a valid license to operate the vehicle, but she had an active warrant through Allen County. She was arrested on the warrant and the driver was cited by the Kechi officer. The suspect's name was not available.

**Jan. 3** — Wichita police requested Bel Aire police officers go by an address to check for a runaway in the 5900 block of East Denise. Officers located the runaway and transported her to the Wichita Children's Home.

**Jan. 3** — Officer Roney re-

sponded to a non-injury accident at Woodlawn and Woodlawn Court.

**Jan. 2** — Officer Steele responded to a call of lost property in the 4500 block of North St. James. A man reported losing his wallet.

**Jan. 2** — A woman came to the Bel Aire Police Department to report her son being intimidated on Facebook Messenger by a schoolmate's stepfather. The woman said her son goes to school with the man's daughter. The girl's stepfather has been harassing the boy and threatening to meet him at Heights High School. There is concern for the boy's welfare. The mother was advised to contact Wichita Heights High School and tell them of the situation.

**Jan. 1** — Officer Webb stopped a black Chevrolet Tahoe for failure to maintain a single lane and for a stop sign violation in the 6100 block of North Rock Road. Webb discovered the driver was driving on an age-restricted license and was in violation of those restrictions. The driver said he had been at a friend's house and his parents instructed him to drive home because they decided he could not stay the night. Webb made contact with the youth's father who said he told his son to drive home. He was aware it was in violation of his son's restrictions. The son was issued written warnings for failure to maintain lane, disobey a stop sign and for violation of restrictions. The father was cited for allowing an unauthorized minor to drive.

**Jan. 1** — Officer Crouse stopped a black Dodge Challenger for speeding in the 4700 block of North Oliver. Officer smelled the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the man and he had glazed eyes. The man, Jose Luis Zapata of Wichita, was arrested on a charge of DUI.

**Jan. 1** — Officers Crouse and T. Davis observed a red truck traveling north on Rock Road. Upon checking the status of the license plate they found the tag and vehicle were stolen. Officers stopped the vehicle and took the two occupants into custody without incident. The truck was confirmed stolen out of Woodson County. There were numerous pieces of construction equipment located in the truck. Also located inside were crystal methamphetamine and a glass pipe. Both men, Christopher Lee McElwain of Wichita and Joshua Bryant Blackwell of Wichita, were booked into the Sedgwick County Jail on numerous felony charges. During the investigation it was determined some of the property in the truck was from two burglaries that occurred in Kingman.

**Dec. 31** — Officer Webb observed a white male walking east in the intersection of North Woodlawn and 45th. He attempted to stop and check on the subject and as he turned the vehicle around the man took off running north onto the property of the Catholic Care Center. Webb located the subject hiding behind the wall at the southwest corner of the property and identified him. Webb smelled a strong odor of alcohol coming from the man. The man had difficulty with his balance. The man was placed under arrest for being a pedestrian under the influence of alcohol on the roadway. The suspect's name was not available.

**Dec. 31** — Officer Steele responded to a call of a burglary in the 4400 block of North Edgemoor Court. Officer found no evidence of forced entry or theft.

**Dec. 31** — Officers Trumbull and responded to a possible overdose in the 6800 block of East 44th Court. A woman said that she took about 20 Tylenol pills because she was battling depression. Fire Squad 37 checked the woman until Medic unit 22 arrived. The woman confirmed to Medic 22 that she took those 20 pills earlier because she just wanted to get a good nap. Medic 22 transported the woman code yellow to Wesley Medical Center.

**Dec. 30** — Officer Trumbull stopped a red truck with expired registration in the 5900 block of East 37th. The driver had no driver's license, no insurance on the vehicle, and had taken the tags off his son's vehicle. The man's driver's license was suspended and he had a warrant out of Kingman County. The man was cited for driving with a suspended license, no insurance and no valid registration. He also was arrested on a warrant. The suspect's name was not available.

**Dec. 30** — Officers Trumbull and Gibson were dispatched to a family fight over who was taking the children in the 5300 block of North Rock Spring.

**Dec. 29** — Officer Webb observed a vehicle traveling without its headlights on and then saw the 15-year-old driver fail to signal a left turn in the 4500 block of North Oliver. Webb conducted a traffic stop with the vehicle and made contact with the driver who did not have a driver's license and had gone to the store to get his mother Diet Coke. However, the boy's mother stated she was unaware that boy had left the residence and that he did not have her permission to drive anywhere. Webb transported the boy to his residence and later released him to the custody of his mother.

**Dec. 29** — A man called the Bel Aire Police Station to report receiving a check in the amount of \$72 made out to his home-based business for services provided by his company. The man deposited the check into his account the same day. Several days later, the man received a letter from his bank with a copy of the check in the mail from his bank informing him the check did not clear and he had been charged \$7.50 for the transaction. The man attempted to contact the subject who issued the check and the phone number listed was disconnected. The man gave the name listed on the check as Naomi Johnson, 1648 N. Holyoke, Wichita.

**Dec. 29** — Chief Atteberry received an anonymous email regarding a vandalism to an AT&T phone box in the 4900 block of North Parkhurst. Officer Gibson called AT&T and alerted them to the vandalism to the box. The case number was given to AT&T and AT&T made arrangements to clean the box.

**Dec. 29** — Officer Roney responded to a non-injury accident at 45th and Woodlawn in which a vehicle was partially in water. A black 2015 BMW 328i was submerged halfway into the Catholic Care Center pond. The driver stated that he swerved to miss a small dark colored dog. Arrow Wrecker Co. fished the vehicle out of the pond.

**Dec. 28** — Officers Trumble and Roney responded to a Valley Center officer-in-trouble call at K-254 at mile marker 2. Roney observed a Valley Center officer, a Kechi officer and a Sedgwick County sheriff's deputy conducting a traffic stop with a green Oldsmobile. The driver appeared to be under the influence of alcohol and was later booked into jail by the deputy. The suspect's name was not available.

**Dec. 28** — Officer Trumbull stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 6500 block of East 45th. The driver stated he did not have his driver's license. Trumbull noticed several indicators the man was intoxicated. The man had a child in the car. The man was arrested on charges of DUI, driving with a suspended license, speeding and child endangerment. The suspect's name was not available.

**Dec. 27** — Officer Forman was on routine patrol when he noticed a silver Chevrolet pickup in the 4900 block of East 45th partially blocking the roadway. The driver said he stopped because his vehicle ran out of gas and was waiting for his mother.

**Dec. 26** — Officers Gibson and Roney were dispatched to a report of a suspicious character with a female walking barefoot around the north side of the Catholic Care Center in the 6700 block of East 45th. The woman was reported as being intoxicated or having a mental condition. The female was wearing a light skirt and blouse while walking barefoot. The temperature was in the teens. EMS was called to check the woman for hypothermia. She was transported to St. Joseph Hospital for treatment.

**Dec. 25** — Officer Gibson was dispatched to a vandalism report in the 4200 block of North Mission. The reporting party who advised that the back window of her vehicle was broken and spider-webbed.

**Dec. 24** — Officer Steele took the report of a found license plate in the 4300 block of North Woodlawn.

**Dec. 24** — Officer Steele responded to a call of found property involving a package delivered to the residence in the 4300 block of North Rushwood Court. Steele contacted the calling party who reported she signed for a package but should not have as it did not belong to her. The woman's husband looked at the package and called 911. After collecting the package from the residence of Steele drove the package to its intended destination in Wichita and delivered it to its proper owner.

**Dec. 24** — A woman living at the Catholic Care Center,

6700 block of East 45th, claimed her nurse abused her. During the investigation officers found no physical signs of any abuse or contact.

**Dec. 23** — A woman was traveling west bound in the 5400 block of East 37th and the temporary stop sign for the intersection of 37th and Ridgewood fell down and hit her car on the driver front fender, hood and windshield. A citizen behind her stopped and placed the stop sign back up. The woman was not injured. Arrangements were made to contact the contractor working the 37th street project to ensure the signs were secured properly.

**Dec. 23** — Enterprise car rental called and advised its staff had found a sword in a car that had been returned. Upon arrival, the sword was actually a silver dagger with a devil's head handle. Owner of the dagger is unknown.

**Dec. 23** — Officers B. Gibson and Forman responded to a report of a non-injury accident at the intersection of East 53rd and Rock Road. They found a maroon Jeep Grand Cherokee and a Blue Toyota Tacoma. The Jeep had minor damage to the rear passenger quarter panel and the rear bumper area. The Toyota had minor damage to the front bumper area. Based on statements made by both drivers, the Jeep was traveling north on Rock Road and making a right turn onto 53rd when it was struck from behind by the Toyota. The driver of the Toyota was cited for inattentive driving.

**Dec. 22** — Officer Roney responded to Enterprise Rent-A-Car in the 6300 block of East 37th where the branch manager reported finding a .380 Cal Ruger LCP pistol under the seat of a car that had been returned. Roney contacted the owner of the firearm at his residence in Park City and after ensuring the firearm was not stolen and that the man was legally able to possess the weapon, he released the firearm to the man.

**Dec. 22** — Officer Roney responded to the area of K-96 and Rock Road for an officer-in-trouble call where a Sedgwick County sheriff's deputy was conducting a traffic stop. A passenger bailed from the vehicle and fled from the scene. The vehicle then fled. After receiving a description of the run vehicle, Roney circulated the area and located a car matching the description in the parking lot of the Walmart at 3030 N. Rock Road. The vehicle was parked at an angle as if someone had parked quickly. The driver of the car was later located inside the Walmart.

**Dec. 21** — A man called the Bel Aire Police Department to report that his ex-girlfriend was left alone at his residence in the 7900 block of East Caribou. When he returned, he found there was damage to several walls in the residence. There was also personal property was missing. The man did not want to press charges. He only wanted a phone report in the event that anything else occurred.

**Dec. 20** — Detective S. Davis took a disturbance report regarding a girl not wanting to live with her mom in the 4600 block of North Farmstead Court. She wanted to live with her biological father. The mother agreed to allow her ex-husband to pick up the daughter.

**Dec. 20** — Officers Crice and Steele responded to a stranded motorist in the 11100 block of East 21st North. Steele contacted the woman by telephone to determine when she would be at her residence so he could deliver Christmas gifts from the Bel Aire Lion's Club. Steele discovered the woman's car was broken down. Steele contacted a local charity, His Helping Hands, to see if they could assist the woman. His Helping Hands responded to the scene with a trailer to collect the disabled vehicle. Crice transported the woman to her residence. Once there, Steele and Crice delivered the Bel Aire Lion's Club gifts to the woman and her daughter. They were touched by the generosity show by the officers, Lion's Club and His Helping Hands during the Christmas season.

**Dec. 19** — Officer Steele responded to the report of a traffic crash where a vehicle slid on the ice and was struck by a second vehicle in the 4000 block of North Parkwood.

**Dec. 18** — Officer B. Gibson was dispatched to an unknown accident in the 3800 block of North Woodlawn. He discovered the crash was a non-injury wreck in the northbound lanes, which was in the county. Officer assisted the deputy in working the wreck.

**Dec. 18** — Officer Gibson was dispatched to take a report about a dispute regarding the transfer of a vehicle title from a private party transaction.

**Dec. 17** — Officers J. Trumbull and Gibson went to 8100 E. Old Mill Court to check for a wanted person. The officers contacted the wanted subject who explained that he did not go to court when scheduled because he was a PhD candidate for Wichita State University in engineering. His degree was conferred in December. The newly graduated PhD was arrested and booked into the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility and given a new date to see the judge. The suspect's name was not available.

**Dec. 17** — Officer A. Webb was dispatched to assist the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office with a report of domestic violence in the 4100 block of North 127th East. During the course of the investigation it was determined the male half of the disturbance had been involved in a physical disturbance with his live-in girlfriend. The man caused bodily harm to the woman. She was triaged code yellow by Medic 39 but refused transport to a hospital for treatment of her injuries. The woman's daughter later transported her to Wesley Woodlawn to receive medical attention. Prior to the officer's arrival, the male suspect fled the scene. The man later returned and was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of domestic aggravated battery. The suspect's name was not available.

**Dec. 17** — The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office and Officer Steele were dispatched to a call of a 911 hang-up in the 6100 block of East Danbury. The calling party reported that her 17-year-old son was supposed to have left the residence for school. The school notified the mother her son had been absent from school. A runaway report was made.

**Dec. 16** — Chief Atteberry stopped a vehicle without headlights on during heavy rain. She admitting to being distracted by a phone call and not turning on lights when. When stopped her liability insurance was expired. She was cited for headlamp violation and driving without insurance and was warned for careless driving.

**Dec. 16** — A woman called the Bel Aire Police Department and reported that she was backing out of her driveway and backed into a legally parked vehicle on the street in the 5300 block of North Lycee.

**Dec. 16** — Officer Trumbull received a call at the Bel Aire Police Department from a Bel Aire resident reporting a construction contractor, who was building a house adjacent to his property, placing wood trusses on his partially vacant property. The complainant had contacted the contractor about the items and damage to his property. The contractor was not motivated to move the items. Trumbull contacted with the contractor and respectfully motivated him to respect the complainant's property.

**Dec. 15** — A wanted subject appeared in Bel Aire Municipal Court and was arrested on a charge of failing to appear in court on Oct. 7, 2015. While checking for other commitments, it was found the subject had two warrants through Wichita for domestic battery and preventing a witness from making a report. The subject was taken to jail. The suspect's name was not available.

**Dec. 15** — A Bel Aire resident came to the Bel Aire Police Department to report suspicious emails he received from two different financial institutions requesting he verify his account information. The man said he does not have accounts with either financial institution and wanted to report the incident. The emails, one from Bank of America and one from Chase, requested the man verify his account by providing sign-on information. The man provided copies of the emails.

**Dec. 15** — Officer Forman was dispatched to a report of dogs barking in the 4000 block of North Clarendon. The complainant said the neighbor who resides directly behind him has a black Labrador that is always barking at him. He claimed this is an ongoing issue. While taking the report, Forman did not hear the dog barking. Incidentally, the complainant called in immediately after having been found guilty of several animal complaints in Bel Aire Municipal Court. The neighbor he was now accusing was a witness in the case.

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# NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

## Info on dead horse sought

Investigators are asking for the public's help to identify the possible owner of an emaciated horse found dead in rural Valley Center last month.

The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office is investigating the death, but have no leads on who may have left the horse on the side of the road near 85th and Rock Road. The horse was discovered Jan. 18.

"Its condition would indicate some type of neglect," said Lt. Lin Dehning with the sheriff's office. "... If anybody knows who dumped that horse there, we would want to talk to them."

— The Breeze staff

## Police tase man after vehicle crash

Police were forced to subdue a motorist to place him in an ambulance after a two-vehicle wreck Jan. 5 in the 700 block of East 77th North.

A vehicle was traveling west on 77th about 40 mph when a

second vehicle struck it from behind. Valley Center police responded to the wreck.

Police said the driver of the second vehicle became combative. Police used a Taser on the man and he was later transported to Wesley Medical Center. Charges are pending the results of a blood draw to determine whether the man was under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

— The Breeze staff

## Homicide suspects due in court

The defendants charged in connection with the torture and death of Scottie Goodpaster were scheduled to return to court this month for a preliminary hearing.

The hearing was set for Feb. 2 in Sedgwick County District Court.

Heidi Hillard and Jeff Hillard, both of Valley Center, were charged with first-degree murder, two counts of aggravated kidnapping, aggravated robbery, rape and three counts of aggravated battery.

Brian Bussart was charged with first-degree murder, two

counts of aggravated kidnapping, aggravated robbery and three counts of aggravated battery.

Willie E. Morris was charged with first-degree murder, two counts of aggravated kidnapping, aggravated robbery and three counts of aggravated battery.

Alexandria Scott was charged with kidnapping and aggravated robbery.

Authorities allege that Goodpaster and a female victim were tortured over drug money behind a pair of homes in the 1300 block of South Meridian Nov. 6, and Goodpaster was taken to rural Harvey County, where he was later found dead.

The woman was not killed. The Hillards formerly lived at one of the residences.

Recent court filings show that Heidi Hillard's attempt to secure a new attorney was successful, and prosecutors won a motion to have blood and saliva samples taken from Scott and Morris. Investigators had previously taken samples from the other defendants.

— Chris Strunk

## Case against ex-cop 'active'

Nearly two months since his arrest and former Valley Center police Sgt. Thomas Delgado still has not been charged.

No timetable has been set to seek charges in the case against Delgado, Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office spokesman Lt. Lin Dehning told The News.

"The case is being assembled to take to the district attorney's office," Dehning said. "The next update will be when it's presented to the DA's office."

Delgado was arrested Dec. 8 on charges of rape, sexual battery, sexual exploitation of a child and official misconduct.

He was held in jail on \$100,000 bond, but bonded out Dec. 9.

"This will be a pretty big case," Dehning said. "... It all takes time."

Delgado, 49, a former sheriff's deputy, was hired by the Valley Center Police Department in March 2014. He resigned the day of his arrest.

The sheriff's office has been investigating Delgado since receiving a complaint Dec. 2 that

concerned two teenage girls who live in Valley Center.

Sheriff Jeff Easter previously told The News that investigators were looking into additional allegations against Delgado, including incidents that allegedly took place while Delgado was a sheriff's deputy.

"It hasn't been dropped," Dehning said. "It's still an active case."

— Chris Strunk

## Chase ends in fiery crash on I-135

On Jan. 7, Park City Officer Andrew Corlis and Sgt. Trent Johnson attempted to stop a vehicle in the 800 block of East 53rd North.

The driver led officers on a chase involving Valley Center police, Bel Aire police, Wichita police and Sedgwick County sheriff.

The driver wrecked the vehicle; it caught fire and was destroyed. The driver fled on foot. He was apprehended on I-135 close to mile marker 11 and transported to the hospital, where he was admitted.

— The Post staff

# Landscaper found guilty of bilking customers

By The Breeze staff

An area landscaping contractor was convicted Jan. 19 in Sedgwick County District Court of four counts of theft for taking money and not doing the work for homeowners in Maize, Bel Aire and Wichita.

James Arnold, 44, owner of Premier Lawn Care LLC, is set for sentencing on March 16. Arnold listed a Kechi post office box as his business address. A jury convicted him of two counts of felony theft and two counts of misdemeanor theft.

The charges stemmed

from landscaping contracts in 2015 and 2016 where Arnold was paid to complete work on residential properties. In three of the cases, victims testified that work was never started. In one case, the victim testified the project was started and then abandoned. The jury acquitted Arnold on a

fifth count of misdemeanor theft.

The victims whose testimony resulted in convictions included a retired couple from east Wichita who hired Arnold to build a berm in their backyard to control rainwater runoff, a Maize couple who hired Arnold to install a lawn

sprinkler system for a recently-built home, a Bel Aire homeowner who hired Arnold to place fill dirt in his backyard to prevent water erosion around a concrete patio, and a Bel Aire family that hired Arnold for a sprinkler system and landscaping around a new home.

Total losses to the four homeowners was \$8,781.54.

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.

# Alert officers bust theft suspects

By Taylor Messick

Bel Aire police made a substantial arrest near Rock Road and 45th Street at 4:21 a.m. on Jan. 1.

Officers Aaron Krause and Tom Davis were on their way back from a DUI arrest when they noticed a red pickup northbound on Rock Road that seemed to be swerving. The truck turned west on 45th Street and the officers ran the tags, which came back stolen from Yates Center. Officer Russell Cook of Kechi was in the right place at the right time and came eastbound down 45th Street with his lights on to box the suspects in.

"The suspects admitted they were going to run," said Chief Darrell Atteberry. "There was enough police presence that they reconsidered. They gave themselves up and we appreciate that because they often do run. The old saying 'drive it like you stole it' is a real thing."

Two men were arrested. The driver was a convicted felon on parole and the passenger was on probation. Atteberry called both "career" criminals. Uncovered inside the pickup

were a number of stolen items, brass knuckles and a hefty amount of crystal methamphetamine.

Police found stolen tags from Wichita and El Dorado, a large amount of construction equipment and blank business checks. The items were connected to three break-ins in Kingman and were returned to their owners. Other items that were reported stolen from those locations weren't found and Atteberry said they were likely traded for money to buy methamphetamines.

After being arrested, both suspects bonded out of jail. Just one week later, Bel Aire police found out that both were caught stealing again in Arkansas City when they broke into

Orscheln's. They were arrested when they exited the building wearing new clothes that were stolen from inside the store.

Atteberry was proud of the way the officers handled the situation. Officers Aaron Krause, Tom Davis, Shawn Davis, Russell Cook and Aaron Webb were given award certificates to thank them

for their involvement in the arrests.

"They were keeping their eyes open," said Atteberry. "As a chief, I get excited when they go out and do good work. There was a time when I was out there doing that. These are my guys and I want everybody to know they're out there doing a great job."

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