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City officials say a mop head clogged up a sewer pump, ruining the equipment.



Courtesy photo

Mop head ruins sewer pump

By Taylor Messick

The Bel Aire sewer lift station located at 37th North and Harding ran into some major issues last month when both of its pumps went down at the same time. One was salvaged while the other was destroyed due to the

carelessness of an unknown customer.

The Bel Aire City Council on July 3 voted to replace the pump.

“We’re very fortunate that we have overflow to the city of Wichita because that location has very little storage space,” said Anne Stephens, city

engineer. “Otherwise, we would have had sewage in basements. Both of our lift pumps in that station went down. We pulled them out and took them to the shop and found out that one had a faulty electric cord. The cord was replaced and was put into service with our spare pump so the station

is now fully operational.”

The other pump was not able to be salvaged after being destroyed by a mop head that was put into the sewer system by an unknown customer.

“I’m not entirely sure how it got there,” said

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Bel of the Ball



Photos by Taylor Messick

TOP: Cassie Heine twirls while dancing with her father, Greg, ABOVE: Lorelai and Mike Sullenger stopped by the costume booth for a photo. ABOVE RIGHT: Mike Kelleher and his daughter, Victoria, dance. RIGHT: Corinne, Brad and Riley Simmons pose for a photo.

Bel Aire will keep advisory group

Council member questions dedication of members

By Taylor Messick

On July 18, a number of issues between the Bel Aire City Council and the city’s Community Development Advisory Committee came to a head.

At an earlier meeting in July, council member Guy MacDonald motioned that the council should dissolve its CDAC without too much elaboration. He made the motion again on July 18 and opened a discussion about the current state of the CDAC and ongoing issues council has had with the committee.

“I have heard from several citizens that their meetings are not well-attended,” MacDonald said. “When I’m told that by several citizens, I have to listen; I was elected to listen to what the citizens say.”

MacDonald questioned the dedication of the committee’s members and their motivations for being a part of the committee. He compared the CDAC to the Bel Aire Park and Tree Board several times. MacDonald was a longtime member of that group and continues to be an advocate for it. He accused some members of the CDAC of being on the committee for the wrong reasons.

“Members of the tree board have paid out of their own pockets to fund projects,” said MacDonald. “This isn’t the same type of committee that the tree board is. The tree board doesn’t care about their resumes. I understand that those types of things are nice to have on a resume when you’re working; but those are different kinds of volunteers.”

Another thing MacDonald was upset with was the fact that the CDAC has \$10,000 budgeted by the city to fund its projects. He claimed that the tree board has asked for money several times without success; other members of the council responded to the claim by saying they would support giving money to the tree board.

There were other issues that came to light, including disagreements on what the council and CDAC believed the committee should be working on. Multiple members of the council were upset that the CDAC had been instructed to focus on the development of Woodlawn, but chose to do work in Central Park instead.

Seven of the CDAC’s eight members, including Chairman Jeff Hawes, attended the July 18 meeting and assured the

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City’s population growth strong again

By Taylor Messick

The 2016 population figures came in on July 1 and Bel Aire had another impressive year of growth.

After adding 151 residents the previous

year, Bel Aire added 226 residents in 2016, bringing the city’s growth to 7,661. That’s about a 3 percent growth. Bel Aire easily added more residents than Valley Center, Park City and Kechi combined.

Mayor David Austin said a number of factors, including the city’s convenient location, had an impact on growth.

“This is just a desirable area,” he said. “I’m not just saying that because it’s Bel Aire. From

our house, we can walk to Dillon’s, Walgreens or anything at 37th and Rock. We can get on K-96 or 254 and be anywhere in 20 minutes. It really is the best location.”

Austin complimented

the police department for keeping the community safe and the city staff for working hard to make the city a better place to live every day. He also complimented staff and council members, past and present, on their abil-

ity to manage the city’s problematic land debt and still continue to grow and improve the community by listening to input from residents.

“I can’t say enough

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PEOPLE HIGHLIGHTS

The following area students were named to the university honor roll and/or dean's lists for the spring 2017 semester at Emporia State University:

Elia Brown, Wichita, university honor roll; Abigail Gray, Bel Aire, university honor roll and The Teachers College dean's list; Kaitlin Jennings, Wichita, university honor roll and The Teachers College dean's list; and Shelby Marten, Wichita, university honor roll and The Teachers College dean's list.

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Mary-Katherine Swanson, of Wichita, was named a softball Academic All-KCAC at Kansas Wesleyan University.

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Jack Nibert and Kayla West, both of Wichita, were named to the dean's list for the spring 2017 semester at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Nibert, a sophomore, was a student in the College of Business. West, a senior, was in the College of Education and Human Sciences, majoring in speech-language pathol-

ogy.

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Aaron A. Miller of Bel Aire was named to the president's list for the spring 2017 semester at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

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Jonah Lies and Mariah Crenshaw, both sophomores from Bel Aire, were named to the dean's list for the spring 2017 semester at Pittsburg State University. Lies is majoring in construction management, while Crenshaw is majoring in justice studies.

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Kayla Hicks, of Wichita, recently graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in athletic training from Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa.

†††
The following area students earned honor roll distinction for the spring 2017 semester at the University of Kansas:

• From Bel Aire, Sofia de la O, School of Engineering; Stacy Diao, School of Pharmacy; Peter Ercolani, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences;

Kayla Gravel, School of Business and College of Liberal Arts & Sciences; Courtney Kempf, School of Education; Daniel Ozor, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences; Noah Schneegurt, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences; Leanne Tang, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences; and Farrah Zonoozi, School of Pharmacy.

• From Wichita, Philip Aaby, School of Business; Levi Aldag, School of Business; Grace Binter, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences; Grant Campbell, School of Engineering; Tyler Cargill, School of Engineering; Tyler Flores, School of Business; Naba Husain, School of Business; Derek Huynh, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences; Andrew Johnston, School of Engineering; Zoe Lai, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences; Brandon Le, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences; William Lecompte, School of Business; Asia Leeks, School of Health Professions; Rylan Minar, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences; Alexis O'malley, School of

Business; Sabine Rishell, School of the Arts; Trevor Scheopner, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences; Dylan Severson, School of Nursing; Luke Singer, School of Business; Cierra Smallwood, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences; Julia Tomtschik, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences; Julie Vo, School of Health Professions; JaShawn Walker, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences; Kelton Zenishek, School of Business; and Kevin Zhong, School of Engineering.

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The following area students, all of whom will be seniors in high school this fall, participated in the 2017 session of the American Legion Boys State of Kansas Leadership Academy, June 4 through 9 at Kansas State University: Gabriel Adair, Wichita East High School; Chris Davis, Classical School of Wichita; Will Flesher, Trinity Academy; and Thomas Wrinn, Kapaun Mt. Carmel High School.

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The following area stu-

dents completed associate or bachelor's degree at Fort Hays State University in the spring 2017 semester.

• From Bel Aire: Alicia Marie Perry, bachelor of fine arts in art (studio art).

• From Wichita: Andrew Paul Hoss, bachelor of business administration in management information systems; Terin Tenae Johnson, a bachelor of science in sociology; Aaron Malik Simpson, a bachelor of science in information networking and telecommunications (digital media production and journalism); Lauren Nicole Filby, bachelor of general studies (geosciences); Jordan Sierra Larson, a bachelor of science in early childhood unified; Donte L. Martin, master of professional studies (human resource management); Conner James Neal, bachelor of business administration in management; and Benjamin Alec Roe, bachelor of science in information networking and telecommunications (computer networking).

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Monica Davied and

Kristine Pfeifer, both of Bel Aire, along with Michaela Dreiling, Cecilia Knapp and Kathleen Wells, all of Wichita, were named to the dean's list for the spring 2017 semester at Benedictine College in Atchison.

†††
Three Bel Aire students completed degree requirements in the spring 2017 semester at Newman University: Emily Lantz, bachelor of science in nursing, major in nursing; Miquel Swann, bachelor of science, major in accounting; and Monica Turner, master of social work.

†††
Paul Amstutz, of Wichita, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2017 semester at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Ill. He was also named to the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW) Academic All-Conference team. The Academic All-Conference team consists of letterwinners from CCIW member institutions who achieve a cumulative grade point average of 3.30 or higher.

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran-ELCA

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

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

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

Chad Langdon is the pastor of Christ Lutheran Church.

Church of the Resurrection

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

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

Resurrection Catholic School has students from preschool through eighth grade.

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

The Rev. James F. Weldon is the pastor.

Community Bible Chapel

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

Please call Amy Smith at 323-2819 with any questions.

Cornerstone Christian

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

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

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

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

Please join us for the service of your choice.

Fairmount United Church of Christ

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

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

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

Steve Bridwell is the minister.

Gospel Assembly

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

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

Pastor Paula Scott is available at the church each Wednesday for prayer and fellowship.

United Methodist Women meet at 10 a.m. the first Wednesday of each month and also host a church brunch quarterly. Special events are announced on the church sign, Facebook and by mailings. Please call to be added to our mailing list or email shagemeister@sbcglobal.net.

Greenwich UMC missions support large local charities like Open Door, Grace Med or Youthville,

as well as small charities like Flint Hills Therapeutic Riding Center, Wichita Children's Home, to name a few.

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

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

A rummage sale will be held Aug. 17, 18 and 19.

Farmers market is from 4 to 6:30 p.m. every Thursday in the church parking lot.

Bingo is at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month.

Men's Bible study is at 6:30 a.m. Wednesdays.

Our pastor is Greg Reed. Find us online at www.KechiUMC.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.lpcap.org.

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

for youth meets at 7 p.m.

Adult small groups meet throughout the community.

Senior pastor is Steve Rains. Youth pastor is Jacob Soyez. Children's pastor is Nathaniel Thurman. Call 755-2331.

Risen Savior Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

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

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

Lifetree Café is a conversation café, a place and time for people to gather weekly to experience stories and talk about thought-provoking topics relating to life and faith. They meet Thursdays at 1 p.m.

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 atmichelpe@risensavior.net or call the church office at 683-5538.

Senior pastor is Tom Harmon.

Saint Michael Western Orthodox Christian

Saint Michael's Western 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.

For more information, call 734-6248, go online at www.saintmichaelorthodoxchurch.com or email inquiries to jflora@cox.net.

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

Wichita Three Angels Seventh-day Adventist

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.godscloset.com or on Facebook (Gods Closet - Wichita). For God's Closet, call 778-0474.

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

DEATHS

ANNABELLE HINSHAW

Annabelle Hinshaw, 91, of Wichita, died June 30, 2017. She was a homemaker and former teacher and secretary.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clayton and Laverne Bowers, her husband, Dr. Verlin O. Hinshaw. Survivors include sister Eva Mae Dunlap of Colorado Springs, Colo.; son Daryl Hinshaw of Dallas; daughter Kathleen "Kathy" Hinshaw of Larned; grandson Eric Johnson of Bel Aire; great-grandsons Samuel and Simon Johnson; and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life was held July 12 at Resthaven Mortuary. Memorials to the Alzheimer's Association or the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

ERNEST SCHROER

Ernest "Ernie" Schroer, 94, of Bel Aire, died July 6, 2017.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Arlene, and parents Ernest Sr. and

Bessie Schroer. Survivors include son Dean (Marilyn) Schroer; daughters Denise (David) Beisel and DeAnna (Al) Lemieux; grandchildren Andrew (Audrey), Megan, Allie, Katie (Myles), Mark, Michelle (Stephen), Mary (Steve), Monica and Megan (Shaun).

Services were July 11 at Cochran Mortuary, Wichita, with burial at Grant Township Cemetery, Marion. Memorials with the Salvation Army, 350 N. Market, Wichita KS 67202 and the Catholic Care Center, 6550 E. 45th North, Bel Aire KS 67226.

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City of Bel Aire



Bel Aire Recreation

YOUNG REMBRANDTS

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BARN QUILT WORKSHOP

Barn Quilts bring the beauty of quilts to the city. No skills needed for this class, and you will take home a finished project ready to dress up your home. From 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 5 at the Rec Center. Space is limited; registration is required.

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. 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.

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.

COED OUTDOOR SOCCER

This program is for boys and girls ages 4 through 11. Games will be played on Saturdays beginning Sept. 16. Registration deadline is Aug. 28.

COED FLAG FOOTBALL

The Bel Aire Rec Center is partnering with the Valley Center Rec Commission to provide a recreational and instructional flag football program. Bel Aire Rec teams will play teams from Valley Center Rec. Practices will be held at the respective home location, with games being played at both sites. For third- through sixth-graders. Registration deadline is Sept. 5.

VOLLEYBALL

The Bel Aire Rec Center is partnering with the Valley Center Rec Commission to provide a recreational and instructional volleyball program. Fall volleyball is for boys and girls in third through sixth grades.

BLASTBALL in the FALL

This is an introductory coed program for 4 year olds that teaches T-ball fundamentals and concepts while encouraging fun and teamwork. Games will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning Sept. 26.

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)
- Line Dance Class** – Monday & Friday, 1:30 p.m., Community Room
- Bridge Games** – Tuesday, 1 p.m., Senior Center
- Chair Exercises** – Tuesday & Friday, 10:30 a.m., Rec Center
- Low Impact Aerobics** – Wednesday, 9 a.m., Rec Center
- Senior Breakfast** – Fridays 9 a.m., various locations

Monthly & Special Events

- Aug. 2, 10 a.m.** – Volunteer library work time
- Aug. 4, 9 a.m.** – Foot Care with Hermes Health Care, call 260-4110 to schedule an appointment
- Aug. 7, 6:30 p.m.** – Senior potluck and program, Fresh Air Fitness with Chris Quints and Drew Conwell, Community Room
- Aug. 8, 9:30 a.m.** – A Matter of Balance, RSVP to 744-2451, ext. 121
- Aug. 9, 10 a.m.** – Open Sewing at the Rec Center
- Aug. 9, 2 p.m.** – Coloring and conversation, Senior Center
- Aug. 10, 1 p.m.** – Game day, Rec Center
- Aug. 11, 9:30 a.m.** – A Matter of Balance, RSVP to 744-2451, ext. 121
- Aug. 15, 9:30 a.m.** – A Matter of Balance, RSVP to 744-2451, ext. 121
- Aug. 15, 6 p.m.** – Ladies Dine Out, call Anita for info, 744-2840
- Aug. 16, 10:15 a.m.** – Senior Aerobics brunch
- Aug. 16, 1:30 p.m.** – Book Club meeting, Senior Center
- Aug. 18, 9:30 a.m.** – A Matter of Balance, RSVP to 744-2451, ext. 121
- Aug. 21, 12:30 p.m.** – Solar eclipse picnic, hosted by Senior Center
- Aug. 22, 9:30 a.m.** – A Matter of Balance, RSVP to 744-2451, ext. 121
- Aug. 23, 2 p.m.** – Coloring and conversation, Senior Center
- Aug. 23, 7 p.m.** – Bunko games, Senior Center (reservation required, call 744-2451, ext. 121)
- Aug. 24, 2 p.m.** – Genealogy & Family History Group
- Aug. 25, 9:30 a.m.** – A Matter of Balance, RSVP to 744-2451, ext. 121
- Aug. 28, 6 p.m.** – Covered dish dinner and program, Rec Center
- Aug. 29, 9:30 a.m.** – A Matter of Balance, RSVP to 744-2451, ext. 121

Pool closes Aug. 13!

Central Park Swimming Pool

7350 E. Central Park Ave. 744-7331

Fee Information

Daily Fees	
Under age 12 (must be accompanied by an adult)	\$2 per day
Over age 12	\$3 per day

POOL HOURS

WEEKDAYS

Swimming Lessons 11:00 am—1:00 pm
Open Swim 1:00 pm—7:00 pm
Swimming Lessons 7:00 pm—7:45 pm

WEEKENDS

Saturday & Sunday
Pool Hours 1:00 pm—6:00 pm

POOL HOURS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2017
5:30-7:30PM

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4343 N. Woodlawn Bel Aire, KS



THE NIGHT WILL INCLUDE:

Dunk Tank, Inflatables, Hand-Outs for the kids and kids at heart, Hot Dogs, Snow Cones, Refreshments, and meet with Community Leaders and your

****National Night Out is a cohesive effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are*

Community Events

- Aug. 1 — National Night Out, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 1 — City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- Aug. 2 — Bel Aire Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting, Kansas Highway Patrol Troop F, noon to 1 p.m.
- Aug. 9 — Bel Aire Lions Club meeting, Gospel Assembly Church, 11:30 a.m.
- Aug. 10 — Planning Commission meeting, 6 p.m.
- Aug. 12 — City brush site open, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Aug. 14 — Hot Dawgs Pool Party, Central Park Community Pool, 6 to 8 p.m.
- Aug. 15 — Utility Authority Committee meeting, 4 p.m.
- Aug. 15 — City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- Aug. 15 — Community Development Committee meeting, 7 p.m.
- Aug. 23 — Bel Aire Lions Club meeting, 11:30 a.m.
- Aug. 28 — Bel Aire Tree Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Congratulations to Daley Forrester! Our August Beautify Bel Aire winner

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Mayor's corner

By David Austin

July was great. Not only did we get to celebrate our freedom of living in the greatest nation in the world, Bel Aire learned it enjoyed the greatest growth of any Sedgwick County city in 2016. And for the fifth time in as many years, we have voted to publish our budget with a zero mills increase – and that includes significant increases (\$400,000) in funds being made available for road improvements.

We started working on the budget back in May. I want to thank Finance Director Ted Henry for his work in presenting the budget and working with department heads and myself to present this budget. With nearly 50 percent of revenue going directly towards debt service payments, I assure you road improvements and a zero mill increase is no small accomplishment.

The zero mills increase puts us right in the middle of nearby cities, meaning 10 other cities have a higher tax mill levy than Bel Aire and I'd be willing to bet none of them have the debt responsibility we do.

I don't like to brag unless it is about my beautiful granddaughter Elisebeth, my lovely wife and best friend Keturah, the work I get to witness everyday strengthening families and last, but certainly not least, our city.

Bel Aire's certified growth was the highest growth percentage in all of Sedgwick County. July 1 marked the day 2016 population figures were certified by the Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach. Bel Aire realized a triple-digit growth in residents moving to our great city. We grew by 226 residents, from 7,435 in 2015 to 7,661 in 2016. When I was asked what I attributed to this growth, there were numerous things that instantly came to mind – mostly it is you, the families and residents who call Bel Aire home.

This growth is what is needed as we move into attracting retail and dining. It is also proof we are doing something right as we look at prudent expansion of infrastructure and strategy for the land. This comes from listening to the community and having a good story to tell. Bel Aire truly is where you want to raise your family.

As I have said many times recently, the time is right to move forward on retail and commercial development. In order to be successful, we need someone with experience, knowledge and contacts. I am happy to report that we did just that in entering into a one-year agreement with Jerry Jones. Don't expect a major shopping and entertainment center to break ground tomorrow. It will take time, but the right pieces are in place for a bright future.

In closing, I feel compelled to address a recent topic of conversation surrounding the community development committee. Several council members have voiced concerns about its mission and members' dedication at the July workshop mostly. One council member made a motion to dissolve this volunteer-led committee at our last council meeting, reasoning that "several (unnamed) citizens have told him members aren't attending" and because the tree board has never received any funds.

In fact, this committee has seen a surge in members attending and every single 2017 meeting attendance roster was read at the workshop. And tree board members have always been reimbursed by the city when requested and with receipts.

This conversation has awoken many citizens in Bel Aire. We are blessed with volunteers on committees, including the CDC, tree board as well as the Chisholm Creek Utility Authority committee, Public Building Commission, the Utility Advisory and Planning committees. I want to thank each and every member of all these committees for what they do for the city. If you would like to volunteer and serve on one, please let me know as some have openings. You can do so by emailing me at daustin@belaireks.gov.

Grad in Top 48 in national forensics

By Taylor Messick

Bethany Reeder is a Sunrise Academy graduate who made it into the Top 48 finalists at the National Forensics Tournament in Louisville, Ky.

Reeder is originally from Hugoton. She moved to Wichita when she was in sixth grade because her parents got jobs in the area. She attended Sunrise Academy from seventh grade until she graduated this year.

"I loved Sunrise," said Reeder. "It helped me to be able to do all the things I wanted to do. Activities didn't get in the way of each other so I was able to play volleyball, play softball, cheerlead, be a part of the drama productions and participate in debate and forensics."

This year was Reeder's second trip to the National Forensics Tournament. However, she has participated in forensics and debate for four years at Sunrise. That means she spent plenty of time with debate and forensics coach Peggy O'Donnell. Reeder said that over time, the two developed a great relationship.

"She became more like a mother figure," she said. "We spent almost every weekend together

because we either had debate or forensics tournaments. So we were always around each other and just ended up becoming really close."

Reeder now plans to attend Butler Community College to study psychology. She wants to specialize in children's therapy and help kids who come from broken homes. Forensics deals mainly with understanding a feeling in a specific scenario and being able to portray or act out that feeling to a panel of judges in a compelling way. Because of her success in those types of competitions, Reeder seems poised for a successful career in understanding and empathizing with struggling children.

As a child, Reeder was shy; but she now says debate and forensics have taught her to be comfortable speaking in front of crowds. She said she is grateful for the opportunity to compete at the National Forensics Tournament, even if she didn't necessarily make any new friendships.

"I got to compete against people from everywhere," she said. "You get to talk to a lot of people because you're waiting around a lot. I went up against the same



Courtesy photo

Bethany Reeder is a 2017 Sunrise Christian Academy graduate. She participated in debate and forensics for four years.

guy this year as I did last year so we talked a little bit. Once you get there, you talk but you're still competing against each other. We pretend we like

each other, but once we start competing we know we have to pretend to cry more than the other to make it to the next round."

Pump

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Stephens. "Unfortunately, there's no way we can tell who sent it down there. It's incredible — the motor just kept spinning away trying to push the mop head through. It tore up the entire inside of the

pump. It's a very unfortunate situation."

The council unanimously voted to purchase a new pump at a cost of \$32,693 — which is just a few thousand dollars more than what it would have cost to rebuild the broken pump; the city also gets a year-long warranty with the new pump as opposed

to a 90-day warranty for a rebuilt one. The city looked into a third option because there are pumps available that will cut up mop heads or other objects. However, that option would currently cost the city too much money because it would require other changes to the lift station.

In other business, the council:

- Approved an ordinance adopting changes to the city's seatbelt fine schedule in accordance with those of the state of Kansas with a unanimous vote.

- Denied a motion to dissolve the current Community Development Committee with a 3-2 vote.

All members of the council were present. There was a 20-minute executive session and no binding action was taken.

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council that they will follow its direction regarding future issues — such as the development of Woodlawn and the recruitment of more members.

MacDonald stated that he thought the committee's issues came from the way it has been operating and not necessarily from all of its members. He said he would support current members being a part of a different group,

but ultimately thought there were irreparable issues in the committee and still called for its dissolution.

Other members of the council did agree that issues in the CDAC needed to be fixed immediately. Hawes provided records of the minutes and attendance of past CDAC meetings and tried to prove some of the claims against the committee wrong. Multiple council members spoke up and stated that this was the first time they had been provided with any such

information from the committee. The council voted 4-1 against dissolving the committee, but agreed that changes must be made.

"This committee has gone through several changes and is dealing with by-laws from an older time period," said council member Diane Wynn. "We need to look at those by-laws and really make sure they say what we want this committee to be doing."

In other business, the council:

- Approved an agreement with Jones Commercial Devel-

opment Company for consulting, economic development and marketing of land owned by Bel Aire with a unanimous vote.

- Accepted a quote of \$7,250 from PP&J for sealing and striping city hall and Eagle Lake parking lots with a unanimous vote.

- Approved a change order with Kansas Paving for inlet changes at Lycee Heights at a cost of \$9,085 with a unanimous vote.

- Approved a letter of termination regarding the Crown III residential developer agreement set to expire Oct. 4 with a unanimous vote.

- Approved the 2018 Bel Aire budget for publication and established a public hearing at the regular city council meeting on Aug. 1 at 7 p.m.

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about our staff," he said. "They wear a lot of different hats and make everything we do possible. Part of our vision was that we want to hear from the residents. That's

why we had the survey, the open house and the focus groups — and that dialogue continues. I have, in my mind, what I want but I'm only one of 7,000 residents. We like the old saying 'do the greatest amount of good for the greatest amount of people.'"

City Manager Ty Lasher agreed that Bel Aire's prime, northeast location has been a factor in the city's growth. He gave credit to the developers who have worked with the city to provide a variety of housing options for residents, as well.

"We've worked with some good developers," said Lasher. "We had all this land and so a lot of times you'll see us working with a developer on the land price and helping them to get it

properly zoned and then getting the infrastructure put in. I think we've been good to work with as a city because we have a lot of different developers putting in different developments — but

none of them seem to be competing. Everybody is sharing a piece of the pie because anybody that wants to live in the northeast can find plenty of options here."

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Driver transporting visually impaired man arrested

By The Breeze staff

The driver of a van transporting a visually impaired client was arrested after he fled an officer who was trying to stop the vehicle for speeding in the Central Park neighborhood

in Bel Aire July 10.

A Bel Aire officer saw a vehicle speeding on Rock Road, so he turned around to make a traffic stop. The driver of the vehicle fled onto Central Park and attempted to elude the officer. He was unsuccessful. The

man stopped fleeing after he nearly struck a patrol vehicle.

After the man was taken into custody, officers discovered the vehicle, which was from Wichita Trans4mation LLC, was a transport vehicle. Inside the

rear seat was a visually impaired man the driver was taking to work at Envision. Police said the man was shaken, but otherwise OK.

The driver was arrested on charges of driving with a revoked driver's license in one state and an indefi-

nately suspended driver's license in another state. He was also arrested on a charge of endangerment of a dependent adult. While at the scene, the owner of the company arrived and advised he knew the driver had problems with his

license for the year and a half he had been driving for the company, but was giving him time to work it out. Adult Protective Services and other agencies were contacted regarding case.

The suspect's name was not available.

BEL AIRE POLICE REPORTS

June 16 — A Bel Aire resident from the 6500 block of East Rodeo reported that an unknown person opened a credit card account with Capital One in his name. There had been no loss to this date.

June 16 — Officer Crouse stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 4200 block of North Woodlawn. The driver said she did not have a valid license. A strong odor of burnt marijuana was detected. Marijuana was found in the glove compartment along with a glass smoking apparatus and metal grinding apparatus. The driver was cited for traffic violations and issued a notice to appear in court on a charge of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

June 17 — Officer Crouse stopped a vehicle in the 5500 block of North Webb. While Crouse approached the vehicle on foot, the vehicle backed up into the patrol vehicle. The elderly driver had failed to place her vehicle fully in park. There were only minor scrapes to both vehicles. Officer Forman was called to conduct the traffic accident investigation and issued the woman a citation for the collision.

June 17 — Officer Trumbull saw a vehicle speeding westbound in the marked construction work zone in the 4900 block of East 37th. The driver said she was unaware she was in a construction zone. The woman's driver's license came back as suspended during investigation. She was cited for driving with a suspended license and was given a written warning for speeding.

June 17 — Officer Trumbull was dispatched to a domestic violence report in the 5600 block of North Lycee. The reporting party stated that she and her ex-boyfriend had gotten into an argument while inside his vehicle. The woman said her ex began to drive aggressively, slamming on the brakes and gas pedal. The incident began in Wichita at a McDonalds on North Rock Road near 37th and ended at QuikTrip.

June 17 — Officer Trumbull and other officers were dispatched to a domestic violence call regarding a woman and her boyfriend in the 5600 block of North Lycee. Officers witnessed a woman kick a man. The man later admitted he struck her during the argument. The man also destroyed a cell phone. He then began throwing food at his girlfriend. The man, Dustin Lee Milham, was arrested on a charge of domestic battery.

June 18 — Officer Webb was working an assignment to check for wanted people. He located an individual wanted on a Bel Aire warrant in the 2800 block of North Rock Road. The man was arrested. The suspect's name was not available.

June 18 — Officer Webb was dispatched to a hit-and-run accident in the 4200 block of North Rushwood. A man reported an unknown subject struck his legally parked vehicle sometime during the day. The car had front-end damage to the bumper and hood areas. There was no indication of what type of vehicle had struck the man's car.

June 18 — Officer Steele responded to a call of a larceny in the 6700 block of East 45th North. He contacted the reporting party who said she noticed a credit card belonging to a person she cares for was missing. The woman reported that the credit card had been used at a Presto convenience store and two Dillon's stores. The woman provided information about a possible person with information.

June 21 — Officer Crouse was driving on Rock Road when he saw a vehicle traveling south failing to maintain its lane. The vehicle caused Officer Crouse to take evasive action to avoid a collision. He stopped the vehicle and contacted the driver. She admitted to texting via her cell phone while she was driving. The driver was cited for driving in violation of her Kansas driver's license farm permit.

June 21 — A Cox Communications technician reported that a Cox Communication's battery backup box for their emergency phone operations was broken into and marine grade batteries were taken in the 4800 block of East Willow Point.

June 22 — Officer Webb observed a white Ford Excursion traveling east in the 6300 block of East 37th North. The driver was not wearing a seatbelt. The vehicle was stopped. The driver was cited for not wearing a seatbelt and for driving with a suspended license.

June 22 — A woman came to the Bel Aire Police Station to report suspected abuse to her 16-month-old son while he was under the care of the babysitter. The woman said her babysitter changed her story several times about what occurred to cause the mark on the right side of the boy's face. The woman took her son to his doctor and was told it was a slap mark and it appeared it was from an adult hand. Pictures were taken of the child's face. Investigation is ongoing.

June 23 — Officer Forman stopped a vehicle for speeding in a construction zone in the 6000 block of East 37th North. The driver was cited for speeding, driving with a suspended license, no proof of liability insurance, display of decal not issued to vehicle and expired registration.

June 23 — Officer Webb saw a vehicle tailgating another vehicle in the 4900 block of North Oliver. The second vehicle was following the other vehicle so closely, the driver had to keep applying the brakes to avoid a collision. The aggressive driver was also failing to maintain a single lane and kept driving onto the shoulder. Officer Webb stopped the aggressive driver. During the investigation he discovered the driver's Kansas driver's permit was suspended. The man received a traffic citation for following too closely, failing to maintain single lane, driving with a suspended license and driving in violation of restrictions. During the traffic stop a passenger was observed with an open bottle of vodka. The passenger admitted it belonged to him. The passenger was issued a notice to appear in court for possession of alcohol by someone under 21 years old.

June 23 — Officer Steele responded to a call of a dog at large at 53rd and North Rock Springs. Officer located the dog and transported it to the Wichita Animal Shelter.

June 23 — Officer Webb saw a vehicle run a stop sign at 53rd and Oliver, nearly colliding with a southbound pickup. Webb stopped the vehicle. Upon checking the status of the driver's license, it returned to have an age restriction on it, which the driver was in violation of. The driver received a traffic citation for running the stop sign, no proof of insurance and driving in violation of restrictions. The driver's father responded to pick up the juvenile and he stated he was aware his son was driving. The father was issued a citation for allowing an unauthorized minor to drive.

June 24 — Officer Webb stopped a vehicle for defective equipment in the 4000 block of North Woodlawn. The driver, Saquindalyn Richard of Bel Aire, was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license and on a warrant.

June 25 — Officer Roney responded to a call of a lost or stolen license plate in the 4500 block of North St. James.

June 25 — Officer Roney noticed a large pile of tree limbs illegally dumped in the driveway to the city brush site in the 9200 block of East 53rd North. The limbs were laid across the guide wire that prevents access to the site. Roney contacted city works, which advised that no one had permission to leave the limbs.

June 26 — Officer Crouse assisted Wichita police with a general burglar alarm at O'Reilly Auto Parts in the 6500 block of East 37th. The front door to the business had been pried open. After verifying the alarm to be good, Crouse assisted with searching the building.

June 26 — Officer Steele responded to the call of a private property accident in the 5200 block of North Toler. The general manager said police were no longer needed. A vehicle in the lot had struck the cement base of a light pole. Steele made a report to document the event on private property.

June 26 — Officer Gibson was dispatched to a vehicle crash in the 4300 block of North Woodlawn. One driver said she was following too close to the car in front of her. She said the car had its signal to turn west at Danbury when she ran into the back of the car. The at-fault driver was issued a citation for inattentive driving.

June 26 — A Bel Aire resident reported that sports equipment was taken from his backyard in the 6600 block of East Summerside Place. The sports equipment is called "Zip-N-Hit," which is a baseball with two ropes running through the middle. He did not see anyone

taking his property.

June 26 — Officer Crouse stopped a vehicle for speeding and running a stop sign in the 4500 block of North Oliver. The driver said she didn't have her license in with her. The driver was issued a notice to appear in court for expired license.

June 26 — Officer Steele responded to a call regarding a vandalism that occurred in Wichita. The vandalism occurred during a disturbance between the woman and her boyfriend. Both were arrested by Wichita police. The woman did not want to supplement her report with Wichita.

June 27 — Officer Roney responded to 37th and Oliver to the report of a non-injury accident. One vehicle had been sitting stationary in the outside westbound lane of 37th when the driver of the second vehicle attempted to make a right turn from the outside northbound lane of Oliver but realized that eastbound traffic on 37th was closed. Instead of stopping and turning around, the driver veered his vehicle back northbound across Oliver, striking the front left bumper and fender of the first vehicle. The driver of the second vehicle was cited for inattentive driving.

June 27 — While Officer Roney was driving east on 53rd, a silver Chevrolet Impala pulled out in front of his patrol vehicle, causing Roney to take evasive action to avoid a collision. Roney stopped the vehicle and contacted the driver, who said he was not paying attention. The driver, Brandon Hahn of Wichita, was arrested on a warrant.

June 27 — Officer Roney was contacted at the police station by a woman who said she was concerned for her 13-year-old son's safety. She said she had found out from her ex-husband's current fiancé that her son was being abused. The woman said she had reported her concerns to a state agency but hadn't received any help. Officers conducted a welfare check at the boy's residence in the 5600 block of North Lycee and found he appeared happy and healthy and had no signs of abuse. After interviewing the father, it was discovered that the man's ex-wife has had no contact with her son in four years. Roney made a report of the incident to the Department on Children and Families for follow-up.

June 28 — Officer Crouse stopped a vehicle for no tail lights in the 3700 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was arrested on a warrant and a charge of driving with a revoked license. A passenger was going to take possession of the vehicle so a records check was done. The passenger also had a revoked driver's license and two warrants out of the City of Wichita. He was also arrested. Both men were transported to the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility and booked. The suspects' names were not available.

June 28 — Officer Gibson was contacted by a woman who thought her wallet was taken from a shopping cart while shopping.

June 28 — Officer Roney responded to Perryton and Edinburg regarding a fireworks complaint. Chief Atteberry received a complaint of someone illegally shooting off fireworks in the area. Atteberry sat off in the area and determined where the violators were. Officers contacted two males at a Perryton address who had ignited several mortar shells. The men were given notices to appear in court for violating the Bel Aire fireworks ordinance. The fireworks were confiscated and turned over to Sedgwick County Fire Station for destruction.

June 30 — A man called the Bel Aire Police Station to report that someone broke out his front passenger side window on his vehicle and took items from the car in the 4800 block of North Farmstead.

June 30 — Officer Gibson responded to a report of a theft from a vehicle in the 4300 block of North Rushwood Court. The owner of the car reported that unknown persons opened the unlocked driver's side door and took items.

July 1 — Officer Trumbull stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 3800 block of North Oliver. The driver said she was returning to a restaurant to retrieve her debit card. Trumbull could smell the odor of alcohol coming from the woman. After sobriety testing, the woman was arrested on a charge of DUI. The suspect's name was not available.

July 1 — Officers Gibson

and Webb were dispatched to Next Level Hoops Academy for a disturbance involving a firearm. A referee working at a children's basketball game became involved in a disturbance with a spectator over an alleged bad call.

July 1 — Officer Trumbull was conducting stationary radar when he observed a vehicle traveling north in the 5000 block of North Greenwich. While the vehicle passed, Officer Trumbull heard four gunshots and saw the corresponding muzzle flashes coming from the exterior of the front driver's window of the vehicle. Trumbull took cover inside his patrol vehicle. He then pursued the vehicle to 53rd and Greenwich and took the driver into custody. A two-hour search of the ditches between where the shots were fired and where the stop was made yielded a handgun and other evidence. The man, Isaac Huffman of Wichita, was transported to the Sedgwick County Jail and booked on charges of aggravated assault of a law enforcement officer, interference with a law enforcement officer, criminal discharge of firearm while intoxicated, DUI and probation violation.

July 2 — Officer Crouse was dispatched to a domestic violence disturbance in the 4300 block of North Rushwood Court. One of the people in the disturbance alleged he or she was battered but there was no physical evidence to substantiate the claim and no independent witness to the disturbance. One half got some belongings and left to stay the night with friends.

July 2 — Officer Steele took a report of a found wallet in the 3900 block of North Woodlawn. Inside the wallet he located information for the owner but was unable to make contact with the owner after several attempts. The wallet was submitted as found property.

July 2 — Officer Steele responded to a fire at 38th and Edgemoor. A man was mowing a lawn when his mower caught fire. The owner of the mower said he tried to reattach the fuel line and received minor burns to his left forearm.

July 2 — Officer Steele responded to a non-injury accident in the 7000 block of East 53rd. A truck doing road maintenance was backing up on the road when it struck the front of an eastbound vehicle. The second vehicle received disabling damage to the engine and/or the front of the vehicle.

July 3 — A man working at a fireworks stand was told by another employee that a black Jeep backed into his Chevy Silverado causing damage to the front bumper in the 6300 block of Crestmark. The Jeep left the scene.

July 4 — A man reported from the 3800 block of North Oliver that a female who answers to the name "Amber" dropped him off at his brother's house. While inside the house, "Amber" left in her truck with his unknown clothes and other property in the bed of the truck.

July 4 — Officer Trumbull was dispatched to an unknown call for EMS in the 5900 block of East Clarendon. While enroute, he was advised there was an active disturbance involving nine people. When Trumbull arrived, he saw a man being held down on the ground by several people. The man on the ground was the suspect in an assault. During the investigation it was learned that the suspect punched a woman in the head, pulled her hair and kicked her in the stomach, causing her to urinate on herself. The victim's daughter, who is also the girlfriend of the suspect, attempted to calm the suspect because "he was out of control." The suspect bit his girlfriend on her left cheek, breaking skin and causing her cheek to bleed. The suspect complained he was having a heart attack and was intoxicated. EMS evaluated suspect and transported him to St. Joseph's Hospital for evaluation. A notice to appear in court was prepared for the suspect for a charge of domestic violence battery and later served to him. A second person was going to decide if she was going to file charges on the suspect.

July 5 — Officer Trumbull stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5200 block of North Rock Road. Trumbull observed an opened liquor bottle in the rear of the passenger seat and could smell consumed alcoholic beverage emitting from the driver. After sobriety tests, the driver, Steven Bartalone of Kechi, was arrested on charges of speeding, suspended tag, transport-

ing an open container of alcohol and DUI.

July 5 — While assisting with Bel Aire Municipal Court, Chief Atteberry was notified by a court attendee that someone was shooting a BB or a pellet gun toward the west parking lot of the city building and possibly shooting rabbits. Officer Gibson went to investigate and contacted a witness who pointed to a house in the 5100 block of North Cambridge. The witness also pointed out an injured rabbit. Gibson checked the rabbit and it appeared to have been wounded in the back. Gibson went to the home the witness pointed out and made contact with a man who admitted to shooting at rabbits with his pellet gun because the rabbits were eating his shrubs. The man voluntarily turned over the pellet gun and it was submitted to evidence in the case. The man was issued a notice to appear in court for discharging a BB gun in city limits. Gibson checked with a Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism official and determined there was nothing that could be done for the severely injured rabbit. He checked with a local animal rescue group and they also advised there was no way to save the wild rabbit. The rabbit was euthanized due to the debilitating injury.

July 8 — Officer Webb was dispatched to an automobile accident with a vehicle on fire at the intersection of East 37th Street and Oliver. Officer saw two vehicles in the intersection, neither of which was on fire, and everyone was out of the vehicles. Officer determined that a car driving west ran a red traffic light and collided with a vehicle driving north. The driver of the westbound vehicle was issued traffic citations for inattentive driving, disobeying a red light and no driver's license in possession. The driver of the northbound car was arrested on a charge of driving while a habitual violator, no proof of insurance and an unrestrained child. The suspect's name was not available.

July 8 — Officers Crouse and Foreman assisted Park City police with a traffic pursuit. The pursuit ended at 6700 N. 79th East and the suspects ran from the vehicle. Officers were able to locate one of the people involved, but lost the others.

July 8 — Officer Steele responded to a call of a welfare check involving a subject who had been unable to contact his father for several weeks. There was no suggestion of suspicious activity at the residence in the 5700 block of East 41st North. When contact was made with the missing man, he advised he had been at a family reunion in Ottawa. He also said there was an issue with his son, who apparently was not invited to the reunion, calling and asking for money.

July 10 — Lt. Foxx saw a vehicle speeding on Rock Road, so he turned around to make a traffic stop. The driver of the vehicle fled onto Central Park and attempted to elude Foxx in the neighborhood. He was unsuccessful. The man stopped fleeing after he nearly struck a patrol vehicle. After the man was taken into custody, officers discovered the vehicle, from Wichita Trans4mation LLC, was a transport vehicle. Inside the rear passenger compartment was a visually impaired man the driver was taking to work at Envision. He was shaken, but otherwise OK. The driver was arrested on charges of driving with a revoked driver's license in one state and an indefinitely suspended driver's license in another state. He was also arrested on a charge of endangerment of a dependent adult. The suspect's name was not available. While at the scene, the owner of the company arrived and advised he knew the driver had problems with his license for the year and a half he had been driving for the company, but was giving him time to work it out. Adult Protective Services and other agencies were contacted regarding case.

July 10 — Officer Steele responded to a domestic violence call involving text messages in the 5600 block of North Lycee.

July 11 — Officers Roney, Forman, Trumbull and Crouse assisted Park City police in a vehicle pursuit that entered Bel

Aire at 37th and Oliver and proceeded into Wichita. When the pursuit ended, the suspect ran on foot. Sedgwick County took the driver into custody a short time later.

July 11 — Officer Crouse stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 4800 block of North Rock Road. The driver was cited for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

July 12 — Officer Webb stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5800 block of East 37th North. The driver provided a Kansas Identification Card and stated he did not have a license because he could not pass the test. Webb confirmed the status of his license and issued the man a citation for speeding and driving without a license.

July 12 — Officer Webb stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 4900 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was issued a notice to appear in court for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

July 12 — Officer Webb stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 4100 block of North Oliver. The driver was issued a notice to appear in court for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

July 13 — Officers were dispatched to the report of someone considering doing self-harm in the 4700 block of North Krueger. A man called after becoming concerned about his friend. Officers spoke to the individual and later provided transport to ComCare.

July 13 — Officer Webb stopped a vehicle for speeding in a construction zone in the 6000 block of East 37th North. The driver provided a Kansas Identification Card and said her license was revoked and there was no insurance on the vehicle. The driver was arrested on charges of driving while a habitual violator and no insurance. She was also cited for speeding and driving on an expired license plate. The suspect's name was not available.

July 14 — Officer Trumbull assisted Sedgwick County in the 5000 block of East 45th North by transporting an arrestee to the Sedgwick County Jail. A deputy stopped a car and there were more wanted people in the vehicle than he could fit in his patrol car.

July 14 — A man reported a neighbor had a tree removed in the 5800 block of Danbury. As work was being done to remove the tree, a branch hit his satellite dish, causing it to be knocked over. There was also damage to some shingles on his roof. The man said he contacted his neighbor and she told him to get an estimate, and she would pay for the damage. The calling party wanted an officer to obtain the name of tree-trimming company to have them cover the cost. He was also referred to civil court. July 14 — Officer Webb responded as backup with a Sedgwick County sheriff's deputy to the 11300 block of North 63rd East. Webb found the suspect walking north of the boys' home. The youth who was released back to the custody of the boys' home.

July 14 — Officer Webb was dispatched to take a disturbance report in the 3800 block of North Oliver. A woman reported her son had been having issues with three other juveniles. The mother of the juveniles called her on the phone and threatened her. Webb contacted the suspect via telephone. After speaking with both parties, it turned out they had a verbal argument over the phone and there was no evidence of any criminal acts. Both parties were advised it would probably be best not to communicate with one another.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Two cited on fireworks rules

On June 28, Bel Aire police responded to a fireworks complaint at Perryton and Edinburg. Police received a complaint that someone was illegally shooting off fireworks in the area. Officers contacted two males at a Perryton address who had ignited several mortar shells. The men were given notices to appear in court for violating the Bel Aire fireworks ordinance. The fireworks were confiscated and turned over to Sedgwick County Fire Station for destruction.

— The Breeze staff

Disturbance at Hoops

The spectator didn't like the call. On July 1, Bel Aire police were sent to Next Level Hoops Academy for a disturbance involving a firearm.

A referee working at a children's basketball game became involved in a disturbance with a spectator over an alleged bad call. No one was hurt.

— The Breeze staff

Man arrested in drive-by

A Bel Aire police officer escaped harm after an apparent drive-by shooting July 1 in the 5000 block of North Greenwich.

Police said the officer was conducting stationary radar when he observed a vehicle traveling north. As the vehicle passed, the officer said he heard four gunshots and saw gun muzzle flashes coming from the front driver's window of the vehicle. The officer took cover inside his patrol vehicle. He then pursued the vehicle to 53rd and Greenwich and took the driver into custody.

Police searched the ditches for two hours and found a handgun and other evidence.

The suspect, Isaac Huffman of Wichita, was arrested on charges of aggravated assault of a law enforcement officer, interference with a law enforcement officer, crimi-

nal discharge of firearm while intoxicated, DUI and probation violation.

— The Breeze staff

Rabbit shot near City Hall

A rabbit apparently shot with a pellet gun near Bel Aire City Hall July 5 was euthanized.

While assisting with municipal court, Chief Darrell Atteberry was notified by a court attendee that someone was shooting a BB or a pellet gun toward the west parking lot of the city building and possibly shooting rabbits.

Officers contacted a witness who pointed to a house in the 5100 block of North Cambridge. The witness also pointed out an injured rabbit.

An officer checked the rabbit and it appeared to have been wounded in the back. A man admitted to shooting at rabbits with his pellet gun because the rabbits were eating his shrubs. The man voluntarily turned over the pellet gun and it was submitted to evidence in the case. The man was issued a notice to appear in court for discharging a BB gun in the city limits.

Officer checked with a Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism official and determined there was nothing that could be done for the severely injured rabbit. He checked with a local animal rescue group and it also advised there was no way to save the wild rabbit. The rabbit was euthanized.

— The Breeze staff

Hot Dawgs Pool Party set

The 5th annual Hot Dawgs Pool Party has been set.

It will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 14 at the Central Park Community Pool, 7350 E. Central Park.

Admission is \$5 per dog (limit two dogs per adult).

Contests — including biggest splash, best dressed, cutest couple and best trick — will start at 7 p.m.

— The Breeze staff



Cutting a rug

Mike Kelleher and his daughter, Victoria, dance at Bel Aire's father-daughter dance "Bel of the Ball" June 23 at Bel Aire City Hall. It was the second year for the event.

Taylor Messick

Don Hattan opens new dealership in Derby

By The Breeze staff

Don Hattan has set dates for its ribbon cutting and public opening of its new Derby location.

The Derby location at 2518 N. Rock Road is the dealership's third store and joins the flagship location in Park City and the

recently opened location in El Dorado. The dealership opened July 24. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be 4:30 p.m. Aug. 29.

Don Hattan is a locally owned and operated company.

"When I joined Don Hattan, my grandfather and father had built a company

providing hometown values and service to the customer. ... I believe in service first," said Jill Hattan, chief executive officer. "It doesn't matter what product we are selling. It matters how the customer is treated. We work hard every day to provide an experience customers know they can trust.

"We're very excited about joining the Derby community and we look forward to providing our current and future customers the best car-buying experience possible," she

said. The new location will feature an assortment of pre-owned vehicles including a late-model inventory selection of more than 100. It will also provide full-service vehicle and quick lube options and state-of-the-art technology and equipment with trained technicians.

The Derby location will also offer Ladies Day each Tuesday with discounted vehicle services as well as on-site massages and manicures.

Duplexes to be constructed near Walmart

By Taylor Messick

A housing development is taking shape just north of Walmart at 53rd and Meridian.

The development will contain 21 duplexes. Sewer and water projects have already been completed. The developer said he expects the streets to be completed in about two months and then crews will start to build.

The developer said multi-family homes are one of the hottest markets in town. He said he has been successful renting those types of properties. These duplexes will be

similar to ones at 45th North and Hillside. They will each come with three bedrooms, two bathrooms and a two-car garage. There will be a playground and basketball court on-site.

The exteriors of properties in the housing development will be maintained by a homeowners association management company, an effort to be sure properties are well taken care of.

The same developer also plans to build new single-family homes in the nearby Watermark addition when the project is complete.

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