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Happy Holidays — The Breeze staff

Clean sweep in council election

By Chris Strunk

Newcomers won the day in area local elections Nov. 7.

The election will usher in a new Valley Center school board member, a couple of new Valley Center City Council members, two new members of the Park City council and a clean sweep in Bel Aire, where four newcomers won the four open city council seats.

The biggest change will be seen in Bel Aire, where all three incumbents seeking to retain their at-large seats were defeated.

On the winning side, Justin Smith finished with 765 votes, Jeff Elshoff had 758, Jim Benage 717 and Jeff Hawes 621. All

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Bel Aire unveils plans for city parks

By Taylor Messick

The Bel Aire City Council on Nov. 7 got its first look at a video detailing the city's park master plan.

The animated walkthrough of the city's master plan for a park northeast of city hall was presented by Jeff Best of LK Architecture. The firm helped the city create the video, which shows a modern park system with walkways, a pond, a bridge and public gathering spaces.

"They have the plan broken down into three phases and they have estimates for each one," said City Manager Ty Lasher. "After the first of the year, we'll have an open house or two and get some input. We want to know what the community thinks of the plan and how they feel about starting

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Engineering success



Courtesy photos

Christopher Burrell is photographed with former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice at the Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year ceremony.

Organization in the right place, time for local student

By Taylor Messick

Christopher Burrell's life could have been so different. Burrell was born in Wichita when his mother, Valyn Burrell, was 17 years old. She was a waitress. His dad wasn't around.

It was tough, Burrell said. "My mom had me when she was in high school," he said. "There were definitely financial struggles and other struggles during that time. She was working as a server and raising three kids off of a server's income. I definitely could've fallen into a bad situation."

Because of the odd work hours required by her job, Valyn needed extra supervision for her young children. She also recognized that while her absence was financially necessary, it could've pushed Christopher toward the wrong path.

That didn't happen. The Northeast Magnet High School senior, who is on his way toward a career in engineering, said the Wichita Boys and Girls Club filled his life with opportunities.

"The Boys and Girls club basically



Burrell delivers a speech during the ceremony. Burrell is a senior at Northeast Magnet High School in Bel Aire.

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Slow-speed I-135 chase ends with arrest

By The News staff

A slow-speed police chase ended with an overturned stolen vehicle on the highway and a Georgia man in custody last week.

The chase started in Bel Aire and ended near the 101st North interchange on I-135 Nov. 14.

A Bel Aire police officer reported seeing a vehicle run a stop sign in the 5400 block of East 37th North about 9 p.m. Nov. 14. As the officer pursued, the vehicle sped up to 59 mph in a 40-mph zone.

The vehicle, a gold Cadillac, traveled to K-96, where it was damaged after striking

a curb and a guardrail. The vehicle slowed to about 15 mph, officers said, because of the damage.

The vehicle continued north on I-135, where officers from Kechi, Park City, Wichita, the highway patrol and Sedgwick County joined the pursuit.

Stop sticks were deployed

at 85th North. About two miles farther north, a Sedgwick County sheriff's deputy used his patrol car to push the suspect's vehicle into the ditch. The driver got out of the vehicle through the window and was arrested.

Police said the driver was taken to QuikTrip in the 3500 block of North Oliver, where

he could be identified as the person who stole a vehicle by the vehicle's owner.

Jake Schell was booked into the Sedgwick County Jail on charges of aggravated battery, criminal deprivation of property, felony fleeing and eluding, reckless driving and several traffic infractions.

Area cities seek to improve 'walkable places'

By Taylor Messick

Valley Center has worked in recent years to flesh out a sidewalk system for active residents. Now, other cities in the area are hoping to use grant money from the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization to further develop their own systems of "walkable places."

Each year, the Kansas Department of Transportation receives money from the state to divvy up for roadway and infrastructure improvement projects. They often have money left over at the end of the year and that money is dispersed to cities for individual projects via grants.

Rural cities around the state can apply directly to KDOT for grants, but cities in metropolitan areas are managed by smaller groups that oversee the entire

metropolitan area. In the Wichita area, that group is WAMPO.

Grant applications were submitted by cities in early 2017 for WAMPO's Planning Walkable Places Program. This is a program to help cities develop things like sidewalks and bike paths. The grant provides money for the planning, not the construction. Cities gather input from residents and staff alongside a consultant who helps to create potential blueprints for future projects. Those projects will still have to be approved by city councils before any actual construction to occur.

Over the last month, cities have been receiving good news about their grants. Valley Center was approved for a Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Master Plan Update. The

city hopes to build on the popular and growing walkway system throughout the town that has been successful in attracting young families and also satisfying existing residents.

On Oct. 3, Bel Aire announced that it has also been awarded money through the program. Bel Aire's grant is for a Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan Update. As with most of these grants, the city will pay 20 percent of the cost while WAMPO funds the other 80 percent.

"The city was notified that our application was approved and awarded funding," said Bel Aire Mayor David Austin. "It's exciting news. The grant totals \$36,000 with Bel Aire paying only \$7,200; WAMPO is going to pay the remaining \$28,800. Anytime we can have agreements like

that, I like that."

Kechi was approved funding for an Arts and Business District Master Plan. The city actually set \$20,000 aside from the 2016 budget in anticipation of this project. Staff has been working on ways to promote the city's already notable artistic and creative community. This WAMPO grant allows the city to spend some of the money it had saved for the original plan on a new marketing plan for Kechi. The staff hopes to give the city a new logo, a new look and a unique aesthetic that will solidify the town's identity and spur growth.

"The master plan has to do with design and architectural elements in the arts and business district," said Kechi City Administrator Bob Conger. "We've heard repeatedly that people here

want to maintain the small-town feel. One way we can accomplish that is through design and architectural elements that will go hand-in-hand with our marketing plan for the city."

Park City regularly hears from residents about its lack of sidewalks, particularly on streets like Hydraulic. The city has looked at options in the past and has often run into logistical problems with such projects. Park City Mayor Ray Mann hopes the approval of a Pedestrian Connectivity Master Plan by WAMPO will help iron out some of the details.

"This really is a good idea for how we can connect all our current walking paths," Mann said. "I think everybody has seen that everyone has been out using the current walking paths. We want to figure

out how we can start tying those things together. If we have a solid plan in place and we have a professional putting it together, we might find something we haven't seen before at a minimal cost."

Park City City Administrator Jack Whitson said the city has also considered adding bike paths in a number of places. He said the consultant will use feedback from a community committee to determine what gets put in and where it could be located. He said there is also the possibility of looking at connecting Park City to neighboring cities like Valley Center, Kechi and Wichita through a network of "walkable places." Whitson said he hopes the process of gathering information and developing the plan will begin by March 2018.



Tristin Terhune serves pasta to a family during the Lions Club's Taste of Italy fundraiser.



Jackie O'Neal checks the pasta. Organizers said 160 meals were served.

Lions Club serves meals to continue serving community

By Taylor Messick

The Bel Aire Lions Club had its annual Taste of Italy fundraiser at Gospel Assembly Church on Nov. 11.

Meals included a side salad, garlic bread and pasta covered with made-from-scratch meatballs and a homemade sauce recipe passed down to council member Guy MacDonald from his Southern Italian family. There was also a large spread of desserts to choose from.

Additional funds were

raised by the Lions Club through a silent auction with items from Regal movies, Kneaders bakery, Fetch Bistro, Spice Merchant, Cigar Chateau and Family Video.

The Northeast Tri-M (Modern Music Masters) honor society's band, orchestra and choir were on hand for performances and were led by directors Rod Martens and Cathy Wiedeman.

All proceeds from the event are put directly into the community projects.



ABOVE: The Northeast Tri-M honor society performs.

RIGHT: Pots of meatballs and sauce stay warm on the stove.

Photos by Taylor Messick



Joanne Agnew and Jerald Peterson plate salads.



Northeast Tri-M honor society (Modern Music Masters) perform on string instruments.

Student

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stepped in and helped us," he said. "They gave me a free rein of opportunities that I was able to take advantage of. It's been a pivotal place in my life; they taught me how to play basketball, they've helped me receive different scholarships and they basically taught me how to become a man. They've done so much for me and my family, and I owe a lot to them."

Valyn attended the Boys and Girls Club at its original location when she was younger and knew of its benefits. By the time she got Christopher involved with the program, it had moved to a bigger

location with even more opportunities. The Boys and Girls Club Christopher attended is located at 2400 N. Opportunity Drive in Wichita. It has a gymnasium, an art room, a dance room, a technology room, a football field and more.

Burrell said the mentors at the Boys and Girls Club are changing lives. He said that as a child, he had built up "walls" around his family unit. He said it often felt like it was them against everything else in the world and he didn't need to let anyone else in.

The Boys and Girls Club taught him it was OK to let others in and share his story and experiences with them.

Now, Christopher is a leader at the Boys and Girls Club. He has taken on the responsibility of being a mentor and helping others the same way he was helped. He also said he viewed this position as "more of an opportunity than a responsibility."

Recently, Christopher participated in the Boys and Girls Clubs of America's Youth of the Year competition. All Boys and Girls Clubs of

America participate, including those in territories or military bases around the world. Participants are asked to prepare and memorize a speech, be interviewed by a panel and write three essays. The essay topics are personal brand, club experiences and a vision for America's youth.

Successful participants push their way through panels of judges at the local, state, regional and national levels. Christopher was selected as the winner at the local and state levels and got the chance to represent Kansas at the regional level.

"I now currently represent all the clubs in the state of Kansas," he said. "I went to regionals and unfortunately I didn't win. But I met a lot of pivotal business leaders and very important people in the world. It gave me hope and passion to continue to move forward and be successful in my life."

Christopher has received thousands of dollars in scholarships through the program. The Youth of the Year program has given Burrell a total of \$75,000 in scholar-

ships. If his ACT score is good enough, he stands to receive an additional \$25,000 in scholarship money.

Northeast Magnet has also played an important role in shaping Christopher's future, he said.

"I wasn't sure if I was going to get in, but I went ahead and put in an application anyways," he said of attending the Bel Aire school. "It's random selection and there are so many kids that apply, but somehow I got chosen. I was just going to go to a regular high school, but when I got selected, I realized what a great opportunity it was. One of my friends told me kids at her school were crying because they didn't get in. I wanted to be an engineer and they had that focus I wanted and that higher scope of education I needed. I just had to go for it."

Christopher said he has always been interested in engineering. He said he loves learning about the ways in which energy is created. That curiosity got him into trouble at an early age.

"I've always loved building stuff," he said.

"I used to break stuff and put it back together, which my family probably hated. Looking back, breaking the toaster probably wasn't a good idea; but you only live once."

Christopher doesn't just want to stick to building one thing. That's why he hopes to study mechanical engineering. He said that field is broad enough to keep options open and keep him interested. His other main interests include basketball and business. He plays basketball for East High and his favorite television show is "Shark Tank." Christopher said he admires the positions the "sharks" on the television show are in. He said he would like to be in that position someday to take care of those who have taken care of him and also to help others.

"Hopefully I can become a successful business leader who can pour back into the community the way it has poured into me," he said. "Even if I move away, I'm going to give back to the place I'm from. If my basketball team needs new jerseys, I

want to be able to help. If Northeast needs new computers, I want to be able to help. If my mom needs a new house or if my siblings need help going to college, I want to be able to help. I want the places and people who made me who I am to know I didn't forget about them."

Though his life has been affected by a number of positive influences, he credits his mother for instilling in him generosity and selflessness.

"I remember driving down the highway with my mom one day," he said. "We had those months where we paid all the bills, had food in the house and didn't need anything. This was one of those months and we had a few dollars left over; it was a good month. Then we saw a man on the side of the road who needed money. She handed me a couple dollars and it was the rest of the money she had left. I asked if she was sure and she said it was OK. We had what we needed and he obviously needed it more. If someone needs something, she's going to make sure they get it. That's who she is and that's how I want to be."

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City of Bel Aire



Bel Aire Recreation

BOYS BASKETBALL is for ages 5 through 11. Registration deadline is Dec. 11. Practices begin the week of Dec. 18. The 9- to 11-year-old division will also play against teams from the Valley Center Recreation Commission.

HOLIDAY COFFEE MUGS is an astounding and simple way to customize your own coffee mug. You then take it home and fire it in the oven to enjoy your favorite holiday beverage in your own customized holiday mug.

PARISI SPEED CAMP is Saturday, Jan. 6. This free class is designed to fine-tune quick twitch muscles and enhance running form. Speed Camp will turn quickness into explosive speed.

YOUNG REMBRANDTS provides children with comprehensive art literacy that serves them well not just at the drawing table, but in school and into adulthood. Spring and fall sessions offered, as well as summer workshops. Enroll your children at youngrembrandts.com.

WERQ up a sweat with today's hottest hip-hop and pop music fitness class at 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

BARN QUILT WORKSHOP brings 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. January 6 at the rec center from 9 a.m. to noon. Space is limited, and registration is required.

TAEKWONDO (ages 5 & up) Classes meet from 5 to 6 p.m. Monday and Friday or from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. These are great classes for beginners to black belts.

YOGA classes are held from 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Participants must provide their own yoga mat. Teens & adults can join at any time.

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.

SENIOR AEROBICS class meets from 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesdays.

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
6251 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 (except for Nov. 3 and Nov. 6; see below)
- Bridge Games** – Tuesday, 1 p.m., Senior Center
- Low Impact Aerobics** – Wednesday, 9 a.m., Rec Center
- Senior Breakfast** – Fridays 9 a.m., various locations

Community Events

- Dec. 2 — Christmas Open House, City Hall, 5 to 8 p.m.
- Dec. 5 — City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 6 — Bel Aire Area Chamber of Commerce meeting, City Hall, noon
- Dec. 14 — Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 19 — Utility Authority Advisory Committee meeting, City Hall, 4 p.m.
- Dec. 19 — City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 22 — City offices close at noon for Christmas holiday
- Dec. 25-26 — City offices closed for Christmas holiday
- Dec. 29 — City offices close at noon for New Year's holiday
- Jan 1-2 — City offices closed for New Year's holiday

Monthly & Special Events

- Dec. 4, 6:30 p.m. — Potluck and program "Time Hop Bingo," in the Community Room
- Dec. 6, 10 a.m. — Volunteer library work time
- Dec. 7, 1 p.m. — Game day, Rec Center
- Dec. 8 — Foot Care with Hermes Health. Call 260-4110 for appointment
- Dec. 13, 10 a.m. — Open Sewing at the Rec Center
- Dec. 13, 2 p.m. — Coloring and conversation, Senior Center
- Dec. 14, 5:30 p.m. — Christmas lights tour. RSVP to 744-2451, ext. 121,
- Dec. 19, 6 p.m. — Ladies Dine Out, call Anita for info, 744-2840
- Dec. 20, 10:15 a.m. — Senior Aerobics brunch
- Dec. 20, 1:30 p.m. — Book Club meeting, Senior Center
- Dec. 22 — Senior Center closes at noon.
- Dec. 25 & 26 — Christmas holiday, Senior Center closed.
- Dec. 27, 2 p.m. — Coloring and conversation, Senior Center

City Hall will be closed:

From noon Friday, Dec. 22, through Tuesday, Dec. 26, for Christmas. It will reopen Wednesday, Dec. 27.

From noon Friday, Dec. 29, through Tuesday, Jan. 2, for New Year's. It will reopen Wednesday, Jan. 3.



CONNECT WITH US!



CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE & community tree lighting

Saturday, December 2nd
Bel Aire City Hall
5:00 - 8:00pm
Christmas Tree Lighting at 5:30pm

Delicious Treats & Hot Drinks will be served in the community room. Santa will be on site for pictures.



MAKING BEL AIRE

BRIGHT CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CONTEST

PRIZES:

- 1st Place**
1 Month Free Water & Sewer
- 2nd Place**
1 Month Free Water Only
- 3rd Place**
1 Month Free Trash Service

Contest open to Bel Aire residents.

Register your home at www.belaireks.gov by December 7th.

Must include a picture or video (max 10 seconds).

Pictures or videos will be posted on Bel Aire's Facebook page. The overall winners will be determined by having the most "likes."

Winners will be announced December 19th at the City Council meeting, as well as featured in the January's edition of the Bel Aire Beacon newsletter.



Mayor's corner

By David Austin

After the state legislature forced local municipalities to move local elections from the spring to the fall stating it would increase voter turnout, many wondered if that would be the case. While the results across the county are mixed at best, Bel Aire set the bar.

Outside of Wichita, Bel Aire had the most voters show up to the polls with more than 1,000 of you voting and making your voice heard. This is about a 30 percent increase in voter turnout from 2015 with almost 23 percent of registered voters participating in democracy. Other Sedgwick County cities showed a 2 to 11 percent voter turnout.

The results are in and in January four new citizens will be sworn in and become your new Bel Aire City Council. And I thank you for the honor of allowing me to serve again, too.

I look forward to working with this new group who will be joined by council President Betty Martine. In January, you can look forward to the annual state of the city, which will focus on our collective vision for 2018, including input from the citizen surveys and open houses. There is lots to do.

Open House

I hope you and your family can join us from 5 to 8 p.m. Dec. 2 at Bel Aire City for the Christmas Open House. It is strange to me to be writing about this when it is 60 degrees outside, but winter and the holiday season are here. Planned by the Community Development Advisory Committee, this event will be packed with activities for the entire family. You can get your photo taken with Santa Claus, have your face painted, enjoy arts and crafts, visit with city staff, tour city hall and so much more.

Road Improvements

You may have noticed construction on 53rd Street between Rock and Woodlawn has begun. This section of the road will be closed from the water tower to Rock Road until the first week in December. During this period, the existing pavement will be removed and work to stabilize and strengthening the sub-grade will be completed. Asphalt will be put down in spring when sustained warmer weather is more predictable.

We know this may be a pain for travelers and we apologize, but in the end, we can all be excited about improvements to 53rd Street and we thank you for your patience.

Happy Holidays

Taking advantage of the warm weather in late November, outdoor Christmas lights went up at the Austin household. Having a 3 1/2-year-old granddaughter around a lot has given me a whole new appreciation for this time of year. Her excitement at a strand of lights and helping Papa decide what goes where truly warmed my heart. Keturah and I wish you and your family a very warm and safe holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Lions Club thanks residents, businesses

On behalf of the Bel Aire Lions Club, I would like to thank the citizens and businesses of Bel Aire for their support of our Taste of Italy fundraiser held Nov. 11. We served 160 meals and 100 percent of our net funds will go into our project fund to be spent serving others, i.e.; adopt a family for Christmas, support the city Christmas event, all our youth programs, and many others that benefit our community.

We would also like to thank the N.E. Magnet Tri-M society for providing musical entertainment for the evening.

It is only with community support that your Lions Club can provide services to our community. We believe those service projects are beneficial, and we thank you for helping us achieve those project goals.

Our organization is always looking for others who would like to help us. Ask a Lion how to join us in service to the community.

— Andy Horner, Bel Aire

DEATHS

DIANA SAMPLE

Diane Lynette Sample, 56, died Nov. 4, 2017.



Sample

She was born Feb. 19, 1961, in Wichita to Robert L. and Ann J. (Doll-off) McCoy.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents and sister-in-law Jill McCoy. Survivors include her parents of Wichita; husband Bob Sample of Wichita; daughter Jennifer (Brandon) White of Bel Aire; and siblings Doug McCoy of Wichita and Michael McCoy (Kay Rothfelder) of Bel Aire.

Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 9 at Affinity All Faiths Mortuary, 2850 S. Seneca, Wichita. Memorial contributions may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 8100 E. 22nd North, Unit 2100, Wichita.

THERESE SCHLOTTHAUER

Therese "Terry" Anne (Aaron) Schlotthauer, 87, Nov. 3, 2017.

She was born Oct. 12, 1930, in Wichita the youngest of 10 children for Robert Leo and Mary Adele (Stafford) Aaron. She attended St. Joseph Grade School, Mount Carmel Academy, Friends University and Wichita State University. She worked for Jenkins Music Company in Wichita. She married Cecil Schlotthauer on June 25, 1951, at St. Joseph Catholic Church. She was a teacher's aide in early childhood education and taught music, piano and vocal music. She and her husband delivered Meals On Wheels for 25 years and blood products to hospitals in Kansas and Oklahoma for the American Red Cross for 24 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents and nine brothers and sisters. Survivors include her husband of 66 years; children Karen "Mikie" (Louie) An-



Schlotthauer

tos of Dallas, Terry (Tom) Glover of Omaha, Neb., Amy Schlotthauer (Brian Harms) of Boulder, Colo., Laura Williams (finance Troy Moody) of Wichita, Stan Schlotthauer of Rapid City, S.D., and Greg Schlotthauer of New York; 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral Mass was Nov. 7 at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. Memorials to the Alzheimer's Association, Central & Western Kansas, 1820 E. Douglas Ave., Wichita, KS 67214; Catholic Care Center, 6700 E. 45th North, Bel Aire KS 67226; and St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 1321 N. Stratford, Wichita KS 67206. Downing & Lahey Mortuary East Chapel had charge.

HIGHLIGHTS

Homeowner draws gun on lost stranger

A case of mistaken house identity got a gun pulled on a man in October.

Bel Aire police officers were called to a burglary in progress Oct. 18 in the 4000 block of North Edgemoor.

Dispatchers told police that someone was being held at gunpoint.

When officers arrived, they talked to the homeowner who said a man entered the unlocked front door of the home, came into the living room and asked for "Mark."

The homeowner said he didn't know where Mark was and told the man to get out of his house. The homeowner then pulled a gun on the individual and ordered him out of the residence.

The homeowner provided officers a description and tag number of the suspect vehicle. Police found the vehicle one block east of the residence. The suspect said he was going to his friend Mark's house, and Mark told him to just go into the house when he got there.

However, the suspect mistook Edgemoor for Auburn and accidentally walked into the wrong residence. The homeowner did not wish to press charges and the suspect was advised to be more mindful of his location in the future.

— The Breeze staff

Local man says he was blackmailed by online suspect

Bel Aire police said a local man was allegedly being blackmailed by an online acquaintance.

On Oct. 25, the man told police he engaged in online sexual conduct with a stranger from New York, and the stranger was now blackmailing him to keep from releasing the video. The man sent the woman \$350 and now the woman is trying to get more money from him. The suspect is known only as a screen name of "Cassy Henderson."

— The Breeze staff

Thief reportedly takes orange juice, but nothing else

The thief must have been thirsty.

Bel Aire police received a theft report from a resident from the 4200 block of North Westlake Oct. 27.

The resident said someone entered his open garage and took two unopened gallon containers of orange juice from a refrigerator. Nothing else was disturbed.

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Parks

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phase one."

The video will be posted on the city's social media pages for the public to view. Lasher said the project is going to take some time, but the city wants to keep the public involved each step of the way. The first phase of the project is estimated to cost between \$1 million and \$1.5 million. The latter phases of the project will cost a little more.

"The timeline for the project is basically up to

the community and what they want to see," said Lasher. "One of the best parts of this isn't just that it's a new community gathering place, but that there's potential for community development around it. Commercial wants to be where people are and if they see us getting the first phase started it could attract them."

If businesses are drawn to the area by the project, the city could potentially create a community improvement district. That designation would allow the city to levy an additional sales tax on businesses in the area to pay

for infrastructure costs. Lasher said the idea is that if the city steps up to fund phase one, the additional sales tax could assist in funding the next two phases while simultaneously growing a town square.

In other business, the council:

- Declared Nov. 2017 American Diabetes Month and Nov. 11 Veterans Day.

- Heard concerns from council members over the removal of their political signs from roadside locations.

- Approved ordinances authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds, series 2017A, with unanimous votes.

- Approved a resolution authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of general obligation temporary notes, series 2017B

and 2017C, with a unanimous vote.

- Approved an ordinance authorizing the issuance of taxable industrial revenue bonds to Epic Sports LLC with a unanimous vote.

- Approved a change order of \$7,000 with Mies Construction for the marking of meter cans in phase two of Rock Spring, second addition with a unanimous vote.

- Accepted a quote of \$24,690 from Central Mechanical Wichita for the replacement of four HVAC units at the recreation center with a unanimous vote.

- Accepted a bid of \$161,151 from Mies Construction for the installation of water and sewer mains in phase five of Rock Spring with a unanimous vote.

- Approved level one funding (\$18,000) from Sedgwick Coun-

ty for the 2018 senior center budget with a unanimous vote.

- Approved a contract for engineering services with Ruggles and Bohm, P.A./Garver LLC for construction inspection services in phase five of Rock Spring with a unanimous vote.

- Appointed Betty Martine as the Chisholm Creek Utility Authority board representative to fill Peggy O'Donnell's term with a unanimous vote.

- Approved a resolution authorizing Wichita to annex and maintain the entire roadway at the intersection of 37th and Woodlawn with a unanimous vote.

All council members were present. There was a 10-minute executive session taken for potential property acquisition and a 15-minute executive session to discuss employee scheduling.

Election

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four will receive four-year terms.

Meanwhile, incumbents Diane Wynn (372), Ramona Becker (349) and Guy MacDonald (193) lost.

David Austin retained his seat as mayor, defeating Patty Beamer 772 to 229.

In Park City, incumbent George Glover narrowly defeated Brandi Baily, 80 to 74, in Ward 2. Baily previously was appointed to the second Ward 2 seat and will continue to serve the remainder of an unexpired term.

In the contested Ward 3 race, Benjamin Saucedo defeated Steve Brown, 80 to 65. Saucedo will replace Gary Aldrich, who was defeated in the primary.

Incumbents John Lehnher (Ward 1), Melvin Kerr (Ward 4) and Mayor Raymond Mann won their

seats in uncontested races.

There were no contested races in Kechi, where John Speer was elected the city's new mayor, and Margaret McCormick and Betty Washington retained their council seats.

The Valley Center school board will have a new member.

Jason Reffner was one of the three top vote-getters in a four-person race for three at-large seats on the school board. He will take office in January.

Bart Balthazor and Brad

Barbour won re-election, while incumbent Richard Harris failed to gather enough votes to keep his seat.

In the Valley Center City Council races, the winner of Ward 3, which had no candidates, was announced after the votes were canvassed nearly a

week later. Matt Stamm received 32 write-in votes, beating Kelsey Parker, who had 19.

Meanwhile, Paul Davis III won the Ward 4 race, which covers the southwest part of the city. He beat Forrest Patterson 61 to 38.

Davis will replace long-time council member Al

Hobson, who did not seek re-election.

Wards 1 and 2 were uncontested, with incumbent Brendan McGettigan winning Ward 2 and newcomer Ray Strunk taking Ward 1, replacing Lou Cicirello.

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BEL AIRE POLICE REPORTS

Oct. 16 — Officers Toomey and Roney were dispatched to Eagle Lake Park for a report of suspicious vehicle. Upon arrival they made contact with a man and woman in a car. The man said he was just hanging out with the woman and made the point of telling the officers she was not his wife. He was found to have a warrant through the City of Wichita. The man, whose name was not available, was arrested.

Oct. 17 — Two high school students were caught engaging in inappropriate behavior on school grounds in the 5500 block of North Lycee.

Oct. 17 — The Wichita Police Department called the Bel Aire Police Department and reported that a dispatcher from Alabama received a text message stating that a man in the Bel Aire area was contemplating self-harm. Officers went to a residence in the 6100 block of East Edinburg and contacted two men in the driveway. It was determined the man in question did not intend to harm himself.

Oct. 17 — Officer Trumbull observed a tan Lexus traveling northbound in the 5000 block of North Woodlawn. A check of the vehicle showed the license plate should be on a different vehicle. Trumbull stopped the vehicle and contacted the driver, who did not speak English well. The front passenger translated and stated the tag belonged to the Honda Odyssey that wasn't working. While working through the situation, Trumbull saw four children in the back seat of the vehicle unrestrained. One of the children was 4 years old and did not have a child safety/booster seat. The woman was unable to provide proof of insurance. The woman was cited for the violations.

Oct. 18 — Officers Webb and Trumbull were dispatched to a vandalism call in the 6500 block of East Rodeo. The reporting party said she was at work and received a telephone call from her daughter that a man texted her and stated he broke a window at their residence. The calling party arrived at home and discovered the rear sliding door window was shattered. The daughter arrived on scene and stated the man had been texting her all day threatening and harassing her. The woman said the man texted her and told her he was going to come to her house and break things.

Oct. 18 — Officers Trumbull, Webb, Crouse and Roney responded to the report of a burglary in progress in which the dispatcher advised that someone was being held at gunpoint in the 4000 block of North Edgemoor. Officers arrived in the area and contacted a man who said a male entered his unlocked front door and entered his living room and asked where Mark was. The man said he responded that he didn't know where Mark was and told the man to get out of his house. The homeowner pulled a gun on the individual and ordered him out of his residence. The homeowner provided a description and tag number of the suspect vehicle. Officers made contact with the owner of the vehicle one block to the east of the initial call. The suspect said he was going to his friend Mark's house. Mark had told him to come on in when he arrived. The suspect had mistaken Edgemoor for Auburn and accidentally walked in to the wrong residence. The homeowner did not wish to press charges and the suspect was advised to be more mindful of his location in the future.

Oct. 18 — Officer Webb was dispatched to assist the Kechi Police Department with a domestic disturbance. During the course of the investigation, it was determined that the involved parties had been mutual combatants during a disturbance. The Kechi officer arrested both subjects for domestic battery and Webb assisted by transporting one of the subjects to the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility for Kechi.

Oct. 19 — The Bel Aire Police Department received information from the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services regarding an incident in the 6700 block of East 45th. After investigation by the KDADS, the allegations were determined to be a rumor and not substantiated.

Oct. 20 — Officer Forman observed a man riding a bicycle in front of an address where there had been a vandalism in the 6400 block of East Rodeo. Forman recognized the man who threw a brick through the window of a residence. The case was under investigation. The resident at the target residence had applied for a temporary protection-from-abuse order, which had been granted and not yet served. Forman served the man with the Order and informed him that a violation of the order would result in his arrest. The man was released and he left the area.

Oct. 20 — Officers received a call of a subject that was "out of control" and yelling at traffic in the 4200 block of North Woodlawn. The subject said he had just been released from Wesley Hospital from a methamphetamine overdose and was attempting to get home. He said he got lost and confused as to where he was.

He was checked for warrants with none being located. Officers transported the man to his home near 47th Street and Broadway.

Oct. 20 — A man was driving northbound in the 5700 block of North Greenwich in his 2015 Volkswagen Passat when three deer ran across the roadway in front of him. The man was unable to avoid striking one of the deer. The collision caused damage to the passenger front of his vehicle. The deer was killed in the collision.

Oct. 20 — Officer Webb was dispatched to take a larceny report in the 4800 block of North Indian Oak. A woman reported a package was delivered to her porch on Oct. 14, but it was gone when she went to retrieve it. There were no known suspects.

Oct. 21 — Officer Crouse was traveling north on Oliver at 45th when he saw a maroon Nissan Altima. While following the vehicle he saw the vehicle was only traveling at about 20 mph. The vehicle was weaving its lane and crossing the fog line. He stopped the vehicle and contacted the driver. She was not intoxicated, only a poor driver. A records check indicated the woman's driver's license was suspended. She was issued a notice to appear in court.

Oct. 22 — Officer Crouse saw a silver Chevrolet Malibu fail to maintain its lane traveling westbound in the 5000 block of East 45th towards Oliver. After stopping the vehicle, he found the driver's license was suspended. The woman was issued a notice to appear in court.

Oct. 22 — Officer Webb was dispatched to a two-vehicle injury accident at Woodlawn and 45th. A Toyota Camry was southbound on Woodlawn when the driver disobeyed the stop sign and entered the intersection at about 40 mph. The Camry collided with a Ford Fusion. A passenger in the Fusion was transported to Wesley Medical Center for treatment of injuries. The driver of the Camry was cited for disobeying a stop sign.

Oct. 22 — Officers were dispatched to Eagle Lake Park for a suspicious character call. The calling party advised a group of vehicles had been driving around the area and were now at the park. Upon making contact with the group of eight juveniles, there was a strong odor of burnt marijuana coming from the area, but no marijuana or paraphernalia was located. The juveniles were released to their parents.

Oct. 22 — A subject was driving east in the 7700 block of East Central Park when he struck a curb, causing damage to the front right rim of his vehicle.

Oct. 23 — A woman from the 6500 block of East Rodeo reported receiving phone calls and texts from her ex in violation of a court order.

Oct. 23 — A man reported from the 5900 block of East 37th North that he lost control of the GPS of his DJI Phantom 4 Pro Plus drone. The drone flew north from Wichita over Bel Aire.

Oct. 23 — An unknown person turned in a black Kydex concealable handgun holster from the 5200 block of East 37th North. The holster was found in a yard where a motorcycle had crashed earlier in the month. The holster was submitted as found property.

Oct. 24 — Officer Crouse was dispatched to an animal control call regarding lost dogs in the 4900 block of North Highland. The reporting party said her two shepherds had again escaped her yard. One dog was described as white and tan, and the other was described as white and black. Crouse checked the surrounding area but did not succeed in locating the dogs.

Oct. 24 — A Bel Aire resident reported someone from the 4400 block of North St. James Place had requested money through Speedy Cash in his name. He reported the issue to Speedy Cash and was advised the incident was an online transaction.

Oct. 24 — A 2014 Nissan was rear-ended by a 2006 Ford while both cars were stopped at the stop sign at 53rd and Rock Road. The woman in the Ford advised her foot slipped from the brake pedal.

Oct. 24 — Officer Roney responded to a call for service in the 4700 block of North Hillcrest. He arrived and contacted a woman who said she thought someone entered her residence through the front door. The woman said there were several pry marks on the interior front door. The woman and her son went through the residence before Roney arrived and found nothing out of place. Photos were taken of the pry marks.

Oct. 24 — Officers were sent to a disturbance call in the 5200 block of North Toler. A manager said an individual playing basketball inside on the main court was causing trouble and refused to leave. Officers contacted the trespassing suspect. He was upset but immediately hugged Officer Trumbull. The man insisted he had not been doing any drugs or drinking any alcohol. The man told Officer Toomey that he was bipolar, had smoked marijuana in the past and used to use LSD. The man said he drove two

hours from Topeka to Wichita to meet up with friends to play basketball. His friends were not at the business. The manager banned the man from the business. He left to go to his parents' home back in Topeka.

Oct. 25 — Officer Forman was conducting traffic enforcement in the 4800 block of North Greenwich when he saw a blue Dodge Avenger traveling at 67 mph in a posted 55 mph zone. The 15-year-old driver presented a drivers' license that had restrictions. The teenager was driving in violation of the restrictions. He was cited for speeding and driving outside of restrictions on his license and then released to his parents.

Oct. 25 — A Bel Aire resident reported a daily problem with a neighbor's dogs in the 5600 block of North Lycee. He reported the dogs beginning to bark between 5 and 6 a.m. and bark throughout the day. The complaining party did not wish to sign a complaint, only make a report.

Oct. 25 — A man reported he had engaged in online sexual conduct with a stranger from New York and the stranger was now blackmailing him to keep from releasing the video. The man sent the woman \$350 and now the woman is trying to get more money from him. Suspect is known only as a screen name of Cassy Henderson.

Oct. 26 — Officer Trumbull was dispatched to a found property call in the 5100 block of East Willow Point. The reporting party said a package was delivered to her residence. She said she opened the package because she routinely orders from the business. The woman said the items in the package were not items she ordered. She said the box was a previously discarded box from a previous delivery. Inside the box was one Samsung Galaxy J3 Luna Pro, two Verizon SIM cards, and one bottle of Nivea body lotion. The items were submitted as found property.

Oct. 27 — Officer Trumbull was dispatched to a lost property report in the 6700 block of East 45th. The reporting party's necklace and cross were missing from a client's room. The last time the necklace and cross were seen was in the spring of 2013.

Oct. 27 — A man reported his porch umbrella (valued at \$100) was gone from his backyard in the 6400 block of East Rodeo. The gate to his backyard was closed but not locked and there was a lawn chair flipped over on its side. The man said he remembered seeing the umbrella two days before the call. The entire back yard and the neighbor's yard were checked, due to high winds.

Oct. 27 — Officer Webb stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5000 block of North Oliver. The teen driver was cited and released to his father for speeding, no proof of liability insurance and driving with no driver's license. The driver's father was cited and released for allowing an unauthorized person to operate a vehicle.

Oct. 27 — A Bel Aire resident from the 4200 block of North Westlake reported that someone entered his open garage and took two unopened gallon containers of orange juice from a refrigerator. Nothing else was disturbed.

Oct. 28 — Officers Crouse and Forman responded with the Park City Police Department to a domestic violence incident in Park City. The victim stated she stabbed her fiancé while trying to protect herself as he was assaulting her.

Oct. 28 — A man reported a laptop computer was stolen from his vehicle in the 4400 block of North Westlake. Money was also removed from the armrest console.

Oct. 28 — Officer Webb stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5100 block of North Oliver. The driver was cited for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

Oct. 28 — Officers were dispatched to a disturbance call in the 4800 block of North Farmstead. A 16-year-old was reported as being out of control and threatening to do self-harm. The youth was transported to St. Joseph Hospital for evaluation.

Oct. 29 — Officer Forman saw a maroon Lincoln MKZ speeding 56 mph in a 40 mph zone in the 4600 block of North Hillside. The driver also committed several other driving violations. Forman stopped the vehicle and contacted the driver who had difficulty rolling down his window. He wanted to cooperate; it just wasn't happening, officer said. The man failed standard field sobriety tests and was arrested. Forman also smelled marijuana in the man's car. A search resulted in the discovery of marijuana and paraphernalia. Christopher Ray Rothe of Wichita was arrested and booked into jail on charges of DUI, possession of mari-

juana, possession of drug paraphernalia and speeding.

Oct. 29 — A woman reported finding a debit card at the QuikTrip at 3820 N. Rock Road. It was submitted as found property.

Nov. 1 — Bel Aire officers assisted the Wichita Police Department and responded to the Goodwill Industries/WATC Satellite facility for a call of an active shooter in the 3300 block of North Webb. Officers entered the building and conducted a sweep of every room, locating several students and staff hiding within rooms. The building was cleared and no further action was taken.

Nov. 2 — Officer Webb responded to a two-vehicle injury accident in the 4300 block of North Woodlawn. A 2005 Jeep Grand Cherokee was stopped in southbound traffic waiting to make a left-hand turn. A 2000 Mercury Grand Marquis failed to stop for traffic and collided with the rear of the Jeep. The driver of the Jeep was tended to by Sedgwick County EMS and refused further treatment. The driver of the Mercury was cited for inattentive driving.

Nov. 3 — A woman from the 4800 block of East 44th called the Bel Aire Police Department to report that her credit card was fraudulently used. She cancelled the credit card and has contacted her bank.

Nov. 4 — Officer Crouse observed three juvenile males walking west across Woodlawn at 1:44 a.m. After stopping the juveniles, Crouse identified them and learned the boys were walking to an address on North Homestead. The juveniles said they started from an unknown residence east of the intersection of Rock Road and 45th. Their parents were contacted. All were released to parents.

Nov. 4 — Officer Trumbull was flagged down in the 5600 block of North Lycee regarding a subject at an apartment. The man wasn't to be there because of a no-contact order. Officers Gibson and Trumbull made contact with the woman at the apartment and she denied the man was inside the apartment and was insistent that he had not been there. The woman left with her children and a few minutes later the man exited the apartment through the south window. He was arrested and booked for violating the no-contact order. A criminal complaint has been prepared for woman for interference with a law enforcement officer.

Nov. 4 — Officer Webb responded to assist a deputy with a traffic stop in the 7200 block of East 29th. The deputy stopped the vehicle and smelled a strong smell of marijuana coming from the vehicle. A search of the vehicle confirmed the deputy's suspicions and several pounds of marijuana and other items of paraphernalia were seized.

Nov. 5 — Officer Forman observed a black Nissan Altima weaving on the roadway in the 5000 block of North Rock Road. The vehicle was stopped. The driver did not have a driver's license in her possession. Forman was eventually able to verify the woman's identity. She was cited for several traffic violations.

Nov. 5 — Officer Gibson made another call to a problem location in the 5600 block of North Lycee. A woman reported that her mother refused to return her daughter. The daughter was returned to her mother.

Nov. 5 — A woman called from the 6600 block of East Rodeo Court and advised that the mother of her 2-year-old granddaughter arrived at her residence for a scheduled visit with the child and then shortly after arriving took the child and left the residence. There is an ongoing paternity suit involving the child. However, there are no custody arrangements in place in court records. The Haysville Police Department checked on the child and found the residence to be in acceptable condition for the child.

Nov. 5 — A vehicle was southbound on Greenwich at 45th St. N. when a vehicle in front of it slowed. The driver said he was adjusting his fan control when he struck the vehicle in front of him. The man was cited for inattentive driving.

Nov. 6 — A woman came to the Bel Aire Police Department and reported she was leaving the Walmart at 29th and Rock Road when she noticed a damaged Kansas driver's license on the ground. The license was submitted to the municipal court clerk for return to the Kansas Department of Motor Vehicles.

Nov. 6 — A woman re-

ported being involved in a road rage incident with a man north of 34th and Woodlawn. The woman reported she contacted the man after their vehicles stopped at 37th and Woodlawn. She was late for work so she drove around the man and admitted making a threatening hand gesture resembling a handgun at the man.

Nov. 7 — Officer Crouse observed a black Chevrolet Avalanche fail to obey the stop sign at 45th and Woodlawn. After stopping the vehicle, the driver produced a Saudi Arabia driver's license but had no U.S. driver's license. The driver was also unable to provide proof of valid liability insurance. The driver was issued notice to appear in court. The driver was informed he was not allowed to operate a motor vehicle until he obtained a valid Kansas driver's license.

Nov. 7 — A person dropped off a found debit card to the court clerk. It was found in the area of Danbury between Gunnison and Janesville streets. The owner was contacted so she could retrieve the card.

Nov. 8 — Officer Steele stopped a car in the 4600 block of North Rock Road for operating with no license plate. The driver placed the license plate near the back window. The driver's license was suspended so she was issued a citation for driving with a suspended license and the license plate violation.

Nov. 8 — Officers assisted the Wichita Police Department with checking the welfare of a person who made comments about doing self-harm in the 5700 block of East 41st.

Nov. 8 — Officer Trumbull observed a driver who he knew had a suspended driver's license in the 6000 block of East 37th. The man said he was unaware his driver's license was suspended, although he had a newly issued Kansas ID card. The man was cited for driving with a suspended license. The man's mother arrived on scene and took custody of the man's vehicle.

Nov. 8 — Officer Webb contacted the driver of a black Ford Escape in the 4900 block of North Woodlawn. The driver had a suspended driver's license. The woman was cited for driving with a suspended license and driving without proof of insurance.

Nov. 8 — Officers were sent to an address in the 5900 block of East 41st in reference to a welfare check. Officers were able to contact a person responsible for the person and learned that the person was OK.

Nov. 9 — Officer Webb was dispatched to a two-vehicle crash in the 4200 block of North Oliver. A woman was driving a Honda CRV south on Oliver and was stopped in traffic waiting to make a left turn. A man operating a Jeep Liberty failed to stop for traffic and rear-ended the Honda. The man was cited for inattentive driving. Both vehicles were driven away from the scene.

Nov. 9 — Officer Trumbull saw a Silver Lexus driving west in the 5000 block of East 37th crossing the center line and fog line several times. He could see the driver texting on his phone. Trumbull stopped the vehicle and contacted the driver who said he did not have liability insurance and admitted to using his cell phone. While speaking to the man, Trumbull could smell the odor of burnt marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. A search of the vehicle did not result in evidence. The man was cited for driving with no proof of liability insurance and failure to maintain a single lane. He was also given a warning for use of wireless communication device.

Nov. 10 — Officers Webb and Gibson were dispatched to check the welfare of a person in emotional distress in the 5200 block of North Holder Court. The person texted a friend and suggested self-harm. The person was transported to St. Joseph Hospital and admitted for evaluation.

Nov. 11 — Officer Crouse assisted Officer Forman with a traffic stop involving a black Mercury Mountaineer in the 5300 block of North Greenwich. When officers contacted the occupants, they found an open container of alcohol. The passenger admitted the alcoholic beverages belonged to her. She was issued a notice to appear in court for transportation of an open container of alcohol.

Nov. 11 — Officer Crouse was dispatched to take a larceny report in the 4100 block of North Clarendon. Crouse contacted the reporting party who said that when she got

home she noticed the passenger door to her car was open. She did not notice any personal items missing from her vehicle or any new damage. While on scene, Crouse was contacted by another person at the same address who advised they were missing property out of their Saturn ION. Both vehicles had been unlocked.

Nov. 11 — Officers received a call of an alarm in the 4800 block of North Indian Oak. When they arrived they found two individuals from Safeguard Properties, who reportedly responded to change the locks on the residence. The perimeter of the unoccupied residence was checked and nothing was found out of place outside the residence.

Nov. 12 — Officer Forman was dispatched to provide assistance to Kechi during a traffic stop in Kechi. While conducting his investigation, the Kechi officer had an out-of-control subject at Taser point. The man eventually calmed down for a few moments. The man became unruly again and threatened bodily harm to the Kechi officer. The man complied enough to be handcuffed and arrested by the Kechi officer.

Nov. 12 — Officer Roney observed a beige Kia Spectra speeding 54 mph in a 40-mph zone in the 4100 block of North Oliver. Roney stopped the vehicle and could smell the strong odor of burnt marijuana coming from the vehicle. Evidence was located in the vehicle. The driver was cited for speeding, no proof of liability insurance, driving in violation of a license restriction and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Nov. 13 — The Bel Aire code enforcement officer reported an unknown person caused damage to a city owned utility box on Nov. 8 on Brookstone. Estimated value to replace the box is \$350.

Nov. 13 — Officer Gibson was dispatched to an injury accident at 45th and Webb. A gray Dodge Dakota was traveling north on Webb when the driver of an orange Subaru SUV proceeded eastbound on 45th from the stop sign, striking the Dodge on the driver's side. The driver of the Subaru was cited for inattentive driving.

Nov. 13 — While assisting on an injury traffic crash at 45th and Webb, a Beige GMC Yukon pulled over and the driver wanted to speak to officers about a domestic issue from Wichita. Officer Roney observed two small children in the front passenger seat of the vehicle, unsecured. Roney recognized the driver as someone who he knew to have a suspended driver's license. Roney verified the man's license was still suspended and cited him for driving with a suspended license and having two 3-year-olds in the vehicle without child restraint seats or wearing seat belts at all.

Nov. 14 — A Bel Aire resident called the Bel Aire Police Department to report that someone entered her unlocked vehicle and went through her belongings in the 4100 block of North Auburn. The woman said the only thing she noticed missing was an envelope containing a small amount of cash.

Nov. 14 — While monitoring traffic in the area of 37th and Ridgewood, Officer Roney saw a vehicle run the stop sign and go west on 37th. The vehicle sped up to 59 mph in a 40 mph zone. Roney went in pursuit of the vehicle for the traffic violations. When he attempted to stop the vehicle, the driver fled. The vehicle hit a guardrail and then a curb while getting onto K-96 to go west. The vehicle speed was only 15 to 20 mph after the collisions. The vehicle went north on I-135. Kechi police, Park City police, Valley Center police, Wichita police, Kansas Highway Patrol and Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office assisted with the pursuit. Stop-stick tire-deflation devices were used on the vehicle, but the driver did not stop. A Sedgwick County sheriff's deputy performed a tactical vehicle intervention maneuver on the vehicle, causing it to go into the ditch. The driver exited the vehicle through the driver's window and was taken into custody. The driver was transported to the QuikTrip at 3500 N. Oliver, where he was identified as the person who committed an auto theft and aggravated battery upon the owner of the vehicle. Custody of the driver was transferred to the Wichita Police Department. The driver was booked into jail on charges of aggravated battery, aggravated robbery, felony flee and elude for committing five or more traffic violations during the pursuit, and felony flee and elude for intentionally avoiding tire-deflation devices.

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During the church season of Advent, worship services will be offered at 7 p.m. Wednesday, preceded by a potluck at 6:15. Christmas Eve services will be at 4:30 (contemporary) and 7 p.m. (traditional).

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.

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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

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Cornerstone Christian

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

Pastor is Jim Rackham, teaching/discipleship pastor is Brandon Morrow and

youth pastor is Tate Strasner.

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

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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.

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For more information, call 682-1597 or visit at www.fairmountuccc.org. Steve Bridwell is the minister.

Gateway

Gateway Church is at 137 N. Oliver, Kechi.

Sunday fellowship with coffee and rolls is at 9:15 a.m., with worship and teaching at 10:15.

We have many small groups that meet throughout the week.

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Adam Welty is the pastor.

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.

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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.

Cookie Caper will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 2. Homemade cookies, goodies, candies, jams, jellies and

bread. Cookies and candies sold by the pound. All proceeds go to United Methodist Women Missions fund.

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.

Life University/Sunday school meets at 9 a.m., with Kids Church at 10:30. There is no regular Sunday night service. For special activities, check online at www.lpcag.org.

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

Adult small groups meet throughout the community.

Senior pastor is Steve Rains. Youth pastor is Jacob Soye. Children's pastor is Nathaniel Thurman.

Call the church at 755-2331.

Risen Savior Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

Located at 6770 E. 34th North, Wichita. Phone number is 683-5538; website is www.risensaviorwichita.net.

Contemporary worship services are at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Adult Sunday school and Bible class are at 9:15 a.m., with children's church at 10:30. Nursery is provided during Bible class and the second service.

Communion is the first and third Sunday.

During Advent, Wednesday Evening Ministries will be from 6:30 to 7:05 p.m. with activities for all ages. A nursery will be available for preschool age children. King's Kids is for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Confirmation class is for children in grades six through eight. IMPACT! is for grades nine through 12. Adult Bible classes are also available.

Advent Worship Services will be from 7:15 to 7:45 p.m. Nov. 29 and Dec. 6 and 13.

Christmas Eve Worship Services will be at 6 p.m. Dec. 24, with a Candlelight Service at 8.

Christmas Day Worship Service will be at 10 a.m. Dec. 25.

Senior pastor is Tom Harmon.

Saint Michael Western 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 meets at 9 a.m.

Wednesday service is at 6 p.m.

Saturday Vespers are at 4:30 p.m.

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.

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