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Police respond to three armed robberies

By The Breeze staff

Area law enforcement responded to three armed robberies between Feb. 28 and March 8, including two on 37th North.

On Feb. 28, Bel Aire police assisted Wichita po-

lice on an armed robbery at the Dollar Tree in the 6600 block of East 37th North. Employees reported that two black males entered the store with handguns and demanded money. Trumbull circulated the area at the request of Wichita po-

lice. The incident happened just before 9 p.m.

On March 2, Bel Aire police went to Intrust Bank at 37th and Rock Road about 2:45 p.m. after receiving the report of an armed robbery. The suspect was described as a black

male in his mid-30s, slim build, mostly bald with a light mustache. He was wearing an olive and gray hoodie with a zip-up jacket with red lining.

Employees said the suspect exited the east doors, but could not provide any

further information about where the suspect went. Police circulated the area, but did not find the suspect.

Then on March 8, Bel Aire police assisted Wichita police on a robbery in progress at the Circle K Gas Station in the 3300 block

of North Rock Road. The suspects were described as three teenage males armed with handguns. The suspects left with a black duffelbag filled with the money.

The incident happened about 6 a.m.

Sunrise to use fields for free

City reverses earlier decision

By Taylor Messick

Bel Aire's city council voted in February to start charging Sunrise Christian Academy for use of the baseball fields at the Bel Aire Recreation Center. On March 6, the council, which has all but one new member, voted to undo that decision.

After a lengthy discussion in February, the former council decided it would be fair to make Sunrise pay the same amount to reserve baseball and softball fields at the recreation center as anyone else. Sunrise had been using the fields free of charge prior to that and thought allowing recreation center patrons to use their parking lot during events was a fair trade. The current council seems to agree, based on its unanimous decision to waive the charges for Sunrise on March 6.

"The way the agreement was, (Sunrise) would pay anytime they reserved the fields," said City Manager Ty Lasher. "Those fields aren't being used during the day so they didn't need to reserve the fields except for games, just to make sure they had them. We ended up only making a couple hundred dollars off them reserving the fields; so the council decided that since they let us use their parking lots, and it isn't a large amount of money, to just let them use the fields."

Lasher said the recreation center was involved in the decision and that Sunrise will be required to help out with the fields. They agreed to come help pick up trash at the fields after their events.

"The (recreation center) handles field maintenance internally," said Lasher. "They do it for our own use as well. Part of the agreement is that Sunrise goes out there and helps for their games. They'll pick up trash and things like that and they'll kind of provide some free labor that way."

The recreation center's crew will continue to mow outfields and drag infields for games. They will also cover the costs of paint, chalk, water, fertilizer, chemicals and other equipment costs without contributions from Sunrise.



Taylor Messick

"It's the real deal here in the classroom as far as academic rigor," says assistant athletic director and basketball coach Jared Miller. "They have to work hard."

Juggling athletics and academics

New assistant athletic director wants well-rounded students

By Taylor Messick

Jared Miller took over as Sunrise Christian Academy's assistant athletic director and basketball coach last fall.

Miller is from Ohio where he became a teacher and basketball coach after earning a master's degree. After spending some time with his family on a mission trip in Ethiopia, he returned to take an administrative job in Ohio; that forced him to give up coaching. However, he stayed involved with athletics by helping with local camps. He then learned of an administrative position at a school called Mountain Mission School in Virginia.

"I visited there and ended up accepting a position as the director of education for six years before I came here," said Miller. "After I was there for a year, they wanted me to help reset the academic culture and pursue accreditation. They had been around since 1921 without being accredited, and I'm very proud to say I got them accredited with the help of staff and a lot of really good people."

Mountain Mission School eventually began a concerted effort to expand its basketball program by trying to appeal to more international students. It was through assisting with that process that Miller realized he wanted to get back into coaching while still retaining an administrative role.

"My president was really supportive there," said Miller. "He knew how I felt and what I wanted so he allowed me to do both. A lot of times, they don't allow that. But it was good for me. It was challenging time wise and with my family, but I continued to pursue accreditation which takes three to five years and then I slowly got back into coaching."

Miller was familiar with Sunrise Christian Academy because of its prominent basketball program when he was offered the assistant athletic director position. He said it was the type of high level basketball program

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Bel Aire pushes for future development

City approves infrastructure, master plan

By Taylor Messick

The Bel Aire City Council took steps toward future development in the city March 20 by approving plans for street repairs and infrastructure.

During a recent workshop, the council discussed street repairs with the city engineer. On March 20, the council unanimously voted to hire PPJ Construction for those repairs at

a total cost of \$141,050. Street repairs planned for 2018 include thermal crack repairs on Greenwich Road from the north city limits to 45th North. Thermal crack repairs are also planned for Webb Road from the north city limits to 45th North, but could potentially be pushed back to 2019 if necessary. Rehabilitation is planned for 46th North east of Battin in 2018.

Concrete, curb and gutter replacements will also be taken care of by PPJ in various locations throughout the city. City staff will be handling a number of smaller street improvement projects as well. The staff

has work planned for Edgemoor between 38th North and 41st North, Farmstead Courts, Park Vista, Rodeo, Pearson's Addition, Summit Hill and Eagle Lake.

Another item that was unanimously accepted by the council was the Bel Aire Master Growth Plan, which was presented by The Law Company and PEC. This is a plan the city had developed through research and community input to determine how to best grow the city. The plan identifies areas that are best suited for commercial, residential and other types of development and generally helps the city plan for the future.

"Our planning officials and staff requested that the council adopt a master growth plan that would identify the best location for certain uses," said Mayor David Austin. "The city contracted with The Law Company and PEC to create this plan. We had a city wide survey, took input on social media and had numerous open houses and meetings. The planning commission approved the plan at their March 15 meeting."

Pieces of the plan will be selected later to be incorporated into the city's more official, comprehensive plan. The Master Growth

Plan is mostly a set of recommendations for the city to decide what to do with. None of it is binding and the council can amend the plan at any time. The city will post the plan to its website and social media pages for citizens to review and give feedback.

"This is saying we want to move forward," said Austin. "It doesn't bind us to everything that's in the plan. This is a good direction we're being pointed in. Certainly — before we were to build or do anything — you have my word that citizens' input will be sought."

In other business, the coun-

- Unanimously approved the appropriations ordinance in the amount of \$256,649.96.
 - Proclaimed April Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month.
 - Unanimously approved a resolution concerning service, license and permit fees pertaining to the Bel Aire Recreation Center. (Combined memberships for the rec center and pool.)
 - Unanimously voted to continue the SRO position for USD 259.
 - Unanimously approved the Bel Aire Recreation Volunteer Policy.
 - Unanimously approved the Bel Aire Social Media and Website Policy.
 - Unanimously approved the Bel Aire Seniors Funding Policy.
- All members of the council were present. There was no executive session taken.



City of Bel Aire



Bel Aire Recreation

SHORT SPORTS

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

BLASTBALL

A coed introductory T-ball program for 4-year-olds played Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning April 17. Register by April 9.

SUMMER DAY CAMP

The Wichita YMCA offers a state-licensed day camp through the rec center for elementary ages. Activities include arts & crafts, games, sports, swimming, field trips and much more. Call the Y at 264-1610.

REC BASEBALL & SOFTBALL (boys ages 5-11 & girls ages 5-12)

Completely recreational and designed to develop youngsters in baseball and softball while installing sportsmanship, respect, teamwork and self-confidence. Registration deadline is April 16, and games begin the week of May 29.

BRITISH SOCCER CAMP

Register for Challenger Sports' British Soccer Camp (July 9 thru 13) and join over 150,000 players who will learn the Challenger way. Fun kicks and awesome accents! Register at challengersports.com.

CENTRAL PARK

SWIMMING POOL

Opens Saturday, May 26th. Swim-

ming lesson enrollment and pool rental requests will be accepted beginning May 26.

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.

BARN QUILT WORKSHOP

Bring the beauty of quilts to the city. No skills needed for this class. You will take home a finished project. Space is limited, please call to reserve a spot. Meets the first Saturday morning of each month.

WERQ

The rec commission's newest cardio class meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Join the WERQ crew and WERQ your way into shape!

SENIOR AEROBICS

Includes fat burning cardio aerobics. These low-impact exercises are designed to reduce stress on your joints and back while using all major muscle groups. Class meets from 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesdays.

For more info about any Bel Aire recreation program, 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 1:30 p.m., Friday, 1 p.m., Community Room

Dynamic Aging — Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m., Rec Center. \$40 for four weeks or \$5 per class. Call Chris at 620-640-2104 for more info.

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

Monthly & Special Events

April 2, 6:30 p.m. — Potluck dinner and program: consumer fraud, Avery Elofssen.

April 4, 10 a.m. — Volunteer library work time.

April 5, 1 p.m. — Game day, Rec Center.

April 11, 10 a.m. — Open sewing, Rec Center.

April 11, 2 p.m. — Coloring and conversation, Senior Center.

April 17, 6 p.m. — Ladies dine out, Anita 744-2840 for info.

April 18, 10:15 a.m. — Senior aerobics brunch.

April 18, 1:30 p.m. — Book Club meeting, Senior Center.

April 23, 6 p.m. — Covered dish dinner and program, Rec Center.

April 25, 2 p.m. — Coloring and conversation, Senior Center.

April 25, 7 p.m. — Bunko (by RSVP), Senior Center.

April 27, 9 a.m. — Foot care, Hermes Health Care, Community Room.

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Community Events

April 3 — City Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall.

April 4 — Chamber of Commerce, noon, GoCreate, WSU Innovation Campus.

April 10 — City Council workshop, City Hall.

April 11 — Bel Aire Lions Club, 11:30 a.m., Gospel Assembly Church.

April 17 — Utility Advisory Committee, 4 p.m., City Hall.

April 17 — City Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall.

April 19 — Planning Commission

meeting, 6 p.m., City Hall.

April 19 — CDC meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall.

April 25 — Bel Aire Lions Club, 11:30 a.m., Gospel Assembly Church.

April 28 — Party for Parkinson's 5K & Fun Run, Catholic Care Center.

April 28 — National Take Back Prescription Drug Day, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Bel Aire Police Department.

DID YOU KNOW?

When Bel Aire and Park City joined to create the Chisholm Creek Utility Authority, or CCUA, the two cities pooled together their raw well water to be processed for drinking water. Bel Aire has five wells and Park City has six. CCUA acquired KG&E's closed Ripley Power Station water well. Combined well water appropriation from all these wells is 1137.755 million gallons per year. Wastewater from the CCUA treatment plant totaled 461.189 million gallons in 2017. Some of this treated wastewater is purchased by the Willow Bend Golf Course and some will be reused within the CCUA wastewater plant, while the remainder is discharged into Chisholm Creek. Dry sewage sludge is purchased by a local farmer for fertilizer.

Want to learn who is in control of the CCUA plants? Learn in next month's "Did You Know".

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Beautify Bel Aire

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

Send us your before & after pictures for a chance to win a \$50 gift card from Tree Top Nursery.

One home will be selected each month from April to September.

How to enter:

Share pictures on Facebook or Twitter using #BeautifyBelAire

CONNECT WITH US!



National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal

Visit www.dea.gov or call 800-882-9539 for a collection site near you.

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Drop off your unused or expired medication for safe disposal at the Bel Aire Police Department from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

HIGHLIGHTS

Threatening note found

The note may have been more threatening if it didn't appear to have been written by a child.

Bel Aire police took a report from a man in the 4300 block of Eagle Lake Court Feb. 20 who said he found a suspicious note under the front door mat at his residence. The note had a hand-drawn knife, a figure resembling "Slenderman" and a handwritten message: "I'm watching you even right now. Beware the Slende."

The writing and drawing appeared to be done by a juvenile. The resident could not provide possible suspects.

— The Breeze staff

Chicken on the loose

At least the chicken left a present before be-

ing taken to the vet and then to the animal shelter March 8.

Bel Aire police responded to a report of a chicken on the loose in the 4900 block of North Highland Court. The chicken was located. Officers discovered it had laid an egg in a flowerbed.

The chicken was missing a large feathers from its back, so it taken to Heartland Animal Clinic for an exam. The veterinarian told police the chicken appeared to have mites, which was causing it to lose feathers.

The chicken was taken to the Wichita Animal Shelter.

— The Breeze staff

Suspicious man wants to 'hoop'

The man just wanted to play some basketball.

On March 10, Bel Aire police responded to a suspicious character report

in the 4900 block of North Hedgerow Court.

The suspicious character was described by police this way: A white male, 25 to 30 years old, 5-foot-8, sandy blond hair (messy and constantly itching), carrying a basketball, 5'oclock shadow, smelling like drugs, medium build, white shirt with black shorts driving an older white ford truck.

The man was challenging neighborhood kids to a game of basketball. Police said the man never made any attempt to lure the children to his truck, but just wanted to "hoop it up."

— The Breeze staff

Wichita police recruit arrested

The incident that resulted in the arrest of a Wichita Police Department recruit on charges of domestic violence and criminal damage to property took place in Bel Aire, police said.

On March 11, officers responded to a phone message from a Wichita police sergeant advising that a Wichita police recruit was involved in a domestic disturbance in the 6600 block of East 44th Court North.

The case was turned over to the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office for investigation due to the nature of the incident.

In a news release, Wichita police said a 21-year-old female contacted the patrol west station in Wichita to report that she had been battered and her property was damaged by her 21-year-old boyfriend.

The man was arrested and booked into jail.

The recruit, who was not named, began employment with the Wichita Police Department in January 2018 and had been attending the police academy. Police said the recruit is no longer employed with the department.

— The Breeze staff

Don Hattan buys Ford

Don Hattan Dealer Group announced Feb. 21 the purchase of Eddy's Ford of Augusta.

With facilities in Park City, El Dorado and Derby, expansion into the Augusta community furthers the goal of effectively and efficiently serving customers in Wichita and the surrounding region, owner Jill Hattan said in a news release.

"Our goal for this new location is to offer the same hometown values and market-based pricing that we've consistently offered at our Don Hattan dealerships since 1949, while also providing a quality product and outstanding customer service," Hattan said. "We intend to be a strong and active community supporter, a good corporate citizen, as well as a friendly neighbor."

Don Hattan Chevrolet was founded in 1949 in Valley Center by Hattan's grandfather and was later

owned and operated by her father, Jim Hattan. Jill Hattan took over the dealership in 2002.

— The Post staff

KHP helper killed on I-135

A Kansas Highway Patrol motorist assist technician was killed March 7 in a crash on I-135 in Park City.

Ricardo J. Torres, 69, of Augusta, was taken to St. Francis hospital after his truck was struck by a semi in the southbound lanes of the highway near the 61st Street interchange. Torres was later pronounced dead at the hospital.

The wreck happened about 4 p.m. The Kansas Highway Patrol said Torres was merging from the center median onto the highway in front of the semi and was struck from behind.

The semi driver, a 24-year-old Wichita man, was not hurt.

— The Breeze staff

PEOPLE

Paul Amstutz of Wichita was named to the dean's list for the fall 2017 semester at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Ill.

To earn these honors, an undergraduate student must carry 12 or more credit hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or higher on a 4.0 scale.

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Anna Raab, a senior English major from Wichita, has been recognized as a legacy student at Bob Jones University in Greenville, S.C. In order to be a legacy, students must have at least one parent who graduated from BJU.

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Manisethika Sotha, Amy Emerson, Mariah Gad and Christine Wolf, all of Bel Aire, were named to the dean's list for the fall 2017 semester at Newman University.

To qualify for this list, a student must complete 12 credit hours and attain a grade point average of 3.50 or higher during the semester.

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Kendra Wicks of Bel Aire was named to the president's list, and Jharrian Bowen of Wichita and Alex Lasher of Bel Aire were named to the dean's list for the fall 2017 semester at Washburn University.

To qualify for the president's list, a student



Engineer earns degree

Courtesy photo

Bel Aire city engineer Anne Stephens (left) is recognized during a city council meeting March 6 for earning a Mini Master of Public Administration degree from Wichita State University.

must be enrolled in 12 hours of graded credits and earn a semester grade point average of 4.00.

To qualify for the dean's list, a student must be enrolled in 12 hours of graded credit and earn a grade point average of between 3.4 and 3.99.

†††

Douglas Roberts participated in the Missouri Association of Forensic Activities Feb. 16 and 17

for Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa. He is

the son of Ronda and Aaron Bowen.

†††
Meredith Clark and Peter Cole, both of Wichita, each received a master of science in management and leadership from Western Governors University in Salt Lake City.

†††

The following students were named to either the honor roll or the dean's list or both for the fall 2017 semester at Emporia State University: Elia Brown, university honor roll and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences dean's list; and Hope Luzer, university honor

roll and The Teachers College dean's list. Both are from Wichita.

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

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Mayor's corner

By David Austin

While many of us had our NCAA brackets blown to smithereens after the first rounds in March, the month was full of awesome activities and we continue to have a bright future. So many examples of kindness, events and happenings that make me so proud to have the honor of being your Mayor.

On March 22, council member Jim Benage led a group of Bel Aire employees in volunteering to prepare and serve a meal at the Interfaith Ministries Homeless Shelter. Then two days later, it was Spring Fest time with kites, kids' activities and of course thousands of Easter eggs.

Thank you to all the volunteers who made the Spring Festival March 24 a huge success. And before the Spring Fest, the Bel Aire Lions Club, made up 100 percent of volunteers, erected a 25-foot high flagpole at the rec center as a service project. It was a gift to the city and our citizens.

Good happenings weren't just confined to serving others and hosting a great event.

Future

Your governing body spent a great deal of time at its March workshop discussing the future of our city. We looked at a master park plan, talked at length about making street improvements and ways to most prudently finally be able to rid us, the taxpayers, of this debt we have had to carry since that option was exercised a decade ago. While great strides have been made recently, I continue to advocate for a way to invest in our future and catapult us into attracting commercial (retail and restaurants, etc.). Stay tuned as more information will come out this summer with a promise of seeking citizen input.

Woodlawn

It is widely known KDOT has approved a significant grant to improve Woodlawn from 37th to 45th. Very recently senior staff members met with KDOT, at the direction of the governing body, to secure information necessary to move forward.

The first step is to decide what exactly should be improved and expanded. While it is easy to say it should be a two-lane, three-lane, four-lane or whatever it is you desire, the truth is, we need to have some real hard facts before making any major decision like this. Trust me, I have heard many suggestions.

Our city engineer, armed with this information, is now working on an RFQ for soliciting a design engineer. The design engineer will be able to tell us real projections and costs and benefits of different options. This is the first step, and it is happening.

Lighting

You may have noticed a number of LED bulbs in our streetlights. Beginning in August, Westar will begin its work to change out every non-LED power light in Bel Aire with LED bulbs. These are brighter and are much brighter.

Told you our future was bright.

DEATHS

STEVE EVANS

Steve Evans, 69, of Bel Aire, died Feb. 19, 2018.



Evans

Pizza Hut Inc.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wives Claudia Evans and Jassendra Kent. Survivors include fiancée Jodie Rea; brother Rick (Jan) Evans; daughter Crystal (Dan) Cole; son Shawn (Melissa) Evans; and nine grandchildren.

A celebration of life has been held. Memorials to Give Kids the World Village, 210 S. Bass Street, Kissimmee FL 34746.

SHARON MINOR

Sharon Lorraine (Maxfield) Minor, 73, of Wichita, died Feb. 20, 2018.



Minor

29, 1961.

She was an amateur (ham) radio operator (KDØXW), president of a local amateur radio club and Kansas Ham of the Year. She was in emergency management with amateur radio for more than 30 years, also instructing and testing others for amateur radio licenses.

Survivors include her husband of 56 years; children Mikki (Ron) Gilmore of Bel Aire and Sandi (Kevin) Swint of Empo-

ria; grandchildren Forrist Shultz, Alix (Jon) McLeod, Logan (Jade) Minor, Karsynne Minor, Tyler Gilmore, Adam (Kayla) Gilmore; great grandchildren Emma Shultz, Thea Minor and Harper Gilmore; brother Terry (Peggy) Maxfield of Emporia; and many other family and friends.

Funeral service was Feb. 26 at Baker Funeral Home, Valley Center. Memorials to Home Health of Kansas, 7607 E. Harry, Wichita KS 67207.

THADD TWEET

Thaddeus "Thadd" Christopher Tweet, 49, of Liberty, Mo., died Feb. 15, 2018.

He was born Oct. 19, 1968, in Wichita to Larry and Kay Tweet. He lived in Park City and Valley Center while growing up and graduated from Valley Center High School in 1987. He worked for Love Box Company in Wichita and transferred to the Kansas City area in the early 1990s. He also worked



Tweet

Center at the Big Larry's fundraiser in November.

Survivors include his wife; sons Isaiah and Elijah; parents; brothers Nathan (Kelli) Tweet of Savannah, Ga. and Seth (Olivia) Tweet of Bel Aire; sisters Beth (Bobby) Massey and Sarah (Tony) Snavely, all of Valley Center, and Ruth Wittum of Owosso, Mich.; 33 nephews and nieces; and eight great-nephews and great-nieces.

Services were Feb. 27 at Liberty Christian Fellowship.

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran-ELCA

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

Sunday services are at 9 (contemporary), 10:15 Sunday school and 11 a.m. (traditional), with communion at both services.

During Holy Week, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday services will be at 9 and 11 a.m. Children's activities and a breakfast will be offered between services.

For more information about the church and its activities, find us online at www.christ-lutheran.org, on Facebook (www.facebook.com/CLC-wichita) or call 744-1242. Chad Langdon is the pastor.

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 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday. Weekday Masses are 8 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and 6 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.

If you have any questions about our church, please call Amy Smith at 323-2819.

Cornerstone Christian

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

Easter Sunday brunch is at 9 a.m. with worship at 11.

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

Wednesday study groups at 6:30 p.m. include adult studies, youth and Awana.

Pastor is Jim Rackham, and youth pastor is Tate Strasner.

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.

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.

Visit Gateway online (www.gatewaychurchks.com) or on Facebook (www.facebook.com/gatewaychurchks.com). 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.

Youth activities are on the first Saturday evening of each month.

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

Greenwich United Methodist

Greenwich UMC at 5500 N. Greenwich Road is one mile south of K-254 and five miles north of 21st North.

Sunday worship is at 9 a.m. with Life Studies for all ages from 10 to 10:30.

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 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 and Wichita Children's Home, to name a few.

Like us on Facebook at Wichita Greenwich United Methodist Church. Call us at 744-0203.

Kechi United Methodist

Located at 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi. Sunday worship is at 9:03 a.m. (contemporary) and 11 (traditional), with Sunday school at 10.

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.

Maundy Thursday Service will be at 7 p.m. March 29.

Good Friday service will be at 7 p.m. March 30.

Easter Sunday services will be at 8 and 10:30 a.m. April 1.

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 worship has Matins at 9:45 a.m. and Divine Liturgy (Mass) at 10. Adult class at 9 a.m. studies the Biblical Journey of Faith.

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 deacon. Frank Tritschler is head chanter. Readers are Moses Rothenberger and James Finneran. Mrs. Sally Buxon is organist.

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.godsclot.com or on Facebook (Gods Closet - Wichita).

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BEL AIRE POLICE REPORTS

Feb. 18 — Officer Steele responded to an injury accident at 53rd and Oliver. A Mazda 6 collided with a Chrysler Sebring in the intersection. One driver was transported to the hospital with minor injuries. One driver was issued a citation for inattentive driving.

Feb. 18 — Officer Roney contacted a social worker from St. Francis Community Service who was stopped on the side of the road in the 9300 block of East 45th North. Roney observed a juvenile male walking toward the worker's vehicle. The employee informed the officer that the juvenile was a foster child who was being dropped off at a home for temporary placement for the evening. The juvenile did not want to be at the residence and took off walking. Roney spent some time with the juvenile and eventually was able to convince the juvenile to return to the home for the evening.

Feb. 19 — Officer Crice took a burglary report from the apartment complex under construction in the 5700 block of North Lycee. The company reported the theft of several appliances and electrical supplies from several of the units. Each unit had signs of forcible entry.

Feb. 20 — A man from the 4300 block of Eagle Lake Court reported finding a suspicious note under the front door mat at his residence. The note had a hand-drawn knife, a figure resembling "Slenderman" and a handwritten message, "I'm watching you even right now. Beware the Slende." The writing and drawing appeared to be done by a juvenile. The resident could not provide possible suspects.

Feb. 20 — Officers responded to a report of a disturbance with a 9-year-old female foster child who was out of control in the 5900 block of East Clarendon. The foster parents needed assistance. Officers contacted the juvenile who appeared to be under control. The juvenile stated she had gone to the Boys and Girls Club where she was made fun of by other children for her lisp. The juvenile was transported to St. Joseph hospital for a mental evaluation.

Feb. 21 — Officer Steele took a report at the station of found property. The property is a loaded 9-mm handgun magazine that was left inside a rental vehicle from Enterprise Car Rental.

Feb. 21 — Lt. Foxx and Officers Trumbull and Roney responded to a call of a possible rape in the 6500 block of East 45th North. The staff reported that a resident in their care had reported being sexually assaulted by another resident at an unknown time within the facility. Both the victim and possible suspect suffer from dementia. The victim was transported to the hospital for a medical exam. The investigation is ongoing.

Feb. 22 — Relph Construction reported a duplex that was currently under construction in the 8700 block of East Christ Court was burglarized. A microwave, stove and dishwasher that was installed the previous day had been taken. A door on the south side of the residence had been forced open to gain entry. Whoever forced entry to the residence took the time to put the broken door trim back in place and set a box in front of the door to hold it shut so it would not be discovered immediately. Also noticed was the breaker box for the residence was shut off and the exterior light bulbs had been unscrewed. Estimated loss was approximately \$3,000 for half of the duplex.

Feb. 23 — Officers responded to a dispatched call of a lost juvenile in the 5100 block of North Colonial. After a few minutes of searching the house, along with firefighters from Station 37, the juvenile was found

sleeping behind a television in the house.

Feb. 23 — Second- and third-shift officers conducted searches of the fields and wooded areas along 53rd North from Oliver to Webb after receiving tips about a missing juvenile from Wichita, Lucas Hernandez. Officers did not discover anything in relation to the case.

Feb. 24 — Officer Steele conducted a search of the Bel Aire brush drop-off site in the 9200 block of East 53rd North after receiving tips about the lost juvenile Lucas Hernandez. Steele walked the area and did not discover anything out of the ordinary.

Feb. 25 — Officer Crouse assisted Sedgwick County deputies with an injury accident in the 5700 block of North Hillside. The driver was arrested on a charge of DUI. The suspect's name was not available.

Feb. 27 — Officer Crouse saw a red Ford Fiesta parked facing south in the parking lot located to the west of the intersection at Cozy Drive and 37th North. Crouse observed a white male raise his head from the backseat portion of the vehicle. Shortly after, Crouse observed a female raise herself up in the same backseat location of the vehicle. After both individuals saw the patrol vehicle, they began hectorically searching and applying clothing scattered throughout the vehicle. After both individuals were lectured about appropriate behavior in public areas, they were informed to leave the parking lot and did so.

Feb. 28 — Lt. Foxx responded to a call of a battery against a staff member in the 11300 block of North 63rd East. Contact was made with all parties and the case was turned over the sheriff's office.

Feb. 28 — Officer Trumbull stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5000 block of East 53rd North. The driver, a juvenile, was cited for speeding and driving in violation of restrictions.

Feb. 28 — Officer Trumbull responded to a call to assist Wichita police for an armed robbery at the Dollar Tree in the 6600 block of East 37th. Trumbull contacted the employees who reported two black males entered the store with handguns demanding money. Both suspects had handguns. Trumbull circulated the area at the request of Wichita police.

March 1 — Officer Forman observed a green Saturn traveling east on 53rd at a high rate of speed. Forman could hear metal scraping the ground. The vehicle continued east on 53rd through the intersection of Woodlawn without slowing down. Forman stopped the vehicle in the Isely Elementary parking lot. Forman observed both passenger side tires completely flat and the front wheel worn down. The driver, Slade Leroy House of Wichita, was arrested on a charge of driving with a revoked driver's license and DUI.

March 2 — Lt. Foxx took a report at the station of an unknown person opening a Sprint Wireless account in the calling party's name in August 2017. The victim paid \$161 to Sprint to have the account closed, and Sprint has continued to send the victim statements of use. Sprint Fraud Department advised the victim to file a police report to cancel the account and have the \$161 credited back to the victim's bank account.

March 2 — Lt. Foxx and Officer Trumbull responded to an armed robbery at Intrust Bank at 37th North and Rock Road. The suspect was described as a black male in his mid-30s, slim build, mostly bald with a light mustache. He was wearing an olive and gray hoodie with a zip-up jacket with red lining. Employees said the suspect exited the east doors and did not have any



Courtesy photo

Radar love?

Bel Aire police now have a mobile speed sign that will be moved to different locations throughout the city. The sign shows how fast oncoming vehicles are traveling and is designed to allow drivers to control their speeds before being pulled over by police.

further direction of travel. Foxx and Trumbull circulated the area, but did not find the suspect. The incident happened about 2:45 p.m. Authorities did not report how much money the suspect took.

March 3 — Officer Crouse observed a gold Chevrolet Malibu traveling south on Woodlawn toward the intersection at 37th with a defective brake lamp. The driver was cited for expired driving permit and driving without a valid license.

March 3 — Officer Crouse observed a vehicle parked near a construction site in the 9600 block of East 50th. Crouse approached the building, and the vehicle began to drive away. Officer stopped the vehicle for suspicious activity. Crouse saw that the bed of the vehicle contained computer towers, various cables, tools, a welder, conduit, other various property and cardboard boxes containing louver covers. Crouse identified the driver, who had a suspended driver's license. The driver was issued a citation. The driver said he had been searching various dumpsters in the area and had taken various discarded items. The louver covers appeared new and were confiscated during the traffic stop. All other property appeared heavily damaged, broken or dilapidated. The driver was informed "dumpster diving" and trespassing on private property were illegal.

March 3 — Scott A. Gesaman was arrested by Wichita police. He had a Bel Aire warrant.

March 4 — Officer Crouse observed a blue Dodge Grand Caravan traveling south on Oliver with an improperly displayed tag. The driver was cited for improper display of license tag and driving with a suspended license.

March 4 — Officer Gibson stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 6000 block of East 53rd North. The driver was cited for speeding and driving without a valid license.

March 4 — Officers responded to a dispatched call of a suspicious character who was trespassing on private property in the 7800 block of East 45th North. Officers made contact with the subject who said he was told he could fish at a pond on the property. Officers made contact with the property owner who said he found the subject sitting

down by the water fishing. The subject was given bad information by another individual who was not the property owner. The subject was trespassed by the property owner and released.

March 5 — Officer Crouse observed a vehicle traveling northbound on Oliver at a high rate of speed. Officer Crouse attempted to stop the vehicle and it failed to yield and continued traveling west onto Eagles Landing. The vehicle eventually stopped on Falcon. The driver exited the vehicle and was directed to remain inside the vehicle. The driver was issued citations and released.

March 6 — Officer Steele took a report of a vehicle belonging to his neighbor parked in front of his residence in the 6100 block of East Quail Ridge Court for over two months, and he reported when he asked the young man who owns the vehicle if he would move the vehicle, the subject reportedly became belligerent and confrontational. The reporting party reported a trailer had been situated in the driveway of the residence for over two months, and he appeared to have reported that he was concerned about a grass fire hazard from two extension cords used to connect to the vehicle. Steele referred the case to the city code enforcement.

March 7 — Officer Trumbull responded to a dispatched call to what was initially a non-injury accident at the intersection of Stratford and Odessa involving a vehicle and a motorcycle. Minutes before the crash, a resident observed the motorcycle driving through the neighborhood at high rates of speed. The driver of the motorcycle was transported to Wesley Hospital as a trauma alert with a leg injury. The driver of the motorcycle was issued numerous citations.

March 7 — Clifford T. Profit was arrested by Wichita Police Department on a Bel Aire bench warrant.

March 8 — Officer Forman responded to a call to assist Wichita police on robbery in progress at the Circle K Gas Station in the 3300 block of North Rock Road. The suspects were described as three teen-aged males armed with handguns. The suspects left with a black duffelbag filled with the money taken from Circle K. The incident

happened about 6 a.m.

March 8 — Lt. Foxx responded to a phone report of a chicken on the loose in the 4900 block of North Highland Court. The chicken was located and had recently laid an egg in a flowerbed. The chicken was missing a large amount of feathers from its back. The chicken was eventually caught and transported to Heartland Animal Clinic where it was given an exam by the veterinarian who stated it appeared to have mites that is causing it to lose feathers. The chicken was then transported to the Wichita Animal Shelter.

March 8 — The grandfather of a juvenile reported his grandson ran away after a disagreement in the 5600 block of North Lycee. The juvenile was located and returned to his grandfather and mother.

March 9 — Officer Forman stopped a silver Nissan Versa for speeding in the 5600 block of North Webb. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license and speeding.

March 10 — Officer Gibson was flagged down at the station by an individual from the 5900 block of Perryton who wanted to report receiving text messages and phone calls from her boyfriend at all hours of the day and night. The reporting party stated the messages said "mean things." The reporting party also stated her boyfriend claimed to belong to the "SOL" gang.

March 10 — Officer Gibson responded to a suspicious character report in the 4900 block of North Hedgerow Court involving a white male 25 to 30 years old, 5-foot-8, sandy blond hair (messy and constantly itching), carrying a basketball, 5 o'clock shadow, smelling like drugs, medium build, white shirt with black shorts driving an older white ford truck challenging the neighborhood kids to a game of basketball. The subject never made any attempt to lure the children to his truck but just wanted to "hoop it up."

March 11 — Officers responded to a phone message from a Wichita police sergeant advising a Wichita police recruit was involved in a domestic disturbance in the 6600 block of East 44th Court North. The case was turned over to the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office for investigation due to the nature of the incident.

March 11 — Officer Crouse observed a silver Infiniti car sitting stationary off the road facing west with the vehicle's hazards flashing in the 4500 block of East 45th North. The driver was sitting in the driver's seat of the vehicle with the vehicle running. The driver was unable to speak in clear consistent sentences, and he smelled like alcohol. After asking him to exit his vehicle, the driver struggled to maintain his balance and utilized his vehicle to stabilize himself. Wichita police arrived to take over the incident because it was outside of Bel Aire city limits.

March 12 — Officer Steele took a report from a citizen in the 4900 block of East 45th North who reported being contacted by Credit Card Services and advised his interest rates could be reduced to 6 percent or lower, and he reported he was advised he would be making five payments of \$199.20. The victim stated two weeks later there had been an attempt to remove money from his account and it had insufficient funds. The victim also stated the interest rate remained high and the victim had attempted to cancel the agreement.

March 13 — Lt. Foxx took a report at the station of a theft of jewelry from the 4800 block of North Glendale. The victim reported her caretaker removed jewelry and money from her bedroom without permission. The victim stated this has been

happening for several months. The total loss was \$3,200.

March 13 — Officer Trumbull stopped a maroon Pontiac G6 in the 4600 block of North Rock Road for displaying a suspended license plate. The driver was cited for the suspended tag and the tag was seized.

March 13 — Officer Trumbull stopped a Dodge Charger for speeding in the 5000 block of North Woodlawn. The driver stated she was late for her daughter's event at Heights High School. The driver did not have her license in her possession. A check of the name and date of birth the driver gave returned with a suspended driver's license. The driver was issued citations for the violations.

March 13 — An informant reported to authorities in the 5500 block of North Lycee that a student asked him to hold a bag of green leafy substance for fear she would be called to the office and searched because she saw the subject that she got it from in the office. Two females were called down to the office and questioned about it and were suspended pending a hearing. This was reported after the fact and handled in school.

March 14 — Officer Trumbull stopped a blue Honda Civic for speeding in the 5000 block of North Oliver. Trumbull smelled marijuana emanating from the vehicle. Trumbull conducted a search of the vehicle, but did not locate any marijuana. The driver was issued a citation for speeding and advised to thoroughly clean his vehicle to help get rid of the odor.

March 14 — A student from the 5500 block of North Lycee reported that she was involved in a domestic dispute with her mother. It was reported at the south substation of Wichita police. She stated that she was afraid to go home. Department for Children and Families crisis care was contacted to assist the child with living arrangements.

March 15 — Officers Trumbull and Gibson responded to a call of a suspicious vehicle in the 5600 block of North Lycee Court. The reporting party, an off-duty Sedgwick County sheriff's deputy, reported a vehicle pulled into his driveway, backed out and left the area. The deputy was familiar with the driver and advised the driver was a wanted subject through Sedgwick County. Officers made contact with the subject at a different location and he was taken into custody on a bench warrant through Sedgwick County.

March 16 — Officer Trumbull stopped a tan Nissan Altima for speeding in the 4900 block of East 37th North. The driver was a juvenile who said he was going to the gas station to get gas. The driver was not in possession of his driver's license. A check of the driver showed he had a permit only. The driver's father was contacted and came to the scene. The driver was issued several citations and released to his father.

March 16 — Carlett D. McPherson was arrested by Wichita Police Department on a Bel Aire bench warrant.

March 17 — Officer Forman stopped a white Chevrolet Silverado for speeding in the 5500 block of North Webb. The driver was issued citations for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

March 17 — Officers and deputies responded to a call of domestic violence in the 4800 block of North Indian Oak. The victim reported her husband was heavily intoxicated and began urinating on the bathroom floor. The suspect then pushed the victim to the ground and rubbed her face in the urine on the floor. The victim had several injuries. The suspect was arrested on a charge of domestic violence.

Coach

Continued from Page 1

he wanted to be involved with and the position's combination of administrative and coaching duties perfectly fit his interests. He coaches two of Sunrise's basketball teams.

"It was a very good fit," he said. "My responsibilities are basketball and track. There's a lot of scheduling for basketball. We have an A and B team for the junior high boys and an A team for the junior high girls. Then we have a JV team, three varsity teams and the post-grad team. It's a lot of scheduling and a lot of conversations to make it

work. Plus we have fifth- and sixth-grade teams for boys and girls. People might wonder why an assistant athletic director might be necessary, but that's why — we have 12 basketball teams."

While Miller loves coaching, he also respects Sunrise's high academic standards. He believes holding students to high academic expectations builds character and also translates into success in athletics.

"It's the real deal here in the classroom as far as academic rigor," he said. "They have to work hard to make sure they're passing every quarter. Our teachers are top notch; they're great people and they do a great job. Everybody buys in; it's

a school culture thing. Athletes are challenged on and off the court and they have to stay mentally focused. We're proud of what our program is. They don't just get a pass because they're good athletes. They've got to be good students as well."

Miller said one goal he and the rest of the Sunrise staff have is to make their presence in Bel Aire felt. He said the school wants

to make a stronger effort to be a part of the Bel Aire community and appeal to local students and athletes who might be interested in attending a local Christian school.

"We really want to work locally here in Bel Aire and Wichita," he said. "We've talked about it basketball-wise, but we've also talked about it student-wise. We really want to grow our local population. We don't

want to become a purely international school. I can see us being such a cornerstone to this Bel Aire community. Any time you can have a public or private

school it increases property value, public support and town pride. I think it's crucial to have that, especially as Bel Aire continues growing."

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Volleyball player commits

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Sunrise Christian Academy senior Rebecca Womack signs a letter of intent to play volleyball at MidAmerica Nazarene University in Olathe. She received a scholarship to attend the school.



Barn quilt workshop

Courtesy photo

Barn quilt workshops are being held at the Bel Aire Recreation Center on the first Saturday of every month.



The Crime Dog

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McGruff the Crime Dog poses for pictures at Isley Elementary in Bel Aire. The event was part of Isley PTO's book fair in March.

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 **Hard drives will be destroyed