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Mayor calls for plan to spur growth

By Taylor Messick

In Mayor David Austin's State of the City Address last month, he talked about some of the city's recent accomplishments, but also focused on a way he believes the city can potentially jumpstart new growth.

Austin said the city's land debt and the need for street improvements are two conversations that come up the most often in regards to what the city needs to improve.

"I believe that these are two extremely important priorities that should be at the top of our list," said

Austin. "I am very proud of what the city has accomplished with this land debt; and I ask that you dream big with me about the time when this will no longer be a budgeted item."

The mayor said he also recognizes street improvements are an important need for Bel Aire. How-

ever, he wanted to paint a picture for the public of just how much of a task those improvements are for the city. He noted that such a large amount of the city's budget goes toward land debt that it sometimes hurts the city's ability to do major street improvements. "Over the last five years

the city has spent \$2.6 million on streets," he said. "These include projects such as 53rd Street, 45th Street, Edgemoor, Hedgerow and a few others. In the next five years, our city engineer has identified \$1.2 million in high-priority improvements that need addressed. We need

\$240,000 per year; nearly half of what we have budgeted is addressing these needs. If we were to bring all of our streets back to excellent condition, that would run close to \$15.9 million or \$1.6 million per year."

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Photos by Taylor Messick

The Isely Elementary's Girls on the Run group gathers around the police department at Bel Aire City Hall.

Isely girls run to town to thank police, Lions

By Taylor Messick

The Isely Elementary chapter of Girls on the Run delivered baskets of cookies to members of the Bel Aire police force and Lions Club. The gesture on May 8 was to thank both groups for what they do for the city and school. It was part of the girls' community impact project.

"The focus of this organization is to work with girls and to empower them," said Darcie Rudd, a teacher at Isely. "We want to help them realize their strength and beauty so they can make decisions in their own best interests in difficult situations. It's about strengthening and empowering girls as they enter a difficult age of growing up."

Girls on the Run is an organization that educates and empowers young women. Social, mental,



The students are pictured with Bel Aire Lions Club members. The thank you tour was part of the group's community impact project.

emotional and physical health is promoted and supported within the group. Girls get opportunities to have important conversations and bond through learning experiences. Rudd started the school's Girls on the Run

chapter along with Andrea Heck eight years ago. This spring, the group had 14 girls and five coaches. Encouraging honesty and trust within the group helps breed healthy relationships and allows the girls to learn more.

"This is a small, intimate group where we really work hard to build a foundation of trust," said Rudd. "The girls need to be able to speak freely as we cover sensitive and

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Ranzau pushes for O'Donnell to resign

County commissioner facing federal indictment

By Chris Strunk

When a federal indictment against Sedgwick County Commissioner Michael O'Donnell was made public last month, one of O'Donnell's harshest critics wasn't surprised.



Ranzau

Richard Ranzau, who represents northcentral Sedgwick County and lives in the Valley Center school district, said O'Donnell should resign from the board.

"On a daily basis, I fight to protect the taxpayer and to ensure that citizens can trust their government," Ranzau said May 4. "Today's announcement is disappointing and heartbreaking, but not surprising."



O'Donnell

In U.S. District Court, O'Donnell was indicted on federal charges of two counts of money laundering, five counts of bank fraud and five counts of wire fraud.

The charges, which were filed April 25, stem from his run for the Kansas Senate, before he was

elected to the county commission.

O'Donnell, a former Sunrise Christian Academy student whose mother was a long-time Bel Aire City Council member, is accused of using campaign funds for unrelated expenses. The indictment says O'Donnell wrote checks from his campaign account to friends, who then wrote checks to him. In all, there was \$10,500 worth of questionable transactions.

He also is accused of filing false reports with the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission.

O'Donnell has pleaded not guilty.

Ranzau, however, is continuing his public outcry.

"Mr. O'Donnell's time in elective office has been overshadowed by investigations and questionable judgment," Ranzau said. "I have been deeply troubled by Mr. O'Donnell's repeated efforts to use his position to help

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Police chief completes training at FBI Academy



Atteberry

By Taylor Messick

Bel Aire Police Chief Darrell Atteberry recently joined the ranks of an elite group of law enforcement officers after completing training at the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va.

Atteberry is a 36-year veteran law enforcement officer. He was among 223 law enforcement officers

to graduate from the 271st class of the FBI National Academy program after completing a 10-week course. The course is known for its challenging academics and physical demands.

"Being selected to attend the FBI Academy was an honor itself, as less than one percent of law enforcement is chosen to attend,"

said Atteberry. "The FBI Academy offers the best law enforcement, critical thinking and leadership training in the world. It was truly an honor to be a part of this program."

The FBI National Academy is a professional course of study for U.S. and International law enforcement leaders. It is designed to improve the administration

of justice in police departments and agencies to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge and cooperation worldwide.

Atteberry said the master's level courses taught by experts in the field provided participants with some of the most cutting-edge techniques and technology used in law enforcement. Among some of the courses

he took were Contemporary Issues in Law Enforcement, Media and Managing the Law Enforcement Image, Constitutional Law and Policing, Managing Organizational Change and Development and Fitness in Law Enforcement.

As part of the program, Atteberry completed a final

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HIGHLIGHTS

Police: Man uses doggie door

A man who allegedly hacked into the Facebook account of his son to threaten his ex-wife's ex-boyfriend crawled through a doggie door to get inside the woman's home in April.

Bel Aire police responded to the residence in the 5700 block of East Flagstaff April 24, where the woman said she used her cellphone to record her ex-husband's actions.

The woman told police that the man sent a Facebook friend request along with a threatening

message to an ex-boyfriend.

Police said the investigation is ongoing.

— The Breeze staff

Buses collide at school

Two school buses collided in the parking lot of Isely Elementary in Bel Aire last month, and a young passenger suffered minor injuries.

Bel Aire police responded to the wreck involving two First Student buses in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn May 7.

A 9-year-old boy suffered a

possible injury because of the collision, police said. The child was treated and released at the scene.

— The Breeze staff

Key fob foils theft of truck

A key fob thwarted a vehicle theft in Bel Aire in April.

Police responded to the 4100 block of North Edgemoor April 25, where a woman reported that someone attempted to steal her husband's truck. The woman said when she heard the truck start, she turned on the porch light to look outside and saw the truck

running.

The owner then used the key fob to turn off the truck. The would-be thief apparently ran away. Officers checked the vehicle, and nothing was missing.

— The Breeze staff

Hillside and 45th closed

Road and traffic improvements to the 45th and Hillside intersection began May 21 with a project that will widen the intersection to provide left- and right-turn lanes in all directions and install a new

traffic signal. The estimated completion is late 2018.

The intersection will close to traffic for the duration of the project, including the east-bound K-254 off-ramp to 45th Street and Hillside. Traffic will be detoured using 53rd, 37th, Hydraulic and Oliver streets.

Additional message signs are posted along I-135, I-235 and K-254 to provide advance warning of the closures.

The \$2.5 million project includes joint funding from the City of Wichita, and federal and state grants, administered through the Kansas Department of Transportation.

— The Breeze staff

PEOPLE

The National Eagle Scout Association awarded Bel Aire resident



Thom

Joseph Thom, 19, an academic scholarship for the 2018-19 school year. Thom was one of at least 150 Eagle Scouts chosen to receive a scholarship from more than 9,200 applications submitted across the United States.

Thom will be a sophomore this fall at Newman University, where he is studying accounting.

He was a member of Boy Scout Troop 585 at Resurrection Catholic Church from 2005 until he completed the requirements to become an Eagle Scout in May of 2017.

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The following area students were candidates for degree from the University of Kansas for the spring 2018 semester. Degrees

will officially be conferred in June but many candidates participated in KU's annual commencement ceremony May 13.

From Bel Aire: Joshua Logan Breedon, doctor of medicine; Katelyn Elizabeth Campbell, bachelor of science in exercise science; Sofia de la O. Villarreal, bachelor of science in chemical engineering; Stacy Yi Diao, doctor of pharmacy; Deven Renee Mittman, bachelor of science in mechanical engineering; Reece William Rogers, bachelor of arts in English; and Noah Russell Schneegurt, bachelor of arts in chemistry.

From Wichita: Philip M. Aaby, bachelor of science in business in accounting & bachelor of science in business in finance; Desmond Deshawn Barber, doctor of medicine; Joseph Michael Beeler, master of urban planning; George E. Bousfield, bachelor of science in mechanical engineering; Addie E. DeAllie, doctor of medicine; Ryan Charles Downing, bachelor of science in mechanical engineering; Hope Elizabeth Faflick, juris doctor; Jacob Thomas Faflick, master

of accounting; Katherine Elizabeth Gilman, juris doctor; Yasser Rizwan Hassan, doctor of medicine; Francisco Hernandez, bachelor of science in biology; Austin Van Huynh, bachelor of science in biology; Brandon Curtis Johnson, bachelor of science in pharmaceutical studies; Deina Maher Khader, bachelor of science in pharmaceutical studies; Kevin Douglas Kirkland, doctor of medicine; Kristin Dawn Kirkland, doctor of medicine; Heather Amber Kudsji, bachelor of arts in communication studies; Anna Le, master of occupational therapy; William DeVere Lecompte, bachelor of science in business in finance & bachelor of science in business in supply chain management; Jacob Andrew Loon, bachelor of science in business in finance; Ryan Michael Norman, doctor of medicine; Dillon Hyogeun Park, master of architecture; Gary L. Patterson, bachelor of science in mechanical engineering; Jaclyn C. Piszczek, doctor of medicine; Charles A. Roach, doctor of medicine; Trevor Austin Scheopner,

bachelor of science in physics & bachelor of science in mathematics; Jayla Scruggs, bachelor of science in journalism; Charles Alexander Topliff, bachelor of science in electrical engineering; Julie Vo, bachelor of science in respiratory care; and Virangika Kandatege Wimalasena, bachelor of science in biochemistry.

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The following area students are among the 840 students who completed degree requirements at Fort Hays State University in the fall 2017 semester.

From Bel Aire: Melissa Rose Ostrander, bachelor of business administration in marketing.

From Wichita: Michael Wayne Aston, bachelor of business administration in management; Kirsten Taylor James, bachelor of Arts in history; Cameron Daniel Nedland, a master of business administration (finance); and Keanu L. Bradley, a bachelor of science in health and human performance (exercise science).

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The following area students have earned degrees in the spring 2018 semes-

ter at Emporia State University: Jordan William Evans, master of science in instructional design and technology; Alexis Erin Ijams, master of science degree in educational administration with a concentration in educational administration Prek-12; Malaycia Lashawn Lee, bachelor of science in health promotion; and Hope Nicole Luzer, cum laude with a bachelor of science in education in elementary education.

Those who graduated cum laude earned an overall grade point average of at least 3.5 out of a possible 4.0.

Students planning to finish their degrees in May or August are eligible to walk during either undergraduate or graduate commencement exercises, held May 11 and 12.

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Thomas Warner of Wichita qualified for the spring 2018 dean's list at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn. To qualify, a student must have a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

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Jsaquan D. Alexander-Riley of Wichita received a bachelor of arts in exercise science from Ottawa University during a commencement ceremony May 5.

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Melissa Erlyne Johnson, Nathan Charles Keck, Shacora Logwood, Jada Nicole Roberts and Briana M. Wildoner, all of Bel Aire, graduated May 12 from Butler Community College during its 91st annual commencement.

Keck was honored May 11 as an Order of the Gold graduate for maintaining a 4.0 grade point average.

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Zakariyya Hassan of Wichita was named to the dean's list for the spring 2018 semester at Northeastern University in Boston.

To make the dean's list, students must carry a full program and have a quality point average of 3.5 or greater out of a possible 4.0 with no grade lower than a C- during the course of their college career.

Hassan is majoring in health science.

Ranzau

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his friends and campaign contributors. This is why I have opposed and spoken out against his actions on numerous occasions. In light of Mr. O'Donnell's indictment, I call on him to resign immediately

so the commission can begin to rebuild trust with our community. My constituents should know that I remain committed to maintaining their trust by always standing up for what is right, even if I stand alone."

The board's other commissioners have a wait-and-see approach.

"We are reviewing the

information the U.S. District Court provided publicly today," said Commissioner Dave Unruh, who represents the first district, which includes Bel Aire and the northeast part of the county. "Every citizen has the right to express an opinion and every citizen has the right for due process. It's important to follow the legal process."

The commission's chairman, David Dennis, said the county will support the U.S. Attorney's Office during the legal process.

"As elected officials, we will continue to monitor and consult with the proper authorities about any implications to Sedgwick County while also recognizing due pro-

cess is important for any citizen," Dennis said.

Commissioner Jim Howell said he has faith in the justice system.

"We have serious work to do as commissioners, and as far as I'm concerned, my colleagues and I need to stay focused on our business," he said. "These allegations have nothing to do with

Commissioner O'Donnell serving alongside us here today; the allegations are not a commission issue, but a personal one. We need to have mutual respect for all members of the Board of County Commissioners."

O'Donnell represents the county's second district, which is the southwest part of the county.

Chief

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physical fitness challenge known as "The Yellow Brick Road," a grueling 6.1-mile run on the Marine Corps Endur-

ance Course through the woods, water, hills and other obstacles. Those who complete the course are awarded a coveted yellow brick, which Chief Atteberry has displayed in his office. He said he was pleased to see that some of the concepts taught are

already in use at the Bel Aire Police Department.

"It was nice to see that the Bel Aire Police Department — in so many ways — is contemporary," he said. "It validates what we are doing as a law enforcement agency."

Atteberry said there were many "take backs" from his experience at the academy that were useful for both him and the department, such as child abduction response and responding to media reports. He said one of the most valuable things he

took away from the experience was the networking and relationship building he did with other law enforcement officials.

"One of the greatest aspects of the experience was making those connections with other law enforcement here and

abroad and knowing that you can pick up the phone at any time to discuss issues with them," he said. "That is invaluable."

Atteberry becomes the first FBI National Academy graduate among current members of the Bel Aire Police Department.

Mayor

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Austin said the city regularly hears from residents about street improvements. With the challenges he laid out, he sees a couple of different options if the city would like to accelerate some of those projects. He said the first option was that the city could potentially pull money from other budgets, which would likely hurt some departments and the residents they serve. He also presented the idea of letting residents vote for or against a sales tax in November that would help fund more street projects.

The mayor then addressed the city's land debt further. He said Bel Aire's staff is currently smaller than those of any Kansas

cities of comparable size. He praised the staff's hard work and tenacity during tough times and is proud of what the city has accomplished while carrying such an overwhelming burden.

"Just a few years ago this required a six mill increase to stay afloat," he said. "This was after deep cuts to staff, projects and services. Thanks to careful management by our finance director and city manager, the city has managed. Thanks to them, the city has not had to raise the mill once since then and the total debt has decreased. This has allowed money to go towards projects that had been kicked down the road when we were in survival mode."

Austin pointed out that Sunflower Commerce Park is developing rapidly and that diversifying the

city's tax base is crucial. He praised the accomplishments of the past and present governing bodies and staff for their ability to get the debt to a manageable place. He now believes the city is at a crossroads about how to take the next step in development.

"In 2017, we refinanced our debt and lowered the interest payments by half, saving \$2 million," he said. "The payment structure going forward is level and consistent with our ability to pay. The debt is no longer limiting us in providing essential services and improving our city on a daily basis. In my opinion, we have three options to consider."

The first option Austin gave was to continue down the city's current path by steadily paying off the debt. If that route

is chosen, it will take the city until 2034 to pay off the land debt. He gave a second option that the city could sell the land. He stated that was his least favorite option because the city will miss opportunities to develop the land in line with an overall vision; more importantly, Austin said the residents would never be able to recoup what they have already paid for the land.

Through networking with other cities and development specialists, Austin said he has continued to hear the same story: attracting retail business is the catalyst for jumpstarting economic development. However, the city has had a difficult time attracting retail business despite consistent residential growth.

"What we need to at-

tract investors and developers is a good site," he said. "What we have in the surrounding areas and the traffic from 254 is a major marketing opportunity. But we don't have a natural gathering spot and that is what is needed."

Austin's third option is to invest in a Master Park Plan, which would target specific areas, such as the city-owned land north of city hall. Austin said the land has cost the taxpayers \$1.3 million over the past 10 years; the specials are currently \$132,000 per year, which is about three mills. He said it's about time the city stops paying for vacant land and invests in its future. That's why he believes the city should invest in the Master Park Plan that was recently developed specifically for the land north of city

hall. Austin also recommends the establishment of a Capital Improvement District, which would generate an additional tax on businesses coming into the area.

"Retailers are telling us and our partners at John T. Arnold that natural gathering spots will increase the likelihood of them coming to Bel Aire," he said. "I'm recommending we adopt (The Master Park Plan). Yes, this means possibly some additional debt; I hate debt. But like Sunflower Commerce Park, I feel this is the next vital investment we can make to catapult us out of debt and into a much better financial situation... I'm betting on Bel Aire and believe this park will allow us to grow at a faster rate and will pay for itself, due to the growth."

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Bel Aire Recreation

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REC BASEBALL, SOFTBALL, T-BALL (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 has passed but limited spots are available and we are still accepting registrations.

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 POOL

Opens Saturday, May 26th. Swimming lesson enrollment and pool rental requests now being accepted.

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.

UPCOMING SUMMER PROGRAMS

- Happy Feet Soccer Instructional
- Happy Hoops Instructional
- TGA Golf Instructional

For more info about any Bel Aire recreation program, call 744-2700.

Community Events

(*Agendas for council/committees/boards can be found at www.belaireks/AgendaCenter)

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| June 5 — *City Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall. | June 21 — Municipal court, 12:30 p.m. |
| June 6 — Chamber of Commerce, noon, Opti-Life. | June 21-23 — Citywide garage sales (no permit required) |
| June 6 — Municipal court, 7 p.m. | June 25 — *Tree Board meeting, 7 p.m., Bel Aire Senior Center |
| June 9 — City brush site open, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. | June 26 — Community pool opens |
| June 13 — Bel Aire Lions Club, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Gospel Assembly Church. | June 27 — Bel Aire Lions Club, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Gospel Assembly Church. |
| June 14 — *Planning Commission meeting, 6 p.m., City Hall. | June 27 — Support Bel Aire Lions Club, eat at Marco's Pizza all day |
| June 18 — *UAC, noon, City Hall. | July 14 — Curbside cleanup day |
| June 19 — *City Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall. | |
| June 20 — *CDC meeting, 7 p.m., | |

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

- June 4, 6:30 p.m.** — Potluck dinner and program by the KanCare Ombudsman's Office, Community Room
- June 6, 10 a.m.** — Volunteer library work time, Senior Center.
- June 7, 1 p.m.** — Game day, Rec Center.
- June 13, 10 a.m.** — Open sewing, Rec Center.
- June 13, 2 p.m.** — Coloring and conversation, Senior Center.
- June 19, 6 p.m.** — Ladies dine out, Anita 744-2840 for info.
- June 20, 10:15 a.m.** — Senior aerobics brunch.
- June 20, 1:30 p.m.** — Book Club meeting, Senior Center.
- June 25, 6 p.m.** — Covered dish dinner & program, Senior Center.
- June 27, 2 p.m.** — Coloring and conversation, Senior Center.
- June 27, 7 p.m.** — Bunko (by RSVP), Senior Center.
- June 29** — Foot care, Hermes Health Care, 260-4110 for an appointment, Community Room.

CONNECT WITH US!



Interested in Group Swimming Lessons?

Central Park Community Pool - 7350 E Central Park Ave
Members- \$40/session | Non-Members- \$60/session

6/11 - 6/21 (Monday-Thursday)	11-11:45am	12-12:45pm	7-7:45pm
7/9 - 7/19 (Monday-Thursday)	11-11:45am	12-12:45pm	7-7:45pm
7/23 - 8/2 (Monday-Thursday)	11-11:45am	12-12:45pm	7-7:45pm

***Private swimming lessons are available by appointment and are subject to availability.
For questions/sign up, please call: 316-744-7331

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

- Tree Board (environmentally friendly practices)
- Committee Development Advisory Committee (community events & projects)
- Utility Advisory Committee (City utilities - water, sewer, trash & recycling)

Meetings for each are listed under community events. If interested, please attend and find out how you would like to be involved. Visit www.belaireks.gov/VolunteerOpportunities for more info.

CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE

June 21st - 24th

*Permit Fee Waived



DID YOU KNOW?

Your water and sewer rates for 1000 gallons change each year, based upon a number of factors. First, there is an automatic 3% increase in water rates each year to offset inflation and to main infrastructure. The City of Wichita may increase wholesale water rates each year to Bel Aire, and Bel Aire may pass those increases on to their consumers. Water and sewer rates charged by CUA depend upon their operating, maintenance, and ownership expenses. Since your sewer discharge rates are not metered, your current monthly sewer charge is based upon water you use during the most recent months of December, January, and February. For 2018, a family of five using 5,000 gallons per month will pay approximately \$52.79 for water and \$62.63 for sewer. The more water you use, the greater the price you pay for each 1000 gallons. Rate charges are provided on Bel Aire's website at "Water Department," then "Water Rates," and "Sewer Rates."

Next month, learn about other water and sewer charges.

Brought to you by the Utility Advisory Committee



Mayor's corner

By David Austin

Council member Jim Benage asked that we look at communications during our last council workshop. It was a good topic to be discussed. Only having a monthly city newspaper, it is tough, sometimes, when legal briefs, by state statute, have to run in *The Ark Valley News*, as it is a weekly publication.

We want all citizens to be in the know. With that in mind, I am encouraging every citizen to update their social media preferences for the City of Bel Aire. We regularly post important city updates and meeting notices on Facebook and Twitter. This includes agendas for upcoming meetings and then meeting highlights the next day. You can find them @BelAireKS.

And all council meetings and workshops are aired throughout the day on Channel 7 if you have Cox Communications and are available on YouTube. This is all in addition to our city website, www.belaireks.gov, and we have a city app that is available in the Android and Apple store.

So if you have not subscribed to one of these outlets, again, I encourage you to do so. We will also continue to put as much notice of events and activities as we can in the *Bel Aire Breeze* and in the water bill. Plus from time to time we use yard signs and a portable marquee.

Future

Bel Aire turns 40 in the year 2020. I am not going to try and find a clever way to tie 20/20 vision to the year 2020, but we are able to have a clearer picture today of our future as a city. Your governing body spent a great deal of time in May discussing a vision for our future.

This is so exciting and we look forward to future citizen input as we turn the next corner.

The city has come through some tough times and I can proudly proclaim the dark times are behind us. We are managing the debt and while it is limiting us, it is not crippling us like it once did. This has given us a golden opportunity to layout the future.

Being mayor wasn't a fun job then. It is exciting to look at the big picture and quoting a 1985 top 10 hit by Howard Jones, "Future dreams we have to realize, a thousand skeptic hands won't keep us from the things we plan, unless we're clinging to things we prize. Things can only get better. Wow wow wow oh, wow wow wow oh oh oh oh."

Things not only can, they are getting better.

At the current rate, the debt is slated to end in 2032. However, we are looking at ways to prudently accelerate this timeline with careful investments while at the same time putting more money towards street repairs and not raising the mill levy.

Our meetings and workshops are always open to the public and in addition to getting involved via social media, I encourage you to let your council members know your thoughts and ideas you might have for anything city-related.

Council approves purchase of new dump truck

By Taylor Messick

"The Pumpkin" is retiring.

On May 15, the Bel Aire City Council approved the purchase of a 2019 International 46,000 GVWR dump truck. This truck will replace the 1999 International dump truck that the staff nicknamed "The Pumpkin" at a cost of \$164,000.

The decision wasn't an easy one.

Earlier in May, the council tabled a decision because some members wanted to staff to find out whether there were cheaper, used options.

The department has been using "The Pumpkin" as its secondary dump truck, but it is currently in the shop in need of a \$1,900 repair. City engineer Anne Stephens said the department regularly uses both of its dump trucks on jobs because it is faster and more efficient.

The orange dump truck was purchased from KDOT less than five years ago and has cost the city \$16,000 in repairs in the last two years. There are also a number of safety concerns with the vehicle. Council member Betty Martine supported purchasing a new vehicle.

"I'm thinking of the safety of the maintenance guys, too," said Martine. "We send them out in this old truck and the window is held up with tape and there's a hole in the frame by the passenger side door. I wouldn't drive this thing."

Council member Jim Benage pointed out that an employee could get carbon-monoxide poisoning in the truck if there's a hole in the bottom. Martine supported staff's recommendation of replacing The Pumpkin with a 2019 46,000 GVWR dump truck that would

have a 20-30 year life. Two bids were received from Freightliner and International at prices of \$164,307 and \$164,977, respectively; the products are said to be similar.

Staff budgeted for this item and planned the purchase for this year, but equipment costs associated with the trucks added an un-budgeted amount of nearly \$45,000. Staff assured the council that the equipment fund still has more than enough money to cover the cost. They also pointed out that the fund will soon be replenished as budget season approaches.

Stephens was adamant that the staff does not want another pre-owned dump truck that is unreliable, problematic and expensive to maintain. She also said the market for reasonably new dump trucks is fairly small.

The council agreed that they want the staff to have safe and adequate equipment to perform their work for the city, but some were hesitant about spending the money. Council member Justin Smith brought up the possibility of the staff seeking bids for pre-owned dump trucks as a basis for price comparison. Council member Jeff Elshoff supported that notion.

"I think we need to look at the used market and see what's available," said Elshoff. "I'm pretty apprehensive about purchasing a brand new truck off the bat without at least looking or even getting bids for used options."

Council members Jim Benage, Jeff Hawes and Betty Martine stated they thought another used dump truck would be a bad idea for the city. Mayor David Austin agreed.

"There's a reason why

these trucks are being sold used," said Austin. "We bought this truck used and spent quite a bit of money on it. Here we are just three and a half years later needing to replace it. And we've pretty much band-aided and duct-taped it — literally — the last three years."

Council member Jeff Elshoff reinforced his feeling that the staff should seek bids for used dump trucks that were not quite as old as The Pumpkin. Austin then opened Purple Wave to look at options for used dump trucks in the area and said the newest he could find was a 2005 that seemed to have some issues. Elshoff and Smith both said they'd still feel more comfortable sending the staff to solicit bids for and inspect used vehicles within a couple hours driving distance.

After reviewing the used options May 15, the council agreed that they were insufficient.

Council also wanted to see which of the new options could be delivered soonest so the city could have the dump truck in time to combat winter weather. The Freightliner and International options were less than \$700 different in price. The Freightliner had a slightly better warranty but could not be delivered until December. Staff preferred the International after looking at the two options and that truck will be delivered in August.

In other business May 15, the council:

- Unanimously approved the consent agenda and appropriations ordinance in the amount of \$160,084.87.

- Presented recognition plaques to Elle Skokan and Waris Jaffery for their volunteer service on the Utility Advisory Committee.

- Received a dividend check from Lonnie Currier of ICI for insurance savings.

- Proclaimed May 28 Memorial Day and May 19 National Kids to Parks Day.

- Denied a 1.5 percent rate increase to Waste Connections with

a 3-2 vote.

- Unanimously confirmed the mayor's re-appointments of City Manager Ty Lasher, City Attorney Jacqueline Kelly and municipal court Judge Terry Beall.

Austin was absent. There was no executive session taken.

In other business May 1, the council:

- Unanimously approved Appropriations Ordinance 18-09 in the amount of \$407,520.54.

- Presented plaques to Fred and Connie Cabala for their volunteer service on the Tree Board; and to Jeff Elshoff and Jeff Hawes for their volunteer service on the Community Development Advisory Committee.

- Proclaimed May 6-12 Public Service Week, May 13-19 National Police Officer Week and May Older Americans Month and Building Safety Month.

- Heard from concerned property owners about minimum square footage requirements in their neighborhood.

- Unanimously adopted the 2018 Bel Aire Municipal Water Conservation Plan.

- Unanimously appointed Ty Lasher, Anne Stephens, David Floyd, Jim Benage and Jeff Hawes to the review committee for the engineering firm selection of the Woodlawn expansion project.

All council members were present.

DEATH

JANE JUST

Jane Ellen (Windsor) Just, 75, of Phoenix, formerly of Bel Aire, died April 20, 2018. She was a retired X-ray technician.



Just

She was born July 17, 1942, in Wichita to Leonard and Millicent Windsor. She graduated from Wichita High School East in 1960. She became a certified nursing aide and graduated from the St.

Francis Hospital School as an X-ray technician in 1964. She married Glen Just in 1963, and they lived in Bel Aire. She worked at Wesley Medical Center, Wichita Urology Group and Mid-Kansas Ear, Nose & Throat in Wichita before relocating to Phoenix in 1987. After retiring in Phoenix, she volunteered for the Red Cross, Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport, Arrowhead Hospital and the Irish Cultural Center.

Survivors include her husband of 54 years; son Wayne Just of Rio Rancho, N.M.; daughter Debbie Lane (Mark) of Phoenix; granddaughter Kelsie Lane of Phoenix;

step-granddaughters Katie (Ryan) Morgan of Poway, Calif., and Jennie Slaughter (Robert) of Colorado Springs, Colo.; brother Samuel (Erma) Windsor (Erma) of Orcas Island, Wash.; sister Arlene (Charles) Wright of Kissimmee, Fla.; and numerous nieces, nephews and stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services were May 9 at Phoenix Memorial Park and Mortuary. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Westminster Village Foundation, Scottsdale, Ariz.; Hospice of the Valley, Phoenix; the American Diabetes Foundation or the John Wayne Foundation, Phoenix.

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran-ELCA

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

Summer services from Memorial Day to Labor Day weekends are at 9 (contemporary) and 10:30 (traditional), with communion at both services.

Vacation Bible School will be from 6 to 8:15 p.m. June 17 through 21 for ages 4 through fifth grade. Middle and high schoolers are welcome to be helpers. An adult class is offered as well.

For more information about the church and its activities, find us online at www.christ-lutheran.org, on Facebook (www.facebook.com/CLCwichita) 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.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.

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@sbcbglobal.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 Soyez. 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.

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.saintmichaelortho.doxchurch.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.gods-closet.com or on Facebook (Gods Closet - Wichita).

For God's Closet, call 778-0474.

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

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BEL AIRE POLICE REPORTS

April 17 — Officers responded to a call of a white male in a blue Suzuki car following two females from Udall to the Bel Aire Rec Center. Officers located the car and initiated a traffic stop for an equipment violation in the 5200 block of East 48th North. The driver said he thought the females in the vehicle were his friends.

April 17 — The Wichita Police Department requested officers make contact with a person who reported a suicidal person in the 4700 block of Krueger. Officer checked the screenshots of a conversation between the two people.

April 18 — A student at Northeast High School reported sitting at lunch when another student came up and attacked him. School staff intervened. The mother of the victim wished to pursue charges.

April 18 — Officer Trumbull stopped a Buick Rendezvous for a traffic violation in the 4400 block of North Oliver. The driver had a suspended driver's license and no liability insurance. The driver said she was unaware her driver's license was suspended. The driver was issued citations and given a Bel Aire Municipal Court date.

April 20 — Bel Aire police officers assisted the Kechi Police Department on a suspicious vehicle at the Kechi Park in the 6400 block of North Oliver. Officer contacted the driver and passenger who had two different stories on why they were in the park. The passenger stated the driver forced her into the car at McDonald's at 13th and West, drove erratically and threatened to kill them both by driving into a semi-truck. The passenger claimed she asked the driver several times to let her out of the vehicle, but the driver refused. Officers took the driver into custody and contacted the Wichita Police Department to take over the investigation since the events occurred in Wichita.

April 21 — Officer Trumbull arrested a woman in Wichita on a Bel Aire warrant.

April 22 — Officer Forman stopped a white Pontiac Firebird for failing to maintain a single lane of travel in the 5300 block of East 45th North. The driver displayed a Kansas ID card only. A check of the driver's license status showed the driver had a revoked license and was a listed as a habitual violator. Jordan Kalob Simpson of Wichita was arrested on a charge of driving while a habitual violator.

April 23 — Officer Crouse responded to a report of a suspicious character in the 5900 block of East Forbes. Crouse contacted the calling party who reported his neighbor's two large dogs continuously barking throughout the evening. The calling party said this was not normal during early morning hours, and he seemed concerned regarding the animals' behavior. Crouse attempted to make contact with the dogs' owner, but was unsuccessful. The calling party did not wish to pursue charges.

April 24 — Officer Steele took a report of a citizen in reference to her ex-husband entering her residence through the doggie door in the 5700 block of East Flagstaff. The victim documented this via cellphone video. The victim also stated her ex-husband "hacked" into the Facebook account of their son on April 24, and she reported her ex-husband had sent a friend request to her male friend/ex-boyfriend and "sent him a threatening message." Investigation is ongoing.

April 24 — Officer Steele responded to a report of a domestic violence disturbance in the 5700 block of East Flagstaff. The victim had gotten a protection-from-abuse order against her ex-husband. She arrived home and found him in her living room sitting on a recliner. Officers arrived and found the suspect walking away from the scene. They arrested the man. At the residence, officers located what appeared to be a real firearm left behind by the suspect. It turned out to be a CO2 pistol. The victim said the pistol did not belong to her and was not there before her ex-husband was in the residence. The suspect, whose name was not available, was booked into jail.

April 24 — A female student at Northeast High School reported that a male student touched her inappropriately.

April 25 — Officers responded to a report of an auto theft

in progress in the 4100 block of North Edgemoor. The calling party reported unknown person(s) attempted to steal her husband's truck. The calling party reported hearing the truck start and she turned on the porch light to look outside and saw the truck running. The owner used the key fob to turn the truck off. Officers checked the vehicle and nothing was missing.

April 30 — Officer Steele took a walk-in report at the police station in reference to a child custody issue from the 8400 block of East Granite Court. After speaking with the individual Steele and Lt. Foxx went to make contact with another party involved. While at the residence, it was discovered that a U-Haul truck parked in the driveway was reported embezzled through the Wichita Police Department. The truck was seized and released to U-Haul and cleared through the Wichita Police Department.

April 30 — Officer Steele took a report of a possible abduction in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn. The reporting party said around 8:30 a.m., two children who were standing at the bus stop got into a white work van and left the area. Steele contacted the father of the two children and found out the bus never showed to pick the two up for school. The father picked them up in his work van and took them to school.

April 30 — Officer Steele and Lt. Foxx responded to a disturbance between two employees at a tree-trimming project in the 4400 block of North Oliver. Officers contacted the parties involved and determined one employee shoved the other who was his supervisor. The supervisor wished to press charges and signed a criminal complaint. The employee was served the complaint for battery and given a court date.

May 1 — Chief Atteberry stopped a vehicle for driving around the "Road Closed" barricades on 53rd between Rock Road and Woodlawn. The driver had a suspended driver's license and no proof of liability insurance. The driver was issued citations for the violations and given a Bel Aire Municipal Court date.

May 1 — Officer Steele and Lt. Foxx responded to a welfare check on a juvenile who told school employees that he was scared to go home for fear of his stepfather hitting him. It was later determined that the juvenile had embellished his story.

May 1 — Officer Smithwick stopped a black Ford F150 for failing to maintain a single lane of travel and speeding in the 5600 block of East 37th North. Christopher John Lahey was arrested on a charge of DUI.

May 1 — Officer Trumbull responded to a call of a non-injury accident in the 4500 block of North Rock Road. Both vehicles stopped at the four-way stop and then proceeded at the same time into the intersection where the two vehicles collided.

May 1 — Officer Crouse responded to a burglary report in the 5700 block of East Memphis. The calling party said her son was missing his PlayStation 4, \$100 in cash and Beats Headphones from his bedroom. During the investigation, Crouse found the garage entrance door had damage to the locking mechanism. There are known suspects. The investigation is ongoing.

May 2 — Officer Crouse stopped a gray Jeep Compass for defective tail lamps in the 4800 block of East 45th North. The driver had a suspended driver's license. The driver was issued a citation for driving with a suspended license and a written warning for the defective equipment.

May 2 — Chief Atteberry stopped a vehicle for speeding and expired tags in the 5200 block of North Rock Road. The driver had no proof of liability insurance as well. The driver was issued citations and given a Bel Aire Municipal Court date.

May 2 — Officer Steele responded to a larceny report in the 6800 block of East 45th North. The calling party reported

items missing from the church.

May 2 — Officer Steele responded to a disturbance over child visitation in the 4500 block of North Glendale. The reporting party called 911 because she did not want her 13-month-old leaving with her father. The matter was resolved.

May 3 — Officer Forman responded to an unknown call for EMS. A subject sitting on the curb in the 5100 block of North Webb. The subject said she had been in an argument with her boyfriend and decided to leave. She walked to a location to have a friend pick her up and take her back to El Dorado. Officer Forman waited with her until her friend arrived.

May 3 — Lt. Foxx responded to a call of a domestic disturbance in the 9700 block of East 50th North. The calling party reported her ex-boyfriend and father of her child was driving around her place of employment in violation of a protective order. A check with sheriff's records did not show an active protection order in place. The calling party was advised to contact the district court to file for a protection-from-abuse order. The other party was not located at the property upon arrival.

May 3 — Lt. Foxx responded to a call of a burglary to a residence in the 6000 block of East 47th North. The reporting party said someone entered the open garage door and removed a Honda power washer, Coho leaf blower, air tools with case, Delta drill with case, and Delta saw-all with case.

May 4 — A 16-year-old male was taken to the Wichita Children's Home after his mother refused to pick him up on a Wichita runaway report.

May 4 — Officer Smithwick responded to an accident in the 5000 block of East 48th North. A vehicle ran into the yellow concrete barriers at the south end of the Bel Aire Recreation Center parking lot.

May 4 — Officer Gibson responded to a call of a student who ran from the school bus in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. School staff located the student, who was transported back to the school.

May 6 — Officer Crouse stopped a green Honda Accord operating without a visible license plate in the 6000 block of East 37th North. The driver said the tag was stolen within the city limits of Wichita and he had not reported it. The driver also had an expired Kansas driver's license. The driver was issued a citation and released at the scene.

May 4 — The manager of the Broadstone Villa Apartments reported that she observed a man at a residence in the 5600 block of North Lycee. The manager advised she was aware there was a protective order in place and the man was in violation. A warrant was issued for the man's arrest.

May 5 — A Bel Aire resident reported he is remodeling his residence in the 4700 block of North Glendale and he left his garage door was open while he was working. He reported that he realized his air compressor had been taken from the garage.

May 7 — Officer Steele responded with the Kechi Police Department and the Park City Police Department to a suspicious character call in the 1500 block of East 77th North. The suspicious character, whose

name was not available, was located in the fenced area and taken into custody.

May 7 — Officer Smithwick responded to an injury accident at Isely Elementary School in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn involving two First Student school buses. A 9-year-old male had a possible injury due to the collision of the buses. The child was treated and released at the scene. The wreck happened about 5:15 p.m.

May 8 — Officers Steele and Crice responded to a call of a disturbance where a female was refusing to leave a residence in the 4500 block of North Westlake Court. A man said he allowed a friend from work to rent the residence. The friend said he was moving out of state. The landlord said he discovered a woman was living in the residence contrary to the agreement with the tenant. Officers checked the woman for warrants and discovered she had outstanding obligations through the City of Wichita. Ashley Marie Whitaker of Bel Aire was arrested on a charge of contempt of court. The tenant is still moving out of town, but it is unknown if he will wait for his girlfriend's release from jail.

May 8 — A 2013 Subaru was pulling out of the private drive of Catholic Care Center when it struck a 2017 Chevy. No injuries were reported.

May 8 — A First Student school bus was the scene of a disturbance in the 5500 block of East 37th North. The bus driver pulled the bus over at the intersection of 37th and Ridgewood. Several students refused to sit down while the bus was in motion. Officer Trumbull was able to gain the cooperation of the students and the bus was able to continue.

May 8 — Officer Smithwick responded to a report of the theft of a cellphone in the 5300 block of North Lycee. A 19-year-old special-needs student admitted to taking a friend's cellphone at school and not returning it. This has occurred several times in the past weeks with other people's phones. Taylor Jade Mercer of Bel Aire was arrested on a charge of theft.

May 9 — A 16-year-old student was reported as a runaway by his father in Wichita. The runaway was located at school in the 5000 block of North Lycee and was taken to the Wichita Children's home after father was unable to come get him.

May 9 — A 15-year-old female ran away from her custodial aunt's home in the 3900 block of North Edgemoor.

May 9 — Officer Crouse was dispatched to a non-injury accident at the intersection of 45th and Woodlawn. A green Mercury Voyager was parked in the south lane of the intersection. The front passenger's side of the vehicle had extensive damage, and the vehicle's airbags were deployed. A white F350 pickup truck pulling a trailer was facing westbound west of the intersection on 45th. The trailer had damage to the rear passenger's side. After speaking with all individuals involved, the operator of the green Mercury Voyager was issued a citation for inattentive driving.

May 10 — Officer Crouse was dispatched to a larceny report in the 6700 block of East 45th North. A supervisor said a family member of a resident re-

ported two yellow metal chains were missing from her property.

May 10 — Police received a report of a lost or stolen tag from Fed Ex truck. Information was entered into NCIC.

May 10 — Officers were dispatched to a domestic violence call in the 5600 block of North Lycee. A woman reported that her daughter's boyfriend grabbed her, causing injuries to her right wrist and arm. A notice to appear was issued for the boyfriend's arrest. Dustin Millham was later arrested on a charge of violation of a no-contact order.

May 11 — Officer Smithwick was dispatched to an active disturbance call in the 6700 block of East 45th North. A woman reported that she and another employee were involved in a verbal altercation.

May 11 — On May 9, Officer Trumbull received a complaint about a vehicle parked on the street in the 4500 block of North Westlake Court for a long period of time with an expired registration. He checked the white Toyota and stickered the vehicle for tow on May 11. The vehicle was still parked along the street in the same location on May 11. A wrecker was called to remove the vehicle.

May 11 — A man reported a neighbor child opened the door to his residence in the 5900 block of East 41st North. The man took the juvenile back home, but could not get anybody to answer. The juvenile is autistic and non-verbal. Officer Gibson made contact with the child's father who showed the officer the effort he has put in to keeping the child secure and safe in the residence. Apparently, the child has discovered a way to thwart his father's efforts. He will continue working with his son.

May 12 — Officer Crouse observed two vehicles parked eastbound in both lanes in the 9800 block of East 53rd North. The vehicles then accelerated quickly at the same time eastbound. Crouse was able to stop one of the drivers and she was issued a notice to appear for drag racing. The driver of the second vehicle was not positively identified.

May 12 — Officers Crouse and Forman were dispatched to the report of a burglary in progress in the 5300 block of North Cypress. An older model Toyota pickup was suspected to be involved in the crime. The officers checked the area, but were unable to locate the vehicle. They were also unable to locate a burglary scene.

May 12 — Officers Gibson and Trumbull were dispatched to check the welfare of two juveniles left unattended in the 5700 block of North Lycee. The officers located a 9-year-old and a 5-year-old unattended. Their parents were at their places of employment and left the children

unattended for five hours. No previous cases were located. The parents claimed a relative was supposed to have arrived just after 10:30 a.m. to care for the children. Report was forwarded to the Department for Children and Families.

May 12 — Officer Crouse stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 4000 block of North Oliver. The driver exhibited multiple signs of alcohol impairment. Rosalynn Raeann Mann of Wichita was arrested on charges of DUI and speeding.

May 13 — Officer Forman assisted a Sedgwick County sheriff's deputy with a DUI investigation in the 3900 block of North Rock Road, where Mohammad Jabar Almarri of Wichita was arrested on a charge of DUI.

May 13 — Officer Forman observed two individuals stumble and have difficulty walking as they left a home on North Eagle Lake Court. One of the people entered a vehicle and drove away. The driver committed multiple violations in a short distance. Forman stopped the vehicle in the 4000 block of North Edgemoor and discovered the driver had a suspended driver's license. Francisco Rudolph Vigil Jr. of Derby was arrested on charges of DUI and driving with a suspended license.

May 13 — A man was moving his tractor from one location to another in the 5100 block of North Oliver when a southbound vehicle collided with an implement of the tractor. The driver of the car was issued a citation for inattentive driving.

May 13 — A Bel Aire resident reported being assaulted by her boyfriend in the 6400 block of East Rodeo. The assault was witnessed. A notice to appear in court was prepared for the suspect.

May 14 — A white Toyota Camry was observed speeding northbound in the 5100 block of North Oliver. The vehicle was stopped and when Officer Crouse contacted the driver he detected the strong odor of burnt marijuana from the interior of the vehicle. The driver admitted marijuana consumption earlier in the evening and did not exhibit indicators of intoxication.

May 14 — Police responded to a call of a suspicious character at the FedEx Ground facility in the 5100 block of North Industry. Officers contacted three subjects wearing ballistic vests and badges. All three were identified as officers of the court serving papers to the company.

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Friday, June 22

All Evening All events at Kechi City Park -- BRING LAWN CHAIRS OR BLANKETS

6 - 8 p.m. Sloppy Joe dinner, sold by Kechi Chamber

6 - 8 p.m. Hot Dogs, sold by Webelos Pack 404

6 - 8 p.m. Ball Throwing contest (radar checked, all ages)

6 - 8 p.m. Fishing Derby, Park & Tree Board (if enough water)

6 - 8 p.m. Bean Bag Baseball & Washers Games

6 - 8:30 p.m. Inflatables

6 - 8:30 p.m. Face painting (Embellished Fun Face Painting)

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Ice Cream Social (Empire Bank, PC)

7:30 p.m. Horseshoe Tournament

7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Egg Toss

9:30 p.m. Fireworks, Krehbiel Wholesale Fireworks

Saturday, June 23

7 - 10 a.m. Pancake and Sausage Feed, Kechi United Methodist Church (\$6 adults, \$4 kids, 3 & under free)

8 - 9:30 a.m. Drop off items for Baking Contest (Community Room, all items donated to cake walk)

8 a.m. - noon Karg Art Glass Blowing Demonstrations (Karg Art, 111 N. Oliver)

8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Arts, Crafts and Vintage Fair (in front of Northside Bible Church, 300 W. Kechi Road)

9 - 9:30 a.m. Kids Bike & Motorized Cars Decorating Contest (in front of City Hall, all entries invited to participate in parade)

9:30 - 10 a.m. Baking Contest Judging (Community Room)

10 - 10:30 a.m. Kechi's 33rd Annual Parade, "Turtlestock"

10:30 - 11 a.m. Ice Cream Social (next to Fair Tent)

11 - 11:30 a.m. Pickle Eating Contest (by Fair Tent, Eden's Auto Sales)

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Kechi Kruiise In Car Show (61st & Sioux, judging 1:30 p.m.)

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free Carriage Rides (next to Fair Tent)

11 - 2 p.m. SCDP Trucks, Police Car Displays, KHP Demo (front of City Hall)

11:30 a.m. to noon Sand Pile Treasure Hunt (ages 10 & under, west side of City Hall)

Noon - 12:30 p.m. Cake Walk (Community Room)

12:30 - 1 p.m. Turtle Races (Bring Your Own Turtle), behind City Hall

7:30 - 11 p.m. Street Dance, Lonesome Jake Band (F&H parking lot, gates open 6:30 p.m.)

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Button required for Street Dance. \$3 in advance or \$5 after 4 p.m. or at the gate.	Raffle tickets available at City Hall until 5 p.m. June 22 and during events at the Fair Tent.
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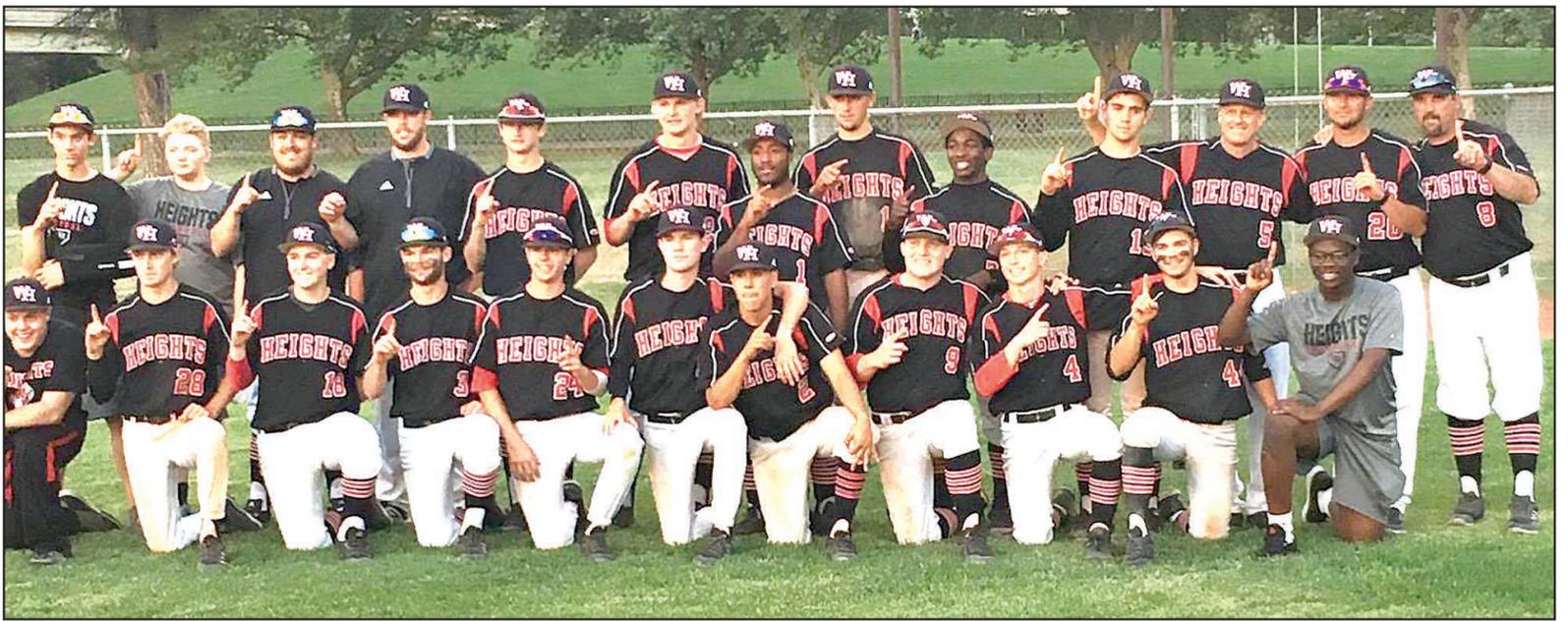
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League champs on state run

The Heights High School baseball team competed in the Class 5A state tournament in May after compiling a 20-2 overall record (18-2 in the league) and a Greater Wichita Athletic League title for the first time since 2007. The Falcons' 18-2 regular season tied a school record. The Falcons beat Maize in 12 innings in the first round of the state tournament May 24. The team is (front from left) manager Nathan Sevier, Kaden Tate, Alec Kealey, T.J. Martin, Brylen Gilmore, Ryan Hatchett, Paul Mode, Cody Troyer, Bryce Boomsma, Houston McFarlane, manger Kingsley Mudambanuki, (back from left) Austin Campbell, manager Joey Bader, coach Dylan Fensky, coach Eric Hansen, Austin Russell, Jordan Ellison, Rashawn Mayes, Tanner Day, Josh Sanders, Dylan Depperschmidt, coach Joe Auer, coach Nathan Bengtson and head coach Jeff Topping.

Run

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important topics. We look at helping with strength of character along with physical health."

A big aspect of the

group deals with setting and achieving goals. The girls' physical goal is to run a 5K. They practice running together at each meeting and build up to the 5K; the goal is that everyone will be able to run a full 5K by the end of the semester. Another goal

is to develop a community impact project.

"You look at all the people who support you and choose some way to show them that you notice and care about what they've done for you," said Rudd. "We brainstormed things we could

do to impact the community with limited time and funding. It really makes the girls think about ways they can show thanks with limited resources."

Rudd said that both groups sent positive feedback to the girls. The police and Lions Club

were honored that the girls wanted to do something to recognize them. She

also said the girls enjoyed seeing the positive impact they were able to make.

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