

# The Bel Aire Breeze

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## Council OKs first phase of park design

By Taylor Messick

The master park plan is inching forward.

On Nov. 6, the Bel Aire City Council passed the phase one design of a new public park/gathering space as outlined in the Park Master Plan developed by LK Architecture with a 3-2 vote. The design phase will not

exceed \$12,000.

Mayor David Austin has been adamant throughout 2018 that the city needs to build a park adjacent to City Hall. In May, he said the city's lack of natural gathering spots hurts its potential for retail development.

"Retailers are telling us and our partners at John T. Arnold that natural gathering spots will

increase the likeliness 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 bet-

ting 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."

Although this is just the initial phase of the project to get a design in place, some members of the council voted against it. Council members Justin Smith and Jim Benage were vocally opposed to passing the item.

Benage said development efforts would be better focused on Woodlawn. Smith's issue with the project is that he is strongly opposed to borrowing more money with the city's current debt.

"I don't think it's the best use of our money right now," said

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## A Taste of Italy



The Bel Aire Lions Club hosted its annual "A Taste of Italy" dinner Nov. 10 at the Gospel Assembly Church on North Oliver in Bel Aire. The dinner is a fundraiser for the organization, which supports community projects and initiatives. The dinner included authentic Sicilian salad, dessert, garlic bread and handmade Southern Italian meatballs and pasta.

Photos by Taylor Messick

## Bel Aire expands lights contest

2nd and 3rd places added

By Taylor Messick

The Bel Aire City Council took action regarding the Christmas lighting awards on Nov. 20.

The previous council voted in favor of a \$500 cash reward for first place in the contest earlier this year. The current council decided that it would like to award prizes for second and third places — as the city did previously.

They voted unanimously to give \$250, \$150 and \$100 for first, second and third place, respectively. Prize money for the top three places used to be given as a utility credit to winners, but will now be given in the form of Visa gift cards.

"I'm in favor of the cash prize rather than the credit," said council member Jeff Hawes. "I think that can mean a little more this time of year. I think this is a good thing for the city. If we can get the numbers up and get

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## Bel Aire's city clerk takes on new role

By Taylor Messick

Melissa Krehbiel took over as Bel Aire's new city clerk and communications coordinator on Nov. 14. She previously served as deputy city clerk for Newton for four years and assistant court clerk for Park City for three years.

Krehbiel is from Newton and attended Kansas State University where she studied anthropology and journalism. While she might not have ended up in that exact field, she feels like she is doing the type of work she set out to do.

"I had the idea that I wanted to work in development," said Krehbiel. "To develop underdeveloped areas. But I didn't feel like I was ready for graduate school in such a competitive field. That's when I found a job working in city government. I really love it because I'm kind of doing what I wanted. Instead of developing civilization, we're kind of maintaining it — and there's also new development which is really exciting.



Krehbiel

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# City approves sewer cleanout

By Taylor Messick

On Nov. 6, the Bel Aire City Council unanimously approved a couple of items regarding sewers. The city's sewer reserve fund is high this year because of the lack of need for repairs.

City engineer Anne Stephens said the city has been cautious with the fund in recent years because of emergency re-

pairs that have taken staff off guard. That has led to the city saving up over \$144,000 in this year's reserve without any major problems.

Stephens said this is the right time for the city to spend some of the money on maintenance that can help identify and prevent future damage. The city performs regular maintenance but does not have the professional

equipment needed for a thorough sewer cleaning. They contract the more thorough cleanings every few years when the city can afford it.

"Our staff does go and clean our sewer mains," said Stephens. "We do have a sewer cleaner, but it is not very powerful and it does not have a camera on it. So we cannot see into the mains to see their condition."

Council approved staff's recommendation to hire Mayer Specialty Services at a cost of \$55,131. They will clean the sewer mains of Summit Hill and Bel Aire Heights. Mayer has high-powered jets and cameras that can identify problem areas.

Another item the council approved was the rehabilitation of 77 existing manholes. Mayer Specialty Services was also

hired for this job at a cost of \$88,165. The manholes will be rehabilitated and waterproofed.

In other business, the council:

- Approved the appropriations ordinance in the amount of \$520,238.11.

- Proclaimed November American Diabetes Month and Nov. 11 Veterans Day.

- Heard from citizens regarding concerns with a master park plan.

- Unanimously approved a resolution directing and authorizing the issuance, sale and

delivery of general obligation temporary notes series 2018A.

- Unanimously adopted an ordinance authorizing the sale of a small piece of property to Empire Wall Systems.

- Unanimously approved Mayor Austin's appointment of David Floyd as an alternate to the CCUA Board.

- Accepted a proposal from LK Architecture not to exceed \$12,000 for the design of a new public park with a 3-2 vote.

All members of the council were present. There was no executive session.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Student in honor society

Brandon Leiker of Wichita was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Leiker was initiated at Fort Hays State University.

Leiker is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

— The Breeze staff

### 254 group has logo contest

The K254 Corridor Association is holding a contest for students in the area to design a logo for the committee. The contest is open to all students in the region of the K254 Corridor Association.

The group aims to promote improved transportation safety along K254. Logos should contain

"K254," be attractive, modern and usable for letterhead, forms and marketing. The winning logo creator will receive a \$250 cash prize.

Logos must be received by Dec. 15. They can be sent to: City of Bel Aire, 7651 E. Central Park Ave, Bel Aire, KS 67220.

— Taylor Messick

### Police follow walking pair

Sometimes you just feel like someone's watching you.

On Oct. 18, a Bel Aire police officer saw two people walking north in the 4400 block of North Edgemoor. The officer spoke with the individuals, who said they were just out for a walk.

The officer monitored their behavior during each step of their evening stroll, a police report said.

There was no report of foul play.

— The Breeze staff

### Neighbor turns to police

This neighbor is convincing, if nothing else.

On Oct. 25, a woman in the 4000 block of North Clarendon reported to police that a neighbor yelled at her 9-year-old child for walking in the easement in front of the neighbor's home (between the sidewalk and the street).

The mother said she attempted to contact the

neighbor to speak to her about the issue, but the effort did not go well at all. The mother felt it was best to ask Bel Aire police to speak to the neighbor to keep the situation civil.

An officer attempted to contact the woman and the contact did not go well at all. The officer reported that he did not walk on the easement when he left.

— The Breeze staff

### Prostitution investigated

Bel Aire police last month began investigating possible underage prostitution.

In late October, police received a report of two girls younger than 18 selling nude photographs of themselves on the Internet, with payment being made through PayPal.

The investigation is ongoing. The incidents were reported to have happened Aug. 1 through Oct. 29.

— The Breeze staff

### Chief finds threat suspect

Bel Aire Police Chief Darrell Atteberry is in the right place at the right time again, this time finding a teenager who had allegedly been calling in threats to Wichita public school students.

On Oct. 30, Atteberry saw a car speeding in the 4500 block of North Oliver. When he turned around to pursue the vehi-

cle, the driver turned onto Willow Point and ducked into a driveway in a cul-de-sac in an attempt to hide. Atteberry located the vehicle with the help of a citizen who pointed out where the driver was hiding. The driver was cited for speeding, no driver's license in possession and failing to signal from direct course. She was not cited for evade and elude as Atteberry said he had not yet activated the lights and sirens of his vehicle.

The teenager apparently had skipped school all day and was calling in threats to other students. USD 259 and the school's resource officer are handling the investigation.

An adult driver was called to take the teenager home.

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### Suspect flees from police

Valley Center police were looking for a suspect who led officers on a chase through north Sedgwick County late Nov. 24.

Chief Lloyd Newman said a Valley Center officer attempted to stop a vehicle for expired registration at First and Sheridan. When officers tried to get the driver out of the vehicle, the man drove away instead.

The chase ended in a field off of K-254 near Hillside. The driver ran away. Officers pursued him for about 15 minutes, but couldn't find

him. A passenger in the vehicle, Megan Wagner, 24, of Valley Center, was arrested and booked into jail on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. She has since been released.

A search of the vehicle turned up possible evidence of identity fraud, including credit cards, bank statements and blank checks not belonging to the passenger or driver, police said.

— The Breeze staff

### County to open large tag office

Sedgwick County Treasurer Linda Kizzire announced last month that a second, larger tag office will open for business at noon Dec. 10.

## DEATH

### NICK STRUNK

Nick L. Strunk, 96, died Oct 29, 2018.



Strunk

Mary (Rohleder) Strunk, parents Nick and Christina (Albert) Strunk, three brothers and four sisters. Survivors include children

He was a retired farmer and carpenter.

He was preceded in death by his wife

Kathleen Fehrmann of Bel Aire, Linda (Ralph) Ohl of Conway Springs, Tom (Trudy) Strunk of Valley Center, Dan (Jan) Strunk of Derby, Karen (Virgil) Neises of Wichita and Ruth (Dean) Youngers of Wichita; 14 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

Rosary was Nov. 4 and funeral Mass was Nov. 5, both at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, Schulte. Memorials to St. Cecilia's Catholic School, 1912 W. Grand Ave, Haysville KS 67060 or a memorial of your choice. Webb-Shinkle Mortuary had charge.

## Clerk

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In a roundabout way, I'm doing what I wanted, just closer to home."

Being close to home is important to Krehbiel. Her family still lives in

Newton. She and her husband have a 1-year-old daughter. They also have two cats. Even though her previous position was in her hometown, Krehbiel said she couldn't pass up the job opportunity in Bel Aire.

"I loved my previ-

ous employer, so it was a tough decision," she said. "But I saw the position with the added duties of the communications coordinator and I just thought it would be a perfect fit with my background and experience. A lot of city govern-

ment is done through such legalistic language and I enjoy trying to make city functions more accessible and understandable to the residents."

So far, she said she has already gained a great deal of respect for the work public works and

the rest of the staff put in. She appreciates being a part of the Bel Aire team and contributing to the city's potential future growth.

"Bel Aire is community oriented, and I like that," she said. "They're trying to do plenty of

events and bring the community together. It makes it fun to get to communicate those events to the public and see people get excited. Everybody kind of knows each other in a small town and I like that about Bel Aire. It feels good here."

## Park

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Smith. "I don't think we should be borrowing money for something that is not an essential. If we find ourselves with a need to borrow money for projects I think that should be for essential projects like the \$9 million improvements we might have to pay for sewers; or the Woodlawn project that I know we're borrowing money to pay for; or the next big street project or sewer project. Those are essentials and we have to borrow money

for those. This park would be wonderful to have, but I don't think it's an essential."

Council members Jeff Elshoff, Betty Martine and Jeff Hawes were in favor of moving forward with the design phase of the project. Martine said the city is running out of space to hold events at the recreation center. She said a Master Park has been discussed for as long as she can remember by previous governing bodies and staff members. Elshoff seemed generally supportive of the project, even going out to look at the work

the two potential design firms have done throughout the area; he recommended and motioned for LK Architecture. Hawes stressed the importance of moving forward with the design so the city can determine if the project is viable.

"When you're trying to attract residents, I think having something like this there for their everyday use does make it essential," said Hawes. "This proposal is step one of many, many steps, including the point of having community input. We've talked about applying for

grants and things to help offset some of the costs, but you can't begin to apply for grants without having a plan. This is just about getting that plan. We're going to do everything we can to offset as much of this cost as we can, but we have to have the plan first."

Austin said he does not believe this land will move before the city is out of debt based on what he has been told by developers. The land costs \$100,000 per year in specials, and developers aren't interested. He says one of two things will happen: the

land will sit vacant or the city can look at building a Master Park while paying off the debt.

"We would not even be discussing this if it meant raising one 10th of a percent of sales tax," said Austin. "We would not be discussing this if it meant taking one cent away from road improvements. We're spending more on roads this year than we've ever spent and we continue to not raise taxes. ... We've got wiggle room here, people. This is what we call being at a crossroads. The definition of insanity is doing the same thing

over and over and expecting different results. We can keep doing what we're doing ... we're going to be out of debt in about 15 years. My goal is to be out of debt with more retail, commercial and housing developments. I'll say it right now on record — if in 15 years we get out of debt and all we have is a really nice park, I'll live with that. Because that is something this city needs."

## Contest

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even more people entering ... we can try to get more people into town looking

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at the lights and the town. Possibly, if they're in the market for buying a home, this could influence them to move to Bel Aire."

Last year, more than 30 houses entered the lighting contest. The city previously allowed video and photo entries, but will only allow one photo to be submitted from each house this year.



Every Bel Aire home is eligible and entries can be submitted via the Bel Aire website or directly to Tristan Terhune at [tterhune@belaireks.gov](mailto:tterhune@belaireks.gov).

Winners will be determined by posting the photos on the city Facebook page for people to vote on. Votes will be taken until noon Dec. 18.

The only other action taken was to move the first meeting in January from New Year's Day to Jan. 3 at 7 p.m.

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# City of Bel Aire



## 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

- Pickleball** — Monday 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Friday 5 to 7 p.m., Rec Center, \$2/person
- 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, must RSVP.
- Low Impact Aerobics** — Wednesday, 9 a.m., Rec Center
- Senior Breakfast** — Fridays 9 a.m., various locations

## Bel Aire Recreation

### Boys basketball

For ages 5 through 12. Practices and games scheduled to begin in January. The 10- to 12-year-old division is tentatively scheduled to play teams from Valley Center Rec. **Registration deadline is Dec 1.**

### Basketball clinic

For ages 5 through 12. Come and work on your basketball skills from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Dec. 1.

### Holiday Hoops

Kids — grab an adult and sign up for this free-throw contest at 2 p.m. Dec. 15. Winners of each age group will get a FREE holiday ham. Age groups are 8 and under, 9 through 12 and 13 through 17.

### Tumbling Mini Session

Come tumble at the Rec Center starting Thursday, Nov. 29. Ages 4 and 5 will be at 6 p.m.; ages 6 and up will be at 7 p.m.

### ActivStars cheerleading

Come cheer at Bel Aire Rec Wednesday evenings on Jan. 23. Sign up at [www.mw.activstars.com](http://www.mw.activstars.com) starting. \$8 per class.

### Youth Dance

Learn new moves with a Shocker dance team member! Thursdays at 6

and 7 p.m. starting in January.

### Adult Pickleball

Held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays and from 5 to 7 p.m. Fridays in the Rec Center gymnasium.

### Taekwondo

Ages 5 and up. Classes meet from 5 to 6 p.m. Monday and Friday or from 6 to 6:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Great classes for beginners to black belts.

### Yoga

Classes are from 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Participants need to bring their own yoga mat. Teens and 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. First Saturday morning of each month.

### 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 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesdays.

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

## Monthly & Special Events

- Dec. 3, 6:30 p.m.** — Potluck dinner/program, Design your own Christmas ornaments, Michelle Bible, Community Room.
- Dec. 5, 10 a.m.** — Volunteer library work time, Senior Center.
- Dec. 6, 1 p.m.** — Game day, Rec Center.
- Dec. 6, 1 p.m.** — Hand and foot canasta, Senior Center, RSVP required.
- Dec. 12, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.** — Blood pressure check by Catholic Care, Rec Center.
- Dec. 12, 10 a.m.** — Open sewing, Rec Center.
- Dec. 12, 1 p.m.** — “The Nutcracker Ballet,” Century II Concert Hall, prior reservation required.
- Dec. 13, 2 p.m.** — Coloring and conversation, Senior Center.
- Dec. 17, 6 p.m.** — Covered dish dinner/program, Rec Center.
- Dec. 18, 6 p.m.** — Ladies dine out, Anita 744-2840 for info.
- Dec. 19, 10:15 a.m.** — Senior brunch, Cracker Barrel, Park City.
- Dec. 19, 1:30 p.m.** — Book Club, Senior Center.
- Dec. 20, 1 p.m.** — Hand and foot canasta, Senior Center, RSVP required.
- Dec. 24** — City Hall closed for Christmas Eve.
- Dec. 25** — City Hall closed for Christmas Day.
- Dec. 27, 2 p.m.** — Coloring and conversation, Senior Center.
- Dec. 31** — City Hall closed for New Year’s Eve.
- Jan. 1, 2019** — City Hall closed for New Year’s Day.

## Community Events

- Dec. 1** — Christmas in Bel Aire, City Hall, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 4** — City council, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 5** — Bel Aire Chamber of Commerce, noon.
- Dec. 5** — Municipal Court, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 6** — Bel Aire Bike Ped stakeholder workshop, 5 to 8 p.m.
- Dec. 12** — Bel Aire Lions Club, Gospel Assembly Church, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Commission, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 18** — City council, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 20** — Municipal Court, noon
- Dec. 20** — CCUA, 4 to 6 p.m.
- Dec. 24** — City Hall closed, Christmas Eve.
- Dec. 25** — City Hall closed, Christmas Day.
- Dec. 31** — City Hall closed, New Year’s Eve.
- Jan. 1, 2019** — City Hall closed, New Year’s Day

## DID YOU KNOW?

The water you use during the upcoming months of December, January, and February will determine the sewer rate you pay next year, beginning with your April 2019 utility billing. Unlike water, your (and nearly everyone else’s) sewer flow rate is not metered. The City knows that not all metered water becomes sewer water, especially during warm weather months when there is lawn and garden watering, swimming pools being filled, car washing, and so on.

Since it is believed that water used during the months of December, January, and February is a more accurate measure of sewer water flow, these water usages become your sewer usage as well. Obviously, then, large holiday gatherings with increased water consumption can skew your sewer rates higher during future months. And, it is more expensive to treat 1000 gallons of sewer water than 1000 gallons of drinking water. The phenomenon can also occur when your sewage volume is greater than your water volume during any given month’s utility billing.

Next month, learn about the recycling schedule and how to access recycling information on Bel Aire’s website.

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Submit one photo and entry form by visiting [www.belaires.gov](http://www.belaires.gov).

Deadline to enter is **December 6th by 5pm.**

Awards will be given at the City Council meeting on December 18th, as well as featured in the January’s edition of the Bel Aire Beacon newsletter.



**Mayor's corner**

By David Austin

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. I cannot believe we are at the end of another year, but what a year it has been. Many of you are aware that Bel Aire owns over 1,400 acres of undeveloped land and is carrying its debt load.

**Thankful** — Many will argue the pros and cons of acquiring this land and then exercising the options. It is what it is, and I am thankful for all the past decisions made by past mayors Gary O'Neal, Brian Withrow and Harold Smith. Why? Because the city has turned the corner and is primed to take a giant leap forward in terms of development and aggressively paying down its debt.

I am also thankful for the members of your governing body and our fantastic small, but mighty staff. Even when we don't see eye-to-eye, healthy debate and discussions have taken center stage on how to best take advantage of this golden opportunity.

**Moving forward** — In November, a majority of the governing body voted in favor of hiring an engineering firm to show us what the design phase of a new master gathering spot can look like. The whole idea of doing this is to know for certain if we can do it and what the costs will be. To me, this is \$12,000 well spent. Given the fact that design of any road usually costs 25 percent of any street project, this seems like a bargain to me.

It is a small gamble, but worth it. After we know the real costs, we can look at the best avenue to take and decide if we are moving forward or not. Moving forward with design and construction will involve citizen input. It will also only happen if we maintain at least the current significantly increased budget for street improvements, and taxes are not increased.

In 2012, Mayor Smith led the charge to build the commerce park. Prior to that decision, the land was a vacant field of nothing. A small investment in infrastructure has yielded fantastic results as Sunflower Commerce Park is now nearly full and in demand.

One only needs to look at the recent fall fest to see that we have outgrown the rec center for events. Parking alone was a safety concern and I want to see more and more families and kids come to our city and city events.

We should have this information back during the first quarter of 2019 and I look forward to working with the governing body and each of you in deciding what, if anything, goes into phase 1.

I am proud of the fact we are being progressive/aggressive with giving City Hall a much-needed facelift, improving broadcast and communication capabilities, looking at additional routes we can take to market our great community and opportunities nationally.

Stay tuned for more updates on these developments. In 2019, paying down debt, improving infrastructure, including streets, and taking a giant step forward in marketing and developing the land will be at the forefront of our planning. There is room to do all three.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year** — In closing, I want to wish you and yours a very merry and blessed holiday season. I am blessed to have a beautiful wife and three amazing healthy grandchildren, and I am beyond honored to serve as your mayor. Thank you.



**CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS**

**Christ Lutheran-ELCA**

Christ Lutheran is at 53rd North and Hillside, across from Wichita Heights High School. Sunday worship services are at 9 a.m. (contemporary) and 11 (traditional), with communion at both services. Sunday school for all ages begins at 10:15 a.m. For more information about the church and its activities, find us online at [www.christ-lutheran.org](http://www.christ-lutheran.org) or call us at 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 at 8 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Resurrection Catholic School has students from preschool through eighth grade. The parish/school website is [www.resurrectionwichita.com](http://www.resurrectionwichita.com), and the telephone number is 744-2776. The Rev. Michael J. Schemm 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 Strasser.

**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](http://www.fairmountuccc.org). Steve Bridwell is the minister.

**Gospel Assembly**

Located at 4230 N. Oliver in Bel Aire, Sunday services are 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Prayer service is at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Praise and worship is at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. 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](mailto:shagemeister@sbcglobal.net). Greenwich UMC missions support large local charities like Open Door, Grace Med or Youthville, as well as small charities like Flint Hills Therapeutic Riding Center 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. The church will hold its annual Cookie Caper from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 1. Cookies and candies will be sold by the pound. All proceeds will go to United Methodist Women mission projects. 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 Michelle Gowin. Find us online at [www.KechiUMC.org](http://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](http://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 in northeast Wichita. You can reach us at 683-5538 or via email at

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Sunday morning services in our new Worship Center are at 8 and 10:30, with a nursery and Children's Church during the 10:30 service. We provide adult Bible classes and children's Sunday school beginning at 9:15 a.m. During Advent, Wednesday evening ministries are from 6:30 to 7 p.m. with activities for all ages. A nursery is available for preschool age children. King's Kids is for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Confirmation class is for children in grades six through eight. IM-PACT! is for grades nine through 12. There will also be adult Bible classes available. Advent worship services will be from 7:15 to 7:45 p.m. on Dec. 5 and Dec. 12. Christmas Eve worship services will be at 6 p.m. Dec. 24 with a candlelight service at 8. Christmas Day worship service will be at 10 a.m. Dec. 25. Each month we provide options to participate in a variety of Bible studies, fellowship and service opportunities for all ages. Find us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter — search RisenSavior-ICT! Find out everything Risen Savior has to offer on our website at [www.risensavior.net](http://www.risensavior.net). Senior pastor is Tom Harmon. Assistant pastor is Nick Cordt.

**Saint Michael Western Orthodox Christian** Saint Michael's Orthodox Christian Church is at 2710 E. 61st North, Park City. It is a congrega-

tion of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.

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For more information, call 734-6248, go online at [www.saintmichaelorthodoxchurch.com](http://www.saintmichaelorthodoxchurch.com) or email inquiries to [jflora@cox.net](mailto: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.godscloset.com](http://www.godscloset.com) or on Facebook (Gods Closet - Wichita). For God's Closet, call 778-0474.

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# BEL AIRE POLICE REPORTS

**Oct. 9** — Records and video showed that a man gave officers his brother's information during the course of a traffic stop. The brother had been living in California for the last four years. In October, the real violator appeared in Bel Aire Municipal Court and presented himself as his brother (from California). The violator pled guilty/no contest to the charges. The brother from California discovered what happened and came to speak to the Bel Aire Municipal Court Clerk to resolve the situation. He refused to pursue charges against his brother for identity theft.

**Oct. 11** — Three students at Northeast Magnet High School in the 5500 block of North Lycee set off popper-type fireworks inside the school. There was no damage to the building and the incident did not cause any panic. Discipline was handled by the school administration.

**Oct. 16** — A woman from the 3800 block of North Hillcrest reported a known person contacted her at her place of employment and threatened her and her children during a conversation.

**Oct. 16** — A woman from the 3800 block of North Oliver reported her 16-year-old daughter left home with a former neighbor without permission. Due to ongoing legal matters, the juvenile was allowed to stay with the former neighbor. Officer Crouse checked on the juvenile at the former neighbor's residence and found the juvenile to be OK.

**Oct. 17** — A Sedgwick County sheriff's deputy requested assistance while conducting a subject stop during an investigation in the 3400 block of North Greenwich. The subject the deputy was working with refused to give his proper name. After being detained and placed in the deputy's patrol vehicle during the investigation, the young man finally provided his proper information. The young man was taken into custody for a Sedgwick County warrant and two City of Wichita warrants. The deputy also located a small, clear plastic bag containing a crystal substance consistent with methamphetamine.

**Oct. 17** — Officer Crouse saw a black SUV traveling north in the 5100 block of North Oliver at over 90 mph. He attempted to stop the vehicle but disregarded the pursuit due to the high speed and recklessness of the violator.

**Oct. 17** — Officer Forman was dispatched to the report of a burglary in the 4900 block of North Parkhurst. A woman said she left her garage door open and unknown individuals entered the garage and rummaged through both vehicles located in the garage. Several items were taken.

**Oct. 17** — A man reported to the police he was having difficulty contacting his wife.

**Oct. 17** — A staff worker at a group home in the 5300 block of North Lycee reported a resident had intentionally harmed herself in an effort to take her life. The resident was transported to Via Christi St. Joseph Hospital for treatment and evaluation.

**Oct. 18** — Officer Forman saw two individuals walking north in the 4400 block of North Edgemoor. He made contact with the individuals who said they were just out for a walk. He monitored their behavior during each step of their evening stroll.

**Oct. 18** — Staff at Bel Aire City Hall received a call requesting a welfare check of a woman in the 4500 block of Westlake Court who had posted concerning comments of self-harm on Facebook. Police searched the unlocked home and found no one inside. The owner of the home, who lives out of state, was contacted and said nobody was to be at the home. The Wichita Police Department checked addresses in Wichita in an effort to track the woman down and check her welfare.

**Oct. 19** — Officers Trumbull and Gibson were dispatched to a non-injury accident in the 6100 block of North Rock Road. A woman was driving north on Rock Road in a 2018 Toyota Camry when it struck a blue Honda Odyssey from behind. The driver of the Camry was cited for inattentive driving and given a Bel Aire Municipal Court date. Both vehicles were driven away and both drivers refused medical treatment.

**Oct. 20** — Officer Crouse saw a red Pontiac Grand Am failing to properly signal a turn in the 5900 block of East 45th North. After stopping the vehicle, the driver admitted to having a restricted license. The driver had a valid instructional permit only. She was later taken home by Crouse and turned over to her mother.

**Oct. 20** — A man from the 5300 block of North Rock Springs reported his neighbor yelled at his grandchildren due to his grandchildren going into the neighbor's yard. When contacted, the neighbor said he asked the grandchildren to stay off his lawn and they didn't, so he yelled at them to stay off his lawn.

**Oct. 20** — A man was driving east on 38th and turned to go north on Edgemoor when he hit gravel. The driver hit the gas instead of the brakes and struck the curb, causing his front passenger wheel to be torn from the vehicle. The driver was cited for the error and for driving in violation of restrictions (no glasses or contacts). The driver was given a Bel Aire Municipal Court date. His vehicle was towed away.

**Oct. 21** — The Wichita Police Department requested assistance with an active pursuit of a stolen black Mercedes-Benz SUV. The pursuit was eastbound on East 37th North and was approaching the intersection of Oliver. Officer



## Promotion

**Chief Darrell Atteberry (left) congratulates Detective Davis as he was promoted to sergeant of the Bel Aire Police Department on Nov. 13**

Courtesy photo

Forman arrived at the intersection and set up Stop Stick tire-deflating devices. The stolen vehicle avoided the Stop Sticks and continue east on 37th. The vehicle was eventually located abandoned in a residential neighborhood near 21st and Woodlawn.

**Oct. 21** — Officer Forman stopped a vehicle in the 4300 block of North Woodlawn for having only one headlight. Forman detected an odor of burnt marijuana. After requesting the driver exit the vehicle, the driver admitted to having marijuana on his person. The driver produced a small, clear plastic bag, which contained marijuana. He was given a notice to appear in court for the violation and cited for the equipment violation.

**Oct. 22** — A woman from the 6700 block of East Rodeo reported her ex-boyfriend had been attempting to contact her via a third party. The man has an active protection-from-abuse order against her, and she has an active protection-from-stalking order against him. After contacting sheriff records, it was found the PFA had been served, however, the PFS had not been served.

**Oct. 22** — Officers Gibson and Smithwick were dispatched to a disturbance in the 5100 block of North St. James. A man was reportedly out of control and needed an officer. He was not suicidal nor did he want to hurt anybody.

**Oct. 23** — A woman from the 4100 block of North Clarendon reported her ex-boyfriend failed to return her vehicle. He had been given permission to use the vehicle for an unspecified amount of time through a verbal agreement.

**Oct. 23** — Two vehicles collided at the intersection of Lycee and Rock Road. No injuries were reported.

**Oct. 23** — An employee from the 6700 block of East 45th North was suspected of diverting medications from patients for her own use. The investigation is ongoing.

**Oct. 24** — Officer Forman stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 4700 block of North Oliver. The driver presented an expired Kansas driver's license. She said she had an appointment to get a new license. A citation was issued and the woman was given a Bel Aire Municipal Court date.

**Oct. 24** — Officers received a referral from North Carolina Department of Human Services regarding an abuse case from June 2018.

**Oct. 25** — Officers Trumbull and Gibson were dispatched to a larceny case in the 4900 block of North Woodlawn. A woman reported that a man asked her for gas money. She pointed to the church, and the man went inside. The unknown man took a paper bag of canned food (valued at \$15) without permission and left. No prosecution was requested.

**Oct. 25** — A woman from the 4000 block of North Clarendon reported that a neighbor yelled at her 9-year-old child for walking in the easement in front of the neighbor's home. The easement is the area between the sidewalk and the street. The mother said she attempted to contact the neighbor to speak to her about the issue, but the effort did not go well at all. The mother felt it was best to ask the Bel Aire police to speak to the neighbor to keep the situation civil. Officer Trumbull attempted to contact the woman and the contact did not go well at all. Trumbull did not walk on the easement when he left.

**Oct. 25** — An anonymous caller reported two women were in a verbal altercation in the 5600 block of North Lycee. During the call, one woman was trespassed from the residence. She left.

**Oct. 25** — Bel Aire officers assisted the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office by trying to locate an individual in a field between 53rd North and K-254. The subject was reportedly suicidal. Officers Trumbull and Gibson searched the field and found nothing. The man was later located in Newton.

**Oct. 26** — Officers responded to a call of embezzlement in the 5100 block of North Hampton. Contact was made with the victim and the call was changed to a runaway report. The runaway was located in west Wichita, and the vehicle she took was located in the Dillon's parking lot at Central and Rock Road in Wichita.

**Oct. 27** — Officer Forman saw a black Toyota Yaris with a vehicle defect in the 6600 block of East 45th North. Forman discovered the driver had a suspended license and no valid proof of liability insurance. The driver was issued a citation.

**Oct. 27** — Officer Crouse stopped a black Chevy Trailblazer

speeding in the 4700 block of East 53rd North. The officer saw vomit on the driver's clothing. The man smelled of consumed alcoholic beverage. The man struggled to speak in a clear, consistent manner. The man refused standard field sobriety testing. He was arrested and during a search of the vehicle, open alcoholic beverages were found. The driver, Vaughn Maurice Smith Jr. of Wichita, was arrested on charges of DUI and transporting an open container of alcohol.

**Oct. 27** — A man reported a burglary of his work vehicle in the 6800 block of East 44th North. There was no surveillance footage available and no suspect description provided at the time of report.

**Oct. 27** — A teenager walked to the Bel Aire Police Station and said her aunt told her to leave their house in the 5100 block of North Hampton. During a previous call to the residence, officers suggested the girl come to the police station to cool down rather than to run away from home. After a cooling-off period, the girl was returned home.

**Oct. 28** — Officers Crouse and Forman were dispatched to the report of a disturbance involving weapons in the 3800 block of North Oliver. It was reported there were multiple people fighting in the parking lot and there was mention of a handgun. Upon arrival, officers made contact with two individuals. Both had what appeared to be dried blood on their clothing. Both said they were best friends and were having a disagreement, which was verbal only. The men said they were at the Grove Apartments in Wichita earlier in the evening. There had been in a fight there. Both men said they were fighting each other in that altercation, but not during the argument in Bel Aire. They were asked to leave the parking lot, and they did.

**Oct. 28** — Officer Crouse stopped a vehicle in the 7900 block of East 53rd North for an improper registration. Upon contact with the driver, he observed an alcoholic beverage container under the front driver's seat of the vehicle. When he searched the vehicle, he located other alcoholic beverage containers. The driver's license was suspended and expired. The tag on the vehicle was also expired. The man was not intoxicated but was cited for his numerous violations and given a Bel Aire Municipal Court date.

**Oct. 29** — Officer Crouse stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 4900 block of North Greenwich. The driver was found to be operating the vehicle without a valid license. He was given a Bel Aire Municipal Court date.

**Oct. 29** — A man from the 4200 block of North Stratford Lane reported a theft from his work vehicle. There was no surveillance footage available and no suspect description provided at the time of report.

**Oct. 29** — A woman from the 4200 block of North Janesville reported that someone entered her vehicle and took items.

**Oct. 30** — Officer Crouse was dispatched to check an individual walking north in the 5100 block of North Oliver. Crouse located the 13-year-old and returned him to his father. Officer Crouse

**Oct. 29** — Officer Crice received a report of two females under the age of 18 selling nude photos of themselves via the Internet with payment being made via PayPal. The investigation is ongoing.

**Oct. 30** — A man brought his girlfriend to Sunrise Christian Academy in the 5500 block of East 45th North where she had contact with the man's children in violation of a court order.

**Oct. 30** — A woman in the 5700 block of North Lycee reported loud noise coming from a neighboring apartment. There were dogs barking.

**Oct. 30** — Chief Atteberry saw a car speeding in the 4500 block of North Oliver. When he turned around to pursue the vehicle, the driver turned onto Wil-low Point and ducked into a driveway in a cul-de-sac in an attempt to hide. Atteberry located the vehicle with the help of a citizen who pointed out where the driver was hiding. The driver was cited for speeding, no driver's license in possession and failing to signal from direct course. She was not cited for evade and elude as Atteberry had not yet turned on his emergency equipment. The teenager had skipped school all day and was calling in threats to other students. USD 259 and her School Resource Officer are handling those offenses. The driver received a notice to appear and was given a Bel Aire Municipal

Court date for her behavior. An adult driver was called to take the teenager home.

**Oct. 30** — A woman reported that her biological daughter had been "beaten up" by her foster mother and father in the 5100 block of North Hampton. The girl, by her own admission, struck her foster mother in the face with her fist. The girl was arrested, transported and booked into Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center on a charge of battery.

**Oct. 31** — Officers received the call of a domestic violence incident in the 5500 block of North Lycee Court. Officers spoke to those involved and discovered that the reporting party's husband returned home from work and a physical disturbance occurred. The wife had red marks on her neck. After speaking with the husband, he was placed in custody. He was transported to Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility. The suspect's name was not available.

**Oct. 31** — A recently arrested man violated a no-contact order by going to his residence in the 5500 block of North Lycee Court while his wife was present. The man was requested to come to the Bel Aire Police Department, where he was arrested for the offense. The man, whose name was not available, was transported and booked into the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility without incident.

**Oct. 31** — A man in the 4500 block of Dundee reported a side window on his vehicle topper was broken.

**Oct. 31** — A woman from the 4100 block of North Clarendon reported that her "ex" did not return her vehicle after going to work on Monday. The woman said she was under the understanding the vehicle would be returned after he was done with work on Monday. The woman said she located the man in Wichita and asked for the car back. He refused to return it.

**Nov. 1** — Officer Forman was traveling east on 53rd North when he observed a door from a maroon pickup truck on the side of the road. Forman collected the door and submitted it.

**Nov. 1** — A man was driving south in the 4700 block of North Oliver when he neglected to stop his Toyota Camry in enough time and struck a Ford Mustang from behind. The driver of the Camry was cited for inattentive driving.

**Nov. 1** — A woman from the 4100 block of North Clarendon reported that an unknown person sent her text messages requesting Apple gift cards. She told the unknown person that she knew this was a scam after which the unknown person replied with a threatening message.

**Nov. 1** — A vehicle struck a deer in the 4900 block of North Webb. The deer was alive and had to be put down.

**Nov. 2** — A contractor reported a burglary to a residence under construction in the 5500 block of North Lycee Court. Several items were taken. There were no signs of forced entry.

**Nov. 2** — Officers were dispatched to check the welfare in the 5700 block of North Lycee. According to the calling party, a blood-curdling scream and the sound of barking dogs came from the apartment below. When officers arrived, no one would answer the door. A young girl could be heard telling the dogs to quiet down and a young boy was seen through back window. Eventually, a babysitter was contacted and both children were OK.

**Nov. 3** — A woman in the 5500 block of North Lycee contacted 911 communications regarding a standby to prevent a disturbance involving dogs.

**Nov. 3** — A man in the 5300 block of North Lycee reported discovering a FedEx package addressed to him that contained a check for \$3,250. The man said he had no idea why the check had been sent to him.

**Nov. 3** — A woman reported she found a 1-year-old female alone in the road in the 5300 block of North Lycee. A man arrived and said he was cleaning out his vehicle and did not realize the child had walked down the street. He promised to pay more attention.

**Nov. 3** — A man was driving east in the 5700 block of East 45th North when he experienced a medical issue and left the road at the intersection of 45th and Auburn. The man struck several curbs, a mailbox and a tree. He refused medical treatment and was taken home by his son.

**Nov. 3** — A woman requested assistance with retrieving two dogs in the 5500 block of North Lycee Court. The resident allowed the woman to retrieve the dogs and requested that the woman be trespassed from the property.

**Nov. 3** — While in the area of the 5300 block of North Webb, Officer Trumbull reported checking on a woman in a vehicle. She was attempting to start her vehicle with a screwdriver. Officer Trumbull checked the driver for wants and warrants and discovered the woman's driver's license was suspended. The woman's license was seized and she was advised to not drive until properly licensed. Trumbull stood by until a friend arrived.

**Nov. 4** — A black Honda Accord was observed with an expired vehicle registration in the 4800 block of East 37th North. The driver was also driving with a suspended driver's license. The man was cited for the violations.

**Nov. 4** — A woman reported her mother had left her address in the 6500 block of East Shepherds Crossing and she could not find her. A Catholic Care worker located the woman at Marco's

Pizza at 45th and Woodlawn. The worker drove the woman back to her residence.

**Nov. 5** — Officer Crouse was contacted by a Wichita police officer who told him of a crime that occurred in Bel Aire. Crouse attempted to contact the reporting party but was unable to get in touch.

**Nov. 5** — A woman reported a vehicle parked in a handicapped parking stall at Isley Elementary. The woman said she spoke to the driver of the car and the driver did not see a problem with parking in the stall for a few moments. Officers are monitoring the parking area so a \$100 parking citation can be issued to the vehicle.

**Nov. 5** — A woman in the 5600 block of North Lycee reported her telephone number had been posted on a Craigslist advertisement on a request for dry-wall services. She reported being contacted by telephone and then later received an obscene text message.

**Nov. 5** — School staff at Northeast Magnet discovered an e-cig device on a student. The student also had refined cannabis oil. The student had been vaping at school. The investigation is ongoing.

**Nov. 6** — Chief Darrell Atteberry reported citing a woman for operating a motor vehicle with an expired registration in the 4600 block of North Woodlawn. She received a citation for the expired registration and a warning for driving without proof of insurance.

**Nov. 6** — A woman in the 6100 block of East Edinburg reported her wallet containing credit and debit cards, miscellaneous identification and currency was stolen from her unlocked vehicle. There was no suspect description.

**Nov. 6** — A man in the 6000 block of East Danbury reported an unknown person entered his vehicle and stole property.

**Nov. 6** — A First Student bus driver reported a disturbance on a bus in the 4400 block of North Woodlawn. One girl admitted attacking another girl by striking her in the face with her hand/fist. The perpetrator was issued a uniform criminal complaint for the offense and released to her guardian.

**Nov. 6** — A woman in the 5700 block of East Flagstaff reported her 12-year-old son was causing a disturbance and refused to put down a knife. The woman reported her son was threatening to harm himself and her. After the boy spoke with Officer Trumbull, the mother took him to COM-CARE crisis for evaluation.

**Nov. 6** — The reporting party and her soon-to-be ex-wife got into a verbal argument in the 5200 block of North Lycee. The verbal argument escalated when the reporting party went to a basement room and locked herself inside. The soon-to-be ex forced the door open and the reporting party threw a water bottle at her face, causing an injury, in an effort to protect herself. The soon-to-be ex grabbed the reporting party from behind, taking her to the ground. The reporting party attempted to get away by head butting her. The soon-to-be ex was arrested on a charge of domestic violence battery. The suspect's name was not available.

**Nov. 7** — Two women reported damage to their vehicles in the 8400 block of East Granite Court. One vehicle had a punctured rear driver's side tire, and the other vehicle had a punctured driver's side front and passenger's side rear tire. Officer Crouse noticed one of the women had what looked like a recent cut to her hand. There was blood on her hand and clothing. Near the woman's vehicle and leading into the front door of the residence was a blood trail. After an investigation, the woman with the cut, Simaje Diamond Davis of Wichita, was arrested on a charge of criminal damage to property.

**Nov. 7** — A downed street sign was located at the intersection of 53rd North and Rock Road. Tire marks were observed leaving the northbound lanes of Rock south of the intersection. The unknown vehicle struck the street sign, and it continued traveling into the property area of 8000 E. 53rd North. No vehicles or suspects were located.

**Nov. 7** — A man from the 4500 block of North Westlake reported to dispatch that he wanted his daughter to travel to the tag office for a vehicle title issue, but she refused to do so. There was no apparent criminal activity.

**Nov. 8** — A man reported that an unknown subject entered his unlocked vehicle that was parked in his driveway in the 4700 block of North Battin. Items were stolen.

**Nov. 8** — A woman in the 5400 block of East Ashton reported that three of her vehicles, two of which were parked in the driveway and one in the street, were entered by an unknown subject sometime after midnight. Items were stolen.

**Nov. 8** — A student in the 5500 block of North Lycee was found to be in possession of vape pens that contained cannabis oil. An administrator was following up on a case from earlier in the week where a student was found to have the same type of vape pen. The student was uncooperative and was released to his mother pending expulsion hearing.

**Nov. 8** — Officer Gibson was dispatched to a non-injury accident at the intersection of 45th North and Woodlawn. A woman driving a white Chevy Malibu was eastbound when she was struck by a black Jeep Grand Cherokee. Both drivers claimed to have the right-of-way and there was no in-

dependent witness to the collision. The driver of the Malibu was issued a citation for driving with no proof of liability insurance.

**Nov. 8** — A woman reported that unknown animals entered her backyard in the 4100 block of North Danbury and killed 14 chickens and a rooster.

**Nov. 9** — A 2002 Peterbilt semi pulling a trailer full of soil was southbound on Rock Road approaching 53rd North when the driver saw a silver Ford pickup truck eastbound on 53rd approaching the stop sign. The driver of the semi saw the pickup driver was going to run the stop sign so he pulled over into the clear northbound lane to avoid or minimize the imminent collision. The driver of the pickup ran the stop sign and crossed over to the northbound lane of Rock Road as he was turning to go south. The two vehicles collided. There was minimal damage to the semi but substantial damage to the side of the pickup. They both pulled over and stopped. A witness following the pickup stopped and provided a statement. The driver of the pickup truck was cited for running a stop sign and improper procedure (right turn). Both vehicle were drivable.

**Nov. 9** — A woman in the 4000 block of North Clarendon called 911 and said there was a noise coming from her garage and she thought someone was breaking into her house. A search of the exterior of the house along with the garage showed everything was locked up and showed no signs suggesting anybody was breaking into the house.

**Nov. 9** — Officer Toomey stopped a white GMC Yukon for speeding in the 4700 block of East 53rd North. A records check confirmed the driver had an active warrant through the City of Wichita. The driver, whose name was not available, was arrested, transported and booked into the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility.

**Nov. 10** — Officer Forman observed a silver Chevrolet Impala with a vehicle defect in the 4600 block of North Rock Road. He conducted a traffic stop and made contact with the driver and sole occupant of the vehicle. The man said he didn't have his driver's license with him. The man gave Forman a false name, date of birth and Social Security number. The man must have forgotten that Forman had recently made a call on him. Although Forman knew the information provided by the man was false, he was uncertain what the man's real name was. After several attempts to obtain his true identity, the man was taken into custody for driving with a suspended license. A search of the vehicle turned up a handgun. It was collected and submitted. The man, Jaquaul Devion Dixon of Bel Aire, was arrested on charges of driving with a suspended license and interference with a law enforcement officer.

**Nov. 10** — A resident reported a dog running at-large in the 4400 block of North Auburn. The owner of the dog was identified, and he took the dog home. He was given a warning that future incidents would result in charges.

**Nov. 11** — A silver Chrysler Town & Country was observed by Officer Crouse with an expired Kansas registration in the 4100 block of North Woodlawn. The vehicle's registration decal was improper. The decal showed it was registered to a different vehicle. The driver admitted to using the decal to avoid renewing her vehicle's registration. She was issued a notice to appear in court so she can tell the judge of her plan.

**Nov. 11** — Officers were dispatched to check an individual in the 4400 block of North Fritillary. The individual admitted to consuming an undetermined amount of prescription and over-the-counter medication. He made suicidal statements upon speaking with law enforcement. He was transported to Wesley Hospital by EMS for evaluation.

**Nov. 11** — A woman reported her half-brother assaulted her and discharged a firearm at a residence in Atlanta, Kan., on an earlier date. The woman said her half-brother contacted her by text message regarding her birthday this morning, which made her uncomfortable. Officer Steele

**Nov. 11** — A woman reported being "terrified" by two dogs, which were running toward her as she walked her dog in the 4000 block of North Clarendon.

**Nov. 12** — A man was driving south in the 5000 block of North Greenwich when the vehicle drove onto ice, spun backwards, went into a ditch and overturned. No injuries were reported. Officer Steele

**Nov. 12** — A woman was driving west on 45th North in her red 2017 Toyota Corolla when she could not stop (icy roads), and the vehicle struck her boyfriend's 2005 purple Scion. Both vehicles were drivable.

**Nov. 13** — A man from the 5200 block of North Rock Spring reported the license plate was missing from his vehicle.

**Nov. 14** — Officer Trumbull stopped a blue Impala for speeding in the 5200 block of North Oliver. A records check of the driver confirmed the man's Kansas driver's license was suspended. The tag on the vehicle belonged to the man's mother and the vehicle had not been registered since 2012. The man asked several times for Trumbull to just give him a warning. The driver was cited for speeding, driving with a suspended license, no registration and displaying a tag not assigned to the vehicle.

# Deer-vehicle wrecks abound

**By The Breeze staff**

This is the season for deer wrecks. The Kansas Highway Patrol said the peak day for vehicle-deer crashes was Nov. 13. Though there have

been several wrecks on area roads during the past few weeks, Nov. 16 and 17 were particularly busy.

A vehicle struck a deer in the 8600 block of North 151st West and another wreck was reported in the

1200 block of South Meridian on Nov. 17. Another three wrecks happened the day before — one in the 6500 block of North 111th East and another in the 12000 block of North Broadway.

The third wreck was a bit more unconventional. According to Park City police, two vehicles traveling in opposite directions reported hitting the same deer as it tried to cross the road in the 5300 block of

North Hydraulic. On Nov. 14, Valley Center police removed a deer from the middle of the road in the 1200 block of South Meridian. The deer was apparently struck by a vehicle.

No drivers were injured. The Kansas Highway Patrol advised motorists not to swerve if they see a deer or other animal on the road. Rather, drivers should try to slow down and strike the animal if it is unavoidable.

# Work on 1-235 announced

**By The Breeze staff**

Kansas Gov. Jeff Colyer called it the “green project.”

Whatever its name, it was a welcome announcement for commuters in north Sedgwick County.

Colyer announced last week the start of the reconstruction of the I-235

corridor between the Little Arkansas River and the Broadway interchange.

The \$65 million project will replace pavement that is now more than 50 years old as well as structurally deficient bridges over the Little Arkansas River and the functionally obsolete bridges over Arkansas Avenue and Broadway. It

will also add continuous auxiliary lanes on I-235 and improve ramp geometry at the Broadway interchange. The project will go out for bids in January and construction is scheduled to start in the spring.

“This I-235 intersection has long been identified as a key part of

our economy and we are delighted Gov. Colyer has decided to move this project forward. The end result will be a much smoother commute for our residents and businesses,” said Wichita Vice Mayor Brian Fry.

The project cues up the next phase of repairing the I-235 interchange

with K-254 and I-135.

“Transportation is the lifeblood of economic development,” Sedgwick County Commissioner David Dennis said. “I sincerely thank the state of Kansas for making this announcement today.”

Colyer and other officials announced the project and one in

Johnson County during a brief ceremony Nov. 20 in Wichita.

“Kansas is growing, and improving our transportation system will keep our state heading in the right direction as we continue to modernize our roads and bridges so they last well in to the future,” Colyer said.

# ‘White Lives’ fliers land in area

**By The Breeze staff**

Fliers that claim to support a white supremacist group reached north Sedgwick County last week.

White pieces of paper apparently promoting

“White Lives Matter” were found on mailboxes in a neighborhood in north Park City and in the 1900 block of East 61st North Nov. 15.

Police responded to the 8600 block of North Ridgewood Lane that

afternoon when a resident found a flier on a mailbox. The resident had questions about whether there was anything illegal about the fliers.

Later that day, a FedEx driver reported seeing similar fliers while on his

route in Park City.

According to published reports, similar fliers were discovered last week in Leon, Augusta, Hutchinson, Haven and North Newton.

Published reports say El Dorado police ques-

tioned a person connected to the fliers and found he wasn’t doing anything illegal.

The fliers may be seen as protected free speech.

According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, White Lives Matter is a

response to the civil rights movement Black Lives Matter. Its website says White Lives Matter is dedicated to promoting the white race.

White Lives Matter fliers have been distributed in other states.



## Peace Poster Contest

Courtesy photo

Members of the Bel Aire Lions Club gather around the three top contestants of the Bel Aire Peace Poster Contest from Coleman Middle School.

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