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The right track

Institute hosts dog training in Bel Aire

By The Breeze staff

You may have seen a variety of dogs around Bel Aire in

May. That is because the International Bloodhound Training Institute (INBTI) and Cynthia Kocher of Bel Aire hosted a man-trailing seminar in Bel Aire and Wichita May 17 through 19.

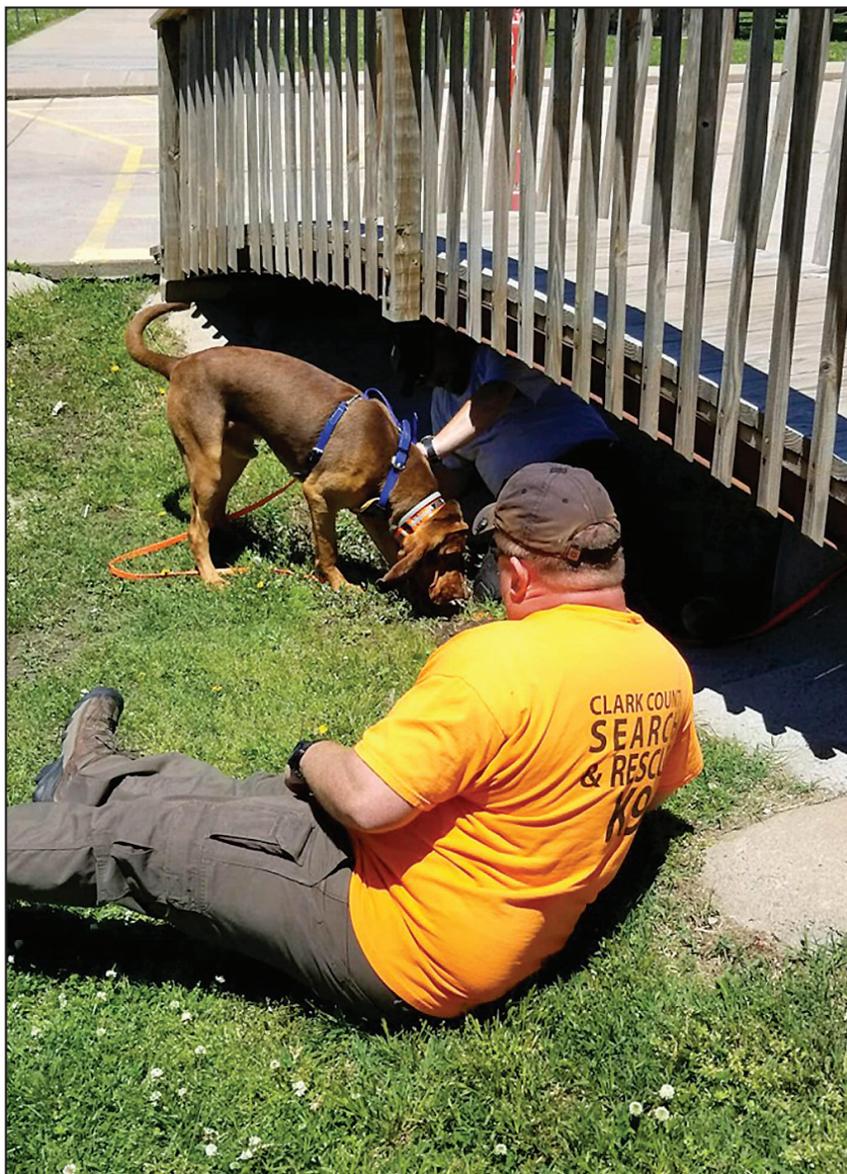
INBTI trains tracking/trailing canines for law enforcement and search-and-rescue dogs around the world. The founder, Kevin J. Kocher, was a pioneer in the field and spent years developing The Kocher Method. When Multiple Sclerosis forced him to retire, he documented the method in a book, "How to Train a Police Bloodhound and Scent Discriminating Patrol Dog."

Kocher was a deputy sheriff bloodhound handler and pentagon police officer, but he spent his last years living in Bel Aire. He died in 2017.

The seminar continued his legacy by hosting K9 handlers from six states and an observer from South Africa/Swaziland. K9 teams in Africa are using this method of training to track illegal hunters and poachers of rhinos, elephants and lions.

Instructors included (all K9 handlers and instructors) Chris Boyd, retired from the Wisconsin Police Department; Mike Szelc, deputy from the Pittsylvania, Va., Sheriff's Office; Mike Little, retired FBI from Wichita; Steve Mayer, state trooper from Bismarck, N.D.; Opal Kocher, U.S. Air Force; INBTI President Cynthia Kocher, INBTI, SCEM K9.

Participants returned to their communities to use their training to assist local authorities find missing people in their areas. Some will also work criminal cases.



LEFT: Volunteer Alex Echart of Bel Aire rewards the dog, EZ, at the end of the trail.

ABOVE: A bloodhound works during the training session.

TOP: A K-9 search-and-rescue team from Clark County tracks a man who was hiding under a pedestrian bridge during last month's training.

Courtesy photos

Bel Aire Recovery Center opens

Development brought to life

By Taylor Messick

The Bel Aire Recovery Center opened at 4969 N. Tierra Lakes Parkway on May 3. The addiction treatment facility opened in the former location of the Tierra Verde development that failed to materialize.

What once looked like a disappointment to the city is now providing a beacon of hope for a new group of clients. Legal issues, infighting and the untimely death of a doctor involved with the Concierge Surgical Recovery Center caused the ambitious project to fall apart over the course of 10 years.

The only thing remaining from that project was an upscale building with a limestone exterior, and new ownership has taken full advantage. The group that took over the facility is Summit Behavioral Health Care of Franklin, Tenn. The Bel

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Election to decide several local races

Candidate deadline June 3

By Chris Strunk

A couple of area mayors want to keep their titles.

Valley Center Mayor Laurie Dove and Bel Aire Mayor David Austin have filed for re-election.

"It would be an honor to continue to serve this community," Dove told The News.

The deadline for candidates to file in local elections is noon June 3. If necessary, a primary election will be Aug. 6. The General Election will be Nov. 5.

"For the past several years, I have had a front-row seat watching Bel Aire turn the corner and the future is brighter now than I can ever recall," Austin said.

Dove is seeking her second four-year term as mayor. She first won a council position before becoming mayor.

"It has been an honor to serve my community these last six years ... and to see

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ICTrees thanks Bel Aire Tree Board

By Taylor Messick

The Bel Aire Tree Board held its annual Arbor Day celebration April 27 at the senior center. The board hosted Barney Barnhard, the founder of ICTrees.

Bel Aire received 34 saplings from ICTrees last fall. Twenty were planted in Eagle Lake and 14 were planted in Quail Ridge. They are a mix of London Plane, Eastern Redbud, Shumard Oak, Lacebark Elm and Chinkapin Oak. All of the

trees are on the preferred list of trees for South Central Kansas and all but one has survived so far. They were purchased from a nursery in Oklahoma.

Barnhard retired in 2014 and a neighbor suggested he become a Sedgwick County

Extension Master Gardener. That's when he learned about the condition of the tree canopy in the Wichita area, which led him to start ICTrees. He discovered that Wichita quit the practice of planting as many trees as it removed in 2000. By

the time he became a master gardener, the city was at a net loss of 38,000 trees, about 10 percent of the total urban canopy.

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Bel Aire denies trash hauler's fee increase

By Taylor Messick

The Bel Aire City Council May 7 denied a request from Waste Connections for a 2 percent increase for waste and recycling fees with a 3-2 vote.

Waste Management makes a request for the increase each year as the cost of doing business increases. The increase isn't mandatory, and the

decision is left up to city council. Last year, the council denied the request. Two years ago, the council gave Waste Management a 1.5 percent increase.

Council member Jim Benage asked Herschel West of Waste Management to provide a detailed analysis of the business' increased costs in Bel Aire over the past two years and West agreed to do so

before the council's next meeting. Benage thought the information was something the council needed to see before making a final decision.

Council member Justin Smith said he had looked into how Waste Management did financially last quarter, and it did quite well. Smith said he was certain Waste Management took the increasing

prices of doing business into account when entering into its 10-year contract with the City of Bel Aire. He also said he could see no reason why costs would have increased at unforeseen or unprojected levels during those two years. He acknowledged that the city was grateful for Waste Management's service and motioned to deny the request.

In other Waste Management news, the business will be discontinuing its Recycling Rewards program. West said the business found only 4 percent of its customers were using the program.

In other business, the council:

- Proclaimed May 2019 Building Safety Month, Older Americans Month and Bike Month. May 5 through 11 was proclaimed Public Service Recognition Week and May 17 was proclaimed Bike

to Work Day.

- Unanimously approved the 2019 Water Conservation Plan.

- Unanimously accepted a bid of \$31,152 from Nowak Construction for a culvert replacement under Oliver between 47th and 48th.

- Unanimously voted to table an item regarding an online payment service.

- Unanimously adopted an ordinance relating to FCC regulations for access to rights-of-way for cell phone companies.

All members of the council were present.

HIGHLIGHTS

Rec center roof repairs approved

The Bel Aire City Council on May 21 unanimously accepted a bid of \$56,373.83 for roof repairs at the Bel Aire Recreation Center. The building is 25 years old.

The rec center has about eight buckets suspended above the ceiling tiles to catch leaking water. Some of the buckets have been up there for 15 years. The roof supposedly leaked from day one and the city has tried to patch it several times over the years to no avail. Most of the leaking is on the south side of the building.

The roof repair Farha is doing at the rec center is a thermoplastic polyolefin roof. It is a single-ply reflective roofing membrane made from polypropylene and ethylene-propylene rubber polymerized together. It will be fitted over the top of the existing roof and has a good track record for durability. There is a 20-year manufacturer's warranty and a two-year workmanship warranty.

— Taylor Messick

Boy's homework returned to Texas

The dog didn't eat it, but a Texas boy thought his homework was gone forever.

Thanks to the diligence of a couple of Bel Aire residents and a local police officer, the boy turned in his final project for school on time.

On April 17, a man came to the Bel Aire Police Station at 7651 E. Central Park to give police a gray and brown backpack containing school paperwork. The man said that his neighbor left it in his yard, thinking it belonged to the man's kids. The man said it did not belong to his kids so he brought it to the police station.

The name on the school paperwork was for a child who, through some research, lives in Frisco, Texas. Police contacted the school district in Texas. The school district contacted the parent of the child.

The parent reported that they had been in Bel Aire visiting relatives and the backpack was somehow left behind.

Lt. Foxx got a mailing address, and he packaged the backpack in a box and sent it to the student.

It turns out, the backpack contained a project the boy had been working on all school year with no backup. The child was happy to have the project back in time to submit for a final grade.

— The Breeze staff

Bel Aire student a Governor's Scholar

By The Breeze staff

Joshua Weber of Bel Aire received the Kansas Governor's Scholars Award during a program May 5 in Topeka.

Weber, who graduated from Circle High School on May 19 and was one of the school's valedictorians, plans to attend Kansas State University in the fall and study chemical engineering.

He is the son of Darwin and Carolyn Weber.

The award recognizes the top academic 1 percent of Kansas high school seniors. It is coordinated for the governor by the Confidence in Kansas Public Education Task Force.

"These high school seniors have shown dedication in their studies and a commitment to learning," Gov. Laura Kelly said in a news release. "They've earned this honor, and I want to congratulate them on this achievement."



Gov. Laura Kelly congratulates Joshua Weber during a program in Topeka in May.

Defense attorney requests arrests

It could've been a case of double jeopardy.

On April 18, a criminal trial was taking place in Bel Aire Municipal Court at City Hall when a bizarre series of actions was set into motion.

A criminal defense attorney notified Bel Aire Police Department that a man and woman in court had a no-contact order that barred them from having contact with one another. Officers confirmed that the order was good until May 1.

The man had been informed to stay away from the woman. As the investigation unfolded, it was discovered the defense attorney had subpoenaed both people affected by the no-contact order to come to court. The attorney's reason for requiring them to both be in court at the same time and then reporting them to police and requesting they be arrested is yet unknown.

No arrests were made.

— The Breeze staff

Marvel van viewed as suspicious

It was suspicious all right.

On April 24, Bel Aire police received a report through social media of a suspicious vehicle and person driving a blue Honda Pilot with security markings and a light bar mounted to the roof through residential areas during the day and nighttime hours.

Police got a tag number for the vehicle as he was on routine patrol. The tag returned to a Haysville address and the markings say "Shield Security." Apparently, the vehicle's

owner designed the Honda to look like vehicles from a Marvel comic series.

— The Breeze staff

Disorderly conduct with Dad

He had to get by Dad first.

On April 25, Bel Aire police responded to a report of disorderly conduct in the 4300 block of North Rushwood Court.

A 22-year-old went to the residence to speak to a man in an effort to date the man's daughter. A yelling match ensued. Apparently, the 22-year-old had been abusive in the past.

Any chances for a rekindled relationship were dashed, police said.

— The Breeze staff

One hurt in 2-vehicle wreck

A two-vehicle wreck on I-135 created some tense moments for drivers early May 19.

The Kansas Highway Patrol said a Subaru driven by Joshua G. Ostermann of McLouth was traveling north on the highway about 6:40 a.m. when it crossed the center median into southbound traffic. The Subaru struck a southbound Ford Edge driven by Iwalani Gulliver of Wichita. The collision sent the Edge rolling into the ditch.

Gulliver was taken to the hospital with minor injuries. Ostermann was not hurt. They were both wearing seat belts.

It's unclear what caused Ostermann's vehicle to swerve into southbound traffic.

— The Breeze staff

Wreaths for vets available

The Little Arkansas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will host a ceremony to lay Honor Wreaths on veterans' graves this December in Valley Center, Maple Grove and Sunnysdale cemeteries.

Wreaths Across America is selling wreaths for \$15 each.

Orders can be placed online at www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org using KS0063 as group and KSVCCV as location. Personal check can be mailed directly to WAA, PO Box 249, Columbia Falls, ME 04623 (include group and location codes). Local contacts are Gayle Williamson at 650-5376 and Pam Porter at 755-0033. Grave specific requests can be made and that information, including lot number, must be given to the local contact.

— The Breeze staff

Man arrested after chase

An El Dorado man was arrested in Park City May 21 after a car chase and a short foot pursuit.

The Kansas Highway Patrol was pursuing a vehicle driven by Nicholas J. Shepherd. The chase ended in a wreck at 61st and Hydraulic. The driver got out and ran away.

Patrol troopers took Shepherd into custody in the 1600 block of Lancaster. He was booked into jail on charges of battery, DUI, failure to stop at an accident, theft, possession of drug paraphernalia and fleeing and eluding officers.

— The Breeze staff

Local students recognized

Zakariyya Hassan of Wichita was recently named to the dean's list at Northeastern University in Boston for the spring 2019 semester.

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

Hassan is majoring in health science.

Gabriel Hernandez of Wichita was honored during the First-Year Scholars Reception at Emporia State University. The event honored first-year students at ESU who earned a 3.5 or higher grade point average in their first semester.

Provost David Cordle presented certificates in a commencement-style ceremony, and each student took a picture with President Allison D. Garrett.

Hernandez also played Friar Lawrence in Emporia State University's final production of the season, "Romeo & Juliet."

Tori Denise Leake of Bel Aire received a master of science in instructional specialist with a concentration in elementary STEM from Emporia State University during graduation ceremonies in May.

— The Breeze staff

DEATH

VELMA FOX

Velma Mae Fox, 94, of Wichita, died April 25, 2019.

She was born in 1924 in Plevna. She received a teaching degree from Emporia Normal School in 1946. She taught school for several years and continued her career in many administrative positions, including at Fort Riley, Beechcraft and Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation, The Timbers.

Survivors include her husband, Marvin Fox, daughters Angela (Russell) McDaniel of Connecticut and Janice (Thomas) Freerksen of Bel Aire, son Robert Fox of Wichita, sister Muriel (Ralph) Thode and brother, Grant (Betty) Hill both of Hutchinson, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by son Randy Fox, parents Glenn and Minnie Hill, sisters Mildred Service and Frances Hester, and brother, Lawrence Hill.

Celebration of life was held May 2 at First United Methodist Church, Wichita. Private family interment was at White Chapel Cemetery. Memorials to Mission Projects, in care of First United Methodist Church.

Council approves utility repair work

By Taylor Messick

On May 21, the Bel Aire City Council approved a number of agenda items. Council president Jeff Hawes sat in for Mayor David Austin.

The council approved a proposal from Utility Maintenance Contractors for \$52,540 for point repairs prior to the cured-in-place pipe work being done on certain sewer mains in Pearson's Addition with a 3-1 vote. These clay tile pipes were installed in the 60s and have begun to deteriorate; those types of pipes are no longer being installed for such projects.

UMC identified four severe areas while studying the city's lines and provided pictures. Council

member Justin Smith voted against the item because he thought the city should seek competitive bids for the project to save as much as possible. City engineer Anne Stephens recommended accepting the bid from UMC who was already hired for the cured-in-place pipe work in Pearson's Addition. She was afraid seeking bids and waiting could add additional costs and issues and slow the project down.

Council member Jim Benage pointed out that UMC has done the initial

work on the project and that it might be difficult to attempt to hire another firm to work off of UMC's findings. He agreed with Stephens that it would be best in this situation to keep one consistent contractor who is familiar with the full scope of the project — and to do so in a timely manner. The item passed 3-1.

The council unanimously voted to accept a quote from Rusty Eck for a 2019 Ford F150 2WD Super Cab with EcoBoost engine at a cost of

\$22,746. The truck will be used by the code enforcement officer and will replace the Crown Victoria that was previously used by the position.

The Mayor's re-appointments of city manager Ty Lasher, city attorney Jacqueline Kelly and municipal court judge Terry Beall were unani-

mously approved by the council.

In other business, the council:

- Proclaimed May 27 as Memorial Day.

- Heard concerns from resident Sylvia Forte.

- Approved a bid from eCity for online payment services for utilities, court and the recreation center with a 4-0 vote. There is a \$13,000 fee with a \$5,400 charge annually.

- Approved a letter of intent

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Mayor's corner

By David Austin

In May, we celebrated Public Service Recognition Week with little fanfare. Members of your governing body received a nice note from our city manager and city staff and enjoyed some treats. But we didn't make a big deal about it. Outside of a proclamation read at the May 7 city council meeting, I don't think much was said publicly.

But that is exactly what public service is all about — going about work day in and day out with little to no recognition.

We are blessed in Bel Aire with outstanding servants who do not draw headlines but affect our lives in many important ways.

A recent Pew Research Center poll released last month revealed that only 17 percent of Americans believe they can trust the federal government to do what is right, a historic low and a troubling sign.

While the discontent is real, I think because of individuals unable to accept other points of view other than their own, I hope we don't overlook the significant work going on behind-the-scenes every day by our ambulance drivers, police officers, city employees, members of the medical community and others.

I have bragged many times that our city staff is one of, if not the, smallest of any regional staff I know of. They do more every day to serve us, with less. A number of our city employees have been with the city through thick and thin, through years of level pay and decreasing staff, to the good times. To you, I say thank you.

You may have seen that our first-ever full-time city attorney, Jacqueline Kelly, has been named to the "Wichita Business Journal" 40 under 40 list. I want to be the first to publicly congratulate her. Many of our staff, especially city manager Ty Lasher and Jacqueline, do more than any other city manager or city attorney. In addition to the day-to-day work done by these positions, these two work daily on land contracts, sales, real estate negotiations, etc. We are grateful to all city employees.

We kicked off May with a ribbon cutting at the Bel Aire Recovery Center. It is fantastic to see a healthy business going into that beautiful facility. We are a business-friendly community and this facility will attract clients from across the country.

Celebrating Arbor Day was another fun way to start off the month. This is a group of volunteers who make it possible for us to remain a Tree City USA. I am grateful for all our employees and all our volunteers. You all make Bel Aire truly amazing. Thank you all again.

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Trees

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"We live in a short grass prairie," said Barnhard. "We converted that to an urban environment in the 80s and we've created an entirely different environment than this ecology was prepared to support. One of the ways we made it habitable was that our ancestors planted trees. In the 1800s, the state of Kansas paid farmers 40 cents an acre for every acre they planted in trees. These were planted by our forefathers, and somehow we've lost that tradition."

Barnhard recruited a handful of other master gardeners who shared the vision of planting more trees in the Wichita area. They took the name from a former Wichita city council member and registered an online domain after the city failed to do anything with the name. The group started in 2015 and went strong for four years. This year, the group won't be planting trees.

"We're not going to plant this fall," said Barnhard. "We're all retired and we're all in our late



Barnhard

60s or above. We haven't been able to find anybody to take on a leadership role. To

be sustainable, it really does take more time than we're willing to commit at this point."

The group also faced another recent obstacle that put a damper on its activities. The city of Wichita stopped allowing ICTrees to plant on public property by requiring planted trees to be two-inch caliber trees. Barnhard said to plant a tree that size takes a massive root ball that is nearly impossible for volunteers to move or plant.

"The trees we donated are easy for volunteers to plant," he said. "We could repopulate the entire city but it doesn't meet their requirements. So we came to places like Bel Aire, Cheney, Benton and Goddard."

Over the course of the organization's four-year life, the group donated



Taylor Messick

The city recognized Bel Aire Tree Board members (from left) Hildegard Yops, Nancy Loosle, Sylvia McCombs, Mark Garriott and Gary North-wall.

and planted nearly 3,000 trees. Barnhard estimated a survival rate of about 97 percent. Most of the planting was done by volunteer community members — which kept costs as low as possible.

"We were able to plant a tree for about \$22," said Barnhard. "The city of Wichita spends about \$250 to plant a tree. It was a very cost-effective volunteer effort. We had about 1,500 volunteers over the course of our ex-

istence and they donated somewhere in excess of 3,500 hours to their communities."

Local business donations helped keep the organization afloat. Barnhard said local businesses were willing to donate to the cause and the group operated on a fund of about \$20,000 per year. He praised Bel Aire's tree board for its efforts and encouraged members to continue doing positive things for the community.

"The benefits of trees are extensive," he said. "It reduces stress, has health benefits, reduces crime. Students are better students when they look out and see trees and nature. If you're in the hospital, you heal faster if you see trees and nature. You can drop the average summertime temperature in an urban area by four degrees. There are so many benefits, and it's so nice to see active tree boards."

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran-ELCA

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

Throughout June we will explore the intersection of the Gospel and Dr. Seuss. Each week will match up a Dr. Seuss book with a theme from the scriptures, and our entire worship service will be conducted in a Dr. Seuss-style.

During July and August, we'll get a little more serious as we take a deep dive into Romans, discovering all the ways that God is making things right in the world.

Each Sunday we have two worship services offering Holy Communion. The 9 a.m. service is led by a praise band. The 10:30 a.m. service is led by an organ and is more traditional. As always, everyone is welcome at the Lord's Table and in our worship services.

For more information about the church and its activities, find us online at 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, 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 phone number is 686-0208.

Sunday worship is at 10:15 a.m. A nursery is provided.

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

Cornerstone Christian Church will host a free family fun even from 4 to 6 p.m. the third Saturday of each month. See you there.

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

Gospel Assembly

Located at 4230 N. Oliver in Bel Aire, Sunday services are 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Prayer service is at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Praise and worship is at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

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

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

Greenwich United Methodist

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

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

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

United Methodist Women meet at 10 a.m. the first Wednesday of each month and host a church brunch quarterly.

Special events are announced on the church sign, Facebook and by mailings. Please call to be added to our mailing list or email shagemeister@sbcglobal.net.

Greenwich UMC missions support large local charities like Open Door, Grace Med or Youthville, as well as small charities like Flint Hills Therapeutic Riding Center and Wichita Children's Home, to name a few.

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

Kechi United Methodist

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

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

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

Our pastor is Michelle Gowin. Find us online at www.KechiUMC.org and "Like" us on Facebook.

The church phone number is 744-1221.

LifePoint

A fellowship of the Assemblies of God, LifePoint is located at 400 S. Abilene in Valley Center.

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

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

Adult small groups meet throughout the community.

Senior pastor is Steve Rains. Youth pastor is Jacob Soye. Children's pastor is Nathaniel Thurman. Call the church at 755-2331.

Risen Savior Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

Located at 6770 E. 34th North in northeast Wichita.

You can reach us at 683-5538 or via email at postmaster@risensavior.net.

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.

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 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 congregation of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.

Sunday worship has

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

Saturday Vespers are at 4:30 p.m.

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

The Very Rev. Dr. John Flora is archpriest and pastor. The Rev. Father Basil Anderson is deacon. Frank Tritschler is head chanter. Readers are Moses Rothenberger and James Finneran. Mrs. Sally Buxon is organist.

Wichita Three Angels Seventh-day Adventist

Located at 4558 N. Hydraulic, Wichita.

Birger Draget is pastor. Sabbath school at 9:30 a.m. with worship service at 11.

For more information, go online at www.godscloset.com or on Facebook (Gods Closet - Wichita).

For God's Closet, call 778-0474.

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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, Thursday, Friday 9 to 11:30 a.m., Monday 6 to 8 p.m., Saturday 9:30 a.m. to noon, Rec Center, \$2/person
- Bel Aire Walkers** — Monday through Friday, 8-9 a.m., Rec Center (indoors)
- Line Dance Class** — Monday and Friday, 1 p.m., Community Room
- Sew & Sew More** — Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 1 p.m., Rec Center
- 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
- Open Sewing** — Wednesday, 10 a.m., Rec Center
- Senior Breakfast** — Fridays, 9 a.m., various locations

Community Events

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| June 4 — Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall | June 18 — Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall |
| June 5 — Chamber of Commerce, noon, City Hall, Community Room | June 20 — Municipal Court, 12:30 p.m. City Hall |
| June 5 — Municipal Court, 7 p.m., City Hall | June 20-22 — Citywide garage sale |
| June 8 — Brush site open, 9 to 11 a.m., 53rd North between Rock and Webb. | June 24 — Tree Board, 7 p.m., City Hall |
| June 12 — Bel Aire Lions Club, 11:30 a.m., Gospel Assembly Church | June 26 — Bel Aire Lions Club, 11:30 a.m., Gospel Assembly Church |
| June 13 — Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall | July 2 — City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall |
| June 17 — UAC, noon, City Hall | July 4 — Independence Day, city offices closed |
- More information about events can be found at www.belaireks.gov.*

Monthly & Special Events

- June 5, 10 a.m.** — Volunteer library work time, Senior Center
- June 6, 1 p.m.** — Game Day, Rec Center
- June 6, 1 p.m.** — Hand and foot canasta, card game, Senior Center (RSVP)
- June 10, 1 p.m.** — Genealogy group, open to everyone, Senior Center
- June 13, 2 p.m.** — Open card and board games, Senior Center
- June 15, 1 to 5 p.m.** — JAM session, Community Room
- June 17, 2 p.m.** — Troop group meeting, Senior Center
- June 18, 6 p.m.** — Ladies dine out, call Anita 744-2840 for info
- June 19, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.** — Blood pressure check (sponsored by Catholic Care), Rec Center
- June 19, 1 p.m.** — Book club, Senior Center
- June 20, 1 p.m.** — Hand and foot canasta, card game, Senior Center (RSVP)
- June 21, 11:30 a.m.** — Senior BBQ, hot dogs & hamburgers will be served, please bring side dish to share, lawn chairs to sit on, Rec Center
- June 24, 6 p.m.** — Covered dish dinner & program, Rec Center
- June 26, 7 p.m.** — Bunco (RSVP required)
- June 27, 2 p.m.** — Open card and board games, Senior Center

Bel Aire Recreation

TGA Golf
Grades K through eight. Teach, grow and achieve in this golf class. Make sure you choose the Bel Aire location when you sign up at <http://centralkansas.playtga.com>. Starts June 5.

Happy Feet
Ages 2 through 5 learn the basics of soccer. Sign up at <https://wichtahappysoccerfeet.configio.com>. Starts June 6.

Happy Hoops
Ages 2 through 5 learn the basics of basketball. Sign up at <https://www.wichitahappyfeet.configio.com>. Starts June 4.

Rec baseball, softball & T-ball
Practice has started and games start after Memorial Day. Limited openings remain.

Maximize Basketball Camp
Co-ed basketball camp for ages 5 through 12. July 15 through 18.

British Soccer Camp
Challenger Sports' British Soccer Camp from July 15 to 19. Join over 150,000 players who will learn the Challenger way this year for fun kicks and awesome accents. For ages 3 through 16. Register at challengersports.com

Girls on the Run Camp
A one-of-a-kind opportunity for girls in third through fifth grades to enjoy building friendships in a fun and inclusive setting. With interactive lessons, being psychically active and expressing creativity. Sign up at www.girlsontheruns.org. From 8 a.m. to noon June 10 through 14.

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

Taekwondo
Ages 5 and up. Great classes for beginners to black belts. Classes meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

Central Park Swimming Pool
Opened May 25. Swimming lesson enrollment and pool rental requests are being accepted now.

Swimming Lessons
Ages 5 and older from June 3-13, 17 thru 27, July 8 thru 18 and 22 thru Aug 1. Times are from 11 to

11:45 a.m., noon to 12:45 p.m. and 7 to 7:45 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Private swimming lessons are available by appointment; subject to availability.

Mom & Son Fortnite
Come join us for food, fun & Fortnite! Dress up in one of your favorite skins. Be ready to play a real life version of Fortnite, dance battles, costume contest & more! \$20 for adult and one son; \$5 for each additional son. From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. July 26.

Dynamic Aging
Geared toward individual age 50 and over to practice a variety of movements in a safe environment. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m.

Adult Pickleball
Held Mondays from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday and Friday from 9 to 11:30 a.m., Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Rec Center gymnasium. \$2 drop-in fee.

Yoga
Teens and adults can join at any time. Participants need to bring their own yoga mat. Classes are from 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

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. Low-impact exercises designed to reduce stress on your joints and back while using all major muscle groups. Class meets 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesdays.

Fitness Center
Need a place to work out? Check out our fitness center with elliptical cross trainers, free weights, multi-station weight machine, recumbent bike and treadmills.

FREE Senior Programs
Line dancing, senior aerobics, Bel Aire walkers, gameday, potluck dinners, sewing, a matter of balance, blood pressure checks and more. Talk with Tasha for more info.

For more info about any Bel Aire rec program, call 744-2700. Follow us on Facebook at BelAireRec.



Congrats to Administrative Assistant Twyla Berhow!
Twyla was recently recognized as Employee of the Quarter at the City of Bel Aire.

DID YOU KNOW?

Many homeowner's insurance policies do not cover water damage loss due to sump pump failure or backed-up sewer water.

Check your policy. If you do not have coverage, an insurance professional may assist you in purchasing it. Cost depends on your selection of coverage. Renters, check with your landlord and insurance professional to see if you need to purchase additional coverage for your personal belongings.

Here are precautions you can take to prevent water damage:

- Replace old sump pumps
- Have a spare sump pump on hand
- Install a sump pump battery back-up
- Install a high water alarm
- Slow water drainage may indicate a blockage in your sewer line. A professional can inspect the line with a camera and remove blockages.

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BEL AIRE POLICE REPORTS

April 6 — A man from Oklahoma reported that while in Bel Aire, an unknown person entered his unlocked vehicle in the 4400 block of Edgemoor Court and rummaged through the glove box and center console. He said he just discovered that his checkbook containing 11 checks was missing. He reported no other items of value were taken and he has since gotten a new checking account.

April 10 — A student was questioned by school staff in the 5500 block of North Lycee after making a comment to other students about breaking school district policy. The student was suspended as a result of the comments.

April 16 — A woman from the 5600 block of East 39th North reported receiving a voicemail from a man who was speaking about conspiracy theories and "scientology." Officer Steele

April 16 — Police responded to a non-injury accident in the 4500 block of North Oliver. A white Toyota Sienna struck a white Toyota Corolla.

April 16 — A woman in Wichita with a bench warrant through the City of Bel Aire was located and arrested. She was transported and booked into the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility without incident. The suspect's name was not available.

April 16 — A student in the 5500 block of North Lycee was found to have two empty Juul tobacco cartridges in her backpack. The incident was taken care of by school staff.

April 17 — A green bucket of baseballs was located on a walking path in the park area of the Bel Aire Recreation Center in the 5200 block of East 48th North. The bucket and contents were taken to the Bel Aire Police Department and secured.

April 17 — Officers located a silver Toyota Corolla with an open rear passenger door in the 4400 block of North Edgemoor. The owner was contacted at her residence. A male was also at the residence. The woman was in violation of a no-contact order.

April 17 — Officers responded to a call of a disturbance with a weapon that originally occurred on I-235 and I-135. The two vehicles made their way to Park City where they stopped and the drivers confronted one another. One party displayed a firearm to the other. Lt. Foxx contacted one of the individuals who said that the other vehicle was driving recklessly through construction zones on the highway. The other vehicle's driver pulled up next to him and brandished a chrome-colored firearm. The man completed a written statement. The Kansas Highway Patrol arrived and took over the call.

April 17 — A man came to the Bel Aire Police Station at 7651 E. Central Park to turn in a gray and brown backpack containing school paperwork. The man said that his neighbor left it in his yard, thinking it belonged to the man's kids. The man said it did not belong to his kids so he brought it to the police station. The name on the school paperwork was for a child who, through some research, resides in Frisco, Texas. Contact was made with the school district in Texas. The school district contacted the parent of the child. The parent reported that they had been in Bel Aire visiting relatives and the backpack was somehow left behind. Lt. Foxx was able to get an address. He packaged the backpack in a box and sent it back to the school child. The backpack contained a project the owner had been working on all school year with no backup. The child was happy to have the project back in time to submit for a final grade.

April 18 — A man reported that an unknown subject hit his 1999 Honda Civic, which was parked in front of his residence in the 8400 block of East Chris. Minor damage was noted. No suspect information was available.

April 18 — There was a trial in Bel Aire Municipal Court at City Hall. A criminal defense attorney notified Bel Aire Police Department that the man and woman had a no-contact order that barred them from having contact with one another. Officers confirmed that the order was good until May 1. The man had been informed to stay away from the woman. As the investigation unfolded, it was discovered the defense attorney had subpoenaed both the parties affected by the no-contact order to court. The attorney's reason for requiring them to both be in court at the same time and then reporting them to police and requesting they be arrested is yet unknown. No arrests were made.

April 18 — A woman came to Bel Aire Municipal Court at City Hall for a hearing. She was confirmed to have two active warrants through the City of Wichita and one through Sedgwick County. The woman was asked how she got to court, and she admitted to driving herself to court, which was confirmed by video. Sarah Elizabeth Culver of Wichita was arrested on charges of contempt of court, driving with a suspended license and failure to appear in court.

April 18 — A woman was found at a residential property

in the 3800 block of North Oliver after previously being trespassing from the residence. She was cited for criminal trespass and given a Bel Aire Municipal Court date.

April 18 — A man was at an address where he had been trespassing and evicted from in the 3800 block of North Oliver. The man used a knife to cut window screens on the outside and broke off the power box to cut the electricity, so he would not be charged anymore. The man was having a medical episode, so EMS was called to check him out.

April 18 — Karina Lopez of Wichita was arrested at City Hall on a charge of failure to appear in court.

April 18 — Police responded to a non-injury accident in the 4300 block of North Oliver. A silver Chevy Cobalt struck a white Chevy S10. The driver of the Cobalt was issued a citation for following too closely.

April 18 — Police responded to a fire in the 5600 block of North Lycee. Sedgwick County Fire responded to the scene and did not locate a fire. A man tried to cook hotdogs on the commons grill at the apartment complex. Officer Gibson contacted the calling party who complained about the use of the grill during a burn ban.

April 19 — A man came to the Bel Aire Police Station to turn in keys his son found while he was running near the intersection of Odessa and Mission on April 15. There were two keys on a red key chain. One was a black Toyota key and the other was a silver house key. Keys were placed into evidence.

April 20 — A woman in the 4900 block of North Highland Court discovered missing jewelry, and her husband located pawn tickets in their son's car. The son was arrested for theft and officers worked at getting the property back from the pawnshop. The suspect's name was not available.

April 20 — A woman went to the 5800 block of East Flagstaff to confront her fiancé about infidelity. She attempted to take his phone from his pocket and he prevented her from doing so. She grabbed his groin and bit his arm. Shandon Michelle Ortiz was arrested and booked into the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility on a charge of domestic battery.

April 21 — A man in the 5000 block of North Colonial Court reported his neighbor told him that a man was seen running from their porch at about 6 a.m. The man departed in a white sport utility vehicle.

April 21 — A man in the 3800 block of North Hillcrest reported someone removed tools and U.S. currency from his unsecured vehicle. Keys to his spouse's vehicle were missing as well.

April 21 — A white GMC Sierra was stopped for speeding in the 5500 block of North Oliver. The driver was cited for expired driver's license and speeding.

April 22 — A man in the 3800 block of North Hillcrest reported that his son left his vehicle in his dad's possession while he was away at college. Dad reported that someone attempted to steal the vehicle. The steering column was broken and the ignition mechanism was tampered with.

April 22 — A man in the 5900 block of East Clarendon reported that his foster child was destroying things in the house and causing a disturbance. Officers were able to calm the child down. He was upset over being told to go to his room as a punishment for damaging a newly planted tree. The child agreed to remain in his room and take some time to cool off. The foster dad did not wish to pursue the matter any further.

April 22 — A man and wife in the 4400 block of North Mission had a verbal altercation outside of their residence with their son regarding the completion of chores and a video game console. All individuals involved said the incident was only verbal. The child's grandfather removed the teen from the residence for the evening.

April 23 — A man in the 5600 block of East 49th Circle North called the station to report his KS license plate missing from his vehicle. He noticed the tag missing on April 22 when he arrived at work. He believes the tag fell off somewhere on K-254 between El Dorado and Bel Aire.

April 23 — Officer Trumbull assisted a Kechi officer with a traffic stop in the 5600 block of North Oliver. When the Kechi officer asked the driver to step out of the vehicle, Trumbull could smell a strong odor of burnt marijuana and raw marijuana emitting from the vehicle. The driver admitted to having a few "roaches." However, the Kechi officer located approximately one-half ounce of raw marijuana and several "vape pen" devices that contained liquid THC during a search of the vehicle. The Kechi officer arrested Jessica Marie Tipton of Wichita on charges of driving with a suspended license, no insurance possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

April 24 — Lt. Foxx received a report via social media of a suspicious vehicle and person driving a blue Honda Pilot with security markings and a light bar mounted to the roof

through residential areas during the day and nighttime hours. Forman was able to get a tag on the vehicle as he was on routine patrol. The tag returned to a Haysville address and the markings say Shield Security. The vehicle owner had designed it to look like vehicles from a Marvel comic series.

April 24 — A woman from the 6600 block of East Rodeo Court came to the Bel Aire Police Station to report her daughter ran away from home on April 23.

April 24 — A man was arrested for trespass, resisting arrest and battery of a law enforcement officer after having been suspended from school and trespassed from any USD 259 property for the remainder of his suspension. The man was arrested after attempting to force his way into Wichita Northeast Magnet High School. He also attempted several times to twist Officer Crice's left wrist during prisoner escort. The suspect's name was not available.

April 25 — Police responded to a report of disorderly conduct in the 4300 block of North Rushwood Court. A 22-year-old went to speak to a man in an effort to date the man's daughter. A yelling match ensued because the 22-year-old had been abusive in the past. Any chances for a rekindled relationship were dashed.

April 26 — Officer Forman stopped a white Dodge Caravan for speeding in the 5100 block of North Oliver. The driver was cited for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

April 27 — Officer Forman stopped a silver GMC Envoy for speeding in the 4900 block of North Rock Road. The driver initially stated her driver's license was in her apartment and then admitted it was suspended. She was cited for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

April 27 — Officer Crouse stopped a white Volkswagen Passat for failing to maintain its lane in the 4700 block of North Rock Road. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license.

April 27 — A man in the 4400 block of North Westlake Court reported someone got into his unsecured vehicle and took money.

April 27 — A man in the 4500 block of North Westlake Court reported somebody rifling through both of his cars in his driveway. A gift card with unknown value was taken from an unsecured vehicle.

April 27 — A pedestrian was seen stumbling southbound in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn. The man fell into the ditch on the west side of the road. The man could not get up on his own and was slurring his speech. EMS transported the man to Woodlawn Hospital for treatment.

April 27 — A Black Cadillac XTS was stopped for defective equipment in the 4300 block of North Janesville. The driver was found to be driving on a suspended driver's license. She also had a Cloud County Warrant. The driver was arrested on a warrant through Cloud County and a charge of driving with a suspended license. The suspect's name was not available.

April 28 — A silver Hyundai Elantra was observed parked at the Eagle Lake parking lot area in the 4200 block of North Westlake Drive with heavy condensation on the windows. A man and woman were observed in the vehicle. After having the individuals put their clothes back on, they were instructed to leave the park.

April 28 — Police responded to a non-injury accident in the 11100 block of East 45th North. Two vehicles collided at the intersection after one failed to stop at a stop sign.

April 29 — A resident in the 5600 block of North Lycee called to report that \$203 was removed from his checking account at an automatic teller machine at a Bank of America in California. No specific suspect description was provided.

April 29 — A vehicle was stopped for speeding in the 3900 block of North Oliver. The driver was cited for no proof of insurance, no license in possession and speeding.

April 29 — A woman reported finding a brown and white Dachshund in her front yard. Officer Steel took the dog to the Heartland Animal Hospital to check it for a microchip before transporting it to the Wichita Animal Shelter.

April 29 — A woman in the 5300 block of North Lycee reported discovering the front and back doors of her residence were unlocked. There were no signs of the suspicious activity.

April 29 — A man in the 5100 block of North Brookstone reported that between January

and April 29, an unknown person removed a backflow device from his front yard. The man assessed the loss was about \$500.

April 29 — A man in the 4200 block of North Auburn reported that someone took a table that he took apart and placed a few feet from the curb. They may have thought it was trash. He had received the table in a trade for handyman work.

April 29 — A white Cadillac SRX was stopped for speeding in the 3900 block of North Oliver. The driver was cited for speeding, no proof of insurance and driving with a suspended license.

April 30 — An intoxicated man was located walking north in the 4000 block of North Oliver. Contact was made at the man's residence and it was discovered that he was not allowed at his girlfriend's residence while he was intoxicated due to previous issues regarding his behavior. He was transported to an address in Wichita.

April 30 — A woman in the 6500 block of East Rodeo reported damage to her garage door, which was believed at the time to have involved a construction trailer. A contractor was contacted regarding damage and reported the damage was from a cement saw blade that broke and damaged the door when the blade fell apart.

April 30 — A student was noted to have the odor of marijuana as he entered school in the 5500 block of North Lycee. He and his vehicle were searched by school staff, and a small amount of green leafy substance was found in the car. The investigation is ongoing.

May 1 — A green Ford Escape was stopped for failing to stop at the stop sign at Kenawee and Janesville. An odor of marijuana was detected billowing from the vehicle. The driver admitted to possessing marijuana and various items of marijuana paraphernalia in her vehicle. She was issued a citation for the traffic violations and a criminal complaint for the marijuana violations.

May 1 — A woman appeared in court at City Hall to answer for charges associated with her previous behavior. It was discovered the woman had two warrants through the City of Wichita and one warrant through the City of Newton. Melinda Moriah Dougherty of Andover was arrested on a charge of contempt of court and on a hold for another agency.

May 1 — Chief Atteberry reported seeing a dark blue Chrysler Sebring parked in a restricted area at Bel Aire City Hall. The vehicle, a Chrysler Sebring, had a 60-day tag on it from a Chevrolet Aveo. The tag was seized and the owner was not located in court. The vehicle left the parking lot before the driver could be identified and a parking ticket issued. The tag was submitted.

May 2 — A man reported finding a "threatening note" taped on the screen door of his residence in the 4700 block of North Hillcrest. The note was in reference to a caregiver that works at the residence.

May 2 — A man in the 5900 block of East Clarendon reported that he was talking on the phone to his friend about painting his walls. The man reported his friend got verbally abusive and twisted their conversation around. The man wanted a case done for documentation.

May 2 — Officer Smithwick found a man on the ground on the shoulder of the west side of the 4300 block of North Woodlawn. The man stated he had a seizure while walking. EMS transported the man to Wesley Woodlawn for treatment.

May 2 — Police responded to a non-injury accident in the 3800 block of North Oliver. A black Honda Fit was traveling north on Oliver and a white Ford Explorer turned right out of a parking area, striking the Honda Fit on the passenger side. The driver of the Explorer was issued a citation for failure to yield.

May 2 — Officer Forman stopped a silver 2003 Pontiac Grand Am for traffic violations in the 4900 block of East 45th North. The driver admitted to consuming alcohol. She also had an open bottle of alcohol on the passenger seat. The driver became verbally abusive and non-compliant. The driver refused field sobriety testing and resisted when officers tried to handcuff her. When placed in a patrol car, she continued to be aggressive and kicked and hit the inside of the patrol vehicle. At the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility, she refused to submit to a breath test. Michelle Lynn Decker of rural Bel Aire was booked into jail on charges of DUI, transporting an open container of alcohol, no driver's license in possession and resisting arrest.

May 3 — A man in the 5700 block of North Lycee reported that his ex-spouse would not let his son go with him for visitation.

May 4 — A man in the 5100 block of North St. James Place reported his son threw a telephone that glanced off of his head. Officer Smithwick transported the man to the Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center.

May 4 — A concerned person called in to have a welfare check done on a woman due to her falling and not being able to take care of herself in the 3800 block of North Oliver. The woman had electricity, running water and food in the fridge, but was very slow getting around the house. The woman said her daughter checks on her once a week. A report was made with adult protective services.

May 4 — A man reported an unknown male approached him at his residence in the 5700 block of East Flagstaff and asked for money for an inhaler for his daughter. The male said he lived in the neighborhood. After the man gave the unknown male \$20, he contacted neighbors in the area, and no one was able to identify the unknown male as a neighbor.

May 4 — A vehicle was stopped in the 4300 block of North Woodlawn for a traffic violation. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license.

May 5 — Officers from the Bel Aire Police Department, Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office and the Kechi Police Department responded to a disturbance call in the 5200 block of North Toler. The disturbance involved an argument regarding how a basketball team was being coached.

May 5 — Officer Trumbull stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 4000 block of North Oliver. The driver was cited for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

May 5 — Officer Trumbull stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5300 block of North Hillside. The driver was arrested on a warrant through Wichita. The suspect's name was not available.

May 6 — A woman in the 4000 block of North Harding reported her Ring doorbell activated, and that when she looked out the front window, she observed two large shepherd dogs leaving the driveway. Officer Steele located the dogs and opened a gate for the dogs at a nearby residence. He contacted the owner of the dogs by telephone.

May 6 — A woman reported a lady she knows fell while entering her apartment in the 3800 block of North Oliver. Officer Steele checked on the lady and observed conditions that necessitated contacting Adult Protective Services. Ongoing assistance is being obtained.

May 6 — A man was found on the ground along the side of the road in the 4400 block of North Woodlawn. It appeared he crashed while riding his bicycle. The man was transported to Wesley Medical Center for treatment.

May 7 — Officers were called by administration to stand by to prevent a potential disturbance in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. No incident took place.

May 8 — Lt. Foxx and Officer Steele responded to Wichita Heights High School in the 5300 block of North Hillside regarding a call to assist the fire department with a fire in the science laboratory. After arriving at the high school, the officers assisted by monitoring the area and the perimeter.

May 9 — Chief Atteberry stopped a vehicle for failing to stop at a stop sign in the 3800 block of North Parkwood. The driver was cited for running a stop sign and no proof of insurance.

May 9 — A 17-year-old female reported being physically battered by a fellow student in the 5500 block of North Lycee.

May 9 — Officer Crice received a report of a fifth-grader showing other students a photo while at school in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. Investigation by school staff discovered that the child was showing the photo while discussing the human development program that they had discussed in class the day before.

May 10 — Chief Atteberry stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

May 10 — A woman in the 4400 block of North Mission reported her foster son ran away from their residence. Officer Gibson found the runaway and

transported him back to the residence.

May 10 — A woman in the 4000 block of North Danbury reported finding an orange cat in her yard. The cat appeared injured and had blood on its stomach. The owner of the cat arrived and transported the animal to a 24-hour emergency vet clinic.

May 10 — A woman in the 4600 block of North Hedgerow reported her son had a bruise on his left leg she believed was caused by the boy's father.

May 11 — Officers Gibson and Trumbull were out looking for people with City of Bel Aire warrants. They located a man in the 4000 block of Christy who had an active Bel Aire warrant as well as warrants out of Wichita, Sumner County and Oklahoma City. The man was arrested and taken to jail. The suspect's name was not available.

May 11 — A man in the 5700 block of Denise reported an unknown person rang his doorbell at 4 a.m. and then drove away in a white SUV.

May 11 — Officer Trumbull stopped a white Ford Expedition in the 4800 block of East 37th North for having no operational taillights or brake lights. The driver was cited for the equipment violation and for driving with a suspended license.

May 11 — Officer Crouse stopped a black Honda Civic in the 4600 block of North Greenwich for a vehicle defect. The driver was cited for no insurance and registration violation.

May 12 — A woman in the 5200 block of North Cypress reported that her fiancé's mother attempted to tow her vehicle. The woman reported she may be as much as three months behind on her car payments.

May 12 — Police responded to a non-injury accident in the 9600 block of East 53rd North. A vehicle made a U-turn on 53rd and collided with another vehicle. The driver was cited for failing to yield right-of-way and inattentive driving.

May 12 — A gold Honda Accord was observed parked in the Bel Aire Rec Center in the 5200 block of East 48th North after hours. A male and female were located in the rear passenger seat. Officers got everyone home.

May 13 — Officer Crouse stopped a red Ford Focus for failing to properly signal and maintain a lane in the 4800 block of North Webb. The driver was cited for the infractions and for driving with a suspended license.

May 13 — Officer Crouse stopped a gray Mazda 6 for failing to properly maintain its lane of travel in the 4300 block of North Woodlawn. The driver smelled of consumed alcoholic beverages, struggled to speak clearly and consistently and had bloodshot, watery eyes. The man admitted to consuming alcohol and struggled to maintain his balance. He completed standard field sobriety tests. Chandler James Stiawalt of Hays was arrested on a charge of DUI.

May 13 — Police responded to a non-injury accident in the 4700 block of North Woodlawn. A vehicle was traveling south when it struck the rear of a second vehicle. The collision caused minor damage to both vehicles.

May 13 — A woman in the 4100 block of North Harding reported dogs barking and chasing a UPS truck. The dogs then got in front of a school bus, causing it to come to a complete stop. The owner of the dogs received a criminal complaint for allowing her dogs to be a nuisance and allowing them to be at-large. She had previously received a warning about her dogs being out of her yard and running at-large.

May 13 — Police responded to a non-injury accident in the 6700 block of East Perryton. A vehicle struck the rear of a second vehicle.

May 14 — Officers received a call of suspicious people walking around and looking into vehicles with flashlights in the 6300 block of East Perryton. The suspects were associated with a silver Hyundai Sonata. Officer Crouse moved into the area and when he attempted to stop the vehicle, it fled. A check of the license plate showed it was stolen. Crouse pursued the stolen vehicle into Wichita where the occupants abandoning the car and fled into a neighborhood. Investigation is ongoing.

May 14 — Lt. Foxx stopped a white GMC Truck for speeding in the 5100 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

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City approves E-payment system

By Taylor Messick

On May 21, the Bel Aire City Council unanimously approved a quote from eCity for online payment services. The provider had a low bid of \$13,000 with an annual fee of \$5,400 for service and maintenance.

The city was already able to accept utility payments as a one-time payment online without the customer's information being stored or saved. However, customers had to re-enter information each time they made a payment. Staff also spent a great deal of time trying

to match those payments to the proper account numbers in its records. The biggest appeal of eCity was its flexibility. The city asked for online payment solutions for utilities, the court and the recreation center. They found eCity to be the only company that could

provide all three and accommodate the city's needs. Making recreation payments available online was a priority after a recent conference where rec directors were asked to stand up if they did not offer an online payment solution. Bel Aire's

director was too embarrassed to be the only one to stand. The council tabled the item on May 7 after members said they did not have enough information about the company to accept the bid. Roger Simons made the trip from Kansas City to ap-

pear before the council on May 21 and his answers seemed to satisfy the council's concerns. Finance director Ted Henry also called other cities the business worked for to get references, which came back positive. The system will be ready by June 15 at the latest.

Students achieve highest level in Awana program

By The News staff

On May 5, four area students received the Citation Award from the Northside Bible Chapel Awana program. Those who completed the program requirements were Derek Barton of Valley Center, Alexander DeWerff of Bel Aire, Joshua Schlittenhardt of Maize and Elizabeth Yerebin of Wichita.

To achieve the award, each student had to complete over 10 years of lessons and activities. They learned more than 700 Bible verses, read through the entire Bible, completed several Bible studies and fulfilled four long-term Christian ministry service projects in their church and community. The Citation Award is the highest recognition any participant can receive from the Awana program and enables students to earn scholarships from select colleges and universities.



Students who received a Citation Award are (from left) Alexander DeWerff, Joshua Schlittenhardt, Derek Barton, and Elizabeth Yerebin.

proved Workman Are Not Ashamed (taken from 2 Timothy 2:15). The program, based in Streamwood, Ill., is an international weekly Bible-based ministry for youth ages 3 to 18. The program's goal is to help youth build a biblical foundation for their faith in Christ. Meetings consist of practical Bible messages, memorization and games. Each

week, more than 1 million children and youth and 250,000 volunteers take part in Awana in over 17,000 churches worldwide. The Awana program meeting at Northside Bible Chapel in Kechi starts in September each year and runs through April. For more information about the program, contact Erick Robles at 258-5550.



Company and city officials have a ribbon-cutting ceremony to open the Bel Aire Recovery Center May 3.

Center

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Aire location is its 17th center across the United States. The group takes a long-term and hands-on approach to treating addiction. General mental health is as much of a focus as addiction. "The foundation here is we see addiction as a solution to another problem," said counselor Jana Hinz. "If we treat addiction as the only problem, then we're

only treating half of their injury. We want to help you through the process of recovery and help you understand what was going on that made the substance, behavior or addiction so helpful that you needed to keep doing it. If we can start to understand that, then we can help develop new ways to cope." Hinz said trauma makes it easy for the brain to accept forming habits in order to cope. She said it is important for those suffering from addiction to form

new, healthy habits that the brain can fixate on. The Bel Aire Recovery Center will have staff at the facility 24 hours a day, seven days a week to assist clients in the process. Hinz said many of them are also in recovery and that clients take comfort in the fact that someone has walked in their shoes. The facility will offer programs for detox and recovery. They will also provide post-care services by helping clients find outpatient care through their nationwide network.

Election

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many citizen-driven goals accomplished during this time that were identified in our community survey and our community-wide strategic plan," Dove said. "We are in the initial phases of a new community survey and strategic plan, and we're all excited to hear about the community projects our residents would like us to accomplish next."

The mayor's post in Park City, which is held by Ray Mann, and the one in Kechi, held by John Speer, aren't up for election this year.

The Sedgwick County Elections Office late last month listed a handful of local candidates for area city councils and the Valley Center school board.

On the Valley Center City Council, one council member in each of the four wards is up for election.

Ron Colbert has filed for election in Ward 1. He was appointed to the seat in 2018.

The seats held by Gina Gregory in Ward 2, Marci Maschino in Ward 3 and Ben Anderson in Ward 4 will be decided in November.

Gregory was the only other candidate to have filed as of May 29.

On the council in Bel Aire, where two at-large

seats will be decided, Jeff Hawes has filed for re-election. Joel Schroeder and John D. Welch also filed as candidates. It's unknown whether Betty Martine will run again.

In Park City, one seat in each of four wards is up for election. Jim Schroeder holds the seat in Ward 1, Brandi Baily in Ward 2, George Capps in Ward 3 and Thomas Jones in Ward 4.

As of May 29, Baily and Schroeder had filed.

In Kechi, at-large seats held by Kevin Opat, Brian Adams and David McConaughay will be decided.

Adams has filed for re-election. Four other newcomers — Ursula Beham, Rachel R. Trumbull, Richard Haddock and Matt Brewer — filed as of May 29.

Four seats on the Valley Center school board will be decided in November. Those are held by Dawn Stiglitz, Rhonda Price, Roger Joyal and Sara Osterman.

So far, only Stiglitz has filed for re-election, while newcomer Sean Miller also has filed.

Meanwhile, both Dove and Austin said they have enjoyed their time as mayor and want to be part of their cities' futures.

"I often say that Valley Center is a special place to live, and I've seen evidence of this time and again," Dove said. "During my tenure as mayor, I've

witnessed city staff turn their focus to a customer-service mindset, and I've seen residents go above and beyond for their neighbors. We're a community that knows how to have a lively discussion and that knows how to create a legacy for generations to come."

Austin pointed to specific projects he wanted to see to completion.

"I want to be a part of this continued transformation, like completing retail deals, building a commons area for events, continuing to increase funding for street improvements and economic development while maintaining the level

mill levy," he said. "We have a great community. Bel Aire turns 40 next year,

and I think we are set up for the best next 10 years ever."

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- Kechi City Park -- BRING LAWN CHAIRS OR BLANKETS
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- 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. Fishing Derby, Park & Tree Board (if enough water)
- 6 - 8:30 p.m. Face painting (Embellished Fun Face Painting)
- 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Ice Cream Social (Emprise Bank, PC)
- 6:30 - 8 p.m. Ball Throwing contest (radar checked, all ages)
- 7 - 8 p.m. 3-Legged Race
- 8 - 9 p.m. Egg Toss
- 9:30 p.m. Fireworks, Krehbiel Wholesale Fireworks

Saturday, June 22

- 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. - 2 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)
- 9 a.m. - noon Karg Art Glass Blowing Demonstrations (Karg Art, 111 N. Oliver)
- 10 - 10:30 a.m. Kechi's 34th Annual Parade, "Get out of Your Shell"
- 10:30 - 11 a.m. Ice Cream Social (by Northside Bible Chapel, sponsored by Eden's Auto Sales)
- 11 - 11:30 a.m. Pickle Eating Contest (by Fair Tent, Eden's Auto Sales)
- 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Kechi Kruize In Car Show (61st & Sioux, judging 1:30 p.m.)
- 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Dunk Tank (in front of City Hall)
- 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Carriage Rides (next to Fair Tent)
- 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Emergency Vehicles (at Car Show, 61st & Sioux)
- 11:30 a.m. to noon Sand Pile Treasure Hunt (ages 10 & under, west side of City Hall, sponsored by Buck Alley)
- Noon - 12:30 p.m. Dixie Lee Saloon Girls (in front of City Hall)
- 12:30 - 1 p.m. Cake Walk (Community Room)
- 1 - 1:30 p.m. Turtle Races (Bring Your Own Turtle, behind City Hall)
- 7 - 11 p.m. Street Dance, Lonesome Jake Band (F&H parking lot, gates open 6:30 p.m.)

Button required for Street Dance. \$3 in advance or \$5 after 3 p.m. or at the gate. Raffle tickets available at City Hall until 5 p.m. June 21 and during events at the Fair Tent.

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