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## FOR THE BELAIRE REC CENTER The show must go on



Photos by Taylor Messick

The Bel Aire Recreation Center hosts basketball camp with some Sunrise Christian Academy players on July 23.

## Roof replacement doesn't slow pace of summer, fall

By Taylor Messick

The Bel Aire recreation building is undergoing repairs, but that hasn't slowed down the activities one bit.

The Bel Aire council unanimously accepted a bid of \$56,373.83 from Farha for roof repairs at the Bel Aire Recreation Center.

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, but to no avail. Most of the leaking is on the south side of the building but there is no presence of mold. Farha will be repairing the roof in early August.

The metal roof is essentially flat and has a lot of screw holes. The building is 25 years old.

A Thermoplastic Polyolefin or TPO roof will be fitted over the south section of the building with the lower roof. That smaller section of the building houses the rec center's offices and that's where the leaking has occurred. The TPO roof 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 very good track record for durability. There is a 20-year manufacturer's warranty and a two-year workmanship warranty.

The taller roof over the gymnasium area in the northern part of the building doesn't leak as bad and will be getting a coating as a



The rec center hosts Dive In Movie Night at the Central Park pool July 19. "Home Alone" was shown.



The roof over the office at the rec center has been leaking for years.

preventative measure. In the back of that part of the building, the recreation center added new office space in March. Three desks were crammed into one office at the front of the building before this year. The new office space, which was previously used for storage, has allowed Recreation

Director Brian Hayes to have his own office.

Even with the renovations, the rec center is pushing ahead with its busy schedule of events. The recreation center is responsible for some of the city's most popular activities.

The rec hosted two Dive

In Movie Nights this summer at the Central Park pool. In June, they watched "Finding Nemo" and this month they watched "Home Alone." Recreation coordinator Ashley Sherwood said the events were a hit and the rec hoped to bring them back next summer. Sherwood came up with the idea last year and said it gained support from the lifeguard who encouraged her to make it a reality.

Upcoming events include the return of the Bel of the Ball father-daughter dance from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 9. The fees are \$20 per adult and \$5 per daughter; there will be photobooths and food. Sherwood also wanted to offer something for mothers and sons this year, so the center hosted a Mom & Son live action version of the popular

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## Man guilty of pill scheme

Pharmacist from Bel Aire

By The Breeze staff

A jury in U.S. District Court in Wichita found a Bel Aire pharmacist guilty July 16 of unlawfully dispensing opioid prescription drugs.

Ebube Otuonye, 46, was convicted of conspiracy to unlawfully distribute prescription drugs, unlawfully distributing prescription drugs and two counts of health care fraud.

U.S. Attorney Stephen McAllister said the crimes occurred while Otuonye owned and operated Neighborhood Pharmacy at 2810 E. 21st in Wichita, where he filled prescriptions for patients of Dr. Steven R. Henson.

In October 2018, Henson was convicted of unlawfully distributing prescription drugs outside the usual course of professional medical practice and without a legitimate medical purpose. In March 2019, Henson was sentenced to life in federal prison.

During trial, prosecutors presented evidence that Henson's patients had difficulty filling Henson's prescriptions at pharmacies other than Neighborhood Pharmacy. Otuonye's pharmacy charged

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## Utility rate study ahead

By Taylor Messick

On July 16, the Bel Aire City Council approved a bid of \$30,000 from PEC for a utility rate study. The firm will be looking at the city's water and sewer rates.

The city's last rate study was in 2012. The item was discussed during the council's last budget workshop and \$30,000 was budgeted. The city received four bids for the job. The other three bids were Baker Tilly for \$28,500, Gov Rates for \$27,800 and Ranson Financial for \$14,500.

Finance director Ted Henry reviewed the proposals with city engineer Anne Stephens and the Bel Aire Utility Advisory Committee. Henry said the parties unanimously agreed that the most expensive option would be worthwhile.

"There's really two types of companies that do these studies," said Henry. "There's more-or-less the bean counters, people like me, finance people. And then

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**Mayor's corner**

By David Austin

# Council OKs business agreements

By Taylor Messick

On July 2, the Bel Aire City Council passed two items unanimously. They took executive sessions of 30 and 15 minutes for consultation with the city attorney about “proposed agreements and related

negotiations.” Council member Jeff Elshoff was absent. The council unanimously approved an assignment resolution allowing the transfer of property from Midwest Sunflower LLC to Sunflower Property Partners

LLC. The building, which is at 9720 E. 50th North in Sunflower Commerce Park, is leased to Nordic Stone. The city controls the property while the bonds are still outstanding so it had to approve the transfer.

Council also unanimously approved an agreement with Garver LLC for a detention pond in Sunflower Commerce Park. The cost was set at an amount not to exceed \$28,731.50. Garver will be paid on an hourly basis within the bounds of that

funding. The costs will be spread as special assessments to the affected parcels. The council also held a public hearing for a proposed industrial revenue bond for WAM Investments No. 11. No one spoke on the item.

As I get older, I am amazed at how smarter my parents become with each passing year. They were right. Days go by faster and time seems to speed up, too. It seems like just yesterday we were looking at our city budget. It is a several-month process. In fact, the budget, while it is adopted months in advance of implementing, planning and forecasting are continuous.

This year, we were able to use our healthy surplus to make some much-needed capital improvements, catch up some salaries, seriously look at a much-needed gathering space/commons area and continue the trend of increasing funding for street repairs. All of this without raising one penny in taxes. In 2015 and 2016, \$40,000 and \$100,000 were budgeted, respectively, for street repairs. That increased to \$400,000 in 2017 and 2018. Last year and next year, we are looking at \$500,000 for street improvements.

Continuing to look to the future is exciting. While we have been stuck paying specials on vacant land across from city hall for more than a decade, I am excited to announce that in the near future, that land will be home to taxpaying (aka city revenue-generating) commercial outlets as well as a gathering space. This gathering space will allow us to continue hosting the Fall Festival and Spring Festival, which have maxed out the space at the Recreation Center and have caused safety concerns due to the pure volume of attendees. This space will also allow for more recreational opportunities such as a Farmers Market, Movies in the Park, etc. This along with continued commercial sales is what is needed to catapult our healthy budget. Again, this is being done without raising taxes, increasing street improvement spending and continuing improvements to our city services.

Like I said earlier, time is going fast. The dog days of summer will quickly fade into memory and fall decorations will soon be out and on display across the area. But first, it is time to host the very popular Hot Dawgs Pool Party. Lucky, your First Dog, has decided at age 6 that he now loves the water and pool. This should be fun! Look forward to seeing all Bel Aire dogs and their humans Aug. 12 at the Bel Aire Community Pool. Admission is just \$5 per dog. Smaller and less active dogs are encouraged to come from 6 to 6:50 p.m., while bigger and more active dogs are encouraged to come from 7:10 and 8 p.m. Contests will take place sharp at 6:50 and at 7:40, giving your dogs plenty of time to get use to their crazy fun surroundings. Thanks to Heartland Animal Hospital, the Hairy Sofa, Century Manufacturing and the City of Bel Aire, there will be fun for all.

For information on this and all things city related, please visit [www.belaireks.gov](http://www.belaireks.gov).

## Pills

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more than other pharmacies and he set up a system requiring Henson's patients to fill three non-narcotic prescriptions when filling a narcotic prescription.

A sign in the pharmacy said: “You may use another pharmacy if all you want to

fill is (a) narcotic prescription.”

Evidence at trial showed Henson's patients took their prescriptions to Otuonye himself because another pharmacist at Neighborhood Pharmacy refused to fill them.

Prosecutors argued that Otuonye failed to perform his professional responsibilities by continuing to fill

prescriptions for Henson's patients despite warning signs, including large numbers of prescriptions for highly addictive drugs, customers paying cash, multiple patients coming in at once with Henson's prescriptions and patients from the same family presenting identical prescriptions.

Otuonye filled prescrip-

tions for more than 21,600 tablets of oxycodone, more than 48,600 tablets of methadone, more than 18,000 tablets of hydro-morphine and more than 7,800 tablets of alprazolam.

Prosecutors also presented evidence that Otuonye submitted claims to Medicare and Medicaid for filling Henson's pre-

scriptions. Sentencing is set for Oct. 23. Conspiracy to unlawfully distribute prescription drugs and unlawfully distributing prescription drugs carry a penalty of up to 20 years in federal prison and a fine up to \$1 million. Health care fraud carries a penalty of up to 10 years and a fine up to \$250,000.

## CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

### Christ Lutheran-ELCA

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

During August, we will 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](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 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. Tuesdays. Praise and worship is at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

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.

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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 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](mailto: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 RisenSaviorICT! Find out everything Risen Savior has to offer on our website [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 congregation of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.

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

Saturday Vespers are at 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call 734-6248, go online at [www.saintmichaelortho-](http://www.saintmichaelortho-)

doxchurch.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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# HIGHLIGHTS

## Local students receive degrees

Several local students received college degrees recently. The following students completed degree requirements at Wichita State University during the spring 2019 semester. Undergraduate students who have attained a grade point average of 3.9 out of a possible 4.0 received the summa cum laude award; those with an average of 3.55 received the magna cum laude award; and those with an average of 3.25 received the cum laude:

Ting-Ning Chang, Master of Arts, communication; Harmony J. Davis-Homen, Master of Education, counseling; Austin J. Downey, Bachelor of Business Administration, human resource management, cum laude; James T. Fleming, Bachelor of Business Administration, marketing; Holly O. Poore, Bachelor of Arts in education, English-language arts 6-12, magna cum laude; and Nicolas C. Young, Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering, cum laude.

Brent Smith of Bel Aire received a Bachelor of Science during commencement exercises May 12 at Southwestern College in Winfield.

Briana Drury of Wichita received a Master of Occupational Therapy, occupational therapy, from Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Mo., during its 99th annual commencement May 18 at Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City.

Holly Leininger of Wichita earned a Bachelor of Science, nursing, from Western Governors University, an online, nonprofit university.

Shamiece Banks of Wichita earned the Master of Education in educational leadership during the spring 2019 semester at Valdosta (Ga.) State University.

Abigail Wagle of Wichita graduated May 18 with distinction from Bard College at Simon's Rock with an associate of arts. Bard College is located in Great Barrington, Mass.

— The Breeze staff

## Local students recognized

The following area students were named to the dean's honor roll for the spring 2019 semester at Wichita State University. To be included on the dean's honor roll, a student must be enrolled full time (at least 12 credit hours) and earn at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale:

Jacob C. Cantrell, Siya Chen, Jeremy R. Davolt, Michael A. Goddard, Elizabeth A. Harp,

Tyler N. Heizelman, Samantha N. Howell, Slate L. Jordan, Sania H. Khokhar, Simrun Z. Khokhar, Katriana M. Kisner, Youngjae Lee, Wing Yan Lung, Cody W. Lindsted, Tanat Maichan, Cynthia E. Matson, Lina N. Nguyen, Kanissorn Nimcharoenwan, Holly O. Poore, Jonathan V. Thao, Lindsey C. Turner and Nicolas C. Young.

Ellia Brown and Jordan Plank, both of Bel Aire, were named to the university honor roll and dean's list for the spring 2019 semester at Emporia State University.

Both students were named to the university honor roll. Brown was also named to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences dean's list, while Plank was named to the School of Business dean's list.

To qualify for the university honor roll, undergraduate students earned a minimum 3.80 semester grade point average in at least 12 graded hours.

Paul Amstutz of Wichita was named to the dean's list for the spring 2019 semester at Wheaton (Ill.) College. To earn dean's list honors, an undergraduate student must carry 12 or more credit hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or higher on the 4.0 scale.

Holly Travnicek of Bel Aire was named to the dean's list for the spring 2019 semester at Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo. To make this list, an undergraduate student must achieve a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.0 scale and be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours.

— The Breeze staff

## Students receive scholarships

Four area incoming Washburn University students have received a freshman academic scholarship. These renewable scholarships are awarded to graduating high school seniors with a GPA of 3.0 or higher and an ACT composite score of 21 or higher. Scholarship award amounts range from \$500 to \$5,000 based on academic performance.

Area recipients and the high school they graduated from include Annabelle Brown of Wichita, Kapaun Mount Carmel High School; Hayden Irving of Bel Aire, Northeast Magnet School; Caleb Stadler of Wichita, Kapaun Mount Carmel High School; and Caden Vandlangham of Wichita, Trinity Academy.

— The Breeze staff

## Man claims he didn't pay for sex

He claimed he didn't pay. On July 14, Bel Aire police officers stopped a vehicle for failing to stop at a stop sign in the 5500 block of North Lycee. The driver showed indicators of impairment, police said. The driver submitted to a standard field sobriety test and provided a breath sample on a preliminary breath test device. Based on the outcome of the testing, however, the man was not arrested.

During a conversation with a second officer, a female passenger in the car said the driver had paid her for sexual relations, but said it occurred in Park City, Wichita or Sedgwick County, not in Bel Aire. The man denied paying for sexual relations. The man was issued a citation for running a stop sign.

— The Breeze staff

## Woman falls for Match.com scam

It wasn't a good match. On July 10, Bel Aire police responded to a theft report in the 4900 block of East 45th. A woman reported she had contacted www.match.com's customer support to remove a site that she had not created.

The customer service representative directed her to purchase Google Play cards, totaling \$600. She did. The customer service representative told her the cards would not work and directed her to purchase another \$500 Google Play card. The woman refused to purchase another card. She contacted Google regarding the scam, and she was told the Google Play cards went into someone's account, but they couldn't tell her who, due to privacy laws.

— The Breeze staff

## Teen driver takes Mom's car

A teen driver was cited for reckless driving after a joy ride in the Dillon's parking lot at 37th and Woodlawn.

On July 8, Bel Aire police observed a silver Dodge Ram traveling at a high rate of speed into the Dillon's parking lot and continue at a high rate of speed, with the vehicle's tires spinning.

The 17-year-old driver said he stole the vehicle from his mother. During the investigation, police learned that the youth decided to drive the truck without permission from his mother while she was in the store. His mother did not want to pursue charges. The teenager

was issued a citation for reckless driving and no driver's license.

— The Breeze staff

## Driver wrecks during test drive

The test failed. On June 30, a Bel Aire police officer saw a vehicle, which was traveling south in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn, fail to stop at the stop sign, resulting in a traffic collision with another vehicle that had the right-of-way.

The offending driver said she was test-driving a vehicle from nearby Kechi Motors. The woman was cited for failure to stop at a stop sign.

— The Breeze staff

## Suspect sought in carjacking, arson

A suspect is being sought in an attempted carjacking that occurred in Bel Aire June 28.

Bel Aire police responded to a call of an attempted carjacking at Enterprise Rental in the 6300 block of East 37th North. The victim chased the suspect to the Dillon's store.

The suspect entered an employee restroom in the back of the store. The suspect ditched the shirt he was wearing during the attempted carjacking and wrapped a handgun inside the shirt and placed it in a trash can. The suspect then allegedly started a fire in the trash can. After an extensive search by the Bel Aire Police Department and the Wichita Police Department, a suspect was identified. The aggravated arson case is being worked by the Wichita Police Department.

— The Breeze staff

## Vandals banned from Sunrise

Two juveniles vandalized the gym inside Sunrise Christian Academy. School officials are not processing charges but asked that both not return to the property.

On June 15, police responded to destruction of property at Sunrise in the 5500 block of East 45th North. Two juveniles were inside playing basketball. One of the two juveniles sprayed a fire extinguisher inside of the gymnasium. While leaving, one of the juveniles used a bowling pin from the school and attempted to break open the vending machine. Two days later, a staff member of Sunrise called to report that the two suspects from the vandalism

were on the outdoor basketball court. Officers made contact with two juveniles who admitted to the vandalism. Sunrise did not want to pursue criminal charges at the time but asked that both juveniles be trespassing from the property.

— The Breeze staff

## Shirtless, helpful man suspicious

No shirt, no service. On June 16, Bel Aire police responded to a suspicious character report in the 3800 block of North Oliver.

A woman said her neighbor offered to help her with groceries, but the man was not wearing a shirt. The woman called police.

— The Breeze staff

## Man Tased after domestic battery

Police arrested a man on domestic battery charges after finally subduing him when a Taser wouldn't work.

On June 19, Bel Aire police responded to a domestic violence battery call in the 4400 block of North Edgemoor. The victim left the scene before officers arrived. The suspect was seen on a bed face down in the rear of the house. The man was unresponsive after multiple attempts of knocking and yelling.

The victim, who resides at the home, gave officers permission to enter forcefully. Sedgwick County Fire responded and opened the front door.

Officers entered and found the suspect asleep on a bed. He was intoxicated. When he was roused, he was told he was under arrest. He refused to follow commands to get off the bed and onto the ground. Two cartridges from a Taser were deployed, but due to the man's intoxication, both were unsuccessful. Officers moved in and used physical force to take the suspect to the ground. There was an intense, but brief struggle, police said.

The suspect was transported and booked into jail on charges of domestic battery and resisting arrest and a warrant. The woman was transported to the hospital for treatment for multiple injuries. The man's name was not released.

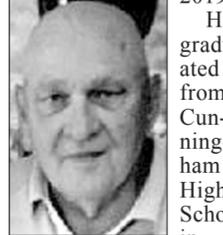
The next day, the victim reported to police that her boyfriend contacted her via a Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility phone. He asked if she knew his dad's number and how he could get his belongings. She told him to "figure it out" and hung up. He faced additional charges.

— The Breeze staff

# DEATH

### GARY PHILLIPS

Gary Freeman Phillips, 76, died July 18, 2019.



Phillips

He graduated from Cunningham High School in 1961. He was a retired Honeywell avionics technician.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wayne and Mary Phillips. Survivors include his wife, Martha Ann Phillips, of Bel Aire; son Jeffrey (Lorraine) Artman of Whitewater; daughter Elena Phillips

of Tulsa, Okla.; grandchildren Jessica Curtis, Michael Curtis, Isabella Artman and Madelyne Artman; brother Richard (Nancy) Phillips of Hot Springs, Ark.; and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral service was July 26 at Peace Lutheran Church. Memorials with First Tee of Greater Wichita, P.O. Box 285, Andover KS 67002 and Wichita Children's Home, 7271 E. 37th North, Wichita KS 67226. Downing & Lahey East Mortuary had charge.

# Rates

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there's people like PEC who have engineers in their office. They know construction costs and they have more of a holistic approach ... the UAC really picked up on that through their proposal. That's really something I'm looking at because I can do the bean counting on my own. I get a little lost when we start talking

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five years out, population growth and a lot of what's needed and what's going to be done."

Henry said he will be involved throughout the process. PEC originally

bid \$31,600 for the project but agreed to come down to an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to fit within the city's budget. All members of the council were present and PEC's bid was unani-

mously approved. On July 10, the council held a special meeting prior to its council workshops and stayed in executive session for periods of 30, 20, 20 and 15 minutes.

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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

- Aug. 6** — National Night Out and school supply drive, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- Aug. 6** — Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall, Council Chambers
- Aug. 7** — Chamber of Commerce, noon, City Hall, Community Room
- Aug. 7** — Municipal Court, 7 p.m., City Hall, Community Room
- Aug. 10** — Brush site open, 9 to 11 a.m., 53rd North between Rock and Webb.
- Aug. 12** — Hot Dawgz Pool Party, 6 to 8 p.m., Central Park Pool
- Aug. 14** — Bel Aire Lions Club, 11:30 a.m., Gospel Assembly Church
- Aug. 15** — Municipal Court, 12:30 p.m., City Hall, Community Room
- Aug. 15** — Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall
- Aug. 19** — Utility Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., City Hall
- Aug. 20** — Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall, Council Chambers
- Aug. 28** — Bel Aire Lions Club, 11:30 a.m., Gospel Assembly Church
- Sept. 2** — City Hall closed for Labor Day holiday



More information about events can be found at [www.belaireks.gov](http://www.belaireks.gov).

## Monthly & Special Events

- Aug. 1, 1 p.m.** — Hand and foot canasta, card game, Senior Center (RSVP required)
- Aug. 5, 6:30 p.m.** — Potluck dinner and program, Medication Management - Hart Pharmacy, Community Room
- Aug. 7, 10 a.m.** — Volunteer library work group, Senior Center
- Aug. 8, 1 p.m.** — Open card and board games, Senior Center
- Aug. 12, 10 a.m.** — Hearing Group; clean hearing aids, check for proper operation, show new products, Rec Center
- Aug. 15, 1 p.m.** — Game Day, Rec Center
- Aug. 15, 1 p.m.** — Hand and foot canasta, card game, Senior Center (RSVP required)
- Aug. 17, 1 to 5 p.m.** — JAM session, Community Room
- Aug. 19, 1 p.m.** — Family Tree Group; no instructor, share ideas, Senior Center
- Aug. 20, 6 p.m.** — Ladies Dine Out, call Anita 744-2840 for more info
- Aug. 21, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.** — Blood pressure check (sponsored by Catholic Care), Rec Center
- Aug. 21, 1:30 p.m.** — Book Club meeting, Senior Center
- Aug. 22, 2 p.m.** — Open card and board games, Senior Center
- Aug. 26, 6 p.m.** — Covered dish dinner and program, Rec Center
- Aug. 28, 7 p.m.** — BUNCO (RSVP required)

## Bel Aire Recreation

- Bel of the Ball**  
Fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, brothers, uncles, friends & daughters come dance the night away! Music, food & fun! \$20 for adult, child & \$5 for each additional daughter. Aug. 9, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Coed Outdoor Soccer**  
This program is for boys and girls ages 4 through 11. Games will be played on Saturdays beginning Sept. 14. Registration deadline is Aug. 12.
- Coed Flag Football**  
Bel Aire Rec Center is partnering with the Valley Center Rec and Andover Rec to provide a recreational and instructional flag football program. Teams will play other teams from Valley Center Rec and Andover Rec. Practices will be held at the respective home location with games being played at all sites. Flag Football is coed for third through sixth grades. Registration deadline is Aug. 12.
- Volleyball**  
Bel Aire Rec Center is partnering with the Valley Center Rec to provide a recreational and instructional volleyball program. Fall volleyball is for boys and girls in the third through sixth grades. Registration deadline is Aug. 26.
- ActivStars Cheerleading**  
Come cheer at Bel Aire Rec! Sign up at [www.mw.activstars.com](http://www.mw.activstars.com) starting at \$8 per class. Enrollment & practice begins Aug. 28 (Wednesday evenings).
- Youth Dance — Jazz**  
Come learn some new Hip Hop moves! Ages 4 through 6 will meet at 6 p.m. and ages 7 through 10 will meet at 7 p.m. Starts Aug. 29 (Thursday evenings).
- Tumbling**  
Come tumble at the Rec Center! 4- and 5-year-old sessions will be at 6 p.m.; ages 6 and up will be at 7 p.m. Starts Sept. 3 (Tuesday evenings).
- 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**  
Daily open swim at 1 p.m. Pool rental requests are still being accepted. Pool closes Sunday, Aug. 11. Seventh annual Hot Dawgz Pool Party will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 12.
- Dynamic Aging**  
Geared toward individuals 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 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays from 9 to 11:30 a.m., Saturdays 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, multistation 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. Tasha has more info. For more info about any Bel Aire rec program, call 744-2700. Follow us on Facebook at BelAireRec.

## DID YOU KNOW?

**Curbside Cleanup is October 5.** Waste Connections provides two curbside cleanups to Bel Aire residents each year. Over 78 tons were collected in April!

**Guidelines:** items must be at the curb before 7 a.m., household items only, items can be handled safely by two people.

**YES! These are OK:**

- Furniture, bed mattresses
- Electronics
- Empty, dried paint cans
- Lawn & garden items with no oil or gas
- Bundled tree limbs in 3-ft lengths
- Loose trash in boxes or bags
- Appliances that contain no refrigerant\*

**NO. These will NOT be picked up:**

- Demolition or construction debris
- Car batteries and oil filters
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Propane tanks
- Hazardous liquids or chemicals
- Explosives
- Oil or flammable liquids

\*For more information, call Waste Connections at 316-838-4920.

Next Month: Information sources for Bel Aire residents.

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- Bel Aire City Hall  
7651 E Central Park Ave
- Bel Aire Rec Center  
5651 E 48th St N
- Central Park Community Pool  
7350 E Central Park Ave

Supplies can be dropped off from **July 8th - August 6th** at any drop off location or bring school supplies with you to **National Night Out\*** and help us pack the patrol car.

\*National Night Out is August 6th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

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# BEL AIRE POLICE REPORTS

June 15 — A man in the 5800 block of East Danbury reported that his wife used someone to "impersonate" him in order to switch her and his aunt's phone number to another account through AT&T. Officer Smithwick.

June 15 — Police responded to destruction of property at Sunrise Christian Academy in the 5500 block of East 45th North. Two juveniles were inside Sunrise playing basketball. One of the two juveniles sprayed a fire extinguisher inside of the gymnasium. While leaving, one of the juveniles used a bowling pin from the school and attempted to break open the vending machine. Investigation is ongoing.

June 15 — A man in the 5500 block of East 45th reported his quail was released when he came in to feed his animals. There was also a bucket with knives inside stolen from the man's chicken coop.

June 16 — Officer Forman stopped a maroon Ford Focus for crossing the centerlines in the 1110 block of East 53rd North. The driver had an odor of consumed alcoholic beverage and other indicators of impairment. The driver had difficulty following instructions and was unable to complete standard field sobriety testing. Miradi Ngembo Phambu of Wichita was arrested on a charge of DUI.

June 16 — A suspicious character report was received in the 3800 block of North Oliver. A woman reported her neighbor offered to help her with groceries, but he was not wearing a shirt.

June 16 — Officer Steele responded to a call of a disturbance at a ResCare residential home in the 5200 block of North Rock Spring. A client was hitting herself because she was scared and missed her mom. Steele spoke with ResCare staff and a USD 259 special education teacher.

June 16 — Officer Manuel stopped a gray Toyota 4Runner for speeding in the 4800 block of East 45th. Manuel saw seven unopened cans of Coors Light in the back seat. The driver was under 21 years old. The driver was issued a criminal complaint for minor in possession of alcohol and cited for speeding.

June 17 — A man in the 4700 block of North Krueger reported a dog had been barking all night long, and he said he called the administrative telephone number at 2 a.m. and 911 at 3:30 a.m. The man provided an address for the barking dog. Officer Steele went to the address and observed and heard a dog barking in the backyard. He later contacted the owner of the barking dog who was out of town but had a relative checking on the dog. The original caller was informed that calling 911 is the best way to call for police service.

June 17 — A staff member of Sunrise Christian Academy called to report that the two suspects from the vandalism reported earlier in the week were on the outdoor basketball court. Officers made contact with two juveniles who admitted to the vandalism. Sunrise did not want to pursue criminal charges at the time but asked that both juveniles be trespassing from the property.

June 17 — Park City officers and Officer Steele responded to a residence in the 4200 block of North Rushwood Court to check on the presence of a mother in a child custody issue. All was fine.

June 19 — A woman reported an unknown Asian male stopping on the shoulder of the road several times while she was riding a bike south in the 4900 block of North Woodlawn. The woman said the man parked his white two-door car on the shoulder of the road, exited his vehicle and stood on the shoulder watching her ride her bike as she rode by, and it scared her. The area was checked and the man was not located.

June 19 — A woman flagged officers down in the parking lot of the police department to report that her daughter was being abused by her boyfriend and wanted to move out. Officers went to the victim's address in the 4300 block of Rushwood Court and talked to her. She said that her boyfriend is emotionally abusive. She added that he has never physically abused her and is a good father to their son. The boyfriend left for the night with their son. The woman said she did not want to leave and wished to stay at the residence.

June 19 — Officer Manuel served paperwork in a dog bite case in the 4900 block of North Highland. While at the residence, the woman said she needed to report an unknown suspect taking the registration sticker off her 2017 Nissan Rogue. She is not sure when it was taken and could not remember when she first noticed it missing.

June 19 — Officers responded to a domestic violence battery call in the 4400 block of North Edgemoor. The victim left the scene before officers arrived. The suspect was seen on a bed face down in the rear of the house. The man was unresponsive after multiple attempts of knocking and yelling. The victim, who resides at the home, gave officers permission to enter forcefully. Sedgwick County Fire responded and opened the front door. Officers entered and encountered the suspect asleep on a bed. He was intoxicated. When he was roused, he was told he was under arrest. He refused to follow commands to get off the bed and onto the ground. Two cartridges from a Taser were deployed, but due to the man's intoxication, both were unsuccessful. Officers moved in and used physical force to take the suspect to the ground. There



**Service to the city** Courtesy photo  
**Officer Sam Foxx (left) is recognized by Chief Darrell Atteberry on his retirement from the Bel Aire Police Department July 3. He served the city for 10 years.**

was an intense, but brief struggle. The suspect was transported and booked into jail on charges of domestic battery and resisting arrest and a warrant. The woman was transported to the hospital for treatment for multiple injuries. The suspect's name was not available.

June 20 — Chief Atteberry reported seeing a small white poodle-type dog running at-large and being aggressive with another dog being walked by its owner in the 4000 block of North Farmstead. The mother of the owner was located and advised the dog belonged in her residence. She received a warning about the dog running at-large, for not having a registration tags and about the dog being aggressive to other animals.

June 20 — A driver was behind a marked Wichita Police Department patrol vehicle traveling north on Woodlawn. Another vehicle was behind her. The Wichita police vehicle made a sudden and abrupt U-turn enroute to an airport emergency and the two trailing vehicles collided with one another in the 4200 block of North Woodlawn.

June 20 — A woman reported jewelry and makeup were stolen from her residence in the 3800 block of North Oliver.

June 20 — A man reported his daughter's ex-boyfriend came to his residence in the 4900 block of North Parkhurst and yelled outside, causing a scene. The father was advised again that his daughter needs to get a protection order and call 911 in the event of a disturbance.

June 20 — A woman reported that her boyfriend was inside her apartment in the 5700 block of North Lycee and they were verbally arguing while packing up their belongings to move out. The man left before officers arrived. He was previously trespassed from the Broadstone Villa Apartments. Officers tried to contact the manager of the complex, but could not reach her.

June 20 — A man reported that an unknown person at his garage sale turned in a wallet that was in the street in the 4700 block of North Danbury. A check of the address in the wallet came back to an address in Sedgwick. The Sedgwick Police Department was contacted and made contact with the owner. Officer Gibson met with an officer from Sedgwick and gave him the wallet so it could be returned to the owner.

June 20 — A woman reported her boyfriend, who had been arrested for domestic battery, contacted her via a Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility phone. He asked if she knew his dad's number and how he could get his belongings. She told him to "figure it out" and hung up. He faced additional charges.

June 21 — Officer Forman observed a white Volkswagen Jetta traveling south on Rock Road. A check of the registration showed the registration tag had been reported stolen. Forman stopped the vehicle in the 7300 block of East 45th and contacted the driver. He detected an odor of raw marijuana. Upon searching the Jetta, Forman found marijuana and paraphernalia and another stolen registration tag. Tyler Nicole Ericson of Wichita was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana, theft and possession of drug paraphernalia.

June 22 — Officer Forman saw a black Chrysler PT Cruiser parked and unoccupied at the Ascension Cemetery in the 9700 block of East 53rd. The tag was on the Chrysler but belonged to a different vehicle. The tag showed stolen, although there were some questions. The Wichita Police Department was asked to assist and attempted to contact the registered owner of the Chrysler but was unsuccessful. Forman seized the tag and Kidd's Towing towed the Chrysler. Forman placed a hold on the Chrysler until the actual owner could be identified.

June 22 — Officer Steele responded to a call to assist Sedgwick County Fire in the 5700 block of North Lycee. A balcony was on fire. When fire units arrived, they found no flames but smoke was visible. The fire caused some damage to the balcony and to an adjacent exterior wall.

June 22 — Officer Steele responded to a call to assist EMS and the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office with a death investigation in the 13500 block of East 53rd.

June 22 — Officer Manuel responded to a call of a motor vehicle accident at Woodlawn and Perryton. A woman driving a red Hyundai Accent was travel-

ing north on Woodlawn when the car in front of her slowed down to turn west on Perryton. When the red Hyundai Accent slowed down, a man driving a maroon Toyota Tundra struck the rear bumper and trunk of the Hyundai Accent. The man was cited for following too closely and expired driver's license.

June 22 — A woman in the 5100 block of North Brookstone reported she received an email from U-Haul with a confirmation order for renting equipment. The order was from the U-Haul located in Langley, British Columbia. The woman denied she rented the equipment and did not know why she was receiving an order confirmation. She was concerned someone was using her personal information to rent the equipment.

June 23 — A woman reported observing a white male wearing a dirty white tank top, tattered blue jeans and unknown footwear on the back porch area of her residence in the 4000 block of North Farmstead. The woman said the unknown male was knocking on the back door asking to enter the residence. The area was checked and the unknown male was not located.

June 23 — A woman came to the Bel Aire Police Station to report that two people were smoking out of a water-filtration smoking device on the rear deck near her home in the 8500 block of Granite Court. She was concerned that her children would see this activity.

June 23 — An anonymous caller reported hearing two gunshots coming from the north side of the area north of 5700 N. Lycee. The anonymous caller also reported hearing a vehicle depart the area as well. Multiple residents reported hearing a large firework. One of the residents reported hearing two explosions and observed someone throw a "tube" in the dumpster. Evidence was located near the dumpster of an artillery style firework being fired.

June 23 — While on routine patrol, Officer Crouse struck a deer as it darted in front of his patrol vehicle in the 7700 block of East 45th. The front driver's side bumper area of the Ford Explorer was damaged, but functional. The deer died.

June 24 — Officer Steele was dispatched to a disturbance regarding loud music in the 4700 block of North Glendale. When he arrived, he discovered that someone at a business behind the resident's home was playing loud music. Steele contacted employees of the business and got them to turn the music down.

June 24 — Officer Steele contacted a man regarding a case of harassment by telecommunication device between an ex-boyfriend and girlfriend.

June 24 — A man found a key in the 6100 block of East 48th and turned it in to the police department.

June 24 — A man called the Bel Aire Police Department to report that someone broke into his home in the 4300 block of North Mission. The house is for sale and a home inspector found some damage. Upon arrival, Officer Manuel made contact with the home inspector. It does not appear that anyone made entry into the house. A window on the south side of the house appeared to be blown open by wind and the front glass screen door was broken.

June 24 — Officer Manuel stopped on man who was riding a bicycle without safety equipment in the 4900 block of North Webb. The man was disagreeable. The man got off his bicycle and became aggressive. The man said he was a five-star general and didn't need to be questioned by the officer. The man was convinced it was a good idea to go to Walmart to get a headlamp for his bicycle.

June 25 — A white Chevy Equinox was seen parked in the 4500 block of North Edgemoor. Officer Crouse checked on the vehicle and occupant. The woman inside explained she was lost. In actuality, the woman saw the officer and stopped. Her driver's license was suspended. The woman also had an active arrest warrant through Sedgwick County. Danielle L. Witt of Wichita was arrested and booked into jail on a charge of failure to appear in court.

June 25 — Officer Steele responded to a call about dogs running at-large in the neighborhood in the 4400 block of North Auburn.

June 25 — Officer Steele and other officers responded to a call

to assist EMS in the 5100 block of North St. James. The call involved a report of a man who reported that he had overdosed on cocaine. When officers arrived at the residence, a man exited the front door. He was nude. The man advised he had done a line of cocaine and became increasingly paranoid. The man was sweating profusely, despite initially being unclothed. The man was transported to Wesley Medical Center for treatment of the overdose.

June 25 — A man called 911 to report that his girlfriend jumped out of his vehicle and was threatening to harm herself. Officers arrived and contacted both parties. The man said that the two were arguing in the parking lot of the Catholic Care Center at 6700 E. 45th North about the location of a glass pipe and some methamphetamine. The man said they stopped and he put methamphetamine on the ground near a light pole. The man described the location so officers could retrieve it. The methamphetamine was located and the man was arrested. Bryan K. Hess of El Dorado was arrested in the 6300 block of North Webb on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

June 25 — A white Ford F150 was observed traveling east in the 7900 block of East 53rd North with no registration plate. When stopped, the driver had no valid driver's license, no proof of insurance, no vehicle registration and no driver's side mirror. The vehicle was towed by Kidd's Towing and the man was transported to jail and booked on multiple charges.

June 26 — Officer Steele responded to a dispatched call of vandalism in the 4100 block of North Clarendon. A woman reported that her vehicles had been damaged by a BB gun.

June 26 — Officer Steele responded to a telephone call to the Bel Aire Police Department from a man who reported the disabled parking placard belonging to his wife had been missing for about one month. He needed to make a report so he could get it replaced.

June 28 — Officer Forman stopped a 2003 red Dodge Neon for speeding in the 5000 block of North Greenwich. The driver's license was revoked. The man was arrested on a charge of driving with a revoked license. The suspect's name was not available.

June 28 — Lt. Foxx responded to a dispatched call of an attempted carjacking at Enterprise Rental in the 6300 block of East 37th North. The victim chased the suspect to the Dillon's Store. The suspect entered an employee restroom in the back area of the store. The suspect ditched the shirt he was wearing during the attempted carjacking and wrapped a handgun inside the shirt in a trash can and started a fire in the trash can. After an extensive search by the Bel Aire Police Department and the Wichita Police Department, a suspect was identified. The aggravated arson case is being worked by the Wichita Police Department.

June 28 — A man from the 4800 block of North Battin reported he received a phone call, and the caller stated the man's Social Security number had been suspended due to it being linked to a money-laundering operation. The caller asked for personal information. The man gave some personal information to the caller. The caller threatened that officers would be showing up at his residence, as he had a warrant out for his arrest. Officer Smithwick explained to the man that the call was a scam and that the Social Security Administration does not do business this way.

June 28 — A woman in the 7300 block of East Central Park Avenue reported her black Toyota Camry was backed into while it was parked in a parking stall. The woman said the other driver left her name, phone number and insurance information and left the scene.

June 29 — Officer Crouse saw a man walking in a neighborhood in the 5700 block of East Odessa about 1 a.m. The man was contacted and Crouse attempted to find out what he was doing. The man became profane in his manner with Crouse and refused to answer basic questions. The man was arrested. The suspect's name was not available.

June 30 — A white Chevy Equinox was seen with defective equipment in the 4000 block of North Oliver. The vehicle's registration was active but it showed it belonged to a Dodge Avenger. The driver failed to provide proof of insurance. He was cited for the violations.

June 30 — Officer Forman stopped a silver Mercury Grand Marquis for failing to stop at two stop signs in the 6400 block of East 45th North. The driver had no driver's license. The woman was also unable to provide valid proof of liability insurance. The woman was issued a citation for the violations.

June 30 — Officer Trumbull saw a vehicle traveling south in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn fail to stop at the stop sign, resulting in a traffic collision with another driver who had the right-of-way. The offending driver was test-driving a vehicle from Kechi Motors. The woman was cited for failure to stop at a stop sign.

June 30 — A woman in the 3800 block of North Oliver alleged that her ex-fiancé scratched her neck and choked her. The woman had a scratch mark on her left shoulder and what appeared to be a thumbprint on her neck. Based on statements and physical evidence, the man was arrested. The suspect's name was

not available.

July 1 — A White Chevrolet Silverado was observed hauling a trailer with various yard debris in the 5000 block of North Rock Road. The trailer had defective rear taillights. The driver was found to be driving with a suspended driver's license and he also had an active warrant through Sedgwick County. He was cited for the defective equipment and arrested on the warrant. The suspect's name was not available.

July 1 — A woman came to the Bel Aire Police Department to report that her friend was at a residence in the 5900 block of East Memphis trying to retrieve personal property. Officer Manuel went to the address and contacted the man. The man said he used to live at the Memphis address but moved out five weeks ago. The man wanted to go in and get his personal belongings from the residence. The resident did not come to the door and did not answer his phone. Manuel explained to the man that the situation was civil and he would have to contact an attorney.

July 1 — A woman reported her husband, who suffers from dementia, got out of their vehicle in the 4400 block of North Woodlawn and tried to walk away. After speaking with the man for a while, he agreed to get back in the car and go home with his wife.

July 2 — Officer Manuel was traveling west in the 5800 block of East 45th North when he noticed two dogs. The dogs were in the ditch approaching the road. Manuel was able to put both dogs into the patrol vehicle and transport them to the Wichita Animal Shelter.

July 2 — Officers were dispatched to a residence in the 3800 block of North Oliver for a domestic violence report. A woman reported that her ex-fiancé was outside of her residence and he is not supposed to have contact with her per a protection-from-abuse order. The woman explained that she thought her ex was outside of her residence because her back gate was open and her lighters on her back porch were missing. The woman never saw her ex or his vehicle.

July 2 — A caseworker with Adult Protective Service delivered a report to go into the case file. The case was an unfounded financial abuse of an elder by a daughter.

July 2 — A man reported becoming involved in a road rage-related incident with a woman in the 5600 block of East 39th North. Witnesses reported the woman was out of control and acting aggressively and irrationally. The woman was located and reported the man had been swerving when she attempted to pass his vehicle on the residential street. Cheyenne Danyel Rae Dixon of Bel Aire was arrested on charges of aggravated assault, reckless driving and failing to report a traffic crash.

July 2 — A woman called to report a street sign down at Central Park and St. James. A man arrived on scene and stated his son struck the sign with his vehicle. Officer Smithwick spoke with the son who advised his brakes failed when he was attempting to turn onto East Central Park. He said he turned the steering wheel to the right, drove over the curb and drove over the street sign.

July 2 — Officers were dispatched to 49th and Hillcrest for a suspicious person call. Upon arrival, Sgt. Davis observed a vehicle matching the description of the suspicious person turn on its headlights and drive south.

The vehicle then proceeded west through the neighborhoods and pulled into a resident in the 4800 block of North Homestead. Davis contacted the driver. There was a strong odor of burnt marijuana coming from the car. A search of the car revealed marijuana and paraphernalia. The driver was issued a complaint.

July 3 — A couple reported their 12-year-old daughter was causing a disturbance and had become suicidal in the 6600 block of East Rodeo Court. The girl broke kitchen dishes, threw firewood logs at her mother and father and bit her father when he attempted to restrain her from leaving the residence. Officer Smithwick transported the girl to St. Joseph hospital, where the girl's mother met her and got her checked in for an evaluation.

July 3 — A man reported driving south on Oliver and falling asleep. The vehicle drifted into the oncoming lane. The man reported waking up and almost striking a tractor. The man overcorrected his Dodge Dakota and ran the vehicle off into the ditch. The man was cited for driving with no driver's license in possession and for inattentive driving.

July 3 — A woman reported finding a large white dog with a brown face standing in her family's driveway in the 4500 block of Eagle Lake Drive. There was no owner information on the tag affixed to the dog's collar. The name "Champ" was inscribed on the tag. There were no other identifiers. Sedgwick County Animal Control assisted with transporting the dog to the Wichita Animal Shelter.

July 3 — A man in the 4800 block of North Hedgerow reported his black Diamond Back bicycle was stolen out of the yard of his residence. He said his bicycle was last seen the evening of July 2 and was discovered missing the next morning. He did not have any knowledge of who might have taken his bicycle.

July 4 — Officer Forman stopped a black Pontiac G5 for failing to maintain a single lane of

travel in the 4600 block of North Farmstead, crossing the center line. Forman saw indications of driver impairment. The man admitted to consuming alcohol. The man agreed to standard field sobriety testing and performed poorly. The man was also found to be operating a vehicle without an ignition interlock device, which is a restriction of his driver's license. Richard Conrad Johnson Jr. of Bel Aire was arrested on a charge of DUI and other traffic charges.

July 4 — A man reported hearing the alarm on his Toyota Tundra sounding in the 4200 block of North Rushwood. The man said he opened his garage and observed the Toyota had been opened and rummaged through. The man reported nothing was missing from inside the vehicle.

July 4 — A man from El Paso, Texas, reported his 2013 Honda Odyssey as stolen in Bel Aire. It is maroon in color with a silver university of Kentucky sticker on the back window.

July 5 — Officer Gibson assisted the Kansas Highway Patrol with a hit-and-run crash. Upon arrival, Officer Gibson observed a white Toyota Camry in the middle of K-254 with extensive front-end and passenger-side damage with no occupants. Witnesses said the occupants got into a Chevy S10 (unknown color) and left eastbound on K-254. The Kansas Highway Patrol took over the crash investigation.

July 5 — A man from the 6500 block of East Odessa reported his ex-girlfriend was not following the court order allowing him to be allowed to take his children every other Friday. After some discussion, the woman agreed to follow the court order.

July 6 — A white Kia Soul was stopped for speeding in the 5000 block of North Oliver. The tag on the car belonged on another vehicle. The driver was cited.

July 6 — The turn-lane sign for westbound traffic in the 1100 block of East 53rd North was discovered broken at the base, and the turn-lane sign was discovered resting on the ground. There were no pedestrians or vehicles discovered in the immediate area of the turn-lane sign, and photographs were taken of the area and the sign.

July 6 — Officer Steele collected video evidence from the 5700 block of East Denise regarding previously reported attempted auto larcenies.

July 7 — A man located a brown and white Chihuahua near his residence. It was barking. The information on the dog's collar had some veterinarian information, the name "Mikey" and a phone number. The phone number was called, but no contact was made. The dog was transported to the Kansas Humane Society and placed in the overnight kennels.

July 7 — Officer Gibson was dispatched for a welfare check of a person stumbling on the road in the 4300 block of North Woodlawn. Gibson observed a known individual sitting on the ground with Sedgwick County Fire Squad 37 checking him out. Gibson could smell a strong odor of consumed alcohol coming from the man. The man's eyes were bloodshot, watery and glazed over, and he had slurred speech. He admitted to drinking a short time earlier. There were also two liquor bottles in the man's backpack. The man was cited for pedestrian under the influence of alcohol or drugs on a roadway. The man was taken to Wesley on Woodlawn for treatment and evaluation.

July 8 — A black Nissan Sentra was stopped for speeding in the 4900 block of North Oliver. The driver's Florida driver's license was suspended. The man was issued cited.

July 8 — A man came to the Bel Aire Police Department to turn in a license plate he found in the street at 40th North and Clarendon. It was submitted as evidence.

July 8 — A woman from the 4200 block of North Stratford reported that her husband had been gone from home much too long, and she reported she feared he might have had an accident or was lost. The woman reported to dispatch that her husband had dementia. He arrived home on his own, but appeared to be confused.

July 8 — Officers were sent to check the area of the 4400 block of Westlake Court for a subject opening mailboxes. The caller, who did not want to be contacted, was able to obtain a tag number. Officer Crice went by the address listed on the vehicle registration and spoke with a man. The man said he was dropping business cards off for his lawn care business.

July 8 — Officers stopped a vehicle without headlights in the 4000 block of North Edgemoor. The 16-year-old driver did not have a driver's license. Upon further investigation, it was found the driver only had a driver's education permit. The driver was issued a citation for driving against restrictions and without headlights when required.

July 8 — A man from the 5800 block of East Denise called 911 to report that his wife came home intoxicated and was acting belligerent. The disturbance was over her consuming excessive amounts of alcohol. The disturbance was determined to be a verbal dispute only. Both parties refused to leave the residence and agreed to remain civil while staying in separate rooms within the residence.

July 8 — Officers Manuel and

# New owners building their business

By Taylor Messick

SpringRo is a Vietnamese restaurant that opened on the northwest corner of 37th North and Woodlawn about four years ago. However, the restaurant has been under new ownership since last year.

Hai Do and his wife Vanessa Nguyen bought SpringRo in March of 2018. They operate the store as a family unit along with their daughter, Trish Do.

Hai said he was looking to open a restaurant because it has been Vanessa's dream for years. Vanessa is passionate about cooking Vietnamese food and the family has worked to make her dream a reality. They looked near 21st and Greenwich but found that the area was too expensive to rent restaurant space. That's when a friend told him about the former owner's desire to sell SpringRo.

Hai has worked at Hawker Beechcraft for



**Vanessa Nguyen and her daughter Trish Do prepare an order at SpringRo, which is at the corner of 37th and Woodlawn.**

over 20 years after arriving in Wichita about 25 years ago. Vanessa also worked at Hawker Beechcraft for 17 years on the assembly line while dreaming about sharing her culture's cuisine with the community. Hai still works at Hawker Beechcraft, splitting time at the restaurant. He has a degree in carpentry and also took electronics classes, but quit taking them to help purchase the restaurant. He

said the days can be long but getting to come into the environment he and Vanessa have created at SpringRo makes it worthwhile.

SpringRo had changed hands a couple times prior to Hai and Vanessa taking over. The couple wondered why the previous ventures were unsuccessful because they thought the location and the building were nice and welcoming features.

They decided to give the location a chance and kept a simple business model that they strongly believe in and abide by.

"Success comes a lot from how you run the business," said Hai.

He said that customer service, using the best possible ingredients, producing high-quality dishes and keeping a clean and nice environment are the keys to success. The business has gotten rave reviews despite very little online presence or promotion. They don't have a website and they don't post online. But they have received an award from Yelp for receiving positive reviews and they also boast a 4.6 out of five stars on Google. The restaurant makes all of its dishes — and even its sauces — from scratch. The sauces have become so popular that they have started selling them by the bottle.

They have kept the menu basically the same since taking over SpringRo, mainly out of necessity. Their small operation only allows them three or four employees at the moment and the kitchen is not equipped with the proper tools to cook some of the traditional Vietnamese dishes they would like to share with their customers; they hope to expand in the future. Hai said people were surprised to see that the menu was the same under the new owners, but the customers noticed a difference with Vanessa in the kitchen.

Another downside of being a small operation is that advertising to get the word out about the business can be costly and that's something Hai hasn't been eager to spend money on. Instead, he encouraged his wife to keep working. He already knew how good her cooking was and knew that all it would take was people coming in and talking about it to spread the word. And that's what has happened.

Customer service is

important to Hai. He boasts that they listen to their customers, take advice and make dishes however specifically the customers like to order them.

Hai says the customers are their advertisements. Hai said they are able to track credit card sales with an application that comes with their point-of-sale system. He pulled up the stats that showed over half are returning customers. The customers are helping breathe life into the business.

"We don't do it for money," said Hai. "We do it for passion. (Vanessa) doesn't think about money. She likes cooking and the money will come later.

When you cook something, look at it like an artist; if you're drawing a picture, you're not thinking about selling it. But if you work very hard and do it right, people will see. They will remember and they will come back. When food is cooked with love, it comes out just like art."

## Rec

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video game Fortnite on July 26. There was food, dance-offs, hidden treasures, costumes and water balloon fights.

The seventh annual Hot Dawgs Pool Party will be at the Central Park pool on Aug. 12. Admission is \$5 per dog and there is a two-dog per person limit. This year, the event is being split into two groups and there will be a 75-dog per group limit. Small and calm dogs are invited to the first session from 6 to 6:50 p.m. Big and active dogs are invited to the second session from 7:10 to 8 p.m. Prizes will be given to both groups for biggest splash, best dressed, cutest couple and best trick.

Fall activities signups are underway. Co-ed outdoor soccer registration ages 4 to 11 and co-ed flag football registration for third- through sixth-graders will be open until August 12.

Third- through sixth-grade volleyball registration closes Sept. 1. ActivStars Cheerleading enrollment and practice start Aug. 28. Youth jazz dance classes will begin on Aug. 29 for ages 4 to 10. Tumbling classes for ages 4 and up begin Sept. 3.

Most senior programs are free. Some of those programs include yoga, line dancing, aerobics, walking, sewing, gameday, pickleball and fitness.

One more event coming up that the rec center doesn't sponsor is National Night Out, which will be held at city hall from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 6. Local emergency services have been collecting school supplies to donate as a part of the event since July 8.



## You dig?

**Residents got a new toy in Bel Aire last month. City crews installed a sand area and a new digger in Central Park.**

Courtesy photo

## Police

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Crouse were dispatched to 45th and Auburn to check a man who had just been released from the hospital. Officers made contact with the man. He was with his daughter and said they needed a ride to the truck stop in Park City. The man's daughter initially gave officers false information, but her misdirection came to light and her real identity discovered. The daughter was listed as a runaway by the Wichita Police Department. As per policy, she was transported to the Wichita Children's Home.

July 8 — Officers observed a silver Dodge Ram traveling at a high rate of speed into the Dillon's parking lot and continue at a high rate of speed, with the vehicle's tires spinning. The 17-year-old driver said he stole the vehicle from his mother. During the investigation it was learned that the youth decided to drive the truck without permission from his mother while she was in the store. His mother did not want to pursue charges. The teenager was issued a citation for reckless driving and no driver's license.

July 9 — Officer Manuel stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 4900 block of North Oliver. The driver had a suspended driver's license. She was cited for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

July 9 — Officer Smithwick observed a silver Chevrolet Impala run a stop sign, nearly striking her patrol vehicle. The vehicle nearly struck a southbound vehicle as well. The vehicle turned south onto Woodlawn and proceeded to travel over the fog line onto the shoulder of the road twice. When stopped, the driver said her driver's license was suspended and she was just terminated from her place of employment. A driver's license and warrant check confirmed the woman's driver's license to be suspended. The driver was issued a citation for driving with a suspended license, running a stop sign and failing to drive on the right side of road.

July 9 — A man in the 5800 block of East Danbury reported his tan Ford Ranger pickup had been vandalized. The driver's side exterior door handle was broken off, the driver's side window was broken out, there was a circular puncture to the left of the steering wheel, the plastic covering to the speedometer was cracked, and the plastic under the steering wheel had been pulled out.

July 9 — Officers were dispatched to a welfare check of a man stumbling into traffic in the 4200 block of North Woodlawn. Officers observed a known individual walking north on Woodlawn on the road. The man stumbled onto the road into on-



## Patriotic pedalers

**Officer Gibson, Officer Trumbull and Chief Atteberry attend a Patriotic Bike Parade in the Westlake neighborhood on July 1.**

Courtesy photo

coming traffic. The man smelled of consumed alcoholic beverage. The man could not speak coherently. Jeffrey Joseph Gilmore, no address available, was arrested on a charge of pedestrian under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

July 9 — Officer Forman responded to a dispatched call to check the welfare of a juvenile walking east in the 6400 block of East 45th. Forman made contact with the youth. The youth said he was having issues with his stepfather and wanted to go for a walk. Forman advised the youth of the dangers of walking at 11:19 at night on dark roads and transported him back to his home, where he was returned to his mother.

July 10 — A woman in the 4900 block of East 45th reported she had contacted match.com's customer support to remove a site that she had not created. The customer service representative directed her to purchase Google Play cards, totaling \$600. She did. The customer service representative told her the cards would not work and directed her to purchase another \$500 Google Play card. The woman refused to purchase another card. She contacted Google regarding the scam, and she was told the Google Play cards went into someone's account, but they couldn't tell her who, due to privacy laws.

July 10 — A man from the 4500 block of North Westlake Court reported to the Bel Aire Police Department that he found a bicycle west of his residence on the sidewalk. The man did not know to whom the bicycle belonged. The bicycle was collected and placed into evidence.

July 11 — A woman reported that an unknown subject tossed an egg at her front door in the 5600 block of North Lycee. She said there have been several incidents like this around the apartment complex. No damage was done and it was cleaned up by building groundskeeper.

July 11 — A woman from the

6700 block of East Rodeo reported contact by text message from her ex-husband against whom she has a protective order.

July 11 — A 2016 Buick struck the culvert in front of Sedgwick County Fire Station 37. The vehicle was towed by Kidd's. No citation was issued. The driver was transported to Wesley.

July 12 — Officer Forman stopped a blue Dodge Avenger without taillights in the 4400 block of North Edgemoor. The driver provided him with an ID card. The man was driving with a suspended driver's license. The man also did not have proof of valid liability insurance. The man was cited for the violations.

July 12 — A local business in the 3900 block of North Woodlawn reported a woman contacted the business by phone and became belligerent. The woman was contacted by Officer Smithwick and told not to have any further contact with the business. The woman agreed not to contact the business anymore.

July 12 — The Bel Aire code enforcement officer reported that as she was at an address in the 5600 block of East Denise a man stopped in the street and started

cussing at her and another woman. He was threatening. The man was later contacted and advised to not have contact with anyone at the address.

July 12 — A woman in the 5700 block of North Lycee reported she wanted her mother out of her residence because she was in fear for her family's safety. The reporting party said her mother made a statement indicating depression. The woman said her mother had been staying with her since earlier in the month. The officers gave the daughter some options to help her mother.

July 13 — Officer Manuel stopped a red Chevy Impala in the 4300 block of North Rushwood without headlights on. The driver did not have a valid driver's license or proof of insurance. Also, the tag came back to a 2001 Volkswagen Beetle. The man was cited for the driver's license violation, improper license plate and driving without proof of liability insurance.

July 13 — Officer Steele drove up on an injury traffic crash south of 45th and Webb. The Wichita Police Department was responding to the call in their city. Steele checked on subjects in a sport

utility vehicle that rolled over. He also contacted the driver of another vehicle involved in the crash. He then assisted with traffic control.

July 13 — Officer Steele stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 4900 block of North Rock Road. The driver was later cited for speeding, driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license, display of a plate or decal on vehicle not issued to vehicle, and no proof of liability insurance. The man was arrested on a Wichita warrant. The suspect's name was not available.

July 14 — A man in the 5700 block of North Lycee reported the occupants of another apartment were engaging in noisy conduct. A man in the offending apartment was contacted and explained that he and some other people were having a birthday party. The loud noises ceased and the complainant did not wish to pursue charges.

July 14 — Officers Crouse and Forman stopped a white Mazda 3 for failing to stop at a stop sign in the 5500 block of North Lycee. The driver showed indicators of impairment. The driver submitted to a standard field sobriety test and provided a breath sample on a preliminary breath test device. Based on the outcome of the testing, the man was not arrested. During conversation with Crouse, a female passenger in the car admitted the driver had paid her for sexual relations but stated it occurred in Park City, Wichita or Sedgwick County, but not in Bel Aire. The man denied paying for sexual relations. The man was issued a citation for running a stop sign.

July 14 — A woman reported that her temporary foster child ran away from her foster home in the 5700 block of North Lycee. Officer Trumbull located the girl. The foster mother was indifferent as to whether or not to return the girl. The girl said she would continue to run away if taken back to the foster mother's home. The girl was transported to the Wichita Children's Home, where she was processed as a runaway.

July 14 — Officer Forman

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