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Three arrested on murder charges

Body found near Bel Aire

By Taylor Messick

The body of a Wichita man was found by a passerby around 7:30 a.m. Nov. 27 in the 12000 block of East 45th North near Bel Aire. The victim was identified as

Christian Osvaldo Hernandez, a 30-year-old Hispanic male.

Responding deputies noticed the man had suffered a gunshot wound to the body and he was pronounced dead at the scene. The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office an-

nounced that the case was being treated as a homicide and asked for the public's help on Nov. 29. The sheriff's office released pictures of a white, four-door sedan and asked for information about the vehicle in reference to the case.

That sedan was found thanks to the public's help and three men were arrested in connection with the shooting.

Thomas Ray Armstrong, 33, of Wichita was arrested Nov. 29. He was booked for suspicion of first-degree mur-

der, aggravated kidnapping and aggravated robbery.

Efrain Daniel Arroyo II, 30, of Derby was arrested on Nov. 30 and was also booked

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Mayor to choose council member

Applications sought

By Taylor Messick

The final member of the Bel Aire City Council will be selected by new Mayor Jim Benage in January 2020.

Benage was elected to the city council last year and was elected to replace Mayor David Austin this year. Benage officially took the mayoral seat on Dec. 3, which creates a vacancy on the city council for the two years of his term that remain.

The leading vote-getter who did not win one of the other two available council seats was John D. Welch. Council member Diane Wynn received one more vote than Welch.

However, Welch does not automatically take over Benage's council seat based on the number of votes he received in the election. Instead, the city will follow its policy of allowing for an application process.

The policy states that the city should fill the vacant seat by publicly declaring that applications for the position will be taken. A period of 45 days will then be allowed to give applicants time to submit their qualifications. Benage will choose an appointment and that person must be confirmed by the city council.

Applications, resumes and letters of interest will be taken until Jan. 20. They should be submitted to Benage at jbenage@belaireks.gov.

In other business, the council:

- Recognized outgoing members and seated new members.
- Held a public hearing for a 2019 sewer budget amendment.
- Unanimously approved a 2019 sewer fund budget amendment.
- Unanimously appointed Benage to the CCUA, PBC and WAMPO policy board.
- Unanimously appointed Justin Smith and Ken Lee to the CCUA.
- Unanimously appointed Joel Schroeder and Gary O'Neal to the PBC.
- Unanimously appointed Jeff Elshoff as council president.
- Unanimously accepted Joel Schroeder and Diane Wynn to the land bank.
- Unanimously approved Anne Stephens as an alternate on the WAMPO policy board.

Santa in town



Santa Claus visits with local families before Christmas. The Bel Aire Rec Center was able to convince Santa to show up at City Hall. Santa listened to wish lists and posed for pictures.

Courtesy photos

Development to include clubhouse

By Taylor Messick

On Dec. 3, the Bel Aire City Council unanimously approved a conditional-use request for Homestead Senior Housing Development.

In August of 2018, the council heard from Tom Bishop of Homestead Affordable Housing. He proposed the construction of

an affordable 60-unit community and community center for seniors located at the southeast corner of 53rd and Oliver. He said he hoped to put an additional 60 units on the lot in the future. They will either be fourplexes or duplexes and some will have garages.

The development was ready to move forward but the developer needed a conditional use approval

to build the desired clubhouse for the property.

"The planning commission reviewed and discussed whether it fit the character of the neighborhood, whether the size was intrusive, whether it added to the appeal and whether it was an appropriate accessory use," said city attorney Jacqueline Kelly. "They concluded that they would make

a recommendation to council to approve that conditional use. They had a chance to speak with the engineer, ask questions and even discuss some of the setback issues. Which, after reviewing the setup, they found that the setback issues weren't necessary to discuss any further."

Mayor Jim Benage said he has visited Homestead's develop-

ments in Haysville and Derby and he was impressed. He said he thought the developments looked good and is excited for the project to move forward. City Manager Ty Lasher said this land had been on the market for 15 or 20 years before being purchased.

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Mayor's corner

By Jim Benage

Now, we now start a new chapter in Bel Aire. I am humbled and amazed at the support I have received from the citizens and voters in Bel Aire. I promise to do my best to not let you down on your vote of confidence.

I hope you are having a blessed Christmas season.

In his last report, Mayor David Austin gave a good summary of recent activities on land and developments in Bel Aire. These all (except for the Homestead deal) occurred in just the last two to three months of 2019. It's a great start to build upon.

Former council member Jeff Hawes was a key player in the development of the K-254 Corridor Association. As we all know, K-254 needs some serious attention by the State of Kansas. I strongly support this association and have encouraged Bel Aire council members to be a part of it. It needs our continued support. At the council meeting on Dec. 12, we selected Diane Wynn to be Bel Aire's representative on the K-254 Board of Directors. The K-254 Corridor Association is open to all, so if you are interested in getting involved with this please contact Ty Lasher, our city manager.

We have an open city council seat for which we will continue to take applications until Jan. 20, 2020.

This vacancy is for the two years remaining of my term, ending Dec. 7, 2021. If you would like to be considered, please submit a letter of interest, resume and/or other pertinent supporting documents to me before the Jan. 20 deadline. The best way is to send me an e-mail at jbenage@belaireks.gov. I will then share the information you provide to all city council members. We could make a selection as early as Jan. 21, 2020, but must make a selection no later than April 1, 2020.

Due to some folks moving out of Bel Aire, we also have openings on the Planning Commission and Tree Board. If you would like to be considered for one of these, please email me. Two of the Planning Commission member opportunities have to live in the county within a three-mile radius of Bel Aire (but not within the limits of another city, e.g., not Wichita, not Kechi).

When I was first elected to the city council, I added the mayor, members of the city council and senior staff to my daily prayer list. Having taken on the role as mayor, I have added the entire city and all city employees to my prayer list. I ask that you add me to your prayer list. We cannot do this right if we do not have the guidance of our Lord.

It is an honor to serve as your mayor.

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Sunrise graduate sinks big shot

By Taylor Messick

College basketball fans were treated to one of the biggest upsets in recent history on Nov. 26 when Stephen F. Austin defeated Duke, 85-83, at Cameron Indoor Stadium in Durham, N.C.

Duke was ranked the No. 1 team in the country coming into the game. The Blue Devils had won 150 straight games at home against non-conference opponents dating back to 2000. Some of the names on the Duke roster last time they lost to a non-ACC team at home were former NBA players Jay Williams, Shane Battier and Carlos Boozer.

After 19 years, the Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks out of Nacogdoches, Texas, from the Southland Conference got it done. The Lumberjacks have been a great story recently in college hoops. They have made the NCAA tournament four times in the last five seasons. They were able to pull off first-round upsets and advance to the second round of the tournament in 2014 and 2016.

Stephen F. Austin didn't shy away from the spotlight in North Carolina last month and fought tooth-and-nail for a win that any tournament hopeful would want on their resume. The Lumberjacks outscored Duke by five points in the

second half to end regulation in an 81-81 tie. The Blue Devils had several opportunities for a game-winner at the buzzer but could not get an easy look on the pesky Stephen F. Austin defense.

The overtime period was just as exciting as regulation and the teams had each scored just one basket heading into the final minute. Duke had the ball with about 10 seconds left and tried to pass into the paint for the final shot. The pass was deflected and Lumberjack forward Gavin Kensmill dove on the floor, secured the ball and threw a miraculous outlet pass to half court from the ground. That's when the biggest

moment of the game was claimed by a player who has a local connection. Senior Nathan Bain took Kensmill's outlet pass and had the awareness to take the ball to the other end for a game-winning layup in about three seconds. No one expected Bain to try to get to the basket. The announcers were screaming for the Lumberjacks to call a timeout and many of the Duke players stood on the court in disbelief as Bain completed the most intense, routine layup of his career.

Bain came to Kansas from Freeport, Bahamas, in 2012 to play basketball for Sunrise Christian Academy, but his family

stayed behind. His family and community were affected by Hurricane Dorian in the fall and lost almost everything they own. The fifth-year senior considered going home to help his family but said his father convinced him to stay and finish his college career.

Wanting to help in any way he could, Bain set up a GoFundMe site with a goal of \$50,000. Since hitting the shot to beat one of college basketball's biggest foes, the page has raised a total of \$146,024.

Taylor Messick is a reporter for *The Bel Aire Breeze*. Reach him at 755-0821 or taylor@arkvalleynews.com.

City council confirms board appointments

By Taylor Messick

At its Dec. 17 meeting, the Bel Aire City Council confirmed appointments to a couple of boards. Alternate delegates were also selected.

Council member Diane Wynn was unanimously appointed as the city's representative to the Regional Economic Area Partnership. Wynn previously served this role during her first stint on the city council and showed interest in the board again when she was re-elected. City Manager Ty Lasher was unanimously confirmed as Wynn's alternate.

Wynn was also unanimously appointed as the

city's representative to the K-254 Corridor Development Association. Former council member Jeff Hawes was an integral part of starting the committee and gathering support from other communities and entities. However, Hawes was unseated in November which left a vacancy in Bel Aire's seat on the board of directors. Mayor Jim Benage and Lasher were both unanimously confirmed as alternates.

At the council's previous meeting on Dec. 3, Wynn questioned Benage's availability for a couple other boards. Benage was unanimously confirmed to the Chisholm

Creek Utility Authority, the Public Building Commission and the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. Wynn asked Benage if he would be able to attend all of the meetings.

"I noticed that you also have noted that you would like to appoint yourself to a couple of other positions very similar to this," said Wynn. "During the campaign, it was brought to my attention — because I wasn't necessarily aware of it — that you have not attended quite a few of the council meetings. And all of these, the CUA, the Public Building Commission, WAMPO are stellar meetings that need to be

filled. It concerns me a little bit that you've named yourself as candidate for three of them."

"I appreciate your concern," replied Benage. "The CUA meets at 4:30 the fourth Thursday of the month. I have locked my schedule to attend those as much as physically possible. The PBC meets only ad hoc if there are issues to discuss. Those meetings, depending on how active we are, may or may not occur at all. Hopefully, they will be very active. The last one is WAMPO and I have been involved with WAMPO."

In other business, the council:

- Unanimously approved the agenda, consent agenda and

appropriations ordinance 19-24 in the amount of \$782,956.12.

- Unanimously approved agreements with Garver LLC for the design of Rock Spring 3rd Addition infrastructure improvements and a new sewer lift station.

- Unanimously approved an agreement with Sedgwick County for 2020 Level 1 funding of the Senior Center.

- Unanimously approved a farm lease for Mike Bohannon for land in Sunflower Commerce Park.

- Unanimously approved bonuses of 1 percent of salary (not to exceed \$500) for all employees except the city attorney and city manager. A 1.5 percent of land sale bonus for the city manager and a 1 percent of land sale bonus for the city attorney were also unanimously approved.

- Met in two executive sessions for a total of 30 to discuss "personnel matters."

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran-ELCA

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

Worship services are held at 9 a.m. (contemporary) and 11 (traditional). Communion is offered at both services. Sunday School for all ages begins at 10:10 a.m.

For more information about the church and its activities, find us online at www.christ-lutheran.org, on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CLC-wichita/> or call 744-1242.

Chad Langdon is the pastor.

Church of the Resurrection

Church of the Resurrection (Roman Catholic) is located at 4910 N. Woodlawn in Bel Aire.

Masses for the Lord's day are 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday. Weekday masses are 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

Ryan's Dog Grooming
217 N. Oliver
Kechi, KS
371-7258

Church will host a free family fun event 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@sbglobal.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.

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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 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.

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.

Worship with us Sunday Adult Class at 9 a.m., morning prayer at 9:45 a.m. and Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m., and Wednesday Holy Eucharist at 6 p.m.

Men's Bible study group meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Monday.

Women's Bible study group meets at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Friday.

Wednesday service is at 6 p.m.

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For more information call 734-6248 or go online www.saintmichaelorthodoxchurch.com. Email inquiries to jjflora@icloud.com.

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.

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

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Making Bel Aire Bright contest winners



Winning first place was 4424 N. Rushwood with 94 votes.



Taking second with 64 votes was 5140 E. 53rd North.



Third place went to 4352 N. Eagle Lake Court with 61 votes.

Wreath ceremony honors veterans

By The News staff

The gravesites of military veterans were adorned with wreaths in December as local organizations participated in Wreaths Across America.

In Valley Center Cemetery Dec. 14, family members and local Boy Scouts carried wreaths to the graves of local veterans.

The annual event was organized by Little Arkansas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Also helping were Boy Scouts from Troop 494 and members of the

local American Legion Post.

Valley Center Mayor Laurie Dove and Kansas House Rep. Steve Huebert addressed the crowd gathered in the cemetery.

The Little Arkansas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution said Wreaths Across America is offering a jumpstart on next year.

Through Jan. 15, wreath orders placed through the fundraising group (DAR) will be buy one, get one free. Call 512-1073 or email LittleArkansasDAR@gmail.com to order. Online orders must be at www.wreathscrossamerica.org/KS0063.



Boy Scout Aiden Crippen places a wreath at the grave of a military veteran in Valley Center Cemetery Dec. 14.

Chris Strunk

HIGHLIGHTS

Local student graduates

Jack David Nibert of Wichita was among 1,404 graduates who received degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln during winter commencement exercises Dec. 20 and 21.

Nibert earned a bachelor of science in business administration from the College of Business.

— The Breeze staff

Resident found sleeping

He wasn't missing. He was just tired.

On Nov. 23, a representative from Catholic Care Center called 911 to report that a resident had gone missing, and the man was last seen about 6:30 p.m.

Police and staff conducted an exhaustive search of the facility.

The man was located. Apparently, he went into someone else's apartment and fell asleep.

— The Breeze staff

Woman schooled in 911

A Bel Aire resident got a lesson in 911 protocol last month.

On Dec. 9, Bel Aire police were dispatched to a home in the 6300 block of East Quail Ridge regarding a person sending "provocative" text messages to Sedgwick County 911, police said.

Emergency communications was able to use the previous 911 calls to trace the sender's phone. Police made contact with the woman who agreed to let a Sedgwick County deputy look at the text messages in her cellphone. The deputy discovered

that the woman forwarded to 911 an argumentative text message with profane language from her boyfriend about sleeping with another woman. The woman then took a screenshot of that text message to 911 and sent it to her boyfriend.

The woman said that it was an accident and that she didn't even know how to send things to 911 Emergency Communications.

The woman was told that if she was fighting with her boyfriend and needs help from police, she should call 911. She was also advised that 911 should not be used as leverage during an argument with her boyfriend. She was told that continued abuse of emergency services could result in criminal charges.

— The Breeze staff

Response team continues

Sedgwick County officials decided last month to extend the ICT-1 program.

The program (Integrated Care Team) is designed to better handle emergency calls involving mental health issues, sending out three-person teams of a law enforcement officer, a mental health professional and a paramedic.

During the pilot period, July 30 through Oct. 31, the team treated 205 patients in Sedgwick County and spent an average of three hours per patient.

The team was able to treat 51 percent of patients in place. They were able to transfer 16 percent of patients to a different local resource (EMS, law enforcement).

During the trial period, 329 public safety resources (law enforcement units, fire trucks, and ambulances) were able to respond

to other emergencies. The team was able to prevent 114 visits to the COM-CARE Crisis Center and 92 trips to the emergency room.

Extending the program will allow the team to gather additional information.

— The Breeze staff

Park City clinic to open Jan. 6

Newton Medical Center announced this week that the Park City Walk-in Health Clinic will open Jan. 6.

Located at 1755 E. 61st North, the new clinic occupies the same building that housed Park City Family Medicine since 2010.

The clinic will offer same-day non-emergency treatment for illnesses including sinus infections and the flu, as well as for injuries such as sprains, strains or minor lacerations. School and Department of Transportation physicals will also be available. Additionally, the clinic will provide vaccines for flu and tetanus.

The clinic will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends.

A grand opening and teddy bear clinic will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Jan. 4.

Park City Family Medicine will formally merge with Medical Plaza of Valley Center on Jan. 1, providing primary care services.

— The Breeze staff

Student in honor society

Meg Perez of Wichita was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate

honor society. Perez was initiated at Oklahoma State University.

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

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L.

Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States and the Philippines.

— The Breeze staff

Traffic stop leads to chase

A traffic stop in Valley Center ended in a chase across north Sedgwick County Dec. 18. The suspect got away.

Valley Center police stopped a pickup for a minor traffic violation at 69th North and Seneca in the evening on Dec. 18.

While an officer was trying to place the driver under arrest on a warrant, the vehicle sped away. The pursuit was disregarded at 45th and Oliver. The driver fled from his vehicle.

Bel Aire police later found the suspect's truck. Police were able to

identify the suspect, but no arrests had been made as of late last week.

— The Breeze staff

'In the Rain' dates set

Christian Youth Theater will present "Singin' in the Rain" at Isely Traditional Magnet School in Bel Aire.

Tickets are available online at cytwichita.org or by calling 682-1688.

Shows will be 7 p.m. Jan. 30 and Jan. 31, and 7 p.m. Feb. 1.

— The Breeze staff

Scouts to have chili benefit

Cub Scout Pack 404 of the Kechi and Park City area will have a chili and chicken noodle soup dinner from 3 to 7 p.m. Jan. 25 at Kechi United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$10 adults \$6 kids. Carryout is available. Tickets are available at the door or in advance by calling Sarai Penrod at 719-9098.

Proceeds will be used to cover the raise in cost of the scouting program in an effort to keep it affordable for all Scouts.

— The Breeze staff

DEATH

EDITH BURNS

Edith Bernice (Hayes) Burns, 91, of Wichita, died Dec. 4, 2019.



Burns

She was born Sept. 6, 1928, to Oscar R. and Nina E. (Wallington) Hayes in Arkansas

City. She graduated from Ark City High School in 1946. She married Samuel R. Burns on June 24, 1949, in Arkansas City. They lived in Winfield, Arkansas City, Bartlesville, Okla., Newton, Oklahoma City and Ponca City, Okla. She had lived the last two years at Sedgwick Plaza Independent Living in Wichita. She worked as a clerk for Santa Fe Railroad for many years and as a bookkeeper for several other companies. She was preceded in

death by her parents, husband, two sisters and two brothers. Survivors include her children Linda Burns of Bel Aire, Jack (Kathy) Burns of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Carol Burns of Edmond, Okla.; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A private family burial was held, along with a celebration of life. Memorials to Sedgwick Plaza Independent Living may be made through Rindt-Erdman Funeral Home and Crematory.

Murder

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for suspicion of first-degree murder, aggravated kidnapping and aggravated robbery. Additionally, Arroyo was booked on four contempt of court charges from unrelated cases in Wichita.

A third man, 40-year-old Dustyn Brown, was arrested days later on charges of aggravated kidnapping, aggravated robbery and three counts of criminal possession of a firearm.

According to a probable cause affidavit, police say Hernandez's body was found with his hands tied behind his back and four gunshot wounds to the head.

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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., Friday 5 to 7 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

- Dec. 31** — New Year's Eve, noon, City Hall
 - city offices close at noon
 - Jan. 1** — New Year's Day, city offices closed
 - Jan. 6** — Municipal Court, 7 p.m., City Hall
 - Jan. 7** — City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall
 - Jan. 8** — Lions Club, 11:30 a.m., Gospel Assembly Church
 - Jan. 9** — Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall
 - Jan. 16** — Municipal Court, noon, City Hall
 - Jan. 16** — Utility Advisory Committee, noon, City Hall
 - Jan. 20** — Martin Luther King Jr. Day, City Hall closed
 - Jan. 21** — City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall
 - Jan. 22** — Lions Club, 11:30 a.m., Gospel Assembly Church
 - Jan. 23** — Bel Aire Then & Now, 4:30 p.m., City Hall
- More information can be found at www.belaireks.gov.*

Monthly & Special Events

- Jan. 1** — City Hall and Rec Center closed for New Year's Day
- Jan. 2, 1 p.m.** — Hand and foot canasta card game, Senior Center, RSVP
- Jan. 8, 10 a.m.** — WSU Public Policy and Management Center 2020 Senior Activity Planning, Rec Center
- Jan. 8, 10 a.m.** — Volunteer library work group, Senior Center
- Jan. 9, 2 p.m.** — Open card and board games, Senior Center
- Jan. 15, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.** — Blood pressure check (sponsored by Catholic Care), Rec Center
- Jan. 15, 1 p.m.** — Book Club meeting, Senior Center
- Jan. 16, 1 p.m.** — Hand and foot canasta, card game, Senior Center, RSVP
- Jan. 21** — Ladies dine out, call Anita 744-2840 for more info
- Jan. 23, 2 p.m.** — Open card and board games, Senior Center
- Jan. 27, noon** — Covered dish dinner & program, Rec Center

Bel Aire Recreation

HELP WANTED

We are accepting applications for dance instructor. Classes are held on weeknights or Saturdays. Contact Ashley Sherwood at asherwood@belaireks.gov if interested.

3 on 3 Basketball (grades 1/2 & 3/4)

Separate boys and girls divisions began practice in December with games scheduled to begin in January. This is a joint league with Valley Center Rec with games played at both locations. Practices will be held at Bel Aire Rec. **Registration deadline has passed but limited openings remain.**

Holiday Craft Series

Create a holiday craft and make a seasonal treat. \$8 per session for adult and child or \$20 for three sessions. \$3 for each additional child. **Feb. 8 at 9 a.m.**

ActivStars Cheerleading

Come cheer at Bel Aire Rec! Sign up at www.mw.activstars.com starting at \$9 per class. **Enrollment & practice begins Jan. 21 (Tuesday evenings).**

ActivStars Gymnastics

Come tumble at Bel Aire Rec! Sign up at www.mw.activstars.com starting at \$9 per class. **Enrollment & practice begins Jan. 20 (Monday evenings).**

Indoor Soccer

For ages 4 through 11. Practice begins the last week of February and games are scheduled to begin March 7. **Registration deadline is Feb. 11.**

Wichita Heights Junior Baseball/Softball League

For boys ages 11 through 14 and girls ages 11 through 15. **Registration restrictions apply; please call for more information. Registration deadline is Feb. 29.**

Taekwondo (ages 5 & up)

Classes meet Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. These are great classes for beginners to black belts.

Dynamic Aging

Geared toward individuals age 50. Practice a variety of movements in a safe environment. Classes meet at 9 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Adult Pickleball

Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in the Rec Center gymnasium. \$2 drop-in fee.

Yoga

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

Barn Quilt Workshop

Bring the beauty of quilts to the city. No skills needed. For this class you will take home a finished project. Space is limited; please call to reserve a spot. 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. Meets Wednesdays from 9 to 10 a.m.

Fitness Center

Need a place to work on your New Year's resolutions? Check out our fitness center. The Fitness Center consists of 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, blood pressure checks and more. **Please call Bel Aire Rec for more information.**

For more info about any Bel Aire rec program, call 744-2700, visit www.belaireks.gov or follow us on Facebook @BelAireRec.

DID YOU KNOW?

Water and sewer rates change in January and winter leaks could raise your bills for 12 months!

Water Rate — An annual 3% rate increase occurs in January, to offset inflation and fluctuating costs for providing water. Other rate increases may be approved as necessary. Bel Aire receives water from two organizations: the City of Wichita and Chisholm Creek Utility Authority (CCUA). When treatment costs rise for Wichita or CCUA, costs may be passed on to Bel Aire consumers.

Sewer Rate — An annual 3% rate increase occurs in January. Also, your sewer rate is calculated based on your "winter average consumption" (WAC). Your WAC is your average monthly water usage in **December, January and February. Leaks at this time could significantly affect your sewer rate for the next year. Even a pinhole-sized water leak wastes 3,600 gallons per month!**

So repair leaks now. Free toilet leak test kits are available at City Hall, 7651 E Central Park Ave. For how to find leaks, see <http://smarthomewaterguide.org/>

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BEL AIRE THEN & NOW

City of the Future with Respect for Its Past
JANUARY 23RD, 2020
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Enjoy an evening viewing exhibits of Bel Aire's 40 years as a City. Guest Speaker Jay M. Price, author of "A City of the Future - The Story of Bel Aire, Kansas" will be the guest speaker. Enter a drawing to receive his book for free!!

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- Planning Commission (3 vacancies)
- City Council* (1 vacancy)

*The deadline to submit your letter of interest is January 21st.
To submit your application or letter of interest, e-mail Mayor Jim Benage at jbenage@belaireks.gov. Visit www.belaireks.gov for more information.

CHRISTMAS TREE DROP-OFF

- Central Park Pool Parking Lot (7350 E Central Park Ave)
- Open until January 31st
- Remove lights, tinsel & ornaments.

City of Bel Aire

BEL AIRE POLICE REPORTS

Nov. 15 — A man from the 5300 block of East 49th North Court called the Bel Aire Police Department to report three unlocked vehicles were gone through. The man reported a black leather wallet containing his paper driver's license and a MasterCard was missing from his red 2006 Honda Civic that was parked in the street. The other two vehicles were parked in the driveway and only gone through with nothing missing. The MasterCard that was left in the unsecured vehicle was later used at a Kwik Shop in Wichita.

Nov. 15 — A man from the 4400 block of North Rushwood Court called the Bel Aire Police Department to report his unlocked 2018 white Chevy Silverado work truck that was parked in his driveway had been gone through. He reported nothing was missing.

Nov. 15 — A woman from the 4900 block of East Willow Point Court report two unsecured vehicles in her driveway were ransacked during the night. A set of business keys was stolen from one of the unsecured vehicles.

Nov. 15 — A woman from the 4800 block of North Hedgerow called the Bel Aire Police Department to report her unlocked 2015 red Ford Focus that was parked in her driveway had been gone through. The woman reported a tan wallet containing her Kansas driver's license, Intrust Bank debit card, Discover card and a \$50.00 Abercrombie gift card was missing. The woman also stated that three pairs of sunglasses had been pilfered from the unsecured vehicle. The woman's debit cards and credit card were used at Dillon's, Walgreens, Kwik Shop, Burger King and Petro American Gas Station in Wichita.

Nov. 15 — A man from the 4300 block of North Rushwood Court called the Bel Aire Police Department to report his unlocked 1999 black Ford F350 parked in his driveway was rummaged through overnight. The man reported a Condor mollie pouch, Condor chest pack and a Fatmax jump box were missing from the unsecured vehicle.

Nov. 15 — A woman from the 4200 block of North Eagle Lake Court reported that an unknown person used a company credit card without permission.

Nov. 15 — A resident reported an unknown man knocked on his front door in the 4800 block of North Hedgerow Court. The resident said he turned the porch light on and it appeared to startle the man, causing him to run back to a vehicle that was parked in the driveway. The man left southbound on Hedgerow in a dark sedan (possibly a 2000 Chevrolet).

Nov. 15 — Officer Moore stopped a vehicle for having no headlights on in the 5000 block of North Rock Road. The driver did not have a U.S. driver's license. After explaining he had already been to court for the same violation, he was issued citations for driving without a valid driver's license and headlights required. Another driver came to the scene to take the vehicle.

Nov. 16 — A woman from the 5700 block of North Lycee reported she grabbed the steering wheel of a vehicle belonging to the father of her child in an effort to prevent him from driving away. The man grabbed her by the hand and broke. The woman said the man broke her fingernail as she continued to grab the steering wheel. She eventually let go and he stopped grabbing her wrist. Then, the man jumped out of the vehicle, pushed the woman and then started choking her. She was thrown to the ground and struck. Investigation is ongoing.

Nov. 17 — Officer Crouse stopped a white GMC Yukon in the 4800 block of North Woodlawn after it failed to stop at a stop sign and failed to maintain a single lane multiple times. The driver had bloodshot watery eyes. The driver also had slurred speech. Alcoholic beverages were observed in the vehicle. The driver was arrested on a charge of DUI and other traffic charges. The suspect's name was not available.

Nov. 17 — A man in the 5700 block of East Memphis reported his unsecured vehicles had been ransacked. The man said nothing had been taken.

Nov. 18 — Officers Toomey and Steele responded to a call to check the welfare of citizen in the 5700 block of North Lycee. The dispatcher advised that KU Pediatrics needed help tracking a child down. The child was later located in Wichita.

Nov. 18 — A woman in the 7400 block of East Summerside reported she returned home to find the front door and rear door open at her residence.

Nov. 18 — Officer Manuel stopped a silver Chevy Malibu in the 4800 block of East 37th North for having only one headlight. The driver was arrested on a warrant and on charges of driving with a suspended license and driving without an alcohol interlock device. The suspect's name was not available.

Nov. 19 — A man from the 4200 block of North Westlake came to the Bel Aire Police Department to report a package was missing from his front porch. The package was later located safe and secure at a neighbor's residence.

Nov. 19 — Officer Manuel was dispatched to a check the welfare call in the 4800 block of North Farmstead Court. A friend of the person being checked on reported to Wichita State Uni-



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Red ribbons

Members of the DUI Victims Center of Kansas came by the Bel Aire Police Station Nov. 22 to present the department with red ribbons to place on their patrol vehicles. Each red ribbon is marked with the name of a person who was either killed or seriously injured by a drunk driver.

versity police dispatch that her friend had taken a large amount of Melatonin in an attempt to overdose. Manuel contacted the person's parents at the Bel Aire address. They had not seen their child in over 24 hours. The person was later found in south Wichita. The person was transported by EMS to St. Joseph and was admitted.

Nov. 20 — A man in the 4900 block of North Farmstead reported an issue with a neighbor's dog barking throughout the day. He also reported that during the weekends the dog barks more frequently. Officer Steele contacted the owner of the dog. The owner of the dog did not think her dog barks an unreasonable amount. Investigation is ongoing.

Nov. 20 — A man from the 5400 block of Prairie Hawk called the Bel Aire Police Department to report his license plate was being kept by an unknown individual to whom he sold his 2003 teal Acura MDX three weeks ago. The man did not know the tag number or the VIN number from the vehicle he sold. The man was at the tag office at the time of the report and only needed a case number to get a replacement tag for the new vehicle he purchased.

Nov. 21 — Officer Crouse stopped a green Ford Explorer for failing to maintain a single lane in the 3800 block of North Woodlawn. Albert B. Boomer of Wichita was arrested on charges of driving with a revoked license, driving while a habitual violator, no proof of insurance and possession of marijuana.

Nov. 22 — A man went to the Bel Aire Police Department to pay on what he thought was a fine. Instead, the man, Bagalwa Ntaganira of Wichita, was arrested on two Bel Aire warrants for failure to appear. The two warrants were on the two traffic cases for which he was coming to pay the fines.

Nov. 22 — A man in the 6600 block of East Perryton reported calling a phone number on an e-mail he received. The person on the line attempted to get the man to go to Target to get \$5,000 worth of gift cards to offset a claimed debt he had no knowledge of. The man called 911 and ended communication with the unknown suspect.

Nov. 23 — The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office requested assistance with an intoxicated driver and passenger of a vehicle that was stopped in the 8700 block of East 61st North. Officer Manuel stood by as backup and later transported the passenger to an address in Wichita.

Nov. 23 — A vehicle collided with a deer in the 5000 block of North Greenwch. The driver suffered a minor injury to her left hand.

Nov. 23 — Officer Steele and Deputy Rolston of the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office responded to a check residence call in the 5800 block of East Denise. Two people showed them what appeared to be two bullet holes in the front door of the residence.

Nov. 23 — A representative from Catholic Care Center called 911 and reported that a resident was missing. The man was last seen about 6:30 p.m. After an exhaustive search of the facility, the man was located. He had gone into someone else's apartment and fell asleep.

Nov. 24 — Bel Aire officers assisted with a traffic wreck in the 4800 block of North Hillside. The Kechi Police Department reported a vehicle was traveling 134 mph west on K-254. An officer found the vehicle at 4800 N. Hillside rolled over and wrecked. The vehicle had three occupants who all walked away from the accident.

Nov. 24 — A man in the 4400 block of Westlake Court reported someone broke the rear driver's-side window of his Ford F-150 and took about \$1,200 in hunting gear.

Nov. 24 — A man in the 4400 block of Westlake Court reported someone took a box of books and a Garmin GPS out of his unlocked Toyota Rav4, for a total loss of \$60.

Nov. 24 — A woman in the 4400 block of Westlake Court reported someone broke the rear driver's-side window of her

Toyota Highlander and took a checkbook, purse, wallet, cash, credit cards and stethoscope. The estimated total loss was \$300. The woman got a fraud alert that an unknown individual attempted to use one of the credit cards for \$1,684.22 at Dillon's at Central and Rock Road. Investigation is ongoing.

Nov. 24 — A man in the 4400 block of Westlake Court reported an unknown person took an Old Navy jacket out of his unlocked vehicle.

Nov. 24 — A woman in the 4400 block of Westlake Court reported an unknown person opened the trunk to her unlocked vehicle and took a bucket containing an emergency vehicle kit.

Nov. 24 — A man reported an unknown person entered his unlocked vehicle while it was parked in his driveway. The person took a variety of items valued at \$1,700. The unknown person then used the garage door opener from inside the vehicle to open the garage door and access another unlocked vehicle inside the garage where nothing appeared to have been taken. The man and his wife were inside the residence asleep when the garage door was opened.

Nov. 24 — Officer Steele and a sheriff's deputy responded to a domestic violence call in the 4000 block of North Farmstead. Steele contacted a woman who reported there had been loud arguing. Officer Steele

Nov. 24 — A woman reported a Glock 31 stolen from an unlocked 2009 Nissan Altima in the 4400 block of North Edgemoor. The woman advised the firearm belonged to her boyfriend.

Nov. 25 — A woman reported that when she was hospitalized recently, some items disappeared from her home in the 6500 block of East St. James Place. She reported a Social Security card and a cellular telephone were missing. The woman said she had packed in anticipation of moving, and she is now not able to locate the items.

Nov. 25 — Officer Crice was called to Isely Elementary in reference to a child afraid to go home. She contacted a 10-year-old female who said she reported a domestic violence case over the weekend and was afraid that her stepdad would be mad. The school made a DCF case.

Nov. 25 — Sgt. Davis stopped a Ford Mustang for speeding in the 5000 block of East 37th North. The driver was operating the vehicle without a valid driver's license or insurance. Additionally, the license plate on the car was not assigned to the vehicle. The driver was cited for the violations.

Nov. 25 — Officer Trumbull was dispatched to an unknown call for police in the 5300 block of Peblecreek Court. A woman called 911 and reported a disturbance between her daughter and her husband.

Nov. 25 — Officer Manuel stopped a juvenile male who was walking in the middle of the street in the 7100 block of East 45th North. The boy was using socks for gloves. The boy said he was a runaway from a group residential home at 45th and Webb and he didn't want to return home. The group residential home told Manuel it did not wish to take the boy back. Manuel transported the boy to the Wichita Children's Home.

Nov. 26 — While Officer Manuel was at the Wichita Children's Home, an unknown call for police with a disturbance in the background was dispatched to the 4000 block of North Clarendon. Manuel responded with the Kechi Police Department and the Sedgwick County Sheriff Office.

Nov. 26 — A woman from the 5100 block of North Colonia went to the Bel Aire Police Department to report a vehicle that was parked too close to a stop sign. Officer Steele contacted the owner of the vehicle and explained the parking laws to him.

Nov. 27 — Officers responded to check the welfare of a citizen at Greenwich and 45th. A deceased male subject was located. The location was in the county so the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office handled the investigation of the incident.

Nov. 26 — A woman from

with marijuana residue. The driver said that he has smoked out of the dab pen before. The front passenger said the pipe with burnt marijuana was his. The driver was cited for speeding and both were given notices to appear in court for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Dec. 3 — A man reported his cat was attacked by the neighbor's dog in the 5100 block of North Colonial. The man said his wife was home and heard the attack. She went outside and found their cat being attacked by the neighbor's dog. The cat was unresponsive and limp. The cat was taken to the vet hospital for evaluation. The dog's owner said the dog got out of the house when her stepson left for school, and the invisible fence on her property did not stop the dog from running away. The dog owner was issued a notice to appear in court.

Dec. 3 — Officers were dispatched to a vacant residence to check for suspicious characters possibly inside in the 4100 block of Clarendon. Lt. Foxx and Officer Trumbull arrived and found two teens inside the residence. A heavy odor of marijuana was emitting from the residence and one of the teens admitted the marijuana was his. The other teen became belligerent and while being escorted to the patrol vehicles began to pull away from Foxx. As the teen was being placed in a patrol vehicle, the teen spit in Foxx's face. The teen also made several statements about wanting to harm himself. The teen was transported to St. Joseph's, where he was evaluated and admitted for his safety. The teen was cited for trespassing, resisting arrest and battery of a law enforcement officer. The other teen was cited for trespassing and possession of marijuana.

Dec. 4 — A vehicle was stopped in the 4600 block of North Rock Road for expired registration. The driver was cited for driving without a driver's license and driving on an expired registration.

Dec. 5 — A silver Chevrolet Equinox was stopped for speeding in the 4700 block of North Rock Road. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended driver's license and speeding.

Dec. 5 — A woman in the 4100 block of North Edgemoor reported the loss of a handicap parking permit. She last saw it about three weeks ago, and believes that she may have dropped it when removing other items from the glovebox.

Dec. 5 — Officer Smithwick observed a Chevrolet S-10 truck with a tow sticker on the rear driver's-side window. The tow sticker had been placed there by Chief Atteberry. The tow sticker warning showed the date to be removed from the street. It had not been moved. Smithwick contacted Kidd's Tow All and the vehicle was towed from the road.

Dec. 6 — Lt. Foxx responded to a call of a suspicious vehicle driving slowly through the area following package delivery drivers in the 5600 block of North Lycee Court. The vehicle, a tan older model Toyota Camry, was occupied by two females wearing scarves around their heads. The area was checked and the suspect vehicle was not located.

Dec. 7 — Officer Manuel stopped a vehicle for running a red light at 37th and Woodlawn. The driver's license was suspended and the vehicle didn't have a required ignition interlock device.

Dec. 7 — Officer Crouse stopped a silver 2001 Toyota Camry for speeding on Oliver. The driver was arrested on charges of driving with a revoked license and no insurance. The suspect's name was not available.

Dec. 7 — Officer Toomey stopped a dark blue SUV for speeding in the 5000 block of North Rock Road. The driver was cited for speeding and for never having been licensed. The licensed passenger switched to the driver's seat to drive and both were released.

Dec. 7 — A woman in the 5700 block of North Lycee reported her adult daughter became belligerent and angry and refused to leave the woman's residence. The daughter does not reside at the woman's residence. The daughter was cooperative with Officer Gibson and he transported her to a relative's home in Wichita.

Dec. 8 — Officer Manuel stopped a silver Dodge Charger for speeding in the 7300 block of East 45th North. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license. The vehicle was searched due to the odor of marijuana, but only remnants were located.

Dec. 9 — Officer Manuel was dispatched to an address in the 6300 block of East Quail Ridge regarding a person sending "provocative" text messages to Sedgwick County 911. Emergency communications was able to use the previous 911 calls to

trace the sender's phone. Officer Manuel and Deputy Langford made contact with the woman who agreed to let Deputy Langford look at her text messages in her cellphone. Deputy Langford discovered that the woman forwarded an argumentative text message with profane language from her boyfriend about sleeping with another woman to Sedgwick County 911. The woman then took a screenshot of that text message to 911 and sent it to her boyfriend. The woman said that it was an accident and that she didn't even know how to send things to 911 Emergency Communications. The woman was told that if she was fighting with her boyfriend and needs help from police, she should call 911. She was also advised that 911 should not be used as leverage during an argument with her boyfriend. She was told that continued abuse of emergency services could result in criminal charges.

Dec. 9 — A man in the 4200 block of North St. James Court reported his 2005 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 was stolen out of his driveway. The truck was running with the keys in the ignition. The truck was entered into NCIC.

Dec. 10 — Officer Steele responded to a call of an animal problem between two neighbors in the 6600 block of East St. James Place. One neighbor has cats that he lets outside. While outside, the cats use the neighbor's yard as a litter box. The neighbor without the cats has tried to get the neighbor with the cats to deal with the issue. The neighbor with the cats has not shown a willingness to resolve the nuisance issue. The owner of the cats has been contacted and made aware of Bel Aire ordinance.

Dec. 10 — A woman in the 4100 block of North Clarendon called to report that she has a neighbor who walks around in his home with the windows open pleasuring himself. She said she has observed this several times. Investigation is ongoing.

Dec. 10 — Chief Atteberry reported citing a 17-year-old driver for speeding and for driving with a concealed license plate in the 5300 block of North Rock Road. The driver was told to tell his parents about his behavior. The teen later showed up at City Hall and spoke to the Bel Aire Court Clerk asking if he could just pay the citation. The answer was no. He was told to appear in court and bring a parent.

Dec. 11 — A man in the 5300 block of North Rock Spring reported his wife's debit card was taken from her purse and used at an ATM in El Dorado. He reported \$20 had been withdrawn from the ATM. The El Dorado Police Department is investigating the criminal use of financial card. There is a known suspect.

Dec. 14 — Officer Steele responded to assist EMS in the 5800 block of East Danbury. When Steele arrived, he discovered Sedgwick County EMS and fire had arrived before him. The patient had overdosed and was administered NARCAN to counteract the illicit drugs. He was revived and transported to Wesley Woodlawn Hospital for treatment.

Dec. 14 — While investigating a domestic violence call with a weapon, one of the parties involved was found to have grabbed her boyfriend by his shirt during what had been a verbal altercation in the 5700 block of North Lycee. The woman also had warrants through Wichita and Sedgwick County. She was arrested and booked into the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility. The male was arrested on a City of Wichita warrant. The suspect's names were not available.

Dec. 13 — A man in the 5200 block of East 39th North reported that an unknown person drilled a hole in the gas tank on his 15-passenger van, causing gas to spill out. Total damage was valued at \$1,500.

Dec. 14 — While investigating a domestic violence with a weapon call, both combatants were determined to have committed criminal offenses. Each also had warrants through Wichita. Both were arrested and booked for their warrants. They were also cited for the domestic battery charges. The suspect's names were not available.



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City agrees to contracts with Garver LLC

By Taylor Messick

The Bel Aire City Council unanimously approved two separate engineering agreements with Garver LLC at its Dec. 17 meeting. One of the agreements was for

Rock Spring 3rd Addition and the other is for a new sewer lift station.

The first agreement is for design of sanitary sewer, paving, water and stormwater infrastructure in Phase 1 of the Rock Spring 3rd Addition.

These need to be complete before houses are built.

The developer has used Garver in previous phases and was happy with the work. The cost of engineering will be included in special assessments.

The other agreement is for the design of a new sewer lift station. About 200 acres of land outside of Rock Spring will be serviced by this station in addition to Rock Spring 3rd Addition. The total service area is about

9,546,823 square feet. It will be located near 53rd North and Webb.

“Garver completed an initial review to identify the best location as well as size,” said Mayor Jim Benage. “Now the lift station needs to be designed

and installed. Staff is suggesting Garver complete the engineering as they have been instrumental all sewer main installations along 53rd Street. They’ve seen the pipes as well as all phases of Rock Spring.”

Peace Poster

The Bel Aire Lions Club recognized the four places of the club’s Peace Poster Contest at Coleman Middle School in Wichita on Nov. 20. Quinan Jones (far right) won first place. Her poster went on to the Lions District 17N Contest, where she won second place for the whole district. She will be recognized for this accomplishment at the District Convention to be held in Chanute, Kansas on April 18, 2020.

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“A developer owned all of that land,” said Lasher. “Basically, south of 53rd from Woodlawn to Oliver, originally that was all platted as Chapel Landing. There were numerous phases in there and such. And the developer never moved forward on the development of Chapel Landing. ... He started selling off pieces so the developer of Iron Gate actually purchased where it is now — they did a re-plat. Bristol Hallows is another piece that is coming out that was bought from that original developer. That’s why it was called a re-plat, because he’s putting in something different than Chapel Landing.”

Lasher said the corners of 53rd and Oliver and 53rd and Woodlawn are zoned commercial because that original developer planned commercial development in those areas.

Also at its Dec. 3 meeting, the council unanimously approved the final plat for Bristol Hallows. This is a new housing development.

The 25 acres of land are located on the south side of 53rd North between Oliver and Woodlawn. The developer has created a plat for roughly 60 duplexes. These will be townhome-style duplexes and the development could have a homeowners association, uniformly maintained yards and other benefits. The planning commission reviewed the plat at its Nov. 14 meeting and recommended approval to the council.

BEL AIRE: 2019 IN REVIEW

January

The Bel Aire Police Department began encouraging residents to wear reflective gear while walking or biking in the dark. The subject came up when Bel Aire resident Mark Shelley visited a September council meeting and showed off a new reflective belt he had been wearing while running and biking around town. He encouraged the department to get some belts to hand out to residents to promote safe exercise in the city.

Bel Aire was named the seventh safest city in Kansas for 2018. The list was compiled by SafeWise, a professional review and comparison website that focuses on safety and security. FBI crime statistics and population data were used to rank cities.

February

City employee Stephanie Kowaleski and her family performed acts of kindness for families in need when they lost everything in an apartment complex fire. Stephanie was driving with her two young daughters in south Wichita when they saw the Park East Townhomes on fire due to an electrical failure. Later, they discovered a Go Fund Me page for Tish Dickerson, a single mother of five, who had lost everything in the fire. The Kowaleskis took Tish to Target for a shopping trip to help replace some of the items that were lost. After that, the Kowaleskis learned about Tish’s neighbors, the Starrs, who had 11 children and also lost everything. The Kowaleskis also took them to Target.

Sunrise Christian Academy student Meredith Alcorn raised \$200 at the school for mental health awareness for HopeNet Wichita. Alcorn sold T-shirts advocating for the cause.

March

Exotic Pets opened at the northwest corner of 37th and Woodlawn the previous fall. The business was started by reptile enthusiasts Josh Moore and Darien Drollinger in Towanda before bringing another location to Bel Aire. Animal handler Josh Moore showed off the store’s variety of reptiles and talked about their goal of educating the public on the types of animals in their inventory.

The city council voted in favor of installing two fountains in Central Park at an amount not to exceed \$27,000 from Professional Turf Products. The foun-

tains were installed to help control algae in the retention ponds.

April

The city council adopted new policies making the city more friendly to small-business owners operating out of their homes. The suggestion was made by council member Jim Benage and a new code was developed and approved by the planning commission.

The city approved \$161,402.64 in street repairs to be performed in 2019 by PP&J and Proseal. PP&J performed asphalt and concrete repairs on Danbury, Stratford, Odessa, Rodeo and Perryton; they also made repairs to K-254 and Rock Road, Elk Creek and Rock Road and Farmstead Court. Proseal then sealed roads in Central Park, Elk Creek and Lycee Heights.

May

A three-lane expansion of Woodlawn between 37th and 45th North with a signalized intersection at 45th Street was selected as the preferred option for the street project. The city surveyed residents about their preferences for the project. Respondents favored five lanes over three and a signalized intersection instead of a roundabout.

The city adopted a vision, a mission, values and a slogan. The vision statement reads: “Make Bel Aire a Hometown for Everyone.” Three mission statements were included: “Create a friendly and responsive environment,” “Cultivate attractive growth and safe living” and “Foster a connected community.” The city listed its five key values as: “Small Town Pride, Regardless of Size,” “People First,” “Working Together,” “Creativity and Innovation” and “Inclusion.” The chosen slogan was: “Life’s better on the Edge!”

June

The Bel Aire Recovery Center opened at 4969 N. Tierra Lakes Parkway the previous month. The addition treatment facility opened in the former location of the Tierra Verde development that failed to materialize.

The Bel Aire Tree Board held its annual Arbor Day celebration in late April and honored Barney Barnhard, founder of ICTrees. The organization had donated 34 saplings to the city the previous fall. Twenty were

planted in Eagle Lake and 14 were planted in Quail Ridge.

July

City attorney Jacqueline Kelly was included in the Wichita Business Journal’s “40 Under 40” for 2019. She started with the city in May of 2017 and studied law at Washburn University. Kelly moved to Wichita in 2010 with her family from Newport News, Va., when her husband was stationed at McConnell.

No charges were filed in an extreme animal hoarding case at a Bel Aire residence. The home was deemed unlivable and 135 animals were removed, including: 81 cats, 15 ornate box turtles, 14 Norwegian rats, 11 dogs, seven gerbils, two chickens, two guinea pigs, one red-eared slider, one turtle dove and one flag crown tail beta fish.

August

The Bel Aire Recreation Center underwent repairs after the council accepted a bid from Farha for \$56,373.83. The rec center had about eight buckets suspended above the ceiling tiles to catch leaking water. Some of the leaks had been there for 15 years.

A jury in U.S. District Court in Wichita found a Bel Aire pharmacist guilty of unlawfully dispensing opioid prescription drugs. Ebube Otuonye was convicted of conspiracy to unlawfully distribute prescription drugs and two counts of health care fraud. Otuonye owned and operated Neighborhood Pharmacy at 2810 E. 21st in Wichita, where he filled prescriptions for patients of Dr. Steven R. Henson, who was sentenced to life in prison in March of 2019.

September

The city approved a letter of intent with Silver Cottages of Wichita to buy 1.5 acres of city land. Dr. Greg Lakin said

he could fit three of his eight-apartment units, which are built by Homes Plus Assisted Living, on the 1.5 acres. The deal is contingent on the city selling an additional two acres of land by 2022 and building a \$1 million master park around City Hall.

Chisholm Trail State Bank employees delivered backpacks for students at Isely Elementary School and Sunrise ahead of the school year. A total of 120 backpacks were delivered to schools in Bel Aire, Park City and Wichita.

October

Residents expressed concerns after receiving letters from the city calling on them to pay for sidewalk repairs on their properties within a month. Some residents said they didn’t know they were responsible for maintaining and repairing sidewalks in front of their homes and others were concerned with the cost and time allotted.

City attorney Jacqueline Kelly and police Chief Darrel Atteberry attended a Hopenet Foundation Banquet in Wichita, where they met retired Dallas police chief David Brown. Brown was chief during a Dallas ambush shooting that killed five police officers. Hopenet is an organization that helps people who are in mental health crisis and struggling with personal issues.

November

Central Park residents expressed concerns about traffic along North St. James and Gabriel Street. Residents who live along those streets are concerned with traffic from non-residents who are using the small roads to access Isely via a dirt path through a vacant lot between the school and neighborhood.

A dog died after being found severely injured and dumped in a ditch on 53rd North between Rock Road and Webb. Steele, a pit bull, was named after the officer who found him,

died after losing function in his liver and kidneys. Dog fighting is the suspected reason for the injuries and an investigation was opened.

December

Wichita-based business, Clinic In A Can, bought a six-acre plot of land next to Empire Wall Systems on the south side of 50th North near Webb Road in Sunflower Commerce Park. The business builds and sells customized and portable health-care facilities in shipping containers. They are self-sustaining medical clinics with water, power and the necessary equipment according to buyer needs and specifications.

The 2019 election brought changes to the governing body. Council member Jim Benage was elected mayor and replaced David Austin. Former council member Diane Wynn was also voted back onto the council while council member Jeff Hawes was unseated. Council member Betty Martine did not seek re-election and Joel Schroeder was the top vote-getter in the council election. The city’s final city council seat will be decided in 2020.

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