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Surveys: Bel Aire safe and healthy

City recognized for ranking high in statewide categories

By Taylor Messick

Bel Aire was recently recognized in the state by a few different organizations that rank cities based on data.

The website Homesnacks.net released its list of the safest cities in Kansas earlier this year and Bel Aire was once again in the Top 10. Statistics from 41 Kan-

sas cities were compared to build the list.

Homesnacks looked at factors like property crimes and violent crimes per capita for every city with at least 5,000 residents. They said good schools, jobs and people are also indicators of a safe city.

Bel Aire came in at No. 7 this year. The cities ahead of it were Valley Center, Ton-

ganoxie, Basehor, Leawood, McPherson and Ulysses.

The city made another list this year that shouldn't surprise residents. Bel Aire was No. 15 on barbend.com's list of top Kansas cities for fit lifestyles.

Factors contributing to the ranking are population, exercise opportunities, physical inactivity (per 1,000), access to healthy food (per

1,000), obesity (per 1,000), air pollution, smoking (per 1,000), physical distress days (per 30), poor physical health days (per 30), drinking water violations, drinking (per 1,000) and frequent mental distress (per 1,000).

Newton ranked No. 1 and the other cities ahead of Bel Aire were Soldier, Tecumseh, Leawood, Garden City, Liberal, Topeka, McPher-

son, Winfield, Ulysses, Arkansas City, Hutchinson, Salina and Dodge City.

Bel Aire is also currently one of the Top 20 cities in the state in terms of Census response rate for 2020. The city has an 80.9 percent self-response rate, which is 13 percent higher than the state's response rate. The deadline to complete the census is Sept. 30.



Storm surge

The storm that swept through Bel Aire about 9:30 a.m. Aug. 10 was short but mighty with about an inch of rain and strong wind gusts. The Bel Aire Public Works crew was out and about in the city checking for damages and making sure storm drains were clear.



Courtesy photos

City OKs budget with no tax hike

Property valuation up

By Taylor Messick

At its Aug. 4 meeting, the Bel Aire City Council approved the city's proposed 2021 budget for publication. A public hearing was held at the Aug. 18 council meeting, and the budget was given final approval.

The budget includes no mill levy rate increase with the rate at 45.730. The city's mill levy was 45.774 in 2020 and has remained at around 45.730 since 2014. Finance director Ted Henry talked about the city's revenues.

"Starting with the general fund, the 2021 budget anticipates just under \$6 million (\$5,963,268) in revenues," said Henry. "As you can see, 60 percent of the revenues are property tax related revenues. When combined with sales tax, this represents about 80 percent of our total revenues. That's pretty important. ... The other 20 percent comes from our franchise fees, our permits, our licenses, fines, recreation fees, grants and other revenue."

The city's total expenditures are up nearly \$3 million next year at a total of \$19,459,824. The city's assessed valuation is up over \$6 million at \$70,685,455. Assessed valuation increased about \$3.5 million the previous year. Henry said the increase is driven by new construction and an increase in property values.

"The city will spend just over \$1.7 million in land debt and city-owned special assessments," Henry said. "This included with other debt makes up about 40 percent of our total expenditures."

In other business Aug. 4, the council:

- Unanimously approved the agenda, consent agenda and appropriations ordinance 20-14 in the amount of \$608,646.45.

- Unanimously approved petitions for paving, sewer mains and water mains in Phase 7 of Rock Spring.

- Unanimously approved an order vacating a portion of a utility easement property on Lot 2 at Broadstone Villas.

Council member Jeff Elshoff was absent.

Bel Aire not getting chamber director

By Taylor Messick

The Bel Aire Chamber of Commerce has decided that it will not have a chamber director for now. An individual was hired in March but it didn't work out.

Gary O'Neal, president of the chamber, reported

July 7 that the individual hired as chamber director had already resigned to take another opportunity. The city budgeted \$10,000 for the position, but the individual who was hired was unable to start working due to COVID-19.

"Our board felt that this

year, because of COVID-19, has been pretty much a loss for us," said O'Neal.

"We were able to secure a director with the little funds we had available. ... She was with us for two months and then resigned to run for county commissioner in Sumner County. It was our

loss and it was the gain of Sumner County."

O'Neal said the agreement was that the chamber would take on festival and event planning duties in exchange for funding for a director. He said the board discussed taking on the director duties and splitting

them evenly to help the city with festivals in 2021. However, the group of business owners found themselves too busy trying to keep their businesses afloat during COVID-19.

The chamber discussed continuing to look for a director this year, but

O'Neal announced Aug. 4 that they are no longer seeking funding for the position this year. The city has earmarked the money that was supposed to be for the director for festival use in 2021. O'Neal asked that the city and the chamber revisit their agreement in 2022.



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Mayor's corner

By Jim Benage

In June, we had more housing starts (in number of units) than any of the previous 20 years. That's very good news. Bel Aire continues to grow at a great rate. We are seeing developments in Central Park, Rock Springs, Bristol Hollows, Iron Gate and Homestead Senior Residences.

On July 31, our very own Tristin Terhune was selected as a Woman Who Leads in Marketing & Communications for 2020 by the Wichita Business Journal. Tristin does a great job, especially with our social media. Tristin is greatly impacted by the changing COVID rules as she works to communicate those changes affecting Bel Aire. This is a great honor for her to be selected. Congratulations go to Tristin.

Rock Road and 45th has been started by Wichita Public Works, and an asphalt overlay is planned on Aug. 29. Once done this should be as smooth as Rock Road south of the railroad tracks. This work may be completed by the time you read this article. A great thank you to the folks in Wichita who worked to make this happen. This will aid in the safety of Bel Aire and Wichita citizens.

The website, NextDoor, has been showing a spike in auto break-ins. Our police chief says this is normal just before school starts. Fortunately, most of these are not in Bel Aire. However, chief also observes that the majority of these are cars left unlocked. So, a word of caution, if you park your car in your driveway or on the street, lock it. By locking your car, you are much less likely to be a victim of these crimes.

The 2020 Census is wrapping up on Sept. 30. If you have not completed the census, please do so. Bel Aire has done a great job with this; about 80 percent response. If you need access to a computer to complete the census, Bel Aire has one in the Senior Room at City Hall. Let's strive for 100 percent response.

We have only 54 percent compliance on water back flow preventer certifications in the city. These devices keep contaminated water in your lawns from getting into the drinking water. If you have a sprinkler system and have not had it tested this year, please do so right away. The city will start shutting off the water of those out-of-compliance. That's about 500 accounts at risk of water shut-off.

Here is some clear evidence the coronavirus can be managed. An article in Real Clear Science discusses how "Catholic churches across the country have been open for up to four months since shelter-in-place orders were lifted. ... The good news: for Catholic churches following CDC guidelines, no outbreaks of COVID-19 have been linked to church attendance," doctors Paul Cieslak, Timothy Flanigan and Thomas McGovern write. That's over 1 million Masses in over 17,000 churches. We, too, can manage this.

Please continue to be safe. Wash hands often. Practice six-foot distance and wear a mask when in public. Let's continue to support each other.

It is an honor to serve as your mayor.

Mop head causes sewer problems

By Taylor Messick

Three sewer projects were unanimously approved by council in August. The items are a lift station pump replacement, manhole rehabilitation and resolutions advising Webb Road lift station improvements.

On Aug. 4, a Flygt pump with a cutter head from JCI was approved for \$49,830 for the 53rd Street lift station. That's about \$20,000 more than the Flowserve pumps the city has been using. Mayor Jim Benage said the pump once again has to be replaced because of a mop head.

"We've had problems with large items such as mop heads and so-called disposable wipes," said Benage. "These get in lift stations and tear up pumps and clog systems. In this case for the one pump at the 53rd Street lift station, a mop head. Staff pulled

the pump and determined it needed \$15,000 in repairs. That's an expensive mop head. Our city engineer has been looking at options and found a cutter pump that will assist in handling large items without destroying the pump."

City engineer Anne Stephens said this might not be a 100 percent solution — but should be much more effective in dealing with these large items. The city has taken measures to try and educate the public on the situation but continues to see the same issue arise. The city is being forced to rent a pump until the replacement arrives.

On Aug. 18, the council selected a quote from Utility Maintenance Contractors for \$58,675 for sanitary sewer manhole rehabilitation in the Lawn Terrace, Bel Aire Village and Summit Hills additions. One other quote was received that was about

\$18,000 higher.

Stephens said the city was not able to get a sewer pipe rehabilitation project put together because of COVID-19. She said the city was pleasantly surprised to find that they had grossly overestimated the cost of manhole rehabilitation. This will cover about half of the manhole rehabilitations the city needs to do for the time being. Several of the manholes will be raised to ground level or slightly above. Stephens said those who have manholes raised in their yards should be aware so as not to hit them while mowing.

"A lot of them are old brick structures," said Stephens. "If you're familiar with old brick buildings the mortar kind of degrades away — especially with the sewer gasses. We get infiltration into those manholes which causes more water to go into the

lift station, more energy and more wear on the pumps. That causes CUA to treat more water than they really need to."

Also approved August 18 were a pair of resolutions of advisability for improvements to a new Webb Road gravity sewer main and lift station. Kevin Cowan of Gilmore & Bell explained why the costs had to be increased.

"These amending resolutions would amend those prior resolutions to bump up the cost," said Cowan. "We have a more detailed method of assessment. Those projects were included — I don't want to say last minute — but it was late in the year and we wanted to make sure those were included in the temporary notes. So the method of assessment at that time was equally per square foot across a lot of properties. So the amending petitions not only

bumped up the estimated cost but also have a more detailed fractional basis of assessment, which is what the city would typically use... Each lot in one of the Rock Spring Additions will get a fractional assessment and then there's some undeveloped property that will get a large fractional assessment when it develops and is sub-divided. Then that gets broken up equally per square foot."

Much of the cost increase is attributed to unforeseen issues that arose during the geotechnical investigation. Stephens said despite the issues encountered during the investigation, this is still the best location for a new station because it will be able to serve areas for potential future growth. The cost of the gravity main increased from \$190,000 to \$205,000. The cost of the lift station increased from \$565,000 to \$775,000.

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran-ELCA

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

Each Sunday we have two worship services. The 9 a.m. service is a contemporary service. The 10:30 a.m. virtual online service is more traditional.

As always, everyone is welcome at the Lord's Table in our worship services.

For more information about the church and its activities, find us online at www.christ-lutheran.org, on Facebook, or call us at 744-1242.

Chad Langdon is the pastor.

Church of the Resurrection

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

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

Resurrection Catholic School has students from preschool through eighth grade.

The parish/school website is www.resurrectionwichita.com, and the telephone number is 744-2776.

The Rev. Michael J. Schemm is the pastor.

Community Bible Chapel

Community Bible Chapel is located at the corner of 45th North and Auburn.

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 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 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.

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 Soyez. Children's pastor is Nathaniel Thurman. Call the church at 755-2331.

Risen Savior Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

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

You can reach us at 683-5538 or via email at 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.

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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.

Saturday Vespers are at 4:30 p.m.

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

is organist.

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

Local students graduate

Jonah Robert Lies, of Bel Aire, earned a bachelor of science in technology from Pittsburg State University in the spring 2020 semester. Commencement exercises are scheduled for Nov. 21.

The following area students earned degrees from Fort Hays State University in the spring 2020 semester.

•From Bel Aire: Reysha Jerone Day, Bachelor of Science in medical diagnostic imaging (ultrasound); Christopher Michael Jacobs, Bachelor of Science in information networking and telecommunications (computer networking); Aubrie Lyn Lehr, Master of Science in counseling (school); Spencer Dean Webb, a Bachelor of Science in psychology; Mary Ann Askren, Master of Science in counseling (school); Julia Elena Balderas, Master of Science in counseling (school); Keagan Ray Davis, Bachelor of Fine Arts in art (graphic design); and Alexis Mastrobuono, Bachelor of General Studies (education).

•From Wichita: Joanna Marie Chadwick, Master of Science in education (transition to teaching); Shaun D. Small, Master of Science in education (transition to teaching); Caleb Egan, Bachelor of Arts in communication (organizational); Ashley C. Ensign, Bachelor of Science in health and human performance (sport and exercise therapy); Madelyn Anne Gauling, bachelor of business administration in management information systems; and Joseph T. Stevens, a Bachelor of Science in nursing.

— The Breeze staff

Cleaner caught on camera

The cleaner was caught on camera.

On July 14, Bel Aire police responded to a report of a theft in the 5000 block of North Prestwick. A reported that he discovered thefts from his residence after the cleaning person had been at his home.

The man set up a covert camera and captured a theft from an area of his home where the cleaning person was not supposed to be. The man provided the video to the police department. Several attempts were made to get the cleaning person in for an interview with the investigator. The cleaning person did not come in. A warrant was issued for the arrest of the cleaning person.

— The Breeze staff

'Derrick' runs with iPhone

A man named Derrick apparently had no intention of paying for the phone he found on Facebook Marketplace.

On July 30, Bel Aire

police were called to the 5200 block of North Rock Springs, where a man reported selling an iPhone 5C to an unknown white male who went by "Derrick" on Facebook Marketplace for \$100. The man said that "Derrick" asked the seller of the phone if he could sit in his car and check out the phone. After "Derrick" put his own SIM card into the phone, he opened the door and ran.

The seller did some checking on Facebook and contacted "Derrick," who told him that he had nothing to do with the theft and provided the name of a suspect and a girl he might be with. The seller did not wish to pursue charges but instead needed the phone back because he needed the money. The suspect was contacted and surrendered the phone. The suspect claimed he had just found the phone, but could not explain how his SIM card ended up in the stolen phone. The phone and SIM card were seized and submitted as evidence.

— The Breeze staff

Salesman not amused

A door-to-door salesman didn't appreciate a recitation of the rules.

On Aug. 14, a Bel Aire resident in the 4800 block of North Farmstead reported to police that an unidentified man was knocking on several doors in her neighborhood apparently going door-to-door soliciting a service.

The reporting party said his wife told the man there was no soliciting in Bel Aire without a permit. The man angrily walked down the street and got into his car. The couple said the male peeled out and parked just south of their residence. The salesman then made an inappropriate hand gesture toward the woman and drove away.

— The Breeze staff

Gun damages Valley home

A Valley Center home was damaged by a firearm last week in the 1400 block of South Meridian.

Police were called to the home at 1440 S. Meridian on July 27. The resident discovered a shotgun slug hit the house.

No suspects were identified. No one was hurt.

— The Breeze staff

K-9 helps make drug arrest

The Valley Center Police Department's K-9 helped Park City officers make a drug arrest and get a stolen gun off the streets last week.

On July 31, Park City police stopped a vehicle for a defective tail light at the 61st Street on-ramp to I-135. Suspecting there

were drugs inside the vehicle, police called Officer Erik Nygaard and K-9 Charlie to assist. Charlie alerted to the vehicle, and 3.4 ounces of methamphetamine and a stolen handgun were found.

Police arrested Francisco Rodriguez, 41, of Wichita on charges of criminal possession of a firearm, driving with a suspended license, possession of marijuana, possession of stolen property, unlawful cultivation or distribution of controlled substances and possession of drug paraphernalia. The gun was reported stolen out of Salina.

A passenger in the vehicle, Mieshell Gasper, was arrested on warrants through Wichita and Sedgwick County.

— The Breeze staff

Two vehicles hit same deer

Two vehicles struck the same deer in the 13000 block of East K-254 Aug. 4.

The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office said that a vehicle driven by Eric Gerard Agoitia struck a deer, which then flipped over the vehicle and was struck by a second vehicle driven by Jonathan Ortiz-Hinojos. The deer was killed.

Neither driver was hurt. Agoitia's vehicle was drivable, while Ortiz-Hinojos' vehicle was towed.

— The Breeze staff

Burglar uses chainsaw

A suspect allegedly used a chainsaw to break into a Park City residence early Aug. 7.

Police responded to a report of a burglary in progress at a home in the 700 block of East 101st North.

Officers found evidence of forced entry, but did not find any suspects, who were unable to get into the home. Valley Center police assisted on the call.

— The Breeze staff

Man arrested after car chase

A Wichita man was arrested in Park City late Aug. 7 after a car chase that started in Valley Center.

A Valley Center police officer tried to stop a vehicle for speeding in the 1200 block of South Meridian. Police said the vehicle was traveling 48 mph in a 30 mph zone and then 67 in a 45. When the officer turned on lights and sirens, the vehicle took off.

Officers followed the vehicle into Wichita and then to Park City. The driver got out of the vehicle and tried to run away in the 4500 block of North Broadway. Officers caught the man.

Jacob Aguirre, 28, was arrested on charges of circumvention of an ignition interlock device, contempt of court, criminal damage to property, criminal deprivation of property, driving while a habitual violator, driving with a suspended license, fleeing or attempt-

ing to elude law enforcement, no proof of insurance, unlawful possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He also had warrants out of Wichita.

— The Breeze staff

K-9 sniffs out paraphernalia

Valley Center Police Department's K-9 officer, Charlie, helped police find drug paraphernalia during a car stop that also turned up a person with an outstanding warrant.

Charlie and his handler, Officer Erik Nygaard, were called to the 200 block of West 61st North to assist Park City police with a traffic stop Aug. 13.

Charlie alerted to the odor of narcotics. Paraphernalia was found inside the vehicle.

A passenger in the vehicle was found to have a Valley Center warrant.

— The Breeze staff

Police find stolen vehicles

A couple of vehicles reported stolen from Park City were found in Wichita last week.

Park City police responded to the 1800 block of East Denver early Aug. 12 where a woman reported that someone took both of her vehicles from the driveway of her residence overnight.

About 7:30 p.m. the same day, Wichita police responded to a wreck in the 700 block of South Hillside. Police determined that one of the stolen vehicles was involved in the wreck. Wichita police later recovered the second vehicle.

— The Breeze staff

Couple caught in act

A couple was caught in the act June 21.

Just before 11 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 4900 block of North Parkhurst on a suspicious vehicle call.

Officers saw a male and a female in the rear driver and passenger seats of the vehicle without clothes on. Police said that when asked what they were doing, the male asked, "What's it looks like?"

Both were talked to about the situation. The two got dressed and left the area.

— The Breeze staff

Hot sauce worth stealing

It must be hot sauce worth getting into trouble for.

On June 22, Bel Aire police were dispatched to the SpringRo restaurant in the 6200 block of East 37th North on a theft report.

Employees reported that a customer stole a bottle of hot sauce. The

suspect was a white male, possibly in his 50s, wearing a white or tan full-length winter jacket, black polo shirt and black tennis shoes. About 3:30 p.m., the man paid cash for a sandwich he ordered and then he placed a bottle of hot sauce into his coat pocket before leaving the restaurant.

— The Breeze staff

Flagpole reported stolen

A 20-foot flagpole was reported stolen from the front yard of a Bel Aire home July 7.

Police responded to the 6400 block of East Odessa, where a man said unknown suspects took the pole and an American flag. They had been in the middle of the yard, and the pole was cemented in place.

The man was unsure when they were taken. He said he noticed the pole was gone when he went outside to put up his new Trump political flag.

He did not have any

suspect information, and there were no identifying marks on the pole or flag.

— The Breeze staff

False teeth, pistol stolen

A vehicle burglar made away with a variety of objects, including false teeth and a pistol, July 7.

Bel Aire police responded to a vehicle larceny around 10 a.m. in the 4200 block of North Westlake Drive.

A woman reported to police that she parked her vehicle at Eagle Lake Park, and she and her family went to fish in the pond for a while. When they returned to the vehicle, they noticed the driver's side window of the woman's car was broken out.

The woman discovered her purse was missing.

It contained two credit cards, a driver's license, false teeth, medicine, makeup and a stainless steel 9-mm pistol.

— The Breeze staff

DEATH

RICHARD RANDALL Richard Dean "Dick" Randall, 94, of Wichita, died July 30, 2020.

He was born Nov. 1, 1925, in Wichita to Ralph Anson and

Geraldine Lavon Noffsinger Randall. He grew up on a farm in Greenwood County, near Eureka. He graduated from Climax High School in 1943.

He served for one year in the U.S. Army at Fort Lewis, Wash. He earned a bachelor's degree in economics in 1948 and a law degree from the University of Kansas in 1952. He was a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity and president of his law class. He married Jane Carol Hackmaster on Aug. 1, 1954 in her hometown of Independence. He worked as chief counsel for Petroleum Incorporated for 35 years. He attended East Heights

Methodist Church, First Evangelical Free Church, Wichita Bible Church and Community Bible Chapel. He served on the boards of The Wichita Independent Christian School and Berean Academy. He and his wife lived in Wichita for 61 years before moving to Park Plaza Retirement community 11 months ago.

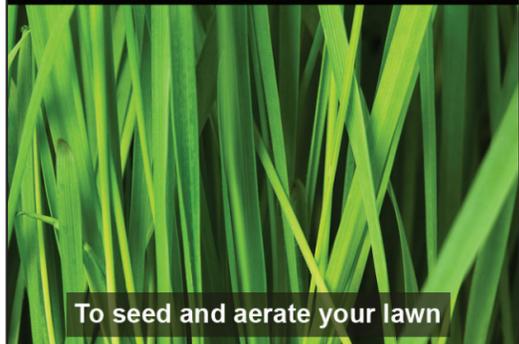
He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Donald Randall, sisters Betty Mikesell and Martha Gillett, and granddaughter Davida Busenitz. Survivors include his wife of 66 years; daughters Dana (Rick) Friesen of Wichita and Gayle (David) Busenitz of North Newton; grandsons Chad (Rachel) Friesen, Mitchell (Annarose) Friesen, Luke Friesen, Broxton (Jessica) Busenitz and Braeden Busenitz; and great-grandchildren June Friesen, Asher Friesen, Nash Friesen and Evrest Busenitz.

A memorial service was held Aug. 6 at Community Bible Chapel in Bel Aire. Memorials to Milk and Honey Ministries, Baker Funeral Home of Valley Center had charge.

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City of Bel Aire



In the interest of public safety, please be advised that any or all Bel Aire senior and/or rec programs may be subject to modification, change, or cancellation to reflect current state and local COVID-19 orders, with or without notice.

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.

Locations

Senior Center / 7651 E. Central Park Ave. / 744-2451
Recreation Center / 5251 E. 48th North / 744-2700

Weekly Events

- Bel Aire Walkers** — Monday through Friday, 8 to 9 a.m., Rec Center
- Pickleball** — Monday and Friday, 9 to 11 a.m., Fridays 5 to 7 p.m. Rec Center, \$2/person or Rec membership
- Line Dance** — Monday and Friday, 1 p.m., City Hall, Community Room
- Zoom Line Dance** — Monday and Friday, 1 p.m., contact Sarah at 744-2700 or schristenson@belaireks.gov
- Sew 'N' Sew More** — Monday, Wednesday & Friday, noon, Rec Center.
- Dynamic Aging** — Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m., Rec Center. \$40 for four weeks or \$5 per class. Chris at 620-640-2104 for more info.
- Low Impact Aerobics** — Wednesday, 9 a.m., Rec Center
- Open Sewing** — Wednesday, 10 a.m., Rec Center

Monthly & Special Events

- Sept. 1**, 2 p.m., collage craft, Senior Center
- Sept. 7**, Labor Day, Senior Center closed
- Sept. 10**, 2 p.m., water balloon toss, meet at Rec Center entrance
- Sept. 15**, 10 a.m., recipe swap (bring recipe/learn recipe), Senior Center
- Sept. 16**, 1:30 p.m., Book Club meeting, Senior Center
- Sept. 18**, Stop by between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., National Senior Center Month, Senior Center
- Sept. 24**, 10:30 a.m., Active Living Everyday, Rec Center, registration required, Sarah at 744-2700 or schristenson@belaireks.gov
- Sept. 25**, 9 a.m., Hermes Foot Clinic, Community Room, RSVP
- Sept. 29**, 10 a.m., National Coffee Day, Senior Center
- Sept. 30**, 2 p.m., Medicare Presentation (Sedgwick County Extension Office), RSVP, Senior Center

Community Events

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| Sept. 1 — City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall | Sept. 9 — Bel Aire Lions Club, 11:30 a.m., Gospel Assembly Church | Sept. 17 — Municipal Court, 12:30 p.m., City Hall (scheduled appearances) |
| Sept. 2 — Municipal Court, City Hall (scheduled appearances) | Sept. 9 — Utility Advisory Committee, 3 p.m., City Hall | Sept. 23 — Bel Aire Lions Club, 11:30 a.m., Gospel Assembly Church |
| Sept. 2 — Bel Aire Chamber of Commerce, Best Western Wichita North, noon to 1 p.m., RSVP to tterhune@belaireks.gov. | Sept. 10 — Planning Commission meeting, 6:30 p.m., City Hall | Sept. 28 — Tree Board, 6 p.m., City Hall <i>More information can be found at www.belaireks.gov.</i> |
| Sept. 7 — Labor Day, Rec Center, Senior Center, City Hall closed | Sept. 12 — Brush site open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 53rd North, between Rock & Webb | |
| | Sept. 15 — City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall | |

Bel Aire Recreation

Swimming Pool
Closing date is Sept 6. Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 6 p.m. We accept checks and cash. 744-7331.

Coed Outdoor Soccer
For boys and girls grades K-5. Games will be played on Saturdays, beginning Sept. 26. Once-a-week practices will start the week of Sept. 14. Registration deadline is Sept. 8.

Coed Flag Football
Provides a recreational and instructional flag football experience. Teams will practice once a week and play games on Saturday mornings. Coed for third through fifth grades. Registration deadline is Sept. 8.

Coed Volleyball
The Bel Aire Rec Center is providing a recreational and instructional volleyball program. Volleyball is coed for third through fifth grades. Registration deadline is Sept. 21.

Homeschool Gym Time
Looking for something for at-home learners to get out of the house? Join us for a new activity indoors or outdoors. \$3 per day per person. At 1 p.m. Sept. 9, 16, 23 and 30. Advance registration required

Blastball
It's a blast! A coed introductory T-ball program for 4- and 5-year-olds. Teaches the fundamentals and concepts of baseball while having fun. Games will be played on Saturdays, beginning Sept. 26. Registration deadline is Sept. 21.

Shortsports
A coed instructional program for 3-year-olds. Parents and children will learn the basic sport skills. Games will be played on Saturdays beginning Sept. 26. Registration deadline is Sept. 21.

Happy Feet
Learn the basics of soccer! For ages 2 through 5. Sign up at www.wichitahappysoccerfeet.com/register-now and be sure to choose the Bel Aire location. Starting Sept. 3.

Happy Hoops
For ages 2 through 5. Learn the basics of basketball. Sign up at www.wichitahappysoccerfeet.com/register-now and make sure you

choose the Bel Aire location. Starting Sept. 1.

TGA Golf
Learn the basics of golf! Ages 7 through 12. Sign up at http://play-tga.com. Starting Sept. 1.

Activstars Cheerleading
Cheer this fall at the Bel Aire Rec! For ages 4 through 15 on Tuesday evenings. Classes have started and limited openings remain. Sign up at www.mw.activstars.com.

DIY Time
Learn how to do it yourself! We will make a craft and a treat together. \$10 per child (advanced registration required). At 4:30 p.m. Sept. 16 and 30.

Taekwondo (ages 5 & up)
Classes meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. These are great classes for beginners to black belts.

Dynamic Aging
Geared towards individuals age 50 and above. Provides opportunities to practice a variety of movements in a safe environment. Classes meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

Adult pickleball
From 9 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays and Fridays and from 5 to 7 p.m. Fridays at in the Rec Center gym. \$2 drop-in fee or membership.

Yoga
Classes held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday. Participants need to provide their own yoga mat. Teens & adults can join at any time.

Fitness Center
Check out our fitness center, which consists of elliptical cross trainers, free weights, multistation weight machine, recumbent bike and treadmills.

FREE senior programs
Line dancing, senior aerobics, Bel Aire walkers, sewing and more. Call Sarah for more information.

Upcoming programs

- Fishing program
- Adult cornhole tournament

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?

Bel Aire's sewage treatment process is environmentally responsible, but the process can be interrupted by items you flush, such as disposable wipes.

The process begins when sewage leaves your home. It flows by gravity from your home's sewer line into a collection pipe and then into one of five lift stations in Bel Aire. The lift stations have pumps that "lift" the sewage and pump it to the Chisholm Creek Utility Authority wastewater treatment plant. Any items you flush, apart from urine, feces, and toilet paper, can cause blockages in this system.

After treatment, the water becomes "grey water": it is not hazardous, but it is also not drinkable. Some grey water is sold to Willowbend golf course for irrigation. The remaining grey water is discharged into the Arkansas River. Dried solid waste from the process is recycled locally as agricultural fertilizer.

Next month: How you can avoid costly sewage blockages and help the treatment process to continue

Brought to you by the Utility Advisory Committee

Community Electronics Recycling & Shredding Day

OCTOBER 10TH | 9 AM - 12 PM

- Microwave Ovens
- Printers/Scanners
- DVD/VCR Players
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- Cameras/Camcorders
- Fax Machines
- Gaming Consoles
- House Hold Appliances
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- Modems/Routers
- Hard Drives
- Televisions
- Stereos/Radios/CD Players
- (Add'l charge for Cathode Ray Tube - \$1.00 per diagonal in)

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City of Bel Aire
CURBSIDE CLEAN-UP

SATURDAY, OCT 10TH

All items to be collected must be set at the curb prior to 7:00am. Waste Connections will make one pass thru the City.

Accepted items:

- general trash
- furniture
- bundled brush or limbs in 3ft lengths
- appliances
- electrical items
- outdoor items
- mattresses
- refrigerators, freezers, & air conditioners (must be tagged by technician and paperwork attached)

Items Not Accepted:

- car batteries
- oil filters
- fluorescent light bulbs
- propane tanks
- any asbestos materials
- paint (will accept empty & dried w/lid off)
- hazardous liquids
- tires

Any trash not in the trash cart must be in throwaway containers such as boxes or bags, no more than 30-gallon capacity. Make trash cart visible to drivers to know it is set out for clean-up. No loose trash or debris or no box or bag may exceed 50 pounds in weight.

BEL AIRE POLICE REPORTS

July 14 — A man in the 5000 block of North Prestwick reported that he discovered thefts from his residence after the cleaning person had been at his home. The man set up a covert camera and captured a theft from an area of his home where the cleaning person was not supposed to be. The man provided the video to the police department. Several attempts were made to get the cleaning person in for an interview with the investigator. The cleaning person would not come in. A warrant was issued for the arrest of the cleaning person.

July 15 — Chief Atteberry and Officers Crice and Steele responded to a call to check the welfare of man sleeping in front of a business in the 4000 block of North Woodlawn. Officers located the man who described himself as homeless and admitted to having mental problems. The man adamantly refused a multitude of available social services when offered by Atteberry. Steele got the man a bottle of water and the person who called the police gave the man some money. Atteberry contacted the director of the Union Rescue Mission who met the man at the Dillon's Store at 37th and Woodlawn. The man also refused assistance from him.

July 16 — A woman in the 6500 block of East Rodeo reported her daughter getting irate with her. The woman said her daughter showed up unannounced after being gone for a month and attempted to take the kids away from their grandmother. The grandmother, who is the reporting party, said her daughter is on methamphetamine and is not fit to care for the children. The grandmother was given recommendations for how she can legally proceed with keeping the children safe from their addicted mother. The children's mother was not on scene when the officers arrived and the children were left with their grandmother.

July 16 — Sgt. Davis saw a red Honda Accord speeding 61mph in a marked 40 mph zone. After stopping the vehicle in the 5000 block of North Oliver, Davis smelled the odor of burnt marijuana coming from the vehicle. A small amount of marijuana was located. The driver was cited for the speeding. X

July 17 — Officer Crice and Kechi Lt. Trumbull were sent to the Bel Aire Recovery Center at 4946 N. Tierra Lakes in reference to a suicidal subject that had left the treatment center. The subject was located and denied the intent to harm herself. The woman was en-route to meet her mother at another location.

July 17 — A man was driving a 2014 GMC 2500 HD pulling a trailer with lawn mowing equipment southbound on Oliver. He stopped at the stop sign. A second driver, also southbound, in a 2008 Nissan Altima didn't stop fast enough and rear-ended the trailer. No injuries were reported.

July 18 — A woman reported her boyfriend called her and convinced her to come and talk to him in the 5700 block of North Lycee. The woman said that as soon as she entered the door of his residence, he grabbed her by her hair and struck both sides of her face five or six times. The woman reported she was dragged from the entryway to the kitchen table, and she reported she was struck over and over. The woman said that when she tried to call for help, he grabbed her phone and threw it into the kitchen. The physical assault continued until the man grabbed a gun and told her he would shoot up her house. The woman reported her boyfriend continued assaulting her until he realized she was on the phone with the police. The woman got to safety. The suspect was cited two days later when he was located. He was not booked into jail due to COVID-19 concerns. Case is pending.

July 18 — A woman in the 4100 block of North Farmstead called Bel Aire police to report a missing catalytic converter from her 2000 Ford Excursion. No suspects were identified.

July 19 — Officer Haines stopped a blue 2011 Chevrolet Silverado for failing to stop at a stop sign and passing while in the intersection at 45th and Oliver. He was cited for the moving violations.

July 19 — A woman reported she was walking her dog at the Bel Aire Recreation Center parking lot when she saw a vehicle stop and let two bulldogs out of the vehicle near the grass. The woman said the vehicle then drove away, leaving the dogs. A call was made to 911 and Officer Steele and a Sedgwick County sheriff's deputy took the dogs to the Wichita Animal Shelter. The dogs were had microchips, but there was no good contact number for the owners. Later in the day, Steele got a call from the owners of the dogs. The owner reported a threat by her ex-husband who had just been released from prison recently. The woman said she believes her ex or one of his family members opened the back gate to her residence, allowing the dogs to escape. The owner retrieved the dogs from the Wichita Animal Shelter. Later, while continuing to investigate, security camera videos were checked and it was determined that the car the original witness observed did not drop the dogs off. The dogs were running at-large and approached the vehicle as the driver was leaving the parking lot.

July 19 — Officer Steele received a call of junk and debris in the yard of a residence in the 5800 block of East Clarendon. He contacted code enforcement to follow up on the call.

July 19 — Officers were

sent to the Dollar General store at 4554 N. Woodlawn on a robbery call. Officer Toomey arrived on scene with a Kechi officer. The store clerk reported a suspect had already fled the scene. The clerk said a white female suspect loaded a shopping cart full of grocery items, then ran out the back door to a waiting car and departed the premises. The exact description of stolen items and their total value was unknown.

July 20 — A woman in the 5600 block of North Lycee Court called 911 in reference to her son being out of control. Her 17-year-old son lost his wallet and cash and was upset. He was yelling and throwing items around the house as he was looking for the wallet. The woman said she was afraid to leave the house because her son may destroy property in his fit of rage. Neither was open to any suggestions provided by officers. Both stated that there had not been or will there be any physical confrontations between them. Later, the woman called back and said she was trying to make a phone call as her son was yelling and hitting the door to the bathroom where she was. The woman completed her call and went to her bedroom where her son attempted to take the phone away from her and in the process struck her several times in the leg. Officers arrested the suspect and transported him to the Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center where he was charged with battery. When the son was finished at the Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center, his mother refused to pick him up. Officer Toomey transported the youth to the Wichita Children's Home as a Child in need of Care.

July 20 — A woman called the Bel Aire Police Department to turn in a wallet found on the street at an unknown location in Bel Aire. The woman provided a letter she had sent to the potential owner of the wallet. However, the letter was returned as not deliverable. The wallet was collected and submitted for safe-keeping.

July 20 — A man reported his personal vehicle was stolen from his business property in the 5900 block of East 37th North. The man believes an employee may have left the keys on the sun visor.

July 21 — Sgt. Davis stopped a gray Jaguar for speeding in the 5100 block of North Oliver. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license and speeding.

July 21 — A two-vehicle wreck was reported at 45th and Greenwood. A white Hyundai Accent was stopped waiting to turn east onto 45th. A red Chevy pickup was traveling north, and struck the rear of the Accent. The driver of the Chevrolet was issued citation for the rear-end collision. Both vehicles were driven away from the scene. No injuries were reported.

July 22 — A two-vehicle wreck was reported at 41st and Edgemoor. A 2011 silver Toyota was at the westbound stop sign on 41st waiting to turn south onto Edgemoor. A vehicle east onto 41st from southbound Edgemoor and struck the Toyota head-on. Both vehicles were driven away from the scene. No injuries were reported.

July 22 — A two-vehicle wreck was reported in the 4400 block of North Woodlawn. A white 2002 GMC Yukon was turning southbound from a parking area and struck a red 2017 Hyundai Elantra while the Elantra was traveling south. The driver of the Yukon was found to have an identification card only and no driver's license. She was issued a citation for driving without a driver's license and failing to yield right-of-way from a parking lot. Both vehicles were driven from the scene. No injuries were reported.

July 23 — A man in the 4100 block of North Edgemoor reported his girlfriend's son pushed him, causing him to fall over a chair. The man said the boy got close to him and spit in his face. The man did not want to pursue charges against the boy.

July 24 — A man reported two unknown subjects entered his unlocked Dodge Durango sometime in the overnight hours in the 5100 block of North Remington. He reported that the incident was caught on his Ring security camera about 4 a.m. The man said the only item he noticed missing was a phone charger.

July 24 — A woman reported her two sons had been involved in an altercation about her cellphone in the 5200 block of East 39th North. One son left with his aunt, and the other walked away from the residence with his mother's phone. Kechi Lt. Trumbull found the son that left on foot and returned him to the residence. The youth's grandfather was insistent the youth needed to leave the residence for the night, so the youth's mother made arrangements for him to stay the night elsewhere.

July 24 — Officer Smithwick was requested by Sedgwick County fire to assist with a possible vehicle crash involving a medical emergency in the 4300 block of North Clarendon. Upon arrival, the patient/driver of the vehicle was being transported in critical condition to Wesley. Sedgwick County Fire Squad 37 stated the driver had a normal range blood sugar. However, there was an odor of consumed alcoholic beverage upon his breath, and his vehicle was damaged. The man's wife advised officers there was no damage to vehicle prior to the man leaving the residence earlier in the afternoon. Smithwick went to the hospital to continue the investigation.

July 24 — A woman in the 5100 block of North Brookstone reported an unknown person

took her 2014 black Chrysler 200 from her residence without her permission.

July 24 — A man in the 5100 block of North Brookstone reported an unknown person rummaged through his 2019 silver Volkswagon SUV during the night. He did not find anything missing.

July 24 — While conducting a traffic stop, Sgt. Davis discovered the driver was in possession of trace amounts of marijuana in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for failing to stop at a stop sign and the trace marijuana.

July 24 — A man in the 8800 block of East Chris Court reported an unknown individual entered his unlocked 2016 silver Jeep Wrangler and took his Ray-Ban sunglasses, Nike bag, watch and assorted clothing.

July 24 — A woman in the 8800 block of East Chris Court reported an unknown individual entered her 2015 Chrysler 200 and took her black North Face backpack containing her space gray Apple Mac Book.

July 26 — A man in the 6200 block of East Quail Ridge Court reported to Officer Steele that he couldn't find his girlfriend. The man got a notification that showed their garage door opened at 5:33 a.m. The man said his girlfriend takes a lot prescription pills, and reported she was acting confused the previous day. Steele did some investigating and was able to determine that the woman had been involved in a traffic collision at 21st and Woodlawn. Steele contacted the woman's boyfriend and told him of the incident so he could get in touch with her at the hospital.

July 26 — A Bel Aire resident reported that a vehicle was parked on the roadway causing a safety concern in the 5000 block of East 39th North. It had been there for three hours. Officer Smithwick located the black 2015 Kia Forte and determined it was a traffic hazard. No contact could be made with the owner. The vehicle was impounded by Kidd's Towall.

July 27 — Officers received a call about a piece of metal in the roadway in the 4200 block of North Woodlawn. Officer Smithwick arrived on scene and discovered the piece of metal was actually a full compressed oxygen tank standing upright at the corner of the roadway. She collected the oxygen tank and submitted it as found property.

July 27 — A woman in the 4800 block of North Farmstead Court reported getting into a verbal argument with her grandson and son-in-law. Her son-in-law told her to leave the residence. The woman was in town for her grandson's graduation. All parties agreed to let the woman gather her belongings so she could leave.

July 28 — A woman in the 4200 block of North Mission reported she received a voicemail asking her to return a call regarding identity theft. The woman reported she returned the call and that the person she called said the Social Security Administration was suspending her number due to fraud and that there was warrant out for her arrest. The woman reported she was asked to drive to Walmart and purchase a cash card. She reported the man stayed on the phone line with her while she purchased the card. She started to get suspicious and refused to send the man a picture of the card. The woman was provided Social Security scams information from the Social Security Administration website.

July 28 — A resident in the 4300 block of North Eagle Lake reported a female who was not known to him entered his residence with some other guests who were arriving at the residence. She introduced herself, began eating food, and then left the residence. The resident requested a welfare check on the female because in addition to just walking into his home uninvited and eating food he had out for his invited guests, she was acting strangely. Responding officers located the woman and concluded she was going through a mental crisis. The woman was transported her to St. Joseph Hospital for a mental evaluation.

July 29 — A woman in the 5700 block of North Lycee called Bel Aire police to report that she lost her handicap parking placard.

July 29 — An unknown subject entered the open garage at a private residence in the 4300 block of Country Lane. A neighbor confronted the subject and he left on a bicycle southbound on Country Lane. There appeared to be no loss.

July 29 — Officers were dispatched to a domestic violence report in the 6500 block of East Rodeo. Officer Toomey spoke to the reporting party who said she is afraid for the safety of her grandchildren. She is concerned because her daughter is a methamphetamine addict and is trying to take the children back. The grandmother was provided with information on other options available to her.

July 30 — A man in the 5200 block of North Rock Spring reported selling an iPhone 5C to an unknown white male who went by Derrick on Facebook marketplace for \$100. The man said that "Derrick" asked the seller of the phone if he could sit in his car and check out the phone. After "Derrick" put his SIM card into the phone, he opened the door and ran. The seller did some checking on Facebook and contacted "Derrick" who told him that he had nothing to do with it and provided the name of a suspect and a girl he might be with. The seller did

not wish to pursue charges but instead needed the phone back because he needed the money. The suspect was contacted and surrendered the phone. The suspect claimed he had just found the phone, but could not explain how his SIM card ended up in the stolen phone. The phone and SIM card were seized and submitted as evidence.

July 31 — While observing the intersection of 45th and Woodlawn, Officer Haines noticed the headlight of a motorcycle driving north from the area of Danbury through the grassy open lot south of Dollar General, through the Dollar General parking lot, then turn east along 45th. He then lost sight of the motorcycle's lights. When he went to investigate, he found a red and white 1990 Yamaha XT 350 motorcycle on its side facing east in the south ditch of 45th, but no one was around. A single black Nike size 11 athletic shoe (left foot) was found under the rear wheel, but no obvious signs of injuries were found, and no foot tracks were seen leaving the area. A check confirmed the motorcycle was reported stolen out of El Dorado in 2017. Haines was unable to contact the owner. Kidd's Towing impounded the motorcycle.

July 31 — A woman in the 4800 block of North Farmstead reported she was walking with her husband when an unknown male riding in a gunmetal Hyundai Elantra fired a Nerf gun out of the window. The woman reported being struck in the stomach with a foam Nerf missile.

Aug. 1 — A group home worker for ResCare reported he was battered by a client in the 8400 block of East Granite Court. The client was calling the worker names and when told to stop, the suspect became angry and threw a dinner plate at the worker. The plate struck the worker in the arm. No injuries were reported. The suspect, who has a diminished mental capacity and bipolar disorder, was still agitated upon officers' arrival. The suspect was convinced to take his medication so he could calm down. He had been refusing to take his medications for a few days prior to the call. ResCare staff were advised to find a way to make certain the man stays on his medications.

Aug. 1 — A woman reported leaving her purse on the driveway behind her vehicle at her son's house in the 5000 block of North Prestwick. She never went back out to retrieve it. Later, she went out to get her purse, which contained some medication, but her purse was gone. She later went back home to Hays. The woman later received two phone calls regarding her purse being found in Wichita. It is in the custody of the Wichita Police Department. The WPD will work with her to get the purse returned.

Aug. 2 — Officer Haines approached an illegally parked vehicle at 4500 N. Glendale. He found a man asleep in the driver seat. The man had an odor of consumed alcoholic beverages on his breath and was confused in his communication. The man refused all testing. The man was arrested and booked into the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility. A loaded firearm was located in the center console. It was placed into evidence storage for safe keeping. Miles Hallick Turner of Bel Aire was booked on a charge of DUI.

Aug. 2 — A woman in the 5300 block of North Rock Spring reported she was cleaning her residence when she noticed she was missing several personal items. Several items of clothing and footwear were missing as well as a handbag and CDs. There is a known suspect.

Aug. 2 — A woman in the 6500 block of East Rodeo reported her mother was refusing to relinquish custody of her three children back to her. The grandmother of the children provided officers with a Department of Children and Families emergency plan that was not signed by a judge, although it was dated July 31. DCF child protective specialists arrived on scene and voiced concerns regarding the safety of the children if they were relinquished to their mother. Additionally, Officer Smithwick contacted Fredonia Police Department and spoke with an officer who confirmed there have been cases within the home that could potentially be dangerous to the children. Due to the concerns of safety for the children, they placed the children into police protective custody and transported them to the Children's Home.

Aug. 2 — A woman in the 3800 block of North Oliver reported her daughter took her vehicle without her permission on July 28. While working the case, Officer Smithwick discovered the vehicle had been impounded earlier in the day by the Wichita Police Department in south Wichita. The reporting party was informed and given the towing company's information.

Aug. 2 — Officer Haines received multiple reports from anonymous residents that a known male and female were involved in a domestic disturbance in the parking lot of 5700 N. Lycee. The male was witnessed jumping on the hood of the woman's silver Chevrolet Malibu and throwing things at the car. The man was located by Officer Manuel walking south in the 5600 block of North Lycee, and the female was later contacted by phone. The man and the woman both confirmed that, during an argument over jealousy, he was jumping on the hood of the car, he had thrown a plastic cup belonging to the woman on the ground near the car and broke it, and he at-

tempted to grab a cellphone out of the woman's hand during the argument. Adrian Lorenzo Shine man was arrested on a charge of domestic battery.

Aug. 3 — A man in the 6800 block of East Odessa Court reported that someone entered his unlocked vehicle and stole his wallet.

Aug. 3 — A man in the 5200 block of North Cypress reported an unknown individual used his personal identifying information to claim unemployment benefits from the Kansas Department of Labor. The victim of the identity theft contacted the fraud hotline to report it to Kansas Department of Labor as well.

Aug. 3 — Officers responded to an unknown injury accident in the 4400 block of North Woodlawn. One of the drivers was unconscious and receiving medical care from Sedgwick County fire. The fire department reported they thought the driver was under the influence of illicit drugs. Officer Smithwick followed EMS to the hospital, where the driver stated he had ingested Gamma Hydroxybutyrate (GHB) otherwise known as Ecstasy prior to driving his vehicle. The man was arrested for driving under the influence. The suspect's name was not available.

Aug. 3 — Officers were dispatched to a traffic crash at 44th and Woodlawn. A black 2012 Honda Civic and a blue Honda Pilot had collided. The driver of the Civic had crossed over into the southbound lane while going north. He then hit the Pilot going southbound. The driver of the Pilot and her 13-year-old passenger had no apparent injuries. The driver of the Civic was transported by ambulance to Wesley Medical. An eyewitness reported the Civic "swerving" and then crossing over into the oncoming lane prior to the crash. The driver of the Civic was later arrested for DUI. Both vehicles were towed by Kidd's Towing Service. The suspect's name was not available.

Aug. 4 — Officer Steele and a Sedgwick County sheriff's deputy responded to a call of domestic disturbance in the 5600 block of North Lycee. When officers arrived they contacted a man who had outstanding criminal case warrants. The man was handcuffed without incident for warrants. The woman involved in the disturbance reported the man threw her table into a trash dumpster. An officer observed broken glass on the carpet in the living room, and broken glass on the patio of the apartment. The suspect's name was not available.

Aug. 4 — A woman came to the station to report unauthorized purchases being made on her AT&T account. The woman said an unknown person charged \$855.70 to her account without her permission.

Aug. 4 — Officers observed the sound of a vehicle rapidly accelerating and tires spinning in the 4800 block of East 37th North. Sgt. Davis saw the burnout and observed a dark blue Chevrolet Camaro eastbound on 37th Street accelerating at a high rate of speed and spinning the tires. The driver was cited for racing on a highway.

Aug. 6 — A man in the 4300 block of North Mission reported an unknown person entered his unlocked 2017 Ford F250 during the night and rummaged through the items inside the vehicle. No loss was reported.

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Aug. 6 — While canvassing the area where some auto larcenies had occurred, several items of personal property were found in the middle of the street in the 6800 block of East Odessa. A wallet and multiple forms of ID, including a driver's license, were found. Sgt. Davis contacted one victim via phone and he advised someone took the items from his unlocked car overnight. He would make arrangements to retrieve his wallet.

Aug. 6 — While canvassing the area where some auto larcenies had occurred, a man flagged down Sgt. Davis to report that someone had entered his unlocked 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe without permission and rummaged through items in the vehicle in the 6900 block of East Odessa Court. No loss was reported.

Aug. 6 — A woman in the 4000 block of North Danbury reported an unknown person got into his unsecured vehicle during the night and took a black Nike gym bag containing sports equipment, his wallet and contents, and four shotgun shells. Across the street from the man's residence, a second unlocked vehicle owned by a second man was entered and items were taken. A different neighbor located most of the stolen items and they were released back to their respective owners.

Aug. 6 — A woman in the 6500 block of East Rodeo Court reported sometime over night, an unknown person stole her 2017 Subaru Outback from her driveway. She advised there may have been an ignition key left in the vehicle.

Aug. 6 — A woman in the 5100 block of East 49th North reported some time in the last two weeks it appeared as though someone attempted to force their way into her home through the back door of the garage. She said it looked like someone pried on the door with a tool. She was not sure when it happened.

Aug. 6 — A man from the 5800 block of East Perryton came to the Bel Aire Police Department to report his unlocked vehicle was entered during the night. No loss was reported. However, the suspects left a pink led flashlight on his driver's seat. The flashlight was submitted into evidence.

Aug. 6 — Chief Atteberry contacted a man regarding a suspicious character call from a citizen in the 4000 block of North Janesville. The man admitted to walking up in people's driveways, looking at their homes' gutters, and then walking away. The man said he was doing door-to-door sales. He was asked for his City of Bel Aire permit and he had none. The man said he did not have a permit from Bel Aire. He was told to stop his sales activity until he had a Bel Aire permit to engage in the sales activity.

Aug. 6 — A Bel Aire resident in the 4900 block of North Hedge-row wanted to document that he had mailed a check to a man who did some contract work for him in 2018. There is now a civil case surrounding the check.

Aug. 7 — A woman in the 3800 block of North Oliver released property that she found in her recovered stolen vehicle. Officer Smithwick placed the property into evidence.

Aug. 8 — Bel Aire police were dispatched to Broadstone Villa Apartments in the 5700 block of North Lycee for a welfare check involving a child crying for his or her mother. Witnesses directed officers to an apartment where two young boys, 5 and 3, were located. The boys' grandmother was inside the apartment with an infant girl. According to grandmother, the children's mother had left without telling her and she was unable to control the two boys due to being physically disabled. Multiple attempts were made to contact the mother of the children with no success. The conditions of the home were bad. There was garbage everywhere, a strong odor of urine, unsecured doors and cabinets. The Department for Children and Families was contacted to investigate the conditions of the home.

Aug. 8 — Officer Manuel saw a white Jeep Grand Cherokee stopped in the middle of the road. After sitting behind it for several minutes, the vehicle took off and ran a stop sign at 45th and Woodlawn. Manuel activated his emergency lights and siren and the vehicle did not stop. After numerous moving violations, the vehicle stopped at 4800 E. Willow Point Court because he could not get out of the court. While on the scene, officers found a black box about 50 feet from the vehicle containing meth, a spoon, lighter, needle and scales. The driver said he was in town to check himself into the Bel Aire Recovery Center the next day.

Aug. 8 — Officer Steele responded to a call of found property at 5700 N. Lycee. A resident found shell casings outside her apartment door. Officers canvassed the area to look for additional casings and any property damage. No damage was located.

Aug. 8 — A white 2006 Dodge Magnum struck the rear-end of a 2012 Nissan Altima in the 4600 block of North Oliver. The driver of the Dodge had an odor of consumed alcohol on his breath, he was slurring his speech, and his eyes were bloodshot and droopy in appearance. The man admitted to consuming alcoholic beverages and agreed to Standard Field Sobriety Tests. He failed SFSTs and agreed to a preliminary breath test, which showed he was intoxicated. In plain view in the console of the vehicle, a green leafy substance consistent with marijuana was found. The man admitted the substance was marijuana, and it was his. Michael Bueno Jr. of Augusta was arrested on charges of DUI and possession of marijuana.

Aug. 9 — A woman reported that a black Toyota Venza struck the rear end of her parked Hyundai Elantra in front of her home in the 5800 block of East Hanover. The woman was awakened by the noise and confronted the occupants of the offending vehicle. Two males and two females ran east on Hanover from the crash scene. A Kechi police officer located one female who claimed to be the driver of the black SUV. The woman was cited for failing duty to report an accident, inattentive driving, no driver's license and expired registration. Both cars were towed away by Kidd's Towing.

Aug. 9 — A man in the 4400 block of North Westlake Court reported he opened his vehicle door and saw the console and glove box had been emptied into the seats, and he reported nothing appears to be stolen from the vehicle. The man said a firearm had been in the backseat, but it had not been taken. The man claimed the vehicle had been locked, but there was no evidence of forced entry.

Aug. 9 — Officer Steele responded to a report of a vehicle larceny in the 4400 block of North Westlake Court. He contacted the reporting party and recovered a wallet from her. He backtracked and was able to locate a vehicle that had been ransacked.

Aug. 9 — Officer Smithwick was sent to a scene where a person had struck a parked vehicle with a motorized scooter. The scooter rider received medical attention. The other scooter rider nor the car owner wanted to make a report regarding the accident. They stated they would exchange information.

Aug. 10 — A 2007 Chevrolet

Council approves Rock Spring Addition improvements

By Taylor Messick

On Aug. 18, the Bel Aire City Council approved several resolutions related to improvements in Rock Spring Addition Phase 7. The addition is southeast of 53rd North and Rock.

The developer is ready for placement of public infrastructure in the Rock Spring Addition. Garver Engineering prepared the petitions and the developer signed them. Petitions for paving, sewer mains and water mains were unanimously ap-

proved by council at the Aug. 4 meeting. Approval of resolutions of advisability is a step taken in the financing process of the project. The costs of these improvements will be spread as special assessments to the benefit district. Resolutions for

improvements for paving, the sanitary sewer system and the water distribution system were approved on Aug. 18.

In other business, the council:

- Unanimously approved the agenda, consent agenda and appropriations 20-15 in the amount of \$275,565.01.

- Heard a presentation of the city's financial audit from Tara Laughlin of Allen, Gibbs & Houlik.

- Held a public hearing for and unanimously approved the city's 2021 budget.

- Heard from a resident about broken fire hydrants.

- Unanimously approved a quote of \$58,675 from UMC for rehabilitation of sewer man-

holes in Lawn Terrace, Bel Aire Village and Summit Hills.

- Unanimously voted to table an item relating to paving and striping of the recreation center.

- Unanimously approved resolutions of advisability for the Webb Road gravity sewer main and lift station.

Council member Jeff Elshoff was absent.

Fine finances

Ted Henry, Bel Aire director of finance, receives a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from Government Finance Officers Association. This will be the sixth year in a row for the city to receive the award.

Courtesy photo



Police

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Malibu was backing from a parking stall in a private property parking lot when it collided with the 2015 Dodge Dart, which was backing from another parking stall in the 6700 block of East 45th North. There were no apparent injuries or suspicious activity discovered, and there were no traffic citations issued for the private property collision.

Aug. 10 — A woman in the 5900 block of East 49th Court North reported three individuals pulling up in a car and checking the door handle of her locked truck. The woman saw similar things posted to the Nextdoor app and wanted law enforcement to be aware. The woman was able to provide police with video of the incident.

Aug. 10 — Officers were dispatched to assist staff at a care facility with an elderly patient with dementia who was being combative and striking staff members in the 6500 block of East 45th North. Officers arrived and assisted with restraining the man. The man calmed down enough that EMS crews were able to transport him by ambulance to St. Joseph Medical Hospital for psychiatric evaluation. No injuries were reported.

Aug. 11 — At around 6:05 a.m., a woman was leaving for work and noticed her dome light on and her driver's door ajar in the 5200 block of North Holder Court. The woman reported her small purse and wallet were missing. Later in the morning, the woman said she was contacted by a woman on Homestead Street who told her she had found her wallet in the street. While searching online, Chief Atteberry located a Ring surveillance video from the area that captured a subject walking in the area checking car doors. No positive ID could be made from the video.

Aug. 11 — Chief Atteberry stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 7300 block of East 53rd North. The driver's license was suspended. She was cited and given a court date for speeding and for driving with a suspended driver's license. Since she had so

many open suspensions and a long history of non-compliance, the woman called a relative to come drive her car from the stop.

Aug. 11 — A resident in the 4600 block of North Hillcrest reported two unknown individuals managed to attain his bank information, created fictitious checks, forged his signature, and used the checks to withdraw money from his bank account. The man notified his bank and closed the account.

Aug. 11 — A woman in the 4200 block of North St. James Court reported a neighbor's dog bit her dog. The owner of the other dog was not at the residence at the time of report.

Aug. 11 — Officers were dispatched to the report of a suspicious character taking pictures of houses in the 4400 block of North Auburn. The caller said she noticed a person in an older car taking pictures of her home. The caller said the suspect stopped several times near her house and took several pictures using his cellphone. The woman could not see the vehicle license plate.

Aug. 12 — Officers received a call to assist EMS with a patient whose family member wanted transported to the hospital against his will for a mental evaluation. Officers made contact with the man in the 4700 block of North Hillcrest. The man's daughter who was not at the residence was demanding the man be transported. Absent a court order or an apparent emergency situation, which did not exist, the man would not be transported. The man denied needing assistance and had home health assistance at the residence. He refused transport and was left at his home.

Aug. 13 — Chief Atteberry and Officer Crice were dispatched to a domestic violence disturbance in the 5200 block of North Cypress Circle. During the investigation, one of the participants was found to have a warrant through the City of Wichita. Christian A. Tolson of Bel Aire was arrested on a warrant.

Aug. 14 — A representative of Enterprise car rentals in the 6300 block of East 37th North reported that an unknown subject returned a vehicle and left a Smith & Wesson MP Shield 9mm

pistol under the driver's seat. The representative said he was unable to release the name of the subject who rented the car. He was advised that if the renter contacted them to have them call Bel Aire police. The gun had not been reported as stolen. The gun was submitted for safekeeping.

Aug. 14 — A Bel Aire resident in the 4800 block of North Farmstead reported an unknown male was knocking on several doors in the neighborhood. The man was apparently going door-to-door soliciting. The man said his wife notified the male there was no soliciting in Bel Aire without a permit. The man angrily walked down the street and got into his car. They said the male peeled out and parked just south of their residence. The unknown male then made an inappropriate hand gesture toward the woman and drove away.



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Above and beyond

Bel Aire rec director Brian Hayes (left) was named the City of Bel Aire Employee of the Quarter for displaying the city's "people first" attitude when he stopped to help a resident in need. City Manager Ty Lasher (right) said he received a note from a citizen thanking Hayes for helping her mother-in-law. The woman had fallen on the sidewalk and Hayes stopped and helped her get back up on her feet before bandaging her and giving her a ride home. "That's what we like to see of our employees," said Lasher. "Going above and beyond what they're typically required to do."

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