

The Bel Aire Breeze

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Bel Aire keeps the heat up on housing

Agent marketing city-owned lots

By David Dinell

In the past few years, Bel Aire Mayor David Austin and the city council have made it clear that they're seeking more housing for the city. Developers have found a welcomed reception there, as city officials hope to once again top the 100 mark in new home starts for the year.

The city not only wants to get more of its land sold, it wants new residents to be on the tax rolls and using local businesses, too.

The latest move in continuing to fuel housing came April 19 when the council approved extending an agreement with Providence Realty LLC to be the exclusive marketing agent for city-owned lots in The Village in Central Park. The agreement involves about nine lots in that section, which has bungalow-style homes.

Katie Wyatt, a Central Park resident and broker for Providence, has built a spec home in The Village and plans to build another once that one is sold.

"We have all the confidence in the world in Katie," Austin said. "Her heart is really in it."

Austin said he's been impressed with the sales job Wyatt is doing and with the way more people are moving into the city.

"We're seeing a real influx," he said. "It's a real positive direction that we're going."

He's especially pleased to note that many of the new residents are young families with children. Austin said the new residents are looking for a safe community with access to parks and recreation along with good schools.

In all, the city owns between 60 and 70

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City to study truck traffic

Woodlawn, Rock examined

By David Dinell

Heavy trucks are taking a toll of two of Bel Aire's north-south roads, said one council member, and he wants the city to see what can be done.

Guy MacDonald asked Bel Aire staff to have the city engineer take a close look at the situation and see what can be done. He raised the point at the April 5 city council meeting. While no action was taken on the issue, MacDonald made it clear that, in his view, something needed to be done as the trucks prematurely wear down the streets. The two roads raising the concern are Woodlawn and Rock Road. Trucks use those to get to and from K-254 and east Wichita.

"It's a real common route with them," he said.

MacDonald is in favor of requiring them to use Webb Road to the east, which is four lanes and is more suited to truck traffic. MacDonald got the immediate backing of at least one other council member, Ramona Becker, who said she not only notices the trucks, but the fact that they sometimes are traveling through in the early morning hours. MacDonald doesn't anticipate any legal problems getting a ban in place.

"A lot of cities ban trucks on their interior routes," he said.

City Manager Ty Lasher said the issue, which hasn't been raised before, will be

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Photos by David Dinell

Caleb Stilger, 14, (left) and Jeff Stilger unload a trailer of tree limbs. "This is spring cleaning for us," said Jeff Stilger as he tossed a few limbs on the rapidly growing pile.

SPRING CLEANING

Free brush dump days return for residents

By David Dinell

Bel Aire's brush site opened for the season last month — and it got a well-received reception. A steady stream of trucks and trailers made their way along 53rd Street to a site on the north side of the road to dump their tree limbs and shrubbery.

The site, sponsored each year by the city, will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each second Saturday of the month from now until October.

There's no charge to get rid of the items, but it's restricted to Bel Aire residents. Also, the site doesn't accept grass clippings, dirt or construction materials.

On the first dump day, Ronald McCullough of the city's public works department was on hand to direct traffic and give a hand, if needed.

"I like helping people," he said as he worked to get limbs off a pickup bed.

Among those bringing in loads were Jeff Stilger and his grandson, Caleb Stilger, 14, with a load of osage orange, cottonwood and mulberry limbs, some of which had been stored through the winter.

"This is spring cleaning for us," said Jeff Stilger as he toss a few limbs on the rapidly growing pile.

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Ronald McCullough of the city's public works department was on hand to direct traffic and give a hand, if needed, as he did with this resident's load of limbs and brush.



Mick Green clears the bed of his pickup. Green has used the site in the past to dump tree limbs from his property.



Doug Loosvelt and his daughter, Hannah, 15, load bags of mulch. The site is a total recycling effort as the mulch came from grinding up the limbs others had dropped off.

Bel Aire man sentenced for securities fraud

By The Breeze staff

A Bel Aire man has been sentenced to more than five years in prison and ordered to pay \$875,000 in restitution after being convicted of securities fraud, Kansas Securities Commissioner Josh Ney announced last month.

In a criminal case in Sedgwick County District Court, Dennis D. Bailey, 67, pleaded guilty to one count of felony securities fraud under the Kansas Uniform Securities Act. He was sentenced to 61 months in prison.

Ney's office said Bailey defrauded at least seven Kansas investors out of hundreds of thousands of dollars between January 2008 and February 2011 by selling unregistered securities in various so-called "investment platforms" through Legacy Capital Fund LLC. Contrary to his representations to victims, Bailey used money from his clients to invest in risky enterprises, which were ultimately frauds themselves. He also used significant portions of the investments for personal expenses.

"Mr. Bailey's victims trusted

him to competently invest their money," Ney said in a news release. "Instead, Mr. Bailey violated that trust by spending their money on himself and gambling on risky endeavors. I appreciate the hard work of our dedicated investigation and legal teams as well as the assistance of the Sedgwick County District Attorney's Office."

Ney encourages Kansans to contact his office if they suspect investment fraud or have a question about whether an investment professional or security is properly registered.



Mayor's corner

By David Austin

Plans are already underway for the Hot Dawgs pool party in August. But there is plenty going on between now and then. And there are plenty of options for citizens of all ages to get involved.

Beautiful Bel Aire also started up again. Adopt a Fire Hydrant and Adopt a Park are all up and going. Participation information is all available on the Bel Aire website at www.belaireks.gov or by calling City Hall at 744-2451.

Get involved

Beautiful Bel Aire is open to all Bel Aire houses. Projects of all sizes are considered, so if you put in a mulch bed, put out some beautiful plants, clean out a flower bed or do a complete landscaping job that could grace the cover of "Better Homes and Gardens," just take before and after pictures and submit them via email, by snail mail or drop them off at City Hall. Once a month, a winner will be selected and a Yard of the Month sign will let everyone know your improvements were the best. Winners also receive a gift card from Bel Aire's own TreeTop Nursery.

You may have noticed decorated fire hydrants all over our great city. I was especially excited to see one decorated in KC Royals just in time for opening day. If you have a design idea, I invite you to call City Hall and add your personal touch. These hydrants have received some national attention. Seriously, we have had other cities of varying sizes calling Bel Aire to ask about this project wanting to start one in their area.

Adopt a Park is designed for a group, a family or for anyone who wants to jump in and take ownership of keeping a park cleaned up beyond what our city parks crew are able to do.

Community involvement

Your governing body hopes to have a lot of community involvement beyond adopting fire hydrants, parks and improving neighborhoods with beauty projects. A survey is currently being compiled that will go to all citizens. I hope you will all take the time to complete and return the survey and attend the public forums.

We want to know what you'd like to see in Bel Aire. It is important to have this input and I'll talk more about it in future columns, but we want to get a better idea of your thoughts and ideas as we aim to outline a road map of what Bel Aire might look like in 10 years, 20 years and beyond. With so many new families calling this city home, I hope you know you all have a say.

Happy city

Bel Aire has been named a safe city, a Tree City USA, a Playful City USA and has been named to other great lists. Last month, Bel Aire was ranked the third Happiest City in Kansas by Zippia. This group looked at 60 communities and only McPherson and Leawood were deemed happier.

I am extremely proud to announce that the City of Bel Aire received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 2016 budget. This is the third consecutive year that the city has received this award. Congratulations Assistant City Manager and Finance Director Michelle Meyer and her staff! Having a transparent budget and the work they do, is second-to-none.

No wonder Bel Aire continues to get more attention. Our Twitter account is nearing 800 active followers. Not bad for a town of 3,000 homes.

In closing, thanks again for the honor of serving as your mayor. Keep on smiling and being happy.

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Bel Aire, Valley Center 'happy' cities

By The Breeze staff

Two north Sedgwick County cities are among the "happiest" places in Kansas, according to rankings by Zippia, an Internet-based career resources organization.

Bel Aire is ranked No. 3, while Valley Center is No. 9. Tops on the list is McPherson. Leawood is second, Prairie Village fourth, then Mulvane, Andover, Derby, Colby, Valley Center and Shawnee.

The company rated cities based on education levels, unemployment rates, commuting distance, cost of living, marriages, home ownership and poverty rate. Data was gleaned from a 2010-14 American Community Sur-

vey. According to Zippia, 73.5 percent of Valley Center adults own a home and 55 percent of adults are married, statistics, Zippia says, that result in happiness.

DEATHS

CHARLES EATON
Charles Harry Eaton, 99, formerly of Bel Aire, died April 4, 2016. He was a former mayor and city councilperson for the City of Bel Aire.



Eaton

He was born Nov. 16, 1916, in Cherokee, Okla., to James and Mary Eaton. He grew up in St. Joseph, Mo. He married Elsie in 1937 and eventually moved to Wichita and worked in the aircraft industry. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked for Western Auto and Macy's in appliance and television repair. In 1971, the family moved to Bel Aire where he was one of the original incorporators of the city. He served one term as mayor and 12 years on the city council.

He was preceded by his wife, four brothers, two sisters, daughter Bonnie and granddaughter Gretta Grundeman. Survivors include son Rodney Charles and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was April 8 at Old Mission Mortuary, with burial in Old Mission Cemetery. Memorials to the Bel Aire Senior Citizens, 7651 E. Central Park Ave., Bel Aire KS 67226.

EARNEST FOSTER

Ernest A. Foster Jr. 82, of Bel Aire, died March 20, 2016. He was retired from Mobil Oil.

He was born March 27, 1933, in Iola to Earnest A. Foster Sr. and Marie Brown Creason. He graduated from

Iola High School in 1952 and married Leora I. Larkey on Sept. 19, 1953. He served with the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He worked Pet Milk in Iola, Steffen's Dairy and the aircraft industry in Wichita, and for Mobil Oil in both Augusta and Beaumont, Texas, until he retired in 1993. They moved to Bel Aire after his retirement.



Foster

Survivors include his wife of 62 years; children Gary Foster, Diane (Chris) Ruggles and Jim (Kelly) Foster; grandchildren Brent (Carolyn) Ruggles and Jamie (Rob) Klem; stepgrandchildren Christian and Joshua; four great-grandchildren Sophie Klem, Grayson Ruggles, Zoe Ruggles and Baylor Klem; and a sister, Mary Morgan of Kansas City, Mo.

Private services were held. Memorials are suggested to your local animal shelter.

MARY HODGES

Mary Martha Hodges, 89, of Bel Aire, died April 16, 2016. She was a former secretary with the Wichita Public Schools.



Hodges

She was born Dec. 4, 1926, to John Otis and Ruth Hieronymus. She grew up in Shawnee. She graduated from Shawnee Mis-

sion High School and attended Bethany Peniel College. She married Marion Hodges Dec. 23, 1947.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Paul Hieronymus and sister Esther Croy. Survivors include her husband of 68 years; children Carol (Stephen) Steacy of Lawrence, John (Wanita) Hodges of Oakridge, Ore., and Geron Paul "Rus" (Becky) Hodges of Kechi; grandchildren Matthew Steacy and Adrianna Hodges; and sister Elisabeth Zacharias.

Funeral service was April 21 at Resthaven Mortuary, with interment at Resthaven Cemetery.

BETTY MORGAN

Betty J. Morgan, 81, of Wichita, died March 25, 2016. She was retired from the Internal Revenue Service.

She was born May 26, 1934, in Aurora, Mo., the daughter of Howard and Rena Morgan.

She married Jesse Morgan May 31, 1953, in Carthage, Mo. She received a master's degree in accounting from Wichita State University and became a certified public accountant. She retired after more than 25 years with the IRS in Wichita. She was a member of the Hillside Christian Church in Wichita.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her husband of 62 years; children Neal (Connie) Morgan of Aurora, Colo., Alan (Ann) Morgan of Tribune, Stacey (John) Windholz of Bel Aire and Jeffrey Morgan of Wichita; sister Paulette Smith of Lamar, Mo.; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was March 30 at Lakeview

Funeral Home, with burial at Lakeview Cemetery, both in Wichita. Memorial with Amedisys Hospice of Wichita, 250 W. Douglas Ave., No. 101, Wichita KS 67202.

ERMA ORTH-SCHUSTER

Erma Orth-Schuster, 79, died March 31, 2016. She was retired as the co-owner of Pilot Financial. She was a member of the West Wichita Optimist Club.



Orth-Schuster

She was preceded in death by husbands Nick Orth Jr. and Dean E. Schuster; son Nick Orth III; six brothers and one sister. Survivors include children Deb (Greb) Wetta of Wichita, Dan (Virginia) Orth of Andale, Dave (Kelly) Orth of San Dimas, Calif., Chuck (Paige) Orth of Dallas, Carl (Diane) Orth of Burnsville, Minn., Cindy (Kevin) Seiler of Colwich, Jeannie (Dave) Preisser of Keller, Texas, and Kim (Jason) Gish of Bel Aire; stepchildren John Schuster of Plano, Jacque (Steve) Carpenter of Cleveland, Mo., Joel (Chris) Schuster of Leonardtown, Md., and JoLynne (Dan) Beutler of Bucyrus; two sisters; one brother; 28 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian burial was April 9 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, with burial at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Andale. Memorial established with The Lord's Diner and Interim Hospice. Downing & Lahey Mortuary West had charge.

Housing

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lots in Central Park, which is between Woodlawn and Rock just south of 53rd Street. The neighborhood is being built in three phases The Park, The Village and The Landing. Bel Aire utilizes marketing companies to bring in builders and market the subdivision. The Park and The Landing are marketed by Crown III Realty and the builders in The Villas use their own marketing companies.

Last year set a record for Bel Aire home sales, but Austin said he would be happy to see that record eclipsed in

2016.

In other action, the council:

- Rescheduled the confirmation of several city official reappointments to the May 3 meeting. The appointments are: Ty Lasher as city manager, Alison McKinney-Brown as the city attorney and Greg Keith as the Bel Aire municipal judge. Under the council-manager form of government, the council appoints those three positions each year. "I don't anticipate any issues at all with the reappointments," Austin said. Council members simply wanted some more information on the topic, he said.

- Approved a retail fireworks permit for Community Bible Chapel to be a sponsor of fireworks sales at 3799 N. Harding. The city issues four permit each year for fireworks sales and, while it's only April, all four have now been spoken for.

- Authorized an appropriation for \$257,715.

- Listened to a proclamation declaring April 29 as Arbor Day in Bel

Aire. As part of its mission, as a Tree City USA, the city observes the day and plants a tree. This year, it will hold a tree-planting ceremony at 10 a.m., April 29 at the Sedgwick County Fire Station on Woodlawn. The tree is a survivor tree, which comes from a tree that made it through the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995.

- Adopted the slogan, "City of the Future with Respect for Its Past" as the city's official motto. "Certain documents staff generates require a mission statement or motto," Lasher said to the council. The old mission statement was extremely long and convoluted, which prompted staff to ask council for something new. "The slogan, which is on the city's seal, was determined to be appropriate.

- Approved a contract for engineering services with Ruggles & Bohm P.A. for the design of water and paving improvements in Phase 4 of the Rock Spring Addition. The cost of engineering services for the project is part of the infrastructure improvements and is added to the

special assessments for the lots being served by the improvements.

- Accepted the water and sanitary sewer petitions for the Englert Addition. Minor infrastructure improvements will be needed to allow for Lots 1 and 2 of the Englert Addition to utilize Bel Aire water and sewer mains, Lasher reports. Improvement expenses will be charged as special assessments to the owners of the lots.

- Approved a letter of support for the city of Wichita's and Wichita State's TIGER grant application for transportation connections for WSU's Innovation Campus. Wichita and WSU applied for the grant in 2015 but were not successful in obtaining the funding, so they're applying again for it. The TIGER grants are highly competitive, and, officials say, are helped by regional support. Since so many Bel Aire residents attend or work at WSU, city officials say they believe in supporting the grant.

Traffic

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looked into.

He agrees with MacDonald about the effect.

"Both of those roads are two lanes and not constructed for truck traffic," he said.

The city is responsible for the roads up to 53rd Street North, close to its northern boundary, and compounding the problem is that there's no money in the budget to get the surfaces redone.

"If we keep truck traffic off of it, it will last longer and we can patch them as needed," Lasher said.

Legally, the city has the right to put weigh limits on its roads, or simply ban truck traffic if it wants to, he said.

The next steps are to see what the city engineer finds out, take that data and draw up an ordinance.

Lasher said weight restrictions will benefit the city as a whole.

"Those roads will last much longer," he said.

In other action, the council:

- Authorized a sign code waiver for the Next Level Hoops building in the Sunflower Commerce Park. While the current sign code doesn't permit signs more than 200 square feet on a building, the city does allow a waiver to be granted if requested.

A waiver was previously granted to the business for a sign in October 2014 and now it wants another sign, this one on its south side.

- Approved a plan to plat land at the northeast corner of Oliver and 53rd Street North. The land, called the Englert Addition, is property owned by the Charles and Connie Woodard Living Trust and consists of two tracts, one 13 acres and the other 8. The council's action comes

after a public hearing and approval March 10 by the city's planning commission.

Lots on the addition will be served by a private sanitary sewer systems until Bel Aire has the ability to serve them with sewer, said Lasher, who has been working with land owners on the project. Access to the development will be through private drives accessing 53rd, he said. Also, they will get water from a main running along that street. The council also approved a development agreement for the addition, which is required by the city for any platted development. Lasher said the owners, Jeff and Mary Englert, would like to house domesticated farm animals. While the city code doesn't allow for the animals, a special use permit would supersede that. That permit also was approved.

- Authorized appropriations ordinances in the amount of \$1.4 million. The higher-than-normal figures includes payment on the city's insurance premium and debt service payment.

- Heard Austin proclaim April to be Fair Housing Month. It marks

the Fair Housing Act, which aims to eliminate housing discrimination. He also proclaimed it to be National Child Abuse and Prevention month, which is targeted to prevent child abuse and neglect and to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families.

- Approved the reappoint Warris Jaffery and Ellie Skokan to the Utility Advisory Committee. Skokan's term expires in May and current member Jaffery's term expired in March. Both have served on the committee for a number of years and have agreed to another two-year term.

- Authorized water and paving petitions for Phase 4 of the Rock Spring Addition. The developer is ready to go ahead and work on the final cul-de-sac in the current phase of the Rock Spring Addition, Lasher reported. Sewer and storm drainage has been put in place, but a water main and paving is needed to final new home building to take place, he said. The cost of those additional will be paid those property owners through special assessments on their property taxes.

Brush

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"It's really convenient for us to get this out of the yard," added Caleb Stilger.

A few minutes later, Mick Green arrived with a load of

cottonwood tree limbs and vines, along with his dog, Jace. "I may be back with more," he said. "It depends on my energy."

It wasn't all dumping off yard items, some people were picking up something for the yard, in this case, bags of mulch.

Doug Loosvelt and his daughter, Hannah, 15, were busy loading five bags of mulch into their vehicle for their garden. It's a total recycling effort as the mulch came from grinding up the limbs others had dropped off.

As the Loosvelts headed off, more vehicles headed in.

By 10:45 a.m. there had already been 35 vehicles in the lot and McCullough predicted many more would come by 1 p.m. The more traffic, the better, he said.

"There's never a boring moment here," he said.

The next open day at the site is May 14.



City of Bel Aire



Bel Aire Recreation

HELP WANTED

The City of Bel Aire has part-time openings available for youth baseball/softball umpires and a hip-hop instructor. Apply in person at the Bel Aire Recreation Center.

RECREATIONAL SUMMER BALL

Practices begin the week of May 9 and games will be played on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday beginning May 31. For boys ages 5 to 11 and girls ages 5 to 12.

BEL OF THE BALL

We invite all fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, brothers, uncles and friends with their special princesses to a magical evening filled with music, food and fun! The Bel of the Ball will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. June 17. Please call for more information.

SUMMER DAY CAMP

The Wichita YMCA will again offer a state-licensed day camp this summer at the Bel Aire Recreation Center. Elementary age activities include arts & crafts, games, sports, swimming, field trips, and much more. For more information or to register call the YMCA at 264-1610.

BRITISH SOCCER CAMP

Challenger Sports' British Soccer Camp is the most popular soccer camp in the country. Simply put, amazing coaches,

awesome accents, innovative practices and a unique cultural twist combine for a one-of-a-kind camp experience! Camp will run from July 11 to 15. Register today at www.challengersports.com.

CARDIO FUSION

This adult fitness class is for ages 16 & up. We will focus on total body fitness, including cardio and strength training. Every workout can be scaled to fit each participant's level of needs. The movements will incorporate lifting, yoga and agility techniques to give you a unique workout each time. Cardio Fusion is at 8 p.m. Thursday.

YOGA

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

SENIOR AEROBICS/ CHAIR EXERCISES

The senior aerobics class meets from 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesdays. Chair exercise meets at 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Fridays. You can join at any time.

A \$5 late fee will be charged to all sign-ups after registration deadlines. For more information about these or any Bel Aire Recreation programs, call 744-2700.

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

- Bel Aire Walkers** — M-F, 8-9 a.m. at the Rec Center (indoors & climate controlled). Free for Bel Aire Senior members, alternate times available
- Line Dance Class** — Mondays, 1:30 p.m. at the Rec Center and Fridays, 1 p.m. in the Community Room
- Yoga** — Mondays & Wednesdays, 6 p.m. at the Rec Center (monthly fee)
- Chair Exercises** — Tuesday & Fridays, 10:30 a.m., at the Rec Center
- Bridge Games** — Tuesdays, 1 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Low Impact Aerobics** — Wednesdays, 9 a.m. at the Rec Center
- Braum's Breakfast** — Fridays, 9 a.m. on North Rock Road

Central Park Swimming Pool

7350 E. Central Park Ave. 744-7331

Pool opens May 28th weather permitting

Fee Information

Summer Passes	
Individual (ages 12 & older)	\$110 /year
Family: 2 adults and dependent children residing in the home	\$165/ year
Daily Fees	
Under age 12 (must be accompanied by an adult)	\$2 per day
Over age 12	\$3 per day

POOL HOURS

WEEKDAYS

Swimming Lessons 11:00 am—1:00 pm
Open Swim 1:00 pm—7:00 pm
Swimming Lessons 7:00 pm—7:45 pm

WEEKENDS

Saturday & Sunday
Pool Hours 1:00 pm—6:00 pm

POOL HOURS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

POOL RENTALS

Rental packages are available outside of normal business hours.
Up to 25 patrons—\$44/hour
Over 25* patrons—\$66/hour
* Limit of 50 patrons

GROUP SWIMMING LESSONS

Morning & Evening Sessions will begin June 13
Members - \$39/session
Non-Members - \$48/session

PRIVATE SWIMMING LESSONS

Private swimming lessons are available by appointment and are subject to availability.

Registration for all memberships, swimming lessons, & pool rentals will be taken at the pool only beginning May 28th.

Monthly & Special Events

- May 1, 6 p.m.** — Pitch, Senior Center.
- May 2, 6:30 p.m.** — Potluck dinner fiesta with Mariachi Jalisco, Community Room.
- May 3, 8:30 a.m.** — Breakfast, IHOP.
- May 4, 10 a.m.** — Volunteer library work time, Senior Center.
- May 5, 11 a.m.** — Mental Health Association info with Robin, Senior Center
- May 5, 1 p.m.** — Game Day, Rec Center.
- May 9, 11:30 a.m.** — Lunch at Stearman Field Bar & Grill, (carpool from Rec Center at 11 a.m.)
- May 10, 9:15 a.m.** — Medication safety, Walgreens, Rec Center
- May 11, 10 a.m.** — Open sewing, Rec Center.
- May 12, 10 a.m.** — Senior Thursday at the Aviation Museum (carpool from center at 9:15 a.m.)
- May 17, 9:30 a.m.** — Herb of the Year, "Pepper." Denise Dias Senior Center (sponsored by TOPS)
- May 17, 6 p.m.** — Ladies Dine Out. Anita at 744-2840 for more info.
- May 18, 10 a.m.** — Men's coffee at Braum's, North Rock Road.
- May 18, 10:15 a.m.** — Senior Aerobics Brunch, different locations.
- May 18, 1:30 p.m.** — Book Club meeting, Senior Center.
- May 18, 2 p.m.** — Women's coffee at Braum's, North Rock Road.
- May 19, 10:30 a.m.** — Lunch and Learn, caregiver dementia support, Cypress Springs
- May 20, 9 a.m. to noon** — Foot care, Hermes Health. Call 260-4110 for an appointment
- May 20, 6 p.m.** — Pitch, Senior Center.
- May 23, 6 p.m.** — Covered dish dinner and program, Terry Dear
- May 24, 12:30 p.m.** — Movie (TBA) at the Palace Theater. Call 744-2451, Ext. 121, for questions and reservations
- May 25, 7 p.m.** — Bunko at Senior Center. Call 744-2451, Ext. 121, for reservation.
- May 26, 2 p.m.** — Genealogy Group, presentation by Donnis Crane "Finding Your Ancestor's Land"
- May 28, 12:30 p.m.** — Private Traditional Acoustic Music Jam. Listeners welcome, Senior Center

Connect with us!



*Bel Aire Seniors garage sale at Recreation Center
June 23, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Call Jennie at 744-2451, ext 121
to reserve your spot!*

Congratulations Caitlin Martin May Beautify Bel Aire Winner



Beautify Bel Aire

Have you made improvements to the outside of your home or lawn?

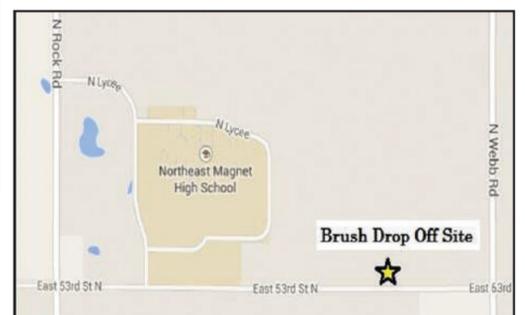
Send us your before & after pictures for a chance to win a \$50 gift card from Tree Top Nursery. One home will be selected each month from April to September.

How to enter:

Share on our Facebook or Twitter (#BeautifyBelAire)
E-mail tterhune@belaireks.gov

Community Events

- TOPS** — Tuesdays at 9 a.m., Senior Center
- City Council** — First and third Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m.
- For Red Hat** info, call Anita at 744-2840.
- May 4, noon** — Chamber of Commerce.
- May 7, 9 a.m. to noon** — Electronic recycling and shredding day. City Hall parking lot.
- May 14, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** — Brush site open



- May 16, 7 p.m.** — Community Development Committee meeting
- May 30** — Memorial Day, city offices closed
- June 23-25** — Citywide garage sales, permit fee waived
- July 9, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** — Communitywide cleanup day.

Community Electronics Recycling & Shredding Day

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

**May 7th
9am-12pm**

**Bel Aire City Hall
7651 E Central Park Ave
(North Parking Lot)**

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CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran

Christ Lutheran is at 53rd North and Hillside, across from Wichita Heights High School. Contemporary worship service is at 9 a.m. with a traditional service at 11. Communion is offered at both services. Sunday school for all ages begins at 10:15. For more information about the church and its activities find the church online at www.christ-lutheran.org, or call 744-1242. Chad Langdon is the pastor of Christ Lutheran Church.

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 at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday. Weekday Masses are 8 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. 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. James F. Weldon is the pastor.

Community Bible Chapel

Community Bible Chapel is located at the corner of 45th North and Arlene. Please call Amy Smith at 323-2819 with any questions.

Cornerstone Christian

Cornerstone Christian Church is located at 5531 E. 37th North in Wichita KS 67220-2037. The church phone number is 686-0208. Our pastor is Jim Rackham and youth pastor is Brandon Morrow. Sunday Worship is at 9:30 and 11 a.m. and a nursery is provided. Our Wednesday Study Groups include adult studies, youth and AWANA. They all meet at 6:30 p.m. Please join us for the service of your choice.

Fairmount United Church of Christ

Visit the church at 1605 Fairmount in Wichita, one block south and one block east of 17th North and Hillside. Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m., which includes children's church. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 682-1597 or visit at www.fairmountuccc.org. Steve Bridwell is the minister.

Gospel Assembly Church

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. The first Saturday evening of each month are youth activities. Phone number is 744-1502. The Rev. Gary D. Green is the pastor.

Greenwich United Methodist Church

Greenwich UMC, at the edge of Wichita, is a traditional, family church that serves all ages. Sunday worship is at 9 a.m. Life Studies study group for all ages is from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday. 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 also host a church brunch quarterly. Special events are announced on the church sign, Facebook and by mailings. Please call to be added to our mailing list or email shagemeister@sbcglobal.net. Greenwich UMC missions support large local charities like Open Door, Grace Med or Youthville, as well as small charities like Flint Hills Therapeutic Riding Center, Wichita Children's Home, to name a few. The church is located at 5500 N. Greenwich Road, about one mile south of K-254 and five miles north of 21st North. Like us on Facebook at Wichita Greenwich United Methodist Church. We would love for you to come join us Sunday. Feel free to call anytime 744-0203.

Kechi United Methodist

Sunday worship is at 9:03 a.m. (contemporary service) or 11 (traditional service), with Sunday school at 10 a.m., at Kechi United Methodist Church, 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi. Caregivers support group meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month. Men's Bible Study is at 6:30 a.m. Wednesdays. Bingo is at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month. Our pastor is Greg Reed. Find us 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. Sunday worship service and Kids Church are at 10:30 a.m., with Life University/Sunday school for all ages at 9. There are no regular Sunday night service. For special activities, see our website, www.lpcag.org. On Wednesday evenings, Launch children's program meets at 6:30 p.m. Velocity Student Ministries for youth meets at 7 p.m. Adult small groups meet throughout the community. Senior pastor is Steve Rains. Youth pastor is Jacob Soyez. Children's pastor is Nathaniel Thurman. Call 755-2331.

Risen Savior Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

The church is at 6770 E. 34th North, Wichita. Phone number is 683-5538. The church is online at www.risensaviorwichita.net. Contemporary Sunday worship service is at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Communion is on the first and third Sunday. Adult Sunday school and Bible class meet at 9:15 a.m. Children's church is at 10:30 a.m. A nursery is provided during both the Bible class and the second service. Lifetree Café is a conversation café, a place and time for people to gather weekly to experience stories and talk about thought-provoking topics relating to life and faith. They meet Thursdays at 1 p.m., with lunch at noon, at the community building, 316 E. Clay, in Valley Center.

Wichita Three Angels Seventh-Day Adventist

The church is located at 4558 N. Hydraulic, Wichita. The pastor is Nathan Stearman. The Sabbath school is at 9:30 a.m. Worship service is at 11 a.m. For more information find us at www.godsclouset.com or on Facebook, email eric@godsclouset.com or call 530-1040. Send your church's upcoming events and service times to legals@arkvalleynews.com or call 755-0821.

Risen Savior Pre-school classes for 3- to 5-year-olds are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 to 11:45 a.m. Please contact Michelle Peshek, director/lead teacher, with questions at atmichelpe@risensavior.net or call the church office at 683-5538. Senior pastor is Tom Harmon.

St. Michael's 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. "The disciples were first called Christians at Antioch." (Acts 11:26) Saint Michael is a western rite congregation using the Liturgy of Saint Gregory. It is the only western rite Orthodox Church in Kansas. Join us for our worship of the Holy Trinity using the ancient and beautiful liturgy of the Undivided Church. Sunday Adult class at 9am: Paul's Letters to the Church in Corinth Men's Bible Study Group will meet at 7 p.m. May 9 and 23 and study "A Christian Appraisal of the Quran." Women's Bible Study Group will meet at 10 a.m. May 13 and 27. It will study "The Ladder of Divine Ascent: Thirty Steps to Heaven" Wednesday service is at 6 p.m. Saturday Vespers is at 4:30 p.m. There is no morning service on Easter Day, May 1, but we will serve Paschal Vespers at 1 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us for Orthodox Easter and to experience our Easter liturgy which has its origin in the practices of the ancient Church in Jerusalem. Holy Days for May are May 11, Saints Philip and James; May 12, Finding of the True Cross; May 16, Brendan the Navigator; May 21, Saint Constantine; and May 24, Saint Vincent of Lerins.

There is no fasting or abstinence during the Great Fifty Days of Easter. Call the church for more information at 734-6248 or visit our website at www.saintmichaelorthodoxchurch.com. Email inquiries to jflora@cox.net. The Very Rev. Dr. John Flora is archpriest and pastor. The Rev. Father Basil Anderson is the deacon, and James Finneran is the reader.

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NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

Shred day set for May 7

The Bel Aire Lions Club and The City Of Bel Aire are hosting the annual Document Shredding and Electronic Recycling Day from 9 a.m. to noon May 7 at Bel Aire City Hall, 7651 E. Central Park Ave. This annual event is free to Bel Aire residents. A fee may be charged for picture tube-type televisions based on a diagonal screen measurement.

Student in honor group

Elia Brown of Wichita is among more than 100 first-year students inducted April 13 into the Phi Eta Sigma honor society at Emporia State University. Phi Eta Sigma is the national scholastic honor society for students with an average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. It is the greatest scholastic distinction a first-year student can attain.

Airman graduates

U.S. Air Force Airman Brandon T. Scheer graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio. The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Church VBS set for June

Community Bible Chapel will hold its Vacation Bible School from June 6 through 10. The theme is Cowabunga Farm — Growing with our Faithful God! All children from age 4 through sixth grade are invited to come and join the "herd," as we explore the story of Joseph with plenty of snacks, amazing crafts and games to enjoy. The fun will be from 6:15 to 8:45 p.m. each day. Our Friday program begins at 6:30 p.m. Community Bible Chapel is located at the corner of 45th North and Arlene in Bel Aire. Vacation Bible School is always a big highlight in our year, and we hope to see you there. Call Amy Smith with any questions at 323-2819.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Scheer is the son of Anne M. Cheney, Valley Center, and Brian T. Scheer, Bel Aire; the stepson of Tommy D. Cheney, Valley Center, and Allison L. Scheer, Bel Aire; the brother of Aubrey A. Scheer, Kansas City, Kan., Mandy M. Cranmer, Salina, and Dylan A. Scheer, Pittsburg; and the grandson of Mary Page, Derby. He is a 2009 graduate of Valley Center High School.

Newman University honored two Bel Aire area student scholars and leaders for their outstanding academic achievements and accomplishments during the 2016 Academic Honors and Awards Convocation, held April 21 on the Newman campus. Jacob Johnston, of Wichita, received an Outstanding Achievement Award for Building Leadership. Under Student Service and Leadership, Cuong "Yoshi" Le, of Wichita, was nominated for an Ablah Award.

Scholars recognized

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Land set aside for expansion

The Bel Aire City Council moved to take control of more land along 53rd Street North between Rock and Webb for possible expansion from two lanes to three or five lanes. "As interest in development begins to pick up along 53rd street between Rock and Webb," City Manager Ty Lasher said, "now is the time to be thinking about future street expansion." The current right-of-way is acceptable for a two-lane road, but not for more, he said, and that calls for an additional 60 feet on each side of the road, Lasher said. The land actually is owned by the city's Land Bank, so it needs to release the land to the city, which it did April 5. Then the council needed to approve accepting the land, which it also did. Now the road, with easements in place, is ready for expansion when needed, Lasher said.

Local students earn Awana's top award

By The News staff

On May 1, three local students received the Citation Award from the Northside Bible Chapel Awana program in Kechi. The Citation Award is given to students who have completed all of the materials that are required in the Awana program. Those who have completed the program are Charlotte Lathrom of Wichita, Jacob Schlittenhardt of Wichita, and Joel Banzhaf of Wichita. To achieve this award, each student had to complete over 10 years of lessons and activities in the Awana program. They learned more than 700 Bible verses, read through the entire Bible, completed several Bible studies and fulfilled four dedicated years of Christian ministry service projects in their church and community. The Citation Award is the highest recognition that any participant can receive, enabling them to earn scholarships from select colleges and universities. Awana, which stands for Approved Workmen



Pictured are (from left) Stuart Atherton (Awana trek/journey commander), Jacob Schlittenhardt, Charlotte Lathrom, Joel Banzhaf and Erick Robles (Awana director).

Are Not Ashamed (taken from a Bible verse in 2 Timothy 2:15), is an international weekly Bible-based ministry for youth ages 3 to 18 to help them build Biblical foundations for their faith in Christ. Meetings consist of practical Bible messages, memorization and games. Each week, more than 1 million children and youth and 250,000 volunteers take part in Awana in more than 17,000 churches worldwide. The Awana program that meets at Northside Bible Chapel in Kechi starts in September each

year and runs through April. For more information about the program, contact Erick Robles at 258-5550.

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BEL AIRE POLICE REPORTS

April 14 — Officer Trelow stopped a vehicle for running the stop sign at 45th and Woodlawn. The driver was a 15-year-old who did not have a license or a permit. She did not have an adult with her while driving. She was cited for driving without a license, no license in possession and violating license restrictions. Her father came and picked her and her friend up from the scene.

April 12 — A woman driving a 2016 Dodge Grand Caravan backed out of the driveway of a residence and struck 2012 Chevrolet Malibu in the 5900 block of North Highland. The caravan struck the Malibu in the driver front and rear door.

April 12 — A Sedgwick County deputy requested back-up near 37th and Greenwich. He located a black Suzuki registered to known person near an abandoned property. Officers arrived on scene and began walking the property adjacent to the parked car. On the property were a burned-down house and an aging barn. Officers detected the odor of marijuana and voices coming from inside the barn. Two individuals were ordered out of the barn and detained. Both were identified and were arrested for trespassing and possession of marijuana. One of the men also had an outstanding criminal complaint through Bel Aire. Suspects' names were not available.

April 12 — Officer Steele was contacted about a missing license plate from the 6300 block of East 37th North. He took the report and the missing license plate's number was entered into the computer system.

April 12 — Officer Elpers was dispatched to a possible stolen vehicle in the 5700 block of East Rodeo. The calling party said he had found his vehicle that had been previously stolen. Officer then made contact with the owner of the home where the car was parked. She said the vehicle had been at her residence since summer 2015 and that her ex-husband had left the vehicle there. The vehicle was then released to the owner and cleared from NCIC.

April 11 — A driver was stopped on 37th North waiting for traffic to clear so she could turn into the Tree Top Nursery & Landscape parking lot. Her vehicle was struck from behind. Minor damage was reported.

April 11 — Officer Elpers stopped a blue Chevrolet Cavalier for expired tags at 4300 North Woodlawn. A second vehicle then pulled up behind him. He made contact with both occupants of the second vehicle to find out why they had stopped behind him. He was on a traffic stop. As he identified the occupants of the car he discovered the passenger of the second car to have outstanding warrants. The driver of the Cavalier was cited and released and the passenger of the second car was arrested and booked into the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility for his warrant. The suspect's name was not available.

April 11 — Officer Elpers was dispatched to a non-injury accident at 45th and Woodlawn. An eyewitness said that a black Saturn SUV ran the stop sign westbound and struck a tan Chevrolet Impala, which was northbound. The driver of the Saturn was cited for running the stop sign and no proof of liability insurance.

April 11 — Bel Aire police were sent to the 4800 block of North Hedgerow because of repeated calls and complaints about door-to-door salesmen. Two men were stopped. One stated that they were selling Protection One services in the residential neighborhood. The man did not have a Bel Aire vendor's permit and stated that he didn't know what that was. The men were told not to continue their sales until they had secured a vendor's permit.

April 10 — Officer T. Davis stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 4200 block of North Woodlawn. The driver, Zachary M. Conner of Eastborough, was booked into the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility on charges of DUI, driving with a suspended license and unlawful use of a license.

April 10 — Officer Trelow stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 4500 block of North Oliver. Officer approached the vehicle and made contact with the driver. The odor of marijuana was coming from the vehicle. Upon further investigation, there was paraphernalia, marijuana and alcohol found in the vehicle. The driver was under the age of 21. He was cited for speeding, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia and minor in possession of alcohol. The driver was given a court date.

April 9 — Officer Camplin was dispatched to a report of a vehicle backing into another parked vehicle in the 4000 block of North Woodlawn. The driver said she was backing up when she ran into a parked vehicle. She said she did not observe the vehicle behind her.

April 9 — Officer Elpers stopped a tan Chevy Malibu for failure to signal at 53rd and Lycee. The driver was found to be in possession in marijuana and paraphernalia. The man was cited and given a court date.

April 9 — Officer Roney responded to the area of 77th and Rock to assist Park City police with a traffic pursuit. He observed the vehicle and began

pursuing the vehicle but called it off because of the heavy dust in the air, which blocked his view. Park City police is pursuing felony charges on the suspected driver.

April 9 — Officer Elpers responded to a robbery in progress at Dillon's at 3707 N. Woodlawn. Store employees relayed the suspect description to responding officers. Wichita Police Department officers arrived on scene to take over the investigation.

April 8 — Officer T. Davis was on patrol when he passed a vehicle that failed to dim high beam headlights. He stopped the vehicle at 37th and Oliver. The driver was booked into the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility for traffic violations and on a charge of DUI. The suspect's name was not available.

April 8 — A man reported selling a watch on Craigslist. He had one buyer for the watch but sold it to another person. The first buyer sent him a check in the mail for more than \$1,900. The man told the person that sent him the check he did not need the check and wanted to give him the check back. The unknown person told him to deposit it in an account. The man's bank would not let him transfer the money until it was cashed into their account. The bank called him due to the check being bad.

April 8 — A woman reported her 16-year-old foster child as a runaway from the 4000 block of North Farmstead. The runaway was located at a residence but the foster mother refused to take her back. The child was transported to Wichita Children's Home.

April 8 — Officer Elpers was dispatched to a possible disturbance in the 4500 block of North Glendale. A man said he was having a verbal altercation with his brother. The man said his brother had been staying in his spare house for free. The man said he is selling the home and needs his brother to move out but his brother refused.

April 6 — While working municipal court it was discovered that a defendant on a Bel Aire case had an active Andover warrant. The woman was taken into custody and transferred to the custody of the Butler County Sheriff's Office. She was booked into the Butler County Adult Detention Facility. The suspect's name was not available.

April 6 — While working municipal court, a case defendant was found in contempt of court on a municipal court case and ordered to serve a 168-hour committal. The man was transported to the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility where he was booked on the court commitment. The suspect's name was not available.

April 5 — Officer Crice was called to Catholic Care Center in reference to a sudden death case. A woman had been admitted for rehab after being discharged from a hospital. The woman was homeless and was accepted for care by Catholic Care. The facility was unable to contact a next of kin so arrangements were made with the Medical Examiner's Office to have the deceased released to a mortuary service. Family members called later in the day.

April 5 — A woman reported unknown person(s) breaking the right rear passenger window out of her boyfriend's 2001 Chevrolet Tahoe and taking her purse and a leather coat from the floorboard.

April 5 — Officer Roney responded to the report of a found wallet at 44th and Rushwood. A man reported finding a brown tri-fold wallet under the park bench at Brookhouse Park. The only identification inside the wallet was an insurance card and a Department of Veterans Affairs card. Officer attempted to find a local address but was unsuccessful. The wallet was submitted as found property.

April 5 — Officer Roney assisted Kechi police with a reckless driver call after being in the area of a dispatched report of a wrong-way driver on K-254. Officer located the vehicle at 61st and Oliver and followed it west on 61st where he witnessed the vehicle fail to maintain its lane of travel twice. Kechi conducted a stop on the vehicle and arrested the driver, Calvin G. Banks of Wichita, on a charge of DUI.

April 4 — Officer Steele received a suspicious character call from the 5900 block of East Memphis. The caller reported a man followed her home from the North YMCA. She reported she had noticed the suspect had been exercising near her at the North YMCA. The woman said she noticed the man stop in front of her driveway. The woman reported having a conversation with the man before he left.

April 3 — Officer Roney was contacted at the station by a woman who was requesting information on victims of abuse. The woman appeared very upset and out of breath. After asking her inside and getting her a drink, officer determined that she had been in an argument with her husband in Wichita while attending church and had walked from 21st and K-96 to the Bel Aire Police Department. The woman stated that nothing physical took place. However, the verbal abuse was too much and she was looking for help. Officer provided a domestic violence packet and talked to her about her options. The woman said she wanted to take information with her and go cool off. Later, her husband contacted the officer at the station wanting to make a missing person report because he had not heard from his wife and could not locate her. Officer took the information and then contacted the woman and made sure she was still safe. She advised she would go home later.

April 3 — Officer Trelow conducted a traffic stop on a black Buick car for speeding in the 5000 block of North Oliver. The driver said she did not have a license and has never had one. Upon investigation the vehicle was associated with a runaway case out of Wichita. The runaway was not in the vehicle but was at a residence in Park City. Park City officers picked up the runaway and transported her to Wesley Medical Center. The vehicle belonged to the mother of the runaway but had not been reported as stolen. There were three female juvenile passengers in the vehicle. All parents were called and picked up their children. The owner of the vehicle was contacted and picked up the vehicle.

April 3 — Officer Elpers stopped a green Subaru Forester at 3300 N. Greenwich for speeding. The driver was found to have an outstanding warrant through the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office. The driver was cited and then booked to the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility. The suspect's name was not available.

April 3 — Officer Elpers was dispatched to a suicidal person call in the 6700 block of East 44th Court North. A woman denied making any suicidal statements. Officer was able to make contact with the calling party and another witness to the text messages that were sent out. Both said she stated she was going to harm herself. The woman was taken to St. Joseph Hospital for treatment.

April 2 — Officer Roney was dispatched to the report of an active disturbance in the 5600 block of North Lycee, where a neighbor reported the sound of breaking glass and yelling. A woman said her roommate had a mental episode and she wanted him gone. The woman and the other occupants of the residence who witnessed the incident refused to fill out statements and would not press charges. It was apparent that the roommate suffered from a mental issue. Since all witnesses refused to cooperate and the calling party wished to remain anonymous, officers had no victim. Officer transported the roommate to an address on North Rock Road to release him to his mother.

April 2 — A woman reported her son-in-law broke the gate to her fence in the 4000 block of North Auburn. The man has mental issues. The woman reported that her son-in-law comes over to her residence to take things.

March 31 — Officer Camplin was dispatched to assist EMS in the 6500 block of East Perryton, where a child had fallen off his bike. The child was leaning over to get off his tricycle and fell onto the concrete hitting his mouth.

March 31 — Officer Trelow conducted a traffic stop on a speeder in the 5600 block of North Oliver. The driver informed officer she did not have a driver's license. The driver was cited for no driver's license in possession and speeding. She was given a court date.

March 31 — Officers Trelow and Roney responded to the report of a disturbance in the 5700 block of East Memphis. A woman found out that her son had been supplying marijuana to her younger son. During their argument, the older adult son forcibly held his mother down on a couch and the living room floor. The adult son, John Cameron Francisco, was arrested and booked on unlawful restraint and a Sedgwick County warrant. Investigation pending.

March 31 — A woman reported that while working at Catholic Care an unknown indi-

vidual took her wallet out of her purse and made two purchases with a debit card at Walmart.

March 29 — Lt. Foxx worked a traffic crash where a blue 99 Honda Accord turned south off of 53rd North onto Rock Road in front a northbound 2016 blue Chevy Traverse.

March 29 — Officer Brown was dispatched to a domestic disturbance call in the 4000 block of North Auburn. It was discovered a man took his mother-in-law's cellphone and left. The man's wife said he has been showing signs of mental illness since January. The area was checked but the man was not located.

March 28 — Officer Elpers was dispatched to a suspicious character report in the 5600 block of North Lycee. The calling party said that two to three times a week there is a corporate deliver truck parked in the northwest corner of Northeast High School for up to 30 minutes at a time and the calling party suspects that the driver is going to burglarize her home.

March 28 — Officer Elpers stopped a vehicle in the 6400 block of East Central Park. While searching a vehicle, officer located drugs inside a clear plastic bag. After speaking with the woman in possession of the drugs, she stated that it was given to her by her mother. Investigation pending.

March 28 — Officer Elpers stopped a red Mercury Marauder for expired tags at 6400 E. Central Park. Officer could smell the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. The vehicle was searched and a small amount of marijuana was found in the carpet. A passenger was found to have a Wichita warrant and was arrested and booked into the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility. The suspect's name was not available.

March 26 — Officer Walender was running stationary radar in the 6000 block of East 53rd North when he noticed a gray Toyota 4 Runner. He ran the license plate and found the license plate came back to a 1999 Red Chevrolet 1500 pickup truck. Officer stopped the vehicle and contacted the driver. The driver said he had the license plate on his Chevy pickup, but sold it and had not made it down to the tag office to update the license plate with the state. The man was cited for an illegal tag, and given a court date.

March 26 — Officer Camplin was dispatched to an accident at 45th and Woodlawn. The driver of a vehicle said he had looked in his rearview mirror and when he looked up it was too late to stop and hit the vehicle in front of him.

March 26 — Officer Trelow was behind a black Ford Fusion and ran the tag in the 4200 block of North Oliver. The tag came back to a Volkswagen. He stopped the vehicle and the driver said that he bought the vehicle from a dealership and they were going to transfer the tag. The tag on the vehicle came back to him. The driver was cited for illegal tag and no proof of liability insurance and given a court date.

March 26 — Officer Trelow was dispatched to a burglary report in the 4800 block of North Farmstead. The reporting party said her nephew was staying with her and possibly stole \$2,500 worth of jewelry from a safe belonging to her mother. The nephew lives in the area of Rock Island and Illinois.

March 24 — A woman reported to Lt. Foxx that she had been involved in a verbal argument with her common-law husband in the 5600 block of North Lycee. The argument was over where to send their oldest child to school.

March 24 — A juvenile female called police from the manager's office of the apartments in the 5600 block of North Lycee and reported she was afraid to go home. She thought her parents were going to harm her because she did not go to school. Officers contacted her mother and stepfather. They both stated their 12-year-old daughter refuses to go to school and they do not have the means to take her. They attempted to force her to go to school but were unsuccessful. Both parents advised they were not going to harm their daughter.

March 24 — Officer Roney responded to the report of a burglary in the 5700 block of East Odessa. A man reported that two girl's bicycles were stolen from the garage attached to his residence.

March 24 — Officer Roney responded to the report of a non-injury accident in the 5500 block of North Lycee. The driver stated he became distracted by his radio and veered to the

right and struck the curb and storm drain on the east side of the roadway. Both passenger side wheels and tires suffered damage.

March 22 — Officers Elpers and Roney responded to an injury accident in the intersection of 37th and Woodlawn. A red 2012 Honda Civic was traveling north on Woodlawn through 37th when a black 2001 Saab struck the Civic on the driver front corner while attempting the make a left turn from the southbound inside turn lane on Woodlawn.

March 22 — Officer Steele responded to a request for assistance concerning the search for a subject related to a Park City vehicular pursuit. A Kechi Police Department officer located the subject in the Quik Trip in the 900 block of East 61st North. Steele and the Kechi officer took the subject into custody.

March 22 — Officer Steele was traveling north on Rock Road when he noticed a vehicle traveling south with a vehicle defect and an expired license plate. After stopping the vehicle, Steele contacted the driver and found he did not have a driver's license with him. The driver was cited for no driver's license in possession and the vehicle defect and given a court date.

March 21 — Officer Elpers was dispatched to a domestic disturbance in the 5600 block of North Lycee. The calling party reported that she heard that someone she knew was planning to break into her residence.

March 21 — Officer Walender was dispatched to an animal at-large call in the area of 45th and Edgemoor. Four donkeys that belong to Sharon Lindsted at Sunrise Christian Academy. The donkeys were located nearby and returned back to Sunrise Christian Academy.

March 21 — Officer Elpers stopped a moped for an expired tag in the 7000 block of East 45th North. The driver was found to have a suspended driver's license with no moped endorsement. He was cited and issued a court date.

March 21 — Officer Elpers was dispatched to a burglary report in the 5600 block of North Lycee. The calling party said she left the residence for an hour to run errands. The woman said she noticed a vehicle leaving the apartment complex at a high rate of speed and said she recognized everyone in the vehicle. The woman reported that when she got to her residence the back door was open and her apartment was ransacked with multiple items missing. It was found the woman had filed a false police report regarding the burglary, falsely accusing the suspects. The woman was taken into custody by and was transported to the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility and booked. The suspect's name was not available.

March 21 — A woman called Bel Aire police complaining about a flatbed trailer that was parked in front of her residence in the 4200 block of North Janesville. Officer Toomey contacted the owner of the trailer across the street who said they would move the trailer. March 20 — Officer Elpers was dispatched to a found property call in the 5600 block of North Lycee. Upon arrival Elpers made contact with the calling party who said that her cousin was staying at the apartment for a few days. The caller said that she was missing \$5, and while looking for it found a meth pipe, marijuana and a can used to smoke marijuana. The caller said she is also missing three pills from two prescription bottles. The caller said she wants to prosecute for the theft of the money and does not want her cousin back at her residence.

March 18 — Officer T. Da-

vis stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5100 block of North Oliver. The driver did not have a valid driver's license. The driver was issued a citation for speeding and driving without a valid license and given a court date.

March 18 — Officer Trelow stopped a vehicle with its lights off in the 9500 block of East 45th North. The driver's license was suspended and he did not have liability insurance. The driver was cited for the offenses and given a court date.

March 18 — Officer Trelow was dispatched to a non-injury accident at the intersection of 53rd and Oliver. A driver was cited for inattentive driving.

March 18 — Officers were dispatched to the 4400 block of North Clarendon for a disturbance with a weapon. A foster child became upset with her other foster siblings and threw rocks at them and threatened to throw a brick at the residence. The foster mother wanted officers to talk to the foster child. Officer Trelow talked to the girl about her coping skills.

March 16 — Officer Steele responded to the call of a suspicious character in the 4400 block of North Frithill. The caller reported that someone had let the caller's dogs out of the caller's yard. When contacted, the caller reported she found the south gate of her backyard had been opened. The caller reported the same thing occurred three weeks ago.

March 16 — Lt. Foxx stopped a vehicle for making an improper turn in the 7900 block of East Central Park Ave. The driver was cited for no driver's license.

March 16 — Lt. Foxx stopped a vehicle for failing to signal a turn in the 4400 block of North Dundee. Upon contact, a strong odor of marijuana was emanating from the vehicle. A search of the vehicle resulted in two digital scales, rolling papers, marijuana and a marijuana container. The driver also had a suspended driver's license for drug violations on school property. The driver was arrested and booked into Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center.

March 16 — Officer Roney responded to 45th North and 143rd East to assist Sedgwick County in locating a suicidal individual whose cell phone pinged in the area. Officer located the individual in a white Dodge. The driver started to flee but stopped. The driver was the suicidal subject. He was taken into custody and transported by sheriff's deputies to St. Joseph Hospital in Wichita for a mental health evaluation.

March 15 — Officer Elpers was dispatched to an unknown accident at 45th and Webb. Upon contact with both drivers he discovered that a red Dodge Dakota was eastbound on 45th crossing Webb when a red GMC Sierra pickup driving south on Webb struck the Dodge. The driver of the Dodge was transported to Wesley with leg and head injuries. The driver of the Dodge was cited for inattentive driving.

March 15 — Officers responded to a non-injury, two-vehicle wreck at Mission and Odessa.

March 15 — Officer Elpers stopped a vehicle with an illegal license plate. The license plate came back as belonging on a different vehicle. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license.

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Teacher sentenced for sexual misconduct

By David Dinell

A one-time Wichita Heights High School teacher received probation for his attempt to have sexual relations with a student last year. Alan J. Martens, 26, who taught music at the school, which has students from Park City and Kechi, received a sentence of two years probation last month in Sedgwick County

District Court. Martens pleaded guilty in February to the allegations he faced. While the victim in this case was of the age of consent — 16 or older — Kansas law states that an intimate relationship between a teacher and a student at his or her school is not permitted.

Under terms of the agreement, if Martens, who now is an Overland Park resident, violates

his probation, he may have to go to prison for 12 months. As part of the probation, he has to hold a full-time job, not have contact with the victim and avoid alcohol and drug use. He also had to give up his state teacher's license and register as a sex offender. Wichita school district spokeswoman Susan Arensman said the district released Martens from his job at the

school, 5301 N. Hillside, and has no relationship with him. "He hasn't been with us for awhile," she said. Surrendering his license effectively ends his teaching career in

Kansas, Arensman said. She wasn't aware if he could teach in other states, but a background screening would turn up this incident. Martens has no previous arrest re-

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