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Bel Aire is home to a Rhodes Scholar



Huma

By The Breeze staff

A Bel Aire woman was named a Rhodes Scholar. Shegufta A. Huma, a senior at The University of Kansas majoring in political science, was among 32 U.S. recipients announced Nov. 20.

She plans to study refugees and forced migration, as well as public policy, at

the University of Oxford in England.

"We are very proud of Shegufta's election as a Rhodes Scholar," KU Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little said in a news release. "Besides being an outstanding scholar, she is a powerful spokesperson for the marginalized and most vulnerable members of our society, and her voice will

now have the opportunity to resonate on an international level."

Rhodes Scholarships provide all expenses for two or three years of study at Oxford.

Huma came to the United States from Bangladesh. She speaks several languages and is working toward justice for Muslim immigrants, the Rhodes Trust

announced.

Huma said in a news release she was grateful to receive the opportunity and that she was ready to get to work.

"This has been one of the most humbling experiences of my life. I owe a debt of gratitude to everyone who shares my joy during triumphs like this but, more importantly, those who help

me power through the struggles that have led me here," Huma said. "I'm overjoyed to have this opportunity to further my commitment to social justice through my studies at Oxford."

At KU, Huma's involvement has included Student Senate, the Women of Color Collective, the Muslim

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Photos by Taylor Messick

Suzanne Shields and Randy Porter are served during "A Taste of Italy" fundraiser.

Plans for storage facility nixed

Proximity to existing facility cited

By Taylor Messick

A deal that would have brought upscale storage facilities to the northwest corner of 45th and Woodlawn has now been terminated.

On Sept. 6, the Bel Aire council voted to approve the construction of upscale storage facilities and a retail strip mall by a 4-2 vote. The recent cancellation of the deal came somewhat unexpectedly. It was announced at the city council's first meeting in November. The lot has gone over 30 years without any new development and some were excited about the project.

Mayor David Austin called the facilities "beautiful" and pushed strongly for the approval of the council. Others spoke up in favor of the facilities, including the head of the planning commission, James Schmidt.

Schmidt said he and the planning commission spent hours working on the project and met with the developer multiple times. He noted that the planning commission was impressed with the developer's flexibility because they agreed to a curfew to cut down on lights and noise that could potentially disrupt neighbors. He also mentioned that the project would be more favorable than a fast food restaurant.

Developer Tim Austin sold the council on the idea that his facilities had a "residential feel." He said they wouldn't be an eyesore like many of the facilities in the area with bright orange doors tend to be. Austin even outlined a comprehensive blueprint for the property, which included plans for a wall, trees, bushes and other aesthetic elements.

Now, it seems like many involved jumped the gun on the deal. Council members Guy MacDonald and Betty Martine opposed the facilities from the beginning, citing concerns over adverse property valuations and drainage issues, respectively; but some other issues were found with the project after doing some more research that probably should have already been done.

Resident Gary O'Neal, a former Bel Aire mayor, attended the Nov. 1 meeting and expressed concerns with the project after being notified via email of the termination of the deal. O'Neal pointed out that there is already a storage facility currently under construction at 45th Street and Rock Road, and another even larger facility is also under construction on the south side of K-254 and

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Club brings 'Taste of Italy' to Bel Aire

Group raises money for community projects

By Taylor Messick

On Nov. 12, the Bel Aire Lions Club held its annual "A Taste of Italy" fundraiser at Gospel Assembly Church.

Attendees were treated to a dinner of Sicilian salad, garlic bread, pasta and meatballs in a traditional Italian sauce — as well as a plethora of dessert options.

The meatballs and sauce were homemade by Lions Club and city council member Guy MacDonald and a crew of other volunteers who worked tirelessly to make the event happen.

The sauce recipe is straight from MacDonald's family in Southern Italy and is over 100 years old.

Entertainment at the event was provided by students from Northeast Magnet High School. The theater and symphony



Attendees enjoy food and conversation at the Lions Club fundraiser.

groups from the school provided quality music to match the fine dining.

A number of items were auctioned to raise money, including a few gift baskets, one from The

Spice Merchant. Other local businesses donated gift certificates, such as Orpheum Theater, Tree Top Nursery, Family Video, Willowbend Golf Course, Molino's and Bite

Me BBQ.

MacDonald was unsure of exactly how much money was raised at the event, but noted that the Lions Club will put all of those funds into the community.

Voters choose Trump, incumbents

By Chris Strunk

On a night when local voters selected Donald Trump as the 45th president, they also returned local Republican incumbents to their seats in the statehouse Nov. 8.

Republican Donald Trump was a heavy favorite over Democrat Hillary Clinton in north Sedgwick County precincts.

At the same time, state Sens. Carolyn McGinn

and Ty Masterson won re-election and will return to the Kansas Senate in January, while Reps. Steve Huebert and Chuck Weber will retain their seats in the Kansas House.

McGinn defeated Democrat Michelle Vann 75 percent to 25 percent in unofficial results. McGinn won 76 percent to 23 percent in Harvey County and 71 percent to 27 percent Sedgwick County.

McGinn has held the District 31 seat since 2005. The district includes the western part of Bel Aire, most of Kechi, Park City, Valley Center and part of north Wichita. It also includes all of Harvey County.

"I look forward to going back and trying to get the work done we need to do in the state to get the state turned around," McGinn said. "We'll have some new faces and

maybe new ideas and different motivations."

Also in the Senate, Republican incumbent Ty Masterson won the District 16 race in Sedgwick County 62 percent to 37 percent and in Butler County 67 percent to 33 percent over Democrat Gabriel Costilla of Derby. District 16 includes the eastern part of Bel Aire and a small part of Kechi.

In House District 90, Republican incumbent

Steve Huebert defeated Lou Cicirello, 71 percent to 28 percent. Huebert got 7,121 votes to Cicirello's 2,802.

Huebert won all 15 voting precincts in the district.

Huebert will begin his ninth two-year term in January.

"I just want to thank my friends, supporters and constituents," Huebert said. "... I will continue to do my best to listen and

be a good representative in Topeka."

Huebert said he is humbled by the votes of confidence he received.

The district includes most of Valley Center, parts of north Kechi and parts of north Park City as well as some of northwest Wichita.

In the House District 85 race, Republican Chuck Weber won re-

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Epic Sports to open in Bel Aire's Sunflower Park

By Taylor Messick

Bel Aire has acquired a new business called Epic Sports to be located in Sunflower Commerce Park.

Epic Sports offers customizable sports uniforms and equipment for athletic teams. The company offers gear for almost every sport and has the equipment to play

the sport as well as assisting customers in designing team uniforms with custom embroidery and screen prints.

Products can be ordered and customized on

the company's website and shipped anywhere within the United States. The physical location in Bel Aire will be a warehouse that stores and alters equipment for cus-

tomization. The company's shipping process will be made more convenient with FedEx's proximity to the new building.

Epic Sports is currently located in Wichita

on East Harry. Bel Aire has been moving forward with petitions to get the property ready for business but it is unknown when the new location will open.

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran-ELCA

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

Services are at 9 a.m. for contemporary, 10:15 for Sunday school and 11 for traditional. Communion is offered at all services.

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.fairmountucc.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 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi.

Caregivers support group meets at 7 p.m. the first

Monday of each month.

Men's Bible Study at 6:30 a.m. Wednesdays. Bingo at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month.

Our pastor is Greg Reed. Find us at www.Kechi-UMC.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 Soyec. 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.

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.

Inquirer's Sunday is Dec. 4, beginning at 9:30 a.m. with a brief introduction to our 10 a.m. worship service. The sermon is The Faith Once Delivered to the Saints: Ancient Orthodox Christianity for the Modern World. A coffee hour and a chance to ask questions about the church follows.

The Sacrament of Chris-

mation will be at 10 a.m. Dec. 11 during the Liturgy.

Our annual Festival of Lessons and Carols will be at 4 p.m. Dec. 11.

Sunday Adult class at 9 a.m. will study in the Song of Songs.

Men's Bible Study Group will meet at 7 p.m. Dec. 5 and 19, and will study the spiritual life from Mark the Monk, a fifth century Ascetic and father of the church.

Women's Bible Study Group will meet at 10 a.m. Dec. 10, and will study The Ladder of Divine Ascent: Thirty Steps to Heaven.

Wednesday service is at 6 p.m. Saturday Vespers are at 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call 734-6248, go online at www.saintmichaellortho-doxchurch.com or 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.

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.gods-closet.com or on Facebook. For God's Closet, call Veronica Jenkins at 778-0474.

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

DEATHS

DALE HAWKEY

Dale Hawkey, 81, of Newton, died Nov. 17, 2016.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Delbert and sister-in-law Darlene Hawkey and nephew Steve Hawkey. Survivors include wife Judy of Newton; daughter Kathy (Steve) Garriott of Wichita; brother Gene (Doris) Hawkey of Newton; Grandsons: Jeff (Amanda) Garriott of Andover, Mark (Jessica) Garriott of Bel Aire and Scott Garriott of Wichita; great-grandson Jonas; two nieces and a nephew.

Memorial service was Nov. 22 at Petersen Funeral Home Chapel with a private family burial at a later date. Memorials to Better Breathers Class at Newton Medical Center or Kansas Rheumatology Alliance, in care of Petersen Funeral Home.

BERTIE HAYDEN

Bertie Lou Hayden, 88, of St. John, died Nov. 15, 2016. She was a retired school teacher.

She was born Sept. 17, 1928, in rural Hudson the daughter of Jacob and Nettie (Ricker) Siefkes. She was a lifelong resident of Stafford County. She graduated from Emporia State Teachers College. She married Leo L. Hayden on Dec. 22, 1951.

She was preceded in death by her parents, daughter Denise Lee Hayden, brothers Melvin and William Siefkes, and sisters Marie Giesler and Gladys Dunn. Survivors in-

clude her husband, daughter Connie Sue (James) Schmidt of Bel Aire and granddaughter Megan Schmidt of Bel Aire, KS.

Funeral service was Nov. 19 at Trinity Community Church, Hudson, with burial at the Peace Cemetery, rural Hudson. Memorials to the Trinity Community Church or the Peace Church, both in care of Minnis Chapel, P.O. Box 34, St. John KS 67576.

MARLENE HEIN

Marlene H. (Simon) Hein, 75, of Colwich, died Nov. 4, 2016.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Hildegard Hotze Simon.

Survivors include her husband, Robert; daughters Helaine (Ron) Karnes of Haysville, Pamela (Dean) Lies of Bel Aire, Susan (Tom) Elmendorf of Leawood and Victoria (Darryl) Honas of Medicine Lodge; brother Tom Simon of Wichita; sisters Pauline Butler of

Denton, Md., Freda (Jack) Morris of Orangevale, Calif., Mary (Leo) Hamersky of Wichita and Gloria Spraberry of Wichita; and 12 grandchildren.

Funeral Mass was Nov. 8 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colwich. A memorial has been established with the church. Wulf-Ast Mortuary of Colwich had charge.

LOUIS LINDBERG

Louise H. Lindberg, 86, died Nov. 4, 2016.



Lindberg

Edith (Thompson) Hovet. She attended Lutheran Bible Institute. She married Al Lindberg on Sept. 10, 1949, in Bemidji, Minn.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother Norman Hovet and sister Marjorie

Kline. Survivors include children Daniel (Robyn) Lindberg of Kechi, Rosie (Rich) Harder of Bel Aire, Mary (Jim) Garrelts of Wichita and Joy (Roger) Boldridge of Overland Park; grandchildren Benjamin, Rachel, Katy, Jeff, Ron, Scott, Mark, Brittany, Ceara, Corinne, Chanelle and Randall; seven great-grandchildren; and siblings Millie Dufseth, Maynard Hovet, Richard Hovet and Judie Trygg.

A celebration of life was held Nov. 8 at Christ Lutheran Church. Memorials to Christ Lutheran Church, 5356 N. Hillside, Wichita KS 67219.

HOLLY PEARMAN

Holly E. Pearman, 61, of Bel Aire, died Oct. 27,

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City of Bel Aire



Bel Aire Recreation

BEL AIRE WALKERS

Exclusive use of the gym for walking from 8 to 9 a.m. Monday through Friday. Walking is also available during some open gym times, please call for times.

FITNESS CENTER

For ages 16 and up. Consists of elliptical cross trainers, treadmills, recumbent bike, multistation weight machine and free weights.

BOYS BASKETBALL

For ages 5 through 11. Game begin Jan. 7, 2017. Registration deadline is Dec. 10.

CHEER SQUAD

For boys and girls ages 4 through 10. A recreation class focusing on motions, jumps and routines involved in cheer-leading. Tuesday evening classes are underway but limited openings remain.

YOUNG REMBRANDTS

An elementary-age curriculum designed to teach basic to advanced drawing skills, art techniques and vocabulary. Young Rembrandts is held from 5 to 6 p.m. every Monday. Register online at www.youngrembrandts.com.

Taekwondo

Ages 5 and up. Classes meet from 5 to 6 p.m. Mondays and Fridays or from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. Tuesdays

and Thursdays. These are great classes for beginners to black belts. An advanced class also meets at 6 p.m. Fridays.

YOGA

Classes are from 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Participants must 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 is at 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Fridays. You can join at any time.

LINE DANCING

Line dancing benefits the entire body. It can help you lose weight, improve balance and coordination, increase muscle and bone strength, and the best part — it's FUN! Fridays at 1:30 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, and Mondays at 1:30 p.m. at the Rec Center.

FACILITY RENTALS

Gymnasium and activity Rooms are available for rent to Scout troops, basketball and volleyball teams, meetings, birthday parties, etc. Ballfields are also available for rent to Bel Aire resident groups. Rentals are subject to availability. Call 744-2700 for details.

For more info about 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).
- Line Dance Class** — Mondays & Fridays, 1:30 p.m., 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
- Scrapbook Class** — Tuesdays, 1 p.m., Community Room
- Low Impact Aerobics** — Wednesdays, 9 a.m. at the Rec Center
- Braum's Breakfast** — Fridays, 9 a.m. on North Rock Road

Monthly & Special Events

- Dec. 1, 1 p.m.** — Game Day, Rec Center.
- Dec. 2, 9:30 a.m.** — A Matter of Balance, RSVP to 744-2451, ext 121.
- Dec. 2, 6 p.m.** — Pitch, Senior Center.
- Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m.** — Potluck dinner and games.
- Dec. 6, 8:30 a.m.** — Breakfast out.
- Dec. 7, 10 a.m.** — Volunteer library work time.
- Dec. 8, 11 a.m.** — SCKEDD Weatherization Program info, Senior Center.
- Dec. 9, 9:30 a.m.** — A Matter of Balance, RSVP to 744-2451, ext 121.
- Dec. 12, 11:30 a.m.** — Lunch out.
- Dec. 14, 10 a.m.** — Open sewing, Rec Center.
- Dec. 14, 9 a.m.** — Quilting Bee, Senior Center.
- Dec. 15, 5:45 p.m.** — Christmas lights tour, \$10 per person. Call 744-2451 for reservation.
- Dec. 16, 9:30 a.m.** — A Matter of Balance, RSVP to 744-2451, ext 121.
- Dec. 16, 6 p.m.** — Pitch, Senior Center.
- Dec. 16, 6 p.m.** — Ladies dine out. Call Anita 744-2840 for information.
- Dec. 21, 10 a.m.** — Men's coffee, Braums.
- Dec. 21, 10:15 a.m.** — Senior aerobics brunch.
- Dec. 21, 1:30 p.m.** — Book Club meeting, Senior Center.
- Dec. 21, 2 p.m.** — Women's coffee, Braums.
- Dec. 26** — Senior Center closed for Christmas.
- Dec. 28, 9 a.m.** — Quilting Bee, Senior Center.
- Dec. 30, 6 p.m.** — Pitch, Senior Center.



CONNECT WITH US!



Community Events

- Dec. 2, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.** — Catholic Care Center Holiday Market
- Dec. 6, 7 p.m.** — City Council meeting
- Dec. 7, 12 p.m.** — Bel Aire Chamber of Commerce meeting
- Dec. 15, 6 p.m.** — Planning Commission
- Dec. 19, 7 p.m.** — Community Development Committee
- Dec. 20, 4 p.m.** — UAC meeting
- Dec. 20, 4 to 7 p.m.** — Christmas Open House (see below)
- Dec. 20, 7 p.m.** — City Council meeting
- Dec. 26** — City offices closed for Christmas holiday

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City of Bel Aire

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, December 20th
Bel Aire City Hall
4:00 - 7:00pm

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***Winners will be announced December 20th at the Christmas Open House, as well as featured in January's edition of the Bel Aire Beacon newsletter.



Mayor's corner

By David Austin

Happy holidays everyone. As I write this, it is 77 degrees outside, yet Thanksgiving, Christmas Chanukah and the winter season were just around the corner.

On Nov. 26, the City of Bel Aire turned 36 years old. Much has occurred in that span. History books were introduced last month and a few remain. They are available at City Hall and the Bel Aire Recreation Center and cost \$20 — a good Christmas present idea, just saying. These books chronicle the birth and growth of our great city.

And the growth continues. City Manager Ty Lasher reported at the Nov. 15 council meeting that Bel Aire has experienced 7 percent growth over the past two years.

Future growth — If I were a betting man, I'd bet that increased growth is headed our way. That is partly why this summer your city council decided to do a community-wide survey. It has been several years since community input was seriously sought for future projects. I can still vividly recall my first year on council, when we went to the public to hear the loud calls to remain a city and to keep the recreation department, etc.

Your vision — This time, the options are a lot brighter. By now everyone should have received their survey in a blue folder in the mail. This is your citizen survey and the results will be calculated by Wichita State University Hugo Wall School of Public Affairs.

We want to know your thoughts on: preparing for the future, developing a town center, supporting community investment and priorities. These questions came from months of research by WSU and meetings with different facets from our community. Each section has places to make comments. We want to know your vision for the future of Bel Aire and I encourage each of you to take the time and complete it.

If you did not receive a survey, please call City Hall at 744-2451 and let us know. Each household submitting a survey is entered into a random drawing for free water and sewer for a month.

Kids speak — In early November, I spoke to two different classes at Sunrise Christian Academy. The first was to the seventh-grade class as they prepare for the "If I Were Mayor" contest and the second was to the kindergarten class. Both asked interesting questions about what a mayor does and how decisions are made.

Both classes shared their desire for more green space and to protect land for parks and areas of recreation. This was great to hear as I was happy to learn kids still earn to get outside and play and socialize.

Local schools in the spotlight — Speaking of schools, I was pleased to read in the Nov. 4 issue of the "Wichita Business Journal" that Bel Aire has two of the Top 25 private and parochial schools in the region in terms of enrollment. Sunrise Christian Academy is fifth and Resurrection Catholic School is 16th.

Volunteer opportunity — The City of Bel Aire has a Utility Advisory Committee, Planning Commission, Community Development Advisory Committee and a Tree Board. All members are volunteer and advise the governing body.

We have two openings on the tree board. If you have an interest in being considered for this board, please call City Hall and let us know. The tree board works to ensure that the city maintains its position as a leader in environmentally friendly practices. Its general purpose is to promote the planting, growing and maintenance of trees by providing assistance to our citizens.

Storage

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Woodlawn.

O'Neal questioned how thorough the city is being on deciding the most appropriate use for a property he and council member Guy MacDonald consider to be one of the great remaining primary properties in Bel Aire.

"Even though that may have met the criteria for planning and zoning, what is the best use of that land

for the city of Bel Aire?" asked O'Neal. "When developers come to (the city), do they give you a presentation on what kind of revenue you can expect from it? Are you going to get property taxes? Sales taxes? Was there a projection on a storage facility versus other types of facilities that could go in? This would've been a third (storage facility) within a mile and a half. Are we operating as an island or a vacuum? Do we really know what's developing around our city?"

City Manager Ty Lasher confirmed that the proximity of the other storage facilities was the reason for the termination of the sale of land. He also said the owner is leaning towards waiting until spring to put the property back on the market; at this time, it is unknown whether the lot will be residential or commercial in the future.

In other business, the council:

- Approved Appropriations Ordinance 16-21 in the amount of \$317,973.90 by a unanimous vote.

- Proclaimed November American Diabetes Month and Nov. 11

Veterans' Day.

- Accepted the petition for storm water improvements in Phase 1 of the Sunflower Commerce Park 2nd Addition by a unanimous vote.

- Approved a resolution determining the advisability of the making of certain internal improvements in the city of Bel Aire by a unanimous vote.

- Approved an ordinance authorizing and providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds, Series 2016A; providing for the levy and collection of an annual tax for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on said bonds as they become due by a unanimous vote.

- Approved a resolution prescribing the form and details of and authorizing and directing

the sale and delivery of general obligation bonds, Series 2016A previously authorized by Ordinance no. 605 of the issuer by a unanimous vote.

- Approved a resolution authorizing and directing issuance, sale and delivery of general obligation temporary notes, Series 2016B; providing for the levy and collection of an annual tax, if necessary, for the purpose of paying the principal and interest on said notes as they become due by a unanimous vote.

- Approved an ordinance authorizing the sale and disposition of certain property under a lease between Bel Aire and the Public Building Commission by a unanimous vote.

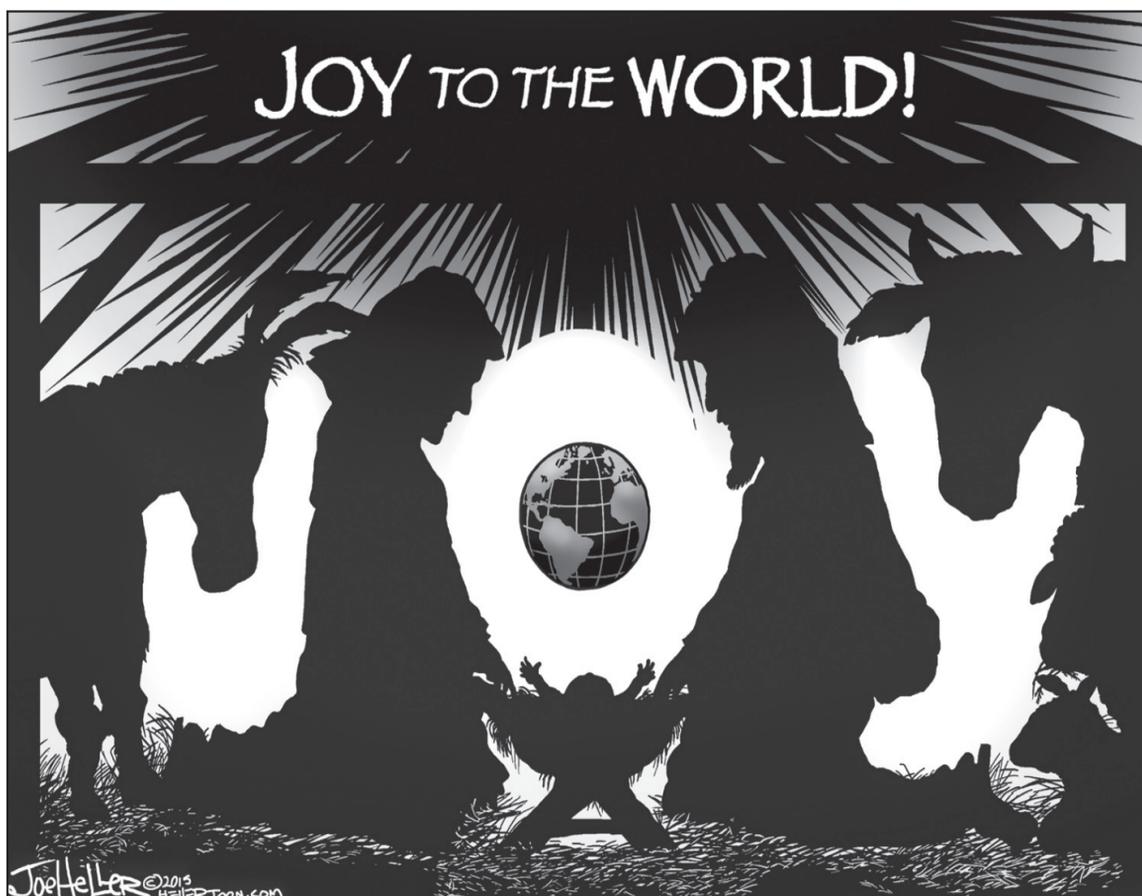
- Accepted a quote from Countryside Irrigation for \$37,008.88

for ball field irrigation at the Bel Aire Rec Center by a unanimous vote. This money was included in the budget.

- Accepted a quote from Yoder Engineered Structures for \$20,640 for a pole barn at the Bel Aire Public Works Facility by a unanimous vote. This money was included in the budget.

- Accepted an Engineering Services Agreement with Baughman Company, P.A. for design, bid solicitation and construction administration of sanitary sewer, water, storm water and street improvements for Phase 1 of the Deer Run Addition by a unanimous vote.

All members of the council were present. There was a 20 minute executive session and no binding action was taken.



Shorty was part of the family

We said goodbye to a faithful and dear friend last month.

Shorty, our family's dog for the past 10 years, was put to sleep Nov. 21.

It was really tough on the kids. Aside from a couple of fish and turtles here and there, Shorty had been the only pet they ever had.

He slept in their beds, played with them in the backyard, took walks with them. He often pushed his nose against the glass door waiting for them to get home from school or to urge them to let him in on cold weekends.

Shorty was basically a good and loyal dog, but he had an independent streak that used to drive us crazy.

Shorty was a stray when we got him in 2006, and that explains a lot about his personality.

We brought him home from the humane society in Newton when he was about 3 years old. Apparently, he was taken to the shelter after he was found wandering the streets of Newton. We're not sure how long he'd been a stray, why he was abandoned or where he'd been. We had some clues, however.

A big chunk of the top of Shorty's left ear was missing and he had scars across his nose. Plus, he was shy around humans, which made us think he was abused.

We made up Shorty's back story, knowing it probably wasn't all true.

He was a street fighter, and because of his size — we named him Shorty for obvious reasons — he wasn't very successful, either. He got hurt, many times. But he wouldn't lie down for anyone.

He didn't trust humans, either.

Honestly (and this part is true), Shorty could be mean. He showed his teeth more than a few times at passing animals, and our former neighbor's young daughter probably still remembers the day he latched onto her ankle.

Shorty ran after a neighbor's dog once and pinned it inside of a garage. The dog's owner had to push Shorty away. The dog was much smaller than Shorty. I'll never forget the embarrassment I felt when the dog's owner said Shorty was mean.

Even so, Shorty wasn't afraid of the larger dogs, especially if they came too

Out of the office

By Chris Strunk



close to our yard and the kids. He was fiercely protective of the children.

If anyone chased our kids — even playfully — Shorty would catch up and try to trip him or her. That's how the neighbor's daughter got bit.

Shorty also grabbed a hold of the air-conditioning guy's pant leg once and wouldn't let go. A stranger was in the house, and Shorty wasn't taking any chances.

Shorty was a mix of corgi and beagle. He was an animal herder with a keen sense of smell. He had short legs and a stout body, which made him the perfect size and shape to bump kids' legs and trip them as they were running. He was ornery like that.

When we brought Shorty home from the humane society, we took him to the vet and promptly received some bad news. He had heartworms.

The treatments nearly killed him.

Shorty survived, but he lived with a damaged heart for the rest of his life. We were always proud of Shorty's ability to overcome major obstacles.

During the first couple of years, Shorty rarely passed an opportunity with an open gate. It was his free-spirit independence that prompted him to escape.

The first few times, he really ran away and we had to go searching for him.

Later on, Shorty would escape but would always return. A couple of times, we saw him in our front yard and wondered how he got there. Then we found out. He went through the back gate, walked down the alley about a half a block, came back around to our street and then walked home, instinctively.

It used to drive us crazy, because we just knew Shorty was going to earn us a ticket from the animal control officer some day.

I'm happy to report that he never did.

As Shorty got older, he stopped leaving the yard or chasing the kids, but he always waited for them to come home from school, sticking his head through the poles in the fence.

He stopped jumping on the beds or the couches, because he couldn't anymore. But he was never too far away from at least one of the children.

Then all of a sudden, it seemed, while we weren't paying attention, Shorty's face got white and his breathing got heavier, and the day came when we couldn't take him on regular walks anymore. He was running out of energy and strength.

Shorty couldn't hear anything lower than a sharp whistle or see anything beyond a couple of feet. He was getting old and frail and a lot less sociable.

Shorty hung on for quite a while and seemed to adjust to his slower lifestyle.

But the other day, Shorty fell into his water dish and couldn't get out. Later, he stumbled and fell down the stairs with a loud bang as he hit the door at the bottom.

We knew it was time.

My oldest son, Ray, and I took Shorty to the vet Nov. 21 and waited in the lobby for what seemed like an hour. Shorty was lying on his pillow, quiet and motionless, even though he hated the vet's office and always whined about being there. We went to the back. The doctor came in. He yelped at the first shot, but went peacefully, like he deserved.

We'll miss Shorty. For so many years, he was such a large part of our family. He was cranky, like we all can be sometimes, but loving and loyal, like we all want to be. He was one of us.

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Election

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election over challenger Patty Beamer of Bel Aire. The district includes the east part

of Bel Aire, parts of Kechi and part of northeast Wichita, extending into Butler County. Weber had a 60 percent to 40 percent lead over Beamer.

District 91's new representative will be Republi-

can Greg Lakin, who lives in Wichita. Lakin won the primary election and does not have a challenger in the general election.

The district includes the east part of Kechi, most of

Park City, the south part of Valley Center and part of north Wichita.

Lakin will replace Republican Gene Suellentrop, who is a candidate for Senate District 27.

Scholar

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Student Association and Margaret Amini Scholarship Hall. She has also

served on the Lawrence Fair Housing Committee and founded the Imagine Coalition, advocating for marginalized students.

She was one of only 20 KU sophomores selected for the University Scholars

Program. She works at KU as a peer educator for the Office of Multicultural Affairs and as peer outreach adviser for the Office of Fellowships & Scholarships at the University Honors Program.

Huma will enter Oxford in October 2017 and plans to pursue two one-year degrees that will prepare her to enter a career serving society by working in organizations related to the global refugee crisis

and related social policy.

She plans to spend her first year obtaining a master's degree in refugee and forced migration studies, followed by a year obtaining a master's degree in public policy.

Huma traveled to Chicago to interview for the award on Friday and Saturday. She was one of two winners from a district including finalists from Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Tennessee.

City to finish unpaved portion of 53rd

By Taylor Messick

On Nov. 15, the Bel Aire City Council agreed to pave a section of 53rd Street between Rock Springs and Webb Road that is currently unpaved. "There's a lot more traffic now along this mile of 53rd Street," said

Mayor David Austin. "The city feels that it is time to pave this road."

The city has hired Andale Paving for the job at a cost of \$518,972.35. Roller-compacted concrete will be used for the project. This type of concrete has already been used by the city on

parts of Edgemoor and 45th Street and the city has been happy with the results in those areas.

"The staff has been pretty impressed," said Austin. "It is comparable in cost with traditional asphalt — but it has a longer life and less maintenance costs."

City Engineer Anne Stephens says the project will begin in the spring of 2017. The project will take between four and six weeks and residents can expect the road to be closed for about three weeks.

In other business, the council:

- Heard a presentation about the Kansas PRIDE program from Jamie Menon of Kansas State University. The group is a community organizing program offered to cities around the state free of charge.
- Approved Appropriations Ordinance 16-22 in the amount of \$270,757.16 by a unanimous vote.
- Accepted a senior services level 1 agreement between the

city of Bel Aire and Sedgwick County by a unanimous vote.

• Approved the FY 2016 budget amendment with no mill levy increase to be published in The Ark Valley News and established a public hearing for the Dec. 6 regular city council meeting by a unanimous vote. All members of the council were present. There was no executive session.

BEL AIRE POLICE REPORTS

Nov. 15 — Officer Gibson stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 4900 block of North Oliver. The driver was cited for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

Nov. 14 — Graffiti was found in the upstairs boy's bathroom, related to the Hispanic gang culture, in the 5500 block of North Lycee. No suspect information was available.

Nov. 14 — Officers were called to Isley School in reference to an out-of-control child in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. Foster parents were going to take the child to Comcare, but felt unsafe doing so. The child was transported to Comcare, then to St. Joe.

Nov. 13 — Officer Webb responded to a physical domestic disturbance in the 5900 block of East Danbury. During the investigation, it was discovered that the combatants had been involved in a verbal argument over allegations of cheating earlier in the evening. The man stated he tried to go to bed and the female came in the room and began kicking him in the back, scratching him and pulling his hair. The man had visible injuries and refused EMS. The female later admitted to kicking him and pulling his hair. She was arrested on a charge of domestic battery. The suspect's name was not available.

Nov. 13 — Officer Webb was responding to assist the Valley Center police with an armed robbery at Kwik Shop at 110 E. Fifth in Valley Center. While units were responding, Park City police located the suspect vehicle at 85th North and Hydraulic and attempted to conduct a traffic stop. The vehicle fled southbound on Hydraulic. The vehicle's tires were spiked by a sheriff's deputy at 53rd North and Hydraulic. Three tires were deflated. The suspect vehicle continued southbound and Webb joined the pursuit at 45th North and Hydraulic. The pursuit came to a stop approximately one-half mile south of the intersection. The driver fled from the vehicle eastbound into the field. Webb and other officers conducted a felony traffic stop with the robbery suspect still in the car.

Nov. 12 — Officer Steele responded to check the welfare of a resident in the 4200 block of North Eagle Lake Drive. The report was of a subject sleeping in a white vehicle. The man lived in the area. During the investigation marijuana was located. The man was issued a notice to appear in court for possession of marijuana.

Nov. 12 — Officer Steele responded by telephone to a dispatched call of a larceny report. The reporting party said his portable mailbox had been removed from the street in front of his residence in the 5200 block of East 37th North.

Nov. 12 — Officer Forman stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5800 block of North Greenwich. The driver was warned for speeding and some drug paraphernalia was collected from the vehicle.

Nov. 11 — Officer Webb was on routine patrol in the 4900 block of East Willow Point Road when I observed the street sign at the southeast corner of Willow Point Road and Willow Point Court knocked down. Upon investigation of the scene, officer located a part from a vehicle with identifying numbers on it. Based on the part number the part was identified as the front lower fascia of a 2004 to 2008 model Pontiac Grand Prix. Officer located a Grand Prix in the driveway of a residence with matching vehicle damage. The vehicle owner denied striking the sign and said the damage on her vehicle was old. The driver did admit to being in the area and that she is the only one with access to her vehicle. Investigation is ongoing.

Nov. 11 — A woman reported an 8-year-old foster child was out of control in the 6900 block of East Clarendon and she couldn't control him anymore. Officers were advised he was running around the house and not a danger to himself or others. The child's social worker was contacted. She advised she was going to assist them.

Nov. 11 — Officer Trumbull stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for the speeding and for driving without a valid driver's license.

Nov. 11 — Officer Trumbull

stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 7700 block of East 45th North. The driver was arrested on a charge of DUI. The suspect's name was not available.

Nov. 10 — Officer Forman stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 2900 block of East 61st North. The driver attempted to start the vehicle and drive away. She was asked to exit her vehicle. The driver stepped from her vehicle, removed her wig and sweater, balled her hands into fists and took an aggressive stance. She made threatening statements. The woman, Amber M. McHargue of Wichita, was taken into custody on charges of assault of a law enforcement officer and interference with a law enforcement officer.

Nov. 8 — Officer Roney located and arrested a man on Bel Aire warrant in the 1600 block of East Central in Wichita. The suspect's name was not available.

Nov. 7 — Officer Steele responded to a call for miscellaneous service. There was a vehicle in the 6500 block of East Rodeo that was abandoned and due to be impounded.

Nov. 6 — Officer Webb stopped a vehicle at Rock Road and Old Mill. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license and defective vehicle equipment.

Nov. 6 — Officer Steele responded to a dispatched call of a homicide in the 3400 block of North Hillside in Wichita. He was later redirected to assist at 1300 S. Meridian in Valley Center. Officer assisted by monitoring the perimeter of a residence, by escorting subjects from the interior of a residence, and by securing a female subject within the rear partition of his patrol vehicle.

Nov. 5 — Officer Webb checked on a vehicle parked in the road on Falcon Lane near Edgemoor. The occupants stated they were just talking and provided the officer with their information. One of the occupants was arrested on a Park City warrant.

Nov. 5 — Officer T. Davis stopped a vehicle at K-254 and Rock Road for multiple violations. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license, no license in possession, no proof of insurance and failing to maintain lane and was warned about his tag cover.

Nov. 5 — Officer Roney responded to an address where a woman reported her 2014 GMC Terrain was struck in the 5700 block of East Diane.

Nov. 5 — Officer Toomey drove up on the scene of a non-injury accident in the 5200 block of North Rock Road. A driver had just hit a deer. There were no injuries to the occupants of the vehicle, but the deer was deceased.

Nov. 4 — Officer Webb assisted the Wichita police with a shooting by identifying witnesses to the shooting in the 8300 block of East 32nd.

Nov. 4 — Officers were dispatched to prevent a disturbance in the 6800 block of East 44th Court North. A husband and wife were having an argument about the man spending too much time away from home.

Nov. 4 — Officer Forman stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 4900 block of North Oliver. The driver was issued a warning for speeding and cited for driving with an expired registration.

Nov. 3 — Lt. Foxx found a clear plastic bag with a blue prescription pill and an Illinois driver's license that was determined to be fake in the 4600 block of North Woodlawn. The items were submitted into property and evidence.

Nov. 3 — Officer Trumbull stopped a vehicle for failing to stop at a stop sign at 45th and Rock Road. The driver was cited for running a stop sign and driving with a suspended license.

Nov. 2 — A man reported at an unknown date or time, his handicap placard went missing from his vehicle.

Nov. 2 — A Bel Aire resident reported that his Visa debit card was used without his permission to make three purchases in China.

Nov. 1 — Officer T. Davis stopped a vehicle for speeding and other violations in the 4800 block of North Rock Road. The driver, Matthew J. Runyan of Bel Aire, was arrested on charges of DUI and consumption of alcohol by a minor.

Nov. 1 — Officers responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence in the 5900 block of East Memphis. Officers discovered that a man was upset when the person giving him a ride home wished to stop at Dillon's to pay bills. The man was told he could walk home if he did not like it, which led to a verbal disagreement.

Nov. 1 — Officers responded to the report of a missing person in the 4800 block of North Farmstead Court. The man's wife said she last saw her husband when he arrived home with their children. The man left the home and did not tell his wife where he was going. He later returned home.

Nov. 1 — Chief Atteberry stopped a vehicle for expired license plate in the 4800 block of East 37th North. The driver was cited for the violation.

Nov. 1 — Officer Trumbull stopped a vehicle for speeding (105 in a 70) on K-254. The driver was cited by a sheriff's deputy for speeding and no insurance.

Oct. 31 — Officer Roney responded to the report of a non-injury accident in the 6400 block of East Perryton. One driver was cited for inattentive driving.

Oct. 31 — Officer Toomey was in the area of Danbury St. on residential patrol while children were out in the area trick-or-treating in the 4000 block of North Danbury. He was notified by a passerby that a large white and yellow Labrador charged at his grandchildren who were walking by. A neighbor advised Toomey which home the dog belonged to. When Toomey went to the home he found a damaged window screen. Based on the damage to the screen and position of the window, it appeared the Labrador had torn open the screen and made its way out of the residence. While documenting the scene, the Labrador jumped back over the fence on the south side of the residence. While at the residence Toomey observed another white Labrador and a chocolate Labrador in the backyard barking continuously. A complaint for nuisance animal was completed and will be served to the owner of the dog.

Oct. 31 — A woman reported two dogs from behind her house on Danbury jumped her fence and started barking at her dog. The woman took her dog inside and called the police. Both dogs were eventually captured and taken to the Humane Society.

Oct. 30 — Officer Webb stopped a black Acura passenger car for disobeying a stop sign at 45th Street and Woodlawn. The driver was cited for disobeying a stop sign, driving with a suspended license and no insurance. The driver, Jaiilin Benford of Bel Aire, also was arrested on a warrant through Wichita.

Oct. 30 — Officer Steele received a call of a runaway in the 5300 block of North Rock Springs.

Oct. 28 — Officer Crice responded to Isely Elementary in reference to a juvenile who was out of control. Officer transported the child to Comcare, as the mother did not feel safe doing so.

Oct. 28 — Officer stopped a vehicle for a defect in the 4600 block of North Rock Road. The driver was the only occupant of the vehicle and was found to be driving on a learner's permit. The young man's father was contacted and asked to come to the scene. The father said he allowed his son to drive the vehicle knowing he only had a learner's permit. Both were cited and released at the scene.

Oct. 27 — Officer Trumbull was dispatched to a disorderly conduct report for a barking dog in the 5200 block of North Lycee. Officer could hear and see a dog barking from inside the neighbor's fenced yard. The calling party said he would sign a criminal complaint for the nuisance animal. Officer served the dog's owner with a complaint and notice to appear in court for nuisance dog.

Oct. 26 — Officer Gibson towed a Black Ford Explorer with no tag left abandoned on the street in the 4200 block of North Auburn.

Oct. 26 — Officer Forman was dispatched to the report of a domestic disturbance in the 4400 block of North Rushwood. A verbal disagreement occurred.

Oct. 26 — Officer Forman was dispatched to the report of a suspicious vehicle sitting with its lights off across the street from the reporting party's home in the 5300 block of North Rock Springs. Officer contacted the driver and found no sign of criminal activity.

Oct. 25 — A vehicle was stopped for speeding in the 4100 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for driving without a license, speeding and no proof of insurance.

Oct. 25 — A U.S. Postal Service delivery driver was delivering a package when she was bitten on her right hand by a German Shepard mix dog. The employee refused medical treatment and was checked out by Sedgwick County Fire Squad 37.

Oct. 25 — Officer Forman stopped a vehicle for an illegal U-turn and for speeding in the 5700 block of North Oliver. The driver was cited for speeding, no driver's license in possession and driving an unregistered vehicle.

Oct. 24 — Officer Trumbull contacted representatives of a car dealership regarding a vehicle from their lot that was involved in a traffic case. Officer discovered that the car was taken without the permission of the dealership. The dealership was going to contact the Wichita Police Department to make a report.

Oct. 24 — Officer Trumbull stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5300 block of North Greenwich. The driver said she was arguing with her passenger. Officer noticed the 2015 Mercedes S550 had no tags. The passenger works at a car dealership. The woman had no driver's license or proof of liability insurance. The woman, Cynthia Rivas of Wichita, was arrested on a charge of reckless driving and cited for no driver's license in possession, no proof of insurance, no plate/registration and speeding. The passenger, Keondre D. Robertson of Wichita, had a warrant out of Park City so he was also arrested. The passenger called a friend to come out to the scene and retrieve the vehicle. Further investigation is being conducted regarding how the two came into possession of the vehicle.

Oct. 24 — A vehicle was stopped for speeding and expired tag license plate in the 4200 block of North Oliver. The driver was cited for speeding, expired tag and failure to register vehicle. The tag was seized and submitted into evidence.

Oct. 22 — Officer Webb stopped a white Toyota Matrix for disobeying a stop sign in the 6300 block of East 45th North. The driver, Norman L. Phillips, was arrested on a charge of DUI.

Oct. 22 — Officer Forman was dispatched to take a report of disorderly conduct in the 4000 block of North Danbury. The reporting party said her neighbor had several dogs that continually bark. Officer observed the dogs and they would not stop barking. Attempts to contact the owner of the dogs were unsuccessful. Investigation is ongoing.

Oct. 21 — While patrolling the city, officers noticed a silver Mercedes-Benz sitting in a field south of 53rd Street. The driver and passenger said they were just "checking out the countryside." When checked, the woman had a warrant through Wichita and two warrants through Sedgwick County. The man was allowed to leave in his car.

Oct. 21 — Officer Forman was dispatched to a burglary in progress in the 5900 block of East Kenawee. The reporting party heard an unknown person(s) attempting to enter the rear door to the garage. The reporting party said she turned on the lights and the sound of the shaking of the doorknob stopped. Other officers were unable to locate anyone on or near the property.

Oct. 20 — A man uttered suicidal statements to his mother in the 4400 block of North Edgemoor Court. When officers arrived, the man walked out to the driveway and made contact with the officers. The man said that he was just looking for help and would like to go to Comcare or Good Shepherd. The man said he did have suicidal thoughts and wanted to harm himself. He was transported to St. Joe and later admitted.

Oct. 19 — Chief Atteberry

stopped a gray BMW for failure to maintain its lane and the driver making obscene hand gestures to other drivers in the 5300 block of North Greenwich. The driver, Matthew S. Englert of rural Bel Aire, was arrested on a charge of DUI.

Oct. 19 — Officers responded to a dispatched call of an unknown accident at East Willow Point and North Westlake Drive, where someone reportedly was "passed out" in her vehicle. Officer Steele discovered the driver unresponsive. A 3-year-old was discovered sleeping in the backseat. The driver was arrested on charges of DUI, aggravated endangering of a child and driving with a suspended license. The suspect's name was not available.

Oct. 18 — A Bel Aire resident reported that she walked out to her garage and found her door open in the 5100 block of North Hampton. The car that was parked inside the garage had the driver's side door ajar along with the back hatch open. Money was missing from the console.

Oct. 18 — A woman reported she found the door to her van ajar in the 4900 block of North Homestead. She said that the contents of her wallet were dumped out into the front seat. She said the only thing missing were gift cards. The woman said she called her husband at work and informed him of what had happened. Her husband said that he checked his vehicle and discovered his work laptop, tape recorder and cash were stolen out of his car.

Oct. 18 — A vehicle was stopped for speeding in the 5000 block of North Oliver. The driver, Crystal Y. Botteron of Kechi, was arrested on charges of driving with a suspended license and no proof of insurance.

Oct. 18 — A worker arrived to his job site to discover unknown person(s) had entered a residence he was working on in the 7900 block of East Caribou Place. Several tools were missing.

Oct. 18 — A woman reported an unknown male dressed in all white driving a Dodge Pickup pulling a trailer pulled behind a building in the 9700 block of East 50th North. The Dodge backed up to a building toward the west. The driver got out of his truck, walked over to a woodpile and picked up a long piece of wood. The driver walked to the northeast corner of the building and struck two security cameras causing them to come unhooked from the wall. The driver got in his truck and left the area.

Oct. 18 — A woman reported her neighbor directly behind her home has several dogs that bark continuously in the 4000 block of North Clarendon. The woman also complained about a strong odor of feces. This has been a continuing issue. The owner of the dogs was served a notice to appear in court regarding the violations.

CLASSIFIEDS

18 For Rent

House for rent. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, basement, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer/dryer hookups, central heat and air, carport and fenced yard. No pets. \$675 month, \$300 deposit. 755-1439

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National Honor Society inductees at Sunrise

Sunrise Christian Academy inducted members into the National Honor Society during a ceremony last month. Sen. Michael O'Donnell II was the guest speaker. In the photo are (front from left) Dr. Robert Lindsted, Meighan Keely, Jonathan Thao, Simrun Khokhar, Gretchen Keck, Lina Nguyen, Sania Khokhar, Luke Schuessler, Peggy O'Donnell, Sen. Michael O'Donnell II, (second row from left) Hannah Dort, Lauren August, Grace Swartzendruber, Jessica Oldenettel, (back from left) Rhea Nelson, Madelyn Haig, Rebecca Womack, Tyler Heizelman, Jeremy Davolt and Mason Alexander.

Courtesy photo

Bel Aire resident in cast of 'Nutcracker Ballet'

A Bel Aire resident is a cast member of Ballet Wichita's production of the "Nutcracker Ballet." Rachel Lawton will perform in the ballet. Performances will be 7 p.m. Dec. 16 and 17 and 2 p.m. Dec. 18 at Century II Concert Hall in Wichita. Tickets are on sale through the Century II box office or Wichitaitix.com.

— The Breeze staff

Successful year for Toy Run



Santa leads the way in his newest sleigh at the Toy Run at Hartman Arena.



Photos by Taylor Messick

Event gathers 8,000 toys

By Taylor Messick

On Nov. 6, motorcycle enthusiasts from around the Wichita area participated in the 37th Annual Wichita Toy Run.

The event sees Wichita bikers from all walks of life riding in parade formation across Wichita to donate to The Salvation Army, USMC Toys for Tots and the Food Bank just in time for Christmas. It was started back in 1980 by the Kansas Modified Bike Association by a group of 30 bikers.

Marines collect gifts at the Wichita Toy Run at Hartman Arena on Nov. 6.

Bikers used to start in south Wichita and ride to a Salvation Army location on South Hydraulic. Now, they gather at Lawrence-Dumont Stadium and ride north on Broadway to Hartman Arena. The turnout of partici-

pants and the number of donations seems to increase a little more each year, and this year was

no different. The 2016 Toy Run included 2,316 cyclists and brought in 8,000 toys.

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