

# The Bel Aire Breeze

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## Indie warriors



Matt Heilman

Valley Center resident Ginger Bynorth (left) and Bel Aire's Delno Ebie are business partners who merged their creative talents in 2004 with the birth of Little Warrior Films, an independent film production company.

### Business partners show quality filmmaking goes beyond Hollywood

By Matt Heilman

Bel Aire resident Delno Ebie and his Valley Center business partner Ginger Bynorth are looking to dispel the perception that the only quality films are created in Hollywood. The pair has different paths that led them to their joint effort in Little Warrior Films LLC, an independent film production company formed in October 2004.

For Ebie, a career in Hollywood took a back seat to family when his son, Chase, was born in June 2004. Before settling in Bel Aire with his family, the Wichita native had several film credits to his name.

He's acted on the small and big screens, including roles in Disney's "The Haunted Mansion"

with Eddie Murphy, "A Man Apart" with Vin Diesel, and an episode of "E.R."

Ebie said he was planning a return to Los Angeles from Wichita in 2003 when he found out his wife was pregnant.

Circumstances with the birth of his son kept Ebie from returning to Los Angeles. He described his situation as "a good stuck."

Instead of regretting missed opportunities on the West Coast, Ebie decided to move forward in the Wichita area.

Little Warrior Films began when he asked Bynorth to shoot a six-minute short film for a screenplay he'd written.

"I just wanted to see if I could write," Ebie said.

Ebie and Bynorth wear several hats in film productions, but Ebie said most of his contributions are on the creative side of Little Warrior Films, as he brings an actor's

perspective to the company.

Bynorth, meanwhile, is used to being on the other side of the camera, excelling in a role as a director of photography. Bynorth said she was trained in stage acting and hadn't known many film actors prior to filming Ebie in a local film that was never released.

"It was so wonderful to see this, to film this because it takes on a whole different meaning when you're behind the camera and you're shooting something that's worthy of shooting," Bynorth said. "The film ended up with a different editor, so I'm sure he also felt the same thing because you get into the editing bay and you're taking clips from the film and if you get people that can't act, you're really wanting to throw the whole film away. With Delno's scenes, it was all pretty darn good, cut and dry."

Although the film wasn't re-

leased, Ebie and Bynorth collaborated, which ultimately led to the creation of Little Warrior Films.

The company has been part of several independent film projects, including a Web series called "The Raven," which will be featured on the company website, [www.littlewarriorfilms.net](http://www.littlewarriorfilms.net).

Ebie and Bynorth said they're looking for funding to produce a feature-length screenplay written by Ebie called "The Legend of Whispering Willows."

Besides their own short stories and documentary pieces, Little Warrior Films has established a solid reputation that continues to strengthen by assisting with larger projects on a freelance basis.

Little Warrior Films earned accolades with a 2006 promotional video for the Wichita

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Matt Heilman

Mike Sly and his daughter-in-law, Jamie Sly stand near the elm tree in Mike's backyard in Bel Aire. The tree began as a seed from the famous "Survivor Tree" in Oklahoma City. The elm in Bel Aire was planted in the memory of Jamie Sly's mother, who was killed in the April 19, 1995, bombing at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

## Tree helps local family remember OKC victim

### Elm from 'Survivor Tree'

By Matt Heilman

It started as a germinating seed in a Coke bottle and now towers above Mike Sly's home on Ashton Street. He estimates that the elm tree has reached a height of about 35 feet, serving as a reminder of a family member.

Sly planted the tree about a year after he moved to Bel Aire from the Oklahoma City area in March of 2000.

"I just stuck it in the ground, watered and fertilized it," Sly said. "I never dreamed an elm tree would grow that fast."

The tree gets plenty of sunlight and is "watered pretty good," Sly said.

Sly's daughter-in-law, Jamie Sly, gave him the seed to plant in on his property when she and her husband, current Bel Aire city council member Dave Sly, were in the process of moving. Before the tree dominated Mike Sly's back yard, the seed was given to Jamie by the Oklahoma City Extension Agency in memory of her mother, Betsy McGonnel.

On April 19, 1995, McGonnel was working for the Department of Housing and Urban Development on the seventh floor of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in downtown Oklahoma City.

Timothy McVeigh planted a bomb outside the building that day, killing 168 people, including McGonnel. Jamie Sly shows a photo of the building after the explosion and points to the approximate location of her mother's desk, an area toward the front of the building where the worst damage was done.

McGonnel's was one of the last bodies identified beneath the rubble of the gutted building.

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# First draft of budget has a tax increase

By Matt Heilman

Mayor Harold Smith discussed the first draft of Bel Aire's 2011 budget at the June 15 city council meeting. Smith said there is a proposed property tax increase of three mills. To the city of Bel Aire, one mill equals \$45,000 in tax revenue.

Smith pointed out that an owner of a \$100,000 house in Bel Aire could expect to pay \$11.50 more per year in city taxes. The three-mill increase would go into a reserve fund to help Bel Aire finance its land debt.

Smith also discussed interest payments on the debt and what would be required to meet those payments. He continued to emphasize the importance of land sales and said a combination of land sales, reduced services, a mill increase or an economic

partnership would likely be needed to meet debt payments.

Smith also said Bel Aire needs to reevaluate its marketing plan to encourage developers and homebuyers to consider the community.

"Selling land is still our most important job," Smith said.

Smith said the proposed budget is likely to change multiple times before the final 2011 budget is approved in August.

A few minutes after Smith's report, Bel Aire Police Chief John Daily discussed purchasing a new vehicle for his department. Council member Dave Austin said he didn't want to send the wrong message to citizens who have a perception that the police department already has too many vehicles.

Daily pointed out that the police vehicles were used in rotations. Austin

said he was aware of that, but wanted to make sure that a police vehicle was a necessary expense. The department would sell two of its Chevy Blazers in exchange for a used 2008 Chevy Tahoe, not to exceed \$19,000.

After the council discussed cost effectiveness of gaining one reliable vehicle, while getting rid of two and evaluating the savings on maintenance fees, they unanimously agreed to purchase a used Tahoe with less than 50,000 miles from the Kansas Highway Patrol.

City Manager Ty Lasher said that funding was available to purchase the new vehicle. Daily said the department would be reduced to five marked vehicles after replacing two older vehicles with the Tahoe.

Following the approval of the police vehicle, the council appointed

a new financial planner to assist with the city's debt. The council unanimously agreed to appoint Springsted Financial out of Kansas City as Bel Aire's financial adviser through June 30, 2011. If the city wishes to end the contract with Springstead before the year ends, it is required to give a 30-day notice.

Also at the June 15 meeting, the council:

- Heard from Michael Stover of the Board of Directors for the Sedgwick County Child Advocacy Center. Stover is also the undersheriff for Sedgwick County. Stover asked Bel Aire to consider partnering with the CAC to help the program continue operating in Sedgwick County.

- Heard from resident Jim Fields who encouraged community involvement in the Music and Moonlight event June 26 at Bel Aire Park. Among several activities that are scheduled for the event are a couple of concerts, an ice cream social and a talent show. The talent show is set for 7 to 8 p.m. Fields said a trophy will be awarded to a show winner who is 18

or younger. He said adults were encouraged to participate, even though they can't win the trophy.

- Approved a memorandum of termination of the planned unit development for 84 Lumber.

- Approved a bid from Tree Top Nurseries for landscaping, irrigation and berms for the entrance to the Central Park Third Addition at a cost not to exceed \$38,000. The service will be paid for in specials issued to residents in the addition.

- Approved a police service agreement with Sunrise Christian Academy for security for up to eight football games during the fall of 2010.

- Approved an agreement with Westar for the installation of 3 Phase electricity to the 53rd North lift station at a cost not to exceed \$69,000. Lasher said the city had a temporary note from a couple years ago with about \$120,000 set aside for the project. He said the city will only spend about \$68,000 on the work with the rest being paid for by the new USD 259 schools in Bel Aire, expected to open in the fall of 2011.

- Held a 20-minute executive session.

# Forced to make difficult decisions

The governing body of Bel Aire has been forced to make difficult decisions recently as it looks to stay afloat in the face of serious debt. To their credit, City Manager Ty Lasher, Mayor Harold Smith and the council have faced the near \$19 million land debt responsibly.

And the city's actions during the past several months can serve as an example for other cities in north Sedgwick County — even if only as a cautionary tale.

The council's April decision to refinance land debt through a community-based Public Building Commission was a smart move that makes debt payment amounts and deadlines more manageable, even though the decision locks Bel Aire into debt payments with no option to default.

Two new USD 259 schools in the community that will open in 2011 will provide a much-needed boost that ultimately could save Bel Aire as we know it.

Bel Aire is a viable community in the area and we hope the city's goals for the future are achieved.

We're rooting for the community to realize its potential for residential and business development while maintaining the small-town feel that residents enjoy.

The land debt issue hasn't been thoroughly discussed at city council meetings, but Bel Aire's leadership has been willing to discuss the concern openly. Despite having a lot on his plate and the weight of a city on his shoulders, Lasher has been willing to adjust his schedule to meet with The Breeze to discuss the issue.

We appreciate the matter in which Lasher, Smith and the council discuss the debt. They are realistic and don't sugarcoat the impact of the debt. Still, they maintain a positive outlook and don't dwell on worst-case scenarios.

Smith has openly stated that one of the options to solve the debt was to give up the city's charter. At the same time, he's shared a positive outlook when discussing the city's long-term potential.

Council members rightfully stand by their decisions, but they haven't been so arrogant as to believe they have all the answers.

At its June 1 meeting, the council received feedback from Kenneth Lee of the Bel Aire Economic Advisory Board to hear what the board thought of some of the council's decisions.

Lee thanked the council for accepting his input and commended the governing body and staff for their efforts working for the city. He said the decisions to refinance the debt through a Public Building Commission and to seek the services of a new professional financial adviser were wise moves.

Lee also gave advice on future decisions. An upcoming decision from Bel Aire concerns the city's fire protection service.

In early May, Lasher told The Breeze that switching Bel Aire's fire service from Sedgwick County to Wichita could save city property taxpayers nearly 10 mills, which can be used for debt service payments.

Lee advised the council to look for other money-saving options before switching the fire service. While we applaud Lasher for thinking outside the box to ease a substantial dilemma, we side with Lee that Bel Aire is better off sticking with Sedgwick County's service.

County fire station No. 37 is in the heart of Bel Aire in the 4300 block of North Woodlawn. The nearest Wichita station is nearby at K-96 and Webb Road. We agree with Lee that the safety net of a neighborhood fire service is a perk that residents of Bel Aire would miss.

With 2011 city budget deadlines looming in August, Bel Aire's leadership has a lot of work ahead of it. So far, we're impressed with the progress they've made in the face of odds that may have seemed insurmountable just a few short months ago.

— The Bel Aire Breeze

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# Celebrate safely, courteously



From the police chief

By John Daily

As we approach the Fourth of July, I want to remind everyone this will be the first time in Bel Aire's history that we will be able to shoot off fireworks legally inside the city limits of town. The city council passed an ordinance earlier in the year to allow the sale and shooting of fireworks in the city.

There will be restrictions involved with the ordinance, however. The best way to explain the restrictions is simply "shoot them where you buy them." If you can buy the fireworks at one of the two fireworks stands in town, then you can shoot them off in town.

The other issue that comes with shooting fireworks is the amount of debris or trash that is left behind. It stands to reason that if you make a mess, you clean up after yourself. Please don't expect the city Public Works Department to clean up after you. With limited resources available, please help city employees focus on priority issues and not on cleanup.

The Bel Aire Police Department will be monitoring the use of fireworks as we have in the past. It is our desire that the community has a great day of celebration and everyone enjoys their fireworks. Safety is our No. 1 concern. Consideration of others is as important, so do your best to be safe and considerate.

To help with safety, the Sedgwick County Fire Department was to present a Fireworks Safety Fair on June 26 at the fire station as part of the Bel



Bel Aire police officers Matthew McGuire (left) and Sgt. Harry Spencer on bike patrol.

Aire "Music and Moonlight" celebration.

Please read the attached City Ordinance regarding Fireworks. After reading the ordinance please adhere to it and make this Fourth of July celebration an enjoyable one for everyone.

## Bike patrol

The Bel Aire Police Department has activated our bike patrol for the summer and upcoming celebrations in an effort to assist citizens during these activities and to save on resources. The department has two bicycles that were donated several years ago by the seniors group.

The bikes are being put into service this summer in an effort to save on resources and provide better assistance to the community during the Bel Aire celebration on June 26 in and around Bel Aire Park and the

Fourth of July celebration.

Using the bicycles will allow officers to concentrate on areas where there will be large groups of people and limited access for patrol cars to maneuver. Officers will also be using the bikes for regular patrol activities so we can monitor activities in and around our parks and city lakes.

Patrolling neighborhoods will also be the focus this summer. Officers will be able to contact citizens on a more personal basis and handle issues that come up. There will be officers in patrol cars as well for responding to calls for service that require a quicker response time such as EMS calls, fire calls and accidents. Officers on bike patrol will be exposed to the elements of the summer such as the heat so if you see them offer them a drink of water so they can stay healthy while serving the community.

Please use the website community comment line if you have comments about the department.

## Letter to the editor

### Merge with Wichita

At a recent Bel Aire City Council meeting, City Manager Ty Lasher said, "No one wants to see Bel Aire fail or go away" in response to Bel Aire's financial problems. Many residents may agree with him, but maybe giving up our city charter and merging with Wichita would be in everyone's best interest.

It is no secret that Bel Aire is struggling financially and has been for a long time since previous city officials got us in over our heads with land purchases. But I don't think many residents are aware that Bel Aire is heading towards bankruptcy.

Several years ago, previous city officials purchased a large quantity of land at inflated market prices. Bel Aire would sell this land at a profit and become a viable Wichita suburb.

However, because of the recession, that land has devalued and any of it that was sold did not yield a profit. So now we owe more money on this land than it is worth. In May, we could not even make the interest payment for this loan. The city council decided to refinance this loan and even add more principal to the loan to cover future interest payments, hoping to sell land to pay down this \$20 million debt.

For years now, Bel Aire has needed new roads and sidewalks (among other things). But this will not be a reality if the current elected officials continue down this road of future bankruptcy. It could be decades before a better infrastructure can be considered for Bel Aire.

For some reason, residents seem to be vehemently opposed to merging into Wichita. But I consider this is our best option at improving our quality of life. We already work, shop, eat and

have our children educated in Wichita. Why do we want to be so removed from it? Because Wichita is so much larger than Bel Aire, we would do well to take advantage of their economies of scale. Wichita could rebuild and expand our degraded roads and install sidewalks much more efficiently and sooner than Bel Aire.

I would encourage the city council to further explore this option and use the next year to make this transition instead of digging us deeper into debt. Done correctly, it could be a win-win situation for everyone.

— Cindy Wolf, Bel Aire

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## Films

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River Festival. The promo won a 2007 Pinnacle Award. Ebie and Bynorth also served as production managers for a country music video shot in Wichita, Craig Morgan's hit "International Harvester," and assisted with the production of three nationally aired television episodes of "Designing Spaces."

Also as a side venture, Ebie teaches ballroom dancing and acting classes. Besides teaching the basics of the craft, he instructs students about the business.

Ebie and Bynorth say they enjoy supporting fellow independent filmmakers in Kansas, but put their own business first.

On June 19, they helped recognize an award-winning film, directed by

Lawrence's Marc Havener. Havener's 10-minute film, "And What Remains," is a tale about the relationship between a father and son that has been shown in 35 film festivals worldwide.

To celebrate the DVD release of the film, Little Warrior Films hosted a screening of the film at Wichita's Orpheum Theater.

To bring to light talent like Havener's and promote filmmaking in Kansas, Ebie and Bynorth have a shared vision to bring a film studio to the area.

The pair has encountered frustration with independent filmmaking not being recognized as a legitimate industry in Kansas.

"All independent filmmakers in this area and the state need support of the community," Ebie said.

He pointed out that the No. 1 export from the United States is movies. As he and Bynorth continue to promote

the art of filmmaking in Kansas, they take time to appreciate an immediate support system that keeps them going.

"If it wasn't for our spouses, our families, we couldn't do it," Bynorth said.

With hopes of bringing a studio to Kansas, Little Warrior Films has a goal, spelled out on the company website: "Little Warrior Films strives to be the go-to production company in the Midwest by proving through hard work and preparation that they have what it takes to bring dreams onto screens."

Ebie said he's been tempted to give up on the business at times, but has stayed the course by maintaining the vision he carried when he started the film production company nearly six years ago. He said he didn't dwell on the frustrations.

"You take advantage of what you have and grow it," he said.

## Tree

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"I think it was two weeks for them to get identification," Jamie said. "That was excruciating. Three weeks after, we held a memorial service."

At the time of the attack, Jamie and Dave Sly lived in Norman, Okla., with McGonnel while they attended the University of Oklahoma. On April 19, 1995, Dave was in Kansas City while Jamie was home in Norman, about 20 miles south of Oklahoma City.

The blast was powerful enough to be heard in Norman. Jamie said she was in the shower and heard a sound that she thought was someone knocking on the door.

In Shawnee, Okla. east of Oklahoma City, Mike Sly said the blast slightly shook his house.

"I just kind of assumed it was a plane breaking the sound barrier," he

said. "(Planes) aren't supposed to, but it happens every once in awhile."

Mike said he didn't know what had happened until his son, Dave called from Kansas City.

"He called on the phone and said, 'turn your TV on, the Murrah building just blew up,'" Mike said.

While the Slys waited to receive news on McGonnel's status, they assumed the explosion was caused by a natural gas leak and that McGonnel was in the hospital.

Jamie said she received a call from one of her mother's co-workers on April 20, revealing that the area where McGonnel had sat at her desk was gone.

As events unfolded surrounding the aftermath of the explosion and arrest of McVeigh, the media coverage was around the clock.

"It was awful," Jamie said.

Across the street from the Murrah building, an elm tree survived the blast

and went on to thrive to serve as a memorial to the people who lost their lives in the blast. The memorial was dubbed "the Survivor Tree."

The seed in the Coke bottle came from the Survivor Tree. The offspring of the famous elm continues to thrive in Mike Sly's backyard.

Jamie said she appreciates that the tree is dedicated to her mother, but she doesn't dwell on the tragedy from 15 years ago. She moved to Bel Aire when her husband landed a job at Boeing after college.

Mike and his wife moved to Bel Aire a few years later to be near their grandchildren. He said his family won't forget the tragedy, but they don't dwell on the past and worry about what can't be changed.

"It's nice to have a symbol of some good things," Jamie said. "But I'm one of those people that just kind of gets on with life and doesn't belabor things or focus on it too much."



Mayor's corner

By Harold Smith

This month I have three items I need to discuss with the city. Ideas on these three topics are welcome.

## 2011 budget

The 2011 budget process has started. The first draft is out.

The staff has done a good job in clearly presenting their plan for 2011. There will be a lot of discussion on this during the next two months and many changes will be suggested. To start the discussions, I sent a copy of my suggestions to the council and the Economic Advisory Board.

First, we need to identify a mill. To the city, one mill means \$45,000 in taxes. To the homeowner of a \$100,000 house, it means \$11.50 per year in city taxes. On a \$200,000 house, it would be twice that or \$23 per year. By the way, the total city real estate tax brings in about \$1,500,000 each year.

City staff has already reduced expenses in the 2010 budget and carried these reductions over to the 2011 budget. The current proposed budget calls for a 3-mill increase in taxes. This will go into a reserve fund for land debt payments. My suggestion is a further reduction in city expenses in an amount equal to 3 mills with the savings also going into this reserve fund. This will give us a total of 6 mills (or \$270,000) to go into this reserve fund in 2011. Staff has also estimated transfers to this reserve fund from savings in the 2010 budget in the amount of \$290,000. This would give us a total of \$560,000 in the fund at the end of 2011. If we continue with the same plan, another \$270,000 would go into the fund in 2012.

There is one more piece to this puzzle. The interest payments on the land debt will start on Nov. 1, 2011, in the amount of \$685,000. Also, the interest payments in 2012 will total \$1,200,000. To avoid a default on the land payments, we will also need some combination of: increased land sales, higher taxes, reduced city services, reduced cost of fire protection or some kind of partnership on the proposed industrial park.

## Financial adviser

The city has made a change in our financial adviser. We looked at proposals from six firms. Our new adviser is Springsted Inc. with an office in Kansas City. We liked their level of experience, their professional presentation and the independent structure of their organization. Also, we believe that they will be a useful adviser in our efforts to promote economic development.

During this process, we became better educated on the system that cities use to finance their debt. There are three parts to this system. The financial adviser's responsibility is to the city. His job is to lead the city through the process and find us the best price at the lowest cost. The bond counsel is needed to insure everything is done in accordance with the many laws involved in financing. The job of the underwriter, also called an investment banker, is to find investors to buy the bonds and his primary goal is to find the best deal for the investor. His income is from buying the bonds and reselling them to investors. All three are necessary. The city's job was to find the best adviser that will make this whole system work to our benefit and to see that they are competitive in their fees.

## Marketing plan

Selling land is still our most urgent job. We are starting a review of our marketing plan. I have also provided the city council and the Economic Advisory Board with some of the initial thoughts on a new marketing plan. This includes new agreements with our sales agents. This item will also call for a lot of discussions.



# City of Bel Aire



## CITY OF BEL AIRE

The City of Bel Aire is celebrating its 30th Anniversary. The celebration kicks off with Music and Moonlight festival and continues all year ending with a November event to commemorate this historic occasion.

For more details visit our website at [www.belaires.gov](http://www.belaires.gov)

## Thanks!

The Bel Aire Special Events Committee would like to thank all the sponsors and participants for they're help making the Music & Moonlight Celebration a success.

- Kansas Arts Commission
- National Endowment for the Arts
- Boy Scout Troop 510
- Bel Aire Senior Club, Inc.
- Sedgwick County Fire Department
- Cross Roads Church
- True Life Church

And Performances by the Wichita Community Concert Band and Five Times Harder.

### CITY OF BEL AIRE UPCOMING EVENTS

**July**

- 5 Independence Day Holiday, offices closed
- Senior potluck, 6:30 p.m.
- 6 City Council, 7 p.m.
- 7 Chamber of Commerce, noon
- Municipal Court, 7 p.m.
- 8 Planning Commission, 6 p.m.
- 12 City Council workshop, 6:30 p.m.
- 13 Water board, 2:30 p.m.
- 14 Bel Aire Lions Club, noon
- 15 Municipal Court, 2:30 p.m.
- 19 Tree Board, 7 p.m.
- 20 City Council, 7 p.m.
- 27 Economic Development Board, 7 p.m.

### Central Park Swimming Pool

7350 East Central Park Ave. • 744-7331

**POOL HOURS**  
**WEEKDAYS**  
 • Swim Lessons, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
 • Open Swim, 1 to 7 p.m.  
 • Swimming Lessons, 7 to 8 p.m.

**WEEKENDS**  
 • Sat. & Sun. 1 to 6 p.m.

**MEMBERSHIPS** — To become a pool member, download a form at [www.belaires.gov](http://www.belaires.gov) or come to the Rec Center. Mail the completed form with payment to the address listed on the form. For questions, call the pool at 744-7331 or the Bel Aire Recreation Department at 744-2700.

**FEES** — \$150 for families, individuals ages 12 and up \$100. Family membership includes two adults and dependent children residing in the home. Full-time college students living at home will be considered as dependents.

**DAILY FEES** — Under 12: \$2 and must be accompanied by an adult. Over 12: \$3.

- All persons entering the pool must be a member or are subject to a day fee, including non-swimmers.
- Charges or credit are not extended.

**POOL RENTALS** — Packages are available after normal business hours, subject to availability.

- Up to 25 people: \$40/hour.
- More than 25 people: \$60/hour (limited to 50 people).

**GROUP SWIMMING LESSONS** — Members \$25 (nonmembers \$35) per session.

**Morning sessions**

- July 5-16, July 19-30
- 11 to 11:45 a.m., noon to 12:30 p.m.

**Evening sessions**

- July 5-16, July 29-30
- 7 to 7:45 p.m.

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

## NOTES FROM CITY HALL

### Fireworks

Bel Aire residents will be able purchase fireworks and detonate them within city limits this year. The City Council has authorized two fireworks stands, supported by the Bel Aire Lions Club and Sunrise Christian Academy, within the city limits. Authorized firework stands will sell fireworks from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. June 27 through July 4.

On July, individuals over 14 years old (or children under 14 years old with adult supervision) can detonate fireworks between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. at designated areas within the city. Citizens will be able to detonate fireworks at an authorized shooting area or on private property (with permission of the adult living at the residence).

All firework debris must be cleared from the front yard and all adjacent public right-of-ways before 10 a.m. July 5. For more information, go to [www.belaires.gov](http://www.belaires.gov).

### 2011 budget discussion

The City Council has begun discussions for the 2011 budget. Regular City Council meetings are scheduled for July 6 and July 20 at 7 p.m. in the council chamber. A public hearing for public comment will be held at the July 6 meeting. A City Council workshop may be scheduled for the week of July 12-16, depending on need. Agenda and updated information are available on the website at [www.belaires.gov](http://www.belaires.gov). Current meetings are broadcast live on Cable Channel 7 and rebroadcast daily at 9 a.m., noon, 5 and 10 p.m.

### 4th of July

### Bel Aire Recreation

5251 E. 48th North • [www.belaires.gov](http://www.belaires.gov) • 744-2700  
 Mon., Tue., & Thur. 8-8 • Wed. & Fri. 8-7 • Sat. 9-3

#### HORSEBACK RIDING

At Singletree Stables (2100 E. 45th North). Experience the basics of horsemanship including horse care, grooming, tacking up and riding. Our next session will take place at 10 a.m. July 17. Parents are welcome to observe. Registration is limited, so sign up soon.

#### ADULT COED REC VOLLEYBALL

Registration is open to formed teams or individuals. Those registering individually will be placed on a team, if possible. Teams shall have an equal number of men and women with a limit of 10 players. Each team will play nine games. The deadline for registration is Aug. 8.

#### COED OUTDOOR SOCCER

Registration deadline for residents is Aug. 6. Nonresidents may sign up Aug. 7 as space allows.

#### COED FLAG FOOTBALL

Bel Aire will again team up with the Valley Center Recreation Commission for flag football. Practices will be held at the team's respective home location with games being played at both sites. Registration deadline for residents is Aug. 13. Nonresidents may sign up Aug. 14 as space allows.

#### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Registration deadline for residents is Aug. 27. Nonresidents may sign up Aug. 28 as space allows.

Call 744-2700 for information on any Bel Aire recreation program.

### Bel Aire Senior Club

Activities are held at 4551 N. Auburn unless otherwise noted. Those 55-plus are welcome to participate. For information on programs and services for seniors, contact Vicki Shepard, Tri-City Senior Director, at 744-1199. The club is self-governed and activities benefit all participating seniors.

- Monday through Friday, 8 to 9 a.m., walking at Bel Aire Rec Center.
- Mondays 10 a.m., free computer class at Park City Senior Center.
- Wednesdays 2:30 p.m., free line dancing lessons, Park City Senior Center.
- Wednesdays (2nd & 3rd), 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., round dance workshop, level 4, Park City Sen. Ctr.
- Thursday 9 to 11:30 a.m. (except second Thursday of month), Wii open play, Park City Senior Center.
- Thursdays (2nd and 4th), 7 to 9 p.m., square dance lessons & dancing, Park City Senior Center. Fee. Toe nail care, second Wednesday each month. \$25 at the center or \$35 at your home. Call Brenda 946-0722 for an appointment.

July 6, 8:30 a.m. Breakfast out, Cracker Barrel.  
 July 12, 10 a.m. Board meeting.  
 11:30 a.m. Lunch at Auntie C's in Park City.  
 1:30 p.m. Tour National Weather Service, 2142 S. Tyler.  
 July 21, 10 a.m. Men's coffee at Braum's.  
 2 p.m. Ladies' coffee/tea, Jimmie's Diner.  
 July 26, 6 p.m. Covered dish dinner and meeting. Hosts: Linda & Harley Newland. Program: Ted Hayes with Kansas Sports Hall of Fame.

For services & resources for seniors, call Vicki Shepard, Tri-City Senior Director, 744-1199.

### Bel Aire Senior Center

All events are held at the Bel Aire Senior Center, 7651 E. Central Park Ave., unless otherwise noted and are for ALL SENIORS living in or near Bel Aire. The center is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and has library books to check out, places to study or do research and computers for use.

For more information about the center and its activities, contact Rick Eberhard, Senior Director, at either 744-2451, extension 121, or [reberhard@belaires.gov](mailto:reberhard@belaires.gov). Officer hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday (Excluding holidays, special events or senior-related meetings.)

Any senior can belong to or attend more than one senior center/club in Sedgwick County

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| Sr. Walking       | Every weekday, 8 to 9 a.m., Bel Aire Rec Center  |
| Bridge            | Every Tuesday, 1 p.m.  |
| Aerobics          | Every Wednesday, 10 a.m.   |
| Sr. Breakfast     | Every Friday, 9 a.m. at Braum's, 3641 N. Rock Road, with Kechi Over 55 Club                                    |
| Wii time          | By request or when the senior center is available.   |
| June 27 to July 4 | Bel Aire Lions Club fireworks tent, Woodlawn and Woodlawn Court (3900 block of North Woodlawn).                |
| July 5, 6 p.m.    | Potluck dinner, summertime barbecue. Hamburgers & hot dogs provided. Bring side dishes to complement barbecue. |
| July 7, 6:30 p.m. | Senior Center advisory board.  |
| July 8, 10 a.m.   | Senior arts & crafts day. Coffee and iced tea provided.  |
| July 9, 9 a.m.    | Breakfast and learn. Speakers from Via Christi Georgetown Village. Breakfast and drinks provided.              |
| 7 p.m.            | Senior fun night. Bring snacks or goodies, drinks provided.  |
| July 10, 9 a.m.   | Day trip to Tanganyika Wildlife Park near Goddard (cost). Car pool from the center at 9 a.m.                   |
| 10 a.m.           | Senior Red Hat Society meeting, location TBA. Call 744-0217 for information.                                   |
| July 12, 7 p.m.   | Central Park HOA meeting at senior center.   |
| July 14, noon     | Bel Aire Lions Club lunch and meeting at senior center.  |
| July 18, TBA      | Single seniors dine out. Call 558-2820 for details.  |
| July 23, 6 p.m.   | Light supper, \$5 per person in advance (RSVP).  |
| 7 p.m.            | Senior pitch party. Bring snacks or goodies to share.  |
| July 28, noon     | Bel Aire Lions Club lunch and meeting at senior center.  |
| 7 p.m.            | Senior bunko night.  |
| July 29, 8 a.m.   | Aging in Place Workshop: Livable Communities for All Ages. Newman University (RSVP 660-5229)                   |

### CITY OF BEL AIRE CONTACTS

| City Council                  |                    | Central Park Pool                    |                      |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Mayor Harold Smith            | 744-2650           |                                      | 744-7331             |
| Dr. Gary Breault              | 744-0560           | Parks Department                     | 744-8609             |
| Peggy O'Donnell               | 744-0250           | Police • Emergency                   | 911                  |
| Carolyn Marlier               | 744-2313           | • Non-emergency                      | 744-6000             |
| David Austin                  | 744-7188           | Animal Control (Sedgwick County)     | 660-7070             |
| Dave Sly                      | 204-5574           | Public Works                         | 744-2888             |
|                               |                    | Water/Sewer Emergency (after 5 p.m.) | 761-6972 or 761-6973 |
| City Hall                     |                    | Utility Billing                      | 744-2451, ext. 132   |
| Ty Lasher, City Administrator | 744-2451, ext. 217 | Trash (Stutzman)                     | 1-800-230-0383       |
| Recreation Department         | 744-2700           | Hazardous Waste (Sedgwick County)    | 660-7464             |

**Upcoming events**

Aug. 2 Monthly potluck dinner and American Bandstand night. Lots of music from the '50s and '60s.

Aug. 10 Greater Wichita Senior Spelling Bee. Applications available from senior director.

The Bel Aire Lions Club is collecting eye glasses no longer being used. Drop them off in the Senior Center or water office at city hall.

Sign up for a senior cruise in 2010 offered by the Bel Aire Senior Center. Package includes airfare from the Kansas City airport:  
 Dec. 4 — Norwegian Cruise Line Hawaiian Cruise (10 days, 9 nights)

For reservations, price sheet and specific cruise information, contact Rick Eberhard, Senior Director, at either 744-2451, extension 121, or [reberhard@belaires.gov](mailto:reberhard@belaires.gov). (passports will be required.)

Contact Rick Eberhard, Senior Director of the Bel Aire Senior Center, at either 744-2451, extension 121, or e-mail [reberhard@belaires.gov](mailto:reberhard@belaires.gov) to receive the Bel Aire Senior Center news, information, special events and upcoming trips electronically or via the U.S. mail.

# POLICE REPORTS

**June 13** — Officer Brandewiede assisted EMS in the 4600 block of North Hedgerow.

**June 13** — Officer McCaslin assisted Sedgwick County Fire Department in the 4200 block of North Oliver.

**June 13** — Officer Hutton assisted EMS in the 6400 block of East Rodeo.

**June 13** — Officers Hutton and McCaslin responded to disorderly conduct in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn.

**June 13** — Officer Hutton assisted a motorist at K-254 and Woodlawn.

**June 13** — Officer Foxx assisted Park City Police Department in the 1600 block of East Gary.

**June 12** — Officer Hutton checked on a suspicious person in the 4200 block of North Stratford.

**June 12** — Officer Foxx assisted Wichita Police Department with a warrant arrest in the 5100 block of North Woodlawn.

**June 12** — Officer Hazelwood assisted Kechi Police Department in the 400 block of Sioux.

**June 12** — Officers Hutton and McGuire responded to a 911 hang-up in the 5400 block of East Falcon.

**June 12** — Officers Hutton and McGuire checked on a suspicious person in the 4200 block of North Stratford.

**June 12** — Officers Foxx and Hazelwood assisted Kechi Police Department in the 400 block of Sioux.

**June 12** — Officer Foxx assisted Kechi Police Department at East 52nd North and Delaware.

**June 12** — Officer Foxx responded to a burglary in-progress in the 6200 block of East Quail Ridge.

**June 12** — Officer Steele assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office with a welfare check in the 7900 block of East 61st North.

**June 12** — Detective Pentecost assisted a citizen at Woodlawn and Perryton.

**June 11** — Officer McGuire responded to an auto accident in the 4600 block of North Hedgerow.

**June 11** — Officer McGuire responded to a domestic situation in the 4300 block of North Eagle Lake Drive.

**June 11** — Officer McGuire checked the welfare in the 6500 block of East 45th North.

**June 11** — Officer Hutton responded to disorderly conduct in the 6200 block of East 44th North.

**June 11** — Officer Hutton assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office at K-254 and North 127th East.

**June 11** — Officer Steele responded to fraud in the 4900 block of North Homestead.

**June 11** — Officer Steele and Detective Pentecost checked on a suspicious person in the 5000 block of North Remington.

**June 10** — Detective Pentecost responded to an alarm in the 6200 block of East 37th North.

**June 10** — Officer McGuire responded to a public nuisance in the 5800 block of East Flagstaff.

**June 10** — Officers McCaslin and Foxx responded to an alarm in the 6200 block of East 37th North.

**June 10** — Detective Pentecost assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office in the 200 block of West Central.

**June 10** — Officer Foxx assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office in the 12000 block of East 45th North.

**June 9** — Detective Pentecost assisted EMS in the 4300 block of North Woodlawn.

**June 9** — Detective Pentecost responded to an alarm in the 6200 block of East 37th North.

**June 8** — Officer Steele assisted EMS in the 5700 block of East Kenawee.

**June 8** — Officer Hutton arrested Sarah J. Hutchinson on a Bel Aire warrant in the 600 block of East Elm.

**June 8** — Officer Swanson responded to a runaway in the 6400

block of East Odessa.

**June 8** — Officer Hutton responded to disorderly conduct at 44th North and Hillcrest.

**June 8** — Officer McGuire responded to an audible alarm in the 5500 block of East Huffman.

**June 8** — Detective Pentecost responded to vandalism in the 5600 block of North Oliver.

**June 8** — Sgt. Spencer assisted a citizen in the 6200 block of Woodlawn.

**June 7** — Officer Brandewiede responded to an auto accident in the 4700 block of North Webb Road.

**June 7** — Officer Hutton checked for a suspicious person in the 4100 block of North Harding.

**June 7** — Officer Swanson responded to a runaway in the 6100 block of East Danbury.

**June 7** — Officer Toomey responded to an auto accident in the 5200 block of East 48th North.

**June 6** — Officer Hazelwood stopped a vehicle in the 5700 block of Hanover. He arrested Bonnie E. Shea on a charge of driving with a suspended license and on a Wilson County warrant.

**June 6** — Officers Swanson and Hutton responded to an alarm in the 6300 block of East Crestmark.

**June 6** — Officer Hutton responded to an auto accident in the 6900 block of East Perryton.

**June 6** — Officer Toomey assisted Wichita Police Department in the 3700 block of North Whispering Brook.

**June 6** — Officer Hutton responded to disorderly conduct in the 5800 block of Flagstaff.

**June 6** — Officer Foxx assisted Park City Police Department in the 5900 block of North Broadway.

**June 6** — Officer Foxx responded to a traffic hazard at Memphis and Edgemoor.

**June 6** — Officer Foxx assisted Sedgwick County Fire Department in the 300 block of West Arrowhead.

**June 5** — Officer Foxx stopped a vehicle in the 5300 block of North Oliver. He arrested Steven A. Goodbear on a charge of DUI and on a Wichita Police Department warrant.

**June 4** — Officer Steele assisted EMS and Sedgwick County Fire Department at 77th North and Rock Road.

**June 4** — Officer Foxx assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office in the 5500 block of North Oliver.

**June 4** — Officers McGuire and Hutton checked the welfare in the 4900 block of Hedgerow.

**June 4** — Officer Hazelwood assisted Kechi Police Department at Coolwater and Quivira.

**June 4** — Detective Pentecost assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office at 85th North and Rock Road.

**June 3** — Officer Foxx checked on a suspicious person in the 4800 block of North Harding.

**June 3** — Officer Hazelwood assisted EMS in the 6500 block of East Shepard's Crossing.

**June 3** — Officers Foxx and Hazelwood responded to an alarm in the 6200 block of East 37th North.

**June 3** — Officer McCaslin assisted Kechi Police Department in the 300 block of South Oliver.

**June 3** — Officers Hazelwood and Foxx assisted Kechi Police Department at K-254 and Woodlawn.

**June 3** — Officers Hazelwood and Foxx assisted EMS in the 6500 block of Shepard's Crossing.

**June 2** — Detective Pentecost responded to forgery in the 6500 block of St James.

**June 2** — Detective Pentecost responded to forgery in the 6300 block of East 37th North.

**June 2** — Officer Swanson responded to vandalism in the 5800 block of East Memphis.

**June 2** — Officer McGuire stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation in the

5800 block of East 53rd North. He arrested Roberta C. Stiller on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

**June 1** — Officer Brandewiede responded to an alarm in the 3800 block of North Hillcrest.

**June 1** — Officer Brandewiede responded to an alarm in the 4400 block of Westlake Court.

**June 1** — Officer McGuire arrested Susan Birmingham in the 6000 block of East 37th North on a charge of driving with a suspended license and on a Sedgwick County warrant.

**June 1** — Officer McGuire assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office in the 3800 block of North Woodlawn.

**June 1** — Officer McGuire responded to an auto accident in the 5900 block of East Hanover.

**June 1** — Officer McGuire checked on an abandoned vehicle in the 4700 block of North Oliver.

**May 31** — Officer Brandewiede assisted Sedgwick County Fire Department in the 6100 block of Quail Ridge Court.

**May 31** — Officer Brandewiede responded to an alarm in the 6200 block of East 37th North.

**May 31** — Officer Hutton responded to an alarm in the 5600 block of East Denise.

**May 31** — Officer Hutton checked on a suspicious person in the 5500 block of East 49th North.

**May 31** — Officer Swanson responded to a medical situation in the 4800 block of North Farmstead.

**May 31** — Officer Swanson responded to an auto accident at 37th North and Oliver.

**May 31** — Officer Foxx assist Kechi Police Department in the 400 block of Arapaho.

**May 31** — Officer Foxx responded to a home accident in the 5800 block of East 49th North.

**May 31** — Officers Hutton and Swanson assisted Kechi Police Department in the 400 block of Prairie Creek.

**May 31** — Officer Hutton assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office in the 4900 block of North 143rd East.

**May 31** — Officers Toomey and Foxx assisted Kechi Police Department in the 400 block of Arapaho.

**May 31** — Officer Foxx assisted Sedgwick County Fire Department in the 5800 block of East 49th North.

**May 31** — Officer Foxx assisted Park City Police Department in the 200 block of East Brink.

**May 31** — Officer Swanson assisted EMS in the 5800 block of East Perryton.

**May 30** — Officer Swanson responded to an animal bite in the 6900 block of East Perryton.

**May 30** — Officer Foxx checked on a suspicious vehicle in the 6100 block of East Danbury.

**May 30** — Officer Hutton assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office at 37th North and Ridgewood.

**May 29** — Detective Pentecost responded to an auto accident in the 4500 block of North Webb Road.

**May 29** — Officer McCaslin and Detective Pentecost responded to an alarm in the 6200 block of Quail Ridge.

**May 29** — Officer Hutton assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office in the 6800 block of East 45th North.

**May 29** — Officers Hutton and McGuire assisted Wichita Police Department in the 6200 block of Quail Ridge.

**May 29** — Officers Hutton and McGuire assisted Wichita Police Department with an auto accident at 45th North and Oliver.

**May 29** — Officer Hutton assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office in the 200 block of West Central.

**May 29** — Officer McCaslin assisted Kechi Police Department in the 600 block of North Creek Circle.

**May 29** — Officer McCaslin assisted a motorist in the 4000 block of North Oliver.

May 28 — Sgt. Spencer responded to a report of a disobedient child in the 4000 block of Clarendon.

May 28 — Detective Pentecost assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office at K-254 and 159th East.

**May 27** — Detective Pentecost responded to trespassing in the 4000 block of North Harding.

**May 27** — Officer Foxx assisted EMS in the 4900 block of North Hillcrest.

**May 27** — Officer Foxx checked the welfare at K-254 and Woodlawn.

May 27 — Officer Swanson checked the welfare at 45th North and Woodlawn.

**May 26** — Detective Pentecost arrested Tina M. Herring in the 5100 block of East 37th North on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

**May 26** — Detective Pentecost assisted Kansas Highway Patrol at K-96 and Woodlawn.

**May 26** — Detective Pentecost assisted a stranded motorist at 37th North and Battin.

**May 25** — Officer Steele received lost property in the 4400 block of North Eagle Lake Drive.

**May 25** — Officers Steele and Hutton and Detective Pentecost assisted the FBI in the 7900 block of Caribou.

**May 25** — Officer Hutton checked on a suspicious person in the 5900 block of East Flagstaff.

**May 25** — Officer Hutton and Sgt. Griggs responded to a disturbance in the 5800 block of East 49th North.

**May 25** — Sgt. Griggs received found property in the 4300 block of North Janesville.

**May 25** — Sgt. Griggs stood-by in the 5200 block of East 37th North.

**May 25** — Officer Hutton checked on a suspicious person in the 5900 block of Flagstaff.

**May 25** — Officers McGuire and Hutton responded to a disturbance in the 5200 block of East 37th North.

**May 25** — Officer Swanson stood-by in the 4100 block of Auburn.

**May 24** — Officers Steele and Brandewiede responded to an alarm in the 4500 block of North Westlake Court.

**May 24** — Officer Hutton responded to an alarm in the 4600 block of North Hedgerow.

**May 23** — Officer Brandewiede responded to disorderly conduct in the 5900 block of East 41st North.

**May 23** — Officers Swanson and Hutton checked on a suspicious person in the 5000 block of North Lake Breeze Court.

**May 23** — Officer Hutton assisted EMS in the 5900 block of East Denise.

**May 22** — Detective Pentecost arrested Isidro Ramirez-Cadena on a Sedgwick County warrant and a Wichita Police Department warrant in the 5000 block of North Oliver.

**May 22** — Officer Hutton responded to a larceny in the 5900 block of East 37th North.

**May 22** — Officers McCaslin and Hutton responded to an alarm in the 4100 block of North Edinburg.

**May 22** — Officers Foxx and Hazelwood assisted Wichita Police Department in the 4400 block of North Linden.

**May 22** — Officers McCaslin and McGuire assisted Valley Center Police Department in the 2700 block of Ford.

**May 22** — Officer McCaslin responded to an animal complaint in the 3800 block of North Oliver.

**May 22** — Officers Hutton and McGuire checked on a suspicious person in the 4400 block of North Auburn.

**May 21** — Officer Hutton responded to an alarm in the 7900 block of North Caribou Place.

**May 21** — Officer Pate arrested Timmy W. Gurley on a charge of driv-

ing with a suspended license in the 5300 block of North Woodlawn.

**May 21** — Officer Pate assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office in the 5300 block of North Woodlawn.

**May 21** — Officer Hazelwood checked on a suspicious person in the 4500 block of St. James.

**May 21** — Officer Foxx checked the welfare at K-254 and North 159th East.

**May 20** — Officer Brandewiede assisted Sedgwick County Fire Department in the 4800 block of North Farmstead.

**May 20** — Detective Pentecost assisted Kansas Highway Patrol at K-254 and Oliver.

**May 20** — Officer Swanson responded to a disturbance in the 5600 block of East 41st North.

**May 20** — Officer Hazelwood assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office in the 6300 block of North Hillside.

**May 20** — Officer Hazelwood checked on a suspicious person in the 4400 block of North Janesville.

**May 20** — Officer Foxx found an animal in the 6200 block of East 45th North.

**May 20** — Officer Foxx assisted Park City Police Department in the 4600 block of North Hydraulic.

**May 20** — Officer Foxx assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office in the 6800 block of East Perryton.

**May 20** — Officer Foxx responded to an animal at-large in the 6200 block of East 45th North.

**May 20** — Officers Swanson and McCaslin responded to a disturbance in the 5600 block of East 41st North.

**May 20** — Officer McCaslin assisted Wichita Police Department in the 6600 block of East 37th North.

**May 20** — Officer Swanson checked on a suspicious person in the 4400 block of North Edgemoor.

**May 19** — Officer Brandewiede found an animal in the 6400 block of East Perryton.

**May 19** — Detective Pentecost stopped a vehicle in the 5000 block of East 37th North. He arrested Michelle Kenton on a charge of driving with a suspended license and on a Bel Aire warrant.

**May 19** — Officer Swanson checked on a suspicious person in the 4400 block of North Janesville.

**May 19** — Officer Swanson responded to an alarm in the 4500 block of North Rushwood.

**May 18** — Detective Pentecost arrested Albert W. Jackson on charges of arson and a Sedgwick County warrant at 7651 East Central Park Ave.

**May 18** — Officer Steele responded to an alarm in the 5000 block of North Prestwick Avenue.

**May 18** — Officer Swanson assisted EMS in the 4600 block of North Farmstead Court.

**May 18** — Officer Swanson responded to an alarm in the 6200 block of East 37th North.

**May 18** — Officers Hazelwood and Hutton checked the welfare in the 5600 block of East 39th North.

**May 18** — Officers Hazelwood and Hutton checked on a suspicious person in the 4400 block of North Janesville.

**May 17** — Officer Steele responded to an alarm in the 6600 block of East Summerside Place.

**May 17** — Officer Swanson responded to vandalism in the 4400 block of North Eagle Lake Drive.

**May 17** — Officer Swanson responded to vandalism in the 4500 block of North Eagle Lake Drive.

**May 17** — Officer Foxx arrested Deantrea M. Hill on a Wichita Police Department warrant in the 5000 block of East 37th North.

**May 17** — Officer Steele responded to a disturbance in the 4000 block of North Auburn.

**May 17** — Officer Steele responded to a disturbance in the 6000 block of North Clarendon.

**May 17** — Officer Steele responded to an animal at-large in the 6600 block of Summerside.

**May 17** — Officer Steele responded to an audible alarm in the 6600 block of East Summerside.

**May 16** — Officer Swanson checked on a suspicious person in the 4100 block of North Oliver.

**May 16** — Officer Hutton responded to an alarm in the 4700 block of North Webb Road.

**May 16** — Officer Foxx responded to an animal at-large at 45th North and Edgemoor.

**May 16** — Officer Swanson responded to an alarm in the 4500 block of North Webb Road.

**May 15** — Detective Pentecost checked on a suspicious person in the 4000 block of North Woodlawn.

**May 15** — Officer Steele assisted Maize Police Department in the 5800 block of East Hanover.

**May 15** — Officer Foxx assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office in the 3700 block of North Rock Road.

**May 15** — Officer Fox assist Park City Police Department at 45th North and Woodlawn.

**May 15** — Detective Pentecost responded to an alarm in the 4300 block of North Rushwood.

**May 14** — Officer Steele assisted Wichita Police Department with an accident in the 6200 block of East 37th North.

**May 14** — Officer McGuire responded to vandalism in the 4800 block of East 37th North.

**May 14** — Officer McGuire responded to an alarm in the 6300 block of East 37th North.

**May 14** — Detective Pentecost assisted Wichita Police Department in the 6900 block of East 37th North.

**May 14** — Officer Steele responded to a 911 hang-up in the 3800 block of Hillcrest.

**May 14** — Officer Hutton assisted Sedgwick County Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office in the 7800 block of North 79th East.

**May 14** — Officer Foxx assisted a motorist in the 4900 block of Woodlawn.

# DEATHS

## HEYWOOD KEE

Heywood Kee, 65, of Bel Aire

# No opposition for area lawmakers

By Chris Strunk

There will be no summer primary elections for area Kansas House races this year, and barring any write-in campaigns, the November general elections for three local seats have already been decided.

Incumbent Reps. Melody McCray-Miller, Steve Huebert and Steven Brunk have all filed for re-election. No challengers are seeking their seats. The deadline to file for the election was June 10.

McCray-Miller represents District 89, which includes part of Park City and part of Kechi Township. She is seeking her fourth two-year term.

"I want to continue the work that I began," McCray-Miller said. "... The job's not done, especially during this period in our state history."

McCray-Miller said experience helps in the Legislature.

"I'm pleased I have the opportunity to continue to represent my constituents," she said.

McCray-Miller, who did not have a challenger in her previous re-election bid two years ago, said crafting a 2011 budget was the biggest challenge last session. It included a 1-cent state sales tax increase that she supported.

She said the budget may come under some attack with the new gubernatorial administration.

"I wasn't eager to raise anyone's taxes," she said. "... But when I think about the needs of people, that's really what this budget was about. We just couldn't cut any further. ... The end product was the best that we could do, and I think it was a good

output."

Huebert, a Republican, represents District 90, which includes Valley Center, Bentley, Mt. Hope, Andale, Colwich, Maize and part of Park City and Segwick. He's seeking his sixth two-year term.

"It is an honor to represent the people of the 90th District in Topeka," Huebert said. "After winning spirited elections against Bill Collier in 2006 and Jacque Davis in 2008, it was a nice surprise to be unopposed this year."

Huebert said he will champion the same issues that helped him win his first campaign in 2000.

"Jobs and improving our economy, family values and education and finally, fiscal responsibility and controlling state spending," he said.

Brunk, a Republican, represents

District 85, which includes Bel Aire, Kechi, part of Wichita and parts of Kechi and Payne townships. He's been in the Legislature since 2003.

This is the first time Brunk has gone into an election without an opponent.

"I'm grateful," he said. "It makes my time this summer a little easier. I get to go back to trying to make a living."

Brunk said he believes he represents his district well, including his efforts to hold the line on taxes. He said the passing of a 1-cent sales tax was a mistake.

"We need more taxpayers, not more and higher taxes," he said.

Increasing taxes, Brunk said, assumes government is operating as efficiently as it can, there are no other funding options and the state

has no idle assets, such as property, available to sell.

"You have to assume all three of those things, and you can't," Brunk said. "I don't like the tax increase. I felt it was untimely. When you have 100,000 people out of work, it's not right to raise taxes on them."

Brunk, who is chairman of the House Commerce and Labor Committee, said the state should cease duplication of services and take a hard look at efficiencies.

"We have a responsibility to the taxpayers," Brunk said.

Brenda Landwehr will face Democratic challenger Dan M. Manning for the 91st District, which includes parts of Kechi and Park townships in north Sedgwick County.

All 125 House seats are up for election this year.

# Local students complete Awana

By The News staff

Lori Sidwell and Michael Sater received their Citation Awards on May 2nd from the Northside Bible Chapel Awana program in Kechi. The Citation Award is given to 12th-grade students who have completed all of the materials that are required in the Awana program, which is based in Streamwood, Illinois.

Lori Sidwell, 18, is the daughter of Doug and Carol Sidwell of Valley Center. Michael Sater, 17, is the son of Larry and Robin Sater of Bel Aire.

To achieve the award, each student had to complete over 10 years worth of lessons and activities in the Awana program, learning more than 750 Bible verses, completing about 200 Bible studies and fulfilling four years of Christian ministry service projects in his or her church and com-



Sid Johnson (Awana Commander), Lori Sidwell, Michael Sater and Larry Sater (Awana Leader).

Courtesy photo

munity. The Citation Award is the highest recognition that any participant can receive.

Awana, which stands for Approved Workmen 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 over 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 Sid Johnson at 744-112.

## Where there's smoke

Four-year old Daniel Bernal learns the proper way to roast a marshmallow from Sedgwick County Fire Inspector Greg Thompson during the Fire District No. 1 Summer 2010 Open House June 5 at Sedgwick County Station No. 37 in Bel Aire. Looking on is Bernal's father, Ricardo Bernal, a Sedgwick County firefighter at Station No. 37. Bernal provided entertainment to children at the open house by dressing up like a clown.

Matt Heilman



# Scouts claim Gold Awards

By The Breeze staff

Two Bel Aire Girl Scouts recently received the highest award that a scout can earn.

Melissa Pressnall and Renee Stahl were awarded the Girl Scout Gold Award. They were among 22 Girl Scouts from the Kansas Heartland to receive the award.

To fulfill Gold Award requirements, Pressnall, along with the help of Girl Scout Eva Anderson of Wichita, completed a makeover in the visitation room of the Wichita Children's Home.

"I took particular interest in the Children's Home because the people who live there are my age and younger, so I can relate," Pressnall said. "I've learned a lot about myself and about time management, failure, success and organization by completing my Gold Award. Although the act of redesigning a room may seem simple to some, we believe it will make a large impact on the children, to help them feel more comfortable."

Stahl, meanwhile, also completed her Gold Award at the Wichita Children's Home with the help of Girl Scout



Courtesy photo

Girl Scouts (left to right) Renee Stahl of Bel Aire, Jessica Reffner of Wichita, Melissa Pressnall of Bel Aire and Eva Anderson of Wichita accept their Girl Scout Gold Awards.

Jessica Reffner of Wichita.

Their project, "Teens Helping Teens," involved the collection of backpacks with toiletry items to give to teens preparing to live on their

own, in addition to a variety of other service projects at the home.

The Girl Scout Gold Award takes most Girl Scouts nearly two years to

complete. Gold Award winners are eligible for special scholarships and are automatically advanced one rank in any branch of the U.S. military.

# Bel Aire Lions Club appoints new officers

By The Breeze staff

The Bel Aire Lions Club appointed new officers, who step into their appointed positions July 1.

They are: president Daryl Croston; first vice president Micah Mundell; second

vice president Janet Chiles; treasurer Guy MacDonald; secretary Angie Cockburn; membership chairman Dick Pilgrim; directors Janet Chiles, Gary O'Neal, Grace Kneil and Billy Dempsey; and immediate past president Rick Eberhard.



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# PEOPLE HIGHLIGHTS

Dylan Matheny, son of Sean and Jeri Matheny of Bel Aire, has received an appointment to the Class of 2014 at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Matheny graduated from Kapaun Mount Carmel High School in May 2010 where he was an academic letterman, athletic letterman in football and wrestling, member of the National Honor Society and member of the National Society of High School Scholars. The prospective members of the Class of 2014 will report to West Point for the first time on June 28.

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Carnez D. Williams was honored as a member of the University of Kansas Alpha chapter of Phi Beta Kappa academic honor society during a ceremony May 15.

Election to Phi Beta Kappa recognized a student's high academic achievement while pursuing a broad and substantive liberal arts curriculum. To be eligible for consideration for membership, students must have senior status and a minimum grade point average of 3.65 on a 4.0 scale.

Williams is the son of

Kevass and Teketa Harding of Wichita.

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Two Bel Aire students were named to honor rolls at Pittsburg State University for the spring 2010 semester.

Receiving All-A Scholastic Honors was Hannah Hunsinger, while Amanda Orloske was named to the Dean's List.

To qualify for All-A Scholastic Honors a student must complete at least 12 semester hours, receive a grade of A in all credit course work and have no grade of I in any course during the semester.

To qualify for the Dean's List a student must complete at least 12 semester hours, receive a grade point average of 3.6 for all credit course work and have no grade lower than a B and no grade of I in any course work during the semester.

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Master composters are available to answer your compost questions in the demonstration garden at the Sedgwick County Extension Center, 7001 W. 21st North, Wichita. The composters will

demonstrate composting techniques from 8 to 10 a.m. each Saturday morning through the end of October.

The program is sponsored by Sedgwick County Extension Master Gardeners and K-State Research & Extension, Sedgwick County.

For more information call Robert Neier, county extension agent for horticulture, at 660-0100, extension 0140.

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Chisholm Trail Elementary School is a summer nutrition site for children 18 years old and younger. All children are welcome to eat breakfast and lunch at no cost. If adults want to eat with their kids, they can bring their own or buy a meal.

No food may leave the cafeteria and adults may only eat the food they purchase or bring. They may not eat off their child's plate.

The site is open Mondays through Fridays through July 30. Hours are 8:30 to 9 a.m. for breakfast and 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. for lunch.

Hot entrees are served Tuesdays and Fridays.

There is no financial criteria. It is a federally funded program, and all children are eligible to eat.

The school is located at 6015 Independence in Park City (south of Spangles).

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Following are the rules surrounding fireworks in Sedgwick County and cities in the north part of the county.

Bel Aire is allowing the discharge of fireworks for the first time in the city's history.

For the first time since 1979, the Sedgwick County Commission will allow fireworks to be discharged in unincorporated parts of the county. The fireworks must be legal in the state of Kansas.

In Valley Center, discharge and sale of fireworks are allowed from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. June 30 through July 3 and 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

July 4 and 5.

In Bel Aire, fireworks can be sold from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. June 27 through July 4. Discharge is allowed from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. July 4.

In Kechi, fireworks will be sold from June 27 through July 5. Fireworks can be shot off from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. June 27 through July 2, and on July 5. Fireworks may be shot off from 10 a.m. to midnight on July 3 and 4.

In Park City, fireworks may be fired between 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. June 27 through July 2 and 8 a.m. to midnight July 3 and 4.

# CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

## Christ Lutheran Church

Summer service times will be at 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. There will be no children's Sunday school during the summer.

The church is located at 5356 N. Hillside (53rd North and Hillside) across from Heights High School.

Find the church online at [www.christ-lutheran.org](http://www.christ-lutheran.org); e-mail [office@clc.kscoxmail.com](mailto:office@clc.kscoxmail.com). Call the office at 744-1242 for more information.

## 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 Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Weekday Masses are 8 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; also at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Resurrection Catholic School has students from preschool through eighth grade.

The parish/school Web site is [www.resurrectionwichita.com](http://www.resurrectionwichita.com). Phone number is 744-2776. Rev. Sherman A. Orr is the pastor.

## Community Bible Chapel

The church is located at 4551 Auburn, south of 45th North between Oliver and Woodlawn, in Bel Aire.

Vacation Bible School will be from 6:30 to 9 p.m. June 14-18. It will be held at Sunrise Christian Academy, 5500 E. 45th North, Bel Aire.

On Sunday at 9 a.m. is worship service and breaking of the bread, with Bible study and Sunday school at 10:30.

Wednesday evening, prayer and Bible study is at 7 p.m.

For more information, call Melvan Adair at 744-7091.

## Crossroads Friends Church

Crossroads Friends Church meets at Stucky Middle School (on 45th North between Hillside and Oliver) at 10:30 a.m.

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Kids and Crossroads Cribs ministry areas. We also have contemporary music, relevant Bible teaching and a laid-back, friendly atmosphere.

Lead pastor is David Norman and associate pastor is Jeff Mullen. Call the church office at 361-0407 or visit it at [www.crossroadswichita.com](http://www.crossroadswichita.com).

## Fairmount United Church of Christ

The church is located at 1605 Fairmount in Wichita. Adult and children's Sunday school classes begin at 9:15 a.m. with worship service at 10:30. Michael Poage is the pastor. For more information, please call 682-1597 or visit at [www.fairmountucc.com](http://www.fairmountucc.com).

## Kechi United Methodist Church

Located at 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi, the Rev. Guy E. Rendoff is the pastor. Church phone number is 744-1221.

Sunday worship is at 9:03 a.m., praise and worship at 10 and Sunday school at 11.

The Bell Choir will meet at 6:30 p.m. June 29 and July 7 to prepare for the church's 125th anniversary celebration July 11.

There will be NO Sunday school July 4, and only one worship service at 10 a.m.

Dementia Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. July 5.

The youth trip to Kansas City will be July 16.

The Mexico mission team will leave July 17. Vacation Bible School will be from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. July 26 through 30. Meals will be served.

A group will meet for walking at 6 p.m. each Tuesday during the summer.

Yoga meets 6:30 p.m. each

Wednesday at Kechi City Hall.

The church is collecting 18-ounce jars of peanut butter and tuna fish for the United Methodist Open Door Food Ministry.

## Park City Christian Church

Sunday worship service is at 9 a.m. with Sunday school at 10. The church is located at 2230 E. 61st North. Call 744-0493 or 744-0133. The church accepts food donations for Union Rescue Mission.

## Park City Church of the Nazarene

Sunday school for all ages is at 9:30 a.m. Worship and children's church are at 10:45. The church is located at 2100 E. 61st North in Park City. Wednesday Bible study for adults begins with sandwiches and chips at 6:15 p.m.

## Pine Valley Christian Church

Located at 5620 E. 21st North. Sunday school at 9 a.m. with worship at 10:15. For more information call 685-2421.

## True Life Church

True Life Church is a new church coming to northeast Wichita this fall.

True Life will meet at Gammon Elementary on at 10:10 a.m. July 18 for a sneak peek worship experience. Awesome Rockin' Jam Camps are being held in the Bel Aire area during July and August for kids kinder-

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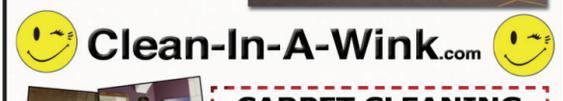
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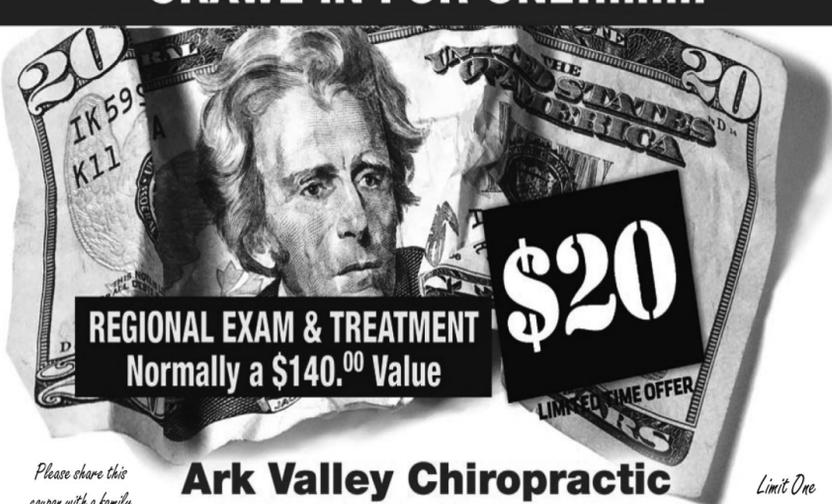


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