

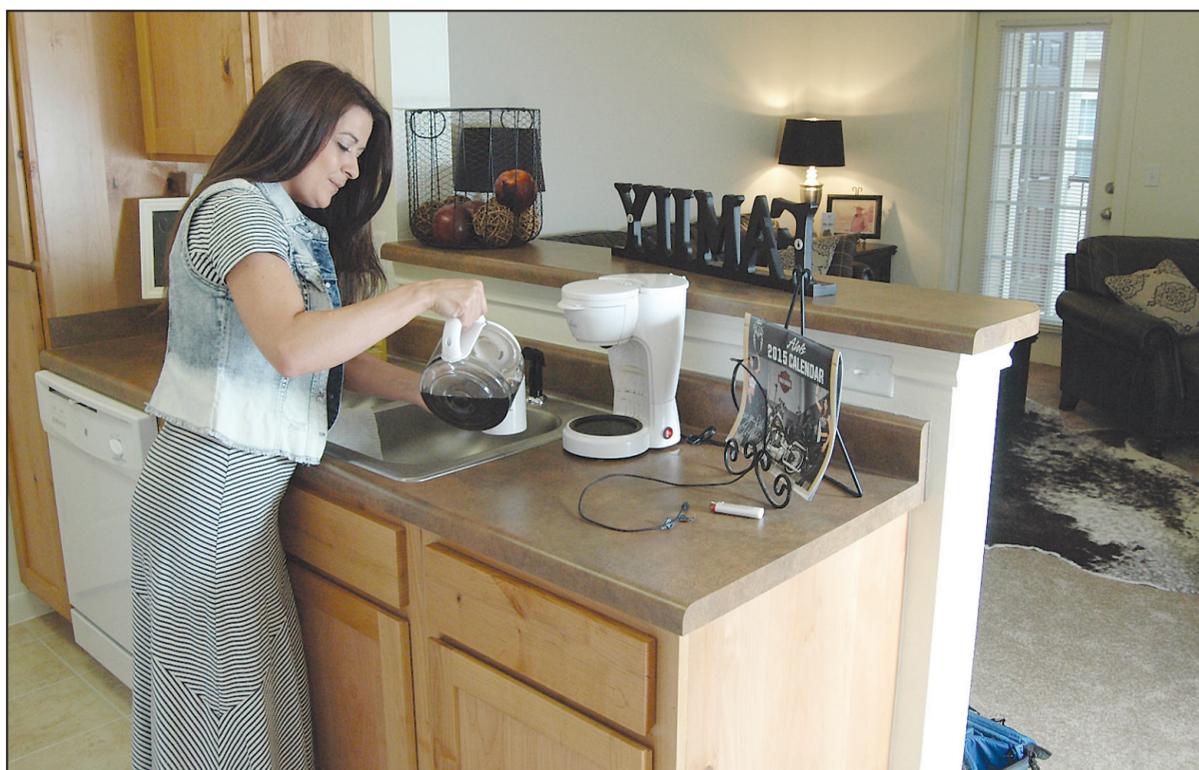
# The Bel Aire Breeze

Vol. 10, No. 3

April 2015

Complimentary copy

## Apartments expand city's housing options



Photos by David Dinell

**Brandy Johnson pours some coffee in her new home in the Broadstone Apartment complex in Bel Aire. The apartment is working out well, she says, and she's enjoying meeting other residents.**

Broadstone complex features 48 units for residents meeting income guidelines

By David Dinell

Kenny Vineyard has a new home — and it's in Bel Aire. Vineyard and his dad, Terry, were the first residents to move in at the 48-unit Broadstone Villas Apartments, which officially opened March 12 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, tour and lunch.

The location, at 5650 N. Lycee Road, off Rock Road and next to Northeast Magnet High School, was a big draw, Vineyard said.

"The location is cool," he said. "It's close to Dad's doctors."

Price also was a factor, he said. Rents at the complex, whose residents have to meet income eligibility guidelines of \$13,860 to \$45,900, range from \$306 to \$685 monthly.

Vineyard also called the staff "awesome" and said the fact that his dad, a disabled U.S. Marine Corps veteran, can move in and out of their ground-floor apartment with ease, makes living there a good choice.

Seems a lot of other people agreed with Vineyard as the apartments were 100 percent leased and, as of mid-March, 70 percent occupied.



**Manager Jennifer Munoz (left) shows off the storage closet that each unit has. The apartments have been filled strictly through word of mouth, she added.**

"We've not had to search for tenants," said manager Jennifer Munoz. "Everyone loves this area."

The apartments have filled strictly through word of mouth, she added.

"We usually have to do some marketing, but not this time," Munoz said.

Broadstone operates under the name of Wilhoit Properties

and its developer is Zimmerman Properties, which has completed 85 such complexes in nine states.

The properties are developed through federal tax credits and are designed to meet the housing needs of low- and moderate-income families. Zimmerman received \$481,176 of such credits from the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation to

develop Broadstone.

Along with the KHRC, other entities involved in the project were the City of Bel Aire and the Bel Aire City Council, Bank of America and Raymond James Tax Credit Funds.

Council member Ken Lee, who welcomed company officials, said the complex serves an "unfilled need."

He also credited the coalition for working together to make the Broadstone happen.

"Without good partners, we couldn't have had it," he said.

The apartments are one more example of Bel Aire being a growing community, Lee said.

Broadstone has 24 units with two bedrooms and two baths. Each of those apartments is 1,033 square feet. It also has 24 units with three bedrooms and two baths and those apartments are 1,188 square feet each. The units are designed to be energy efficient and come with kitchen appliances and washers and dryers.

For all the residents, there's access to a community center with a fitness room along with a computer and library area.

See COMPLEX, Page 5

## Hopefuls present views at forum

By David Dinell

Debt, spending, taxes, public safety, water, roads and business growth were just some of the issues raised at the Bel Aire Meet Your Candidate night.

City council and mayoral candidates got a chance to meet voters in person at the March 19 gathering, which attracted a crowd of about 50 to the Bel Aire Recreation Center and was hosted by the Bel Aire Seniors Club. It was moderated by Michael Schwanke, an anchor and investigative reporter at KWCH-TV and also a Bel Aire resident.

Six candidates are vying for two at-large seats on the council and two candidates are in the contest for mayor in the election, which is April 7. All winners will have a four-year term.

"It gives the voters to meet the candidates face to face," said Carolyn Smith, who helped organize the event.

Smith said voters see lots of yard signs around

See ELECTION, Page 6

## Catholic Care gets green light to grow

By David Dinell

Look for Bel Aire's Catholic Care Center to continue to grow. Its planned expansion made it necessary for center officials to seek approval from the Bel Aire City Council March 3 for engineering and paving of Bethany Drive and relocation of a city sewer line, which was granted.

The expense will be paid by the center, and officials found the council receptive to the plans.

"It moves them forward. It means more homes and residents," said Mayor David Austin, who termed the relationship between the center and the city as an excellent "neighborly" one.

In all, the center, 6700 E. 45th St. North, will be undertaking about \$12.5 million of work from now until approximately 2025 as it takes on several phases of expansion, said Markus Meyer, the center's executive director.

That includes the Bethany Drive project, which will be \$451,000, and a community center and associated parking, which is slated to be about \$2.2 million. The sewer line runs under where the proposed building will go, hence the need for its relocation.

Other aspects of the development will be two- and four-unit residential structures.

See CENTER, Page 5

## Bel Aire police adds vehicles to its fleet

By David Dinell

A couple of new recruits will be joining the Bel Aire Police Department.

They won't have two legs, but both have four wheels — and will be working 24/7.

The Bel Aire City Council approved the purchase of two replacement police vehicles at its March 17 meeting.

One is a 2015 Dodge Police Charger for \$25,882 and the other is a 2015 Dodge Police Durango at a cost of \$30,920.

Both will be purchased from Davis-Moore in Wichita and both feature all-wheel drive.

Police Chief Darrell Atteberry said he is ordering the vehicles as soon as possible and is looking forward to them being put to use.

The vehicles will replace two high-mileage ones, a Ford Crown Victoria with 103,000 miles and a Chevrolet Tahoe with 113,000 miles, which will be traded in.

Along with miles, police vehicles receive extra rough use,

he said, as they're often idling and are used throughout the day and night.

Atteberry said he isn't sure how long the new vehicles will last, but he hopes to get at least four years out of them.

He recommended the two vehicles because they're based on the same frame and are from the same dealer, making it easier to get parts and service. They were also less expensive than other models and the Durango offers more in the way of a police package than other

SUVs.

The department's fleet size remains at five: two cars and three sport utility vehicles.

Atteberry said the balance is important as some people fit better in one type than the other.

"This gives us some diversity," he said.

Also, an SUV costs more, so having a car helps hold down the capital costs. Atteberry said he did a lot of research, including talking to other officials with the Kansas Highway Pa-

trol, before making the recommendation.

"I looked at just about everything out there and got a lot of opinions," he said.

Bel Aire doesn't have the luxury that larger departments have of being able to order a vehicle and test it to see how it works, he said. He also examined what the Wichita Police Department had along with the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office.

Michelle Meyer, assistant city manager and finance direc-

tor, said it was important for the council to move forward as the current price is only locked in until May 15. After that, pricing will be for the 2016 models and the cost could increase.

In other action, the council:

•Listened to senior planner Chris Upchurch of the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization give an update on a transportation plan called MOVE 2040, which is a look at the area's transportation system for the next 25 years. Upchurch said the agency is seeking public input and in that regard, he passed out a survey

See POLICE, Page 5



**Mayor's corner**

By David Austin

I hope you have had time to get outside and enjoy this beautiful weather. If you're like me, your NCAA bracket was busted day one, but I'm still enjoying following the games.

But I digress. Your community development advisory council outlined its calendar for 2015 at the most recent city council meeting. While the Spring Festival will have come and gone by press time, Bel Aire residents can look forward to three more fun dates this year. The third-annual Hot Dawg pool party takes place Aug. 10, the Fall Festival is slated for Oct. 17 and the annual Christmas party takes place Dec. 15.

And just in time for spring cleaning, they also announced Beautify Bel Aire. Our great city has received numerous rankings as a safe, affordable, livable and playful city. To continue improving as an attractive and inviting community, the committee created this Beautify Bel Aire campaign to award residents for property improvements to both residential and commercial properties. If you submit before and after photos of landscaping projects, yard cleanup activities, painting, etc., you could be eligible to win a \$50 gift card to TreeTop and other great prizes. I encourage all citizens to visit [www.belairesks.gov](http://www.belairesks.gov) for more information.

We have lots of other items to be proud of as a city. For the second time in as many years, Bel Aire received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 2015 Budget. This award represents a significant achievement by Bel Aire. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principals of government budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, Bel Aire had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. I wish to congratulate Michelle Meyer, the city's assistant city manager/finance director, for helping Bel Aire to receive this honor.

Also, the foundation for the first of seven entry monuments was poured this month. It is located in front of Chisholm Trail State Bank on 37th Street. As many of you know, this has been a long time coming. More than a year ago, your council sought input two different times from the community on replacing the old city signs, which were in decay. More than 82 percent of respondents not only said yes we want entry-monuments, they chose the design that is being used as well. The \$7,200 the city is paying for the monument is far less than what it would have cost to replace the old ones with identical ones. Also, four additional signs have already been paid for privately and two others may soon be paid for with private funds. This is exciting, not only are they being paid for privately as others feel strongly about our identity, but is just one other way to make our city look inviting to developers.

In the last two weeks, we have had a grand opening, a closing on a land sale and another land sale contract accepted. These land sales all go directly towards our land debt. All these are great signs of things to come. I told you we had much to celebrate.

Before I close, I wish to again thank you for the honor of serving as your mayor. I wish you all a happy and healthy Easter.

**The Bel Aire Breeze**

Published monthly by Strunk Publishing LLC at P.O. Box 120, Valley Center, Kan. 67147. Publisher: Chris Strunk. Telephone: 316-755-0821. Fax: 316-755-0644. E-mail: [legals@arkvalleynews.com](mailto:legals@arkvalleynews.com). The office is located at 210 W. Main, Valley Center, Kan.

**BEL AIRE POLICE REPORTS**

**March 18** — Officer Roney responded to a domestic violence report in the 4400 block of North Rushwood. Officer stopped a vehicle leaving the residence. Two women were in violation of a protection order and were asked to leave.

**March 18** — Officer Steele responded to a barking dog complaint in the 4700 block of North Hedgerow. Officer spoke to the owners.

**March 17** — Officer Menges stopped a vehicle for running a stop sign in the 3800 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for driving against restrictions.

**March 16** — Officer Louks stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 6700 block of East 53rd North. The driver, Carlos Najera Jr. of Wichita was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**March 16** — Officer Camplin stopped a vehicle for failing to stay in its lane in the 5500 block of North Rock Road. The driver was arrested on a warrant and cited for driving with a suspended license. The suspect's name was not available.

**March 16** — Officers responded to an accident in the 4300 block of North Janesville. A 16-year-old babysitter was caring for four children. The babysitter was driving north on Janesville trying to find a lost dog when an unsecured 5-year-old in the back seat opened the door and fell out of the car, receiving minor injuries. EMS and the child's parents responded. The babysitter was cited for lack of child restraints.

**March 16** — Officer Elpers stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 4100 block of North Oliver. The driver was cited for expired driver's license and no proof of insurance.

**March 16** — Officer Toomey responded to a possible burglary attempt at a residence in the 6400 block of East Rodeo. A window was broken, but no entry was made.

**March 15** — Lt. Foxx stopped a vehicle in the 3700 block of North Woodlawn for a seat belt violation and obstructed view. The driver was cited for possession of marijuana and no driver's license.

**March 15** — Lt. Foxx stopped a vehicle in the parking lot of Dillons at 37th North and Woodlawn. Another trying to get out of a parking stall backed into the patrol vehicle and caused minor damage.

**March 15** — Officer Elpers stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5000 block of North Webb. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license.

**March 15** — Officer Elpers assisted firefighters on a house fire in the 5000 block of East Willow Point. Two properties were damaged. No one was injured.

**March 15** — Officer Elpers responded to a loud party complaint in the 4800 block of North Farmstead. Officer noticed many young people inside. When the resident came to the door, he slammed it shut in the officer's face and turned off the front porch light. Officer wrote six parking citations. Officer learned that the resident and those in attendance were Wichita State University athletes, so he contacted WSU police. WSU police will assist to ensure there are no further problems at the residence.

**March 14** — Officers Camplin and Roney responded to a report of domestic violence in the 4300 block of North Rushwood. A wife and husband were arguing. There had been no physical contact. The two agreed to separate for the evening.

**March 13** — Officer Menges responded to a report of a domestic problem in the 4400 block of North Rushwood. The victim said her husband violated a protection-from-abuse order by having his relatives contact her and try to convince her to drop a case against him.

**March 12** — Officer Steele talked to a driver whose vehicle was stopped in the 6100 block of North Rock Road. The driver was texting. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license and no insurance.

**March 11** — Officers took a report of vandalism in the 5400 block of East Ashton. A vehicle drove across the front lawn of a residence and struck a mailbox.

**March 10** — Officer Menges stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5500 block of North Oliver. The driver, Sydel Renea Dalmasso of Wichita, was arrested on a warrant through Wichita and was cited for traffic violations.

**March 10** — Officers took a report of larceny at Resurrection Church in the 4900 block of North Woodlawn. The calling party, employed through Lifetouch photography, said a computer and two SD card readers were taken out of the meeting hall.

**March 9** — Officer Elpers looked for a wanted female in the 8400 block of East 32nd North. A suspect was arrested on Bel Aire and Park City warrants. The suspect's name was not available.

**March 9** — Officer Toomey responded to a two-vehicle, non-injury wreck in the 4000 block of North Oliver.

**March 9** — Officer Elpers responded to a suspicious character call in the 4500 block of North St. James. A man was carrying an ax handle and a knife while walking his dog. He said they were for protection from other dogs. He said his girlfriend was attacked by two dogs. The calling party, who was the man's girlfriend, said she was worried that the man was trying to seek the dogs from the previous day.

**March 9** — Officer Elpers saw a one-vehicle wreck in the 3300 block of North Woodlawn. Sedgwick County and Wichita police took over the investigation.

**March 8** — Officer Camplin stopped a vehicle that appeared to have been in an accident. The driver said her vehicle rolled and landed back on its tires, and she was driving to a gas station. EMS was called. The driver refused treatment, but was taken to the hospital by relatives.

**March 6** — Officers Steele and Roney responded to a disturbance in the 5700 block of East 49th North. No illegal activity was discovered. The people involved in the disturbance separated.

**March 5** — Officer Crice assisted EMS in the 4300 block of North Edgemoor. A man was taken to Wesley.

**March 4** — A suspect was arrested on a court commit.

**March 4** — Officers took a report from a person who said she received a call from a subject identifying himself as an agent of the IRS. The subject said there would be an arrest warrant issued if she did not contact them to take care of back taxes. Officers said this is a scam, and the IRS will contact taxpayers in writing only.

**March 2** — A citizen reported at the station that his neighbor's garage door had been up for two days while they were out of town. Chief Atteberry checked the residence. The home was secure.

**March 2** — Officer Menges spoke to a resident who said she received a refund check in the mail from the IRS and thought it was strange since she had not filed her taxes yet. She believed her identity was stolen and was used to file false taxes.

**March 2** — Officer Elpers responded to a disturbance in the 4400 block of Eagle Lake. The victim said his brother-in-law was calling his house and making threats.

**March 1** — Officer Menges responded to assist Wichita police and Sedgwick County firefighters on a submersion at North Chisholm Creek Park. A woman and a dog died.

**March 1** — Officer Elpers responded to a report of domestic violence in the 4400 block of North Rushwood. The suspect assaulted his wife with a knife, threatened his wife with a handgun and would not let her leave the residence. The suspect was not located.

**March 1** — Officer Elpers responded to a home accident in the 4200 block of Janesville. An intoxicated person fell down stairs. EMS transported the patient to Wesley.

**Feb. 28** — Officer Menges responded to a possible disturbance at the Broadstone Villas apartments. The calling party said she heard loud banging and arguing in the apartment below her. Officers contacted the tenants who denied arguing or being loud.

**Feb. 28** — Officer Menges arrested a suspect on a Wichita warrant. The suspect's name was not available.

**Feb. 28** — Officer Menges arrested Ronald A. Coleman, El Dorado, on K-254 on a charge of failure to appear in court.

**Feb. 28** — Officer Menges responded to a two-vehicle, non-injury accident in the 4300 block of North Woodlawn.

**Feb. 27** — Officers stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5000 block of North Woodlawn. Officers smelled marijuana in the vehicle. The driver was cited for possession of marijuana.

**Feb. 27** — Officer Crice responded to a one-vehicle, non-injury accident in the 5300 block of North Rock Road.

**Feb. 27** — Officer Steele discovered a sign had been knocked over in the 9600 block of East 53rd North.

**Feb. 26** — Officer Menges stopped a vehicle for a seat belt violation in the 5700 block of East 37th North. The driver was cited for no license in possession.

**Feb. 25** — Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 4900 block of North Indian Oak. Four young men were seen entering a home under construction. A vehicle was seen leaving the area. Officers stopped the vehicle. The occupants said they were Northeast Magnet High School students and they went into the home under construction to hang out. They said the door was unlocked. Officers later determined that one of the students was seen at the home the previous day unlocking the side garage door. The contractor said he did not wish to prosecute. The students were released to go to school, and their parents were contacted. The residence had no damage, and nothing was missing.

**Feb. 25** — Officers responded to a report of a death with no witnesses

in the 4500 block of Westlake Court. The man had previous medical conditions.

**Feb. 25** — Officers responded to a simple assault at Northeast Magnet High School. During a scheduled fire drill, two boys exchanged insults about each other's appearance. One boy hit the other in the face with a closed fist, causing a bloody nose. The boys received suspensions from school.

**Feb. 24** — Officer Camplin stopped a vehicle for an illegal license plate in the 4600 block of North Rock Road. The driver was cited.

**Feb. 24** — Officers Roney and Louks responded to a vehicle driven with what was described as a wheel falling off. Louks stopped a tan Chevy Lumina that matched the description. The driver said she was driving to south Wichita to get the tire fixed. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license. Officers assisted the driver in getting her vehicle removed from the road.

**Feb. 24** — Officer Elpers checked for a person wanted on a Bel Aire warrant in the 5400 block of East 21st North. He arrested the suspect and booked him into the Sedgwick County Jail on four warrants. The suspect's name was unavailable.

**Feb. 24** — Officer Elpers responded to a disturbance in the 6100 block of Danbury. The calling party said she was having a verbal argument with her son about missing a session with a drug abuse counselor. The argument was verbal only. The situation was diffused and both parties agreed to remain calm for the remainder of the night.

**Feb. 23** — Officer Menges took a fraud report at the police station. The victim said his debit card was fraudulently used to purchase items without his permission.

**Feb. 23** — Officer Menges took a lost property report at the police station. The owner of lost property said that on Feb. 21, he was flying his white Syma X5C drone, and he lost sight of it as it was flying over the city building.

He was not sure whether the batteries died or if it was out of range.

**Feb. 22** — Officer Camplin stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 4000 block of North Woodlawn. The driver, Khoi Phan Le, Bel Aire, was arrested on a charge of DUI.

**Feb. 21** — Officer Menges assisted the sheriff's office with an injury accident in the 3400 block of North 143rd East.

**Feb. 21** — Officer Elpers stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5700 block of North Webb. The driver was cited for illegal tag.

**Feb. 20** — Officers took a report from a woman who said a man was verbally abusive and pushed her into a wall, causing damage to a wall and an injury to her head in the 5800 block of East Flagstaff. The suspect was located in Augusta and taken into custody. Officer Menges took custody of the suspect and booked him into the Sedgwick County Jail on charges of domestic battery and criminal damage to property. The suspect's name was not available.

**Feb. 18** — Chief Atteberry responded to a two-vehicle wreck at 37th North and Oliver. No injuries were reported.

**Feb. 18** — Officer Roney responded to a report of a theft in the 6300 block of East 37th North. Enterprise Rent-A-Car was contacted by Maize police, which found a license plate registered to Enterprise on another vehicle. Enterprise was unaware the plate was missing, since it was removed from a vehicle when it was sold June 23, 2014.

**Feb. 18** — Officer Roney was notified by public works that one of the city's water meters in the 4700 block of North Prestwick was removed.

**VOTE APRIL 7TH!**

**ELECT Ken Lee**

**BEL AIRE CITY COUNCIL**

*The Logical Choice:*

- ✦ Licensed Professional Engineer
- ✦ 13 Year Bel Aire Resident
- ✦ Land Development Professional
- ✦ Proven Experience in Bel Aire
- ✦ Objective and Reasonable

**PLUMBING 3D ELECTRIC**

**316-744-2326**

**Residential & Commercial**

Call now for your free estimate

Call our office for a **FREE Portfolio Review**

**Traci Dove**  
Financial Adviser

**Parsons Wealth Management**  
Invest Well • Manage Well • Live Well

**1023 Washington Road, Ste 100, Newton**  
**316-283-8190 • 800-827-8190**

Advisory services are provided through Creative Financial Design Inc., a Registered Investment Advisor, and securities are offered through CDF Investments, Inc., a registered Broker/Dealer Member FINRA & SIPC. Parsons Wealth Management is not owned or controlled by the CDF companies.

**INDEPENDENT LIVING**

Asbury Park has over 60 Independent Living cottages on campus. These cottages are available for RENT with no buy in requirements. We also offer amenities such as cox cable, planned activities and a fitness center!

We currently have a limited number of cottages available. For more information call Erica at 316-283-4770 ext. 1103

**Asbury Park**  
200 SW 14th St, Newton, KS  
[www.asbury-park.org](http://www.asbury-park.org)

**(316)283-4770**

Asbury Park is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Provider

Coming in April

**The Valley Center Community Guide**

Contact **Christie Newman** to advertise **755-0821**

**Deadline April 10**

Reach over 3,000 area homes, businesses and hotels!

**Valley Center Chamber of Commerce**

**CITY WIDE GARAGE SALES ... APRIL 10-11, 2015**

Cost is \$10 per address or \$10 for a 10x20 booth space at the Saturday Flea Market only

Complete ALL SECTIONS. Return lower portion to the Library or the Chamber office.

Please check:  Friday & Saturday  Saturday Flea Market only

Will your garage sale be open both days?  Y  N

If not, what day are you open? \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of sale: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a Fund Raiser for local organization? Name of organization: \_\_\_\_\_

**CIRCLE ONE of the areas below.**  
This will be the area where your address will be listed on the map.

<b>A</b> West of Meridian & North of 5th / 85th Out of town West of Meridian & North of 5th / 85th	<b>D</b> East of Meridian & between 5th / 85th and to Main
<b>B</b> West of Meridian & between 5th and 77th Out of town West of Meridian & between 5th / 85th & 77th	<b>E</b> East of Meridian & between Main and 77th Out of town East of Meridian & between 5th / 85th & 77th
<b>C</b> East of Meridian & North of 5th / 85th Out of town East of Meridian & North of 5th / 85th	<b>F</b> South of 77th - In or out of town

Jeanette L.R.

**Clement**

Bel Aire City Council

- Vice Chair City of Bel Aire
- Community Development Council
- Insure water rates & supply
- Champion master traffic plan
- Grow Business & Commerce Park

Facebook.com/votejeanette Twitter: @votejeanette

Paid for by Vote Jeanette Clement Michael Marlon, Treasurer



# City of Bel Aire



## Bel Aire Recreation

### HIP HOP

This exciting new class will teach kids ages 4 thru 13 hip-hop techniques and choreography in a fun, positive environment. Class is taught by certified instructor Heather Goers. **Limited openings remain; call for details.**

### BLASTBALL

Blastball is an introductory coed T-ball program for 4-year-olds. Games will be played Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning on April 14 and finish May 7.

### SHORT SPORTS

This coed instructional program for 3-year-olds will teach basic sports skills including throwing, catching, kicking, and batting. Short Sports will meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. beginning April 21st and finishing May 7. **Space is limited, registration is required.**

### TOTAL FITNESS FUSION

This exciting new class will help you maximize your workout with several fitness programs fused into one. This class will feature cardio, martial arts, kickboxing, endurance/circuit training, strength/toner, core, and more.

### RECREATIONAL SUMMER BALL LEAGUES

(boys ages 5-11 & girls ages 5-12) Teams will play up to two games per week on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evening, or Saturdays beginning May 26. Leagues include T-ball, Machine Pitch and Youth Pitch Baseball & Softball. Registration deadline is April 25.

### SUMMER DAY CAMP

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

### TAEKWONDO (ages 5 & up)

Classes meet Monday & Friday from 5 to 6 p.m. or Tuesday & Thursday from 7 to 8 pm. These are great classes for beginners to black belts.

### YOGA

Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:10 to 7:10 pm. Participants need to provide their own yoga mat. Adults can join at any time.

## 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 library books to check out at no cost nor time restraints, along with computers available for study or research. Remember any senior can belong to or attend more than one senior center/club in Sedgwick County.

### Locations

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

### Inclement Weather Policy

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. 121.

### Weekly Events

- Bel Aire Walkers** — M-F, 8-9 a.m. at the Rec Center (indoors & climate controlled) Free for BA Senior members, alternate times available
- Men's Coffee & Fellowship** — Wednesdays, 10 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Yoga** — Mondays & Wednesdays, 6 p.m. at the Rec Center (monthly fee)
- Bridge Games** — Tuesdays, 1 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Low Impact Aerobics** — Wednesdays, 9 a.m. at the Rec Center
- Braums Breakfast** — Fridays, 9 a.m. on North Rock Road
- Chair Exercises** — Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m., Fridays, 10:30 a.m. at the Rec Center
- Line Dance Class** — Fridays, 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room

## Monthly & Special Events

- April 1, 10 a.m.** — Volunteer library work time at the Senior Center
- April 2, 11 a.m.** — Rite Bite Series; topic: Carbs and Fiber, Senior Center
- April 2, 6:30 p.m.** — Severe Weather Safety Program, Community Room
- April 3, 6 p.m.** — Pitch at the Senior Center
- April 8, 10 a.m.** — Open sewing at the Senior Center
- April 8, 1 p.m.** — Foot problems & solutions, Hart RX, Senior Center
- April 9, 1 p.m.** — Myovision scans with Dr. Jausel at the Senior Center
- April 12, 6 p.m.** — Ladies Dine Out. Call Anita at 744-2840 for info
- April 15, 10:15 a.m.** — Senior Aerobics Brunch (different locations)
- April 15, 1:30 p.m.** — Book Club meeting, Senior Center
- April 17, 8 a.m.** — AARP Smart Driver Courses, Senior Center. Call 744-2451, ext. 121, to RSVP.
- April 17, 6 p.m.** — Pitch at the Senior Center
- April 22, 1 p.m.** — Arthritis information with Hart RX, Senior Center.
- April 22, 7 p.m.** — Bunko at the Senior Center (call 744-2451, ext. 121, for a reservation)
- April 23, 1 p.m.** — Game Day at the Rec Center
- April 23, 2 p.m.** — Genealogy group meeting, Senior Center
- April 29, 1 p.m.** — Safety in the Home, Hart RX, Senior Center

## Community Events

- TOPS** — Tuesdays, 9 a.m., Bel Aire Senior Center
- City Council meetings** — First and third Tuesday of each month
- April 2 & 3, Noon to 7 p.m.** — Advanced voting
- April 4, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** — Advanced voting
- April 7, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.** — Election Day
- April 11, 10 a.m.** — Red Hat outing and lunch. Call Anita for more information 744-2840
- April 14, 7 p.m.** — Bel Aire Heights HOA meeting, Senior Center
- April 14, 7 p.m.** — Central Park HOA meeting, Community Room

**A \$5 late fee will be charged to all sign-ups after the deadline. For more information on these or any Bel Aire Recreation programs call 744-2700.**

### Of special note from the City of Bel Aire...

We are now hiring police officers and lifeguards. Apply online at [www.hrepartners.com](http://www.hrepartners.com).

We will operate a tree and brush waste drop-off site from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on

the second Saturday of each month, beginning April 11 and running through October. The site is located on the north side of 53rd North, halfway between Rock and Webb.

Items not allowed at the

site are leaves and grass clippings, construction waste and treated wood products.

This site is for Bel Aire residents only. Proof of Bel Aire residency (such as driver's license or utility bill) will be required.

## Beautify Bel Aire



Bel Aire has received numerous rankings as a safe, affordable and livable community. To continue improving as an attractive and inviting community, the Community Development Committee and the City of Bel Aire have created the Beautify Bel Aire Campaign. Ensuring that both residential and commercial development properties are in good condition, painted, organized, landscaped and attractive creates a more pleasant living and working environment. Such activity promotes growth and increased property values which in turn financially benefit our citizens.

The City of Bel Aire would like to reward our residents for performing responsible and aesthetically pleasing improvements to their properties.

The reward will be in the form of a **\$50 Tree Top Gift Card to one home selected each month from April through September**. At the end of each month, a panel of members from our Community Development Committee will make their selection and notify the winner.

The **\$50.00 Gift Card** will be given to the home that has the **"most improved curb appeal"**. Participants must submit before and after photos of their property from a street view and the winner will be selected based on the greatest visual impact or "wow" factor.

#### Examples of improvements include:

- ◆ Upgraded siding, paint or fencing
- ◆ Cleaning up unnecessary items from yard, porch, driveway, etc.
- ◆ Removal of inoperable vehicles
- ◆ Increased planting or gardening
- ◆ Lawn improvements or concrete improvements

#### Items to consider

- ◆ Is the paint, masonry, trim all painted and in good condition?
- ◆ Is the landscaping healthy, vigorous, and well maintained?
- ◆ Is the property neat, organized, clean and attractive?
- ◆ Is driveway and sidewalk concrete in good condition?
- ◆ Is the landscaping balanced with the house?
- ◆ Is your property in accordance with your HOA Guidelines?
- ◆ Are trash cans/satellite dishes out of view?

Please submit your before and after photos to Rick at [rrekoske@belaireks.gov](mailto:rrekoske@belaireks.gov)

## City of Bel Aire contacts

### City Hall

Ty Lasher, City Manager ..... 744-2451, ext. 217  
Recreation Department ..... 744-2700  
Central Park Pool ..... 744-7331  
Parks Department ..... 744-8609  
Police • Emergency ..... 911  
Non-emergency ..... 744-6000  
Animal Control (Sedgwick County) ..... 660-7070  
Public Works ..... 744-2888  
Water/Sewer Emergency (after 5 p.m.) 761-6972 or 761-6973  
Utility Billing ..... 744-2451, ext. 132  
(Waste Connections) ..... 838-4920  
Hazardous Waste (Sedgwick County) ..... 660-7464



#### We accept the following items for recycling at no charge:

Microwave Ovens, VCR, DVD Players, Cameras and Camcorders, Electronic Gaming Consoles, Stereos, Radios and CD Players.

**Computer Technology:** Monitors, Hard Drives, Keyboards, Mice, Modems, Routers, Switches, Desktop, Laptop Computers, Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS), Batteries, Servers, Mainframe, and Computers.

**Office Equipment:** Projectors, Shredders, Typewriters, Copiers, Printers, Scanners, Duplicators. Telecommunications: Pagers, Handsets, Fax Machines, Answering Machines, Cell Phones, PDA, Multi-Line Telephone Systems.

We will also at this event accept house hold appliances. About anything that uses electricity or has a battery to power.

For data destruction we will bring a 12 ton press to crush the hard drives and anything with data.

[We need to charge for Cathode Ray Tube Television at \$1.00 for each diagonal inch. 19" TV is \$19.00].



May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Recycling/Shredding Day  
9:00 AM-NOON

Located in the west parking lot of City Hall

SPONSORED BY THE BEL AIRE LIONS CLUB



# HIGHLIGHTS

Marcus Florez, a senior majoring in chemistry from Bel Aire, recently received an award from the nation's largest STEM diversity conference. He was recognized with a 2014 SACNAS Student Presentation Award at the organization's conference this fall. SACNAS is the Society for Advancement of Hispanics/Chicanos and Native Americans in Science. Florez was the only student from a Kansas university to receive recognition and was among 99 awardees selected from more than 900 student

presentations. The student presentation award recognizes students for exceptional communication skills and command of their research topics. Alzheimer's disease is Florez's research interest. SACNAS was founded more than 40 years ago to unify and offer guidance to Hispanics/Chicanos and Native Americans in the STEM fields. The national conference attracts nearly 4,000 students and professionals. Catherine Pinnell of Wichita was named to the

fall 2015 semester honor roll at Emporia State University. To qualify for the semester honor roll, students must earn a minimum 3.80 grade point average in at least 12 graded hours. Pinnell, who plans on majoring in elementary education, was also named to the dean's list for the Teachers College at ESU. Several area undergraduate students received honor roll distinction at the University of Kansas for the fall 2014 semester. From Bel Aire: Sofia De La

O Villareal, School of Engineering; and Annelise Chaparro, Marcus Florez, Jolene Gilkey, Shegufu Huma, Brendan Jester and Noah Schenegeurt, all in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. Army Pvt. Marquis M. Blair has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills,

military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches and field training exercises. Blair is the son of Crystal L. Brown and grandson of Ridley E. Carolyn of Wichita. He is a 2013 graduate of Heights High School. The City of Bel Aire received the Government

Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 2015 Budget. The award represents a significant achievement by Bel Aire as this is the first year the city has ever received such recognition. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principals of government budgeting. A Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation was presented to Michelle Meyer, the City's Assistant City Manager/Finance Director.

# CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

**Christ Lutheran Church**  
Christ Lutheran is located at 53rd Street North and Hillside, across from Wichita Heights High School. Worship service is at 9 a.m. (contemporary) and 11 a.m. (traditional). Communion is offered at both services. Sunday School is at 10:15 a.m. For more information about the church and its activities, find the church online at [www.christ-lutheran.org](http://www.christ-lutheran.org) or call 744-1242. Pastor Chad Langdon is the minister.

**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](http://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 316-323-2819 with any questions.

**Cornerstone Christian Church**  
Cornerstone Christian Church is located at 5531 E. 37th St. 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 11:00 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**  
The church welcomes a new minister, the Rev. Larry Young. Visit the newly renovated building at 1605 Fairmount in Wichita, one block south and one block east of Hillside and 17th North. Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m. which includes children's church. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 682-1597 or visit at [www.fairmountuccc.org](http://www.fairmountuccc.org).

**Gospel Assembly Church**  
Located at 4230 N. Oliver in Bel Aire, service times are 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. 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**  
Sunday worship service at 9 a.m. with fellowship and coffee afterward. Pastor Jeff Miller can be reached at 744-0203. Senior Day is at 10 a.m. the first Tuesday of each month. United Methodist Women meet at 1 p.m. the first Thursday of each month. Movie night is at 6:30 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. A snack is served. The church is located about a mile south of K-254 on Greenwich Road. The phone number is 744-0203.

**Kechi United Methodist Church**  
You are invited to worship at 9:03 a.m. (contemporary service) or 11:00 a.m. (traditional service) Sundays at Kechi United Methodist Church, 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi. All sixth- through 12th-grade youth are invited to the church at 4 p.m. Sundays for youth group. CareGivers Support group meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of the month in the basement parlor. Bingo is at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month. Everyone is welcome to join in. Find us at [www.kechiUMC.org](http://www.kechiUMC.org) and "Like" us on Facebook. Pastor Mitch can be contacted at [mitch@kechiUMC.org](mailto:mitch@kechiUMC.org) or by calling 744-1221.

**LifePoint Church**  
A fellowship of the Assemblies of God, LifePoint is located at 400 S. Abilene, Valley Center. Sunday worship service and Kids Church are at 10:30 a.m., and Life University/Sunday school for all ages is at 9 a.m. No regular Sunday night service. For special activities, see the Website at [www.lpcag.org](http://www.lpcag.org). Wednesday evening is the Launch children's program at 6:30 p.m. Velocity Student Ministries for youth meets at 6:30 p.m. Adult small groups meet throughout the community. Senior pastor is Steve Rains. Youth pastor is Jacob Soye. Children's pastor is Nathaniel Thurman. The phone number is 755-2331.

**Risen Savior Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod**  
Contemporary Sunday worship services are at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Communion is the first and third Sunday. Adult Sunday School and Bible class meet at 9:15 a.m. with children's church at 10:30. A nursery is provided during Bible class and second service. Their are two weekly sessions of Lifetree Café in Valley Center: Thursday at 1 p.m., with Lunch at noon, at the Community Building, 316 E. Clay, and Sunday at 5 p.m. at the home of Pastor Terry and Barb Wiechman, 1241 S. Park Ave. 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. Wednesday Evening Ministries is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. There are activities for all ages. A nursery will be available for preschool age children. King's Kids is for children in K through fifth grade. Confirmation class is for children in grades six through eight. IMPACT! is for grades nine through 12. There will also be adult Bible classes available. Risen Savior Preschool classes for 3- to 5-year-olds are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 to 11:45 a.m. Enrollment forms and information are available at the church office. Please contact Michelle Peshek, Director/Lead Teacher, with questions at [michellep@risensavior.net](mailto:michellep@risensavior.net) or call the church office at 683-5538. The church is located at 6770 E. 34th North in Wichita. The phone number is 683-5538 and the Website is [www.risensaviorwichita.net](http://www.risensaviorwichita.net). Senior pastor is Tom Harmon.

**St. Michael's Orthodox Christian Church**  
Saint Michael's Orthodox Christian Church is located at 2710 E. 61st North, Park City, KS 67219. It is a congregation of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. "The disciples were first called Christians at Antioch." (Acts 11:26). It is the only western rite Orthodox Church in the state of Kansas. Join us for our worship of the Holy Trinity using the ancient and beautiful liturgy of the Undivided Church.

Sunday Adult class at 9 a.m. is "Jesus: The Man, the Message and the Meaning." Men's Bible study group will meet at 7 p.m. April 20 and will study 1 Peter. Women's Bible study group meets at 10 a.m. April 24 and will study "God's Plan for Sanity." Wednesday service is at 6 p.m.; Saturday Vespers is at 4:30 p.m. Orthodox Holy Week begins April 5 with Palm Sunday. Services will be held at 6 p.m. each day during Holy Week. Maundy Thursday is April 9, with Foot Washing and Liturgy at 6 p.m. and a Prayer Vigil ending at midnight. On Good Friday Liturgy at noon, Stations of the Cross is at 3 p.m. and Commemoration of the Burial of our Lord at 6 p.m. Orthodox Pascha or Easter celebration begins with the Great Vigil at 10 p.m. April 11, followed by the First Mass of Easter. Our celebration will conclude with a festive breakfast. Join us for this most ancient service of the Orthodox West. At 1 p.m. Easter Sunday, we will serve Paschal Vespers. Please take note that this year, Orthodox Easter is one week after Western Easter. Fasting during Great Lent and Holy Week is observed every day with fasting

and abstinence. No fasting is observed during Bright Week, which is the week following Easter Sunday. Call the church for more information 734-6248 or visit our website at [www.saintmichaelorthodoxchurch.com](http://www.saintmichaelorthodoxchurch.com). Inquirers and Catechumen Class is held at 5 p.m. the first and second Tuesday of the month. If you are interested in an introduction to the faith and practice of the Holy Orthodox Church, please feel free to join us. Upcoming classes are April 14 and 28. Email inquiries to [jflora@cox.net](mailto:jflora@cox.net).

**Wichita Three Angels Seventh-Day Adventist Church**  
The church is located at 4558 N. Hydraulic Wichita, KS 67219.

The pastor is Nathan Stearman. The Sabbath school is at 9:30 a.m. Worship service is at 11 a.m. For more information find us at [www.godscloset.com](http://www.godscloset.com), on Facebook, email [eric@godscloset.com](mailto:eric@godscloset.com), or call 530-1040. Send your church's upcoming events and service times to [legals@arkvalleynews.com](mailto:legals@arkvalleynews.com) or call 755-0821.

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

**CW MOWING**  
Free Estimates  
Charlie: (316) 393-7735  
Chris: (316) 847-1856

**Faith & Life BOOKSTORE**

**HAPPY Easter from Faith & Life!**

*He is Risen Indeed!*

606 N. Main, Newton, KS 67114  
"Encouraging Everyday Faith to Inspire Extraordinary Life"

**Don't be in the dark!!**

An Easter subscription to The Ark Valley News is "egg-actly" what you need to keep informed about local news and sports.

**The Ark Valley NEWS**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Bring to The Ark Valley News, 210 W. Main, Valley Center, or mail to PO Box 120, Valley Center, KS 67147.

Bring this coupon to The Ark Valley News  
210 W. Main, Valley Center  
or mail it to P.O. Box 120, Valley Center KS 67147.

- \$35 per year in Sedgwick County
- \$60 for 2 years in Sedgwick County
- \$45 per year in Kansas

**AXIS IRON & METAL RECYCLING CO.** SINCE 1979

**316-744-3260**

5546 N. Broadway

**\*\* NEW SCALES \*\***

Locally Owned & Operated  
Open Monday thru Friday  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Open Saturday 10-Noon  
[axisiron.com](http://axisiron.com)

Buyers of all ferrous and non-ferrous metals. Household and commercial. Cars and batteries. Yeah, we buy that too!

**MIDWEST HEARING AIDS INC.**

Since 1948 • Kansas' Largest  
*There is a Difference!*

**1-800-668-4055**

- Free Hearing Tests
- Digital Hearing Aids
- Free Batteries For Life™

**Kansas' Largest With 42 Locations Statewide**

[www.midwesthearingaids.com](http://www.midwesthearingaids.com)

**Valley Center 316-755-9335**  
841 S. Meridian, Ste B  
Unruh Medical Building  
(South of Leekers)

**Newton 316-283-9500**  
1715 Medical Parkway

**East Wichita 316-684-2411**  
1851 N. Webb Rd.

**Jeff OLDENETTEL FOR THE CITY COUNCIL**

I am a fiscally conservative individual that believes we should individually and collectively only spend what we can pay for.

My wife Becky and I were married in 1995 and have been blessed with 3 children; Josh, 17 Jessica, 15 and Brooke, 8. Additionally we welcome into our home 2 international students during the school year; Travis, South Korea and Michael, China.

Our family lives, goes to school, and my wife works in Bel Aire. We are proud to be a part of this community and I will work together with other leaders of our city to make Bel Aire better for my family and yours.

**I want to hear from you!**

[jeffoldenettel@gmail.com](mailto:jeffoldenettel@gmail.com) [oldenettelforcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/oldenettelforcouncil)

Jesse Tillman - Treasurer  
PAID FOR BY OLDENETTEL FOR COUNCIL

**FOUR STAR Lawn Care**

- Fertilization
- Weed control
- Mowing
- Aeration
- Irrigation
- Landscaping

**FREE ESTIMATES**  
**832-9366**

[www.FourStarLawnCare.com](http://www.FourStarLawnCare.com)

**Prom Special**

**\$5 Off Pedicures & Full Sets Regal Nails**  
(Inside Wal-mart @ 53rd N. & Meridian)  
316-832-9595

No other offers apply. Exp. 4-19-15

## Center

Continued from Page 1

Currently, the center has 154 multiunit homes, and is looking at 42 new ones in Phase 3, and 38 new homes in Phase 4. The expansion will be on the north side of the complex's

property in an area known as "Shepherd's Crossing."

The center, the largest of its type in south-central Kansas, is a partnership between the Catholic Diocese of Wichita and Via Christi Health.

As such, it's tax exempt, but city officials say the influx of new residents, many whom pa-

tronize city businesses, is positive economic development.

Meyer said the center attracts people from all over the country who are looking for a retirement home and pending construction will help fill that need. "It's an exciting project," he said.

In other action, the council:   
•Approved the purchase of seven Getac S-400 laptop computers for police patrol vehicles. Cost of the purchase, which will be from CDW Government, is not to exceed \$27,500. Officials say the current computers are failing and do not have backlit keyboards, making their operation difficult at night.

At almost \$4,000 each, the devices are expensive, said council members, even after staff managed to get \$4,000 taken off the package. The high cost comes about mostly because of the special construction of the laptops.

"The consumer product just won't work," said Police Chief Darrell Atteberry. "They need to be made rugged." The laptops are made to be used on vehicles that maybe driving over rough roads, along with possibility being dropped.

They can also operate in sub-zero temperatures and have a central processing unit that quickly dissipates heat.

Also, they have addition features

such as a fingerprint scanner, that consumer laptops don't have. Atteberry said the city can expect to get its money's worth out of them. "We're looking toward the future with these," he said.

•Approved purchasing an 800 KW Onan generator for City Hall from Atlas Electric at a price of not more than \$60,500. Four companies were contacted for the bid and only Atlas responded. Council member Guy MacDonald had concerns about the diesel fuel and possible gelling during the cold season, however, council member Ken Lee said these generators have provisions for that, such as an internal heater and are usually run once a month to ensure that they are working correctly. The money is coming from an insurance reimbursement.

Austin said the city has been lucky it hasn't had to rely on back-up power to function, but he feels good that it will be in place. "We're been darn lucky," he said. "I just hope we don't have to use it."

•Approved allowing Wholesale Fireworks Enterprises selling fireworks from June 27 to July 5 at 6334 E. Crestmark. Sunrise Christian Academy is the local sponsor.

•Proclaimed March 28 as Bel Aire Play Day for Playful City USA. The purpose of the measure, Austin said, is to encourage all citizens, especially children, to get outside and engage in healthy physical activities.

## Police

Continued from Page 1

that he asked council members and meeting attendees to fill out.

•Approved a 2015 fireworks permit at 4552 N. Woodlawn from Farha Fireworks, LLC. The local sponsor is the Bel Aire Lions Club. The city allows up to four such permits each season.

•Approved appropriations of \$339,777.

•Received an Excellence in Paving Award given by the Kansas American Concrete Pavement Association and the Kansas Department of Transportation from city engineer Garrett Glaser. The award was for the 45th Street rehabilitation project. "It's quite an accomplishment," said Mayor David Austin.

•Approved the Beautify Bel Aire Campaign for 2015. This year, it offers homeowners the chance to win a \$50 gift card from Tree Top Nursery for having the "most improved curb appeal." Homeowners are asked to take before and after photos. The awards will be made from April to September.

•Approved the Adopt a Fire Hydrant Policy, which permits citizens to paint fire hydrants. The city will provide red paint, however, other colors must be provided by citizens. Permission must be granted first for both city and county hydrants.

•Authorized the purchase of a 2015 AR14 Multiquip Drum Roller to replace

a 1996 Compaq Roller, which was used for street repairs. Officials say the old roller is in need of major repairs exceeding its value. The old one will be sold at auction.

•Confirmed Austin's appointment of Hilde Yops to the Bel Aire Tree Board.

•Authorized the installation of two planter boxes in front of City Hall to help drain its HVAC system. Cost of the project is \$6,829 and will be done by SCS Inc.

•Approved a change order of \$3,900 with Andale Paving in its work in Chapel Landing.

•Approved a 90-day listing extension agreement with Weigand New Homes for marketing of specific lots in the Central Park Addition.

•Authorized a bid from American Pool Company for deck repair and replaster pool basin for the Central Park Pool at a cost not to exceed \$37,215. Council members had concerns about the cost, but were told by staff that because of contractual and insurance reasons, the repairs must be made. Austin said the concrete has an eight- to 10-year lifespan and it is now at 12 years.



**Eden Lawn Care**  
Bel Aire, KS  
316-737-4446

## Complex

Continued from Page 1

Outside, there's a children's playground and a barbecue and picnic area.

"We're real happy to be in the Wichita area," said Bob Davidson, chief executive officer of Zimmerman Properties.

The reception to the apartments has "exceeded all expectations," he said.

"There's a demand for quality housing in Bel Aire," he added.

Davidson also said that the company is already looking

at expanding the project and that there could be another phase in a couple of years.

The company believes that the apartments are as good and modern as any in the United States, but, Davidson added they're only possible because of the tax credits involved. Those credits were begun in 1986 when federal government officials decided it was best to get out of the owning and operating housing and let the private sector do it.

While there's no guarantee those credits will continue forever, they fact that they've been kept in place for 29 years is a positive sign, he said.

## DEATHS

### FRANK CRAWFORD JR.

Frank Crawford Jr. 80, of Wichita and formerly of Bel Aire, died March 6, 2015.

He was born May 1, 1934, in Mineola, Texas, the only child of Lake Erie and Frank Crawford Jr.

Sr. He graduated from Mineola Colored High School in 1951. He received a bachelor's degree from Texas College in Tyler, Texas, in 1955 and a master's degree from the Kansas State Teachers College (Emporia) in 1967. He also attended Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. He served as a classroom teacher, assistant principal and principal at various schools. He was also the secondary schools personnel director, district ombudsperson and co-founder of Project Grow Your Own Teachers for the Wichita public schools.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife Willia Campbell Crawford, daughters Marisa Gray (Maurice) of Kansas City, Kan, and Myra Fanning of Tulsa, Okla.; special niece-daughter Pamela Washington (Tony) of Hawthorne, Calif.; grandchildren, Miriam Maura and Mylan Gray of Kansas City, Kan.; great-grandchild Kenzington Gray-Ross of Kansas City, Kan. and a host of family members, relatives and special friends.

Services were March 16 at Tabernacle Bible Church in Wichita. Donations to the

Frank Crawford Educational Scholarship Fund, in care of Tabernacle Bible Church, 1817 N. Volusia, Wichita, KS 67214. Jackson Mortuary had charge.

### SHIRLEY FARMER

Shirley Jean Farmer, 79, of Bel Aire, died March 13, 2015.

She was a homemaker. She was born Sept. 23, 1935, in Boxley, Ark., the daughter of Walter and Ava Levoy (Edmond) Fowler.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Rodger Farmer. Survivors include her sons and daughters-in-law Richard and Sue Ellen Farmer of Bel Aire and Jackie Farmer of Wichita; grandchildren Matt Farmer and wife Kris, Stacia Farmer, Melissa Farmer, Tara Farmer and Dylan Forrester; great-grandchildren, Zoe Forrester, Kaylie Bidwell, Keri Farmer, Mason Chappell, Talon Farmer and Atlin Farmer; and many dear friends.

Service was March 19 at Boxley Baptist Church in Poncha, Ark., with internment in Beechwood Cemetery.

### NANCY PERRY

Nancy Elizabeth "Betty" Perry, 89, of Inman, died March 8, 2015.

She was born Aug. 20, 1925, in Dickinson County, Tenn., to Melvin and Nancy (Sensing) Hampton. She was a longtime member of the

Church of the Resurrection in Bel Aire.

She was preceded in death by her parents, first husband Raymond Francis Pritchett,

husband Ronald Perry, children James Dwight Pritchett, David Francis Pritchett, Iona Marie Blevins and Mark Allen Pritchett. Survivors include children Mary Elaine (Tim) Youngers, Raymond Phillip (Betty) Pritchett, Patricia Ann (Richard) Smart, Rhonda Linn (Craig) Caulk, Janice Lynn (Joe) Piteo and Robert Glenn (Tammy) Pfeiffer; siblings Doyle Hampton, Ruby Cole, Sarah Davis and Jeanie Pruitt.

Recitation of the Holy Rosary and Mass of Christian burial were March 11 at the Church of the Resurrection. Burial followed at Lakeview Cemetery, Wichita. Memorials established with the Church of the Resurrection and school library.

### KENNETH SHERMAN

Kenneth E. Sherman, 88, of Bel Aire, died Feb. 25, 2015.

He served in the U.S. Marines during World War II. He graduated from College of Emporia and then received his master's degree at Michigan State University. He began his teaching career at Belpre,



Crawford Jr.



Farmer



Perry



**GRAND Opening**  
April 11th  
M-Sat 9am-11pm  
Sun Noon-8pm  
6200 N. Broadway Park City

**Michael Gordon for Bel Aire City Council**

Vote April 7th



"As a Bel Aire City Council member I will work to improve the quality of life for residents of Bel Aire. I'd like to increase the amount of affordable senior housing in our city, as well as make Bel Aire the leading choice for young families to take up residence. I will advocate for prudent spending, reducing our debt, and improving our streets and roads."

\*Married 9 years, two young children  
\*Receiving Masters in Public Administration from Fort Hays State University this May  
\*Valley Center Police Officer, 10+ years  
\*Member of Church of the Resurrection  
\*Volunteer at Spiritual Life Center

Website: [michael.gordon.for.city.council](http://michael.gordon.for.city.council)

Paid Advertisement: Michael Gordon, Candidate; Katie Gordon, Treasurer

**Suzy's Hair Designs**

234 Sioux Street  
Kechi, KS 67067  
316-744-2431  
suzyzoo2@att.net

**Massage Therapist**  
**Steve Willms**  
M-F 10-6 pm, Sat. 10-3 pm  
By appointment only  
316-393-0652 | 316-755-3438

**Christ Lutheran Church ELCA**  
Tradition with a Twist  
9:00 • Contemporary Service  
11:00 • Traditional Service  
Sunday School is at 10:15 for all ages  
Communion is offered at all services  
"Come give us a try, you'll like it"  
5356 N. Hillside, Wichita  
744-1242 • christ-lutheran.org

**ANIMAL HOSPITAL**  
316-744-2043

**Heartland**  
4100 N Woodlawn  
heartlandpetcenter.com

**PLAY & STAY**  
316-744-8160

## CLASSIFIEDS

### 8 For Sale

1999 Isuzu LS 4-wheel drive, 119,000 miles \$3,500. Service records available. New tires, 316-641-8937.

Ascension Cemetery. East wall crypt, No. 120 tandem. Priced to sell \$5,300. Call 210-3898.

### 18 For Rent

South Park Apartments  
Apartments and Townhomes  
Move-in ready.  
Ask about our specials!  
1501 Old Main  
Newton  
316-283-0999

### 20 Help Wanted

## NOW HIRING!

Positions available  
in service and sales

Please apply  
in person at  
**DON HATTAN CHEVROLET**  
6000 Hattan Dr.  
Park City



### 20 Help Wanted



Cracker Barrel is currently hiring for the following positions:

• part time grill cooks, servers, hosts and cashiers — nights and weekends a must

Fun working environment  
Nights and weekends a must

Apply in person at 995 E 61st St N, Park City, KS 316-744-8080

**Call Christie**  
**at 755-0821**  
**to place a**  
**classified ad**

Put your built-up equity to work for you



**FOR A HOME EQUITY LOAN THAT STACKS UP AND SERVES YOUR FINANCIAL NEEDS, COME SEE US.**

**CHISHOLM TRAIL STATE BANK**

Member FDIC

6160 North Broadway 744-1293  
3813 North Woodlawn 744-4344  
[www.chisholmbank.com](http://www.chisholmbank.com)



# Voting begins in local elections

## By The News staff

Advance voting has begun for local city council elections. Several races will be decided in north Sedgwick County and some already appear to be set. In Bel Aire, incumbent David Austin will face Andrew

Uhl Schmidt for mayor, and two at-large city council seats will be decided. The six candidates are incumbents Ken Lee and Betty Martine and newcomers Jeanette L. R. Clement, Michael Gordon, Jeff Oldenettel and Stephen Scholtz. In Park City, Mike Alum-

baugh, the incumbent, will face challenger Jim Schroeder in Ward 1. Each of the other races has just one candidate — incumbents Chris Johns in Ward 2, George Capps in Ward 3 and Tom Jones in Ward 4. In Kechi, three at-large city council seats will be decided.

The four candidates are incumbents Brian Adams, Kevin Opat and David McConaughay and newcomer Michael Hoffman. Advance voting in person began in the election office on March 25. Votes may be cast from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. March

25 through 27 and March 30 through April 3, and 8 a.m. to noon April 6. Voters also can call the election office and request an advance voting application by mail. Advance vote centers will open April 2. The centers in north Sedgwick County include

Bel Aire City Hall and First United Methodist Church in Valley Center. These sites will be open from noon to 7 p.m. April 2 and 3, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 4. Election day will be April 7 with polls open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.



**Jeanette L. R. Clement**



**Michael Gordon**



**Ken Lee**



**Betty Martine**



**Jeff Oldenettel**



**David Austin**



**Andrew Uhl Schmidt**

## Election

### Continued from Page 1

Bel Aire, but may not know the candidates themselves.

The hour-long program featured each candidate giving a three-minute opening statement followed by a question-and-answer period.

Following is a summary of their viewpoints:

## City council

**Jeanette L. R. Clement:** Clement said she is a fiscal conservative and her main issues are to reduce land debt, ensure water rates and supply and to have a master traffic plan. She stressed her leadership experience and her work in the communications business along with a lot of community service both in Wichita and Bel Aire. She also wants to increase business at Sunflower Commerce Park and economic growth throughout the city. Clement wants to build on the best work from past councils share her pride in Bel Aire with others.

**Michael Gordon:** Gordon said he is a community-oriented person and wants to make Bel

Aire a thriving area. He wants to reduce the city's debt and help create affordable senior housing. He also wants to make the city a prime choice for young families. Improving roads also is an important issue for Gordon. In public service, integrity is vital, he said. Gordon said he promises to always tell the truth. If he makes a mistake, he will admit it and work to fix it, but he said he would never lie.

**Ken Lee:** Lee, an incumbent, said his profession as an engineer helps provide the council with additional expertise. He said he has worked hard to not bring additional costs to the city. Selling land to reduce the debt is important, he said. He wants to keep streets in good condition and do what can be done to keep water rates in check. Lee cited his work on the Chisholm Creek Utility Authority, including being its current chairman. Also, he said his work on local development and planning committees helps benefit Bel Aire and its residents.

**Betty Martine:** Martine, an incumbent, pointed out her long history as a Bel Aire resident and dedication to service. She has lived here for more

than 38 years and as a council member has never missed a meeting or workshop. She also has attended all ribbon-cuttings and grand openings. She wants to continue to sell land to pay down the debt. At the same time, she wants to watch spending and keep the budget in check. Roads are a concern, she said, and must be repaired as needed. Martine also wants bike and walking paths and a dog park.

**Jeff Oldenettel:** Oldenettel stressed his professional experience in the body shop business and said he could bring his management skills to the city. He said the council is a team elected by the voters and the council has to be responsive to the voters and not concerned about itself. He wants to continue to sell city-owned land to pay down debt. He also is concerned about the cost of water, but said the best that can likely be done at this point is to manage it well. He also wants to maintain the city's assets.

**Stephen Scholtz:** Not present.

## Mayor

**David Austin:** Austin stressed his eight years of city experience, including four as mayor and how the city's financial picture has been turned around. He disputed his opponent's claim that the city's debt had increased and said the city is paying it and made its largest debt payment in 2014. The city has been able to add staff and service, but has not increased its property tax mill levy, he said. Austin said he wants to continue the city on its current path and make it better. Austin also said the city has been proactive in replacing old and broken equipment within

its budget.

**Andrew Uhl Schmidt:** Uhl Schmidt, a Bel Aire resident for five years, calls himself "pro-family, pro-life and pro-community." He said that under his opponent's tenure, the city's debt has increased and said the roads need repair. He called himself "a voice of reason" and said Bel Aire is a great city and a safe one, too. He wants fiscal balance and to eliminate debt. He said he has community service including work for Bel Aire Rec

Center, Meals on Wheels and Resurrection Catholic Church. Uhl Schmidt wants economic development in the city, and said if he was mayor he would be willing to discuss possible projects with any interested entity.

**Maschino Health Insurance**  
 "Specializing in individual health options for young families through various Medicare plans"  
 Under 65 • Individuals • Families • Small Businesses  
**Brian Maschino**  
 PO Box 214 • Valley Center KS 67147  
 Office: (316) 208-7589  
 bmaschino@cox.net

**Pastry Place**  
 1500 E. 61st N., Park City 316-500-8288  
 Tues-Sun 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**LUNCH SPECIAL!**  
 Buy 1 combo meal  
 Get the second 1/2 price  
 Valid 4/1/15-4/30/15 Must present coupon

**Comfort Tech**  
 Heating & Cooling  
**316.239.7309**  
 Repair & Replacement  
 Over 35 Years Experience  
 MasterCard VISA  
**STEVE TAYLOR**  
 LICENSE 1716

**Discount. Discount. Discount.**  
 Get them all with Discount Double Check.™  
 It's a quick and easy way to make sure you're saving all you can. And it's free. GET TO A BETTER STATE™. CALL ME TODAY.  
**Cindy Waggoner, Agent**  
 cindy.waggoner.m336@statefarm.com  
 1548 E. 61st Street N. 306 S. Meridian  
 Park City, KS 67219 Valley Center, KS 67147  
 Bus: 316-744-7500 Bus: 316-755-9999  
**State Farm**  
 1101246 State Farm, Home Office, Bloomington, IL

7:30 am-6 pm M-F  
 8 am-noon Sat.  
  
 Daniel Thompson, D.V.M.  
 Cindy Payne-Robertson, D.V.M.  
 Lori Mitchell, D.V.M.  
 Kelly Martin, D.V.M.  
**Chisholm Trail Animal Hospital, P.A.**  
**744-0501**  
 1726 E. 61st North, Park City

**I Will Fix Your Computer!**  
 Kechi resident with four Microsoft certifications. Home or pick-up repairs.  
**316-990-1999.** Usually \$50 plus parts. Includes FREE Antivirus for life! **CALL FOR FREE** advice!

**Park City Dental**  
 New Patients Welcome!  
  
 Providing our patients exceptional, complete general dentistry along with affordable orthodontics  
 (316)260-6868  
 www.ParkCityDDS.com  
 1615 E. 61st St. North Suite 400  
 Park City, KS 67219  
**Matthew Tippin D.D.S.** **Melissa House D.D.S.**

**The Seamless Pros**  
 Quality Seamless Gutters  
 Sales Service Installation **Locally Owned and Operated**  
**Kevin 316-210-8498 Darren 316-871-6920**  
 Receive a 5% discount with this ad

**In Your Community, By Your Side**  
**CLEARY BUILDING CORP.**  
**BUILDING SPECIALS!**  
 30'x48'x13' • \$14,280  
 42'x56'x15' • \$21,102  
 60'x104'x17' • \$50,519  
 CONTACT US FOR A FREE CONSULTATION!  
 Wellington, KS 620-326-2626  
 FEATURING: **FABRAL**  
 Building pictured is not priced in ad. Crew travel required over 50 miles. Local building code modifications extra. Price subject to change without notice.  
**800-373-5550**  
**ClearyBuilding.com**

**Jeff OLDENETTEL**  
**FOR THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**What Bel Aire Needs...**

✓ **Roads and Maintenance** ✓ **Land Sales**  
 Woodlawn will need widened in the coming years and our streets need maintained. If elected, I will do my best to ensure that we have the funding to do so.  
 We need to pursue selling our property to individuals that will promote new business development and in turn more traffic and future citizens of our community.  
 ✓ **Community Development**  
 The small town feel of Bel Aire needs to continue and in order for that to happen we need to do a better job of informing and promoting City activities  
 ✓ **Your Vote**  
**April 7th 2015**  
**I want to hear from you!**  
 jeffoldenettel@gmail.com oldenettelforcouncil  
 Jesse Tillman - Treasurer  
 PAID FOR BY OLDENETTEL FOR COUNCIL

**Re-Elect DAVID AUSTIN**  
**Bel Aire Mayor**  
 David will:  
 ★ Keep Bel Aire moving in a positive direction by attracting new businesses, home builders and developers, while maintaining or lowering the mill levy  
 ★ Continue to explore all avenues to lower the land debt and plan for the future, including prudent marketing and economic development  
 ★ Maintain an open and transparent city government  
**316-239-7177 • david@davidcaustin.com • austinforbelaire.com**  
 Paid for by David Austin for mayor, Jeff Hawes, treasurer

**Protecting your Dreams**  
 Auto - Home - Life - Umbrella  
  
 One call is all it takes to get all of the insurance you need. Call today for a fast, free no hassle quote.  
**AMERICAN FAMILY INSURANCE**  
 All your protection under one roof\*  
**Rachel Fenske Agency**  
 8343 E 32nd St Suite 130 Office: (316) 744-7700  
 Wichita, KS 67226  
 Web: www.rachelfenske.com Email: rfenske@amfam.com  
 American Family Mutual Insurance Company, American Standard Insurance Company of Wisconsin, American Family Life Insurance Company 6000 American Parkway, Madison, WI 53783. ©2013 06141301 06/13

**HAPPY EASTER**  
**Service**  
 Schedule the much-needed spring cleaning on your vehicle  
**\$99.95 full detail or \$49.95 express detail**  
**Sales**  
 Factory incentives on most new vehicles  
 Hundreds of used vehicles to choose from  
**DON HATTAN 6000 Hattan Drive**  
**DON HATTAN Park City, KS 67219**  
**CHEVROLET**  
**Shop us last, you will love us!!**  
 Sales: (888)927-1229  
 Service/Parts: (316) 744-1275  
**www.donhattan.com**