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City completes two more land sales

By David Dinell

Continued land sales are making Bel Aire officials smile. The city council approved two transactions at its June 2 meeting, bring in more cash to the city's coffers and putting additional land on property tax rolls.

One deal was for 2.3 acres at Sunflower Commerce Park on the east side of town and the other was

for 80 acres of agriculture land at the northwest corner of 47th Street North and Greenwich.

They both represent more steps in the city's efforts to work proactively in selling land, said City Administrator Ty Lasher. Since the city began that process some five years ago, it has sold about 500 acres of the 2,000 acres it owns — and it wants to continue to sell when possible and when it makes

sense for the city, he said.

Mayor David Austin said the benefits are far-reaching.

"It not only sells the land, these deals can bring in jobs and employees," he said.

However, the city wants to be careful, he said, and that it's planned growth and the city attracts businesses it wants.

"We want to ensure that our values are protected," he said.

The business park sale was for \$35,000 an acre, or \$80,500, and was made to Freedom Buildings LLC. It is going to build two buildings on the land worth about \$2 million, Lasher said, and construction should begin later this summer. The land is on the northwest corner of Webb and 50th Street North, also known as Industry Drive.

Company officials will be at the June 16 city council meeting

requesting an industrial revenue bond.

The other sale was for \$9,000 an acre, or \$720,000, and was made to a Wichita physician. He plans to keep the land undeveloped at this time and is making the purchase as an investment, Lasher said.

For the city's benefit, the developed land is more beneficial as it

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Rec center hosts fishing derby



Juju Wellemeyer (left) shows the features of a Blue Gill to Wynn Soergel, 9, and his sister, Josi Soergel, 15, of Bel Aire. Wynn caught three fish during the morning session. Staff from the Bel Aire Rec Center along with the Kansas Department of Wildlife Parks & Tourism helped the younger people with their fishing.



A Blue Gill, one of the different types of fish caught by the children. It was catch-and-release, so all the fish were unhooked and tossed back in the pond.



Easton Norris, 10, (center) of Bel Aire and his mother, Alissa Easton, pay attention to nibbles along with Easton's friend, Brayden Bina, 10. Children could fish from the pier or shore.



Easton Norris, 10, views his catch with his mother, Alissa Easton. Easton says he had a fun time at the clinic.



Levi Carlson, 9, proudly displays his catch as dad Milton Carlson looks on.



Children from Bel Aire, along with parents, take part in the fishing clinic. They spent about two hours fishing and virtually everyone caught something.

Summertime is fishing time and in that spirit, some 25 children from the Bel Aire Recreation Center spent a recent morning at the Great Plains Nature Center's fishing pond during the center's annual fishing derby.

Photos by
Dave Dinell

Revelry regulations vary across the county

By The Breeze staff

The Fourth of July holiday kicked off with fireworks the last weekend of June in some parts of north Sedgwick County.

But rules surrounding fireworks vary from city to city.

Valley Center and Bel Aire have some of the strictest regulations, with a smaller window of time to shoot or buy fireworks, while Park City and Kechi have some of the more generous rules.

In Bel Aire, fireworks may be purchased as early as June 27, but may not be discharged until July 4. The fireworks can be discharged from 9 a.m. to midnight July 4 only. Sales will be from 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. June 27 through July 4. Fireworks sales in Bel Aire are available at a tent located near Family Video at 4554 N. Woodlawn (Lions Club), the Wholesale Fireworks Building just northwest of 37th North and Woodlawn and a tent at 37th North and Harding (Community Bible Chapel).

In Valley Center, the sale and discharge of fireworks is allowed from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. June 30 through July 3, and from 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. July 4. Fireworks stands will be located at 801

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Council OKs bonds to assist development at business park

By David Dinell

With their sights set on improving the city's long-term business picture, two industrial revenue bonds totaling \$2.5 million were approved by the Bel Aire City Council at its June 16 meeting. The bonds will be used by Freedom Buildings LLC for two new buildings in the city's Sunflower Commerce Park. One is for a lease for the South Central Kansas Economic Development District Inc. and the other for Factory Direct Copper and Granite LLC.

The IRBs mean the developer gets tax incentives and a sales tax rebate for the project, said City Administrator Ty Lasher. During a five-year period, the company goes from a 100 percent property tax waiver to paying taxes after that span is up. The taxes apply even though one of tenants is a non-profit group.

Lasher said the deal makes sense for the city and its residents.

"For every \$1 we give up in taxes, we get \$1.84 back," he said. "That's why the council is comfortable with this."

Council members concurred.

"It's great to see more progress at the park," said council member Ken Lee.

Mayor David Austin said the city has

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Mayor's corner

By David Austin

It is officially summer and there is a lot of things happening. Independence Day is right around the corner. Soon, our neighborhoods will be filled with friends and families enjoying cookouts, spending time together and yes shooting off fireworks.

Every year, your city council receives more complaints about fireworks than anything else. These complaints aren't about fireworks being available or sold, but about folks who break the law and shoot them off outside of the legal limit. And for not picking up the debris left behind. Just because fireworks are available for purchase inside the city limits, does not mean they can be shot off.

In fact, they can only be shot on July 4. We adopted this ordinance several years ago to allow those who wish to participate in the tradition the opportunity to do so. This also limits the time that loud explosions are heard.

So my plea to everyone is to have a happy and safe Independence Day celebration. Wear eye and ear protection if you are shooting off fireworks, make sure they are away from a building or home and then please properly dispose of them after they are completely cooled off.

We are a city that enjoys being outdoors. I love every day seeing families and neighbors and couples walking, visiting and playing outside in our safe neighborhoods. Spend an evening at our Recreation Center, you'll see what I mean.

In fact, we are once again being named a Playful City USA designee.

The City of Bel Aire is one out of 241 communities across the nation being honored with a 2015 Playful City USA designation for the third consecutive year. There are only five communities in Kansas to receive this recognition.

The national recognition program honors cities and towns across the country for making their cities more playable. To learn more about these cities, see the full list of the 241 communities named 2015 Playful City USA honorees, or to gather more information on the Playful City USA program, visit www.playfulcityusa.org.

Your city staff and city council are also working hard to see this trend improve and continue with partnership agreements with all schools in Bel Aire, both private and public.

Bel Aire also has programs you can participate in, including our new BEAUTIFY BEL AIRE and Adopt a Fire Hydrant programs. Contact Tristin Terhune at 744-2451, extension 119, or tterhune@belaireks.gov for more details. She can tell you how you can be creative and paint a fire hydrant or how your yard improvement can win an award.

If you need mulch, the city has some available for free, too. Just contact city hall.

I hope to see you all out and about this summer. Take care and stay safe.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Marco's Pizza owner Family Video, which has a store in Bel Aire, was awarded top honors at the company's national award ceremony last month. Family Video earned the award by helping Marco's attain its current status as the fastest growing pizza company in the United States with more than 620 stores in the United States and the Bahamas.

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Alaina Thom of Bel



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DEATH

ROBERT BROADFOOT

Robert Harry Broadfoot, 88, Newton, died June 6, 2015. He had worked for John Deere and was retired after 27 years from the Boy Scouts of America as district executive of the Quivira Scout Council.

He was born in Moline, Ill., to James Robert Broadfoot and Amelia (Schnell) Broadfoot. He graduated from Moline High School and attended Moline Community College. On July 8, 1945, he married Arlene Grace Johnson in Moline. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving both in World War II and the Korean War. He was a member of the Boy Scouts for 73 years and was Rotary Club president in both Kansas and Illinois.

He was preceded in death by his wife and parents. Survivors include his children Gary R. Broadfoot of North Manchester, Ind., Dale I. Broadfoot of Indianapolis and Luan E. Broadfoot of Bel Aire; grandchildren Gary Robert Broadfoot Jr. of Orlando, Fla., Linda Broadfoot and husband Jeff Arvin of Indianapolis, Kyle Broadfoot of Norman, Okla., and Laura Broadfoot of Bel Aire; brother Richard (Lucille) Broadfoot of DeWitt, Iowa, and sister-in-law Claire Johnson of Moline.

Services were June 15 at First United Methodist Church in Newton. Graveside will be July 18 at Greenview Memorial Gardens, 1201 Ave of the Cities, Moline, Ill. Baker Funeral Home of Valley Center has charge.

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Bel Aire-area students Khalid Al Molahi, Mohamed Alamer, Daniel Reffner and Gregory Reffner were named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring 2015 semester at Southwestern College in Winfield. Full-time students who earned a grade point average of at least 3.70 were eligible for the honor.

Southwestern College is a private institution granting undergraduate and graduate degrees and is affiliated with the United Methodist Church. About 1,700 students attend classes at the main Winfield campus, at six professional studies sites in Kansas and Oklahoma, or online around the world.

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for making their cities more playable. There are only five communities in Kansas that received this recognition. Hopscotch sidewalks, structured recreation programs, and citywide play days are all ways in which these communities are appealing to residents, and attracting and retaining residents.

Kathleen Wells of Wichita was named to the President's List for the spring 2015 semester at Benedictine College in Atchison. To make this list, a student must have a perfect 4.0 grade point average and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Names to the Dean's List for the spring 2015 semester at Benedictine were Erin Coulter and Elizabeth Weber, both of Wichita; and Kristine Pfeifer, Lauren Pfeifer and Gordon Schmitz, all of Bel Aire. To make this list, a student maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and

carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Sixteen area undergraduate students have been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring 2015 semester at Fort Hays State University.

From Bel Aire: Tracy J. Hutto is a junior majoring in general studies (general business).

Daniel Ibarra, a 2013 graduate of Wichita East High School, is a junior majoring in music (music education).

From Wichita: Chelsea Ijeoma IHEME, a 2012 graduate of Wichita Heights High School, is a junior majoring in psychology. Daniel Hubert Kelly, a 2014 graduate of Kapaun Mount Carmel High School, is a freshman majoring in health and human performance (sport and exercise therapy). Melissa Dawn Taylor is a junior majoring in elementary education.

To be eligible, a student must have been enrolled in 12 or more credit hours and have a minimum grade point average of 3.60 for the semester. Full-time on-campus and FHUS Virtual College students are also eligible.

Tracy Hsiao-Fang-Yen of Wichita has earned a Master of Science in History and Sociology of Technology and Science from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta. The degree was conferred during Georgia Tech's commencement exercises May 1 and 2.

Micaela Heinrich of Wichita was named to President's Honor Roll for the spring 2015 semester at Oklahoma City University. To achieve this distinction, students must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours during a semester and maintain at least a 3.9 grade point average.

Fireworks

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S. Meridian (Riverlawn Christian Church), 506 S. Meridian (Family Value Fireworks), 1550 S. Meridian (Wholesale Fireworks) and the southwest corner 69th North and Meridian (Big Top Fireworks).

In Park City, fireworks go on sale June 27 and may be discharged between 8 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. June 27 through July 2, and 8 a.m. to midnight July 3 and 4 and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. July 5. This year, the city has seen an increase in the number of fireworks sellers. There will be tents at 415 E. 61st North, 1500 E. 61st North, 1600 E. 61st North, 1701 E. 61st North, 6024 N. Broadway and 6960 N. Broadway.

In Kechi, fireworks go on sale June 27. They can be sold

and discharged from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. June 27 through July 2 and from 10 a.m. to midnight July 3 through 5. There is one fireworks stand in Kechi. It's at 1303 E. Kechi Road.

A general rule for shooting fireworks in cities is that any firework that may be sold in a city can legally be shot off in that city.

In all unincorporated areas of Sedgwick County, permitted fireworks may be shot from 8 a.m. to midnight July 1 through 4. However, it is illegal to sell or buy fireworks in unincorporated Sedgwick County. In the county, most of the fireworks that can be purchased in a Sedgwick County city are OK to ignite.

In preparation for complaints and emergency calls that can accompany fireworks, the county will also again utilize a non-emergency fire-

works complaint line.

The non-emergency line reserved for fireworks complaints is 290-1011.

If fireworks cause injury or damage to property, residents are still advised to call 911. The non-emergency fireworks

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City of Bel Aire



Bel Aire Recreation

Challenger Sports' British Soccer Camp (July 13-17)
Register for Challenger Sports' British Soccer Camp and join over 150,000 players who will learn the Challenger Way this year. Each camp will feature drills and practices designed to improve individual ball control, foot skills, fakes, moves, juggling and more. Register today at www.challengersports.com.

Maximize Camps
Bel Aire Recreation continues to partner with Brent Atwater to bring you several camps this summer. Please call 807-1036 or www.maximizetraining.com for more information.

Summer Basketball Camp (ages 5-13) July 15 & 16; 9 to 11 a.m.

Speed & Agility Camp (ages 6 & up) July 15 & 16; 1 to 2 p.m.

Coed Flag Football
Bel Aire will be teaming up with the Valley Center Recreation Commission for flag football. Practices will be held at the respective home location with games being played at both sites. Flag Football is for boys and girls in third through sixth grades. Games will be played on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday evenings or Saturday mornings. Practices will be set up by the coaches on weeknights starting Aug. 24. Registration deadline is Aug. 15.

Girls Volleyball
Bel Aire will be teaming up with the Valley Center Recreation Commission for girls volleyball. Practices will be held at the respective home location with scrimmages being played at both sites. Volleyball is for girls age 8 through 11. Practices will be set up by the coaches on weeknights starting

Aug. 24. Scrimmage dates TBA. Registration deadline is Aug. 15.

Coed Outdoor Soccer
Soccer is for boys and girls ages 4 thru 11. Games will be played on Saturdays from Sept. 5 through Oct. 17. Practices will be set up by the coaches on weeknights starting Aug. 24. Registration deadline is Aug. 15.

Summer Day Camp
The Wichita YMCA is again offering 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 and Friday from 5 to 6 p.m. or Tuesday & Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m. These are great classes for beginners to black belts.

Yoga
Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:10 to 7:10 p.m. Participants need to provide their own yoga mat. Teens and adults can join at any time.

Fitness Center (ages 16 & up)
The Fitness Center consists of elliptical cross trainers, treadmills, recumbent bike, multistation weight machine, and free weights. There is no charge for pass holders, or it is available with the purchase of a daily pass.

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

Bel Aire Seniors

All SENIORS 55+ are cordially invited to all events listed below. The Senior Center and library area are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. The library has a wide selection of books to check out with neither cost nor time restraints and computers are available for study or research. Any senior can belong to or attend more than one senior center/club in Sedgwick County.

Locations

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

Call for more information about hours, prices, private/group swimming lessons facility rentals

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
Yoga — Mondays & Wednesdays, 6 p.m. at the Rec Center (monthly fee)
Chair Exercises — Tuesdays and Fridays, 10:30 a.m., at the Rec Center
Bridge Games — Tuesdays, 1 p.m. at the Senior Center
Low Impact Aerobics — Wednesdays, 9 a.m. at the Rec Center
Senior Coffee — Wednesdays, 10 a.m. at the Senior Center
Braum's Breakfast — Fridays, 9 a.m. on North Rock Road
Line Dance Class — Fridays, 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room

Monthly & Special Events

July 1, 10 a.m. — Volunteer library work time, Senior Center.
July 2, 11 a.m. — Rite Bite Series, topic: Portions, Senior Center.
July 2, 1 p.m. — Game day, Rec Center.
July 3, 6 p.m. — Pitch, Senior Center.
July 6, 6:30 p.m. — Potluck dinner, Summer Luau with hula dancing, Community Room.
July 8, 10 a.m. — Open sewing, Rec Center.
July 14, 9:30 a.m. — Cooking for one or two, Denise Dias, Senior Center
July 15, 10:15 a.m. — Senior aerobics brunch, different locations.
July 15, 1:30 p.m. — Book Club meeting, Senior Center.
July 17, 6 p.m. — Pitch, Senior Center.
July 21, 6 p.m. — Ladies Dine Out, call Anita 744-2840 for more info.
July 22, 7 p.m. — Bunko, Senior Center, call 744-2451, ext. 121, for reservation.
July 23, 2 p.m. — Genealogy group, Senior Center.
July 27, 6 p.m. — Covered dish dinner and program, Rec Center.

Community Events

City Council meetings — First and third Tuesday of each month
TOPS — Tuesdays at 9 a.m., Senior Center
July 3 — City Building close, Fourth of July holiday
July 14, 7 p.m. — Bel Aire Heights HOA meeting, Senior Center
July 14, 7 p.m. — Central Park HOA meeting, Community Room
July 11, 11 a.m. — Red Hat swim party and lunch. Call Anita 744-2840 for more information,
July 11 — Community clean-up day
July 11 — Brush site open

City of Bel Aire Brush Site

Dates and Time	Location
2 nd Saturday of every month April-October 9:00am-1:00pm	53rd St, halfway between Rock Rd & Webb Rd

Materials Accepted:
Tree limbs and shrubbery
No dirt or grass clipping
No construction material

Staff reserves the right to reject loads if materials are deemed unacceptable.
Open to Bel Aire residents ONLY. Staff will check utility bills or driver's licenses to confirm local residency.

Bel Aire — Your Home Town: Still A Playful City U.S.A.

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COMMUNITY WIDE CLEAN UP DAY

Participate in Bel Aire's Community Wide Clean Up Day by bringing unwanted items or tree limbs and shrubbery to the following location:

Bel Aire's Brush Drop Off Site
(North side of 53rd halfway between Rock & Webb)



**Saturday
July 11th
8am-12pm**

Items Not Allowed:

- Tires, Batteries, Appliances, Furniture, Refrigerators, or any item that contains refrigerant
- Liquids or Oils of any kind
- Paints or aerosol cans
- Bulk quantities of construction waste
- Commercial waste
- Treated wood products

City of Bel Aire Bel Aire Residents Only
Must show proof of Bel Aire residency (Driver's license or utility bill)

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Family: (2 adults & dependent children living in the home) \$75/year

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Over age 12 \$3 per day

POOL HOURS (subject to change)
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Swimming lessons 11 a.m. to 1 pm; 7 to 7:45 pm
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Weekends
Saturday & Sunday 1 to 6 p.m.

POOL RENTALS
(Rental packages available outside of normal business hours) Up to 25 patrons: \$40 per hour / 25 to 50 patrons: \$60 per hour

GROUP SWIMMING LESSONS
Morning and evening sessions. Members: \$35 per session / Nonmembers: \$44 per session

PRIVATE SWIMMING LESSONS
Private swimming lessons by appointment. Subject to availability.

Beautiful Bel Aire

Congratulations to Barbara Elwell, 4866 N. Homestead.

Barbara is the winner of the Beautify Bel Aire campaign for June.

Over the past year, she has replaced the roof, windows, siding and cement border on her house. She recently made it complete by redoing the landscaping, including the front and backyard.

All her improvements have really made her home stand out. For her efforts, she will receive a \$50 gift card from Tree Top Nursery and a sign was placed in her yard for one month.

If you are interested in participating in this contest, please contact Tristin Terhune at tterhune@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

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran Church

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

Summer services through Labor Day weekend are at 9 a.m. (contemporary) and 10:30 a.m. (traditional). Communion is offered at both services.

For more information about the church and its activities, either find the church online at 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, 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.

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 (traditional service) Sundays, with Sunday school at 10 a.m., at Kechi United Methodist Church, 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi. All are welcome.

Men's Bible Study is at 6:30 a.m. Wednesdays. The coffee is always on.

CareGivers Support group meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of every month in the basement parlor.

Bingo is at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month. Everyone is welcome to join in.

Thursdays throughout the summer, KUMC hosts the Kechi Farmers Market from 4 to 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot. Come see what's going on.

The Rummage Sale is Aug. 13 through 15. Come check it out. Our new pastor is Greg Reed.

Find us at www.KechiUMC.org and "Like" us on Facebook. The church phone number is 744-1221.

LifePoint Church

A fellowship of the Assemblies of God, LifePoint is located at 400 S. Abilene.

Sunday worship service and Kids Church are at 10:30 a.m., and Life University/Sunday school for all ages is at 9. No regular Sunday night service. For special activities, see the website, www.lpcag.org.

On Wednesday evenings, Launch children's program meets at 6:30 p.m. Velocity Student Ministries for youth meets at 7 p.m.

Adult small groups meet throughout the community.

Senior pastor is Steve Rains. Youth pastor is Jacob Soye. Children's pastor is Nathaniel Thurman. Call 755-2331.

Risen Savior Lutheran Church

— Missouri Synod

Contemporary Sunday worship services are at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Communion on the first and third Sunday. Adult Sunday school and Bible class meet at 9:15 a.m. Children's church is at 10:30 a.m. A nursery is provided during both Bible class and second service.

Risen Savior will be hosting a "Donor Jam" with SAM (Sharing America's Marrow) in honor of our member, Desmond and his family, who are currently fighting Desmond's battle with blood disorders. We are hoping to sign up as many people as possible who could be the cure for Desmond or any patient needing a transplant. To register, please come to Risen Savior Lutheran Church (6770 E. 34th St. North) on Wednesday, July 15th from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Potential donors must be between the ages of 18 and 55, in general good health and willing to donate to any patient in need. It is free and all it takes is a cheek swab and a consent form to join the donor registry.

There are two weekly sessions of Lifetree Café in Valley Center. Thursday at 1 p.m. (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). 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.

Risen Savior Preschool classes for 3- to 5-year-olds are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 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 atmichellep@risensavior.net or call the church office at 683-5538.

Please join us. The church is located at 6770 E. 34th North in Wichita. The phone number is 683-5538 and we are online at 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).

Saint Michael is a western rite congregation using the Liturgy of Saint Gregory. It is the only western rite Orthodox Church in Kansas. Join us for our worship of the Holy Trinity using the ancient and beautiful liturgy of the Undivided Church.

Sunday Adult class is at 9 a.m. Wednesday service is at 6 p.m. with Saturday Vespers at 4:30 p.m.

Call the church for more information at 734-6248 or visit our website at www.saintmichaellothodoxchurch.com.

Email inquiries to 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 or on Facebook, email eric@godscloset.com or call 530-1040.

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



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Thank you

The Bel Aire children in the summer YMCA program thanks the Bel Aire Lions Club for the pavilion at the Bel Aire Recreation Center. The children enjoy the pavilion and recognized that the Lions Club put a lot of work into making it part of the rec center.

Bonds

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to be competitive with others.

"When people are out shopping for development, we have to make sure we have the best package," he said. Such bonds are a "delicate balance," he said, because the city wants new business, but also needs to ensure that it's not doing it at a loss. With this contract, he said, it's a "win-win."

They are requirements that they have to meet, he said. Such rules require creating jobs and staying in Bel Aire when the bonds have expired.

Abdul Arif, executive director of SCKEDD, was at the meeting and expressed satisfaction that his agency would be getting a new home. The lease at its existing head-

quarters, 200 W. Douglas, No. 710, is expiring at the end of this year.

"I have a great deal of interest in seeing this project going through and worked long and hard with Ty (Lasher) to make this a reality," he said. "Thank you, guys."

In other action, the council:

- Approved the consent agenda, which includes a fireworks permit for the Community Bible Chapel, 3799 N. Harding.

- Approved appropriations in the amount of \$718,870. That sum includes a payment of \$471,000 to Andale Paving.

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that he wanted more time to check on the appointees' background. He asked the mayor if, going forward, the council could have at least two weeks to examine such candidates' records and perhaps interview them. The two other council members vouched for the candidates, saying they were satisfied with them. MacDonald didn't dispute that, but said he wasn't comfortable with the situation. "I know nothing about them but their names," he said. "I don't have enough information on them." Austin said he would undertake MacDonald's suggestion in the future.

- MacDonald also expressed concern about the amount of money being spent on information technology. The city is currently spending \$5,599 a month, or \$67,188 a year, on it and he urged Lasher to seek out way to save on that cost. The move is toward hiring a full-time person who can do the same work at less expense for the city. MacDonald also asked Lasher to examine the cost of hiring a part-time person to assist with lawn care, which the city is now paying \$1,824 a month for.
- Approved an agreement with

MKEC Engineering Inc. for inspection services and water main installation along Bethany Drive at a cost not to be more than \$10,500.

- Approved a contract with Simpson Construction Services for water and paving installation to serve the Catholic Life Center at a cost not to exceed \$350,297.

- Listened to former mayor Gary O'Neal voice concern about the city's fireworks policy. "It looks a little confusing to me," he said. City attorney Alison McKenney Brown will be meeting with O'Neal to address those issues.

- Also heard from Lasher about the city's fireworks regulations. While people can buy fireworks seven days in advance of the Fourth of July, they cannot set them off until 8 a.m. on that date. They have until midnight on July 4 to use them. Lasher also asked residents to clean up the residue.

- Listened to Lasher report that major crack repairs have been undertaken on 45th Street North between Rock and Woodlawn.

- Set two budget workshops. One is for June 23 and the other for July 13. Both start at 6:30 p.m.

Land

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has more value and brings in more revenue. However, there still is a small property tax on undeveloped acreage.

The land at Sunflower was more expensive because of the improvements the city has made on it, including platting it and putting in utilities and streets.

The city recently held a ceremony marking the completion of a Union Pacific Railroad siding. It has land available next to the siding.

However, Lasher said the city wants to reserve that for a business than needs railroad access.

In other action, the council:

- Approved appropriations of \$390,545. Lasher explained for the benefit of the TV audience that the expenditures are for the city's routine bills, much like a individual's checking account operates.

- Set a workshop for 6:30 p.m. June 9. The same time for July 14 was set as a tentative one and one suggested for Aug. 11 will be decided at a later date.

- Confirmed appointments made by the mayor. They are Alan Artz and Carla Zielke to the Planning Commission and Gary O'Neal to the Public Building Commission, which handles the city's land sales.

- Heard Austin announce the res-

ignation of Bill Brookhouser, who was Bel Aire's first mayor and served from 1981-83, from the Public Building Commission. Brookhouser has worked with every mayor since he left that office. "He's going to be greatly missed," said council member Peggy Sue O'Donnell.

- Heard from several members who attended the latest Chisholm Creek Utility Authority meeting. "It's was a good meeting," said council member Ken Lee said. "It's important to keep rates as low as possible." There have been reports of an odor problem in the area, although O'Donnell said she hadn't smelled any.

- Listen to several members who went to a May 25 open house at the new Elk Creek residential development at the northwest corner of 45th Street and Rock. "They're fantastic," Betty Martine said of the homes. Added Ramona Becker:

"Those homes are a beautiful addition to our community." The subdivision has single-family houses and patio homes.

- Becker also advocated for National Gun Violence Awareness Day, which was June 2. As part of marking the day, she wore orange, the color of safety, she said.

- Went into one 10-minute executive session for attorney-client privilege.

- Heard a proclamation declaring June 14 at Flag Day and June 14 through 20 as Flag Week. Citizens are urged to display American flags during that time.

- Listened to Lasher report that three residents have signed up to "adopt" a fire hydrant and will maintain them. He said they will be painting the hydrants red.

- All five members and the mayor were present.

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Deadline for August: July 17

Bel Aire Breeze

BEL AIRE POLICE REPORTS

June 15 — Officer Menges stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 4300 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license.

June 15 — Chief Atteberry stopped a vehicle in the 6600 block of East 44th Court North. The driver was cited for failing to obey a road closed sign and driving in violation of license restrictions for corrective lenses.

June 15 — Officer Elpers responded to a disturbance in the 5600 block of North Lycee. The calling party said she let her brother live in her apartment. Now the brother is moving out and she wants back rent. Officer advised both parties that the situation was a civil matter. Officer discovered that the brother had a warrant through the City of Andover. The man was arrested on the warrant.

June 15 — Officer S. Davis responded to a domestic violence report in the 6500 block of East Danbury. The call was related to a previous call that occurred in Wichita. Officers were notified that a pick-up order was active from Wichita police. The male half of the call was located and detained. He was transported to the Sedgwick County jail to be questioned by a Wichita police officer.

June 15 — Officer Toomey stopped a vehicle for a headlight violation in the 6300 block of East 45th North. The driver was cited for no license in possession.

June 15 — Officer Elpers responded to assist with an armed robbery in the 6500 block of East 37th North. There were no suspects on the scene after a preliminary search. Officer assisted Wichita police in taking statements from witnesses.

June 14 — Officer Menges responded to a report of a wallet found in the road in the 6100 block of East Quail Ridge.

June 14 — Officer Menges responded to the 5100 block of East 49th North, where the calling party reported that her husband left their residence with a handgun and two boxes of ammunition. She said he texted her and had made self-harm statements.

June 14 — Officer S. Davis responded to the 3800 block of North Parkwood, where the calling party reported her car was stolen from her residence.

June 13 — Officer Camplin stopped a vehicle in the 6300 block of East 45th North for not stopping at a stop sign. The driver was cited for driving in violation of his instructional permit.

June 13 — Officer Camplin stopped a vehicle for a license plate violation in the 4800 block of East 37th North. Officer discovered a pill bottle containing a small grinder, a plastic baggie of marijuana and a marijuana cigarette. The driver was cited for the drugs and driving with an illegal tag.

June 13 — Lt. Foxx responded to an abuse report in the 6700 block of East Perryton. The reporting party reported picking up her children in Oklahoma on June 12 from their father. She said after returning home, her 4-year-old daughter informed her that their 18-year-old sister had been hitting them with a leather belt as a form of discipline. She said her daughter had visible marks in her private area. She said this has been taking place in Vernon, Texas.

June 13 — Officer S. Davis responded to a found dog in the 5700 block of East Denise. The dog, a black possible lab mix with green collar and unreadable tags, was transported to the Kansas Humane Society.

June 12 — Officer Roney responded to a larceny in the 5800 block of East Memphis. The reporting party said her grandson's blue, black and white bicycle was taken from either the backyard or front yard of her residence sometime in the last four days. The reporting party was unsure of the make or model of the bike. However, she knew it cost about \$90.

June 12 — Officer S. Davis stopped a vehicle for a tag violation in the 3800 block of Parkwood Lane. The driver was cited.

June 12 — Officers responded to a disturbance in the 5300 block of North Rock Springs Court. The two were separated and the woman

arrived to pick up her items without first making arrangements. Officers stood by as the woman collected her items.

June 10 — Officer Roney responded to a larceny in the 6600 block of East 44th Court North. The calling party said someone entered two unlocked trucks parked in the driveway of his residence. A wallet/money clip containing several credit cards, a driver's license and an envelope containing about \$1,595 were taken. The vehicles were checked for fingerprints. No usable prints were recovered.

June 10 — Officer Roney responded to a report of a female lying in the road in the 7700 block of East 53rd North. EMS was already on the scene and treating the woman for abrasions to her hands and knees. The woman was not able to answer questions logically and appeared to be having some type of medical episode. EMS advised of the smell alcohol on her breath. EMS transported the woman to St. Joseph for treatment.

June 9 — Officer Camplin stopped a vehicle in the 8700 block of East 53rd North. The driver was arrested on two Sedgwick County warrants. The driver's name was not available.

June 9 — Officers T. Davis and Steele responded to a possible suicide in the 5600 block of North Lycee. The patient was transported to St. Joseph Hospital for an assessment.

June 9 — Officer Menges responded to a larceny in the 6900 block of East Odessa Court. The reporting party said his daughter stole a credit card and made unauthorized charges.

June 8 — Officer T. Davis stopped a vehicle for a defective tag light in the 4200 block of North Oliver. The tag was reported stole from Wichita. The tag was seized and the driver was cited.

June 8 — Officer Elpers stopped a vehicle for an illegal license plate in the 6000 block of East 37th North. The driver was cited.

June 7 — Officer T. Davis stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 7100 block of East 45th North. The driver was cited for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

June 7 — Officer S. Davis stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 4900 block of North Webb. Officer found open alcohol containers in the center console. The driver was arrested on charges of speeding, DUI and transporting an open container of alcohol. The driver's name was not available.

June 6 — Officer T. Davis responded to check the welfare of a driver at 41st North and Edgemoor. The driver was asleep at the wheel of the vehicle with the engine running. The driver had an open beer bottle in the cup holder of the center console. The driver, Dionicio Esparaza of Bel Aire, was arrested on a charge of DUI.

June 6 — Officer Menges was contacted by a Sedgwick County deputy about a wanted person at K-96 and Rock Road. Officer stopped the suspect for a seat belt violation, and the deputy took the man into custody on a warrant. The suspect's name was not available.

June 6 — Officer Menges found a battery pack in the road in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn. The property was taken to the station.

June 6 — Officer S. Davis assisted Wichita police in the 5700 block of East Perryton, making contact with a mother of a girl who was transported to the Children's Home. Officer contacted the child's mother and picked up some medication and doctor contacts and took it to the children's home.

June 6 — Officer Elpers assisted Kechi police with a motorist assist in the 6400 block of East 53rd North. Officer contacted the driver, who admitted to driving the vehicle before it broke down. Her driver's license was suspended. The driver has been cited at least three times in the past few months by Bel Aire police for driving with a suspended license. Alexis Keshawn Battle of Bel Aire was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

June 6 — Officer T. Davis stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5000 block of North Oliver. The driver was cited for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

June 5 — Officer Menges

responded to a report of a suspicious character in the 5600 block of East 49th North. The calling party said multiple cars pull up to the pond across her street, stay for a few moments and then drive away. She said this has been going on for a while, and the cars she always sees have been the same.

June 5 — Officer Crice took a report of a lost driver's license at the station. The reporting party wasn't sure where the license was lost.

June 5 — Officer Roney assisted Chief Atteberry on a traffic stop in the 6100 block of East 48th North. The vehicle was observed running a stop sign at 48th North and Hillcrest. The driver's license was suspended and the driver did not have a license or alternate form of identification. She was cited for running a stop sign, no license in possession and driving with a suspended license.

June 3 — Officer Crice responded to a verbal disturbance between cousins in the 6200 block of East 44th North. Both were advised of the eviction procedure should they choose to solve the issue by moving.

June 3 — Officer Crice responded to the 5600 block of East Denise, where a foster child was reported out of control. The child was upset with her foster mother and began to cuss and spit at her, officers said. The child calmed down.

June 3 — Officer Crice responded to the 3800 block of North Oliver, where there was a civil dispute with between the calling party and her former landlord. She said that she gave notice May 1 that she was moving out. On May 20, she returned to find that the locks to the apartment had been changed and the apartment cleaned. She contacted the leasing company and was advised that they would be holding her deposit until the apartment was rented since the lease was not up until September 2015.

June 3 — Officer Roney responded to the 5600 block of North Lycee, where the calling party said that her estranged husband had picked up their children in Wichita without her permission. The woman was not afraid for the safety of the children and had been in contact with her estranged husband, but just wanted to make a report because they are currently going through a divorce.

June 3 — Officers responded to a report of a suicidal person at a residence in the 4900 block of East 48th North. The man reportedly had a firearm. After arriving and checking the backyard of the residence the man was not located. Officers from Kechi, Park City and the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office responded to attempt to locate the subject. The man was located at the Bel Aire Recreation Center and detained. He was transported to the Via Christi St. Joseph Hospital for a psychological assessment.

June 2 — Officer Menges stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5000 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for speeding and expired driver's license.

May 30 — Officer Menges responded to the 6100 block of East Edinburg, where the calling party reported that her ex-husband had been texting her and harassing her through the phone about parenting time and visitation. Officer advised her that the visitation concern was a civil issue, but a report would be made to document the harassment.

May 30 — Officer Menges responded to an arson in the 4500 block of North Auburn, where a tree was on fire. Officers observed multiple trees and bushes on fire. Officers were advised that the three juveniles who lit the fire fled the scene. Officers detained the suspects, transported the suspects to the station and interviewed them. The suspects were arrested on charges of arson, criminal damage to property and interference with law enforcement officer. They were taken to the Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center.

May 29 — Officer T. Davis stopped a vehicle with no tag lights in the 4600 block of North Oliver. The driver and the passenger were cited for possession of marijuana.

May 28 — Officer S. Davis responded to a verbal disturbance in the 4400 block of East Edgemoor Court. It was between the calling party and his girlfriend's son. Before officers arrived, the son had left the residence. The calling party requested information on how to evict the son and possibly his girlfriend.

May 28 — Officer S. Davis stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 4800 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

May 28 — Officer S. Davis stopped a motorcycle for not having a license plate in the 8500 block of East 45th North. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license, no registration and no liability insurance. The suspect also was arrested on a Wichita warrant. The suspect's name was not available.

May 28 — Officer T. Davis responded to the 5600 block of North Lycee. The calling party said her downstairs neighbor was constantly slamming doors and disturbing her. Officer did not hear anyone opening or shutting doors. He made contact with the resident below and the tenant said it is an ongoing problem between them. The downstairs tenant said one of his doors sticks and does not shut properly. He demonstrated the problem and he did have to shut the door forcefully to get it to secure. He advised he has already notified the apartment maintenance.

May 28 — Officers Steel and T. Davis assisted Valley Center police with a loud party.

May 27 — Officer T. Davis responded to a found bicycle in the 5600 block of East 45th North. He took the bike to Sunrise Christian Academy because it had a Sunrise property tag on it.

May 26 — Officer Menges responded to a report of vandalism in the 5000 block of East 46th North. A mailbox was hit with a baseball bat.

May 26 — Officer Elpers responded to a report of fraud in the 4200 block of North Mission. The calling party said someone made fraudulent charges on her husband's debit card. The card had not been stolen but the number had been used to make over \$400 in charges at Walgreens.

May 25 — Officer Menges took a report of found property in the 4400 block of North Woodlawn. A black Under Armor backpack was found on the road near Danbury and Woodlawn. Police took the backpack to the station.

May 25 — Officer Elpers assisted Park City police with a suspect that was on the run. Officer found the suspect in the 4500 block of East Eagles Landing and released the suspect to Park City police.

May 25 — Officer Camplin responded to a burglary in progress in the 4100 block of North Parkwood Lane. The calling party said there was a party going on in a house of a resident who was out of town. As officers checked around the residence, they found juveniles still in the house. One of the juveniles was watching the home and the

owner's dogs. They youth said he only invited a few people over and then more and more people started showing up. The owner of the residence was contacted and advised they would resolve the issue upon their return.

May 24 — Officer T. Davis responded to the 5100 block of North Hampton, where a woman said she believed someone came into her house. She said she went to the top of the stairs and yelled for her son. When there was no answer, she went to the neighbor's house to call 911. Officers searched the house and found the woman's son sleeping in his room, alone and unharmed.

May 23 — Officer T. Davis responded to the 6100 block of East Danbury where a young man was found sitting on the front porch waiting for a friend. He was a runaway from Wichita. He was taken to the Wichita Children's Home.

May 23 — Officer Elpers assisted Wichita police on an abduction in the 3400 block of North Inwood.

Officer assisted in neighborhood contacts. The children were located at a relative's house.

May 23 — Officer S. Davis took a report of a larceny in the 5200 block of North Toler. An iPhone was reported missing. The owner found it in Wichita by using an app.

May 23 — Officer T. Davis responded to a barking dog in the 5800 block of East Flagstaff. The owner said he would take the dog inside.

May 22 — Officer S. Davis responded to the 6100 block of Edinburg to check the welfare of a 14-year-old. The girl was adequately cared and provided for, officer reported.

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Wichita physical therapist hopes to grow satellite office in north Sedgwick County

By Chris Strunk

Hoping to reach new clients in north Sedgwick County, Jay Franz has opened a Valley Center satellite office for his Wichita-based Premier Physical Therapy.

He began seeing patients last week at the new location, 1220 S. Meridian, Suite A.

"My goal is a self-sustaining clinic within a year or two," Franz said.

Premier is now accepting patients by appointment only.

"We're having kind of a soft opening," Franz explained, adding that he

plans to fully staff the office as the business grows.

Franz, who is from Newton, directed Newton Medical Center's rehabilitation department for six years before running a couple of physical therapy clinics for eight years.

He opened Premier Physical Therapy at 8541 W. 21st North in Wichita nearly six years ago.

"In looking around the Wichita metro area, it seems that the Valley Center, Park City, Kechi and Bel Aire area is underserved from a rehabilitation services standpoint," Franz said.

After surveying orthopedic physicians

and receiving advice from colleagues in the medical community, Franz said he decided to open the Valley Center office.

The clinic focuses on outpatient orthopedic physical therapy "from head to toe," Franz said.

Franz and his wife, Monica, have two daughters, who are teachers in the Wichita school district, and a son, who is a college student.

Franz said since 2013 patients no longer need a doctor's referral to see a physical therapist. However, some insurance companies may require one.

The office can be reached at 613-3068.



Chris Strunk

Physical therapist Jay Franz is owner of Premier Physical Therapy, which opened an office in Valley Center last month.

Three defendants plead no contest in Bluml homicides

By David Dinell

Two of the four people involved in the murder of rural Valley Center residents Melissa and Roger Bluml will never be free again. A third could spend up to 36 years in prison.

On June 16, Kisha Schaberg and her biological son, Anthony "Tony" Bluml, were both sentenced to life in prison without parole. The terms were expected.

Anthony Bluml, 20, is the adoptive son of the murdered couple. Bluml and Schaberg, 36, killed the couple on the evening of Nov. 15, 2003, outside of their home northeast of Valley Center in the belief that he would collect assets from their estate.

Last month, both entered no-contest pleas, which avoided trials for the two — and avoided the possibility of the death penalty — and put a speedy end to their part of the complex case.

They can't appeal their sentences.

Also involved in the case are Braden Smith and Andrew Ellington, 20-year-old Valley Center High School classmates of Bluml. As part of a deal worked out with the office of District Attorney Marc Bennett, Smith said he would testify against the other three defendants in exchange for the lesser charge of two counts of second-degree murder.

That deal means that the district attorney will seek a sentence of 24 1/2 years.

Ellington pleaded no contest to charges of first- and second-degree murder. Previously, Ellington pleaded not guilty, but that was changed as part of an agreement with prosecutors.

Ellington admitted that he's not disputing the prosecutors' charges, and he was quickly declared guilty by Wilbert, who



Kisha Schaberg

set sentencing for Aug. 27. Under the plea, charges of burglary and robbery were dropped. He also cannot be tried for capital murder and get the death penalty.

With the two murder charges, Ellington is looking at a term of 36 years to life. He could get parole. However, he cannot appeal the conviction or prison term.

Ellington's trial is expected later this year.

Bennett said that while Ellington was "the least involved" of the group, and didn't pull the gun's trigger, he was still a vital part of the plot and is responsible for his action.

"His 1 1/2 hours of involvement got him a life in prison," he said.

Bennett said Ellington drove a vehicle with Schaberg in it to the murder scene, which, under Kansas law, makes him part of the crime.

Ellington also, Bennett said, held Roger Bluml at



Tony Bluml

gunpoint, while Schaberg shot his wife. Schaberg then shot and killed Roger Bluml.

During the Bluml sentencing, a family member read an emotional letter to the court. After it, Judge Ben Burgess took note of his standing-room-only courtroom and the impact the murderers had.

"You changed the lives of many people," he said, looking straight into Bluml's eyes as he stood emotionless at a podium with his attorney, Mark Manna.

After announcing the sentence, he again looked at Bluml, telling him that he will "never be released from prison." The entire proceed-



Andrew Ellington

ing took only 25 minutes and Bluml said nothing.

Despite the emotional toll, Bennett said he believes the family will help each other handle it and prevail.

"They are strong people," he said.

The same goes for the couple's other son, Chris Bluml, also adopted, who lost his parents.

"He seems like a great kid," Bennett said. "I hope he does well and I think he will."

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In May, Chris Bluml graduated from Valley Center High School.

During Schaberg's sentencing, a Bluml family member addressed the court, thanking the police, other law enforcement officers and the District Attorney's office, saying that they all worked hard to "bring justice" to the family.

She said that the couple's lives were not in vain and the family is working to move forward and will support each other.

Although the mother and son pleaded no contest, that does not absolve them of any blame, she said.

"You are at fault," she said of the two.

Unlike her son, Schaberg

did make a statement. She said she was sorry for the loss and what the family has gone through, saying that she gives her "deepest apologies" for the murders.

Schaberg said she had respect for the Blumls and also gave credit to the couple for providing Anthony and Chris with a home. She also said that they tried to steer Anthony on a positive path in life.

"I will always be grateful for that," she said.

Schaberg, however, denied having any role in the murders, although court testimony said she was the person who fired the gun.

"I had nothing to do with this," she said.

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