

# The Bel Aire Breeze

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## Bel Aire finds new chief close to home



Atteberry

By Matt Heilman

A sense of stability is returning to the Bel Aire Police Department that has forged ahead through adversity to keep the city patrolled around the clock. The stability is returning with the filling of a key vacancy.

On May 1, the city announced that Bel Aire resident and Wichita Police Department veteran Darrell Atteberry

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has been hired as the city's next police chief. Atteberry is replacing John Daily who had to submit his resignation in December due to health problems.

Daily served as the police department head for about

seven and-one-half years. In his absence since September, Bel Aire Police Lt. Troy Griggs has filled an interim police chief role.

Atteberry will take over the leadership duties on May 27. The City of Bel Aire issued a May 1 news release on Atteberry's hire, including information on his background in law enforcement and his community involvement in the city.

In Bel Aire, Atteberry has served on the planning commission for 13 years and is "truly dedicated to Bel Aire," the city said. Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher said Atteberry's familiarity with Bel Aire, his community involvement and understanding of the city's goals with economic development played a part in his selection for the leadership position.

Atteberry's experience also

played a key role in separating himself from a pack of nearly 30 candidates for the Police Chief position, Lasher said.

Atteberry began his career as an officer for the Wichita Police Department in 1981. He was promoted to Detective in 1990, Sergeant in 1993, Lieutenant in 2000 and Captain in 2009.

In his career, Atteberry

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## Bittersweet tribute



Matt Heilman

Bob Funcheon of Bel Aire (second from left) and Karen Funcheon (second from right) are joined by (from left) Bel Aire Tree Board member and former mayor Gary O'Neal, family friend Andrew Eldridge and Bel Aire Mayor David Austin at an April 26 Arbor Day tree dedication in the community park in Central Park in honor of the Funcheons' son, Sgt. Alex Funcheon.

## Bel Aire Tree Board honors fallen soldier

By Matt Heilman

A bittersweet tribute preceded the seventh anniversary of a day that forever changed the lives of Bel Aire's Bob and Karen Funcheon.

On April 29, 2007, Bob and Karen's son, Sgt. Alex Funcheon died at the age of 21 while serving his country about 8,000 miles from home. Alex had served as a gunner on a U.S. Army Humvee.

He was one of three men in his unit killed by a roadside bomb in

Baghdad, Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. On the seventh anniversary of his death, Karen Funcheon honored the service of past and current military men and women by volunteering as a guardian on an Honor Flight, a trip that gave a group of our nation's oldest veterans the opportunity to visit the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Karen said she had a heart for helping veterans on an honor flight since the World War II Memorial was completed in 2005. When she got her chance on April 29, Karen became the first gold-star mother

to participate on an honor flight. Gold stars are awarded to the parents of fallen soldiers.

Although April 29 marked a painful anniversary, Karen said she was able to enjoy her volunteer service.

"It was a great experience," she said.

Three days earlier, the Bel Aire Tree Board continued its Arbor Day tradition of honoring a current or former Bel Aire resident with the planting of a tree. On April 26, the Chinese Pistache planted near the pond in the park of the Central Park community was dedicated

as a memorial to Alex, a former Wichita Heights High School student who grew up in Bel Aire.

Bob and Karen Funcheon attended the April 26 dedication, joined by friends and family, members of the Bel Aire Park Board, city council members, Mayor David Austin and a group of motorcycle riders representing the Patriot Guard.

On behalf of the tree board, Gary O'Neal recalled meeting the Funcheons in 1997 when Bob filed to run for city council. O'Neal,

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## City OKs funding for key project

Commerce Park grows

By Matt Heilman

A project to set Bel Aire's industrial park property apart has the clearance to begin. At the Bel Aire City Council's May 20 meeting, the group unanimously approved a rail siding agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation and a \$1,167,521.75 bid from Musselman & Hall to construct railroad siding in the Sunflower Commerce Park, which encompasses about 800 acres along 53rd North from Webb to Greenwich Roads.

The rail siding will be constructed off the main Union Pacific line that runs through the commerce park, which has seen development pick up significantly over the past several months.

In early May, the City of Bel Aire closed on the sale of a 12-acre site at 53rd North and Greenwich where Buzzi Unicem USA, one of the nation's largest cement manufacturers is planning to expand its operation. All along, the company's commitment to move to Bel Aire was contingent on the availability of rail siding to increase its shipping capabilities. The presence of rail siding is expected to spur more interest in the Sunflower Commerce Park as it will benefit future tenants that depend on railroad access for shipping, city leaders say.

Bel Aire Mayor David Austin said Musselman & Hall would be able to begin the rail construction project "in a couple of weeks."

The Bel Aire council further supported the project by approving a Professional Services Agreement with TransSystems for rail siding inspections. The large-scale construction project is made possible with a \$250,000 grant from the KDOT Economic Development Division, a \$316,000 grant from the KDOT Freight and Rail Division, a \$316,000 city match and a \$421,000 low-interest loan of 2 percent over 10 years from the KDOT Freight and Rail Division.

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## Development forges ahead through tragedy

By Matt Heilman

Tragedy hasn't derailed the project. Plans for the Tierra Verde health and wellness development in the 4700 block of North Webb Road in Bel Aire are moving ahead despite the loss of a key player.

Dr. George Watson, a longtime Wichita resident and physician who practiced al-

ternative medicine and family medicine in Park City, died on May 8, losing his fight with cancer. In the coming months, Watson was to have moved on from his Park City practice to see patients at Tierra Verde's Concierge Surgical Recovery Center.

The facility, currently under construction, was to include a place for patients to

recover from surgery outside of a hospital setting and an office for Watson to see patients on the lower level.

With Tierra Verde, Watson was to have served as the director for the surgical recovery center and for Homes Plus at Tierra Verde, which is to include 10 housing units for patients to live independently with medical staff available.

The Homes Plus at Tierra Verde, which will accommodate 12 patients in each housing unit, is part of the project's second phase. The Concierge Surgical Recovery Center is in Phase I of Tierra Verde.

Tierra Verde developer Terrie Grillot said she's met with a doctor who is looking to take over the director role at

Tierra Verde. The Concierge Surgical Recovery Center will also include a surgeon, a physician's assistant, a chiropractor and specialists including nutritionists and physical therapists, Grillot said.

The master plan for Tierra Verde's three phases includes a mix of medical facilities, assisted-living facilities, residential units, commer-

cial/retail property and a hotel among several projects.

As part of the development's environment-friendly or "green" initiative, plans include the construction of walking paths and the presence of organic gardens and fruit trees in an outdoor commons area.

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## Mayor's corner

By David Austin

Can I brag first? I'm a Grandpa. Yep, my daughter Jessica and Woshin welcomed beautiful Elisebeth Jane into the world around 10:30 p.m. April 27. She is my first grandchild and I couldn't be happier and can't wait to start spoiling her.

OK, back to Bel Aire business.

Hello summer!

It is that time of year again. I love seeing kids and families outside enjoying the fresh air in Bel Aire. My street and neighborhood has had so many kids out and about recently that I can't help but smile. We've said it before and I'll say it again. Bel Aire truly has the best of both worlds. I actually shared that very thought with Gov. Sam Brownback a couple weeks ago. I'll share more on that in a minute.

Back to the best of both worlds. In Bel Aire, we have great access to major highways, medical facilities, new residential neighborhoods, eating-out options and new schools. We have a great senior community. We have fantastic parks and a top-notch parks and recreation department with activities for every age. We can walk to major grocery and pharmacy retail giants and Bel Aire plays host to what I think is the absolute best landscaping, gift shop and plant nursery in the entire region in TreeTop.

And even with all that, we have the small-town feel where families and children feel safe to play outdoors. And we can see stars at night.

Gov. Brownback visited Bel Aire on May 6 to ceremonial sign Senate Bill 256, which protects seniors against fraud and financial abuse, at the Catholic Care Center. I was honored to welcome him and State Senator and Bel Aire native Michael O'Donnell II who led the cause and bill creation along with Sen. Oletha Faust-Goudeau. I am proud to call both friends and I am also proud to see Democrats and Republicans come together on this important piece of legislation.

When Gov. Brownback shook my hand and I, along with councilwoman Ramona Becker, welcomed him to Bel Aire and thanked him for coming to our city, he said he thinks it is his first time in our town. And we told him why we have the best of both worlds and he was impressed, well at least he appeared to be. And I'll take it.

On April 26, the entire city council and I were honored to participate with the amazing Bel Aire Tree Board in a tree-planting celebration honoring the life of Bel Aire native Sgt. Alex Funcheon. He was killed by a roadside bomb in Iraq, at the age of 21, while serving our country as a gunner on a U.S. Army Humvee.

Keturah and I tried to fit in all the Bel Aire homes one afternoon after church during the Parade of Homes. But we ran out of time. This is an excellent problem to have. I can't remember a time when there were so many different builders and homes in Bel Aire on the Parade. New homes, of all price ranges, are popping up daily in our city and obviously the word is spreading as was evident by the packed streets.

Residents should have already seen or will soon see more improvements to streets and other city projects that have been operating on borrowed time for years. It feels good knowing the city is finally in position to start doing things. We are a city of the future with respect to its past.

# Kudos to area Prairie Fire runners

When I was a distance runner at Valley Center High School a decade ago, my goals weren't lofty. I just wanted to be on the varsity track and cross country teams and I wanted to finish faster than the girls on my team.

I filled varsity spots and worked hard most of the time, but I wasn't fast enough to leave any kind of mark in the VCHS history books. If you enter a search for "mediocre high school athlete" on Google, I wouldn't be surprised if a snippet of my life from 2005 found its way to the top of the results page.

My athleticism hasn't gotten any better over the past several years.

Meanwhile, one of the best female distance runners from my high school days has become one of the best all-around runners in the area.

Christina Addison is at a point now where if we were to take off on a two-mile race, she'd easily beat me by at least two minutes. And that's on a good day for me, and a bad day for her. Addison had a solid career running for Tabor College from 2006 to 2010,

## Heil on life

By Matt Heilman

but she's really kicked it into gear with her marathon training in the last couple years.

Recently, Addison was the women's overall winner in the May 4 Prairie Fire Half Marathon in Wichita, about two weeks after setting a personal record at the Boston Marathon. She completed the historic marathon in about 3 hours and 13 minutes, breaking her 26.2-mile record by about six minutes. She followed with a 13.1-mile time of about 1 hour and 31 minutes at the Prairie Fire Half Marathon. Addison said she was excited for the win, but fell short of her goal to finish the half marathon in 1 hour and 25 minutes.

It's been a good spring for Addison who said she hopes to shave

about three minutes off her 26.2-mile time to qualify for the New York City Marathon in 2016. Addison said she plans to run her next full marathon in January at Disney World, competing with Eve Vincent, her training partner and her mother. At 47, Vincent has also performed admirably in long distance races in the Wichita area and beyond.

Addison received the recognition with the prize money, the plaque and a photo in the May 5 Wichita Eagle, but she was just one of several with local connections who deserve a pat on the back for battling the heat to complete the Prairie Fire Half Marathon.

Somewhere in the pack about 45 minutes behind Addison, VCHS football coach Caleb Smith persevered to complete his first distance race longer than a 5K. Smith entered the race with his sisters, Courtney Goble of Garden City and Caitlin Hamilton of Dodge City.

"I sorta trained for this race, but not really," Smith said. "I don't think my sisters thought I was serious until I had them officially sign me up."

The Hornet coach saved his fastest mile for last and accomplished his goal of finishing the race in under two-and-one-half hours without walking. In a text message exchange, I gave Smith props for completing his goals and finishing the race strong. He indicated the race was a good lesson in humility.

"All I had left wasn't much," he said. "Anytime a 70-year-old man speed walking is beating you the first six miles, you know to stay humble."

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# Q&A with Bel Aire's new chief of police

*Bel Aire's new police chief, Darrell Atteberry started his leadership role in the city in late May. The 28-year Bel Aire resident and retired Wichita police captain said there were a number of factors that made him decide to pursue his community's police chief position. As part of his introduction to residents in Bel Aire, Atteberry took part in a short Q&A for The Breeze.*

**Q: We know you're a Bel Aire resident and climbed the ladder almost as far as you could over a long career with the Wichita Police Department. But what specifically drew you to the police chief position in the community?**

A: A combination of things: My wife and I have lived in Bel Aire since 1986 and we enjoy the feel of the community. We've raised our family here. Many years ago I was asked to assist with the creation of a comprehensive plan for the city of Bel Aire. That experience was positive and gave me a desire to be more involved. About 13 years ago I was asked to consider a position on the planning commission, which I accepted. It has been rewarding. My work life over the past three decades has been one of increasing



Matt Heilman

**Bel Aire Police Chief Darrell Atteberry brings more than 30 years experience to his new role in the city. Atteberry has lived in Bel Aire since 1986.**

responsibility. I was drawn to apply for the (Bel Aire Police Chief) position because it fit with my personal goals and I felt I would be a good fit for the police department and the community.

**Q: Do you have any spe-**

**cific goals in mind for the department?**

A: I have spoken with City Manager (Ty) Lasher regarding short-term goals and long-term goals. While we have had discussions, it is appropriate that he and I continue to discuss strategies

before commenting.

**Q: Is this your final career stop?**

A: I've barely started in this position. It would be wrong of me to speak to this question. Ask me in 10 years.

## Chief

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served as a patrol officer, a crime lab investigator, a patrol and community-policing sergeant, as a larceny section lieutenant and on traffic enforcement and patrol training. Most recently, he served as a patrol commander. He previously served as the Record Bureau Commander, the

May 1 news release said.

Lasher said Atteberry had gone nearly as far as he could go up the professional ladder with the Wichita Police Department. As a captain, the next step up would have been Deputy Chief, which is one step below Chief of Police.

Atteberry retired from the Wichita Police Department, shifting his focus to serve his community. Bel Aire's new chief holds two college

degrees from Wichita State University.

Atteberry earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics from Wichita State in 1995. He completed his Master's Degree in Public Administration from WSU in 2000.

Currently in Bel Aire, the budget allows for 11 full-time police positions including the chief. Lasher said the department has been operating with eight employ-

ees. A couple new officers started with the city this year and one or two more may be brought on in the coming months, Lasher said. He said Griggs is also stepping down from the department in June or July, leaving Atteberry in command of "a relatively young police force."

"A lot of what he's going to be doing is training new officers," Lasher said.

In the May 1 news release from the city, Atteberry indi-

cated he's looking forward to the challenge.

"I am honored to serve the residents of Bel Aire as chief of police," Atteberry said. "I believe in the importance of working with the community to ensure the safety of our community, and I look forward to leading the Bel Aire Police Department."

Atteberry has lived in Bel Aire since 1986 with his wife, Joni. The couple has five children.

## Park

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When the funding for the project was obtained in November, Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher estimated the project at \$1.3 million to \$1.5 million. The bid the council approved from Muselman & Hall was the low bid among three options by about \$300,000.

"This is the exciting part that we have been looking forward to for a longtime," Austin said of the rail siding

construction.

- Also on May 20, the council:
  - Heard from Austin who presented council member Peggy O'Donnell with a plaque in recognition of her year-long service as council president and introduced Darrell Atteberry as the city's new police chief.
  - Approved an appropriations ordinance of \$512,784.66.
  - Approved reappointing Gordon Jones to the Planning Commission.
  - Approved the revised City of Bel Aire Utility Policy.
  - Approved electing Betty Martine as the second City of Bel Aire alternate to the Chisholm Creek Utility Authority board.
  - Approved a public hearing for 7 p.m. June 3 concerning improvements in the Rock Spring addition.
  - Reminded residents that City-

wide garage sales are scheduled for June 12-14 with the citywide community cleanup day set for June 28.

• Heard from Lasher that the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization will hold an open house from 6 to 8:30 p.m. May 27 in the community room at Bel Aire City Hall concerning the organization's Move 2040 Plan.

Lasher also discussed the city's recent recognition as a Playful City, USA for 2014. Bel Aire is one of five cities in the state to receive the recognition, from KABOOM! National Campaign for Play, a non-profit organization pushing for communities to encourage children to play outdoors and exercise. Bel Aire previously received the recognition in 2012.

All five council members were present with Austin at the May 20 meeting.

## Verde

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Grillot said a soft opening for The Concierge Surgical Recovery Center in Phase I of Tierra Verde is planned for Aug. 1 with an official grand opening planned for Sept. 1.

The recovery center will include 12 suites upstairs with a conference area and kitchen, which can be used for cooking lessons and a 9,000 square-foot wellness clinic downstairs where the facility's director will see

patients.

In working with Watson for the past few years, Grillot said she became friends with the doctor who she said, "was one of those gems" who genuinely cared for his patients and was available to make house calls if needed.

"He was a rare find," she said.

She indicated Watson would want the project that has now been more than seven years in the making to keep forging ahead.

"We've come too far to turn back now," Grillot said.



# City of Bel Aire

## Bel Aire Recreation

### HELP WANTED

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

### RECREATIONAL SUMMER BALL LEAGUES (boys ages 5-11 & girls ages 5-12)

Teams will play up to two games per week on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday evening, or Saturdays. Games begin June 2nd but limited openings remain. Leagues include T-Ball, Machine Pitch and Youth Pitch Baseball & Softball.

### HERSHEY'S TRACK & FIELD DAY

Bel Aire Recreation has partnered with Andover Parks & Recreation to bring you the Hershey's Track & Field day on Saturday, June 7 @ 10:30 am. This FREE program is open to boys and girls ages 9-14 year and will be held at the Andover District Stadium. The registration deadline is June 3. Please call for more information.

### FISHING CLINIC

Bel Aire Recreation has partnered with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks to bring you a free fishing clinic on Friday, June 20th from 10:00 - 11:30am. Parental/guardian assistance is required in this interactive clinic. Space is limited, therefore pre-registration is required.

### 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 6-12) July 14-17; 9am-12pm  
Speed & Agility Camp (ages 6 & up) July 14-17; 1pm-2pm

### 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 on Monday & Friday from 5:00-6:00 pm or Tuesday & Thursday from 7:00-8:00 pm. These are great classes for beginners to black belts.

### YOGA

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

### FITNESS CENTER (ages 16 & up)

The Fitness Center consists of elliptical cross trainers, treadmills, recumbent bike, multi-station weight machine, and free-weights. There is no charge for pass holders, or it is available with the purchase of a daily pass.

## 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 be long or attend to 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 St. N., 744-2700

### 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** – Mondays, 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

**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**

# The community rating system

The Community Rating System (CRS) is a voluntary program for National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Participating communities. The goals of the CRS include reducing flood damages to insurable property, strengthening and supporting the insurance aspects of the NFIP, and encouraging a comprehensive approach to floodplain management.

premium discounts for communities that go beyond the minimum floodplain management requirements by developing extra measures to provide protection from flooding. Bel Aire has attained a 10% discount with the efforts of staff and management starting after the new NFIP Flood Insurance Manual has been published and made available on the FEMA website May 1, 2014.

percentage of homes in letter A zones, or those required by law to purchase flood insurance, all property owners can purchase flood insurance based on the new Biggert-Waters act of 2012 that went into effect October, 2013. Flooding can happen everywhere. Check out www.FEMA.gov for more information.  
Contact Keith Price  
bldginsp@belaireks.gov with any questions you may have.

### Central Park Swimming Pool

7350 E. Central Park Ave. 744-7331  
Pool opens May 26th weather permitting  
Fee Information

### POOL HOURS

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

### WEEKENDS

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

### POOL HOURS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

### POOL RENTALS

Have your next party at the pool!  
Rental packages are available after normal business hours.

Rentals are subject to availability.  
Up to 25 patrons—\$40/hour  
Over 25\* patrons—\$60/hour  
\* Limit of 50 patrons

### GROUP SWIMMING LESSONS

Members - \$35/session

### Non-Members - \$44/session

### MORNING SESSIONS M-TH

Session Dates: 6/16-6/26, 7/7-7/17 & 7/21-7/31

Times: 11:00 - 11:45 am & 12:00 - 12:45 pm

### EVENING SESSIONS M-TH

Session Dates: 6/16-6/26, 7/7-7/17 & 7/21-7/31

Times: 7:00 - 7:45 pm

### PRIVATE SWIMMING LESSONS

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

Summer Passes	
Individual (ages 12 & older)	\$100 /year
Family: 2 adults and dependent children residing in the home	\$150 /year
Daily Fees	
Under age 12 (must be accompanied by an adult)	\$2 per day
Over age 12	\$3 per day

### City of Bel Aire Consumer Confidence Report – 2014 Covering Calendar Year – 2013

This brochure is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided last year. Included are the details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. It is important that customers be aware of the efforts that are made continually to improve their water systems. To learn more about your drinking water, please attend any of the regularly scheduled meetings which are held.

Our water system is required to test a minimum of 8 samples per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public.

For more information please contact, Ty Lasher at 316-744-2451.

Our drinking water is supplied from another water system through a Consecutive Connection (C) Your water comes from a Ground Water Well(S).

Buyer Name	Seller Name
City of Bel Aire	Chisholm Creek Utility Authority
City of Bel Aire	City of Wichita

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as those with cancer, undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) included rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in sources water before we treat it include: **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, livestock operations and wildlife. **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming. **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as storm water runoff, agriculture, and residential uses. **Radionuclides**, which can be naturally occurring or the result of mining activity. **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulation which limits the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. We test our water according to EPA's regulations. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.



### Testing Results for: City of Bel Aire

Microbiological	Result	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
COLIFORM (TCR)	In the month of December, 1 sample(s) returned as positive	MCL: Systems that Collect Less Than 40 Samples per Month - No more than 1 positive	0	Naturally present in the environment

Disinfection Byproducts	Monitoring Period	Your Highest RAA	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
TOTAL TRICHALOMETHANES (TTHMs)	2013	4	16 - 17	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Lead and Copper	Monitoring Period	99th Percentile	Range (low/high)	Unit	AL	Site Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER FREE	2011-2013	0.11	0.0015 - 0.26	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing
LEAD	2011-2013	2.2	1.4 - 7.1	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Your water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/leadwater/>

During the 2013 calendar year, we had no violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

Some of our drinking water is supplied from another water system. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants, which were detected during the 2013 calendar year from the water systems that we purchase drinking water from.

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Water System	Your Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
ARSENIC	5/21/2013	City of Wichita	1.6	1.6	ppb	10	0	Erosion of natural deposits
BARILUM	5/21/2013	City of Wichita	0.042	0.042	ppm	2	2	Discharge from metal refineries
CHROMIUM	5/4/2012	Chisholm Creek Utility Authority	3.3	3.3	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills
FLUORIDE	5/21/2013	City of Wichita	0.32	0.32	ppm	4	4	Natural deposits. Water additive which promotes strong teeth.
NITRATE	8/6/2013	City of Wichita	1.3	0.63 - 1.3	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use
SELENIUM	5/21/2013	City of Wichita	3.5	3.5	ppb	50	50	Erosion of natural deposits

Secondary Contaminants	Collection Date	Water System	Your Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	SMCL
ALKALINITY, TOTAL	1/4/2013	City of Wichita	185	72.8 - 185	MGL	300
BROMATE	11/7/2012	City of Wichita	7.5	5.8 - 7.5	ppb	10
CALCIUM	5/21/2013	City of Wichita	22	22	MGL	200
CHLORIDE	5/21/2013	City of Wichita	130	130	MGL	250
CONDUCTIVITY @ 25 C UMHOSCM	5/21/2013	City of Wichita	780	780	UMHOSCM	1500
CORROSIVITY	4/8/2009	Chisholm Creek Utility Authority	0.25	0.25	LANG	0
HARDNESS, TOTAL (AS CaCO3)	5/21/2013	City of Wichita	120	120	MGL	400
MAGNESIUM	5/21/2013	City of Wichita	15	15	MGL	150
NICKEL	5/4/2012	Chisholm Creek Utility Authority	0.0023	0.0023	MGL	0.1
PH	5/21/2013	City of Wichita	8	8	PH	8.5
PHOSPHORUS, TOTAL	5/21/2013	City of Wichita	0.049	0.049	MGL	5
POTASSIUM	5/21/2013	City of Wichita	4.3	4.3	MGL	100
SILICA	5/21/2013	City of Wichita	10	10	MGL	50
SODIUM	5/21/2013	City of Wichita	100	100	MGL	100
SULFATE	5/21/2013	City of Wichita	84	84	MGL	250
TDS	5/21/2013	City of Wichita	420	420	MGL	500
ZINC	5/21/2013	City of Wichita	0.01	0.01	MGL	5

During the 2013 calendar year, the water systems that we purchase water from had no violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

Additional Required Health Effects Language:

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other potentially harmful bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.

Please Note: Because of sampling schedules, results may be older than 1 year.

The City of Bel Aire has just been informed we are the proud recipient of the **2014 PLAYFUL CITY USA DESIGNATION ONCE AGAIN!** Bel Aire was one of 6 communities selected for this designation in Kansas!

### 3 WAYS TO RECEIVE YOUR BEL AIRE BEACON NEWSLETTER

If you would like to receive future editions of our community newsletter, 1) please sign up on our website, [www.belaireks.gov](http://www.belaireks.gov) and simply enter your email address on the "Join our e-mail List" 2) Pick up a copy at city Hall, the Bel Aire Rec Center, or Senior Center 3) e-mail Rick at [rrkoske@belaireks.gov](mailto:rrkoske@belaireks.gov).

## 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

## Adopt-a-Park

The City of Bel Aire has implemented an Adopt-a-Park Program and is encouraging interested residents or groups to contact our Parks Director Dave Leiker, [parks@belaire.kscoxmail.com](mailto:parks@belaire.kscoxmail.com) or (316) 744-8609. You can adopt one of our 6 beautiful parks in Bel Aire. See our website on the home page for more information, [www.belaireks.gov](http://www.belaireks.gov).

**Governor Sam Brownback was in Bel Aire on May 6th to sign Bill 256. This Bill helps protect senior citizens from fraud and at the same time promotes responsible senior care. We want to thank our City Leaders, State Legislators and Governor for this important piece of legislation and coming to Bel Aire to sign the legislation.**

## Upcoming events

- May 27** — WAMPO MOVE 2040 (6:00-8:30 PM)
- June 12 - 14** — City Wide Garage Sale
- June 14** — Brush Site Open
- June 14** — Parkinon's Run
- June 28** — Community Cleanup Day
- July 4** — Independence Day
- July 12** — Brush Site Open
- Aug. 5** — National Night Out
- Aug. 9** — Brush Site Open
- Aug. 11** — Hot Dawg's Pool Party
- Sept. 13** — Brush Site Open

## POLICE REPORTS

**May 15** — Officer Thompson responded to a possible trash dump in the 9100 block of East 53rd North. The suspect vehicle had left before officer arrived. A small pile of tree trimmings was left behind.

**May 15** — Officer Thompson responded to a report of larceny of a John Deere riding mower in the 7000 block of North Harding. The mower had been parked in an open shed at the residence.

**May 13** — Officer Thompson responded to a vehicle wreck in the 6100 block of North Rock Road. No injuries were reported.

**May 13** — Officer Roney transported Justin A. Vanley from the McPherson County jail to the Sedgwick County jail on a Bel Aire warrant.

**May 13** — Officer Roney transported Candido L. Estrada from the Butler County line to the Sedgwick County jail on a warrant.

**May 12** — Chief Griggs responded to an alarm on a residence in the 5600 block of East 49th North. The alarm was false.

**May 12** — Chief Griggs responded to an alarm at Great Wall in the 6200 block of East 37th North. The alarm was false.

**May 12** — Chief Griggs responded to an alarm on a residence in the 4400 block of North Westlake Court. The alarm was false.

**May 12** — Officer Foxx responded to a report of several people riding four-wheelers on 45th North near Webb. Two people were issued citations for unlawful operation of all-terrain vehicles.

**May 11** — Officer Foxx responded to a missing person report in the 6700 block of Summerside Place. A man had been missing since May 10.

**May 11** — Officer Foxx responded to an alarm on a residence in the 6600 block of Summerside Place. The alarm was false.

**May 11** — Officer Foxx received a set of keys at the station that were found at Prestwick and Summerside Place.

**May 11** — Officer Foxx took a report of a vehicle wreck in the 6000 block of East 45th North. A parked vehicle was struck by an unidentified vehicle.

**May 11** — Officer Steele responded to an aggravated assault in the 3900 block of North Oliver. Jasmine R. Parks was arrested on charges of aggravated assault and criminal threats.

**May 11** — Officer Steele responded to a burglary in the 4000 block of North Woodlawn. A door was damaged. A subject apparently tried to pry open the door.

**May 10** — Officer Thompson responded to an alarm on a residence in the 4400 block of North

Edgemoor. The alarm was false.

**May 10** — Officer Steele stopped a vehicle in the 5000 block of North Woodlawn. The driver, Michael W. Thompson, was arrested on a charge of DUI.

**May 9** — Officer Foxx responded to a vehicle alarm in the 5100 block of Willow Point. The owner was able to deactivate the alarm.

**May 9** — Officer Foxx responded to dogs running at-large in the 5800 block of Prestwick. One dog was apprehended.

**May 9** — Officer Foxx responded to a suspicious character report in the 4100 block of North Edgemoor. A person was sitting in a dark green four-door car. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle or subject.

**May 9** — Officer Roney responded to a suspicious character in the 4000 block of North Edgemoor. A person was in the area trying to sell security systems.

**May 9** — Officer Roney responded to an alarm at Enterprise Rent-A-Car in the 6300 block of East 37th North. The alarm was false.

**May 9** — Officer Roney assisted the sheriff's office with a rolling disturbance at 45th North and Hillside. Two men said they just helped a woman who jumped from a vehicle. A man was arrested in Harvey County.

**May 8** — Officer Foxx responded to dogs running at-large in the 5800 block of East Perryton. The dogs were taken to the Wichita Animal Shelter.

**May 8** — Officer Thompson responded to a simple assault at Skywalkers in the 3900 block of North Woodlawn Court. Two sets of parents reported that the instructor used chalk to write letters and demeaning words on the chests of three juvenile boys, leaving red marks and causing pain.

**May 8** — Officer Roney responded to a report of an individual refusing to leave a residence in the 5500 block of East 37th North. The person left.

**May 7** — Officers responded to an alarm on a residence in the 4300 block of North Janesville. The alarm was false.

**May 7** — Chief Griggs heard an electric transformer blow up in the 6000 block of East Clarendon. The electric company was advised.

**May 7** — Officer Thompson responded to a residence in the 4800 block of East 40th North where a father reported his son was knocking on the door of the residence and the father wanted the son to leave. The son was asked to leave. The father was uncooperative and accusatory, officer said.

**May 6** — Officer Roney responded to a suspicious character report in the 4300 block of North

Westlake. A woman was going door to door with a dog asking if it belonged to anyone. No suspicious activity was found.

**May 5** — Officer Foxx responded to check the welfare of a residence in the 5100 block of North Remington. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

**May 5** — Officer Foxx responded to a possible wreck in the 4100 block of East 37th North. A vehicle was parked on the road. The driver was found lying in a tree row nearby. The driver was arrested by a sheriff's deputy.

**May 4** — Officer Foxx assisted Kechi police on a larceny report at Kechi Convenience Store in the 4400 block of North Oliver. Officer located the subject in a wooded area. The juvenile was taken into custody.

**May 4** — Officer Foxx responded to a domestic disturbance call in the 4400 block of North Westlake Court. A landlord and a renter were in a verbal argument over failure to pay rent. The women agreed to allow the renter until May 16 to find a new place to live or start an eviction process.

**May 4** — Officer Foxx assisted Park City police with a fire in the 5700 block of North Broadway.

**May 3** — Officer Foxx took a report that a German Shepherd had been roaming the neighborhood in the 3800 block of North Cozy Drive for almost a year. The dog reportedly killed a cat. Animal control set a trap for the dog, which was eventually captured and removed.

**May 2** — Officer Foxx responded to a suspicious character report in the 4300 block of North Rushwood Court. A person was ringing the doorbell of the home. The person was an attorney attempting to serve a federal subpoena to the homeowner. The subpoena was served and no further action was taken.

**May 2** — Officer Foxx responded to an alarm on a residence in the 4800 block of North Homestead. The alarm was false.

**May 2** — Officer Steele responded to a suspicious character report in the 3800 block of North Cozy Drive. Motion lighting was activated. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

**May 1** — Officer Steele took a report at the station from a woman who was missing a money order, which she reported depositing in a water drop box in late March. The water department never received the money order.

**May 1** — Officer Thompson responded to an alarm at Advanced Catastrophe Technologies in the 3800 block of North Hillcrest. The building was secure.

**April 30** — Officer Thompson

took a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 4800 block of North Glendale. The vehicle was occupied by a young woman and man who were visiting.

**April 29** — Chief Griggs responded to an alarm on a business in the 4000 block of North Woodlawn Court. The alarm was false.

**April 29** — Chief Griggs responded to a suspicious character report in the 5900 block of East Clarendon. A vehicle was parked in front of a residence. The driver said he worked for a bank that owns the residence, which is in foreclosure. The man said he was cleaning the residence. The man's story could not be confirmed.

**April 29** — Officer Thompson found two backpacks, one that had Stucky Middle School papers inside. The property was collected for safekeeping.

**April 28** — Officer Foxx took a report of a lost or stolen tag in the 4500 block of Westlake Court.

**April 28** — Officer Toomey responded to a report of trespassing in the 4900 block of North Webb. A man was taking dirt from a work site. He was allowed to have the dirt but was issued a verbal trespass order, forbidding him from taking anymore in the future.

**April 27** — Officer Foxx responded to an alarm on a residence in the 5700 block of East 45th North. The alarm was false.

**April 27** — Officer Steele responded to a suspicious character report in the 6000 block of East Perryton. A person was seen walking on the roof of the residence. They were from a roofing company.

**April 27** — Officer Steele responded to a larceny report that occurred in the 5700 block of East Memphis. A woman reported that her son pawned her jewelry, worth a total of \$7,500. The son, John C. Francisco, was arrested on a charge of theft.

**April 27** — Officer Steele responded to a suspicious character report in the 4800 block of East Ashton. A parked vehicle had an open door. Officer discovered the door was left open on accident.

**April 26** — Officer Foxx responded to a suspicious character report in the 6400 block of East Rodeo. A resident said a man was at the residence saying he was from Protection One. The resident shut the door on the man and called 911.

**April 26** — Officer Thompson responded to a residence in the 4900 block of North Highland Court after receiving a call that the resident was not answering his door. The resident was later found in the house unresponsive. He was transported to the hospital.

**April 25** — Chief Griggs responded to an alarm on a residence in the 4100 block of North Edinburg Circle. The alarm was false.

**April 25** — Officer Roney assisted Park City police with a standoff in the 6300 block of North Ulysses in Park City.

**April 24** — Officer Foxx responded to a two-vehicle wreck in the 8000 block of East 53rd North. A driver was cited for inattentive driving.

**April 24** — Chief Griggs assisted the fire department on an alarm in the 4900 block of East Willow Point Court. The alarm was set off by a humidifier.

**April 24** — Chief Griggs responded to an alarm on a residence in the 6800 block of East Rodeo. It was a false alarm.

**April 24** — Officer Thompson took a report of dogs off their leash in the 4900 block of North Highland. The poodles were on private property.

**April 24** — Officer Steele responded to an alarm in the 4000 block of North Woodlawn Court. The business owner responded. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

**April 24** — Officer Steele responded to a residence at the request of Wichita police in an attempt to contact a woman in the 4200 block of North St. James Place. The woman was told she needed to provide transportation for her spouse in Wichita.

**April 23** — Officer Thompson responded to a report of four men going house to house trying to sell alarm systems in the 4800 block of East 44th Court North. Officer contacted the company and suggested only one person go door to door so people would not be concerned and feel threatened.

**April 23** — Officer Thompson responded to an alarm at 3900 N. Woodlawn Court. A door was found unlocked. The building was checked. Everything was OK.

**April 22** — Chief Griggs took a report of a dog being mauled by another dog in the 4800 block of North Homestead. The case was referred to Sedgwick County Animal Control.

**April 21** — Officer Foxx took a report from a woman who received a call from an alarm company saying it had received an alarm from the residence in the 7400 block of North Hillside. The woman said she did not have property there and does not have an alarm system.

**April 21** — Officer Foxx took a report of larceny in the 5600 block of East Memphis. Taken from an unlocked vehicle were \$50 in cash and an auxiliary cable.

**April 21** — Officer Toomey re-

sponded to a report of a suspicious character in the 6000 block of Flagstaff. It was a security system salesman who didn't have a city permit.

**April 21** — Officer Steele stopped a vehicle for erratic driving in the 3500 block of North Rock Road. The driver was arrested by Wichita police on a charge of DUI.

**April 20** — Officer Steele stopped a vehicle for a defective tag lamp in the 9000 block of East 45th North. The driver, Bryce B. Reed, was arrested on a charge of driving while a habitual violator.

**April 19** — Officer Roney assisted the fire department with a disturbance on a fall victim in the 3800 block of North Cozy Drive. There was no disturbance.

**April 19** — Officer Roney responded to a non-injury accident in the 4800 block of North Greenwood. A deer struck the side of a vehicle.

**April 19** — Officer Thompson responded to a suspicious character in a vehicle in the 4100 block of Danbury. For two nights, a dark gray pickup or midsize car parked in the middle of the street, and the person inside stared at a house.

**April 18** — Officer Thompson responded to a report of a dog fight at Memphis and Auburn.

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

## CLASSIFIEDS

### 5 Garage Sales

**1500 E. Evanston, Park City** Moving Sale Saturday Only — June 7th, 8am - ? Furniture, toys, kitchen items, lots of misc.

**Kechi City-wide Garage Sales**  
Sat. June 14, 2014  
8 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
RAIN OR SHINE

### 15 Furniture

**New queen bed pillowtop mattress set.** Still in plastic. \$200. Call 316-759-9212.

### 17 Homes for Sale

**REAL ESTATE AUCTION**

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316-250-7350  
**Robert Haley - Agent/Auctioneer**  
**Jim Schoen - Broker - 316-200-6970**

**Rudolph and Enid Mattson Estate**

### 20 Help Wanted

**Retail Merchandiser.** AMERICAN GREETINGS is looking for Retail Greeting Card Merchandisers in Valley Center, KS. As a member of our team, you will ensure the greeting card department is merchandised and maintained to provide customers the best selection of cards and product to celebrate life's events. Join the American Greetings family today by applying online at: [WorkatAG.com](http://WorkatAG.com) or call 1.888.323.4192



Cracker Barrel is currently hiring for the following positions:

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### 32 Coming Events

**Kechi Vintage Marketplace.** 1303 E. Kechi Rd. Saturday, June 14th. 8 am-4 pm. Booth space available. 316-518-6925.

## CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

### Christ Lutheran Church

Christ Lutheran is located at 53rd Street North and Hillside, across from Wichita Heights High School. Services are at 8:30 a.m. (Contemporary), 9:45 a.m. (Kid Friendly) and 11:00 a.m. (Traditional). Communion is offered at all services. Adult Sunday School is at 9:45 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 of Christ Lutheran Church.

### Church of the Resurrection

Church of the Resurrection (Roman Catholic) is located at 4910 N. Woodlawn in Bel Aire.

Masses for the Lord's Day are 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday. Weekday Masses are 8 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; also 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). Phone number is 744-2776. Rev. James F. Weldon is the pastor.

### Community Bible Chapel

Community Bible Chapel invites the community to join us for Arrow Island VBS-Choosing God's Way! VBS will take place in the evenings during the week of June 16 - June 20, from 6:15-8:45 p.m. We would love to have kids age 4 through the sixth grade join us for music, games, snacks, crafts, and time exploring God's deep love for us. We are located at the corner of 45th st. N and Arlene. Please contact Amy Smith at 316-323-2819 with any questions. Hope to see you there!

### Fairmount United Church of Christ

The church welcomes a new minister, 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.

For more information, call 682-1597 or visit at [\[mountucc.org\]\(http://mountucc.org\).](http://www.fair-</a></p>
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### 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 7 p.m. Tuesday. Praise and worship is 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. The first Saturday evening of each month are youth activities. Phone number is 744-1502. Rev. Gary D. Green is the pastor.

### Greenwich United Methodist Church

Sunday worship service at 9 a.m. Fellowship and coffee follow the service.

Pastor Jeff Miller can be reached at 744-0203.

Senior Day first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m.

United Methodist Women meet the first Thursday of each month at 1 p.m.

Movie night is the second Saturday of each month at 6:30 p.m. 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 welcome at Kechi United Methodist Church, 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi. The Contemporary Service is at 9:03 a.m.; the Traditional Service is at 11 a.m. on Sundays.

All youth 6th - 12th grade are invited Sundays at 4 p.m. for youth group.

CareGivers Support group meets every first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the basement parlor. Bingo is every first Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. Every third Tuesday a Hot Meal is prepared at KUMC and served to the United Methodist Open Door Ministries Drop-In

Center at 10 a.m. Volunteers welcome!

Find us at [www.KechiUMC.org](http://www.KechiUMC.org). Follow us on Facebook, or Twitter @KechiUMC. Pastor Mitch can be contacted at [Mitch@kechi.umd.org](mailto:Mitch@kechi.umd.org). Phone number is 744-1221.

### Pine Valley Christian Church

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

### Randall Road Baptist Church

Randall Road Baptist is located at 6556 N Randall, Park City.

Sunday School starts at 10 a.m. Worship is at 11 a.m.

Sunday evening activities start at 6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible study begins at 7 p.m.

Contact Pastor Jim McQuery at 201-1696 or e-mail at [jmcquery@cox.net](mailto:jmcquery@cox.net)

### Risen Savior Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

Contemporary Sunday worship services 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 at 10:30. A nursery is provided during Bible class and second service.

There are two weekly sessions of Lifetree Café in Valley Center. The sessions are led by Pastor Terry Wiechman and are held at the Community Building, 316 E. Clay Street, on Thursdays at 1 p.m. and Sundays at 6:00 p.m. 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

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The church is located at 6770 E. 34th North in Wichita. The phone number is 683-5538. [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 Street 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

On Wednesday our service is at 6 p.m. On Saturday Vespers is at 4:30 p.m. and Confession at 5 p.m.

June 4th Topic: "The Holy Spirit in the Life of the Church & the Christian" June 18 Topic: "Orthodox Positions on Social Issues"

Men's Study Group first and third Monday at 7 p.m. We are studying the Gospel of Luke

Women's Study Group second and fourth Friday at 10am In June we begin the study of GOD'S PATH TO SANITY: Lessons from Ancient Holy Counselors on How to have a Sound Mind.

Wednesday Potluck Supper & Program : First and third Wednesdays - Liturgy 6pm, Potluck Supper 6:45 p.m., Program 7:30 p.m. Topic: "The Ascension of Christ and the Dignity of Man."

Holy Days for June: June 8 PENTECOST, June 11 Saint Barnabas, June 14 Saint Basil the Great, June 24 Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, June 29 Saints Peter & Paul

Fasting during June: June 8 -14 Fast-free, Fasting on Fridays, (except June 13) Apostles' Fast June 16 -28 (Fasting and abstinence throughout in preparation for Feast of Saints Peter & Paul.

Call the church for more information 734-6248 or visit our website: [www.stmichaeloc.org](http://www.stmichaeloc.org). Email inquiries: [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.

The church will have a God's Closet free shop day event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 9 at 4558 N. Hydraulic.

For more information find us at [www.godsclinet.com](http://www.godsclinet.com) or on Facebook, email [eric@godsclinet.com](mailto:eric@godsclinet.com), or call 530-1040.

Send your church's upcoming events and service times to [legals@arkvalleynews.com](mailto:legals@arkvalleynews.com)

# Marco's Pizza accompanies Family Video in Bel Aire

By Matt Heilman

A surviving business in a hard-hit industry is looking to expand its service to customers in Bel Aire. The city's Family Video franchise at 45th North and Woodlawn is adding a food option beyond the traditional cinema-related fair of candy and popcorn. The shelves of movies and

video games are neighbored by a Marco's Pizza restaurant, where pizzas are distributed via delivery or carryout.

Family Video Store Manager Matt Steffen said the movie and video game rental chain began hosting Marco's Pizza stores a couple years ago.

He said the newest Marco's Pizza location in

Bel Aire is the 70th in the nation and the second in the Wichita area to be franchised by Family Video. Steffen said there is also a Marco's Pizza located in the Family Video store at Central and Zoo Boulevard in Wichita.

Marco's Pizza district manager Khat Hopkinson said the Marco's Pizza franchise began in 1978 in Toledo,

Ohio. There are about 500 stores nationwide, she said.

Currently, she said there are two to three Marco's Pizza stores opening every week to accompany Family Video stores.

Marco's Pizza's national footprint isn't limited to Family Video locations, but the movie rental empire has become the restaurant's largest franchisee, Hopkinson said.

Hopkinson said new construction has continued for Family Video stores in part because of the company's emphasis on customer service.

The near future goal for Family Video and Marco's Pizza is to allow customers to conduct online orders and

to have their pizza and movie selections delivered to their homes, Hopkinson said.

With Family Video, Steffen said customers will receive a free, five-day movie rental with each order of a large or extra large pizza.

The restaurant will accompany the daily Family Video store hours of 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

# Public forum planned for Catholic Care Center walking path

By The Breeze staff

Bel Aire's Catholic Care Center at 6550 E. 45th North is hosting a 6 p.m. June 19 public forum to seek com-

munity support in its proposal to expand the walking trails on its campus. Catholic Care Center Inc. Director of Marketing Jennifer Sanders said the center's proposal to

the Sunflower Trail Foundation is for a matching grant that would allow the center to connect the walking trail at Shepherd's Crossing to the center's independent living

community, to the walking trail on the other side of campus at the Spiritual Life Center.

"Many Bel Aire citizens enjoy these walking trails

and we would love to be able to further provide the community with a safe, inviting place to walk with their friends and family," said Sanders.

For more information on the proposal or the June 19 meeting, contact Sanders at 771-6593 or by email at jennifer\_sanders@via-christi.org.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Bel Aire named a Playful City

The City of Bel Aire has been honored as a Playful City USA for 2014. The city was honored with the designation for the second time by the KaBOOM! Playful City USA program, sponsored by the Humana Foundation.

A news release on the program said it "honors cities, towns and communities across America that are taking bold steps to ensure that all children, especially the 16 million American kids living in poverty, have easy access to balanced and active play in their communities."

Bel Aire was previously recognized as a Playful City USA in 2010. The city is one of six cities in Kansas to receive the designation in 2014 and 212 nationwide.

"We are thrilled at the opportunity to showcase our playful community, while engaging the youth and supporting such an important initiative," Bel Aire Mayor David Austin said.

— The Breeze staff

### Assault reported at gymnastics

A simple assault case involving children was reported about 5:30 p.m. May 8 at the Skywalkers gymnastics facility in the 3900 block of North Woodlawn Court in Bel Aire. On the call, a Bel Aire officer responded to a dispatch to go to the facility where parents of children involved in gymnastics wanted to report abuse of their children by an instructor. The May 8 Bel Aire police report said the officer contacted two sets of parents and three juvenile boys. The officer received a report that an instructor had taken chalk and marked on the chests of the boys with letters and "demeaning words."

"In doing this marking, the instructor left red marks and caused pain to the boys," the report said.

— The Breeze staff

# Fundraiser and garage sales set for second weekend in June

By The Breeze staff

The City of Bel Aire will be busy June 14 with the last day of the citywide garage sales coinciding with the Party for Parkinson's event at the Catholic Care Center and the monthly opening of the city's brush site just west of Webb Road along 53rd Street.

The citywide garage sales run June 12 through 14 throughout the community. The Party for Parkinson's event begins at 8 a.m. June 14 and includes a 5-kilometer race and a 1-mile walk on a route that takes participants through the Catholic Care Center campus in the 6700 block of East 45th North near 45th and Woodlawn.

The event serves as a fundraiser for the National Parkinson Foundation. The cost to participate in the event is \$25. With the buy-in, participants will receive T-shirts and party packs. The event also features a pancake feed. For more information on The Party for Parkinson's, visit the event's website at <http://partyforparkinsons5k.com/> or call 771-6593.

The brush site, open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month from April to October, allows residents to drop off tree limbs and shrubbery only. For more information on the

site and the June 14 drop off, call City Hall at 744-2451.

The city is also planning a cleanup day for June 28.

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# Bel Aire friends win league title

By The Breeze staff

Bel Aire residents Nathan Thom and Kaleb Ward, Bishop Carroll Catholic High School seniors, captured the Wichita City League title in No. 2 doubles tennis. They won 6-1, 2-6, 6-2 over Kapaun Mt. Carmel's Payton Miller and Bruce Moore at the league tournament on May 3.

Thom and Ward met in first grade, and have remained best friends and classmates ever since.



Courtesy photo

Kaleb Ward and Nathan Thom win first place in City League No. 2 doubles tennis.



Bob and Karen Funcheon pose for a photo with a group of Patriot Guard riders, on hand to honor Alex Funcheon with the Arbor Day planting of a Chinese Pistache tree.

Matt Heilman

## DEATHS

### MARVIN PORTER

Marvin L. Porter, 88, died April 25, 2014.

He was a retired accountant for Vickers Petroleum, community volunteer, and avid gardener.

Funeral services were April 30 at Central Christian Church, Wichita.

He is survived by his children, Marc (Sheryl) Porter of Wichita, Marlo (Julie) Porter of Lenexa, Maralee (late Michael) Travis of Bel Aire, and Marshall (late Emily) Porter of Wichita; and eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ethan and Eva Porter; wife Mary (Glaser); and brothers Charles and Gordon Porter.

In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established with Kechi United Methodist Church, 4533 E. 61st St. N., Kechi, KS 67067 and Harry Hynes Hospice, Broadway Mortuary had charge.

### MORRIS ERKOLEIN

Morris D. Erkolein, 83, retired VA Medical Center pharmacy technician, died April 26, 2014.

Morris was an HO train enthusiast for over 60 years, who loved his wife and adored his cats.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce; stepchildren Darold (Sheri) Bates of Samora, N.C., Fred Bates of Duncan, Okla., Dana (David) Williams of Bel Aire, Kan.; 10 step-grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Gordon Jerome

Erkolein.

Memorial services were May 2 at Watson Reflection Pointe Memorial to Kansas Humane Society, 3313 N. Hillside, Wichita, KS 67219. Watson Funeral had charge.

### ANGELA TRAYLOR

Angela Traylor, 45, loving wife, mother and teacher, died April 28 at home with her family.

She was born on March 14, 1969, in Wichita to Donald Courtney and Cheryl Anne "Brock" Edmonds. She was a graduate of Southeast High School in Cherokee. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Southwestern College and went to Pittsburg State University to complete her Master's. She married Randy Traylor on Sept. 2, 1989, in Manhattan, Kan. She was a teacher at Meadowlark Elementary in Andover, Winfield Middle School and Maize Middle School.

Angela is survived by her husband, Randy; mother Cheryl; sons Tyler and Caleb; siblings Allen Edmonds of Raymore, Mo., and Melissa Upchurch of Fishers, Ind.; and her in-laws Bill and Mary Jean Traylor of Bel Aire.

She was preceded in death by her father and grandparents.

Memorial services were May 1 at Hope Community Church, Andover. Memorial donations may be made to The Meadowlark Elementary School Library Fund or Parents Fund. Heritage of Andover had charge.

### ROBERT CHRISLIP

Robert Edward Chrislip, 84, retired carpet installer, died May 3, 2014.

He was born in Manning to Hartsil John Chrislip and Charlotte Jane (France) Chrislip.

He is survived by his wife Janis, Chrislip; children Richard (Joyce) Chrislip of

Wichita, Michael Chrislip of McPherson, Marsha (Wade) Adams of Bel Aire and Krista (Richard) George of Galva; 11 grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; brother Roger (Patty) Chrislip of Augusta and sister Joyce (Delbert) Thiessen of Hutchinson; and many other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Clayton Chrislip; and great grandson Finley Chrislip.

Celebration of Life Service will be held at 3 p.m., Sunday, May 18 at the First Christian Church, 101 S. Walnut, McPherson, KS. Memorials may be designated to the First Christian Church, 101 S. Walnut, McPherson, KS 67460 and MCDS of McPherson, 2107 Industrial Dr., McPherson, KS 67460. Baker Funeral, 100 S. Cedar, Valley Center had charge.

### SHELBY SPHAR

Shelby Gene Sphar, 67, retired from Texaco Oil Refinery, died May 14, 2014.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Sphar; son Brett (Shawna) Sphar of Wichita; daughter Lanie (Ron) Hladik of Mulvane; step-children Vickie Anderson of Bel Aire and Jennifer Collins of Gypsum, Colo.; sister Jacque (Tom) Ragsdale of Wichita; brother Gary (Patsy) Sphar of Leon; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Rosary and graveside services were May 19 at Ascension Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in honor of Kyndal Sphar with Heartspring, Outpatient Services, 8700 E. 29th St. N., Wichita, KS 67226.

## Soldier

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who was the city's mayor at the time, said he enjoyed getting to know Bob and Karen and their two children. About seven years later, he said he was happy for Alex when the teen decided to join the military.

"It was great to hear that Alex was in the military," O'Neal said. "I'm a former military man myself. And in serving your country and in serving your community, it just shows what a good job, in my opinion, that Bob and Karen did in raising Alex."

Bob Funcheon discussed the mixed emotions he, Karen and their daughter Gloria have experienced over the past seven years with dedications and tributes to Alex.

"Today is a very bittersweet day," he said.

He explained that the "bitter" part of the April 26 dedication was that it serves as a reminder that his son is dead and that April 29 marked seven years since Alex was killed.

"It was on that day when two Army men walked up to our door in their Class A uniforms to speak to Karen about Alex's death in Baghdad due to a Humvee explosion," Bob said.

He said the "sweet" part of the tree dedication was the establishment of another memorial for Alex in his hometown. A second memorial dedicated to Alex is in Bel Aire Park near 45th North and

Woodlawn. In Bel Aire Park, the memorial is in the form of a plaque affixed to a stone. A plaque was also placed in front of the tree recently planted in Alex's honor in Central Park.

"This is also a very sweet day because you guys are here remembering him," Bob Funcheon said on April 26. "This tree will be here as a memorial to him. Now, the people who come by and read the plaque, they many not know the name. They probably won't know him as a person, but at least they'll see the name and that'll keep his memory alive."

Bob shared memories of his son growing up in Bel Aire. He remembered a kid who liked to be the life of the party and liked to ride his bike to Eagle Lake and other places in the community with his friends.

Bob held a T-shirt Alex wore when he played on a recreation league basketball team organized by the Bel Aire Police Department.

"A few years later, he got to know the police department on a professional level that, how should I say, his mother and I wish he wouldn't have gotten to know them as," Bob said with a grin.

Alex had dropped out of high school before he enlisted in the U.S. Army. When he enlisted in 2004, he was as-

signed to the 3rd Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division based in Fort Carson, Colo.

Bob said his son gained a sense of direction with his military service and he was considering his future after his deployment was to have ended in the fall of 2007. He thanked the Patriot Guard for their support following that April day when Alex's future was denied. About 20 riders were on hand for the April 26 Arbor Day dedication for Alex.

Funcheon said the Patriot Guard first showed its support with riders visiting his Bel Aire home about three days after Alex's death. Through the past several years, the guard has shown its support at other events concerning Alex, Funcheon said.

"He's your brother in arms, even though you've never met him," he said. "And it means a lot to me that seven years later, you're still here."

The Patriot Guard also visited the Bel Aire home of Lorna Geist in early June 2011. On May 26 of that year, Geist's 25-year-old son, Thomas Bohall, was killed by an improvised explosive device during his service in the Kandahar Province of Afghanistan.

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