

# The Bel Aire Breeze

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## Council approves tax hike

Increase will help cover payments on city's land debt

By Matt Heilman

There wasn't much left to say. The Bel Aire City Council knew all along that the final budget for 2012 was going to sting. They heard input from

more than 200 residents in a couple of town hall meetings and discussed the budget at a few workshops spread over the last couple of months.

With residents given the opportunity to weigh in and a lot of calculating and discussions, the council approved what was proposed in the budget's final draft that was published in The Ark Valley News.

On Aug. 16, the council put its signature on a 2012 budget

that calls for a property tax increase of 6.839 mills as the city continues to fight an uphill battle against a heavy debt load.

The tax increase is accompanied by about \$745,000 in cuts, including more than \$300,000 to the police department, where three full-time officers, two part-timers and a full-time administrative assistant will lose their jobs.

Other personnel cuts in-

clude a full-time position in the parks department and a part-time position in administration. The budget also calls for a vacant position with the rec center to remain unfilled as part of a \$21,000 cut.

While the police department faces the biggest cut as the city's biggest department, Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher said each department will have

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## Copper thieves hit school

By Matt Heilman

At least \$100,000 worth of copper was stolen from a trailer at the site of the new K-8 school in Bel Aire in early August. Almost three weeks later, three adult suspects were charged in the theft, but only about \$4,000 worth of copper had been recovered, Bel Aire Police Chief John Daily said.

On Aug. 1, Daily said at least one suspect got into the trailer at the site near 53rd North and Woodlawn by cutting a hole in the side of the trailer and unloading the copper. He said the evidence indicates a flatbed trailer, which was also stolen, was used to load the stolen copper.

After receiving the report of the theft, Daily said an investigator with the Bel Aire Police Department, along with assistance from detectives from the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office, received information that led them to possible suspects in the case.

Although three suspects have been charged, the case is still pending with "a lot more copper to find" and the possibility of more suspects, Daily said.

He advised anyone with information on the case to contact the Bel Aire Police Department at 744-6000 or Crime Stoppers at 267-2111.

With Crime Stoppers, an informant can leave an anonymous tip and be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000 if the tip leads to an arrest, Daily said.

## City's budget cuts affect all departments



Matt Heilman

The Bel Aire Police Department is expecting the largest personnel hit as a result of \$745,000 in cuts to the city budget. The \$308,000 in proposed cuts to the police force calls for the elimination of three full-time officers, two part-timers and a full-time administrative assistant.

## Police department braces for reduction in personnel

By Matt Heilman

The Bel Aire City Council wasn't happy to do it, but considered it fair. The city's police department is taking a deep cut for 2012 and jobs are on the chopping block.

The police force is the biggest department in the city, and consequently, is taking the biggest hit in Bel Aire's efforts to cut \$745,000 from the budget for 2012 and lighten the blow of a tax hike.

The pain is distributed among every department, and the police aren't the only ones facing losses in personnel. The parks department is targeted to lose one full-time position, administration is likely to lose a part-time position and a vacant full-time spot with the rec center will remain unfilled.

But the most significant impact is on law enforcement, where there is a call to cut the police budget by \$308,000. This includes eliminating the jobs of three full-time officers, two part-timers and a full-time administrative assistant.

Council members have repeatedly commended the work of the police department and a few citizens spoke in support of the department during a couple of town hall meetings, saying they didn't want to see any cuts to the police force. Noting that Sedgwick County sheriff's deputies are available to assist Bel Aire in case of emergency and wanting Bel Aire to avoid a reputation as a "speed trap," other residents supported cuts to the city's biggest department. City Manager Ty Lasher said the cuts amount to scaling back the city's 24-hour police service from three on-duty officers per shift to two.

Lasher said one noticeable impact of the reduction would be the department's

limitations on being able to assist with calls in neighboring cities. However, he said he didn't anticipate much of a drop in service for residents.

"Everything we've done we've tried to make it so that citizens won't see much of a change," Lasher said.

While the council's decision to cut into the police force won't likely sit well with some residents, Bel Aire Police Chief John Daily said he understood the council's reasoning for approving the lowered police budget. That Bel Aire is facing financial struggles isn't unique. However, the amount of debt the city faces exceeds what most municipalities have to combat.

"Our council, they really have a tremendous job," Daily said. "They get paid almost nothing for it. They're citizens just like everybody else that have decided for one reason or another that they want to be in the governmental arm of the community. As a result of that, they have to make some tough decisions."

Daily credited the council for keeping most services intact as best it could under the circumstances of Bel Aire's debt, management of which also includes a tax increase next year that amounts to the owner of a \$100,000 house in Bel Aire forking over \$79 more to the city in 2012 than in 2011.

"Now, do I like losing three full-time, two part-time and my administrative assistant? No. Nobody would like that," Daily said. "Do I like the idea of having to be the bearer of bad news and tell folks that they're going to lose their job? No. But, as a department head, the council has bestowed the responsibility on me to do just that. As a result, we're going to take what we have to work with and do absolutely the best job that we can."

Daily said he'll have to do "the best he can" with eight full-time officers, plus him-

self. He said he'll have to "see if the figures match" for the 24-hour service to continue like Lasher and the council said it should.

With or without the cuts, Daily said there are increased challenges on the horizon for Bel Aire police. Although the exact impact isn't known yet, there will be increased traffic in the city next year when the new USD 259 high school and the K-8 school open.

The K-8 school is located near 53rd North and Woodlawn with the high school about one mile east near 53rd and Rock Road.

"The traffic is the obvious," Daily said. Daily said there could also be challenges with more domestic violence cases if the economy continues to struggle.

"(People) are going to be more edgy, for a lack of a better term," he said. "And as a result of that, it has a tendency to wear on your last little nerve and the easiest person to take it out on is the one you live with."

Daily said he's already seen an increase in domestic violence cases during the last few months. He also voiced concern with the possibility of officers having to serve patrols alone at times when other officers scheduled for the patrol aren't able to make it to work.

Reporting will also be an issue with the loss of his administrative assistant, but he said it's an issue that could be handled with help from other personnel at City Hall.

Despite the challenges, Daily said the cuts to his department were "equitable" to the cuts to the city's other departments when factoring in the percentages lost compared to what will remain in 2012.

"Any time you lose personnel, it's going to have an impact," Daily said. "But like I said before, the bottom line is I'm going to do the absolute best I can with the personnel that I have and continue to try and provide the services that we're providing now."



Matt Heilman

Sedgwick County Sheriff Robert Hinshaw addresses the media and the public during the unveiling of a new DUI trailer Aug. 12.

## Trailer aids crackdown on drinking and driving

By Matt Heilman

From Aug. 18 through Labor Day, area law enforcement agencies are cracking down on impaired drivers as part of the "Over the Limit, Under Arrest" campaign, which is an effort to emphasize the potential severity of driving under the influence of alcohol.

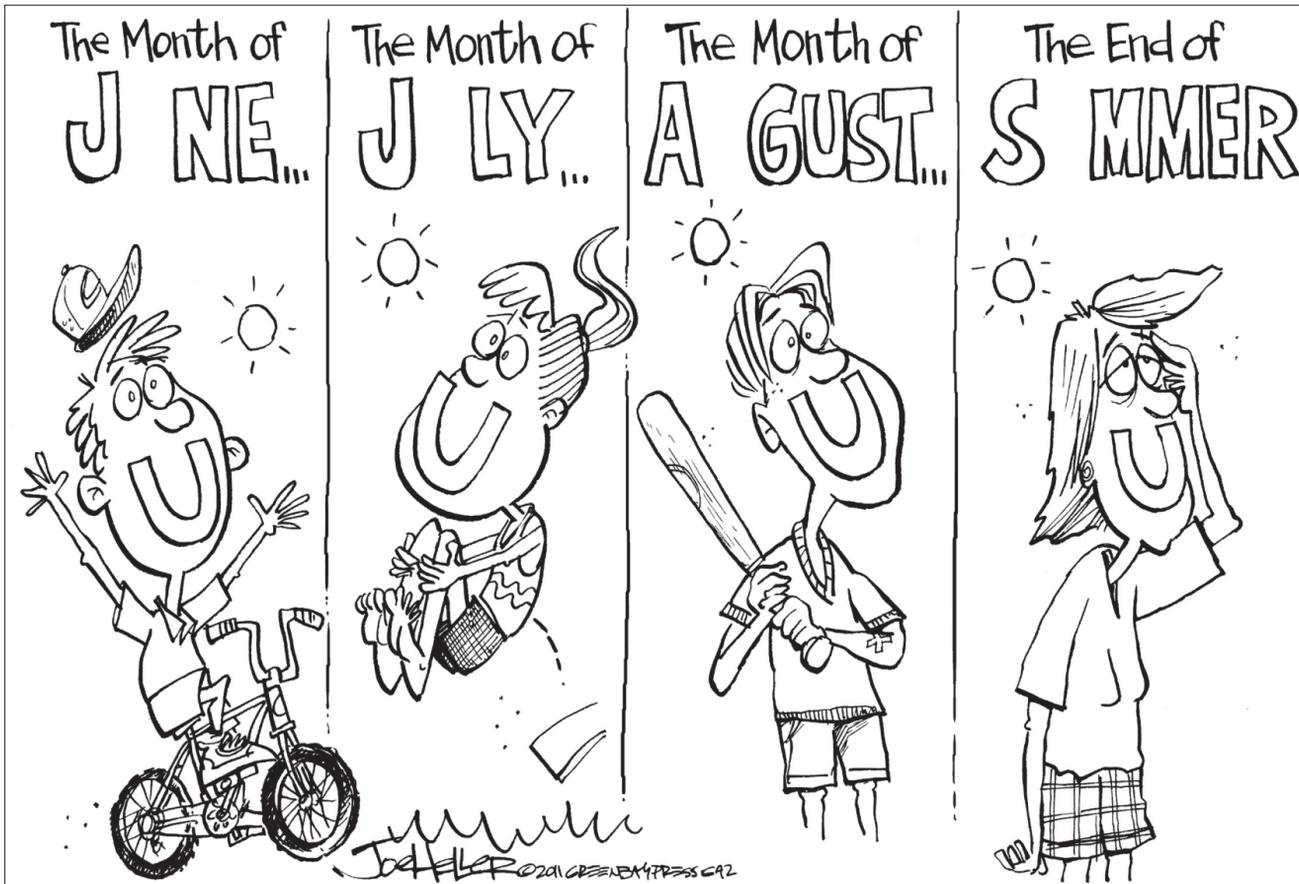
The main message delivered by Sedgwick County Sheriff Robert Hinshaw, assistant district attorney Tom Weilert and officials from police departments in north Sedgwick County who gathered at Sedgwick County Fire Station No. 32 on Aug. 12 is that consequences of driving under the influence aren't worth avoiding the inconvenience of depending on someone else for a ride home.

To encourage drivers to think about their actions in coordination with a statewide and national DUI prevention and enforcement effort, Weilert pointed out that new laws have increased DUI penalties.

The overall DUI penalties include a minimum \$750 fine for a first DUI conviction, plus 48 hours to six months in jail for a first offense. Someone refusing to take a breath test for the first time will lose his or her license for a year, and will have to use an ignition interlock device to start their car for another year.

In step with cracking down on impaired drivers, authorities displayed a new enclosed trailer that will

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# Schools come with increased pressures

Looking around north Sedgwick County, we're happy to see the progress with new schools. An impressive 5A high school and K-8 school in the Wichita school district will open in Bel Aire next fall, building off of the excitement from a grand opening in Valley Center last month.

In Valley Center, the long-awaited new high school hasn't disappointed with its "wow" factor. There's more space than needed with anticipated growth.

We're impressed with Valley Center's new classrooms, jaw-dropping auditorium and athletic facilities. We see parents, teachers, administrators and students taking pride in what's been built.

We see it now in Valley Center and expect similar reactions in Bel Aire next year. However, the goal of school districts isn't just to have nice things. As the saying goes, with great reward comes great responsibility.

You can build a school that rivals the Palace of Versailles, but it doesn't mean much if students don't get the most out of their education. We know that it can be hard to motivate kids, but we expect to see continued and consistent improvement in all facets of our schools, from test scores and enrollment figures to athletics.

We understand that sportsmanship and character-building are still the primary objectives with high school sports, but wins and losses can play a huge role in marketing efforts to encourage new families to move to the district.

Looking at the situation with the new schools in Bel Aire, we hope the district is able to fully staff the new facilities next year. We know USD 259 has been hit hard with budget cuts, but that shouldn't be an excuse to cut corners and hinder students' chances to learn.

We'd also like to know as soon as possible where the district boundaries for the schools in Bel Aire are going to be. The announcement was supposed to have been made by the end of July, but still hasn't come.

We're looking forward to some of the attention on Valley Center shifted to Bel Aire next year.

In regards to leading a new school that has drawn "oohs and ahhs" from all over the Wichita area and beyond, Valley Center High School Principal Jaime Lewis said it best early this month when discussing the expectations for USD 262:

"We have to do what it takes to make our programs No. 1," he said. "It's not just the building that's going to do that. It's on us, and we need to step up our game and continue to improve."

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The 2012 budget has been approved. It calls for a 6.8-mill increase in the real estate tax. The Bel Aire mill levy will still rank in the middle of the mill levies for small cities in this area.

The rec center will remain open and we will continue with fire service from the county. This budget cuts the city's operating expenses by \$545,000. With this budget it will be possible for the city to make the 2012 interest payment on the land debt and perhaps pay off some of the principal. Future land sales will continue to be the controlling factor in future



## Mayor's corner

By Harold Smith

budgets and the city is still looking for additional ways to cut expenses.

The 2012 budget was a very difficult issue.

The council found a compromise that will work and Bel Aire is still a city of the future!

In addition to the budget, the council also passed a resolution to declare their intention in regard to the land debt. The resolution says that there will be no more land purchases for land speculation. It also says that the proceeds from land sales will be used to manage the land debt and the goal of the city will be to pay off the land debt from land sales.

PS: Elvis is coming to Bel Aire on Oct. 1. Look for additional details on the Bel Aire page (3).

# CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

## Christ Lutheran Church

Sunday contemporary guitar service with communion is at 8:45. Traditional service with communion first and third Sunday is at 10:30. Adult classes are at 9:45 a.m. There is no children's Sunday School during the summer.

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

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

## Church of the Resurrection

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

Masses for the Lord's Day are 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

The church is located at 4551 Auburn, south of 45th North between

Oliver and Woodlawn, in Bel Aire.

Worship service and breaking of the bread are at 9 a.m., with Bible study and Sunday school at 10:30 on Sundays.

Wednesday prayer and Bible study are at 7 p.m.

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

## Crossroads Friends Church

Crossroads Friends Church meets at Stucky Middle School (east from 45th North and Hillside) at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday.

The church has Crossroads Kids and Crossroads Cribs ministry areas, as well as contemporary music, relevant Bible teaching and a laid-back, friendly atmosphere.

Pastor is Jeff Mullen. Call the church office at 361-0407 or visit it online at [www.crossroadswichita.com](http://www.crossroadswichita.com).

## 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 [www.fairmountucc.org](http://www.fairmountucc.org).

## Gospel Assembly Church

Located at 4230 N. Oliver in Bel Aire, service times are 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Bible study is 7 p.m. Monday. Prayer service is 7 p.m. Tuesday. Praise and worship is 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Phone number is 744-1502. Rev. Gary D. Green is the pastor.

## Greenwich United Methodist Church

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

Pastor Natalie can be reached at 773-2300 or 744-0203.

Pastor Natalie is at the church from 5:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays.

Visit the church online at [Greenwichksunc.org](http://Greenwichksunc.org).

The church is located about a mile south of K-254 on Greenwich Road.

## Kechi United Methodist Church

Located at 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi, the Rev. Guy E. Rendoff is the pastor. Church phone number is 744-1221, its website is [www.kechiumc.org](http://www.kechiumc.org) and its e-mail address is [kechiumc@sbeglobal.net](mailto:kechiumc@sbeglobal.net).

Sunday praise band and worship are at 9:03 a.m. Sunday school is at 10. Worship is at 11.

Wednesday evening worship services from 7 to 7:30 p.m. in the

sanctuary. There is music, prayer time, come and go communion and a short sermon. Child care is provided.

## Park City Church of the Nazarene

Sunday school for all ages is at 9:30 a.m. Worship and children's church are at 10:45. Wednesday Bible study for adults begins with sandwiches and chips at 6:15 p.m.

The church is located at 2100 E. 61st North in Park City.

## 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.

## University United Methodist Church

The church is located across from the Wichita State University campus at 21st and Yale.

Sunday activities include adult and youth educational classes at 9:15 a.m., traditional service at 10:30 and youth group activities from 4 to 6 p.m.

E-mail [uumc2220@uumc.net](mailto:uumc2220@uumc.net); phone 686-6765. Rev. Charles Claycomb is the pastor.

Send your church's upcoming events and service times to [legals@arkvalleynews.com](mailto:legals@arkvalleynews.com) or call 755-0821.

# Budget

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less money to work with in 2012 than it had in 2011.

The budget also called for a reduction in spending for economic development and includes \$280,000 in revenues from land sales. In coming years, Bel Aire Mayor Harold Smith and the city's economic advisory board have recommended that 100 percent of land sale revenue should go toward paying off the principal on the city's land debt that still approaches \$20 million.

With a 6.839-mill increase, Bel Aire's total mill levy reaches 45.889 mills. This means that the owner of a \$100,000 home in Bel Aire can expect to pay \$528 in city taxes in 2012, \$79 more than in 2011.

Lasher pointed out that even with the tax hike, Bel Aire remains "in the middle of the pack" in comparing

property taxes of area cities of similar size. The total mill levy in Bel Aire, which takes into account payments to every taxing entity, including Sedgwick County, the county's fire service and the Wichita school district, is 146.31 mills. The owner of a \$100,000 house in Bel Aire can expect to pay \$1,761 in property taxes next year, including the city's increased share.

Before approving the budget, four council members at the Aug. 16 meeting discussed how they weren't happy with raising the mill levy, but felt like they had done all they could to compromise, keeping essential services without asking for even more from residents.

Smith thanked the council for coming up with a compromise budget and emphasized that there weren't any more cuts to make without significantly impacting city services. He said the city might have to reconsider some of the cuts that are being made

before the end of the year and pointed out that reserves have also been thinned.

Council member Dave Sly said the council wasn't going to please everyone, but felt like the group had found the best balance considering the financial circumstances. He also thanked residents for their input, noting that he hadn't seen them weigh in on the budget in years past like they did for the 2012 budget.

Council member Dave Austin said he's lost sleep over the job cuts and asking the city's staff "to do a lot with less." He voiced optimism for the future, saying "better days are ahead of us, it's just not today."

If he's still on the council in a couple of years, Austin said he hopes to be part of a group that can approve a budget without impacting services or raising taxes.

"None of us are up here smiling right now," Austin said.

Council member Gary Breault was absent.

# DUI

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be used to conduct sobriety tests. The trailer is another tool for the sheriff's office to use in partnership with community departments in a long-term crackdown on impaired driving called "Operation Impact," which involves setting up DUI checkpoints anywhere in the county manned by officers from different departments.

The trailer, maintained by the sheriff's office and funded by a grant through the Kansas Department of Transportation, will be available to law enforcement agencies throughout the area, including Sedgwick and Butler counties, Hinshaw said.

The trailer provides a safe place to conduct sobriety tests without having to deal with suspected impaired drivers on the shoulder of the road. Besides being used for sobriety tests, the trailer will be able to transport lights used to illuminate

DUI checkpoint lanes, as well as traffic cones and other equipment used in suspected DUI traffic stops.

Park City Police Chief Bill Edwards, Bel Aire Police Chief John Daily and Valley Center Police Officer Duane Schrag were among the group of law enforcement officers gathered Aug. 12.

Edwards said he tries to keep his department active in "Operation Impact," making his officers available to man DUI checkpoints throughout the county.

Whether a citizen is driving under the influence or sober, Edwards said "Operation Impact," sends a clear message about the seriousness of enforcing DUI laws with different officers representing areas beyond their jurisdictions.

"I think it sends a strong message to people who aren't drinking as it does to anybody that is because it really shows a unified front in addressing people that are under the influence of alcohol," he said.

Edwards said the collabora-

tive effort has been positive, but admitted there's a long way to go. In Park City, more DUI arrests are made each year than in typical cities its size. One of the main reasons for this is the interstate, which runs through the heart of the community.

Edwards estimated there were about 75 DUI arrests made last year in Park City. He pointed out that most of these involved non-residents passing through the city.

Like Park City, Daily said most of the DUI arrests made in Bel Aire in 2010 involved non-residents passing through town. He said there were between 25 and 30 DUI arrests last year, which is "about average."

However, he warned that with a lot of increased traffic expected in Bel Aire in the next couple of years, that number is likely to increase.

Last year, the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office arrested 904 people for DUI, Hinshaw said. Through July of this year, deputies have arrested 505 people for DUI.



# City of Bel Aire



## NOTES FROM CITY HALL

### Free Concert!!

### An Evening with Elvis and Vince



**When: Saturday, October 1, 2011**  
**Where: Bel Aire City Hall Lawn**  
**Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm**

*"...thank you very much."*



Bring your own lawn chair or blanket and join in on the fun at Bel Aire City Hall lawn as nationally performing tribute artists Marshall Matthews and Dr. Curtis Kuhn rock the night with your favorite Elvis and Vince Gill hits! Mark your calendars...you don't want to miss the fun! Refreshments will be available for purchase.

Look for informational fliers to be included in your September utility bill.

Questions? Contact Bel Aire City Hall at (316) 744-2451.

## CITY OF BEL AIRE CONTACTS

### City Council

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|--------------------|----------|
| Mayor Harold Smith | 744-2650 |
| Dr. Gary Breault   | 744-0560 |
| Peggy O'Donnell    | 744-0250 |
| Moe Terrebbonne    | 744-2747 |
| David Austin       | 744-7188 |
| Dave Sly           | 204-5574 |

### 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   |
| Trash (Waste Connections)            | 838-4920             |
| Hazardous Waste (Sedgwick County)    | 660-7464             |

### Rusty Lane – Farmers Insurance Group September 2011 Member of the Month Bel Aire Area Chamber of Commerce

The Executive Board of the Bel Aire Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to recognize Rusty Lane as the September 2011 Member of the Month.

Rusty is the owner of a full service Farmers Insurance Agency, offering auto, home, life, business, and financial products. Farmers Insurance is the third largest property and casualty company in the United States. The Rusty Lane Insurance Agency is located in the North Rock Business Park at 3450 North Rock Road, Ste. 501, Wichita, KS 67226. Office Hours are Monday thru Friday, 8am – 5pm, and Saturday by appointment only. The agency has two full-time staff members, 24-hour claims service, and is passionate about the lost art of customer service. The Rusty Lane Insurance Agency works with their clients to make sure their dreams are protected.

#### About Rusty:

Born and raised in Oklahoma, Rusty graduated from Kansas State University in 2003 with a degree in Business Administration. After college and several summers playing baseball in the NBC Tournament, he moved to Wichita and spent two years learning the insurance business as a sales producer for a local Allstate agent. In 2005 Rusty opened his agency for Farmers Insurance Group. Rusty married his wife, Jamie, an engineer at Spirit AeroSystems, in August 2009; they own a home in Bel Aire. He volunteers for local branches of the March of Dimes, MDA, and Special Olympics. Rusty's hobbies include playing golf and softball, and he is always looking for opportunities to network and meet new people.

### Volunteers are needed

to serve the City of Bel Aire on the Tree Board and the Utility Advisory Committee. If interested, contact City Manager Ty Lasher at (316) 744-2451 or [tlasher@belaireks.gov](mailto:tlasher@belaireks.gov).

Citizens interested in serving as volunteers for the City of Bel Aire, in any capacity, are strongly encouraged to contact City Manager Ty Lasher at (316) 744-2451 or [tlasher@belaireks.gov](mailto:tlasher@belaireks.gov)

## Bel Aire Recreation

5251 E. 48th North • [www.belaireks.gov](http://www.belaireks.gov) • 744-2700

Mon., Tue., & Thur. 8-8 • Wed. & Fri. 8-7 • Sat. 9-3

For more information on these or any Bel Aire Recreation Programs call 744-2700.

### X-BOX CONNECT

A new X-Box Connect gaming system is now available for use at the Rec Center thanks to donations from the Bel Aire Lions Club, Sam's Club, and the Bel Aire Senior Center. The virtual video game is available during scheduled times for members and day fee users.

### COED OUTDOOR SOCCER

Soccer is for boys and girls ages 4-11. Limited openings remain.

### COED FLAG FOOTBALL

Flag Football is for boys and girls in 3rd - 6th grade. Spots are still available in both age groups.

### DAZZLING DANCERS

These recreational classes will focus on ballet and jazz dance. Class attire includes: comfortable clothing, dance slippers, and a hair tie. The class will meet on Tuesdays from September 13 – November 1. The participants will show off what they have learned at a recital on November 4. Ages 4-6 will meet from 6:00 – 6:50 and ages 7 & up will meet from 7:00 – 8:00. Pre-registration is required.

### MARVELOUS MODELS

This beginner class for ages 5-10 will focus on how to model your own clothes and walk the "runway," with an emphasis on self-confidence and having fun! Participants will meet on Thursdays from 7:05 - 8:00 p.m. beginning September 15. On November 3 there will be a mini fashion show for parents, grandparents, friends, and family to come and enjoy.

### MUSIC TOGETHER

Come and join us on Saturday, September 3 at 10:00 am for a FREE introductory class! Music Together is an internationally recognized and award winning music and movement class for children 5 and under with the adults who love them. It is a rich musical program that gives children the tools they need to achieve their musical and educational potential in a non-competitive, playful environment. Music Together was birthed out of a research program and all classes are developmentally appropriate and focus

on how children learn best. Classes teach children and parents alike to be the music makers instead of just passively listening to music. Music Together classes include folk and original songs, finger plays, songs in different meters and tonalities and from many different cultures. Each class ends with an instrumental jam session. We will make music with egg shakers, sticks, drums and more. Most of all families will have a time set aside to bond and have a blast singing and making music together.

### ZUMBA

ZUMBA is at the Bel Aire Recreation Center! This is a Latin-inspired, dance-fitness class that incorporates Latin and international music and dance movements, creating a dynamic, exciting, exhilarating, and effective fitness system. A ZUMBA class known as a ZUMBA Fitness-Party combines fast and slow rhythms that tone and sculpt the body using an aerobic/fitness approach to achieve a unique blended balance of cardio and muscle-toning benefits. Classes are held on Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 pm and Saturdays from 9:05-10:05 am. You can join at any time!

### TAEKWONDO

We are accepting registrations for ages 5 & up. Classes meet on Monday & Friday from 5:00-6:00 pm or Tuesday & Thursday from 7:10-8:10 pm. These are great classes for beginners to black belts.

### YOGA

Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:10-7:10 pm. You will need to provide your own yoga mat.

### 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.

**For more information on these or any Bel Aire Recreation Programs call 744-2700.**

## Bel Aire Senior Center

All events are held at the Bel Aire Senior Center located at City Hall located at 7651 East Central Park Ave. unless otherwise noted.

ALL SENIORS 55+ are cordially invited to all events listed below. The Senior Center and Library area is 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 two computers available for study or research. Remember any senior can belong or attend to more than one senior center/club in Sedgwick County.

For any information about Bel Aire Senior Center activity or calendar of events,

Contact Senior Director Rick Eberhard

Office 316.744.2451 Ext. 121 – Fax 316.744.3739 – Cell 316.734.7530

E-Mail: [reberhard@belaireks.gov](mailto:reberhard@belaireks.gov)

Weekly Events:

Men's Fellowship & Coffee – On Monday @ 9 AM

TOPS Club Meetings & Educational Programs – On Tuesday @ 9:30 AM (Visitors are welcome anytime!)

Chair Exercises – On Tuesday Morning @ 10:30 AM

Senior Bridge Club Games – On Tuesday @ 1 PM

Senior Aerobic Class – On Wednesday @ 9 AM @ Bel Aire Rec. Center 5251 E. 48th St. North

Senior Oil Painting Class – On Thursday @ 1 PM (Cost)

Weekly Senior Breakfast – On Friday @ 9 AM @ Cracker Barrel Restaurant – 995 E. 61st North, Park City (Not held on Fridays when Breakfast & Learn or other special events are held at the Senior Center)

**Be watching for more details and sign up today for weekly electronic news and events by contacting Sr. Director Rick Eberhard @ [reberhard@belaireks.gov](mailto:reberhard@belaireks.gov)**

**-SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL SENIOR CENTER MONTH-  
(IN THE U.S.A.)**

**2011 Theme: It Happens at My Center, My Life, My Time, My Way**

**(Medicare Training is available earlier this year than last!!! Don't wait to sign-up for training or to get the latest changes.)**

**Sept. 2 – 9 A.M.** – "Senior Breakfast" held at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in Park City.

**Sept. 5 – 6:30 P.M.** – Monthly Senior Potluck Dinner and special Program "Kansas People" at 7:30 PM featuring News Anchorman Larry Hatteberg from KAKE TV Channel 10. Please bring a large food dish to share with 8 others and your own table service. Drinks will be provided. Public is always invited.

**Sept. 6 – 10 A.M.** – Special TOPS Club program and speaker: Jamee Sholtz from Arthritis Foundation discussing "Walking with Ease Program". Public is invited.

**Sept. 7 – 6:30 P.M.** – Senior Center Advisory Board Meeting in the Senior Center.

**Sept. 9 – 9 A.M.** – "Senior Breakfast & Learn" event in the Senior Center with Dr. Babcock with Laser light treatment demo's. Complimentary healthy breakfast drinks provided by Dr. Babcock. Kansas State Fair starts today.

**Sept. 9 – 7 P.M.** – "Monthly Senior Fun Night" – bring favorite card/board game/s from home along with finger food type snacks. Complimentary drinks will be provided.

**Sept. 10 – Senior Red Hats Society Meeting** – Call 744-0217 for details.

**Sept. 10 – 8:30 A.M.** – "Walk to End Alzheimer's" @ Cessna Stadium at Wichita State University (Info 267-7333)

**Sept. 12 – 7 P.M.** – Central Park HoA Board Meeting in the Senior Center.

**Sept. 13 – 6:30 P.M.** – Collette Vacations for Seniors Travel Night in the Senior Center. Special Senior Trips for 2012 so come hear and see travel information. Group tours to Islands of New England in September of 2012.

**Sept. 14 – 1 P.M.** – Special Educational Presentation by Sedgwick Co. Extension Agent Denise Dias in the Senior Center. Topic of discussion: "Household Cleaning Hints and Tips".

**Sept. 14 – 2:30 P.M.** – "Stress and Self-Care for Caregivers" at Via Christi Cancer Center Cancer Resource Room, 817 North Emporia in Wichita.

**Sept. 14 – 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.** – "2012 Medicare A to Z Seminar and Information" in the Community Room. Call 660-0127 for reservations.

**Sept. 15 – 7:30 P.M.** – "Mind Aerobics": simple steps anyone can take to keep their mind working hard, at the Showalter Villa 200 West Cedar in Hesston, KS. Will car pool from City Hall at 6:30 PM. Please contact Senior Director's Office for a ride?

**Sept. 16 – 9 A.M.** – "Senior Breakfast" at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in Park City.

**Sept. 18 – State Fair ends.**

**Sept. 16-19 – Senior Director will be Out of Office** – call 316-734-7530 if needed.

**Sept. 21 – 7 P.M. to 10 P.M.** - 2011 "Senior Gala Dance" @ Cotillion Ballroom, 11120 W. Kellogg in Wichita. The Gala is open to adults 55+ for \$5.00 pp. Includes hors d'oeuvres, chocolate fountain and a cash bar.

**Sept. 22 – 2011 Senior Expo "Age of Aquarius"** from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M., for adults 55+ Visit Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, Exploration Place, Wichita Art Museum and Old Cowtown Museum FREE Admission. Visit over 130 different vendors for senior information and services. Free Shuttle service to all 4 museums.

**Sept. 23 – "2012 Medicare Part D Seminar"** at 9 A.M. at the Bel Aire Senior Center. Light refreshments will be served. Seminar and training lead by Sara Taylor, SHICK Instructor from SG. CO. Extension Service.

**Sept. 23 – 6:00 P.M.** Senior Light Fellowship Supper - \$6.00 pp – Please RSVP in advance to Senior Director's Office?

**Sept. 23 – 7:00 P.M.** – monthly Senior Pitch card games, please bring finger food or snack items to share.

**Sept. 28 – Senior Bunko Games at 7 P.M.** at the Senior Center. Public invited.

**Sept. 30 – "Medicare Plan Finder Training and Class"** at 9 A.M. at the Senior Center. The public is invited. Training lead by Sara Taylor, SHICK Instructor from SG. CO. Extension Service.

## Bel Aire Senior Club

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

**Free computer class Monday 10:00 AM Park City Senior Center**  
**Free Line Dance lessons Wednesday 2:30 PM Park City Senior Center**

**Square Dance Lessons and Dancing 6:30 PM every Thursday**  
**(except 3rd Thursday of the month) Park City Senior Center**

**Dances—Saturdays 1st, 2nd, 3rd,& 5th Saturday of each month At Park City Senior Center.**

**Call Vicki at 744-1199 for details**

**NEW Dances 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month with Kenny Pruitt Band for informational call 755-9849**

**September 6,** 8:30 AM Breakfast location to be announced

**September 12,** 10:00 AM Board Meeting

11:30 AM Lunch at Freddy's Frozen Custard, 11525 E. 13th St.

**September 14,** Bus to the Kansas State Fair –Reservations to ride the bus are due no later than September 9th—Bus will depart from Park City at 8:15 AM and stop at Carriage Crossing before continuing on to the State Fair—cost to ride the bus is \$1.00 per person

**September 21,** 10:00 AM Men's Coffee at Braums

**September 21,** 2:00 PM Ladies Tea/Coffee at Braums

**September 26,** 6:00 PM Covered Dish Dinner

Hosts: Betty Martine

Program: Johnson's Nursery

**For information on senior activities or resources contact**  
**Tri-City Senior Director Vicki Shepard at 744-1199**

# POLICE REPORTS

**Aug. 12** — Officer McGuire assisted Sedgwick County EMS and Fire Department in the 5800 block of East Clarendon.

**Aug. 12** — Lt. Spencer responded to the report of a trash dump at 3845 N. Woodlawn. Someone dumped a dead animal in a company dumpster.

**Aug. 12** — Officer Hutton responded to the report of damaged lamp post next to the city pool at 7300 E. Central Park.

**Aug. 12** — Officer Hutton responded to the report of disorderly conduct by telephone in the 400 block of North Edgemoor.

**Aug. 11** — Detective Pentecost responded to an alarm in the 4700 block of Kruger. The alarm was false.

**Aug. 11** — Lt. Spencer responded to a domestic complaint in the 6400 block of East Perryton.

**Aug. 11** — Officer Swanson responded to the report of disorderly conduct in the 4800 block of Eagle Lake. A suspect was taken into custody.

**Aug. 11** — Lt. Spencer responded to a report of criminal use of a financial card in the 4800 block of South Willow Point Court.

**Aug. 11** — Detective Pentecost assisted EMS in the 4800 block of North Homestead.

**Aug. 11** — Detective Pentecost responded to an audible alarm in the 4700 block of Kruger.

**Aug. 10** — Officer Hazelwood assisted EMS in the 5800 block of East Flagstaff.

**Aug. 9** — Officer Swanson responded to a neighborhood complaint at 4000 N. Eagle Lake.

**Aug. 9** — Officer Hazelwood responded to an audible alarm at 6300 E. 37th North. The alarm was false.

**Aug. 8** — Officer Hedgerow cited a person for possession of marijuana at 4800 N. Hedgerow.

**Aug. 8** — Officer Hutton responded to the report of a suspicious person at 4900 N. Farmstead Court. Officer did not locate the person.

**Aug. 8** — Officer Swanson responded to a neighborhood complaint.

**Aug. 7** — Officer Hutton assisted EMS at 5600 E. 48th Circle North.

**Aug. 7** — Officer Swanson assisted EMS in the 4000 block of North Frithillary.

**Aug. 6** — Officer Brandewiede arrested Jason Lee Dirting on charges of driving with a suspended license and Sedgwick County warrants at 5500 E. 37th North.

**Aug. 6** — Officer Hutton responded to an audible alarm at 6320 E. Crestmark No. 2. The alarm was false.

**Aug. 6** — Officer Steele assisted EMS in the 4900 block of North Hillcrest.

**Aug. 5** — Officer McGuire responded to the report of burglary at 5256 N. Woodlawn. In an attempt to burglarize three storage boxes by unknown means with the use of fire, three storage boxes were damaged.

**Aug. 5** — Officer McGuire responded to the report of an unknown sticky substance left on the window of a vehicle at 400 N. Eagle Lake Drive.

**Aug. 5** — Officer McGuire found two bicycles at 6300 E. Quail Ridge.

**Aug. 4** — Officer McGuire responded to an injury accident at 37th North and Oliver.

**Aug. 4** — Officer Swanson responded to an audible alarm in the 5900 block of East 37th North. The alarm was deemed false.

**Aug. 4** — Officer Steele responded to a 911 hang-up call in the 4100 block of North Parkwood.

**Aug. 3** — Officer Brandewiede assisted Sedgwick County Fire Department in the 6000 block of East Clarendon.

**Aug. 3** — Officer Brandewiede responded to the report of a distressed raccoon in a driveway in the 6000 block of East Memphis.

**Aug. 3** — Officer Mavia transported Michael S. Eubanks to the Sedgwick County Jail on a 90-day municipal commitment order.

**Aug. 3** — Lt. Spencer responded to the report of found personal property at 7651 E. Central Park.

**Aug. 3** — Officer Swanson responded to an audible alarm in the 6200 block of East 37th North. The alarm was false.

**Aug. 2** — Officer Brandewiede responded to the report of a larceny in the 5400 block of East 45th North. Two 28-foot ladders were stolen from a worksite.

**Aug. 2** — Officer Brandewiede responded to a neighborhood dispute in the 6800 block of East Perryton.

**Aug. 2** — Lt. Spencer responded to the report of a raccoon at large in the 4300 block of North Woodlawn Court.

**Aug. 2** — Officer Swanson responded to the report of threats in the 6200 block of East Woodlawn Drive.

**Aug. 1** — Lt. Spencer responded to the report of fraud in the 7600 block of East Central Park. False charges were made on a credit card.

**Aug. 1** — Officer Brandewiede responded to the report of a burglary in the 500 block of North Lycee. Job boxes were broken into.

**Aug. 1** — Officer Brandewiede responded to the report of a vandalism in the 5900 block of East Denise. A residence was egged.

**Aug. 1** — Officer Brandewiede responded to a larceny at 4037 N. Woodlawn. A 2 1/2-pound fire extinguisher was taken.

**Aug. 1** — Officer Pentecost responded to a burglary at 5256 N. Woodlawn. Construction supplies were taken.

**July 31** — Officer Brandewiede assisted Sedgwick County Fire Department in the 6600 block of East 44th North.

**July 31** — Officer Brandewiede responded to an alarm in the 4100 block of North Edinburg. The alarm was false.

**July 31** — Officer Hutton responded to an alarm in the 4100 block of North Edinburg. The alarm was false.

**July 31** — Officer Hutton responded to a report of larceny to vehicles in the 4100 block of North Woodlawn.

**July 31** — Officer Swanson caught juvenile suspects in a burglary in progress in the 4100 block of North Woodlawn.

**July 30** — Officer McGuire responded to the report of domestic violence in the 7900 block of East Caribou Place.

**July 30** — Officer McCaslin responded to an alarm in the 6000 block of East Danbury. The alarm was false.

**July 30** — Officers McCaslin and Hutton responded to an alarm in the 6000 block of East Danbury.

**July 30** — Officer Hutton responded to an alarm in the 4100 block of North Edinburg. The alarm was false.

**July 30** — Officer Steele responded to the report of a suspicious person in the 5800 block of East Danbury. It was a newspaper carrier.

**July 29** — Officer McGuire responded to the report of vandalism at 5300 N. Woodlawn. An unknown person vandalized the "Playful City" street sign with black spray paint.

**July 29** — Officer Hutton assisted EMS in the 6700 block of East 45th North.

**July 28** — Officer McGuire responded to the report of domestic violence in the 5000 block of Colonial Court.

**July 28** — Officer McGuire responded to an accident at 5300 N. Oliver.

**July 27** — Officer Brandewiede assisted EMS in the 4000 block of North Harding.

**July 27** — Lt. Enterkin responded to the report of a lost license decal at Tree Top Nursery.

**July 27** — Officer Brandewiede assisted Sedgwick County fire with unlocking a door at a residence in the 4200 block of North Mission.

**July 27** — Officer Swanson responded to the report of a larceny in the 4300 block of North Country Lane. A package was removed from the property.

**July 26** — Officer Brandewiede responded to an alarm in the 4100 block of North Edinburg. The alarm was false.

**July 26** — Officer Brandewiede responded to the report of embezzlement at 6300 E. 37th North.

**July 25** — Officer Brandewiede arrested Falonda S. Ginyard on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 4200 block of North Woodlawn.

**July 25** — Officer Hutton responded to the report of threats in the 6200 block of East Woodlawn. A victim was threatened by suspects.

**July 25** — Detective Pentecost conducted a traffic stop at 4500 N. Woodlawn. A person was cited and released.

**July 24** — Officer Brandewiede conducted a traffic stop at 5400 E. 37th North. A person was cited for driving with a suspended license and no proof of insurance. The vehicle tag was seized as well as the driver's license.

**July 24** — Officer Hutton responded to an audible alarm in the 4700 block of North Hillcrest.

**July 24** — Officer Hutton responded to an audible alarm in the 4700 block of North Hillcrest.

**July 24** — Officer Swanson assisted EMS in the 7400 block of East Central Park.

**July 23** — Officer Brandewiede conducted a traffic stop at 3800 N. Oliver. Zackariah Maher Musleh was arrested on a Sedgwick County warrant and a City of Wichita warrant.

**July 23** — Officer McGuire assisted a citizen at 500 E. Falcon.

**July 23** — Officer Steele responded

## Police chief: Be aware of students

By Matt Heilman

Over the course of the summer, record temperatures kept children from playing outside as often as they would have liked and there are likely a lot of parents glad school is back in session, Bel Aire Police Chief John Daily said.

But with some more peace and quiet on the homefront, there's a call for increased awareness on the streets with buses, bike riders and walkers trying to get safely to and from school.

"As citizens, we need to be cognizant of the fact that school buses will be present on the roadways once again," Daily said. "School zones are in effect once again and there are kids on foot and on bicycles going back and forth from school. We need to make sure that we as the motoring public do what we can to assure the safety of our children."

Daily said he wants to remind motorists that passing a stopped school bus is punishable by a \$300 fine.

"Don't be in a big hurry behind a bus," he said.

Daily said he also wants to remind residents that there is a hefty fine associated with speeding in school zones and he advised everyone to wear their seatbelts and reminded parents to buckle up their children on drives to and from school.

ed to the report of domestic violence in the 4800 block of East 44th North. Jeffrey A. McCrory was arrested on a charge of battery.

**July 22** — Detective Pentecost took a report of found property in the 6000 block of East Danbury.

**July 22** — Officer Hazelwood responded to the report of a disturbance in the 4200 block of Rushwood. Trevell L. Watson was arrested on charges of battery and domestic violence battery.

**July 21** — Officer Enterkin responded to the report of Kirby vacuum salespeople selling without a permit in the 4500 block of North Rushwood. They were warned to cease and desist and apply for permits at Bel Aire City Hall.

**July 21** — Lt. Spencer responded to the report of possible fraud at 5116 E. Willow Point. A citizen received a postcard offering a \$100 rebate to a business of her choice. When she contacted the person, she was told that she had to pay \$1.95 by credit card to receive her rebate.

**July 21** — Officer Steele confirmed a Bel Aire Municipal Court warrant on Alvin G. Mitchell.

**July 21** — Officer Steel confirmed a Bel Aire Municipal Court warrant on Lacey N. Money.

**July 19** — Officer McGuire conducted a traffic stop at 3800 N. Oliver. A person was cited on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

**July 19** — Officer Hazelwood responded to an audible alarm in the 4300 block of Westlake Court. The alarm was false.

**July 19** — Officer Spencer responded to an audible alarm at 4100 N. Danbury. The alarm was false.

**July 19** — Officer Hazelwood responded to the report of an assault in the 5500 block of East Falcon.

**July 19** — Officer Hazelwood assisted Sedgwick County Fire Department in the 3800 block of North Oliver.

**July 16** — Officer Brandewiede conducted a traffic stop at 7000 E. 45th North. Carlos R. Esparza was arrested on charges of obstruction of justice, no driver's license in possession, driving without a license and no proof of insurance.

**July 16** — Officer Hutton assisted Wichita police with a disturbance at 2323 N. Woodlawn.

**July 16** — Officer Swanson responded to an automobile accident at 6218 E. 37th North.

**July 16** — Officer Swanson responded to an alarm in the 4400 block of North Auburn.

**July 16** — Officer McGuire responded to the report of an assault in the 3800 block of North Oliver. Aaron Nelson was arrested on a charge of battery.

**July 16** — Officer Steele responded to the report of a trash dump at 9600 E. 53rd North.

**July 16** — Officer Swanson responded to the report of larceny in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn. A phone was taken. The suspect was located and the phone was returned to the owner.

**July 15** — Officer Hazelwood responded to an automobile accident at 4900 N. Woodlawn.

**July 15** — Officer Hazelwood responded to the report of a person receiving harassing phone calls in the 4300 block of North Rushwood.

**July 15** — Lt. Spencer took the report of fraud in the 4300 block of

Eagle Lake Court. An unknown person opened a credit card in victims name.

**July 15** — Officer Mavia took the report of a lost or missing cat in the 6400 block of East Danbury.

**July 14** — Officer Hutton assisted Benton Police Department by serving a search warrant in the 9200 block of East 43rd North Circle. It was a joint effort with Wichita Police Department, SCAT North and the Secret Service.

**July 14** — Officer Hutton assisted Benton Police Department by serving a search warrant in the 4000 block of North Rushwood. It was a joint effort with Wichita police, SCAT North and the Secret Service.

**July 12** — Detective Pentecost responded to the report of damage to an ATM machine in the 6200 block of East 37th North. A truck hit the machine.

**July 12** — Officer Enterkin responded to the report of vandalism in Bel Aire Park and Eagle Lake Park. Graffiti was found on park playground equipment.

**July 12** — Officer Hazelwood responded to an audible alarm in the 6000 block of East Danbury. The alarm was false.

**July 12** — Officer Brandewiede conducted a traffic stop at 3846 N. Oliver.

**July 9** — Detective Pentecost conducted a traffic stop at 4500 N. Woodlawn. A person was issued a citation for driving without a license and driving without proof of insurance.

**July 9** — Officer McGuire conducted a traffic stop in the 4600 block of North Woodlawn. Patricia Horning was arrested on a charge of battery.

**July 9** — Officer Hutton found a trash dump at 4000 N. Woodlawn.

**July 9** — Officer Steel found a trash dump at 10200 E. 53rd North.

**July 9** — Officer Brandewiede conducted a traffic stop at 6700 E. 37th North. A person was issued a citation for driving with a suspended license.

**July 8** — Office McGuire checked a residence in the 5900 block of East Clarendon. Nothing was found to have been disturbed.

**July 7** — Officer McCaslin responded to the report of phone harassment in the 6100 block of East Edinburg.

**July 7** — Lt. Spencer assisted a citizen at 5500 E. 45th North.

**July 7** — Officer Swanson responded to an alarm in the 3900 block of North Woodlawn Court. The alarm was false.

**July 6** — Detective Pentecost responded to an audible alarm in the 4800 block of North Homestead.

**July 6** — Detective Pentecost found a traffic sign in the street in the 5000 block of East Willow Point. The sign was picked up and turned in as found property. The city of Wichita took custody of the sign.

**July 6** — Detective Pentecost responded to the report of dogs at large in the 4200 block of North Rushwood. The dogs had tags. An owner was located but was not at home. Sedgwick County Animal Control was notified.

**July 5** — Detective Pentecost checked on a fireworks mess left in the street in the 6000 block of East Clarendon. It appeared that someone attempted to clean up the mess.

**July 5** — Officer Swanson took a message that Reuben J. Howard was arrested on a Bel Aire warrant by Wichita police.

**July 5** — Officer Swanson took a message that Ronald B Davis Jr. was arrested on a Bel Aire warrant by

Wichita police.

**July 4** — Officer McGuire responded to an alarm in the 5800 block of East 49th north. The alarm was false.

**July 3** — Officer Steel conducted traffic control for Sedgwick County firefighters as they fought a residential fire in the 4500 block of North Eagle Lake Drive.

**July 2** — Detective Pentecost conducted a traffic stop at 4000 N. Woodlawn. A person was issued citations for driving with a suspended license and driving without proof of insurance. The vehicle was legally parked and the driver was picked up by a friend.

**July 2** — Officer McGuire arrested Nathaniel M. Adams on charges of possession of narcotics, transporting an open container of alcohol and driving in violation of restrictions.

**July 2** — Officer McCaslin took a message that Christopher D. Kemmerly was arrested on a Bel Aire Municipal Court warrant by the El Dorado Police Department.

**July 2** — Officer McCaslin responded to an audible alarm in the 3800 block of North Hillcrest. The alarm was accidental.

**July 1** — Officer McGuire conducted a traffic stop at 5500 E. 37th North. The driver was issued citations for driving with a suspended license and no seat belt.

**July 1** — Officer Brandewiede conducted a traffic stop at 4200 N. Woodlawn. A person gave a family member's name and signed the citation with a false name. Detective Pentecost assisted.

**July 1** — Officer Hazelwood took a message that Garden City police arrested Lonzo Davis on a Bel Aire warrant.

**July 1** — Officer Hazelwood responded to a complaint of people shooting off fireworks in the 4900 block of Farmstead.

**July 1** — Officer Steele conducted a traffic stop at 5300 N. Webb Road. A person was cited for racing on the highway.

**July 1** — Officer Hutton responded to an audible burglary alarm in the 4000 block of North Woodlawn.

**June 30** — Chief Daily responded to the report of a juvenile discharging fireworks in the 4100 block of Edinburg Circle. The suspect and his parents were advised of the city ordinance.

**June 30** — Detective Pentecost responded to the report of larceny from the Bel Aire Senior Center at 7651 E. Central Park.

**June 28** — Lt. Spencer responded to an alarm in the 6300 block of East 37th North.

**June 28** — Officer Hutton confirmed a warrant on Michael A. Bradley.

**June 28** — Officer Hutton found four individuals on the playground at 4200 N. Westlake. One subject fled from officers. The person had a El Dorado warrant and a Sedgwick County warrant on a parole violation. Lt. Griggs assisted.

**June 27** — Officer Brandewiede assisted Sedgwick County EMS and Fire Department in the 4100 block of North Oliver.

**June 27** — Officer McGuire responded to the report of domestic violence in the 4300 block of Rushwood Court.

**June 27** — Lt. Spencer assisted Kansas Highway Patrol with locating a suspect in a hit-and-run accident. Eric Zientek was arrested by Kansas Highway Patrol on charges of leaving the scene of an accident and failure to report an accident.

**June 26** — Officer Brandewiede arrested Seth A. Collins on a charge of driving with a suspended license and on Sedgwick County and Bel Aire warrants in the 3800 block of North Oliver.

**June 26** — Officer Swanson took

a report at the station of a disorderly conduct by phone in the 5100 block of East Willow Point Street.

**June 26** — Officer Toomey took the report of a stolen vehicle in the 4000 block of North Janesville. The person reported that a family member took the vehicle. The suspect returned while the officer was on scene and returned the vehicle.

**June 25** — Officer Brandewiede assisted Wichita police with a recovered stolen vehicle at 4970 E. 44th North.

**June 25** — Officer McGuire served a protection order and stood by in the 5800 block of East 49th North.

**June 25** — Officer Brandewiede conducted a traffic stop in the 3800 block of North Hillcrest. Moica Chanel Simmons was arrested on charges of obstruction of justice, resisting arrest and driving with a suspended license.

**June 24** — Officer Hutton found a large trash dump at 9800 E. 53rd North. The trash was out of the roadway.

**June 23** — Detective Pentecost responded to an audible alarm in the 6100 block of Quail Ridge. The building was secure. The alarm was deemed false.

**June 23** — Officer McGuire conducted a traffic stop at 3800 N. Woodlawn. A person was cited for driving with a suspended license and for tag violations.

**June 22** — Officer Brandewiede conducted a traffic stop at 6200 E. 37th North. Ronald L Jones was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license and a City of Wichita warrant.

**June 22** — Officer Brandewiede conducted a traffic stop at 6200 E. 37th North. Lisa G. Steele, a passenger, was arrested on a City of Wichita bench warrant.

**June 22** — Officer Brandewiede arrested Marylou Chauncey on a charge of driving with a suspended license at 6300 E. 37th North.

**June 22** — Officer Mavia assisted Wichita police with a disturbance in the 7200 block of East 37th North.

**June 22** — Lt. Spencer verified a warrant on Chad Goddard.

**June 22** — Officer Hutton responded to the report of a larceny in the 5900 block of East 37th North. Lt. Griggs witnessed the larceny. A juvenile was arrested.

**June 21** — Officer Brandewiede conducted a traffic stop on a person who failed to yield for a funeral procession at 6900 E. 45th North. The person was issued a citation for driving without a license.

**June 21** — Lt. Griggs assisted Wichita police with a larceny report in the 3500 block of North Woodlawn. Unknown suspects destroyed the brick casing around one of the coin machines located in front of the automatic carwash. Suspects took the coin machine.

**June 20** — Officer Enterkin found a trash dump at 5000 N. Greenwich Road. Tires were dumped onto city property.

**June 20** — Officer Swanson took a found property report in the 4400 block of North Woodlawn. A person found a Kansas tag and a set of car and house keys. The tag was returned to the owner. The keys were placed in evidence.

**June 20** — Lt. Spencer responded to an automobile accident in the 4600 block of Kruger. A person was walking and a vehicle backed out of a driveway and struck him.

**June 20** — Lt. Griggs made contact with three suspects in the 4200 block of North Westlake.</

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Local student on Butler honor roll

Cassie Williams of Bel Aire was named to the president's honor roll at Butler Community College for the spring 2011 semester. Students qualifying for the president's honor roll achieved a 4.0 grade point average.

— The Breeze staff

### Man hurt in motorcycle wreck

A 27-year-old Bel Aire man was injured in a motorcycle wreck Aug. 14 on K-254. According to a report from the Kansas Highway Patrol, Maxwell Vane Meeker was riding westbound on K-254 over 45th North about 6 p.m. when he left the road and struck the guardrail on the bridge. Meeker was ejected from the motorcycle. He was transported to Wesley Medical Center with serious injuries. Meeker wasn't wearing a helmet, the report said.

— Matt Heilman

### Police chase ends in suicide

What started as an investigation of suspicious activity in Bel Aire ended in a suicide in the early morning hours of Aug. 13. When one of Bel Aire's police officers tried to contact a suspicious person, a car chase commenced, Bel Aire Police Chief John Daily said. Daily said the driver, trying to outrun police, lost control of his vehicle driving south on Greenwich. In a ditch, a front tire deflated and the driver pulled over at 59th North and Greenwich. Daily said the driver, a 53- or 54-year-old white male from Wichita, fatally shot himself as officers prepared to approach his vehicle.

— Matt Heilman

## DEATHS

### IRVA GISHWILLER

Irva Ione Gishwiller, 92, of Manhattan, died July 30, 2011. Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Jeanne and Richard Urban of Bel Aire; son and daughter-in-law, Galen and Joan of Burnsville, Minn.; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Service was Aug. 3 at Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home.

### ROBERT MERCER

Robert "Bob" Mercer, 71, died Aug. 16, 2011. He was a Coleman Company industrial engineer for 33 years. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Maxine Mercer. Survivors include his wife,

Norma (Riley) Mercer; honorary children, Kim and Dan Sullivan of Bel Aire, and Scott and Donna Davis of Rose Hill; uncle, Richard and Sherill Mercer of Lawrence; aunts, Mary Jo Powers of Winfield, and Betty Lou Doherty of Mission; four honorary grandchildren; five honorary great-grandchildren; and numerous cousins. Visitation with the family was Aug. 18 at Downing and Lahey Mortuary East. Service was Aug. 19 at Central Christian Church, where he and his wife were members for 46 years. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established with Central Christian Church, Time Fund, 2900 N. Rock Rd., Wichita, KS 67226.

### SHARLA PERRY

Sharla R. Perry died Aug. 22, 2011. She was a retired office manager for Starflite Custom Manufacturing. She was a member of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and served as a Bel Aire City Council member from 1997 to 2001. Survivors include her parents, Charles and Janice Perry; sister and brother-

in-law, Patricia and Blue Keeling; nieces, Tara (Keith) Hibbert and Jana (John) Svadlenka; and nephew, Bret (Emily) Grady. Memorial service was Aug. 27 at Broadway Mortuary Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established with American Cancer Society and Victory in the Valley.

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## City observes National Night Out



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and Greenwich Road. Daily said the late-model, four-door sedan had caught fire when responding officers arrived at the scene and the fire was "well developed" when emergency crews arrived. "Chances of any kind of rescue were minimal at best to almost negated altogether," Daily said. Daily said officers were able to recover the vehicle's tag. Daily said officers were able to contact who the tag was issued to. There were no passengers in the vehicle, he said. In late August, Daily said the investigation has yet to deter-

mine exactly how the wreck happened. What's known is that the vehicle was northbound on Greenwich from 45th, when just northeast of 45th, the vehicle crossed the center line and entered the ditch on the west side of the road. The driver continued north in the ditch until the vehicle hit a metal culvert, sending it airborne. Daily said the vehicle flipped end over end before coming to rest on its roof. Daily said he wasn't sure how much time had passed after the wreck before the passerby saw the overturned vehicle and called 911.



Winners from the prize drawings are (from left) Amy Parnell, who received a \$25 gift certificate to Simon Malls, and Dennis McKay and Kris Partridge, who each received a \$25 gift certificate to Gander Mountain.



The Guardian of the Ribbon Wichita Chapter brought out its pink fire-truck to the Night Out. The group's mission is to spread love, hope and awareness in support of women with all forms of cancer.

## Council member completes charitable bike ride

By Matt Heilman

Over a four-day stretch in late July, Bel Aire City Council member David Austin completed a personal challenge to raise money for a good cause. Austin biked more than 200 miles from Clay Center to a small town north of Kansas City, Mo., on one stretch of

the cross-country journey mapped out to raise money for the Fuller Center for Housing, a non-profit Christian ministry that works "to eliminate poverty housing conditions throughout the world." In four days, Austin rode between 45 and 72 miles each day and took time to volunteer at a home-build site in the Kan-

sas City area. The 72-mile ride was completed on the second day. Austin said the route from Manhattan to Lawrence that day was 77 miles long, but he didn't have the stamina to complete the last five miles in the unfavorable conditions. "It was 108 degrees when I finally stopped," Austin said. "It just got to the point where I

just couldn't go any further." He said he kept an eye on his odometer and felt well until about the 60-mile mark. Austin was joined by his father, John Austin, who was good friends with Millard Fuller, the founder of the Fuller Center for Housing and Habitat for Humanity. Austin said it was "cool" to have his dad along for the long ride and joked that he was glad he was able to complete a few more miles than his dad. Originally, Austin planned to

ride 303 miles from Clay Center to Moberly, Mo. He decided to cut out the final day of the ride because he felt he needed a day to recover before having to go back to work in Wichita. Overall, Austin said the bike adventure was a success in its goal to bring attention to the ongoing issue of poverty throughout the country. "It really kind of re-energized me to help out and to do more for others again," Austin said.

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# Residents voice support for Bel Aire Senior Club

By Matt Heilman

All of the chairs in the Bel Aire City Council chambers were filled at the Aug. 2 meeting, most of them occupied by supporters of the Bel Aire Senior Club, there to ensure that the club's funding wasn't cut.

Of eight Bel Aire residents who spoke during a public hearing on the 2012 budget at City Hall, six spoke in support of the senior club and maintaining the organization's funding from the city.

The senior club is a different organization than the Bel Aire Senior Center.

Unlike the Bel Aire Senior Center, the Bel Aire Senior Club doesn't receive county funds or hold an office at City Hall. But the senior club does include about 60 members throughout the city. Last year, the senior club received \$2,300 from the city.

Senior club president Carolyn Smith approached the council to assure that the club's funding wasn't cut in 2012. She pointed out that the club has previously voluntarily accepted cuts, understanding the city's financial troubles.

She emphasized that the senior club, which has been in Bel Aire since 1987, isn't just a social club and said the group has worked well to provide services to its members.

The Bel Aire Senior Center receives about \$8,000 from the city and \$18,000 from Sedgwick County. The proposed 2012 budget calls for a \$2,000 cut to funding for the senior center.

At the July 19 council meeting, council member Moe Terrebonne recommended

that the Bel Aire Senior Club share some of the burden and proposed considering lowering the club's budget by \$500.

Terrebonne said he didn't know much about the senior organizations or their histories, and didn't realize the reason for the budget discrepancy between the groups.

The group that spoke in support of maintaining the senior club's budget also discussed the funding inequality between the senior club and the senior center.

Smith pointed out that the senior club actually started in Bel Aire before the senior center, but didn't get in the position to receive funds from the county. Smith said there are only a few senior centers in the county, but many senior clubs that also contribute in their communities.

Resident Ramona Becker isn't a member of either senior group in Bel Aire, but she said she has friends who are active in the senior club and the senior center. She questioned the funding inequality for the groups. While acknowledging that the senior center receives a large chunk of its budget from the county, she pointed out that both groups include county residents and said the senior center wouldn't exist if the senior club wasn't established first.

When it was her turn to address the council, senior club member Helen Duncan posed a

question that she admitted was politically incorrect.

"How did we become the redheaded stepchild?" she asked the council.

Mayor Harold Smith said City Manager Ty Lasher and the council planned to look more closely at the budget discrepancy between the two organizations.

He said the governing body planned to come up with a proposal to cater to both organizations equitably by the end of the year.

Council member Peggy O'Donnell said she supported both organizations and didn't plan on cutting the senior club's budget.

Speaking on budget matters other than the city's senior organizations, residents Steve Olsen and Mahlon McCaleb also addressed the council. Olsen wondered why the council wasn't dedicating all of its land sales toward paying off the principal of the land debt for

2012 and recommended that they do so in future budgets.

McCaleb said he was disappointed with a lack of support for the Bel Aire Police Department, where a proposed cut of \$308,000 could result in the loss of three full-time officers and a full-time administrative assistant.

A final public hearing on the budget took place on Aug. 8.

Also at the Aug. 2 meeting, the council:

- Heard from Olsen and resident Jack Vance who both live in the Bel Aire Heights addition near Sunrise Christian Academy. The men addressed a matter that was brought to the council at the July 19 meeting, regarding the school's use of residential homes in Bel Aire Heights as dormitories for international students. Residents in the development who addressed the council July 19

felt the use of single-family homes as dormitories didn't fall in line with rules established through the homeowners association. Lasher and interim City Attorney Alison McKinney Brown met to discuss the matter with Sunrise Principal Dr. Robert Lindstedt. Vance said he was disappointed residents weren't included in the meeting. Council member Gary Breault assured Vance that Lasher and the city attorney would also be available to meet with residents.

- Approved the issuance of

about \$1.3 million in temporary notes for improvements in the Rock Spring addition along 53rd North and Rock Road near the new high school.

- Approved the 2011 revised zoning map of the city.

- Approved revising the grievance section to the city's personnel policy. The policy now conforms to state personnel law.

- Held a 54-minute executive session to discuss matters relating to attorney-client privilege. No binding action was taken.

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