

BELLEVUE VETS TIMES

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I sit and watch the war on TV, one can only think about the lives that have been lost in battle & how grateful we should be for the freedoms we have because of them. May their souls rest in peace. Support our troops. More and more we hear this and now we have a chance to show our support. I have had contact from two ladies, from the City of Bellevue, who want to have a rally on our west parking lot some time in the future. This is a great idea so let us know how you want to help. Anyone who has a relative or friend serving over seas should let us know so we can post their names and let them know that we support them.

Stand up for America and support our troops.

Ray Bricking Jr.

Letter to Community News

Spring is here and the grass and trees are turning green once again. Some of the early flowers are in bloom and give off a wonderful fragrance in the air around us. It's great to know that the snow and cold weather is gone and winter is over. Now all we have to do is enjoy the warmer weather ahead. We may get a few cooler days yet, but we know the next season is summer.

With the warm weather all the children will be enjoying the out doors. Our Youth Baseball and Volleyball Leagues will be gathering on our grounds to enjoy and learn the sport of their choice. Our Youth Leagues will open the season as in the past with their Opening Day. As always the teams will march in a parade down Fairfield Ave. to our grounds where a small ceremony will take place. This has always been a big event for the player and our club for many years. The teams for all to see will play games. Refreshments and food will be available for your enjoyment. Stop down and give these young players a boost by cheering them on. It's great to see a player get that first hit in baseball or that first hit over the net in volleyball. To them it's something they will never forget. So stop down and watch them play so you don't miss the thrill of their excitement and the joy of knowing you are there for them.

The Youth Baseball League is selling raffle tickets on Bengal season tickets. See a player for yours.

If your softball team is interested in playing in our Bellevue Vets Friday night Men's or Sunday Co-ed softball

leagues, give us a call at (859) 431-0045. These leagues will be starting very soon, so call now.

On April 26 our club will sponsor a Night at the Races from 8 p.m. to midnight. The cost of this event is only \$10.00 per person, which will include cheese coney, draft beer and soft drinks. The funds from this event will go to various charities. If you would care to sponsor a race give Scott a call at (859) 781-7135. The doors will open at 7 p.m. It's a chance to try your luck and help a charity.

Plans are under way for our Annual Carnival. Our Money Raffle that goes along with our Carnival is being sold now by our members. These tickets are sold until the last day of our Carnival when the winning ticket will be drawn. So be sure and get your ticket from a member.

Our Ladies Auxiliary is selling tickets on a Lotto, which will have 15 winners of \$100.00 each. The first drawing will be held on June 6 and every other Friday after that. The donation of \$10.00 for each ticket. The winning ticket will be put back into the drum so you will have more chances to win. See a member of the Ladies Auxiliary or call Denise at (859) 431-6317 for your ticket.

On May 9 our Bellevue Vets Youth Baseball have a dance for all to enjoy. It will be from 8 p.m. to midnight and cost \$10.00 per person or \$15.00 a couple with a live band called The Spy's. A cash bar is available. Stop down and enjoy the night.

As you can see we have a lot of events going on for our club, and the summer hasn't started yet. We rely on your help to keep us going. For this we are

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Very thankful. We hope you will support us again in some of these events.

As the war in Iraq goes on and our troops keep fighting for the safety of the world all we can do is pray for their safe return home. These brave men and women are fighting for the rights of all us Americans and others. The people who protest this war should rethink what this war is about. It's about a man who will kill his own family and the people of Iraq for his own gain. We hope this war will end soon and we will be rid of this mad man and all those weapons of mass destruction. As Veterans of many wars we have seen the pain of people who have been persecuted by those types of dictators. These people are waiting for someone like us to help them with their cause because they can't do it alone. They are fearful of what harm this dictator will do to them or their family. This fear is very frightful and true. Thank God that our country is here to help.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Dick Schaiper

GOLF OUTING

The golf outing committee has started to send out the scholarship applications for this year. If you have a child or grandchild who is graduating high school this year and planning to attend college, make sure they fill the application out. The application is available at all high schools in Campbell County as well as on our website at bellevuevets.com.

Money Raffle by Marylou Hampleman

It's that time of year again. Time for us to start selling our raffle tickets prior to carnival. I hope we can sell as many as we did last year. We had a good year last year. Remember we are helping the kids by doing this. If you haven't gotten your tickets yet, don't panic. We are holding them until the next meeting to see if we can pass some more out before we mail them. The postage on them would have been close to \$300.00. I want to thank all the members and Ladies Auxiliary members who went through the tickets to pick out ones they could take to other members for us. I will have the tickets at the next regular meeting, April

14th. They will be mailed after that. If you would like your tickets before then, please call me at 859-781-3096 and I will drop them off at the club for you or arrange to deliver them to you. Extra tickets are available at the bar and the box to drop them off is set up under the bulletin board. Thank you very much for your patience and understanding.

Let's have a great year. Sell, Sell, Sell those tickets.

Dates to remember

Every Fri Night Fish Fry
April 19th Easter egg Hunt
April 26th Night at the Races
April 27th Opening Day
April 28th Horseshoes start
May 9th Youth Sports Dance
June 12,13,14 Carnival

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OPENING DAY

The parade will form at the Bellevue City building at 11:30 am and will commence at 12:00. The route will be from City building to ofallon left on Fairfield and down Fairfield to the club.

The Ladies Auxiliary was invited to the Veterans Meeting on Monday March 24 and enjoyed a great steak meal. We all should have received our Money Ball tickets at this meeting. If you did not receive yours, stop in at the bar and see if they are holding them for you.

Just a **REMINDER** – annual dues of \$10.00 must be paid by our April 15, 2003 meeting. Your \$5.00 for our meeting snack fund should also be paid as soon as possible.

The Ladies Auxiliary has undertaken a “**Support the Troops**” program. We will be sending packages to our soldiers in Iraq. If you know of someone who is stationed overseas, write down their address and give to a member of the Auxiliary or leave it with one of the bartenders to put in the Auxiliary mailbox.

We will also be collecting items to put in the “care” packages. If you would like to donate something, here is a partial list of items that will travel well and will be greatly appreciated.

Travel Size hand lotion, sunscreen, chap stick, shampoo, toothbrush and toothpaste, Gold Bond

powder, foot powder, postage stamps, writing paper & envelopes, writing pens, phone cards, paperback books, magazines, individual rolls of toilet paper, socks, sweat bands, individual packets of toilette wipes, food items such as granola bars or snack treats (non-chocolate), slim jims, beef jerky, chewing gum, hard candy, cans or packages of nuts, containers of pre-sweetened drink mixes, and packets of Kool-aid or hot chocolate mix.

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We are still in need of a Chairperson to head the Membership Committee. If interested, please contact Denise Buschle.

If you have not updated your Address information, please do so as soon as possible.

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday,
APRIL 15

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 5 – Playground Day – 10 am - Aux will be installing new items and cleaning the playground area.

April 15, 2003 – 7 PM - Monthly Meeting

Annual Dues must be paid

April 19 – Easter Egg Hunt - 12:30 sign up

April 26 – Night At the Races sponsored by Entertainment Committee raffles

May 26 – Memorial Day Parade – we will be marching and entering a float.

June 12-13-14 – Annual Carnival

June 28, 2003 - Horseshoe Tournament

November 2 – Aux Craft Show