



District FBLA

Republic County participated in the District FBLA conference on January 14 and January 27 and have qualified for the State Conference, which will be held March 30-April 1. Pictured above from left are Kash Henke, Kolby Strnad, and Sawyer Stephens, pictured bottom left is Scholastica Baxa who will be the new 2025-2026 District 4 Vice-President, and pictured bottom right are Levi White and Carson Beavers.

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RepCo FLBA Students Compete At District Competitions

Republic County FBLA participated in the 2025 District Conference on January 14 and January 27.

The conference was completed in two parts by first having members take objective tests on various business/computer related topics on-line at school on the 14th and on 27th at the Belleville Christian Church. Students from seven schools from the district presented their projects, conducting job interviews, and competing in various role play scenarios. Several local business community members came in to help judge these events.

Republic County members earned the opportunity to compete at the State Conference on March 30-April 1 in Topeka.

Scholastica Baxa was elected as the 2025-2026 District 4 Vice-President. She will represent the 13 schools in our district on the State FBLA Officer Board. She will be taking over the duties of our current District 4 VP, Elly Williams. "I am looking forward to all the opportunities in this position and representing all our schools in our district on the state board," Baxa said.

Overall results are as follows:

Triniti Allen-Insurance and Risk Management 6th
Benedict Baxa -Accounting 5th, Agribusiness 2nd, Economics 2nd, Impromptu Speaking 3rd
Schola Baxa- Intro to FBLA 2nd, Intro to Parliamentary Procedure 3rd
Carson Beavers- Computer Problem Solving 2nd, Cybersecurity 10th, Networking Infrastructure 3rd, UX Design 6th
Ally Bombardier -Health Care Administration 3rd
Layna Canfield- Intro to Business Communications 9th, Intro to Financial Math 10th, Intro to Information Technology 2nd, Intro to Marketing Concepts 3rd, Journalism 5th, Word Processing 4th

William Cherney- Accounting 4th, Intro to Business Concepts 3rd, Intro to Financial Math 4th, Intro to Marketing Concepts 1st, Intro to Parliamentary Procedure 2nd, Journalism 2nd, Client Service 2nd, Spreadsheet Applications 2nd

Matthew Collette- Help Desk 5th
Addisyn Couture-Ac-

counting 8th, Intro to Business Procedures 4th, Intro to Marketing Concepts 10th

Faith Dyke-Intro to Business Communications 4th, Intro to Financial Math 9th, Intro to Information Technology 1st
Ellyn Feight- Intro to FBLA 5th, Intro to Parliamentary Procedure 4th, Journalism 9th

Owen Harms- Intro to Information Technology 10th

Kash Henke- Computer Problem Solving 5th, Financial Math 9th, Personal Finance 7th, UX Design 7th

Kymry Hoesli- Economics 5th

Ethan Ines- Personal Finance 6th

Maelin Johnson- Accounting 2 1st, Economics 1st, Financial Math 4th, Public Policy & Advocacy 1st, Financial Statement Analysis 1st, Impromptu Speaking 1st

Nickolas Kendall- Accounting 10th

Connor Martin- Financial Math 7th, Health Care Administration 9th, UX Design 1st

Tallyn Melton- Advertising 4th, Business Communication 7th, Economics 4th

Aden Morris-Advertising 10th, Agribusiness 4th, Supply Chain Management 3rd

Jacqalyn Parde- Advertising 3rd, Financial Math 10th, Healthcare Administration 7th, Personal Finance 10th, Electronic Career Portfolio 3rd, Job Interview 2nd

Om Patel- Intro to Information Technology 8th, Intro to Parliamentary Procedure 8th, Word Processing 3rd

Ashley Popelka- Intro to FBLA 10th

Patel Rachel -Journalism 10th

Kyla Sasser- Intro to Parliamentary Procedure 10th, Client Service- 4th

Grae Siemsen -Intro to FBLA 9th, Intro to Business Concepts 8th

Giada Smith- Intro to FBLA 8th, Intro to Financial Math 5th, Intro to Public Speaking- 1st

Farmer Snapp-Advertising 6th, Personal Finance 9th, Business Plan 3rd

Sawyer Stephens- Agribusiness 1st, Intro to Business Concepts 1st, Intro to Business Procedures 1st, Intro to Parliamentary Procedure 1st

Avery Stindt- Public Policy & Advocacy 6th
Kolby Strnad- Supply Chain Management 5th
Brooklyn Talkington- Economics 7th

Solly Vanouhlden- Computer Problem Solving 10th, Cybersecurity 4th, Intro to Information Technology 6th

Michael Voorhees- Intro to Information Technology 9th

Owen Weatherhead- Advertising 9th

Levi White- Intro to Financial Math 8th, Intro to Information Technology 7th, Intro to Parliamentary Procedure 7th, UX Design 5th

Elly Williams- Human Resource Management 4th, Public Policy & Advocacy 7th, Future Business Leader 1st, Public Speaking 1st

Team Events
1st in Business Management- Nick Kyndall, Addison Couture, Billy Cherney

1st in Computer Game & Simulation Programming- Carson Beavers and Levi White

3rd in Entrepreneurship- Elly Williams, Owen Weatherhead, Graham Jensen

2nd in Hospitality and Event Management- Avery Stindt, Zelma Siemsen, Aden Morris

1st in Intro to Event Planning- Schola Baxa, Giada Smith, Grae Siemsen

3rd in Intro to Event Planning- Kimberly Popelka, Ashley Popelka, Jordyn Blazek

1st in Marketing- Ally Bombardier and Tallyn Melton

2nd in Sales Presentation- Max Parde and Jacqalyn Parde

2nd Sports & Entertainment Management- Ethan Ines, Sawyer Stephens, Kash Henke

1st in Visual Design- Brooklyn Talkington and Schola Baxa

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Billie Jo Junek

Billie Jo Junek, the daughter of Larry Dean Krob and Georgia Jo (Cross) Krob, was born October 10, 1962 in Del Rio, TX and died on January 30, 2025 at the CHI Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, NE at the age of 62.

She grew up in a military family, living many places, mainly in the Dallas, Texas area and later graduated from Hillcrest High School, in Cuba, KS.

She married Rick Junek in 1979 and they had one daughter. They



were later divorced.

Junek worked as a caretaker and assistant at the State Mental Facility in Wichita Falls Texas and also at Timberlawn Mental Hospital.

She later moved to Salina, KS where she was a caretaker at the St Francis Ministries Foster Care Home. She returned to Cuba, KS where she was a bartender in Glasco, KS and later operated the Cuba Cafe' for several years.

She was preceded in death by her father and her sister Beverly Krob.

She is survived by her daughter, Amy (Tommy) Jackson of Cuba, KS, granddaughter, Alyssa Junek; mother, siblings: Donna (Tom) Segebart of Council Grove, KS, Rita

Eakins (Troy Lesovsky) of Cuba, Kansas, Rhonda (Brian) Coffman of Agenda, KS, and Larry D. (Wanda) Krob, Jr of Palestine, TX, and other relatives..

The family will hold Celebration of Life Services later in 2025 with time and date to be announced with inurnment at National Bohemian (Kospa) Cemetery, rural Cuba, KS.

Memorials and cards may be directed to the family.

Online condolences at www.bachelor-surber.com

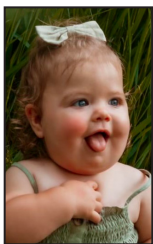
Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home, 1322 19th Street, Belleville, KS is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Victoria Rose Comstock

Miss Victoria Rose Comstock was born on January 24, 2023, in Wichita, Kansas, and she passed away on January 29, 2025, in Belleville, Kansas, at the age of 2 years and 5 days.

She was always smiling and playing alongside her brothers, her kisses were always full of slobber and her hugs could make your day. She loved her baby dolls and gave them endless kisses. She was a fighter and will always be a tough little girl.

She is preceded in death by her grandmother



Laurie Tabor, great grandfathers Paylon Persinger and Larry Bruner, Sr.

Her memories will be forever cherished by her parents Gunner and Charity (Tabor) Comstock and siblings Jordan and Grayson Comstock, grandparents Patrick and Sondra Comstock and Frank Tabor, aunt Lakisha Toohey and her husband Christopher and their children Logan and Bentley, aunt Debbisue Tabor and her partner Jonathan Napravnik and their son Kaiya, uncle Billy Tabor, great grandmother Sheila Persinger, great grandmother Susan Johnson and her husband Sid, great grandmother Debbie Tabor.

A Celebration of

Victoria's life will be held on Saturday, February 15th, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., at the 4-H Building at the NCK Free Fairgrounds in Belleville. Pastor Mike Samples will share words of comfort and provide a message at 10:30 a.m.

Family and Friends may sign Victoria's register book on Friday, February 14th, from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., at Tibbetts-Fischer Funeral Home.

Memorials are requested to the family, and may be sent to Tibbetts-Fischer Funeral Home, PO Box 566, Belleville, Kansas, 66935.

Tibbetts-Fischer Funeral Home is assisting Victoria's family with these arrangements.

Death Notice

Charlotte E. Young

Charlotte E. Young, 65, of Belleville, Kansas, passed away on February 2, 2025 at Bryan LGH West, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Cremation was selected and Celebration of Life Services will be held later in the Spring of 2025 with time

and date to be announced.

Online condolences at www.bachelor-surber.com

Cards and memorials may be directed to the family.

Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home, 1322 19th Street, Belleville, KS is assisting the family with the arrangements.

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF REPUBLIC COUNTY, KANSAS

NORMAN R. BOTTGGER, JR., PAMELA J. WESTHOFF, ALAN L. BOTTGGER, AND PATRICIA K. STREMEL, F/K/A PATRICIA K. ROBERTSON, PLAINTIFFS,

v. Case No. RP-2025-CV-000001

HERBERT BOTTGGER, NORMAN BOTTGGER, ROBERT BOTTGGER, RICHARD BOTTGGER; AND ANY OF THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS AND ASSIGNS; UNKNOWN SPOUSES; UNKNOWN OFFICERS, SUCCESSORS, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS AND ASSIGNS OF ANY DEFENDANT THAT IS AN EXISTING, DISSOLVED, OR DORMANT CORPORATION; ANY UNKNOWN EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF ANY DEFENDANT THAT IS OR WAS IN PARTNERSHIP; AND ANY UNKNOWN GUARDIANS, CONSERVATORS, AND TRUSTEES OF A DEFENDANT THAT IS A MINOR OR UNDER

ANY LEGAL DISABILITY; BARRY BOTTGGER; AND JENNIFER BOTTGGER ROLLE; DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF SUIT
To all Defendants named herein:

You are notified that a Petition for Quiet Title to Real Estate has been filed in the District Court of Republic County, 1815 M Street, Belleville, Kansas 66935 praying that title to the property described as:

A tract of land located in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 2, Township 3 South, Range 3 West of the 6th Principal Meridian in Republic County, Kansas, being described by Jason P. Johnson, Professional Surveyor #1410 on January 16, 2025, and is more fully described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 2, Township 3 South, Range 3 West of the 6th Principal Meridian in Republic County, Kansas, a distance of 499.80 feet; thence N 89°39'36" E a distance of 470.22 feet; thence N 00°15'44" W a distance of 206.00 feet; thence N 89°38'04" E a distance of 686.53 feet;

thence N 00°11'36" W a distance of 113.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence N 89°39'18" E a distance of 160.19 feet to a point on the East line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter;

thence S 00°10'52" E along said East line a distance of 744.31 feet to a point on the North right of way of U.S. Highway 36; thence S 89°45'21" W along said right of way a distance of 160.03 feet; thence N 00°11'36" W a distance of 744.02 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Said tract contains 2.74 acres, more or less, and is subject to easements, reservations and restrictions of record.

be awarded to Plaintiffs. You must file an answer with the Court on or before March 20, 2025, which shall not be less than 41 days after first publication of this Notice, or the Court will enter judgment on the Petition as requested by Plaintiffs on April 7, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

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