



### Golf Course Irrigation In Jeopardy?

Belleville City Manager Adam Anderson says the City isn't changing how they handle wastewater just yet. But aging infrastructure could force the city moving to a lagoon-style disposal which could jeopardize how The Belleville Country Club receives their water for the golf course.

-Telescope Photo by Fred Arnold

Nonprofit	Gifts	Prizes	Total
Scandia Community Foundation	\$15,126.00	\$20.00	\$15,146.00
Ada Lutheran Church	\$10,819.74	\$0.00	\$10,819.74
The Maya Project Fund	\$7,255.32	\$160.00	\$7,415.32
Courtland Covenant Church	\$5,496.29	\$0.00	\$5,496.29
Pike Valley Foundation	\$4,883.90	\$10.00	\$4,893.90
Cuba Booster Club	\$4,636.96	\$15.00	\$4,651.96
Church People Concerned Foundation Inc	\$4,555.83	\$90.00	\$4,645.83
Republic County 4-H Foundation	\$4,143.04	\$10.00	\$4,153.04
Scandia Museum	\$4,099.95	\$0.00	\$4,099.95
Republic County Schools USD 109	\$3,548.97	\$10.00	\$3,558.97
Cuba Community Foundation	\$2,233.47	\$15.00	\$2,248.47
Distinguished Young Women of Kansas	\$2,144.56	\$50.00	\$2,194.56
Belleville Public Library	\$1,452.40	\$50.00	\$1,502.40
Chester Ambulance Fund	\$1,379.59	\$15.00	\$1,394.59
Chester Volunteer Fire Dept Fund	\$1,229.59	\$15.00	\$1,244.59
Blair Center for the Arts	\$969.69	\$30.00	\$999.69
Munden Community Foundation	\$805.30	\$0.00	\$805.30
Republic County Economic Development	\$680.87	\$10.00	\$690.87
High Banks Hall of Fame	\$650.04	\$40.00	\$690.04
Courtland Community Arts Council	\$507.51	\$0.00	\$507.51
Republic County Historical Society	\$460.00	\$0.00	\$460.00
Strnad Family Fund	\$275.00	\$10.00	\$285.00
Republic County Resource Council Earl A Lash Legacy Fund	\$85.91	\$0.00	\$85.91

### Top Donation Recipients

The above chart shows how each entity fared donation-wise from last week's RCCF Fund The Future campaign.

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## Hospital Hires Goforth As New CFO



**Goforth**

Wesley Goforth, CPA, Belleville, has been hired as the next Chief Financial Officer of Republic County Hospital.

Goforth will replace long-time CFO Barry Bottger, Belleville, who is retiring after almost 40 years with the hospital.

Originally from Peoria, IL, Goforth graduated from

Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Masters in Accountancy. He became a Certified Public Accountant in 2018. He has five years auditing experience as a manager and senior associate with Forvis Mazars US formerly BKD, in Wichita, where he provided services for other Critical Access Hospitals and industrial equipment clients.

He and his wife, Jaclyn, have one child, Otis, 2. They are also co-owners of the Concordia Dairy Queen franchise.

Goforth's official first day with Republic County Hospital was May 1.

Support These Upcoming School Events:
<b>Thursday, May 8</b> Golf @ Ellsworth 3 pm JH Track @ Concordia
<b>Friday, May 9</b> HS Track @ Rock Hills 3 pm BB @ Ellsworth 4 pm SB vs. Beloit (H) 4 pm
<b>Saturday, May 10</b> Sr. Awards Night Makeup 9 am
<b>Sunday, May 11</b> RCHS Commencement 2 pm
<b>Monday, May 12</b> BOE Mtg FFA Greenhand Ag Mech SB @ Ellsworth 4 pm NCAA League Golf @ Minneapolis
<b>Wednesday, May 14</b> East Fun Day 12:30 pm HS/JH BLT mtg 3:45 pm East BLT Mtg 3:45 pm Regional Baseball
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### Fishing Tourney Is This Saturday

Rods up.

The year's first fishing tournament will be this Saturday at Rocky Pond park in Belleville.

The event, hosted by Belleville Community Empowerment, is open to youth and adults, according to committee chairman Doane Sells.

"This has really gotten to be a positive deal for the community," Sells said.

"The kids enjoy it, and now so do the adults, too. Some years we have 20 kids, others years 50. Let's pray for good weather."

The event will start at 9 a.m. and end at 11 a.m.

## Graduation Season Starts This Weekend

Ceremonies for area high school graduates will get underway this weekend.

Republic County High School and Rock Hills High School will both conduct 2025 ceremonies this weekend.

Rock Hills will kick off the area events on Saturday, May 10 at the gym in Mankato at 2 p.m. Republic County's graduation will be Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11, and will begin at 2 p.m.

Pike Valley High School will conduct their graduation the following week, on Sunday, May 18, at 4 p.m. in the school gym in Scandia.

**Jewell County Business Directory**

**FUNERAL HOME**  
**Melby Mortuary**  
*Keeper of Trusted Memories*  
402 N High Street, PO Box 384  
Mankato, KS 66956  
785-378-3211  
**Funeral Directors:**  
Kenton LeBlanc, Joshua Meyer,  
Joseph Blecha, & Darica Hager  
melbymortuary.com  
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Contact the Telescope to add your business to this directory!

**Belleville Community Pride**  
Is Hosting a  
**" Youth Fishing Tourney"**  
**Saturday May 10**  
  
FREE for children from 9 am-11 am at Rocky Pond. Bring your poles & bait. Some bait will be available. Prizes & Drinks provided. Parents are invited to watch & help. More information at 785-527-5582



**Golden Bell Haven**  
59 & under \$ 7.00,  
60 & up \$ 4.00  
Call the Senior Center  
by 9 am  
(785)527-5760

**MENU**

<b>Thursday 5/8/25</b>	Veggie Soup, Crackers, Turkey Sandwich, Cucumber Tomato Salad, Mixed Berries
<b>Friday 5/9/25</b>	Goulash, Broccoli, Fruit, Bread
<b>Monday 5/12/25</b>	Polish Dog & Kraut on a Bun, Green Beans, Corn, Fruit
<b>Tuesday 5/13/25</b>	Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Mixed Veggies, Fruit, Bread
<b>Wednesday 5/14/25</b>	Chicken & Noodles, Cauliflower, Lima Beans, Fruit, Bread

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## Fund The Future

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Groups that participated were: Ada Lutheran Church, Belleville Public Library, Blair Center for the Arts, Chester Ambulance Fund, Chester Volunteer Fire Dept, Church People Concerned Foundation, Inc., Courtland Community Arts Council, Courtland Covenant Church, Cuba Booster Club, Cuba Community Foundation, Distinguished Young Women of Kansas, High Banks Hall of Fame, Munden Community Foundation Fund, Pike Valley Foundation, Republic County 4-H Foundation, Republic County Economic Development, Republic County Historical Society, Republic County Resource Council, Republic County Schools USD 109, Scandia Community Foundation, Strnad Family Fund, The Scandia Museum, and The Maya Project.

"You don't know some

of the things and programs in this community and in the county until it's relevant to you," Williams said. "RCCF is honored to be able to partner with all of our organizations to help promote their missions and give back to make an impact."

The event was possible due to a strategic matching program that began with seed money from the Patterson Family Foundation. Neal Patterson was the co-founder and former CEO of Cerner Corporation, a global medical software corporation based out of Kansas City. He and his wife, Jeanne, accumulated a substantial fortune and their family-led foundation has grown into an endowment of \$1.4 billion dollars. According to their website, their purpose is to "work together to help rural communities thrive."

## Housing Solution

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maintenance of the rental property and charge a fair yet beneficial rent to afford improvements.

- Consider selling an empty lot to someone who will build new housing.


There are currently builders and developers adding to the Republic County housing stock, and they are looking for empty lots for these projects. One of the largest expenses in developing housing is extending the sewer, water, and electrical infrastructure to the site. However, empty lots and downtown buildings already have this infrastructure in place. If you receive a call about your empty lot, please think about selling it.


"Lastly, don't consider tearing a property down as the immediate first option," Russell said. If the structure can be saved, save it. Getting rid of structures, even if some were necessary, is what got Republic County into the housing shortage in the first place.

"Especially with historic homes and downtown buildings, modern-day building is too cost-prohibitive to rebuild something of comparable craftsmanship," the RCED added.

If you have questions or need more information, contact Jenny Russell, Republic County Economic Development Director at director@republiccountykansas.com.

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**City of Garnett, Kansas, Comprehensive Plan**

The City of Garnett requests proposals from qualified consultants or firms to review city comprehensive plan and develop comprehensive plan for the City. The new, updated plan will provide vision, goals, objectives, and policies to guide the City's development and redevelopment for the next 20 to 25 years. The plan will guide the City Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission, staff, developers, property owners, and residents on the appropriate growth and redevelopment for the City. The updated plan will integrate all aspects of urban development, including demographics, land use, public facilities and infrastructure, transportation, environmental, and economic growth recommendations. A critical component of the plan will be setting a vision for the City's development and redevelopment, including areas in the City and possible annexation land. The vision component will need to analyze existing and future infrastructure needs and how technology will play a role in community outreach and City operations.

The qualified consultant will need to take a creative and innovative approach to reviewing the needs of the community, while obtaining public input about the plan. The planning process shall develop a comprehensive vision for the City, business opportunities, amenities and programs, as well as complement the recently-completed parks plan.

**SUBMITTAL DEADLINE**  
One (1) electronic copy in PDF format, in accordance with this RFP, will be accepted **no later than 3:00 PM CST on May 30, 2025** and shall be submitted via the following email address: dwilson@garnettks.net

**Full document and information are available at [www.simplygarnett.com](http://www.simplygarnett.com).**

