

## Deaths

### Amy D. Johnson

Amy Diane Johnson was born on January 14, 1974, to Paul and Marcia (Novak) Chopp and died on June 24, 2025, at the age of 51. She grew up in Munden, where she attended Munden grade school, and was a member of St. George Catholic Church. She graduated from Belleville



High School with the class of 1992. She had a love for animals and spent time baking for family and friends. She is preceded in death by her mother Marcia Chopp. She is survived by her daughter; Makayla Skidmore (Isaac) of Smith Center, sons: Trevor and Zachary Johnson of Salina, her father of Munden, and sister Sandra Hovis (Amy) of Lincoln, NE, and other relatives. Mass of Christian Burial was June 30, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.,

at St. George Catholic Church in Munden, burial followed at St. George Catholic Cemetery, rural Munden. Visitation was Sunday, June 29th, from 1pm - 9pm, with Rosary/Vigil Services at Tibbetts-Fischer Funeral Home in Belleville. Memorials are requested to the family, and may be mailed to Tibbetts-Fischer Funeral Home, PO Box 566, Belleville, KS, 66935. Tibbetts-Fischer Funeral Home is assisting Amy's family with arrangements, [www.tibbettsfischerfuneralhome.com](http://www.tibbettsfischerfuneralhome.com)

### Luella Mae Welch

Luella Mae Welch of Haddam, Kansas, passed away on June 25, 2025, at Hester Care Center, Hutchinson, at the age of 90. She was born on September 29, 1934, on a farm near Morrowville, Kansas, to Clarence and Minnie Miller Terpening. She completed eighth grade at Lowe Center School, a one room schoolhouse. On November 26, 1955, she married Edwin Welch at the Haddam United Methodist Church. Together Edwin and Luella had a diversified farming and livestock operation with Luella having a very active role in the work. After Edwin passed away in



May 2001, Luella had continued involvement in farming with their sons, Kenneth and Dennis. Luella was an active volunteer in the Haddam community for nearly 70 years and was a member of the Haddam United Methodist Church. Survivors include children Glenda (Curt) Thompson, Hutchinson; Kenneth (friend Gelene Savage) Welch, Haddam; and Dennis (Susan) Welch, Haddam. She is also survived by grandchildren Michael (Keelie) Welch and their daughters Kwynci, Sylvie, and Byrtie, and son, Tripp; Kyle (Mallory) Thompson and their daughter, Nora; Korey (Jordynn) Welch and their daughter, Karlee; Laura (Andrew) Goering and their daughter, Molly; and Nathan (Natalie) Welch and their daughter, Ella. Preceding her in death were her parents, her

husband, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Visitation is planned for Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at Tibbetts-Fischer Funeral Home, Belleville, from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. with family present from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Her funeral will be held at the Haddam United Methodist Church on Thursday, July 3, at 10:00 a.m. with Randy Paugh officiating. Burial will be in the Haddam City Cemetery. Memorials are requested to the Luella Welch Memorial to benefit the Haddam community and may be mailed to Tibbetts-Fischer Funeral Home, PO Box 566, Belleville, KS 66935. Tibbetts-Fischer Funeral Home is assisting Luella's family with arrangements, [www.tibbettsfischerfuneralhome.com](http://www.tibbettsfischerfuneralhome.com)



### Class Of 1960

The Belleville High School class of 1960 celebrated thier 65th year reunion the Saturday before the annual alumni banquet. Back row pictured from left Bob Sorensen, Vince Pachta, and Steve Scofield. Front row from left Mary McConniel, Sammie Sis-Lahodny, Beth Dooley-Franklin, Grace Johnson-Fishel, Melanie Barrett-Huff, and not pictured Joan Stephenson-Brown.

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## Larson Named RCH Director Of Planning Development

Republic County Hospital and Belleville Medical Clinic has hired Edward Larson as Director of Planning and Development.



Larson

Larson is a native of Scandia. He fills a new

role within the organization that will design and implement strategies to communicate medical practices. Larson's position is made possible by a partnership between the Republic County Hospital and the North Central

Kansas Health Care Foundation. His new role will include administering the Foundation's daily operations and facilitating its special activities. Larson is the son of Colean and the late Larry Larson.

## Republic News

### Compiled By: Betty Bouray

There will be a celebration of life for Jasalynn Imler on July 26th, noon at the Hardy Community Center. Matt Ehlers was a guest speaker at the Republic Community Church on Sunday. Carolyn Simms met

her sister, Pat Lange from Wichita, in Minneapolis, KS last Saturday to attend a H.S. graduation reception for Keillon Smith, a nephew of theirs. The City of Republic has decided to not hold a 4th of July celebration this year. Republic Oil will be closed on July 4th, as well

as the Pawnee Indian Museum. The Museum will be open on the 5th and 6th. Lisa Coyne visited her sister Joan Birrell, brother-in-law Gregg, and brother Paul Osborne on Saturday. She attending church with them on Sunday before going back home to Kansas City.

## Open House/Card Shower



90th Birthday

**Don Rizek** will be turning 90. Please help him celebrate with a card shower and you are invited to an open house. The open house will be July 5th from 2-4 p.m. at the Munden Community Center. Cards can be sent to: **Don Rizek**  
1641 220 Rd  
Munden, KS 66959

## FHSU Spring Deans' List

Fort Hays State University has named 1,841 students to the Deans' Honor Roll for the Spring 2025 semester. The Deans' Honor Roll includes undergraduate students only. To be eligible, students must have completed 12 or more

credit hours and earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.60 for the semester. Full-time on-campus and FHSU Virtual College students are eligible. Hattie Brzon of Belleville, KS made the FHSU Deans' Honor Roll.

## Blazek Graduates From Washburn This Past Spring

Washburn University is pleased to announce the students in its spring 2025

graduating class. These students completed their courses for certificates,

associate, bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees - more than 1,300 total from Washburn University, Washburn University School of Law and Washburn Institute of Technology (Washburn Tech). Julia Blazek from Belleville, graduated with a degree in Radiologic Technology

2025

Community Calendar

- **2nd & 4th Monday Each Month**  
Belleville City Council meets at city office starting @ 7 p.m.
- **Every Monday**  
Republic County Commissioners meet at 8:30 a.m. in the basement of the Republic County Courthouse.
- **Every Tuesday**  
The Belleville Library will host Senior Stretch and Strength, Chair Exercise Programs from 10:30 a.m. -11.30 a.m.
- **Every Wednesday**  
Republic County Health Department has "Walk In Wednesdays" for immunizations. You can call for an appointment or walk in on Wednesdays. 785-527-5671
- **July 3**  
All are invited to attend community coffee this Thursday from 8-9am with information beginning at 8:15 at the Kallman Office Suites. Come hear what is going on in the community. Coffee sponsor this Thursday, July 3, is Republic County Czech Club.
- **July 5**  
The Skylights Firework Show will be held at the NCK fairgrounds on July 5 at 9:30 p.m. The first 50 cars will receive free snow cones from Summer Snow.
- **July 16**  
The next commodity distribution will be July 16 at the Commercial Building at the fairgrounds in Belleville. Belleville individuals may pick up at 7:30-9:00 a.m. Belleville is first come, first served. The following items will be distributed: Canned mixed vegetables, canned peach slices, dark red kidney beans, potato flakes, instant milk, canned chicken, chicken breast packets, unsalted crackers, frozen chicken leg quarters, peanut butter, and canned peas.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The County of Republic is posting this notice for loans paid in full (closed) for the time period of 2025 under our CDBG/KDOC Local Revolving Loan Fund.

Geo W Hays & Son, Inc  
Dated: July 2, 2025  
Posted: Belleville Telescope

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Dust off those tractors it time for Scandia Riverfest, July 11-12! Cruise and games Friday evening. Tractor show, drive, pull and many other events. For a full list of events check out the Scandia Riverfest Facebook page.

### Weather

Weds 2 | Day  
95° Sunny. High near 95F. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph.  
Night  
68° Clear skies. Low 68F. Winds S at 10 to 15 mph.  
Thurs 3 | Day  
92° Sunny, along with a few afternoon clouds. High 92F. Winds S at 15 to 25 mph.  
Night  
71° Mostly clear skies. Low 71F. Winds S at 10 to 20 mph.  
Fri 4 | Day  
87° Partly cloudy in the morning followed by scattered thunderstorms in the afternoon. High 87F. Winds S at 15 to 25 mph. Chance of rain 40%. Higher wind gusts possible.  
Night  
71° Scattered thunderstorms during the evening followed by a few showers overnight. Low 71F. Winds S at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 40%.  
Sat 5 | Day  
93° Rain showers early with some sunshine later in the day. High 93F. Winds SW at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 40%.  
Night  
69° Scattered thunderstorms during the evening, then partly cloudy overnight. Low 69F. Winds SSW at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 40%.  
Sun 6 | Day  
89° Partly cloudy with afternoon showers or thunderstorms. High 89F. Winds NE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 50%.  
Night  
67° Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Low 67F. Winds E at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 50%.  
Mon 7 | Day  
87° Scattered thunderstorms. High 87F. Winds ESE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 40%.  
Night  
66° Partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered thunderstorms before midnight. Low 66F. Winds SE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 40%.

### Markets

at closing on Monday  
Wheat: \$4.64  
Corn: \$3.70  
Milo: \$3.05  
Soybeans: \$9.46

