



Discovery 4-H At The Farmers Market

Members of the Discovery 4-H Club prepared food to sell at the Farmer’s Market in downtown Belleville this past June. All proceeds will go to the costs of 4-H Camp and Discovery 4-H Club projects. Pictured back row from left, Beckett Hardenburger and Rowan Alexander. Front row from left, Brinley Hardenburger, Maren Alexander and Halle Tuma.

-Contributed Photo

Discovery 4-H Club

The monthly meeting of the Discovery 4-H Club was held at the Methodist Church in Belleville on July 13, 2025. President Elly Williams called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge were led by the Alexander and Hardenburger families.

Secretary Ellyn Feight called the roll which was answered by 23 members and three leaders. There was no song. Ellyn read the minutes of the past four meetings, and they were approved as read. There were no communications to read.

Treasurer, Mason Isaacson gave the Treasurer’s Report. There were no bills presented.

Vice President, Farmer Snapp stated that the next meeting would be July 31 at the fairgrounds and would be our club project tour.

Reporter Ruth Feight gave the Reporter’s Report stating that her report was sent to two newspapers for publication and one radio station to be read on air.

There was no 4-H Council Report.

The Historian’s Report was given by Rowan Alexander and Jenner Lapo stating that they need pictures of members and member activities.

Committee Reports were given by the Banner/Bale Committee and the Club Tour Committee. Banner committee members handed out hot air balloon coloring sheets for members to color for the banner.

The Leader’s Report was given by Samantha Alexander. She reminded members to take pictures of all their fair projects and activities. She also reminded members to look over the fair rules and to bake food items at least twice before the fair.

There was no Unfinished Business. There was no New Business. There were no Project Talks presented.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. Beckett Hardenburger, Recreation Leader led us in playing a game.

Ruth Feight
Discovery 4-H Reporter

Merry Meadowlarks 4-H Club

The monthly meeting of the Merry Meadowlark 4-H Club was held July 13 at 7:00p.m at the Cuba Presbyterian Church. The meeting was called to order by Jr. President Trevin Skucius. The Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge were led by Kaycee Stone. Our song leaders Harper and Myla then sang “The Wonderful Sounds Mr. Brown Can Do.”

Roll call was answered with the question “What is your favorite food at the fair?” There were 23 members, 3 leaders, and many guests present. The secretary then read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved as read. Our treasurer, Kash informed us that we had no expenses but a donation to be deposited from the Northern Exposure. Our council representative, Dakota reminded us that pre-fair judging will be July 23rd, along with fair clean up at 6:30p.m. Our leader told us we needed to bring baked goods for the cake walk at the Cuba Harvest Festival July 18th . We will also participate as a club in the parade on Saturday the 19th . A community service project was discussed for those that were available to help at Cuba basketball court. It needs to be cleaned and cleared

of thistles before Harvest Fest. The t-shirt committee told us that the shirts were done and will be delivered next week.

In unfinished business, we decided to table our monetary donation for fans in the livestock arena. Moving to new business we discussed how to decorate our club bale during the fair . We decided on a Dr. Seuss design because our fair theme is “Oh the Places You’ll Go.” We will also decorate the barns with the same theme. We then discussed a fundraiser for Mrs. Strnad. We will donate the money earned from the cake walk.

The next meeting will be August 1st at 3:00 p.m during the NCK Free Fair. We will have a scavenger hunt to tour all the barns and look at everybody’s projects. A motion was made and the meeting was adjourned. Following the meeting we had our program. Project talks were given by Devyn Schou and Jackson Simmons. Demonstrations were given by Nealy Eickman, and Kyla Sasser. Ellie Wurtz did a current event. Layton Schou did a surprise. Breckyn Reynolds did a guess who.

-Reporter: Ellie Wurtz

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.

The Republic Community Church attended the Lake Church to hear Roger Walls deliver the message. News has been heard on July 10 Jean Walls passed away, and at this time no service has been scheduled.

The Pawnee Indian Museum is excited to announce the gift of a grant from the Kansas Humanities to pay for a speaker. The program will be on September 28th and is titled “A History of the American Indian Boarding Schools,” presented by Eric P. Anderson. It will be free to the

public.

Betty Bouray visited her Aunt Helen Platt and had lunch with her.

A Craft and Vendor Fair is planned for Saturday October 11 at the Republic Community Center 9 a.m. -3 p.m. Contact Jena White for more details or to reserve a spot at (785)527-1311.

On August 9th, the RFD#9 will hold a pool party. More information to follow.

Kent and Betty Bouray met Klay, Kellin, Owen, Oliver, Ostyn, Ozzy and Presley Bouray at a restaurant in Concordia for supper on Saturday.

Brian and Carolyn Brzon spent Wednesday July 16th in Grand Island celebrating their 54th wedding anniversary.

Funeral Notice

William F. “Bill” Beasley

William F. “Bill” Beasley, 82, of Meridian,

Idaho, passed away on April 19, 2025. Graveside services will be held at 11:00 AM,

Saturday, July 26, 2025 at St. Katherine Catholic Cemetery, rural Belleville, KS conducted by Fr. Ryan McCandless.

Inurnment will follow the committal.

Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home, Belleville, KS assisted the family with the arrangements.

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 24**
All are invited to attend community coffee this Thursday from 8-9am with information beginning at 8:15 at the David's Creations. Come hear what is going on in the community. Coffee sponsor this Thursday, July 24, is David's Creation, as he is celebrating five years of service.
- **August 15**
The Republic County High School Student Council will be hosting "Back To School Bash" on August 15 in the City Park. This is a free will donation and the meal will include hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, cookies, and water. The band "Rockin' Redemption" will be playing from 7-10 pm and the meal starts at 6pm. Everyone is welcome.

Card Shower



The family of Judy Blackburn would like to request a card shower in honor of her 90th birthday on August 2.

Cards May be sent to:
Judy Blackburn
PO Box 146
Courtland, KS 66939

90th Birthday

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

MENU

Thursday 7/24/25	Fish or Ribetts (call w/ choice), Brussels Sprouts w/ Cheese, Fruit, Roll
Friday 7/25/25	Ham, Au Gratin Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Mandarin Oranges, Bread
Monday 7/28/25	Polish Dog w/ Kraut on a Bun, Pea Salad, Cucumber & Tomatoes, Fruit
Tuesday 7/29/25	Sweet & Sour Chicken, Rice, Cauliflower & Broccoli, Fruit, Bread
Wednesday 7/30/25	Spaghetti & Meatsauce, Italian Veggies, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit

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Weather

Weds 23 | Day

93°

Generally sunny despite a few afternoon clouds. High 93F. Winds S at 10 to 20 mph.

Night

70°

Partly cloudy with late night showers or thunderstorms. Low near 70F. Winds S at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 50%.

Thurs 24 | Day

85°

Mostly cloudy early. Scattered thunderstorms developing later in the day. Heavy downpours, frequent lightning with storms. High around 85F. Winds E at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 50%.

Night

69°

Variably cloudy with scattered thunderstorms. Low 69F. Winds light and variable. Chance of rain 40%.

Fri 25 | Day

85°

Variable clouds with scattered thunderstorms. High near 85F. Winds E at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 50%.

Night

67°

Partly cloudy skies. Low 67F. Winds light and variable.

Sat 26 | Day

94°

Mostly sunny. High 94F. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph.

Night

72°

Mainly clear. Low 72F. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph.

Sun 27 | Day

98°

Sunny skies. High 98F. Winds S at 10 to 15 mph.

Night

73°

Clear skies. Low 73F. Winds S at 10 to 15 mph.

Mon 28 | Day

99°

A mainly sunny sky. High 99F. Winds S at 10 to 15 mph.

Night

73°

A few clouds from time to time. Low 73F. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph.

Markets

at closing on Monday

Wheat: \$4.65
Corn: \$3.66
Milo: \$3.01
Soybeans: \$9.47

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Swedish American Cemetery #15
Republic County

will meet on August 6, 2025 at 6:00 PM at Rusty Rail, Cuba for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to levied. Detailed budget information is available at Republic County Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2026 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

2026

FUND	Prior Year Actual 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Proposed Budget Year for 2026		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	6,368	2.409	7,300	2.527	5,863	4,599	2.609
Debt Service							
Totals	6,368	2.409	7,300	2.527	5,863	4,599	2.609
Revenue Neutral Rate**							2.609
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditures	6,368		7,300		5,863		
Total Tax Levied	4,600		4,598		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	1,909,584		1,819,498		1,762,606		

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.
**Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988

Jeff Krohn
President

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NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Central Kansas Library System
Barton County

will meet on August 27, 2025 at 10:00 am at 1430 S Fossil St, Russell, KS for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to levied and Revenue Neutral Rate. Detailed budget information is available at 1409 Williams, Great Bend, KS and will be available at this hearing.

SUPPORTING COUNTIES

Barton County (home county) Cloud County, Ellis County, Ellsworth County, Jewell County, Lincoln County Mitchell County, Osborne County, Ottawa County, Phillips County, Republic County, Rooks County Rush County, Russell County, Saline County, Smith County

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of Current Year Estimate for 2025 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2026 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

State of Kansas
Special District

FUND	Prior Year Actual for 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Proposed Budget Year for 2026		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	2,117,449	1.273	2,382,000	1.287	2,462,000	2,150,053	1.536
Employee Benefits	264,970	0.235	358,000	0.177	383,000	281,010	0.201
Non-Budgeted Funds	229,171						
Totals	2,611,590	1.508	2,740,000	1.464	2,845,000	2,431,063	1.737
Revenue Neutral Rate**							1.434
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditures	2,611,590		2,740,000		2,845,000		
Total Tax Levied	2,092,243		2,145,590		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	1,396,699,026		1,466,763,271		1,399,628,021		
Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1,							
G.O. Bonds	2023		2024		2025		
Revenue Bonds	0		0		0		
Other	0		0		0		
Lease Pur. Princ.	9,530		5,280		0		
Total	9,530		5,280		0		

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.
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Gail Santy
Director