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100 Years Ago

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Notice Of Spring Clean-Up

Notice is given to all persons having on his, or her premises, rubbish, straw, manure, ash piles, and other unwholesome, or offensive accumulations of the winter to remove, or cause the same to be removed to the city dump ground. Chickens or other fowl should be locked up and kept locked up. Pigs should be removed beyond the city limits. Dog tax and Poll tax for 1926 is now due and payable at the city office. - W.M. Slopansky, City Manager.

A Remarkable Record

For a period of fifty days, from the 13th of January to the 5th of March, 1926, there was not a death in Belleville City, Belleville Township, or Freedom Township, which is considered a most remarkable health record for this community.

Who Gets The Dollar? (an opinion)

Who gets the dollar that is spent for printing? Analysis of disposition of the dollar spent for printing shows that more than seventy percent of it is paid for labor, and the remains at home to benefit the butcher, the baker, the clothier, and every line or retail trade. The dollar expended with the local printer is of greater value to the community than the dollar spent for merchandise. The local merchant who buys printing outside of his own community is robbing his own cash register. It has taken years for some people to come to some understanding of the fact that the tourist dollar, for instance, is of direct benefit to the entire community. California, Florida, and Colorado early learned the lesson that the tourist dollar does not stop with the hotel man, the resort man, the automobile repairman, and the gas station, but that a large percentage of the tourist dollar goes to every line of business in the community. As a result, we find Minnesota taking a leading place as a tourist state, and other states are awakening to the great value of the tourist dollar to the general prosperity of the community. The dollar spent for printing is the most loyal dollar in your community.

75 Years Ago

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March 22, 1951

Two Injured In Sled Upset Near Narka

Two Narka high school girls suffered minor injuries in a sledding accident Monday, March 12. The sled, which was being pulled by a pickup truck, overturned. The girls injured were Doni Jepson, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Jepson, and Laura Chopp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Chopp. Two others riding on the sled were uninjured. They were taken to Cuba where Dr. C.W. McClaskey treated Miss Jepson for a broken collar bone, cuts and bruises about the head. Miss Chopp suffered facial bruises.

Steel Here April 1

Structural steel for Belleville's new grade school building is in shipment and will be on the ground at the project here by April 1, George C. Dupus, superintendent of construction for D.C. Bass & Sons, reported this week to R.E. Butler, school superintendent. Brick for the exterior of the new structure has been delivered to the site during the past week.

Two Permits Issued

Two building permits were issued March 19 at a meeting of Belleville city commissioners, records in the Belleville city office indicate. Permit was issued to Clarence Tamerius to build a structure on his property at 1622 Twelfth Street. Dimensions are 6' by 12' and 8' high. The building is to be frame and covered with asbestos shingles. Robert Smith of 2330 M Street received a permit to build a new front porch at his address, adding a cement stoop and metal canopy.

50 Years Ago

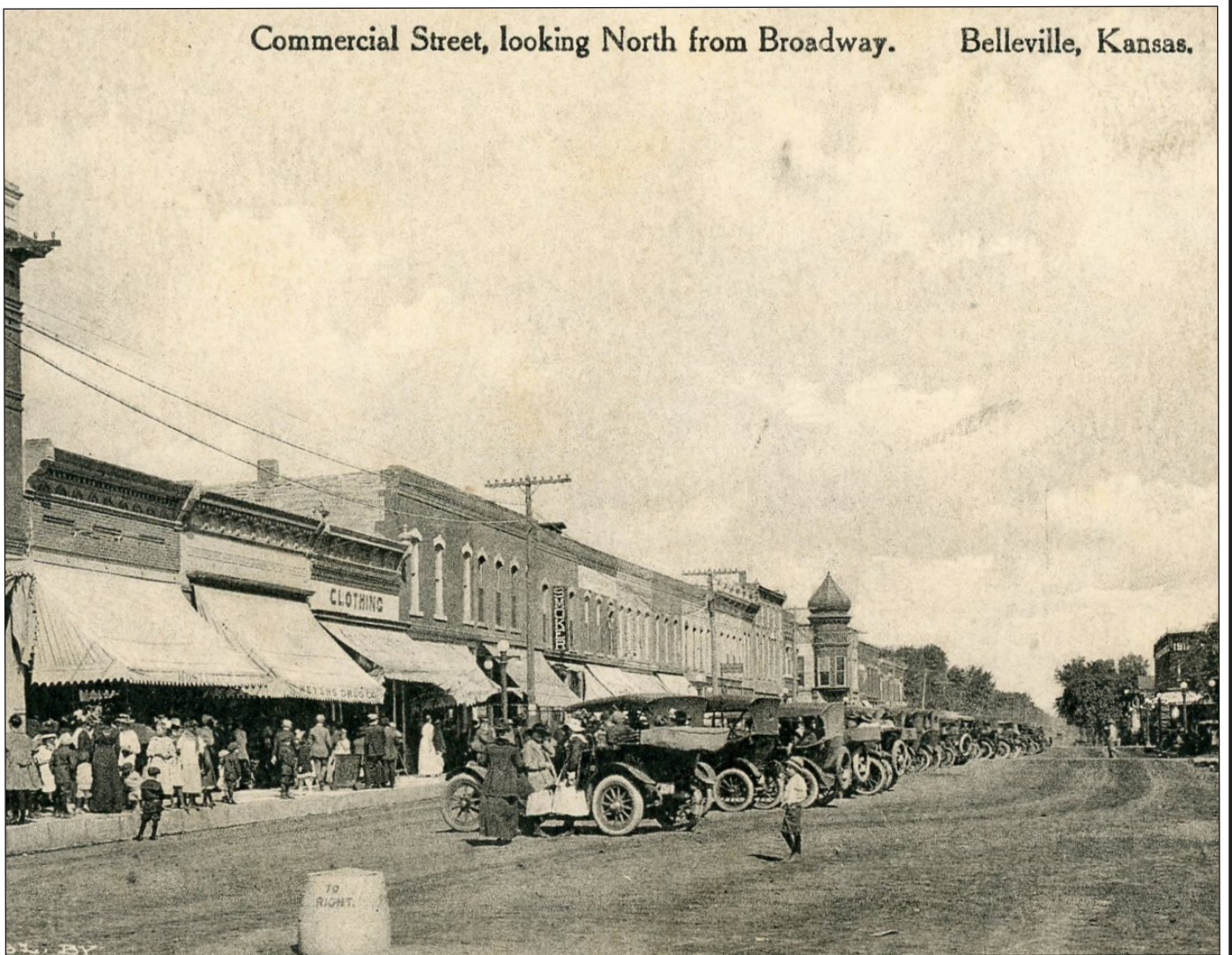
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March 25, 1976

Narka Woman Injured When Husband Swerves To Miss Coyote

Charlene Cossaart of Narka was injured early Sunday morning when the car she was riding in crashed into a ditch four miles west and 1/2 mile south of Narka while trying to avoid hitting a coyote. According to the Republic County Sheriff's report, David Cossaart was headed south with his wife Charlene when a coyote jumped from the east ditch in front of the 1973 Chevrolet David was driving. Cossaart swerved to miss the animal and ran off the road into a ditch, hitting a concrete culvert. Mrs. Cossaart was hospitalized at the Republic County Hospital in Belleville. The Chevrolet was totaled.

Rocket Derby Winners

Winers in the Belleville Boy Scout Webelos Rocket Derby held last week are: Bruce Stindt, first in the derby and second in design; David Tallent, second in design; Paul Snapp, third



A bustling downtown Belleville in the early 20th century.

in the derby; Jeff Lahodny, first in design and fourth in the derby; and Shawn Price, third in design.

Over Three Tons Of Herbicide Stolen At Rydal Grain Elevator

Burglars broke into the Rydal Grain Elevator Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning and stole over three tons of herbicides from the elevator warehouse. The main target of the burglars was AAtrex Atrazine and Milogard. The AAtrex was taken in 25 pound bags, five gallon cans, and 50 pound boxes while the Milogard was in 50 pound boxes. Republic County Sheriff Bob Blecha said that the burglars gained entry by forcing a window on the south side of the building. They then backed a dual rear-wheeled truck up to the loading dock and loaded the truck with the 6,000 plus pounds of herbicides. They used the elevator's dolly to load the stolen items onto their truck. "There were at least two burglars involved in this theft, because we found two caps in the vicinity which didn't belong to an of the employees. One of the caps blew off in the wind outside, and we found it in the elevator driveway, and the other was near the warehouse," Blecha said. The herbicide stolen is valued in the thousands of dollars according to Sheriff Blecha. The sheriff's department is not sure when the theft occurred and is asking area citizens to report anything unusual they might have seen Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning. Also stolen were numerous tools from the elevator, however, the thieves passed up other items of value in the warehouse and elevator main office.

35 Years Ago

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March 28, 1991

Former Belleville Officer Questioned About 16-Year-Old Hiawatha Girl's Death

A Hiawatha police officer who formerly served on the Belleville city police force, Val Taylor, was questioned by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation concerning the death of a 16-year-old girl Tuesday, but says he had nothing to do with her demise. Taylor, 28, called a news conference to squelch what he said were rumors throughout the north-

east Kansas town linking him to Melinda K. Long-Burton of Hiawatha, according to the Topeka Capital-Journal. The girl, missing since November, was found dead at a farm pond northwest of the community last week. Long-Burton, who had been married and divorced, was a junior at Hiawatha High School. Taylor said he was questioned by KBI agents Monday. He said they asked if he killed the teenager or had ever had an intimate relationship with her. Taylor said he answered "no" to both questions. He said he offered to take a polygraph test "to prove my innocence." Taylor said he wants to find the girls killer. "I want to find who did it, and when I do, they will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law, but it's not me," Taylor said. "Somebody's got an ax to grind, and I'm on the head of it." Brown County Attorney Phil Burdick indicated local authorities had been placed under a gag order and said Taylor may have spoken prematurely. The KBI is investigating Long-Burton's death as a homicide. Authorities have declined to reveal the results of an autopsy conducted last week. Taylor served in the Belleville police department before taking a position at Hiawatha about two years ago.

Hall Mill Operators Surrender Warehouse License

Enderlin Grain of Belleville has voluntarily surrendered its federal warehouse license and therefore has been removed from Commodity Credit Corporation's list of approved warehouses as of February 20. Enderlin Grain, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Milt Luchsinger operates the former Hall Mill grain elevator in Belleville. The company has been known as Belleville Grain since the Luchsingers purchased the business from the Hall family heirs several years ago. No additional CCC-owned or load commodities, or commodities delivered to CCC for purchase under a price support program subject to the terms of the Uniform Grain Storage Agreement which controls the storage of government-owned grains can be stored or handled through the warehouse, according to a release from the Republic County ASCS office. Attempts by The Telescope to contact Belleville Grain were unsuccessful this week. A sign posted on the door of the business aske people wishing to be loaded to call a Belleville phone number from the nearby Co-op bulk fertilizer plant.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p>Central Christian Church 24th and O Belleville, KS (785) 527-2066 Sunday School 9:30 Worship Service 10:45 Wednesday Night Live 6pm</p>	<p>First United Methodist Church 2013 M St, Belleville, KS 785-527-5608 (w) pastor@bellevillefumc.com Worship 10:45 am Sunday School 9:30am Web: www.bellevillefumc.com Email: adminoffice@bellevillefumc.com</p>	<p>Living Waters Family Church 303 Centennial Courtland, KS Worship 10:15 am 785-374-4337</p>	
<p>First Baptist Church 20th and J Street Belleville, KS 785-527-2511 Sunday Worship 10:30a.m Sunday Bible Study 9:30</p>	<p>Landmark Church 202 North M ST Belleville, KS Sunday School 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 mylandmarkchurch.com 308-991-2797</p>	<p>Courtland Covenant Church 505 Republic Courtland, KS 785-374-4370 Sunday School 9:45am Worship 10:30 am 785-374-4239</p>	
<p>Belleville Wesleyan Church 909 Wesleyan DR Office 785-527-5509 markwesley@nckcn.com Sunday Worship 10:30 Online Worship 10:30 www.bellevillewesleyan.church</p>	<p>First Presbyterian Church 218 Beach ST Cuba, KS Worship: 9 a.m.</p>	<p>Presbyterian 405 Cottonwood/Narka 200 N Maple/Mahaska Joint Worship: 10:30 am</p>	
<p>Main Street Tabernacle 1610 M Street Belleville, KS 785-527-8001 Worship 11 am and 5 pm</p>	<p>American Lutheran Church 2304 M ST Belleville, KS 785-527-5841 Worship 9:30 am</p>	<p>Republic County Catholic Churches www.repcatholic.com 785-527-5559</p> <p>St. Edward 1827 Q St. Belleville, KS Sunday Mass 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>St. George 105 W. Myrza Munden, KS 1st & 3rd Sat. Mass 4 p.m.</p>	