



### Book Signing

Author Rosie Bosse of Onaga was at the Belleville Public Library last Saturday for a presentation and book signing. While in Belleville, she read a portion from her upcoming book and upcoming series covering The Civil War.

-Telescope Photo by Fred Arnold

## Deaths

### Billy G. Snapp

Billy Gene Snapp, the son of William T. and Wilma J. (Proft) Snapp was born October 23, 1948 in Talmo, KS and Died on March 4, 2025 at Salina Regional Health Center at the age of 76. He attended Belleville Schools and graduated from Belleville High School in the class of



1966. He drove a delivery truck and was a salesman for the Old Home Bread Company for most of his life. In 1974, he married Jean Kelley and to this union, Angela, William (BJ), and Christy were born. The two later divorced. He was preceded in death by his parents, and brother James Snapp. He is survived by his son BJ (Katie) Snapp, two daughters, Angela Snapp, and Christy (Dave) Robinett all of

Salina, KS. One brother, Tom (Dianna) Snapp of Belleville, KS and one sister, Linda (Dan) Wiruth of Newton, KS. Four grandchildren, Braxton and Brady Snapp, and Allison and Riley Robinett. Private Family Graveside Service will be held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the Salina Rescue Mission. Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home, Belleville, KS is assisting the Snapp family with arrangements.

### Royce L. Tallent

Royce Linn Tallent, the son of Forrest A. and Dorothy (Gile) Tallent, was born May 9, 1942 in Oakdale, California and died March 3, 2025 at the Belleville Health Care Center at the age of 82. He attended country school in the Courtland, KS area and then finished his Junior year of high school at Belleville High School.



He was a lifelong truck driver hauling freight for El Dorado Camper Sales and later medical supplies for Mark Clark Industries. Royce completed his career hauling classic cars across the country as he had a love for classic cars. On November 4, 1963 he married Ronda Buchanan and to this union, one daughter was born, Cheryl. The two later divorced. He was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother Kenneth Tallent and sister-in-law Laveda Tallent. He is survived by his

daughter, Cheryl Tallent of Park City, KS, and other relatives. Funeral Service were held Monday, March 10, 2025 at 10:30am at Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home, Belleville, KS. Interment followed at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, rural Norway, KS. Memorials can be directed to Cheryl Tallent to be designated at a later time. Online condolences at [www.bachelor-surber.com](http://www.bachelor-surber.com) Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home, 1322 19th St, Belleville, KS is assisting the family with arrangements.

### Pearl Rhine

Pearl Rhine, the daughter of Charles Nelson and Clara (Newberry) Nelson, was born June 29, 1930 in McCune, Kansas and died on March 4, 2025 at her home in Wichita, KS at age of 94. She grew up and attended school in McCune. She was united in marriage to Verlin T. Rhine and to this union four children were born: Joseph Vance, Jean

Ellen, Thomas Verlin, and Douglas Ray. The couple made their home on the family farm west of Haddam, KS. Rhine was a homemaker, farm wife, and avid gardener. In later years, she resided in Wichita, KS. She was preceded in death her husband. She is survived by her four children; seven grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. Private interment was held at the Hawks Cemetery, rural Cuba, KS.

Family services will be held at a later date. A memorial service via zoom will be held on March 15, 2025, starting at 2:00 PM: zoom id-3716466052, password-379037, and it is open to the public. The family kindly requests no gifts or flowers. Condolences are welcomed. Online condolences at [www.bachelor-surber.com](http://www.bachelor-surber.com) Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home, Belleville, KS is assisting the family with the arrangements.

### Charlotte E. Young

Charlotte Elizabeth (Gertison) Young was born on September 29, 1959 to Phyllis and Charles "Chuck" Gertison in Belleville, KS and died on February 2, 2025 at Bryan LGH West Lincoln, NE at the age of 65. She completed confirmation and was baptized at St. John Lutheran Church in Chester, NE. She attended Chester-Hubbell High School in Chester, NE. She was active in pep club and she graduated with the class of 1978. She married Michael Thieme in 1979 and to this union three children



were born. They later divorced. She later married Thomas Young. She helped raise his three daughters, Calese Susan, Kathleen Lynn, and Celia Marie. She held many titles at various nursing homes and was a homemaker. She attended church and bible study at Landmark Church in Belleville, KS. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, one sister, Peggy (Gertison) Iwert; and son-in-law, Lewis Thayer. She is survived by her children, James Thieme of Hebron, NE, Calese (Jason) Young of Natoma, KS, Kathleen (Anthony) Kuhlmann of Stockton, KS; Celia Young of Plainville, KS, Logan (Erica) Thieme of Courtland, KS, and

Eva (Brian) Schultze of Belleville, KS; 15 grandchildren; and other relatives. Celebration of Life Services will be held at 3 PM, Saturday, March 22, 2025 at the Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home, 1322 19th St, Belleville, KS with Pastor Craig Roberts, officiating. Family inurnment will be held privately by the family at a later date. A potluck lunch will be held in honor of Charlotte following the service at the 4-H Building, Belleville, KS. Friends and family will gather at the funeral home at 2 PM prior to the service. Please direct cards and memorials to the family. Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements.



## The Annual Cuba Rock-A-Thon Is Next Week

The population of Cuba is set to increase dramatically next week as the Republic County town will host their annual Rock-A-Thon celebration March 20-22. The event, which is a fundraiser for the community, begins on Thursday at 8 a.m. for the start of Czech Day. Friday has been termed TGIF Day, and Saturday Rural Community & Dignitaries Day. Each day, there will be a full slate of activities highlighted by the ever popular fried chicken dinner on Friday and Saturday night's auction.

## Fundraiser To Benefit County Daycare Efforts

By Katy Duryea  
Telescope News

The Growing Children Republic County Foundation is a new local organization with a simple goal. And they might be looking for you or someone that you know. Jen Melton, owner of Jen's House of Learning in Courtland said the group is in the process of raising funds to establish a 501(c)(3) organization aimed at recruiting and supporting three start-up daycares in Republic County. Melton and Erin Kallman, director of Little Buffs Daycare for USD #109 in Belleville, are co-organizers of an Easter Basket fundraiser event currently underway. A live drawing is scheduled for Friday, April 11th on their

Facebook page. The public is invited to participate for an opportunity to win one of almost 40 one-of-a-kind Easter-inspired gift baskets, created and donated by local individuals and businesses. There are baskets decorated for kids and some for adults. "Our goal is to raise enough money to help three individuals with the start-up costs for three in-home daycares," Melton said. Melton said three in-home daycares can support 30 kids. "We believe that one large facility would not be the best for the community. We definitely think we could fill it with kids, but we know we could not fill it with enough staff," she added. According to the committee, there are six top ben-

efits to owning a daycare facility. Make a difference in community Monthly food assistance Possible financial grant support Financial independence Connect with others Flexibility in business ownership "It just makes sense to keep the business small and to empower a new business owner. We want to let them know we will be here to help them," Melton said. "We really are willing to be mentors." Contact Jen Melton at 785-412-0484 or Erin Kallman at 785-527-3296 to participate or for further information.

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