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A farmer harvests wheat before the rain Monday near 360th and Mustang Rds.

Harvest prospects dampened

By FINN HARTNETT
Staff writer

Heavy rains have forced county farmers to slow operations during what was meant to be a prime harvesting week.

“We had been combining the last couple of days, but now we’re at a standstill because of the rain,” Alan Hett said. “You drive a combine out there now, it would sink pretty good.”

Hett began harvesting his wheat Saturday afternoon. At the time, some of it already showed signs of too much rain, he said.

“It would be nice if we could get it going in the next couple days, but I don’t know if it’s going to happen or not,” he said.

County extension agent Rickey Roberts saw farmers harvested for a few days over the weekend before rain returned.

“It’s slowing things way down,” he said. “It’s becoming a late harvest.”



STAFF PHOTO BY FINN HARTNETT

Cloudy skies loom over a partially knocked down wheat field near 210th and Remington Rds.

He estimated that the harvest was 30% done but admitted he was “throwing a dart against a wall.”

An average harvest takes about a week in “good cutting weather,” he said.

At Cooperative Grain and Supply in Marion, four trucks came in Tuesday. All

of it had been cut over the weekend, elevator operator Dainne Cyr said.

“It’s too wet for them to get in the fields right now,” Cyr said. “It’s probably going to be at least tomorrow. I would guess it’s prob-

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Froggy weather



STAFF PHOTO BY NICHOLAS KIMBALL

Rainy weather hasn’t bothered some Marion residents. A huge green frog spent time this week appreciating mud puddles around Marion’s Central Park. Posing for a photo before hopping into nearby water, the frog probably is encouraged by latest forecasts, which call for chances of rain from midday Thursday through at least Sunday night

Handful to choose next legislator

By ERIC MEYER
Staff writer

Unless things change radically from where they stood at the start of the week, just 20 people in the eastern and northern halves of Marion County will get to vote on who will serve as the area’s next state representative.

Eighteen more votes will go uncast because nearly half of Republican precinct committeeman and committeewoman positions entrusted to vote on replacing Scott Hill as 70th District representative are vacant.

Unless committee vacancies are filled — and filled quickly — Marion County’s paltry votes will be overwhelmed by votes from the portion of the district that’s in Dickinson County.

In total, Dickinson has 56 committeemen and committeewomen in the 70th District, and none of those positions are vacant.

Republicans in Dickinson County recently rushed to fill their vacant committeeman and committeewoman seats in anticipation of last week’s vote to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of ultra-conservative J.R. Claeys as state senator for Saline and Dickinson counties.

Hill, another ultra-conservative who now represents portions of Marion, Dickinson, and

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Cuts threaten Peabody arts programs

By FINN HARTNETT
Staff writer

It has been a tumultuous few months for Marion County’s art institutions.

In late March, the Kansas Senate proposed eliminating funding for the Kansas Arts Commission.

Sunflower Theatre, the Peabody-based organization which hosts the majority of the county’s art projects, is largely dependent on KAC grants.

While elimination of KAC did not pass the Kansas House, more was to come.

On May 3, the federal government cut hundreds of National Endowment for the Arts grants that did not align with “new priorities” of President Donald Trump, according to an email sent out to those who lost their grants.

Trump then suggested eliminating the endowment in 2026 as part of a budget request sent to Congress.

NEA money makes up slightly less than half of KAC’s budget each year. Over the past few years, the amount has hovered around \$800,000.

“It historically has represented a big



“Helianthus,” a 2022 mural in Peabody by Sam Herd, . The work was commissioned by Sunflower Theatre and made possible with a \$9,200 grant from Kansas Arts Commission.

part,” KAC director Curtis Young said. “By federal law, 40% of the money that Congress provides to the NEA has to be distributed to state arts agencies.”

While KAC’s NEA money will not be cut this year — the funding was already approved by Congress in 2024 — NEA’s existence could be threatened in 2026, in turn threatening KAC’s survival.

Funding questions already have led to delays in KAC approving grants this summer and left organizations like Sunflower Theatre in limbo.

“These grant programs that we applied for in February are supposed to start in July, so everything is on hold,” theater director Susan Mayo said. “We’re all just kind of left hanging.”

This summer, Sunflower Theatre hoped to commission Erika Nelson, a visual artist based in Lucas, to build a temporary sculpture commemorating Peabody’s long-running July 4 fireworks display.

Flint Hills Counterpoint, another county arts organization that Mayo leads,

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Picture perfect



STAFF PHOTOS BY NICHOLAS KIMBALL

Monday’s rain made for a great opportunity to get creative with a camera. Shyla Harris talks on a phone and strikes a pose for a reflective portrait.

To find answers, we need to ask questions

IN A WORLD often focused on answers, it may be more important to ask questions.

Should Remington Rd. from US-56 to potential saint Emil Kapaun's church be a state highway, fostering tourism and safety while at least modestly reducing pressure on county road funds?

Should a big portion of state fuel taxes, designed to pay for maintaining roads, be sent directly to local governments charged with doing most of that work?

Should ambulance attendants be allowed to work schedules that let them simultaneously hold down multiple full-time jobs demanding fresh minds and bodies when professionals like pilots and truck drivers cannot?

Should robust background checks be required for every sensitive government hire, and should previous government employers be required to truthfully and fully report why an employee may have been encouraged to leave?

Should wind farms and pipelines receive tax abatements allowing them to so depreciate their worth that the taxes and payments they ultimately make are a tiny fraction of what they really owe?

Should those who install landscape-altering items like oil wells, cell towers, feed lots, solar farms, and wind turbines be required to set aside sufficient, untouchable money to ensure removal of these items once they have reached the end of their life?

Should governmental bodies be required to record their closed-door sessions so that, if their secrecy is challenged, a judge can determine whether the meetings were legal?

Should cities be allowed to make a mockery of rules requiring independent publication of their actions by pretending that their costly, often neglected government websites are newspapers?

Should officials and lawyers who flout laws like those governing open records be personally responsible, or must taxpayers bear the burden for their mistakes?

Should schools spend a small fortune and deprive students of hours of instruction to bus them to distant sporting events

when closer competition, from almost the same size schools, is available?

Should colleges supported by taxpayers become professional sports franchises, doling out millions to what once were amateur student-athletes?

Should government workers get far more holidays and far more generous pensions than typical private employers can afford to provide?

Should vacancies in elected offices be filled by tiny groups of party cronies meeting in back rooms, or should the public be allowed to vote at the next available election of any sort, like this August's local primaries?

Should police be required to tell the whole truth, not just the part that makes something look incriminating, when seeking authority for arrests or searches, and should prosecutors and judges be required to actually read and evaluate these requests before granting them?

We could fill this page with questions. Each of us is likely to have a somewhat different answer to each of them. What's important is that they need to be asked.

Where that's supposed to happen is in our state legislature. Unfortunately, most of the people who represent us there seem more concerned with whether transgender abortion doctors are illegally crossing the border to stuff ballot boxes and take away guns.

The real question is, do we still care for the freedom and democracy that generations of Americans fought and died to guarantee, or are we ready to fritter it away by not getting involved?

Nearly half of Marion County's voice in selecting our next state representative is silent because no one chose to become a precinct committeeman or committee-woman. The legislator we'll be replacing — the same person who tried to remove evolution from school curricula — ran unopposed in 2024.

If America descends, as many pundits predict, from democracy into authoritarian or bureaucratic rule, the question we will have to ask ourselves is why we blame others for this when we were unwilling to get involved.

— ERIC MEYER

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Water plant

To the editor:

In a June 18 article about the Hillsboro water plant, one of our employees was inadvertently left out.

Larry Pawloski is our maintenance man extraordinaire, and our team wouldn't be complete without him.

He keeps our equipment, grounds, and buildings in good shape and routinely assists with the many projects we always have going on. We rely on him a lot, and he's an integral part of our success.

We are collectively appre-

ciative of the article about surface-water treatment and Marion Reservoir. Water quality in many Kansas reservoirs continues to decline at a rapid rate because of many factors.

The City of Hillsboro water department hopes to continue to work with our many partners in the surface-water community to push for initiatives that would improve the overall quality of our local and state water resources.

As drinking water treatment of Kansas reservoir water continues to get significantly more complicated, it becomes harder and harder to find, hire, and train employees to become cer-

tified for operation of treatment facilities.

I'm hoping that your article will pique the interest of some members of our county who could be interested in a challenging, rewarding, and fun career path.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to highlight some of the work that we do, and thank you, Finn Hartnett, for taking the time to understand and write about our team and the work we do within our communities.

Morgan Marler
Hillsboro

Program teaches skills, not just leaders

By PHYLLIS ZORN
Staff writer

Even people who don't consider themselves to be in "leadership" positions can learn skills that will make them leaders in their realm of influence.

Marion County's Leadership program is not just for people who are in "leadership positions," County Administrator Tina Spencer said Tuesday. It's for people who want to learn how they can practice leadership in their lives.

Anyone can improve his or her personal skills and posi-

tively influence communities, she said.

Classes will meet around the county as well as in a classroom, and participants will visit community businesses, brainstorm, make connections, gain insights about Marion County, and practice leadership skills to make progress on local challenges.

Participants will learn about community strengths and challenges using Kansas Leadership Center's "When Everyone Leads" curriculum.

"A lot of it is about people learning that leadership is not

a position, it's a practice," Spencer said. "It can be as simple as sharing kindness to someone else."

Space is limited to 12 participants, and applicants must commit to actively participating in all sessions.

Registration costs \$50. The fee sometimes is paid by an employer who wants an employee to take the course.

That should be the only expense for participants. Grant money covers meals, transportation, class materials, and tuition to Kansas Leadership Center.

Spencer said that if the enrollment fee was a hardship, a person could ask for accommodation.

"We don't want people to miss out because they can't afford the fee," Spencer said.

All-day sessions will be Aug. 5 and 19, Sept. 2, 16, and 30, and Oct. 14. An evening meal at a date after the course is over will let participants get together one final time.



Another Day in the Country Technical troubles

By PAT WICK
© Another Day in the Country

EVERY TIME I start feeling semi-skilful while navigating my fancy-schmancy phone, the techno fairy sneaks in — even in the dead of night — and does an upgrade.

It's like waking up with a stranger in bed. Who is this? Can it be my phone? It looks different. Sometimes, mysteriously, the screen saver is even new, and it acts differently.

I'm sure the whiz kids who sit around dreaming up amazing things for a phone to do are thrilled with their discoveries. I'm not.

Just about the time I feel as if I know my phone, it changes. I have yet to have one of those miraculous upgrades be something I really wanted.

What I want from a phone is to be able to call anyone anywhere and remember the number.

I do like being able to text from my phone. In fact, I find myself using that feature more than actually calling to talk to someone — which I'm not sure is a good thing.

I also must admit that I enjoy having Google willing to give me information at a moment's notice, whether it's verifying whether someone famous is alive or dead or instructing me how to spell a word correctly.

My trusty camera is now obsolete. The phone does that. I've adjusted.

This phone is equipped to be a payment method, but I have trouble trusting it.

This newer model that I got about a year ago has a journaling application. You can talk to the phone, and it records your words — so long as you aren't too particular.

I did discover quite quickly that while it knows more than I wish it did in some areas, it's completely at sea in others.

Every time I dictate something that I want to share with my grandson later, it can't spell his name.

It's Dagfinnr. And what comes up in the dictation is "dogfood" — close enough, it figures.

The other night, we decided to watch a movie, "A Complete Unknown," about Bob Dylan.

Like me, my grandson didn't know all that much about him, but we both knew about, and admired, the young actor who took on the task of playing Dylan in the movie, and I knew a lot of lyrics to Dylan songs that have been covered by other musicians.

I went searching to see whether the movie was available and found it on Hulu.

I used to watch Hulu until I pretty much exhausted what I was interested in on the platform and discontinued the service.

Trying to sign back up turned into an exhausting ordeal. For sure, I would have given up and said "forget it" if Dagfinnr hadn't been here visiting.

"We can do this, Baba," he said, and we started verifying that this was actually me doing this with special numbers coming by text and by email, requiring me to move between applications, accounts, services, companies — who the heck knows where and how — and there's a time limit as to how long this is supposed to take you. The clock is ticking.

"Double-click on that," my instructor/grandchild said. "Tap and hold."

How was I supposed to know when to slide left or right, when to pull something up only halfway so that you could see two things at once.

I was so frustrated. No movie was worth this kind of aggravation.

"We could do this on your computer," Dagfinnr suggest-

ed at one point. "Maybe that would be easier."

The computer had been sitting silent and unused while we were in California, and the mouse had run out of oomph. It had to be charged.

I'd already recharged the keyboard. There's a waiting line for things that need charging after a trip: the phone, my hearing aids, ear pods, laptop, and me!

"You have to understand," my sister told Dagfinnr, "when we were your age, the only place there was a phone was in the house or on the corner at a pay phone. That phone service came from one place and pretty much stayed in one place."

For a phone to be a computer, a camera, a screen to watch movies on, a telephone, a typewriter, a place to store files of information, and a tool for playing endless games with more capabilities than most of us can understand and similar to what were used to put a man on the moon is mind boggling.

"Dealing with technology, Baba, is a learned skill," Dagfinnr said patiently, "just like any other skill. So in order to be good at it, you are going to have to learn more about it."

There's the problem. I don't want to learn more about it. I just want to know enough so that my phone does what I've always needed it to do.

I want the phone to be stable, still, sitting where I can find it to make a call, send a text, take a picture, play one or two games every morning, and tell me the time.

That said, I just acquired another piece of technology — a charging stand. No more messing with cords that are too short or a missing adapter. Just set the phone on the stand and — abracadabra — there's a piece of technology that I can get excited about on another day in the country.

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

Vendor

A vendor selling painted items at TC's What-Not Shop is not a former high school art teacher, as reported last week, but Judy Christensen, a local artist.

Sewer budget

Hillsboro's 2025 sewer budget is \$952,000, not just the \$300,000 reported last week as being reserved for capital investments.

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New Marion official wants dollar store to sell gas

By **PHYLLIS ZORN**
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After his week on the job, new city administrator Bryan Wells met with Marion City Council members Monday to map priorities for the city.

Wells already is asking Dollar General Corp. whether the chain might add gas pumps Marion. He has not been able to reach anyone, however.

Regular gas pumps at Casey's have been unusable for weeks, and some alcohol-free pumps are now out of ser-

vice. The city has only one place to buy gasoline, and Dollar General at Hillsboro has gas pumps, Wells noted.

Wells said he had spent time reviewing things the city has done in the past.

"I'd be willing to meet with you all," he told council members.

Wells said one person had applied to be municipal court clerk, and two applications had come in for police chief position.

Code inspector James Masters, who

went to work for Council Grove on June 9 for a slight pay cut, has agreed to return to Marion on June 30, he said. He and the council did not reveal what had changed his mind.

Council member Zach Collett said his "top bullet" was to hire an economic development director.

Collett said he also wanted the city to review its capital improvement plan annually and look back at the city's strategic plan.

Street conditions also were a council concern.

Mayor Mike Powers suggested asking the police department to notify the city of potholes that need repair.

Collett suggested having trash truck crews report potholes in alleys.

Powers pointed to the condition of Kellison St., a partially gravel road starting at Eisenhower Dr. and going past a housing development in the 300 block of N. Coble St.

"That is our newest housing devel-

opment, and that gravel road puts out a lot of dust," Powers said.

Powers wondered whether some kind of spray might keep down the dust.

Council member Kevin Burkholder said he would like to see Wells get out to meet business owners.

He also said he wanted the city to give merit-based raises based on performance reviews instead of across-the-board raises.



STAFF PHOTOS BY FINN HARTNETT
Nevan Castañeda brought energy Saturday at Peabody American Legion, performing Elvis Presley's greatest hits.

Impersonator has Peabody all shook up

By **FINN HARTNETT**
Staff writer

Elvis was in the building Saturday night at the Peabody American Legion post — a facsimile, anyway — as impersonator Nevan Castañeda sang Elvis covers for more than two hours to a crowd of Peabody residents.

Castañeda, first in a red velvet shirt and later in a sky-blue sequined jumpsuit, brought a youthful exuberance to the performance, dancing around tables and striking poses on stage.

The crowd cheered as he pulled an elderly woman named Mary out of her seat for a slow dance to "Blue Moon."

Other members of the audience were similarly wooed throughout; stage presence was not an issue for the 21-year-old from Aurora, Colorado.

The event was organized by Sunflower Theatre's activities committee and took place in the Legion's back room, strung with variegated lights for the occasion.

Around 75 residents turned up to watch Castañeda.

"He's been to El Dorado, and they had, like, 30 people," Faie Frederickson, a mem-



Castañeda's "momager," Nicole, adjusts his pompadour backstage.

ber of the activities committee, said. "I'm really proud of how our town's turned out."

Halfway through Castañeda's set, 18-year-old Dashiell Strotkamp joined him on stage for a rousing rendition of "Hound Dog."

The two passed the microphone back and forth as they sang.

Pulled pork, hot dogs, baked beans, dill pickles, and a peanut butter-banana parfait were served in honor of the king.

A "guess the Elvis" contest featured eight photos of Peabody residents draped in jumpsuits.

Castañeda, next performing in Aurora and Fort Morgan, Colorado, was positive about his experience in Peabody.

"Never judge a book by its cover," he said. "The spirit in this place is surprising. What more could you ask for as a performer?"

A July concert is scheduled as Sunflower Theatre's next community event but will depend on grant money from Kansas Arts Commission which has not yet been confirmed.

County won't blink on turbine lights

By **PHYLLIS ZORN**
Staff writer

Blinking red lights on Sunflower Wind turbines have vexed some county residents since the wind farm was built, and the lights once again are in county commissioners' crosshairs.

Commissioner Clarke Dirks brought up Monday that Sunflower promised weeks ago to switch to aircraft-activated lights that blink only when an aircraft is in the vicinity.

Commissioners decided to have county counsel Brad Jantz contact owner Orsted to find out the status of changing to aircraft-activated lights.

Three months ago, Orsted representatives, noting that the company was not required under law to use aircraft-detecting lights, said the wind farm was working on getting the light system installed.

Orsted representative Jase Sherwood said at the time that there was a problem with the company that makes the lights. They were working to change them out, but that conversion of the last few lights was "wrapping up."

Orsted communications adviser Charlotte Bellotte said the company continued to work on the problem with the lights.

"We certainly empathize with the frustrations of county residents and are working with the system manufacturers to resolve the lighting issue," Bellotte said. "About 50% of the wind farm has a properly functioning system, while the remaining half is defaulting to standard lighting. The light manufacturer performed a firmware update, but it unfortunately did not fix the issue with the lighting control modules. We are working with the manufacturer of the system, DeTect, to perform a new update to fix the remaining lights."

Sunflower Wind has been an increasing subject of commission time since the company began negotiating with property owners in East Branch, Menno, Liberty, and West Branch townships for leases to install additional towers.

In other business Monday, commissioners met in secret for 10 minutes to discuss hiring a director for emergency medical services but took no action.

Campground walk-away scares family

A Hillsboro man who walked away from a campsite at Marion Reservoir at 1 a.m. Saturday caused family to fear for his safety, but all turned out OK in the end when Assistant Police Chief Randy Brazil found him at his Hillsboro home.

Brazil said a family argument had taken place at the reservoir, and the man had headed home.

The distance between the reservoir and Hillsboro is roughly five miles, Brazil said.

The man didn't walk the entire distance. He caught a ride part of the way.

Brazil said the only thing that took place at the lake was an argument.



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Deaths

Judith Gourley

Private services are planned for Marion native Judith Lee Gourley, 86, who died May 5 in Kirkland, Washington.

Born May 16, 1938, in Marion, she graduated from the University of Kansas with degrees in sociology and psychology and later education.

She spent a year teaching multiple grades in one classroom in Adelong, Australia, and many years as a fourth-grade teacher in Grants Pass, Oregon.

In summers, she worked as a forest ranger in Siskiyou National Forest. After retiring, she was a court-appointed special advocate for children.

She played guitar and mandolin in a bluegrass band around Grants Pass. She continued to swing and square dance well into her 80s.

In recent years Judy moved to Seattle to be close to her son and his family.

She is survived by children Sheryl and John and two grandsons.

Randy Herbel

Graveside services for Randy Herbel, 58, who died June 9 at Wesley Medical Center, Wichita, will be 10 a.m. Saturday at Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Hillsboro. Pastor John Werner will officiate.

Born Aug. 3, 1966, in Hillsboro, he is survived by daughter Lena Lumpkins and granddaughter Savannah Howell.

Angela Larsen

Private services are planned for Angela Larsen, 51, who died at her residence in Hillsboro.

Born Nov. 26, 1973, in Hillsboro to Don and Irene (Brunner) Bezdek, she was preceded in death by her father in 2007.

Survivors include daughter Harlee Larsen of Salina, mother Irene Bezdek of Hillsboro, sister Lisa Salsgiver of Wichita, and two grandchildren.

Jost Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Shirley Reusser

Services for Shirley Reusser, 90, Hillsboro, who died June 10, will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday at First Mennonite Church, Hillsboro, an hour after burial at Haven of Rest Cemetery, rural Hillsboro. Relatives will receive friends 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at Jost Funeral Home, Hillsboro.

Born Aug. 28, 1934, in Hillsboro to Hugo and Lottie Hiebert, she graduated from Hillsboro High School, attended Bethel College for one year, and in 1956 received a registered nursing degree from Bethel Deaconess School of Nursing.

She married Dwayne Reusser on June 30, 1958, at Sister Frieda Memorial Chapel, Newton. They lived in Moerfelden-Walldorf, Germany, for one year while Dwayne was stationed there. After his discharge from the Army, they moved to a farm in Kansas.

A lifelong member of First Mennonite Church, she taught Sunday school and served on various committees, helped with the Arts and Crafts Fair in Hillsboro, and was an office nurse for multiple physicians, director of nursing at Parkside Homes, and Marion County health nurse.

After Dwayne died Nov. 14, 2007, she moved to town and on June 1, 2012, married George Charlsen. He died Jan. 10, 2023. She spent her last years at Salem Home.

Survivors include children Layne, Diedre, and Ty; 12 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death were brothers Abraham, Russell, and Loren.

Memorials have been established with First Mennonite Church and Salem Home.

IN MEMORIAM
EXPANDED EULOGIES

"In Memoriam" listings are expanded paid obituaries, phrased as the family requests, and may include enhanced information or photographs that might not fit within free death notices.



'Jackie' Palic

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Funeral Mass for Jacquelyn Sue "Jackie" Palic, 62, who passed away June 20, 2025, surrounded by the love of her family at her home in Marion, will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church in Pilsen.

A vigil service and rosary will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Marion. Father Isaac Coulter will preside over all services. Interment will be in Marion Cemetery.

Jackie was born Sept. 10, 1962, in Marion to Jack and Joyce (Pientka) Richmond.

She was a 1980 graduate of Marion High School and attended Emporia State University.

On April 27, 1991, she was united in marriage to Joseph Palic.

She was an active member of Holy Family Parish. She worked for numerous years as a sales associate at D&J Liquor. She also was an owner of Marion Manufacturing Inc.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Tony Ingels, and her father, Jack Richmond. She is lovingly survived by husband Joe Palic of Marion; sons Chad Ingels of Marion, Adam (and wife Carli) Palic of Greensburg, Tyler Palic (and wife Korie Smith) of Emporia, Todd Palic of Emporia, and Kyle Palic of Paris, Texas; grandchildren Ian and Paxton Ingels and Evelyn, James, and Josephine Palic; mother Joyce Richmond of Marion; siblings Allan (and wife Dot) Richmond, Dave (ad wife Bobby) Richmond, and Tim (and wife Amy) Richmond, all of Marion; and a host of other relatives and dear friends.

A memorial has been established with the Father Kapaun Legacy Fund in care of Jost Funeral Home, Hillsboro.

Online condolences may be left at www.jostfuneralhome.com.



John Summervill

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A celebration of life for John Charles Summervill, 89, who died June 17, 2025, at Hutchinson Regional Medical Center,

was Saturday, June 21, 2025, at Trinity United Methodist Church, Hutchinson.

Military honors were provided by a Fort Riley honor guard. Private inurnment was in the church columbarium. Visitation was 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 19 and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. June 20, with the family present 5 to 7 p.m. June 20 at Elliott Mortuary.

John was born April 9, 1936, in Hillsboro to Wesley and Mildred (Bredemeier) Summervill. He graduated from Marion High School in 1953 and served in the U.S. Army from 1957 to 1959.

John attended Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, receiving a bachelor's degree in 1962 and a master's degree in 1963, both in education. He was a very proud Hornet!

His teaching career began in Strong City, where he taught seventh grade. John then moved to Hutchinson and worked primarily for USD 309 Nickerson-South Hutchinson. He started teaching at South Hutchinson Grade School before moving to Nickerson High School, where he taught history and government.

John also served as athletic director for USD 309, coached girls' basketball and softball, and officiated basketball, baseball, and football games. Never one for rest and relaxation, he worked summers for the Soil Conservation Service and mowed lawns for more than 50 years.

John had a passion for education and for encouraging students and athletes to work hard and strive for excellence. He received many awards. He was inducted into the Kansas State High School Activities Association Hall of Fame and the Teacher Hall of Fame and was named Athletic Director of the Year.

Giving back and supporting the community were integral parts of John's life. He was involved in National Education Association, Kansas NEA, Kansas College Officials Association, and Emporia State University Alumni Association. John also served as a trustee for the ESU Foundation.

He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Hutchinson, where he participated in the Methodist Men and Doers Sunday school class and was a Sunday morning usher. John was a fixture at church, always volunteering behind the scenes.

John was dedicated to his church, education, and the community, but his greatest love and dedication was his family. He was a devoted and proud husband, father, and grandfather, always supporting his family with unconditional love.

While in college, he met his future bride, Barbara Ann Cooper. They were married July 1, 1961, in Cheney.

John is survived by his wife of almost 64 years, Barbara of

Hutchinson; children Rodney Summervill (and wife Carol) and Jill Goertzen (and husband Russ) of Buhler; grandsons Jacob Goertzen of Buhler, Joshua Goertzen of Manhattan, and Justin Goertzen and Jesse Goertzen of Buhler; step-grandchildren Megan Anger, Ethan Caster, and Dane Caster; sister Sue Navrat (and husband Dennis); sisters-in-law Marge Summervill and Val Summervill; and numerous nieces, nephews, and former students.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Marion Summervill and Mick Summervill.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Trinity United Methodist Church or the Summervill Family Scholarship at Emporia State University in care of Elliott Mortuary, 1219 N. Main St, Hutchinson KS 67501.

Kenneth Koehn

Kenneth Dale Koehn, 74, passed away June 13, 2025, at Lake Point of El Dorado.

Kenneth was born Oct. 31, 1950, at Goessel to Elmer and Ruby (Schmidt) Koehn. His growing-up years were spent in the Goessel, Potwin, and Burns communities. He obtained his eight years of education at Goessel.

Kenneth gave his heart to the Lord at the young age of 14 and was baptized into the Church of God in Christ, Mennonite, by pastor Lester Koehn on April 25, 1975. He remained faithful to these vows until the end.

On Oct. 19, 1975, Kenneth married Areletta Schmidt. They enjoyed almost 50 years together and were blessed with a very much-loved daughter, Gwenda Ann.

Kenneth spent his working years in a variety of jobs. He started his first job at age 19 at Potwin IGA. He thoroughly enjoyed his 23 years in the grocery industry and made many friends and was loved by all.

The next 20 years were spent in the janitorial business, cleaning local office buildings as a family.

For 15 years, he rose early each morning to deliver the Wichita Eagle Beacon, stopping and getting out of his car and placing each paper at the doorsteps of community members with care for easy access by readers.

He finished his working years in the catering business with his wife and daughter before Parkinson's disease started to make life challenging.

Kenneth was a quiet, respectful man with a sense of humor, a lover of song, and a writer of poems and letters, sending them to friends and family far and near. Missionaries often were recipients of these labors of love.

He always will be remembered as a master gardener. Flowers were his special companions, thriving under his

care. His gardens were beautiful and provided him a secret place of prayer.

He left with an assurance of peace in his heart. Some of his last words were of thankfulness to his family and a clear, "Bye, everybody."

Those left to cherish memories are his wife, Areletta; daughter, Gwenda; brother, Eldon, and wife Connie Koehn of Leland, Mississippi; four brothers-in-law; and 10 sisters-in-law.

Those gone before are his parents, a brother and two sisters-in-law.

Dale Smith

Funeral Mass for Dale Vincent Smith, 83, Marion, who passed away peacefully on Ascension Sunday, June 1, 2025, in Marion, was 10 a.m. Saturday, June 7, 2025, at St. Mark Catholic Church.

Rosary was 7 p.m. Friday, June 6, 2025, at the church.

Dale was born July 1, 1941, in Marion to Fred P. and Adele (Lefert) Smith.

He graduated from Olpe High School in 1959 and married his high school sweetheart, Mary "Pat" Schneider, on August 19, 1961, at St. Joseph Catholic church in Olpe. They were blessed with four children.

Dale attended Lincoln Welding School in Cincinnati and spent his career working for Boeing in Wichita for 34 years. He was proud to have been chosen to work on Air Force One.

In 1992, Dale and Pat relocated to Marion. Dale was an avid fisherman and hunter. He enjoyed sharing his knowledge and love of these sports with his three sons-in-laws and looked forward to their annual trips together.

Dale cherished time with his nine grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

He was a parishioner of Holy Family Parish and a life member of the Knights of Columbus.

Dale is survived by his wife of 63 years, Pat of Marion; daughters Ginger (and husband Chris) Girrens, Monica (and husband Kevin) Hampel, and Rachel (and husband Kevin) Lewis; son Bruce Smith; nine grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and brothers- and sisters-in-law Shirley Smith, Valerie Schneider, Thomas and Bob Myers, Janice Schneider, Rick and Jane Boes, Julie and Vern Brady, and Cheryl and Jake Burkett.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Don; great-grandson Jonas Prieto; brother-in-laws Ron, Bill, and Mark Schneider and Jerry Schneider; and sister-in-law Marsha Boes.

Eternal rest, grant unto him, and perpetual light, shine upon him.

Library to teach writing

If Herington Public Library doesn't have a local author to come for its new monthly program "Witty Writers," it will conduct a writing workshop.

Witty Writers began in January and showcases Kansas authors. When no author is available, high school teacher Bobbi Rookstool gives a course on creative writing.

Sessions are at 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month. Admission is free.

COLLEGE
DEGREES AND HONORS

These Marion County students were listed this past week as receiving degrees or honors from colleges or universities.

NEWMAN UNIVERSITY

Spring dean's list

Marion — Tessa Mendoza

MERCER UNIVERSITY

Master's degree

Marion — Dale Vogel, teaching pedagogy.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Spring dean's list (3.7 GPA or better)

Hillsboro — Charlie Major, senior in media arts.

MENUS
SENIOR CENTERS

Menus subject to change. Milk available with all meals.

HILLSBORO

Reservations accepted at (620) 947-2304.

Thursday — Ham salad sandwich, carrot raisin salad, tropical fruit, brownie.

Friday — Barbecue chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, strawberry shortcake, roll.

Monday — Polish sausage, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, cinnamon applesauce, bread.

Tuesday — Pork cutlet, au gratin potatoes, peas, cantaloupe, dinner roll.

July 2 — Chicken tenders, country gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, mixed fruit, roll.

July 3 — Cheeseburger on bun with lettuce, tomato, and onion; potato salad; coleslaw; strawberries and bananas.

MARION

Reservations accepted at (620) 382-2942.

Thursday — Salisbury steak, potato wedges, cauliflower, tropical fruit, whole-wheat roll.

Friday — Grilled hamburger on bun with tomato and lettuce, potato salad, beets, apricots.

Monday — Polish sausage, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, cinnamon applesauce, cookie, whole-wheat bread.

Tuesday — Pork cutlet, au gratin potatoes, peas, cantaloupe, dinner roll.

July 2 — Chicken tenders, country gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, mixed fruit, roll.

July 3 — Cheeseburger on bun with lettuce, tomato, and onion, potato salad, coleslaw, strawberries and bananas.

PEABODY

Reservations accepted at (620) 983-2226.

Thursday — Fiesta steak, potato wedges, cauliflower, tropical fruit, roll.

Friday — Sloppy Joe, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, applesauce.

Monday — Polish sausage, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, cinnamon applesauce, bread, cookie.

Tuesday — Pork cutlet, au gratin potatoes, peas, cantaloupe, dinner roll.

July 2 — Chicken tenders with country gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, mixed fruit, dinner roll.

July 3 — Cheeseburger with bun, lettuce, tomato, and onion; watermelon; strawberries and bananas.

Church directory

Up-to-date schedules provided by churches <i>Email weekly updates to church@MarionCountyRecord.com.</i> AULNE BIBLE 1404 Pawnee Rd., Marion Bryan Lowery, Pastor Worship 9:10 a.m. Sunday school 10:45 a.m. Nursery and children's church available during morning worship. Wednesday — Work on Operation Christmas Child boxes, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Phoebe Janzen's house. Thursday — Women's prayer group, 7 p.m., Betty Just's house. Friday — Women's Bible study, 10 a.m. or 2 p.m., Phoebe Janzen's house. FLORENCE UNITED METHODIST 201 W. 5th St., Florence Gathering/coffee 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Guest pastor, Kevin Seuser. HOLY FAMILY PARISH Roman Catholic churches in Florence, Marion, Pilsen, and Tampa Father Isaac Coulter Florence 5 p.m. Saturday Marion 8:30 a.m. Sunday Pilsen 10:30 a.m. Sunday	Confessions 30 minutes before every Mass for 20 minutes. Saturday — Extra confessions, 3 p.m., Pilsen. OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN 320 Cedar St., Marion John Werner, pastor Bible class 8 a.m. Divine service 9 a.m. Thursday — Mission projects, 1 p.m. OTHER AREA CHURCH SCHEDULES ALEXANDERWOHL MENNONITE Sunday school 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. BURDICK UNITED METHODIST Worship 11 a.m. BURNS CORNERSTONE BIBLE Worship 9 a.m. CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF FLORENCE Worship 10:45 a.m. Free breakfast 8:30 a.m. Sunday school 9:30 a.m. Evening service 6:30 p.m. COMMUNITY OF CEDAR POINT Worship 9 a.m. EASTMOOR UNITED METHODIST Worship 9:45 a.m. EBENFELD MENNONITE BRETHREN Worship 10:30 a.m. EMMANUEL BAPTIST Worship 10:30 a.m.	FIRST BAPTIST OF DURHAM Sunday school 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. FIRST BAPTIST OF PEABODY Sunday school 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Facebook live 11 a.m. GRACEPOINT Worship 10:30 a.m. GOOD NEWS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP Worship 10:30 a.m. HEBRON LUTHERAN OF BURDICK Worship 9:30 a.m. HILLSBORO FIRST MENNONITE Sunday school 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. HILLSBORO MENNONITE BRETHREN Sunday school 9:15 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. HILLSBORO UNITED METHODIST Worship 10:30 a.m. Weekly services posted on YouTube. HOLY TRANSFIGURATION ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN OF HILLSBORO Liturgy 10 a.m. MARION CHRISTIAN Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Tuesday — Bible study, 9 a.m. MARION PRESBYTERIAN Praise team rehearsal 8 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m.	Sermon discussion 7:30 p.m. PARKVIEW MENNONITE BRETHREN, HILLSBORO Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. PEABODY CHRISTIAN Worship 10:30 a.m. PEABODY UNITED METHODIST Worship 10:40 a.m. ST. JOHN LUTHERAN OF LINCOLNVILLE Worship 10:45 a.m. ST. JOHN LUTHERAN OF TAMPA Worship 9:15 a.m. ST. PAUL LUTHERAN OF PEABODY Worship 9 a.m. STRASSBURG BAPTIST Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. TRINITY LUTHERAN OF RAMONA Worship 10:45 a.m. VALLEY UNITED METHODIST Sunday school 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. ZION LUTHERAN OF HILLSBORO Bible class 9:15 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.
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15 YEARS AGO

JUNE 30, 2010

The front page of this issue contains pictures and a story relating to completion of a home at 1001 Tanglewood Lane, Marion, provided by volunteers for wounded veteran Sergeant Ryan Newell and his family.

An episode of “American Pickers,” a television show on the History Channel, will feature antique collectors Marion “Oggie” Ogden and Dennis Maggard. A TV crew was in Marion in April to film the segment.

Marion High School graduate Sam Ehrlich was one of 11 students honored as scholar-athletes June 23 at the National Football Foundation’s banquet in Lawrence. The former Warrior linebacker also received a \$250 scholarship from the foundation.

Marion’s sesquicentennial committee has scheduled a community meeting July 20 in the city building basement to tell plans in the works for the town’s 150th anniversary in 2011.

Payton and Cade Harms are pictured with Governor Mark Parkinson as they present him a beef gift basket to celebrate the signing of a proclamation declaring Beef Month.

30 YEARS AGO

JUNE 30, 1995

According to Jack Bruner, mayor of Burns and a dulcimer smith, he has the only dulcimer factory in the United States. His shop, Burns Guitars, on Broadway in Burns, also produces guitars and wall clocks

Jennifer Thole, daughter of Jon and Suzanne Thole, has accepted a full-time position as office manager in the Univer-

sity of Kansas sports information office in Lawrence. Thole is a 1990 graduate of Marion High School.

Linda and Doug Eshelman are pictured on the front page as they cut a ribbon at the grand opening of Stone Haven, a bed and breakfast they have opened in the former Arnold School in Florence.

Marion High School students Courtney Goering and Gabrielle Longhofer are attending Seven Days of Broadway, a music-theater camp at Bethel College.

An article by staff writer Brenden Sager features Harry Bennett, St. Luke Hospital’s “maintenance know-it-all and armchair philosopher.”

Bennett’s realm extends far beyond brooms and saws. He is a vital part of the workings of the hospital and, like physicians, often is on call 24 hours a day.

45 YEARS AGO

JULY 2, 1980

Kris Kelsey, 16, is pictured giving change to Tate McCarty, 15, after Tate purchased bottle rockets at a downtown fireworks stand. Business was slow at first, Kris said, but has been picking up as the holiday draws near.

Staff writer Kelly Humphries spent an evening riding around Marion and other parts of the county with Sheriff John Jost. He writes of Jost’s unique personal approach to the duties of a peace officer.

Barkman Honey has announced a groundbreaking ceremony at 11 a.m. July 10 in Hillsboro Industrial Park. The firm is expanding into a new location. Processors of Busy Bee honey, the firm is owned by Eldon Brandt and Richard Barkman.

A steady flow of metal was loaded into a Coors aluminum

recycling truck Wednesday in the Dave’s IGA parking lot. The aluminum drive, sponsored by Debaug Brothers of Emporia, paid 25 cents a pound for aluminum and one cent each for every Coors beer bottle.

Van’s girls’ ball team member Amy Hett is the *Marion County Record’s* player of the week. In a 19-3 victory Friday over Peabody, she pitched a two-hitter, striking out eight batters. She personally had nine hits, including two home runs and two triples; scored five runs; and drove in three.

60 YEARS AGO

JULY 8, 1965

A Santa Fe Trail miniature wagon train traveling the historic highway this summer is due July 12 for an overnight stop at Lincolnville. The train will stay overnight July 13 at Hillsboro.

Burnace C. Powell, former highway patrolman here, has been named county clerk of Marion County. He was appointed for the unexpired term of about 18 months left open by the resignation of Fred Allen.

The annual Marion County 4-H businessmen’s picnic will be Thursday in the Marion city park. The annual event is for all Marion County 4-H club members and their guests — businessmen who are 4-H boosters and their families.

Neva Kelsey of Marion and Sandra Janzen of Lincolnville are listed as contestants in an International Beauty Congress pageant sponsored by Wichita Business College.

Marion’s women’s softball team won its first game of the season Friday, defeating Florence, 23-14. Mary Ann Fink was the winning pitcher with Janet Meisinger behind the plate. Norma Kline pitched the last inning for the winners.

Members of the Class of

1950 of Marion High School had their 15-year reunion July 3 at the Marion city park and Owl Car Café.

75 YEARS AGO

JULY 6, 1950

The local post of the American Legion has announced construction will start in the near future on a two-story structure that will be a memorial to soldiers of the two World Wars. It will be constructed of native cut stone on the north side of Main St.

The school board and the Parent Teachers Association have joined in plans to start a full lunch program during the coming school year.

Marion County’s new sanitarian is Dean Duke of Durham, who will start his duties July 10. Duke will replace E.B. Coen, who resigned.

A house that occupied the site has been moved, and work is scheduled to start July 10 on a new gym and vocational agriculture building.

A reminder this week notifies residents that membership in Marion Country Club is still available at \$10 per year. Anyone interested is asked to contact C.F. Pantle.

Avon Theatre, Hillsboro, closed except on weekends for some time, has re-opened with shows daily except Monday, according to a Dickinson

Theater management announcement. The Avon is managed in conjunction with the Kaw in Marion under the direction of J.B. Stewart.

110 YEARS AGO

JULY 1, 1915

Major Fred Lewis has returned from Rosedale, where he has been superintendent of construction on a building

erected for the state medical school.

Douglas Revo launched a few days ago a motorboat he has been building for some time at odd times. It is the finest boat on the river. It is a delight just to look at the sort of work a real workman like that man Revo turns out.

Ethel Gardner and Marjorie Winchester entertained their little girlfriends at a matinee Saturday and a picnic afterward at Spring Branch. About 23 guests attended. They were taken in autos out to the picnic grounds by Mr. Gardner and Mrs. Winchester.

The county Boys’ Camp near Peabody will begin today and last a week. About 15 Marion boys went.

You will not find any nicer sweet potato, cabbage, or tomato plants than those for sale by Sidney Holder at Loveless store or at his home.

Mildred Good, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Good, had a party Saturday for about 30 of her little friends. It was given in celebration of her 5th birthday anniversary, which occurred on Friday. Dainty refreshments were served, and all the little people fished for favors, which were varied and pleasing.

Mr. Scott, who drives a cream wagon, was quite badly injured by a horse the other day. His ear was torn, and his limbs injured.

145 YEARS AGO

JULY 2, 1880

The *Record* job office has just turned out some neat wedding invitations, but it’s none of your business for whom.

Hillsboro is to have a bank.

The Rev. Mr. Hamilton has purchased a full block, beautifully located on Lincoln Ave.,

Southern Addition, and will probably erect a residence thereon this summer.

While Wessie Artz was rambling around barefooted on the banks of the Cottonwood near his father’s residence the other day, a black snake coiled around his leg. It was shaken off with difficulty but not till it had frightened Wessie out of a year’s growth.

A grand mass meeting and basket picnic is planned by the temperance people of Marion County for Saturday, July 24, at Marion Centre. Governor John P. St. John has formally accepted an invitation to be present and address the people.

Judge Williams has put down a good, substantial sidewalk in front of his residence property on Main St.

We have seen a draft of a residence to be erected this summer at Elm and Lawrence Sts. by Mr. A. W. Brewerton.

It is to be built of brick with stone finish, 44 by 60 feet, two stories.

It will be erected on the commanding eminence recently purchased by Mr. Brewerton for that purpose and will be adorned on the top by an observatory that will afford a fine view of the whole city and of the country for many miles around in all directions.

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ARTS: Cuts imperil Peabody projects

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planned to sponsor a fall event with music and prairie education workshops at Camp Wood in Chase County.

It’s now unclear whether either project will occur.

“The longer we wait to hear about the funding, it becomes harder to get people to hold those dates,” Mayo said.

County art institutions have benefited from KAC money in the last five years.

Flint Hills Counterpoint has received \$55,000 since 2019, using the money to create movies, art installations, and live concerts.

Sunflower Theatre received \$62,000 over the same time

span. Its projects included two murals, seasonal banners, and a plethora of musical performances.

The theater has partnered with organizations such as the county extension office, Tabor College, and local museums and libraries to create projects.

“We have an extraordinary amount of funding for such a small county,” Mayo said. “We’re very lucky.”

But that could change quickly.

Mayo said that without NEA, her arts organizations would be forced to either scale back or shut down.

“The Brownback adminis-

tration had similar ideals, cutting what they saw was unnecessary from the budget,” she said. “They felt like the private sector could pick that up, but it didn’t work.”

After Kansas’ arts infrastructure was gutted during Sam Brownback’s unprecedented veto of funding for KAC in 2011, NEA money which helped restore the program two years later.

Kansas ranks 41st in funding the arts nationwide, well behind nearby Missouri (3rd), Oklahoma (15th), and Nebraska (16th), according to Jane Gates, director of the Stiefel Theatre in Salina.

Advocates for funding pub-

lic arts say programs help with tourism, economic development, and quality of life.

“The arts in Kansas are a major player in the economy and are a \$4.6 billion industry, ahead of utilities at \$3.8 billion and just behind agriculture at \$5.7 billion,” Gates said. “The arts industry is 2.21% of the state’s GDP and supports 41,643 jobs. ... You have to trust that supporting the arts means that Kansas will continue to grow.”

Mayo had a more aesthetic argument.

“We’re bringing people into our town,” Mayo said. “We’re making it look nicer. We’re giving the community pride,

enhancing life, and deepening their experience of what it means to be a human.”

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ACCIDENTS REPORTED

These accident reports were released this past week by law enforcement agencies:

SHERIFF

US-50 east of Turkey Creek Rd.

A 2013 Volkswagen Jetta owned and driven by Max W. Landy, 27, St. Paul, Minnesota, sustained disabling damage to its right front and undercarriage after hitting a raccoon at 11:30 p.m. June 15 and was towed. Sophia L. Hail, 27, Stillwater, Minnesota, was a passenger at the time.

K-15 north of 140th Rd.

Allie A. Zook, 32, Abilene, hit a deer at 1:13 p.m. June 18 with her 2014 Dodge Durango. The sport-utility vehicle sustained disabling damage to its hood, undercarriage, and front third and was towed.

Passengers were listed as Bently Cloud, Luke Lester, and Ethan Wilson, all of the same address. Without required justification, their ages were redacted by the sheriff's department from the open, public record of the wreck.

US-50 east of Pawnee Rd.

Accidentally bumping her 2025 Honda Civic's automatic-drive steering wheel while picking up a dropped beverage at 1:33 p.m. Thursday sent Alexis D. Hernandez, 20, Lawrence, and her car careering off the road to the left and into a barbed-wire fence.

The hood, truck, undercarriage, and entire driver's side of the car, owned by Jennifer M. Perez Mijares of Wichita, were damaged, but it remained drivable.

HILLSBORO

700 block of W. C St.

A 2020 Freightliner Cascadia semi-trailer truck owned by Penske Truck Leasing of Reading, Pennsylvania, and driven by Adrian A. Becerra, 25, Wichita, snagged and tore loose an overhead BrightSpeed service cable at 1:56 p.m. June 18.

Kaliyah A. Leggio of a different Wichita address was a passenger in the semi, which reportedly was not damaged.

MARION

Main St. west of 2nd St.

Jacob A. Howe, 23, Ramona, was ticketed for improper towing after a trailer he was pulling with a 2015 Ford F-150 broke free at 3:50 p.m. June 12 and slammed into a legally parked 2021 Chevrolet Equinox, according to an accident report released Monday, 12 days after the wreck.

Howe told officer Kaylan Miles that the trailer became disconnected after he hit a bump while eastbound at 1st and Main Sts.

Safety chains were looped over the pickup's trailer hitch but not secured to the pickup, Miles' report states.

The Chevy, owned by Thea Marston of rural Canton, sustained damage to its entire passenger side and undercarriage but remained drivable.

Three others were in the pickup, owned by George L. Thiel of a different Ramona address.

They were identified as infant Destiny Howe and 15-year-old Cameron Howe of Jacob Howe's address and 17-year-old Parker Holmes of Herington.

CIVIL

DIVISION CASES

This information was filed last week in civil division of district court. If no address is listed, no address was available.

Midland Credit Management filed suit June 16 against Rosemarie Bradford to convert a 2022 judgment to a lien.

Midland Credit Management filed suit June 16 against Deborah Froude to convert a 2022 judgment to a lien.

Capital One filed suit June 16 against Dayna R. Leblanc. Capital One seeks \$5,414.60 plus costs and interest for unpaid credit card bills.

Amber Schlesener was ordered June 16 to pay Tyler Schlesener \$669.56 for his half of an insurance check for the couple.

Robin Renee Zimmer was ordered June 9 to pay Newton Healthcare Corp. \$312.76 plus costs and interest for unpaid medical bills.

COUNTY JAIL ARRESTS AND BOOKINGS

This jail roster was obtained Tuesday from the jail's inmate listing system.

NEW ARRESTS

Kevin D. Bernhardt, 30, Hillsboro, arrested June 18 by Hillsboro police on suspicion of driving without a required anti-drinking interlock and driving while his license was can-

celed, suspended, or revoked. Released 2½ hours later after posting a \$2,500 bond. Previously jailed four times for a total of all or part of eight days between Dec. 7, 2019, and Jan. 22, 2023. Previous jailings were on suspicion of aggravated domestic battery, on court orders, and for allegedly violating his probation.

Maverick A. Davis, 46, Wichita, arrested Thursday by a state trooper on suspicion of driving without a license, failing to keep vehicle registration records, failing to display evidence of vehicle liability coverage, and failing to display a vehicle license plate. Released 25½ hours later on his own recognizance, promising to pay \$500 should he fail to appear in court.

Jack L. Parks, 23, Peabody, arrested Sunday by a state trooper on suspicion of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Released eight hours later after posting a \$2,500 bond.

Brian M. Scheikofsky, 43, Florence, arrested Thursday by a sheriff's deputy on suspicion of domestic battery and disorderly conduct. Released 16½ hours later after posting a \$5,000 bond.

FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

Darris L. Brown, 41, Hillsboro, jailed since March 3.

Dakota L. Dillashaw, 31, Marion, since Sept. 6.

Matthew W. Dudte, 52, Canton, Dec. 19, 2023.

Ernest L. Edens, 50, no address listed, May 20, 2024.

Curtis L. Findley, 33, Peabody, June 14.

Paul A. Huddleston, 27, Marion, March 29.

Sara J. Lanham, 30, Newton, June 14.

Richard T. Litton, 39, Peabody, Oct. 20.

James R.A. McColl, 52, Lehigh, Jan. 19.

Mitchell W. McMillen, 47, Peabody, June 7.

Nicholas C. Peterson, 41, Peabody, June 5.

Eric C. Pettit, 42, Galva, Feb. 14.

Bane L. Spurlin, 21, Hillsboro, March 28.

Brandon S. Toon, 40, Arkansas City, Nov. 13.

Athen J. Turner, 24, Loveland, Colorado, Jan. 31.

Christopher L. Walker, 19, Hillsboro, May 23.

CRIMINAL DIVISION CASES

This information was filed last week in criminal division of district court. If no address is listed, no address was available on court records or from jail booking records.

Bryan T. Grosse, 44, Marion, formally was charged June 16 with possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia, interference with law enforcement, driving while his license was suspended, fleeing or attempting to elude law enforcement, driving with an expired tag, transporting an open container of alcohol, and failure to yield.

Christina R. Pease formally was charged June 16 with giving a worthless check.

Jeremy W. Schadel formally was charged June 16 with giving a worthless check.

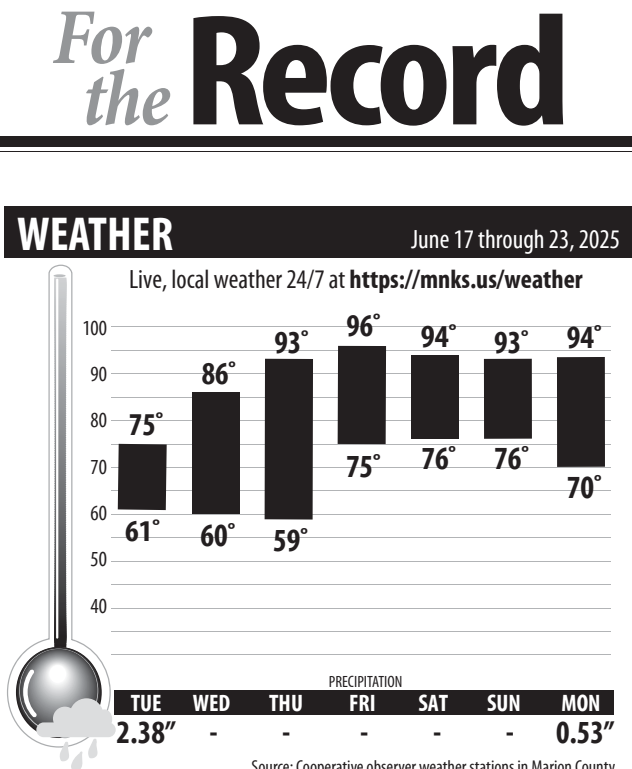
DEEDS RECORDED

These deeds were reported last week as recorded by the register of deeds. Property addresses come from appraisal records. Agricultural property descriptions use common road references derived from appraisal records.

Peggy L. Watsson trustee to Ali-mond LLC, quitclaim deed to 508 N. Locust St., Peabody.

David I. Dore Jr. and Billie Jo Dore to Shane M. and Ashley Campbell, 786 Eagle Rd.

Bobby B. and Mary Lou Herren to



Lyn and Jordan Hett, 417 N. Coble St., Marion.

Delorse June Hiebert to Derek Brown, 334 120th Rd.

Michael R. and Karla S. Hurst to Corben A. McCallum and Harly T. Watkins, 205 S. Lincoln St., Hillsboro.

John L. and Sarah Ann Willoughby to Judy R. Reimer, 205 S. Birch St., Hillsboro.

Carson Suntrapak to Tyler Schroeder, quitclaim deed to 215 N. Lincoln St., Marion.

J. Grant and Deanna Kay Thierolf to Lawrence Joseph and Lisa Gaye Dassenbrock, 708 S. Roosevelt St., Marion.

Wesley J. and Richell B. Bailey to Laurel and Joel Wilson, 22.36 acres north of 340th Rd. between Falcon and Goldenrod Rds.

Diana Jeri Dodd to Sean Bryan Fox, 1122 230th Rd.

Felix Ramirez, doing business as Kansas Home Solutions, to Colton A. Mercer, 140 N. Cedar St., Marion.

Rebecca L. Wingfield to whom it may concern, revoke transfer-on-death warranty deed to 714 Hudson St., Marion.

Jason and Rebecca Schafers to Stanley R. Lerner, 210 W. 11th St., Florence.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, trustee, to L&H Properties LLC, 212 Kruse St., Eastshore.

Sidney R. Ulmer and Suzann M. Eliott-Ulmer, to Joseph J.C. and Heather R. Goering, 15.21 acres north of 250th Rd. between Unicorn Rd. and US-56/77.

EMERGENCY DISPATCHES

Broadcasts about these fire and ambulance calls were monitored this past week by the newspaper:

JUNE 17

12:33 a.m. — An uninjured man in his 80s who fell at Marion Assisted Living was helped up by Marion ambulance attendants. He declined to be taken to a hospital.

5:02 a.m. — As reported in a news story last week, firefighters from Marion, Lincolnville, Hillsboro, Florence, Lost Springs, and Herington spent more than five hours battling a fire, possibly caused by lightning, that destroyed a farmhouse north of 220th and Clover Rds. A sheriff's deputy and the county emergency manager also responded. Marion ambulance attendants helped cool firefighters. Tankers ferried water to the fire from 12 miles away. Marion firefighters remained on the scene after the fire was out to free a stuck fire truck.

6:11 a.m. — A male who broke a foot in a four-wheeler accident the night before declined to be taken to a hospital by Hillsboro ambulance from a farmhouse near 40th and Arrow Rds. Tampa ambulance stood by in Hillsboro until 7:25 a.m. in case of additional calls.

1:16 p.m. — A 72-year-old man with atrial fibrillation and ventricular tachycardia was transferred by Marion ambulance from St. Luke Hospital, Marion, to NMC Health, formerly Newton Medical Center. Hillsboro ambulance originally was going to take

the call because Marion ambulance was having trouble opening a garage door at its station. The ambulance returned to Marion at 3:28 p.m.

8:46 p.m. — Hillsboro firefighters determined that smoke alarms at Tabor College townhouses were falsely triggered by rain.

JUNE 18

8:45 a.m. — A lethargic 90-year-old woman who fell and hurt her head at Marion Assisted Living was taken to Wesley Medical Center, Wichita, by Marion ambulance. The ambulance returned to Marion at 12:19 p.m.

11:22 a.m. — A fire alarm at the Marion-Florence Sports and Aquatics Center was determined by Marion firefighters to have been a false alarm. Dispatchers initially misreported the address as being on 4th St. instead of Thorp St.

12:44 p.m. — An automated fire alarm at a farmhouse near 240th and Jade Rd. was canceled by the homeowner before Hillsboro firefighters arrived.

7:47 p.m. — A 64-year-old man with gangrene was transferred by Marion ambulance from St. Luke to Wesley Woodlawn Hospital, Wichita. The ambulance returned to Marion at 10:56 p.m.

9:44 p.m. — With Marion ambulance out of the county, Hillsboro ambulance was dispatched to take a 90-year-old woman with low blood sugar to St. Luke from a home across the street in the 400 block of S. Roosevelt St. in Marion.

THURSDAY

12:52 a.m. — A 44-year-old man with a fever at Salem Home in Hillsboro was transferred by Hillsboro ambulance to Hillsboro Community Hospital.

4:45 p.m. — A 19-year-old woman with abdominal pain was transferred by Marion ambulance from St. Luke to Kansas Medical Center, Andover. The ambulance returned to Marion at 7:51 p.m.

6:23 p.m. — At a deputy's request, Hillsboro ambulance was sent to Dollar General in Peabody to take to NMC Health a man possibly suffering from heat exhaustion. The ambulance returned to Hillsboro at 8:14 p.m.

10:29 p.m. — A 72-year-old woman with cardiac issues was transferred by Marion ambulance from St. Luke to Wesley. The ambulance returned to Marion at 1:09 a.m.

FRIDAY

No dispatches.

SATURDAY

7:33 a.m. — A 90-year-old woman having trouble breathing at Parkside Homes assisted living in Hillsboro was taken to HCH by Hillsboro ambulance.

SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. — A 34-year-old woman unable to get off the floor of a home in the 400 block of S. Floral Dr. in Hillsboro was helped up by Hillsboro ambulance attendants and taken to HCH with a back spasm. Hillsboro first responders also were paged.

3:21 p.m. — Two carbon monoxide alarms at a residence in the 600 block of Sherman St. were determined by

Marion firefighters to have malfunctioned because of weak batteries.

4:36 p.m. — Marion firefighters warned dispatchers that heavy smoke was coming from the city tree dump but the fire remained under control.

5:51 p.m. — Marion ambulance was dispatched at the request of a law enforcement officer to K-256 and Upland Rd. for a possible assault victim, but no one was taken to a hospital, and no one was arrested.

From an undisclosed time until 8:38 p.m., Hillsboro ambulance was not fully staffed, and transfers to out-of-county hospitals were not allowed.

MONDAY

2:36 a.m. — A 83-year-old man with chest pain was transferred by Marion ambulance from St. Luke to Hutchinson Regional Medical Center. The ambulance returned to Marion at 5:10 a.m.

3:12 a.m. — An 84-year-old woman with chest pain was transferred by Hillsboro ambulance from Salem Home, Hillsboro, to HCH.

OFFENSES REPORTED

These offense reports were released this past week by law enforcement agencies:

SHERIFF

Theft

An MDT push mower valued at \$321 was reported by owner Cynthia K. Holt of Peabody as being stolen between 1:11 and 2 a.m. June 18 from the front yard of Shear Success hair salon, 114 E. 5th St., Florence.

HILLSBORO

Driving without required anti-drinking interlock and while license was suspended

Kevin D. Bernhardt, 30, Hillsboro, was arrested at 5:41 a.m. June 18 in the 300 block of S. Main St. on suspicion of driving without a required anti-drinking interlock and driving while his license was canceled, suspended, or revoked.

He was taken to county jail and released 2½ hours later after posting a \$2,500 bond.

POLICE ACTIVITY REPORTS

Law enforcement agencies provided about these reports of their activities this past week. Routine activities such as patrols, inspections, training, report-writing, and assistance to other agencies are excluded. Dates may reflect starting or ending dates of officers' shifts rather than actual dates of occurrence.

HILLSBORO

June 16 — Police met with a resident about a civil issue.

June 17 — A report of a possible sinkhole in an alley in the 400 block of S. Ash St. was determined to be a washout from heavy rain that flooded several streets. Police investigated a driving complaint at the Tabor College sports complex and a complaint about a barking dog in the 100 block of S. Cedar St. They also helped a motorist at US-56 and Adams St. and met with staff at Salem Home regarding a civil issue. A driver was warned for speeding at 190th and Jade Rds.

June 18 — A driver was arrested in the 300 block of S. Main St. on suspicion of driving with a suspended license and failing to use a required anti-drinking interlock. Other drivers were ticketed for running a stop sign and driving without a required interlock at US-56 and Adams St. and for driving with a suspended license in the 200 block of S. Ash St. Still more drivers were warned for having an obstructed license plate and a defective brake light in the parking lot of Casey's General Store and for being in Memorial Park after hours.

A Penske truck struck and tore loose a low-hanging BrightSpeed cable in

the 700 block of W. C St. BrightSpeed also was notified about a leaning pole in the 100 block of E. 2nd St.

A debit card a resident found at Fleet Fuel was returned to its owner. A person reportedly yelling at people in the 300 block of W. 3rd St. was not found. Police also investigated a dog complaint in the 500 block of S. Lincoln St. and talked to residents about a civil matter, about using all-terrain vehicles within the city, and about a possible scam.

Thursday — An aggressive dog loose in the 100 block of S. Wilson St. was captured and returned to its owner. A driver earlier reported as driving recklessly was warned for driving left of center near 210th and Jade Rds. Police helped a bicyclist find a place to camp overnight. No problems were found in checking on a disconnected 911 call from near Hillsboro Airport.

Friday — Police worked on city code violations, talked to residents about civil issues, failed to find a reckless driver reported on Indigo Rd., and warned a driver about a defective headlight at Ash and D Sts.

Saturday — A horse loose between Bomgaars and Hillsboro Community Hospital was captured by its owner. A person who walked away from a reservoir campsite was found in town. Police spoke to the owner of a dog that others had complained was barking in the 100 block of S. Cedar St. A dog also was reported loose in the 300 block of S. Ash St. A driver was warned for not using headlights at D and Washington Sts. A resident reported a telephone scam. People reportedly climbing on Main St. roofs were not found. No problems were found in responding to an alarm guarding solar panels at the city's sewer ponds and an alarm at Ampride. Police stood by during a civil matter in the 100 block of S. Washington St.

Sunday — A tree blew down near utility lines in the 200 block of Eisenhower St. A city worker accidentally set off the solar panel alarm at the sewer ponds. A driver was warned for making a J-turn in the 100 block of W. Grand Ave.

MARION

June 16 — A resident of the 400 block of N. Coble St. reported losing a wallet. No problems were found in checking on a disconnected 911 call from near Eisenhower Dr. and Kellison St. Drivers were warned for having a defective license plate light near US-56 and Cedar St. and for having a defective taillight near Eisenhower Dr. and Victory Ln.

June 17 — Residents complained about an animal in the 400 block of N. Lincoln St., trespassing in the 300 block of N. 3rd St., and improper driving in the 400 block of Walnut St. Police replaced a battery in a smoke detector after responding to a false alarm in the 100 block of N. Coble St. A driver was warned for speeding near Main and 5th Sts.

June 18 — A driver was ticketed for going 31 mph in a 20-mph zone near Main and Lincoln Sts. Police checked on a resident of the 100 block of N. Freeborn St.

Thursday — No problems were found in checking on a report of suspicious activity on Victory Ln. A driver was warned for not using headlights near Main and Lincoln Sts.

Friday — Trespassing was reported in the 300 block of N. 3rd St. Drivers were warned for having an unsecured load near Main St. and Eisenhower Dr. and for speeding near Main and Roosevelt Sts., Main and Lincoln Sts., and twice near US-56 and Cedar St. Police checked on residents of Victory Ln. and the 100 block of Elm St. and notified a resident of the 100 block of N. Roosevelt St. that a relative was hospitalized.

Saturday — A driver was ticketed for having no proof of insurance and warned for speeding near Main and Walnut Sts. Other drivers were warned for speeding near Main and 2nd St. and near US-56 and Cedar St., for having a defective license plate light near US-56 and Cedar St., and for having a defective headlight near US-56 and

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARION COUNTY, KANSAS

CIVIL DEPARTMENT
U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2023-R2 Plaintiff,

vs.
Judith K Rudolph, et al.
Defendants,

Case No. MN-2025-CV-000002

Title to Real Estate Involved
Pursuant to K.S.A. §60

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Marion Coun-

ty, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Marion County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand on July 3, 2025 at the time of 2:00 PM at the 2nd Floor Lobby of the Marion County Courthouse, Kansas, the following real estate:

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARION COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Deana L. Olsen, Deceased

Case No. MN-2025-PR-000021

Notice of Hearing

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Lorri L. Jost, one of the heirs of Deana L. Olsen, deceased, praying:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Marion County, Kansas:

An undivided ten percent (10%) interest in the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Thirty-Five (35), Township Nineteen (19) South, Range Three (3) East of the 6th P.M., Marion County, Kansas, EXCEPT a tract more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a point on the South line of said SE/4 of Section 35-19-3 - 836 feet West of the Southeast corner of said SE/4; thence N 90°00'00" W a distance of 303.99 feet; thence N 00°00'00" E a distance of 350 feet; thence S 90°00'00" E a distance of 411.51 feet; thence S 18°18'18" W a distance of 342.32 feet thence S 00°00'00" W a distance of 25 feet to the point of beginning, containing 2.84 acres more or less subject to existing road right-of-way.

An undivided five percent (5%) interest in a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE/4 SW/4) of Section Thirty-Five (35), Township Nineteen (19) South, Range Three (3) East of the 6th P.M., Marion County, Kansas, more particularly described as follows, to wit: Beginning at the Northeast corner of the SW/4 of said Section 35; thence West along the North line of said Quarter 880 feet; thence South 671.7 feet more or less to a point that is 1,980 feet North of the South line of said Quarter; thence East 880 feet to the East line of said SW/4; thence North 671.7 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

and all other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before July 21, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., in the District Court, Marion, Marion County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Lorri L. Jost, Petitioner

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Attorneys for Petitioner

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VACANCY: Just 20 insiders get to vote on new legislator

FROM PAGE 1

McPherson counties in the Kansas House, won that election. It's the seat he'll be leaving in the House that next will be filled.

Hill is to be sworn in as senator Thursday, something county Republican chairman Rose Davidson did not know.

Having nearly half of Marion County committeeman and committeewoman positions vacant is a bit surprising given the power such members can have.

The vast majority of countywide officials in Marion County first took office after having been selected by committeemen and committeewomen to fill vacant positions.

Kansas law specifies that committeemen and committeewomen from the party that won an office in the last election have the power to choose replacements when those county or legislative positions become vacant.

Replacements generally serve until after the next state election. In Hill's case as a senator and in the case of his replacement as a representative, the

party-chosen candidates will serve until January, 2027.

The system of having precinct committeemen and committeewomen fill vacancies makes the often-criticized Electoral College look remarkably representative.

In the portion of Marion County included in the 70th District, wide disparities exist because townships and precincts each get two votes, regardless of their population.

The estimated 19 people in Summit Township get the same number of votes as the 419 people in Centre Township.

The 1,989 residents of every township in the district except Centre and Clear Creek combine to get 26 votes, while the 2,010 residents of Marion get only 4, the same number that the combined 822 residents of Centre and Clear Creek townships receive. Florence, with 537 residents, also gets 4 votes.

It's not that some people don't pay close attention to precinct committeeman and committeewoman races.

The positions, filled during par-

ty primaries in years when statewide offices are voted upon, occasionally are contested.

After ultra-conservative Republicans ousted more moderate Bob Brookens as their county chairman, they went after his seat as a precinct committeeman.

In successive elections, however, he successfully turned back ultra-conservative challengers — first, now-former St. Luke Hospital administrator Jeremy Ensey and then, beloved professional volunteer Gene Winkler.

The race for Brookens' committee membership was, however, one of a very few ever contested at the polls.

Positions as precinct committeemen and committeewomen more often are uncontested or filled by appointment from the county's party chairman — in this case, another ultra-conservative, Davidson, who also runs the county's ultra-conservative Patriots for Liberty group.

This creates a system in which a small group of diehards essentially can control who fills vacancies and who therefore gets a head start serv-

ing as an incumbent before real elections are conducted.

Vacancies among precinct committeemen and committeewomen often are filled with candidates carefully selected immediately before committeemen and committeewomen are called upon to fill vacancies in elected offices.

But there's a catch. Under state law, committee membership is frozen the moment a vacancy that the committee must fill occurs.

Davidson said Tuesday that she had heard nothing official about Hill resigning from his House seat. She usually hears about resignations from the Marion County clerk, she said.

State law requires she be notified of a vacancy from the secretary of state's office.

She said she did not know when Hill's House seat would officially become vacant — whether it is when he is sworn in as senator or when he submits a resignation from his House seat.

But she said she doubted she would have time to fill committee vacancies because “nobody wants the job.”

Hill could resign as state representative any day, as soon as Governor Laura Kelly rubberstamps, as she is required to do by law, his promotion to the State Senate.

Whatever maneuvering might occur — or not occur, if the goal of those involved is to reduce Marion County's role — must take place quickly.

According to County Clerk Ashley Herpich, here are the vacant Marion County precinct committeeman and committeewoman seats as of the start of this week:

- Both positions in Clear Creek, Colfax, Logan, Lost Springs, Milton, and Moore townships and in Florence's 2nd Ward.

- The committeeman position in Durham Park and Grant townships.

- The committeewoman position in Summit Township and the Marion South precinct.

Reporter Phyllis Zorn contributed to this story.

HARVEST: Extended period of soggy weather dampens expectations

FROM PAGE 1

ably not even going to happen tomorrow. And then it's going to rain later in the week.”

At Cooperative Grain's Hillsboro location, it was the same story: No one had harvested Tuesday, though a few farmers had brought in loads they'd cut the previous morning.

“If it keeps raining like they say it's going to rain this week, harvest probably won't be done until the second week of July,” elevator operator Jacob Funk said.

More than delaying harvest, heavy rain can cause mature wheat to bleach and shrivel up, lowering the weight of the grain.

“It's going to affect the quality of the wheat,” Hett said. “The test weight has already been affected. Some of it has been pretty light.”

Lower weight means lower prices received by farmers.

“They're going to start getting more aggravated the more rain comes,”

Funk said. “Their crops aren't going to be as good.”

Rain also can cause mature wheat to “lay down,” which can cause harvesting issues.

“We never want to complain about rain,” Roberts said. “That's a dangerous thing to do, because we have to

have rain to grow everything... At the same time, we're pretty anxious to get back in the fields.”

Hett was stoic about the rain.

“Not much I can do about it... I don't have a big enough tarp to put over everything,” he joked.

For the Record CONTINUED

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Timber Rd. Police also checked on a vehicle near US-56 and Timber Rd.

Sunday — Police and sheriff's deputies investigated an unspecified disturbance at Marion County Lake. Drivers were warned for speeding three times near US-56 and Cedar St. and once near Main and 5th Sts., for not using headlights at Roosevelt and Lawrence Sts., and for having a defective tag light near US-56 and Ridge Rd. Police checked on a resident of the 200 block of E. Main St.

TRAFFIC

DIVISION CASES

This information was filed last week in court. Court costs are included in any

fines listed. Kathryn M. Agee, 90 mph in a 65 zone May 24, \$258.

Judah C. Beasley, 75 mph in a 65 zone May 26, \$153.

Kamron T. Clark, 79 mph in a 65 zone May 8, \$177.

Diana A. Contreras, 75 mph in a 65 zone May 11, \$153.

Ana Garcia, 50 mph in a 65 zone May 12, \$183.

Darrick L. Gray, 99 mph in a 65 zone May 17, \$363.

Stacey Jo Ferrell, operating vehicle without registration or with expired tag May 8, case dismissed.

Joe Johnson, 110 mph in a 65 zone May 22, \$528.

Craig D. Lawless, 65 mph in a 55 zone May 11, \$153.

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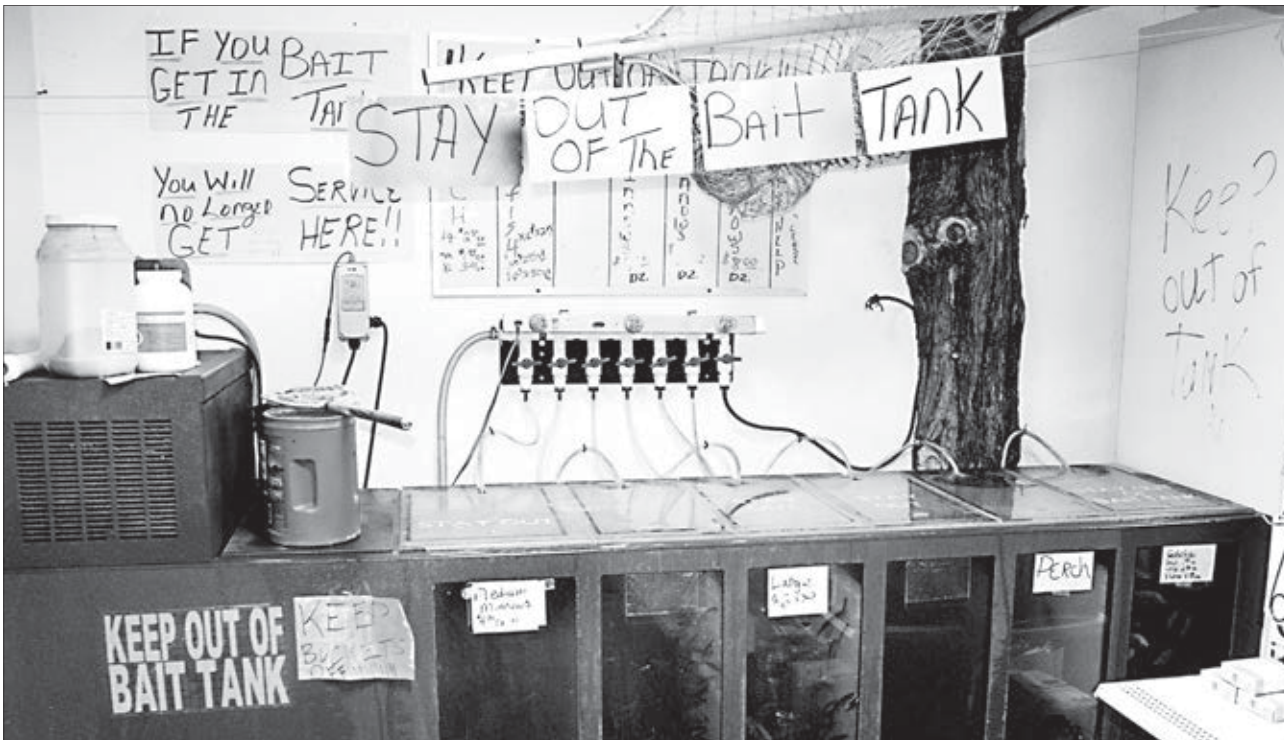
An angler spends a weekend afternoon fishing off a jetty at the north end of Marion County Lake.

STAFF PHOTO BY ERIC MEYER



Nick Johnson is the only full-time employee of Last Chance Bait Shop. Owner Janice Davis is looking to sell her property by the reservoir and find someone else to take over.

STAFF PHOTOS BY FINN HARTNETT



Janice Davis has erected a grand total of nine different signs warning customers not to stick their hands in her bait tanks.

Waiting with baited breath

It's feast or famine as Last Chance Station waits to hook anglers at reservoir

By **FINN HARTNETT**
Staff writer

UPON ARRIVING at sunny, sprawling Marion Reservoir, anglers often make a pit stop at the fittingly-named Last Chance Bait Shop to buy snacks, drinks, and, of course, bait.

"We have minnows, perch, and goldfish," Nick Johnson of Goessel said. "As far as frozen bait goes, we have a little bit of everything. We have all the different livers. We have shrimp and shad, a whole bunch of stink bait, and a whole bunch of worms."

Johnson, in his early 20s, hails from Goessel. He has red hair, and wore a dark ball cap with the word "Dad" across the front.

He and his girlfriend are expecting a child soon.

"I was kind of hoping to wait until marriage," he said, "but stuff happens unexpectedly."

Johnson is the shop's only full-time employee.

Owner Janice Davis ran the store herself until early this year, when she had neck surgery. Davis still comes in to help during busy days, but Thursday wasn't exactly crowded inside the shop.

"I haven't seen a customer all day," Johnson said.

Johnson attributed this to heavy rains that caused the reservoir to flood into

some campsites the previous night.

Many campers moved farther inland, and some cancelled their reservations.

Johnson was dealing with a minor flood of his own, as the shop's bait tanks had just overflowed.

"You can stand here for 20 minutes when you're filling up the water," Johnson said. "Then you walk away for two minutes, and it overflows."

The floor was covered with a thin layer of water, and some fish had managed to flop into the wrong tank.

When this happens — it happens pretty often, Johnson remarked — he uses a large squeegee to push the water out the door.

"It kind of sucks," he said.

Johnson would have to hunch over the top of the tanks and move each fish back into the right one.

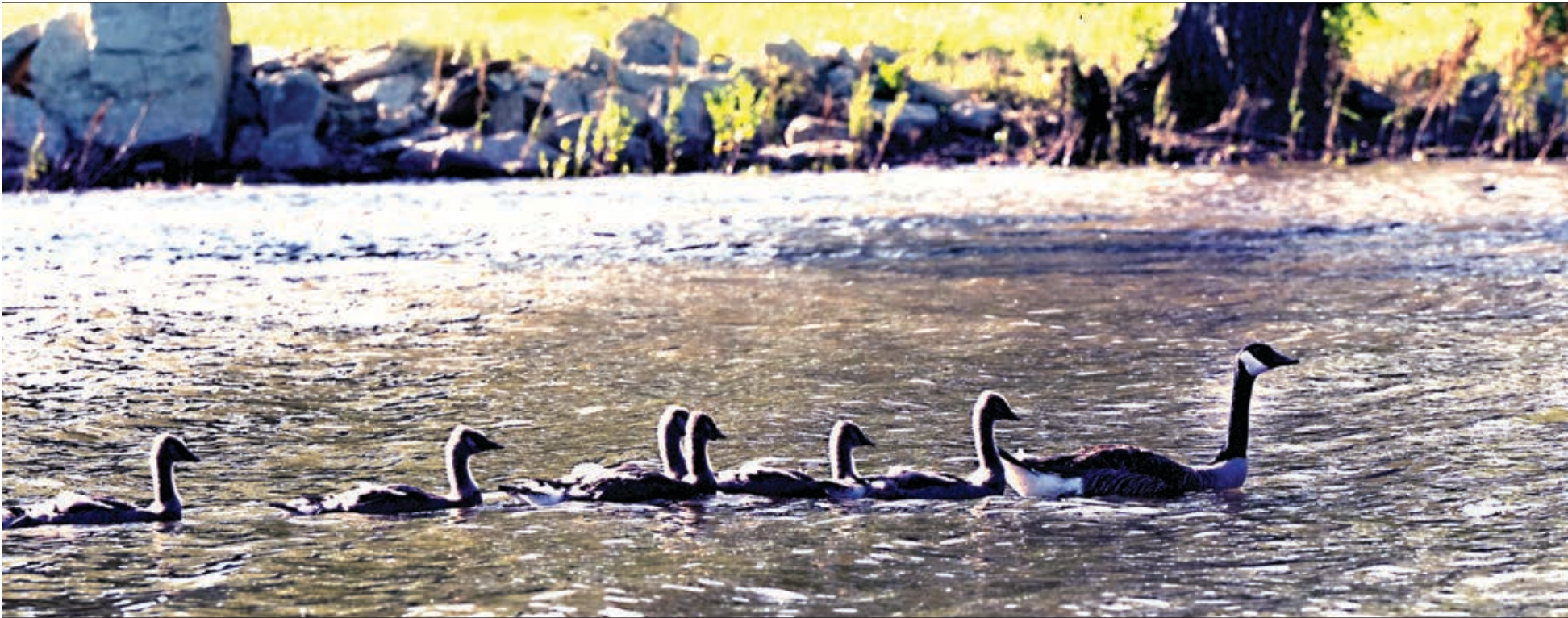
He made sure to wash his hands first. Davis is strict about not letting customers stick their hands into the tank and risk polluting the waters.

"I'll yell at people for that," she said.

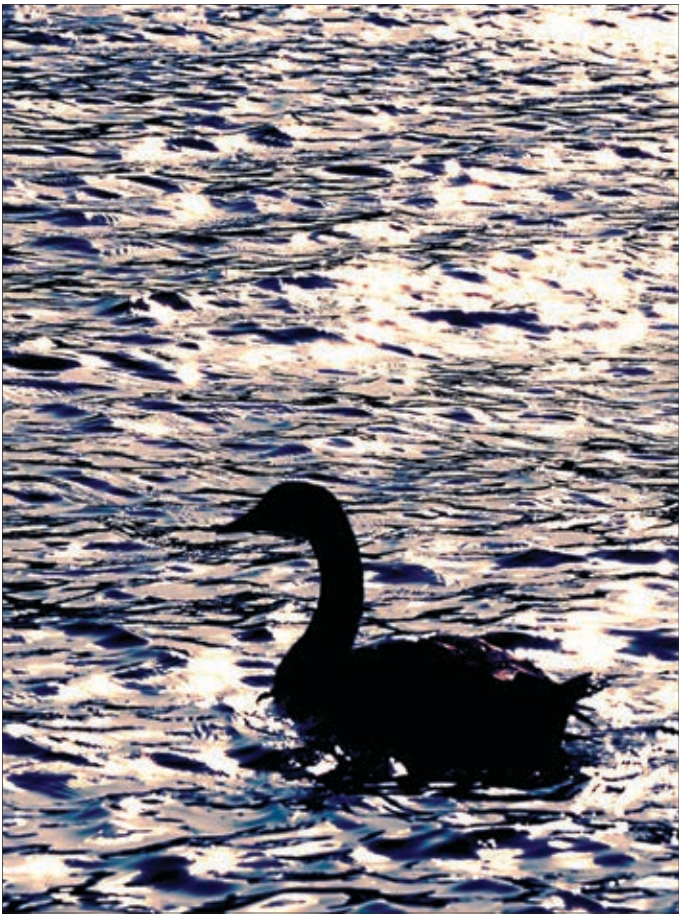
A total of nine signs around the bait tank warn customers to keep out.

"We have to wash our hands every time so it doesn't kill the fish," Johnson said.

PLEASE SEE **BAIT** PAGE **B4**



Humans aren't the only ones exploring Marion County. A mother goose leads her six almost-grown children Saturday to the concrete slab at the north end of Marion County Lake, where after dodging vehicles driven by a sheriff's deputy and the lake superintendent they crossed Lakeshore Dr. and explored wetlands for edible flora. STAFF PHOTOS BY ERIC MEYER



Strong winds and a late-afternoon sun silhouetted another goose against choppy water Saturday at the county lake.



Weekend winds may not have deterred geese, but choppy water did deter boating over the weekend at both Marion Reservoir and Marion County Lake.

BAIT: Some days anglers bite on bait; some days they don't

FROM PAGE B2

Davis previously removed a goldfish aquarium from the store after too many kids were sticking their hands inside.

Customers still try to grab fish on occasion, Johnson said.

"I try to take a nice approach, but if they're being stuck up about it, I have the right to refuse service," Johnson said.

It was hot and humid inside the bait shop.

"We can turn on an AC," Johnson said, "but that's expensive."

On slow days, he usually goes down to the basement of another building and shoots pool.

To get to the bait shop, you must roll over a black cord strung across the driveway. It triggers an alarm system in the basement and lets Johnson know there's a customer.

While running a bait shop seems like a pretty nice job, the business surrounding it isn't doing great.

Davis has been trying to sell the property for two years.

Johnson attributed the decline to the opening of a competitor: a bait shop operated by the county at Marion County Lake.

"She wants to keep the business open, but it's hard to do," Johnson said. "We actually have problems with the county out here. They went ahead and were a little petty with us and opened up another bait shop with taxpayer money. That didn't really help us out too much."

Davis also spoke about the county bait shop's impact on her business.

"We were getting people from in town before then," she said.

Other residents have defended the county bait shop,

noting that other counties operate similar stores, that most of the merchandise is locally sourced, and that the shop is a benefit to those on the lake-front.

Johnson works from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursdays, Mondays and Sundays.

Customers pick up in late spring and summer, when out-of-towners flock to the reservoir. But even during summer months, business is feast-or-famine.

"On days we don't get customers, we're just paying more electricity for no reason," Johnson said. "On the days that we do have customers, we get the people that like to go hit the rivers, and they buy \$100-some worth of perch at a time."

On holiday weekends, the shop can get hundreds of customers a day.

"We sell a lot of fish," Davis said. "And Pringles. You wouldn't believe how many Pringles we sell."

Most customers are out-of-towners; Wichita, El Dorado, and Newton are hotspots.

"You meet all sorts of people," Johnson said. "Some of it gets on your nerves, but I mean, it's manageable, with the amount of nice people that brighten your day."

Davis agreed that the shop's customer base was excellent.

"I'm going to miss the people," she said. "I've met some of the nicest people, people I'm still friends with."

If the property is sold and new owners do not reopen the shop, Johnson isn't sure what he'll do for work.

He's interested in going to technical school, where he wants to study cameras. His brother has started a handyman business.

"Every now and then, I'll go ahead and take some random job for \$20 an hour," he said.

For now, Johnson is living out what could be the fi-

nal summer of a beautiful and strange staple of Marion Reservoir.

At the back of the bait store, a grass yard stretches out to the west, and a wheat field

marks the end of the property line. The property is sheltered well by the wheat; despite the flatness of the land, it's hard to tell there's any water around. Crane your head

south and only a tiny slice of reservoir can be seen.

"I'll come up here sometimes during the sunset," Johnson said. "Pretty nice being out here."



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With Marion Reservoir more than two feet above conservation pool because of heavy rains last week, some picnic tables and campsites were unavailable because of flooding, worsened by strong winds pushing waves ashore Saturday.

A flood of visitors ... and a few damp campsites at reservoir

By **FINN HARTNETT**

Staff writer

EVERY YEAR, beginning in spring and peaking in summer, Marion Reservoir is inundated with campers.

The reservoir is known state-wide as a peaceful place to fish, camp, and swim.

Blue-green algae, which blooms on and off during the summer, sometimes hampers the fun. But on Thursday, it was not algae but flooding that caused a few problems.

Heavy rain on Wednesday caused flooding in campsites closest to the water.

"A whole bunch of people have been moved because of the storms," Natalie Hoffman said.

Natalie and her husband, Nathan, who live just west of Marion, were at the reservoir

with their daughter on a family getaway.

"It went from cool to hot in a hurry," Nathan said. "So that's why we're at the lake."

They weren't affected by the storms, but had talked to some people who had been relocated.

"I just love that it's here and it's close to home," Nathan said. "We enjoy coming out here every opportunity we get."

Andi Hamm, from near Walton, had been forced to relocate Wednesday morning.

A reservoir employee knocked on her camper door at 6 a.m. and told her he would have to shut her power off in two hours, she said.

Hamm could see reservoir water rising beyond the employee, though it never actually reached her campsite, she

said. Nevertheless, the staffer directed all eight members of her group to move farther inland.

"It's hard, because a lot of campers book these places ahead of time," Hamm said. "And it's hard when you have four campers you have to find spots for."

Fortunately for Hamm and her family, the campsite wasn't entirely full, and some would-be visitors had cancelled their reservations because of the storms.

She found a place to park her camper in the center of Cottonwood Point, and was relaxing in a shaded plaza.

Her 13-year-old corgi, Lucy, lay down by her side in front of an electric fan. The rest of her group had gone out onto the water to fish.

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Campers dry wet clothes at Cottonwood Point. Some were forced to relocate after last week's storms caused flooding, but all reported enjoying a week of camping at the reservoir.

CAMPERS: Reservoir becomes their home away from home

FROM PAGE B6

"We love coming up here," Hamm said. "We live on a farm, so we have to go home and check on things. It's easy for us to come up here."

Hamm has come to the reservoir for a long time. Her aunt, who joined her at the plaza, had camped there even longer; since the 1960s, she said.

"Both of my parents have died, and they've kind of taken me in," Hamm said of her aunt and uncle.

Hamm and her aunt remarked that the number of campers at the reservoir had increased in recent years, while the number of staff members seemed to have dropped.

"Since COVID, everybody has got a camper," Hamm said. "Back when my dad was going, I mean, he knew all these people by their first name."

Amy and Patrick Slingsby, positioned slightly closer to the water, had driven from Clay Center to spend the weekend at the reservoir.

They were setting up their



Napping in the shade next to an electric fan, Lucy, a 13-year-old corgi, enjoys all the comforts of home on a hot day at Marion Reservoir.

boat while waiting for a few friends from Marion to arrive.

"We always go to the lake and make a long weekend out

of it," Amy said. "We love this lake. It's peaceful."

Patrick concurred.

"The campsite is sweet," he said.

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No flash in the pan

Assembling Peabody's unique fireworks for Fourth is a family affair of long standing

By **FINN HARTNETT**

Staff writer

JULY 4 will be the 104th annual firework show in Peabody, and Jay Gfeller, chairman of the Peabody Fourth of July Celebration Society (commonly known as Peabody Fourth Fest), thinks things are coming along nicely.

"We're building the display pieces and stuff," Gfeller said. "I'd say we're probably about 75% finished, which is sitting pretty good with about a week and a half left."

The board of Fourth Fest is responsible for planning and building traditional ground displays. It is a craft passed down through generations.

"Just one of those traditions," Gfeller said.

Family members are relied upon as extra hands come June, and over the years, many children have replaced their parents as volunteers.

Thirty to forty volunteers come out to set up the final build the day of.

Ground displays, where technicolor sparks alight just above the grass at the city park, always draw a crowd. Given that July 4 is a Friday this year, Gfeller estimated at least 5,000 would attend.

"There's not a lot of places that do the ground displays anymore," he said. "It's an artwork that's kind of phased out over the years. We pride ourselves on still carrying on that tradition and doing the aerial firework show along with it."

Fireworks are kept in a secure location until July 4. A licensed person watches over them 24/7, Gfeller said.

While there is little record of the first July 4 celebrations in Peabody, Gfeller said

ground fireworks likely have been lit for over a century.

The celebration originally was run by the city but came into its own in 1940, when Peabody Chamber of Commerce gave Quintis "Jack" Whistler \$100 — roughly \$2,200 in today's money — to organize and improve the display in 1940.

Over the years, Whistler became famous for his elaborate and extravagant fireworks. He brought thousands to the county every Independence Day, with the crowd peaking at 40,000 in 1961 (though it should be said this figure comes from Whistler's own notes).

After Peabody's centennial celebration in 1971, Whistler wrote in a family history book that his fireworks were "the greatest pyrotechnic show anywhere. We had set pieces

and fired more than 200 aerial bombs."

The Battle of New Orleans display was introduced in 1971. A final barrage of fireworks are lit to the tune of Johnny Horton's country classic.

The original battle display used 12 nine-inch bombs, 50 ten-ball candles, 10 mortars, and more than 4,000 shots. It has remained a fixture of the event since.

Fourth Fest reorganized into a non-profit a little more than five years ago. It continues to raise money through local businesses and individuals, rather than the city.

This year, specialty fireworks in the works include a Minecraft-inspired firework and a firework honoring Travis Flasschoen, a Peabody native who died in an auto accident in June, 2024.

Tickets for Peabody Fourth Fest, located at the city park, are \$5 in advance or at the gate. Children 3 and younger get in free.

Fourth Fest will begin at 7:30 a.m. with a 5-kilometer walk and run.

At 8 a.m., there will be a horseshoe tournament (at a cost of \$20 per team), followed by turtle races at 9 a.m. A cornhole tournament is scheduled for 11 a.m.

The city pool will be open beginning at 1 p.m. for swim-

ming and games. An ice cream social from 2 to 4 p.m. in Vintage Bank Park will be sponsored by Peabody Historical Society. At 5 p.m., a parade will march down Walnut St.

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Harvesting heritage

Threshing Days offer a glimpse of Mennonite past

By **PHYLLIS ZORN**

Staff writer

A THRESHING and farm equipment show 52 years strong will be Aug. 1 and 2 in Goessel.

Goessel's Country Threshing Days will be at the Mennonite Heritage and Agriculture

Museum. Gates will open at noon Aug. 1.

Threshing Days offers an up close look at farming techniques and equipment used by Mennonite settlers who came from Russia in 1874 and settled in the area. They brought with them Turkey Red winter wheat, which soon dom-

inated wheat production in Kansas.

This year's Threshing Days, presented by the Wheat Heritage Engine and Threshing Co. along with the museum, will feature Massey Ferguson and Massey Harris equipment.

Farmers will bring tractors,

antique and new, to the event from all over the state.

Tractors will be started up for festival-goers to see.

Threshing Days entertainment will start with a performance at 7 p.m. Aug. 1 by the Field Boss duo from Dodge City. Nathan Adamson and

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Making a splash

County's array of pools, water features offer welcome interludes of cool

By **PHYLLIS ZORN**

Staff writer

HOT SUMMER days sometimes call for a refreshing splash in a pool. Marion County offers several swimming pools to cool down.

Marion

Marion's Sports and Aquatics Center, 100 N. Thorp St., is an indoor pool open 6 to 10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and 5:45 to 9 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for lap swimming.

Regular hours are 1 to 7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday and 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Weekend hours are 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Admission is \$2 a day.

Recreation Department swim team practices are 10 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursday, and 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays.

A zero-entry pool for youngsters is outside the south side of the building but must be entered through the building.

Hillsboro

Hillsboro offers both Dolores Dalke Family Aquatic Center at Memorial Park and Larry Paine memorial splash pad downtown.

Pool hours for the public are 1 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. weekdays. Saturday hours are 1 to 7 p.m. Sunday hours are 2 to 7 p.m.

Admission is \$1 for children ages 3 and younger and \$4 for swimmers 4 and older.



STAFF PHOTO BY PHYLLIS ZORN

Lelei Garcia, 8, gets a bucket of water poured over her head Thursday at Hillsboro's Larry Paine memorial splash pad.

Lap swimming from 5 to 6 p.m. daily, admission is \$2.

Toddler time for children 6 and younger is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays.

Water aerobics classes are from 8 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and cost \$5 per class. No sign-up is required.

Season passes are \$110 for one person, \$210 for families,

\$40 for caregivers, and \$75 for lap swim.

Florence

Florence City Pool, 775 Barker St., is open 1 to 6 p.m. daily.

The pool will be open for free swimming 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 4 and 25.

Daily admission is \$1.50 for

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Large crowds estimated at 40,000 gathered in Hillsboro last September for the town's Arts and Crafts Fair, one of the nation's premier events of its kind.

A crafty idea

Artisans, crafters flock to September events in Hillsboro and Marion

By **PHYLLIS ZORN**
Staff writer

HILLSBORO'S 56TH arts and crafts fair will bring throngs of people from across the nation to pack four blocks of downtown and find just the right things to take home.

The fair, scheduled for Sept. 20, is nationally recognized and typically brings about an estimated 40,000 shoppers to Hillsboro. It has been rated among the top 100 arts and crafts fair in the nation.

About 300 vendors, individually chosen after submitting photos of their work to judges, also come from across the nation.

After their work is selected by a committee of judges, they are invited to bring their handcrafted products to Hillsboro.

Among the things they offer are home décor, garden art, wood crafts, jewelry, gifts, bath and spa items, clothing, food, and baby and children's goods.

Local food also is available. Food vendors will sell



FILE PHOTO BY FINN HARTNETT

Not just arts and crafts but also music was part of last year's Art in the Park in Marion as two people worked on a song.

bierocks, ethnic Dutch-German food such as zwieback, Hillsboro's famous smoked sausage, New Year's cookies, and verenika. Other favorites include roasted almonds, kettle corn, freshly-squeezed lem-

onade, shaved ice, tater twisters, and funnel cakes.

Vendor applications for this year's fair are due Aug. 1.

Musical performances also will liven up the arts and

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Nash Griggs will perform songs from the 1930s to modern times.

The music will be in Goessel High School auditorium and donations to benefit the museum will be accepted.

Saturday's activities will start with a downtown parade at 9:30 a.m. Aug. 2 followed by a Low German meal served at Goessel Elementary School from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and a bierocks and barbecue beef meal from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Preparatory School on the museum grounds.

The eight-building museum includes the Friesen House, Turkey Red Wheat Palace, Schroeder Barn, Krause House, Goessel State Bank, an immigrant house replica and museum store, South Bloom-

field one-room school, and a 1908 prep school.

A \$7 button buys admission for people ages 13 and older. Children 12 and younger are admitted free.

Admission includes entry into the museum.

Life in central Kansas during the late 19th and early 20th centuries was all about farming and farm life. The tools used then will be on display.

The Wheat Palace is a two-room metal building covering about a quarter-acre, and is the home of numerous farm-related tools, machinery, and equipment. Together, they show the progression of farm mechanization from the 1800s to the mid-1960s, from primitive scythes and threshing stones to combines.

Museum director and curator Fern Bartel said an art show on display in the muse-

um would feature the newspaper cartoon art of Goessel resident Ferd Graevs.

She noted that people should dress to be cool.

"It's always 110 degrees in

the shade," she said. "People enjoy seeing the old-timey stuff."

More information is available at (620) 367-8200.

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swimmers 16 and under, and \$2 for swimmers 17 and older. Children 5 and younger are admitted free with an adult.

Season passes for a family of four cost \$80. Each additional family member costs \$10. Adult passes are \$55, and passes for children up to age 14 are \$40.

Peabody

Peabody pool in City Park is open 1 to 5 p.m. daily.

Admission is \$1.50 for ages 16 and younger or \$2 for ages 17 and older. Children 5 and younger are free with a paid adult.

Season passes cost \$40 for ages 16 and younger and \$55 for 17 and older. Family passes are \$80 for a family of four

and \$10 for each additional family member.

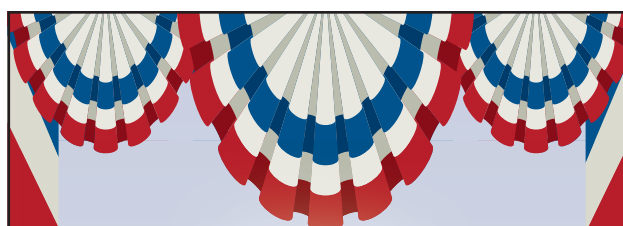
July 4 and 24 are free family swim days sponsored by Peabody-Burns recreation.

Free family swim nights will be 5 to 8 p.m. June 27, July 11, and July 25. A parent or guardian must accompany children.

Adult lap swim sessions are 6 to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and cost \$1.25 a session.

Water aerobics are 6 to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and cost is \$1.25 per session.

Although the pool will no longer be open seven days a week after Aug. 8, it will remain open on weekends through August.




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FAIRS: Hillsboro, Marion welcome artisans, crafters in September

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crafts fair.

Marion

Marion's 47th annual Art in the Park festival Sept. 20 and 21 typically brings an estimated 30,000 shoppers to Central Park.

Hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the 20th and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the 21st.

Art in the Park has not fully recovered since outdoor festivals were cut in 2020, Marion community engagement director Margo Yates said.

"It's not as big since COVID," she said.

Many vendors set up booths in both Hillsboro and Marion, and many sell their wares Saturday in Hillsboro, then come check out Art in the Park on Sunday.

"I've had vendors in the last few years who said they had a lot of sales on Sunday," Yates said.



FILE PHOTO BY FINN HARTNETT

An Art in the Park shopper headed home last year with newfound treasures.

A basketball tournament keeps some locals away on Saturday, but they come to Art in the Park on Sunday.

Instead of taking applications for vendors, Yates scours lists of artisans and craftsmen online and invites them to Art in the Park.

"I probably have joined at least 15 social media pages that are about vendors," she said. "I don't like to repeat a lot of stuff, especially on food. Some crafters, if there are three or four, I'll limit it."

She still was sending out invitations last week.

"I probably sent 42 invitations to new vendors today," she said Friday. "It's a lot of work, but it's a lot of fun."

The food selection is different each day.

Art in the Park always offers something new and different, Yates said.

"I try to think of locals," she said. "We brought in Helget Farms (in Lincolnville) with their beef sticks, and they were really popular."

A man who sold duck calls at last year's Art in the Park will return this year.

Some vendors also market their wares at Holly Jolly Christmas.

Yates has coordinated Art in the Park so long that she wants to find somebody to shadow her in the planning so she can fade into the background some day.

Heat sometimes is a problem.

"I remember one year I was directing traffic there at the park entrance and the bottoms of my shoes melted," Yates said.

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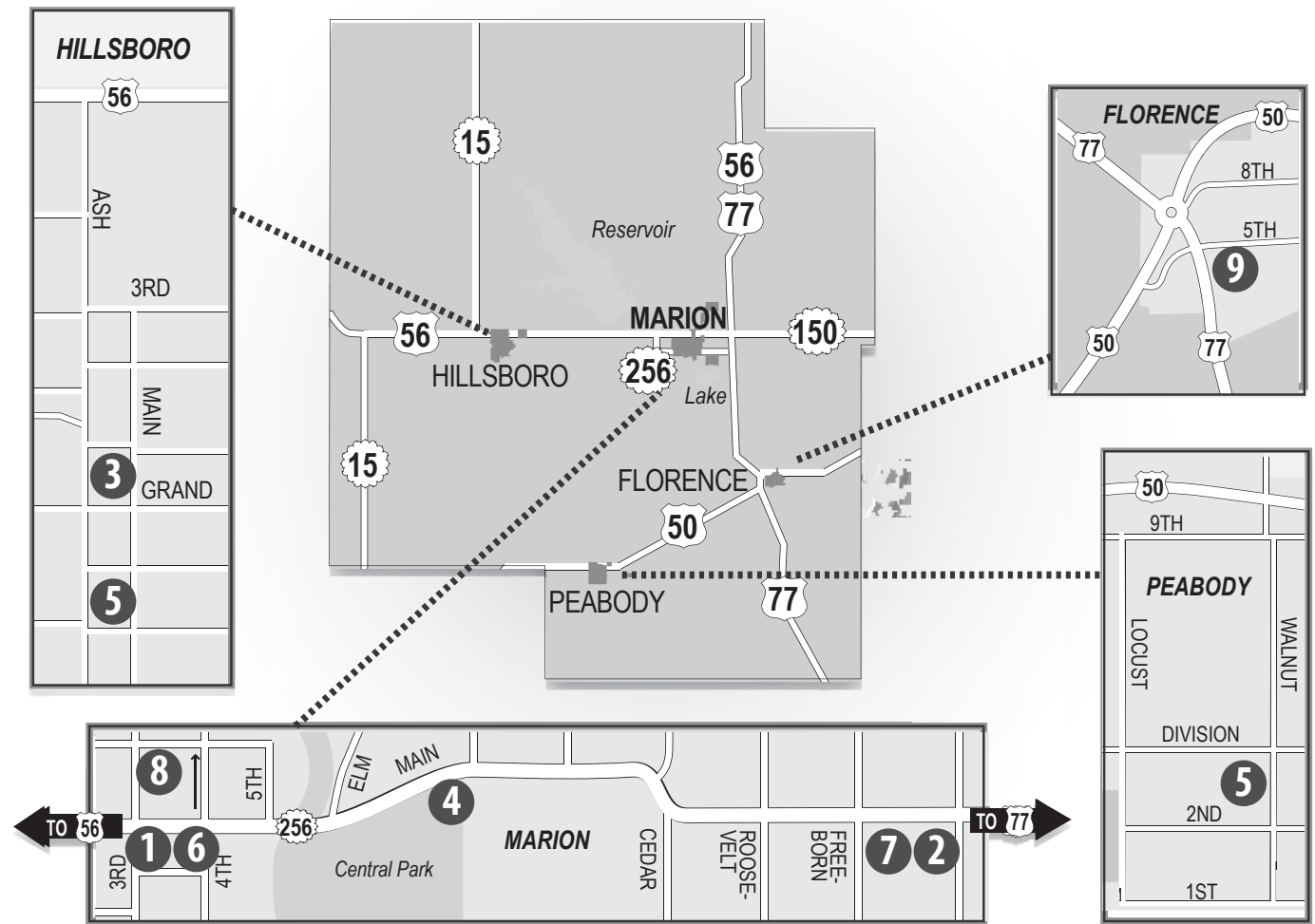
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Fireworks reflect off Marion County Lake during last year's show. A cruise and live music also are planned this year.

Where to watch fireworks next week

Peabody is known far and wide for its July 4 celebration and fireworks extravaganza, but Peabody's is not the only show in the county.

Ramona and Marion County Fire District No. 3 will have a 6:30 p.m. July 4 meal of hamburgers and hot dogs, chips, and beverage for a free will donation. A fireworks show put on by firefighter will begin after dusk.

Marion County Park and Lake will get into the act July 5. A cruise around the lake will start at 7 p.m. Live music by the Wheat State Revival band will start at 7:30 p.m. at the stage on the beach. Fireworks begin after dark.

On July 6, Aulne Bible Church will have its annual ice cream social and fireworks display. A program will begin at 7 p.m., an ice cream social at 8 p.m., and a fireworks display after dark.



Peabody's show last year included this barrage from Fourth Fest's Battle of New Orleans finale.