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## Construction issues delay child-care center

**By FINN HARTNETT**  
*Staff writer*

After a series of construction issues delayed ribbon-cutting for about a month, Hillsboro Community Child Care Center is set to open Monday. Some construction and communication problems continue to linger, however. A total of \$3.2 million was budgeted to remodel the former Trinity

Mennonite Church at 211 S Elm St. into the new center. The money came from donations and grants, including a \$600,000 community development block grant and a \$950,000 child care aware grant. About \$2.7 million went to Wiens and Company Construction, the general contractor responsible for renovating the building. But problems arose early in June

after what were described by center chair Tristen Cope as “drainage complications” caused water to pool in the basement. Cope sent a written statement to the *Record* but did not respond to requests for an interview. City administrator Matt Stiles said concrete in front of the building hadn’t set correctly and allowed water in. “It pooled in one area, and it was

maybe an inch deep,” city inspector Ben Steketee said. “It was only a small fraction of the basement.” Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning pads on the west side of the building also were installed poorly, Stiles said. “Those were draining incorrectly,” Stiles said. Mayor Lou Thurston and council member Ronald Wilkins criticized

Wiens’ work at a July 15 meeting of Hillsboro City Council. “This is about children, this is about families, and this is about employees at this facility,” Thurston said. “Those are the people who have been let down by their performance.” Wilkins added that complaints made to the company had “just been

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Carter Hamm celebrates his derby victory in the “outlaw hobo” class, the third of four divisions to compete in Saturday’s demolition derby at the Marion County Fair in Hillsboro.

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## Man meets machine at demo derby

**By FINN HARTNETT**  
*Staff writer*

Engines roared, clumps of mud flew high into the air, and a large crowd fanned themselves incessantly during a sweltering evening in Hillsboro. The equinox may have been more than a month prior, but Saturday’s demolition derby felt like the culmination of summer in the county, with each metallic crash of cars filling the bleachers with catharsis. The arena had been made muddier than usual by rain on Saturday. The temperature hovered around 90 degrees, but the crowd was undeterred by lack of shade, and turned out en masse to see 38 unique machines infuse the air with gas and smoke. The number of officials at the derby stood out: There were firefighters, police, EMTs, event staff. Some firefighters stood directly in the are-

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na in case of an accident, neon uniforms and miniature metal extinguishers glimmering in a golden sun. The cars’ tires kicked globs of mud and dirt deep into the bleachers, causing the crowd to laugh, shriek, and cover their faces. Young kids approached a wooden fence, some wearing headphones to protect from the noise of the engines. Parents dragged them back by their collars or lifted them up and draped them over their shoulders. The cars had jagged and varied exteriors. One bore a dedication to Hillsboro student Sutton Redger, who died in a car accident in February. Others had fierce messages written

across the side of their hulls: “Give heaven some hell,” “Daddy’s home.” After each round began, the cars homogenized quickly as mud piled up. Riders wore shockingly little protective gear — most just a helmet. Then again, body armor would only weigh them down in case they needed to escapes their car, which happened a few times. “Shut ‘em down, boys!” an announcer cried as firefighters jogged over to a car engulfed in smoke. “Red flag.” Tractors and loaders rolled into the arena to tidy things up between heats. Many cars had to be lifted out of the mud. “We got one more heat,” the announcer said. “This is the weld class. It’s going to get real loud now.”

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## THC back in store, sells well

*But cops still  
think it’s illegal*

**By PHYLLIS ZORN**  
*Staff writer*

THC beverages that police took from Carlsons’ Grocery last week in spite of the county prosecutor’s advice were returned six days later. Police still believe the beverages are illegal, but the county attorney has said no charges will be filed. The beverages have been selling well. At least 12 containers sold between Friday, when the merchandise was returned, and Monday. “It’s going fine,” co-owner Greg Carlson said Monday. “It’s doing good.” A total of 160 cans or bottles of beverages, bearing names such as “Nowadays,” “Drink Easy,” “Drinking Buds,” and “Happi” were labeled for purchase only by customers 21 years old and older. The labels say the beverages contain no alcohol. They were taken by Marion police July 19 because police thought beverages containing THC were illegal. Before taking the beverages, police phoned County Attorney Michelle Brown. When officer Aaron Slater said the beverages were illegal, Brown at first told him police should take them. But in the same conversation, she told Slater to let the store get its money back instead, she said. “I said, ‘Wait a minute. Let him get his money back,’” Brown said. Police took the product nonetheless. Slater told Greg and Mitch Carlson that it would be in their best interest to let police take the products until the issue was resolved, Mitch Carlson said. The Carlsons agreed to let them take the drinks. Interim police chief Zach Hudlin said the

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## 100-degree contest is just warming up

What with all the excessive heat warnings of recent weeks, you’d think Marion County was having one of its hottest summers this year. But unlike happened in five of the past six years, the mercury in the county’s official thermometer still hasn’t reached 100. It came within a single degree Tuesday but didn’t cross the line even though the heat index, combining temperature and humidity, hit 109, and county thermometers other than the official one recorded highs of 101. In all but one of the past six years, 100-degree heat was recorded in June or July. This year, it appears both months will pass without the official thermometer hitting the century mark, despite

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## Council Grove takes new tack on budgets

**By PHYLLIS ZORN**  
*Staff writer*

While Marion County and its cities are still pondering their 2026 budgets, Council Grove’s already is proposed and is being reviewed by the public online. It’s posted prominently on the city’s website, not just as a bunch of numbers but with easy-to-understand narratives about individual projects, initiatives, and changes and the rationale for them. City administrator Nick Jones draws up the proposed budget using a software program called gWorks, but what he posts is mainly his own writing along with charts, graphs, and other data. “You go through the departments and see what they need or don’t need, and make adjustments,” Jones said.

Getting his budget proposal in front of the public in time for people to read and digest it is the best way to do things, he said. “We try to do the right thing here,” he said. “It stops rumors.” The final step before posting the proposed budget online is to have the city’s auditor review it. Having the budget in the public eye well in advance of having to make a final decision gives both the public and elected officials time to review it and make suggestions for changes they think are needed, Jones said. “We’re happy to answer questions,” Jones said. Council Grove’s budget as posted online includes a budget overview, high-

lights of each department’s budget, and a list of city projects and future goals. It can be seen at [www.councilgrove.com](http://www.councilgrove.com). County Tina Spencer said she thought Council Grove had a good idea. “You have more opportunity for education that way,” Spencer said. “Sometimes the timing and what it takes to put a budget together can make that not work.” Spencer said the county’s budget proposal was not yet completed. The county has until Sept. 15 to complete it. Hillsboro city administrator Matt Stiles said he and council members still were working to hammer out a budget. The council will conduct a series of bud-

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# Readin’ and ’ritin’ ’bout back-to-school ’rithmetic

IMAGINE SITTING DOWN in a fine restaurant, ordering your meal and something to drink, then being asked whether you brought your own plate, silverware, glass, and napkin.

You’re told you’ll also need to bring crackers or cereal to share. If a student’s last name begins with A through H in first grade, a box of snack-size zip-locking plastic bags is required. Others in first grade must bring quart bags. By second grade, last names from I through L are added to those who must bring smaller bags, which by this point have become quart size, while the rest must bring gallon bags.

In fourth grade, half the alphabet must bring disinfecting wipes. Kids whose last names begin with A to K can protect themselves against germs, but kids whose last names begin with L through Z apparently aren’t as lucky. They have to bring two extra boxes of facial tissue.

Personally, as an M, I’d prefer to be in the disinfected group instead of the infected one. At least there’s hope. By fifth grade, those with last names of L to P bring wipes while others bring various sizes of plastic bags, maybe to put the wipes in after they’re used.

Kindergartners don’t need dry-erase markers, but first and second graders need four each. Amazon sells 200 of them for \$33. Surely a school district wouldn’t have to increase its mill levy to provide dry-erase markers for everyone. I can hear the campaign slogan now: A chicken in every pot (or, perhaps, in every zip-locking bag) and a dry-erase marker in every kid’s hand!

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— ERIC MEYER

some hidden trait with septuagenarians like me because earbuds are allowable for them — just not for fourth graders and younger kids.

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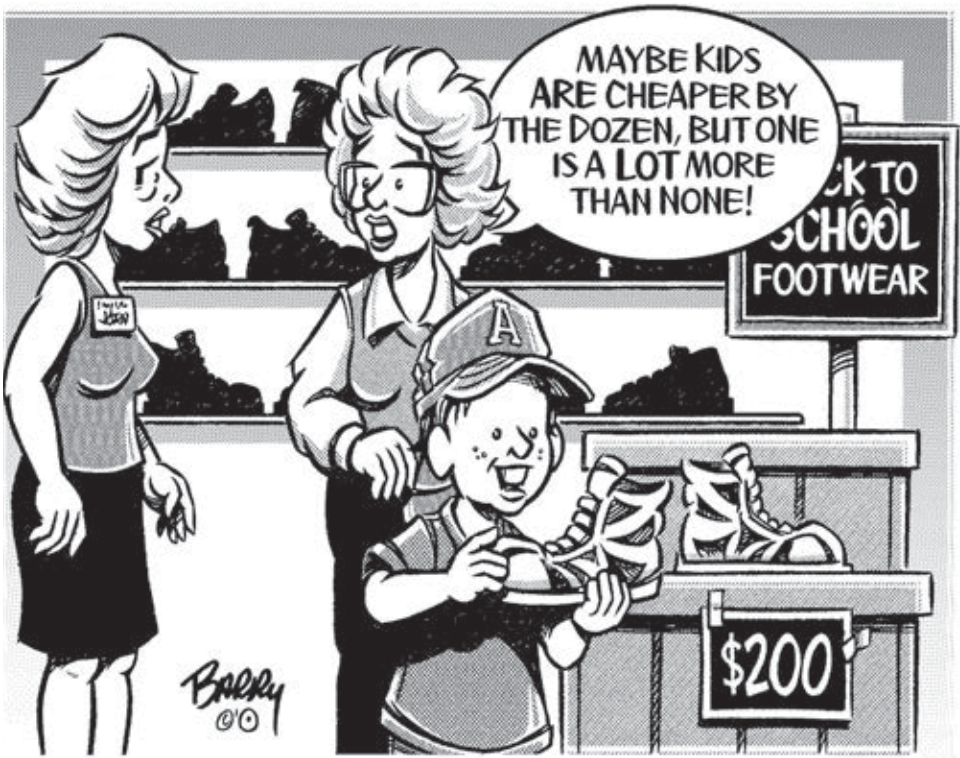
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## Another Day in the Country Summer learning

By PAT WICK

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THE SUMMER after I graduated from high school back in 1955, I got a job at a rest home for the elderly. I had been around so few elderly people that I hadn’t a clue as to what I would be up against.

My own grandparents lived in Kansas. I grew up in Colorado. It seemed a world away. They might have been a thousand miles away instead of a few hundred. The distance was not one we traveled often. Mostly, we would go back for funerals, sometimes for graduations or weddings.

One of my jobs at this small facility was to sit at the supper table and eat with those who were mobile.

I’d spent the last several years in a boarding academy, eating with teenagers, and when I was home it was just my parents and preschool sister at the table. This was a very different atmosphere and a completely foreign menu.

Liver was on the menu the night I arrived, as I recall. While I’d eaten meat growing up, our diet had been mostly vegetarian in the last few years.

I had never eaten liver and onions. I learned later that lots of people don’t like that dish; but oddly, I came to like it. I just couldn’t contemplate its origin story while I sat at the table.

Part of my job at the evening meal was to get residents something if they needed it — salt, an extra napkin, more water. I also was to be the conversation starter, the listener, and the one who mopped up spills and retrieved silverware or whatever dropped on the floor.

After supper, my real job began.

“Pat, will you take Betty upstairs and help her brush her

teeth?” my supervisor suggested.

Relieved to be done with table work, I thought, “This I can do!”

I just had to find her toothpaste, help her put it on the brush, and maybe demonstrate if she was hesitant.

When we got to her room, Betty took my hand and promptly spit her teeth into it.

I’d grown up with grandmothers who had false teeth, so I wasn’t completely in the dark.

My cousins and I used to sit on Grandma Ehrhardt’s lap when we were little and beg her to pop her top denture out at us. When she’d finally make her teeth pop out on her tongue, we’d squeal with laughter, but this occasion, with someone’s dirty dentures on my 17-year-old palm, did not call for squealing or laughter.

Maybe I blinked and drew back a tad to find Betty’s teeth in my hand, but I soldiered on, acting as if I’d done this all the time.

Over the summer, I got good at cleaning dentures, and Betty and I became friends of a sort. I was somewhat like a favorite grandchild.

I’ll never forget her and Reverend Pickett, who under my breath I called P.P. Pickett because he’d sit reading romance novels and forget that he needed to go to the bathroom. When he finally launched himself up, I had to clean up the trail he left behind. This was in the days before Depends.

My grandson just graduated from high school, but instead of getting a job for the summer, he came to Kansas to be with me for a month. His parents then sent him off with a cousin to experience England and France for a couple of weeks before he headed to college.

I had to learn about What-

sApp to get news from him. There always is some new experience awaiting discovery, and I have found myself checking the app over and over for news of their trek.

His parents, along with me and my sister, are on particular threads of information.

“Send pictures,” his mother says.

“Get some sleep,” his father admonishes.

“What have you seen?” I want to know.

“Today we visited Portobello Market, bought sandwiches, and took them to Kensington Park for lunch,” he writes. “We visited the National Portrait Gallery and had fish and chips for dinner.”

There are photographs of crowded streets, big buildings, fancy facades. Some of them we recognize. Some are new to us.

What do I have to offer in exchange? What am I doing by comparison?

I sent him a picture of the latest building art in downtown Salina and some photos of grandly refurbished old cars on parade.

Yesterday, I included a short video clip of my ducks splashing around in their little pond.

“This video clip taken at Wickshire Park in Ramona,” I joked, as if this were a grand estate.

He wrote back as if he were reading a guidebook: “Attractions: Idyllic ducks, well-tended flowers, lawn setting, and country atmosphere. Highly recommended.”

What a grand learning curve this young man has embarked upon. But then again, aren’t we all on a grand curve of our own, while spending another day in the country?

## Letters TO THE EDITOR

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### THC is still THC

To the editor:

In an Opinion piece last week, the editor questioned whether one could get “high” on the low levels of THC in the

beverages that were seized at Carlsons’ last week.

As an experiment, the staff of the *Marion County Record* might try ingesting a 10mg Delta-9 THC-infused beverage or a 15mg fruit-flavored “gummy” and see what the effects are.

I think it would be advisable to not operate mechanical equipment or drive for several hours. Maybe just watch some videos and lay in some snacks for when the “munchies” invade.

Delta-9 THC that is derived from legal hemp that as a plant tests at less the 0.03% THC was

made legal under the 2018 U S Farm Bill during the first Trump administration.

In what may have been a failure to understand the nature of the plant and the science of extraction, it soon became a thing to extract the THC from the relative low levels in the plant into a concentrate that could be introduced to users through beverages, candy, inhalers, and other means.

What this did was to legalize a form of THC in every state in the United States regardless of the individual state’s laws regarding cannabis legality, even

in totally illegal states like Kansas and Wisconsin.

A much more in-depth explanation can be had in a report on the 2018 Farm Bill by the American Enterprise Institute.

It concludes: “The farm bill’s definition of hemp creates a loophole that creative entrepreneurs have used to produce hemp-based products with active ingredients whose effects are similar or even identical to the effects of weed.”

Harry Bennett  
Madison, Wisconsin

## Children’s theater to be this weekend

Golly Gee Whiz, a children’s theater production, will be 6 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at Marion High School’s Performing Arts Center.

As an old saying goes, there are no small parts, but lots of small actors.

Each performer gets a moment to

showcase his or her unique skills.

“One of my favorite things about this show is the way we have been able to feature unique skills and talents of every kiddo in the cast,” director Megan Jones said. “They all get their little moment to shine, and shine they do.”

Tickets for the Marion Children’s Theater Production cost \$5 each.

They are available at Taco’s Food Truck at That One Place, Bill and Essie’s BBQ, and at the door of the Performing Arts Center.

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# Peabody meets new chief, hires clerk

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Nearly every seat was full Monday night for a Peabody City Council meeting that included introduction of new Police Chief Matthew Neal, as well as an audit presentation by Loyd Group.

The next night, at a special meeting, the council voted to hire Paul Leeker, a Sedgwick County budget analyst, as city clerk, filling a vacancy that has existed for more than a year.

Neal, who worked as chief of the USD 394 police department in Rose Hill from 2019 to 2024, struck an upbeat tone in his remarks.

“I went by the Hub [youth center] Friday night and really enjoyed that,” he said. “I’m going to the businesses this week and introducing myself, so people know my face. I met with the school last week and had a really good meeting with the superinten-

dent. We’re trying to get officers hired, get everything organized, and ready to build a strong police department.”

Hub board member Beth Peter thanked Neal for visiting the youth center.

Peabody’s previous two police officers, Philip Krom and Eric Watts, resigned earlier this year, Krom because he thought certain residents were slandering him and Watts after allegations that he purchased painkillers and solicited sexual favors from a former inmate in 2021 while working in Nevada.

Mayor Catherine Weems said she conducted a thorough check of Neal-Neal’s employment history, checked for criminal records, and asked for psychiatric evaluations from each department where he had worked.

In other business Monday, the city paid two months worth of water bills from Hillsboro, which supplies Pe-

abody’s water. One was for July and one for May.

Weems took responsibility for having overlooked the May bill.

While the city clerk position has been vacant, she has performed most of the duties of a clerk.

“I don’t have everything going to my email,” Weems said. “I’ve got it going to a city clerk email, so whoever takes over, we don’t have to switch them all around. The billings, I do my best to catch them all. I didn’t catch that one.”

During public comment Monday, Linsey Foth spoke as a representative of Peabody Dreamers Club, which organizes Peabody Cruise, a monthly event from May through October.

Foth expressed concern that vendors and attendees at cruises might be affected by scheduled sidewalk construction on Walnut St.

“If the sidewalk’s not going to be

torn up in the next three months, it won’t affect us,” Foth said. “But we’re just trying to be proactive.”

Foth came with two proposals that she said would provide safer street access during the events. The council did not take action because EBH consulting engineer Darin Neufeld was not present to speak about the project as the council had hoped.

Foth said afterward she was confident the situation would be resolved.

“The city has always been supportive of our group and events,” she said.

Christina Henson, a manager at Loyd Group, presented the city’s 2024 audit. The switched to the Galva-based accounting firm this year.

Peabody ended 2024 with a higher cash balance (\$1,555,503) than it had when the year began (\$1,521,260). Weems said savings were mainly because of vacancies on city staff.

The audit found a few deficiencies, including not enough segregation of duties when employees spent money.

“If one person executes a sale/transaction, that person should not record the transaction, handle the cash receipt, have authority for or access to cash receipts records, and reconcile the bank account,” the report says. “Due to resource constraints, these conflicting phases of transactions potentially occur throughout your entity at various times.”

The audit also found that the city’s annual treasurer’s report had not been submitted for publication, as required by law, in this in January 2025.

Weems said it was been published in 2024, either. She cited unbalanced books and lack of city staff as reasons for the issue.

After the meeting, Weems said Peabody would “take those auditors’ recommendations and work on those.”



STAFF PHOTO BY PHYLLIS ZORN

Participants at an open house July 23 post notes about changes they want on US-56.

## Ideas for US-56 bring a crowd

By **PHYLLIS ZORN**  
Staff writer

Nearly 40 people participated July 23 in an open house soliciting ideas for improvements on US-56 between Marion and McPherson.

Kansas Department of Transportation public involvement specialist Lindsey Milburn said suggestions would be reviewed by engineers and consultants before they recommend potential changes.

Seven KDOT engineers and seven consultants were available to talk with members of the public. On display was a long, detailed map of the highway, including locations of culverts, overpasses, railroad crossings, and intersections.

People not only talked with engineers and consultants but also wrote comments and put red or yellow stickers on the map. Red stickers were for areas of particular concern, and yellow stickers were for comments.

Some suggestions were relatively low cost, such as rumble strips or rumble stripes along outside lanes to warn drivers where the highway edge is.

Other suggestions were pricier, such

### Marion Main St. gets \$1.5 million

Marion was selected Tuesday for a \$1.5 million grant, with no required matching funds, to make improvements to Main St., which is K-256 in town.

The Kansas Department of Transportation grant is part of a program to make improvements on city connecting links that are part of state highways.

Marion is one of 30 cities that will receive grants under the program.

as adding more paved shoulder and passing lanes and improving intersections.

Marion resident Dina Vogel, who drives US-56 almost daily as a bus driver, said the highway needed passing lanes from Timber to Sunrise Rds. She also said the grade should be taken down and passing lanes should be

installed at both Remington Rd. and MKC co-op near Canton.

She also would like longer turn lanes with flashing lights and passing lanes on curves.

According to KDOT statistics, the corridor has fewer than average crashes but greater than average fatalities. Crashes are more likely to happen at intersections.

The 36-mile Marion to McPherson corridor has 8½ miles of paved shoulder, 27½ miles of rock shoulder, and 22 bridges as well as a railroad overpass at Marion’s levee, and access to Marion Reservation.

Six towns are included in the corridor: McPherson, Galva, Canton, Lehigh, Hillsboro, and Marion.

The highway project is not yet selected for funding by KDOT. Work on numerous other highways statewide also is being considered as part of KDOT’s Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program.

## Man arrested on multiple sex charges

By **PHYLLIS ZORN**  
Staff writer

A Hillsboro man faces numerous sex and drug charges.

Three separate cases were filed July 17 against William T. Dies, 38. He was arrested July 23.

In one case, he allegedly fondled an 11-year-old between Jan. 1, 2017, and Dec. 31, 2020. He also is charged in the same case with sodomy of the same child in the same time frame. Both charges are off-grid felonies, meaning if he is convicted, Dies could receive a life sentence.

In the second case, he is charged with raping a 17-year-old who was overcome by force or fear between

Dec. 1, 2019, and Sept. 30, 2019, and aggravated sexual battery of the same teen in the same time span.

Those charges are Level 1 and Level 5 felonies. If convicted in that case, he could be sentenced to as much as 54 years and 3 months in prison on one charge and 11 years and 4 months in prison on the other charge.

In the third case, Dies is charged with possession of marijuana, THC, and drug paraphernalia, all on April 6. The drug charges are misdemeanors.

Undersheriff Larry Starkey said deputy Aaron Christner worked on the case before charges were filed.

## Firefighter suspended after DUI arrest

By **PHYLLIS ZORN**  
Staff writer

A Lincolnville firefighter arrested July 13 for allegedly driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs has been suspended until further notice.

Lincolnville Fire Chief Les Kaiser confirmed his department took action against Evan D. Slater, 30, Burdick, shortly after Slater’s arrest.

“We take this matter very seriously,” Kaiser said Tuesday. “It is being handled as an internal personnel issue.”

Slater was booked into jail on suspicion of driving under the influence, transporting an open container of alcohol, and driving on the left side of the road.

Formal charges have not been filed, but Slater has been arrested twice before on alcohol-related charges.

Slater was charged in 2012 with driving under the influence and fleeing or attempting to elude police. In 2015, he was charged with purchase or consumption of liquor by a minor. He received diversions on both charges.

From 2021 to 2022, while on the Florence fire department, Slater was at the center of controversy that ultimately led the city to dissolve its

fire department and appoint new volunteers.

A complaint arose about a fire Nov. 20, 2021, at which Slater, son of then-chief Mark Slater, allegedly arrived drunk and got into a verbal altercation with the property owner.

The owner filed a complaint that said Slater was “very surly, accusing [me] of setting fire and adding to the fire. Not watching the fire. [Slater] was drunk. Accused us of neglect. Was threatening to fight with a 62-year-old,” the complaint states.

Two weeks later, council members asked Mark Slater whether the complaint was being handled.

During a meeting Feb. 28, 2022, council members suspended Evan Slater. A week later, the council fired Mark Slater.

The straw that broke the camel’s back was when only two firefighters showed up to fight a burning building at a quarry in April. At the next meeting, council members dissolved the department but kept five of the members.

The department was rebuilt and now functions better, former Florence City Council member and firefighter Matt Williams said.

## Out-of-county warrants lead to Lincolnville arrest

By **PHYLLIS ZORN**  
Staff writer

Warrants from Dickinson and McPherson counties were the reason Carl E. Remmers, 46, Lincolnville, was arrested July 23 by Marion County deputies.

The warrants were for allegedly failing to appear in court, fleeing or attempting to elude law enforcement, reckless driving, speeding, and unsafe turning or stopping, and driving while his license was canceled, suspended, or revoked.

Remmers was released 10 hours later on \$25,000 bond and his promise to pay as much as \$700 if he fails to appear in court again.

He has, in the past, been charged in Chase County with a traffic offense.

In Dickinson County he has been charged with three misdemeanors, two felonies, and two traffic cases.

In Harvey County, he has been charged with a traffic offense.

In Marion County he has been charged with four misdemeanors and one felony case. He has been jailed in Marion County six times for a total of all or parts of 26 days.

In McPherson County, Remmers has been charged with one misdemeanor and one traffic offense.

In Morris County, Remmers has been charged with a misdemeanor, a felony, and a traffic violation.

In Sedgwick County, Remmers has been charged with a misdemeanor.

### Fresh and for sale



STAFF PHOTO BY FINN HARTNETT

Residents buy fresh produce at a farmers market Wednesday in Marion’s Central Park.



Cards requested  
for 60th anniversary



A card shower requested by the family of Curtis and Connie Wiens, shown above at their wedding in 1965, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Aug. 7. The couple's mailing address is 906 S Ash St, Hillsboro KS, 67063.

Deaths

Dean Hiebert

Services for Dean Ellis Hiebert, 77, who died July 21, will be 11 a.m. Friday at Ebenfeld Church, rural Hillsboro. Burial will be an hour before the service at the church cemetery.

Born Feb. 27, 1948, at Salem Hospital in Hillsboro to Otto and Bernice (Neufeld) Hiebert, he professed his faith at age 6 and demonstrated his involvement by distributing Bibles with Gideons International and being part of other evangelical efforts through the church.

The family lived on a farm 1½ miles from the church, and he eventually had his own sheep farm.

While attending Tabor College, he met Canadian student Eileen Kroeker. They were married in 1969, a year before graduation, at St. Catharines, Ontario.

She survives along with their three children, Pamela Matthews, Kaiden Hiebert,

and John Michael Hiebert; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and sister Faye Ressel.

Younger brother Gordon Keith Hiebert preceded him in death.

Memorials have been established with the Gideons and Good News Bible Fellowship.

‘Lou’ Wegerer

Mass for Louis W. “Lou” Wegerer, 71, died Saturday at his farm home southwest of Marion, will be 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Mark Catholic Church, Marion.

Rosary for the star Marion athlete, who was a defensive lineman for the Kansas State University football team in the mid-1970s, will be half an hour before Mass.

Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at Yazel-Megli Funeral Home, Marion.

A complete life sketch is planned later.

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.*

Betty Ireland

A celebration of life for Betty Ireland, 93, who passed away July 27, 2025, at St. Luke Living Center, Marion, is scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, 2025, at Florence Christian Church, 333 W. 5th St. Private burial is planned.

Betty, a devoted mother and grandmother and cherished member of her community, was born April 7, 1932, to Curtis Cavin and Elizabeth Mary (Gronau) Padgett on her family's farm near Newton.

She married her beloved husband, Walter Wayne Ireland, on April 1, 1955, in Hurst, Texas.

He preceded her in death along with her parents, brother John Padgett, and sister Mildred Hamm.

Betty is survived by children Wayne (and wife Kalen) Ireland of Topeka, Wava (and wife Sandy Rudy) Ireland of El Dorado, and Wanda (and husband Fred) Eilts of Benton.

Also surviving are siblings Mary Shillcutt of Issaquah, Washington; Edna (and husband Jerry) Malmgren of Over-

land Park; and Bill (and wife Mary) Padgett of Flat Rock, North Carolina; sister-in-law Joyce Padgett of Florence; and brother-in-law Gus (and wife Donna) Hamm of Hillsboro.

Her legacy continues through her grandchildren: Christopher (and wife Jennifer) Ireland, Kimberlee (and husband Josh) Turley, Matthew (and wife Tara) Ireland, all of Topeka; Nicholas (and wife Danae) Ireland of Huntsville, Alabama; and Katherine Vaupel of Atlanta, Georgia.

She also was blessed with great-grandchildren Kinsley, Callie, Kolton, Kamden, Ava, Bennett, Jackson, and Emma Kate, along with many nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Christian Church or the United Methodist Church, both of Florence, in care of Jost Funeral Home, 401 S Washington St, Hillsboro KS 67063.

Online condolences at [www.jostfuneralhome.com](http://www.jostfuneralhome.com).

Bluegrass at the Lake to return

By FINN HARTNETT  
Staff writer

Bluegrass at the Lake will return Friday and Saturday with cool temperatures and a new master of ceremonies, Tim Dingus.

Gates will open at 5 p.m. Friday. The first band will go on at 7 p.m., and both nights will last until about 11 p.m.

Bands performing Friday will be, in order, Queen Jack, Huffy and The Nighttrain, and MoonShroom.

The latter is a fairly big name in the bluegrass scene, boasting 6,000 monthly listeners on Spotify.

“I’ve heard that a lot of people in town have listened to them,” lake superintendent Isaac Hett said.

On Saturday, gates will open at noon. A cornhole tournament is scheduled for 1 p.m., and a disc golf tournament at 3 p.m. Music will begin at 5 p.m.

The bands performing on Saturday will be, in order, Bad Chuck and The Bad Dreams, Sally and the Hurts, Grody Riggins, and Dead End Strings.

The stage will be downhill from the lake hall at the edge of the lake, near the lake’s swimming area.

“What takes the most time

Algae watch at county lake continues

For the third week in a row, Marion County Lake will be under a blue-green algae advisory through Friday.

An algae warning imposed two weeks ago was lowered a watch a week later and renewed Friday for another week.

Marion Reservoir, which has been under a warning or watch since May 22, was cleared last week and continues to be in the clear this week.

In all, eight Kansas bodies of water will be under warnings, and eight others under less serious watches until Friday.

A watch indicates that a harmful bloom may be present. Kansas Department of Health and Environment requires that signs be posted at all public access points.

Visitors are warned that water may be unsafe for humans and animals. Swimming, wading, skiing, and jet skiing are discouraged near visible blooms. Boating and fishing are safe, but inhalation of spray might affect some people

Direct contact with water should be avoided, and visitors should wash with clean water.

An algae bloom could look like foam, scum, or paint floating on the water and be colored blue, bright green, brown, or red. Blooms can develop rapidly.

Symptoms of illness vary with the species of algae. Common symptoms may include rash, vomiting, diarrhea, fever, sore throat, and headache.

is setting up all the fencing and the gates,” Hett said. “Most of our stuff is all open to the public and we don’t block anything off, but for this festival, we do.”

The lake hall will be open throughout the weekend and blast air conditioning for those who need a break from the sun.

The building also will be host to a silent auction from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday.

Many food vendors will be at the festival, including Taco’s

Food Truck, Coneburg Curb-side, and Carlsons’ BBQ.

In previous years, the festival used local volunteers as emcees, but this year, the lake has hired Timothy Hill-Dingus, a juggler and magician from Overland Park who performs under the name Tim Dingus, to fill the role.

“He has a special act both nights,” Hett said. “He does fire juggling.”

Usually, the festival sells around 550 tickets. Hett ex-

pects even more to attend this year as temperatures are expected to stay below 80 degrees.

“Hopefully the rain stays away, but it looks like it’s going to be a beautiful weekend,” he said. “The last few years we’ve had it. It’s been around 105 degrees”

Tickets cost \$20 and can be purchased at the gate.

MENUS

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HILLSBORO

Reservations accepted at (620) 947-2304.

**Thursday** — Lasagna, Italian blend vegetables, tossed salad with dressing, lime sprinkled pears, garlic bread stick.

**Friday** — Ham, scalloped potatoes, peas, peaches, roll, cookie.

**Monday** — Polish sausage with sauerkraut on bun, potato salad, cucumber and tomato salad, fruit cocktail.

**Tuesday** — Pizza, tossed salad, cottage cheese, peaches, brownie.

**Aug. 6** — Barbecue chicken breast, baked beans, coleslaw, grapes, roll.

**Aug. 7** — Chuckwagon steak, cheesy hashbrown casserole, cauliflower, cinnamon baked apples, roll.

MARION

Reservations accepted at (620) 382-2942.

**Thursday** — Lasagna, Italian blend vegetables, tossed salad, lime-sprinkled pears, garlic bread.

**Friday** — Ham, scalloped potatoes, peas, peaches, roll, cookie.

**Monday** — Polish sausage with sauerkraut on bun, cucumber and tomato salad, fruit cocktail.

**Tuesday** — Ham and beans, coleslaw, applesauce, cornbread.

**Aug. 6** — Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, fruit, cake, roll.

**Aug. 7** — Grilled hamburger with onion, lettuce, and tomato; potato salad; fruit.

PEABODY

Reservations accepted at (620) 983-2226.

**Thursday** — Lasagna, Italian blend vegetables, tossed salad with dressing, lime sprinkled pears, garlic bread stick.

**Friday** — Chicken chef salad, macaroni and cheese, green beans, crackers.

**Monday** — Bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich; peas and potatoes; pear crisp.

**Tuesday** — Goulash, carrots, garlic bread, applesauce.

**Aug. 6** — Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, fruit, poke cake, roll.

**Aug. 7** — Chuckwagon steak, cheesy hashbrown casserole, cauliflower, cinnamon baked apples, roll.

103-year-old to perform at social

A pie and ice cream social from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday at Hillsboro Senior Center will honor the 103rd birthday of Bob Delk. He and musical friends will perform. Reservations are not required. Donations to the senior center will be accepted.

Back-to-school bingo planned

Donation of school supplies or cash to buy them will be the admission fee when Peabody American Legion sponsors \$2-a-card back-to-school bingo from 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 8. Doors will open at 5 p.m. Players are being asked to bring a white-elephant gift.

Church directory

Up-to-date schedules  
provided by churches

Email weekly updates to [church@MarionCountyRecord.com](mailto:church@MarionCountyRecord.com).

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

noon Monday, noon Tuesday

Pilsen ..... 10:30 a.m. Sunday

Confessions 30 minutes before every

Mass for 20 minutes.

Saturday — Extra confessions, 3 p.m.,

Marion.

Aug. 6 — Knights of Columbus, 7 p.m.,

Marion Activity Center.

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN

320 Cedar St., Marion

John Werner, pastor

Divine service/Communion ..... 9 a.m.

Thursday — Mission projects, 1 p.m.

Monday — Office hours, 8:30 to 10:30

a.m.

Aug. 6 — Office hours, 8:30 to 10:30

a.m. Dorcas meeting, 2 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

AUG. 4, 2010

Challenger Roger K. Fleming won in a landslide over incumbent county commissioner Bob Hein in the Republican primary Tuesday. State Representative J. Robert Brookens successfully defended his position against challenger Cheryl Green.

Retired art teacher Jan Davis is converting a building on E. Main St. into Gallery 101 of the Flint Hills. She is hoping to have her gallery open by Sept. 18 for Art in the Park.

“There’s No Place Like Burdick” will be the theme for the 38th annual Burdick Labor Day celebration Sept. 5 and 6.

Courtney Hett and Chassidy Carlson are pictured as they volunteer to help remove seats in Marion City Building auditorium in preparation for renovating the room for use as a venue for reunions, parties, and similar events.

Robert Marshall, 63, who was band instructor in Peabody-Burns schools for 22 years, died July 28 at his home in Peabody.

Farmer Don Kraus of rural Marion is pictured as he drives a swather by a corn field on his way to cut hay. He doesn’t expect corn yields to be as high as they were in 2009, but area farmers probably will be happy they planted corn.

30 YEARS AGO

AUG. 9, 1995

Korean War veterans Roger “Bud” Hannaford and Alex Case and their wives traveled last week to the nation’s capital to attend dedication cere-

monies of the Korean War Memorial.

Mike Padgett has joined the staff at Central National Bank as a loan officer. He formerly was branch manager for a national finance company in Lawton, Oklahoma.

The a cappella group, 8:1 (Eight Men: One Voice), will perform Saturday on Luta Creek Stage, Central Park, as part of Marion Chamber of Commerce’s Summerfest ’95.

Korean journalists, mainly editors of multimillion-circulation newspapers, are pictured standing in front of the Marion County Record office with Bill Meyer and journalism professors from the University of Kansas. The group of Koreans has been attending a seminar at the William Allen White School of Journalism at Lawrence and visiting newspapers in the state.

Brendan Sager’s column “Eating around Marion County” continues this week with an article about Ed and Shirley Flaming, who are pictured standing behind a cash register at their Red Barn Café on K-15 on the north side of Durham. Staff members at the Red Barn include Avis Rader, Ann Sommerfeld, and Julie Franz.

45 YEARS AGO

AUG. 6, 1980

Fanned by 34-mph wind, a raging grass fire destroyed 500 acres of pasture Wednesday east of Marion, causing an estimated \$20,000 damage. Officials said an 11-year-old boy admitted starting the fire near Marion County Lake.

An employee of Ray Martin Painting of Wichita is pictured as he sandblasts limestone trim on the Marion High School building. After sandblasting is

finished, painters will put on a coat of clear sealant to protect the stone.

The annual Produce Derby has discovered many prize-winning specimens this season in spite of hot, dry weather. This week, Mrs. Nathen Bailey of Ramona entered a 7¼-pound cabbage from her husband’s garden.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Byer, owners of Flint Hills Clay Works, are pictured with their son, Eric, as they accept a plaque containing their first dollar of clear profit from Rosse Case and Barbara Longhofer, representatives of Marion Chamber of Commerce.

60 YEARS AGO

AUG. 12, 1965

L.L. Hadsell, president of Farmers and Drovers National Bank, has announced that, effective the first of September, Edward W. Colburn of Torrance, California, will become actively associated with the bank.

Four young Marion men have contracted a good case of hot rod fever and have rigged, adjusted, and timed “Old 23,” a 1954 Plymouth. The four — Les Johnston, Wayne Graybeal, Robert Konarik, and Max Robertson Jr. — have been “in the money” in four out of five races they have entered.

Tina Holmes, attractive and talented daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Holmes of Marion, is Marion Chamber of Commerce’s candidate this year in the Miss Marion County contest at the county fair.

Tuck pointers from Sager Sandblasting Co. of Hutchinson have sandblasted the Hill School building and are preparing to spray it with clear silicone

to preserve its appearance and keep it water resistant.

The federal government is going to count the number of television sets in Marion County again this year as part of a plan to discover how many exist in the nation.

There was only one winner in this week’s Cash Day drawing. Charles J. Heerey Sr. of Marion received \$10. Those not present when their names were called were Anna G. Smith of Peabody, Mike Schafer of Hillsboro, and Mrs. Julius Schlotthauer and Charles K. Smith, both of Marion.

75 YEARS AGO

AUG. 10, 1950

This Sunday promises to be one of the big days of the summer in the Marion neighborhood with popular speed boat races at the county lake in the afternoon and a ladies night baseball game at the athletic park.

Parents and children will do well to take note of a city ordinance published this week. No bicycles, motor scooters, or other vehicles may be operated on sidewalks in Marion. Fines will be imposed upon the violators.

Word was received this week of the death of Mrs. Walter Reed, 94, of Summit, Pennsylvania. Marion County old timers remember several trips here years ago by the late Dr. Reed and his wife to visit his brother, Tom Reed, of the Antelope neighborhood. Dr. Reed is the nationally famous Army Medical Corps physician for whom the hospital at Washington, D.C., is named.

Lester Weatherwax, KFBF farm announcer, will be master of ceremonies Tuesday at

the 4-H businessman picnic at Marion’s city park.

Gordon Wingerd, James Propp, and John Newcomer are expected home Saturday from a two-week trip with the Methodist Travel Camp to Yellowstone National Park, the Tetons, and Colorado Rockies.

110 YEARS AGO

AUG. 5, 1915

Rosse Case has added a self-starter to his auto. This is the latest improvement to the Case car, and if tales are true it is one of many. In fact, people say you can find almost anything you are looking for in that car. It was originally a Ford, but it has been so improved, torn out, and built in that it is now generally known just as the Case car.

Western Martin showed us specimens of beets and potatoes from his garden the other day, the beets weighing more than three pounds and the potatoes weighing more than a pound each. Pretty good!

Mrs. Fred Collett and children Henry and Dorothy were in from Elk on Tuesday.

The Aulne Automobile Company advertises “The Wonder Car” — the new 1916 Maxwell. An absolutely complete car, it is a five-passenger conveyance with electric starter, electric lights, high-tension magneto, and every refinement — a beautiful car, a powerful 50-mph car, yet a lightweight real economy car for \$655.

Wallis Hoch, Al Richardson, J.W. Reed of Florence, and Homer Hoch started Friday a.m. on an auto trip to Colorado. They expect to be gone about two weeks and camp out most of the time.

F.L. Dockstader returned Sunday from a month’s trip to

New Mexico where Mrs. Dockstader is holding down a claim. Their claim is near Sampson.

145 YEARS AGO

AUG. 6, 1880

Prairie chickens have been biting the dust in large numbers this week.

W.R. Clark has put up a fine windmill at his residence on the hill. Aside from its utility, it ornaments that part of town.

Jex and Nelson have a contract for erection of a stone poor house near McPherson. When done, it may be a stone poor house, but the skill of the contractors is assurance sufficient that it won’t be a poor stone house.

E.B. Reynolds, the celebrated temperance lecturer, will speak tonight in Rogers Hall. Go and hear him.

Mrs. Tamiet now offers her entire stock of millinery goods and notions at cost price for cash. Go and see for yourself. A fine lot of house plants and hanging baskets are for sale. Remember the place, basement story of her stone building, Marion Centre.

Prof. Crichton of Newton, one of the Fourth of July orators at Florence, has been engaged as principal of the Florence school for the next term.

As will be observed by reference to the advertisement of the Bank of Marion Centre, that worthy institution has changed management somewhat. The change makes it even stronger than before. Messrs. Crane and Brewerton, with their deservedly popular cashier, Mr. Dudley, are indeed a strong firm.

DELAY: Center still hasn’t had final inspection

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brushed off.”

Drainage issues required corrections to meet safety standards from Kansas Department of Health and Environment before the building could be properly licensed for child care.

The city council and the board of the center set July 18 as a deadline for Wiens to complete outstanding work.

Bryant Wiens, vice president of Wiens and Co., said on July 23 that the company had completed the work, which included replacing some concrete and adding more caulking.

“We had to redo some concrete and seal the building up a little better,” Wiens said. “Issues aren’t fun, but Wiens and Company has stepped up, and we have fixed all those issues. ... I think the city is pleased with our fixes.”

Both Steketee and Stiles said that while most issues were fixed, more remained to be done.

“They still have a few things to do,” Steketee said. “They were going to call me to inspect that work, to make sure it’s been done correctly, and I have not gotten the call yet.”

Notably, Steketee said water again flowed into the basement after last week’s rain.

“We tested it the best we could with the fire apparatus, tried to simulate a driving rain against the basement wall where it met the concrete, and we didn’t see one small leak,” Steketee said. “But two days later, we had a big rainstorm, and there was water in the basement. So clearly the basement is not water tight.”

Wiens and Co. project manager Doug Anderson said his team worked on the leaks after the rain.

“We were there taking care of some little stuff all last week,” Anderson said.

With the child care center set to open next week, Steketee said neither Wiens and Co. nor the center board had called him to inspect the latest work.

“Maybe they’re satisfied with Wiens and Company’s resolutions,” he said.

In his opinion, the building should be inspected once more before it opens.

“Things got done without my inspections, and some of those things are the problems we’re having now,” he said.

CONTEST: 1 degree short

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prolonged periods in which it has come perilously close.

So far this year — as happened in 2020 — the mercury has hovered just barely below 100 through the first two months of summer.

That means there’s still time to enter the Record’s contest to predict when we’ll hit 100 degrees.

Entries are being accepted at <https://mnks.us/contest/>. Be the first to predict the correct day without going over and you’ll win a \$50 certificate.

Influenced by recent experience with first 100-degree days, most contestants’ choices already have come and gone.

In 2019, we hit 100 on June 28. In 2021, it happened June 16. In 2022, it occurred June 21. In 2023, the temperature hit 100 for the first time July 25. Last year, it happened July 14. Only in 2020 did it not happen until Aug. 28.

Some forecasts predicted it would happen Tuesday, which would have been good news for a Hillsboro youth who would have had the winning entry if it had. But Tuesday’s official high

was just short of making him victorious.

With cooler weather forecast for the next few days, there’s still time to enter. If your previous choice already has come and gone, you can enter a second time.

Make your choice and you’ll have something to do other than watch sweat roll off your brow. You can watch as the mercury inches its way up into the triple-digit range and beat the heat by winning.

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THC: Prosecutor says it’s a state, not local, issue

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state’s Alcoholic Beverage Control bureau told Slater that THC beverages were illegal but that enforcement was being left to local authorities.

Products containing THC made from a specific type of hemp are federally legal under the 2018 Farm Bill.

States have to define whether the beverages can be sold.

“There’s this weird gray area that doesn’t make it clear,” Hudlin said. “The conclusion of the 2018 Farm Bill just muddies the water.”

Brown said she would not prosecute the Carlsons because “I don’t want to take a local business’ product. I’m not going to infringe on a local business.”

She said she found evidence the beverages were legal and other evidence that the products might not be.

It was not as if Carlsons’ was selling the product out on the street, she said.

She sees the question of legality as a decision to be made by state officials, not a county attorney.

“At the county level, I am not doing anything,” Brown said. “This will be an issue that needs to be settled by the attorney general. I don’t have to decide a statewide issue.”

She got emails from Mayor Mike Powers about the event and responded to him. Carlson also emailed Powers.

Brown said THC beverages were popular in Morris County, where she also serves as county attorney.

Carlson said his beer supplier provided him information to use if he needed to defend himself in court.

“We didn’t do anything wrong or illegal,” Carlson said. “Carlsons’ is not a head shop.”

The store’s aim is to supply customers with a variety of appealing merchandise, he said.

“We’ve been at this for 30 years,” he said.

When police said he could be prosecuted, Carlson said he thought about 500 retailers who also sell THC beverages.

“Who are you going to prosecute?” he said.

BUDGET: Idea more open

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get discussions before a budget is finalized and approved.

Marion city administrator Bryan Wells said a budget was being developed.

He has been in the office only a short time.

“When it’s ready to be approved, we’ll have it online close to the public meeting,” Wells said.

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# Homecoming dress becomes national success

By FINN HARTNETT  
Staff writer

Before Livie Claassen heads off to Kansas State University this fall, she's making her summer one to remember.

Claassen joined fellow Goessel graduate Adriana Duerksen and rising sophomores Claire Claassen and Jenna Flaming in Florida this month to compete in Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America's national competition.

Claassen had taken part in other FCCLA competitions each year of school, but this was the first time they took her to the Sunshine State.

The four students visited SeaWorld and Universal Studios over the course of four days in Orlando.

"Everybody told me it was going to be really muggy, but it wasn't as bad as I thought it was going to be," Claassen said. "And we all wanted to see an alligator, but we didn't get to. ... Alligators get hit like deer get hit here on the side of the road."

Duerksen competed in a community service event which



From left, Goessel students Jenna Flaming and Claire Claassen react to finishing in the Top 10 at Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America nationals in Orlando, Florida. They created a child development project centered on health and education.

identified local concerns and carried out projects to rectify them. Her task in front of judges was to explain how FCCLA's planning process was used to implement the project.

Flaming and Claire Claassen competed in a category called "Focus on Children." They planned a child development project centered on health and education.

The three students received a gold medal indicating a Top 10 finish in their events.

Livie aims to be a prosecutor after college. She created two FCCLA projects centered on sexual assault education in the past.

In her last year competing, she wanted to do something on the lighter side, and entered a fashion design category with plans to sew her own homecoming dress.

Claassen couldn't just sew a dress for the sake of sewing it, however. FCCLA competitors create business frameworks around their ideas and are judged on originality and marketability.

To that end, Claassen cre-

ated Duo Designs, a company that markets matching clothes to couples.

"Something that has always kind of bothered me was when a girl would have a really pretty dress on, and she would look great, and her boyfriend would look super cute together, but his tie didn't match," Claassen said. "I figured it was a really relatable problem that a lot of people would have."

She sewed her homecoming dress, "short with puffy sleeves," and a matching tie for her boyfriend.

"I hadn't sewn since fifth grade before doing this project," Claassen said. "It actually wasn't as hard as I was thinking, but I was very nervous. I started with a few scraps of fabric, and then I was like, 'OK, I think I can do this.'"

To round out her pitch, she designed a few more matching suits and dresses, including a smooth suit dedicated to her brother, who has Down syndrome.

"He has tactile sensitivity and low muscle tone, so he

can't use buttons, and textures bother him," she said.

Her hope for a career outside of fashion set Claassen apart from other students at the event.

"Every person in that category that made Top 10 was going on to fashion school," Claassen said. "I assume that they're continuing their brand or going back to it after they get out of college."

In a portion of the competition, contestants were asked how their fashion project would help them in their career path.

Claassen referred to a hypothetical fashionista rather than a real one and kept things "very broad."

The culmination of nationals was a 15-minute speech, during which Claassen spoke about the work she had put into her brand and its potential to succeed.

After less than 10 minutes, a panel of judges said time was up and stopped her.

"I was petrified," Claassen

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## Church project pays for school supplies

By PHYLLIS ZORN  
Staff writer

Countywide, parents of elementary school students are rushing to shop for school supplies, but students at Hillsboro Elementary School get most of their basic school supplies from a Parkview Mennonite Church ministry.

A group of five volunteers does the shopping based off supply lists provided by the school district, volunteer coordinator Rachel Winter said Tuesday.

Typically, they shop for 300 to 350 students, adding five extra sets to provide for children new to the community.

The idea sprang from an endowment established by a church member. Parkview

wanted to use the money to help the community.

"The woman who left the endowment didn't have children but loved them," Winter said.

Parkview took the idea from an Emporia church's program and has been providing school supplies for six or seven years.

"We also ask the church to donate," Winter said. "The church also is very generous about donating, so we can keep the endowment going."

Church members typically donate \$4,000 to \$5,000 a year to help buy school supplies, she said.

That goes a long way toward the \$6,000 to \$7,000 annual cost of the school supply program.

The church provides such items as regular and colored pencils, highlighters, markers,

pencil boxes, three-ring binders with dividers, glue and glue sticks, erasers, red pens, and dry erase markers.

Shoppers divide up the supply lists.

"This year, there are five of us working on getting supplies," Winter said.

Each shopper seeks specific school supplies. They have a nose for a good deal, she said.

Supplies are taken to the elementary school shortly before classes begin.

"We're planning on packing up Aug. 13," Winter said. "It's usually just the group of us. One person has her grandkids come in, and some other people come in. We usually just sort them into a pile and mark them for that grade."

Winter was asked to help several years ago.

"I am a retired teacher," she said. "I taught in Hillsboro. I think it's very exciting for every student to have everything they need on the first day of school. It's just a really special thing, and the church backs and supports it, and that's a very good thing."

Besides basics provided by Parkview, students need backpacks, headphones, and socks to use on dry-erase boards.



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## COLLEGE DEGREES AND HONORS

These Marion County students were listed this past week as receiving degrees or honors from colleges or universities. Grade-point averages of 4.00 indicate all A's; 3.00 indicate all B's.

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**Hillsboro** — Jacob Meyerson, musical theatre, magna cum laude.

## 11 get diplomas from virtual academy

TEEN Virtual Academy, which includes the Peabody-Burns, Marion-Florence, Durham-Hillsboro-Lehigh, and Herington school districts, graduated 26 students in the 2024-'25 school year.

Eleven students took part in a graduation ceremony June 20 at Hillsboro Middle / High School auditorium.

Participating students included:

- Durham** — Alexis Shifflett.
- Marion** — Claire Bradfield and Chyllyn Watts.
- Herington** — Krystal Gillean and Nadiyya Sensmeier.
- Hillsboro** — Rayna Johnson, Ava Vannocker, and Maria Zimmer.
- Junction City** — Keagan Rowden.
- Woodston** — Emma Yakish.

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# Warriors to get new scoreboard in new location



Warrior Stadium's old scoreboard, purchased 11 years ago, is weathered and blocks the view for those sitting in front of the Marion Athletics Center concession stand and locker room, superintendent Justin Wasmuth says. Its replacement will be at the north rather than south end of the football field.

By **FINN HARTNETT**  
Staff writer

Spectators at Marion football games this fall may wonder, for a few seconds, where on earth the scoreboard went.

The Warriors are getting a new scoreboard, paid for through a \$40,000 donation from Marion National Bank.

The scoreboard will be at the northwest rather than the southwest corner of the field, so those in the bleachers will turn their heads left rather than right to see it.

The bank's donation also covered the cost of a timekeeping scoreboard at the pool in the Sports and Aquatics Center.

The school did not previously have a scoreboard at the pool.

Superintendent Justin Wasmuth said the football scoreboard's location would be a visual and auditory improvement.

Previously, those sitting in or in front of the Marion Athletic Center concession stand and locker rooms would have their view slightly obstructed by scoreboard poles.

"The other thought is that the sound system goes towards the north, and the people behind it at the MAC couldn't hear it," Wasmuth said. "Now,

the sound will come from the north, and everybody can hear it in the complex."

The new scoreboard will be installed later this week. The old scoreboard, purchased in 2014, will come down.

Marion National paid for the previous scoreboard as well as the current scoreboards on the baseball field, softball field, and Marion Sports and Aquatics Center's hardwood court, bank president Ryan Edmundson said.

"It's a great way for us to give back to the school," Edmundson said. "I think the most im-

portant part of any community is having a quality school."

Wasmuth said the old scoreboard was ready to be replaced.

"If you get close enough, it's getting pretty weathered," he said. "We had to get a couple of transmitters replaced last year just to get it through this year."

Wasmuth declined to provide the amount donated by Marion National to the school for the two scoreboards. Edmundson later provided the figure.



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## Schools set enrollment schedules

Schools in the county are preparing to throw open their doors for this year's crop of students.

Parents seeking to enroll children in classes and sign them up for fall sports have deadlines to watch.

### CENTRE

Online enrollment opened Monday.

New student and assistance for parents needing enrollment help will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday.

A back-to-school jamboree will be 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Sports and Aquatics Center in Marion.

Open house will be 5 p.m. Aug. 13.

First day of school for Grades 1 to 12 will be Aug. 14.

First day of school for kindergarten and preschool will be Aug. 15.

### HILLSBORO

Online enrollment for returning students will be Sunday to Aug. 11 at [www.usd410.net](http://www.usd410.net).

New students are being asked to call (620) 947-3184 to set an appointment to enroll.

Sixth Grade and new middle school students orientation will be 6 p.m. Aug. 14. Sports information night will be at the same time. Orientation for 9th grade and new high school students will be 6:30 p.m. All orientations are in the middle school/high school auditorium.

First day of sports practice will be Aug. 18.

Meet the teacher night at Hillsboro Elementary will be 5:30 to 7 p.m. Aug. 19.

Locker set-up for middle and high school students will be 2 to 3:30 p.m. Aug. 20.

First day of school will be Aug. 21.

### GOESSEL

Enrollment will be online this year. Forms are available on the district website.

Grades 6 to 12 athletic and activity participation meeting will be 6:30 p.m. Aug. 12.

First day of school will be Aug. 29. Fall sports preview will be 5 p.m. Aug. 29.

New parent orientation for 6th Grade students will be 6 p.m. Aug. 29.

### MARION-FLORENCE

Enrollment packets were distributed Monday at the Sports Aquatics Center.

Today is enrollment day. Parents who can't make it to enroll today should call the school offices to arrange a time to enroll students after Friday.

A physical is required for all middle and high school students who plan to participate in sports. In Marion, sports physicals are available at St. Luke Medical Clinic for \$15.

The first day of school for most students will be Aug. 14. The first day of school for 8th Grade students will be Aug. 15. The first day of school for kindergartners will be Aug. 18.

A high school back-to-school bash at the county lake hall will be Aug. 14, the first day of school.

A middle school back-to-school bash will be 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the lake hall Aug. 15.

Fall sports preview night for middle and high school students will be 4 to 7 p.m. Aug. 28.

### PEABODY-BURNS

Enrollment will be Tuesday.

Fall sports meeting will be 6 p.m. Aug. 7.

First day of school for Grades 1 to 12 will be Aug. 13. First day of school for kindergarten and preschool will be Aug. 15.

## CONTEST: Idea wins top honors

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said. "I'm thinking, 'how could I make a mistake like this?'"

She apologized profusely to the panel, then flipped through the grading rubric she'd received.

As it turned out, her speech was in fact supposed to be 15 minutes long.

Claassen pointed this out to

the panel, after which it was the judges' turn to apologize profusely. After some deliberating, they allowed her to finish her speech.

Still, Claassen was disappointed afterward.


"Because of all the chaos, I thought there was a very small chance of me even making the Top 10," she said.

But fate — or perhaps the

embarrassed judges — smiled upon her, and Claassen won the top spot in the nation for her project.

Not bad for someone who isn't even interested in a design career. For all its recent success, Duo Designs is not long for this world.

"I'm kind of just going to let the idea go," Claassen said.




## USD 410 ENROLLMENT

**School will begin Thursday, Aug. 21.**

Check the USD 410 website for an updated calendar.

For more information, call (620) 947-3184.



**Online enrollment for returning students will be Aug. 3 to 11 through Skyward Family Access at [www.usd410.net](http://www.usd410.net).**

**New students should call (620) 947-3184 to set up an appointment to enroll.**

- USD 410 accepts **payment** through credit and debit cards and e-checks online.
- Parents **needing assistance** with online enrollment should call their child's school at (620) 947-3184. Use Ext. 1 for elementary school or Ext. 2 for middle and high school.
- Applications for **free and reduced-price meals** will be available during enrollment and at school offices.

- **School supply lists** for middle and high school can be found at Dollar General, Walmart, and other area discount stores, on the school website, and at the building offices.
- **High school students** should bring basic supplies the first day. Teachers will tell students about other supplies needed.
- **Kindergarten through Grade 5** basic supplies (not including backpack, headphones, and sock for dry-erase board) are being provided by Parkview Church.



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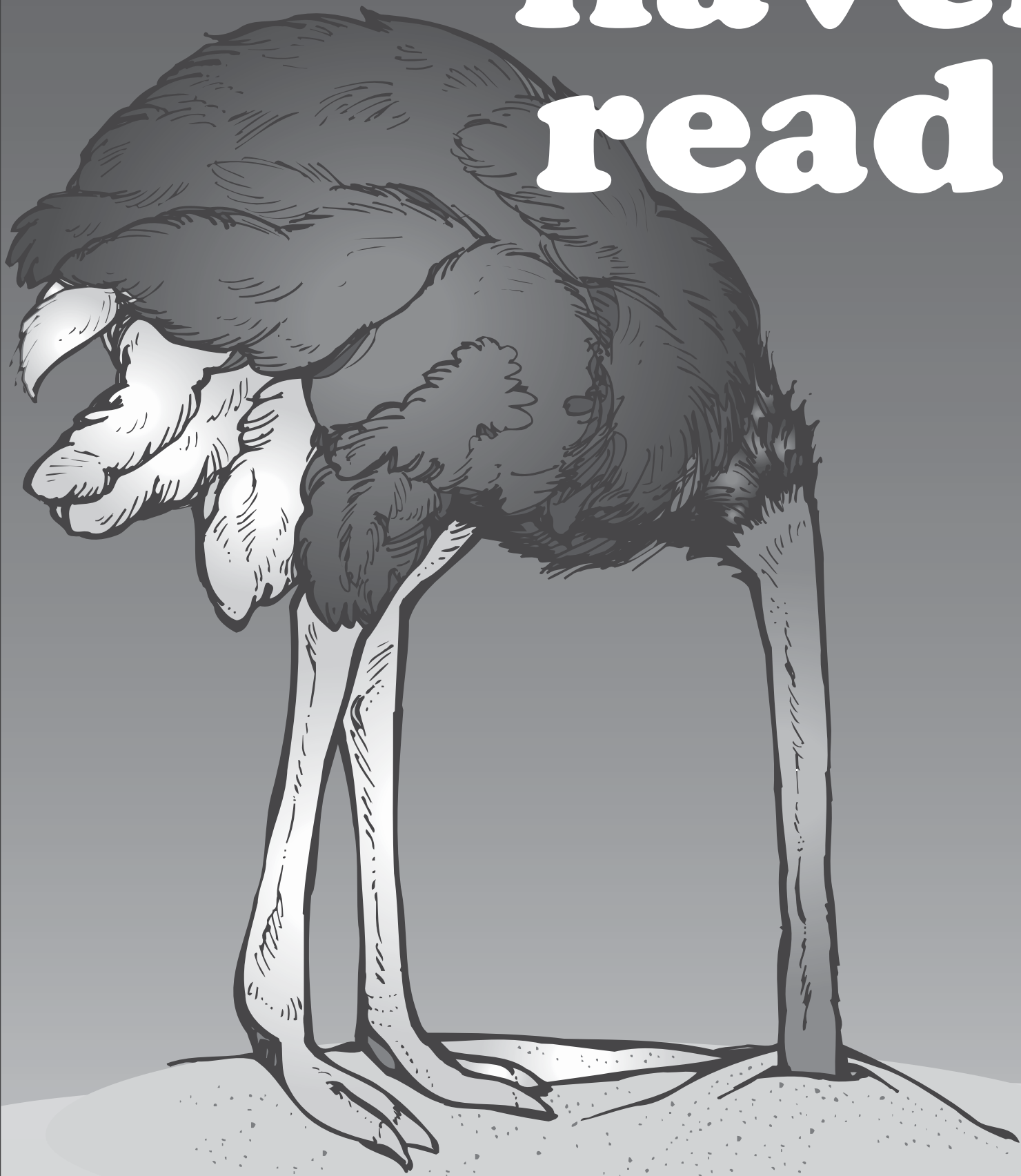
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## ACCIDENTS REPORTED

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

### SHERIFF

#### Nighthawk Rd. north of 120th Rd.

Engine problems caused a 2004 Mazda MX6 owned and driven by Danny R. Peugh, 76, Peabody, to stop and catch fire at 4:12 p.m. July 17, according to one of six accident reports released Friday by the sheriff's office.

Peabody firefighters arrived within 10 minutes and had the fire out 11 minutes later, but deputy Landis Goodman's report states that the entire vehicle was damaged and was a total loss.

Jessica E. Peugh, 47, of the same address was a passenger.

#### US-56 west of Old Mill Rd.

Aaron A. Ross, 32, Ensign, hit a deer at 8:50 p.m. July 18 with a 2009 Toyota Avalon owned by Carle J. Schuetze, Cimarron.

The car sustained disabling damage to its right front and hood and was towed.

#### US-50 west of Nighthawk Rd.

Joshua B. Adams, 33, Blue Springs, Missouri, hit a deer at 9:30 p.m. July 18 with his 2018 Honda Civic.

Deputy Austin Spencer's report characterized damage to the driver's side of the car as minor.

Veronica L. Immethun, 34, of the same address was a passenger.

#### US-77 north of 90th Rd.

Aleera D. Niss, 20, Wellington, hit a deer at 10:45 p.m. July 20 with a 2009 Hyundai Santa Fe owned by Bruce A. Niss of the same address.

The sport-utility vehicle sustained disabling damage to its right front and hood and was towed.

#### Kanza Rd. north of 180th Rd.

Cody A. Carr, 30, rural Marion, hit a felled tree blocking the road at 5:30 a.m. July 22.

Deputy Austin Spencer's report listed Carr's 1995 GMC Jimmy as a total loss with damage to its front third and undercarriage.

#### US-77 north of 70th Rd.

Kristina D. Burkholder, 57, Marion, hit a deer at 10:09 p.m. July 23 with a 2018 GMC Acadia owned by Kevin M. Burkholder of the same address.

The SUV remained drivable with damage to its left front and hood.

## CIVIL DIVISION CASES

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

Laurel I. Adamson was ordered July 22 to pay Marion County \$1,745.50 plus costs and interest for an unspecified debt.

Laurie A. Angevine was ordered July 22 to pay Marion County \$120.45 plus costs and interest for an unspecified debt.

Robert R. Berg was ordered July 22 to pay Marion County \$885 plus costs and interest for an unspecified debt.

Kevin Dasenbrock was ordered July 22 to pay Marion County \$114.24 plus costs and interest for an unspecified debt.

Michael L. Dowson was ordered July 22 to pay Marion County \$2,144.50 plus costs and interest for an unspecified debt.

Robert G. Enriquez was ordered July 22 to pay Marion County \$953.56 plus costs and interest for an unspecified debt.

Paul A. Huddleston was ordered July 22 to pay Marion County \$2,675 plus costs and interest for an unspecified debt.

Dennis L. Klamm was ordered July 22 to pay Marion County \$280 plus costs and interest for an unspecified debt.

Kaylee L. Lopez was ordered July 22 to pay Marion County \$621 plus costs and interest for an unspecified debt.

## COUNTY JAIL ARRESTS AND BOOKINGS

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

### NEW JAILINGS

William T. Dies, 38, Hillsboro, arrested July 23 by a sheriff's deputy on suspicion of rape, aggravated sexual battery, aggravated indecent liberties with a child, aggravated criminal sodomy, and possession of marijuana, THC, and drug paraphernalia. Held in lieu of posting a \$200,000 bond.

Javell Q. Evans, 22, Wichita, jailed July 23 for failing to appear in court in Marion County and for allegedly violating his probation in McPherson County. Held in lieu of posting a \$10,000 bond. Previously jailed

March 12 to April 9 for failing to appear in court.

Nicol R. Hardey, 44, Durham, arrested July 22 by a sheriff's deputy for allegedly violating her probation. Held in lieu of posting a \$100,000 bond. Previously jailed Feb. 21 to March 24 and Dec. 20, 2023, for failing to appear in court a total of six times.

Karon D. Hudson, 30, Hillsboro, arrested Thursday by a sheriff's deputy on an unspecified warrant from Clay County, Missouri. Held in lieu of posting a \$10,000 bond. Previously jailed May 20 to 27, also on an unspecified warrant.

Christopher M. Novak, 48, Marion, arrested Thursday by a sheriff's deputy for giving two worthless checks. Released 24 minutes later after posting a \$1,500 bond.

Lawson B. Parker, 37, Parksville, Missouri, arrested Saturday by Marion police on suspicion of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, transporting an open container of alcohol, and having a firearm while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Released 12 hours later after posting a \$2,500 bond.

Samuel I. Reffett, 43, Canton, jailed July 23 for failing to appear in court. Released less than two hours later after posting a \$3,500 bond. Previously jailed 11 times for a total of all or part of 65 days between Jan. 21, 2022, and Feb. 7, 2025. Previous jailings were on court orders five times, for allegedly violating his probation six times, for failing to appear in court once, and on suspicion of domestic battery twice and suspicion of one time making a criminal threat, tampering with a required anti-drinking ignition interlock, driving without a required interlock, and driving while his license was canceled, suspended, or revoked.

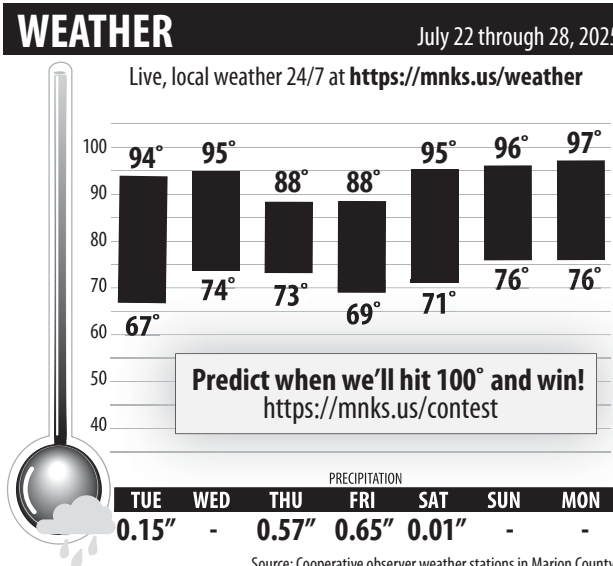
Carl E. Remmers, 46, Lincolnville, arrested July 23 by a sheriff's deputy for failing to appear in court three times and on suspicion of recklessly fleeing or attempting to elude law enforcement, reckless driving, speeding, and unsafe turning or stopping, plus a McPherson County warrant charging him with driving while his license was canceled, suspended, or revoked. Released 10 hours later after posting a \$25,000 bond and promising to pay as much as \$700 should he fail to appear in court again. Previously jailed five times for a total of all or part of 25 days between Jan. 21, 2022, and Aug. 22, 2022. Previous jailings were on court orders once, for allegedly violating his probation twice, for failing to appear in court four times, and on suspicion of possessing stimulants and paraphernalia to manufacture illicit drugs.

Dustin D. Rodgers, 50, Hillsboro, jailed Monday for allegedly violating his probation twice. Held in lieu of posting a \$3,000 bond. Previously jailed 10 times for a total of all or part of 224 days between May 5, 2021, and May 5, 2025. Previous jailings were on court orders, for failing to appear in court seven times, for allegedly violating his probation three times, and on suspicion of possessing stimulants and drug paraphernalia twice, failing to display evidence of vehicle liability insurance twice, driving without a required anti-drinking ignition interlock once, displaying a license plate not assigned to his vehicle once, and twice driving while his license was canceled, suspended, or revoked.

Troy W. Seaman, 37, Hillsboro, jailed July 23 for allegedly violating his probation. Released 38 minutes later without bond.

Jordan S. Simmons, 28, Hillsboro, arrested Sunday by a sheriff's deputy on suspicion of stalking. Released 25 hours later after posting a \$2,500 bond.

Levi S. Wiley, 38, Wichita, jailed July 22 for allegedly violating his probation and for failing to appear in court twice. Held without bond. Previously jailed five times for a total of all or part of 78 days between Aug. 30, 2019, and April 15, 2025. Previous jailings were for allegedly violating his probation three times, for failing to appear in court once, on court orders once, and on suspicion of possessing stim-



ulants, another controlled substance, and drug paraphernalia.

### FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

Joshua A. Bradley, 40, Sylvan Grove, jailed since June 27.

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

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

Joseph E. Fiedler, 28, Wichita, July 7.

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

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.

William T. Dies, 36, Hillsboro, formally was charged July 17 with aggravated indecent liberties with a child and aggravated criminal sodomy. In a separate case, Dies was charged the same day with rape and aggravated sexual battery. In a third case filed the same day, he was charged with possession of marijuana, THC, and drug paraphernalia.

A bench warrant was issued June 24 for Javell Q. Evans, 22, Wichita, after he failed to appear in court.

Christopher M. Novak, 48, Marion, formally was charged July 17 with two counts of giving a worthless check.

Julio C. Vizcarra, 31, Florence, was sentenced June 24 to two years' community corrections for aggravated assault and ordered to pay \$193.

## 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.

Betty J. Ireland by power-of-attorney to Steven Carr, 32 W. 11th St., Florence.

Richard and Feebie Meisinger to Dacotah Bank, trustee, quitclaim deed to 157.01 acres southwest of 270th and Old Mill Rds., 156.22 acres northeast of 260th and Nighthawk Rds., 274.58 acres south of 260th Rd. between

Nighthawk and Old Mill Rds., 155.78 acres north of 210th Rd. between Pawnee and Quail Creek Rds., 78.8 acres north of US-56 between Pawnee and Old Mill Rds., 73.52 acres southeast of US-56 and Quail Creek Rds., and 313.99 acres south of 180th Rd. between Timber and Upland Rds.

Jonathan P. and Lisa M. Nikkel to themselves as trustees, quitclaim deed to 231.39 acres southeast of K-15 and 170th Rd., 34.15 acres north of 170th Rd. between K-15 and Chisholm Trail Rd., and 157.51 acres southwest of K-15 and 180th Rd.

Michele and Jeremy T. Gossen to Jeremy T. Gossen and Michele R. Gossen Revocable Trust, transfer-on-death warranty deed to 78.48 acres northwest of Quail Creek and 30th Rds.

In separate transactions, Jeremy T. and Michele R. Gossen to themselves as trustees, 68.9 southwest of US-50 and Nighthawk Rd., and 690 Mustang Rd. along with 143.89 acres.

Grant and Allison Kingenberg to Klingenberg Land LLC, 79.06 acres north of 20th Rd. between Pawnee and Quail Creek Rds., 83.7 acres northeast of 20th and Quail Creek Rds., and 74.95 acres southeast of 40th and Vista Rds.

Grant and Allison Kingenberg and Brett and Cassandra Klingenberg to Klingenberg Land LLC, 77.83 acres northeast of 20th and Nighthawk Rds.

Derek and Kara Klينenberg, Grant and Allison Kingenberg, Brett and Cassandra Klingenberg, and Treble Clef Farm LLC to Klingenberg Land LLC, 159.97 acres northeast of 30th and Vista Rds.

Derek and Kara Klingenberg and Grant and Allison Kingenberg to Klingenberg Land LLC, 78.99 acres east of Pawnee Rd. between 30th and 40th Rds.

Derek and Kara Klingenberg, Grant and Allison Kingenberg, and Brett and Cassandra Klingenberg to Klingenberg Land LLC, 318.01 acres east of US-77 between 50th and 70th Rds., and 159.59 northwest of 70th and Bluestem Rds.

Derek and Kara Klingenberg to Klingenberg Land LLC, 79.06 acres north of 20th Rd. between Pawnee and Quail Creek Rds., and 161.24 acres southwest of 20th and Quail Creek Rds.

Kathleen A. Oborny to David and Sandra S. Oborny then David J. and Sandra S. Oborny transfer-on-death warranty deed to Thomas Lee, Tabitha Anne, and Gregory David Oborny, 79.28 acres east of Sunflower Rd. between 240th and 250th Rds.

Jenica and Matthew Weaver to Patricia Urschel and Jessica Levis, 210 S. Lincoln St., Hillsboro.

Caleb B. Litwiller and Samantha Mazelin to Matthew and Jenica Weaver, 810 W. Grand Ave., Hillsboro.

Terry and Julie Deines to themselves as trustees, 2023 350th Rd.

Jeremy and Jennifer Davidson to Craig and Marla Bassett, 201 W. Juniper St., Hillsboro.

Cynthia D. and Jesse Easterberg to themselves, 101 and 103 N. Olive St., Peabody.

Zachrey J. Hart to himself as trustee, 2578 Goldenrod Rd.

Sondra Mayfield to Noel Scott, William Joseph, and Jeffrey Elliott Mayfield, transfer-on-death warranty deed to 401 S. Thorp St., Marion.

Mark D. and Shelley A. Rooker to Corky Eugene Olsen, 413 N. Ash St., Hillsboro.

In separate transactions, Donald and Dawn Hett, trustees, to themselves, and Archie I. and Maryellyn Stenzel Joint Family Trust to Donald R. and Dawn D. Hett, trustees, trustee deed to 154.65 acres west of Sunflower Rd. between 140th and 120th Rds.

Alvin M. Boese Revocable Trust to Alan I. and Sharon Bose, trustees, trustee deed to 79.34 acres north of 190th Rd. between Chisholm Trail and Diamond Rds.

## EMERGENCY DISPATCHES

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

### JULY 22

No dispatches.

### JULY 23

**1 p.m.** — A 71-year-old man with high blood pressure in the 300 block of N. Washington St. in Hillsboro declined to be taken to a hospital by Hillsboro ambulance.

**5:10 p.m.** — Peabody, Hillsboro, and Marion firefighters headed to the county fair parade in Hillsboro.

**5:37 p.m.** — An 89-year-old woman with an abnormal calcium level in her blood at Parkside Homes in Hillsboro was taken to NMC Health, formerly Newton Medical Center, by Hillsboro ambulance. Delayed by construction, the ambulance returned to Hillsboro at 7:32 p.m.

**7:04 p.m.** — Tampa ambulance went to Hillsboro to stand by until 10:04 p.m. at the county fair rodeo.

### THURSDAY

**3:29 a.m.** — A woman who fell at a house on Random Rd. at Marion County Lake declined to be taken to a hospital by Marion ambulance.

**3:36 a.m.** — A 66-year-old man with abdominal pain at a home in the 700 block of W. Grand Ave. in Hillsboro was taken to Hillsboro Community Hospital by Hillsboro ambulance.

**1:26 p.m.** — A fire alarm at Westview Manor in Peabody was acknowledged by an alarm company to be a false alarm before most Peabody firefighters arrived.

**3:36 p.m.** — Hillsboro ambulance transferred a patient from NMC Health to Parkside Homes. The ambulance was back at its station at 5:09 p.m.

**6:15 p.m.** — Hillsboro ambulance reported that a pickup with unrestrained children in it was heading out of Midway Motors onto Ash St. in Hillsboro.

**7:08 p.m.** — Tampa ambulance headed to Hillsboro to stand by until 9:51 p.m. at the county fair rodeo.

### FRIDAY

**12:26 a.m.** — A woozy family evacuated a blacked-out home east of 140th and Kanza Rds. after lightning struck a tree nearby. Hillsboro ambulance attendants and firefighters verified that it was safe for the family to re-enter the home.

**10:55 a.m.** — A 90-year-old man who fell and hit his head at 56 Express Tire and Service in Marion was checked by Marion ambulance attendants and taken to a hospital by a family member.

**12:35 a.m.** — Marion ambulance attendants asked Hillsboro police to meet with someone at the Hillsboro ambulance station about an unspecified matter.

**3:32 p.m.** — An 89-year-old woman who fell out of a wheelchair and hit her head at Parkside Homes was taken to NMC Health by Hillsboro ambulance.

### SATURDAY

**10:16 a.m.** — A 69-year-old woman who fell at a home in the 300 block of N. Ash St. in Hillsboro was taken to HCH by Hillsboro ambulance. Hillsboro firefighters helped lift the woman.

**3:57 p.m.** — Multiple fire alarms from Westview Manor were acknowledged by an alarm company to be false alarms before Peabody firefighters arrived.

**4:14 p.m.** — A 68-year-old woman with a dislocated shoulder was transferred by Hillsboro ambulance from HCH to NMC Health.

**4:49 p.m.** — Another false alarm from Westview Manor was found to have been generated by a sensor on an emergency exit door.

**5:31 p.m.** — Peabody, Florence, and Hillsboro firefighters and Tampa ambulance headed to Hillsboro to stand by until 8:58 p.m. or slightly later during the county fair's demolition derby.

**7:56 p.m.** — A man in his 30s suffering heat stroke symptoms at a demolition derby concession stand opted to go by private vehicle to St. Luke Hospital, Marion, rather than being taken by Tampa ambulance. Hillsboro ambulance was dispatched to replace Tampa ambulance at the derby before it was known that the man would decline to be transported.

**10:01 p.m.** — What initially was reported to be a possible death at a farmhouse on 240th Rd. west of Indigo Rd. resulted in Hillsboro and Marion ambulances both responding. They were told to return to their stations after a caller told dispatchers his wife had returned home. However, at a deputy's request, the ambulances were sent back to the farmhouse to check a 78-year-old woman bleeding from an arm because of a fall. She declined to be taken to a hospital.

### SUNDAY

**7:39 a.m.** — An automated alarm generated on behalf of an 89-year-old woman at a farmhouse on 300th Rd. west of Falcon Rd. was determined by Durham first responders to be a false alarm before Tampa ambulance arrived.

**8:54 a.m.** — A dizzy 59-year-old man with trouble breathing and a headache and neck pain at a home in the 200 block of W. Main St. in Burns was taken to NMC Health by Marion ambulance.

**1:17 p.m.** — Another fire alarm at Westview Manor was canceled by the alarm company as a false alarm before Peabody firefighters arrived.

**1:38 p.m.** — For the fifth time in three days, Peabody firefighters responded to yet another false alarm at Westview Manor.

**1:59 p.m.** — A sixth alarm at Westview Manor was called in by an alarm company that said it was unable to contact anyone at Westview to verify that it was a false alarm. Firefighters again went to the nursing home and again determined that there was no fire, this time reporting that the alarm company had dispatched a technician to look into the malfunctioning alarm system.

**2:17 p.m.** — A seventh alarm at Westview, followed almost immediately by an eighth, led to a recommendation from the nursing home's alarm company that Westview set its system in test mode to prevent further false alarms. Peabody firefighters helped Westview personnel do so.

**3:04 p.m.** — A lethargic 72-year-old man shaking with chills and possibly suffering from sepsis in the 300 block of S. Washington St. in Hillsboro was taken to HCH by Hillsboro ambulance. Hillsboro firefighters helped lift the man.

**7:20 p.m.** — A report of a death at a farmhouse on Nighthawk Rd. north of 140th Rd. was verified by Marion ambulance attendants. An ambulance supervisor and a coroner also responded.

**7:59 p.m.** — Tampa ambulance headed to an unspecified ball field to stand by until 9:15 p.m.

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# RODEO: It’s dangerous, and that’s no bull

FROM PAGE 12

The calves were rowdy and ran circuitous routes around the arena. Emotions ran hot, as contestants had only one throw to capture a calf.

Many missed and received zeros from the judges, leading to sad trots off stage. One older rider pounded his thigh in disgust.

Calf roping came next. The event was similar save for the fact that the calf had to be tied up after it was lassoed.

Young men dismounted their horses to tango with the calves, body-slamming them and tying their legs together in motions both grotesque and elegant.

Young kids climbed onto the arena’s fence to catch a better look.

Miniature bull riding, mutton-busting, barrel racing, and bull-riding rounded out the night.

Thirteen-year old Kelinda Smallwood, the only female competitor in mini-bull riding, drew raucous cheers and a high score from the judges after an impressive ride.

William Zimmerman, also 13, was bucked off his mini-bull and hit the ground hard, but was OK.

“His ears don’t hurt!” announcer Doug Reser cried as the crowd gave him a sympathetic hand.

Mutton-busting was the cutest event of the night, as young kids simulated bull-riding on gentler animals.

Kutter Penner was dragged under his lamb but impressively held on for about 30 feet.

Maddux Delk, riding a lamb

named “Shear Terror,” managed to complete most of his ride facing the wrong way.

A hushed mood fell over the crowd for bull-riding, the final and most hazardous event.

It took a few minutes behind arena gates to mount each rider atop his or her bull. The gates obscured most of this process, although a handful of cowboy hats poked out over the top of them.

Bronsyn Dowdle won the bull-riding, bouncing atop his bull’s sleek back for the requisite eight seconds and dismounting with a clean jump.

His bull trotted back to its lot politely, ready for a well-deserved rest.

# SHOW: Mooving to the ring

FROM PAGE 12

The family also raises chickens, ducks, dogs, cats, and a donkey.

FFA and 4-H members showed bucket calves, beef and dairy cattle, swine, goats, sheep, rabbits, and poultry at the fair.

Other fair competitions included visual arts, building block construction, displays, posters, photography, notebooks, wood-working, STEM, energy management, entomology, geology, wildlife, and food.

## DERBY: Demolition duel

FROM PAGE 1

The best form of attack for the drivers seemed to be defense.

Riders frequently messed up their own cars by being too aggressive in trying to back into others, and rounds frequently turned into battles of attrition, won by the savviest rather than the strongest driver.

Then again, more aggressive driving created a better spectacle.

“Come on, boys,” the announcer said.

## For the RecordCONTINUED

FROM PAGE 9

**8 p.m.**—The patient taken to HCH at 3:04 p.m. was transferred by Hillsboro ambulance to Ascension Via Christi St. Joseph Hospital, Wichita. A delay in transfer of care meant the ambulance did not return to Hillsboro until 11:22 p.m.

### MONDAY

**10:18 a.m.**—A 76-year-old woman with shallow breathing in the 100 block of E. Forest St. in Marion was taken to Ascension Via Christi St. Francis Hospital, Wichita, by Marion ambulance.

**6:28 p.m.**—A person involved in a single-vehicle wreck on Kanza Rd. north of 180th Rd. declined to be taken to a hospital by Hillsboro ambulance. Hillsboro firefighters also were dispatched.

**9:32 p.m.**—A man who fell and gashed his arm at Birchwood Apartments in Hillsboro was helped up by Hillsboro ambulance attendants but declined to be taken to a hospital. Hillsboro firefighters were called to help lift the man but were told before they arrived that they would not be needed. Two home health workers also were at the apartment.

## POLICE

### ACTIVITY REPORTS

*Law enforcement agencies provided 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

**July 21**—A parking problem reported in the 200 block of S. Washington St. was not found. No problems were noted in checking on a motorist at US-56 and Jade Rd. Police answered a resident’s questions about vehicle identification numbers. A fire alarm at Hillsboro High School turned out to be a test.

**July 22**—Police helped clear storm debris off roadways. A dog loose in the 200 block of S. Lincoln St. was returned to its owner. Police investigated a report of a person swimming in a drainage pond on the north edge of town. A driver was warned for speeding in the 900 block of E. D St.

**July 23**—Police met with the owner of dogs loose in the 200 block

of S. Birch St., answered residents’ questions about motorcycle registration and stray cats, provided traffic control and security for the county fair and parade, investigated a disconnected 911 call from the city tree dump, and warned a driver for speeding in the 100 block of S. Main St.

**Thursday**—A missing person was located near the person’s residence. A wallet found by a resident was turned in to police. A dog loose in the 100 block of S. Cedar St. was returned to its owner. A disconnected 911 call from the 200 block of S. Lincoln St. was determined to have been a misdial. Police answered a question about motorcycle VIN inspections and patrolled the county fairgrounds.

**Friday**—An unwanted visitor was told not to trespass. A domestic disturbance in the 500 block of S. Lincoln St. did not become physical. Police patrolled at the fair and helped with its Glow Run.

**Saturday**—False alarms at Hillsboro Hometown Pharmacy and Emprise Bank were investigated. Police patrolled at the fair and its demolition derby.

**Sunday**—Police helped the sheriff’s office make an arrest in the 100 block of N. Lincoln St. and met with a

resident who had civil landlord-tenant issues.

### MARION

**July 21**—Police recovered multiple Main St. flag poles that were damaged during a thunderstorm. A power line also was felled in the 400 block of Walnut St. A dog reported to be loose in the 300 block of S. Lincoln St. was not found. A vehicle was reported to have been damaged in the 200 block of Eisenhower Dr., but no offense or accident report was released. Drivers were warned for speeding near Main and 1st Sts. and for an unspecified moving violation near Main and Thorp Sts.

**July 22**—Two juveniles were questioned in the police department about marijuana and drug paraphernalia hidden in the 600 block of S. Freeborn St. The marijuana and paraphernalia were recovered. No problems were found in checking on a motorist near US-56 and Upland Rd.

**July 23**—A driver was warned for speeding near US-56 and Cedar St.

**Thursday**—Drivers were warned for not using headlights after dark near Main St. and Eastmoor Dr. and for having a defective taillight near Main and Elm Sts.

**Friday**—Police talked to a resi-

dent of the 500 block of N. Coble St. about a rooster; roosters generally are not allowed within city limits. No problems were found in checking on a resident in the same block or in checking on an open door in the 100 block of W. Main St. A driver was warned for having a defective license plate light near US-56 and Timber Rd.

**Saturday**—A 37-year-old driver from Kansas City, Kansas, was arrested near US-56 and Cedar St. on suspicion of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, transporting an open container of alcohol, and possessing a firearm while under the influence. An offense report is pending.

**Sunday**—Police helped sheriff’s deputies make a warrant arrest near K-150 and Bluestem Rd. and another arrest in Hillsboro. A driver was warned for having a defective tag light near US-56 and Industrial St.

## TRAFFIC

### DIVISION CASES

*This information was filed last week in court. Court costs are included in any fines listed. If no hometown is listed,*

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### NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of

#### Marion County Fire District #7, Marion County

will meet on September 8, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. at 315 Main St, Tampa, KS 67483 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to levied. Detailed budget information is available at Marion County Clerks Office, 200 S. Third St., Marion and will be available at this hearing.

#### BUDGET SUMMARY

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

Fund	Prior Year Actual 2024		Current Year Estimate 2025		Proposed Budget 2026		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	27,818	2.692	51,151	2.697	54,255	26,268	2.695
Debt Service							
Special Equipment Fund					27,046		
Totals	27,818	2.692	51,151	2.697	81,301	26,268	2.695
Funds Supported by Township and 3rd Class City - Revenue Neutral Rate**							2.695
Less: Transfers	0		3,851		0		
Net Expenditure	27,818		47,300		81,301		
Total Tax Levied	26,264		26,263				
Assessed Valuation:	9,754,305		9,736,343		9,745,206		
Outstanding Indebtedness,							
Jan 1	2023		2024		2025		
G.O. Bonds	0		0		0		
Revenue Bonds	0		0		0		
Other	0		0		0		
Lease Purchase Principal	0		0		0		
Total	0		0		0		

\*Tax rates are expressed in mills.

\*\*Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988

Daniel Stuchlik, Treasurer

M-46-2792

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### NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of

#### Risley Township, Marion County

will meet on August 23, 2025 at 7:00 PM at 935 230th, Hillsboro, KS for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at the Marion County Clerk’s Office, 200 S Third St., Marion, KS and will be available at this hearing.

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Fund	Prior Year Actual 2024		Current Year Estimate 2025		Proposed Budget 2026		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	19,502	3.653	23,939	3.719	43,139	14,549	3.427
Totals	19,502	3.653	23,939	3.719	43,139	14,549	3.427
Revenue Neutral Rate**							3.427
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	19,502		23,939		43,139		
Total Tax Levied	14,551		16,539				
Assessed Valuation: Township	3,979,535		3,912,811		4,245,781		
Outstanding Indebtedness,							
Jan 1	2023		2024		2025		
G.O. Bonds	0		0		0		
Other	0		0		0		
Lease Purchase Principal	0		0		0		
Total	0		0		0		

\*Tax rates are expressed in mills.

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Paul Penner, Treasurer

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### City of Marion, Kansas

#### Summary of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements and Unencumbered Cash June 30th, 2025

ACCOUNT TITLE	BUDGET EXPENSE	YTD REV-ENUE	QTD REV-ENUE	YTD EX-PENSE	QTD EX-PENSE	REMAIN-ING BUDGET	BUDGET USED(%)	OPERAT-ING CASH	OTHER CASH & INVEST-MENTS
GENERAL	2,206,373.00	1,084,733.31	434,051.17	1,030,927.15	603,227.11	1,175,445.85	46.72%	463,803.02	
UTILITY	4,813,081.00	1,712,518.66	790,413.31	1,655,160.67	867,899.81	3,157,920.33	34.39%	1,257,856.76	200.00
SP HIGHWAY	113,619.00	30,486.60	14,568.39	53,995.00		59,624.00	47.52%	48,866.02	
SP LE TRUST	38,846.00	7,256.00	4,079.00	739.66	339.66	38,106.34	1.90%	50,109.67	
LAND BANK	4,731.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,731.00	0.00%	4,080.68	
BOND & INTEREST	262,430.00	27,036.91	9,537.65	20,023.75	1,561.25	242,406.25	7.63%	8,750.63	
LIBRARY	111,367.00	91,778.01	33,677.74	88,315.63	33,677.74	23,051.37	79.30%	8,147.88	
SP PARK& REC	15,433.00	933.68	360.55	0.00	0.00	15,433.00	0.00%	13,313.63	
EQUIPMENT RES	402,543.00	0.00	0.00	4,021.51	4,021.51	398,521.49	1.00%	1,350.09	
CAPITAL IMPROVE	1,589,069.00	1,419,975.15	1,379,975.15	431,098.90	428,663.90	1,157,970.10	27.13%	1,002,654.59	732.20
INDUSTRIAL PROMOTE	248,900.00	123,330.84	58,039.30			248,900.00	0.00%	81,802.44	
TOTAL	9,806,392.00	4,498,049.16	2,724,702.26	3,284,282.27	1,939,390.98	6,273,209.73	33.49%	2,940,735.41	932.20

#### Bonded Indebtedness:

##### General Obligation Bonds:

Series 2012 Refunding	Water Plant/TRF/Levy	\$1,050,000.00
Series 2013	Main Trafficway Improve	\$260,000.00
Series 2025	Main Trafficway Improve and Water System Upgrades	\$1,000,000.00

##### Lease/Purchase Agreements:

Central National Bank	Bucket Truck	\$51,940.61
Marion National Bank	Motor Grader	\$0.00
Marion National Bank	Admin Car	\$8,163.00

##### Project Loan Indebtedness:

KS Water Pollution Control Rev - Jex Sewer		\$182,335.00
KS public Water Supply - Water Meters		
KS Public Water Supply - Water Project		\$2,613,172.00
USD 408 Pool Bond		\$0.00
KPP Voltage Upgrade		\$2,580,846.00

I, Janet Robinson, City Clerk, do hereby certify that the above statement is correct.

Signed Janet Robinson

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The demolition derby feels like the culmination of summer for the county.

STAFF PHOTO BY FINN HARTNETT



Many kids wear headphones to protect ears from the roar of the cars.

STAFF PHOTO BY FINN HARTNETT



A car catches fire during the derby, but plenty of firefighters are on hand, and no one is injured.

STAFF PHOTO BY FINN HARTNETT



Wednesday's weather: good for lyin' around.

STAFF PHOTO BY FINN HARTNETT



Experienced rodeo hands make sure the evening's proceedings run smoothly.

STAFF PHOTO BY FINN HARTNETT



Lance McKinney snuggles with his friend's calf he showed in Marion County Fair last week.

STAFF PHOTO BY PHYLLIS ZORN

## Moooving to the show ring

By PHYLLIS ZORN  
Staff writer

For 7-year-old Lance McKinney, this year's Marion County Fair meant showing two cattle.

A Goessel Goal Getter and son of Garrett and Laura McKinney, he showed a 1½-year-old Angus commercial heifer he raised and a Her-

ford calf owned by his friend, Nathan Voth.

Nathan's calf and cow pair had to be shown for judging together. Nathan exhibited the mother, and Lance exhibited the calf.

While Lance waited for judging, he showed great affection for the calf, Harold, hugging him and draping himself over the calf's side.

Growing up on a farm where his parents raise cattle, Lance always has had a love for the animals, his father said.

"He loves cows, mostly," Garrett said. "We've had cows since he was born. He was 2 years old, playing with his little cows, and now he's showing them."

PLEASE SEE **SHOW** PAGE 11

## Calves roped; mutton busted

By FINN HARTNETT  
Staff writer

Dogs, veterans, police, and more 20-somethings than you ever imagined lived in the county were drawn to last week's Kraft rodeo at the county fair.

A cool Wednesday night contributed to the large crowd that flocked to bleachers to watch youths compete in a series of rustic events.

Cattle, calves, bulls, and sheep huddled together in lots around the dirt arena. All but the bulls had tall grass to munch on during proceedings.

Outside the arena, the scent of funnel cake and carne asada filled the air.

To wash down the food, there was Thirsty Dog, a "dirty soda" truck run by husband and wife Jonathan and Brianna Carey and Jonathan's mother, Kathleen Peterson.

The business has been operational for two months, as Jonathan and Brianna attempt to raise money for a trip to Disney World.

Dirty sodas do not contain alcohol but resemble mocktails.

A soda base is topped with cream,

flavored syrups, fruit juices, and sometimes candies.

The drinks proved popular with a temperate Hillsboro crowd, though the truck's name proved a bit confusing.

"We've had three people tonight go, 'Do you guys sell hot dogs?'" Jonathan said.

He was considering opening a companion truck, Hungry Dog, to fulfill his customers' desires.

The smell of livestock was overpowering inside the arena.

A beer garden — more of a kiosk with a few benches dotted around — flanked the far side of the arena. Drinkers were confined to wooden bleachers on the same side.

Busier were western stands. Cowboys (long-sleeve shirts, dusty jeans, arms bent and tucked slightly) mingled with the punkish (sleeveless shirts, piercings, tattoos) and the cosmopolitan (white tees, clean jeans, baseball caps).

The first event was breakaway roping, which saw each contestant attempt to lasso a calf while on horseback.

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