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# Marion County RECORD

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## Contest winner has forecasting in her bones

**By FINN HARTNETT**  
*Staff writer*

Kim Frantz of Tampa won the *Record's* Beat the Heat contest Friday as the first to predict that Aug. 8 would be the first day of the year to surpass 100 degrees.

Frantz made her prediction on July 9, just a day after the contest opened.

Two others, including Frantz's husband, picked the same date, but

both submitted their guesses after she did.

Frantz picked Aug. 8 after checking the AccuWeather website, which forecasted that day's weather at 99 degrees.

"That was about the closest they had," she said. "I thought, 'I'll just put that down.'"

She also was attracted to the symmetry of 8/8.

Predicting weather is, quite literally, a part of Frantz.

"I had a car accident about 38 years ago," she said. "I broke one leg in two places, and shattered my other ankle. The doctor screwed up and put the screws and the plates too close, and one plate shifted, so my leg didn't heal exactly right. And when there's a

weather change, I can feel the break. I'd say it's about 80% accurate."

Frantz claims her leg can detect rain three days ahead of time, though she said it was not far-sighted enough to be of any help in the contest.

Frantz and her husband retired from dairy farming four years ago. They continue to grow crops and keep stock cows.

In addition to earning bragging rights as the county's top weather prognosticator, Frantz received a \$50 gift certificate for Dale's Supermarket in Hillsboro.

Frantz said she was excited to spend some of her winnings on the store's homemade sausage.

"Their sausage is so wonderful," she said.



After catches were examined and photographed, they were released back into nature.

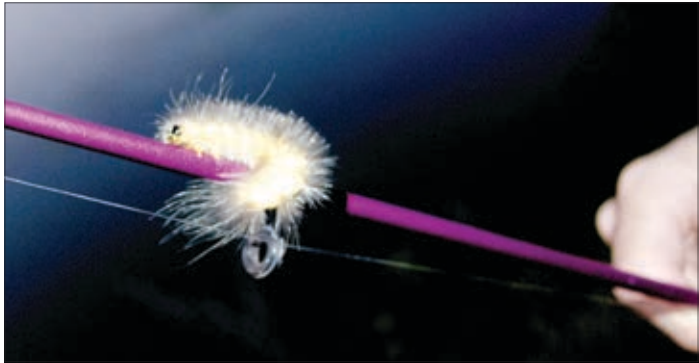


Bait consisting of hot dogs from Dollar General netted perch after an hour.

**Upon the pond**

Recently married Shay (left) and Dillon Callaway enjoy the dog days of summer, fishing as the sun set Aug. 6 at a pond in Hillsboro's business park.

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Laying his rod on the grass for a moment, Dillon got his first bite of the day: an unwitting caterpillar.

## 89-year-old seriously hurt in ATV crash

A Hillsboro man was so badly injured Saturday in an accident on Indigo Rd. that he was airlifted to a Wichita hospital.

Lloyd Funk, 89, was driving northbound on Indigo Rd. when he attempted to turn left into a field entrance on the west side of the road.

His Arctic Cat was struck on its left rear corner by a northbound 2013 Lincoln MKX driven by Kathleen A. Decker, 84, of Bel Aire.

Funk initially was taken to Hillsboro Community Hospital by Hillsboro ambulance, then airlifted to Wesley Medical Center by a LifeSave helicopter.

Undersheriff Larry Starkey said Funk was not wearing a seat belt or helmet when the accident happened.

Decker was not injured and declined to be taken to a hospital.

Starkey said no citations were written.

## Dealer car stolen with keys inside crashes 1½ hours later

**By PHYLLIS ZORN**  
*Staff writer*

Hillsboro police are reviewing business and home security videos from 3:10 to 4:30 a.m. Aug. 5 in an attempt to find out who stole a car from a dealership parking lot before crashing it into a utility pole.

A 2023 Ford Edge that had been parked unlocked with its key inside Aug. 2 was stolen from the front parking area at Hillsboro Ford.

Hillsboro Police Chief Jessey Hiebert said the car was used

as a rental car and loaner for customers getting work done on their car.

Apparently no employees had thought to check whether the key had been returned, Hiebert said.

Hiebert described the incident as "a joyride."

That's until the car crashed into the utility pole in the 100 block of N. Birch St.

Hiebert said the car's grill, hood, and fender were damaged.

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## Sky blue waves: Inside Marion's water plant

**By FINN HARTNETT**  
*Staff writer*

Built in 1964, Marion's odd-looking water plant is still going strong.

Blocky, made of large bricks, and painted a stark light blue by a former operator in the early '80s, it strongly resembles a giant ice cube.

Compared to the industrial and fierce-looking Hillsboro plant, Marion's is quaint, easier to digest.

Its pastel color, contrasting the dark woods beyond, wouldn't feel out of place in a Wes Anderson film.

Three men work full-time at the plant: Duwayne Garrett, Jeff Mayfield, and Jason Wheeler. (Scott Heidebrecht is a part-time handyman.)

Wheeler, the only certified water operator, manages the plant.

"We just had the roof redone," he said. "The windows and doors and a paint job are the next step for the exterior."

The ice-cube color might disappear in the near future. Wheeler said he wants to paint the building "a darker blue."

Two square sections on the plant's second floor have been cut out of the wall.



STAFF PHOTOS BY FINN HARTNETT  
A backwashing water pump uses additional water to cool itself down at Marion's water treatment plant.

Perhaps they once were openings to stairs or balconies. Doors still are attached to one of them.

The openings are used to move tanks of

chemicals from one floor to another.

"We can bring it in either on a forklift or a high loader," Wheeler said.

Eventually, he said, the plan is to convert it to office space.

Wheeler was slightly self-conscious about the state of the facility, though it wasn't messy, more retro.

"We're not quite where I really wanted to be to honestly give this tour," he said. "We have some things in motion that are really going to bring us along."

A husky man with an amicable drawl, Wheeler started at the plant in 2012, having previously worked in oil fields.

After nine years in the ice cube, he transferred to Hillsboro's plant.

"Things had, just for me, gotten stagnant here," he said.

But since 2023, Wheeler has been back in Marion.

"I visited with my father and my wife," he said, "and just kind of thought, 'I started here, I'd really like to finish here.'"

Marion's water comes from Marion Reservoir — specifically, through a 12-



Marion's water plant resembles an ice cube with its sky blue walls and flat roof. The next time it's repainted, it's expected to receive a darker blue coat.

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## Seize the moment to celebrate not being silenced

AS THE *RECORD*'S dedicated distribution crew begins labeling and mailing this week's issue, I'll be sitting in my office while documentary filmmakers try something they're calling a "cinematic drone shot" of me through my office window.

I have absolutely no idea what any of that means. Most days, if I were to look out my window and see a drone flying toward me, I'd duck, thinking it was an aggrieved politician making a strafing run.

Those are the kinds of shots I expect being a small-town editor. "Hero shots" for documentaries aren't what I signed up for, and I'll be more than happy when filming about the disavowed police raid on our newsroom two years ago finally ends.

We at the newspaper were victims, not heroes. And we, like most of our readers, worry that the message the world hears is that we live in a town where rights were trampled rather than that we live in a town where mistakes were made — as they can be anywhere — but we got past them.

We'll be honoring both the overcoming of grievous errors and a particularly bright spot related to the raid at a come-and-go reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday at our office.

We'll have light refreshments available not just for those who want to remember the raid but also for those who want to bid farewell to one of the best things that happened after the raid — the year reporter Finn Hartnett has spent stepping back from the Land of Oz to document some of the wonders that exist in plain, old, not-so-black-and-white Kansas.

Had the raid never happened, it's doubt-

ful we would have been able to attract such a talented writer, who hails from chic Tribeca in lower Manhattan (not the Aggieville Manhattan) and graduated from the prestigious University of Chicago.

To Finn, spending a year in Marion County was like taking a gap year to work in the jungles of Guatemala. He's enjoyed it, and we've enjoyed having him, but just as we long for our hometown whenever we're away, he's drawn back to his roots, which most definitely aren't those of corn and wheat crops.

He'd just as soon make his departure anonymously, but drop by anytime from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday to enjoy a snack with him and express your appreciation for his exploring our community from the type of outside perspective we hope the world can adopt instead of tarring us with the actions of a rogue police chief who never should have been hired and other officials who either wanted to weaponize law enforcement against us or were afraid to challenge what they knew was wrong.

The documentary folks will be there, too. You can ignore them or speak your mind with them. That's up to you, but don't let their presence dissuade you from expressing your appreciation for Finn's work.

And, yes, we'll also honor the work of the rest of our dedicated team, who despite intense pressures that continue to this day have valiantly soldiered on, seized but not silenced by the raid.

— ERIC MEYER

## 'Six regular readers' can save a community

HER WORDS LAST graced what at the time was a separate Peabody version of this page nine years ago, when she bade farewell to her "six regular readers" by offering a final column of well-grounded personal advice.

Her death this week leaves a void that desperately needs to be filled.

Susan Marshall joined our team in 2001 for what she thought would be just a few months — until, in her words, we could find a "real" journalist to take over as editor of the *Peabody Gazette-Bulletin*.

Despite her protestations, she established herself as a very real journalist of the first order, becoming the heart and soul not only of the newspaper she edited but also of the community it served.

Her beautiful writing, commonsense advice, and continual urging of citizens to become more involved in their community may be even more needed today than they were from 2001 to 2016.

Nearly every editorial Susan wrote ended with a plea for readers to become more engaged with their community — as donors, volunteers, voters, even candidates for office. To her, citizenship meant speaking up and speaking out, not cocooning and carping.

In recent years, Susan's beloved Peabody has been buffeted. Her "six regular readers" cannot help but wonder whether missteps and divisiveness might have been avoided

if at least a few of them had accepted her eloquent advice beyond her retirement.

Newspapers function best as consciences for their communities. Like any conscience, they may seem at times antagonistic to those plowing ahead without taking time to listen and reflect. But they always come back to the commonsense advice Susan routinely offered in her heroic 15 years of dedicated service.

Anytime any of us are tempted to blame others for whatever plight our communities might face, we have to — as Susan often suggested — accept much of the blame ourselves. Abusive or incompetent officials don't rise to power on their own. They rise to power because we elect them or don't provide alternatives for voters to select instead.

Whenever you point a finger at someone in power, your cupped hand is pointing four fingers back at yourself. Opening your hand to offer whatever you can to your community is what Susan continually advocated in a message even more relevant today than it was when she served as editor.

Susan will be missed. The best way to honor her memory is to at long last do as she suggested, keep ourselves regularly apprised of truth, not gossip, in our communities, and do everything we can to make sure they move forward and achieve the greatness we believe they are capable of.

— ERIC MEYER



### Another Day in the Country

## Let me entertain you

By PAT WICK

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IN WRITING this column, I make the assumption that you and I have some essential ways in which we are similar.

First of all, we're humans being human, and that right there assures a myriad of ways in which we are compatible.

We are on the same planet, living in the same country (for the most part), experiencing the same season, sometimes in the same town, so we have quite a few things in common.

In Marion County, an unusually large population in an older age bracket gives a lot of us another area of similar interest, though as an octogenarian I'm not always all that fascinated by people my age.

Often we can be very boring and rather predictable. We have a tendency to report on our medical issues, which are omnipresent in our awareness because doctor visits and physical therapy appointments can consume so much of our time.

We are called upon to find equally time-consuming and available activities to amuse ourselves and hopefully discover that others, who come into our circle of life, find them more interesting as topics of conversation than miscellaneous ailments or the weather.

My question often is, where — living in the country, as we do in one way or another, to one degree or another — do we find interesting activity and fascinating entertainment to stimulate, enliven, and enrich our lives so that we remain delightful, socially viable, important parts of our community?

As responsible adults, it's part of our duty, our job, our responsibility, to remain interesting and interested in the world around us as much as we can.

(While I am writing this on my new-fangled computer, the machine is struggling to finish words and sentences for me, and I have yet to figure out how

to shut off that feature. The machine thinks — well, not really thinks but assumes — that it knows exactly what I'm going to say and even when it guesses correctly, I refuse to let it finish the word. I'm like a little kid, first learning to use a spoon, saying, "I do it," scooping up a bit of lettering into forming a sentence and offering it now to you. I don't want interference.)

When I first came back to live in the country 25, 30 years ago, family members still were living in Ramona. They had learned how to occupy themselves in a small town where entertainment is not right around the corner.

My friends who live in more populated areas talk to me of going to the theater, going out to eat, or meeting with a book club. And I find myself wishing that such entertainment were closer at hand for us.

When you live in a rural area, traveling to find cultural enrichment is essential, but then again, it could be just around the corner.

My Aunt Naomi knew this instinctively. She used to get in her car and "travel" around town for entertainment, checking to see whether anyone was doing something interesting that she could muse over and perhaps find useful as a conversation starter when she met friends for coffee.

Had David erected something new in his yard? Had Jackie fallen off his ladder cleaning the eaves? Had all the lawns been mowed recently? Was anyone's car parked somewhere new?

Aunt Naomi mowed her own lawn on a riding mower into her 80s. I can understand the thrill. I, too, find mowing to be one of my favorite forms of entertainment. Perhaps it's genetic.

Mowing, for me, is capital entertainment. It improves the look of things as well as pleases me and leaves me with a grand feeling of accomplishing something worthwhile.

In my dad's book of things to do, "recreation," synonymous with entertainment, became "re-creation," meaning to make new.

He'd go on espousing to anyone who'd listen that work was the perfect form of entertainment. That was not my favorite solution to the problem of boredom as a teenager.

Uncle Hank grew a pot of tomatoes on his front porch, mostly for entertainment, and competed with Betty every summer to see who could grow the first and biggest tomato in town.

His wife, a born historian, collected newspaper clippings, photographs, and all sorts of memorabilia that were immensely entertaining to sort through.

She spent hours organizing "this and that" books that still are called into usage when we want to verify some family story. She entertained herself and still entertains us with her collection of artifacts and stories.

These relatives were my examples in navigating life.

My grandson introduced me to daily puzzles available with a free app from the New York Times.

I'd read about this game called Wordle that "everyone" seemed to be playing on a daily basis. With my contrary bent, I ignored finding out about the game, just because everyone was doing it — and then here it was available on the daily Times puzzles. I tried it and I'm hooked. It's very entertaining.

This week, I've been entertaining myself by repainting an old table and chairs in use on my porch.

It was so rickety I almost threw the table away, but I took pity, tightened a few screws, applied a little elbow grease and a bit of paint, and made it into a topic of inspiration and even conversation on another day in the country.

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# Event will explore history of Peabody POW camp

By **FINN HARTNETT**  
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Author and Olpe native Daniel Markowitz will speak Sept. 7 about his novel “The Spoils Of Victory,” published this June.

The novel is historical fiction in which a German soldier is captured in Tunisia and sent to a POW camp in Peabody.

There, he meets a Mennonite family living next to Doyle Creek and falls in love with the family’s eldest daughter.

The book is based on Peabody’s real history housing a handful of Nazi prisoners during World War II.

“There are many stories shared by farmers that happened... in the book,” historical society president Marcia Sebree said.

Prisoners stayed in the Eyestone Building on 122 W. 2nd St. and worked on local farms.

“There were people in town that totally opposed them being here,” Sebree said. “They said, ‘With that many pris-

oners here, if they could escape, they could kill us all!’”

Some of the German POWs had been drafted into a war they did not want to fight, but many were strict Nazis, she said.

“They believed all the stuff we were telling them was propaganda, and Hitler was going to be conquering the United States,” Sebree said.

Peabody Historical Society will show off POW memorabilia at the event.

“We’ve got jet fighters that were carved by prisoners, paintings that were done by prisoners,” Sebree said.

Others are invited to bring their own POW memorabilia.

“There are a few people that were small children who remember these prisoners on their farms,” Sebree said.

Ninety-four-year-old Herschel Stroud is one such person.

Stroud grew up in Peabody during the war and cleaned out the Eyestone

Building before the prisoners arrived, Sebree said.

Stroud may travel from Kansas City to attend.

The event will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. in the basement of the Peabody Township Library.

Refreshments will be offered.

After Markowitz’s presentation, Colton Glenn has invited attendees to tour the Eyestone Building to get a better sense of where the POWs lived.



A stray cat stands next to a hole on Walnut St. Many similar holes have been dug as Peabody begins a lengthy project that will see 60 blocks of water lines replaced.

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## Peabody begins replacing pipes

By **FINN HARTNETT**  
Staff writer

New PVC pipes soon will replace Peabody’s antiquated cast-iron mains, improving water quality significantly, Darin Neufeld, vice president of EBH Engineering, told city council members Monday.

“We’ve got problems in parts of town with chlorine residual and color,” Neufeld said.

Peabody’s old pipes will be abandoned underground, Mayor Catherine Weems said.

Large patches of sidewalk were dug up on Walnut St. as the project got underway late in July.

The city decided to replace pipe under Walnut St. first because it had received a state grant for downtown sidewalk improvements and were tearing up sidewalks anyway.

“We’re calling this the ‘Walnut phase,’” Neufeld said.

The “Walnut phase” will be completed by the end of the year. The full project will take more than a year to complete.

“We’re shooting to replace about 60 blocks in total,” Neufeld said.

It will cost \$3 million, of which \$1 million will come from a forgivable loan from Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

“Short of other grant funding that we keep looking for and hoping to get, our portion will be \$2 million,” Weems said.

EBH Engineers is applying to grants on behalf of the city.

“We’re doing it all in Pe-



Many rectangular holes have been dug along Walnut St. as Peabody begins a lengthy project that will see 60 blocks of water lines replaced.

abody,” Neufeld said. “They don’t have a lot of staff.”

Neufeld said his team might be able to secure a Kansas Water Office grant of roughly \$900,000.

Deadline to apply for such a grant is September 30.

“I’m confident that they’re eligible for more grants,” Neufeld said. “The whole state has a lot of water issues, so I’m not going to guarantee anything.”

Council members approved three payments relating to the project Monday: a

\$242,175.78 payment to Ditch Diggers Inc. for construction work, four invoices totaling \$89,078.85 to EBH Engineers, and a \$331,448.18 disbursement to KDHE.

Neufeld also spoke about another project council members might begin planning for: street improvements. He handed out a city map with color-coded streets based on their condition.

Two Peabody residents, Lindsey Marshall and Beth Peter, earlier noted poor road

quality on Vine St. from 5th to 6th St.

Weems suggested the council add new city clerk Paul Leeker to the list of signatories for city expenditures and remove councilman Richard Baker, who has been absent at meetings since June 2024.

“I don’t see it being to our benefit to leave him on there,” Weems said of Baker. “I think it’s just leaving a loophole out there that probably needs to be closed.”

The council unanimously made the change.

Peabody’s signatories are now Weems, Leeker, treasurer Deanna Baker, and council member Linda Martinez.

Three signatures are needed to approve checks cut by the city.

Signatories are chosen based on the flexibility of their schedules and their proximity to the city building, Weems said.

“It would make sense to have a council member who’s maybe retired at home most of the time rather than working an hour away if we need somebody to sign stuff,” she said.

To end the meeting, the council moved into an executive session for 45 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel.

The Kansas attorney general’s office has stated to the *Record* that such a motion must include the topic of the meeting — who or what personnel matters are being discussed.

But Weems declined to elaborate further.

“I’m not going to get more specific than that,” she said.

## County likely violates open meetings law

By **PHYLLIS ZORN**  
Staff writer

County commissions met behind closed doors Monday in what almost certainly was a violation of the Kansas Open Meetings Act.

The *Marion County Record* has filed a formal complaint with the Kansas attorney general’s office, urging the office to impose actual penalties because of the repeated nature of violations of this kind by local governments.

The executive session was called to discuss “contract negotiations.”

Commissioners and their counsel, Brad Jantz, would not disclose what contract was being discussed, even after being told by a reporter that the stated reason was not legally sufficient.

“The board recessed to executive session citing its only justification or subject matter as ‘contract negotiation,’” the *Record*’s complaint to the attorney general states. “A reporter informed the board that this was insufficient since ‘contract negotiation’ is not one of the specifically allowed justifications and that even if it were for employee-employer negotiations, which are allowed, the subject matter of who or what was being negotiated must be stated.

“This has been a continuing problem among various local bodies and does not seem to improve with rulings from the attorney general’s office such as a highly publicized one in April of this year in which the City of Marion was held to have violated KOMA by failing to specify in terms that were not ‘vague and generic’ a ‘statement describing the subjects to be discussed.’

“Clearly, continual findings of ‘technical’ violations, with no penalties, are not resulting in officials following the law.

We ask for a prompt ruling with some actual penalties — or at least the credible threat of swift and harsh penalties — if this behavior does not change.

“Citizens may not have a right to know every detail of what their elected representatives say but they at least have a right to know what they are talking about.”

When commissioners returned to a public session, they did not discuss the matter further and took no vote on anything.

In other business Monday, Commissioner Kent Becker said he wanted to privatize docks at the county lake. He claimed “illicit activity” was happening “from 1:30 to 5:30 in the morning.”

“This has gone on too long,” Becker said.

If docks were privatized, adjoining property owners located outside Lakeshore Dr. could close or lock the docks to keep others away from them.

Becker moved to direct Jantz to write a resolution to privatize docks. The motion died for lack of a second.

County 4-H clubs presented commissioners with gift baskets for sponsoring the county fair.

Commissioner Clarke Dirks asked the nine 4-H members how many were going to the state fair. Most raised their hands.

Dirks reminded commissioners that a draft version of additional regulations for wind farms had been sent to Jantz for an opinion on whether the proposed draft was legal.

Jantz has not returned an opinion.

“There are a lot of things that need to be done in the county,” Dirks said. “This is what I campaigned on, and I want to get it done and move on to other things the county needs.”

## Fire guts unoccupied home in Lehigh

Lehigh, Hillsboro, Durham, and Goessel firefighters spent 3½ hours early Saturday battling a blaze that destroyed an unoccupied Lehigh house.

Hillsboro, Durham, and Goessel firefighters were released at 4:30 a.m. Lehigh firefighters continued fighting the fire another 6½ hours.

They returned to the house a number of times that afternoon to douse smoldering spots.

Lehigh Chief Cameron Gottwald said firefighters watched in case the floor above the house’s crawl space rekindled.

Gottwald said the house, in the 200 block of N. Vernon St., was an older, two-story farmhouse-style home.

No one was living in the house at the time, Gottwald said, and its cause remains under investigation.

## Marion debates solar policy that would pay less than it charges

By **PHYLLIS ZORN**  
Staff writer

Marion City Council members reviewed a proposed ordinance Monday that would set standards for customers with renewable energy systems.

The ordinance says the city would pay for excess energy produced by a customer’s generator, but it doesn’t specify the rate. Instead, the customer would be paid the average monthly cost of electricity the city purchased wholesale from Kansas Power Pool.

If the customer’s generators didn’t produce enough electricity for the cus-

tomers’ needs, the customer would buy energy from the city at its higher retail rate.

“The city may, at its discretion, either pay the customer for excess energy... or calculate such payment and deduct from the customer’s bill as a credit,” the ordinance says.

The ordinance also sets requirements for installation and operation of a customer’s energy equipment.

Veterinarian Brendan Kraus, who installed a solar array at his Spur Ridge Vet Hospital, had a 2014 agreement

with the city that the city would pay him its retail rate to buy his system’s excess energy.

The contract somehow got lost, and Spur Ridge was not receiving credit for excess electricity produced.

In 2023, city council members tried to get Kraus to sign a new agreement with terms similar to the proposed ordinance.

After two contentious meetings, the city agreed to restore Kraus’ original agreement to be paid the city’s retail price for excess energy.

Kraus could not be reached for comment for this article.

Under the proposed ordinance, interconnection equipment would need to comply with city requirements and be installed at the expense of the customer.

Mitch Carlson, who owns Carlsons’ Grocery along with his brother, Greg, said he and Greg earlier discussed installing a solar array for their Main St. store.

The brothers didn’t expect the solar array to take care of all the store’s

electricity needs but to defray part of the electricity they purchase.

The brothers talked to city officials about installing solar power, but when federal funding went away, they decided not to do the project.

Now that funding is again available, Mitch said, they are contemplating proceeding with the project.

Council members could vote on the ordinance as early as Monday.



# Marion's new city administrator is settling in

By **PHYLLIS ZORN**

Staff writer

Moving from Florida to a small town in Kansas has been a change for Marion's new city administrator and his wife.

Although he moved here after working in Colorado and Florida as a transportation director, Bryan Wells is no

stranger to Kansas. He was born in Emporia and grew up in Olathe.

He and his wife arrived June 11. He started his duties with the city June 16.

The Wellses live in a camper for the time being but are searching for a house.

He said he's been "pretty satisfied" with settling into his living arrange-

ments and Marion, where he's found people pleasant and welcoming.

His biggest challenge so far is learning everybody's names — not just in the city office, but in the community.

Wells has been making the rounds of the community to meet people.

He's been impressed with the team of city employees he works with.

"Everybody's been friendly," Wells

said. "I drove every street when I was here for my meet and greet."

Wells has ridden on tours with city inspector James Masters to look at houses and toured the city water plant.

He's also been exploring the region, seeing things outside the confines of

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Bryan Wells

## Deaths

### 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.



Bennett Franta

#### Bennett Franta

A memorial service will be scheduled later for Bennett Mark Franta, 62, El Dorado, who passed away Aug. 4, 2025, in Wichita.

Bennett was born March 29, 1963, in Marion to Lester and Mayme (Swelha) Franta.

He graduated from Circle High School in Towanda with the class of '82 and took some college courses at Butler Community College.

Bennett worked as a sales representative for Miller Beer. When he wasn't busy working, he loved spending free time hunting turkey and deer and fishing. He also loved to cook.

Bennett will be missed by all who were blessed to know him.

He is survived by his mother, Mayme Franta, of El Dorado; brother Timothy Franta (and wife D'Ann) of Derby; sister Kim Riemann of El Dorado; and niece and nephews Kiel Riemann (and wife Lindsey), Kent Riemann, and Danielle Brittain (and husband Ross).

Bennett was preceded in passing by his father.

Memorials in Bennett's name can be directed to Wichita Firefighters Museum.

Please sign his online guest book and leave a memory at [www.carlsonkirbymorris.com](http://www.carlsonkirbymorris.com).



Katherine Lenz

#### Katherine Lenz

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, Katherine Marie Lenz, 77, on Aug. 3, 2025, with her family by her side at Ascension Via Christi St. Francis Hospital in Wichita.

Katherine was born on June 8, 1948, in Colorado Springs and lived a life filled with love, kindness, and selflessness.

She attended St. Mary's Catholic School and went on to

graduate from Northern Colorado University with a degree in special education.

Katherine was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She dedicated her life to caring for her family and was a pillar of strength to all who knew her.

She had a close relationship with God and a passion for reading, family, and the arts.

In previous years, she loved and was incredibly talented at playing the piano.

Her generosity and warm spirit touched the lives of many.

She is survived by her children, Cynthia Renollet of Wichita, Cheryl Duart of Wichita, and Jacob "Danny" Lenz of Peabody.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jacob B Lenz; her mother, Vivian Crum; and her sister, Judy Causey.

A celebration of life will be 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug 23, at The Dwelling Church, 5221 E Elm St, Suite 2, Wichita.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St Jude's Children's hospital, a local humane society, or simply someone in need.

Mom, we love you always, and your love and guidance will remain in our hearts as your legacy forever.



Susan Marshall

#### Susan Marshall

Funeral services for Susan Virginia (Fred) Marshall, 78, Peabody, who passed away Aug. 10, 2025, at Peabody Health and Rehab, will be 3 p.m. Aug. 15 at Peabody United Methodist Church.

A celebration of life will follow at Coneburg Inn, where friends and family will honor Susan's legacy with good food, music, and camaraderie she so loved.

Susan was born Nov. 16, 1946, in St. Louis, the oldest of three children of Carolyn Virginia (Spencer) and Bernhart Gabriel Fred.

A few months after her birth, they moved to Barrington, Illinois, where her brother and sister joined the family.

She spent her early childhood in Cedar Falls, Iowa, and in 1959, at age 13, moved with her family to DeKalb, Illinois.

Susan attended schools in DeKalb, graduating in 1965 from DeKalb High School, where she was active in numerous clubs, often serving as president.

She attended Cottley College in Nevada, Missouri, graduating in 1967, and later pursued an English degree at Pittsburg State University.

She once said she planned to write "the next great American novel" but instead embarked on her next great adventure —

marrying fellow student Robert Marshall.

After Robert's graduation and the birth of their first daughter, Morgan, the couple moved to Peabody, where he began teaching music and band at Peabody High School. In 1975, their second daughter, Lindsey, was born.

She was editor of the *Peabody Gazette Bulletin* for several years.

Though not a native of Peabody, Susan embraced the community as her own.

She was a cornerstone of the Peabody Historical Society, serving for many years and playing a pivotal role in restoring the museum.

She was a fountain of knowledge — or knew exactly where to find it — and contributed countless artifacts from her own discoveries.

Known for her humor, she often joked, "You don't want me to cook," but she gladly measured ingredients or helped in other ways, ensuring every project benefited from her presence.

Susan and Robert were instrumental in founding Peabody Main Street Association, working tirelessly to encourage business growth and retention.

Through annual fundraising auctions, they made philanthropy a community event, earning multiple state awards for economic development, fundraising excellence, and volunteer recruitment.

Philanthropy was woven into Susan's life. She supported many local organizations — often anonymously. When she won the grand prize in Peabody's annual holiday shopping spree (more than once), she donated her winnings to causes she believed in.

She was the ultimate hometown shopper, devoted to supporting local businesses and investing in her community.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Robert Fred; and her husband, Robert Marshall.

Survivors include daughters Morgan Marler (and husband Shane) and Lindsey Marshall (and partner Matthew Frazier); granddaughter Logann Frazier; sister Karen Mohr (and husband Ed) of Colorado; nephews Patrick and Christopher Mohr; and a community forever shaped by her generosity and determination.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to one of Susan's favorite charities: Peabody Main Street Association, PO Box 101, Peabody KS 66866, or Peabody Historical Society, PO Box 60, Peabody KS 66866.

We are grateful for the sincere care and consideration of Jost Funeral Home in Hillsboro as they assist our family during this difficult time.

Susan did the right thing when no one was watching. She gave back in quiet, humble ways, and while the world we walk today will forever be better because of her, it will never be the same without the powerhouse female on Walnut St. in Peabody.



Elizabeth Navrat

#### Elizabeth Navrat

Funeral Mass for Elizabeth Joan Navrat, 90, Wichita, who passed away Aug. 6, 2025, at Catholic Care Center in Bel Aire, will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, 2025, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Andover, with burial at Ascension Cemetery, Bel Aire.

Born Aug. 19, 1934, in Wichita, Joan grew up in the College Hill neighborhood, attending Blessed Sacrament grade school and graduating from Mount Carmel Academy in 1953.

She attended Rosary College in Chicago, earning a degree in English, and married Leonard "Lon" Navrat in 1957.

As newlyweds, Joan and Lon were high school teachers in Andale. Joan taught English, and Lon taught physics. Joan told her children in later years that she couldn't believe she was getting paid to do a thing she loved so much.

Within a year, Joan had her first child, John. Soon after, she and Lon moved to Chicago, where Lon attended dental school, and they celebrated the birth of two more children, Julie and David.

They then returned to Wichita, where Lon practiced dentistry with Joan's father, Dr. Harry Klenda, and they welcomed two more children, Tom and Susan.

A lifelong lover of books, Joan cherished a good read at night but kept busy during the day raising her family, volunteering in the community, and staying active with golf and her close tennis group at Crestview.

In the 1980s, after her eldest

son's mental health diagnosis, she became a dedicated supporter with the National Alliance on Mental Illness, speaking before state leaders, serving on the Kansas board, and advocating proudly for families across the state.

In later life, Joan enjoyed Memorial Day weekend family reunions at "The Farm" in Marion, traveling to Arizona with her sister and brother-in-law, and taking trips with her siblings and their spouses to Alaska, Nashville, Las Vegas, Canada, Colorado, and the Georgia coast.

Joan's Catholic faith was central to her life. She was dignified and sophisticated and an excellent bridge player with a wonderful sense of humor.

She walked through life sharing kindness and respect with everyone she encountered. She will be remembered for her immense generosity, her unwavering support of her family, and signature catchphrases like, "There on it."

She was preceded in death by husband Leonard F. Navrat; parents Frances and Harry Klenda; siblings Harry L. Klenda, Larry D. Klenda, and Shirley Heisler; son John Navrat; great-granddaughter Isabella Goforth; and son-in-law Robert "Bob" Lingenfelter.

Survivors include sister Kathleen Kaiser and her husband, Jim; brother-in-law Gene Heisler; children Julie Lingenfelter, Dave Navrat (and wife Nancy), Tom Navrat, and Susan Stopford; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to NAMI Wichita, PO Box 2435, Wichita KS 67201, or St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 123 N. Andover Rd, Andover KS 67002.

Services in care of Downing & Lahey East Mortuary. Share tributes online at [www.dlwichita.com](http://www.dlwichita.com).



'Otts' Waltner

#### 'Otts' Waltner

A memorial service for Orville Dwight "Otts" Waltner, 97, Moundridge, who passed away Thursday, Aug. 7, 2025 at Pine Village in Mound-

ridge was 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2025, at Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge. The service was live-streamed on Zoom.

Visitation was 3 to 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11, at Moundridge Funeral Home. Family members were present 6 to 8 p.m. Private family burial was at Eden Church Cemetery.

Otts was born Aug. 4, 1928, in rural Moundridge to Otto J. and Marie (Schrag) Waltner.

He attended Pleasant Ridge Grade School and graduated from Moundridge High School with the class of 1946.

He served two years of 1-W service in Topeka from 1952 to 1954.

He was a member of the Eden Mennonite Church, where he sang in the Mennonite Men's Chorus.

Otts was united in marriage to Mary Ann Neufeld on March 31, 1957, in Moundridge. They shared 68 years of marriage together.

He was a lifelong truck driver, working for W.L. Kaufman, Hesston Corp., Guerdon Industries, and Dalke Propane and 24 years for Mid-Kansas Co-op of Moundridge, driving feed trucks and as a fertilizer applicator.

He retired in 1991. Upon retirement, he began woodworking and wood crafting. He also enjoyed fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Waltner, of Moundridge; sons Alan Waltner (and wife Tina) of Moundridge and Scott Waltner (and wife Kendra) of Moundridge; daughters Julia Waltner of Kettle Falls, Washington, and Sandra Koontz (and husband Stephen) of Benton; brother Glenn Waltner (and wife Marilyn) of Denver; sisters Luene Flickinger (and husband LaVerne) of Moundridge and Marianne Seacat of Wichita; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren;

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Robert Waltner, sisters Delene Goering and Marjean Stucky, grandson Anthony Bowers Jr. and great-grandson Gad Waltner.

Memorial contributions may be made to Eden Mennonite Church or Pine Village in care of Moundridge Funeral Home, PO Box 410, Moundridge KS 67107.

## Church directory

### Up-to-date schedules provided by churches

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

<b>AULNE BIBLE</b> 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.	
<b>FLORENCE UNITED METHODIST</b> 201 W. 5th St., Florence	
Gathering/coffee .....	10 a.m.
Worship .....	11 a.m.
Guest pastor, Courtney Fowler.	
<b>HOLY FAMILY PARISH</b> Roman Catholic churches in Florence, Marion, Pilsen, and Tampa Father Isaac Coulter	
Florence .....	5 p.m. Saturday
Marion .....	6 p.m. Friday
8:30 a.m. Sunday, noon Monday, noon Tuesday, noon Aug. 20	

Pilsen .....	noon Thursday
noon Friday, 10:30 a.m. Sunday	
Concessions 30 minutes before every Mass for 20 minutes.	
Friday — Holy day of obligation, Assumption of the Blessed Mother, Mass, noon Pilsen, 6 p.m. Marion. Parish potluck, 7 p.m., Marion Activity Center.	
<b>Our Savior Lutheran</b> 320 Cedar St., Marion John Werner, pastor	
Divine service / Communion .....	
Thursday — Mission projects, 1 p.m.	
Monday — Office hours, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.	
Aug. 20 — Office hours, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.	
<b>OTHER AREA CHURCH SCHEDULES</b>	
<b>ALEXANDERWOHL MENNONITE</b>	
Sunday school .....	9:30 a.m.
Worship .....	10:30 a.m.
<b>BURDICK UNITED METHODIST</b>	
Worship .....	11 a.m.
<b>BURNS CORNERSTONE BIBLE</b>	
Worship .....	9 a.m.
<b>CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF FLORENCE</b>	
Worship .....	10:45 a.m.
Free breakfast .....	8:30 a.m.
Sunday school .....	9:30 a.m.
Evening service .....	6:30 p.m.
<b>COMMUNITY OF CEDAR POINT</b>	
Worship .....	9 a.m.

<b>EASTMOOR UNITED METHODIST</b>	
Worship .....	9:45 a.m.
<b>EBENFELD MENNONITE BRETHREN</b>	
Worship .....	10:30 a.m.
<b>EMMANUEL BAPTIST</b>	
Worship .....	10:30 a.m.
<b>FIRST BAPTIST OF DURHAM</b>	
Sunday school .....	9:30 a.m.
Worship .....	10:30 a.m.
<b>FIRST BAPTIST OF PEABODY</b>	
Sunday school .....	9:30 a.m.
Worship .....	10:30 a.m.
Facebook live .....	11 a.m.
<b>GRACEPOINT</b>	
Worship .....	10:30 a.m.
<b>GOOD NEWS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP</b>	
Worship .....	10:30 a.m.
<b>HEBRON LUTHERAN OF BURDICK</b>	
Worship .....	9:30 a.m.
<b>HILLSBORO FIRST MENNONITE</b>	
Sunday school .....	9:30 a.m.
Worship .....	10:30 a.m.
<b>HILLSBORO MENNONITE BRETHREN</b>	
Sunday school .....	9:15 a.m.
Worship .....	10:30 a.m.
<b>HILLSBORO UNITED METHODIST</b>	
Worship .....	10:30 a.m.
Weekly services posted on YouTube.	
<b>HOLY TRANSFIGURATION ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN OF HILLSBORO</b>	
Liturgy .....	10 a.m.
<b>MARION CHRISTIAN</b>	
Sunday School .....	9:30 a.m.

Worship .....	10:30 a.m.
Tuesday — Bible study, 9 a.m.	
<b>MARION PRESBYTERIAN</b>	
Praise team rehearsal .....	8 a.m.
Worship .....	9:30 a.m.
Sermon discussion .....	7:30 p.m.
<b>PARKVIEW MENNONITE BRETHREN, HILLSBORO</b>	
Sunday School .....	9:30 a.m.
Worship .....	10:30 a.m.
<b>PEABODY CHRISTIAN</b>	
Worship .....	10:30 a.m.
<b>PEABODY UNITED METHODIST</b>	
Worship .....	10:40 a.m.
<b>ST. JOHN LUTHERAN OF LINCOLNVILLE</b>	
Worship .....	10:45 a.m.
<b>ST. JOHN LUTHERAN OF TAMPA</b>	
Worship .....	9:15 a.m.
<b>ST. PAUL LUTHERAN OF PEABODY</b>	
Worship .....	9 a.m.
<b>STRASSBURG BAPTIST</b>	
Sunday school .....	9:45 a.m.
Worship .....	10:45 a.m.
<b>TRINITY LUTHERAN OF RAMONA</b>	
Worship .....	10:45 a.m.
<b>VALLEY UNITED METHODIST</b>	
Sunday school .....	9:30 a.m.
Worship .....	10:45 a.m.
<b>ZION LUTHERAN OF HILLSBORO</b>	
Bible class .....	9:15 a.m.
Worship .....	10:30 a.m.

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## 15 YEARS AGO

AUG. 18, 2010

Marion County commissioners questioned the fairness of a state fire marshal ruling that the county jail may hold only four inmates unless a 24-hour fire watch is provided. Commissioners also heard a proposal from Chris and Heather Holub to build rental cabins west of the heated dock at Marion County Park and Lake.

Antelope native Justin Garrard won four first-place medals last month at Sunflower State Games in Topeka. He is a graduate of Centre High School and Ottawa University. His parents are John and Sandra Garrard of Antelope.

Ten people were injured Friday when a violent thunderstorm packing 60-mph winds swept across Marion Reservoir and flipped over three recreational vehicles in a campground at Cottonwood Point. All were treated at area hospitals and had been released by Saturday.

Gale Cooper is pictured as he checks progress of ribs and pork loins Thursday afternoon at his restaurant, Nuttin' Butt Good BBQ, in Marion.

Members of the Marion Warrior football team are pictured Aug. 11 as they help remove and store theater seats from the city auditorium as part of a renovation project. The chairs were loaded onto a trailer and hauled to a hangar at Marion Municipal Airport.

## 30 YEARS AGO

AUG. 23, 1995

Work on streets is ahead of schedule despite heavy and unexpected rain. On Friday, subcontractors were removing curbs and portions of driveways on S. Freeborn St. as they prepared to pour new curb and gutter before the street is blacktopped.

Marion County Improvement District No. 2 board members Sherman Kelsey, Frances Smalley, and Ken Vinduska, and joined County Commissioner Linda Peterson at a ribbon cutting Thursday for the district's newly installed pump station in Marion.

U.S. Rep. Pat Roberts is pictured on the front page as he greets Hillsboro High School government students Jared Jost and Andy Kleiber after a community meeting in Hillsboro. Roberts appeared live on AgriTalk, a radio show, and answered calls from listeners as well as from those attending the live show in Hillsboro.

## MENUS

SENIOR CENTERS

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Brendan Sager's "Eating Around the County" article this week features Kingfisher Inn, which has been serving Marion County dinner a la lake since the 1950s. Current owners Bob and Kathy Sprowls purchased the business in 1981.

Graduating members of Leadership Marion County 1995 were honored Monday with a dinner and reception at Olde Towne Restaurant in Hillsboro. Members are Pat Ash, Reuben Feuerborn, Carol Maggard, Pam Meador, Stuart Meador, and Susan Robson of Marion; Tom Kaufman, Coleen Koop, and Todd Vogt, Hillsboro; Brad Putter and Sharon Williams, Florence; and Peggy Jay, Goessel.

## 45 YEARS AGO

AUG. 20, 1980

Directors of Marion County Hospital District No. 1 met Thursday evening with Topeka architect Bob Jones to discuss plans for a new physician clinic adjacent to the hospital.

Two of Marion's public servants, Ray Vinduska and A.F. "Tommy" Thompson, will close out a combined 67 years of employment with the Postal Service when they retire this month. Also retiring will be Ed Stenzel, who on Friday will complete 33 years with Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Police Chief Ken Hoffman is pictured as he accepts checks from Jim Richmond of J & K Agency and Marium Webster of Webster Auto Service to purchase bullet-proof vests to protect local officers.

Produce derby entries this

sliced tomatoes, watermelon, broccoli salad, brownie.

**Friday** — Chicken or tuna salad on bun, pea salad, sliced tomatoes, mandarin oranges.

**Monday** — Cheeseburger on bun with pickles, onions, and tomatoes; baked beans; fresh carrots; apricots.

**Tuesday** — Lasagna, Italian blend vegetables, beets, lime pears, bread stick.

**Aug. 20** — Chicken pasta salad, kidney bean salad, melon, bread, cookie.

**Aug. 21** — Roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas and carrots, strawberries and bananas, roll.

### MARION

Reservations accepted at (620) 382-2942.

**Thursday** — Barbecue pork on bun, coleslaw, baked beans, applesauce.

**Friday** — Chicken salad, pea salad, sliced tomatoes, mandarin oranges.

**Monday** — Country-fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, mandarin oranges, whole-wheat roll.

**Tuesday** — Polish sausage, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, cinnamon applesauce.

**Aug. 20** — Chicken pasta salad, kid-

ney bean salad, melon, cookie, whole-wheat bread.

Two young women from Marion died in separate highway accidents over the weekend. Joyce May, 29, wife of Stanley May, died Friday night in an accident on US-77 south of the Marion / Butler County Line. A train-truck collision early Sunday morning northeast of Wichita took the life of Sue E. Moore, 24, wife of Patrick Moore.

## 60 YEARS AGO

AUG. 26, 1965

Country music, more popular now than ever, will be featured at Old Settlers Day this year when the national Fiddlers, Pickers, and Singers Association puts on a program in Marion's Central Park. Old Settlers Day is being scheduled on Saturday this year so more people may attend. The change has been requested for some time.

Grand champion winners in this year's annual 4-H Style Revue at Marion County Fair are Carmen Hayen with runner-up Kris Reid of Florence and Leslie Lalouette of Florence with runner-up Ronald Duerksen of Lehigh.

The quiet little town of Ramona had a day of excitement Tuesday when it was descended upon by hundreds of antique seekers responding to advertising of an unusual partition sale of the Lewis estate.

Births at St. Luke Hospital announced in this issue include those of Amy Deanne Hett,

ney bean salad, melon, cookie, whole-wheat bread.

**Aug. 21** — Roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas and carrots, strawberries and bananas.

### PEABODY

Reservations accepted at (620) 983-2226.

**Thursday** — Barbecue pork on bun, coleslaw, baked beans, applesauce.

**Friday** — Chicken salad on bun, pea salad, sliced tomatoes, mandarin oranges.

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

**Tuesday** — Lasagna, Italian blend vegetables, beets, lime pears, bread stick.

**Aug. 20** — Chicken pasta salad, kidney bean salad, melon, cookie, bread.

**Aug. 21** — Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, strawberries and bananas, roll.

## Santa Fe Trail surveyed 200 years ago this week

By **STEVE SCHMIDT**

Special to the Record

In 1825, the federal government authorized the marking out and surveying of a road from the western frontier of Missouri to the Mexican settlements in the present state of New Mexico.

The purpose was to aid and promote Santa Fe trade.

The survey began July 17, 1825, near Fort Osage (Sibley), Missouri. The survey party passed westward through Marion County 200 years ago this week, Aug. 11 to 14, 1825.

Leaving Diamond Spring, the party entered the county Aug. 11 and camped in the vicinity of the Lost Spring, west of the present-day town of Lost Springs.

Aug. 12, the party traveled to Mud Creek, very close to Tampa.

Aug. 13, it continued onward to its next camp — Cottonwood Grove on the Cottonwood River west of Durham.

Aug. 14, it left the county on its way to Running Turkey Creek, south of Galva.

The leader of the survey expedition was George Sibley. The surveyor was Joseph Brown. The party consisted of more than 40 people, 57 horses and mules, and three wagons.

The survey more or less followed the Santa Fe Trail, which had come into use after Mexican independence in 1821.

The Santa Fe Trail was a trail of commerce connecting the Missouri River near Kansas City to Santa Fe.

Goods and merchandise flowed both west and east over the trail, to and from world markets via the Missouri, Mississippi, and Ohio Rivers.

The global economy is nothing new; it was alive and well in 1825.

The survey, known today as the Sibley Expedition, took 2½ years to complete.

The expedition surveyed westward in 1825, going to Taos instead of Santa Fe; eastward in 1826, making corrections to their route; and again from Missouri to Diamond Spring and back in 1827, making further corrections to the route.

A final report was submitted Oct.

27, 1827. It was promptly filed away and mostly forgotten; results were not publicly disseminated at the time.

By October, 1827, the Santa Fe Trail had been in use for seven trading seasons. The trail was a plain track. Traders knew the way, and surveying and marking out were not needed.

The Sibley Expedition will be the theme of Santa Fe Trail Association's 2025 symposium Sept. 24 to 27 in Council Grove.

Today, travelers can follow the Santa Fe Trail using the Marion County local auto tour route.

An annotated map of the tour route is available at <https://santafetrail.org/kansas-chapters/cottonwood-crossing-chapter/cottonwood-crossing-chapter-points-of-interest/>

*Steve Schmidt, a Marion County land owner from Hesston, is president of the Cottonwood Crossing Chapter of the Santa Fe Trail Association.*

splendid school facilities here. Marion welcomes these excellent people. There is no better hometown in Kansas than Marion.

Workers erecting permanent road markers over the National Old Trails road are in the county this week putting up markers. This piece of road marking is easily the greatest thing of the kind being done in the country. One of these markers is erected at every turn in the road or where the traveler might possibly be confused as to the right road.

I.N. Updike brought with him from Wyoming one of the finest fossil specimens we have ever seen — the head of an animal encased in solid rock.

## 145 YEARS AGO

AUG. 20, 1880

A union Sunday school celebration the second Saturday in September at Central Park, Marion Centre, will be for all Sunday schools in the Second Commissioner District. Bring your baskets well filled and let us have a good old-fashioned celebration.

A windmill has been erected at the sugar factory.

John Madden yields to the solicitation of his many friends and announces himself as a candidate for the office of county attorney. John is one of the boys who has grown up with the county and enjoys a large acquaintance. He will make a strong, manly race, and his opponents will have no time to sleep.

A gentleman requests us to suggest that there are still some weeds standing around town.

Reports have been in circulation of a quarrel over hay last week between two men at the edge of Chase County, resulting in one of them being killed with a pitchfork, but we can hear nothing definite about it.

Dr. Hannaford evidently believes that the third time is the charm. Though he has lost two fine stallions in the past few years, he has just imported another fine Kentucky horse from the celebrated farm of Wm. T. Withers, Lexington. The following is the pedigree of this splendid gray colt, Altimo: Sired by Almont, the great sire of trotters; half-brother of Goldsmith Maid. Dam by Alexander's Norman; sire of Lulu, May Queen, Blackwood, etc. Grand dam by Alexander's Pilot, Jr.

## 4-H

CLUB NOTES

## Happy Hustlers

Vivian Shroeder gave a talk titled "Who's the fluffiest member of my 4-H family," and Antonia Baxa led the group in playing a game called "Poison Dart Frog" when Happy Hustlers 4-H club met Aug. 4 at Marion County Lake hall.

Rylee Thomas presided, Antonia led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Ruby Schmidt led the 4-H Pledge.

Twenty-four members, two leaders, eight parents, and three guests answered roll by naming their favorite fair activity.

Evelyn Baxa led the group in singing "Happy Birthday" to those with August birthdays.

Clayton Thomas talked in a parliamentary report about standing during roll call and when talking to the president. Members decided to do-

nate toward fair awards and a Friends of 4-H meal and to have an information table at Marion Elementary School's open house.

They were urged to start working on record books.

Refreshments were served by the Thomas family. The next meeting will be 7 p.m. Sept. 8 at the lake hall.

— Sophia Baxa, reporter

26TH ANNUAL

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*on the Lawn*

5:30 P.M.

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**By FINN HARTNETT**  
*Staff writer*

"I got fired by millions of people in January," she joked.

Root confirmed the money was re-

A few audience members wore blue

"I'll have people come up to me after meetings and apologize for being Republicans," she said.

"A lot of people have asked that question," she said. "My entire life I've been a Democrat, and I think it would be disingenuous for me to do that."



Aug. 14, it left the county on its way to Running Turkey Creek, south of Galva.



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## ACCIDENTS REPORTED

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

### SHERIFF

#### Crossroads Credit Union, Goessel

Sixteen-year-old Ashley Schrag, rural Goessel, backed her 2012 Ford Expedition out of a parking space at 5:09 p.m. Aug. 1 and into the side of a westbound 2016 Toyota Prius owned and driven by Rosemary K. Reimer, 69, rural Goessel.

Kelly M. Schrag, 55, of the driver's rural Goessel address, was a passenger in the Ford.

Both vehicles remained functional, the Ford with damage to its right rear and the Toyota with damage to its left doors.

Deputy Jesse Raney blamed the accident on improper backing, but no tickets were listed as being issued.

#### 330th Rd. east of Eagle Rd.

Leslie S. Barlow, 72, rural Lost Springs, hit a deer at 7:01 p.m. Aug. 2 with his 2012 Buick Encore.

The car remained drivable with damage to its hood, right front, and right side.

Cindy S. Francis, 68, Emporia, and Marvin R. Barlow, 64, Burdick, were passengers.

#### US-56 west of Limestone Rd.

James R. Karhoff, 44, Milton, Iowa, hit a deer at 10:50 p.m. Aug. 2 with his 2016 Nissan Rogue.

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

Gloria Karhoff, 74, Lincolnville, was a passenger.

### HILLSBORO

#### 1st and Jefferson Sts.

Glenn D. Ewert, 71, rural Durham, was ticketed for failing to yield after he allegedly ignored a yield sign and drove a southbound 2011 Chevrolet Impala into an eastbound 2018 Subaru Forester.

The Ford, owned by Donald W. Ewert of the driver's address, sustained damage characterized as minor to its right front bumper, according to Assistant Chief Randy Brazil's report.

The Subaru, owned and driven by Shaylynn M. Spurlin, 24, Hillsboro, sustained damage characterized as more serious to its left front. It remained drivable, however.

## CIVIL DIVISION CASES

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

Discover Bank filed a petition Aug. 6 against Jennifer Sevart seeking \$739.73 plus costs and interest for unpaid credit card bills.

Erin Marie Hernandez-Reisner filed a petition Aug. 4 to change her name to Evryn Analá Estavell.

Leticia Rose Hernandez-Reisner filed a petition Aug. 4 to change her name to Leticia Rose Estavell.

Marco Polo Hernandez-Reisner filed a petition Aug. 5 to change his name to Marco Zafireon Estavell.

## COUNTY JAIL ARRESTS AND BOOKINGS

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

### NEW JAILINGS

Shannon L. Albright, 35, Goessel, jailed Monday for failing to appear in court. Held in lieu of posting a \$10,000 bond. Previously jailed May 18 to Dec. 8, 2022, on suspicion of criminal possession of a weapon by a felon and Feb. 23 to March 8, 2022, for allegedly violating his probation and on a warrant from Newton Municipal Court.

Zachary S. Dvorak, 28, Galva, jailed Friday for 72 hours on court orders. Previously jailed seven times for a total of all or part of 174 days between May 13, 2018, and July 21, 2025. Previous jailings were on suspicion of domestic battery, driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, failing to use a required anti-drinking ignition interlock twice, aggravated making of a criminal threat, interference with law enforcement twice, battery of a law enforcement officer, and driving an unregistered vehicle; for allegedly violating his probation; for failing to appear in court four times; and on court orders twice.

James Wullenweber, 42, Hillsboro, jailed Friday for 48 hours on court orders. Previously jailed March 23, 2023, on a warrant from Hillsboro Municipal Court; April 20, 2020, on suspicion of domestic battery; and June 2, 2018, on suspicion of disorderly conduct, assault, and battery.

### FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

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

William T. Dies, 38, Hillsboro, since July 23.

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

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

Javell Q. Evans, 22, Wichita, July 23.

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

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

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

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

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

Dustin D. Rodgers, 50, Hillsboro, July 28.

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.

Levi S. Wiley, 38, Wichita, July 22.

## 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.

Brett E. Haws formally was charged Aug. 5 with possession of marijuana, THC, and drug paraphernalia and driving with defective tail lamps or tag light.

Deonte E. Hill formally was charged Aug. 5 with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Trevor N. Jasper, 23, Hillsboro, formally was charged July 17 with possession of THC and drug paraphernalia.

Devin A. Jones formally was charged Aug. 5 with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Alejandro Luna, 45, Topeka, was sentenced June 24 to 18 months' probation for possession of methamphetamine.

Mitchell W. McMillen, 47, Peabody, was sentenced July 22 to 14 months in prison for attempted residential burglary.

Lawson B. Parker, 37, Parkville, Missouri, formally was charged Thursday with possession of a firearm while under the influence of drugs or alcohol, driving while under the influence, and transportation of liquor in an open container.

Gilbert E. Ramirez, 18, Marion, formally was charged July 24 with two counts of endangering a child and two counts of domestic battery.

Jessica M. Snyder formally was charged Thursday with battery.

Theodore J. Turk formally was charged Aug. 5 with giving a worthless check.

Jacob R. Unruh formally was charged Aug. 5 with domestic battery.

Julio C. Vizcarra, 31, Florence, was sentenced June 24 to 24 months' probation and ordered to pay \$193 for aggravated assault.

Ryan E. Williams, 41, Marion, formally was charged July 24 with violation of the Kansas offender registration act, driving with defective mirrors, and having a defective tail lamp or tag light.

## 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.

In separate transactions, Angela H. Becker to Christal Perry, Clinton Becker, Cory Unruh, Jill Bailey, Troy Unruh, Daniel Gossen, Christopher Gossen, Heather Herren, Scott Saunders, Patrick Saunders, Zachary Becker, and Jacob Becker, transfer-on-death warranty deeds to 19 acres west of Indigo Rd. between 220th and 230th Rds., 2234 Indigo Rd. along with 119.02 acres, and 217 S. Main St., Hillsboro.

Mark Meyer and Marsha E. Setzkorn-Meyer to Dan D. and Hannah R. Goening, 2649 Limestone Rd.

Bryce L. and Kathy L. Woelk to themselves as trustees, quitclaim deed to 31.26 acres east of Alamo Rd. between 120th and 130th Rds., 9.19 acres south of 110th Rd. between Falcon and Goldenrod Rds., and 632 110th Rd. along with 20.36 acres.

Dennis E. Dillon to himself as trustee, 157.43 acres southwest of Mustang and 370th Rds. and 38.85 acres south of 370th Rd. between Kanza and Limestone Rds.

Brett J. Klingenberg, trustee, to Klingenberg Land LLC, trustee deed to 159.97 acres northeast of 30th and Vista Rds.

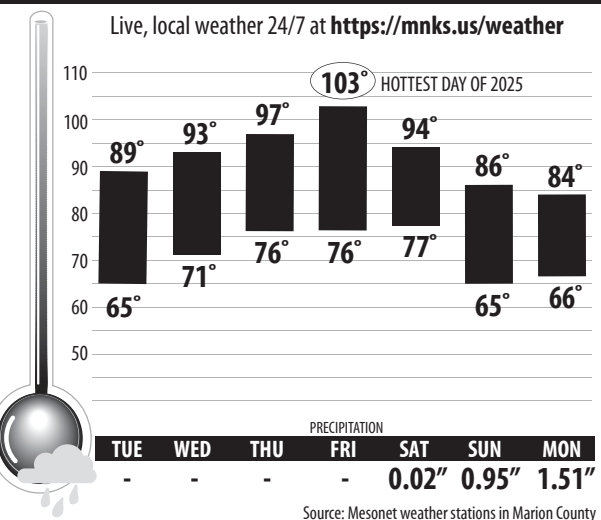
Gary R. Lyndaker and Darla Joyce Banman to Bonnie Banaker Gaeddert, trustee, 1334 Eagle Rd. along with 53.68 acres and 1062 Alamo Rd.

Theresa A. Jirak to The Mark L. Jirak and Theresa A. Jirak Trust, transfer-on-death warranty deed to 156.08 acres northeast of Upland and 260th Rds., and 473.17 acres north of 210th Rd. between Bluestem and Clover Rds.

In separate transactions, Rhodes Red Angus LLC to Luke and Ashley Busenitz and Austin and Krista Busenitz, undivided half interests in 313.74 acres southeast of US-50 and Union Rd., 8.04 acres southeast of US-50, 317.55 acres west of Wagonwheel Rd. between US-50 and 90th Rd., and 130.09 acres west of Wagonwheel Rd., between US-50 and 90th Rd.

## WEATHER

Aug. 5 through 11, 2025



Andrea Hager and Daniel L. Melbye to Stanley R. Lerner, 119 E. 5th St., Florence.

June Campbell Revocable Trust to Trevan Burns, trustee deed to 113 N. Wheat St., Goessel.

Brett A. and Michelle Roufs to Casey Carson, 803 Indigo Rd. along with 16.44 acres.

Richard and Eldora Penner Family Trust to Mathew Allen and Angela Dawn Penner, trustee deed to 14.55 acres south of 120th Rd. between Holly and Goldenrod Rds.

Nichalus P. McLaughlin to Joel J. Ratzlaff, 201 S. Prospect Ave., Lehigh.

Frederick A. and Ashley J. Sheridan to Tanner Jones, 111 E. Maria St., Lehigh.

## EMERGENCY DISPATCHES

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

### AUG. 5

**8:06 a.m.** — A 63-year-old woman who fell in a shower at Homestead Senior Residences, Marion, declined to be taken to a hospital by a backup ambulance based in Marion.

**7:48 p.m.** — A 69-year-old man who fell was transferred by Hillsboro ambulance from Hillsboro Community Hospital to Wesley Medical Center, Wichita.

### AUG. 6

**11:56 a.m.** — An 84-year-old woman with cardiac issues was transferred by the Marion backup ambulance from St. Luke Hospital, Marion, to Wesley.

**2:46 p.m.** — A fire alarm at Westview Manor in Peabody was determined by Peabody's fire chief to be a false alarm.

### THURSDAY

**5:30 p.m.** — A 58-year-old man not feeling well at Salem Home in Hillsboro was transferred to HCH by Hillsboro ambulance.

**7:35 p.m.** — A 97-year-old woman who hurt her back in a fall earlier in the day in the 300 block of N. Roosevelt St. in Marion was taken to St. Luke by the backup Marion ambulance.

**10:33 p.m.** — What appeared to be the same patient, now diagnosed with a neurological condition, was transferred by the backup ambulance to Ascension Via Christi St. Francis Hospital, Wichita.

### FRIDAY

**3:28 p.m.** — A 47-year-old man with low potassium in his blood was transferred by the backup ambulance from St. Luke to Wesley.

**5:09 p.m.** — With Marion ambulance out of the county, Hillsboro ambulance was dispatched for a report of a driver slumped over on US-77 near 120th Rd., but sheriff's deputies could not find the vehicle.

### SATURDAY

**12:54 a.m.** — Fire destroyed a house in the 200 block of N. Vernon St. in Lehigh. Firefighters from Hillsboro, Durham, and Goessel initially concentrated on preventing embers from spreading to adjacent structures and continued to battle the fire for 3½ hours. Hillsboro ambulance provided rehabilitation for firefighters. Lehigh firefighters continued at the scene until 10:09 a.m.

**1:50 p.m.** — A man hit by a sport-utility vehicle while operating an all-terrain vehicle on Indigo Rd. north of 170th Rd. was taken in critical condition to HCH by Hillsboro ambulance and then transferred by LifeSave helicopter to Wesley. An ambulance supervisor and Hillsboro firefighters also responded. Marion ambulance was repositioned to Hillsboro in case of additional calls.

**4:36 p.m.** — Lehigh firefighters returned to address rekindling in the 200 block of N. Vernon St. from the fire that destroyed a house in the 200 block of E. Case St. earlier in the day.

### SUNDAY

**12:52 p.m.** — A fire and carbon monoxide alarm at a home on Lakeshore Dr. near Random Rd. at Marion County Lake was determined by Marion's fire chief to have been a false alarm caused by residents changing batteries. Only one other Marion firefighter responded.

### MONDAY

**9:04 a.m.** — A 78-year-old man, dizzy, pale, and not responding normally at a home in the 700 block of E. Weldon St. in Marion, was taken to NMC Health, formerly Newton Medical Center, by the Marion backup ambulance. The address initially reported proved to be a vacant lot, but ambulance attendants located the patient at a home next door.

**1:50 p.m.** — A 45-year-old woman, dizzy and feeling ill at a home in the 500 block of Lawrence Ave. in Durham, was taken to HCH by the former Peabody ambulance, now being used by Tampa ambulance attendants. A Durham first responder provided initial evaluation.

## OFFENSES REPORTED

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

### SHERIFF

#### Criminal damage

Four doors on buildings at Tampa City Park were forcibly damaged between 9 p.m. Aug. 3 and 6 p.m. Aug. 4.

Damage was estimated at \$1,500.

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

### HILLSBORO

#### Auto theft, criminal damage, reckless driving, failure to report accident

A 2023 Ford Edge that had been parked unlocked with its key inside was stolen at 3:10 a.m. Aug. 5 from Hillsboro Ford and found crashed at 4:30 a.m. nearly half a mile away.

The car, valued at \$25,001, smashed into a city utility pole in the 100 block of N. Birch St.

The case remains under investigation.

### MARION

#### Firearm possession while under the influence, drunken driving, transporting open container

Lawson B. Parker, 37, Parkville, Missouri, was arrested at 9:10 p.m. July 26 at an unspecified location on US-56 for allegedly 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, according to an offense report released Monday.

As reported two weeks ago, Parker was taken to Marion County Jail and released 12 hours later after posting a \$2,500 bond.

#### Violation of protective order

Jordan S. Simmons, 28, Hillsboro, was arrested at 9:36 p.m. July 31 in the street in the 1000 block of E. Main St.

for allegedly violating an order of protection filed on behalf of a 27-year-old Marion woman, according to an offense report released Monday.

As reported last week, Simmons was taken to Marion County Jail and released 14 hours later after posting a \$2,500 bond.

He previously was jailed July 27 and 28 on suspicion of stalking.

## 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 often are excluded. Dates may reflect starting or ending dates of officers' shifts rather than actual dates of occurrence.

### HILLSBORO

**Aug. 4** — Drivers were warned for unsafe passing at US-56 and K-15 / Holly Rd. and for having a defective windshield in the 100 block of N. Ash St. Police checked on a resident of the 400 block of W. Grand Ave. and found that a child playing with a phone was responsible for a disconnected 911 call in the 300 block of N. Lincoln St.

**Aug. 5** — A vehicle stolen from Hillsboro Ford was found crashed into a utility pole in the 100 block of N. Birch St. Police presented a program on illicit substances to Tabor College students.

**Aug. 6** — A driver was warned for speeding in the 900 block of E. D St. Police checked on a resident of the 200 block of S. Ash St. and answered questions about electronic bicycles and about a civil matter in the 100 block of F St.

**Thursday** — Police monitored traffic at Hillsboro's new day-care center, checked on a resident of the 300 block of N. Main St., and identified streetlights that might not be working.

**Friday** — Police investigated a wreck at 1st and Jefferson Sts., helped round up cattle in the roadway at US-56 and K-15 / Holly Rd., and assisted a driver locked out of a vehicle in the 200 block of W. B St. Drivers were warned for equipment violations on US-56 near Santa Fe St., in the 200 block of W. 3rd St., and in the 200 block of N. Ash St.; for failing to signal a turn in the 100 block of N. Ash St.; for making an improper turn in the 400 block of S. Date St.; and for running a stop sign in the 200 block of Elm St.

**Saturday** — Police helped a dog owner find a loose dog, answered a question about vehicle registration, and helped at a wreck on Indigo Rd. near 170th Rd. Drivers were ticketed for running a stop sign at Madison and D Sts. and for running a stop sign and violating license restrictions at US-56 and Ash St. Other drivers were warned for expired registration in the 200 block of E. D St. and for equipment violations in the 100 block of S. Ash St., the 200 block of N. Ash St., and at US-56 and Ash St.

**Sunday** — Police stood by during a civil matter in the 200 block of Kennedy St.

### MARION

**Aug. 4** — Police helped a resident find misplaced medication in the 200 block of Grant St.

**Aug. 5** — Police participated in a Safe Kids event at the Sports and Aquatics Center.

**Aug. 6** — A door to a high-voltage fuse panel was found to have been opened to the elements outside the *Marion County Record* office, but the panel had not otherwise been tampered with. A driver was warned for speeding on US-56 at Timber Rd.

**Thursday** — A fox reportedly attacked a dog at Marion Cemetery. Police investigated a possible fraud. No problems were found in checking on a report of a person walking around property in the 700 block of S. Freeborn St. A driver was warned for speeding at US-56 and Timber Rd.

**Friday** — A vehicle apparently abandoned and illegally parked near 3rd and Water Sts. had broken down and was removed by its owner. A driver was ticketed for speeding and driving with a suspended license at Main and 2nd Sts.

**Saturday** — Police directed to a motel occupants of a vehicle parked in Central Park after hours. No problems were found in checking on a report of harassment and trespassing in the 200 block of N. Cedar St. and on a disconnected 911 call from the 300 block of Grant St. Police tried to catch a dog running loose near Main and Lincoln Sts. A driver was warned for speeding at Main and Vine Sts.

**Sunday** — Theft of a trailer from the 100 block of Walnut St. remains under investigation.

## TRAFFIC DIVISION CASES

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

David A. Chapin, 95 mph in 65 zone May 21, \$303

Mackenzie E. Craig, 82 mph in 65 zone May 22, \$195.

Holly N. Dixon, failure to dim headlights May 24, \$183.

Luke D. Fabrizius, 82 mph in 65 zone May 19, \$195.

Mackenzie M. Frye, operate vehicle without registration or expired tag May 30, case dismissed.

Julian F. Gadbury, 74 mph in 65 zone May 30, \$153.

Jose Gonzalez, operate a vehicle without a valid license May 18, case dismissed.

Kyle E. Mayfield, 84 mph in 65 zone May 24, \$207.

Zachary C. Miller, failure to dim headlights May 27, \$183.

Hannah M. Morrison, 85 mph in 65 zone May 23, \$213.

Zahin Muqsit, 84 mph in 65 zone and passing on left with insufficient clearance May 19, \$282.

Yuurajsinh U. Solanki, 80 mph in 65 zone May 25, \$183.

Nicholas Y. Vesely, 70 mph in 55 zone May 22, \$183.

Caleb M. Whitaker, operate vehicle without registration or with expired tag May 19, case dismissed.

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Tina L Groening  
Marion County Treasurer

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Castleberry:** 101 Ohio  
(BUR0108) ..... 318.91

**Richard Bass:** 204 W Main  
(BUR0109) ..... 797.22

**Rachael Topper & Preston Daratt:**  
101 N Winfield (BUR0127) . 618.69

**Carolyn Dawn & Leland Max  
Scofield Jr II:** 113 S Washington  
(BUR0134) ..... 203.14

**Michael L & Donna L Naill c/o  
John P & April L Licata:** 121 S  
Washington (BUR0135) ..... 489.91

**Delane Kellogg:** 123 S Nickerson  
(BUR0147) ..... 626.62

**Delane K Kellogg & Deborah J  
Kellogg H/W:** 127 S Nickerson  
(BUR0148) ..... 684.73

**Linda Tompkins & Bobbie Salas  
c/o Linda Tompkins:** 139 S  
Nickerson (BUR0150) ..... 100.68

**Delane Kellogg & Heavenlee  
Kellogg:** 141 S Nickerson  
(BUR0151) ..... 491.79

**Johnny L Bass:** 101 S Washington  
(BUR0152) ..... 360.71

**Michael Bass:** 108 S Washington  
(BUR0153) ..... 1,506.17

**Michael Bass:** 112 S Washington  
(BUR0154) ..... 1,513.04

**Michael Bass:** 116 S Washington  
(BUR0155) ..... 1,991.54

**Pedro Guerra Garcia:** 202 S  
Washington (BUR0166) ... 1,077.96

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**NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING**

The governing body of  
**Butler County Fire District #10, Butler County**

will meet on September 8, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. at Butler County Fire District #10 Station, Burns, KS for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information is available at Butler County Fire District #10 Station, Burns, KS 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		
	Expend- itures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expend- itures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expend- itures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	174,947	7.683	175,900	7.224	166,980	146,244	6.583
Debt Service	29,402	0.513	29,223	0.963	39,020	35,817	1.612
Non-Budgeted Funds	10,497						
Totals	214,846	8.196	205,123	8.187	206,000	182,061	8.195
Revenue Neutral Rate**							7.510
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	214,846		205,123		206,000		
Total Tax Levied	166,734		166,799				
Assessed Valuation:	20,347,014		20,376,842		22,217,045		
Outstanding Indebtedness,							
Jan 1	2023		2024		2025		
G.O. Bonds	545,000		525,000		505,000		
Revenue Bonds	0		0		0		
Other	0		0		0		
Lease Purchase Principal	0		0		0		
Total	545,000		525,000		505,000		

\*Tax rates are expressed in mills.

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

Teresa Goodwin

M-48-2809

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**NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BIIDGET HEARING**

The governing body of  
**Middle Creek Watershed #62 JT**

Chase County

will meet on September 9, 2025 at 7:00 PM at Lincolnville Community Building, 213 W Sixth, Lincolnville for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied and Revenue Neutral Rate Detailed budget information is available at Chase County Clerk's office and will be available at this hearing

### SUPPORTING COUNTIES

Chase County (home county) Marion County, Morris County

### 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		
	Expend- itures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expend- itures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expend- itures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	297,354	3.898	42,000	3.842	261,467	20,610	4.000
Operations & Maintenance							
Totals	297,354	3.898	42,000	3.842	261,467	20,610	4.00
Funds Supported by Township Only - Revenue Neutral Rate**							3.835
Less: Transfers	4,500		4,500		4,500		
Net Expenditure	292,854		37,500		256,967		
Total Tax Levied	19,765		19,765				
Assessed Valuation	5,005,902		5,153,215		5,152,686		

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

John Siebel

M-48-2806

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### NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of  
**City of Florence, Kansas**

will meet on 9/8/25 at 6:30 p.m. at 511 Main St 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 City Hall 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		
	Expend- itures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expend- itures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expend- itures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed
General	644,743	70.830	755,340	73.125	824,093	421,628	75.499
Debt Service	70,963	17.560	70,123	12.503	82,639	56,567	10.129
Library							
Special Highway	545		58,089		21,178		
Special Parks			1,500		1,500		
Rural Fire	2,276		3,260		27,171		
Fire Special	1,016		3,000		34,150		
Special Law Enforcement							
Sewer	40,903		75,800		53,900		
Solid Waste	106,227		148,500		179,800		
Water	160,842		264,784		190,000		
Florence Grand Prix	8,686		8,000		10,000		
Community Building							
Water Lease Legal Fund							
Non-Budgeted Funds-A	4,009						
Non-Budgeted Funds-B	35,338						
Totals	715,490	100.390	796,421	89.217	1,140,079	154,138	77.633
Revenue Neutral Rate**							80.044
Less: Transfers	2,000		83,500		18,500		
Net Expenditure	713,490		712,921		1,121,579		
Total Tax Levied	167,058		158,925				
Assessed Valuation:	1,664,075		1,781,316		1,985,462		

Outstanding Indebtedness,

Jan 1	2023	2024	2025
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	5,454	0	0
Lease Purchase Principal	24,750	20,759	37,755
Total	30,204	20,759	37,755

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Dana Gayle, City Clerk

M-48-2804

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### NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of  
**City of Peabody, Kansas**

will meet on Monday, September 8, 2025 at 7:00 PM at City Hall, 300 N Walnut, Peabody, 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 300 N Walnut, Peabody, KS 66866 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.

	Prior Year Actual 2024		Current Year Estimate 2025		Proposed Budget 2026		
Fund	Expend- itures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expend- itures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expend- itures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	644,743	70.830	755,340	73.125	824,093	421,628	75.499
Debt Service	70,963	17.560	70,123	12.503	82,639	56,567	10.129
Library							
Special Law & Fire Equip		1.767	10,000	1.717	54,406	9,591	1.717
Special Highway	467,786		314,000		564,176		
Special Parks & Recreation	4,942		4,500		5,350		
Water Operating	326,000		308,194		345,981		
Sewer Operating	218,731		213,771		234,696		
Refuse	96,350		96,350		104,715		
Non-Budgeted Funds-A	154,481						
Non-Budgeted Funds-B	10,400						
Non-Budgeted Funds-C	78,751						
Totals	2,073,147	90.157	1,772,278	87.345	2,216,056	487,786	87.345
Revenue Neutral Rate**							80.727
Less: Transfers	128,736		92,500		92,500		
Net Expenditure	1,944,411		1,679,778		2,123,556		
Total Tax Levied	423,219		450,830				
Assessed Valuation:	4,694,158		5,161,402		5,584,525		



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John Bass: 208 S Church (BUR0186) ..... 157.53

Richard Courteen Beam: 405 N Cincinnati (BUR0194) ..... 627.89

Lynn H Guess Jr: 321 N Cleveland (BUR0207) ..... 829.40

Eugene L & Amy D Pearson: 221 N Church (BUR0229) ..... 1,540.40

Eugene L Pearson: Cemetery Lane (BUR0231) ..... 172.34

Gene Pearson: Cemetery Lane (BUR0236) ..... 807.06

Gene Pearson: Liberty (BUR0238) ..... 47.79

Gene Pearson: Liberty (BUR0239) ..... 54.51

Gene Pearson: W Liberty (BUR0239A) ..... 101.74

Gene Pearson: N West (BUR0239B) ..... 70.86

Gene Pearson: Cemetery Lane (BUR0242) ..... 60.72

Thomas A Thomas: 120 N Washington (BUR0251) ..... 670.74

LINCOLNVILLE

Patsy Jo Troutt: 404 Lincolnville (LIN0015) ..... 710.50

Trevor James Troutt: 2356 290th (LIN0015B) ..... 2,125.55

Frederick Hayes: 501 Wichita (LIN0019) ..... 596.03

Sylvia M Bailey: 300 W 7th (LIN0023) ..... 3,213.75

Sylvia Bailey & Kenny Henson: 310 W 7th (LIN0024) ..... 1,344.49

David B Ebersole: 503 Newton (LIN0038) ..... 1,738.40

William Houle & Charlotte Houle H/W: 512 Topeka (LIN0042) ..... 510.53

Joseph H & Letizia A Vinduska H/W: 309 Lombard (LIN0080) ..... 698.22

Jason T Stika: 307 Lombard (LIN0081) ..... 555.23

Joseph & Letizia Vinduska H/W: 301 W Main (LIN0086) ..... 494.44

Melissa & Martin Combs , a married couple: 304 Adams (LIN0089) ..... 539.32

Curtis B Zimmer Tanya M Patterson et al c/o Robin Zimmer: 215 Kansas (LIN0094) ..... 318.20

Amy M Rose: 205 Kansas (LIN0095) ..... 1,048.45

Brent E & Jane A Pigorsch: 111 Kansas (LIN0103A) ..... 1,760.17

Victor D & Velda Gail Burns H/W: 411 N Lincolnville (LIN0159) ..... 756.27

Debra R Casey & Rebecca M Casey: 211 W 6th (LIN0175) ..... 465.52

LEHIGH CITY

Clinton J Snyder: 302 North (LECO003) ..... 98.00

Clinton J Snyder: 403 S Vernon (LECO004) ..... 1,863.27

Dalene Louise Jost: 211 N North (LECO021) ..... 803.66

Patti Y Wachs & Michael L Wachs: 108 E Kansas (LECO022) ..... 223.92

Rebecca Devin Wilcox: 211 N Vernon (LECO028) ..... 544.18

Nichalus P McLaughlin: 111 S Prospect (LECO072) ..... 749.72

Bradley J Dies & Paula E Dies: Prospect (LECO086) ..... 52.29

Bradley & Paula Dies H/W: 310 S Prospect (LECO088) ..... 1,386.09

Bradley & Paula Dies H/W: Lehigh (LECO089) ..... 56.19

Robert Lee James Jr: 308 W Main (LECO105) ..... 339.71

Shane Daniels: 305 W Main (LECO109A) ..... 741.80

Ethelda Lemon: 212 S Schmidt Lane (LECO117) ..... 1,010.44

Bradley L & Karen Bailey: 211 S Schmidt Lane (LECO118) . 1,214.50

Ethelda Lemon c/o Citimortgage Inc Rochester Outsourcing: SE Santa Fe (LECO123) ..... 43.56

Bradley J & Paula E Dies H/W: 310 N Palmer (LECO139) ..... 722.85

TAMPA

Thieen & Chelsey Antoszyk H/W: 501 Lincoln (TAM0110) ..... 569.00

Nathan Brunner: 421 Columbus (TAM0120) ..... 604.77

DURHAM

Fred Riffel c/o Dean Duke: County road (DUR0029) ..... 19.40

Nikki Hardey: 617 Abilene (DUR0044) ..... 806.78

Ginger Hoffer: 525 Lawrence (DUR0084) ..... 590.52

RAMONA

Brendan D Bailey: 406 N F (RAM0017) ..... 258.47

Vincent Madron & Jennifer Staatz: 303 N E (RAM0035) ..... 279.55

Andrew Brown: 312 N D (RAM0043) ..... 225.31

Vincent Madron & Jennifer Madron H/W: 302 E 2nd (RAM0061) ..... 684.93

Brendan Bailey: 311 N B (RAM0075) ..... 1,203.40

Anthony J & Amanda Radke: 303 N B (RAM0078) ..... 813.79

Phyllis M Brunner & Jayme L Brunner: 612 N D (RAM0098) ..... 788.75

David S & Jane A Staatz: 411 N D (RAM0101) ..... 472.62

Benjamin S Calvert: 210 E 4th (RAM0105) ..... 1,903.82

James Thiel: 401 N B (RAM0110) ..... 423.99

LOST SPRINGS CITY

Nathan Deneault: 201 E Crane (LSC0010) ..... 432.57

Blaine and/or Dottie Gehrke: Main (LSC0013) ..... 43.48

Troy & Valerie Jean Madron H/W: 209 E Chicago (LSC0036) .... 578.73

Troy Jr & Valerie Madron H/W: Main (LSC0041) ..... 24.93

Troy Jr & Valerie Madron H/W: Main (LSC0043) ..... 35.60

Dale E Weber & Marshawn A Weber H/W: S Cr (LSC0059A) ..... 24.66

Paul N Potocnik: 239 S S Smith (LSC0059AA) ..... 629.86

Daniel Paul Zinn: County road (LSC0072) ..... 23.24

Joyce Buckland-Rohloff: Jefferson (LSC0074) ..... 575.59

Ryan Makovec: 101 S Berry (LSC0091) ..... 2,937.18

Cynthia R Goentzel: 108 W Maple (LSC0112) ..... 343.91

Blaine & Dottie Gehrke: 902 N 1st (LSC0118) ..... 33.77

Blaine & Dottie Gehrke: 202 E Broadway (LSC0118A) ..... 600.62

Blaine and/or Dottie Gehrke H/W: Broadway (LSC0119) ... 79.69

GOESSEL

Steven Siebert Meyer: 218 E Main (GOE0002B) ..... 3,988.48

Shannon L Bell: W Main (GOE0101) ..... 262.91

Floyd H Lehrman & Theodore J Lehrman c/o Shannon Bell: 105 W Marion (GOE0102) ..... 1,085.08

Theodore J Lehrman: 102 W Main (GOE0103) ..... 115.66

Stacey G Sawyer & Tabitha K Sawyer: 301 B (GOE0112) .... 91.72

Diann K Richards: 219 S Buller (GOE0212) ..... 1,241.29

Anne D Burch Supplemental Needs Trust: 204 S Buller (GOE0214) ..... 1,101.70

Lee C Pischer & Sarah R Kirkpatrick: County road (GOE0304) ..... 1,293.33

HILLSBORO

Hillsboro Properties Lp c/o Oakwood Manor/Hillsboro Prop/Invervest: 401 N Ash (HIL0006) ..... 8,633.32

Bobby Lee Patterson Jr: 312 S Birch (HIL0057) ..... 273.23

Zachary Clyde Haskins: 404 S Cedar (HIL0099) ..... 664.72

Betty A & Joe Gayle: 411 S Cedar (HIL0112) ..... 991.51

Timothy J Carr: 113 N Birch (HIL0167) ..... 1,324.45

Jason & Carla Hamm: 105 S Date (HIL0195B) ..... 3,136.70

Jason Hamm & Carla Hamm: 507 W Grand (HIL0200) ..... 357.99

Erik Torres & Maria Torres: 404 N Main (HIL0241) ..... 2,594.32

Michelle D Kersten: 218 S Adams (HIL0264) ..... 1,035.95

Joseph Jerald Pritchett: 120 N Industrial Rd (HIL0338A) ..... 18,042.75

Kristine Meyerson: 104 S Floral Dr (HIL0390) ..... 1,379.46

Mary Catherine & Jay L McClure H/W: 210 S Elm (HIL0408) ..... 3,781.39

Joseph Jerald Pritchett: 803 E C (HIL0503) ..... 3,900.01

Richard Brent Dunagan Andrea Dunagan: 102 N Ash (HIL0580) ..... 2,379.17

Randall S Decker: 107 N Lincoln (HIL0609) ..... 2,153.55

Stephen C Stafford: 211 E Grand (HIL0678) ..... 331.46

Juan Gomez: 117 S Main (HIL0707) ..... 4,660.18

Rodney D Faul et al c/o Gordon Reiswig: 305 E A (HIL0730) ..... 1,040.88

DLH Enterprises LLC: 202 S Lincoln (HIL0731) ..... 2,977.63

Christian H Hays & Kristen D Hays: 307 N Ash (HIL0784) ..... 1,036.29

Christian H Hays & Kristen D Hays: 220 N Ash (HIL0810) ..... 1,151.35

Bernardo A Flores-Zazueta: 211 N Washington (HIL0818) .... 1,379.27

Efren Torres c/o Erik Torres: 207 N Lincoln (HIL0829) ..... 310.51

John A Schermerhorn: 213 N Lincoln (HIL0831) ..... 1,182.32

James M & Mary C Wullenweber: 216 N Washington (HIL0838) ..... 592.88

Grant T & Stacie N Myers Revoc Trust: 308 N Madison (HIL0865) ..... 932.94

Rebecca A McLaughlin c/o Rebecca Anne Rhea: 312 N Washington (HIL0907) ..... 345.56

Dennis G Gora: 310 N Washington (HIL0908) ..... 297.04

Kenneth D Klierer: 308 N Washington (HIL0909) ..... 635.61

Matthew Baize: 313 N Washington (HIL0918) ..... 1,011.26

Kevin W Brandt: 316 N Main (HIL0920) ..... 1,836.35

Marc S Schroeder: 102 W 2nd (HIL0926) ..... 1,241.38

Annie Peterson: 106 S Cedar (HIL0969) ..... 253.83

Melvin Reimer: 311 W Grand (HIL0971) ..... 1,201.21

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The governing body of Unified School District 398 will meet on the 10th day of September 2025 at 6:05 PM at 506 Elm St, Peabody, KS 66866 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information, including budget profile, building needs assessment and Board state assessments review is available at the District Office on the district website and will be available at this hearing.

The Amount of 2025 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2025-2026 Budget. The ‘Est. Tax Rate’ (column 7), shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

		2023-2024 Actual		2024-2025 Actual		2025-2026 Proposed Budget		
	Code 99 line	Actual Ex-penditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Ex-penditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Budgeted Ex-penditures (5)	Amount of 2025 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est Tax Rate* (7)
OPERATING								
General	06	2,591,689	20.000	2,663,113	20.000	3,022,877	685,245	20.000
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	977,576	22.840	946,220	22.996	994,883	834,679	20.648
SPECIAL REVENUE								
Federal Funds	07	332,192		125,438		90,280		
Adult Education	10	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Preschool-Aged At-Risk	11	53,496		40,421		63,160		
Adult Supplemental Education	12	0		0		0		
At-Risk Education Fund	13	457,554		484,131		586,000		
Bilingual Education	14	0		0		0		
Virtual Education	15	45,637		26,929		67,500		
Capital Outlay	16	518,900	3.995	436,416	3.998	995,000	161,697	4.000
Driver Training	18	18		4,879		20,000		
Declining Enrollment	19	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary School Program	22	0		0		0		
Food Service	24	162,655		152,926		205,000		
Professional Development	26	15,179		36,657		70,000		
Parent Education Program	28	0		0		0		
Summer School	29	0		0		0		
Special Education	30	575,779		560,126		719,807		
Cost of Living	33	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Career and Postsecondary Education	34	105,608		107,115		174,000		
Gifts and Grants	35	100,677		89,344		449,000		
Special Liability Expense Fund	42	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	45	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Reserve Fund	47	0		0				
KPERS Special Retirement Contribution	51	255,855		232,495		252,605		
Contingency Reserve	53	0		0				
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	43,097		32,583				
Activity Fund	56	21,691		18,139				
DEBT SERVICE								
Bond and Interest #1	62	0	0.000	165,178	0.000	114	0	0.000
Bond and Interest #2	63	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	66	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Assessment	67	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Temporary Note	68	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
COOPERATIVES								
Special Education	78	0		0		0		
TOTAL USO EXPENDITURES	100	6,257,603	46.835	6,122,110	46.994	7,710,226	1,681,621	44.648
Less: Transfers	105	1,418,394		1,365,959	46.994	1,494,380		
NET USO EXPENDITURES	110	4,839,209		4,756,151		6,215,846		
TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED	115	1,752,219		1,740,576		1,681,621		

		2023-2024 Actual		2024-2025 Actual		2025-2026 Proposed Budget		
	Code 99 line	Actual Ex-penditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Ex-penditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Budgeted Ex-penditures (5)	Amount of 2025 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est Tax Rate* (7)
OTHER								
Historical Museum	80	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board	82	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	83	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Recreation Commission	84	134,750	1.718	65,389	1.999	95,000	80,860	2.000
Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab	86	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
TOTAL OTHER	120	134,750	1.718	65,389	1.999	95,000	80,860	2.000
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	125	\$1,819,302		\$1,819,717		\$1,762,481		

Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	\$35,161,366	\$33,594,332	\$34,262,226
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130	\$39,038,079	\$39,543,553	\$40,424,226
Assessed Valuation - Capital Outlay	129	\$39,038,079	\$39,465,820	\$40,424,226
Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1		2023	2024	2025
General Obligation Bonds	135	0	0	0
Capital Outlay Bonds	140	0	0	0
Temporary Note	145	0	0	0
No-Fund Warrant	150	0	0	0
Lease Purchase Principal	153	0	0	0
TOTAL USD DEBT	155	0	0	0

Tax Rates are expressed in Mills

Hope Reynolds  
Board President

Erika Jones  
Clerk of the Board

### Exceeding Revenue Neutral for the 2025-2026 School Year

The governing body of Unified School District 398 will meet on the 10th day of September 2025 at 6:00 PM at 506 Elm St, Peabody, KS 66866 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information, including budget profile, is available at the District Office and will be available at this hearing.

Revenue Neutral						
	2024-2025		Revenue Neu-tral Taxes	Revenue Neu-tral Tax Rate	2025-2026	
	Actual Tax-es Levied	Actual Tax Rate			Proposed Tax-es to be Levied	Proposed Tax Rate
General	\$671,887	20.000	\$671,883	19.610	\$685,245	20.000
ALL OTHER FUNDS						
Supplemental General (LOB)	\$910,394	22.996	\$909,344	22.495	\$834,679	20.648
Adult Education	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Capital Outlay	\$158,295	3.998	\$158,099	3.911	\$161,697	4.000
Cost of Living	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Special Liability Expense Fund	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	\$0	0.000			so	0.000
Bond and Interest #1	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Bond and Interest #2	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Special Assessment	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Temporary Note	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Historical Museum	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Public Library Board	\$0	0.000			\$0	0,000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Revenue Neutral Calculation						
Total Taxes Levied Including General Fund	\$1,740,576	46.994	\$1,739,326	46.016	\$1,681,621	44.648
Total Taxes Levied Excluding General Fund	\$1,068,689	26.994	\$1,067,443	26.406	\$996,376	24.648

Hope Reynolds  
Board President

Erika Jones  
Clerk of the Board  
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**NOTICE OF REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE HEARING AND BUDGET HEARING**

The Governing Body of

**Hesston Recreation and Community Education**

will meet on August 26, 2025 at 11:30 AM at USD 460 Board Room for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of funds. Detailed budget information is available at Hesston Recreation Offices and will be available at this meeting.

**SUPPORTING COUNTIES**

Harvey (home county) McPherson, Marion

**BUDGET SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES**

The proposed budget year expenditure amount is the maximum expenditure limit for the proposed budget

Fund	Prior Year Actual 2023/2024	Current Year Estimated 2024/2025	Proposed Budget Year 2025-2026
General	785,465	825,818	1,853,800
Employee Benefit and Special Lia	57,704	81,990	58,000
Totals	843,169	907,808	1,911,800
Lease Purchases:	2022	2023	2024
1-Jul	0	0	0
Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988			12.466
Total Proposed Estimated Tax Rate			13.400

Hesston Recreation and Community Education  
Recreation Commission Secretary

M-48-2810



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**Lonnie Benda & Charissa Benda:** 212 S Cedar (HIL0976) ..... 672.55

**Jeffrey D Siegel & Jan L Siegel:** 205 S Washington (HIL1090) ..... 2,274.67

**Rodney J Voth:** 404 1/2 S Washington (HIL1112) ..... 694.32

**Sharon Schroeder:** 212 S Lincoln (HIL1150) ..... 1,087.14

**DLH Enterprises LLC:** 216 S Lincoln (HIL1152) ..... 2,982.43

**Jessy Dean Thouvenell:** 205 S Madison (HIL1183) ..... 1,064.71

**Pam J Dowson:** 705 S Washington (HIL1210) ..... 138.28

**Zachary Clyde Haskins:** 510 S Washington (HIL1231) ..... 771.09

**Lowell D Foth:** 513 S Main (HIL1239) ..... 1,200.38

**Logan Sterk:** 110 S Date (HIL1262) ..... 1,335.76

**Larry G Bartel, deceased c/o Kevin J Bartel & Jamie L Bartel H/W:** 110 N Cedar (HIL1314) ..... 227.81

**Shauna Lacio:** 114 N Cedar (HIL1319) ..... 738.60

**Jackie L Gage Jr & Becky E Gage:** W Arbor Ct (HIL1449) ..... 131.76

**Kansas Home Solutions Lcc c/o Felix Ramirez:** E Third St (HIL1635) ..... 626.00

**Kansas Home Solutions LLC c/o Felix Ramirez:** E Third St (HIL1636) ..... 626.00

**Kansas Home Solutions LLC c/o Felix Ramirez:** E Third St (HIL1639) ..... 626.00

**Kansas Home Solutions LLC c/o Felix Rameriz:** E Third St (HIL1640) ..... 626.00

**Kansas Home Solutions LLC c/o Felix Ramirez:** E Third St (HIL1641) ..... 626.00

**Kansas Home Solutions LLC c/o Felix Ramirez:** E Third St (HIL1642) ..... 626.00

**Kansas Home Solutions LLC:** E Third St (HIL1643) ..... 626.00

**Kansas Home Solutions LLC:** E Third St (HIL1644) ..... 626.00

**Kansas Home Solutions LLC:** E Third St (HIL1645) ..... 626.00

**Kansas Home Solutions LLC:** E Third St (HIL1646) ..... 626.00

**Kansas Home Solutions LLC:** E Third St (HIL1647) ..... 626.00

**Kansas Home Solutions LLC:** E Third St (HIL1648) ..... 626.00

**Kansas Home Solutions LLC:** E Third St (HIL1649) ..... 626.00

**Kansas Home Solutions LLC:** E Third St (HIL1650) ..... 621.59

**FLORENCE**

**Diana Dee York:** County road (FLO0017) ..... 52.13

**Billie J Fleming:** 161 Highway 77 (FLO0018) ..... 500.51

**Vern L Armantrout c/o Warren Hager:** County road (FLO0019) ..... 40.93

**Joe Gayle:** 181 Kimball (FLO0021) ..... 364.21

**Robert & Elizabeth Busch H/W:** County road (FLO0022) ..... 152.71

**Tammy D Hinton:** 210 W 10th (FLO0048) ..... 1,003.80

**Jose G Delreal:** 1118 N Highway 77 (FLO0073) ..... 507.45

**Rebecca K Fetrow:** W 5th (FLO0074) ..... 49.44

**Dallas Spencer Wells:** 1172 Highway 77 (FLO0075) ..... 2,436.62

**Diana Dee York:** 101 Circle Dr (FLO0077) ..... 1,752.52

**Scott Zogelman:** 424 Main (FLO0123) ..... 691.99

**Laura A La Borde:** 721 Main (FLO0151) ..... 1,686.17

**Steve Penwell:** 809 Main (FLO0159) ..... 657.37

**Loretta Looney:** 810 Main (FLO0163) ..... 1,181.89

**Loretta Looney:** 822 Main (FLO0165) ..... 206.08

**Loretta Looney:** 101 Doyle (FLO0170) ..... 713.26

**Laura C Francis et al:** 218 W 2nd (FLO0184) ..... 95.35

**Laura C Francis c/o Treva Janzen & Micah Bailey:** 222 W 2nd (FLO0186) ..... 116.42

**Donald D & Betty Williams:** E 3rd (FLO0191) ..... 40.27

**Stephanie Eaton:** 210 W 4th (FLO0243) ..... 622.64

**Richard W Duncan:** 107 W 3rd (FLO0250A) ..... 456.11

**Bill D & Jacquelyn K Berry c/o Billie Don Berry Jr:** 104 W 4th (FLO0254) ..... 478.14

**Bruce Fetrow:** 103 E 5th (FLO0294) ..... 36.92

**Taron Langhover:** 124 E 5th (FLO0295) ..... 524.91

**Ronald L Shipman:** 101 W 4th (FLO0297) ..... 777.16

**Seth Marshall Yepma:** 104 W 5th (FLO0305) ..... 956.75

**Gary Bailey:** 114 W 5th (FLO0306) ..... 46.51

**Phillip L Webb:** 122 W 5th (FLO0308) ..... 469.70

**Lisa Marie Espinoza:** 124 W 5th (FLO0309) ..... 489.95

**Aaron Buchanan & Jessi Buchanan:** 213 W 4th (FLO0312) ..... 964.16

**Scott Zogelman:** 225 W 4th (FLO0314) ..... 590.58

**Rosario N Acosta De Aponte:** 222 W 5th (FLO0319) ..... 52.86

**Joshua & Danyella Catlin:** 303 W 4th (FLO0324) ..... 559.29

**Billy D Rosiere:** 327 W 4th (FLO0332) ..... 65.89

**Daniel II & Linda Catlin:** 210 W 6th (FLO0352) ..... 979.53

**Ethan Hinton:** 214 W 6th (FLO0353) ..... 488.40

**Laura C Francis:** 124 W 6th (FLO0367) ..... 481.94

**Bruce Fetrow:** 103 E 5th (FLO0370) ..... 1,138.17

**Bruce Fetrow:** County road (FLO0371) ..... 21.75

**Bruce H Fetrow:** 5th (FLO0372) ..... 52.86

**Andrea D Hager n/k/a Andrea D Melbye:** 509 Barker (FLO0374) ..... 169.13

**Andrea Hager:** 5th (FLO0375) 41.62

**Brian C Hinton c/o Lisa Cox:** 236 E 6th (FLO0389) ..... 464.57

**Michele Sattler:** 104 W 7th (FLO0423) ..... 402.74

**John Burstein & Heather Burstein:** 208 W 7th (FLO0438) ..... 294.36

**Gerald Lee Hurt et al:** 222 W 7th (FLO0440) ..... 1,062.57

**Sherri Wilson:** 7th (FLO0444) . 39.93

**Larry G Lawrence & Jonnita L Metcalf c/o Gerald Bender:** 621 Doyle (FLO0450) ..... 201.18

**Brittany D Morningsky c/o Brittany D Morningsky:** 235 W 7th (FLO0457) ..... 471.02

**Seth Yepma:** 103 W 7th (FLO0462) ..... 1,183.46

**Seth Yepma:** 105 W 7th (FLO0463) ..... 210.80

**Jennifer Marie Lopez:** 131 W 7th (FLO0466) ..... 1,021.83

**Michael G & Tracey E Warner:** 133 W 7th (FLO0467) ..... 285.22

**Frank J Omstead:** 235 E 7th (FLO0484) ..... 549.16

**Jessica Slater:** 110 W 9th (FLO0500) ..... 1,077.09

**Eric W Clay & Barbara A Clay c/o Wells Fargo Real Estate Tax Service:** 1023 Marion (FLO0537) ..... 67.48

**Cody Wells:** 214 W 11th (FLO0541) ..... 454.34

**Kevin C & Janet D Robinson:** 240 W 11th (FLO0544) ..... 686.33

**Tiffany Johnson:** 109 W 9th (FLO0557) ..... 1,903.15

**Terry Lee Britton et al:** 1502 Marion (FLO0568) ..... 81.17

**Rebecca K Harris:** 235 Grandview (FLO0578) ..... 1,852.93

**Travis Parmley:** 330 Grandview (FLO0593) ..... 37.09

**Shirley J Hett:** 429 Grandview (FLO0595) ..... 909.40

**Raquel R Riggs:** 234 Grandview (FLO0600) ..... 1,489.13

**John & Lisa Clabough:** 325 Circle Dr (FLO0610) ..... 1,041.87

**Shyla Harris:** 435 Circle Dr (FLO0613) ..... 1,335.51

**Daniel J Depler:** 402 W 7th (FLO0628) ..... 532.67

**Daniel J Depler:** 408 W 7th (FLO0630) ..... 62.98

**Cpo Properties LLC:** 421 W 6th (FLO0639) ..... 718.16

**Thomas Comstock & Lisa Jacobson:** 417 W 6th (FLO0640) ..... 1,488.69

**Thomas Comstock & Lisa Jacobson:** 407 W 6th (FLO0641) ..... 1,234.23

**Douglas W Eddy:** 404 W 6th (FLO0642) ..... 1,286.98

**Jason Wade Hinton:** 420 W 6th (FLO0645) ..... 665.37

**Rebecca K Fetrow:** County road (FLO0647A) ..... 591.74

**MARION**

**Brett Unruh & Ashley Unruh:** County road (MAR0059E) . 483.80

**Expedition Wind LLC:** County road (MAR0059M) ..... 25.65

**Theodore Turk & Samantha Turk:** 340 Coble (MAR0068C) ... 7,177.34

**J Rockney & Shirley Jo Hett:** 208 Hett Hollow (MAR0100) .. 5,775.32

**LJB LLC c/o Linda K Johnson:** Ashley Dr (MAR0100A) ..... 47.18

**Victor L Buckner:** 106 Ashley Dr (MAR0100E) ..... 4,072.55

**Victor L Buckner:** Ashley Dr (MAR0100F) ..... 79.89

**Travis L Ratzloff & Derrick E Ratzloff:** 609 S Cedar St (MAR0160) ..... 702.66

**Donald L Wilson:** E Forest (MAR0187) ..... 49.44

**Darryl J & Linda Brewer:** S Grant St (MAR0191) ..... 274.10

**Linda K Johnson:** 127 S Billings St (MAR0192) ..... 232.52

**Patrick O Dye & Sarah L Dye:** 211 E Main (MAR0216) ..... 1,913.38

**Echo L Smith:** 410 E Santa Fe St (MAR0251) ..... 1,213.90

**Johsanna M Reid:** 108 E Santa Fe St (MAR0259) ..... 898.95

**Johsanna M Reid:** 102 E Santa Fe St (MAR0260) ..... 125.18

**William G Burton & Charlotte Burton:** 219 N 2nd (MAR0262) ..... 615.09

**Jonathan Ramirez & Leora M Ramirez H/W:** 214 E Main St (MAR0276) ..... 2,481.69

**S&S Medspa LLC:** 308 E Main (MAR0285) ..... 1,763.95

**Gary T Savage & Cristy Savage:** 218 N 3rd St (MAR0303) .. 1,069.29

**Deliliah Belshe:** 202 Miller St (MAR0314) ..... 727.98

**Bryan Grosse:** 314 N 3rd St (MAR0323) ..... 216.01

**James E Willis & Cheryl E Willis:** 815 E Main St (MAR0330) .... 989.14

**Casey & Angela Snow H/W Jr:** 809 E Main St (MAR0334) ..... 2,464.20

**Casey & Angela Snow H/W:** 110 S Lincoln St (MAR0335) ..... 94.06

**M Lisa Wildin-Anderson:** 820 E Main St (MAR0337) ..... 1,860.15

**Dennis Dawson Sharon Dawson:** 410 N Lincoln (MAR0373) 2,973.01

**John R & Mary T Griffith:** 509 N Cedar St (MAR0380) ..... 552.55

**John R & Mary T Griffith H/W:** 810 E Hudson St (MAR0385) ..... 56.42

**Gale L & Nanette Jean Lowry:** 201 N Locust St (MAR0465) .. 2,048.86

**Kevin Dasenbrock & Lauren Dasenbrock:** 610 E Sherman (MAR0499) ..... 763.95

**Charlotte A & Chris G Coleman W/H:** 145 N Roosevelt St (MAR0503) ..... 1,106.27

**Richard Blount:** 135 N Roosevelt St (MAR0505) ..... 419.79

**David Roberts c/o Diana Myers:** 328 N Cedar (MAR0541) .. 1,642.72

**Henry G Ethem:** 910 E Hudson (MAR0558) ..... 931.26

**Henry G Ethem:** 502 N Cedar (MAR0559) ..... 92.70

**Manuel Aviles:** 520 N Cedar (MAR0564A) ..... 551.17

**Felicitas Luise Dye c/o Patrick Dye:** 403 N Freeborn (MAR0579) ..... 481.19

**Sheila Williams:** 415 N Freeborn (MAR0580) ..... 2,642.02

**Manuel Aviles:** 210 N Roosevelt (MAR0605) ..... 475.51

**Paul Morrison:** 135 N Freeborn St (MAR0610) ..... 501.15

**“Restricted”:** 116 N Roosevelt St (MAR0618) ..... 807.73

**Michelle Gooding:** 404 N Freeborn St (MAR0660) ..... 302.51

**Linda Kay Brewer:** 129 W Santa Fe St (MAR0683) ..... 947.57

**James B Williams:** 211 N 1st St (MAR0714) ..... 916.86

**Bryan Grosse:** 214 W Santa Fe (MAR0730) ..... 119.82

**Bryan Grosse:** 216 W Santa Fe St (MAR0731) ..... 94.69

**Bryan Grosse:** 220 W Santa Fe St (MAR0732) ..... 1,246.22

**I Marlene Wright:** W Santa Fe St (MAR0740) ..... 166.79

**Steven J Hart & Melinda M Hart:** 548 W Santa Fe St (MAR0752) ..... 2,399.63

**Dale W & Joni M Riemann:** 100 W Washington St (MAR0755) 974.27

**Elizabeth Pearson & Danyal Hamm:** 115 Washington (MAR0756) ..... 1,387.33

**Kenneth Fisher:** Jefferson St (MAR0767) ..... 67.41

**Jackie W & Deborah L Shelton H/W:** 402 N Walnut St (MAR0781) ..... 1,005.44

**Terry Looney:** N Walnut St (MAR0786) ..... 35.10

**Terry Looney:** 415 N Walnut St (MAR0788) ..... 730.66

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The governing body of Unified School District 397 will meet on the 8th day of September 2025 at 6:50 PM at Centre Boardroom 111 2374 310th Street, Lost Springs, KS 66859 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information, including budget profile, building needs assessment and Board state assessments review is available at District Office on the district website and will be available at this hearing.

The Amount of 2025 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2025-2026 Budget. The ‘Est. Tax Rate’ (column 7), shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

	2023-2024 Actual			2024-2025 Actual		2025-2026 Proposed Budget		
	Code 99 line	Actual Ex-penditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Ex-penditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Budgeted Ex-penditures (5)	Amount of 2025 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est Tax Rate* (7)
<b>OPERATING</b>								
General	06	3,757,558	20.000	4,118,841	20.000	3,833,404	697,617	20.000
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	796,748	10.913	921,896	13.558	916,940	446,915	11.543
<b>SPECIAL REVENUE</b>								
Federal Funds	07	233,217		81,535		83,237		
Adult Education	10	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Preschool-Aged At-Risk	11	0		9,608		40,392		
Adult Supplemental Education	12	0		0		0		
At-Risk Education Fund	13	316,768		266,909		301,771		
Bilingual Education	14	0		0		0		
Virtual Education	15	814,754		843,432		1,184,280		
Capital Outlay	16	1,006,950	6.000	2,727,236	5.989	1,308,244	309,728	8.000
Driver Training	18	2,529		3,815		7,450		
Declining Enrollment	19	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary School Program	22	0		0		0		
Food Service	24	170,060		186,138		208,253		
Professional Development	26	5,818		20,159		47,000		
Parent Education Program	28	0		0		0		
Summer School	29	0		0		0		
Special Education	30	817,095		930,951		1,052,596		
Cost of Living	33	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Career and Postsecondary Education	34	199,394		212,663		235,300		
Gifts and Grants	35	171,773		180,260		448,600		
Special Liability Expense Fund	42	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	45	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Reserve Fund	47	0		0		371,787		
KPERS Special Retirement Contribution	51	321,235		315,408				
Contingency Reserve	53	0		0				
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	4,835		533				
Activity Fund	56	35,801		29,189				
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>								
Bond and Interest #1	62	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Bond and Interest #2	63	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	66	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Assessment	67	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Temporary Note	68	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
<b>COOPERATIVES</b>								
Special Education	78	0		0		0		
<b>TOTAL USO EXPENDITURES</b>	100	8,654,535	36.913	10,848,573	39.547	10,039,254	1,454,260	39.543
Less: Transfers	105	2,037,835		2,239,433		2,028,000		
<b>NET USO EXPENDITURES</b>	110	6,616,700		8,609,140		8,011,254		
<b>TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED</b>	115	1,338,402		1,426,794		1,454,260		

	2023-2024 Actual			2024-2025 Actual		2025-2026 Proposed Budget		
	Code 99 line	Actual Ex-penditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Ex-penditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Budgeted Ex-penditures (5)	Amount of 2025 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est Tax Rate* (7)
<b>OTHER</b>								
Historical Museum	80	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board	82	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	83	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Recreation Commission	84	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab	86	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
<b>TOTAL OTHER</b>	120	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
<b>TOTAL TAXES LEVIED</b>	125	\$1,338,402		\$1,426,794		\$1,454,260		

Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	\$35,142,152		\$34,276,529		\$34,880,845
Assessed Valuation -All Other Funds	130	\$37,657,663		\$37,921,915		\$38,716,055
Assessed Valuation - Capital Outlay	129	\$37,657,663		\$37,921,915		\$38,716,055
Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1		2023		2024		2025
General Obligation Bonds	135	0		0		0
Capital Outlay Bonds	140	0		0		0
Temporary Note	145	0		0		0
No-Fund Warrant	150	0		0		0
Lease Purchase Principal	153	0		0		0
TOTAL USD DEBT	155	0		0		0

Tax Rates are expressed in Mills  
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Revenue Neutral						
	2024-2025		Revenue Neu- tral Taxes	Revenue Neu- tral Tax Rate	2025-2026	
	Actual Tax- es Levied	Actual Tax Rate			Proposed Tax- es to be Levied	Proposed Tax Rate
General	\$685,531	20.000	\$685,531	19.654	\$697,617	20.000
ALL OTHER FUNDS						
Supplemental General (LOB)	\$514,149	13.558	\$514,145	13.280	\$446,915	11.543
Adult Education	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Capital Outlay	\$227,114	5.989	\$227,114	5.866	\$309,728	8.000
Cost of Living	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Special Liability Expense Fund	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Bond and Interest #1	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
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Special Assessment	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Temporary Note	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Historical Museum	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Public Library Board	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Public Library Board Emoloyee Benefits	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000



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**Charles S Park:** 341 S 4th St (MAR0817) ..... 587.71

**Julie A Scheideman:** 310 S 1st St (MAR0828) ..... 300.56

**Julie A Scheideman:** 314 S 1st St (MAR0829) ..... 1,791.88

**Thomas E Essex:** 403 S 3rd St (MAR0835) ..... 502.43

**Daniel R Spohn & Terry L Looney:** 204 E Maple St (MAR0841) 126.32

**Mike T Loomis:** County road (MAR0848RR) ..... 279.47

**Loretta Looney:** 516 S 3rd St (MAR0861A) ..... 597.60

**Daniel R Spohn & Terry L Looney:** S 3rd St (MAR0867) ..... 81.80

**Donald L Wilson:** 126 E Forest (MAR0872) ..... 462.59

**Delillah Belshe:** E Forest (MAR0877) ..... 50.34

**Donald L Wilson:** 127 E Forest (MAR0877A) ..... 301.80

**Sherry L Hess & Keith A Hess:** 124 S Lincoln (MAR0887) ..... 530.27

**Maranne S Hett:** 129 S Freeborn St (MAR0918) ..... 903.44

**Stanley A & Barbara L Harms:** 121 S Freeborn St (MAR0920) ..... 1,250.88

**Manuel Aviles:** 210 S Cedar (MAR0953) ..... 278.13

**Trevor W Smith:** 212 S Cedar (MAR0954) ..... 2,177.81

**J Kendall Allison & Jacqueling Osborne c/o Jon K Allison:** 225 S Roosevelt (MAR0959) ... 1,310.84

**Richard P Blount:** 413 S Roosevelt St (MAR1056) ..... 485.36

**Stuart Parks:** 407 S Roosevelt St (MAR1057) ..... 549.58

**Richard Paul Blount:** 310 S Lincoln St (MAR1075) ..... 382.05

**Bryce A Shults:** 316 S Lincoln St (MAR1076) ..... 1,470.12

**Terry L Looney:** 321 S Cedar St (MAR1078) ..... 696.57

**Terry Looney:** 319 S Cedar St (MAR1079) ..... 574.48

**Margie Ann & Jerry Eugene Tajchman:** 415 N 3rd St (MAR1089A) ..... 2,368.57

**Victoria Buckner:** 123 S Billings St (MAR1119) ..... 554.74

**Andrew B Aames:** 122 S Billings (MAR1125) ..... 504.29

**Darryl J & Linda K Brewer:** 316 S Grant St (MAR1138) ..... 764.60

**Bryan Grosse:** 432 Arbor St (MAR1146A) ..... 498.92

**Jamie Hunt:** 505 W Cleveland (MAR1160) ..... 663.49

**Derik K Newman:** 319 S Grant St (MAR1168) ..... 430.13

**Thomas Richmond & Eula Richmond H/W:** 331 S 1st (MAR1202) ..... 1,135.42

**R2 Real Estate Holdings LLC:** 1015 E Melvin St (MAR1228) .... 3,486.28

**Tamlette V Pouncil:** 908 E Melvin (MAR1236) ..... 911.16

**Floyd Myers Sr & Laura L Myers H/W:** 529 S Roosevelt St (MAR1237) ..... 1,130.40

**Darrel A Tajchman:** 904 E Highland St (MAR1248) ..... 808.29

**Richard P Blount:** 623 S Roosevelt St (MAR1252) ..... 267.57

**Bryan T Grosse:** 656 N Cedar St (MAR1271) ..... 463.10

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MARION COUNTY TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT	
GENERAL	3,186,434.76
SHERIFF CONCEALED WEAPONS	1,853.36
SHERIFF DRUG FUND	11,892.26
LEPP GRANT	49,394.93
DISTRICT RADIO PROJECT	17,239.00
E911 FUND	87,362.51
BAD CHECK FUND	3,974.88
GEN SPEC EQUIP	28,363.94
ATTORNEY FORFEITURE FUND	7,197.64
SHERIFF FORFEITURE FUND	21,645.75
RISK MANAGEMENT FUND	198,974.66
AMBULANCE	1,627,830.58
SPEC RESCUE EQUIP	85,088.59
APPRAISER	358,240.33
AGING	92,595.03
DIAMOND VISTA	1,217,840.14
SUNFLOWER WIND	357,184.00
ELECTION	266,086.81
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1,698,898.83
HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS	575,141.92
SHERIFF LAKE PATROL	44,047.74
HEALTH	281,617.82
NOXIOUS WEED	235,023.86
NOXIOUS WEED/CAP OUTLAY	17,773.07
PARK	160,933.36
PARK BAIT SHOP	19,698.06
ROAD & BRIDGE	4,554,854.01
SOLID WASTE FUND	104,312.09
TRANSFER STATION	431,870.30
SPECIAL BRIDGE	453,676.75
SPEC. EQUIP. R & B	296,131.76
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	2,875,173.40
STATE EDUCATION	1.39
STATE INSTITUTIONAL BLDG	0.70
HILLSBORO CITY - GENERAL	58.53
CHISHOLM TRAIL EXTENSION	6.47
IMP DIST #2 WATER DEBT SERV	49,952.31
IMP DIST #2 WATER OPERATE	168,891.11
IMP DIST #2 WATER REPAIR	161,025.14
IMP. DIST. #3 - LEVIED	6,491.10
IMP. DIST. #3 - SEWER REPLACE	83,362.78
IMP. DIST. #3 - SEWER ACC	6,795.35
IMP. DIST.#2 - GENERAL	21,556.48
IMP. DIST.#2 - SEWER ACC	71,855.70
IMP. DIST.#2 - PAYROLL ACCT	295.65
IMP. DIST.#2 - REPAIR/REPL	111,579.85
EASTSHORE IMP DIST - GEN	112,365.22
COTTONWOOD VALLEY DRAINAGE	144,798.31
COLLEGE HILL CEMETERY	57.07
PRAIRIE LAWN CEMETERY	1,438.98
BUTLER FIRE DIST #10	4,993.46
PEABODY FIRE DISTRICT #4	2,107.28
WEST BRANCH FIRE DISTRICT	2,600.47
DOYLE CREEK WATERSHED	1,803.77
USD 397 - SEV/MINERAL TAX	96.75
USD 398 - SEV/MINERAL TAX	255.37
USD 408 - SEV/MINERAL TAX	74.36
USD 410 - GENERAL	85.96
USD 410 - SEV/MINERAL TAX	64.36
USD 411 - SEV/MINERAL TAX	11.97
EMPLOYEES TAX HOLDING ACCT	107,209.75
AD VALOREM TAX	1,373,630.74
TAX HOLDING ACCOUNT	184,995.06
DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY	13,440.05
DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAX	98,235.77
MOTOR VEHICLE TAX	533,254.38
REC. VEHICLE TAX	9,591.77
VEHICLE RENTAL EXCISE TAX	918.31
COMMERCIAL VEHICLE TAX	1,441.33
LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST	5,077.38
PROSECUTOR TRAINING ASSIST	8,057.09
COUNTY CLERK TECH FUND	3,542.32
REGISTER OF DEEDS TECH FUND	31,113.60
TREASURER TECH FUND FEES	4,464.59
USDA MARION COUNTY MICRO-LOAN	44,471.20
TRANSIENT GUEST TAX	22,237.98
MARION COUNTY LEADERSHIP	20,310.11
JOBS GRANT	21,209.32
FUND TOTALS	22,804,178.78

I do solemnly swear that the above statements are complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Tina L Groening  
Marion County Treasurer  
Marion County, Kansas  
Marion County Treasurer's Quarterly Report for quarter ending July 31, 2025.  
M-48-2811

**Bryan Grosse & Christopher Helmer:** 700 N Cedar St (MAR1271C) ..... 1,021.30

**James B Williams:** 704 N Cedar St (MAR1273) ..... 1,045.64

**Donna Bryant & Daniel W Sherbert:** 131 S Thorp (MAR1281) ..... 7,179.23

**John Rockney & Shirley Jo Hett:** County road (MAR1382) ... 654.60

**John Rockney & Shirley Jo Hett:** County road (MAR1383) . 1,030.25

**John Rockney & Shirley Jo Hett:** County road (MAR1383A) .... 16.70

**John Rockney & Shirley Jo Hett:** County road (MAR1384) . 1,244.47

**Wags & Wiggles Furever Inc c/o Victor Buckner:** 1404 Flint Rock (MAR1414) ..... 954.75

**Riley Wagner & Courtney Wagner:** 800 S Coble St (MAR1426) ..... 344.75

**Riley Wagner & Courtney Wagner:** S Coble St (MAR1428) ..... 18.07

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The governing body of Unified School District 460 will meet on the 25th day of August 2025 at 7:05 PM at USD 460 District Office 150 N. Ridge Rd., Hesston, KS 67062 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information, including budget profile, building needs assessment and Board state assessments review is available at USD 460 District Office on the district website and will be available at this hearing.

The amount of 2025 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2025-2026 Budget. The 'Est. Tax Rate' (column 7), shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

		2023-2024 Actual		2024-2025 Actual		2025-2026 Proposed Budget		
	Code 99 line	Actual Ex-penditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Ex-penditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Budgeted Ex-penditures (5)	Amount of 2025 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est Tax Rate* (7)
OPERATING								
General	06	6,969,997	20.000	7,459,954	20.000	7,957,017	1 126 655	20.000
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	2 305 423	17.074	2,475 166	14.989	2 655 436	1 105 675	16.248
SPECIAL REVENUE								
Federal Funds	07	310,545		96,002		80,558		
Adult Education	10	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Preschool-Aged At-Risk	11	0		0		0		
Adult Supplemental Education	12	0		0		0		
At-Risk Education Fund	13	588,150		669,603		757,425		
Bilingual Education	14	0		2,250		28,530		
Virtual Education	15	0		0		0		
Capital Outlay	16	854,173	7.985	1,220,093	7.862	2,939,100	552 898	8.000
Driver Training	18	6,418		6,715		34,453		
Declining Enrollment	19	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary School Program	22	0		0		0		
Food Service	24	616 047		614162		676,350		
Professional Development	26	37 742		44 697		69,941		
Parent Education Program	28	4 950		5 000		5,000		
Summer School	29	0		0		0		
Special Education	30	1,115,077		1,323,169		1,427,079		
Cost of Living	33	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Career and Postsecondary Education	34	261,300		289,533		313,266		
Gifts and Grants	35	13,054		73,000		0		
Special Liability Expense Fund	42	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	45	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Reserve Fund	47	0		0		0		
KPERS Special Retirement Contribution	51	716,627		699,173		745,318		
Contingency Reserve	53	0		0				
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	0		14 943				
Activity Fund	56	298,310		0				
DEBT SERVICE								
Bond and Interest #1	62	1,673,750	21.405	1,703,000	23.055	1,745,375	1,509,173	22.177
Bond and Interest #2	63	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	66	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Assessment	67	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Temporary Note	68	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
COOPERATIVES								
Special Education	78	0		0		0		
TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES	100	15,771,563	66.464	16,696,560	65.906	19,434,848	4,294,401	66.425
Less: Transfers	105	2,355,456		2,815,495		2,170,802		
NET USD EXPENDITURES	110	13 416107		13 881 065		17264046		
TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED	115	3,878,158		3,949,738		4,294,401		

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OTHER								
Historical Museum	80	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board	82	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	83	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Recreation Commission	84	785,465	12.454	825,818	12.335	719,001	850,631	12.500
Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab	86	57 704	0.897	65 004	0.948	80 200	61 243	0.900
TOTAL OTHER	120	843 169	13.351	890 822	13.283	799 201	911 874	13.400
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	125	\$4,682,797		\$4,792,156		\$5,206,275		
Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	\$53,555,670		\$51,774,551		\$56,332,726		
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130	\$60,120 814		\$63,419,976		\$68,050,648		
Assessed Valuation - Capital Outlay	129	\$60,512,237		\$64,115,973		\$69,112,232		
Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1		2023		2024		2025		
General Obligation Bonds	135	33,475,000		33,475,000		33,445,000		
Capital Outlay Bonds	140	0		0		0		
Temporary Note	145	0		0		0		
No-Fund Warrant	150	0		0		0		
Lease Purchase Principal	153	0		0		0		
TOTAL USD DEBT	155	33,475,000		33,475,000		33,445,000		

Tax Rates are expressed in Mills

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Revenue Neutral						
	2024-2025		Revenue Neu-tral Taxes	Revenue Neu-tral Tax Rate	2025-2026	
	Actual Tax-es Levied	Actual Tax Rate			Proposed Tax-es to be Levied	Proposed Tax Rate
General	\$1,035,491	20.000	\$1,044,071	18.534	\$1,126,655	20.000
ALL OTHER FUNDS						
Supplemental General (LOB)	\$950,601	14.989	\$959,038	14.093	\$1,105,675	16.248
Adult Education	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Capital Outlay	\$501,509	7.862	\$507,837	7.348	\$552,898	8.000
Cost of Living	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Special Liability Expense Fund	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Bond and Interest #1	\$1,462,137	23.055	\$1,470,643	21.611	\$1,509,173	22.177
Bond and Interest #2	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Special Assessment	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Temporary Note	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Historical Museum	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Public Library Board	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Revenue Neutral Calculation						
Total Taxes Levied Including General Fund	\$3,949,738	65.906	\$3,981,589	61.586	\$4,294,401	66.425
Total Taxes Levied Excluding General Fund	\$2,914,247	45.906	\$2 937,518	43.052	\$3,167,746	46.425

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M-48-2814



Classifieds

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<b>Patti L Richter &amp; Sienna Sutton:</b> 205 W 1st (PECO109) .....	1,066.13
<b>Virginia A Skinner:</b> 201 N Vine (PECO116) .....	34.43
<b>Cynthia M Unruh:</b> 203 W 2nd (PECO117) .....	718.82
<b>John E Brandon &amp; Treveor Dillon Brandon:</b> 212 N Vine (PECO136) .....	699.28
<b>Firefly Enterprises LLC:</b> 103 N Walnut (PECO151) .....	1,006.25
<b>Kelly E &amp; Mark A Penner:</b> 105 N Walnut (PECO152) .....	1,003.92
<b>Peabody Main Street Association:</b> 107 N Walnut (PECO153) .....	652.71
<b>Peabody Main Street Association:</b> 109 N Walnut (PECO154) .....	4,072.75
<b>Baker Lofts LLC:</b> 117 N Walnut (PECO158) .....	534.06
<b>Stephen L Waite:</b> 215 N Walnut (PECO167) .....	3,159.69
<b>Peabody Legion Post #95:</b> 108 N Walnut (PECO175) .....	192.85
<b>Darren Weems &amp; Catherine A Weems:</b> 103 E 2nd (PECO203) .....	491.80
<b>Austin Reynolds:</b> 202 N Sycamore (PECO211) .....	631.41
<b>Peggy L Phillips c/o Leslie Thouvenell:</b> 206 N Sycamore (PECO213) .....	2,083.90
<b>Jeanne Henry &amp; Julia Mosqueda:</b> 105 N Maple (PECO223) .....	272.20
<b>Elizabeth Mary Gott:</b> 109 N Maple (PECO225) .....	911.79
<b>Darren Weems &amp; Catherine Weems:</b> 201 N Maple (PECO228) .....	248.59
<b>Darcy Pease:</b> 202 N Elm (PECO249) .....	748.60
<b>Brent Paquette:</b> 207 N Pine (PECO258) .....	799.75
<b>Mary E Graham:</b> 209 N Pine (PECO259) .....	862.22
<b>Angel Torres:</b> 206 N Pine (PECO262) .....	702.66
<b>David Pickens &amp; Lori Pickens:</b> 802 N Peabody (PECO329) .....	185.29
<b>David N Blickenstaff:</b> 803 N Chestnut (PECO330) .....	435.43
<b>Cheryl L Frederick et al:</b> 805 N Poplar (PECO333) .....	359.55
<b>Kelsie Glenn &amp; Dustin Glenn:</b> 803 N Poplar (PECO334) .....	376.09
<b>Christina Pease:</b> 811 N Plum (PECO347) .....	338.64
<b>Elizabeth A Clark:</b> 810 N Locust (PECO353) .....	496.03
<b>Devon McGonigal:</b> 812 N Vine (PECO374A) .....	323.35
<b>Gary Trusty &amp; Deanna Jone- Trusty:</b> 804 N Walnut (PECO379) .....	470.69
<b>Angela D Doty:</b> 701 N Elm (PECO413) .....	1,271.87
<b>Mary Jane Girard:</b> 701 N Sycamore (PECO427) .....	1,231.56
<b>Jeanne Henry &amp; Julia Mosqueda:</b> 710 N Walnut (PECO430) .....	126.25
<b>Chris Litton:</b> 711 N Walnut (PECO431) .....	397.80
<b>Pandea M Smith:</b> 707 N Walnut (PECO432) .....	928.76
<b>Jessica Hauserman:</b> 107 W 6th (PECO435) .....	1,153.72
<b>Tonny Del Vecchio:</b> 109 W 6th (PECO436) .....	1,643.94
<b>Teresa Brant:</b> 711 N Olive (PECO450) .....	463.67
<b>Kevin S Lago &amp; Stacy L Lago:</b> 706 N Locust (PECO460) .....	815.60
<b>Regina Miller:</b> 708 N Poplar (PECO468) .....	510.51
<b>Audrey B Unger c/o Alan D Gillen:</b> 712 N Poplar (PECO469) .....	126.89
<b>Jessica Hauserman:</b> 601 N Poplar (PECO486) .....	1,188.56
<b>Debbie J Johnson:</b> 601 N Locust (PECO496) .....	72.49
<b>Angela Dawn Menjivar:</b> 604 N Poplar (PECO497) .....	940.30
<b>Christopher R Frye:</b> 610 N Poplar (PECO498) .....	788.82
<b>April N Fore:</b> 604 N Locust (PECO502) .....	367.94
<b>Allan Karanu:</b> 602 N Olive (PECO514) .....	231.23
<b>Michael Eason Jr:</b> 606 N Olive (PECO515) .....	246.41
<b>Osiris Gamischiochi:</b> 603 N Walnut (PECO522) .....	1,617.91
<b>Karen N Fleischer:</b> 602 N Walnut (PECO529) .....	1,653.71
<b>Roger Romero:</b> 610 N Walnut (PECO532) .....	217.21
<b>Gary Dunnahoo:</b> 601 N Elm (PECO544) .....	243.24
<b>Gary &amp; Laura Dunnahoo:</b> 602 N Elm (PECO550) .....	1,031.96
<b>Gary &amp; Laura Dunnahoo H/W:</b> 606 N Elm (PECO551) .....	102.22
<b>Jamie Joe Hunt:</b> 602 E 5th (PECO560) .....	689.75
<b>James E &amp; Ranita Lynn Brown:</b> 511 N Elm (PECO565) .....	1,312.15
<b>Michael D &amp; Shannon L Denardi:</b> 501 N Elm (PECO568) .....	579.55
<b>Zachary R Thackson &amp; Ashley M King:</b> 502 N Maple (PECO569) .....	352.34
<b>Margie Blaine:</b> 506 N Vine (PECO598) .....	785.26
<b>Brian W &amp; Jeanine M Becker H/W:</b> 610 W 5th (PECO628A) .....	1,625.82
<b>Brian &amp; Tammy Whiteside c/o Peabody State Bank:</b> 406 N Peabody (PECO631) .....	1,266.66
<b>Toby &amp; Melinda Trevelt H/W:</b> 412 N Peabody (PECO632) .....	1,766.37
<b>Marty Kay Stevenson:</b> 407 N Plum (PECO640) .....	374.95
<b>Sara Rimbey &amp; Rhiannon Rimbey:</b> 402 N Locust (PECO644) .....	964.81
<b>Michael R &amp; Frances I Martinez:</b> 409 N Olive (PECO648) .....	891.25
<b>Melissa Lieder:</b> 405 N Olive (PECO650) .....	533.37
<b>Krystal Mendez-Campos:</b> 400 N Olive (PECO657) .....	408.01
<b>Kirk Bonson:</b> 412 N Olive (PECO661) .....	853.39
<b>Forrest C Maris:</b> 406 N Sycamore (PECO680) .....	2,086.62
<b>Margarita Sisneroz:</b> 404 N Elm (PECO696) .....	273.06

<b>James D Litton:</b> 406 N Pine (PECO705) .....	247.53
<b>Michael D Denardi:</b> 306 N Pine (PECO713) .....	925.83
<b>Michael &amp; Shannon Denardi H/W:</b> 305 N Pine (PECO717) .....	770.56
<b>Angel Torres:</b> 301 N Pine (PECO718) .....	417.71
<b>Kieu My Truong:</b> 311 N Elm (PECO724) .....	944.82
<b>Darren S Polchow:</b> 303 N Elm (PECO728) .....	446.30
<b>Virginia Skinner:</b> 302 N Maple (PECO729) .....	5,024.44
<b>Christopher Somerhalder:</b> 308 N Maple (PECO730) .....	2,424.08
<b>Monica L Farrar c/o Bank of Whitewater:</b> 215 E Division (PECO736) .....	410.74
<b>Terri L Tucker:</b> 213 E Division (PECO737) .....	1,605.01
<b>Jamie J Hunt &amp; Josey B Hunt:</b> 308 N Walnut (PECO749) .....	1,150.78
<b>Robert H Jr &amp; Rebecca M Rablin:</b> 303 N Walnut (PECO754) .....	595.16
<b>Nancy Blanche Mcleod:</b> 112 W 3rd (PECO762) .....	799.99
<b>Dale E Weber &amp; Mashawn A Weber H/W:</b> County road (PECO779) .....	102.22
<b>Brian &amp; Tammy Whiteside:</b> 310 N Locust (PECO784) .....	1,222.97
<b>PEABODY-CATLIN CITY</b>	
<b>Debra L Schlender:</b> 201 E 9th (PECO802) .....	1,037.09
<b>Debra L Schlender:</b> 207 E 9th (PECO802B) .....	680.97
<b>Debra L Schlender:</b> 125 E 9th (PECO803) .....	493.33
<b>Middlecreek Corporation:</b> 109 E 9th (PECO805) .....	258.72
<b>Tammy Whiteside:</b> 1001 N Vine (PECO813) .....	1,087.28
<b>CATLIN</b>	
<b>C Bar S Cattle Co LLC:</b> County road (CAT0177) .....	672.59
<b>C Bar S Cattle Co LLC:</b> 1858 80th (CAT0179B) .....	9,971.21
<b>Mark A &amp; Kelly E Penner:</b> 725 Old Mill (CAT0238A) .....	2,188.81
<b>Norel Farms Inc:</b> County road (CAT0239) .....	32.71
<b>Virginia Skinner &amp; Donna Nelson:</b> County road (CAT0249) .....	150.82
<b>Virginia A Skinner:</b> 763 Pawnee (CAT0249B) .....	1,807.37
<b>Virginia A Skinner:</b> 1625 80th (CAT0250) .....	4,173.21
<b>C Bar S Cattle Co LLC:</b> County road (CAT0262C) .....	509.91
<b>C Bar S Cattle Co LLC:</b> County road (CAT0263) .....	161.76
<b>Martin R Nellans Revocable Trust et al:</b> County road (CAT0276) .....	217.96
<b>CENTRE</b>	
<b>Mark A Moody &amp; Joelyn Moody:</b> 13 Lakeshore (CELO010) .....	2,069.82
<b>Jared Arthur Smith:</b> 4 Pioneer Ct (CELO016) .....	2,425.72
<b>Linda K Johnson:</b> Echo Ln (CELO316) .....	74.18
<b>Linda K Johnson:</b> 27 Echo Ln (CELO317A) .....	73.38
<b>Edward George Silhan Revoc Trust:</b> County road (CEN0026) .....	275.07
<b>Edward George Silhan Revoc Trust:</b> County road (CEN0026A) .....	142.23
<b>Joseph M Silhan:</b> County road (CEN0026AA) .....	166.33
<b>Edward G Silhan c/o Edward G &amp; Therese P Silhan:</b> 1910 240th (CEN0027A) .....	1,066.30
<b>Gerald T &amp; Diane K Carpenter:</b> 2282 Sunrise (CEN0065) .....	2,035.87
<b>John Rockney Hett &amp; Shirley Jo Hett H/W:</b> County road (CEN0092) .....	216.11
<b>John Rockney &amp; Shirley Jo Hett H/W:</b> County road (CEN0095) .....	1,824.40
<b>Martin G &amp; Melinda L Gravenstein H/W:</b> County road (CEN0112L) .....	151.97
<b>John Rockney &amp; Shirley Jo Hett:</b> County road (CEN0130) .....	136.85
<b>John Rockney &amp; Shirley Jo Hett:</b> County road (CEN0130A) .....	16.46
<b>John Rockney &amp; Shirley Jo Hett:</b> County road (CEN0130B) .....	23.55
<b>John Rockney &amp; Shirley Jo Hett:</b> County road (CEN0390) .....	19.70
<b>Hett Oil &amp; Gas LLC c/o Mr Tony Hett:</b> (4-G5170096O state assessed) .....	93.24
<b>Hett Oil &amp; Gas LLC c/o Mr Tony Hett:</b> (4-G5170100O state assessed) .....	1,218.25
<b>Hett Oil &amp; Gas LLC c/o Mr Tony Hett:</b> (4-G5170100R state assessed) .....	435.43
<b>CLARK</b>	
<b>James Riffel:</b> 3070 Quail Creek (CLA0003B) .....	207.31
<b>Edwin Matthew Klenda Revocable Living Tr:</b> County road (CLA0017) .....	1,237.52
<b>Martin S Vinduska:</b> 1778 280th (CLA0093) .....	1,663.77
<b>Travis Alan Tannahill:</b> 1317 290th (CLA0112) .....	336.11
<b>Damien E Svítak:</b> 2755 Remington (CLP0003) .....	544.29
<b>Damien E Svítak:</b> 2753 Remington (CLP0004) .....	681.55
<b>Hett Oil &amp; Gas LLC c/o Mr Tony Hett:</b> (4-G5170071O state assessed) .....	49.67
<b>Hett Oil &amp; Gas LLC c/o Mr Tony Hett:</b> (4-G5170073O state assessed) .....	34.56
<b>CLEAR CREEK</b>	
<b>Merle R Ecklund et al:</b> County road (CCK0002) .....	702.04
<b>Travis Alan Tannahill:</b> County road (CCK0054) .....	630.93
<b>Trevor James Troutt:</b> 2360 290th (CCK0068) .....	1,958.68
<b>James E &amp; Linda Green H/W:</b> 2867 Highway 77 (CCK0089D) ...	904.19

<b>Damien E Svítak c/o Damien E Svítak:</b> County road (CCK0134B) .....	643.09
<b>Edward George Silhan Revoc Trust:</b> 2766 Timber (CCK0144) .....	626.92
<b>Edward George Silhan Revocable Trust:</b> County road (CCK0145) .....	123.53
<b>Edward George Silhan Revocable Trust:</b> County road (CCK0145A) .....	127.59
<b>Helen Selsor Living Trust:</b> 2731 Highway 77 (CCK0163) ...	2,813.78
<b>Helen Selsor Living Trust:</b> County road (CCK0172) .....	291.78
<b>Edward George Silhan Revoc Trust:</b> 2653 Sunflower (CCK0196) .....	847.59
<b>Edward G Silhan c/o Edward Jr Silhan:</b> County road (CCK0200) .....	322.99
<b>Edward George Silhan Revoc Trust:</b> County road (CCK0216) .....	265.94
<b>Sidney R Ulmer &amp; Suzann M Elliott-Ulmer:</b> County road (CCK0251) .....	813.08
<b>Damien E Svítak et al:</b> 2732 Remington (CCP0018A) .....	856.35
<b>Kole A Finney:</b> (2-CCK0091S1 severed mineral interest) .....	24.99
<b>Marilyn S Quirk et al:</b> (2-CCK0150S severed mineral interest) .....	62.82
<b>Hett Oil &amp; Gas LLC c/o Mr Tony Hett:</b> (4-G5170081O state assessed) .....	934.52
<b>Hett Oil &amp; Gas LLC c/o Mr Tony Hett:</b> (4-G5170081R state assessed) .....	429.31
<b>Hett Oil &amp; Gas LLC c/o Mr Tony Hett:</b> (4-G5170082O state assessed) .....	52.55
<b>Hett Oil &amp; Gas LLC c/o Mr Tony Hett:</b> (4-G5170083O state assessed) .....	82.15
<b>Hett Oil &amp; Gas LLC c/o Mr Tony Hett:</b> (4-G5170084O state assessed) .....	71.70
<b>Hett Oil &amp; Gas LLC c/o Mr Tony Hett:</b> (4-G5170084R state assessed) .....	18.47
<b>Hett Oil &amp; Gas LLC c/o Mr Tony Hett:</b> (4-G5170085O state assessed) .....	17.64
<b>COLFAX</b>	
<b>Brendan D Bailey &amp; Kathleen A Bailey:</b> County road (COL0004) .....	103.17
<b>Nathan Brunner &amp; Katy Hyatt:</b> 3581 Pawnee (COL0043A) .....	1,940.62
<b>Hajek Land LLC:</b> 3333 Old Mill (COL0117A) .....	317.86
<b>Kenneth Holub:</b> 3156 Nighthawk (COL0192L) .....	554.68
<b>DOYLE</b>	
<b>Janette M Parmley:</b> (2-DOY017352 severed mineral interest) .....	37.76
<b>DURHAM PARK</b>	
<b>LK Bar LLC c/o Doug Kjellin:</b> 946 290th (DPK0053) .....	13,153.12
<b>Damien E Svítak:</b> County road (DPK0080) .....	2,674.05
<b>C R Cunningham c/o BP America - Property Tax Dept:</b> (2-DPK00205 severed mineral interest) .....	40.79
<b>EAST BRANCH</b>	
<b>Richard &amp; Eldora Penner Family Tr et al:</b> County road (EBR0050) .....	110.77
<b>Richard &amp; Eldora M Penner Fam Tr:</b> 857 120th (EBR0067) .....	1,535.42
<b>Matthew Allen Penner:</b> County road (EBR0067A) .....	1,076.83
<b>Richard &amp; Eldora M Penner Fam Tr:</b> 120th (EBR0067B) .....	23.64
<b>Richard &amp; Eldora M Penner Fam Tr:</b> 120th (EBR0067C) .....	593.75
<b>Ralph D Bestvater Revocable Trust:</b> County road (EBR0176) .....	506.90
<b>John Arthur Schermerhorn:</b> 841 Goldenrod (EBR0236) .....	564.03
<b>John A Schermerhorn:</b> County road (EBR0252CR67151) .....	261.85
<b>Justin Cooke &amp; Ellen Cooke:</b> County road (EBR0256B) ...	154.25
<b>Esther L Colwell, deceased c/o John Colwell:</b> (2-EBR0006S severed mineral interest) .....	39.71
<b>McClymonds Farm Account c/o S V Mcknight:</b> (2-EBR0167S severed mineral interest) .....	40.24
<b>FAIRPLAY</b>	
<b>Lyle K Leppke &amp; Ann M Leppke Jt Liv Tr:</b> County road (FPL0033) .....	357.58
<b>Lyle K &amp; Ann Leppke:</b> County road (FPL0035) .....	583.52
<b>Lyle K Leppke &amp; Ann M Leppke Jt Liv Tr:</b> 1917 140th (FPL0036) .....	1,716.79
<b>Terry &amp; Loretta G Looney:</b> 2299 140th (FPL0049A) .....	735.69
<b>Lyle K Leppke &amp; Ann M Leppke Jt Rev Tr:</b> County road (FPL0100) .....	814.79
<b>Gerald Francis Waner &amp; Karen Kay Waner:</b> County road (FPL0123) .....	575.08
<b>Gerald Francis Waner &amp; Karen Kay Waner:</b> County road (FPL0124) .....	584.46
<b>Lyle K Leppke &amp; Ann M Leppke Jt Rev Tr:</b> County road (FPL0182) .....	326.61
<b>Lyle K Leppke &amp; Ann M Leppke Jt Liv Tr:</b> County road (FPL0183) .....	187.06
<b>GALE</b>	
<b>Brad Gwinn:</b> 2153 Schlotthauer (GAE0048) .....	1,197.74
<b>Michael E &amp; Melanie J Miller H/W:</b> 2156 Kruse (GAE0056) .....	989.67
<b>Dale Schafer &amp; Lori Schafer H/W:</b> Schlotthauer (GAE0074) ...	218.99
<b>Robert H Raleigh &amp; Mary M Raleigh:</b> 2154 Schlotthauer (GAE0099) .....	1,339.56
<b>Eugene A Chizek:</b> 1367 250th (GAL0034) .....	2,036.52

<b>Hett Oil &amp; Gas LLC c/o Mr Tony Hett:</b> (4-G5170110O state assessed) .....	243.57
<b>Hett Oil &amp; Gas LLC c/o Mr Tony Hett:</b> (4-G5170111O state assessed) .....	47.12
<b>Hett Oil &amp; Gas LLC c/o Mr Tony Hett:</b> (4-G5170113O state assessed) .....	127.90
<b>Hett Oil &amp; Gas LLC c/o Mr Tony Hett:</b> (4-G5170115O state assessed) .....	91.55
<b>GRANT</b>	
<b>JA Livestock LLC:</b> County road (GRT0073A) .....	370.77
<b>Gary W Suderman Revocable Trust:</b> County road (GRT0109) .....	1,036.04
<b>Gary W Suderman Revocable Trust:</b> County road (GRT0109A) .....	386.32
<b>Lisa Suderman:</b> County road (GRT0124) .....	4,596.10
<b>Gary W Suderman Revocable Trust:</b> County road (GRT0124A) .....	410.34
<b>Gary W Suderman Revocable Trust:</b> County road (GRT0124B) .....	787.25
<b>Gary W Suderman Revocable Trust:</b> Zebulon (GRT0133) .....	594.57
<b>Lisa D Suderman:</b> 220th (GRT0133A) .....	783.97
<b>Darren Diederich &amp; Stacey Diederich:</b> County road (GRT0242A) .....	574.81
<b>Hett Oil &amp; Gas LLC c/o Mr Tony Hett:</b> (4-G5170090O state assessed) .....	107.03
<b>Hett Oil &amp; Gas LLC c/o Mr Tony Hett:</b> (4-G5170091O state assessed) .....	337.05
<b>Hett Oil &amp; Gas LLC c/o Mr Tony Hett:</b> (4-G5170092O state assessed) .....	281.88
<b>Hett Oil &amp; Gas LLC c/o Mr Tony Hett:</b> (4-G5170093O state assessed) .....	99.82
<b>LEHIGH</b>	
<b>Gary &amp; Delores Prieb Revocable Trust:</b> County road (LET0014) .....	448.55
<b>Katrina F Hogg &amp; Andrew S Hogg:</b> County road (LET0033A) ...	220.71
<b>Larry &amp; Sandra Poplin Trust c/o Lindon L &amp; Norma J Wasemiller:</b> County road (LET0068A) .....	155.98
<b>Darren Diederich &amp; Stacey Diedrich:</b> 277 220th (LET0122) .....	357.95
<b>Ethelda H Dies Lemon &amp; Bob Lemon:</b> 600 Santa Fe (LET0190) .....	200.37
<b>Ty B Buller &amp; Jacqueline P Buller H/W:</b> County road (LET0251) .....	788.13
<b>Alyson R Caldwell &amp; Shane Allen Voran:</b> 1910 Diamond (LET0251A) .....	1,079.93
<b>LIBERTY</b>	
<b>Annie Peterson:</b> County road (LIB0051) .....	35.74
<b>Thomas F Hamilton &amp; Dana D Hamilton:</b> County road (LIB0169A) .....	1,736.42
<b>Gary W Suderman Revocable Trust:</b> 1529 Limestone (LIB0267) .....	3,466.62
<b>Allen E Suderman &amp; Verlyn L Suderman:</b> County road (LIB0297) .....	105.63
<b>Darlene M Lendino c/o Marquita Wright:</b> Rt. 2 (2-LIB0064S) ...	28.35
<b>Stanford G Seibel C/O Nickolas C Seibel:</b> (2-LIB0353S severed mineral interest) .....	31.43
<b>LOGAN</b>	
<b>Galen E &amp; Sara V Crum:</b> 271 350th (LOG0101) .....	517.37
<b>Brandy S Nichols &amp; Roy A Nichols:</b> 3347 Chisholm Trail (LOG0132) .....	32.85
<b>Brandy S Nichols &amp; Roy A Nichols:</b> 3347 Chisholm Trail (LOG0132A) .....	721.18
<b>Brandy S Nichols &amp; Roy A Nichols:</b> County road (LOG0144) .....	33.62
<b>Heather M &amp; Larry Nichols Jr W/H:</b> County road (LOG0175) ..	1,798.20

<b>Dalton Lloyd Wiebe &amp; Lorna Rose Wiebe:</b> County road (LOG0228) .....				2,003.25
<b>LOST SPRINGS TWP</b>				
<b>Barbara J Gehrke Revocable Trust:</b> 2480 360th (LST0003) .....				568.54
<b>Donald R &amp; Dana L Cole:</b> 3439 Vista (LST0070) .....				760.87
<b>Roger A &amp; Jody Will:</b> 1978 340th (LST0095) .....				2,083.25
<b>Nell Zeiner Est c/o John R Zeiner:</b> County road (LST0118) .....				31.60
<b>Randall L Ecklund Living Trust:</b> Wagonwheel (LST0128) .....				35.62
<b>Merle R Ecklund et al:</b> 3361 Wagonwheel (LST0128C) .....				1,550.57
<b>Kenneth J Shields Trust:</b> 2357 330th (LST0143) .....				195.08
<b>Andrea Ashby:</b> (2-LST0114S3 severed mineral interest) .....				17.48
<b>MENNO</b>				
<b>Marilyn E Schmidt:</b> County road (MEN0060) .....				577.99
<b>Marilyn E Schmidt:</b> County road (MEN0062) .....				562.32
<b>Marilyn E Schmidt:</b> County road (MEN0068) .....				296.78
<b>Gerald D Brooks &amp; Billie M Brooks:</b> 638 170th (MEN0107) .....				4,662.98
<b>Misty Croucher:</b> 407 170th (MEN0131A) .....				1,338.39
<b>L Max Schmidt:</b> 140th (MEN0243) .....				679.04
<b>Joseph P &amp; Katie L Base:</b> 1330 Alamo (MEN0336C) .....				1,889.85
<b>MILTON</b>				
<b>Delbert C Lowe:</b> 2625 20th (MIL0111A) .....				3,216.35
<b>Sean Michael Blansett:</b> 604 Cemetery Lane (MIL0124A) .....				1,299.53
<b>MOORE</b>				
<b>Aaron James Thompson:</b> 329 280th (MOR0100) .....				1,401.69
<b>Gary &amp; Delores Prieb Revocable Trust:</b> 2535 Chisholm Trail (MOR0155) .....				503.33
<b>Aaron James Thompson:</b> (2-MOR0100S7 severed mineral interest) .....				19.02
<b>Alexandra Grace Thompson:</b> (2-MOR0100S8 severed mineral interest) .....				19.02
<b>PEABODY TWP</b>				
<b>Lyle K &amp; Ann M Leppke Jt Living Trust:</b> County road (PET0001) .....				143.03
<b>Lyle K Leppke &amp; Ann Leppke Jt Living Tr:</b> County road (PET0005B) .....				182.89
<b>Lyle K Leppke &amp; Ann M Leppke Jt Liv Tr:</b> County road (PET0005C) .....				297.52
<b>Peggy Sue Unruh c/o Peabody State Bank:</b> 1569 60th (PET00050) .....				21.40
<b>Jacob D Lenz:</b> 591 Needle (PET00060) .....				320.25
<b>Lyle K Leppke &amp; Ann M Leppke Jt Liv Tr:</b> 1827 60th (PET00080) .....				773.61
<b>RISLEY</b>				
<b>Vision of Faith Hope &amp; Charity Tr:</b> 904 240th (RIS0025) .....				385.77
<b>Travis A Tannahill &amp; Dakota Tannahill:</b> 2375 Jade (RIS0071) .....				8,011.92
<b>Travis Alan Tannahill:</b> Jade (RIS0071A) .....				488.33
<b>Travis Alan Tannahill:</b> County road (RIS0072) .....				280.90
<b>Sandra Beisel Kristine Harder c/o Brenda Brown:</b> County road (RIS0248) .....				945.94
<b>SUMMIT</b>				
<b>Aaron L Waddell:</b> 2125 70th (SUM0017) .....				1,107.86
<b>Stanley Clark Ammeter:</b> 406 Vista (SUM0058) .....				1,846.65
<b>Patrick &amp; Candace Green H/W:</b> 229 Wagonwheel (SUM0136A) .....				558.30
<b>John C Boese:</b> 192 Vista (SUM0190) .....				1,695.88
<b>Glen Strotkamp:</b> Rt. 1 (2-SUM0017S) .....				78.34

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

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BUDGET SUMMARY

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# WATER: The view from the plant of sky-blue waters

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inch-wide, four-mile-long pipe installed in 1981. (Previously, the city’s water came from Luta Creek.)

Only gravity is used to send water from the reservoir to the treatment plant.

The flow into the plant is dependent on the reservoir’s volume and is metered by little brown valves dotted around the complex.

“In drought summers, our flow can be drastically reduced,” Wheeler said.

The speed at which water travels to Marion isn’t fast by industrial standards, but more time spent in the pipes can actually improve quality, Wheeler said.

“It’s almost a pre-filter before it even gets to the treatment plant,” he said. “It has time to settle out in that pipe.”

The water first travels to an ozone basin, a concrete monolith next to the ice cube, for “pre-treatment.” Diffusers shoot the water with ozone gas, removing taste and odor impurities.

Next, the water enters a mixer inside the plant’s chemical room, which is laboratory-white and smells of chlorine.

“Right in here is where the magic happens,” Wheeler said.

A coagulant and a pale slurry of lime is added to adjust the water’s pH balance.

Ammonia also typically

is added at this point, but is skipped over this time, as the plant is in an August “chlorine burnout.”

Free chlorine, a stronger and faster-acting disinfectant, will be used this month instead of typical chlorine-ammonia compounds. The free chlorine catches and removes lingering bacteria in the plant’s pipes.

Another optional addition is activated carbon, used to improve taste and smell when the lake is experiencing an algae bloom. (Ozone treatment takes care of the actual safety concerns presented by the algae.)

As fans whir in the chemical room and generators buzz outside, Wheeler picks up some carbon on his finger, like a baseball player applying eye-black.

“It’s a real fine grain,” he said. “It almost looks like graphite.”

The water moves outdoors to a chain of clarifiers.

A steady flow is visible as it exists the building.

The entire clarification process used to be open-air, Wheeler said, but aluminum lids were attached in the early 2000s to protect against algae-stimulating sunlight.

He walked on top of the clarifier lids as he spoke.

“The heavier particles will kind of fall down into these mud valves,” he said. “It’s almost like a bonding materi-

al. The polymer is grabbing all the dirt particles and chunks out of the water, so it’s slowly settling.”

Like the intake pipe, the plant’s clarifiers are powered by gravity. Each rests on a 1/16-inch slant, slowly skimming sediment-free water off the top of the tanks.

All told, it takes water six hours to squirrel through the dozen or so clarifiers.

At the end of each day, workers open the mud valves below the clarifiers and feed the sludge into two outdoor wastewater lagoons.

The clarified water then travels underground to another basin, where it receives more ozone gas. Then it is sent to three indoor filters, two made of anthracite and one of activated carbon.

The filter beds are pale green and weathered, like a miniature hotel pool.

An opaque tarp separates the filter beds from a control room, which serves as working space for plant workers.

Inside the room, Garrett, Mayfield, and Wheeler monitor chemical levels in the water.

“We run based on consumer consumption,” Wheeler said. “This time of year, we’ve had a couple 14-hour days, but for the most part, we’re generally running for 10 to 12 hours.”

A door camera is pointed at a computer screen, allowing the team to check levels re-

motely. It’s a makeshift system, one Wheeler wants to replace, but it works.

“At any given time, I can pull up on my phone and see what our levels are and then let the guys know,” he said. “We look at it throughout the night and text each other.”

Surface water is more changeable than groundwater, and county water plants must frequently tweak the ratios and amounts of chemicals being used.

“It makes our job a little harder,” Wheeler said. “But I’m very confident in the water.”

He claimed to never buy bottled water.

“I want to drink what I’m making,” he said.

Two old but vital devices lie on the left side of the control room.

A large black device, which looks like a grid of safes but is actually the “master control” for the whole plant, rests against the wall.

A dusty panel with metal switches and buttons is used to control the anthracite and carbon filters.

“I don’t know if you’ve ever been over to the Cosmosphere,” Wheeler said, “but they’ve got some old NASA stuff that looks like this.”

Workers hope to install a new panel soon that will be a quarter of the size, Wheeler said.

The right side of the room al-

ready has been updated; three large computer monitors display indecipherable graphs and measurements.

Decor is sparse, in contrast to Hillsboro’s maximalist control room.

A Kansas City Royals schedule is stuck to a metal refrigerator, and a Donald Trump bobblehead, allegedly fished out of the city’s trash truck, sits on a desk, grinning.

Past an outdoor shop containing the plant’s ozone generators — “you get pretty warm in here,” Wheeler said — water flows to the basement, where it will receive a final chlorine and ammonia treatment before the process is completed and the water sent to an underground “clear well.”

The minty-green basement has four large pipes passing through it: green, yellow, red, and brown. Green feeds into the upstairs filters, yellow carries wastewater to the lagoons, and red is used for backwashing pipes and filters. Brown, somewhat ironically, is reserved for clear water.

Three service pumps in a light-blue shed outside feed Marion’s distribution system.

The pumps are being repainted; one recently transitioned from light to dark blue. A cigarette butt and open paint can lie next to it.

Two chemicals are stored in the shed: a salt-based polymer that helps protect the inside of the city’s water pipes, and a caustic soda used to adjust the water’s pH balance.

It can be frustrating, Wheel-

er said, to have city water undergo the entire treatment process and then be tainted by old pipes.

“We did one side of town with new pipes, and I’m hoping that we can continue to take advantage of some of this funding and do more,” he said.

Surrounding the water plant is a building for the electric department, a storage shop, and a dilapidated red-brick townhouse that used to be used for water softening.

“It’s old, dark, and scary,” Wheeler said.

Piles of silt and sand at the opposite side of the lot blow around in the wind.

One of the ozone generators is not working, and new monitors in the control room would be nice, Wheeler said.

“I would love to have a fourth full-time person,” he added. “I don’t know if that will ever happen.”

But the old ice cube is still going strong at 61 years of age and shows few signs of slowing down.

Wheeler said he was pleased with the direction the plant was headed.

“The situation that I’m in now is so much different than from the past,” he said. “I feel like the community as a whole is really wanting to work together to move things forward from an infrastructure standpoint. The water plant for years was just kind of put on the back burner.”

## Festival to aid Coneburg

A three-day festival Aug. 22 to 24 in Peabody will bring back a bit of the past and raise money to rebuild the Coneburg Inn, destroyed last year in a fire.

The Coneburg Revival will include live music on three stages, food trucks, and camaraderie. A Saturday night street dance at the Coneburg will feature DJ BEERd.

Camping will be available at City Park. Prices are \$10 a day for primitive and \$15 a day for electric. Festival entry will cost \$15 a day or \$40 for the weekend. Children younger than 12 will be admitted free. Weekend passes include a \$10 meal and drink at the Coneburg.

More than 30 bands will perform an eclectic mix of bluegrass, rock, folk, and country music.

## WELLS: Settling in

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town, although he hasn’t yet gone to outlying towns.

After learning people’s names, Wells’ next big challenge will be to finish the city budget.

He looks for new challenges after that.

“I hope there are some, because I like to keep busy,” Wells said.

He’s been looking at specific projects to be worked on.

Mayor Mike Powers is interested in a community splash pad.

A grant deadline is next month.

“You’re better off to plan,”

Wells said. “You don’t have to do it as an emergency.”

He said he also wanted to stretch city resources as far as possible.

## CAR: Crash reported itself

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aged, and the radiator was leaking coolant.

The collision apparently happened at a low rate of speed because air bags did not deploy, he said.

A collision alert, part of the

car’s technology package, alerted police to the accident.

Police have been able to track the car’s movements around town but still are investigating, Hiebert said.



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SECOND DISTRICT OF KANSAS

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defenses thereto on or before September 17, 2025, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. of said day in the Eighth Judicial District Probate Court at 200 S. 3rd Street, Ste. 201, in the City of Marion, Marion County, Kansas at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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**IN THE MARION COUNTY DISTRICT COURT**

In the Matter of the Estate of GERALD L. HOLUB  
a/k/a  
GERALD HOLUB  
Deceased

Case No. MN 2025-PR-000025  
Petition filed Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Paulette E. Holub a/k/a Paulette Holub, spouse and one of the heirs of Gerald L. Holub a/k/a Gerald Holub, deceased, requesting:  
Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Marion County, Kansas:

An undivided one-third interest in and to:  
North 1/2 of Southeast 1/4, Section 31, Township 17 South, Range 4 East of the 6th P.M., Marion County, Kansas

And all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death and that such property owned by the decedent at the time of his death be as-

signed pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before September 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Marion County District Court in Marion, Marion County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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**Notice of Revenue Neutral Rate Intent**  
**THE GOVERNING BODY OF PEABODY CITY, HEREBY NOTIFIES THE MARION COUNTY CLERK OF INTENT TO EXCEED THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE;**

X Yes, we intend to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate and our proposed mill levy rate is 87.345. The date of our hearing is September 8th, 2025 at 7:00 PM and will be held at Peabody City Hall in Peabody, Kansas.

No, we do not plan to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate and will submit our budget to the County Clerk on or before October 1, 20.

WITNESS my hand and official seal on, 20.  
(Seal)

Clerk or Officer of Governing Body  
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**ORDINANCE NO. 838**  
**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, KANSAS, PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN OTHER ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN, EXCEPTING CERTAIN ORDINANCES**

**FROM REPEAL AND SAVING CERTAIN ACCRUED RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES.**

**BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the City of Florence, Kansas:**

**Section 1. Adoption of the Code of the City of Florence, Kansas.**

The codification of ordinances of the City of Florence, Kansas, prepared by Citycode Financial LLC, Wichita, Kansas, as set out in the following chapters, Chapters 1 to 17 and Appendices A and B, all inclusive, and entitled the “Code of the City of Florence, Kansas,” is hereby authorized, adopted and ordained as the “Code of the City of Florence, Kansas.” The Code is authorized by ordinance and was made in conformity with K.S.A. 12-3014 and 12-3015 and amendments thereto. Said code shall be duly certified by the City Clerk. One copy of the code shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk and shall be designated as and shall constitute the official ordinance book. Three additional copies shall be filed in the office of the city clerk and shall be designated for use by the public.

**Section 2. Repeal of general ordinances.**

All ordinances and parts of ordinances of a general nature passed prior to August 4, 2025, are hereby repealed as of the date of publication of said code except as hereinafter provided.

**Section 3. Same; excepting certain ordinances from repeal.**

In constructing this ordinance, the following ordinances shall not be considered or held to be ordinances of a general nature:

- Ordinances pertaining to the acquisition of property or interests in property by gift, purchase, devise, bequest, appropriation, or condemnation;
- Ordinances opening, dedicating, widening, vacating, or narrowing streets, avenues, alleys, and boulevards;
- Ordinances establishing and changing grades of streets, avenues, alleys, and boulevards;
- Ordinances naming or changing the names of streets, avenues, and boulevards;

- Ordinances authorizing or directing public improvements to be made;
- Ordinances creating districts for public improvements of whatever kind or nature;
- Ordinances levying general taxes;
- Ordinances levying special assessments or taxes;
- Ordinances granting any rights, privileges, easements, or franchises therein mentioned to any person, firm, or corporation;
- Ordinances authorizing the issuance of bonds and other instruments of indebtedness by the city;
- Ordinances authorizing contracts;
- Ordinances establishing the limits of the city or pertaining to annexation or exclusion of territory;
- Ordinances relating to compensation of officials, officers and employees of the city;
- All charter ordinances;
- Any appropriation ordinance or ordinances relating to a specific transfer of funds;
- Any zoning ordinance or ordinances changing the zoning classification of any property within the city or amending the city’s zoning map;
- Ordinances of a temporary nature;
- Any ordinance which is special, although permanent in effect;
- Any ordinance, the purpose of which has not been accomplished.

Provided, that the above enumeration of exceptions shall not be held or deemed to be inclusive, it being the purpose and intention to exempt from repeal any and all ordinances not of a general nature and general ordinances specifically excepted by this section. Ordinances which are not of a general nature shall be numbered consecutively, approved by the governing body, published, and filed with the city clerk, but such ordinances shall not be prepared for insertion in this code, nor be deemed a part hereof.

**Section 4.**

**Arrangement of and notations throughout the code.**

The arrangement and classification of the several chapters, articles, and sections of the code adopted by section 1 of this ordinance and the headnotes and footnotes at the ends of the sections, are made for the purpose of convenience and orderly arrangement, and do not constitute a part of the ordinances, and therefore, no implication or presumption of legislative intent or construction is to be drawn therefrom.

**Section 5. Accrued rights and liabilities.**

The repeal of ordinances as provided in section 2 hereof, shall not affect any rights acquired, fines, penalties, forfeitures or liabilities incurred thereunder, or actions involving any of the provisions of said ordinances or parts thereof. Said ordinances above repealed are hereby continued in force and effect after the passage, approval and publication of this ordinance for the purpose of such rights, fines, penalties, forfeitures, liabilities and actions therefor.

**Section 6. Severability.**

If, for any reason, any chapter, article, section, subsection, sentence, portion or part of the “Code of the City of Florence, Kansas,” or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this code.

**Section 7. Effective date.**

This ordinance shall be published in the official city newspaper and shall take effect and be in force from and after the publication of the “Code of the City of Florence, Kansas” as provided in K.S.A. 12-3015.

**ADOPTED AND PASSED** by the governing body of the City on August 4th, 2025 and **APPROVED AND SIGNED** by the Mayor.

/s/Robert Gayle Jr.

ROBERT GAYLE JR., Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/Dana Gayle

DANA GAYLE, City Clerk

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**NOTICE OF REVENUE NEUTRAL HEARING AND BUDGET HEARING**  
The Governing Body of the  
**Newton Recreation and Community Education**

The Governing Body of the Newton Recreation Commission will meet on the 29st day of August, 2025 at 7:00 a.m. at 415 Poplar for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of funds. Detailed budget information is available at 415 Poplar, Newton, KS 67114 and will be available at this meeting.

**BUDGET SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES**

The proposed budget year expenditure amount is the maximum expenditure limit for the proposed budget

Fund	Prior Year Actual 2023/2024	Current Year Estimated 2024/2025	Proposed Budget Year 2025-2026
General	2,213,935	2,187,865	3,873,731
Employee Benefit Fund	542,377	573,171	711,622
Totals	2,756,312.00	2,761,036	4,585,353
Lease Purchases:	2024	2025	2026
1-Jul	0	0	0
Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988			8.411
Total Proposed Estimated Tax Rate			8.650

Brian Bascue  
Newton Recreation Commission

M-48-2815





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Hazel Pilolla flies through the air with her hair straight up as she drops toward the water Sunday at Eastmoor United Methodist Church's Summer Splash.



Parents and children visit over ice cream and watermelon slices Sunday at Eastmoor United Methodist Church's Summer Splash.

## Church makes back-to-school splash

By PHYLLIS ZORN  
Staff writer

As Marion's first day of school loomed, Eastmoor United Methodist Church sponsored a Sunday evening swimming party and ice cream and watermelon social.

Students swam at the Sports and Aquatics Center pool, played in its splash pad, and dived off the diving board as parents kept an eye on the activity and visited with one another on pool bleachers during the school's Summer Splash event.

Lifeguards kept a close eye on swimmers. The party was planned as an

end-of-summer get-together. It drew children headed to everything from their first day of preschool to return to high school.

District athletic director Jason Hett played with children in the pool and dived off the board himself.

Some students did standard dives and others did back flips and fancy spirals.

Parents gently lifted children above the water and lowered them back into it, letting them get a feel for being in a pool.

A cacophony of joyful sounds hung in the air.

During morning worship service, students were prayed over and received 18 backpack tags to help them start the school year with faith and encouragement.

Pool time was 6 to 8 p.m. The social followed swimming.

The church has been marking children's journeys back to the classroom with worship activities as well.

All Marion students except eighth graders will begin school Thursday.

## Donations help teachers pay for class supplies

By FINN HARTNETT  
Staff writer

Paying for classroom supplies out of pocket is common for schoolteachers.

The National Education Association, the largest teachers' union in the U.S., reported in 2022 that more than 90% of teachers spend personal money on classroom supplies like decorations, pencils, and books.

In Hillsboro, some community organizations have stepped up to ease the financial strain on educators.

Margaret Johnson, pastor at Hillsboro United Methodist Church, spearheads a program providing free supplies to elementary teachers.

"I know teachers; they all buy things out of their own pocket," Johnson said. "We hope this helps ease their expenses."

Originally from Wichita, Johnson has worked at the church for four years.

Parkview Mennonite Church runs a program that provides students with school supplies. The program was featured in the *Record* last month.

That program inspired Johnson to start her own for teachers in 2022.

The church solicits wish-lists from each teacher, which elementary school Principal Nathan Hiebert compiles into a final list sent to Johnson each spring.

"We provide a small list to them," Hiebert said.

Each teacher's requests are written on a paper apple clipped to two small Christmas trees at the back of the sanctuary.

Church members grab an apple or two and purchase the items.

Johnson estimated that between \$800 and \$1,000 was spent on gifts each year.

This year, about 90 items have been purchased for 20 different teachers, she said.

Purchases range from small and cheap — zip-sealing plastic bags, hand sanitizer, lollipops — to elaborate — wall tapestries, wireless glue guns, an electric whistle.

The most expensive request this year came from a gym teacher who asked for replacement wheels for the elementary school's 30 scooter-boards.

The wheels cost several hundred dollars, Johnson said, but the church got it done.

A third-grade teacher once requested an exercise bike for her classroom, Johnson said.

It would have been used for kids to let out energy during class, but that was an item the church could not acquire.

"We'd have loved to have done it," Johnson said. "I think

it would have been really beneficial."

Other community organizations also are pitching in to help the school system.

In addition to Parkview Mennonite's program, Jayson Hanschu of American Family Insurance was host for a supply drive for middle and high school students Saturday.

Teachers receive different amounts to spend on school supplies. Amounts depend on grade level and subject.

"An English classroom versus a robotics classroom will have very different budgets," Superintendent Clint Corby said.

Elementary teachers receive roughly \$315 each year for classroom supplies and can petition for more.

"Some years, there may be a grade level that is doing a certain project that might need a little more," Corby said. "They can make requests, and those are usually honored. ... I can't think of a time when we haven't."

Corby said teachers were reasonable with their requests, and sometimes overly hesitant to ask for new supplies.

"They'll use something that's broken longer than they should, when we can get them something to make teaching better," he said.

Items received through United Methodist Church could be provided by the school, Corby said.

"It's not like I'm telling



STAFF PHOTO BY FINN HARTNETT  
Hillsboro United Methodist Church members Lindy Wiens (left) and Susan Watson organize school supplies for Hillsboro Elementary School teachers. Donors choose which supplies to contribute by selecting paper apples clipped to Christmas trees.

them, 'No, they can't have it,' he said.

Hiebert said the same thing.

"It's not something that we ask," he said. "It's something that — there's a culture within our community to invest in our kids."

Both were grateful for the support from the church and wider community.

"We have businesses, churches, families that care about our kids and want to support our kids," Hiebert said. "That's one of the things I love about our school."

United Methodist members have a few more days to bring in supplies.

On Monday, a group of volunteers will sort, bag, and deliver the gifts to each teacher's classroom.

Shopping carts will roll down school hallways in an

educational Christmas come early.

Johnson is looking forward to the day.

"It's one of those ways that the church can support education," she said. "That's what we're here for."

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