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Boats leaving damage, algae in their wake

By **ERIC MEYER**
Staff writer

Not only are docks at Marion County Lake being wrecked by inconsiderate visitors who, among other things, have been caught on surveillance cameras getting naked and having sex.

They also are being damaged by a relatively new water sport that also is contributing to shoreline erosion and is being blamed in part for an unprec-

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edented six consecutive weeks of blue-green algae advisories.

Wakeboarding, which mixes elements of waterskiing, surfing, and snowboarding, involves riders being towed behind specially design speed-

boats and performing tricks by jumping over the boat's wake.

"We had five or six of them doing it on the Fourth, and normally one or two every weekend," lake superintendent Isaac Hett said Monday.

The sport often employs specially designed boats with deep hulls, ballast systems, and shaping attachments designed to create extra-large wakes.

On a small lake, the wakes don't have space to dissipate before hitting shore. In areas where water is 8 to 10

feet deep, they also disturb sediment on the bottom, releasing nutrients like phosphorous that encourage algae growth.

After being free of algae advisories most of last summer, the lake has been under a watch or warning continuously since the Fourth. The latest will continue at least until Friday.

Several states — most recently, Wisconsin — have outlawed wakeboarding on lakes of less than 500 acres.

The county lake is barely more than

half that size at 280 acres. Marion Reservoir, in comparison, extends over 6,200 to 9,183 acres. Most summers, it has had more problems with algae than the county lake has. This year, however, it has not been under a watch or warning for nearly a month.

It's not merely the speed at which wakeboarding boats operate. They typically move slower than waterskiing boats. A pontoon might travel at 7

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Meth found outside Casey's

By **ERIC MEYER**
Staff writer

A plastic bag discovered around noon Aug. 12 on the ground in the Casey's General Store parking lot in Marion contained what police suspect were illegal drugs.

Police Chief Aaron Slater said the bag contained a white, crystallized substance that his training led him to believe was methamphetamine.

Police arrived roughly five minutes after the bag was discovered but were unable to determine who owned it, Slater said.

The contents weighed 1.5 grams. If it was meth, that's would have been enough for about seven doses of the highly addictive neurostimulant, according to federal drug enforcement reports.

Each dose, according to those reports, is capable of producing a 36-hour "high."

Crystal meth is the most expensive form of the drug. It tends to be the purest and is more costly and dangerous to produce.

According to federal estimates, crystal meth typically sells for \$20 to \$40 a gram.

"We didn't end up testing the substance due to there being no suspect," Slater said. "We didn't want to waste a test kit as they can be expensive.

"I was able to identify the substance due to my training and experience in dealing with the substance."

The substance was disposed of at the Marion police station, Slater said.

Wife's destination scares husband off

A husband who followed a Hillsboro woman to Marion quickly sped off when he saw she went to the sheriff's office.

The woman went to the office Monday afternoon to ask how to get a protection from abuse order or file for divorce, Undersheriff Larry Starkey said.

When her husband saw where she went, he sped past the sheriff's office and turned west on Main St., where he nearly crashed into other cars. He then drove over railroad tracks on the west edge of town without slowing down.

Deputies did not give chase.

They did ask whether she wanted to file a complaint, but she declined, Starkey said.



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New seventh-graders Cinch and Max Smith celebrate the end of the first day of school Thursday.

Heading back But first, it's time for a dip

By **FINN HARTNETT**
Staff writer

Marion students went back to school Thursday, and were able to ease into things with a day of socializing and lakeside fun.

Middle schoolers spent the majority of the day in an assembly, introducing themselves and getting to know their teachers.

"It was kind of boring," seventh grader Reese Richmond said.

The high school, for the second year in a row, had a day out at the county lake, with

swimming, water slides, and burgers grilled by principal Donald Raymer.

The lake day was organized by the student council.

"I did no planning for it, no preparation for it," he said. "All I had to do was show up and cook."

Middle schoolers were likely a little jealous of the lake day.

Asked what they were most excited for this school year, Richmond and fellow sev-

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Council left out of budget process

Plan would increase property tax 10.57%

By **ERIC MEYER**
and **PHYLLIS ZORN**
Staff writers

Ignoring city council members' wishes that Marion delay publishing its proposed budget until they had a chance to examine it, other officials plowed ahead Tuesday and submitted a proposed budget without council involvement.

The council will get its first look at the proposed spending plan, which would increase property taxes by 10.57% and overall spending by 12.75%, at the same time taxpayers do — when turning to Page 13 in the Classified section of this week's newspaper.

Officials pleaded with the newspaper Tuesday morning to accept the proposal for publication after the newspaper's usual 5 p.m. Monday deadline despite the fact that 17 hours earlier council members had agreed to delay publication.

The council planned to reschedule a formal budget hearing, set for Sept. 2, which would have required publication this week, and instead use the Sept. 2 meeting to review spending requests before presenting them to taxpayers in a formal hearing Sept. 15.

So sure were council members of their decision Monday

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night that council member Amy Smith, contacted Tuesday evening by the *Record*, insisted that the formal hearing still would be Sept. 15 and had not been moved back to its original date of Sept. 2.

Told that the plan had been altered after the council met, she said only that she "would have to call somebody."

Council member Kevin Burkholder also expressed concern.

When discussion Monday night focused on delaying publication, he had plaintively asked: "So, do you think that there'd be a chance, if we did like a study session before that date, we could all see it?"

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Lie turns 1 charge into 4, police say

By **PHYLLIS ZORN**
Staff writer

Driving without a license will get a person in trouble, but lying to police about it will create even more trouble.

Neavaeh R. Britton, 16, and Shaylinn M. Vogt, 21, were in a 2018 Chevrolet Equinox owned by Vogt's grandmother, Karlene J. Vogt, when Britton ran off a gravel road at 10:30 p.m. Aug. 11 on a curve at Pine and C Sts.

The intersection is north of the swimming pool on the west side of town.

Britton failed to negotiate a curve, and the Equinox got stuck in a sharp ditch, Hillsboro Assistant Police Chief Randy Brazil said.

The SUV had minimal damage, which Brazil estimated to be less than \$1,000.

Police were notified of the

accident by a neighbor who spotted the SUV at 7:20 a.m.

Vogt and Britton showed up about 10 minutes after Brazil got there and said they planned to push the SUV out of the ditch.

"They didn't go very far into the field," Brazil said. "It was kind of a steep ditch. They were really stuck in the ditch."

Asked what had happened, both said Vogt had missed the curve and driven off the road, Brazil said.

He wrote Vogt a citation for failing to report an accident.

If what the young women had said had been the truth, that would have been the end of it.

However, Brazil later got a call telling him that Britton, who did not have a driver's license, actually was the one

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Marion’s budgeting taxes our patience

FOOL ME ONCE; shame on you. Fool me twice; shame on me. Fool me three times, and maybe it’s time for a different adage, something like, “The more things change, the more they stay the same.

When so much attention is being thrust on Marion for things that happened two years ago that we’d all like to put behind us, it’s a shame that our city council no longer seems to control the city and has been totally outmatched for three years running by a task like budgeting, which every other governmental body in the county seems to have figured out how to do.

Budgeting has nuances and challenges, to be sure. But at its core, the task is relatively simple. Employees create wish lists not unlike what children do for Santa, and elected officials are the adults in the room, deciding which things Santa should bring.

That’s not to criticize employees. Their job is to look out for their coworkers, who could always use more equipment, fancier technology, and heftier raises and benefits. Department managers are supposed to stick up for their staffs.

Elected officials, on the other hand, are supposed to represent someone else — you, me, and all the other people who end up paying for whatever gifts budgetary Santas lavish on government employees.

Yes, elected representatives have to ensure that employee morale remains high, just as parents of young kids might be well-advised to dive head-first into the Santa myth. But elected officials also have to think not just of themselves, their families, and their friends but also of the hundreds of people — especially retirees — living Social Security check to Social Security check.

Years ago, most of these people paid off their mortgages and thought they could live more or less rent-free in their homesteads for the rest of their lives. Wow, were they mistaken. Not only do houses need upkeep. Taxes continue to rise. And for people owning a house not for its investment value but for its value as shelter in retirement, increased valuation does nothing other than make it harder for financial ends to meet.

Marion already has among the highest property taxes in the county — nearly twice Hillsboro’s. And for several years running, it has increased taxes and spending by double-digit percentages, as it proposes to do again this year. Were Congress or the legislature to regularly increase taxes so sharply, we’d be seeing crowds of people with pitchforks in the streets.

Even more troubling is the role that employees seem to assert in relation to elected officials. They and their allies at places like the League of Municipalities seem to believe that it’s best to cut elected officials out of most decision-making and allow them only to occasionally cast thumbs up or thumbs down like Romans deciding the fate of gladiators in some coliseum.

Elected officials used to do far more studying and investigating instead of simple yea-ing and nay-ing. Some apparently still want to. When their wishes to take time to go over a budget in detail before presenting it to the public are largely ignored, even if there’s a promise that there still will be time to review things, it’s troubling.

To be sure, there’s probably nothing illegal about how the council’s plans were changed without consulting council members. But there may be something immoral about it. The key question is: Who works for whom? Do elected council members serve the interests of appointed officials, or is it the other way around?

Government employees hate being called bureaucrats. But when the people and their elected representatives rule, it’s called “democracy.” When government employees rule, it’s called “bureaucracy.”

We hope Marion’s elected council members will reassess the rule of democracy and thoroughly study and perhaps even pare some of the budget requests they will be seeing for the first time when you do in this week’s paper. But even the mayor seems to doubt that much will change. Bureaucracy seems quite entrenched when democracy doesn’t fight back. Now is the time to see whether we have true heroes of democracy on our city council or just a bunch of people whose main goal is to be popular, get along, and not make waves.

— ERIC MEYER

Final thoughts

Vanishing into the ether

By FINN HARTNETT
Staff writer

WHEN I moved to Marion a year ago, I thought I could uncover some fundamental truth.

The generality of in question — Marion? Kansas? America? — did not concern me. I simply thought if I wrote enough words and heard enough stories, I could figure out what made modern man tick.

That knowledge, in turn, would help me find meaning in my own life. Maybe I would write the great American novel for good measure.

You might laugh, but at times, I could have sworn I was getting somewhere.

There is beauty and absurdity down every road of Marion County, whether it be the crumbling buildings of Florence, Gossel’s Mennonite preservationists, or Pilsen’s devotion to its hometown saint.

One feels the weight of the human psyche out here and learns how humans persevere in the face of adversity.

As a reporter, I was lucky that getting to know people was part of my job. I am grateful to everyone who, in typical Kansas fashion, talked my ear off about their lives.

I learned that Kansas sunsets are like no other, that cops don’t patrol dirt roads, and that multi-level marketing and AI advertising are more popular than I ever imagined.

I sat with temperate Christians and alcoholics, with little kids and the elderly, with the alt-right and the center-left.

In my investigative work, I tried to relay information sensitively without downplaying the truth.

I learned that you will face criticism no

matter how many puff pieces you write; that the fundamental paradox with small newspapers is that those that are the most aggressive in pursuing truth will upset the most residents, in part because there are so few such newspapers left.

It was difficult to receive angry phone calls and vitriol from those who were unhappy about their appearance in the newspaper.

At first, I would pace around the office after an issue came out, worried about word choices, praying I wouldn’t upset anyone.

In the end, though, the criticism was a good thing; I learned to tolerate it, learn from it, and be confident in my reporting.

I will greatly miss my co-workers who continue to fight the good fight at the *Marion County Record*.

They made sure I had a small but strong community in the office, and Wednesday mornings won’t be the same without them.

In the end, I failed in my mission to understand Marion.

Pip, the cabin-boy of the *Pequod* in Herman Melville’s *Moby-Dick*, saw God after he was thrown overboard and left floating in the holy depths of the Atlantic. I threw myself overboard last fall; I couldn’t see a damn thing.

My only epiphany was one that every permanent resident already knows: Rural Kansas is too desolate, battle-scarred, and vast to comprehend.

That’s not to say I took nothing away from Marion County. In fact, I learned more than I ever imagined I would.



Another Day in the Country

A spiritual experience

By PAT WICK

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THIS PAST weekend, I celebrated my birthday with a very unexpected, wildly extravagant, lovely gift from my sister.

She knows there is nothing I enjoy more than going somewhere, and so on this auspicious occasion, she gave me the gift of going to Bentonville, Arkansas, to experience (among other things) the Crystal Bridges Art Gallery.

She knew that I had wanted to go see this amazing place ever since the gallery opened Nov. 11, 2011.

You can imagine that anyone who planned a gallery to open on an auspicious date like 11/11/11 also would attend to other ways to make guests comfortable, excited, blessed, enlivened, and satiated just by being on the grounds.

To add to the playful fun, a restaurant where you can find yummy things to eat is called Eleven. The staff is delightful, the view spectacular, and the food good.

While I was enjoying every inch of this place, I kept thinking of the lady who facilitated it and the architect who got the fun of dreaming all this up and making it a reality.

You can Google that information while I tell you what a wonderful weekend I had celebrating another year of life.

How many places have you been where there was beauty of every kind, comfort at every turn, creativity around every corner, and constant delight in discovery?

Where would you go to experience so much pleasure for free! Yes, you read right — no admission. All you are required to do is get there!

I texted my friend Norma, “Guess where I’m celebrating my birthday!”

When I told her, she answered,

“Do you know that it’s listed No. 5 in the 10 best places to go in the United States?”

No matter your feelings toward big conglomerates like Walmart, I promise you’ll come away grateful for how they’ve taken a little nowhere town and made it like everyone’s dream of the perfect small town in rural America.

They’ve helped preserve the town square and all the old original buildings around it. They continue to inspire with small town wonders like music in the park in the evening, farmers markets on the weekend, and a dash of history reminding us of how things used to be.

In all my years of experiencing art in museums, I’ve never imagined a place like Crystal Bridges.

Usually, big art museums, from the ones in Wichita to the Smithsonian in Washington, are enclosed, carefully climate-controlled edifices for preserving and protecting the best of what humans have created.

The art is behind glass, light limited, and we are asked to walk through carefully and not to touch.

This wildly imagined repository of beauty called Crystal Bridges not only preserves paintings and artifacts but also unexpectedly invites you to touch and even create art on your own while visiting..

You’ll see a painting of a lady from antiquity dressed in velvets and lace. If you are paying attention, you’ll find a black box in the corner that you can reach inside with your hand and feel the textures the artist was trying to paint.

In the middle of the room are cozy chairs to sit in as you drink in the beauty around you.

You can turn a corner and see an expanse that celebrates nature’s creation. It’s Arkansas’s landscape, covered with blue skies, sheltered with

trees and flowers, and fed by sparkling water.

The building defies gravity, perching over natural springs, and bypasses tradition with transparent walls of glass.

You really need to experience it for yourself.

Jess planned the whole trip, researching where to stay and what restaurants we might eat at since we so enjoy good food and unique settings.

When we arrived Thursday she had dinner reservations at a place called The Preacher’s Son in downtown Bentonville.

Yes, the restaurant is in an old church, built in the 1800s. The congregation kept its fellowship going for a hundred years.

When there were too few to keep it going, the building was sold to — wait for it — a preacher’s son who was also a chef.

He operated this establishment for years, and then there were a variety of owners until now — all keeping the name as well as a menu continuing to be a perfect example of higher inspiration.

They don’t serve Southern cuisine, but it’s definitely soul food in its most lofty sense.

“Does this mean you are a houseguest of God?” my grandson quipped when he found out where we were eating.

“Yes,” I answered, “I believe that’s what we all are on this Earth — houseguests.”

It was three days of intense celebration, starting out by eating at The Preacher’s Son and then coming home as two preacher’s daughters.

We stopped at Jirak’s for roasting ears, made mashed potatoes and gravy for supper — thankful for the spiritual experience, grateful to be home safely, and glad to be spending another day in the country.

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15 YEARS AGO

AUG. 25, 2010

Marion Kiwanis Club has announced that this year's Old Settlers Day parade will recognize the centennial of the Boy Scouts with a theme of 100 Years of Scouting. The parade will be 11 a.m. Sept. 25 in downtown Marion.

Physician Rhea Hartley has joined St. Luke Physician Clinic. She is seeing patients two days a week.

Marion County Fire Chiefs Association will present a fireworks display at 9:45 p.m. Sept. 5 at Marion County Park and Lake for Labor Day. The fireworks will be sponsored by Shawmar Oil and Gas.

A card shower is being requested for Roger and Lucille Bitner of Marion in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 16.

Finding a purpose for living is important as people grow older. Evelyn Jewett, 84, of Marion talks about the joys of quilting at Marion Senior Center. Jewett is in charge of a quilting detail and craft corner. She says it is her whole life.

An employee of Klassen Dairy at Hillsboro found six injured pregnant Holstein heifers Aug. 17 and 18 in a pasture southeast of Durham. The animals had been wounded by a shotgun. Beer cans and shotgun shells were found beside a road next to the pasture. The incident is being investigated, but so far there are no suspects.

30 YEARS AGO

AUG. 30, 1995

Rob Cooper began working Friday at Marion County Courthouse as court services officer in Marion County. He will oversee 80 adults and 40

juveniles assigned to probation by district court.

A four-day celebration in Florence will start Friday as the community conducts its annual Labor Day activities.

Rowena Plett of rural Lincolnville has joined the staff of the *Marion County Record* as a reporter. She will be covering news from the northern part of Marion County and the Centre school district and feature stories as they come to her attention.

Ona Griffith was selected as Sunflower Sweetheart and Ivanlee Timm as Mr. Nice Guy in a contest sponsored by Flint Hills North Central Area Agency on Aging through Marion Senior Center.

Jim Delk and Lonnie Nickel are pictured as they lift pork roasts off a grill Saturday at Tampa State Bank's annual hog roast. Five hogs were prepared for an estimated 600 people.

Triple H Construction of Marion installed a new scoreboard this past week at Marion Stadium. Located in the same place as the old scoreboard, the new one is far larger yet simpler to operate because of computerized controls.

45 YEARS AGO

AUG. 27, 1980

Classes started Monday in Marion and Florence school buildings with 611 students enrolled and 49 teachers employed by the district. Thirteen new faculty members, including 12 teachers and one administrator, have joined the staff at the three attendance centers.

If engineering estimates are correct, Marion County stands to pick up 12 new bridges for the price of nine, according to Steve Berland, consultant engineer for BG Engineering, Manhattan.

Construction bids on nine bridges were lower than antici-

pated, and county commissioners decided Monday to use the surplus to replace three more bridges.

Jogging can become addictive, according to Marion residents involved in the sport. Those reporting on how they enjoy the activity are Caleb Abbott and his wife, Barbara; Alex Case Jr.; Polly Ferrell; Lori Harris; and Larry Loomis.

Martin Tice of Marion is a man of many talents. The former high school administrator is not only in the business management, accounting, investment, and real estate lines. He also is an auctioneer. Tice has just returned from Kansas City, where he successfully completed a course in auctioneering and auction sales management at Missouri Auction School.

Marion High School senior Leslie Burkholder is pictured as she prepares a calendar of events for the coming week on a memorial announcement board in front of the high school building.

60 YEARS AGO

SEPT. 2, 1965

Don Davis, former Marion boy who since 1962 has been president of the College of the Ozarks at Clarksville, Arkansas, will be featured speaker Sept. 25 at this year's Old Settlers Reunion.

Cement is being poured today on the widening of 3rd and 4th Sts. New curbing has been installed, light poles moved, and excess sidewalk torn out on the north side of the streets.

A business announcement of top importance to shoppers of this area is made this week. Sears, Roebuck and Co. has announced the opening of a new catalog sales merchant for this area. The store will be operated by Gerald Hill in a newly remodeled building at 106 E. Main St.

Linda Sue Strome of Burdick was crowned Marion County Fair queen in coronation ceremonies the final night of the fair in Hillsboro. She was crowned by Elaine Klassen, 1965 fair queen.

Runners-up were Patricia Edmonds of Peabody and Margie Goertzen of Henderson, Nebraska. Faith Kleinsasser, Hillsboro, won the talent competition.

School enrollment in the Marion school system is about the same, with a nine-student drop from last year.

Enrollment at Bown-Corby is 158; at Marion Elementary, 339; and at Marion High School, 209, for a total of 706.

75 YEARS AGO

AUG. 31, 1950

Prizes will be awarded this year for the best window displays in Marion business houses on Old Settlers Day. Windows must be decorated according to a theme, which will be announced next week.

Hillsboro merchant Adolph W. Schaeffler died Friday evening at his home from a heart attack. He had been president of Schaeffler Mercantile since the retirement of his father in 1929.

Fifty-two rural schools with 56 teachers are making last-minute preparations this week, getting ready for school to start next week.

Sergeant First Class Robert Eugene Landes, 24, son of Mrs. Ernest Watchcoske of Peabody, recently won a Silver Star as a for duties performed in combat with the 1st Cavalry Division in Korea.

World's Fair Revue will be the theme of this year's Community Guild banquet Sept. 5 in the city building. All women of the community are being urged to attend.

Marion County has been

fortunate so far this summer in not having any infantile paralysis cases reported. However, Mr. and Mrs. John DeForest went to California this week to visit their son, Private First Class Jack DeForest, who has taken ill with polio.

Van's is announcing a new hat bar. All wool felt hats in black, brown, green, red, navy, and tan — never two hats alike — are priced from \$3.48 to \$5.95.

110 YEARS AGO

AUG. 26, 1915

The absence of city lights during Chautauqua — owing to the burning of the city plant — was a distinct loss, but gasoline lights served very well. Electric lights for the platform were kindly furnished by Harry Rogers from his light plant at the Auditorium and helped greatly.

City commissioners have decided to tear down the walls of the present powerhouse and erect a new building. Commissioners hope to have the building erected and the new plant ready for operation Nov. 1.

Relatives and a few intimate friends witnessed a beautiful wedding when Elsie Cerney, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cerney of Pilsen, was united in marriage to William Shelton at the Catholic church at 10 a.m. Monday by Father Sklenar.

Leslie Bryan came home Tuesday from Nebraska. He has a broken ankle after being made sick while riding on a merry-go-round and jumping off while it was going. He broke both bones of his ankle but is able to go on crutches.

Mrs. Josiah Good, Mrs. Jessie Sumner and Miss Clara Sumner of the Home Economics Club will go to Elk on Tuesday of next week to conduct cooking demonstrations for the

benefit of the ladies of the community.

145 YEARS AGO

AUG. 27, 1880

Sealed proposals will be received at the store of J.J. Costello for the building and completion of a Christian church, 26 by 46 feet and 17 feet from the surface in stone, frame, or brick, at the option of a building committee. Bids will be received until Tuesday, Aug. 31.

James Dye has our thanks for a feast of water- and muskmelons.

Mr. C.S. Triplett, founder of this paper, mourns the loss of his wife, who died of consumption last Saturday in this city. The deceased, whose maiden name was Mary E. Clark, daughter of Jacob Clark of this township, was born March 39, 1853, and therefore was 27 years old at the time of her death.

A little 7-year-old son of Wm. Dobbs fell or was thrown from a horse last Sunday afternoon, breaking his arm.

The heaviest rain that has visited this section for a year came down from the northeast last Tuesday afternoon and poured down nearly all night. It was a good, soaking rain and put the ground in fine condition for fall work, besides helping out the late corn, sweet potatoes, trees, et cetera.

Lightning that accompanied a rainstorm Thursday night of last week proved to be quite a serious visitation. The house of George Hoggen, a Russian living in Liberty Township, was struck and burned up, with Mr. Hoggen being killed.

BUDGET: Council's plan ignored

FROM PAGE 1

Tuesday, after plans for the council to see the budget before it was published were dashed, Burkholder said he wished things had been left as council members had decided Monday.

"I guess, as a council member, I would like to look at it," he said. "I guess I would prefer that."

Council member Zach Collett did not respond to the *Record's* request for comment Tuesday and council member Tim Baxa could not be reached.

The decision to go ahead and publish the budget represents the third year in a row that Marion, unlike most munic-

ipalities, has published a proposed budget without council members first meeting with department heads to go over and potentially pare spending requests.

Formal hearings conducted after budgets are proposed tend to be perfunctory — mere formalities, with no detailed discussion of specific spending requests.

The proposed budget still could be changed either at the formal hearing or before, but how much of a change might be made is unclear, and the public will not have another opportunity to see what changes might be proposed.

City administrator Brian Wells defended his decision not

to delay publication of the proposal, which he and city clerk Janet Robinson put together.

Wells said he had consulted city attorney Brian Bina, who told him that if no formal vote on the dates had been taken at the meeting, it was not a binding decision.

Technically, budgets are to be presented by the clerk. In her 3½ years as clerk, all of the budgets she has presented have come at the last min-

ute, without meaningful council input.

Wells contended that Monday night's reluctance to go ahead with a formal hearing Sept. 2 was because the city's accounting company, the Loyd Group, had not yet notified the city that the budget was in order.

Wells said that someone — though he didn't know who — spoke to the Loyd Group the

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MONDAY, SEPT. 1

8:30 a.m. **Fun run / walk** Registration at 8, north end of Main St.

9 a.m. **Rolls, coffee, bake sale** Fire station

10 a.m. **Vendor booths** Shelter. Register with Denise Wasson at (316) 293-8788

10:30 a.m. **Coffee truck, blind barista, bounce house, double water slide, mini-train**

11 a.m. **Homemade ice cream** Fire station

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. **Music by Justus**

11:30 a.m. **Lunch** by Neosho Valley 4-H

Noon **Pie auction**

2 p.m. **Parade** Cash prizes. Register with Adriane Richard at (785) 466-1348

3 p.m. **Flint Hills Community Band** In park after parade

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4 p.m. **Ranch rodeo** Ball field

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Marion to interview development applicant

By **ERIC MEYER**
Staff writer

Delaying publication of Marion's proposed budget was not the only topic discussed at Monday night's city council meeting.

It also discussed hiring an economic development director.

Developer search

City administrator Brian Wells asked council members whether they were OK with him advertising to fill the developer position, which has been vacant since the resignation three years ago of Randy Collett.

"I was directed to fill the open economic development position," Wells said, "but I wanted to make sure I had council approval."

Application deadline is today. On-

ly one candidate has applied, Wells said.

"The decision to advertise that position was mine," Mayor Mike Powers told the council. "Under city code and city policy, I have superintending authority over the city, so I just told Brian to go ahead and publish that."

Council members discussed forming a committee to interview applicants and make a recommendation.

Powers and council member Tim Baxa volunteered. The committee also will include Wells and representatives from Marion Economic Development Inc. and Marion Merchants.

Project grants

In other business, the council heard that the state had approved a grant paying for 90% of a fueling system at Marion Municipal Airport. The city's

share could be around \$15,000, plus or minus \$1,000.

The council endorsed a bid by librarian Janet Marler to apply for a grant to repair 23-year-old rotting windows at Marion City Library. The city already has paid for temporary repairs.

"The library is one of our neater community features," Powers said.

Wells told council members that the city had squeaked by in its attempt, costing at least \$7,500, to disprove Census Bureau data that it failed to qualify as having a majority of its residents with low and moderate incomes.

This will allow Wells to begin seeking a grant for park improvements. They are likely to include a splash pad for kids, which Powers has identified as a priority.

An informal group led by NF Con-

struction owner Cody Nelson also told council members it was in preliminary stages of proposing to apply for a grant that might pay for architectural and engineering costs to construct a new event center in Marion.

Revised proposals

Council members delayed for two weeks action on a contract with Nisly Brothers to provide private recycling for city residents.

The city wants to reduce the contract term from five years to three.

"I'd like to see the agreement before we approve it," council member Kevin Burkholder said.

Council members did not need extra time to agree to a new ordinance regarding borrowing, primarily for new water metering equipment and street repairs.

Because of price increases, it will

increase the amount of general obligation bonds devoted to meters from \$350,000 to \$425,000.

The money will come from amounts previously designated for street repairs.

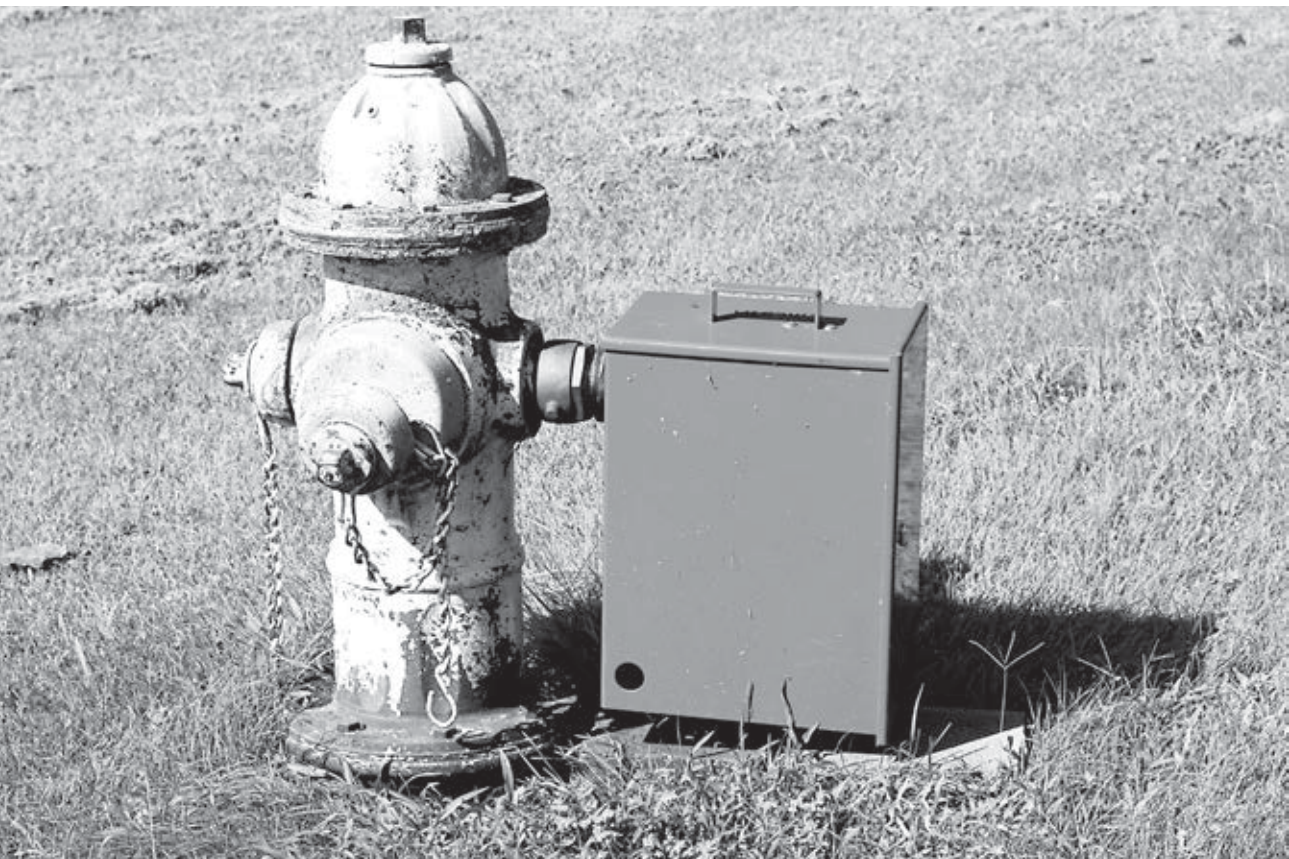
"I really hate that," Powers said. "I really do."

The new ordinance, which will be published in next week's paper, was unanimously approved.

The city has prioritized N. Coble St. and N. Roosevelt St. for reconstruction.

It also plans to install yield signs on east-west cross streets of S. Freeborn St. and S. Roosevelt St. from St. Luke Hospital to Main St.

A temporary \$205 sign advertising Art in the Park will replace a metal tourism sign that blew down at the entrance to Marion Reservoir.



An automatic flushing box attached to a fire hydrant on Meadow Ln. in Marion.

STAFF PHOTO BY FINN HARTNETT

Red boxes may fix brown water

By **FINN HARTNETT**
Staff writer

Better water may be coming for residents at the end of Marion's water lines.

Sections of the city, particularly on the south side of town, have reported poor water quality in recent years.

"This isn't new to the city," said Bill Lundy, who moved to his home on Fairway Dr. in 2016. "Everyone who's at the end of a line has issues. ... We started having them the day we moved into the house."

Lundy and his wife drink tap water, but only after it has passed through a filtration system installed at their sink.

"If we didn't have a filter, it would be orange," he said.

The city's water department is using bright-red devices called automatic flushing boxes to try to remedy the problem.

Boxes popped up in abundance last week.

They periodically are attached to fire hydrants around Marion.

For 15 minutes the boxes flush out sediment that has condensed at the end of the pipe.

Water sprays out from the bottoms of the boxes.

"I'll break cinder blocks in half, and I'll put the broken cinder blocks underneath the box just so it doesn't destroy somebody's lawn," water operator Jason Wheeler said. "It does come out at quite a high [pressure]."

Wheeler occasionally hears complaints from those living at the end of lines.

Anyone experiencing poor water quality should call the city office, he said.

His team will flush the nearby lines using one of the boxes.

Josh Tajchman, who had a flushing box in his yard Friday, said it was too early to tell whether it was having an effect.

"We don't drink it," he said. "We have bottled water."

Lundy said the city flushes when he calls them, but he would like to see devices used more regularly.

"I think it will help, as long as they're used," Lundy said. "My question is: How often are they running them?"

The devices are used from early spring to late autumn, Wheeler said. They can-

not be used in winter, as they can freeze onto hydrants.

The city has said the boxes run on a schedule set by the water department.

City administrator Brian Wells said the boxes were used until chlorine levels in the water reach proper levels.

"We get it in for the dead zones," Wells said.

The city has six, which cost \$3,000 a pop.

It began buying them three years ago, Wheeler said.

He hopes the city can acquire more. He would like to have 12 different boxes to use around town.

Wells said the city would like to buy more flushing boxes.

"It's just seeing where the budget's at for the end of the year," he said. "We'll try to get them at least two more. It helps them move around easier, faster."

More frequent use of the boxes could be the solution to the water issues in his part of town, Lundy said.

"If they're used right, it will help everybody," he said.

County tries to fix paving problem

By **ERIC MEYER**
Staff writer

Road crews are experimenting with different types of paving oil in hope of finding one that will bond in ways that oil applied to Remington Rd. did not, county commissioners were told Monday.

"They're going to try the chip-seal oil to see if that will adhere," county administrator Tina Spencer told commissioners. "If it doesn't adhere, then they'll have to clean everything out and switch everything out to a different type oil."

Commissioner Jonah Gehring responded: "If they figure out a solution on Remington, I'd like to see them go back on the mile west of Goessel. It's about the same."

Later, commissioner Mike Beneke questioned repairs on yet a third road.

"Some of the repairs on

290th west of Lincolnville, it's worse than when they started," he said. "I did say something to one of the EBH [Engineering] employees, and his comment was, 'Well, we got a dirt contractor fixing them that doesn't know anything about asphalt.' That left a pretty sad taste in my mouth."

Gehring interjected: "Before their name is mud, we need to have a representative here."

Spencer said she would arrange that.

In other business Monday, commissioner Clarke Dirks gave his fellow commissioners a formal resolution he received from Liberty Township's trustees expressing opposition to commercial wind farm operations in the township.

Driver turns over ATV, leaves

An ATV rollover at Florence's Flying Eagle parking lot early Saturday brought an ambulance and a deputy but resulted in no one being treated.

Undersheriff Larry Starkey said the driver, Tyler Slater, 35, Peabody, rolled his white four-wheeler on its side.

"He probably went around a corner too fast," Starkey said.

Starkey said Slater righted his ATV and left.

Hillsboro council approves priorities through 2031

By **PHYLLIS ZORN**
Staff writer

Hillsboro residents have laid out their hopes and dreams for their town for a second time, and city council members gave the resulting strategic plan their seal of approval Tuesday.

The last strategic plan for the city, which began being written in 2019, was completed 19 months later and set priorities through the end of this year.

Priorities through 2031 have now been set. From top priority to lower priorities, they are:

Housing development

Increase availability, quality, and affordability of housing by enforcing regulations to reduce blight; incentivizing home turnover and building; increasing access to rental properties; and supporting targeted development projects.

The task would involve enforcing code regulations to reduce blight and improve safety. Properties in town would be surveyed to identify blighted properties and divided into manageable sections.

The top 20 blighted properties would be reviewed each year, and 80% or more would be required to have corrective action within six months.

Proposed budget, increasing taxes by 1.55%, approved

After numerous viewings and tweakings of the 2026 budget, Hillsboro City Council members approved a draft budget Tuesday and set a public hearing for 4 p.m. Sept. 16.

The budget will raise property taxes by 1.55%, with a projected tax rate of 38.577 mills, compared to a revenue-neutral rate of 37.989. The mill rate would actually decline from 39.989 mills, but taxpayers might still pay more because of property reappraisals.

"We're not cutting any bone, and we're not cutting any of our strategic plan," Mayor Lou Thurston said.

The total budget as proposed is \$14,167,866, up 15.90% from this year.

Council members voted to issue \$2.68 million in industrial revenue bonds to Salem Home can replace its heating and air conditioning system. The nursing home, not the city, will pay off the bonds.

Elm St. and US-56 could get an eastbound turn lane and new concrete south of the intersection after Kansas Department of Transportation awarded a \$49,889.69 grant to EBH Engineering to design the project. Under a different program, KDOT and EBH reached an agreement for engineering of a walking and bicycle path on Orchard Dr. from Ash St. to Sonic Drive-In.

Council members hired Vogts Parga Construction for \$866,949.15 in work on S. Wilson and S. Lincoln St. Work on Wilson St. is expected to start in early October and be finished by early November. Work on S. Lincoln St. will begin in the spring.

Hillsboro's plan to develop a dog park to be open by fall got a boost from the county fair board when it gave approval for the city to repurpose the fenced rodeo arena. City staff will clean and level the area.

"A temporary fence or barrier will also be in-

stalled to separate the dog park from the main arena, which becomes muddy and unsafe during wet weather," Stiles said, noting that the dog park would be closed during the fair.

Stiles is working to develop shared-use agreements with Hillsboro schools and Tabor College for sports facilities. The school district's agreement expired in 2023. It offsets maintenance, utilities, and general upkeep costs and includes cost sharing for capital investments. Tabor, which uses tennis courts and a softball diamond, has not had a shared-use agreement with the city.

Hillsboro resident Ken Kliever talked to council members about property at 310 N. Washington St. that is the target of a code enforcement action. Kliever said her might be interested in purchasing it if the city ends up owning the property.

A catalog of empty or vacant properties would be created to assess housing availability and support redevelopment efforts.

Turnover of unoccupied homes would be accomplished by creating financial or policy incentives to encourage owners of vacant properties

to sell or rent their properties. At least one new incentive program is to be developed by December of this year.

Work with local real estate agents, banks, and property owners to develop and market the program.

Evaluate opportunities to use the former Salem Hospital as housing.

The city would collaborate with urban planners, architects, and local stakeholders under a planning grant co-sponsored by Flint Hills Regional Council.

Support new building projects for all income levels by continuing support of existing projects and develop-

ment of new projects so the community can continue to pursue progress and growth.

A key priority from the last strategic plan, this goal already includes

What does an emergency manager do, anyway?

By **PHYLLIS ZORN**
Staff writer

Marcy Hostetler has been spreading her wings — and information — about her role as the county’s emergency management director and what her department is able to do for cities and organizations.

Many people confuse emergency management with emergency medical services, Hostetler said. That’s why she’s on a tour of city council meetings and accepting invitations to speak to organizations and businesses.

She has spoken to Goessel, Hillsboro, and Peabody city councils so far and is open to invitations to speak to organizations.

“Emergency management is an all-hazards discipline that provides an invaluable tool for mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery,” Hostetler said.

Kansas requires county emergency managers to be certified by the state.

“The other thing I try to do is help people develop emergency plans,”

Hostetler said. “I would be happy to go over their emergency plan and make suggestions.”

She helps with plans for schools, non-profit organizations, and businesses, but she can’t write someone else’s plan.

Hostetler and deputy director Dan Schaefer track weather, send out alerts, go to weather events, and take damage reports and assessments.

Damage reports may be sent to Hostetler at marcymhostetler@marioncoks.net or to Schaefer at dschaefer@marioncoks.net

Reports may be texted to Hostetler at (620) 877-0029 or Schaefer at (620) 877-0207.

Another function of emergency management is to assist fire departments, law enforcement, and emergency medical services.

When the county needs to issue a disaster declaration, emergency management assists with the process.

The department also assists with

getting grants, arranging training and classes, and coordinating resource requests from other counties.

Hostetler and Schaefer also make presentations to community groups on financial preparedness, emergency kits, pet preparedness, and weather preparedness and participate in county events such as Safe Kids Day, Florence Grand Prix, arts and crafts festivals, the county fair, fire safety month, and preparedness month.



Dale and Tootsie Snelling

Couple marks 65th anniversary

Married Aug. 20, 1960 at St. Marks Catholic Church in Marion, Dale and Tootsie Snelling will celebrate their 65th anniversary with a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Aug. 30 at Holy Family Activity Center.

Gifts are not requested, but cards may be sent to 463 Cedar Creek Rd., Cedar Point KS 66843.



... in 1960

SCHOOL: Easing back into the routine

FROM PAGE 1

enth grader Weston Fanshier said the middle school’s own lake day, planned for this autumn.

Seventh grader Kelsey Vogel said she was most excited for sports and band practice, which will see her perform in local parades.

Seventh grader Cooper Smith said he was hoping to “do good in sports” this year, particularly football, where he is a lineman.

High schoolers said that while the weather was hot, they were big fans of a day out that resembled summer camp more than school.

“It was really fun,” senior Hailey Harshman said. “I like how we’ve started this tradition.”

Freshman Allison Vogel said she “really enjoyed when we did the Slip ‘n’ Slide.”

At 3 p.m., high schoolers returned from the lake, and the school day officially ended. The majority of students remained, filing into the Performing Arts Center to watch a presentation about concussion safety.

New freshmen said there nerves came with entering high school.

“I’m a little bit nervous, but I’m also really excited,” Vogel said. “It’s a small town, so everyone kind of knows everybody.”

She’s excited to be able to ride off campus for lunch “on special occasions” and to have



STAFF PHOTO BY FINN HARTNETT

From left, middle schoolers Cooper Smith, Trent Summerville, Conner Shearon Holub, Easton Cole, Max Smith, Cinch Smith, and Kash Emmons hang out after a concussion safety presentation on the first day of school.

access to her phone at lunch and in-between class.

Freshman Olivia Smith said that she was enjoying the small-town feel of Marion High.

She previously lived in Santa Fe, New Mexico; Lincoln, Nebraska; and the Chicago suburbs.

“Coming from a big city with these big schools, it’s so nice,” Smith said.

There seemed to be a good rapport between freshmen and seniors.

“I like to talk to underclass-

men and get to know people because I don’t like people to be uncomfortable,” Harshman, a senior, said. “The freshman class this year is really good for us. They’re more outgoing.”

Multiple freshmen highlighted the seniors’ kindness.

Raymer said he was looking forward to seeing how the two classes got along.

“What I’m most excited for is to see how our freshmen have matured,” he said. “And on the other side of things, I’m excit-

ed to see our seniors becoming leaders and good mentors.”

For seniors like Gabriella Stuchlik, this year will be bittersweet.

“I get to experience things for the last time and make the most out of it,” Stuchlik said. “I really love math. I’m actually taking two college math classes this year. And then I kept band in my schedule. I’ve been doing that since fifth grade.”

Leaving Marion High will “be sad but exciting at the same time,” she said.

WRECK: 1 charge becomes 4

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driving.

Brazil went to talk to both, who admitted that the unlicensed 16-year-old had been the one driving.

He took back the citation and tore it up.

“It turned criminal when they lied to me,” Brazil said.

Brazil’s report, which he expects to turn over to county attorney Michelle Brown today,

recommends charges of failure to report an accident, driving without a license, interfering with law enforcement, and giving false information about the accident for Britton.

He recommends charges of failure to report an accident, allowing an unauthorized person to drive, interfering with law enforcement, and giving false information for Vogt.

Deaths

Charles Bell

Services for Charles Thomas Bell, 86, who died Aug. 12 at Ottawa County Health Center in Minneapolis, will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church, Minneapolis.

Born Feb. 11, 1939, in Denver, to Charles and Ellen (Krisher) Bell, he is survived by son Creigh Bell of Hillsboro, daughter Stacey Gingell of Delphos, and four grandchildren.

A memorial has been established with St. Jude Children’s Hospital.

Naomi Maxwell

A graveside service for Naomi F. Maxwell, 90, who died Aug. 3 at St. Luke Living Center, Marion, will be 11 a.m. Aug. 27, at Americus Cemetery in Americus.

Born March 22, 1935, in Emporia to Peter and Lela Bass, she moved with her family to Americus, where she met future husband Robert Maxwell in fourth grade.

They were married Sept. 20, 1952, in Americus. After he retired, the couple moved from Wichita to Marion Reservoir.

He preceded her in death as did sisters Velma, Betty, Eileen, and Shirley and brothers Pete Jr., Roy, Jack, Irvin, and Charlie.

Survivors include daughters Jackie Luedtke of Marion and Pam Okrucky of Billings, Montana.

Memorials have been established with the United Methodist Church in Americus and Good Shepherd Hospice.

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.



‘Andy’ Linn

‘Andy’ Linn

A graveside service for Andrew Ray “Andy” Linn, 45, who passed away Aug. 4, 2025, was Wednesday, Aug. 13, at Greenwood Cemetery.

A reception followed at Pop-

eye’s on 12th and Hillside Sts. in Wichita, where his work family is located. All who knew Andy were welcome to attend and honor his life.

Andy, born May 18, 1980, in Wichita, was known for his quiet kindness, gentle humor, and deep love of comics. At Pop-eye’s, he was a steady presence and a friendly face to many.

Andy was quiet, silly, smart, and always ready with a subtle joke or random fact. Though our paths took different directions, he has always been and will always remain a part of the lives of those who remember him, and we will be forever grateful for the time we shared.

He is survived by stepmother Cheryl Linn; sister Jessica Coplin (and husband Jared);

stepsister Tami Wiley (and husband Mike); brother Tim Linn (and wife Stephanie); aunts Ramona McCrory (and husband Jeffrey), Barb Creamer (and husband Larry), and Betty Loney (and husband Tom); and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by father Lonny Linn, mother Karen Harding, brother Matthew Linn, and his grandparents and other family members.

His presence will be missed but his spirit will live on in the stories we tell and the laughter he inspired.

We are grateful to those who join us in remembering Andy and celebrating the life he lived.

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Thursday — Roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas and carrots, strawberries and bananas, roll.

Friday — Liver and onions or chicken patty, mashed potatoes with gravy, sliced tomatoes, pineapple tidbits.

Monday — Chicken and noodle casserole, stewed tomatoes, butter beans, five-cup fruit salad, bread.

Tuesday — Chef salad with ham, beets, crackers, blueberry muffins.

Aug. 27 — Meatballs, potato wedges, mixed vegetables, pineapple crumble, roll.

Aug. 28 — Oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans with onions, strawberry shortcake, roll.

MARION

Reservations accepted at (620) 382-2942.

Thursday — Roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas and carrots, strawberries and bananas.

Friday — Fish, potato tots, sliced tomatoes, pineapple tidbits.

Monday — Chicken noodle casserole,

stewed tomatoes, beans, fruit, whole-wheat bread.

Tuesday — Herbed pork roast, sweet potatoes, broccoli, hot spiced peaches, whole-wheat roll.

Aug. 27 — Oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans with onions, whole-wheat roll.

Aug. 28 — Grilled hamburgers with onion, lettuce, and tomato; baked beans; fruit.

PEABODY

Reservations accepted at (620) 983-2226.

Thursday — Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, strawberries and bananas, roll.

Friday — Fish and cheese on bun, tartar sauce or mayonnaise, potato tots, sliced tomatoes, pineapple tidbits.

Monday — Chicken and noodle casserole, stewed tomatoes, butter beans, five-cup fruit salad, bread.

Tuesday — Herbed pork roast, sweet potatoes, broccoli, hot spiced peaches, roll.

Aug. 27 — Ham, scalloped potatoes, peas, peaches, cookie, roll.

Aug. 28 — Chicken enchiladas, corn, tomato slices.

Church directory

Up-to-date schedules provided by churches

Email weekly updates to church@MarionCountyRecord.com.

AULNE BIBLE

1404 Pawnee Rd., Marion
Bryan Lowery, Pastor

Worship 9:10 a.m.
Sunday school 10:45 a.m.

Nursery and children’s church available during morning worship.

Wednesday — Packing and making jump ropes, 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.

Sunday — Potluck meal and bingo, 5:30 p.m.

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Thursday — Mission projects, 1 p.m.

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Monday — Office hours, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Aug. 27 — Office hours, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

OTHER AREA CHURCH SCHEDULES

ALEXANDERWOHL MENNONITE
Sunday school 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

BURDICK UNITED METHODIST
Worship 11 a.m.

BURNS CORNERSTONE BIBLE
Worship 9 a.m.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF FLORENCE
Worship 10:45 a.m.

Free breakfast 8:30 a.m.
Sunday school 9:30 a.m.

Evening service 6:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY OF CEDAR POINT
Worship 9 a.m.

EASTMOOR UNITED METHODIST
Worship 9:45 a.m.

EBENFELD MENNONITE BRETHREN
Worship 10:30 a.m.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST
Worship 10:30 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST OF DURHAM
Sunday school 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST OF PEABODY
Sunday school 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Facebook live 11 a.m.

GRACEPOINT
Worship 10:30 a.m.

GOOD NEWS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Worship 10:30 a.m.

HEBRON LUTHERAN OF BURDICK
Worship 9:30 a.m.

HILLSBORO FIRST MENNONITE
Sunday school 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

HILLSBORO MENNONITE BRETHREN
Sunday school 9:15 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

HILLSBORO UNITED METHODIST
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Weekly services posted on YouTube.

HOLY TRANSFIGURATION ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN OF HILLSBORO
Liturgy 10 a.m.

MARION CHRISTIAN

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday — Bible study, 9 a.m.

MARION PRESBYTERIAN

Praise team rehearsal 8 a.m.
Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sermon discussion 7:30 p.m.

PARKVIEW MENNONITE BRETHREN, HILLSBORO

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

PEABODY CHRISTIAN

Worship 10:30 a.m.

PEABODY UNITED METHODIST

Worship 10:40 a.m.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN OF LINCOLNVILLE

Worship 10:45 a.m.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN OF TAMPA

Worship 9:15 a.m.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN OF PEABODY

Worship 9 a.m.

STRASSBURG BAPTIST

Sunday school 9:45 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN OF RAMONA

Worship 10:45 a.m.

VALLEY UNITED METHODIST

Sunday school 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.

ZION LUTHERAN OF HILLSBORO

Bible class 9:15 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

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DOCKS: Boats leave damage, algae in their wake

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mph. A wake boat tends to travel at 11 to 19 mph while a ski boat travels at 20 to 30 mph.

Pontoon and ski boats, however, are designed to minimize wakes while wake boats are designed to maximize them, with ballast causing them to ride low in the water at their stern.

The waves they create provide a surf-like surface for wakeboarders to jump over. They also disturb anglers and others along with shore.

"I get people all the time telling me that they really can't enjoy the lake because of all the waves," Hett said.

The waves cause shoreline erosion and can take a financial toll on docks.

Dock owner Brian Crooks has had to replace cables on his dock three times this year because wake-

board boats come within 30 feet of his dock.

"I think it's doing a lot of damage to everyone's docks," Crooks told county commissioners Monday. "I also think it's hurting the lake itself. There's a lot of studies out there that show that the damage above the lake is nothing compared to the bed of the lake and what it's doing to fishing and stirring up sediment, encouraging algae growth."

Crooks has switched to half-inch cables on his dock near the former Kingfishers Inn.

"At this point, I think the dock will start breaking before the cables will snap again," he told commissioners. "Our lake is definitely too small for that kind of thing."

He was one of three dock owners who pleaded with commissioners

Monday to consider adopting regulations governing visitors' dock usage and wakeboarding.

Marci Cain, who purchased a dock five years ago, told commissioners a fire pit was moved and left still burning on her dock the next morning.

"We've cleaned up fish guts, stink bait, broken glass, beer cans, trash, and dog doo," she said. "We've had several confrontations with perfect strangers who refused to leave when we arrived to use our dock, or they get angry when we're using our dock. They don't understand why they can't use it, too. The joys of being cussed out for trying to use your own personal property!"

She questioned who would be liable in case of an accident, adding: "Despite two very visible 'you're on camera' signs, and the trail camera is not

hidden, we had people engaging in sexual activity on our dock."

She criticized commissioners other than Kent Becker for failing to respond to her emails complaining about the situation.

Her concerns were echoed by dock owner Sherry Conyers, who reported that her cameras had recorded unwanted nude visitors at her dock at 2 a.m., well after the lake's posted curfew.

Conyers and Cain asked that docks be privatized, but Crooks, who's had his dock for about a year, disagreed.

"I had to rely on public docks in the past," he told commissioners. "My dock is public, and I feel that when I purchased that spot, part of that was that I made a commitment to maintain that area for the public. And I don't mind doing that."

But, he said, he would like to see "some rules and regulations to kind of help on both sides."

Commissioners took no action.

"Some of the activities on them I was guilty of when I was a teenager," commissioner Mike Beneke said. "So, it's been going on for quite a while."

He suggested designating Hett as a compliance officer, with brief two-week training as a part-time law enforcement officer — a plan Hett said he would favor.

But Hett warned that the lake was open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, and a single compliance officer with other duties would not be able to stop all problems.

"The easy fix is for people to respect other people's property," commissioner Clarke Dirks said, "but that's not going to happen."

BUDGET: Change in plans surprises council members

FROM PAGE 5

morning after the council met and was told accountants had reviewed the budget and were ready to talk to council members about it.

Wells said a council work session to review budget details would be scheduled for next week in anticipation of the formal hearing Sept. 2.

He said he didn't know why a copy of the proposed budget had not been sent to council members before Monday's meeting.

Agendas and packets of information normally available on Fridays before council meetings were not sent until mid-afternoon Monday and did not include anything on the budget.

Mayor Mike Powers said that Wells was the one who decided not to change the budget hearing date despite the council's wishes.

"He chose not to move [the hearing date]," Powers said. "It's going to

take place on the day it was originally scheduled.

"The reason for setting the date back was to allow us to have the opportunity to review the budget before the budget hearing. We're still going to have that opportunity before the budget hearing."

Powers said that Sept. 15 had been discussed Monday night but that no recorded vote was taken, so the council's decision was not binding.

He said that the proposed budget could be changed when council members reviewed it with the Loyd Group but that he didn't think that was likely.

"I anticipate we will vote on it Sept. 2, but it could be as late as the 15th," Powers said.

A delayed hearing still would have met state deadlines for presenting property tax budgets, but it would have been the most last-minute budget hearing Marion had ever conducted.

"I'd like to blame someone," Powers said at Monday's meeting, "but I don't have anyone to blame. I really hoped that this year we would be better in this regard, but the timing of the changeover [to a new city administrator] didn't work out well for us."

In most municipalities, council members begin budget deliberations in May, meeting with department heads to go over budget requests and gradually cobble together a proposed budget.

For the third year in a row, that wasn't what happened in Marion.

In 2023, after only one brief discussion that did not touch on departmental needs, a proposed budget calling for a 13.5% increase in city property taxes was unveiled to council members only moments before they met Aug. 7 to adopt it as the city's proposed budget.

In 2024, a proposed budget calling for a tax increase of as much as 15%

on a typical home was published Aug. 21 but without any line items having been discussed or voted on at public council meetings.

Last year, Powers blamed the delay on how "screwed up" the city was after David Mayfield's time as mayor. He argued that his "new council" was "doing the best it can."

This year, Powers told council members he had talked to Wells about setting deadlines for departments to present requests and have them considered by council members.

"That's what I had hoped we would do this year," he said, "but it just — it didn't happen."

Powers said Tuesday that this year's delay was attributable to the transition between interim administrator Mark McAnarney, who began meeting with council members about the budget in general, and Wells, who didn't continue the process.

"Wait till next year," Powers said.

"This is not the way the process is supposed to go, but this will not be done this way next year."

At Monday's meeting, Wells was instructed to meet with county clerk Ashley Herpich to see what might be needed to delay the hearing.

The county already has sent notices to all city taxpayers informing them of the Sept. 2 date.

The option of retaining the Sept. 2 date and having Powers work with Wells and the Loyd Group to publish a proposed budget that council hadn't considered was discussed and seemingly rejected.

"I would rather we would do whatever we can do to take this back to our fallback position," Powers said Monday, referring to having the formal hearing Sept. 15.

HILLSBORO: Priorities through 2031 set

FROM PAGE 3

Orchard Ridge duplexes being built south of Dollar General by Menno-nite Housing.

Energize economic opportunities

Improve public spaces downtown to create a more attractive and inviting area for residents and visitors by enhancing streetscapes and public gathering areas. Seating, repairs to brick walkways, and installation of planters would be part of the process. Financial support would be secured through grants, partnerships with downtown businesses, and budget allocations.

A downtown community plaza would be completed by installing an amphitheater to boost entertainment opportunities and strengthen community engagement.

Food, shopping, and entertainment options would be increased by creating a tailored business incentive program to expand existing restaurants and entertainment venues and help develop a sit-down restaurant with breakfast, lunch, and dinner options

Other goals include developing incentive proposals and helping facilitate two new business starts, fostering entrepreneurship and small business success, and provide resources to at least five community entrepreneurs.

Hillsboro will be promoted as an ideal location for remote workers, with fast and reliable Internet, affordable living, and community connection.

Deepen educational connections

Strengthen partnerships with local educational institutions to expand op-

portunity for learning, working, and thriving.

Hold regular educational engagement events with a goal of more than 50 student participants.

Plan for and develop the Tabor corridor to foster student engagement, attract visitors, and build on Hillsboro's identity as a college town. Form a work group that includes college representatives, city planners, and local business leaders.

Engage students in local internships, jobs, and volunteer opportunities to support workforce development, talent retention, and economic vitality.

Use existing school and state resources to partner with local employers and organizations to identify opportunities.

Launch a "Come Home to Hillsboro" campaign to strengthen the

city's talent pipeline, support economic development, and reinforce community pride by encouraging young people to return, work, and invest in Hillsboro.

Expand trade education to address workforce shortages and provide career-ready pathways for students. This would include expanding the city's relationship with Hutchinson Community College and creating an additional trade education opportunity to serve at least 15 students.


Sustainable progress and forward momentum

Complete key infrastructure projects such as a new fire station and support vital community services such as child and senior care, improved energy reliability, and development of transportation options. Enhance senior living amenities.

Address power generation vulnerabilities by implementing backup or alternative energy solutions that work with Kansas Power Pool energy capacity.


City financial goals should be pursued to maintain and strengthen the city's financial position, maintain balanced budgets, review annual audits, and provide financial progress reports monthly, quarterly, and annually.

Develop and implement a comprehensive media and communication strategy to inform residents and attract newcomers. Launch a city communication campaign such as email newsletters, social media, or community videos. Assign a communications lead and committee to use existing platforms and track engagement metrics.



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ACCIDENTS REPORTED

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

SHERIFF

Indigo Rd. north of 170th Rd.

An 89-year-old ATV operator's failure to signal a left turn is being blamed for a wreck in which he was seriously injured at 1:48 p.m. Aug. 9, according to one of two accident reports released Friday.

As reported in last week's issue, Lloyd A. Funk of rural Hillsboro was turning his Arctic Cat ATV left into a field entrance when its right rear was struck by a 2013 Lincoln MKX that had been traveling behind it.

Both vehicles, which had been northbound, had crossed into the southbound lane before colliding, according to deputy Clayton Philpott's report.

The ATV rolled onto its side, sustaining damage to its right rear and left front but remaining drivable. The Lincoln, owned and driven by Kathleen A. Decker, 84, Bel Aire, sustained disabling damage to its front third and hood and was towed.

Funk, who was not wearing a seat belt, was partially ejected from the side of the ATV. He was airlifted to Wesley Medical Center, Wichita, by a LifeSafe helicopter. Decker did not report any injuries.

US-50 west of Wagon Wheel Rd.

Alejandro M. Ruiz, 52, Lawrence, hit a deer at 8:51 p.m. Aug. 9 with his 2022 Chevrolet Colorado, which sustained disabling damage to its right front and hood and was towed.

HILLSBORO

Pine and C Sts.

Unlicensed 16-year-old driver Neavaeh R. Britton, Hillsboro, failed to negotiate a curve and drove a 2018 Chevrolet Equinox off the road, through a ditch, and into a field at 10:30 p.m. Aug. 11.

The sport utility vehicle, which had been traveling south on a road that turns to the east, ended up facing northeast in the field.

The SUV, owned by Karlene J. Vogt, sustained damage to its left front and undercarriage and was towed.

Both Britton and passenger Shaylinn M. Vogt, 21, of the same address as the vehicle owner, face multiple charges, detailed in the Offenses section of this page.

Assistant Chief Randy Brazil's report blamed the accident on inattentive driving.

CIVIL DIVISION CASES

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

Jessica R. Bates was ordered Aug. 6 to pay Hospital District No. 1 \$520 plus costs and interest for unpaid medical bills.

Bradley R. Billinger was ordered Aug. 4 to pay Marion County \$742 plus costs and interest for unpaid medical bills.

Jamie R. Boden was ordered Aug. 6 to pay Hospital District No. 1 \$3,199.87 plus costs and interest for unpaid medical bills.

Midland Credit Management filed a petition Aug. 15 to have a Nov. 28, 2022, judgment of \$1,168.67 against Victoria Buckner converted to a lien.

Mary L. Day was ordered Aug. 6 to pay Hospital District No. 1 \$419.93 plus costs and interest for unpaid medical bills.

Midland Credit Management filed a petition Aug. 15 to have a Sept. 19, 2024 judgment of \$2,087.83 against Sarah Dye converted to a lien.

Kari Ann Farmer was ordered Aug. 6 to pay Hospital District No. 1 \$1,748.91 plus costs and interest for unpaid medical bills.

Dustin Glenn and Roy Ortiz filed a petition Aug. 18 seeking court approval of a State Farm Insurance settlement of \$100,000 each for two minors injured in a wreck Dec. 14 at K-15 / Bison Rd. and US-56 in which driver Alicia Warwick failed to stop the car because of fog, and her car was struck by a semi.

Jeremy A. Hamm was ordered Aug. 6 to pay Hospital District No. 1 \$1,206 for unpaid medical bills.

Brett E. Haws was ordered Aug. 6 to pay Hospital District No. 1 \$575.25 for unpaid medical bills.

Clinton Huebert was ordered Aug. 6 to pay Hospital District No. 1 \$533.69 for unpaid medical bills.

Gannon G. Kilough was ordered Aug. 6 to pay Hospital District No. 1 \$747.69 for unpaid medical bills.

Carrie L. Newell was ordered Aug. 6 to pay Hospital District No. 1 \$16.84 plus costs and interest for unpaid medical bills.

Christopher Novak was ordered Aug. 6 to pay Hospital District No. 1 \$357.49 plus costs and interest for unpaid medical bills.

Marcus Post was ordered Aug. 6 to pay Hospital District No. 1 \$1,061.97 plus costs and interest for unpaid medical bills.

Pingora Loan Servicing filed a petition Aug. 17 to foreclose a mortgage on property at 1631 Falcon, Hillsboro. Pingora seeks \$125,400 and for the property to be sold in a sheriff's sale.

Joshua and Meagan Wilson were ordered Aug. 6 to pay Hospital District No. 1 \$638.58 plus costs and interest for unpaid medical bills.

COUNTY JAIL ARRESTS AND BOOKINGS

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

NEW ARRESTS

Tyra L. Adair, 25, Wichita, jailed Tuesday on court orders. Previously jailed Dec. 17, 2023, on suspicion of driving without liability insurance and while her license was canceled, suspended, or revoked.

Alexandra M. Fox, 18, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, arrested Saturday by a sheriff's deputy on suspicion of underage driving under the influence of alcohol, transporting an open container of alcohol, underage possession of alcohol, and failure to stop at an accident. Released six hours later with no bond specified.

Michelle L. Stevens, 38, Peabody, arrested Saturday by a sheriff's deputy on suspicion of disorderly conduct and violating terms of her probation. Released three hours later after posting \$3,000 in bonds. Previously jailed April 2 to 4 on suspicion of possessing marijuana and an undetermined controlled substance and July 11, 2022, on suspicion of distributing depressants and possessing marijuana, drug paraphernalia, an undetermined controlled substance, and an unlawful prescription.

Eric J. Williams, 37, Marion, jailed Aug. 13 for twice failing to appear in court. Released 17 hours later after posting \$1,000 cash bail and a \$2,500 bond. Previously jailed 27 times for a total of all or part of 231 days between Dec. 21, 2017, and April 8, 2025. Previous jailings were for failing to appear in court 16 times, for allegedly violating his probation four times, on court orders three times, for contempt of court three times, for allegedly violating his parole once, for revocation of bond once, on hold for the Kansas Department of Corrections once, and on suspicion of single counts of burglary; domestic battery; driving without a valid license; felony criminal damage to property; fleeing law enforcement; possession of drug paraphernalia, marijuana, and stimulants; and driving while his license was canceled, suspended, or revoked.

FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

Shannon L. Albright, 35, Goessel, jailed since Aug. 11.

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

William T. Dies, 38, Hillsboro, 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.

A bench warrant was issued July 29 for Brooklyn D. Bailey after she failed to appear in court.

Samuel I. Refett, 43, Canton, pleaded no contest Aug. 7 to making a criminal threat.

Juan Jose Geronimo Ochoa Rodriguez, 39, Houston, pleaded no contest July 29 to speeding and driving without a valid license and was ordered to pay \$222.

Karthik Shankar was found guilty July 29 of speeding 85 mph in a 65 zone and ordered to pay \$213.

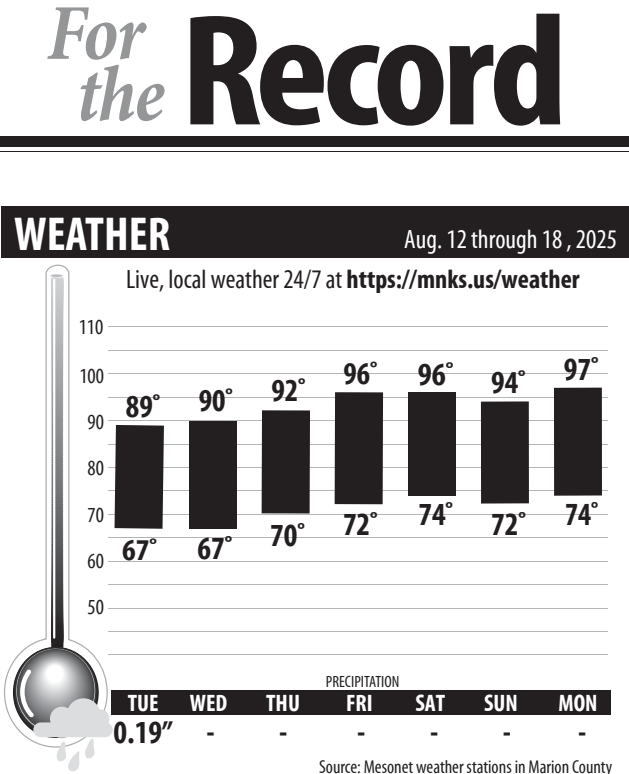
Cameron L. Sirois pleaded no contest July 29 to failing to comply with duty upon damaging unattended property and driving with no registration.

Bryan E. Smith, 35, Pilsen, pleaded no contest Aug. 4 to fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer.

Michelle L. Stevens, 38, Peabody, formally was charged July 17 with disorderly conduct.

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, Louise A. and Gail L. Whiteman, trustees, to Jess R. Whiteman, trustee, trustee deeds to 77.22 acres southeast of Remington and 160th Rds., 235.1 acres southeast of 150th and Remington Rds., 78.49 acres southwest of 160th and Remington Rds., 144.76 acres east of Pawnee Rd. between 220th and 230th Rds., and 136.35 acres southwest of 230th and Quail Creek Rds.

Neil J. and Christina L. Hett to CNH Rentals LLC, 1509 120th Rd. along with 18.97 acres and 329 E. Main St., Marion.

Ernie Ryan and Lauren Danielle Barrett to themselves as trustees, transfer-on-death warranty deed to 2271 130th Rd. along with 182.53 acres and a lot northwest of 110th Rd. and Kimball St., Florence.

Jerry D. East Revocable Trust to Mary C. East, trustee, mineral deed to mineral rights in 157.28 acres northwest of Upland and 10th Rds, and 156.98 acres southwest of 20th and Sunflower Rds.

Ann J. Koch to Ann J. Koch Revocable Trust, quitclaim deed to 153.96 acres northeast of Pawnee and 360th Rds.

Callie Bendickson to Pamela and Raymond Mehl, 105 S. Wilson St., Hillsboro.

Robert W. and Daisy D. Young to Robert W. and Daisy D. Young and Marcus A. Young, quitclaim deed to 411 Lombard St., Lincolnville.

Bailey K. Dore to Bradley D. and Veda L. Hamill, 611 80th Rd.

David P. Alcorn to Caleb R. Williams and Cheyenne J. Jeffrey, quitclaim deed to 309 N. Walnut St., Marion.

Wade M. and Tania A. Sorensen to Kevin and Lawanda Koehn, 409 W. Grand Ave., Hillsboro.

David and Hannah R. Goering to Darren Breck and Sheila A. Bradley, 202 S. Wilson St., Hillsboro.

In separate transactions, Timothy M. Holub to Timothy M. Holub, trustee, then Timothy M. Holub, trustee, to David and Sandra Osborn, then Timothy M. Holub, trustee, to Daniel Christopher and Molly Holub, part of 53.42 acres southeast of Sunflower and 240th Rds.

The Gorman and Faie Frederickson Revocable Trust to Lee Reeves and Clarissa Thompson, trustee deed to 1924 40th Rd.

Matthew Allen and Angela Dawn Penner, Richard and Eldora Penner, and Richard and Eldora Penner Family Trust to Matthew Allen and Angela Dawn Penner and Richard and Eldora Penner Family Trust, 155.51 acres southwest of 120th and Holly Rds.

EMERGENCY DISPATCHES

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

AUG. 12

4:06 p.m. — An 82-year-old man with chest pains after being stung multiple times by an insect at a home on County Rd. in Tampa declined to be taken to a hospital by Tampa ambulance attendants using a backup vehicle previously based in Peabody.

8:18 p.m. — An 85-year-old man who hurt his hip in a fall Friday at a home on Schlotthauer Dr. at Marion Reservoir's Eastshore subdivision was taken to NMC Health, formerly Newton Medical Center, by a backup ambulance based in Marion.

8:56 p.m. — A 71-year-old woman who fell out of a wheelchair at a home in the 100 block of N. B St. in Ramona was helped up by Tampa ambulance attendants. She declined to be taken to a hospital.

AUG. 13

No dispatches.

THURSDAY

11:14 a.m. — A 95-year-old woman who fell and hurt her leg and a finger at Parkside Homes duplexes in Hillsboro was taken to Hillsboro Community Hospital by Hillsboro ambulance.

1:32 p.m. — A 58-year-old man with sepsis was transferred by Hillsboro ambulance from HCH to Ascension Via Christi St. Francis Hospital, Wichita.

3:11 p.m. — An unspecified patient was transferred without explanation by Tampa ambulance from St. Luke Hospital, Marion, to McPherson Center for Health.

4:53 p.m. — A woman who a child reported was bleeding at a home on Lakeshore Dr. near Jerome St. at Marion County Lake was taken to St. Luke by Marion ambulance.

6:06 p.m. — A 95-year-old woman

with a fractured hip was transferred by Hillsboro ambulance from HCH to St. Francis.

7:30 p.m. — An unspecified patient was transferred by EagleMed helicopter from HCH to Wesley Medical Center, Wichita.

9:36 p.m. — A 79-year-old man who fell in the morning and remained on the floor with an injured back inside a locked home in the 600 block of Wichita Ave. in Lincolnville was taken to St. Luke by Tampa ambulance after entry to the home was arranged. A Lincolnville first responder helped.

10:41 p.m. — A 62-year-old man who fell at a farmhouse north of US-56 on Kanza Rd. was taken to HCH by Hillsboro ambulance.

FRIDAY

4:44 a.m. — A 62-year-old man with sepsis was transferred by Hillsboro ambulance from HCH to Kansas Heart Hospital, Wichita.

3:29 p.m. — An 81-year-old woman with diarrhea and malaise at a home near Jerome St. and Bluestem Ln. at Marion County Lake was taken to St. Luke by the Marion backup ambulance.

5:07 p.m. — An 89-year-old woman who fell at a home in the 300 block of Meadow Ln. in Goessel was taken to NMC Health by Hillsboro ambulance. Goessel first responders were paged but did not answer.

SATURDAY

12:56 a.m. — Marion ambulance was ordered to stand by at Flying Eagle Truck Stop in Florence after a wreck in which a reportedly injured person fled on an all-terrain vehicle. Within 15 minutes, however, the ambulance was told it would not be needed.

4:49 a.m. — Hillsboro ambulance was ordered to stand by at the Peabody fire station until a deputy determined it was safe to approach a wreck in which two people may have been injured when air bags deployed after a parked vehicle was hit. Marion ambulance also responded, and both ambulances were cleared by a deputy to go to the 300 block of N. Locust St. Marion ambulance was told to stand down, and Hillsboro ambulance reported that whatever patients were found declined to be taken to a hospital.

5:40 a.m. — A 93-year-old woman on hospice care who fell twice and may have broken her hip at a home in the 400 block of E. Main St. in Goessel was taken to NMC Health by Hillsboro ambulance.

7:44 a.m. — An 82-year-old wom-

an vomiting at a farmhouse near US-77 and 140th Rd. was taken to NMC Health by Marion ambulance.

8:44 a.m. — Fire in a pickup truck pulling a trailer on K-150 east of Wagon Wheel Rd. was extinguished within half an hour by Marion firefighters.

3:31 p.m. — A 55-year-old man having chest pains at Carriage Manor apartments in Florence declined to be taken to a hospital by Marion ambulance. An ambulance supervisor also responded. A Florence first responder provided initial evaluation of the patient.

5:46 p.m. — A fire alarm at Orsted's Sunflower Wind building on N. Roosevelt St. in Marion's industrial park was determined by Marion firefighters to be a false alarm. Firefighters noted that the building was locked, but dispatchers said they had no information on how to contact Orsted. Eventually, firefighters were able to reset the alarm.

7:04 p.m. — A 70-year-old woman with an altered mental state after suffering two seizures at a farmhouse near 250th and Falcon Rds. was taken to HCH by Hillsboro ambulance.

8:30 p.m. — An 86-year-old man with heart failure was transferred by Marion ambulance from St. Luke to Wesley.

10:46 p.m. — En route from Wesley, Marion ambulance was sent back to St. Luke to transfer a second patient to St. Francis. The ambulance eventually was assigned a different call, and Hillsboro ambulance was assigned at 12:45 a.m. to handle the call instead.

10:55 p.m. — At a sheriff's deputy's request, Peabody firefighters were sent to Old Mill and 50th Rd. to provide extra lighting at a wreck there.

11:08 p.m. — A 29-year-old motorist drifting in and out of consciousness after drinking alcohol and throwing up blood in a vehicle on US-50 west of Alfalfa Rd. was taken to NMC Health by Marion ambulance. The call initially went to Hillsboro ambulance but was reassigned to Marion ambulance, with Hillsboro ambulance assigned instead to a pending transfer that had been assigned to Marion ambulance. Florence firefighters provided initial evaluation of the patient. An ambulance supervisor also responded.

11:49 p.m. — A St. Luke patient was transferred by EagleMed helicopter to Salina Regional Health Center.

SUNDAY

8:25 a.m. — A 65-year-old man dehydrated from diarrhea and vomiting at a farmhouse on 170th Rd. southeast of Marion County Lake was taken to St. Luke by Marion ambulance.

3:17 p.m. — An unspecified victim of a possible stroke at a home near 3rd and Main Sts. in Hillsboro declined to be taken to a hospital by Hillsboro ambulance and opted instead to go by private vehicle.

3:42 p.m. — A 24-year-old man with an obstructed bowel was transferred by Marion ambulance from St. Luke to NMC Health.

9:01 p.m. — Without being dispatched, Hillsboro ambulance reported to HCH to transfer an unspecified patient to St. Francis.

MONDAY

12:21 a.m. — A fire alarm at Hillsboro High School, reported by neighbors but not by the school's alarm company, was determined by Hillsboro firefighters to be a false alarm.

5:53 a.m. — A second alarm at

the high school also was found to be a false alarm.

6:46 a.m. — A 79-year-old woman who pulled loose a feeding tube at a home on US-50 east of Mustang Rd. was taken to NMC Health by Hillsboro ambulance.

4:47 p.m. — A 65-year-old man with hypertension was transferred by Hillsboro ambulance from HCH to St. Francis.

6:22 p.m. — With Hillsboro ambulance in Wichita, Marion ambulance was dispatched to a house in the 100 block of N. Walnut St. in Peabody for a cryptic report of a person who apparently had fallen. A law enforcement officer canceled the call before the ambulance arrived. Tampa ambulance initially was sent to Hillsboro to stand by in case of additional calls, but attendants were told they wouldn't be needed before they arrived.

OFFENSES REPORTED

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

SHERIFF

Criminal damage

As reported in a news story two weeks ago, a tombstone, listed only as an unspecified miscellaneous item, was damaged between 4:30 and 5 p.m. Aug. 3 at Lost Springs Cemetery, according to a report released Friday.

Deputy Clayton Philpott's report, dated five days after the reported incident, estimated damage at \$300 and did not specify that the damage was done by a gunshot.

In a news story two weeks ago, George Luna told the Record he had discovered the damage while visiting family graves but could not estimate when it occurred.

Theft

Two lawn chairs valued at \$200 total were reported stolen between 9:50 and 10:32 a.m. Thursday from Sheila G. Albright's backyard on Schlotthauer Dr. in Eastshore subdivision at Marion Reservoir.

HILLSBORO

Submitting false reports, interfering with law enforcement, failing to report an accident, other driving violations

Two young women — one age 16, the other age 21 — face multiple potential charges after they allegedly left the scene of an accident at 10:30 p.m. Aug. 11 at Pine and C Sts. and lied to police afterward about how it happened.

According to Assistant Chief Randy Brazil, unlicensed 16-year-old driver Neavaeh R. Britton, Hillsboro, failed to negotiate a curve on Pine St. and drove a 2018 Chevrolet Equinox off the road, through a ditch, and into a field.

The SUV was found unattended. Both Britton and passenger Shaylinn M. Vogt, 21, initially gave a different account of the accident upon returning to the scene a short time after police arrived, according to offense reports filed by Brazil.

Police are recommending that the county attorney charge Britton with

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| First 25 words (first two, bold) | \$ 8.50 |
| Each additional word | 35c |
| Each additional bold-caps word | 35c |
| *Blind* reply service | 10.00 |
| Boxed classifieds and public notices (per column-inch) | 14.95 |
| Kansas classifieds statewide | 300.00 |
| Pay in advance: Cash, VISA or MasterCard. Charges for established accounts only. | |

| TO PLACE YOUR AD | |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Online | http://mnks.us/ad |
| E-mail | classified@mnks.us |
| Fax | (620) 382-2262 |
| Phone | (620) 382-2165 |
| Deadline | 5 p.m. Monday |

All real estate advertised is subject to the Fair Housing Act of 1968, which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion or national origin, or an intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination."

| CLASSIFICATIONS | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Personals | 14 Real estate |
| 2 Pets | 15 Homes for sale |
| 3 Lost & found | 16 Dwellings for rent |
| 4 Garage sales | 17 For rent |
| 5 Public auctions | 18 Help wanted |
| 6 Wanted | 19 Work wanted |
| 7 For sale | 20 Bus. opportunity |
| 8 Livestock | 21 Special notices |
| 9 Food | 22 Special services |
| 10 Cars & trucks | 23 Cards of thanks |
| 11 Land | 24 Kansas classified |
| 12 Feed & seed | 25 Public notices |
| 13 Lawn & garden | |

04 GARAGE SALE

HUGH GARAGE sale inside Hilltop Manor Activity Center 1501 E. Lawrence Center Building Aug. 22-8 6 and Aug. 23 8-1.

17 FOR RENT

STORAGE UNITS available — N. Roosevelt or S. 3rd St., Marion. Many sizes, yearly rates. Call Jim, (316) 284-2231 or call (316) 284-1299.

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NEED RELIABLE handyman with tools for roof / ceiling repairs and odd jobs at two rentals. Roofing experience preferred. Start ASAP. Pay based on experience. Call / text James (626) 533-4708 or email james47a@gmail.com.

21 SPECIAL NOTICES

FACED WITH a drinking problem? Perhaps Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) can help. Weekly meetings. Open to the public. Come see us 7 to 8 p.m. Mondays at St. Luke Medical Clinic basement, 537 S. Freeborn St., Marion.

MARION CHAPTER of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 9:30 a.m. Thursdays, Hilltop Manor, 1501 E. Lawrence St., Marion.

24 KANSAS CLASSIFIED

PLACE YOUR 25-word classified in the Kansas Press Association and 135 more newspapers for only \$300 a week. Find employees; sell your home or your car. Call the Kansas Press Association at (785) 271-5304 today!

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INJURED IN an accident? Don't accept the insurance company's first offer. Many injured parties are entitled to cash settlements in the \$10,000's. Get a free evaluation to see what your case is really worth. 100% free evaluation. Call now: (888) 920-1883

AGING ROOF? New homeowner? Storm damage? You need a local expert provider that proudly stands behind their work. Fast, free estimate. Financing available. Call (877) 589-0093. Have ZIP code of property ready when calling!

WATER DAMAGE cleanup and restoration: a small amount of water can lead to major damage in your home. Our trusted professionals do complete repairs to protect your family and your home's value! Call 24/7: (877) 586-6688. Have ZIP code of service location ready when you call!

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25 PUBLIC NOTICES

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARION COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JULIANNE L. UNRUH, DECEASED
Case No. MN-2025-PR-000026
(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition was filed in said Court by Alicia S. Cannon, Petitioner, praying that the descent be determined with respect to all property or interests therein owned by the decedent at the time of her death; and that such property and all personal property owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before September 22, 2025 at 9:00 AM in the City of Marion, Marion County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

Alicia S. Cannon
Petitioner

/s/ James R. Angell
James R. Angell, #19329
KENNEDY BERKLEY, P.A.
119 W. Iron, 7th Fl.
P.O. Box 2567
Salina, KS 67402-2567
jangell@kenberk.com
(785) 825-4674
ATTORNEYS FOR PETITIONER

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARION COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of William James Ryan, Deceased.
Case No. MN 25 PR 24

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on the 22nd day of July, 2025, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in this Court by Janette Irene Ryan, an heir, devisee and legatee, of William James Ryan, deceased. All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of first publication of this Notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

/s/ Janette Irene Ryan
Janette Irene Ryan
Petitioner
M-49-50-51-2807

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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 assigned 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.

Paulette E. Holub, Petitioner
Brian L. Bina, SC#24995
KARSTETTER & BINA, L.L.C.
322 N. Main, Ste. 201
McPherson, KS 67460
(620) 241-8800
bbina@kklawoffcs.com
Attorney for Petitioner

M-48-49-50-2801

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IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MARION COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FLOYD H. LEHRMAN, Deceased.

Case No. 2016-PR-000017

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on August 5, 2025, a Petition was filed in this Court by Shannon L. Bell, step-nephew of Floyd H. Lehrman, deceased, praying for Informal Administration and to Admit Will to Probate. You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before September 17, 2025, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. of said day in the Eighth Judicial Dis-

trict 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.

SHANNON L. BELL, Petitioner
MATTHEW W. BISH (#24126)
FOULSTON SIEKFIN LLP
1551 NORTH WATERFRONT PARKWAY, SUITE 100
WICHITA, KANSAS 67206-4466
Telephone: (316) 267-6371
Fax: (316) 267-6345
mbish@foulston.com
Attorneys for Petitioner
M-48-49-50-2800

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DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAX LIST

Notice is hereby given that on the first Tuesday of September 2025, I will as County Treasurer of Marion County, KS, and by accordance with KSA 79-2303, bid in for Marion County KS, at the County Treasurer's office in the City of Marion, Marion County, KS, all the following described Real Estate property for the Delinquent Taxes for the year 2024 plus advertising fees and 14% per annum, or 15% per annum for amounts \$10,000 or more and that no individual bids will be received for the sale. Some participants on the list are participants in the county's escrow program and the totals may differ. I regret any embarrassment caused by a Taxpayer whose name appears in the legal publication in error. This is not a public sale but the legal process for redemption of the 2024 taxes.

Tina L Groening
Marion County Treasurer

BURNS

Sean Michael Blansett:
602 Cemetery Lane
(BUR0004) 1,021.96

Daniel S Huls II & Rehea I Huls H/W: 110 E Broadway
(BUR0077) 516.92

Wesley Castleberry & Raeanne 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

Mark Daniel & Delores Ann Phillips c/o Mark D Phillips: S Nickerson (BUR0167) 45.51

Daniel Huls & Rehea Huls H/W: 229 S Washington
(BUR0178) 267.06

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: 219 N Church
(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
(LEC0003) 98.00

Clinton J Snyder: 403 S Vernon
(LEC0004) 1,863.27

Dalene Louise Jost: 211 N North
(LEC0021) 803.66

Patti Y Wachs & Michael L Wachs: 108 E Kansas (LEC0022) 223.92

Rebecca Devin Wilcox: 211 N Vernon (LEC0028) 544.18

Nichalus P McLaughlin: 111 S Prospect (LEC0072) 749.72

Bradley J Dies & Paula E Dies: Prospect (LEC0086) 52.29

Bradley & Paula Dies H/W: 310 S Prospect (LEC0088) 1,386.09

Bradley & Paula Dies H/W: Lehigh
(LEC0089) 56.19

Robert Lee James Jr: 308 W Main
(LEC0105) 339.71

Shane Daniels: 305 W Main
(LEC0109A) 741.80

Ethelda Lemon: 212 S Schmidt Lane (LEC0117) 1,010.44

Bradley L & Karen Bailey: 211 S Schmidt Lane (LEC0118) . 1,214.50

Ethelda Lemon c/o Citimortgage Inc Rochester Outsourcing: SE Santa Fe (LEC0123) 43.56

Bradley J & Paula E Dies H/W: 310 N Palmer (LEC0139) 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 Hoffner: 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

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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 Estimated Tax Rate* |
| General | 342,388 | 94.384 | 223,517 | 85.288 | 607,505 | 142,224 | 71.632 |
| Debt Service | | | | | | | |
| Library | 13,260 | 6.006 | 9,971 | 3.929 | 14,875 | 11,914 | 6.001 |
| 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 | | |

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| 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 | |

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| 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 |
| 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 |

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NOTICE OF REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE HEARING AND BUDGET HEARING

The Governing Body of

Newton Recreation Commission

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 Bascoe
Newton Recreation Commision

M-49-2816

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|---|----------|
| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| Larry G Lawrence & Jonnita L Metcalf c/o Gerald Bender: 621 Doyle (FLO0450) | 201.18 |
| Brittany D Morinsky 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 & Trayce E Warner: 133 W 7th (FLO0467) | 285.22 |

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| 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 |

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The governing body of Unified School District 373 will meet on the 8th day of September 2025 at 7:10 PM at 308 E 1st St. Newton, KS 67114 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 McKinley Administrate Center 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 | 26,083,907 | 20.000 | 26,755,040 | 20.000 | 27,115,322 | 3,434,441 | 20.000 |
| Supplemental General (LOB) | 08 | 8,054,798 | 15.320 | 8,471,482 | 14.094 | 9,042,874 | 3,516,220 | 14.871 |
| SPECIAL REVENUE | | | | | | | | |
| Federal Funds | 07 | 6,901,944 | | 2,640,208 | | 1,919,616 | | |
| Adult Education | 10 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| Preschool-Aged At-Risk | 11 | 191,933 | | 252,180 | | 398,690 | | |
| Adult Supplemental Education | 12 | 19,250 | | 19,250 | | 45,750 | | |
| At-Risk Education Fund | 13 | 5,788,441 | | 6,251,791 | | 7,046,577 | | |
| Bilingual Education | 14 | 285,234 | | 306,178 | | 548,564 | | |
| Virtual Education | 15 | 35,078 | | 36,033 | | 131,239 | | |
| Capital Outlay | 16 | 5,002,339 | 8.000 | 4,916,403 | 8.000 | 5,625,135 | 1,916,105 | 8.000 |
| Driver Training | 18 | 5,591 | | 5,978 | | 25,033 | | |
| Declining Enrollment | 19 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| Extraordinary School Program | 22 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | |
| Food Service | 24 | 2,000,860 | | 1,921,187 | | 2,568,165 | | |
| Professional Development | 26 | 96,853 | | 196,190 | | 604,792 | | |
| Parent Education Program | 28 | 187,813 | | 193,432 | | 294,600 | | |
| Summer School | 29 | 3,555 | | 1,360 | | 43,502 | | |
| Special Education | 30 | 5,806,372 | | 4,817,354 | | 7,867,222 | | |
| Cost of Living | 33 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| Career and Postsecondary Education | 34 | 1,603,458 | | 1,356,663 | | 1,958,345 | | |
| Gifts and Grants | 35 | 1,785,545 | | 1,153,318 | | 864,747 | | |
| 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 | 3,786,765 | | 3,635,572 | | 3,950,049 | | |
| Contingency Reserve | 53 | 89,696 | | 21,341 | | | | |
| Textbook & Student Material Revolving | 55 | 276,772 | | 402,056 | | | | |
| Activity Fund | 56 | 506,479 | | 562,452 | | | | |
| DEBT SERVICE | | | | | | | | |
| Bond and Interest #1 | 62 | 5,361,748 | 9.911 | 5,186,075 | 9.804 | 5,342,600 | 2,298,503 | 9.721 |
| 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 | 9,273,514 | | 9,479,204 | | 11,861,166 | | |
| TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES | 100 | 83,147,945 | 53.231 | 78,580,747 | 51.898 | 87,253,988 | 11,165,269 | 52.592 |
| Less: Transfers | 105 | 16,570,711 | | 15,922,528 | | 14,081,301 | | |
| NET USD EXPENDITURES | 110 | 66,577,234 | | 62,658,219 | | 73,172,687 | | |
| TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED | 115 | 10,107,774 | | 10,430,024 | | 11,165,269 | | |

| | | 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 | 1,538,000 | 6.554 | 1,679,902 | 6.578 | 1,698,000 | 1,486,593 | 6.287 |
| Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab | 86 | 531,894 | 2.347 | 546,120 | 2.278 | 617,000 | 528,671 | 2.236 |
| TOTAL OTHER | 120 | 2,069,894 | 8.901 | 2,226,022 | 8.856 | 2,315,000 | 2,015,264 | 8.523 |
| TOTAL TAXES LEVIED | 125 | \$11,922,097 | | \$12,425,639 | | \$13,180,533 | | |

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|-------------------------------------|-----|---------------|--|---------------|--|---------------|
| Assessed Valuation - General Fund | 128 | \$166,093,807 | | \$160,960,425 | | \$171,722,067 |
| Assessed Valuation -All Other Funds | 130 | \$203,387,668 | | \$224,666,473 | | \$236,440,300 |
| Assessed Valuation - Capital Outlay | 129 | \$203,049,786 | | \$225,962,125 | | \$239,513,095 |
| Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1 | | | | | | |
| General Obligation Bonds | 135 | 22,380,000 | | 17,675,000 | | 12,990,000 |
| Capital Outlay Bonds | 140 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 |
| Temporary Note | 145 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 |
| No-Fund Warrant | 150 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 |
| Lease Purchase Principal | 153 | 588,165 | | 6,985,406 | | 6,066,706 |
| TOTAL USD DEBT | 155 | 22,968,165 | | 24,660,406 | | 19,056,706 |

Tax Rates are expressed in Mills
Melissa Schreiber
Board President

Joni Jantz
Clerk of the Board

Exceeding Revenue Neutral for the 2025-2026 School Year

The governing body of Unified School District 373 will meet on the 8th day of September 2025 at 7:00 PM at 308 E 1st St, Newton, KS 67114 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 McKinley Administrative Center 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 | \$3,219,209 | 20.000 | \$3,219,209 | 18.734 | \$3,434,441 | 20.000 |
| ALL OTHER FUNDS | | | | | | |
| Supplemental General {LOB} | \$3,175,696 | 14.094 | \$3,175,696 | 13.431 | \$3,516,220 | 14.871 |
| Adult Education | \$0 | 0.000 | | | \$0 | 0.000 |
| Capital Outlay | \$1,825,782 | 8.000 | \$1,825,782 | 7.592 | \$1,916,105 | 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 | \$2,209,337 | 9.804 | \$2,209,337 | 9.344 | \$2,298,503 | 9.721 |
| 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 | \$10,430,024 | 51.898 | \$10,430,024 | 49.101 | \$11,165,269 | 52.592 |
| Total Taxes Levied Excluding General Fund | \$7,210,815 | 31.898 | \$7,210,815 | 30.367 | \$7,730,828 | 32.592 |

Melissa Schreiber, Board President

Joni Jantz, Clerk of the Board

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| 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 |
| Delillah 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 Jt: 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 |

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NOTICE OF REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE HEARING AND BUDGET HEARING

The Governing Body of
USD 408 REC Commission

will meet on September 3rd, 2025 at 12:00 P.M. at 101 N. Thorp St., Marion, KS 66861 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of funds. Detailed budget information is available at 101 N. Thorp St., Marion, KS 66861 and will be available at this meeting.

SUPPORTING COUNTIES
Marion (home county) Chase

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 | 60,080 | 57,202 | 149,999 |
| Totals | 60,080 | 57,202 | 149,999 |
| Lease Purchases: | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
| 1-Jul | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988 | | | 0.943 |
| Total Proposed Estimated Tax Rate | | | 1.000 |

Bart Peace
Recreation Commission Vice President

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| 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 |
| 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 Essee: 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 |
| Marannde 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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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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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Notice of Hearing 2025-2026 Budget

The governing body of Unified School District 408 will meet on the 8th day of September 2025 at 7:05 PM at 101 N. Thorp St., Marion, KS 66861 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 408 District Office on the district web-site 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 Expenditures (1) | Actual Tax Rate* (2) | Actual Expenditures (3) | Actual Tax Rate* (4) | Budgeted Expenditures (5) | Amount of 2025 Tax to be Levied (6) | Est Tax Rate* (7) | | | | | |
| OPERATING | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| General | 06 | 5,331,596 | 20.000 | 5,628,762 | 20.000 | 5,883,585 | 857,384 | 20.000 | | | | | |
| Supplemental General (LOB) | 08 | 1,683,881 | 17.834 | 1,792,840 | 18.838 | 1,890,407 | 1,057,805 | 19.126 | | | | | |
| SPECIAL REVENUE | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Federal Funds | 07 | 190,843 | | 177,357 | | 10,336 | | | | | | | |
| Adult Education | 10 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | | | | | | |
| Preschool-Aged At-Risk | 11 | 70,291 | | 61,829 | | 96,000 | | | | | | | |
| Adult Supplemental Education | 12 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | | | | | | |
| At-Risk Education Fund | 13 | 715,913 | | 823,036 | | 746,292 | | | | | | | |
| Bilingual Education | 14 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | | | | | | |
| Virtual Education | 15 | 62,354 | | 85,475 | | 97,327 | | | | | | | |
| Capital Outlay | 16 | 722,682 | | 7.991 | | 555,928 | | | 7.996 | 1,055,580 | 442,455 | 8.000 | |
| Driver Training | 18 | 6,660 | | 8,673 | | 37,423 | | | | | | | |
| Declining Enrollment | 19 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | | | | | | |
| Extraordinary School Program | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| Food Service | 24 | 407,590 | 404,527 | 426,059 | | | | | | | | | |
| Professional Development | 26 | 2,165 | 5,763 | 7,000 | | | | | | | | | |
| Parent Education Program | 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| Summer School | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| Special Education | 30 | 1,359,091 | 1,397,048 | 1,836,456 | | | | | | | | | |
| Cost of Living | 33 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 | | | | | |
| Career and Postsecondary Education | 34 | 121,953 | | 93,792 | | 299,944 | | | | | | | |
| Gifts and Grants | 35 | 78,989 | | 156,450 | | 112,045 | | | | | | | |
| Special Liability Expense Fund | 42 | 0 | | 0.000 | | 0 | | | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 | |
| School Retirement | 44 | 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 | 538,426 | | | | 493,336 | | | | | | | 546,123 |
| Contingency Reserve | 53 | 74,999 | | | | 72,175 | | | | | | | |
| Textbook & Student Material Revolving | 55 | 64,082 | | | | 48,360 | | | | | | | |
| Activity Fund | 56 | 180,076 | | | | 320,943 | | | | | | | |
| DEBT SERVICE | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bond and Interest #1 | 62 | 552,000 | 5.526 | 279,000 | 5.526 | 356,300 | 305,629 | 5.526 | | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | |
| COOPERATIVES1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Special Education | 78 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES | 100 | 12,163,591 | 51.351 | 12,405,294 | 52.360 | 13,400,877 | 2,663,273 | 52.652 | | | | | |
| Less: Transfers | 105 | 2,692,279 | | 2,626,345 | | 2,706,060 | | | | | | | |
| NET USD EXPENDITURES | 110 | 9,471,312 | | 9,778,949 | | 10,694,817 | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED | 115 | 2,394,382 | | 2,493,012 | | 2,663,273 | | | | | | | |
| 1.Sponsoring District Only | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *Tax Rates are expressed in Mills | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 2023-2024 Actual | | 2024-2025 Actual | | 2025-2026 Proposed Budget | | | | | | | |
| | Code 99 line | Actual Expenditures (1) | Actual Tax Rate* (2) | Actual Expenditures (3) | Actual Tax Rate* (4) | Budgeted Expenditures (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 | 0 | 0.999 | 56,000 | 0.999 | 102,000 | 55,307 | 1.000 | | | | | |
| Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab | 86 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 | | | | | |
| TOTAL OTHER | 120 | 0 | 0.999 | 56,000 | 0.999 | 102,000 | 55,307 | 1.000 | | | | | |
| TOTAL TAXES LEVIED | 125 | \$2,443,720 | | \$2,545,168 | | \$2,718,580 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Assessed Valuation -General Fund | 128 | \$41,801,192 | | \$40,179,994 | | \$42,869,215 | | | | | | | |
| Assessed Valuation -All Other Funds | 130 | \$49,389,813 | | \$52,207,934 | | \$55,306,936 | | | | | | | |
| Assessed Valuation - Capital Outlay | 129 | \$49,042,480 | | \$51,844,438 | | \$55,306,936 | | | | | | | |
| Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1 | | 2023 | | 2024 | | 2025 | | | | | | | |
| General Obligation Bonds | 135 | 575,000 | 3,300,000 | 3,150,000 | | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Outlay Bonds | 140 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| Temporary Note | 145 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| No-Fund Warrant | 150 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| Lease Purchase Principal | 153 | 2,187,507 | 1,669,428 | 1,561,474 | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL USD DEBT | 155 | 2,762,507 | 4,969,428 | 4,711,474 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tax Rates are expressed in Mills | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nick Kraus Board President | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kristi Mercer Clerk of the Board | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Exceeding Revenue Neutral for the 2025-2026 School Year | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| The governing body of Unified School District 408 will meet on the 8th day of September 2025 at 7:00 PM at 101 N. Thorp St., Marion, KS 66861 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 USD 408 District Office and will be available at this hearing. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Revenue Neutral | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2024-2025 | | Revenue Neu-tral Taxes | Revenue Neu-tral Tax Rate | 2025-2026 | | Proposed Tax-es to be Levied | Proposed Tax Rate | | | | | |
| | Actual Tax-es Levied | Actual Tax Rate | | | | | | | | | | | |
| General | \$803,600 | 20.000 | \$803,600 | 18.745 | \$857,384 | 20.000 | | | | | | | |
| ALL OTHER FUNDS | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Supplemental General (LOB) | \$983,493 | 18.838 | \$983,493 | 17.782 | \$1,057,805 | 19.126 | | | | | | | |
| Adult Education | \$0 | 0.000 | | | \$0 | 0.000 | | | | | | | |
| Capital Outlay | \$417,424 | 7.996 | \$417,424 | 7.548 | \$442,455 | 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 | \$288,495 | 5.526 | \$288,495 | 5.216 | \$305,629 | 5.526 | | | | | | | |
| 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 | \$2,493,012 | 52.360 | \$2,493,012 | 49.291 | \$2,663,273 | 52.652 | | | | | | | |
| Total Taxes Levied Excluding General Fund | \$1,689,412 | 32.360 | \$1,689,412 | 30.546 | \$1,805,889 | 32.652 | | | | | | | |
| Nick Kraus Board President | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kristi Mercer Clerk of the Board | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Gary & Laura Dunnahoo H/W: 606 N Elm (PEC0551) 102.22 | | Hett Oil & Gas LLC c/o Mr Tony Hett: (4-G5170100R state assessed) 435.43 | | | | | |
| Jamie Joe Hunt: 602 E 5th (PEC0560) 689.75 | | CLARK | | | | | |
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The governing body of Unified School District 206 will meet on the 8th day of September 2025 at 6:45 PM at 110 S. Main St., Whitewater, KS 67154 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 206 District Office on the district web-site 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 | 4,841,267 | 20.000 | 5,485,599 | 20.000 | 6,039,494 | 1,322,611 | 20.000 | | | |
| Supplemental General (LOB) | 08 | 1,598,451 | 19.461 | 1,806,323 | 21.678 | 2,017,249 | 1,750,631 | 22.649 | | | |
| SPECIAL REVENUE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Federal Funds | 07 | 710,659 | | 148,173 | | 143,582 | | | | | |
| Adult Education | 10 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 | | | |
| Preschool-Aged At-Risk | 11 | 57,707 | | 49,348 | | 88,064 | | | | | |
| Adult Supplemental Education | 12 | 0 | | 0 | | | | | | | |
| At-Risk Education Fund | 13 | 411,030 | | 647,433 | | 828,995 | | | | | |
| Bilingual Education | 14 | 19,008 | | 19,603 | | 22,460 | | | | | |
| Virtual Education | 15 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | | | | |
| Capital Outlay | 16 | 513,692 | | 792,722 | | 4,997 | | | 1,400,000 | 340,096 | 4.400 |
| Driver Training | 18 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | | | | |
| Declining Enrollment | 19 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 | | | |
| Extraordinary School Program | 22 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | | | | |
| Food Service | 24 | 375,081 | | 418,802 | | 503,778 | | | | | |
| Professional Development | 26 | 14,798 | | 12,546 | | 30,000 | | | | | |
| Parent Education Program | 28 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | | | | |
| Summer School | 29 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | | | | |
| Special Education | 30 | 762,926 | | 833,873 | | 1,084,284 | | | | | |
| Cost of Living | 33 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 | | | |
| Career and Postsecondary Education | 34 | 104,841 | | 116,715 | | 157,232 | | | | | |
| Gifts and Grants | 35 | 72,270 | | 30,788 | | 67,730 | | | | | |
| Special Liability Expense Fund | 42 | 0 | | 0 | | 0.000 | | | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| Extraordinary Growth Facilities | 45 | 0 | | 0 | | 0.000 | | | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| Special Reserve Fund | 47 | 0 | | 0 | | | | | | | |
| KPERS Special Retirement Contribution | 51 | 499,146 | | 463,318 | | 512,893 | | | | | |
| Contingency Reserve | 53 | 21,252 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| Textbook & Student Material Revolving | 55 | 15,937 | | 32,898 | | | | | | | |
| Activity Fund | 56 | 155,467 | | 310,598 | | | | | | | |
| DEBT SERVICE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bond and Interest #1 | 62 | 846,469 | 11.132 | 864,744 | 11.046 | 881,968 | 839,730 | 10.864 | | | |
| 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 | 11,020,001 | 55.745 | 12,033,483 | 57.721 | 13,777,729 | 4,253,068 | 57.913 | | | |
| Less: Transfers | 105 | 1,963,206 | | 2,593,491 | | 2,720,038 | | | | | |
| NET USD EXPENDITURES | 110 | 9,056,795 | | 9,439,992 | | 11,057,691 | | | | | |
| TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED | 115 | 3,991,598 | | 4,148,739 | | 4,253,068 | | | | | |

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School opens, and warm memories return

By **PHYLLIS ZORN**
Staff writer

As Marion students return to walk the halls and sit in classrooms, seniors fondly remember their own school days.

Reminiscing during a friendship meal at Marion Senior Center, Mark Tajchman, who graduated from Marion High School in 1973, said his favorite class was gym. His teacher was LeRoy Dreier.

Caleb Abbott's favorite class was college preparatory physics.

"I liked the logic of it," Abbott said.

Not surprisingly for a science lover, Abbot became an optometrist and practiced in Marion.

Judy Christensen's favorite class was art.

"I already was painting and drawing," she said. "I went to art college and ran a studio."

She operated a studio out of her home for many years and also opened a studio in Marion.

Jerry Kline said his favorite subject was recess. Paulene Edmunds was his favorite teacher during his school years at Marion.



STAFF PHOTO BY PHYLLIS ZORN

Marion seniors eat lunch while they reminisce about their school days.

Bill Goentzel attended a one-room school — Morningstar School outside of Marion. His teachers were Nicki Blackham, Mrs. Suderman, Jim Wilson, and Rita Hett.

After finishing at Morningstar, he attended Marion High School. His favorite subject was math, but it was closely followed by physical education.

Bob Schmidt's favorite subject while in school at Marion was spelling, but he also said he liked recess.

"I just liked spelling," he said.

His favorite teacher was Miss Best.

He spent 38 years as a lineman for the city.

"Electric service is a lot better than it was then since they upgraded," Schmidt said.

Effie Smith attended a one-room school outside of Hoxie and then went to Hoxie High School.

The last year she attended the country school, there were only six students.

Her favorite subject was math.

"I was good at it," she said. "It was challenging."

Her country school didn't offer much art or music, Smith said. Her favorite teacher was Mrs. Cressler.

"I think she taught us a lot," Smith said. "Going to Hoxie High School was a culture shock."

Diana Dalton's favorite subject was reading, even though she no longer does as much reading as she once did.

"Reading is an adventure," she said. "You can go anywhere."

She attended Shawnee Mission West School.

After graduation, she worked in customer service and became a representative at Great Plains Federal Credit Union in Hillsboro.

She moved to Marion four years ago.

"I like it here in Marion," Dalton said.

Kathy Goentzel's favorite

subject was English, and she loved all aspects of it. She also loved recess, when she got to play with other students.

She attended first through sixth grade at a country school and then transferred to Marion schools.

Living in Nebraska, Minnesota, and Iowa before returning to Marion, she worked as a medical secretary, in a nursing home in Minnesota, and in a crop insurance office.

Connie Fisher said her favorite teachers at Bown-Corby School were Esther Holloway and Paulene Edmunds.

Shelater attended Hill School and Marion High School, then attended Prairie State College in Chicago.

She enjoyed all her classes about the same, she said, and no particular subject was her favorite.

She took care of children, worked for Social and Rehabilitation Services, and was a nurse's aide in Peabody and Marion.

Pension checks will be electronic-only

By **PHYLLIS ZORN**
Staff writer

Seniors who still get paper checks from Social Security no longer will get them after Sept. 30.

The Social Security Administration's transition to direct deposit, started years ago, is being wrapped up.

Starting Oct. 1, payments will be issued by only direct deposit or Direct Express debit cards. The debit cards may be used at stores or to make cash withdrawals at ATMs.

A senior must have a bank account before signing up for direct deposit.

To sign up for Direct Express debit cards, seniors may call a Direct Express hot line at (800) 333-1795 or get help from Social Security.

Lu Turk, director of the Marion County department on aging, hasn't had questions from clients.

Still, she put information about the change in the department's monthly newsletter.

"Nobody has come in yet," she said. "I don't know if anyone has really grasped the concept of paperless."

Some people like to stay "off the grid," Turk noted.

She's received a debit card tax refund before.

"They gave me a Credit Kar-

ma card," Turk said. "That one you could put money on."

The move to paperless payments is meant to reduce theft and fraud, cut costs for the government, and increase speed and efficiency.

Paper-based payment systems cost taxpayers more than

\$650 million in 2024, the Social Security Administration said.

Accommodations will be made for people who have no access to banking or electronic payment systems, certain emergency or law enforcement payments, and specific other special cases as defined by law.

The federal government's transition to paperless checks will affect all payments, including tax refunds.

It also means the federal government no longer will accept paper checks for payments of fees, fines, or taxes.



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