



REMINISCING

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1985
Bob Reece and Clarence Volland win first flight during two-man best ball golf tournament at the country club, with Steve Lee and Clarence Sawyer capturing the second flight... Bob Kickhaefer, Herington, becomes certified member of International Society of Livestock Ap-praisers.

1995
CG Jaycees accepting contributions for annual Fourth of July fireworks display...Erin Calhoun, Heather Kuhn, Adam Setter, Scott Spade, Jessica White and Amanda Young are Admire eighth graders on "A" honor roll...Erin Picolet, Stephanie Hodges, Alix Furman and Megan Payton among hitters when Dairy Queen defeats Amherst.

2005
Card shower planned for Frances Herpich on her 90th birthday...Allison Scott wins five individual events and Taylor Alderman four events when CG Swim Club finishes second in Mid-Kansas Swim League triangular meet at Lindsborg...Jordyn Taylor is daughter born to Jeff and Shara Picolet.

2015
Tornadoes reported in the air in the Wilsey area, including one southwest of Wilsey; the sheriff's department said there were no reports of the tornadoes touching to the ground, or any damage, but 2-3 inches of rain is reported by residents...Community preparing for this weekend's Washunga Days celebration.

KANSAS BRIEFLY

City of Marion to pay for violating Kansas Open Records Act

MARION (KWCH) - The City of Marion will have to pay for violating the Kansas Open Records Act. Last year, a judge ruled that the City of Marion violated the law following the raid on the Marion County Record newspaper. On Thursday, both parties met in court to decide how much money, in legal fees, the city owes the newspaper.

A judge ruled that the City of Marion has to pay the Marion County Record close to \$80,000 in attorney

fees for violating the Kansas Open Records Act.

Following the Marion Police Department's raid on the Marion County Record in August 2023, the newspaper requested text messages from the former chief of police. The newspaper said the city took too long to fulfill that request. A judge agreed, ordering the city to pay the newspaper's attorney fees.

While the Marion County Record is glad that the legal fees will be paid, they say they've had to fight the city to get there, and they say they want to see the city acknowledge that the raid on the newspaper and the homes of publisher Eric Meyer and Marion Vice Mayor Ruth Herbel.

"I'd like to see them apologize for the raid in the first place. If they'd done that, none of this would've been necessary," Meyer said. "They won't talk about anything, they won't say they're sorry, they keep getting found that they did wrong, yet nothing happens to them."

The City of Marion will pay the newspaper's attorney at the beginning of the 2026 budget year. The situation surrounding the KORA violation is related to the federal case that accuses the city of a First Amendment violation in the raid. In the federal case, that trial has yet to begin.

In Marion County, former Marion Police Chief Gideon Cody is charged with interfering with a judicial procedure, inducing a witness to withhold or delay information in a felony case. On the civil side, Cody is among several facing lawsuits in connection with the raids.

The preliminary hearing in the case against Cody, initially set for May 21, was continued to July 23 at the defense's request. Prosecutors said the charge against the former police chief arises from Cody's actions after the raid, which targeted the newspaper and the homes of Meyer and Herbel.

At the time of the raid, Cody claimed he had evidence that the newspaper, Phyllis Zorn, a reporter for the newspaper, and Herbel committed identity theft or other computer crimes to obtain information about Marion restaurant owner Kari Newell's driving record. However, his targets stated that they engaged in no illegal activity, and no charges were ever filed against them. Additionally, Cody is accused of instructing Newell to delete text messages between them. This is where the obstruction of justice charge lies.

Cody resigned from his post as Marion police chief in October 2023, a week after his suspension. He faces a maximum sentence of 23 months in prison if convicted.

Resident of nursing home sold and used meth

BARTON COUNTY (JC POST) —Law enforcement are investigating a nursing home resident on drug allegations.

Just after 3p.m. June 12, police in coordination with Central Kansas Community Corrections, responded to a narcotics complaint at Azria Health Woodhaven, located off K-96 Highway in Great Bend, according to a media release.

Facility staff reported concerns from residents about a fellow tenant allegedly using and possibly distributing illegal substances within the premises. Officers detained 71-year-old Larry Eugene Carpenter for investigation.

A subsequent search of Carpenter's residence revealed suspected methamphetamine and related drug paraphernalia. Additionally, Carpenter was found to be in violation

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MISC.

"The 36-Hour Day" Support Group meets 1-2 p.m. on Thursdays at the Morris County Hospital Chapel. It is free, safe, confidential and open to anyone caring for a friend or loved one with dementia. For info, call Jan at 303-775-5901 or Liz at 785-466-1590.

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Wellsville police stopped their pursuit once it entered Interstate 435 in Kansas City, Missouri, about 50 miles from Ottawa.

The Ottawa Police Department is working to collect evidence in the case and thanked the several area police departments that were involved in trying to stop the suspects. There is no further information regarding the number of suspects involved or their descriptions. Anyone with information on the case can contact the Ottawa Police Department Detective Unit at 785-242-1700 (Dispatch) or submit an online tip here.

of the Kansas Drug Tax Stamp Act. Carpenter was arrested and transported to the Barton County Jail. He remains in custody, according to online jail records.

Anyone with additional information related to these cases or any other investigation are encouraged to contact the Great Bend Police Department at 620-793-4120 or submit a tip anonymously through Barton County Crime Stoppers at 620-792-1300 or online at p3tips.com.

Police searching for 'brazen criminals' who crashed into dealership

OTTAWA (KCTV) - Several law enforcement agencies across Kansas are searching for a blue Dodge Challenger and the suspects who stole it.

According to a release from the Ottawa Police Department, officers were dispatched to a burglary at the Victory Dodge car dealership just after midnight on Sunday, June 15.

A witness of the burglary said unidentified suspects used a vehicle to crash through the dealership's sales floor and steal a blue 2023 Dodge Challenger, Hellcat Jailbreak edition.

The burglars drove onto Interstate 35, where Wellsville police soon recognized the stolen Dodge and began chasing it. The suspects continued into Johnson County and the Overland Park Police Department stepped in with tire deflation devices. Even though the devices were successful,

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