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County's  
valuation  
increases

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There is some good news on the budget-planning front for Marshall County. The estimated assessed valuation for the county as of July 1 is \$218,685,549, up by \$2,646,623 from the Nov. 1, 2024, final assessed valuation of \$216,038,926. "There is a lot of new construction," said Marshall County Clerk Sandy Wilson. County appraiser Tami Antoine said property values have increased and there is growth in construction material costs with a lot of new construction. The gain in improvements for the valuation numbers was \$2.4 million, Antoine said. Of that, \$446,000 is for partial completion for Landoll Company's newest building. Antoine said when final construction is complete and all paperwork is filed, probably by the end of the year, a 10-year exemption will begin. Improvement gains in assessed value for new construction, according to the 2025 Abstract of Appraised and Assessed Values, were \$749,238 for residential including apartments, \$592,406 for residences on farm homesites, \$328,359 for agriculture

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FOR SENIORS & OTHERS

Voting changes, nutrition tips and day trips are featured in the Advocate's Senior Living section this week in Section B. But the topics of the feature stories are of interest to everyone.

Longhorn  
sale takes in  
\$200,000

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After raising cattle for years, Micah Landes, Jamesport, Mo., and her family decided they needed a longhorn steer for a "pasture ornament" near a pond by their house. "I went to a longhorn sale and ended up buying three bred longhorn cows four years ago, and that was our family's start in the longhorn business," said Landes. "We fell in love with the breed because the animals are so gentle and docile and have their own personalities. They are just like pets." She said she wanted to look out her window and see them every day. "But now that we have a herd of 100, which is good sized for longhorn herds," she said. "They are in different pastures, and I can't see them all out my window."

See **Longhorns, 8A** ►



Sarah Kessinger

Riders on Biking Across Kansas 2025 pedal into Marysville for a water break last Thursday after riding from their overnight stay in Washington. They were on the sixth day of the border-to-border ride and were headed to spend the night in Sabetha.

Biking Across Kansas riders enjoy  
nice weather as they roll through

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Cool evenings and cooler mornings made Biking Across Kansas 2025 an enjoyable ride across U.S. Highway 36 to Marysville last Thursday. More than 400 cyclists passed

through town on the annual trek, and several stopped for water, coffee and refueling snacks as they pedaled toward Missouri. The riders, who started six days earlier at the Colorado state line, had spent Wednesday night, June 11, in Washington and were stopping in Sabetha for the night last Thursday. "The weather's been very nice,"

said Jan Hudzicka, Mission, who was riding in the event for her eighth time. "Temperatures have been almost perfect. The little towns have been wonderful." Hudzicka's been on BAK when it was 106 degrees with strong headwinds and other years when

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Kansas Trails Inc. kicks off here  
to promote health, tourism

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Kansas trail leaders met in Marysville Thursday and Friday as they launched a new effort, Kansas Trails Inc., to promote and facilitate hiking and biking trails and new trail development statewide. Maureen Crist, who serves on the local Blue River Rail Trail board and on the Kansas Trails

Congress, said it was exciting the new initiative chose Marysville for its first official meeting. The group did a group ride on the rail trail here last Thursday night and met Friday at the local art center to discuss goals of promoting outdoor tourism, community health and rural revitalization. Board member Elizabeth Burger, senior vice president of the Sunflower Foundation, Topeka, said it was fitting the official kick-

off meeting was held in Marysville. The Sunflower Foundation, which gives health-focused grants, provided seed money to get the new organization off the ground. "After funding trails across the state for 20 years, and seeing how important it was for trail communities to have the opportunity to learn from experts and from each

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Marvin Turner, Marysville, held a sign at the No Kings rally downtown Saturday. About 85 people turned out for the event to protest actions and overreach by the federal government on various fronts.



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No Kings rally here  
protests Trump's actions

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About 85 people gathered in downtown Marysville Saturday at a No Kings rally, joining similar gatherings in cities nationwide to protest actions by President Donald Trump's administration. Local demonstrators

peacefully listened to speakers and waved signs calling for justice and democracy and protesting funding cuts. State Sen. Cindy Holscher, Overland Park Democrat running for governor, spoke at the event. She addressed Americans' fear in light of widespread disruption of federal agencies, public edu-

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