

4-H club learns about glow-in-the-dark popcorn

The monthly meeting of the Goessel Goal Getters 4-H Club was at 7 p.m. on April 14 in the high school library. Roll call was answered by “What is your favorite flower?” There were 22 members, eight parents and four leaders present. Ruby Shaver read last month’s minutes to the club. EV Cannon gave a treasurer’s report. Amily Boden also led a council report on everything that is coming up. Liam Hermann-Kesinger led recreation with a game of tag. Brooklyn Tucker led a talk on glow-in-the-dark popcorn. May’s meeting date is still TBD. Levi Funk motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Jace Koehn seconded it.

Written by recorder Levi Funk

CORRECTION

Correction: Amy Rosfeld’s name was misspelled in the May 7 article “Dailey will miss serving the community at Goessel Library”. We apologize for the mistake and any confusion it caused.

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one for retainage,” said Stiles. “I will set up the final monitoring with CDBG and notify the staff of the date and time. Once we get clearance, we will have a final performance hearing and sign close-out paperwork.” After the meeting, the council toured the center located in the old Trinity Mennonite Church building on 211 Elm St. in Hillsboro. In other business, the council:

- *approved vouchers totaling \$401,889.70.
- *approved the appointment of Pam Bartel to the library advisory board
- *learned that additional information is needed for the 20% low to moderate income tax credit related to the PACE solar project with KPP Energy. The council approved the resolution.
- *heard and approved a paving and chip seal proposal for several streets in Hillsboro (for specifics, view the meeting on YouTube or the agenda online on the city website) for \$141,684.66.
- *approved a bid for the Bartel House Project from Spring Branch Construction for \$26,000.
- *approved Hillsboro Ford invoices totaling \$3,639.58.
- *conducted a Land Bank meeting and approved an authorization of a notice of sale related to the Orchard Ridge Project

Sometimes you have to think outside the box

Information is so easy to find these days. I find myself amazed (and sometimes horrified) by what you can find, instantly, online. Back in the Dark Ages when I grew up, finding out almost anything besides town gossip was an involved and time consuming affair. For gossip, you just asked Ruby or Tena, and they could pretty much tell you who, what, where, why, and usually how.

Writing a research paper involved several libraries. There was one at school, of course, and our small town had a city library, but those closed pretty early and had limited resources. For the real research, I had to go to the Hutchinson Public Library.

Unfortunately, that involved finding a way to get there (fifteen miles away) and enough lead time to find what I needed before they closed at 9 PM. Heaven help me if I didn’t manage to scrape up enough references while I was there, because the only thing left was to use the 1975 World Book Encyclopedia in the basement, or go through the stacks of old National Geographics in hopes of finding something useful. Both of those things involved likely contact with the eight-legged residents of the basement, something I tried to avoid.

These days, I can find acres of information online with a few clicks, and no spiders (unless I actually want to look for them). So, naturally, I had

to consult the internet about a rather unique problem lately. You see, a short while ago, I woke up at 4 AM. I tried to go back to sleep, my trusty ResMed machine puffing rhythmically into my mask, but it just wasn’t going to happen. I figured that I might as well use the loo as long as I was up, so I paused the machine, disconnected the hose from my mask, and hauled myself out of bed.

On the way to the bathroom, I heard something. The well was pumping, which meant that there was water running somewhere. Hm, I thought groggily, even Darling Son probably isn’t doing laundry at THIS hour. Then I heard the water running. Rushing, to be exact.

OUTSIDE. Groaning inwardly and outwardly, I hurriedly shoved my feet into my Crocs and hustled outside. Sure enough, the front spigot was on, and a puddle was already in place and visibly growing.

People, well water is cold. In the summer, this is a good thing. On a cool spring evening when you’re not fully awake (and trying to breathe through the hose aperture in a CPAP mask, sounding for all the world like Darth Vader), it is not a good thing. I waded through the puddle, turned off the spigot, and



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headed back inside to wash the mud off my feet.

Later that day, I remembered that Darling Hubby had mentioned that the same thing had happened to him

the last week. It must be the barn cats, I thought, rubbing up against the spigot enough to turn it on. I thought I was pretty clever coming up with a solution: I would simply get one of the doorknob covers commonly used for baby-proofing, slap it over the spigot, and problem solved.

Wal-Mart had other ideas. As recently as when my Darling Offspring were born, one could purchase a single doorknob cover and call it good. Not any more. I left the place with a whole blessed boxful of child safety equipment: two doorknob assemblies, four outlet covers, and four cabinet locks.

Fine. I got home, grabbed the two halves of the doorknob, and stomped out to the spigot. The darn thing was too small to go around the handle. I glared at it, then stomped back inside. Maybe the Internet had some better ideas.

Dear Reader, I tried searching everything I could about “cat-proofing outdoor spigot,” “Keep animals from turning on outdoor spigot,” and multiple combinations of those two ideas. I can as-

sure that there are exactly zero articles online about how to keep cats from turning on your outdoor spigot. There was one singular article suggesting that possums have hands and could possibly turn the handle, but nothing about cats. Suddenly, I felt very alone. I would have to solve this thing myself.

I was thinking of all kinds of possible cages to build around the faucet, hopefully keeping those pesky felines from rubbing, while simultaneously not encouraging wasps or spiders to think of the gadget as home. As it happened, my gaze fell on a six inch section of four-inch PVC pipe that had been left in the raised bed nearby, so I grabbed that and covered the faucet, at least as a temporary measure.

Darling Son actually solved the problem for me as I was describing my adventure to him several days later. “Why don’t you use one of these,” he said, holding up a Gladware box. “Just cut a hole in one end.” My jaw dropped.

The boy had just come up with the solution that the entire Internet had missed. Wow. And MUCH cheaper than the dang child proofing set.

I guess the Internet is not the fountain of ALL knowledge. Sometimes a little old-fashioned ingenuity from a new-fangled whippersnapper is best. Feel free to spread this around—you never know whose cats might be up to no good!

PUBLIC RECORDS

MARION COUNTY SHERIFF’S REPORT

May 2 – May 9
JAIL ROSTER
Matthew Dude, 51, Canton, rape, aggravated criminal sodomy x18, aggravated indecent liberties x21, aggravated incest x2, aggravated child endangerment.
Marshall Swanson, 60, Peabody, sexual exploitation of a child x12
Ernest Edens, Jr., 49, Newton, rape, aggravated indecent liberties with a child x2, aggravated indecent solicitation of a child.
Dakota Dillashaw, 30, Peabody, bond revocation, Ellis County warrant, probation violation, Lincoln County warrant, failure to appear.
Richard Todd Litton, 39, Peabody, criminal threat, battery, interference with a law enforcement officer, criminal damage to property
Brandon Toon, 40, Florence, failure to appear x3, offender registration violation.
James McColl, 51, Lehigh, domestic battery
Athen Turner, 24, Loveland, CO, theft
Eric Pettit, 42, Galva, failure to appear x4.
Darris Brown, 41, Hillsboro, aggravated domestic battery.
Josh Smalley, 40, Peabody, probation violation
Bane Spurlin, 21, Hillsboro, probation violation
Paul Huddleston, 27, Marion, rape, aggravated battery, aggravated burglary, kidnapping
Dustin Rodgers, 49, Hillsboro, probation violation x2
Jason George, 40, Oakly, KS possession of controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia
Bell-One’ Meyer, 30, Wichita, failure to appear
NEW ARRESTS
5/2 – Jaden Cutsinger, 29, Hutchinson, court commit. Arresting department: Marion County Sheriff
5/5 – Johnathan Prebble, 22, Lincolnville, domestic battery, child endangerment. Arresting department: Marion County Sheriff
5/5 – Johsua Chase, 34, North Newton, failure to appear. Arresting department: Marion County Sheriff
5/6 – Angela Doty, 47, Peabody, court commit. Arresting department: Marion County Sheriff
5/8 – Michael Sigel, 53, Marion, court commit. Arresting department: Marion County Sheriff
5/7 – Jeremy Mallam, 32, Marion, failure to appear. Arresting department: Hillsboro Police
ACCIDENTS
On May 7 at 6:14 a.m., Travis Bishop, 45, of Hutchinson, was driving a white 2016 Chevy Silverado northbound on U.S. Highway 77 when a deer entered the roadway from the west. The driver indicated that he was unable to avoid

striking the deer. Deputy Austin Spencer investigated.
Marion County Deeds
May 2 – May 8
May 6: Phennapha Davis and Harold Davis to Katherine Priscilla Willson and Shawn Elvis Willson, warranty deed, Lots 6 & E1/2 vacated alley, Block 71, North Peabody, Peabody.
May 6: Calvin R. Jost and Tamara S. Jost to Calvin R. Jost and Tamara S. Jost Joint Revocable Trust, warranty deed, Tract 1: SW1/4 SW1/4 S9-T20-R02, Tract 2: NW1/4 SW1/4 S9-T20-R02, Tract 3: W1/2 W1/2 SW1/4 S9-T20-R02 exc., Tract 4: S1/2 SE1/4 & S1/2 E1/2 SW1/4 S8-T20-R02, Tract 5: N 20 acres of E1/2 E1/2 SW1/4 & N1/2 SE1/4 S8-T20-R02, Tract 6: E1/2 E1/2 NW1/4 S17-T20-R02, Tract 7: pt. W1/2 NE1/4 NW1/4 S17-T20-R02
May 8: Meyings Homes, LLC to Daniel Ackland and Michelle Ackland, warranty deed, Lot 3, Coble Addn., Marion
May 8: Theron Dean Nienstedt to Blake Griggs, warranty deed, S 9’ Lot 7 & all Lot 8, Block 7, Freeborn’s Addn., Marion
May 8: Orris Ronald Shipman to Tammy Bremer, quit-claim deed, Lot 58 & N 17’ Lot 59, Grandview Addn., Florence

City of Marion Police Updates
Monday, May 5 – Officers conducted a traffic stop near Main/Freeborn, warning for failure to obey stop sign. Officers responded to the 300 block of N Cedar for a trespassing complaint. Traffic stop near US 56/Industrial, warning for speed.
Tuesday, May 6 – Officers responded to the 600 block of Walnut for a 911 disconnect everything was okay. Traffic stop near Cedar/Kellison, warning for expired registration.
Wednesday, May 7 – Officers spoke with an individual about a parking complaint in the 600 block of Hudson. Spoke with an individual in the 1000 block of E. Main about bicycle registration.
Thursday, May 8 – Officers conducted a traffic stop near Main/Elm, citation issued for 33/20. Traffic stop near Main/Roosevelt, warning for window tint. Traffic stop near US 56/Eisenhower, warning for defective headlight.
Friday, May 9 – Officers conducted a traffic stop near US 56/Cedar, warning for speed. Traffic stop near Main/Locust, warning for defective tag light. Assisted the Sheriff’s Office with a traffic stop near US 56/Upland.
Saturday, May 10 – Officers picked up a dog-at-large and returned it to the 200 block of Tanglewood. Responded to the 1500 block of E. Main for possible suspicious activity, officers were unable to locate anyone. Assisted the Sheriff’s Office by contacting a vehicle owner in the 2300 block of Remington. Responded to the 600 block of Walnut

for an alarm, everything was okay. Responded to the 300 block of W Santa Fe for a dog- at-large, officers were unable to catch. Officers spoke with an individual about a custody issue, child was later placed in protective custody.
Sun day, May 11 – Officers provided a welfare check in the 300 block of Elm, everything was okay.
Responded to the 300 block of S. Lincoln for a dog bite. Traffic stop near US 56/Industrial, warning for tag light.
All suspects are innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.

City of Hillsboro Police Updates
Monday, May 5 - Patrolled school zones. Report of reckless driver at the fairgrounds driving fast and spinning tires. Located the vehicle and spoke with parties involved. Completed administrative paperwork. Completed VIN inspection at Hillsboro Ford. Officer attended active shooter drill at Hillsboro Elementary. Officer completed a safety committee review of the swimming pool. Officer responded to the scout house for a 911 hangup All was okay. Officer completed online training.
Tuesday, May 6 - Officer spoke with residence about a possible scam. Patrolled school zones.
Spoke with citizen reference an on-going civil issue. Report of a suspicious vehicle behind city hall. All checked out okay. Officers attended court at city hall. Officer spoke with residence in reference to a civil issue. Officer entered training into Cpost. Foot patrol downtown. Officer spoke with citizen in reference to a possible scam. Officer worked on city code violations and letters were sent out to respected parties in violation.
Wednesday, May 7 - Traffic 100 block North Main warning issued for J-turn. Patrolled school zones.
Officer attended meeting at city hall. Officers investigated an unattended death in the 400 block of South Birch. Report of suspicious vehicle in the park Vehicle not located. Traffic stop at First and Washington - driver was arrested on a Marion County Warrant. Alarm at Central National—Cleaning person set it off. Traffic stop US 56 @ Adams - NTA for speed 81 in a 65. Traffic stop 100 East D for expired tags - warning issued. Traffic stop for failure to stop at stop sign Madison and D - warning issued.


Thursday, May 8 - Traffic stop 100 block North Ash - warning issued for speed. Patrolled school zones. Tresspassed unwanted subject for Oak Wood Manor Apartments. Officer attended meeting at city hall. Officer spoke to residence in reference to a civil issue. Officer responded to the 100 block of West F for a child custody dispute. Traffic stop 150th and Indigo for window tint - warning issued.
Friday, May 9 - Patrolled school zones. Officer worked on city code violations. Officer spoke with residence reference harassment. Business check Dollar General and Bomgaars. Traffic stop US 56 MP 292 for speed 82 in a 65 - NTA issued. The same vehicle that was stopped was reported to Asst Chief Brazil that the driver was driving reckless earlier on US 56 in McPherson County. Two complaints were received. Officer spoke to citizen in reference to a civil issue. Business check at HCH. Completed administrative paperwork. Saturday, May 10 - Officer worked on city code violations. Officer responded to MB Foundations for an alarm going off. Everything was fine. Spoke to citizen in reference to an incident that occurred in Winfield. Report of yelling coming from the 100 block North Lincoln. Spoke to parties involved and the officer got the issue worked out. Officer patrolled cruise

night downtown. Officer spoke to residence about parking violation. Dog at large around D and Washington. Traffic stop service rendered us 56 at Adams. Business check HCH.
Sunday, May11 - General duties. Traffic stop US 56 at Orchard Dr. - warning for speed. Spoke with residence reference possible fraud. Not missing money at this time. Spoke with residence in reference to a civil issue.

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