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## 15 YEARS AGO

APRIL 14, 2010

Jerry Kline is pictured as he shows some of his toy tractor collection at Marion Senior Center. He bought his first toy tractor, a 1947 John Deere, when he was about 10 years old. Kline had to work hard to make enough money to buy the toys and has managed to hang on to many of his original ones.

Marion High School juniors and seniors dressed in their newest and finest Saturday evening for their annual promenade, banquet, and dance. Pictured is Wil Case as he escorts Shanna Kline to the banquet.

Midway Motors and Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce will have a groundbreaking ceremony at 10 a.m. Friday at the auto dealer's future site, Ash St. and US-56 in Hillsboro.

Marion High School's construction class did framework at the site of the new home for the Ryan Newell family. Pictured doing concrete work Friday at the site are Les Riggs and Brian Fruechting.

Lauren Pickens, Peabody-Burns High School standout, was named most valuable female runner Friday at Shockers Pre-State Classic at Wichita State University. She placed first in all three events in which she competed, breaking records.

## 30 YEARS AGO

APRIL 19, 1995

Students from Germany visited a meeting Monday after-

noon of the Marion City Commission. Young Germans, here to learn more about America, have been coming to Marion for the past 10 years and enjoy the experience.

Dean Schroeder Motors in Hillsboro has been sold to Doug and Dana Wright, formerly of Santa Rosa, California. The Schroeders intend to stay in Hillsboro and encourage support of the Wrights.

Marion High School's musical, "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," will be performed Friday and Saturday at Marion Municipal Auditorium.

Cast members are Courtney Goering, J.W. Goering, Jason Goodin, Bill Griffith, Katrina Hancock, Jared Herzel, Brendan Kraus, Gabrielle Longhofer, Brian Loomis, Jenny Maggard, Monica Parscal, Jodi Smith, Jodi Thomas, and Jason Wheeler.

Centre High School basketball player Luke Utting signed a letter of intent Thursday with Butler County Community College coach Randy Smithson.

The Grizzlies are one of the top junior college teams in the nation, and Utting was one of the most highly recruited players in Kansas.

## 45 YEARS AGO

APRIL 16, 1980

Keith Collett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Collett of rural Marion, will play the part of Figaro in Mozart's classic comic opera, "The Marriage of Figaro," this weekend at Kansas State University, Manhattan.

The life history of Clive "Butch" Jarvis is featured in

this week's personality profile by feature writer Ruth Meyer.

Serving as pages April 8 for State Senator John Crofoot in Topeka were Theresa Kroupa and Beth Regier. Kelly Blackman and Nathan Smith served as pages for Bill Novak in the Kansas House of Representatives.

Richard W. Clasen, publisher of the Eureka Herald, has been selected as speaker for the 84th annual Florence High School alumni banquet May 24 at the Florence gymnasium.

Area alumni of the University of Kansas will honor outstanding high school seniors who have high academic standing at a banquet April 23 in McPherson.

Students recognized must be in the upper 10% of their class. Invited Marion High School students are Debbie Hett, Theresa Kroupa, Brett Pippin, Beth Regier, and Becky Vinduska.

## 60 YEARS AGO

APRIL 15, 1965

Making its first public appearance at union Good Friday services will be the unique bell choir of the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Members of the choir are Shelley Batt, Diana Franklin, Brenda Helmer, Shirley Helmer, Anita Hett, Janice Jantz, Bryce Ollenberger, Terry Plenert, Pamela Slusser, and Gary Wiens.

The bells were given to the church by Edward Good in memory of his mother, Mrs. J.E. Good.

Sharon Loewen, Hillsboro eighth grader, took first in the

county spelling bee Thursday. Second place went to Nancy Smith of Lincolnville. Bryce Ollenberger, Marion, was third.

Marion High School's four-member golf team, coached by Chuck Norris, took first Saturday at a Kingman invitational. The team is composed of Neil Colle, George Jackson, Jim Magee, and Mike Wood. Jackson was medalist with a four-under-par 68.

Easter specials at Al and Dan's Food Market include boneless, fully cooked Cudahy Bar-S or Swift's Premium hostess ham, 79 cents a pound, and Fanestil fully cooked smoked ham, 10-to-12-pound average, whole ham, 47 cents a pound, and shank half, 45 cents a pound.

## 75 YEARS AGO

APRIL 13, 1950

The city commission this week signed an order with P-T Air Service of Hays, specialists in aerial spraying work, to completely blanket approximately 700 acres of Marion with a DDT solution to save valuable shade trees and for insect control.

Herbert Meier has purchased a privately owned shoe repair shop at the Fort Riley army base. He was at the base last week preparing to take over the business Friday or Saturday.

Marion County Rural Life Association will present "Aunt Silly" Thursday and Friday in the city building auditorium. The cast is composed of Pauline Best, Jean Cleland, Willard Conyers, Max Dunn, Harry Haas, Ernie Holmes Jr., Mrs. Bud McLinden, Mr. and Mrs.

Leslie Powell, Sandra Thiel, and Nora Zeller.

Work is going forward this week to dredge and deepen the old river channel just below the city water plant and in back of the retention dam. Riddle Quarries is removing silt that is impairing intake for the city water supply.

## 110 YEARS AGO

APRIL 15, 1915

A county baseball league has been organized and the schedule of games for the season agreed upon. Florence, Hillsboro, Marion, and Peabody will be in the league. Each of the four towns is to make a guarantee deposit of \$25 to ensure completion of the schedule. National League rules are to govern.

Dr. Coffman has been elected manager of the Marion baseball team in the county league. It is probable that a city league also will be formed and play one game a week.

Mrs. Arthur Martin has been appointed city clerk in place of Mrs. Roy Williams, who resigned to become deputy probate judge. Mrs. Martin is thoroughly competent and will make a very efficient and faithful official.

Notice is hereby served that chickens will have to be kept from running loose or they will be destroyed, in harmony with a city ordinance upon the subject.

In addition, considerable complaint has been made of violations of the ordinance against spitting on sidewalks. If it is necessary to arrest offenders in order to get this regulation observed, I am going to do

it, and this notice is given that all may be duly informed.

— V.E. Healea, marshal

## 145 YEARS AGO

APRIL 16, 1880

Mr. Fox, partner in the Sugar Factory Co., was in town yesterday. He is pleased with Marion Centre.

Mrs. Perkins informs us that she has received a full stock of spring and summer millinery, to which she invites attention.

The Central Kansas Telegraph, the new German paper to be published in Marion Centre, will appear next week, as we learn from the editor.

Jesse Phillips inserts a card this week announcing himself ready to do stonework and to furnish stone for parties. Jesse is one of the pioneers here, and we commend him to all.

The meat market firm of Jones and Yeagley has dissolved, Mr. Yeagley retiring and Mr. Polk McMillen taking his place. The new firm has rented the room vacated by Corbett and Bown. It has been nicely fitted up for them. Success to them.

Sanford and Sons drug store has been finally removed to the elegant new Williams Building, handsomely fitted up for them in Kable and Grady's best style.

The counter and shelving are really fine. A beautiful soda fountain has been put up where lovers of this refreshing beverage may cool their tongues this summer.

The whole establishment is an ornament to the town.



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A Peabody-Burns blood drive Thursday took in 23 pints, or "units," of blood.

## Blood drive response borders on anemic

By FINN HARTNETT  
Staff writer

A blood drive Thursday at Peabody-Burns High School's gym drew a trickle of county residents.

Participants could sign up for a standard or a "Power Red" donation, which allowed for two pints (referred to as "units") of blood cells to be taken while plasma and platelets were returned to the body.

A standard donation is one unit of blood.

National Honor Society stu-

dents helped promote and organize the event. Red Cross nurses were responsible for taking blood. The Red Cross provides money for Honor Society scholarships for every unit of blood donated.

"So far today, we've had kind of a poor turnout," art teacher and Honor Society advisor Heidi Hittle said. "Not like our usual ones."

The blood drive lasted from morning to early afternoon.

Students, faculty members,

and senior citizens made up the majority of donors.

"People complain it's during the day and they work," Hittle said. "But to have my kids come back at nighttime, after they've been in school all day, and after I've worked all day, that's one of those hard things, too."

The blood drive pulled in 23 units, passing the school's goal of 20. Hittle had hoped to reach the maximum of 36 units and earn the top amount of scholarship money.

"There's definitely a genera-

tional rift," a Red Cross nurse who requested anonymity said.

"A lot of older people donate.

Part of that is because they're retired and they have time to.

Most of our drives are during the work week. But it seems like

younger people aren't really inclined to do it as much. I think

the Red Cross needs to do better marketing."

The next blood drive planned at the high school is July 15.

## Hillsboro police now doing VIN checks

By PHYLLIS ZORN  
Staff writer

At one time, Marion's police department was the only place in the county to get a vehicle identification check on a car.

Now, Hillsboro police are doing VIN inspections, as well.

VIN inspection is required when a vehicle has a title from a different state or foreign country, when it has been rebuilt or restored from one or more vehicles, or when proper identification is in doubt.

Marion interim police chief Zach Hudlin said police departments do VIN checks only for out-of-state titles. If the

VIN number is in question or the car has been rebuilt, police refer the owner to Kansas Highway Patrol.

Usually a trooper arrives promptly when needed, Hudlin said.

Hillsboro Police Chief Jessey Hiebert said the department started doing VIN checks March 10 after repeated requests from Hillsboro car dealers, who previously had to have a Marion officer come to Hillsboro to do the checks.

Heibert said officers took a highway patrol VIN inspection course before they began doing inspections.

Officers check whether the

vehicle has been reported stolen and look for any sign that the identification number has been altered.

Hillsboro police department charges \$20 for a VIN inspection. Of that, \$2 is sent to Kan-

sas Highway Patrol, and \$18 remains with the police department. Hudlin said the business of VIN checks in Marion

had remained steady, with only dealership VIN checks falling off for Marion police.

## Barn dance to mark site's anniversary

A presentation, reception, and old-fashioned barn dance May 3 will mark the 110th anniversary of construction and 10th anniversary of renovation of the Pioneer Bluffs ranching history barn a mile north of Matfield Green on K-177.

Architect Ben Moore and contractor Rick Mitchell will speak at 4:10 p.m. about the renovation before the premiere of a renovation video and tours

of the barn and accompanying house.

Beginner dance instruction will start at 6 p.m., followed by the dance. Music will be provided by Land Band. Snacks and birthday cake will be served before the dance.

Donations will be accepted. Reservations are not required but are being accepted at (620) 753-3484 and info@pioneerbluffs.org.

## 4-H

CLUB NOTES

### Lincolnville

Michelle Hajek and Steph Andres talked about tagging animals and upcoming livestock shows, and Bret Towles led a program on how to do a record book when Lincolnville Wide Awake 4-H club met at 6:30 p.m. March 4 at Lincolnville Community Center.

Nineteen members answered roll call by naming their favorite flowers. Four leaders, 11 parents, and five guests also attended.

The club sang "Boom Chicka Boom" and "Happy Birthday" for those with March birthdays. Recreation was a game of "Red Light, Green Light."

The group's April meeting was Monday.

— Sophia Hines, reporter

## TEEN to meet

Directors of Technology Excellence in Education Network, which provides online services to area school districts, will meet at 6 p.m. April 16 at the school offices at 101 N. Thorp St., Marion.

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