

15 YEARS AGO

JULY 28, 2010

The state fire marshal's office has received a complaint against the Marion County Jail, so crowded that inmates are sleeping on the floor. An investigation is planned.

Sharon Kelsey displays huge tomatoes picked from her garden. Tomatoes range from 1¾ to 2 pounds each.

Amy Kjellin of rural Marion is new director of Butler Community College's Marion and Council Grove campuses. She took over July 12 for retiring director Pauline Holub.

Kjellin previously worked at Hutchinson Community College's McPherson campus and at Tabor College in Hillsboro.

Marion Boy Scouts Justin Barr and Dylan Goebel are attending the 2010 Boy Scout National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. The jamboree celebrates the 100th anniversary of scouting in the United States.

Centre graduate Alex Hajek won a John Deere all-terrain vehicle during the 82nd Kansas FFA convention.

Much space is devoted to the arrival of the first carnival in two years at Marion County Fair. Pride Amusements is the latest addition to the fair lineup because of a cancellation elsewhere.

30 YEARS AGO

AUG. 2, 1995

Pictured on the front page are Jim Christensen and Wal-ly Straub as they sign forms formally transferring Lynn's Farm Equipment dealership in Marion to Straub International of Great Bend. There will be no

interruption in service with the change of ownership.

"Beary Special Babies" born during July at St. Luke Hospital include Elizabeth Nicole Goentzel, born July 9; Kelli Anne Hess, July 18; Christian Lee Czarnowsky, July 22; Douglas Hunter Rolin, July 23; and Patrick James Glen McIntyre, July 24.

Kester Iyoha, Cooperative Grain and Supply's quality control manager, is shown as he explains to foreign visitors a system of tagging grain samples. Kester is originally from Lagos, Nigeria, a city of 6,000,000 people. He moved to Hillsboro 11 years ago.

Marion students Chris Byer and Matt Schuler were among those attending a future astronaut training program last week at Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center in Hutchinson.

Historical treasures were uncovered as the county treasurer's vault was emptied in preparation for installation of an elevator at the courthouse. Included was the first tax book for Marion County from 1865. Though battered by the past 130 years, the book is in good condition.

45 YEARS AGO

JULY 30, 1980

Marion County Fair will celebrate its 50th anniversary by featuring grandstand events during its four-day run in August.

Theme of the fair for this year is "Fifty Years of Family Fun." The opening ceremony will be followed by the Marion County Junior Rodeo. This will be the first year for a rodeo in Hillsboro.

The grand opening of Flint Hills Clay Works will be Sat-

urday. The art gallery and pottery studio will feature works by local artists. The clay works is in the native limestone Rogers Building (former creamery) at 1st and Main Sts.

Tina Renee Ybarra, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ybarra of Lost Springs, will be a state finalist in the 1980 Baby Miss America pageant Aug. 7 at Hilton Airport Plaza Inn in Kansas City.

This week's Personality Profile is about Butch and Phyllis Mueller of Tampa, who have opened a bright and shining new restaurant in a building formerly occupied by Tampa State Bank.

More than 200 Marion County residents attended groundbreaking for Marion Senior Citizens Center on S. 3rd St. Marion Builders president Les Fruechting turned the first spade of dirt at the building site.

60 YEARS AGO

AUG. 5, 1965

A modern new building of tasteful and pleasing design is now under construction for Marion County Farm Bureau on E. Main St. in Marion. The 30-by-50-foot all-steel building will contain an office with waiting room and four inner offices.

It's the season of big tomatoes, and an even larger tomato was brought into the *Record* office this week.

Mrs. Martin Rindt of Lincolnville came in with a Tom Boy tomato that measured 15 inches around and weighed 1½ pounds.

Cottonwood Valley Saddle Horse Association will sponsor 12-year-old Melanie Hett as a candidate for Tri-County Fair

Rodeo Queen. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hett.

Mrs. Wm. D. Seibel of Marion received \$50 at this week's Cash Days drawing. Also present was Mrs. Orville Hett of Marion, who received \$10. Not present and missing out on cash were Enid Foos, Florence, \$5; Valerian Tajchman, Ramona, \$5; and Maurie Frazier, Marion, \$10.

Major G.W. Hill is remodeling his two buildings at the corner of 1st and Main Sts. New windows are being installed, and the entire face will be "lifted."

The east building will continue to house Chet's Place, but plans have not been announced for the west room.

75 YEARS AGO

AUG. 3, 1950

Dr. P.J. Garrison, official weather observer in Marion, reports 10.43 inches of rain for the month of July and believes it to be a record for July precipitation.

Marion High School's new band instructor, Kenneth W. Swanson, arrived this week and is in the high school band room daily. Students interested in band instruction can contact him there any weekday to arrange lessons and start band practice.

Paul Herpich has joined the Marion County police force as undersheriff. He replaces Abe Reh, who has efficiently filled the position for the past year and a half.

A new meat display case was installed during the week at Sanitary Market by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sandwell, owners of the popular grocery / meat market.

Two Tampa boys were saved

from possible drowning Tuesday in high waters of the Cottonwood after their car was washed off the road north of Canada.

The boys, Donald Beisel, 18, and his brother, Marvin, drove though surging water, crossing the bridge only to be stalled and then swirled around, with the car's back end off in the ditch and only the hood and part of the top above water.

The boys managed to crawl out a window onto the car top. The two were rescued because of quick thinking by nearby residents, who arrived with ropes to guide them to safety.

110 YEARS AGO

JULY 29, 1915

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Scho-neman and family moved last week into their practically new home, one block east of the Rock Island station.

They literally made the place over — having raised the roof, added to the room, added a large and beautiful porch, and refinished the whole exterior.

Walter Thompson is sure some fisherman. He has a boat on the Cottonwood, and during the recent high water it got full of water. When he examined it after the water had gone down, he found a 13½-pound buffalo fish in it.

Another place that has been wonderfully improved is Mr. and Mrs. Ed Freeland's residence.

The improvements are practically completed, and the place is now one of the very attractive ones in the town. The house was enlarged, and a large, beautiful porch added.

Signs permanently marking the old Santa Fe Trail have arrived, and word from the men who are carrying out the project is that it will not be long now

until the poles and signs will be erected through this part of the state.

The George Hausers have joined the sleeping-porch crowd and are now using a fine second-story porch recently added to their residence.

Appendicitis patients at Marion Hospital — Mrs. Arthur Kelsey, Hazel Gordon, May Pumpelly, and Emma Frobenius — are getting along nicely.

145 YEARS AGO

JULY 30, 1880

We are happy to record the complete success of the temperance celebration Saturday in this city.

It was a most-gratifying success in every particular. The day was delightful, the crowd immense, and the exercises throughout highly creditable.

The city was handsomely decorated, and many were the compliments its gala appearance evoked from strangers.

C.W. Keller rejoices in a new well with 25 feet of water. Keller proposes to use part of the water in supplying a fountain, which he proposes to erect in his front yard, somewhat similar to one that graced the celebration grounds and charmed so many people last Saturday.

In the rush and excitement of celebration business last week, we neglected to mention the fact that our old friend Costello had put a delivery wagon in the field and would deliver "everything" in large or small quantities in any part of the city.

"Jack" is one of our pioneer merchants. In fact, we believe he is the oldest of the old guard now in business.

Algae advisories lowered

For the first time since May 22, Marion Reservoir no longer faces a blue-green algae advisory or warning, and what had been a warning for Marion County Lake was lowered Friday to a less serious watch.

In all, six Kansas bodies of water will be under warnings until July 25, and 12 will be under watches.

A watch indicates that a harmful bloom may be present. Kansas Department of Health and Environment requires that signs be posted at all public access points.

Visitors are warned that water may be unsafe for humans and animals. Swimming, wading, skiing, and jet skiing are discouraged near visible blooms. Boating and fishing are safe, but inhalation of spray might affect some people.

Direct contact with water should be avoided, and visitors should wash with clean water.

An algae bloom could look like foam, scum, or paint floating on the water and be colored blue, bright green, brown, or red. Blooms can develop rapidly.

Symptoms of illness vary depending on the species of algae. Common symptoms may include rash, vomiting, diarrhea, fever, sore throat, and headache.

Blood drives planned

Blood drives are planned for 1:15 to 6:15 p.m. today at East-moor United Methodist Church in Marion and 1 to 6 p.m. Aug. 4 at Goessel Church in Goessel.

Appointments are being accepted at <http://redcrossblood.org>.

Donors in Goessel will receive a \$15 gift card and a free A1C test that helps diagnose and monitor diabetes.

Historical district meeting delayed

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A public hearing on development of a downtown Marion historical district, originally scheduled for Monday evening, was postponed to an uncertain date.

City Administrator Bryan Wells told council members Monday that he had made attempts to reach Ben Moore Studio, the architectural firm that

began working on the project in 2019, but had not heard back.

Getting the downtown declared a historical district would open the door to tax credits to pay for building improvements.

The project stalled during 2020's COVID-19 pandemic, when public meetings could not be scheduled.

Ben Moore Studio was re-enlisted to shepherd the pro-

gram this time around. The process usually takes a year to a year and a half.

When the downtown area was surveyed in 2019, a total of 44 buildings — nearly all of Marion's downtown — were nominated for the Kansas Historical Society to review.

This time around, a slightly larger section of town is being considered for inclusion.

The buildings were in an

area that includes Main St. from Walnut to 5th Sts., 3rd St. from Valley United Methodist Church to Marion City Library, and adjoining areas.

Once the proposed district is submitted to the state, it will be hard to add buildings to it, Moore said.

Buildings have to be at least 50 years old.

FIRE: Concerns apparently aired

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"It's an internal personnel matter at this time that we're evaluating," Wells said of the meeting with firefighters.

Wells said he didn't know about firefighters' response to Monday's fire until a reporter for the *Record* told him.

"I learned about the mic press thing that I was not knowledgeable about," Wells said.

Contacted Monday about the department's short-handed response to the hay fire, Mayor Mike Powers said he hadn't known about it.

"The information you have provided surprises me," Pow-

ers said. "We will certainly look into it."

Powers didn't confirm or deny meeting with firefighters and Wells. He said he didn't have enough information to comment but would when he had more information.

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