



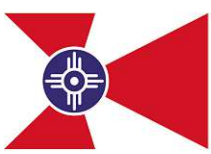
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Israel marks 2 years since Oct. 7 as fragile ceasefire holds

BY NATAN ODENHEIMER
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JERUSALEM

Israel marked a national day of commemoration Thursday for the victims of the Hamas-led Oct. 7, 2023, attack on southern Israel and for those who died in the ensuing war, almost a week

after a ceasefire in the Gaza Strip was declared.
A central state ceremony was held Thursday, which was two years after the 2023 attack according to the Jewish calendar. It took place at the national cemetery, Mount Herzl, in Jerusalem. Several hundred people attended, many in Israeli military uniform.

“Even if this isn’t the end,” said Israel’s president, Isaac Herzog, speaking onstage and referring to two years of war, “we have hope we are nearing it, with throats choked with tears and grief, intertwined with moments of relief.”
Since the ceasefire, Hamas

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An Israeli military commander embraces the mother of Tamir Nimrodi, an Israeli soldier and former hostage whose body was returned to Israel as part of a ceasefire deal between Israel and Hamas, on Thursday in Kfar Saba, Israel.



TRAVIS HEYING The Wichita Eagle

Kari Newell, the former owner of a restaurant and coffee shop in Marion, is questioned by Sedgwick County District Attorney Marc Bennett about former Marion police chief Gideon Cody.

Ex-Marion chief says he’s not guilty in text message case

BY CHANCE SWAIM
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MARION

The former Kansas police chief who orchestrated a newspaper raid of the Marion County Record pleaded not guilty

Wednesday to illegally ordering a witness to delete text messages between them in the weeks surrounding the Aug. 11, 2023 search warrants.
Gideon Cody — hired in 2023 as Marion police chief after leaving the Kansas City Police Department under a cloud of

possible discipline and demotion — faces one count of interference with the judicial process by inducing a witness to withhold or delay information, a felony with a possible punishment of seven to 23 months in prison.
Cody’s lawyer, Wichita de-

fense attorney Sal Intagliata, argued Wednesday that it was legally impossible for Cody’s instructions to Kari Newell to be withholding information because he was the lead investigator in the case and had

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Kansas Young Republicans disbands after racist messages leak

BY MATTHEW KELLY
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The Kansas Young Republicans organization was deactivated on Tuesday following an investigation by Politico into a trove of racist and derogatory messages exchanged in a group chat between young GOP members in four states.
Two top Kansas members were part of the group, including Vice Chair William Hendrix, who worked as a spokesperson for Attorney General Kris Kobach before being fired last Thursday, the office confirmed.
According to Politico, Hendrix used the N-word more than a dozen times in messages over the course of seven months.
Chair Alex Dwyer was also in the group. He reportedly reacted to the message, “Great. I love Hitler,” with a smiley face and heart-reacted to a message about killing political opponents in a gas chamber.
“Kansas Republican Party leadership is disgusted by the comments by young Kansas Republicans mentioned in the Politico story. Their comments do not reflect the beliefs of Republicans and certainly not of Kansas Republicans at large, who elected a Black chair a few months ago,” said Danedri Herbert, who is chair of the Kansas GOP and also works as a spokesperson for Kobach’s office.

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City Council District 3 candidates discuss issues

BY KYLIE CAMERON
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Homelessness and its effect on south Wichita is a top issue for the two candidates seeking the District 3 seat on the Wichita City Council.
Incumbent council member Mike Hoheisel faces first-time candidate Genevieve Howerton. Hoheisel narrowly won the seat over an appointed incumbent in

2021.
Both candidates have relatives in the state Legislature. Hoheisel’s brother is Republican Rep. Nick Hoheisel. Howerton’s mother is Republican Rep. Cyn-di Howerton.
District 3 encompasses south-central and southeast Wichita. It stretches south of Kellogg roughly between Seneca and the Kansas Turnpike.
City Council races are non-partisan, meaning parties do not

hold primaries or caucuses and party affiliation does not appear on the ballot. Members are elected for four-year terms by district. Council member pay was recently raised to \$57,985.20 a year.
The election is Nov. 4.
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Why should voters consider you the most qualified candidate? What is your overall vision? I’ve had the honor of serving as the District 3 Council member over the past 4 years, and addressed many issues my district faces, including odor control improvements at the



Mike Hoheisel



Genevieve Howerton

sewage treatment plant (completed next year), policies to crack down on illegal dumping in our city, and increasing the number of officers on the street. I will continue to work to im-

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