

# Record

## Weather in Yates Center

**Weather Observations:**  
**Week of February 3, 2025**

Mon.	65.8	36.5	0.00
Tue.	69.5	34.3	0.00
Wed.	35.6	29.1	0.00
Thu.	38.0	29.1	0.03
Fri.	47.1	29.8	0.00
Sat.	42.4	33.4	0.06
Sun.	48.3	22.8	0.00

## Sheriff’s Report

### Monday, Feb. 3 Through Sunday, Feb. 9

Due to on-going investigations some activities performed by sheriff deputies have been omitted.

#### Monday, Feb. 3

Responded along with emergency medical services (EMS) to a 911 medical call at 407 W. Main St.

Courtesy property checks x 2.  
VIN inspection at the sheriff office x 2.

Checked on a report of cattle out on Hwy. 75 a quarter mile north of mile marker 70.

Filed a car/deer accident on Hwy. 75 and 70th Rd. No injuries/airbag deployment were reported.

#### Tuesday, Feb, 4

Courtesy property checks.  
Checked on a report of debris in roadway on Hwy. 54 and Quail Rd.

Assisted Coffey County along with Yates Center Police Department (YCPD) to serve an active Coffey County warrant at 1144 120th Rd.

Responded along with EMS and YCPD to 201 S. Prairie St. to medical call.

#### Wednesday, Feb. 5

Courtesy property checks x 2.  
Responded along with EMS to a single vehicle slide Hwy. 54 and Prairie Rd.

Motorist assist on Hwy. 75 near the rest area, semi slid off the iced over road onto the grass area.

Look report of suspicious individual in the library. Individual was hooking up the computers.

VIN inspection at the sheriff office.

Responded along with EMS and YCPD to 500 N. Main St. for a medical call.

Took a report of an individual trespassing on private property at 330 Fawn Rd.

Filed a report of possible

assault out of Neosho Falls.

Performed a welfare check at 1531 Jay Rd.

Filed a car/deer accident on Hwy. 54 and mile marker 326. No injuries/airbag deployment reported.

#### Thursday, Feb. 6

Transported inmate from Wilson County Jail to Woodson County District Court.

Responded along with EMS, Woodson County Rural Fire Department, and YCPD responded a two-vehicle accident on 120th and Ute Rd. No injuries were reported.

Courtesy property checks.  
Follow up on open cases.

#### Friday, Feb. 7

Filed a criminal property report at 30th and Willow Rd.

Responded to an accidental 911 call at 1664 140th Rd.

VIN inspection at the sheriff office.

Checked on a call from Allen County 911 in regards to ponies out on the roadway at Hwy. 54 mile marker 326, in Piqua.

Filed a car/deer accident on Hwy. 75 north of mile marker. No injuries reported.

Civil process/paper service.

Checked on a call from Allen County 911 of a possible reckless driver/possibly intoxicated near 2004 Wildcat Rd., in Neosho Falls.

Courtesy property checks.

#### Saturday, Feb. 8

Courtesy property checks.

Responded along with EMS to 911 medical call at 215 E. Lakeview Dr., in Toronto.

Civil process/paper service x 2.

Courtesy property checks.

#### Sunday, Feb. 9

Vehicle unlock at 410 W. Mary St.

Follow up on open cases.

Courtesy property checks.

#### Dispatch Report

Dispatch received calls 151 for service.

911 x 4.

911/domestic x 1.

911/medical x 6.

911 child/child/pocket dial x 1.

911 hang up/accidental dial x 1.

Ambulance/medical x 1.

Animal related x 3.

Arrest x 3.

Auto accident x 4.

Burglary/not in progress x 1.

Call for SO/employee x 15.

Call for YCPD x 1.

Civil process/paper service x 4.

Complaint x 1.

Criminal mischief x 1.

Criminal threats x 1.

Death notification x 1.

Debris in roadway x 1.

Fire related x 10.

Follow up on cases x 3.

Fraud x 1.

Hang up x 2.

Information x 13.

Inmate transport x 1.

Misdial x 1.

Motor assist x 1.

Noise compliant x 1.

Out at residence/investigation x 1.

Power line down x 1.

Property check x 19.

Questions x 3.

Road closure x 1.

Road hazard x 3.

Salesman x 2.

Scam phones calls x 1.

Suspicious individual x 1.

Theft x 1.

Traffic stops x 12.

Trespassing x 1.

Vehicle check x 4.

Vehicle in ditch x 1.

Vehicle unlock x 1.

Walk-in x 5.

Walk-in/courtesy fingerprints x 1.

Walk-in/offender registration x 1.

Walk-in/VIN inspection x 4.

Weather information x 2.

Welfare check/person x 2.

## School Menu

### Thursday, Feb. 13

Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, packaged donut holes, cereal, fruit, fruit juice, and milk.

Lunch – Chicken sandwich, chips, a hot vegetable, fruit and vegetable bar, a cookie, and milk.

### Friday, Feb. 14

No school.

### Monday, Feb. 17

No school.

### Tuesday, Feb. 18

Breakfast – Cheese omelet with a biscuit, mini waffles, cereal, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, and milk.

Lunch – Super nachos, Mexican corn, fruit and vegetable bar, a cookie, and milk.

### Wednesday, Feb. 19

Breakfast – Biscuit and gravy, yogurt sundaes, cereal, fruit, fruit juice, and milk.

Lunch – YC chicken bowl, fruit and vegetable bar, cinnamon puffs, and milk.

### Thursday, Feb. 20

Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, packaged donut holes, cereal, fruit, fruit juice, and milk.

Lunch – Stuffed crust pizza, cheesy breadstick, a hot vegetable, fruit and vegetable bar, frozen fruit cup, and milk.



Kathe Hamman/NEWS

**DURING FEBRUARY** First Friday the Yates Center Elementary students discovered modern art as they learned about the art of Jim Dine. He is know as the “King of Hearts” in the art world. Each

class completed for own modern art hearts in different styles and media. First grader Henley Sorenson works on her heart project with metallic markers.

# Fatality accident

Wednesday, Feb.5 at 2:20 a.m., Coffey County Sheriff’s Deputies responded to the report of a vehicle accident that had occurred near the intersection of 8th Rd. and Emmer Rd., north of Gridley. A single vehi-

cle was found to have crossed the opposing lane of Emmer Rd., northbound, impacted the bridge railing, travelling across the bridge and entering the wooded ditch/creek area. The driver was the only occupant of

the vehicle.

James Dylan Lomon, 21 years of age, died on scene due to injuries sustained in the crash. The cause of the accident is still under investigation.

# Kansas residents rally around rural health care

By Pat Melgares, K-State Research and Extension news

Residents in four rural Kansas counties are finding creative ways to improve their access to rural health care, with an assist from their local extension programs.

Tara Solomon-Smith, a family and community wellness agent with Kansas State University’s Southwind Extension District, said community members in her area have reached out to ask for help in creating opportunities for improving civic health.

The Southwind Extension district covers Allen, Bourbon, Neosho and Woodson counties in southeast Kansas.

“Some of the communities we work with already have programs established, while others have a group of people but have not had a particular goal they’re working towards,” Solomon-Smith said. “Extension’s role has been honing in on what the group wants to address, and looking at local data to understand their health care needs.”

“Narrowing down what the communities want to address at a given time makes a big difference.”

In Toronto, Kansas, Solomon-Smith said residents met to identify their community’s assets and opportunities. “This led to a series of conversations on how to continue to develop the previous school gym into a more robust community center for the little more than 200 residents,” she said.

Solomon-Smith calls the community center “a civic hub,” where residents can not only get together to exercise, but also host such events as a farmer’s market. Residents have helped to write grants that are helping

the community build a playground on the site.

Solomon-Smith also applied for and received support to establish a rural community health worker in Bourbon and Woodson counties through K-State’s Community Health Worker initiative. She said that rural community health workers provide outreach and education, and serve as a link for community members with healthcare and community services.

Toronto, in Woodson County, has no medical facilities and serves as a good example of the value of having a rural community health worker available.

“They have a senior center, but really no health care within 30 minutes,” Solomon-Smith said. “The residents have a deep desire to stay in their rural community, so having that rural community health worker, who is a trusted individual that meets with them and connects them to health and community services, is important.”

K-State’s Community Health Worker program is a product of K-State 105, an economic growth and advancement initiative available in every Kansas county.

“Our community members have a deep desire to stay in this area, even if it is very rural,” Solomon-Smith said. “One of the program’s strengths is that it pairs residents with a local, trusted person with whom they can share information while keeping care close to home.”

Also within the Southwind

## Public Notice

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**NOTICE**

This is to serve notice as provided by law to the duly qualified electors of the Cherry-Plum Creek Watershed Jt. District #17 will hold their Annual Meeting Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 12:00 pm at Silverado’s Restaurant, Piqua Kansas. The regular business to be transacted will be the election of one director to serve a three-year term and the 2024 financials

Gordon McNitt, Chairman

# Poetry Corral

By Del Shields

## Shiny and Clean

By Del Shields

He rolled up to the branding pen in a truck and trailer so shiny it could blind ya.

As he backed out his freshly washed paint gelding from the saw dusted floor, Chuck said, “Son let me remind ya.”

This here is a round up, and the terrain is sort of tough.

As I look at this silvery plated saddle and bridle, I truly don’t see one scuff.

Young man, I sure mean no disrespect or harshness to you at all.

But, those fresh starched Cinch jeans and George Strait shirt make you look like you should be at a Ball.

And Ostrich quill boots in place like this? I don’t see how they can last an hour without good tapaderos.

Why, you know we’ll be riding some mighty steep climbs to get through the breaks and the narrows.

Are you sure you’re at the right place? Where do you come from and why are you here?

And, didn’t anyone warn you about this outfit, and tack-

ing out with the right kind of gear?”

The kid never looked up ‘cept once in a while, to let Chuck know he was paying respectful attention.

Then in a clear soft voice he asked, “is there anything else I need to know? Anything... you forgot to mention?”

With an easy step he mounted his saddle, then waited for the rest of the crew.

With the first bunch located and needing some guidance, our ropes from the horns we all drew.

Astounded and baffled we all watched in wonder. The kid never missed one loop that he threw.

Clean as a whistle he would dally them off. No wonder his saddle stayed looking brand new.

His paint horse worked like a well oiled machine, as he’d cut, spin and hold.

Ole Chuck was feeling plumb ashamed, and sorry he’d spoken so bold.

At the end of the day when the branding was over, we sat at the fire eating spoils.

The kid was commended on

his skills and his horse, and asked of his training and lorels.

He said “I’m Buster Cain’s son from over the mountain. I’ve been gone on the rodeo trail.

I’ve got a few titles under my belt from the INFR, and being home visiting, well I thought I might help.”

Chuck said, “please take no offense by the warnings we gave. Why these things we just never knew.”

“None taken” he reposed with a twinkle and grin. “But before judging next time based on shiny and clean, let a man show you just what he can do.”

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