



Kathe Hamman/NEWS

IN DECEMBER 1983, Janet Robbins began her career at the Yates Center Branch Bank. Robbins enjoyed a retirement reception Friday, May 30 after working at the bank for 41 and a half years. She was hired by bank president Bill Oaks, and has enjoyed the last several years under bank presidents John Danler and most recently president Jamie

Matile. Robbins commented, “I have loved my job, and I wouldn’t have stayed here so long if I didn’t enjoy the job, and especially the people I have worked with over the years.” During the 41 and a half years she has been a bank security officer, but mostly a teller, she added, “I will really miss seeing the people every day.”

Southeast District FFA Members receive state FFA degree

A total of 67 members from the Southeast District were awarded their State FFA Degree during the 97th Kansas FFA Convention, Wednesday, May 28 through Friday, May 30, on the Kansas State University campus. The state degree is the highest honor the Kansas FFA Association can bestow upon its members.

In order to achieve this award, members must meet the following requirements: have

received their Chapter FFA Degree, been an FFA member and agricultural education student for at least two years, earned at least \$2,000, or worked 600 hours in their Supervised Agricultural Experience program, given a six-minute speech about agriculture or FFA, participated in eight different leadership activities, received a “C” average or better in high school and shown a record of outstanding leader-

ship and community involvement.

The members who met these qualifications from Yates Center are Kevin Brown, Clayton Culver, Micol Dixon, Madison Hall, Blake Morrison, Lauren Schultz, and Wylee Shaffer.

Each state degree recipient receives a state degree charm, a symbol of the member’s growth and development, sponsored by Kansas Electric Cooperatives.

Poetry Corral

It’s A Great Life For Me

By Del Shields

Give me my horse when I’m feeling blue. I’ll ride till the colors change.

We’ll ride big circles in the fresh springtime air. We’ll lope on the wide open range.

Give me my horse when I’m full of joy. I’ll set up in the saddle tall.

We’ll pass the hours till the shadows grow long. We watch the copper cast sunset fall.

Give me my horse when the

snow is deep. When the crystals glisten shiny and bright.

We’ll leave tracks on the land, with his reins in my hand. We’ll just gaze at the blanket of white.

Give me my horse come rain or shine. The weather won’t slow us down.

I guess I’m not one to complain all that much much. I really don’t like to frown.

Give me my horse when it’s round up time. He loves what I ask him to do.

I love throwing loops as I’m dallied off tight. I’m a born

and bred real buckaroo.

Give me my horse when I’m aged please. When it’s easier to ride than walk.

Then saddle up with me and we’ll ride for a while. We can be silent, we don’t have to talk.

There’s no other life that fits me we so well. Our good Lord, He carved out my course.

It fits to a “T”. It’s a great life for me. I thank God, He gave me my horse.

FSU graduates

Fort Hays State University recognized approximately 1,691 graduates during its Spring 2025 commencement ceremonies Friday May 16 and Saturday, May 17, at Gross Memorial Coliseum, in Hays.

Kaley Clark, of Yates Center received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

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(Continued from Page 1) NRP application request to the commissioners. Sedlecek motioned with Stuber seconding to approve the NRP application of Samuel Swartz. Motion passed.

Stuber motioned with Sedlecek seconding to sign and pay vouchers in the amount of \$76,439.62. Motion passed.

Zimmerman talked with all department heads and commissioners about an all day training

Thursday, June 19 at the community building, which will be for mandatory employee training.

At 11:51 a.m. Sedlecek motioned with Stuber seconding to adjourn. Motion passed.

The next meeting of the Woodson County Commissioners will be Tuesday, June 10 at 9 a.m. at the Woodson County Courthouse.

Your hopes. Their dreams.

I’m in the business of protecting your todays and their tomorrows. Let’s connect. You talk and I’ll listen – the way it should be.



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Toronto News

By Kathy Cummings

Here we are in June. One month from now will be Toronto Day’s. Big changes are coming for these years Toronto Day’s. The parade will not be until 6 p.m.! All the usual Saturday morning activities have been moved to 6 p.m. The beloved mud volleyball has been moved to 10 a.m.!

Be sure to check out Toronto Booster Club’s Facebook page, The Yates Center NEWS and/or watch for flyers put up around town. Everything is at different times Saturday, so be in the know.

Which president ate steak every morning for breakfast?

Hello! To all in area nursing and assisted living facilities. Hello, also, to all in area hospitals and rehab centers.

We offer our sympathy to all who lost loved ones this past week. May they all rest in peace.

We’ve had an abundance of rain recently and more is expected this week. According to the weatherman, the spring rainy season is about over and we will have occasional storms throughout the summer. We’ll see, after all rain is expected every day this week.

They must have gotten lots of complaints about the stoplights north of town. The wait time

this past week has been a reasonable three to four minutes. I probably just jinxed it by saying that. I hope not.

It’s great to actually see progress being made on the bridge. The handrail on the west side looks good and the road bed part of the bridge looks good for that side. Will we see construction move along a little faster now? I know we all certainly hope so.

Answer: William Howard Taft is notorious for being one of the more portly presidents in history, so it should come as no surprise that he consumed a substantial breakfast each morning. Taft began each day with a doctor-prescribed workout with a personal trainer in his private quarters, which he followed with breakfast at precisely 8:30 a.m. His usual meal consisted of a 12-ounce steak, plenty of buttered toast, and coffee loaded with large amounts of cream and sugar. You’d never find eggs on Taft’s plate, however, as they were one of the few foods he despised. As Taft got older, he eventually cut back to just a six-ounce serving of steak for breakfast.

I don’t like to be known as a grumpy old woman, but people zipping around town on those

side-by-side four wheelers need to be reminded of the speed limits here in town. I was taught that all vehicles, two-wheeled, three-wheeled, four-wheeled, etc., were to follow the set rules of the road. Many cars and pickups are just as bad.

I don’t know, maybe I’m wrong, but zipping around at the speeds in which many drive them is way too fast on the streets of town. If they don’t have speedometers on them they should. But I guess, in all honesty, that will not slow them down. It seems they think they are above the law.

If you have children, tell them to slow down and look twice before crossing a road or going thru an intersection. This simple reminder could save a life!

The Toronto Booster Club is having a fund raiser for the big project at the schoolyard. If you would like to donate you can mail donations to: Toronto Booster Club, P.O. Box 1, Toronto KS 66777 or PayPal: torontoboosterclub@gmail.com . Many ideas are in the works.

Quote: “Love is like quicksilver in the hand . . . Leave the fingers open and it stays in the palm; clutch it, and it darts away,” Dorothy Parker.

Family tradition in education

Jada Cunningham graduated Iola High School in 2021 and

decided to follow her great aunt’s footsteps by enrolling in

college at Pittsburg State University (PSU). In May of this year she completed the goal of following in her great aunt’s footsteps by getting a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from PSU.

Michelle Walker graduated Yates Center High School in 1982 and got her degree in 1986 from PSU. Jada is the daughter of Alicia Craft, the granddaughter of Sonja Morrone and the great granddaughter of Merlen Zoan Popejoy, of Tulsa, OK. Walker is the daughter of Popejoy and the sister of Morrone leading to the great aunt and great niece achieving the PSU connection of a collegiate degree.

Public Notice

(First published in The Yates Center NEWS on Thursday, May 29, 2025.) 22-3tc
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF WOODSON COUNTY, KANSAS

PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD O’NEAL, Deceased.

Case No.

WO-2025-PR-000011

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court by Brandon O’Neal, praying that the court approve a family settlement agreement; and for the determination of descent of the following described real property: Lots 7 and 8, Block 44, original townsite City of Yates Center, Kansas, less and except the South 60 feet thereof, Woodson County, KS , owned by the decedent at the time of death; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 25th day of June, 2025, at 10:00 o’clock a.m. of said day, in said court, in the City of Yates Center, in Woodson County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

BRANDON O’NEAL,
Petitioner.

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