

Sheriff's Department
Activity Report

By Kearny County Sheriff Mike Fontenot

Sheriff's Report
Monday, September 21:
Jail population 5.
Citations 0.
Civil process 4.
12:35 p.m. Received a request for a motorist assist US-50/K-25. 12:57 p.m. Received a request for a civil standby in Lakin. 1:45 p.m. Received a report of criminal damage to property in Lakin. 2:07 p.m. Received a request for a motorist assist US-50 MP 45. 4:30 p.m. Received a report of an unwanted subject in Lakin. 5:59 p.m. EMS assist in Lakin.
Tuesday, September 22:
Jail population 5.
Citations 1.
Civil process 2.
9:57 a.m. Received a report of cows out K-25 MP 74. 3:39 p.m. Received a report of suspicious activity in the county.
Wednesday, September 23:
Jail population 5.
Citations 4.
Civil process 1.
12:22 a.m. Received a report of suspicious activity in the county. 6:16 a.m. Received a report of hay bales on fire Road AA/Road 250.
Thursday, September 24:
Jail population 5.
Citations 4.
Civil process 0.
12:11 a.m. Received a barking dog complaint in Lakin. 6:14 a.m. Received a request for a motorist assist 200 block of Road D. 6:25 a.m. Received a request for traffic control K-25/Road 140. 7:30 a.m. Received a report of an erratic driver westbound US-50 MP 45. 9:15 a.m. Received a parking complaint in Lakin. 4:49 p.m. Received an abandoned 911 call that plotted to a location in another jurisdiction. 5:03 p.m. Received a request for a citizen assist in Lakin.
Friday, September 25:
Jail population 5.
Citations 0.
Civil process 0.
9:27 a.m. Received a report of an erratic driver northbound K-25 MP 62. 1:15 p.m. Received a report of a traffic hazard 1700 block of K-25. 2:09 p.m. Received a request for a funeral escort. 5:27 p.m. Received a report of a theft in Lakin. 6:36 p.m. Received a request for a motorist assist US-50 MP 48. 11:06 p.m. Received a loud music complaint in Lakin.
Saturday, September 26:
Jail population 5.
Citations 0.
Civil process 0.
11:00 a.m. Received a request for a funeral escort. 6:02 p.m. Received a report of an abandoned vehicle in Lakin.

9:03 p.m. Received a report of an erratic driver in Deerfield.
Sunday, September 27:
Jail population 5.
Citations 1.
Civil process 0.
12:39 p.m. Received a report of lights on at Louck's Park. 1:16 a.m. Received a report of a vehicle parked partially in the roadway US-50/West St. 3:10 a.m. Received a report of three dogs at large and one dog biting a subject in Lakin. 6:30 a.m. Received a request for a motorist assist Road T/Road 90.
2:49 p.m. Received a report of a noninjury accident 106 E. Santa Fe Trail Blvd involving David Neufeld of Bisbee, AZ. 3:53 p.m. Received a report of an erratic driver westbound US-50 MP 50. 4:06 p.m. Received a report of a theft in Lakin. The report was unfounded. 7:26 p.m. EMS assist in the county.

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REQUEST FOR
PROPOSAL (RFP)**
KEARNY COUNTY HOSPITAL
500 E. Thorpe Street
Lakin, KS 67860
Kearny County Hospital of Lakin, Kansas is seeking a signage consultant to provide Interior and Exterior Signage design, fabrication and installation for a proposed 27,740 square foot clinic addition and a 20,550 square foot hospital model located in Lakin, KS. Anticipated signage budget is \$80,000. Proposals are due October 23, 2026, at 5:00 PM Central Time Zone. Interested firms should contact Karl Lueschow at Karl@lueschowprojectmanagement.com or call 608-347-0519 for a copy of the full Request for Proposal.

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Want Ads Do It All!

K-State Weed Specialist
Urges Fall Scouting To Get
Ahead of Next Year's Weeds

Kansas State University weed specialist Sarah Ganske is urging farmers to keep a watchful eye for next year's weed problems, even as they bring in this year's harvest.
Ganske, a K-State Extension weed scientist, said growers should use time in the combine or grain cart to scout for "escapes"—weeds that survived this year's control program—and to tighten equipment-cleaning practices.
"We often don't think about weed management in the fall," Ganske said. "But actually, it's an important part of the cycle of

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**COMMISSIONERS
PROCEEDING**
The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on August 3, 17 and 31, 2026. Motion made and seconded to approve the following expenditures.

GENERAL FUND	
Included under County General: Hospital/HPRV, Memorial Building, Fair, Soil Conservation, Council on Aging, Mental Health, WKCAC, Extension Council, CASA, SDSI/RCDC, Historical Society, City on a Hill.	
County General	
Total Personal Services.....	\$256,034.31
Total Commodities.....	11,214.61
Total Contractual Services.....	67,587.52
Total Capital Outlay.....	167,814.53
EFA Transfers.....	0.00
Appropriations.....	0.00
Total Fund.....	\$502,650.97
Capital Improvement/Oil and Gas Depletion Fund.....	
Road and Bridge	
Total Personal Services.....	88,541.79
Total Commodities.....	-18,162.93
Total Contractual Services.....	1,456.55
Total Capital Outlay.....	0.00
Transfers.....	0.00
Total Fund.....	\$71,835.41
Solid Waste	
Total Personal Services.....	11,860.20
Total Commodities.....	2,863.75
Total Contractual Services.....	184.04
Total Capital Outlay.....	0.00
Total Fund.....	\$14,907.99
Health	
Total Personal Services.....	17,516.40
Total Commodities.....	0.00
Total Contractual Services.....	0.00
Total Capital Outlay.....	0.00
Total Fund.....	\$17,516.40
Noxious Weed	
Total Personal Services.....	7,080.10
Total Commodities.....	270.64
Total Contractual Services.....	466.48
Total Capital Outlay.....	0.00
Chemicals.....	0.00
Total Fund.....	\$7,817.22
Emergency Services	
Total Personal Services.....	77,870.70
Total Commodities.....	2,953.55
Total Contractual Services.....	2,301.89
Total Capital Outlay.....	733.00
Total Fund.....	\$83,859.14
Appraiser	
Total Personal Services.....	10,115.69
Total Commodities.....	40.61
Total Contractual Services.....	10,026.39
Total Capital Outlay.....	0.00
Total Fund.....	\$20,182.69
A detailed statement of expenditures is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office.	

having good weed management programs across all your acres."
She said producers can learn a lot about weed control as they move through fields at harvest.
"We can be on the lookout for areas where we had weed escapes in the current season, because that is going to tell us where we can expect weed problems in the future," Ganske said.
Identifying which species survived and where they are located helps growers predict future weed pressure, spot potential herbicide resistance, and decide whether to adjust herbicide programs or add fall cover crops such as cereal rye.
Pigweeds—including Palmer amaranth and waterhemp—remain among the most troublesome weeds. Ganske also listed morning glories and velvetleaf as concerns. A newer problem is hophornbeam copperleaf, especially for corn producers because it emerges later in the season.
Escapes often occur in low spots where the crop is less competitive; on headlands that see more traffic and disturbance; and along fence rows.
Those patterns can help farmers identify areas of differing productivity and decide whether "zone management" is needed—for example, increasing herbicide rates or changing products in certain parts of the field rather than treating every acre the same.
Sudden changes in the size or location of patches should raise a red flag.
"If that weed patch is changing in size, (or) if that weed patch is in an unexpected place ... it would be important to note," Ganske said. "Those are the ones we need to watch and

be most concerned about."
While growers are scouting for problem areas, Ganske said they also should consider how to avoid moving weed seeds from one field to another.
She recommends planning harvest, so that heavily infested or potentially resistant fields are harvested last or at the end of the day, when there is time for more thorough cleaning. Cutting around weedy patches can help prevent plugging the combine and limit the number of seed entering the machine.
Cleaning equipment between fields is critical to reduce "hitch-hiker" seeds, Ganske said. Most seeds accumulate in a few spots, so focusing on those areas can have a big impact.
Rainy days during harvest offer an opportunity for more thorough service and cleaning. Ganske also reminded growers to watch grain cart tires, which can pick up seeds, and to ensure that tillage and planting equipment is not dragging weed parts from one field to another.
More information is available in the weekly K-State Agronomy e-Update article, "Weed Management Practices, Fall Scouting, and Equipment Cleaning," and through local K-State Extension offices in Kansas.

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What's
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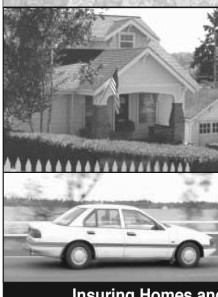
DRC Office Hours:
The regular office hours at DRC are Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
For any information e-mail deerfieldreddirector@gmail.com or text 620-355-9744.

Puzzle Palooza
Get your team together for a spooktacular night of puzzle-solving fun!
The Halloween Puzzle Palooza is Thursday, October 22, at 6:30 p.m. The doors will open at 6:15 p.m. This is a team of four people. Bring your own snacks.
RSVP to Kelsey by Wednesday, October 14.

Zombie Run
We need your help! Sponsors wanted for the 2026 Deerfield Zombie Run. We are looking for financial donations, gift baskets, gift cards, merchandise and products, items for prizes and giveaways.
The annual Zombie Run is Friday, October 30, at the DHS old gym.

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