

Record

Weather in Yates Center

Weather Observations:
Week of July 27

Mon.	98.7	76.8	0.00
Tue.	98.9	76.3	0.00
Wed.	90.2	75.7	Mist
Thu.	92.9	76.2	0.02
		2 Days	
Fri.	85.7	76.6	0.11
Sat.	92.9	65.5	0.00
Sun.	85.5	65.1	0.00

Sheriff’s Report

Monday, July 27 through Sunday, Aug. 2

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

Monday, July 27

Performed a court ordered breathalyzer on individual.
Vehicle unlock at school park.
Responded along with Woodson County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Yates Center Police Department (YCPD) to a medical call at 204 S. Main St., in Yates Center.
Motorist assist on Hwy. 54 approximately mile marker 304.
Courtesy property checks.
Followed up on open cases.

Tuesday, July 28

Responded to a request for an animal welfare check on the Owl Creek bridge on Hwy. 54 and Quail Rd.
Along with EMS and Toronto Volunteer Fire Department (TVFD) responded to 407 W. Main St. for a medical call.
Civil process/paper service.
Checked on a report of debris in roadway on Hwy. 54 and Willow Rd.

Followed up on open cases.
Assisted YCPD and EMS at 409 W. Wilson St. for a medical call.

Checked on an abandoned car on Hwy. 54 approximately mile marker 309.

Courtesy property Checks.

Wednesday, July 29

Checked on a report of cattle out at 80th and Indian Rd.
Performed a VIN inspection at the sheriff’s office.

VIN inspection at 911 N. Main.

Checked on a report of a with driver possibly having a medical situation on Hwy. 54 approximately mile marker 309.

Performed a welfare check at 158 Holiday Hill, in Toronto.

Filed car/deer accident on 50th and Rock Rd.

Civil standby at 407 W. Main St., in Toronto.

Thursday, July 30

Performed a court ordered breathalyzer on individual.

Transported inmate, Leon Barnes, from the Clay County Sheriff’s Office in Kentucky to the Woodson County Jail.

VIN inspection at 1339 180th Rd.

VIN inspection at the sheriff’s office.

Motorist assist on Hwy. 54, east of Yates Center.

Removed debris from roadway on Hwy. 75 approximately mile marker 78.

Filed a report of a car/deer accident on Hwy. 75 and 200th Rd. No injuries were reported

Followed up on open case.

Friday, July 31

Filed a report of a car/deer accident on Hwy. 54 and Coyote Rd. No injuries were reported.

Checked on a report of cattle out on tracks near 150th and Osage Rd. Cattle were secured.

Responded along with EMS and TVFD to 404 N. Broad St., in Toronto, for a medical call.

Courtesy property checks.

Follow up on open cases.

Saturday, Aug. 1
VIN inspection at 702 W. Park St.

Civil process/paper service.

Checked on a report of cattle out on Indian and 80th Rd. Cattle were

secured.

Filed theft report at 164 Lazy Rd., in Toronto.

Sunday, Aug. 2

Checked on a report of cattle out along with YCPD on 120th and Hwy. 75.

Civil process/paper service x 2.

Responded along with EMS and TVFD to 310 W. North St., in Toronto, for a medical call.

Courtesy property checks.

Arrests

Friday, July 30, Leon Barnes, 53, of Springfield, MO was arrest by the Woodson County Sheriff’s office. Barnes was booked into the Woodson County Jail on alleged charges of identity theft, felony theft, and misdemeanor theft. Barnes is currently being held in lieu of a \$10,000 cash or surety bond.

Dispatch Report

Dispatch received calls 144 for service.
911 x 3.
911/animal x 1.
911/juvenile related x 1.
911/medical x 3.
911/test x 2.
911 call/child/pocket dial x 2.
911 hang up/accidental dial x 3.
Abandoned vehicle x 2.
Ambulance/medical x 2.
Animal related x 9.
Attempt to locate x 1.
Auto accident x 2.
Call for SO/employee x 11.
Call for YCPD x 1.
Civil matter x 1.
Civil process/paper service x 4.
Civil stand-by x 1.
Complaint x 1.
Debris in roadway x 2.
Disabled vehicle x 1.
Fire related x 10.
Follow up on cases x 5.
Found property x 1.
Information x 3.
Inmate transport x 1.
Juvenile related x 1.
Medical x 2.
Misdial x 1.
Motorist assist x 2.
Out on portable x 1.
PBT x 2.
Pedestrian check x 1.
Property check x 1.
Questions x 9.
Road conditions x 1.
Salesman x 2.
Suspicious circumstances x 1.
Theft x 2.
Traffic stop x 26.
Training exercise x 1.
Vehicle checks x 2.
Vehicle unlock x 1.
VIN inspection x 4.
Walk-in x 5.
Walk-in/offender registration x 2.
Walk-in/VIN inspection x 1.
Welfare check/person x 3.

Kansas Profile – Now That’s Rural: Rick Aberle, Apostolic home

By Ron Wilson, director of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State University

“Living to serve.” That phrase is part of the FFA motto taught to high school agricultural students. It has been taken to heart by a rural Kansan who has applied his service to developing the best possible residential living and care for senior citizens in his community.

Rick Aberle is executive director of the Apostolic Christian Retirement Village in Sabetha. He grew up on a farm where he was active in FFA near the rural community of Morrill, population 218 people. Now, that’s rural.

Aberle earned a degree in biological and agricultural engineering from Kansas State University and then a Masters in Business Administration. He worked for Wenger Manufacturing and later as a consultant.

In 2013, he felt called to join the mission field in Haiti. When he went to work in that impoverished country, a crucial need was health care. He ended up serving as administrator of a surgical hospital there.

After eight years in Haiti, he returned home to Brown County. The board of the Apostolic Christian Retirement Village approached him about becoming the retirement home’s executive director, which he did in 2023.

The Apostolic Christian Retirement Village, also known as Apostolic Christian Home, was founded in Sabetha in 1958. It is owned by the midwest region of Apostolic Christian Churches in Kansas and Missouri. In addition to Sabetha, this includes churches in communities such as Bern, Kiowa and Lamont.

The non-profit Apostolic Christian Retirement Village began as a nursing home with the mission to serve the needs of the elderly. It now offers independent living, assisted living, and nursing home care.

The Apostolic Christian Retirement Village has grown significantly through the years. In 1961 it opened as a 20-bed nursing facility. Now it has grown to 108 beds.

Independent living began with 20 units and is now at 87. The 12 unit

assisted living facility is now 24. Lakeside Terrace was added as a 12-resident facility for the intellectually and developmentally disabled.

“We are a continuing care retirement community,” Aberle said. “As our seniors advance in need, they can transition through the stages within our own facility. It makes that transition much better for them.”

“Our board has a vision to meet the changing needs of our population. We are looking at how to change and grow and evolve to meet these needs.”

Apostolic Christian Retirement Village is now working on fundraising to replace and repurpose the nursing home.

“We want a redesign that would offer care in a more home-like setting,” Aberle said. “We also want to move our facility for the disabled into our complex. Currently that is a few blocks away.”

A second phase of the master plan would add child care, a community center, and a health and wellness space in the facility. Imagine senior citizens and children within the same facility where those who choose could engage in interaction.

“Research shows that the benefits of intergenerational care are clear,”

Aberle said. “There are benefits for both the youth and elderly, and that’s a direction we intend to go.”

The availability of child care as well as a place for aging parents and grandparents are certainly important in a town with a large manufacturing base such as Sabetha. “This can help our workforce,” Aberle said.

“I see us as a key cog in the makeup of our town. Apostolic Christian Home is critical to the community.”

“Ultimately, our mission is to offer care to those in need,” Aberle said. “It goes back to my roots in ag and FFA, with a desire to serve. Serving others is a way that enriches their lives and our own. We’re directed by our Christian faith to serve others.”

For more information about Apostolic Christian Retirement Village, see www.apostolicsabetha.org.

“Living to serve.” That phrase from the FFA motto provides a value which this rural Kansan is applying in his everyday life.

We commend Rick Aberle and all those involved with the Apostolic Christian Retirement Village for making a difference by providing quality care for our elderly. That’s an important service.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF WOODSON COUNTY, KANSAS
Sitting at Yates Center
Henry L. Eggers and Sandra J. Eggers, Plaintiffs vs. Gordon E. Frederick; et al, Defendants
Case No. WO-2026-CV-000024

Notice of Suit

To: Gordon E. Frederick, and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees trustees, creditors and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs executors, administrators, devisees, trustees and assigns of any person alleged to be

deceased, and all other persons who are or may be concerned.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT on July 28, 2026, a Petition was filed in the District Court of Woodson County, Kansas by Henry L. Eggers and Sandra J. Eggers praying for judgment that their title be quieted on the following real estate, including all right, title and interest in all oil, gas and minerals, and for other relief:

The South Half of the Southwest Quarter (S/2 SW/4) of Section 8, Township 26 South, Range 17 East of the Sixth P.M., Woodson County, Kansas. You are required to plead to the Petition on or before September 25, 2026 in the District Court of Woodson County, Kansas. If you fail to plead or otherwise appear, judgment will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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