

Record

Weather in Yates Center

Weather Observations: Week of August 24

Mon.	84.0	64.5	0.00
Tue.	93.5	66.8	0.00
Wed.	89.7	70.3	0.00
Thu.	95.5	69.1	0.00
Fri.	90.2	63.4	0.00
Sat.	93.9	62.6	0.00
Sun.	98.1	67.2	0.00

Sheriff's Report

Monday, Aug. 24 Through Sunday, Aug. 30

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

Monday, Aug. 24

Followed up on open cases.

Performed a court ordered breathalyzer test on individual.

Checked a report of suspicious vehicles at 1451 100th Rd.

Along with Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Woodson County Rural Fire Department (WCRF) responded to a two vehicle accident near 1402 Willow Rd.

Checked on a heavily damaged building on 180th Rd. east of Turkey Rd.

Motorist assist on reservoir road.

Checked on a report of reckless driver at the intersection of Mary and Fry St.

Assisted Yates Center Police Department (YCPD) on a report of a suspicious activity at 611 Ridge Rd.

Tuesday, Aug. 25

Followed up on open cases.

Along with EMS and WCRF responded to 2271 200th Rd. for a welfare check/medical call.

Courtesy property checks.

Civil process/paper service.

Motorist assist on Hwy. 54 and mile marker 302.

Responded along with EMS and Toronto Fire Department to 911 medical call at 404 N.Broad St. in Toronto

Along with EMS responded to 1380 90th Rd. to a single vehicle rollover accident. No airbag deployment.

Wednesday, Aug. 26

Filed a car/buggy accident report along with EMS on 130th and Jay Rd.

Responded along with YCPD and EMS to medical call 303 W. Rutledge St.

Motorist assist on Hwy. 75 and mile marker 64.

Civil process/paper service.

Courtesy property check.

Followed up on open cases.

Thursday, Aug. 27

Filed a car/deer accident on 80th and Kanza Rd. No airbag deployment or injuries reported.

Checked on a report of a cow out on Hwy. 75 and mile marker 80.5.

Performed a court ordered breathalyzer test on an individual.

Civil process/paper service x 3.

Courtesy property checks.

Followed up on open cases.

Along with YCPD checked on a report of a suspicious vehicle near battery tanks on 180th and Ute Rd.

Friday, Aug. 28

Followed up on open cases.

Responded to Hwy. 75

near 170th along with Kansas Highway Patrol, EMS and WRFD to an auto accident involving a truck rear-ending a semi. No injuries reported.

Along with YCPD checked on a report of a reckless semi on Hwy. 54 east of Yates Center.

Civil process/paper service x 3.

Checked on a report of a motorist assist on Hwy. 54 near Piqua possibly needing assistance. Unable to locate.

Assisted EMS, YCPD, and emergency management on a 911 medical call at 509 S. Fry St.

Located a possible large grass fire near 220th and Hereford Rd. at the Woodson/Coffey County line. It was determined it was a called in as a control burn.

Filed a car/deer accident on Hwy. 75 and mile marker 85. No injuries or air bag deployment.

Saturday, Aug. 29

Checked on a report of cattle out at the Woodson/Coffey County line. Cattle were secured.

Responded to 190th and Rock Rd. after receiving a report of a large herd of cattle out. Owner located and cattle secured.

Assisted YCPD on a traffic stop on W. Mary St.

Motorist assist on 200th and Turkey Rd.

Removed two deceased deer off Hwy. 75 and 180th Rd.

Checked on a report of a horse out on E. Eads and Washington St. in Toronto. Owner located and horse was secured.

Sunday, Aug. 30

Checked on a report of a reckless driver heading southbound on Hwy. 75 near mile marker 85.

Checked on a 911 call of a reckless vehicle heading northbound on Hwy. 75 from mile marker 75.

Along with YCPD welfare check at 504 E. Fegan Rd.

Took a report of individual bitten by an animal.

Checked on a report of a trailer home at 50th Rd. and Hwy. 105 in Toronto off roadway in a ditch.

Arrest

Friday, Aug. 28, 2026, Joshua Stout, 39, of Yates Center, KS was arrested by the Yates Center Police Department. Stout was booked into the Woodson County Jail in alleged charges of possession of hallucinogenic drug, possession of marijuana, transporting an open container, possession of paraphernalia, criminal damage to property and reckless driving. He was later released on bond.

Dispatch Report

Dispatch Received calls 184 for service
911 x 3.
911/animal x 2.
911/auto accident x 3.
911/medical x 4.
911/reckless driver x 1.
911/testing x 1.
911/transfer to another county x 1.
911 call/child/pocket dial x 2.
911 hang up/accidental dial x 1.
Ambulance/medical x 1.
Animal bite x 1.
Animal related x 6.
Area check x 1.
Auto accident x 4.
Call for SO/employee x 10.
Call for inmate x 2.
Civil process/paper service x 7.
Complaint x 1.
Contact message x 1.
Fire/grass x 1.
Fire meeting x 1.
Fire related x 10.
Follow up on cases x 5.
Hang up x 1.
Information x 10.
Inmate issues x 2.
Motorist assist x 5.
PBT x 2.
Property check x 1.
Questions x 11.
Reckless driver x 5.
Road blockage x 1.
Road closure x 1.
Salesman x 1.
Suspicious circumstances x 2.
Suspicious vehicle x 2.
Traffic stop x 51.
Vehicle checks x 13.
Walk-in x 5.
Walk-in/Attorney x 1.
Walk-in/offender registration x 1.
Weather information x 1.

Commish approves budget

By Cliff Ralstin

The Woodson County Commissioners met Tuesday, Sept. 1 in the Woodson County Ambulance meeting room to accommodate citizens for the annual budget meeting at 9 a.m.

Before the 10 a.m. budget hearing started commissioners began by speaking with new county counselor Roberta Wilkes. Last week Wilkes was tapped to fill the vacancy left by, now judge, Bret Heim. She was asked to bring back a contract for county commissioners to sign.

In her research Wilkes stated that her private insurance company will not cover her liability as a county counselor, something that falls on the county to cover for employees. Since a contract is not in place Wilkes spoke to the commission about the situation and will explore the situation more prior to a contract signing.

Next to speak was Nancy Kelly, of RevitalizeYC. Kelly was in attendance to request use of the courthouse square, electricity and trash service for the upcoming Hayfest activities. The commission approved those requests.

As a final matter in allowing a zoning variance, the commission voted to approve a resolution for the variance located on Coyote Road.

Rural fire chief Nick Barney informed the commission that he spent approximately \$4,800 of donation monies to purchase grain bin extrication equipment. Barney stated that another piece of the system, a tripod, is still pending once he decides on the right one. He is also considering some new bunker gear.

In other county business, the commission approved the 2027 holiday schedule, donated \$100 to Friends for Life and approved the 2025 delinquent tax report of \$296,258.97,

which was up slightly from last year.

The commission also approved a resolution to raise motor vehicle transaction fees to \$10. The commission then entered into executive session for confidential data for 15 minutes.

Upon resumption of open meeting, the commission opened the rural fire department's budget hearing for ten minutes. There were no public comments, the budget was approved.

The commission then called for a ten minute Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) hearing because the county is collecting more taxes this year even though the mill levy dropped .593 mills. The tax collected is due to increase valuations.

Concerned citizens raised question concerning the large increases in the employee benefits budget line and the ambulance budget. The employee benefits centered around insurance increases in several areas but mainly healthcare costs. The ambulance budget was due to wages and associated benefits. Workers compensation increases also contributed heavily to the larger budgets.

The RNR hearing was then closed and the regular budget hearing was opened with citizens again raising concerns about rising costs. The com-

mission was also quizzed about the double mailing of tax notices this year.

County clerk Amanda DeWitt said the initial mailing was paid for by the state but was incorrect due to a computer error by the county's vendor Computer Information Consortium (CIC). The county did pay for the second notice but is working with CIC to get reimbursed for the second mailing.

After closing the budget hearing, a resolution to exceed RNR was passed along with the new budget.

In old business, the commission revisited a complaint about a nuisance tire pile. A call to Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) said that if the tire pile is 50 to 100 in number it is considered a county problem. The only exception that allows KDHE to intervene is the determination that a breeding population of mosquitos is living in the tire pile or that a crime has been committed in association with the tire pile. The county is going to continue the investigation.

The commission then signed two weeks of vouchers in the amount of \$75,496.64 and adjourned the meeting. The next meeting of the will be Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 9 a.m. in the commissioner's room.

Public Notice

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The City of Yates Center, Kansas will hold a public meeting on OCTOBER 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at THE TOWN HALL, 201 S. MAIN St., YATES CENTER, KANSAS to present and discuss alternatives for improvements to the City's wastewater treatment plant. The improvements are proposed to be funded through the Kansas Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund, a low-interest State Revolving Fund loan program administered by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements

Alternatives include continued operation with no major improvements; rehabilitation of the existing wastewater treatment plant; addition of a redundant A2O

treatment unit; addition of an equalization basin; and replacement of the existing plant with either a controlled-discharging or non-discharging lagoon system. The recommended improvements that are being pursued with this funding are rehabilitation of the existing wastewater treatment plant and the addition of a redundant A2O treatment unit with an AACE high-end planning estimate of \$9,905,000.

Based on the AACE high-end estimates presented for the selected recommended alternatives, and loan administration services, the anticipated loan application request and total estimated project cost are \$9,930,000. The alternatives, estimated costs, and recommended improvements will be discussed at the public meeting. Members of the public are encouraged to attend and provide comments.



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12-whl. Rake * 3-pt. hyd. arm hay Unroller * Howse
10' rotary Mower * Post Driver * Other Equip.

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