

Sports



Kathe Hamman/NEWS

YATES CENTER High School Jeremiah Jones blocked the defense offensive linemen Evan McVey and for Gavin Busteed to throw the ball.

Wildcats lose 12-60

By Kathe Hamman
The Yates Center Wildcats went on the road again to take on the Lebo Wolves, a top team in the eight man division II losing 12-60.
The Wildcats started out big on defense with some big tackles behind the line of scrimmage including a sack by Gavin Busteed. That fired up the Wolves as they scored on their next few drives. The Wolves had 340 total yards to just 100 for the Wildcats. A highlight for the Wildcats was a punt return of 70 yards for a touchdown by Ben Cook.
Coach Panko commented about the game, “Sometimes you just get beat, and that is what happened against Lebo. We were outplayed and out-coached. Offensively, we could never get into a rhythm. Penalties and execution errors made it difficult to establish any sort of drive. Defensively, I felt we played decent most of the time, but we gave up too many big plays, and those big plays started to add up. Lebo is a great team and will have a great season. We will be alright. We are very much a really good football team, and we will learn from this loss and move on.”
Marcus Cummings was the workhorse on the night with 18 carries and 80 yards, Gavin Busteed powered out 28 yards on 13 carries. The Wildcats got in the backfield all night as they had eight tackles for a loss of downs and two sacks for Busteed. Cummings recorded nine tackles, three of them solo. Busteed had seven tackles, Karter Westerman with three tackles, Jordan Bishop had six assists and a solo tackle, Colton Burkholder good for a tackles and Evan McVey was in on three tackles. Jeremiah Jones came out with another big game with a total of 20 tackles on the Wolves, ten of them being solo.



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YATES CENTER Junior High line-man Austin Johnston breaks through the line and put pressure on the quarterback for the Vikings.

JH boys fall 16-20

By Kathe Hamman
The Yates Center Junior High Wildcats lost a close game to the Central Heights Vikings 16-20.
Coach Panko remarked, “It was an overall great game. I felt we had control over most of it, but untimely mistakes, and unwarranted penalties were the deciding factor. I do not feel like we played our best football, but that happens. If anything, we will take it as a learning experience and move on. We still have two more games left, so we just need to regroup and get after it this week in practice.”

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NOTICE OF ELECTION VOTING EQUIPMENT TEST

Notice is hereby given that the Unasyn Open Elect Voting Optical (OVO), mini-Open Elect Voting Central Scan (mini OVCS) and Freedom Vote Scan (FVS) will be tested on October 9th, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., and will be tested again on November 13th, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Clerk’s Office at the Woodson County Courthouse, 105 W. Rutledge St., Yates Center, Kansas.

All interested persons are welcome to attend.

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YATES CENTER High School junior varsity volleyball player Kylinn Gregg made a great save during a volley match versus St. Paul last week. The junior varsity Wildcats are 5-5 on the season.

Ladies have a tough time

By Kathe Hamman
Coach Cummings reported about last weeks games, “At Erie with Humboldt on Monday coming out of a hard weekend at West Franklin, our response was a good one against Erie. We let down a little in the second set instead of keeping our foot on the gas pedal in the first set. But we came back in the third and handled the set easily behind great serving from both Loryn and Harper”.
“In the Humboldt match, we wanted to simply compete. We carried over our momentum to the first set against the Cubs. We were point for point with them with a few errors at the end that let it slip. The second set Humboldt got warmed up from the serving line and we couldn’t handle the pressure. We still gave them all they wanted,” she added.
They Lady Wildcats turned around and played the next night two undefeated league teams At Oswego with St. Paul. Cummings added, “We did not play well at all against Oswego. Our serve receive was not going well and that led to a lot of overpasses and free balls which they took full advantage of. Against St. Paul, we started out the same way, slow. Making a couple of line up changes proved to help because we came storming back in the second set to win and tie the match up. On to the third, we keep the momentum and served tough and they were the ones that were sending free balls. Mylin Tidd had a great run to take us into the 20s. St. Paul fought back, but we were able to out hustle them for some balls that proved to be the difference in the match. So happy to come out of there with a top league win.”

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NOTICE
The Woodson County Fair Association will hold its annual meeting Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. at Bressner Hall, 711 S. Fry, Yates Center, KS.
The following positions up for election are:
Center Township
Liberty Township
Perry Township
Everett At Large
Owl Creek At Large

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POLLING PLACES AND VOTING INFORMATION

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026, at all voting places in Woodson County.

4-H Community Building
713 S. Fry St., Yates Center, KS 66783
For voters residing in Center, Liberty, North, Piqua, Neosho Falls, and Perry Townships.

Toronto Ignite Building
122 W Main St. Toronto, KS 66777
For voters residing in Toronto City and Toronto Township.

Ambulance Building
114 N. Main St., Yates Center, KS 66783
For voters residing in First Ward and Second Ward of the City of Yates Center.

The polls will open at 7:00 o'clock a.m. and close at 7:00 o'clock p.m. on November 3rd, 2026

Advance Voting

Advance voting in person will begin as provided by law. Early voting will begin **Wednesday, October 14th, 2026** in the Woodson County Clerk’s office, 105 W Rutledge St, Yates Center, KS 66783. Polls will be open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 4:45 p.m. Early voting will close at 12:00 p.m. on **November 2nd, 2026**.

Applications for advance voting ballots may be obtained from the Woodson County Election Office. Completed applications must be submitted in accordance with Kansas election laws.

For additional information regarding advance voting, please contact the Woodson County Election Office.

Voter Registration

Tuesday, October 13th, 2026, is the last day to register to vote or update voter registration information in order to be eligible to vote in the November 3rd, 2026, General Election.

A citizen of the United States who is 18 years of age or older, or will have attained the age of 18 years at the next election, must register before he or she can vote. Registration is open until the close of business on the 21st day before the election

Voters must bring Valid ID with them to vote.
When a voter has been registered according to law, the voter shall remain registered until the voter changes name by marriage, divorce or other legal proceedings or changes residence. The voter may reregister in person, by mail or other delivery when registration is open or the voter may reregister on election day.

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