



Kathe Hamman/NEWS

**IT IS THE FIFTH YEAR** for the Yates Center Pharmacy to give back as they continue to support our small town by provide backpacks and school supplies for all of the students at the elementary school. Last year they filled backpacks for 279 students. Approximately 1,500 students have ventured in to check their teacher list and get their supplies over

the last four years and ten students had already filled their backpacks for this year in the first 30 minute of the first day. Pharmacy employees Tiffany Glasgow, Mady Cook, Alicia North and pharmacist Sara Ditto made it festive with a Hawaiian themed giveaway during week! Pictured in Yates Center Elementary School first grader Lakyn Shaw.

## City

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lations and facing fines, council member Lyle Kee said he was in favor of closing the pound due the amount of money that it would take to repair the facility. Council member John Atkin noted that he was in favor of the city having a pound but he believed that closing it was the correct decision at this time. Kee noted that the city has a contract with the Allen County Animal Rescue Foundation and they could use that facility in lieu of the current pound.

After lengthy discussion the council approved to close the pound and use that money on other projects. They did leave the door open to building a new animal shelter or bringing the existing one into compliance at a later date.

With several city building experiencing aging roof issues including city hall, the water plant, and the city library, council member Cathcard said the city needs to call in the city’s insurance adjuster and have all the city owned roofs inspected and repaired as needed. The

council agreed and will move forward with the inspections.

Kee brought up the need for the city to put in a water supply for horses owned by local Amish residents as they visit the city. He said initially an idea was to put in a trough on the square by the well on the northeast corner of the square. After discussion with Amish stake holders they noted that all that was needed was a hydrant and a bucket.

After discussion with Jason Shepard, who works with the Amish, Shepard volunteered to install a frost free hydrant at property that he owns located at Pratt and Rutledge Streets. With the additional revenue the Amish have brought to town, Kee felt it was necessary to do something for them. Council member Charl Stewart said it was the right thing to do for the horses. After a good amount of debate, it was decided to allow Shepard up to \$50 dollars per month in water credit over and above his previous 12 month rolling average at that location. The motion passed 4-2 with Cathcard and Barney voting no.

The council accepted a

bid of \$7,752, the same price as the last inspection, from MIDCO Diving and Marine Services to inspect the water tower. The inspection company would also receive an additional hourly rate for any sediment removal. The council waived the bid process for cleaning, sediment removal, and the replacement of the clear well lid on the tower.

In his report city superintendent Rodney Ryther informed the council that a couple valves at the water plant were out of adjustment and a technician will be coming to adjust the computer operated valves.

He also noted that there are electronic reporting issues at the pump house at South Owl Lake and with valves in the line from the new reservoir to the city. He expressed a desire to put in automation to allow the city and the company that installed the equipment to monitor water flow at the pump house. The council will revisit the situation when more information is available.

With the approval of \$178,869.18 in vouchers the meeting was adjourned.



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**THE YATES CENTER** Farmers Market featured a bike safety night. Several young bikers attended. Dirk Sorenson had a maintenance station where he checked brakes and aired up several tires. The Yates Center Police Department and the Kansas

Highway Patrol gave safety talks and demonstrations and then the riders had fun on a little obstacle course. The evening was cut short due to the weather but everyone had a great time.

## County

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residents called and wanted the county to make sure and pick up trash on the ground. Waddell and the commissioners said that there is a sign at the location that states the county will not pick trash on the ground after the agreed upon one time clean up discussed last week. It was stated that county never has and, per policy, will not pick up trash off the ground.

Waddell noted that a lot of nonconforming materials such a mattress and lumber were picked up last week. He approached the commission about possibly doing a semi-annual 20 yard dumpster for these types of materials at the sub division.

After a review of the employee handbook, Waddell noted that he was supposed to have formal approval of the commission to drive home a pickup. Although he had tacit approval for such, the commissioners approved a motion allow the use since Waddell is required to be on call.

Sheriff Morrison was brief in noting that the department has not received expected quotes for new patrol pickups as of yet. He also said another patrol

vehicle is in the shop with a fuel pump issue.

Road and bridge supervisor Gary Ward requested a check for \$1,500 to purchase a used roller from Kansas Department of Transportation. Comments in the meeting said that it was a good purchase.

Ward also said that recent calcium chloride projects his department is doing seem to be working well. The county is reworking problem areas such as corners with wash boarding then treating the area with calcium chloride in order to stabilize the road.

Michelle Zimmerman, treasurer, told commissioners that she was holding off on installing new computers as the problem wasn’t availability of storage as initially stated by the county’s computer vendor but a compatibility issue with another program.

The commissioners also approved the Idle Investment Fund for the second quarter of the year. They also approved the 2025 audit contract with Jarred, Gilmore, and Phillips PA along with an approved contract to prepare the 2027 audit for the county. Beginning in 2027 the county will take a

\$2,000,000 plus hit for no longer receiving property taxes.

John Atkin, emergency medical services director, updated the commission on improvement to the time card/time off scheduling system noting that all employees can now see requests in real time and allow them to cover for others personal time in a quicker fashion.

He also brought up a program being used in Tulsa that allows residents to pay a small fee, in the form of an insurance policy, to cover the out of pocket expenses for ambulance transports. Homeowners and in the home family members who subscribe to the service have their deductible covered for an ambulance transport. If the homeowner is self insured it covers the full cost of the transport. Discussion ensued and the county will look into the viability of it for Woodson County.

With the approval of \$56,083.16 in vouchers the commission declared the meeting over. The next meeting of the Woodson County Commission will be Tuesday, Aug. 12 at 9 a.m.

### Public Notice

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SMITH, TRENTON/DALE/JUDY LB1069 S2 T24 R15 \$1,401.62

SMITH, WILLIAMS LB1058 S36 T23 R15 \$377.72

SMOOT, MELISSA PQ1451 PIQUA BLK15 LT7 \$633.01

SPLECHTER, EARL VA4941 BUTLER 2ND BLK2 LT3,7 \$279.11

SPLECHTER, THOMAS JR CN0759 S18 T25 R16 \$72.97

SPRINGSTON, SARA NB4420 BELLS SUB 3RD ADD BLK6 LT9, N2 8 \$800.61

SSD INC/KYLE DAY NB4270 1ST ADD BLK3 LT4 E2 5 \$943.01

SSD INC/KYLE DAY NB4288 1ST ADD BLK6 \$996.34

SSD INC/KYLE DAY YC3961 YATES ORIG BLK20 LT9 \$367.59

STAATS, JAYSIC YC3838 YATES ORIG BLK3 LTS2 7 \$918.14

STEINER, KIRK CN0398 S33 T25 R15 \$416.99

STEVENSON, HEATHER/BLAKE LL3091 LL3112 LL3113 LAKE HILLS LT100, 101 \$791.37

STEVENSON, MATTHEW TO2713 S35 T26 R13 \$437.41

STILLINGS, KALEB NC3269 NC3270 NEOSHO FALLS BLK23 LT1, 5 \$473.37

STILLINGS, KALEB NC3286 NEOSHO FALLS BLK28 LT7 \$786.90

STOCKEBRAND, ORVILLE YC4000 YATES ORIG BLK28 \$1,117.72

STUBER, DREW/RACHEL TC3703 MANNS BLK1 \$660.04

STURGILL, SHARON/JOSHUA YC4079 YATES ORIG BLK37 LT9,W10’ 10 \$295.24

SUSPENSE YC39811 YATES ORIG BLK26 \$15.45

SUTHERLAND, AMBER NC32941 NEOSHO FALLS BLK30 LT4 \$5.10

TEBBEN, LARRY PE2356 S29 T25 R17 \$905.33

THOMAS, ARNOLD NB4430 NB4431 3RD ADD BLK8 \$1,130.82

THORNHILL, TINA C/O TINA PATTERSON PQ1422 \$675.73

PQ1424 PIQUA BLK10 LT1, 3 \$950.01

TIDD, CHRIS NF18521 S30 T24 R17 \$485.57

TIDD, GARY CN0774 S21 T25 R16 \$1,923.73

TIDD, GARY NF1852 S30 T24 R17 \$932.30

TIDD, GARY NF1894 S34 T24 R17 \$1,025.83

TIDD, OPAL LB1251 S19 T23 R16 \$2,719.97

TIDD, OPAL NF1755 S6 T24 R17 \$4888

TRAFTON, TINA C/O FLOYD/HELEN HOBBS VA4888 \$1,466.72

TRICHLER FARMS TRUST PE2463 S19 T26 R17 \$1,138.02

TWO MOONS, LLC C/O SOUTH GROVE, LLC NO2091 S22 T23 R14 \$96.73

TYNER, GARY C/O JESSICA TYNER TC37781 TORONTO MISC \$31.65

TYNER, KRISTINA TC3805 TORONTO MISC \$1,080.76

UNIVERSAL MOTOR FUELS, INC TO25921 IMPROV COUNTRY JUNCTION \$641.21

VINING, JENNIFER NB4297 1ST ADD BLK8 LT1 \$679.99

WAGGONER, DANIEL NB4528 5TH ADD BLK7 LT9, 12 \$85.39

WALKER, DAVID NF2000 S20 T25 R17 \$3,115.09

WARK, MARTIN TC3470 TORONTO BLK5 LT1 \$707.44

WATTS, ANDY TO2636 S11 T26 R13 \$578.53

WEATHERBY, CHERYL/TRAVIS TC3797 TORONTO MISC \$1,363.44

WEBER, BENJAMIN/LARA/LEON/MARY YC4072 YATES ORIG BLK36 LT10 \$1,043.66

WEISHAPL, PAUL LL3075 LL3076 LL3084 LL30842 LL3106 LL3116 LAKE HILLS \$261.96

WESTON, G W LB1122 S10 T24 R15 \$322.89

WILBER, GARY TC3655 DARLANDS BLK8 LTW132’ 2 \$1,060.12

WILEY, KATHY VA4672 FORREST 1ST BLK18 \$1,231.73

WILLING, JIM VA4773 FRY'S ADD BLK10 \$857.11

WILLING, PAUL TC3771 MANNS BLK11 LT11, 12 \$512.19

WILSON, DORIS CN0068 S24 T25 R14 \$1,907.34

WILSON, PATTIE YC3880 YC3875 YATES ORIG BLK10 LT7 \$177.99

WILSON, ROBERT C/O ROBERTA JONES NB4527 5TH ADD BLK7 LT2, 3, 6 \$602.15

WITMER, CHRISTINE TC3616 TORONTO BLK29 LT4 \$1,464.05

WOODSON SENIOR RESIDENCES LLC YC3976 YATES ORIG BLK25 \$5,042.51

WOOTEN, MELISSA VA4945 BUTLER 2ND BLK2 LT7 EXC W7’ \$1,490.76

YOUNG, MICHELLE/JODY LAWRENCE LB13381 S8 T24 R16 \$737.66

ZAPARA, KRISTEE YC4140 YATES ORIG BLK42 LTN2 10 \$957.00

Grand Total: \$309,890.77