



The Osborne County Farmer

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Osborne County Fair began Wednesday, Henke's to lead parade

The Osborne County Fairboard is pleased to announce Doug & Brenda Henke as this year's grand marshals for the fair pa-

rade. The couple who have been married 47 years have four children (one deceased) and eight grandchildren ranging in

age from 20 to 6 weeks old.

Doug grew up in Osborne and Brenda moved here her sophomore year of high school from Chase when her father took the job as superintendent of schools.

After high school Doug worked for Kaser Implement for 20 years until the business closed and then started Henke Repair and has been repairing farm equipment on his own since.

Brenda attended college and received her Bachelor's degree in education and began teaching PE and Health in Stockton for a 1 1/2 years. Once their first child was born she chose to be a stay-at-home mom and was a substitute teacher for 16 years. In 2003 she took on the full-time roll as a para in Osborne's junior high where she spent 20 years until her retirement in 2023.

Brenda was a 4-H member herself and when her family moved to Osborne she joined the Penn 4-H Club. All of their children once old enough were also 4-H members of the Sum-

ner 4-H Club. The kids showed livestock, did food projects, style revue, clothing construction and project exhibits to name a few. While it was all hands on deck to help get their entries ready and take care of the animals as they kids got older Brenda started helping in the Open Class division of the fair. Doug however took on the roll as being a fairboard member, a job he has done since 1987.

The couple is honored to chosen as this year's Osborne fair parade grand marshals and invite you to join them in attending the Osborne County Fair July 23-26.

Each day there will be Treasure Hunt Daily Clues posted near the petting zoo, Petting Zoo, Inflatables for the kids, "You Can Dig It" Sand Pit, Beer Garden - Open til 12 midnight, with Chicken Sh*t Bingo at 6 p.m.

On Wednesday and Thursday nights at 7 p.m. are the IMCA Car Races. Before the races on Thurs., July 24 there will be frog, toad & turtle races sponsored by the 4-H Council

in the grassy area behind the grandstands at 6:15 pm.

Friday, July 25 is the fair parade at 5:30 pm. The VFW Auxiliary will be hosting a homemade ice cream and pie social at the Veterans Building from 5-7 pm. Stop by before, during and after the parade to enjoy the homemade ice cream and homemade pie. Then head out to the fairgrounds for some free watermelon at the arena. The Kids Rodeo starts at 7 pm. (Fairgrounds Arena) Age classes are: 4-9 and 10-16, 3 person teams, can only be on one team. (All on foot events, no horses needed) No late entries. Sign up your teams by July 24, 2024. Contact Bryan Schultze 785-346-8234 or Doug Baetz 785-346-6595.

Saturday, July 26 is a premium auction at 9 a.m. The Osborne County Fairboard will again be sponsoring a Cornhole Tournament at 2 p.m. contact Layton Hill 785-346-4294 to enter. The 4-H

Food Stand will close at 4 p.m. for "food Truck Night at the Fair," from 4-9 p.m. Paradise Eats, The Grain Bin Food Truck and Huffmans Food Truck will all be on hand to serve up some delicious food for dinner. Going on at the same time in the area north of the horse barn will be Laser Tag for kids ages 5-18. There will again be free watermelon at the arena at 6:30 pm and at 7 pm is the Ranch Rodeo. Bring your lawn chairs! For more information, contact: Bryan Schultze 785-346-8234 Doug Baetz 785-346-6595.

Be sure to go through the buildings and see all the hardwork everyone puts into making the county fair a huge success and don't forget to stop by the the 4-H concession stand for some delicious food while you're out there.

For the latest updates check out the Osborne County Fairboard Facebook page.



BRENDA AND DOUG HENKE 2025 OSBORNE COUNTY FAIR PARADE GRAND MARSHALS

City Council discusses upcoming budget hearing

The Governing Body of the City of Osborne, Kan., met in regular session Wed., July 2, 2025 at 6 p.m.

Those present were Council members Tracy Holloway, Eric Stanton, Barry Curry and Nate Brown, City Attorney Bruce Berkley, City Superintendent Daniel Pfannenstiel, Chief of Police Matt Pasillas, City Clerk Hanna Eilert, Librarian Keri Thornton and Economic Development Director Ashley Bedient. Mayor Andrew Foglesong, Council members Ron Kaser and Ryan Delaney and Treasurer Kathy Grabast were absent.

1) Council President Curry called the meeting to order and a motion was made by Brown and seconded by Holloway to adopt the agenda with additions. Motion carried.

The minutes from the regular meeting on June 18, 2025 were approved as written.

2) A motion was made by Curry and seconded by Stanton to approve the payment of vouchers in the amount of \$265,125.16. Motion carried.

Jami Benyshek with Adams Brown presented the 2024 audit report and proposed 2026 budget. Discussion was held.

3) A motion was made

by Curry and seconded by Brown to approve the 2024 audit report as presented. Motion carried.

4) A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Holloway to exceed the revenue neutral rate for the 2026 city budget not to exceed 84,740 and hold required hearings accordingly. Motion carried.

Economic Development Director Bedient reported on grant projects, the tennis court project and the signs at Hardman Veterans Memorial Park have been completed.

City Clerk Eilert shared the second quarter financial report, a news release from North Central Regional Planning Commission and reported on the renewal software agreement with CIC.

City Attorney Berkley reported on correspondence received from the Department of Commerce regarding ORLF loans. Discussion was held.

City Superintendent Pfannenstiel reported on a potential property to purchase and updates needed on the wells for the upcoming water plant project. He also inquired about a single golf pass for the golf association to raffle.

6) A motion was made by Stanton and seconded by Curry to hire Downey Drilling to install variable frequency drives on the wells for \$55,464. Motion carried.

7) A motion was made by Holloway and seconded by Stanton to gift a 2026 single golf pass to the Shady Bend Golf Association to raffle at an upcoming tournament. Motion carried.

8) A motion was made by Curry and seconded by Holloway to approve a

special event CMB application for Doug Baetz for the Osborne County Fair from July 23-26, 2025. Motion carried.

9) A motion was made by Holloway and seconded by Stanton to approve a sign permit for Nathan Mick at The Doghouse. Motion carried.

Council President Curry reported on an airport agreement that is being reviewed for the airport resurfacing project.

10) At 8:15 p.m. with business completed a motion was made by Stanton and seconded by Holloway to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Historic Bristow Cemetery receives restoration boost from OCCF grant

A cherished piece of Osborne County's history is set to receive a much-needed restoration, with assistance from a grant awarded by the Osborne County Community Foundation (OCCF) to the Independence Township Cemetery Board. This funding will support the revitalization of head-

stones and markers in the historic Bristow Cemetery, a site rich in heritage and community significance.

Bristow Cemetery is the final resting place for some of the region's earliest settlers. With graves dating back as far as 1871, the cemetery has long served as a tangible link to the past — honoring gen-

erations of pioneers and several of Osborne County's founding families. Over time, however, the elements and a dwindling number of descendants to provide upkeep have taken a toll. Cracked headstones, leaning markers, and weathered inscriptions have become increasingly common.

Many of the families represented in the cemetery no longer have direct descendants in the area. This grant will allow the Independence Township Cemetery board to preserve their legacy and maintain the dignity of this site. Historic cemeteries like Bristow are irreplaceable community assets. They provide a connection to our past and tell the stories of the people who shaped this region. OCCF is proud to support efforts to preserve them for future generations, ensuring that the legacy of Osborne County's early residents is not forgotten but honored with care and respect.

This grant is made possible thanks to the generous support of donors throughout Osborne County. To learn more about the Osborne County Community Foundation (OCCF) or to apply for a grant, visit osborneccf.org. For direct assistance, call 785-345-5130 to speak with a member of our staff. The OCCF grant portal is open year-round, with the next application cycle closing on August 31, 2025. Applications submitted by that date will be reviewed in September.



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Market

July 21, 2025

Wheat.....	4.43
Milo.....	2.85
Com.....	3.50
Soybeans.....	9.38

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