

# Down Memory Lane

**July 29, 1943**  
One of the really big meat producers of Osborne County is Herman Becker of Bloom township, who with his son produced this year over 50 tons of live meat, consisting on hogs and cattle. A record of that magnitude this year is going a long way towards meeting the meat shortage situation.

The posted sign on the closed door of the Twibell Bakery is short but significant. It reads, "Closed for the Duration, no sugar, no help."

**July 15, 1948**  
Work is coming along good on the new grandstand for the fairgrounds. Vern Rothenberger started digging the holes for the concrete abutments and it won't be long now until we will be calling for some volunteer work.

As Osborne is and has been very interest in securing the services of another doctor, we are glad to be able to announce this week Dr. Lyle Wonderlich has found living quarters here.

**July 23, 1953**  
Osborne's newest business enterprise, the Pioneer Drive-In Theater, opened its doors to the public Wednesday. Their initial show will also be shown Thursday of this week.

**July 17, 1958**  
Mrs. Lester Smith & Mrs. Ronald Howe stamped the linens for use at the Osborne Memorial Hospital. The dedication service for the hospital opening in set for July 27.

Daniel Fischer and Jeanette Tucker are among the 154 prospective freshmen attending the third of six Kansas University's Previews being held this summer on KU campus.

**July 18, 1963**  
A record number, 334, have enrolled in the Red Cross swimming lessons at the municipal pool.

The wind, rain and hail took over most of Osborne county July 14. The long awaited moisture was welcomed, but the damage it inflicted on some farmers' crops was beyond cost estimate. Considerable hail was reported throughout the

county, the worst a strip three or four miles wide struck disaster to irrigated fields east of Osborne.

**July 19, 1968**  
Next year's majorettes and twirlers for OHS band will attend camp in Wichita. The co-majorettes for next year are Barbara Guttery and Kathleen Able. The twirlers will be Janet Muck, Jane Mayers, Kathy Cornely and Darlene Mayers.

Workmen are razing the former Max Koesling grain elevator near the Sana Fe Railway tracks at the east edge of town. No one seems to know just when the elevator was built, but it originally came here from Ft. Riley, where it was in use at the time the United States Cavalry was located there. Koesling purchased the elevator, had it dismantled, brought to Osborne and rebuilt. Ron Holling and Marion Roadhouse are tearing in down for the Farmers Union, present owners, for the salvage lumber.

**July 12, 1973**  
Two OHS graduates are among four girls from Osborne County who will be competing in the Miss Solomon Valley Scholarship Pageant. The Osborne County contestants are Kathy Boomer, Portis; and Yvonne O'Connor, Osborne.

Both Osborne elevators are piling wheat on the ground due to the railroad boxcar shortage. Most of the elevators are full, forcing a large amount of wheat to be hauled into Osborne and pile on the ground. Grain has been accumulating since last week at the Osborne football field.

**July 20, 1978**  
There'll be dancing at the Depot again thanks to a ruling by District Judge Charles E. Worden in the Depot's appeal of their municipal court conviction. Judge Worden declared unconstitutional the portion of the cereal malt beverage ordinance that prohibits dancing in a place of business licensed to sell beer, saying that the governing body had transcended the limits of its power, interfering with the rights of persons affected by violating Amendment 14 to

the United States Constitution Bill of Rights, Articles 1 and 2.

**July 21, 1983**  
Hobbyists from all over the area gathered at a recent "fly-in" at Osborne's airport, bringing their radio controlled model airplanes, where they city has provided the buffs with their own takeoff and landing area.

Jay Carswell, Alton, has been named a 1983 United States National Award winner in mathematics. He was nominated by OHS math teacher, Wayne Warhman.

The Downs Christian Church dedicated their new bus June 26, a gift from a church family, Becker Body Shop painted the bus and Doug Brush and family from Brush Art designed and did the lettering.

**July 14, 1988**  
As Jim Adcock approached retirement, he decided he wanted to learn a trade different from anything he had done before. An interest in locks led him to take a locksmithing correspondence course. Now with the course completed, he is opening his own shop, JD's Lock and Key Service.

Osborne County Commissioners spent most of Monday wrestling with the proposed 1989 budget. When final figures were presented, the mill levy had increased almost six mills from 34.04 to 39.97.

**July 16, 1998**  
Angie Hyde-Steiner and Junetta Kuhlman has completed graduation requirements for the Practical Nursing program at the Hays NCK-Tech campus.

FHA members recognized for outstanding skills at the National Leadership meeting in New Orleans and receiving gold medals in their STAR events were Courtney Roach, Corri Nuss, Jill Hadley, Jace Gianetti, Dennis Bohm and Nate Bihlmaier.

Thanks to the Osborne Hospital Auxiliary, the hospital has a new sewing machine, given in memory of dedicated auxilium Mable Hyde, a charter member and auxiliary officer until her death in June 1996.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of  
**City of Alton**

will meet on August 13, 2025 at 6:45 pm at Alton City Office for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at Alton City Office and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of Current Year Estimate for 2025 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2026 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual for 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Proposed Budget for 2026		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Estimate Tax Rate*
General	64,807	65.331	69,791	62.179	81,215	46,232	52.947
Special Highway			10,000		12,194		
Capital Reserve					1,128		
Water Utilities	14,433		15,500		18,458		
Sewer Utilities	9,096		8,000		10,946		
Solid Waste	4,661		12,000		23,601		
Totals	92,997	65.331	115,291	62.179	147,542	46,232	52.947

Revenue Neutral Rate\*\* 52.947

Less: Transfers	0	9,000	23,000
Net Expenditure	92,997	106,291	124,542
Total Tax Levied	46,232	46,232	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Assessed Valuation	707,641	743,527	873,183

Outstanding Indebtedness,

January 1,	2023	2024	2025
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	31,500	25,613	19,547
Lease Purchase Principal	0		
Total	31,500	25,613	19,547

\*Tax rates are expressed in mills

\*\*Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988

Julie Peterson

City Official Title: City Clerk

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NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of  
**Lucas Fire District #2**  
Russell County

will meet on September 2, 2015 at 9:15 AM at Russell County Courthouse Comm Room for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied and Revenue Neutral Rate. Detailed budget information is available at Russell County Clerk Office and will be available at this hearing.

SUPPORTING COUNTIES

Russell County (home county) Osborne County

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	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	88,022	8.414	113,123	8.650	113,123	96,499	11.403
Debt Service							
Non-Budgeted Funds	47,981						
Totals	136,003	8.414	113,123	8.650	113,123	96,499	11.403

Revenue Neutral Rate\*\* 8.842

Less: Transfers	24,900	18,848	18,848
Net Expenditures	111,103	94,275	94,275
Total Tax Levied	75,714	74,826	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Assessed Valuation:	8,998,824	8,650,178	8,462,717

Outstanding Indebtedness,

Jan 1,	2023	2024	2025
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Pur. Princ.	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

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Kurt A. Bohlman, County Clerk

Seal

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NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of  
**Waldo-Paradise Fire District #3**  
Russell County

will meet on September 2, 2025 at 9:15AM at Russell County Courthouse Comm Room for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied and Revenue Neutral Rate. Detailed budget information is available at Russell County Clerk Office and will be available at this hearing.

SUPPORTING COUNTIES

Russell County (home county) Osborne County, . . .

BUDGET SUMMARY

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FUND	Prior Year Actual 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Proposed Budget Year for 2026		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	115,567	5.080	186,746	4.225	186,746	114,984	5.427
Debt Service							
Non-Budgeted Funds							
Totals	115,567	5.080	186,746	4.225	186,746	114,984	5.427

Revenue Neutral Rate\*\* 3.170

Less: Transfers	45,000	39,654	39,654
Net Expenditures	70,567	147,092	147,092
Total Tax Levied	132,242	109,559	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Assessed Valuation	26,029,489	25,926,618	21,187,964

Outstanding Indebtedness,

Jan 1,	2023	2024	2025
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Pur. Princ.	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

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NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE

The governing body of  
**Tipton Fire District # 2 & Solomon Rapids Fire District # 3**

will meet on August 25, 2025 at 9:10 AM and 9:20 AM, respectively, at Mitchell County Commissioner's Room for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the revenue neutral rate and proposed tax rate, as required by KSA 79-2988.

	Revenue Neutral Rate*	Proposed Tax Rate
Tipton Fire District # 2	1.509	3.192
Solomon Rapids Fire District # 3	2.770	3.075

Tax Rates are expressed in mills

\* Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988

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State of Kansas  
County Special District  
2025

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of  
**MCO Fire District #1**

will meet on August 25, 2025 at 9:00 AM at Mitchell County Commissioner's Room for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at the County Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.

The governing body of  
**Tipton Fire District # 2 & Solomon Rapids Fire District # 3**

will meet on August 25, 2025 at 9:15 AM and 9:25 AM, respectively, at Mitchell County Commissioner's Room for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at the County Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.

SUPPORTING COUNTIES

Mitchell County (home county), Cloud County, Ottawa County, Osborne County

BUDGET SUMMARY

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FUND	Prior Year Actual for 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Proposed Budget Year for 2026			Revenue Neutral Rate**
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*	
MCO Fire District # 1	66,828	4.079	72,000	5.619	72,000	68,701	5.774	5.934
Tipton Fire District # 2	26,289	1.486	27,000	1.488	35,000	30,958	3.193	1.509
Solomon Rapids Fire District # 3	95,541	3.564	82,307	2.626	90,000	87,528	3.075	2.770
Non-Budgeted Funds-A	17,309							
Totals	205,967	8.129	181,307	9.733	197,000	187,187	12.041	
Less: Transfers	35,500		25,000		30,000			
Net Expenditure	170,467		156,307		167,000			
Total Tax Levied	149,807		164,017		187,187			
Assessed Valuation	54,785,650		52,414,936		50,659,076			

Outstanding Indebtedness,

January 1,	2023	2024	2025
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Pur. Princ.	0	19,900	10,000
Total	0	19,900	10,000

\*Tax rates are expressed in mills

\*\*Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by 2021 Kansas Senate Bill 13.

Valuations	#1	#2	#3	Total
Mitchell	10,033,049	7,178,916	28,460,518	
Cloud	1,468,444			
Ottawa	396,941			
Osborne		2,521,208		
	11,898,434	9,700,124	28,460,518	50,659,076

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Clerk

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of  
**Mt. Hermion Cemetery**  
Russell County

will meet on August 14th, 2025 at 7:00 PM at Dan's Shop, 111 Main St., Paradise, KS 67658 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information is available at Russell County Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.

SUPPORTING COUNTIES

Russell County (home county) Osborne County, . . .

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	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	4,837	1.303	14,090	1.318	58,980	8,109	2.058
Debt Service							
Totals	4,837	1.303	14,090	1.318	58,980	8,109	2.058

Revenue Neutral Rate\*\* 2.058

Less: Transfers	0	0	0
Net Expenditures	4,837	14,090	58,980
Total Tax Levied	8,113	8,113	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Assessed Valuation	6,225,751	6,151,771	3,940,801

Outstanding Indebtedness,

Jan 1,	2023	2024	2025
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Pur. Princ.	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

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Kim Housington