

From the Independent files

Natoma Independent 100 Years Ago June 4, 1925

The 21 students who graduated from Natoma eighth grade were: Edna Brown, Inez Hachmeister, Cleat Stroud, Eula Teasley, Harold Hoskins, Mabel Stroud, Bernadine Schultz, Donald Gamber, Beulah Martin, Audrey Bemis, Isabel Younie, Eleanor Craig, Nadine Howard, Meredith Richards, Esther Graesch, Velma Pruter, Paul Boedeker, Arnold Pfortmiller, Floyd Dawe, Lela Pohlman and Wilhelmina Baack.

The first tent show of the season, the Anderson Bros. Society Circus, was coming to Natoma that week. It was a one ring dog and pony show, with other attractions, including clowns, acrobats, wire walkers and contortionists.

The newly constructed amusement park in Fairport had sold 159 tickets on its opening day, and the platform was packed with dancers.

Lloyd Wineinger was employed at the Blue Line Garage. Lowell Drake had taken a position at the Farmers Implement House.

The Beeson Grocery had a new ice box for keeping their meats cool. It was shipped from an Iowa factory and was put in use that week.

Excavation was being made for a large gas tank

in front of the Motor Service Garage, where a visible gas pump was being put in place. The garage would then operate two pumps.

Otto Pfortmiller had a new Ford roadster, Ray Booth a used coupe and Frank Matheson a used touring car, purchased of the McEwen agency.

McEwen Garage was showing pictures of the oil field south of town by Harry Stull, showing Ed Oswald and his wife and four boys and the 24 oil derricks on his place, as well as a big oil tank. Mr. Oswald appeared in his regular farm clothing, his good fortune not having as yet put him in the aristocratic class.

What is commonly called a "birdie" in golf is a better score than "par." Clarence Christensen made a different kind of "birdie" on the local course. In driving his ball to one of the greens it passed into a tree and killed a bird there. Clarence had the record for this sort of "birdie" on the Natoma links.

75 Years Ago June 8, 1950

Natoma was to have a cabinet shop as soon as Jim Parker can move his machinery from Alton and can complete repairs the cement buildings of the old Natoma Lumber company.

Howard's Shoe Shine Parlor moved to the

Crawford Shoe Shop. Howard White had operated the shoe shine parlor in connection with Christy's Barber Shop for a few years.

Births—Mr. and Mrs. Homer Chesney, their third son, born May 27.—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Budig, Natoma, a girl, Barbara Kay, born June 4; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Paget, Covert, a girl, LaVeta June, born May 22.

Orville Pruter was working at the Lineback Grocery on Saturdays.

Saturday was to be election day in Natoma, and citizens were encouraged to vote on the question which was to decide upon the addition of new territory to the school district.

Natoma-Luray Independent 50 Years Ago June 5, 1975

Deaths—Anna Mares, 82, Luray, died June 3.—Emil Henry Hackerott, Natoma, 81, died May 27.

Leonard Rathbun was seriously injured Sunday morning at his farm northwest of Natoma when a combine part fell on him while working on the combine. He was taken by ambulance to the Russell hospital where examination revealed three crushed vertebrae.

The Luray High School valedictorian that year was Debra McKanna. The salutatorian was Sheila Zweifel.

Marriage—Miss Marianne Kay Schuler, Waldo, and Kirk Lee Ward, also of Waldo, were married May 24, in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Russell.—Julie Diane Crawford, Natoma, and Stephen Hale Fulks, Bloomington, Ill, were married May 31, in the Assembly of God Church's Calvary Chapel in Russell.

Miss Linda Albrecht, Natoma, started work at the First National Bank in Natoma.

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Final Honor Rolls for USD 399 Students

The final quarter and semester honor rolls for Natoma Elementary students have been released. Named on the fourth quarterly Superintendent's Honor Roll are: 3rd Grade—Grace MacConnell; 4th Grade—Adilynn Smith; 5th—Maci Bland and Trinity Harp; 6th—Ali Broeckelman and Gunner MacConnell; 7th—Elizabet Lyle; 8th—Gabriel MacConnell; freshmen—Lucy Alexander, Ade Arnold, Andrey Lyle and Addisyn Marintez; sophomore—Lynae Paget; juniors—Lillian Carter, Alvaro Garcia Villaverde, Caylie Lyle, Sophia Robison and Kelden Rubottom; seniors—Hannah Koelling, Emma Lams and MaKayla Murphy.

Natoma High, Paradise Junior High and

NES students named on the second semester honor rolls are:

Superintendent's: 3rd Grade—Grace MacConnell; 4th—Adilynn Smith; 5th—Maci Bland and Trinity Harp; 6th—Ali Broeckelman and Gunner MacConnell; 7th—Elizabet Lyle; 8th—Gabriel MacConnell; freshmen—Lucy Alexander, Ade Arnold, Andrey Lyle and Addisyn Marintez; sophomore—Lynae Paget; juniors—Lillian Carter, Alvaro Garcia Villaverde, Caylie Lyle, Sophia Robison and Kelden Rubottom; seniors—Hannah Koelling, Emma Lams and MaKayla Murphy.

Principal's Honor Roll: 3rd—Quinn Ellis,

4th—Clara Broeckelman and Ava Lyle; freshmen—Aaleah Christiansen; sophomore—Pongkhun Uttayapamonwut; junior—Trentin Maupin; and senior Rylee Conlin.

Red & White Honor Roll: 3rd—Blaze Anderson, Felicity Dohl, Alyvia Lyle and Watt Munn; 4th—Brayden Dohl and Kynzlee Schmidtberger; 5th—Rosella Buzzell and Hadassah Wise; 6th—Isaac Brandenburg and Riley Roenne; 7th—Cameron Conn; 8th—Aden Oathout; freshmen—Annaleise Bland and Payton Hoisington; sophomore—Jacob Brandenburg; and senior —Jordan Slothower.

Osborne Courthouse News

The Osborne County Commissioners met on May 27. Tommy Bowler, from maintenance, came in to discuss the courthouse generator, the rug and mop head cleaning service and the server room AC unit.

R&B Supervisor Terry Nichols discussed the Bridge 414 fire damage, tire disposal fees, the Natoma City roll-off fees, gas pump and fuel upgrades, fuel shortage and used oil storage.

Checks and vouchers in the amount of \$17,747.23 were ap-

proved. Several transfer vouchers and one tax roll correction were approved.

Commissioners voted to purchase 50 veteran grave markers. They discussed the race track and arena project, and the District court 2026 proposed budget,

John Antrim and Janice Boland, AMR, met with the commissioners to discuss the 5-year performance report and renewal of services.

Treasurer BobbiJo Boxum presented the saving interest and the

FCMI Health Insurance savings.

AMR Services were discussed with the Rooks County Commissioners by phone.

Health Nurse Erin Kibbe, asked for approval to upgrade the health department's cell phone, which was given.

Rainfall

Only .27 of an inch of rain fell in Natoma during the past week. May ended with a total of 3.86 inches received.

OCCF Introduces iIMPACT Day

The Osborne County Community Foundation (OCCF) is excited to announce iIMPACT Day—a brand-new event designed to help local organizations grow and sustain their missions. Set for Friday, Sept. 19, iIMPACT Day will be held at the Sims Event Center in Osborne and serve as a county-wide day of giving that combines community celebration with meaningful support for local causes.

To launch this first-time event, OCCF is offering \$25,000 in total matching funds, which will be shared proportionally among participating fund partners based on donations received. This means the

more an organization raises, the larger their share of the match—making this a powerful opportunity to increase your impact, build support, and grow your fund.

To participate in iIMPACT Day, your organization must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, public or government entity, and have a designated organizational fund established with OCCF by Sept. 1, 2025.

If your organization doesn't have a fund yet, now is the perfect time to start one. An organizational fund with OCCF creates a sustainable, income-generating resource to support your mission—today and into the future. Organizations that

open a new fund may also be eligible for up to \$2,000 in grant funding from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation—available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Want to learn more? Join OCCF's Lunch & Learn Webinar on June 18 from 12:15–12:45 p.m. Mindy Miller, Executive Director of OCCF, and Darci Schields, CEO of the Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation, will share how an OCCF fund and participation in iIMPACT Day can benefit your organization.

Register at www.osborneccf.org or call 785-345-5130 for details.

Legal Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RUSSELL COUNTY, KANSAS

Case No. RS-2025-PR—000026

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RENEE R. GORDON, deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Jessica Beach, an heir of Renee R. Gordon, praying that descent be determined as to real and personal property owned by Decedent at the time

of her death.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 23rd day of June, 2025, at 9:00 AM. of said day, in said Court in the City of Russell, Russell County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Jessica Beach, Petitioner

Richard H. Mohler, Sup Ct # 08976 Attorney-at-Law 148 W. Oak St., PO Box 124 Harveyville, KS 66431 Telephone: 785-589-2304 Facsimile: 785-589-2227 Email: coachmohler@aol.com May 29, June 5, 12

Legal Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RUSSELL COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE

OF

ERIC MATTHEW STEINERT,

DECEASED

NO. RS-2025-PR-000025

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that

on May 16, 2025, Debora A. Steinert was duly appointed Administrator of the Estate of Eric Matthew Steinert, deceased, and duly qualified as such Administrator. Letters of Administration were issued to her on said date by the District Court of Russell County, Kansas.

All creditors of the Decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate

within four (4) months from the date of first publication of this Notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

DEBORA A. STEINERT, PETITIONER

JERRY E. DRISCOLL (#09530) Attorney-at-Law Driscoll Building 726 Main, P.O. Box 226 Russell, KS 67665 Phone: (785) 483-5325 Attorney for Petitioner

May 22, 29, June 5

Legal Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RUSSELL COUNTY, KANSAS IN THE INTEREST OF:

Case No:RS-2025-AD-000003 E.M. DOB:05/30/2008; a male

NOTICE OF HEARING You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the

District Court of Russell County, Kansas, praying for an order allowing the adoption of E.M., a male minor. You are hereby required to write your written defenses thereto on or before the 14th day of July 2025, at 11 AM via ZOOM. On said day in said court, in the District Court of Russell County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be

entered in due course upon said petition.

/s/ Mackenzie K. McCoy Mackenzie K. McCoy, #28893 McCoy Law, LLC PO Box 66 WaKeeney, KS 67672 785-425-0344 m.mccoylawoffice@gmail.com Attorney for Petitioner

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Burning the Midnight Oil

If she has kept up with the course all term, she'll not flunk. BUT—if she is counting on the midnight oil to pull her through the exam, Too Bad!

You've hear of people being converted to Christianity on their deathbed. rue! As Christ promised salvation to a penitent thief on the cross. so God's love reached out even in the final hour to those who call on Him in faith.

But don't live our life on the dangerous principle that last-minute cramming will satisfy all your religious needs.

There will be millions of adults ad children in church next sunday. they are seeking spiritual truth, gaining christian convictions ... not because they need some religion to die with—because they need faith to live by.

Waldo United Methodist Church

Stacy Ellsworth, Pastor
Church School 10 a.m.
Worship Hour 11 a.m.

Amherst United Methodist Church

Les Rye, Pastor
Worship Service 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Luray United Methodist Church

Les Rye, Pastor
Morning Worship 9:45 a.m.
Sunday School 11 a.m.
UMW third Wednesday

New Life Church of Natoma

Jeff Crawford, Pastor
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Pleasant Plains Methodist Church

Jeff Crawford, Pastor
Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Paradise Valley Ministries in Natoma

Ben MacConnell, Pastor
Wednesday Adult Bible Study 7 p.m. at MacConnell Home

Peace Lutheran Church

(Missouri Synod)
Michael Schmidt, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Lutheran Hour on Sundays 8 a.m.

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