

From the Independent files

Osborne Courthouse News

Natoma Independent 100 Years Ago July 9, 1925 Marriage—Miss Dorothy Lee Moye, Natoma, and Ollie Sickelbower, Fairport were married June 30, at the Methodist parsonage at Russell.

The Blaine Hoskins home was the scene of a very pleasant occasion when a goodly number of relatives and friends met to celebrate the reunion of Mrs. Lydia Dametz and Mr. William Hoskins, brother and sister, who had not met for years, Mrs. Dametz coming from Texas, and Mr. Hoskins who had recently returned from Alaska.

Eggs bought now and preserved for winter meant approximately a five dollar savings on that one item of food alone to every family in Osborne county, according to the Blue Valley Creamery Institute.

Tommy Ryan, ex-champion middle weight boxer of he world, was visiting in Natoma with his old friend, Joe Weldon.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ham, who lived north of Natoma, were the parents of a boy born June 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Houser of Paradise had a baby boy born July 3.

Melvin Griffin, the Natoma ice man, had had a big trade that season, and was having trouble to

supply his customers the previous week. The ice stored during the winter was gone, and he depended on car shipments.

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Kirkpatrick and three children of Manhattan had been visiting at the home of their parents, Mr. and Ms. B. M. Kirkpatrick.

Natoma's camp park was as popular with tourists that season as usual. From three to five cars of camper used the park nightly.,

The Young Bros. Show was coming to town for four days, offering three big rides and five shows.

The Nate Saum threshing outfit expected to start up near Goodland that week. Other Natoma parties who were to work with the outfit were Mart Stanfield, Nelson Stull, Hud Thrapp and Clint Wineland.

When M. E. Gregg aroused from slumber he found a bull snake fully four feet long lying on the kitchen floor. The presence of the reptile was a decided shock, but it was a much greater one when he found that his snakeship had made a meal on Mrs. Gregg's two old canary birds and three young fledglings.—**Waldo Advocate**

The iron for the big bridge over the Saline river at Fairport was unloaded at Paradise by the contractors and taken to

Fairport.—**Paradise Farmer 75 Years Ago July 13, 1950**

Ray E. Hall purchased the Natoma Variety Store from Merlin Drake and took charge of the business. Mr. Drake purchased the Variety Store from Mr. Hall in 1947.

Marriage—Luella M. Gilbert, Plainville, and Wayne K. Wickham, Natoma, were married June 2 at the Nazarene church in Plainville.

Local elevators were full, with little grain moving out due to a shortage of railroad cars.

With frequent showers and about one fourth of the wheat left to cut, harvest had been a discouraging job for farmers.

Mrs. John Huxman was unfortunate in getting her finger caught in the car door. Upon examination at the hospital, it was found the middle finger of the right hand to be badly smashed and broken.

Doris Reiner had returned from a five day stay in Denver where she attended the 58th International Convention of the Walther League.

Death—Elmer M. Drake, 68, died July 12.

There were 76 Natoma children who were taken to Hays for swimming lessons.

Birth—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee, Jr., Codell, a boy.

50 Years Ago Natoma-Luray Independent July 10, 1975

Lee Ross, 62, Luray, was released July 6 from Wesley Medical Center in Wichita where he was treated for injuries in a harvest accident June 30.

Wade Winder, 15, rural Natoma, was burned by steam while removing a radiator cap from a combine on Friday. He was a patient in Russell City Hospital on Monday evening, where he was treated for burns on his stomach.

A car-combine crash near Waldo occurred when a car driven by Emma Albrecht, 76, Natoma, was passing a combine when the machine made a left turn from the highway onto a gravel road, a mile east of the U.s. Highway 2812 and K-18 junction. The header bar smashed the windshield and windows

along the right side of the car. Metal of the car was ripped by the impact. the combine was driven by Lowell T. Tucker, 22, rural Natoma.

Mrs. Mary Koelling, Natoma, was honored with a basket dinner at her home on July 4, to celebrate her 90th birthday.

The class of 1965 of Paradise High School held a reunion on July 6 at the Paradise Grade School. Attending were: Dick Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Woody Wilson and family, Delmar Landis, Mrs. Jim McDowell, Mrs. Al Vanderlaan and Heather, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bealby and family, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Martin and family, Steve Tichenor, Richard Elliott, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Yarnell. Only three members were unable to attend, Ed Rageth, Albert McNeal, and Mrs. Alfred Johnson, all of from out-of-state.

Natoma 4-H'ers enrolled for the 1975 District 4-H Wheat Shows were

Alan Beck, Ricky Griffin and Fonna Masters.

Osborne County commissioners Rex Johnston, Craig Pottberg and Troy Schaefer met on June 30. Doug Baetz from the Osborne County Fair Board came to apply for a Cereal Malt Beverage License, which was approved.

Tommy Bowler from maintenance reported the old jail electric meter was to be changed to a commercial meter.

An agent from Master tech gave an update of a quote with new discounts and building a spec truck.

R&B Supervisor Terry Nichols discussed the KAC Plaque, compactor and building trucks to certain specs.

OPTIONS agent, Jennifer Hecker, gave an annual report and explained provided services.

the commissioners voted to release escrow funds for the old hospital to Osborne Industries.

John Mapes and an assistant met with the commissioners to work on the 2026 budget. Others present were Treasurer BobbiJo Boxum, and Terry Nichols and Mandy Muck from R&B.

The first amendment agreement with AMR, effective July 1, 2025 to Dec. 30, 2030, was approved.

There was discussion on the animal/pet policy. The appraiser contract county offer was reviewed, and discussion was held on wording on annual raises.

ARPA Vouchers were verified and signed.

There was discussion on the AC united in the treasurer's office and a retiree written policy for health insurance.

Resolution 2025-05 for Retiree Health policy was approved.

Bowler updated the board on Stanfield Roofing needing a lift to further look at the courthouse.

Commissioners approved transfer vouchers: 2025-031 for \$212.61; 2025-032 for \$28,615.78; 2025-033 for \$1,147.82; 2025-034 for \$70.40; and 2025-035 for \$135.00.

They also approved the Ross Township Annual Report, checks and vouchers for \$46,805.55 and the payroll in the amount of \$180,496.78.

OCCF Grant Brings New Entertainment To 2025 Alton Jubilee



Pictured are OCCF board member Alyssa Carswell, Doug Imel and Christine Schamberger.

This year's Alton Jubilee will feature exciting new entertainment, thanks to a grant from the Osborne County Community Foundation (OCCF). The funding, awarded to the Bull City Community Foundation and Alton Pride, will bring a family-friendly comedian to the annual celebration.

The Jubilee kicks off Aug. 23, with a Main Street parade, national anthem, and presentation of colors by the American Legion. A full day of activities follows, including a car and bike show, pie and cake contests, bike races, 3-D archery, money digs, mud volleyball, and corn

hole tournaments. Local food stands, the fire department, and a hometown restaurant will offer lunch.

Evening festivities begin with an auction and prize drawings, followed by the new comedy and game show entertainment. A street dance featuring a local band or DJ will cap off the night.

"The goals of our Jubilee are to provide arts and entertainment to citizens of all ages so as to foster a sense of community, pass on local traditions, help our towns organizations with fundraising, and impress prospective new residents with a feeling of fellow-

ship and fraternity.," said Alton Pride President Doug Imel.

This grant was 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 Aug. 31, 2025. Applications submitted by that date will be reviewed in September.

There's More to Life than a Pretty Balloon

A bouncy red or yellow balloon is the symbol the world over of good fun and happy feelings.

There's rarely a festival, a fiesta, or a fair held anywhere without the familiar balloon vendor strolling through the crowd, selling happiness for a few pennies. Parents buy them for the kids and young men present them with a flourish to their girl friends.

Just why a balloon is so much fun isn't clear, but one thing is certain—the pleasure never lasts. The air leaks out, balloons unexpectedly pop, careless fingers send them soaring away forever!

Bu there is a far greater pleasure to be found that will last for an eternity. It is the happy pursuit of a Christian life and you can find out all about it this Sunday—in church!

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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Legal Notice

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10 Day Overgrowth Violation Notice

SNOOK LLOYD LEROY
523 E 1ST RUSSELL, KS 67665

Re: Case Number 20250086
Subject Property: 523 E 1ST ST, Russell, KS 67665, Russell, KS
Property ID Number: 084-147-26-0-30-34-01100-0-01
Dear Property Owner:
An inspection by our Division has determined the property listed above is in violation of City Ordinance 1765, Section 8-501. Grass and Weeds Overgrowth.

8-502 (e): Weeds and Grasses

on or about residential property which, because of its height, has blighting influence on the neighborhood, any such weeds and grasses shall be presumed blighting if they exceed 8 inches of height. *Note - you are also responsible for your portion of the alley.*

The following action must be taken to correct the above stated violation(s):
You have (10) days from the receipt of this notice to either correct these violations, or request a hearing, in writing, before the Governing Body as provided by Ordinance 1765.
Failure on your part to either abate this situation or request a hearing within the time allowed may result in abatement by the City as provided by Section 8-504(a) and/or a citation being

issued as provided by Section 8-504(b) of ordinance 1765. This citation will require your appearance in the Municipal Court of the City of Russell.
Fines, liens or special assessments may be placed on the property for noncompliance and/or the costs of abatement, repair or demolition by the City.
A copy of Ordinance 1765 is available at the City Clerk's Office. Any questions regarding this notice please contact the undersigned.
For further information, you may contact me at (785) 483-2121.

Sincerely,
Dominic Nichol
Code Enforcement Officer
July 10

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