



Joselyn Wagner and Addie Willis score big on a windy day at the Tootlefest Paper Plate Drop.

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Tootlefest 2025 — Something for Everyone

BY LINDA FOSTER

Around this time of year, just about every town in our neck of the woods hosts a yearly event. In Cloud County, we are seven towns strong, and four of the seven will soon be gathering in their own town to celebrate all there is to celebrate and make new memories with family and friends.

August 22-24 sees Miltonvale kicking things off with Tootlefest. Clyde’s Watermelon Festival is next during the last weekend in August. Then Concordia hosts Fall Fest the last weekend of September, and Glasco tops it all off with Fun Days the first Saturday in October. Jamestown’s yearly event is always around the Fourth of July. Ames and Aurora don’t have annual events, but on July 18 of this year, Aurora celebrated the 150th anniversary of St. Peter Catholic Church. Hundreds attended from all over the United States. We may be small populations, but we know how to mark important events, and we put on a great party.

That’s just what is being planned for this coming weekend. I’m writing from here in Miltonvale to let everyone know that this year’s Tootlefest is jam-packed with, as we often say, “Something for everyone!”

Those somethings include live music—Dueling Pianos, Monkey Business and Gray Pratt & Co.—a Car and Tractor Show, Calvin Schultz Memorial Tractor Pull, a Baby Show, and the most famous Turtle Race this side of the Mississippi. There’s a parade, games for the kids, and a glow run. There’s even an airplane drop of paper plates filled with goodies, a tradition sustained by a willing pilot and a field full of excited kids!

You can find a complete schedule of events on our new website, [discovermiltonvale.com](#). The website was made possible through a generous grant from the Community Foundation for Cloud County—Economic Development Fund. In addition, the ongoing upkeep of the website is being sponsored by the Miltonvale Lions Club. Thank you to both groups for helping us realize the dream of having a comprehensive website for Miltonvale that, most importantly, includes a Community Calendar.

Before I sign off, folks often ask, “What’s a Tootle?” Well, way back in 1881, Milton Tootle founded the town of Miltonvale. After his death in 1887, his estate donated land for the Miltonvale Grade School, Miltonvale Wesleyan College, and the grounds for the city park aptly named Tootle Park. Since then, Tootle has become a beloved name for several events, buildings and businesses: Tootle Toss Disc Golf Tournament; Tootle Golf Tournament; Tootle House; Tootle Publishing; Tootle Books and Such; and our yearly community celebration—Tootlefest!

Please join us. Miltonvale promises down-home hospitality and a great time. And don’t forget, there’s something for everyone! [discovermiltonvale.com](#)

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- There is no substitute for wisdom—next best thing is silence...
- It doesn’t pay to judge by size. Sometimes even a woman’s thumb has a man under it...
- It’s not too hard to live on a small income, just so long as you don’t spend too much trying to keep it a secret...

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
GARY DUANE COOL,
DECEASED.

No.CD-2025-PR-000024

NOTICE FOR HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL
PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court by Douglas Duane Cool, an heir of Gary Duane Cool, deceased be admitted to probate and record in this court; that administration of this estate is necessary; that the Will be construed; and that the property described in that petition be assigned in accordance with the terms of the will. You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before September 12th, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. of such day, in such court, in the City of Concordia, in Cloud County, Kansas, at which time and place such cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

Douglas Duane Cool,
Petitioner

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MOUNT LIBERTY

BY VIRGIL VESTERBERG

Cattle prices are real good now, but the grains are bad news. I read that farm bankruptcies are up a lot from last year. In fact, from some reporting sources, there have been 88 filed in the first quarter of the year, where they only had 50 all of last year. Even more sobering, is that farm suicides are up substantially from previously. You can pick up the pieces from a bankruptcy and go on, but when it comes to suicide, there is no way to come back from that long walk. Look around you! Things could be a lot worse, and the effects are felt by everyone around you forever. Hang in there.

There are probably only two people besides family who know my cell phone number. We have unlimited calling on our plan, so it doesn't cost extra, but I happened to look at my bill last month. There were two pages of calls on my phone. For some time, I would always answer—if I could find my phone—and it was either Mary or Samantha with details about how I could improve my Medicare. I have stopped answering it and figure if it is important, they will call my land line. If I'm not busy, I will sometimes answer and lead them on for a while. I'm sure their job is very frustrating, so I try to make it more interesting.

It seems like news doesn't get around very fast if you don't go to the coffee shop. Mona is a member of our church, and she lost her house in a fire in Oak Hill last week. We finally found out about it and wish we could find more ways to help. They are still looking at options, but are living in a Benfer rental right now. At least they and their dogs got out safely. There just are not any nice houses available for sale or rent in Oak Hill at the moment. They will get things worked out.

The ideal husband understands every word his wife DOES NOT say! Maybe you should read that again.

Congratulations!!
LoveBirds, Dennis & Lauralea

ATTENTION

Miltonvale landfill will be closed
Saturday, August 23, for
Tootlefest and will be open Friday
the 22nd instead.

Regular hours: 9–noon & 1–4 p.m.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of
RONALD DEAN GODDARD,
Deceased

Case No. CD-25 PR 25

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Alice Goddard praying:

Descent be determined of the real estate and any other property held in the decedent's name; and that such real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 29th day of August, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. in the City of Concordia in Cloud County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

/s/ Alice Goddard
Petitioner

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of
**Martin S. Miller, sometimes
known as Martin Miller and often
called “Marty” Miller, deceased**

Case No. Cd-2018-PR-000051

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO
ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Debra C. Jensen, Melissa S. Newman and Matthew E. Miller, duly appointed, qualified and acting Co-Executors of the Estate of Martin S. Miller, sometimes known as Martin Miller and often called “Marty” Miller, deceased, requesting that Petitioners’ acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorneys’ and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioners be finally discharged as the Co-Executors of the Estate of Martin S. Miller, deceased, and the Petitioners be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses to the petition on or before September 19, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the District Court, in Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

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Have a Great Day & Weekend!

AUGUST 2025 - NICOL HOME MEALS ON WHEELS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
17	18 Smoked Sausage Casserole, Cabbage, Cornbread, Banana Split Cake	19 NATIONAL POTATO DAY	20 Chicken, Potatoes, Cheesy Spinach, Roll, Ice Cream	21 Beef Stroganoff, Noodles, Candied Carrots, Biscuit, Snickerdoodle Blondie Bar	22 Residents Birthday Lunch	23
24	25 Turkey, Sweet Potatoes, Mix Veggies, Carrot Cake	26 Pork Loin, Baked Potato & Butter, Broccoli, Lemon Bar	27 Residents Birthday Lunch	28 BBQ Meatballs, Red Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Fudge Oatmeal Bar	29 Butterfly Shrimp, Baked Potato, California Veggies, Chocolate Cake	30