

Down Memory Lane

July 5, 1934
The City of Osborne is erecting a new city jail as a place to keep those who disobey the city ordinances and receive light sentences. The two cells will be built in the north room of the city building now it's used as a fire station.

Work began Friday morning of last week on the remodeling of the Harvey building in the southeast corner of Main and Second streets. It calls for a new modern front, bricked up to the top of the building from the I beam. The floor wil be lowered nine inches and the present floor will be replaced by a new oak floor.

June 29, 1939
It's goodbye to the little tokens in Kansas, starting July 6. On and after that date the tax will be collected in what is known as a penny bracket system, now in use in many other states, and which is said to be very satisfactory, except that small sales from 1 to 14 cents escape the tax.

Two Osborne county postmasters this week were reappointed for another term are William Brumbaugh at Portis and Elsie Fuller at Alton.

July 6, 1944
Wallace & Jay Grieve are the sons of Mr. & Mrs. John Grieve, Portis. Both boys are in the U.S. Army. Jay in the Engineers and Wallace in an anti-aircraft mobile unit. Both are now overseas according to their addresses.

Among the Osborne boys who are in the Navy now home on leave at Bob Gorham, Leon VanScyoc and Rex Hyde. The boys are in training at Great Lakes Naval school.

Harvest is in full swing and all are hurrying to get the grain in before hail, wind or heavy rains take a share.

June 30, 1949
The outstanding piece of news at the courthouse this week was the resignation of John Martin, county treasurer. Martin resigned to accept a position with the Osborne County Farmers Union as manager of the local elevator.

A long felt need for Osborne & surrounding communities has been realized. Rev. Ida Miner purchased the B.A. Phillips property sometime ago and has been preparing it as a home for the

aged and homeless.

July 2, 1954
The Osborne girls softball team lost to Lebanon, 7-21 Friday. The team played its first game of the season at Lebanon. Following is the line-up: Sandra McFadden, catcher; Eileen Wilson, pitcher; Carol Darnell, first; Inez Reif, second; Justine Beatty, third; Iris Foster, short; Katy Johnson, Madonna Powell, Merna Thornburg, Adel Metzger, Helen Ann Gregory, fielders.

John Woolley, Ford dealer, is the newly elected president of the Rotary Club. He succeeds Paul Sandy and comes to the leadership after having served a year as vice president.

July 9, 1959
According to Everett Garrison, over 1,000 persons saw the July 4 fireworks display following the Salina-Osborne ball game. Admission to the game totaled 700 adult tickets.

A merry-go-round was added to the playground equipment in the Portis City Park, placed there by the Jayhawker 4-H club.

Jeanne Yoxall will be among the 2,000 delegates to the 1959 meeting of the FHA at Conrad Heights, Chicago, July 13-19.

June 25, 1964
Cheryl Seidel, Donna Quillen, Arvid McFarland & Robin Parker are the people keeping the swimming pool running smoothly this summer.

Among the legal notices printed in the Farmers this week is an Order to Attachment made by the County Superintendent which disorganizes District #1 and annexes the territory to the Osborne Elementary School District and to the Covert District. This order closes the history of Osborne County's oldest school district. The District seems never to have had any name except the significant name, Number One School. The original district, which was organized March 14, 1872, included 12 square miles of territory in the northeast corner of Independence Township.

Work began Monday on the remodeling of the Osborne Supermarket. The new owner, Jack Kramer, said work would begin with the cold storage lockers.

June 26, 1969

Delmer Thibault is serving as a clinical psychologist at Larned State Hospital this summer. He is a 1953 OHS graduate and received his master's degree in counseling and psychology this past spring from Fort Hays State College.

Mrs. Bob Leach, home economist, reports four Osborne County delegates, Terry Murphy, Ronald Macy, Carol Carswell & Cynthia Thompson, will be attending 4-H Junior Leadership Camp July 1-6 at Rock Springs.

Army Specialist Four James L. Cochran, Waldo, has been assigned to the 62nd Engineer Battalion near Long Binh, Vietnam, May 23, as a mechanic.

June 27, 1974
While the wheat harvest this year will in no way compare with that of the past couple of years, it is proving to be better than expected in most localities. Yields have varied anywhere from 25 to 40 bushels.

From Natoma News: The building which housed Prestige Builders Inc. was sold at the sale Tuesday morning to liquidate machinery and supplies used by the company. Natoma-Paradise USD bought the building for \$34,000 to house school buses.

July 12, 1979
Members of USD 392 Board of Education elected Raymond Foster as the new board president for the upcoming year. Vic Reif was selected vice president during the meeting which saw three new members take their seats. Joining the board were Robert Acre, Scott Megaffin and Wilda Carswell, all whom won seats in last April's general election.

Several thousand bushels of wheat were relegated to ground storage at the Osborne athletic field this week when storage space at Bohm Grain elevators ran short.

Bryan Byrd has accepted appointment to Ward I City Council position left vacant by the resignation of Danny Cornwell.

July 5, 1984
Richard Eilassen, 43, joined Osborne's police force this week, according to Bob Shinn, chief of police.

Lonnie & Lea Thibault announce the birth of a son, Blake Michael, June 15 at the Mitchell County Hospital. Blake was welcomed home by his siblings, Gabriel, Travis, Natasha, Germaine and Andrea.

John Locke was inducted into the Kansas Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame at the Bicentennial Center, Salina. Locke's teaching and coaching career spanned over 50 years and is now busy with ranching interests and horse racing.

June 29, 1989
All members of the Osborne City Council were in attendance when the council voted to hire Gary Hackerott to replace Warren Grieve, who is retiring at the end of July.

The ladies of the Osborne Memorial Hospital Auxiliary gathered at the Christian Church to honor the mothers and babies born at the hospital since June of last year. Honored were Mary & Julie Gashaw, Carla & Laura Mans, BobbiJo & Chelsie Becker, and Marsha & Kandi LaRosh.

June 30, 1994
Hardman Wholesale has joined forces with Pacific Mutual Door Company. The assets, operation and wholesale building materials distributor was purchased by Pacific Mutual June 27.

Downs Park & Recreation will sponsor its first annual Celebration Bicycle Tour July 31. The course is 12.4 miles long and open to all ages, but is strictly for enjoyment and not for competition.

July 8, 1999
Needed: A few good days. If the weather would hold until the end of the week, harvest could be 94% complete, Midway Co-op General Manager Dell Princ said Tuesday.

Osborne's PeeWee team traveled to Downs for a league game and came home with a 4-1 win and the league title. Pitching and going to distance was R.J. Michel.

Obituaries

Terence J. Henke

Terence (Terry) Joseph Henke, 72, passed away June 15, 2025, at his home in Plainville, Kan. He was born March 31, 1953, to Joseph and Marie (Reinert) Henke in Concordia, Kan. Terry graduated from Osborne High School in 1971, then went on to Northwest Kansas Technical College, Goodland, Kan., graduating with a degree in Diesel Mechanics.

Terry was employed at Kaser Implement for 21 years, Midway Co-op for 16 years, and Culligan for 6 years, before retiring. He spent much of his life farming and raising crops and cattle. After retirement, Terry enjoyed helping and working for other local farmers. Terry loved everything about farming, but most of all loved his two daughters, Jill and Kristin. He loved talking about his girls and their families and was especially proud to be a grandpa!

Terry loved to laugh and visit and enjoyed hearing stories of anyone who wanted to talk. Terry was a member of the St. Aloysius Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus, Osborne.

He is proceeded in death by his parents, Joseph and Marie Henke.

Terry will be missed by his two daughters, Jill (Justin) Grohs, Lawton, ND and Kristin (Duke) Williams, Germantown, Tenn.; grandchild-

dren, Bennett Grohs, Jackson Williams, and Hayden Williams.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 26, 2025 at the St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Osborne.

Burial will follow in the St. Aloysius Catholic Cemetery, Osborne.

Memorials may be sent to the Terry Henke Memorial fund in care of the Rentschler Family Mortuaries.

Arrangements entrusted to the Rentschler Family Mortuaries.

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Lawrence Verne Michel



Lawrence Verne Michel
December 3, 1936 — June 20, 2025

Lawrence Verne Michel, forever 88, of Downs, KS, passed away on Friday, June 20th, 2025, surrounded by his family at Parkview Care Center in Osborne, KS. Lawrence was born on December 3rd, 1936, in rural Russell, KS to John and Hilda (Rein) Michel. Lawrence was the oldest of six children with three sisters and two brothers.

Lawrence met his wife, Judith "Judy" Faye Luckey, in Glen Elder, KS, in their teenage years of life. It has been said that he was not quite sure that Judy liked him, but, thanks to a friend, they fell in love. After their courtship, they married on June 12, 1960. To this union three children were born, Larry, in December 1963, Lynette, in July 1966, and youngest, Lisette, in November 1967. Lawrence truly loved his family, especially his grandchildren, and was always grateful for the weekly, and sometimes daily

phone calls as he never mastered text messaging.

Lawrence was a lover of farming. When his father became ill, Lawrence was 22 years old, and became a very important part of running the Michel farm. He had his struggles in his life, as everyone has, but became the wonderful person we knew and will remember with love and tenderness. Lawrence enjoyed John Deere, food, Chevrolet vehicles, and his beloved Kansas Jayhawks, among other things. While he was still mobile and able to drive, you could find him at Alta getting coffee, or the elevator visiting with his friends, or driving around looking at the local crops all the way to and from his house. Lawrence had an uncanny ability to talk to anyone and everyone he met, and it was a true testament to his kind and gentle soul. Although he was stubborn and very hard-headed, he had a warmth about him that his wife, children and grandchildren are very familiar with. His grandchildren will remember how he would empty his pockets of change or give his small bills away so that they had something to take home. Lawrence had a variety of special relationships in his life. Those relationships will always be remembered and cherished.

Lawrence is preceded in death by his parents, John and Hilda (Rein) Michel, sister, Jane Monk, brother, Robert "Bob" Michel, and son-in-law, Daniel "Dan" Worley. Lawrence is survived by his loving wife, Judy, of the home, son, Larry (Jennifer) Michel of Salina, KS, daughter, Lynette (Bradley) Enggelken of Overland Park, KS, daughter, Lisette Worley, of Osborne, KS, granddaughter Kelsey (Andrew) Clark, granddaughter Raegan (Phillip) Shamburg, granddaughter Madison (Bobby) Bliss, granddaughter Laurel (Alex) Driskell, grandson Jeffrey (Allie) Michel, grandson James (Ashley) Michel, grandson Kyle (Tiffany) Enggelken, grandson Mason Enggelken, grandson Samuel Enggelken, brother Jerry, sisters Betty and Sarah, a host of nieces and nephews, and eight great grandchildren, Reid, Noah, Maci, Harlyne, Olson, Asher, Mia, Hudson, and Daphne.

Lawrence will be greatly missed by his family. We know that Grandpa is in Heaven, surrounded by those who have gone before him, and now the anxieties and worries of his life have faded away. He is not in pain, no more suffering, and is finally at peace. Lawrence and Judy celebrated 65 years of marriage shortly before God called Lawrence home, this was such a blessing. We love you forever and always and we will see you again at the other end of the stars.

Funeral services will be at Downs United Methodist Church at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 14th. Inurnment will follow at Downs Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Downs United Methodist Church in care of Schoen Funeral Home, 1001 Morgan Ave. Downs, KS 67437. Online condolences to schoenfhn.com
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Community Calendar

OSBORNE PUBLIC LIBRARY -- Library hours are Monday through Thursday; 11-6, Friday; 11-5 and Saturday 10-2. The library is closed on Sundays. Copy and fax services available for a fee.

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