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# RELOCATION GUIDE

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## Osborne County, Kansas

Covering the Communities of Osborne, Downs, Natoma,  
Portis, Alton, and everything in between.

# Welcome to Osborne County... where you're always home.

Welcome to the Homestead Literature Capital of Kansas - the home of Sod & Stubble and the setting for Sod-House Days. Native Americans, Mexican bandits, Zebulon Pike, Porky Pig, Russell Stover, and Charles "Buffalo" Jones have all called Osborne County home.

Osborne County is conveniently located in the center of everything. Whether it's shopping, hunting, fishing, biking, taking a tour or just relaxing - there's something for every member of the family. Experience our friendly and affordable restaurants, motels, hunting lodges, and bed and breakfasts after you've explored a ghost town or taken in a community celebration. Make plans to attend one of our annual events - the Kansas Storytelling Festival in Downs, Alton's Jubilee, the Downs Celebration, Natoma's Labor Day Celebration, Osborne's Draggin' Main Reunion Bash, or the Osborne County Fair.



*The Kansas Storytelling Festival in Downs brings stories to life each spring, offering fun for all ages. This beloved and unique annual event celebrates the art of storytelling and draws participants from across the United States.*

We're proud to be part of this welcoming, forward-thinking region. The Osborne County Community Foundation (OCCF) is here to support the people and places that make this area special. As an affiliate of the Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation, we help strengthen our communities by connecting generous donors to meaningful projects and causes throughout Osborne County. We look forward to helping you feel right at home.



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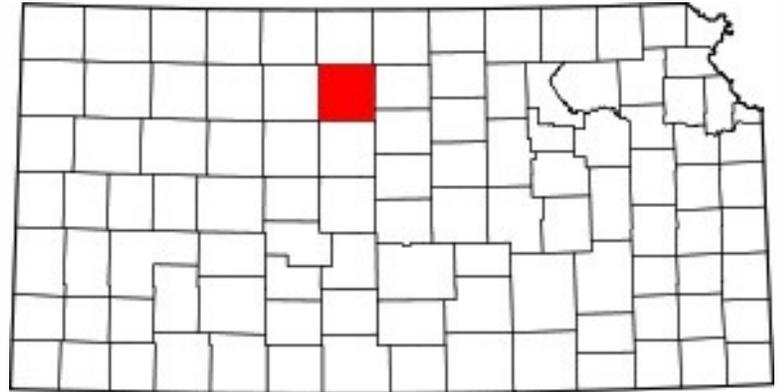
The Osborne County Relocation Guide is a resource provided by the Osborne County Community Foundation (OCCF) to help individuals and families learn more about living, working, and thriving in Osborne County. This guide includes listings of local events, businesses, and services to offer a comprehensive look at what our communities have to offer. Inclusion in this guide should not be viewed as an endorsement or recommendation by OCCF. Information is provided for general reference purposes only.

# By the Numbers

County Population: 3,325

Number of Communities: 5

Median Age: 46.8



Nestled in the heart of North Central Kansas, Osborne County offers small-town living with a strong sense of community and pride. Osborne, the county seat, anchors the county with a vibrant downtown and essential services, while the communities of Downs, Alton, Portis, and Natoma each bring their own unique character and traditions. With friendly neighbors, a welcoming atmosphere, and a commitment to growth and opportunity, Osborne County is a place where families and businesses can thrive. Residents enjoy quality schools, accessible healthcare, and year-round community events. Outdoor recreation and scenic landscapes add to the appeal of calling Osborne County home.

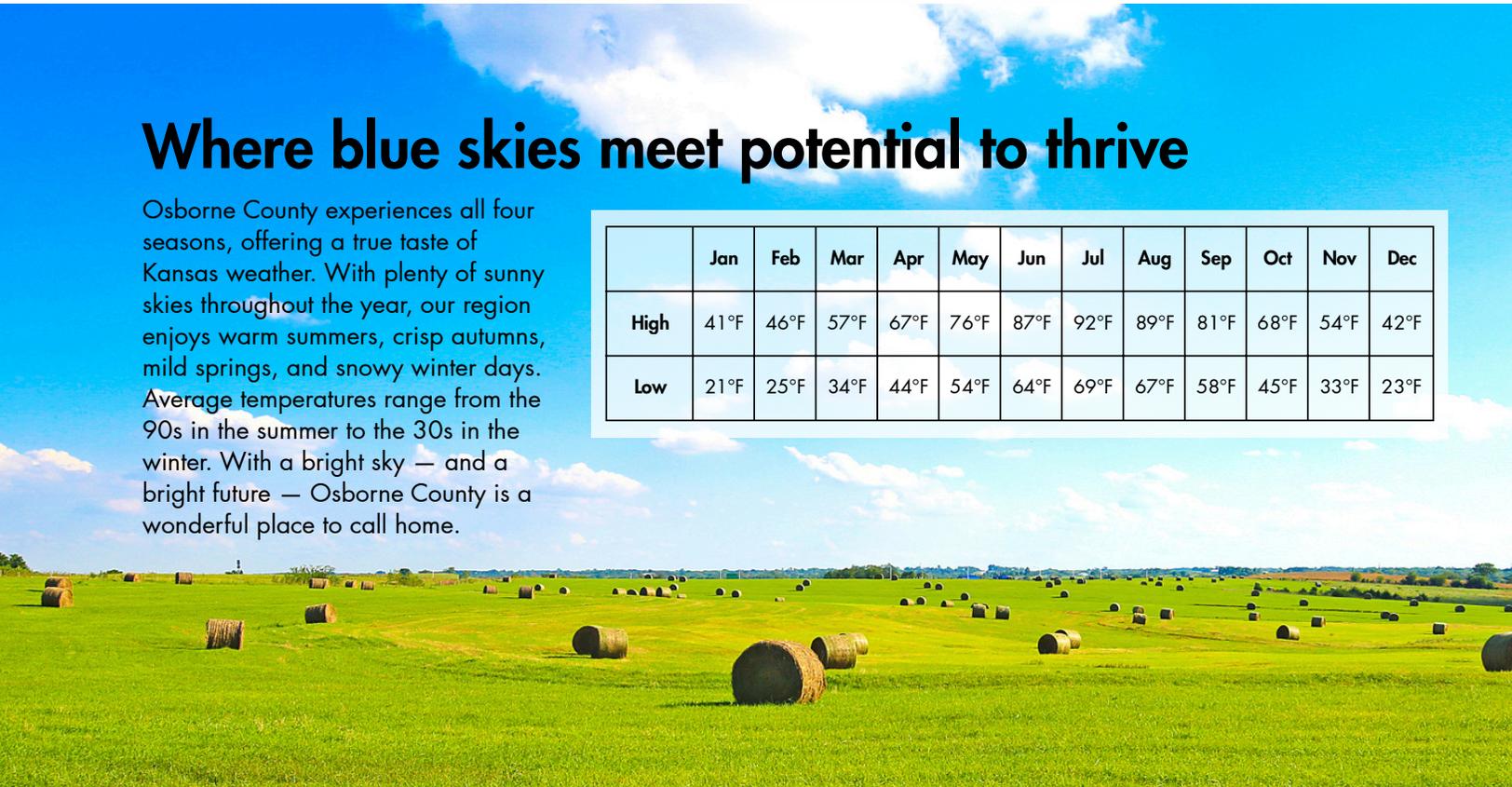
## ZIP CODES

Alton.....67623  
Downs.....67437  
Natoma .....67651  
Osborne.....67473  
Portis..... 67474

## Where blue skies meet potential to thrive

Osborne County experiences all four seasons, offering a true taste of Kansas weather. With plenty of sunny skies throughout the year, our region enjoys warm summers, crisp autumns, mild springs, and snowy winter days. Average temperatures range from the 90s in the summer to the 30s in the winter. With a bright sky — and a bright future — Osborne County is a wonderful place to call home.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
High	41°F	46°F	57°F	67°F	76°F	87°F	92°F	89°F	81°F	68°F	54°F	42°F
Low	21°F	25°F	34°F	44°F	54°F	64°F	69°F	67°F	58°F	45°F	33°F	23°F



# Government

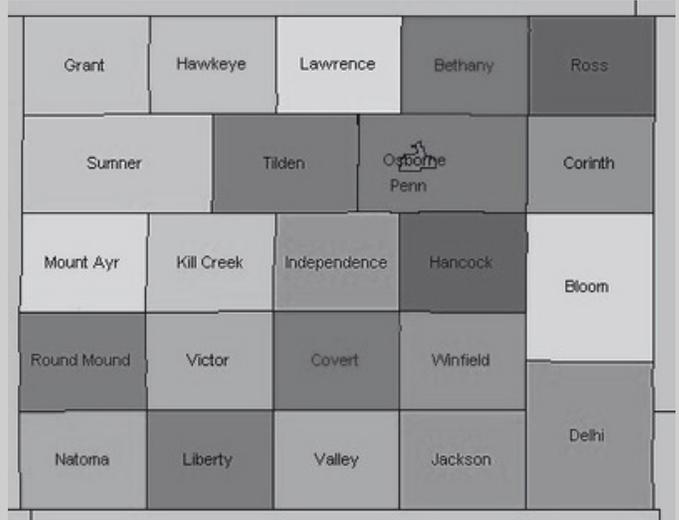
## Elected County Officials

Osborne County is governed by three commissioners elected to represent the population in their respective districts.

The First District Commissioner governs Lawrence, Bethany, Ross, Corinth, and Bloom townships.

The Second District Commissioner governs Tilden and Penn townships.

The Third District Commissioner governs Grant, Hawkeye, Sumner, Mt. Ayr, Kill Creek, Independence, Hancock, Round Mound, Victor, Covert, Winfield, Natoma, Liberty, Valley, Jackson, and Delhi townships.



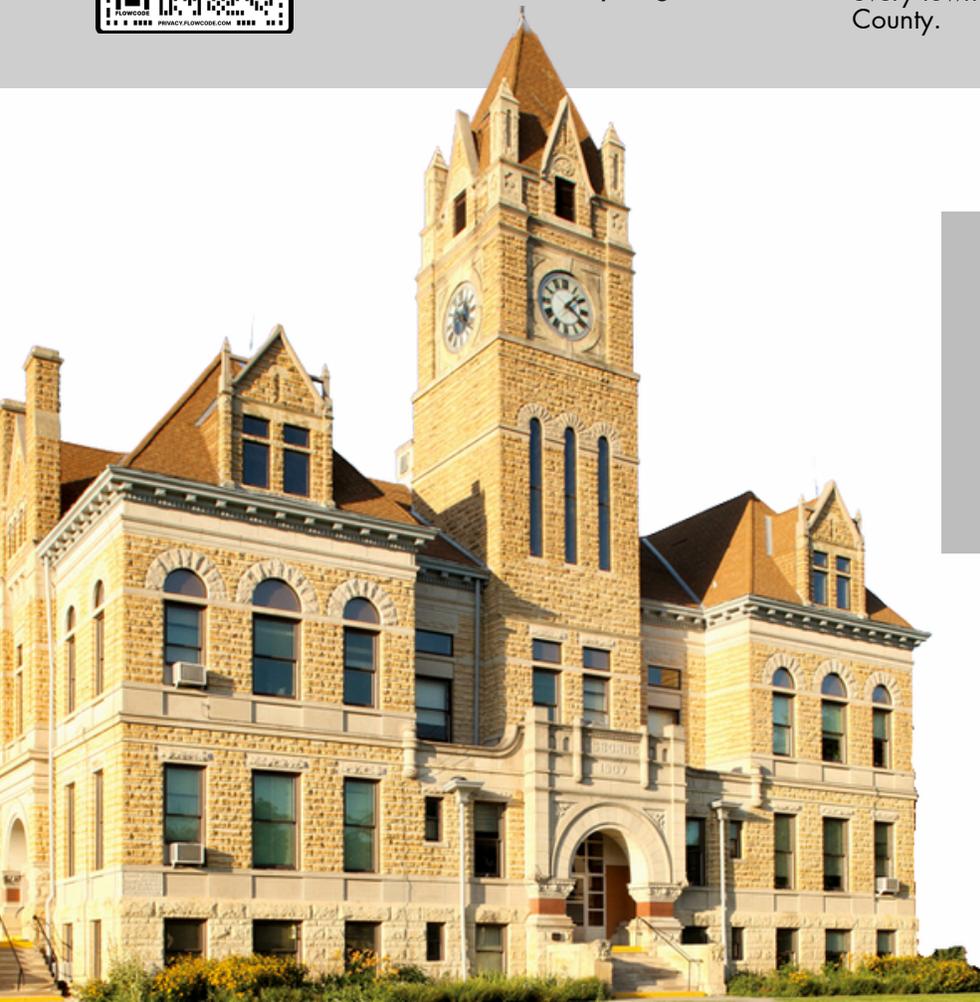
View our current county officials by scanning the QR code.

## WEBSITE

[www.osbornecounty.org](http://www.osbornecounty.org)

## Osborne County Townships

Osborne County is made up of 24 unique townships—each with its own local story and importance. At the heart of it all is the City of Osborne, our county seat, where history, government, and community come together. Whether you're from Bloom, Bethany, Covert, or Tilden, every township helps shape the character of Osborne County.



## County Contact Information

**County Clerk** (785) 346-2431

**Treasurer** (785) 346-2251

**Appraiser** (785) 346-2310

**Register of Deeds** (785) 346-5252

**Highway Dept.** (785) 346-2153

The Osborne County Courthouse, located in the center of Osborne, has served as the heart of county government since 1932. Designed in the Art Deco style, the courthouse features strong geometric lines and classic stonework, reflecting a period of growth and optimism in the county's history. Today, it remains a proud symbol of civic tradition and community spirit.

# Government



Small town life:  
where neighbors  
know your name  
and community  
feels like family.

## State & Federal Representation

### US Senator Jerry Moran

Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 521  
Washington, DC 20510  
Phone: (202) 224-6521

### US Senator Roger Marshall

Russell Senate Office Building, Suite 479A  
2 Constitution Ave NE  
Washington, DC 20002  
Phone: (202) 224-4774

### US Representative Tracey Mann

344 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
Phone: (202) 225-2715

### KS Senator Elaine Bowers

Capitol Office Room 223-E  
300 SW 10<sup>th</sup> St.  
Topeka, KS 66612  
Phone: (785) 296-7389

### KS Representative Troy Waymaster

Capitol Office Room 111-N  
300 SW 10<sup>th</sup> St.  
Topeka, KS 66612  
Phone: (785) 296-7672

## City Contact Information

### City of Alton

(785) 984-2263

### City of Osborne

Osborne City Offices  
(785) 346-5611  
Web: [discoverosborne.com](http://discoverosborne.com)  
Facebook: City of Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-5611

### Osborne Economic Development

128 N. 1st St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-2670  
Facebook: Osborne  
Economic Development

### City of Downs

Downs City Office  
(785) 454-6622  
Web: [downsks.net](http://downsks.net)  
Facebook: City of Downs

### City of Natoma

Natoma City Hall  
(785) 885-4833  
Web: [cityofnatoma.com](http://cityofnatoma.com)  
Facebook: City of Natoma

### City of Portis

Phone: (785) 533-1502  
Email: [cityofportis@gmail.com](mailto:cityofportis@gmail.com)  
Facebook: City of Portis

## Emergency Services

### City of Osborne Police

128 N. 1<sup>st</sup> St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-8289

### Osborne County EMS

124 W. New Hampshire, Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-2379

### Osborne County Sherriff

104 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St, Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-2001

Downs Fire Dept. (785) 454-6622

Osborne Co. Rural Fire Dept. #3 - Alton (785) 984-2509

Osborne Fire Dept. (785) 346-2001

Russell Co. Rural Fire Dept. #3 - Natoma (785) 483-5100



# Health Care



## Vibrant local health care

State-of-the-art medical facilities are available in Osborne at Osborne County Memorial Hospital.

Rural health care in Osborne County is accessible, community-centered, and rooted in compassion. With local providers high-quality care is close to home. You will receive personalized attention without having to travel far.

### Osborne County Memorial Hospital & Goad Medical Clinic

237 W. Harrison St., Osborne  
Clinic Phone (785) 346-2510  
Hospital Phone: (785) 346-2121  
[www.ocmh.org](http://www.ocmh.org)

### Beloit Medical Center Satellite Office (Downs)

903 Morgan Ave., Downs  
Phone: (785) 454-3311  
[www.beloitmedicalcenter.com](http://www.beloitmedicalcenter.com)

### Osborne County Health Department

115 N. 1<sup>st</sup> St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-2412

### Pregnancy Care Center

**Heart Choices**  
117 N. 1st St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 345-3315

### Hearing Care

**Precision Hearing Solutions - Downs**  
622 Morgan Ave., Downs  
Phone: (785) 346-4178

### Mental Health Care

**High Plains Mental Health Center**  
209 Harrison St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-2184

### Physical Therapy

**Osborne County Memorial Hospital**  
237 W. Harrison St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-251

### Chiropractic Care

**Osborne Chiropractic Care**  
121 W. Main St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-2023

### Eye Care

**Solomon Valley Vision, LLC**  
101 W. Main St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-5437

### Dental Care

**Down-Home Dental**  
431 W. New Hampshire St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 345-0345

### Pharmacy

**Main Street Drug**  
103 W. Main St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-2136

### Corner Drug & Gift

823 Morgan Ave., Downs  
Phone: (785) 454-6614



## Veterinary Care

**Downs Veterinary Clinic**  
1215 3rd Ave., Downs  
Phone: (785) 454-3474

**Osborne Veterinary Clinic**  
989 S. Highway 281, Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-5545

Don't forget to contact the cities of Downs and Osborne to obtain annual dog tags.

# Housing & Utilities

## Realty

**Thummel Real Estate & Auction**  
Lisa Reinert - Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-4225  
thummelrealestateauction.com

**Thummel Real Estate & Auction**  
Ces Reinert - Downs  
Phone: (785) 454-1088  
thummelrealestateauction.com

**Wildlife Properties Land Co.**  
Olivia Burch, Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-4873  
<https://mywildlifeproperty.com>

**Wolters Auction & Real Estate**  
627 Market St., Portis  
Phone: (785) 346-2071  
[www.woltersauctionandre.com](http://www.woltersauctionandre.com)

## Apartments

**Downs Housing Authority**  
1109 Delay St., Downs  
Phone: (785) 454-3914

**Maple Grove Apartments**  
600 S. 3rd St., Downs  
Phone: (785) 338-0502

**Osborne Housing Authority  
Solomon Valley Apartments**  
200 E. Vermont St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-2727

**The Retreat at Paradise Valley  
Apartments**  
500 North Third, Natoma  
Phone: (785) 521-7311

**Uptown Apartments**  
128 Main St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 443-1718

## Rental Homes

Contact each city office for rental home information.

**Patriot Properties**  
Cherilee Waugh, Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-8258

## Utilities

**ELECTRICITY**  
**Rolling Hills Electric Co-op Inc.**  
Phone: (785) 534-1601  
<https://rollinghills.coop>

**Prairie Land Electric  
Cooperative**  
Phone: (785) 877-3323  
[www.prairielandelectric.com](http://www.prairielandelectric.com)

**NATURAL GAS**  
**Kansas Gas Service**  
Phone: (800) 794-4780  
[www.kansasgasservice.com](http://www.kansasgasservice.com)

**PROPANE**  
Midway Coop  
Phone: (785) 346-5812  
707 N. 1<sup>st</sup> St., Osborne

**Masters Oil Co.**  
Phone: (785) 885-4804  
718 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Natoma

**REFUSE**  
**Rippe & Rippe (Osborne)**  
Phone: (785) 346-2264  
[www.facebook.com/RRRRefuse](http://www.facebook.com/RRRRefuse)

**WATER**  
**City of Alton**  
Phone: (785) 533-1502

**City of Osborne**  
Phone: (785) 346-5611

**City of Downs**  
Phone: (785) 454-6622

**City of Portis**  
Phone: (785) 533-1502

**City of Natoma**  
Phone: (785) 367-2225

## New housing resources

Osborne County is investing in its future with new housing opportunities designed to welcome families, professionals, and retirees. Through a partnership with the Innovation Center Housing Initiative Program, new housing projects are taking off. In the City of Osborne, free lots are available for new home construction, making it easier than ever to build your dream home in a welcoming, tight-knit community. In Alton, the Bull City Community Foundation is managing new home construction projects, helping to meet local housing needs and revitalize the community. Whether you're looking to buy, build, or renovate, Osborne County is ready to help you put down roots and enjoy a vibrant, growing region.

### Innovation Center Housing Cooperative Program

Housing is critical to the future of Northwest Kansas. The Innovation Center's Kansas Housing Cooperative Program helps address this need by offering forgivable loans to homeowners building new homes in communities of 10,000 or fewer. Together with partners and residents, we're fueling dreams and building a stronger region.



Phone: (785) 874-5150  
Email: [office@nwkeici.org](mailto:office@nwkeici.org)  
Website: [nwkeici.org](http://nwkeici.org)  
212 S. Kansas Ave.  
Norton, KS 67654

### Bull City Foundation housing initiative

Bull City Community Foundation is leading a housing initiative in Alton, creating new opportunities for families by supporting new home construction. Their work helps revitalize the community and address critical housing needs in Osborne County. For more information contact Rex Johnston at 785-346-6209.



### Free lots in the City of Osborne

Free lots are available in Osborne for those wanting to build. See details at [discoverosborne.com/free-home-lots-application-guidelines](http://discoverosborne.com/free-home-lots-application-guidelines).



# Retirement Living

## Multigenerational connections

Downs Care & Rehabilitation hosts an annual Easter Egg Hunt for the community, with residents helping stuff the eggs. This cherished tradition brings together families, friends, and neighbors for a day of fun, connection, and community spirit.



## Skilled Nursing

**Downs Care And Rehabilitation**  
1218 Kansas St., Downs  
Phone: (785) 454-3321

**Parkview Care Center**  
811 N. 1st St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-2114

## Memory Care

**Parkview Care Center**  
811 N. 1st St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-2114

Family members interested in participating in a dementia support care group can contact Osborne County Memorial Hospital at (785) 346-2121

## Senior Centers

**Downs Senior Center**  
514 Morgan Ave., Downs  
Phone: (785) 454-6228

**Osborne Senior Center**  
108 W. Main St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-2303

Both sites provide meal services, including Meals-on-Wheels.



## Public transportation

Solomon Valley Transportation provides safe and convenient public transportation throughout Osborne County and the surrounding region. Whether you're heading to a medical appointment, grocery store, community event, or just running errands, Solomon Valley Transportation helps residents of all ages stay mobile and independent. With both scheduled routes and on-demand services available, it's an essential resource for rural living—keeping individuals connected to the places and services they need most.

Additional information is available at [www.solvaltrans.com](http://www.solvaltrans.com) or via phone at (785) 534-2395.

## Contractors

For a comprehensive list of area contractors, visit [discoverosborne.com/local-contractors](http://discoverosborne.com/local-contractors)

Reinert Remodeling | Paul Reinert | Osborne | (785) 345-4014  
LaRosh Construction | Kevin LaRosh | Portis | (785) 342-1896  
Jeremy Wagoner | Osborne | (785) 346-4959  
Andrew Conway | Osborne | (785) 346-4285  
Roy Debey Construction | Downs | (785) 454-3784

## Plumbers / HVAC

**Schellinger's Plumbing & Heating LLC**

Phone: (785) 346-5844

**Remus Plumbing, Heating & Air**

Phone: (785) 454-6600

## Electricians

**TK Electric, LLC**

Phone (785) 346-6431

**Peterson Electric, Alton**

Phone: (785) 345-3042

## Building Supplies

**Ackerman Supply - True Value**

1119 W. US-24, Osborne

Phone: (785) 346-2112

Website: [ackermansupply.com](http://ackermansupply.com)

**Home Lumber & Supply Co.**

129 S. 1st St., Osborne

Phone: (785) 346-2380

Website: [homelumberandsupply.com](http://homelumberandsupply.com)

**Miller Hardware**

610 Morgan Ave., Downs

Phone: (785) 454-6231

Website: [doitbest.com](http://doitbest.com)

## Storage

**Ackerman Self Storage**

1119 W. Highway 24, Osborne

Phone: (785) 346-2112

**Burch Downtown Mini-Storage**

118 E. Main St., Osborne

Phone: (785) 345-3272

**Downs Storage Facility**

394 W. US-24, Downs

**Girard's RV, Trailer, Car, & Boat Storage**

223 E. Jefferson St.,

Osborne

Phone: (785) 346-6057

**Lyon Self Storage**

419 N. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Osborne

Phone: (785) 282-0481



## Building for the future

New construction projects, such as this family residence in Alton, are taking shape across Osborne County, reflecting growth, investment, and community pride.

# Financial & Legal

## Banks

### Sunflower Bank - Osborne

203 W. Main St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-2044  
Website: sunflowerbank.com/Osborne

### Farmway Credit Union - Osborne

221 W. Main St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-5906  
Website: farmwaycu.com

### State Bank of Downs - Downs

900 Morgan Ave., Downs  
Phone: (785) 454-3323  
Website: statebankofdowns.com

### The Peoples Bank - Osborne

102 W. Main St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-2147  
Website: tpb.bank

### Southwind Bank - Natoma

702 N. 2nd St., Natoma  
Phone: (785) 885-4234

## Financial Advisors

### Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC

Dustin Stull  
202 W. Main St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 345-4195

### Farm Bureau Financial Services

Brett Kendig  
1113 US-24, Osborne  
Phone: (785) 534-7200

## Legal Services

### Dietz Law Office

115 S. 1st St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-2157

### Gregory & Gregory Law Office

124 W. Main St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-5445

### Berkley & Henke Law Office

507 Morgan Ave., Downs  
Phone: (785) 454-1172

## Insurance

### American Family Insurance | Brigitte Lyon Agency, Inc.

201 E. Main St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-2863

### Cushing Insurance

800 Morgan Ave., Downs  
Phone: (785) 454-3316

### Farm Bureau Financial Services

1113 W. US-24, Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-2621

### Farmers Union Insurance | Richard H. Boxum Agency

611 Morgan Ave., Downs  
Phone: (785) 454-3870

### Fouts Insurance

118 W. Main St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 738-3558

### State Farm Insurance | Martin Wolters Agency

101 E. Main St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-2061  
agentmartinwolters.com



## You've got mail

Osborne County communities are served by local post offices that provide essential mail and shipping services. Located in Osborne, Downs, Alton, Natoma, and Portis, these post offices help keep residents and businesses connected, offering convenient access to USPS services close to home, including rural delivery routes.

Be sure to verify your local post office's hours of operation at <https://tools.usps.com/locations>.

# Faith & Ministry

## Find your faith in Osborne County

Faith is an important part of life in Osborne County, where churches and ministry groups help build strong, supportive communities. Across our towns, you'll find a wide range of faith traditions and congregations that welcome newcomers with open arms.

In addition to regular worship services, Osborne County is home to several interdenominational efforts that bring people of all backgrounds together. The Osborne Ministerial Alliance is a strong example, fostering collaboration among local churches to support community needs, offer joint worship events, and organize charitable initiatives.

Whether you're looking for a church home, faith-based programs, or opportunities for service and connection, Osborne County offers a welcoming environment for all.



*One highlight of our faith community is the annual Soul Infusion Women's Conference in Osborne, which brings women together for a day of worship, inspiration, and fellowship across denominations. Events like Soul Infusion reflect the deep-rooted spirit of unity and shared faith that define Osborne County.*

## Youth Programs

### Truth Seekers at Bible Baptist Church

Wednesday 2:45 - 4:15 p.m. | October - April  
119 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 345-4011

### Osborne Free Methodist Youth

Wednesday evenings  
724 W. Main St.  
Phone: (785) 346-5472

## Alton

**Alton United Methodist**  
408 Mill St.  
Phone: (785) 984-2566

**Mt. Ayr Friends**  
1265 County 657 Ave.  
Phone: (785) 345-3042

**Nation Builders Ministries**  
209 Nicholas Ave.  
Phone: (785) 346-8339

## Downs

**Dispatch Christian Reformed**  
298 10 Rd.  
Phone: (785) 454-6608

**Downs United Methodist**  
1000 Morgan Ave.  
Phone: (785) 454-3327

**First Christian**  
1017 Morgan Ave.  
Phone: (785) 454-3438

**Rose Valley Methodist**  
107 County 685 Ave.  
Phone: (785) 454-3418

**St Mary Catholic**  
1312 Prentiss St.  
Phone: (785) 454-3551

**Zion Lutheran**  
1019 Blunt St.  
Phone: (785) 454-3733

## Natoma

**Peace Lutheran**  
705 N. 5th St.  
Phone: (785) 885-47186

**New Life**  
602 Elm St.  
Phone: (785) 885-4826

## Osborne

**Osborne Assembly of God**  
115 S. Oak St.  
Phone: (785) 346-2808

**Bible Baptist Church**  
119 S. 2nd St.  
Phone: (785) 345-4011

**Faith Lutheran**  
629 N. 2nd St.  
Phone: (785) 346-5467

**Free Methodist**  
724 W. Main St.  
Phone: (785) 346-5472

**Osborne United Methodist**  
105 N. 3rd St.  
Phone: (785) 346-2333

**United Christian**  
209 N. 2nd St.  
Phone: (785) 346-2169

**St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic**  
219 N. Elm St.  
Phone: (785) 346-5582

## Portis

**Grace Brethren**  
108 E. 5th St.  
Phone: (785) 346-2085



# Community Spaces



## Gathering Community

In rural Kansas communities, gathering together is a cherished tradition that strengthens bonds and builds lasting connections. Whether it's a church potluck, local fair, school event, or coffee at the café, these moments of fellowship reflect the heart of small-town life—where neighbors support one another and everyone feels like family.

Looking for a space to host a gathering? Contact individual locations for availability and cost.

### **Alton Community Room**

618 S. Mill St., Alton  
Email: [altonks@gmail.com](mailto:altonks@gmail.com)

### **State Bank of Downs Meeting Room**

900 Morgan Ave., Downs  
Phone: (785) 454-3323

### **Downs Memorial Hall**

500 Morgan Ave., Downs  
Phone: (785) 454-6622

### **Front Porch Event Center**

602 Mill St., Alton  
Phone: (785) 346-4632

### **Natoma Community Center**

709 N 2nd St., Natoma  
Phone: (785) 885-4448  
Facebook: Natoma Community Center

### **Osborne Housing Authority Meeting Room**

200 E Vermont St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-2727

### **Osborne Public Library Meeting Room**

325 W. Main St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-5486  
Website: [ospublib.com](http://ospublib.com)

### **Osborne VFW Building**

123 W. Main St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-2325

### **Portis Community Center**

206 Market St., Portis  
Phone: (785) 533-1502

### **Sims Event Center**

109 W. Main St., Osborne, KS  
Phone: (785) 346-6707  
Facebook: Sims Event Center

### **St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parish Hall**

219 N. Elm St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-5582

### **United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall**

105 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-2333

# Parks & Libraries

## Enjoy the outdoors

Outdoor spaces in our communities offer the perfect backdrop for enjoying nature, staying active, and connecting with others.



## Parks

Whether you're walking the trails, watching a ballgame, or enjoying a picnic under the trees, our local parks offer something for everyone. Each community maintains its own unique green spaces—perfect for family time, recreation, and connecting with neighbors. Make time to explore and enjoy all that our parks have to offer.

**Alton Centennial Garden**  
702 Mill St., Alton

**Natoma City Park**  
S. First St., Natoma

**Alton Memorial Park**  
619 Mill St., Alton

**Osborne City Park**  
317 W. New Hampshire St.,  
Osborne

**Alton Lyman T. Earl  
Memorial Park**  
611 S. 3rd St., Alton

**Hardman Veteran's  
Memorial Park**  
602 N. 2nd St., Osborne

**Downs City Park**  
816 Delay St., Downs

**Osborne Roadside Park**  
W. 80th Dr. and N. Apollo Ave.,  
Osborne

**Downs Memorial Park**  
501 Delaware St., Downs

**Portis City Park**  
507 Market St., Portis

**Downs Roadside Park**  
Park Access Rd., Downs

## Community Gardens

**Downs Community Garden**  
1312 Kansas St., Downs  
[downscommunitygarden.wordpress.com](http://downscommunitygarden.wordpress.com)

**Osborne County Memorial Hospital Community Garden**  
This garden is in the development phase.

## Libraries

Osborne County is home to several public libraries that serve as vital hubs for learning, connection, and community engagement. Located in Osborne, Downs, Alton, and Natoma, these libraries offer more than just books—they provide free internet access, educational programs, and resources for all ages. Whether you're looking to check out a bestseller, attend a storytime, or explore local history, Osborne County libraries are welcoming spaces that support lifelong learning and enrich rural life.

**Alton Library**  
618 S. Mill St., Alton

**Osborne County Genealogical  
& Historical Society/Carnegie  
Research Library**  
307 W. Main St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-9437  
Facebook: OCGHS

**Downs Carnegie Library**  
504 Morgan Ave., Downs  
Phone: (785) 454-3821  
Facebook:  
[downscarnegielibrary](https://www.facebook.com/downscarnegielibrary)

**Osborne Public Library**  
325 W. Main St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-5486  
[www.ospublib.com](http://www.ospublib.com)

**Natoma Community Library**  
505 Elm St., Natoma  
Phone: (785) 885-4462



1409 Williams St., Great Bend  
Phone: (785) 792-4865  
Facebook: Cklsocial  
[www.ckls.org](http://www.ckls.org)

Osborne County libraries are members of the Central Kansas Library System (CKLS), which provides support, resources, and expanded access to materials across the region. Through CKLS, local libraries offer interlibrary loan services, staff training, and shared technology to better serve their communities.

# Recreation

## Ball Complexes

**Sanders Baseball Complex**  
W. 90<sup>th</sup> Dr., Osborne

**Downs Roadside Park**  
Park Access Rd, Downs

**Natoma Baseball Field**  
2847 K-18, Natoma

## Bike Trails

**Shady Bend Trails**  
West end of Main St., Osborne

## Golf

**Downs Public Golf Course**  
715 Railroad St., Downs  
Phone: (785) 454-6336

**Shady Bend Golf Club**  
West end of Main St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-5611

**Osborne Country Club**  
US 281, Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-5933

## Dance

**Borne to Dance**  
134 W. Main St., Osborne  
Phone: (316) 209-1976

## Guided Hunting

**Outdoor Obsessions**  
820 Kansas St., Downs, KS 67437  
Phone: (785) 565-2584

**Webbed Feet Down Outfitters**  
105 Mill St., Alton, KS 67623  
Phone: (970) 302-9677

## Pickleball

715 Railroad St., Downs  
Phone: (785) 454-6336

## Shooting Sports

**Glen Elder Wildlife Area Range**  
One mile south of Downs  
Phone: (785) 545-3345

**Osborne Shooting Range**  
Near the South Fork of the Solomon River, northwest of the Scout Cabin  
Phone: (785) 346-5812

## Swimming

**Downs Swimming Pool**  
715 Railroad St., Downs  
Phone: (785) 454-6336

**Osborne Swimming Pool**  
N. 4th St., & W. Jefferson St.  
Phone: (785) 346-2420

## Tennis

**Downs Tennis Courts**  
715 Railroad St., Downs  
Phone: (785) 454-6336

**Osborne City Park**  
317 W. New Hampshire, Osborne

## Walking Path

**Osborne Memorial Hospital Campus**  
237 W. Harrison St., Osborne



*Interested in 4-H? Contact Post Rock Extension to learn more about local programs, activities, and how to get involved!*

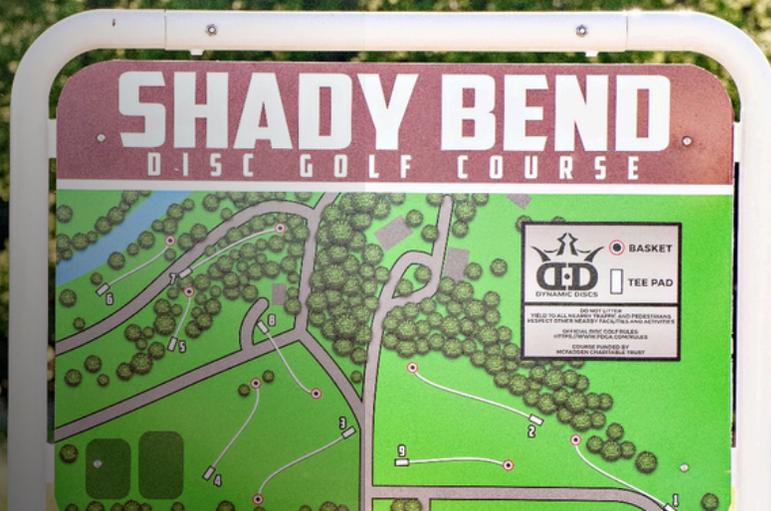
**K-State Research and Extension Post Rock District Office**  
113 N 1st St, Osborne  
(785) 346-2521

## Disc Golf

**Shady Bend Disc Golf 9-hole**  
W. 90<sup>th</sup> Dr., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 454-6336

**Natoma City Park**  
S. 1<sup>st</sup> St., Natoma

**Downs Disc Golf**  
715 Railroad St., Downs





## Mark your calendar

Plan ahead for Osborne County's beloved annual events—fun traditions you won't want to miss.

Looking for something to do? Visit the **Osborne County Community Calendar** for up-to-date information on local events, activities, and happenings.

### February

Osborne County Community Foundation Match Month

### March/April

Community Easter Egg Hunts (Alton, Downs, Natoma, Osborne)  
Easter Pageant at the Alton Bluffs  
Kansas Storytelling Festival, Downs

### May

Community swimming pools open  
Draggin' Main, Osborne  
Osborne County Memorial Day Spectacular (livestock show)  
Osborne High School Alumni Banquet  
Alton High School Alumni Banquet

### June

Downs Celebration  
Downs High School/Lakeside Alumni Weekend

### July

Osborne County Fair  
Osborne Chamber of Commerce Fireworks  
Alton Independence Day Celebration

### August

Natoma Labor Day Celebration  
Alton Jubilee

### November

Natoma Veteran's Day Salute

### December

Various holiday events  
Alton Holiday Lights  
Alton Chocolate Festival



### September | North Central Kansas Outdoor Youth Fair, Osborne

The Osborne County chapter of Pheasants Forever proudly hosts the North Central Kansas Youth Fair each September along the scenic banks of the Solomon River. This event offers hands-on outdoor experiences and conservation education for youth across the region.

# Attractions

## Sod & Stubble Replica

Sod and Stubble Historical Marker  
Park Access Rd., Downs, KS 67437

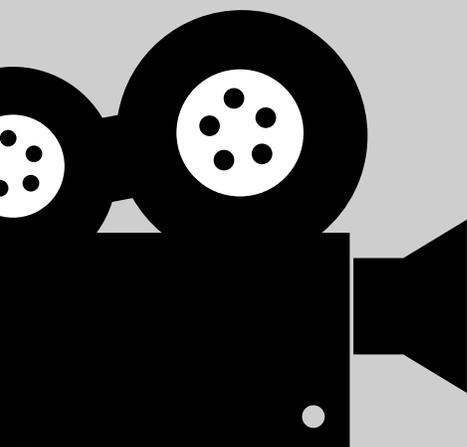


## Explore Sod & Stubble

Osborne County is the home of John Ise's 1936 classic book, *Sod and Stubble*. *Sod and Stubble* is a nonfiction recount of the author's parents' experience homesteading during a dynamic period of pioneering history, from the 1870s to the turn of the century. *Sod & Stubble* recounts the years of struggle and hardships the Ise family and the Osborne County community endured to transform sod into productive farms.

The filming of *Sod and Stubble* near Downs has brought new attention to Osborne County's rich heritage and scenic beauty. Based on the beloved Kansas pioneer novel, the movie captures the spirit of resilience and community that defines our area. Visitors and new residents alike are drawn to the authentic landscapes, welcoming towns, and historical roots showcased in the film. *Sod and Stubble* is not just a movie — it's a living tribute to the strength of rural life, making Osborne County a place where history, opportunity, and a strong sense of belonging come together.

History from this timeless tale is preserved through a 21-stop Self-Guided Sod & Stubble Country tour near Downs. Call (785) 454-3416 for more information.



Actor Bailey Chase, who plays a leading role in the *Sod and Stubble* movie, became a familiar face around Downs during filming. The feature film was brought to life with the help of professional actors and talented local residents who supported, participated in, and helped fund the project — showcasing the strong community spirit of Osborne County.



## Local coffee & community

The Hideout Coffeehouse in Osborne offers a cozy spot to enjoy coffee, pastries, and conversation. They also roast their own specialty coffees, available for purchase in-store, online, and at local retailers throughout the area.

## Dining

### Subway

110 E. Main St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 345-4100

### The Doghouse

109 N. 1st St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-5555

### Yopo's Mexican Restaurant

119 S. 1st St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-5880

### Arlibertos Mexican Food

812 Morgan Ave., Downs  
Phone: (785) 454-3041

### Downs Super Foods Food Court

507 Morgan Ave., Downs  
Phone: (785) 454-3331

### Morgan's Ave LLC

628 Morgan Ave., Downs  
Phone: (785) 557-1190

### Gem Thai \*Seasonal\*

214 W. Main St, Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-8396

### Second Street Cafe, Resale Shop & Pub

715 N Second St., Natoma  
Phone: (785) 346-4772

### Front Porch Event Center & Bakery

602 Mill St., Alton  
Phone: (785) 346-4632

## Coffee

### Hideout Coffeehouse

130 W. Main St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 345-4020

### Roundhouse Coffee & Cafe

801 Morgan Ave., Downs,  
Phone: (785) 817-4866

## Food Trucks

### The Grain Bin Food Truck

Phone: (785) 346-8328

## A helping hand

Local food banks in Osborne County provide vital support to individuals and families facing food insecurity. With the help of generous donations and dedicated volunteers, these organizations ensure that no one in our communities goes hungry. Whether it's a short-term need or ongoing assistance, help is available to those who need it most.

### Downs Ministerial Food Bank

1000 Morgan Ave., Downs  
Phone: (785) 454-3327

### Natoma Food Bank

514 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Natoma  
Phone: (785) 346-6859

### Osborne Food Pantry

105 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-2333

# Lodging

## Bed & Breakfast

**LydaGrace, LLC - Bed & Breakfast**  
801 Morgan Avenue, Downs  
Phone: (785) 817-4866 or  
(785) 862-1413  
Email: lydagrace.llc@gmail.com

## Motels

**Crossroads Inn**  
933 N 1st Street, Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-5413  
Website: crossroadsinn.info

**West Lake Inn**  
259 Highway 24, Downs  
Phone: (785) 454-3345  
Website: westlake-inn.com

## Guest Houses

**Cottonwood Farm Lodge**  
688 S. 230<sup>th</sup> Ave., Alton  
Phone: (785) 737-7361 or  
(785) 984-2520

**Cottonwood Ranch**  
2681 W. 150<sup>th</sup> Dr., Alton  
Phone (785) 737-7361 or  
(785) 984-2520

**Medicine Creek Cottage**  
2155 W. 100<sup>th</sup> Dr., Alton  
Call or text (785) 476-5522

**Papa's Place**  
602 Nicholas Ave., Alton  
Phone: (785) 345-3042

**The Retreat**  
105 Mill St., Alton  
Phone (970) 302-9677

**Lock-N-Load Lodging**  
269 US-24, Downs  
Phone: (785) 545-6762 or  
(785) 545-6466  
locknloadlodging.com

**Shady Grove Cabins**  
1319 Kansas Street, Downs  
Phone: (785) 454-6367  
shadygrovecabins.com

**The Wagon Wheel Lodge**  
1319 Kansas Street, Downs  
Phone: (785) 454-6367

## AirBNB / VRBO

**Burch Vacation Rental**  
961 S. 117<sup>th</sup> Ave., Osborne  
VRBO.com  
785-346-4873 or 785-345-3272

**Conway Corner East**  
Osborne  
Airbnb.com

**Conway Corner West**  
Osborne  
Airbnb.com

**Elm Street Lodge**  
Osborne  
Airbnb.com

**Hunter's Hangout**  
616 W. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Alton  
Airbnb.com

**Solomon Valley Lodge**  
Address Osborne  
Airbnb.com

**Stull Quarters**  
202 W. Main St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 345-4195

**Twisted 'S' Lodge**  
664 W. 80<sup>th</sup> Dr., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-4035

**Tiny Home**  
Alton  
Airbnb.com

**Vermont Street Bunkhouse**  
517 W. Vermont, Osborne  
Phone: (785) 282-4875  
Airbnb.com

**Vermont Street Villa**  
517 W. Vermont, Osborne  
Phone: (785) 282-4875 or  
Airbnb.com

## Camping

**Alton RV & Campsite**  
Airbnb.com

**Downs Roadside Park**  
Park Access Rd., Downs  
First-come, first-served camping for up to  
three days

**Pine Parks RV - Osborne**  
314 E. New Hampshire St., Osborne  
Phone: 785-620-7149

**Bull City Roughriders Arena**  
2460 W. 70<sup>th</sup> Dr., Alton  
Phone: (785) 984-8037 or (785) 476-5522  
Overnight horse lodging and RV hookups  
available

## Hunting Lodges

Osborne County is a premier destination for hunters. With abundant wildlife, including pheasant, quail, turkey, and white-tailed deer, the area offers outstanding hunting opportunities in scenic rural landscapes. Local hunting lodges provide convenient accommodations and a warm welcome.

**Covert Creek Lodge**  
County 671 Ave., Waldo  
Phone: (844) 304-7498

**Gallery Guest House**  
502 Ray St., Downs  
Phone: (785) 454-3920

**High Plains Hunting**  
234 S. Second St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-6426

**Outdoor Obsessions**  
820 Kansas St., Downs  
Phone: (785) 565-2584  
myoutdoorobsessions.com

**Rubline Lodge Farmhouse**  
167 W. 30<sup>th</sup> Dr., Downs  
Phone: (719) 429-2028

**South Forty Lodge**  
1046 County 693 Ave., Downs  
Phone: (785) 454-6289

**Swinging G Lodge & Hunts**  
769 S. 220<sup>th</sup> Ave., Alton  
Phone: (785) 476-5710

**Webbed Feet Down Outfitters**  
105 Mill St., Alton  
Phone: (970) 302-9677

# Gas, Convenience & Grocery

## Everyday essentials at home

Whether you need to fuel up, grab a quick snack, or pick up basic essentials, these businesses provide friendly service and reliable access to the necessities—all close to home.



## Gas

### Alta

235 S. 1st St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-5791

### Corner Cupboard

200 S. 1st St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-2929

### Midway Coop

707 N. First, Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-5812

### Alta

299 US-24, Downs  
Phone: (785) 454-3442

### Midway Coop

306 Mill St., Alton  
Phone: (785) 984-2214

### Masters Oil Company

718 N 2nd St., Natoma  
Phone: (785) 885-4804

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## Grocery

### Downs Super Foods

507 Morgan Ave., Downs  
Phone: (785) 454-3331

### Dollar General

109 W. Washington St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 201-9247

### Girard's IGA

116 S 1st St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-2600

## Laundry

### The Washboard

W. Main St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-2600

### Scrub Tub Laundromat

919 Morgan Ave., Downs  
Phone: (785) 346-2600

**For more business listings contact the Chamber of Commerce**

### Downs Chamber of Commerce

PO Box 172, Downs  
Phone: (785) 454-6670  
Facebook: Downs Chamber of Commerce

### Osborne Area Chamber of Commerce

130 N. 1st St., Osborne  
Facebook: Osborne Area Chamber of Commerce

# Automotive



## Auto care close to home

Osborne County offers quality auto care close to home, with trusted mechanics and service centers that keep your vehicle running smoothly. From routine maintenance to major repairs, you'll find friendly, reliable professionals ready to get you back on the road.

## Auto Service

### Midway Coop

707 N. First, Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-5812

### Schoen's Auto Repair LLC

385 W. Hwy 24, Downs  
Phone: (785) 454-3318

### Sturgeon's Tire & Alignment

107 W. New Hampshire St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-4406

## Auto Body

### Curry's Body Shop

206 North Sixth Street, Osborne  
Phone: 785-346-2926

### Herrman Collision & Repair

134 N. Locust, Osborne  
Phone: (785) 345-4001

## Auto Wash

### Classic Car Wash

905 N. First, Osborne

## Auto Repair

### Birdsall Automotive LLC

117 E Jefferson St, Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-4880

### Cantu Auto Repair

235 S. 1st St., Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-5791

### JB & Sons Auto Repair

268 W Hwy 24, Downs  
Phone: 785-454-3454

### Nopens Garage

306 S. First, Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-9490

### Rick's Repair

134 S 1st St, Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-2213

### Schoen's Auto Repair LLC

385 W. Hwy 24, Downs  
Phone: (785) 454-3318

## Auto Detailing

### Rock-A-Motive

(785) 717-8020

### Totally Dawsome Detailing

(785) 346-4002

## Auto Sales

### Curry's Body Shop

206 North Sixth Street, Osborne  
Phone: 785-346-2926

### J&S Auto

304 US-24, Downs  
Phone: 785-454-3931

### Moore AutoHub LLC

126 W. Jefferson Street, Osborne  
Phone: 785-335-9205

## Auto Supplies

### NAPA Auto Parts

853 N 2nd St, Osborne  
Phone:(785) 345-4975

### Miller Welding / Bumper-to-Bumper

354 US-24, Downs  
Phone: (785) 454-3425

### S&W Supply Company

505 S. First, Osborne  
Phone: (785) 346-5495

For information about auto insurance providers, see the Financial & Legal section



# Daycare & Preschool



## It takes a village

Families can find licensed care options in multiple communities, making early childhood education accessible and convenient. These programs support early learning and social development, helping prepare children for a successful start in school.

## Early education key

Osborne County offers quality childcare and preschool options to support young families across the region. Because availability can be limited, it's important for parents to plan early when seeking childcare services. Several licensed childcare providers operate throughout the county, offering safe and nurturing environments that promote healthy development. Preschool programs are available for children starting at age three, helping prepare them for kindergarten through early learning and social interaction. Families are encouraged to take advantage of preschool screening opportunities offered each spring to assess developmental milestones and ensure children are ready for the classroom. These early education opportunities play a vital role in helping children thrive in their first years of school.

**Health screenings and immunizations are available at the Osborne County Health Department**

115 N. 1st St., Osborne | Phone: (785) 346-2412

## Daycares

**Little Giggles Daycare - Downs**

(785) 639-1394

**Little Knights Learning Center - Downs**

(785) 454-3332

**Pooh's Playhouse Home Daycare - Downs**

(785) 545-5911

**Aunt Meg's Daycare - Osborne**

(785) 346-6031

**Linda's Home Daycare - Osborne**

(785) 346-5714

**Rainbow Blessings Daycare - Osborne**

(785) 314-0341

**Rebecca McNeal Home Daycare - Osborne**

(785) 346-6376

**Stepping Stones Academy - Osborne**

(785) 533-1502

**USD 399 Daycare - Natoma**

(785) 885-4843

## Preschools

**USD 272 | Lakeside**

Phone: (785) 781-4911

**USD 392 | Osborne**

Phone: (785) 346-5491

# Schools

## Building skills for life

Osborne County is proud to offer excellent educational opportunities for students of all ages. Our public school districts are committed to academic excellence, personal development, and community involvement. With small class sizes, dedicated teachers, and strong community support, Osborne County schools provide a welcoming environment where students can thrive.

USD 392 and USD 272 are both members of the North Central Kansas Consortium, which works to prepare students for college, careers, and the workforce. In partnership with Fort Hays Tech North Central, the districts offer students access to technical education in areas such as welding, carpentry, ag mechanics, and more.



*Students at Natoma High School develop practical skills and craftsmanship through the school's woodshop program, where they learn woodworking techniques, safety practices, and project design. The program encourages creativity, problem-solving, and hands-on experience that prepares students for careers in trades, construction, and engineering, as well as for personal lifelong skills.*

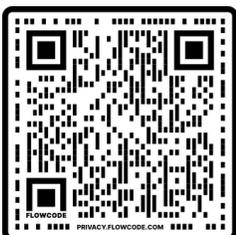


**USD 272**  
**WACONDA**

(785) 454-3332

[www.lhs.usd272.org](http://www.lhs.usd272.org)

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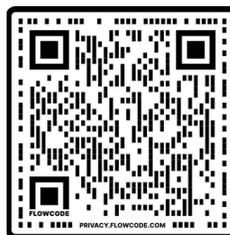


**USD 392**  
**OSBORNE COUNTY**

(785) 346 - 2145

[www.usd392.com](http://www.usd392.com)

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**USD 399**  
**NATOMA**

(785) 885 - 4843

[www.usd399.com](http://www.usd399.com)

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## Building the future

OCCF strengthens Osborne County through strategic, long-term philanthropy by providing local grants and building permanent endowments that generate annual funding for local projects, programs, and scholarships.

## Get to know the Osborne County Community Foundation

Osborne County Community Foundation (OCCF) was founded in 2017 with the mission to aid people to invest meaningfully and make a difference in their communities by building permanent endowment funds while using a portion of the annual income to meet charitable needs. The Foundation is an affiliate of the Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation, which maintains a 501(c)(3) status.

Osborne County lies in the 26-county region of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation service area. The Hansen Foundation initiative to create a county foundation for each county without one in its service area was integral in the development of OCCF.

Since its inception, OCCF has awarded over \$890,000 in community grants that support a broad range of charitable causes. Due to generous individuals in Osborne County, we can have long-term solutions for a better present and future for our residents.



**OSBORNE COUNTY**  
**Community Foundation**

An Affiliate of Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation

PO Box 85 ,Osborne | Phone: (785) 346-2412  
[www.osborneccf.org](http://www.osborneccf.org) | [osborneccf@gmail.com](mailto:osborneccf@gmail.com)

*This guide is brought to you by OCCF. In addition, OCCF services to Osborne County residents includes, but are not limited to, the following. Visit our website for comprehensive information about OCCF.*

- **Helps individuals, families, and organizations create charitable funds**
- **Manages endowed funds that support local grants and scholarships**
- **Partners with donors and leaders to identify community needs and opportunities**
- **Strengthens Osborne County through strategic, long-term philanthropy**



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**[www.osborneccf.org](http://www.osborneccf.org)**