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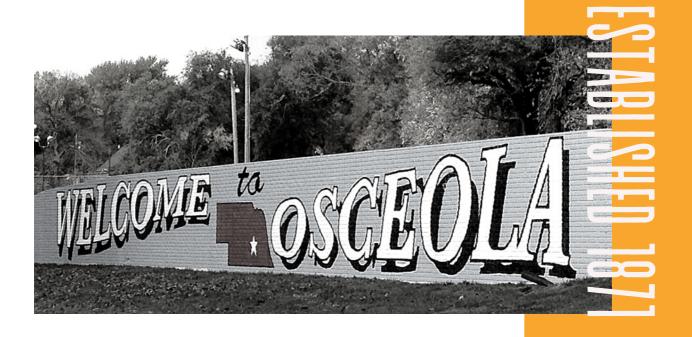
SESQUICENTENNIAL



SATURDAY, JULY 2ND | 5:00 PM

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF

"REMEMBERING WHEN..."



- Osceola's Sesquicentennial King & Queen
- Parade Entries "Remember When"
- Q150 Committee Efforts
- Thank Yous

THE OSCEOLA SESQUINCENTENNIAL CELEBRATION IS DECICATED TO GENERATIONS OF OSCEOLA CITIZENS. WE PAY TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO CAME AND <u>STAYED</u>. HAPPY Q150, OSCEOLA!

OSCEOLA'S SESQUICENTENNIAL KING AND QUEEN

The Osceola Q150 Committee has recognized two community members as the Osceola Sesquicentennial King and Queen. These two individuals met the following criteria and won the popular vote within the Q150 Committee.

Criteria

- 1. Honorable The persons chosen must have served our country or be a member of the Osceola Legion Post #91 or Osceola Legion Auxiliary.
- 1. "Old Timer" In 1964 the Osceola Chamber of Commerce and the Polk County Historical Society planned the first annual "Old-Timers" days for September 16th and 17th. Their committee gave special recognition to persons in the community over the age of 85. The Q150 committee would like to carry on that little piece of tradition at our sesquicentennial celebration and the persons chosen must be 85 and older.
- 1. Civic Minded The persons chosen must have owned a business in Osceola, been a member or leader of local organizations, volunteered, and/or made a difference in our community.



The King and Queen are riding in convertibles driven by family or friends of their choice. The King's convertible is a 1958 Chevy Impala owned by Jon and Nancy Tonniges. The Queen's convertible is a 1957 Bel Air owned by Steve and Sheila Tonniges. We want to thank both of these couples for letting the King and Queen feel special in their classic cars!

OSCEOLA SESQUICENTENNIAL PARADE ENTRIES

"REMEMBER WHEN..."

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... THE AMERICAN LEGION WAS ORGANIZED?

At a meeting held at the courthouse on November 25, 1919, William Wolfe Post #91, a local post of the American Legion was organized by a number of ex-servicemen. The flags are being displayed today by the current Commander of the Osceola American Legion - William Wole Post #91, Scott Anderson.

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... THE SHERIFF RESPONDED TO CALLS ON HORSEBACK?

On August 6, 1870 Ole Bredeson was appointed the first Polk County Sheriff. The Polk County Sheriff's Office has been serving the county for the past 151 years! Representing the Polk Country Sheriff's Office, the 23rd Sheriff of Polk County, Sheriff Dwaine Ladwig.

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... WE VOLUNTEERED FOR OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS, AND STILL DO?

The walkers you see today are all children and family of current members of Osceola Volunteer Fire and Rescue. The department has been serving our community since 1890. One day the future generation will be serving our community as volunteers too!

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... OSCEOLA VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE WAS ESTABLISHED?

Osceola Fire and Rescue was established in 1890 under the name of J.L. McKeever Hook and Ladder Company. The name sake was in honor of a \$25.00 naming rights donation. Throughout the years the Osceola Fire and Rescue Department has been on duty protecting the citizens of Osceola 24/7/365. Osceola Fire and Rescue is made up of 20 dedicated firefighters staffing 7 emergency vehicles and are part of PSO Truck Company One, a shared ladder truck with the communities of Stromsburg and Polk. We invite you down to the station tomorrow for a day chalked full of activities. We want to thank the citizens for their support throughout the years!

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... WE CROWNED A SESQUICENTENNIAL QUEEN?

Mary Ellen "Toodie" Wobig has been a member of the Legion Auxiliary for 72 years consecutively, with 54 of those years being in Osceola. She was a member of St. Vincent's choir and St. Vincent's Altar Society since 1950, Gab-A-Lots since 1952, and PEO since 2000. She was an Osceola Girl's Scout Troop Leader and she was the only woman serving on the City Planning Commission when Dr. Monson was the Mayor. Toodie and her husband Glen owned Lorre Lanes Bowling Alley from 1960-1971. They also donated Musselman's Popcorn Stand back to the community to be restored and enjoyed in the Pocket Park for many years to come. The Osceola Q150 Committee is honored to name Toodie Wobig as Osceola's Sesquicentennial Queen!

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... WE CROWNED A SESQUICENTENNIAL KING?

James C. "Jimmy" Marak served in the United States Navy from 1951-1955. Jimmy has been a member of the American Legion Post #91 for 60 years consecutively. He graduated from Osceola High School in 1946. Jimmy & Delores owned Marak Hardware & Farm Store from 1975-1983. After, he became the Grounds Keeper at Ryan Hill Country Club and maintained the ground for over 30 years. Jimmy was a Charter Member of the Golden Rod Saddle Club that started in 1967 and put on Horse Shows in Osceola. He was voted on the Polk County Fair Board and served from 1973-2017. He served as the President for 37 of those 45 years until his son Cal took the position. His grandson, Max is also on the Polk County Fair Board. Jimmy is very proud that 3 generations of Maraks have served on the Fair Board and have graduated from Osceola High School. Jimmy still mows the fairgrounds today! The Osceola Q150 Committee is honored to name Jimmy Marak as Osceola's Sesquicentennial King!

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... OSCEOLA WAS FOUNDED IN 1871?

The first settlers to the area were Rev. James Query and Vinson Perry Davis in October of 1868. V.P. Davis named Davis Creek and Osceola. William Frederick Kimmel and John H. Mickey founded Osceola in 1871. By January 1872 the first courthouse was in place. In 1872 they surveyed and platted the village. The village was incorporated August 30th, 1881 having 200 residents. Osceola has had a school since the fall of 1872, marking 150 years of education! Osceola is also the home of 3 Nebraska Governors and 1 Wyoming Governor. Thank you for celebrating 150 years of Osceola Nebraska with us! Go Bulldogs!

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... JULIUS JOHANSEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE POLK CO. COMMISSIONERS?

The descendants of Julius A. Johansen are celebrating Osceola's Q150 and the 100th Anniversary of the beautiful Polk County Courthouse. Julius was a member of the Polk County Commissioners when the Courthouse was built. Prior to the construction of the courthouse, it was brought to a vote of the people of Polk County where the county seat should be located--Stromsburg or Osceola. Julius was instrumental in convincing patrons to vote, especially in the precincts north of Osceola.

The float is being pulled by a 1953 Ford Jubilee tractor. Arthur Johansen, youngest son of Julius A. Johansen, purchased this tractor new in 1953 from Tom Reese Ford in Osceola. It has been in the family since that time, and is currently owned by Kelley Johansen, son of Bill and Nadine Johansen and grandson of Arthur Johansen.

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... WE GOT MAIL TWICE A WEEK FROM COLUMBUS BY STAGE?

The Osceola Post Office was established on July 21, 1871 upon appointment of James Query as the first Postmaster. There have been 17 Postmasters who have served the Osceola office since.

IN ... MCCORMICK DEERING INTRODUCED THE FIRST FARM-ALL TRACTOR?

Rudy Sandin of rural Osceola bought this 1928 Farm-All Regular new! Rod Jones is the second owner of the tractor and restored it in the 1980's.

... THE MUSTANG MACH 1 WAS PRODUCED?

This 1973 Mustang Mach One Convertible is owned by Scott and Connie Kramer of Monroe. Connie is the granddaughter of Gus and Ester Boden whose homestead is where Scott Jensen now lives. Lloyd and Viola Boden were Connie's parents. They lived here from 1960 to 1968.

1 ... ALL TRACTORS HAD NATURAL AIR CONDITIONING & MANUAL GPS?

"Doot" - a 1958 Ford 841 Diesel is owned by Kent & Renee Johansen and was Renee's Grampa Perry Waddington's tractor. Kent restored this tractor in 2009 with the help of Rick Rieck and Pat Wieseman. It is driven today by family friend, Ron Christensen.

... OSCEOLA HAD IT'S OWN NEWSPAPER?

The *Homesteader* was Osceola's first newspaper in 1873. It was renamed the *Osceola Record* in 1876 and remained that until 1993 when the papers merged to become The *Polk County News*. We continue to honor this history with a page in the newspaper. Locally owned and operated, your *Polk County News*.

... TRANSPORTATION DIDN'T USE GAS?

This Tesla Model 3 is owned by Polk County RPPD and was purchased with the help of a \$16,000 grant. This EV has a top speed of 145 MPH, can do 0-60 in 4.2 seconds and has a range of 322 miles on a single charge, which 150 yeas ago would have taken the settlers almost 22 days to complete. A recharge on the car can happen in less than an hour on a fast charger or overnight in your garage. EVs may not be right for everyone, but if you would be interested in learning more about how affordable they are to operate, their low maintenance cost, or their outstanding performance, contact Polk County RPPD. They'd be happy to answer your questions and set up a test drive for you!

... KENT JOHANSEN WAS BORN?

"Jerry" - a 1950 International Farmall M - is owned by Kent and Renee Johansen and was Kent's father, Jerry Johansen's, first tractor. Jerry purchased the M in 1965, the year Kent was born! Kent restored this tractor with help from his dad, Rick Rieck, Kent Urban, Augie Goelz, and Scott Anderson.

... EVERYONE CRUISED AND GAS WAS ONLY \$.25 PER GALLON?

Rich and Bonnie Lacy own this rare supercharged Shelby Mustang. It was restored 42 years ago. Rich raced this car on many speedways around the U.S. It is being driven today by their son Jeff Lacy and his wife Erin.

... CARS ONLY DID 45-50 MPH AND GAS WAS \$.10 A GALLON?

Rich and Bonnie Lacy have owned this 1930 Model A Ford for 51 years. They were the 3rd owners and restored it 43 years ago. Their children all grew up riding in the rumble seat.

... GOD MADE A FARMER?

"On the 8th day God looked down on his planned paradise and said, "I need a caretaker." So God made a farmer." As leaders in the field, RedStar is bringing growth to agriculture.

... WE WERE THE BULLDOGS? OH WAIT! WE STILL ARE!

Osceola Public Schools has been the center of the community of Osceola since the towns first year in 1871. We are celebrating many fun, successful years of being The Bulldogs! We love our small town public school! Thank you for all the support over the years! GO BULLDOGS!

... SPORTING EVENTS DIDN'T HAVE CHEERLEADERS?

Osceola High School has been holding cheerleading tryouts for around 80 years! In 2002 Sheila Tonniges started The Dazzlers, an Osceola Dance Team. For 8 years both the cheer and dance team performed at half-time and cheered on the Bulldogs together. In 2010, the two squads decided to combine and are still cheering on the Dawgs in 2022. Since 2007 when the Nebraska State Cheer and Dance Championships started, your OHS Cheer and Dance team has brought home 2 State Runner-Up Titles and 2 State Champion Titles. Many of the Dazzlers walking today were a part of those Championship routines! Your 2022-2023 Dazzlers are Kirsten Glatter, Taylin Sanley, Kenzie Tonniges, Janna Roberts, Melinn Roberts, Sadie Sterup, Camryn Peterson, and Emersyn Prososki. They are coached by Tasha Weller and Molly Gillespie. GO BIG ORANGE!

... PINNACLE BANK CAME TO OSCEOLA?

The Dinsdale family purchased the Osceola location in 1961. At that time, First National Bank was located where the City of Osceola office is now. They changed the name to Pinnacle Bank in 1999 and moved into their new facility in 2016.

... GATHERING GROUNDS WAS RED & WHITE?

Red & White grocery store opened sometime around 1940 (Roy McDonald). The McDonald family and Red & White served the Osceola community until 1995, when the store closed. Fast forward nearly 25 years to 2019, when Steve & Annette Davis acquired the building from the city. The space set empty until rehab began in 2019 and carried through 2020. Gathering Grounds Coffee House opened on November 6, 2020 and looks forward to serving Osceola and surrounding communities for many years to come!

n ... Wobig & son EQPT. And Lorre Lanes were on the square?

Glen & Toodie Wobig moved to Osceola when Glen and his father, Alex, purchased the international Harvester Dealership in 1950. After Alex was killed in an accident in 1953, Glen continued running the business until 1961. At that time Glen & Toodie purchased the bowling alley. It was called Lorre Lanes. The whole family, including all five of their children, worked there in some capacity until it was sold in 1973.

... THE GOOD SAMARITAIN SOCIETY CAME TO OSCEOLA?

The idea of a care home was first conceived in 1960 when the Chamber of Commerce asked community members what was most needed in Osceola. The community was responsible for raising 1/3 of the building cost and then turned it over to GSS. The money was raised in 2 months. The project was completed in 1962 with a total building cost of \$140,000. For 60 years Good Sam has been a vital asset to this community and the Polk County area by locally employing those who care for you and your family while providing rehabilitation, assisted living, or long term care. The Good Samaritan Society has been here when you needed us. We thank you for your continued support. Mark Erhart will be chauffeuring resident Stanley Lamb in his red Volkswagen Convertible on behalf of GSS!

$\mathfrak{P}_{\mathsf{L}}$... THEY DID IT ALL BY HAND?

Sponsored by Monson Antiques in downtown Osceola, this float takes us back to the time before technology and even electricity—a time when everything was done by hand. From churning butter and spinning wool to cutting crops and taking cream and milk to town, it was truly all done 'the hard way'. The float is being pulled by Pete Peil on his 1951 8N Ford. We welcome you to stop by Monson Antique Trading Co. after the parade.

... THE 8 & UNDER GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM WERE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS?

The Osceola 8u softball team finishes their season as the 2022 8u League Champions and the Big 10 Tournament Champions. The team consisted of Faith Alexander, Gracelyn Warren, Emma Peterson, Evelyn Christy, Adelynn Jakub, Addilyn Alexander, Kaiylen Baloun, Gracyn Schrier, Oakley Jelinek, Evelyn Coffin, Reagan Nutz and coaches Adam Peterson, Kelsey Davidson, and Jim Nutz.

... A JOHN DEERE TRACTOR COST \$10,000 NEW IN 1971?

In 1971, a new John Deere 3020 (driven by Richard Boruch) cost \$10,000. In 1982, a new John Deere 4440 (driven by Nick Boruch) cost \$45,000. Today a new John Deere 8r 370 (driven by Trevor Boruch) costs \$490,000. AKRS Equipment, your local John Deere Dealer in Osceola, is still operating in the original location where the first John Deere Dealership building was constructed in 1971.

... STROMSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT WAS ORGANIZED IN 1888?

Stromsburg Fire Department has 30 members providing fire and rescue protection for just over 95 square miles in Polk County.

• ... STROMSBURG CROWNED THE SWEDISH FESTIVAL KING & QUEEN?

In 1962, the Stromsburg Commercial Club decided people of the community who have contributed graciously of their time and talents should be rewarded. Each year since, two people are honored as the king and queen, crowned during the Swedish Festival in mid-June. Joining us today is the 2022 Stromsburg Swedish Festival King, Joel Linn, and Queen, Barb Fowler. They are accompanied by their attendants Ila Rystrom, Raylynn Wochner, Wesley Ziemba, and Carter Kaup.

... THE OSCEOLA MASONIC LODGE WAS INSTITUDED?

Osceola Lodge No. 65, A.F.&A.M. was instituted June 29, 1877. Rick Jones, past Master of the Osceola Lodge, is driving his 1967 Cadillac DeVille. Accompanying him is Gregg Johnson, who is also a past Master. Gregg is also a Charter Member of Ryan Hill Country Club and has been a Shriner for 52 years!

... THE MUSSELMAN POPCORN STAND WAS RE-ESTABLISHED?

In 1930, or around that time, a man by the name of Harry Musselman opened a popcorn stand on the southwest corner of the square. With time it was eventually closed down, moved north of Osceola, and turned into a chicken coop. Then in the 1950's , Glen and Toodie Wobig acquired the little building and moved it south of town to their home, where it first became a playhouse and later a garden shed. In 2014, Glen and Toodie generously donated the popcorn stand back to the community, where it became the focal point of the newly renovated Pocket Park. The Harry Musselman Popcorn Stand now resides across the street from where it sat decades ago. This iconic piece of Osceola's history will now be enjoyed by generations for decades to come, thanks to the generosity of one couple, dozens of volunteers, and hundreds of hours of work.

... A GALLON OF FUEL WAS \$.65?

It was in 1988! This 1988 Mustang GT Convertible is owned by Nicole Brumbaugh, the great granddaughter of Gus and Ester Boden. Nicole has lived in Osceola since 2019.

... MIKE STROMBERG SOLD VEGETABLES DOOR TO DOOR?

This Gym Dandy Surrey was won by Merv Stromberg in 1964. Mike Stromberg used to peddle around the neighborhood selling vegetables. The Surrey appeared in many of the past Osceola Old Timers Day Parades and 3 generations of the Stromberg Family have enjoyed rides. The Merv and Ruth Stromberg Family have been active members of the Osceola Community since 1949.

... MINNEAPOLIS MOLINE AND OLIVER TRACTORS WERE THE TRACTORS OF CHOICE FOR YOUR FARM?

Osceola Implement has been a staple in the community since 1910, where it has remained locally owned and operated. It moved to its current location along Highway 81 in 1946 when Marlin & Elmer Johnson purchased the business. In 1992, Leonard and Mary Davidson purchased the business. Todd and Carlie Davidson purchased the business from Todd's parents in 2010 after they retired. Currently, there are two generations of Davidson working together in the dealership. Construction of the current facility was completed in 2010. Osceola Implement started as a Minneapolis Moline and Oliver dealership and through the years has followed all of the AGCO brands in their umbrella. They currently carry Massey Ferguson, Challenger, Gleaner, Sunflower, and White Planters. In 2016, they added Kubota tractors and construction products to their inventory lineup. Driving a 1971 G850 Minneapolis Moline tractor is Garrett Davidson who restored it with his father, Todd. It was sold by Osceola Implement to Tom Kries of Stromsburg and purchased back from him in 2014 when Tom retired.

$\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{ar{\mathsf{L}}}$... MIKE THE MEAT MAN CAME TO OSCEOLA?

Mike Branting started working at Johansen Jack and Jill in Osceola in 1981. In 1983, he went to work at Economy Food Store in Stromsburg. Mike purchased the grocery store in 2009. Economy been privileged to serve Polk County and the surrounding area. Mike and Roni want to congratulate the City of Osceola as they celebrate 150 years!

🖟 ... THERE WAS AN ICONIC 10 MINUTE MOVIE CAR CHASE IN 1968?

The 2001 Mustang Bullitt was Ford's first attempt to commemorate the original from the film *Bullitt*. This is a 2001 Mustang Bullitt owned by Cameron Brumbaugh. Riding with him is Cale Brumbaugh, the great-great grandson of Gus and Ester Boden. He is an 8th grader at OHS! GO BULLDOGS!

... IN 1961 LEACH SEED & SUPPLY SERVE THE OSCEOLA AREA?

Norm Leach started selling Pioneer in the Osceola area in 1961. He took over for his dad, Verl, who was a Garst and Thomas representative since approximately 1943. In 1999, Norm retired with Tim Pallas taking over the agency. He now operates Pallas Seeds with his son, Cale, and sales associates, Bill Hoffman and Nate Hoffman. Proudly serving the Osceola Area for 61 years and counting!

... REMEMBER WHEN CHEVY MADE ITS FIRST TRUCK IN 1918?

This 1948 Chevy Pickup Street Rod is owned by Gregg and Denice Kresha. It features a 350 Crate motor, 700 R tranny, Tilt wheel, Pw steering, and power 4 wheel disk brakes.

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... IT WAS ALL LITTLE TRUCKS AND WOODEN STRUCTURES?

This 1934 B4 International 1 1/2 ton truck is driven by Nathan Podliska, of Frontier COOP. One of only 4,277 built, this truck was restored by Frontier COOP employees in 1990 and 1991. Neil Kaup is driving a propane tank, Frontier's biggest bottle rocket. Driving Frontier's 2016 Kenworth semi is Shawn Wieseman. In Frontier's pick-up is Derrin Kula. Frontier Cooperative would like to thank everyone for all their past, present, and future business. Give Jenny at the elevator a call, we can take care of it all! Here's to a long future in Osceola!

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... GREAT GRANDPA FARMED?

Brant Gabel's Great Grandpa Duane bought this 1983 Belarus 250 AS new. Brant looks forward to farming and keeping his family history alive.

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... ARE FORGOTTEN, WE ARE NEVER FORGOT BY GOD!

Brian Gabel is driving this 1961 Ford 750 Rat Rod Truck repurposed and given new life as art. Hoping to "ignite" your curiosity in something bigger than this world can offer.

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... NEBRASKA ADOPTED A UNICAMERAL LEGISLATURE SYSTEM IN 1934?

Patrick Hotovy from York is running for the Nebraska State Legislature to represent District 24. He wants to congratulate Osceola on it's Sesquicentennial and would appreciate your vote on November 8th!

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... STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER WAS OUR SCHOOL SONG?

Hurrah for our dear OHS
For the school with the spirit to win
Our banner's afloat in the sky
And we're cheering for glorious win
So come let us cheer and be gay
As we fight fully onto victory
Our team will defend us forever
Our team will fight
Our team will fight
To win tonight!

Driving is Riley Girard, a 4th generation graduate of Osceola High School!

Q150 COMMITTEE EFFORTS



THE OSCEOLA COMMUNITY GALA

THE FORMAL EVENT OF THE DECADE!

The Q150 Gala was held Saturday, February 2nd at the Polk Co. Fairgrounds. Formal attire, dueling pianos, a wine pull, and auction were the events highlights. Together we raised enough money to offer all of the events for the Q150 Celebration for free to our community. It was a huge success and the memories made will last a lifetime!



OSCEOLA Q150 COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

WORKING TOGETHER TO BEAUTIFY OSCEOLA!

Volunteers with the City of Osceola, Osceola Public Schools, Osceola Community Action Group, the Park Board and members of the community came together to paint light poles, pick up trash, weeds, and limbs around town. We can't thank each of you enough for all of your help making Osceola a welcoming place to visit and live!



OSCEOLA Q150 COOKBOOK

A 288 PAGE COLLECTION OF RECIPES!

Cookbooks will be available to purchase for \$20 at the Civic Center on Saturday, July 2nd. You may also stop into the City Office or email Tasha Weller at tashajweller@gmail.com to request one.



0150 COMMERATIVE RIFLE

.22 GAUGE HENRY GOLDEN BOY RIFLE

Raffle tickets are available for \$20 per ticket from Amy Theis, Tasha Weller, Sarah Johnson, Ron Boruch, or Cal Kropatsch. The drawing will be held on Sunday, July 3rd at the Firehall. You do not have to be present to win!



0150 T-SHIRTS

SHOW YOUR OSCEOLA PRIDE!

Shirts run \$12 for youth sizes, \$15 for adult sizes, and \$18 for size 2XL and up. Return your forms and payment to Tasha Weller at the City Office. All order forms must be received by Friday, July 8th.

THANK YOU.

It is impossible to list everyone who has contributed to this weekend of celebration. There are easily over 100 sponsors, volunteers, community members, businesses, or organizations who have all played a role in creating this special occasion. Here are a few who went above and beyond for our great community:

- Tasha Weller
- Debbie & John Girard
- Vicki Jones
- Renee & Kent Johansen
- Rachel Tagge
- Penny Rathjen
- Miranda Ericson
- Sarah Johnson
- Amy Theis
- Molly Gillespie
- Emily Triplett

- Jessica Gasper
- Mark Dahmke
- Dustin Augustin
- Chris Hays Zoning Administrator
- Osceola Legionnaires & Auxiliary
- Osceola Volunteer Fire Department
- Polk County Historical Society
- County Commissioners & Courthouse Staff
- Osceola Mayor & City Council
- The Osceola City Guys
- The Osceola Orange Book

To the many of you who also selflessly dedicated time, money, and effort towards this event and its preparation that are not recognized here; we sincerely thank you. Our community would not be what it is without your presence and volunteerism.

- The Osceola Sesquicentennial Comittee