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Your Guide for

PRATT, STAFFORD, KIOWA & BARBER COUNTIES

GREETINGS *from* PRATT

As mayor, it is my privilege and honor to welcome you to the City of Pratt on behalf of the City Commission and the citizens of Pratt. Pratt is the county seat of Pratt County with a population of nearly 6,500 and is strategically located on highways US 54/400, US 281, and K-61. We are known as the "Gateway to the Plains". This makes Pratt a regional center for shopping, medical care, higher education, cultural activities, outdoor recreation, agriculture, and industry. Our friendly and generous people plus our small town charm makes Pratt a diversified community and a great place to visit and live.

The City of Pratt is capable of producing all needed electrical power when required from city owned electrical generators. Pratt supports progress and is pleased to announce the construction of a 6 megawatt 22,000 panel solar plant located on city property beginning in June 2018. This solar plant will supply power exclusively to the citizens of Pratt. This forward thinking green technology places Pratt on the forefront of progressive small cities. Utility services from the City also include water, sewer, and trash at very reasonable rates. There are two industrial parks and the Pratt Regional Airport with a 5,500 foot runway which have space available for growth and development of business and industry.

There are historic brick streets throughout the City and Main Street has been completely renovated with new sidewalks, lights, and intersections making it an attractive and pleasurable place to shop and dine.

Our police department is well staffed and equipped to preserve good order, peace and quiet throughout the city as provided by law. Our fire department is also well equipped and continually trains providing excellent response times for the preservation and protection of property and the extinguishing of fires.

The education system in Pratt consists of two unified school districts serving grades K-12, active home school organizations, and the nationally ranked Pratt Community College.

Pratt has abundant and diverse churches throughout the community representing most faiths. Our large Greenlawn Cemetery is well managed and kept so as to provide the maximum in respect to those resting there and easy access for visitors. On Memorial Day services are conducted on site and the cemetery is beautiful with the flowers and flags.

Pratt can provide attractions and activities for all ages. There are 270 acres of parks in the city of Pratt with the showcase being Lemon Park and Sixth Street Park during the Christmas Season and is lighted with unique and entertaining decorations. It is well worth several trips through these parks after dark to view the different displays. There are walking paths and hiking trails and each season brings a different beauty to our parks. Those that prefer inside exercise can utilize the Blythe Family Fitness or there are two nine-hole golf courses within minutes of the city.

Green Sports Complex offers a first class baseball and softball facility. For those who prefer to play tennis there are abundant well maintained courts.

This area of Kansas is well known for outstanding hunting and fishing opportunities. There are numerous close by walk in public hunting areas offering excellent pheasant, quail, deer, turkey, dove, and waterfowl hunting. The Pratt County Veterans Memorial Lake offers easy access for productive fishing entertainment. Close by is located the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks which offers public fishing, a huge hatchery, and an excellent museum which is well worth spending some time to visit.

Pratt has been the home of the Miss Kansas Pageant since 1955 and is held annually in June. There

have been three Miss Kansas winners from Pratt that have received the Miss America crown. During the pageant week there are sidewalk sales, community events, and an evening parade.

Pratt is fortunate to have three outstanding museums which can offer more than you can see in one day. The Pratt Historical Museum has extensive displays and even offers a standalone environmentally controlled world class Native American display. The All Veterans Memorial and B 29 Museum at the Pratt Airport pays honor the servicemen and women who served here during WWII. Individual research of the B 29 and it's role during WWII followed by an actual visit to the museum is very educational and rewarding. The Vernon Filley Art Museum which includes permanent collections and touring exhibits is an absolute must see during your visit to Pratt.

Pratt is fortunate to have Pratt Regional Medical Center. This state of the art regional hospital and referral center is equipped with the most up to date diagnostic equipment available. Their medical staff, nursing staff, and ancillary staff will provide the best care possible. Pratt is also fortunate to have available professional dental care and just recently opened a new dental clinic. There is not another community of this size in the country that has the medical care facilities or medical staff that can be found in Pratt.

This is just a glimpse of what the Pratt community has to offer. It is a safe, affordable, and progressive community to live and work in. I sincerely hope you will put Pratt on your bucket list to visit in the near future, shop in our stores, dine in one of our restaurants, visit our museums, hunt or fish, watch a ball game, and stay in one of our hotels.

– *Sincerely*

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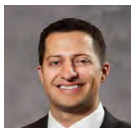


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Attractions IN PRATT

Pratt is a pretty town, with wide, tree-shaded streets, a well-developed park system, including its showpiece Lemon Park and a good representation of historic buildings. But what is there to do here?

Plenty.

The Pratt County Historical Society Museum is well-regarded in the state, with its “Main Street” of reproduction storefronts and shops and a variety of exhibits and displays. In fact, if you’re a history or genealogy buff, you will find resources there, along with a helpful curator and her volunteer staff.

A B-29 Museum is being developed on the site of the World War II era Pratt Army Airfield north of town. A static display of aircraft is at the entrance to the current Pratt Regional Airport.

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Education Center is just outside of town, on K-64. You can meet “Dirty Harry,” the retired deer decoy that was responsible for catching many a poacher, see some snakes and learn about the early days of Kansas’ largest fish

hatchery and Seth Way’s techniques that revolutionized the hatching process.

If you’re a sports fan, there is a tournament going on nearly every summer weekend at Green Sports Complex. In the winter, you can be a Beaver Backer, supporting Pratt Community College men’s and women’s basketball teams, or a Greenback or Thunderbird Booster, following sports at Pratt and Skyline schools.

Art? Check out the Delmar Riney Art Gallery at Pratt Community College or Pratt’s newest attraction, the Vernon Filley Art Museum, showcasing a permanent display of mostly southwestern art as well as visiting displays of several genres.

Literature? You’ll find it at Pratt Public Library at the corner of Fourth and Jackson.

Camping, fishing or kayaking? Visit Pratt County Veterans Memorial Lake, where improvements to the facilities are ongoing. There are 20 full-hookup RV sites and piers for fishing. If they’re biting or you’re lucky, you can catch bass or walleye.

A nature trail winds through the wetlands at the northwest side of the lake. There is another nature trail in Lemon Park, along with a concrete walking path nearly a mile long that meanders through a park graced by hundreds of trees.

Cool off at the Ellis D. Kinney Swimming Pool.

Shop at several unique downtown gift shops. Try some fudge at Simply Southwest or a special coffee creation at N’Cahoots Coffee & Shoppe.

If you’re in Pratt during the county fair, a mile south of town, don’t miss it. Families can get an entertainment bargain by buying a fair membership package and there is also a free evening show. The carnival offers thrills for all ages.

Check out the exhibits and step into the cafeteria for a meal or a cool drink. The fair is scheduled for July 25-28 in 2018.

What else? Stop by the Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce at 114 N. Main and pick up some brochures for the area.

NEW ADDITIONS *in* PRATT

If growth is a sign of a healthy community, then Pratt is doing just fine.

Pratt Family Dental moved to a new, expanded facility at 501 South Fincham that gives them much more room and an opportunity for additional services.

In 2018 Home Lumber completed an extensive remodel inside and out at their 803 North Main location in Pratt.

Casey's General Store, which opened its doors in 2017 at 1900 East First Street, underwent a remodel to add showers for the many truck drivers and travelers that have made it a favored stop for food, fuel and a place to rest. Built on the site of the former Paso Junction, the intersection of U.S. 54 and K-61 is a prime location for heavy truck and other vehicle traffic. Casey's food products, especially their pizza, have brought in a host of customers.

The Ninja Sushi & Steak House joined the list of eating establishments in Pratt in the past year. Located in the former Long John Silvers restaurant at 1803 East First Street, the Ninja Sushi and Steak House provides Pratt with a new style of cuisine plus more traditional fare.

Another recent restaurant addition is Trinity Smoke House at 1219 East First Street in the 54 Plaza mini-mall. The restaurant features traditional BBQ served as indoor seating or takeout. Catering throughout the area is an added benefit.

The completion of Merchant Park, located at the intersection of South Main and Fourth Street, brought a new, clean look to the intersection which for years was a vacant lot where the former Briggs Hotel was located. The hotel was torn down decades ago and the lot was used for a parking lot until a Leadership 2000 Plus class took on the project to turn it into a park for downtown Pratt.

The project had to pause for a time due to the renovation of the Parrish Hotel into Parrish Lofts. Due to utilities necessary for the Parrish Lofts project that had to run through the Merchant Park location, construction was delayed until the utilities were in place.

The chief feature of the park is the paving bricks that were taken from Main Street when the bricks from five downtown blocks were replaced with concrete. Volunteers spent uncounted hours cleaning the bricks to get them ready for the park. When the bricks were installed, there weren't enough so



more volunteers cleaned more brick to finish the paving.

The park features flower boxes and trees, benches and street light posts that are similar to the new benches and lights that were put in place during the downtown beautification project. There are bike racks and a raised stage area.

Future additions planned for the park are a cover for the stage area and an arch entrance way.

The park's central use is as a host for Farmer's Markets every Saturday morning. A special emphasis is placed on the second Saturday of each month with additional vendors and live entertainment. The site is available for activities and is adjacent to the newly refurbished Parrish Lofts, a project that turned the Parrish Hotel that sat vacant for over 30 years into low-income apartments.

Located on the ground floor of the Parrish Lofts is the new Parrish Cafe' with Christy Landis as owner operator. The menu is a healthy one. Food is prepared fresh daily and salads are a speciality along with soup and potatoes. Landis strives to use

organic products as much as possible. But for those with a sweet tooth, a variety of sweets including cake, shakes, cobbler, sundaes and ice cream is available.

Parrish Cafe' is open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday with happy hour from 2 to 5 p.m. Catering is also available.

Just across a half block from Merchant Park is the Pratt Public Library that completed a more than a year complete renovation of the interior of the library in early 2017. The entire library was gutted and redesigned with a new floor plan that improved improved space usage for children, teens and adults. Walls were insulated, new windows, lighting and carpeting were installed along with new desks, chairs, book shelves, storage units, a more functional crafts room, redesigned restrooms for ADA requirements and other features have allowed the library to better serve the community.

With all these improvements and more to come, Pratt continues to grow and help its citizens prosper.

SEIDEL'S *golf* COURSE



It's an oasis of green where people come to test their skill and patience.

Located at 30370 NE 30th Street, Seidel's Golf Course sits among groves of trees and its rolling hills give golfers nine holes that challenge their golfing skills.

Owner Robert Seidel maintains and manicures the course to assure golfers of a well kept facility where they can practice their game.

The nine hole course was built in 1985 and is a par 35 that covers 2,628 yards over the 45 acres of the course. The course is open year round and golfers can play at any time. Daily green fees are \$15 and cart rental is \$15 per nine holes. Member rates for singles are \$450 a year and couples are \$700 a year.

The course is open to both members and walk-on. Currently, the course has 70 members.

Seidel said that most of his business is in the spring and fall, his busiest day of the week is Sunday.

Some of his busiest days are in the middle of winter. When people have been cooped up for a while and the weather turns nice, reaching upper 60s to low 70s, they take the opportunity to get out of the house and play nine holes, Seidel said.

Matt Lynch is a regular at the club and tries

to play four times a week. He enjoys walking the course but confesses that he appreciates a golf cart when he makes the walk up that last hill on No. 9. Lynch likes the course and sometimes plays two balls at once to get in more practice.

It takes a lot of work to maintain the golf course. Depending on the time of year, Seidel mows the fairways twice a week and the greens are mowed every other day at least. His mowing machine gives the grass such a fine trim that it almost resembles a lush, green carpet.

Mowing the greens every other day makes the surface smoother and allows the ball to roll easier, Seidel said.

Seidel has Bent grass on the greens that is very tight and forms a solid, smooth surface.

Anyone who has been in Kansas very long knows it gets hot in the summer and that means grass is using a lot of water to stay alive and grow. Seidel said once the temperature gets above 80 degrees, he has to water the course every day. He usually does the watering at night

for the golfers' convenience.

Taking care of the golf course is pretty much a one-man operation but he does get some help with the mowing from his sister Rhonda Freund and from his friend Kelly Eastes.

Maintaining the course and equipment takes up most of Seidel's time but he enjoys it and enjoys what it does for the golfers.

"It's a lot to do. I do it for the people more than anything else," Seidel said.

For information about the course, contact Seidel at 620-672-7468.

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N'CAHOOTS is brimming with KINDNESS

George Nusz and her daughter Tiffany Riley were brimming with smiles at the grand opening of their new shop, N'Cahoots & Shoppe, in October and eight months later they are still happy with their cappuccino machine and customer support.

"We've been so blessed," said Nusz. "We are busy. Pratt has been so supportive."

Nusz said the most popular item in the store that keeps people coming back is the coffee. Latte, to be exact. But the bakery items, unique clothing and a wide variety of repurposed antiques give everyone who comes through the door something to smile about.

"We wanted to give other businesses an opportunity to market their items and it just enhances our store as well," Nusz said. "We are here to support all of Pratt and highly recommend other stores and where to go for special items to those who come in and ask."

Harmony Lane Revival, a local antique repurposing business, furnishes an eclectic assortment of benches, doors, shelves and decorations that customers enjoy browsing through as they sip their coffee.



"Everything in here is for sale," Nusz said. "We understand that someday our vendors may go on to own their own shop because of their success here. And that's OK. We will just give opportunity to another vendor then."

Ellen Mohler, Mulberry Lane Kitchen, provides pastries, muffins and cookies that go so well with coffee. Soups and sandwiches are also popular lunchtime offerings, and quiche is enjoyed by many who stop by for breakfast.

Of course, there is a wide variety of coffee for customers to drink in-house or get to go. A special wooden door criss-crossed with a mock washline holds coupons for free drinks to be claimed. Some have specific designations, like "free coffee for a policeman" or for "Miss Kansas when she comes to town." Other coupons offer a free drink for a "mom with a cranky child," or a free cup of coffee to be redeemed by "someone having a bad day."

"We are having a lot of fun with the free coffee coupons," Nusz said. "One woman came in and bought 20 coupons and sat and filled them all out. Our board is always full, we have a lot of people who like to be givers."

Nusz credits her daughter with many of the unique features of the store. Riley created the multicolored N'Cahoots wall and created the Caffeine Kindness door with free coupons.

"This is just something we have always wanted to do together," Nusz said. "We are having a lot of fun with it and are so glad to share these blessings with Pratt."

N'Cahoots is open from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. They are closed on Mondays, but hope to add evening hours and events. Lunch service starts at 11 a.m. Bakery items often sell out for the day.

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Pratt County

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

The Pratt County Historical Society was established in 1967 and first had a museum on Main Street. They outgrew the space quickly, and by chance, a lumberyard went out of business about the same time, leaving a lot of empty square footage just a block east of the main business district. Then a large donation was made to the Society for the establishment of a museum.

Under the direction of Quentin Hannawald, a Society director and retired contractor, the store area was converted to exhibit space and the lumber bins became a model of a Main Street that might have existed in 1884, when the city of Pratt was incorporated. Hannawald promised that Pratt could have one of the best small-town museums in the state, and many think that goal was accomplished.

It's one of the town's top tourist attractions and is a source for materials and assistance for historical and genealogical research. All former county newspapers are available on microfilm.

Exhibits highlight the area's rich Native American history with the extensive Jon Hartman collection now on rotating display. Read about the collection elsewhere in this publication.

You'll also find a model of a cave where early day trapper Skunk Johnson lived and held off an Indian attack.

There are covered wagons, plows and hand-forged tools, along with old quilts and clothing.

Period rooms offer a peek into life as it once was. There is a school-room with a teacher and pupils and a judge presiding over a courtroom. See a parlor and dining room set in pioneer style, and a bedroom with a baby in the cradle.

Imagine having a tooth pulled in an old-fashioned dentist's office or ordering a soda in an old-time drugstore. Ask "Central" to connect the wires so you can use that new-fangled device, a telephone.

There is a large military display and exhibits highlighting cattle and oil, both important industries in the area.

A small chapel on the second floor has been the site of weddings. Also on the second floor is a Miss Kansas Gallery, with pictures and memorabilia for every titleholder crowned in Pratt. There are also exhibits detailing the history of 4-H and the Pratt County Fair, Pratt Regional Medical Center and more.

If it has to do with Pratt County history, there is probably an example of it in the museum. If you've visited the museum once, you probably didn't see all there is to see. And if you did, new artifacts may have been donated. A Wizard of Oz display is on loan from collectors Larry and Lyn Fenwick.

The museum is open from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1 to 3 p.m. on the weekends. Call 620-672-7874 for information.



Hartman EXHIBIT

The Pratt County Historical Society Museum has a vast array of artifacts covering the history of Pratt and Pratt County. From the earliest county settlers and the development of cities, the museum is a depository of historical items covering everyday life including a replica of an old time Main Street, farm life, World War II and the Pratt Army Air Field, the Miss Kansas Pageant and numerous aspects of life in Pratt County.

In 2017, an extraordinary collection of native artifacts, many of them collected in Pratt County, became available to the public in a new section of the museum housed in a temperature controlled environment.

The late Jon Hartman's includes over 800 items plus some 200 spear and arrow points and scraping stones. The collection comes mostly from the Southwest where Hartman collected during his summers off as an art teacher in Great Bend.

He also collected some items in Pratt County and purchased an entire collection of Alaskan Native American artifacts from a Dr. Barker. Many of the items are from the pre-reservation era. He went on many archaeological digs and collected from other collectors, garage sales and flea markets.

He was very persistent when he discovered an item he wanted that someone else owned. He

would repeatedly ask if they wanted to sell the item and he eventually got it, whatever it was, said Society Member Thad Henry.

His collection includes a lot of pottery, with one piece more than 1,000 years old, clothing with intricate bead work, weapons, headdresses, toys and the list goes on and on. It is one of the finest collections of Native American artifacts in the state, said Museum Curator Charmaine Swanepoel.

Hartman began collecting when he was just 8 years old and spent the next 60 years gathering artifacts. He graduated from Pratt High School in 1958, attended Fort Hays State University and taught art in Great Bend for 35 years. He lived in Pratt on the weekends and had an apartment in Great Bend where he stayed during the week. He never married and spent his summers adding to his collection, Henry said.

When Hartman died in 2014, he wanted the entire collection to come to Pratt. Getting the collection to the museum was quite an undertaking in itself. It took two days and numerous trips to get the entire collection from his house to the museum.

Then the real work began. Hartman had a vast knowledge about his artifacts but he didn't write

anything down. So the museum staff has been doing extensive research to get items properly identified for display.

To accommodate the new artifacts, the museum has remodeled an office space on the south side of the museum. The new space features ample display cases, special lighting and a new security system.

Even with the new space, the Harman collection is so big, it cannot be shown all at once. So the museum will rotate the items on display to give visitors a chance to see collection over a period of time.

Some of the artifacts include eagle feathers so the museum is working closely with a variety of agencies to assure they meet all necessary requirements for display.

"We do have lots of hoops to jump through," said Society President Tim Kuhn.

The rotating Harman exhibit takes space that was one rented out as office space. Since that revenue has been lost, the museum now charges at \$4 fee for adults at the door.

The museum is located at 208 South Ninnescah in Pratt. Hours are 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday – Friday and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The phone number is 620-672-7874.



B-29 History Museum

Pratt has a strong historical connection with World War II and the B-29 Bomber.

The Pratt Army Airfield was opened in 1943 north of Pratt on an open prairie and became the first training facility in the world for the new B-29s as they rolled off the assembly line in Wichita. More than 23,000 Army Air Corp flight and ground crew members trained at the airbase from 1943 to 1946, when the airfield was closed. Among those who trained at Pratt were Col. Paul Tibbets, who piloted the Enola Gay that dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, and Maj. Charles Sweeney, who piloted the B-29 Superfortress Bockscar that dropped the atomic bomb on Nagasaki.

The base now is the Pratt Regional Airport, and has an extensive industrial park.

The B-29 Bombers on the Prairie Museum is located in the parachute building, one of the few original structures remaining, which has been placed on the state register of historic places. The museum is open from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays during the summer and other times by appointment by calling (620) 672-8321.

An extended restoration of the parachute building has been completed and the building looks much like it did inside and out from 1943 to 1946. A portion of the parachute-drying room houses a video viewing room that is also used for live presentations.

The museum has numerous artifacts including the complete historical records of the 29th Bomb Group, one of four bomb groups that trained at Pratt including the 29th Bomb Group, the 40th Bomb Group, the 364th Bomb Group and the 497th Bomb Group.

Displays are dedicated to the five bomb wings that served at PAAF: 58th Bomb Wing, 73rd Bomb Wing, 313th Bomb Wing, 314th Bomb Wing and 315th Bomb Wing. Each of these displays and others at the museum feature QR codes that provide more information.

The museum has also received historical records for the 73rd Bomb Group and the 444th Bomb Group. Those records are in temporary storage but, like the rest of the records, they eventually will be on permanent display.

The most recent additions to the museum are two new displays on the "Pratt Aviators Wall of Fame." The stories of 1st Lt. Dwayne Adams of Cullison and Lt. Col. Jack Graber of Wilmore are on display along with several items of memorabilia. Graber and Adams join pilot Gene Aenchbacher in this section. Aenchbacher was a World War II pilot

and his section features his history, medals and artifacts from his 30-year career in the Air Force.

Soon to be added to the Wall of Fame is Pratt pilot George Chandler.

Among the more recent acquisitions to the museum is a pool table that was used on the base. It was located in Pratt and donated to the museum. Research is being done to determine if officers or enlisted men used the table.

Other recent additions include a B-29 Radial Engine (Wright R-3350 Duplex-Cyclone) that was one of the original engines on the B-29 "Doc" that was recently restored to flight status.

One of the more unique displays is a hard fabric reserve fuel tank that was used to extend the B-29's range. The fuel tank was designed to fit right on top of the bomb bay door. When the fuel was used up, the tank was simply dropped out the bomb bay. The tank is very rare and may be the only known tank to survive.

The airport has 18 sites, mostly foundations, but one of the five original hangars that could hold two B-29s at the same time still exists along with the Norden Bombsight holding buildings, the parachute building as well as a couple of other buildings.

Also coming soon is a driving tour of the base and some of the housing that still exists in Victory Heights and, if possible, the committee wants to

restore a couple of apartments to how they looked during the war.

Construction on the next segment of the walking tour for the PAAF sites should begin in the summer of 2018. This will join the half-mile long path already in place. Those projects were made possible thanks to a grant from the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism. The walk features stations with photos and descriptions of the original facilities on the field.

Another improvement at the airport is a new restroom facility that was installed in May 2017 next to the B-29 All Veterans Memorial located at the main entrance to the airport. Air conditioning and heating have also been added to the museum.

The group has a monthly newsletter "Tailwind" named after the original base newspaper. Promotional work is planned to help raise awareness about the airbase.

Anyone interested in getting involved is encouraged to attend the monthly meetings at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Pratt Fire Station meeting room.

The other Army Air Fields in Kansas were at Great Bend, Smoky Hill at Salina and Walker Air Base at Russell. Information about the Pratt Army Air Field is available at www.prattarmyairfield.com



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VERNON FILLEY Art Museum

The Vernon Filley Art Museum in Pratt is a cultural center for the purpose of collecting, preserving, and exhibiting art. Two interior galleries continually host displays by renown and upcoming artists, plus permanent displays of collected works, while an outdoor patio features sculptures in concrete, bronze and iron. A gift shop offers amazing selections for public sale and fosters continued interest and exhibition space for local and eclectic creations.

The museum offers on-going art classes for students of all ages in a wide variety of mediums.

New this year, visitors to the museum will be able to use iPads purchased with the support of a

\$10,000 grant the museum received from the Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission. Additional sponsorship for the new exhibit comes from local contributors Pratt Regional Medical Center and Sue Peachey Insurance.

The iPads are QR coded to display videos about the construction of each item in the Doug Herren collection, and also offer the history behind clay works and instructions on how to create items at work tables right there in the museum.

“It will take about an hour for people to go through the ceramics exhibit, with a stop at the clay table where each participant gets a ball of clay and creative guidelines,” said museum director Brittany Novotny.

“I really think hands-on is the way to go. It makes museums so much more interactive.”

Herron, an artist with Pratt roots, was able to supply the museum with pictures of each stage of creation for each exhibit. Novotny was able to take these photos and combine them into instructional QR-coded videos. Cell phones with the proper apps can also be used in

conjunction with the exhibit.

The interactive ceramics exhibit runs from April 21 to July 21. The museum is located at 421 S. Jackson Street, Pratt. Information on new and continuing art exhibits and hands-on classes can be found at www.vernonfilleyartmuseum.org.



ABOVE: A life-size bronze sculpture of three donkeys, titled “Swat Team” by Robin Laws of Wyoming, arrived April 21, 2017 amidst morning showers at the Vernon Filley Art Museum in Pratt. Laws’ “Swat Team” weighed approximately 900 pounds and had to be moved by fork lift, courtesy of J. A. Knight Construction. It is part of the museum’s National Invitational Art Show and Sale which ran April 22 through July 21. The donkeys came with a price tag \$69,000. Those helping the move the display were Tim Joseph, Jon Novotny, Adam Hasken and Qwist Joseph.

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KDWPT

Education Center

Where can one see numerous displays, dioramas and exhibits of Kansas-native birds, fish, mammals and reptiles? There's only one answer: the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Education Center. And best of all, it's free.

The emphasis of this very unique Center (531 SE 25th Ave., (620)-672-0776) is to help folks, locals and visitors alike, to "discover" the wildlife of Kansas. For example, the facility's "winter" diorama provides a glimpse of how wildlife deal with the snow and cold of Kansas winters. Another area — the grassland display — depicts the three grasslands (short, mixed and tall) of Kansas and wildlife common to each region; including two, rare black-footed ferrets.

The nearby raptor exhibit features owls, hawks, falcons and the strangely named kites, all featuring hooked beaks and razor-sharp talons. In all, more than 128 species of birds and their eggs can be found here.

Mounted big game heads are on display in the hallway featuring a large bison, antelope and elk.

The wetland wall display includes information and pictures about Cheyenne Bottoms, one of the five most important wetlands on the North American continent.

One of the most popular areas is the aptly named Aquarium Room. It contains twelve 400- to-600 gallon aquariums. Each displays fish species native to Kansas or that have been successfully introduced to the state. They include crappie, sunfish, catfish, walleye and members of the bass family. Large snapping turtles are also on display and a new darter exhibit is under development.

On the east wall are two wall panels — the first featuring the early history of the Pratt Hatchery, the second featuring details on the program of rearing catfish from egg to fully-grown fish. There's also a working model of Seth Way's incubating trough.

Throughout the aquatic room are drawings of native fish by Joseph R. Tomelleri.

Another display room features KDWPT law enforcement equipment and confiscated illegal hunting and fishing equipment.

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks Education Center hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, except on holidays. In the summer, June through August, the Center is also open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each Saturday. It lies just off Highway 54 on 25th Ave., just two miles east and a mile south of Pratt.





Parrish LOFTS

A skyscraper on the Plains and an important feature of Pratt's "half-million dollar block" when it was completed in 1930, the Parrish Hotel last housed guests in 1974 and last saw business of any sort in the 1980s. For three decades, its boarded-up facade was a prominent point on the downtown landscape.

During 2015 the eight-story building was cleaned up, polished up and reopened in late December 2015 as Parrish Lofts, with 23 one- and two-bedroom apartments available to middle-income residents.

Jake Mooney, an owner of MRE Capital, of the Kansas City area, saw the building's potential and found a way to finance the more than \$5 million project, with the aid of federal affordable housing tax credits and credits available as a result of the hotel's placement on the Kansas and National Registers of Historic Places.

A building that was an eyesore and a distraction to the image Pratt wants to project has become a focal point and a positive image, said Bruce Pinkall, Pratt's recreation director and all-around spokesperson.

"It's a place we can be proud of," he said.

Manager Linda Fletcher describes Parrish Lofts as "like living in a city in our small

community" — new and fresh, all major appliances, including washer and dryer furnished, no yard work and close to downtown. Other amenities include a theater and small exercise room. Tenants range from 22 to 79 and include a few parents with children. It has become a community, she said.

The art deco exterior was pressure washed and bricks were repainted where needed, but before the project began, engineers declared the structure to be sound and strong. The lobby is period appropriate, with the original terrazzo floors and metal stair railing. A small piece of crown molding remained, and was replicated. The overall effect has been duplicated from a photo from the 1930s, according to Fletcher.

Construction of the hotel began in January 1930. The city had a brand new Municipal Building that was expected to become a major convention center. There were other hotels within walking distance, but city leaders were thinking big.

Original plans called for a four-story structure at a cost of \$200,000; the project grew to eight stories with a quarter-million price tag. Construction progressed at the rate of a floor a week and the hotel opened in June, with only two stories completed. Rooms rented for \$1.75

to \$2.50, depending on accommodations.

The Hotel Roberts, named in honor of its first manager, boasted 85 guest rooms, three apartments, a Grill Room, barbershop, drug store and a ballroom that was considered the ultimate in luxury.

For a period of about 10 years, beginning in 1932, a group of doctors operated a hospital on the eighth floor of the Roberts. Some of Pratt's oldest residents may have been born or treated there.

C.C. "Monty" Parrish of Great Bend bought the hotel in 1957, changed the name and ran it until 1974. In the 1980s, an ice cream shop, a tanning salon and other retail businesses and offices were in the Parrish briefly.

Besides apartments, the Lofts has space for a retail business on the ground floor that is available for rent as this magazine goes to press.

A previous owner of the Parrish described it as "a project whose time has not yet come." Residents and city leaders wondered if the time would ever come, as rumors of various uses for it circulated and died.

The time has come and the Parrish is once more a viable part of downtown Pratt.

Blythe FAMILY FITNESS

Blythe Family Fitness plays a big part in keeping Pratt healthy with exercise classes for all ages and types, cardio and weight training on all modern equipment. The health center offers a well rounded fitness experience, with the amenities, leagues, daycare and staff to help meet all fitness goals.

From 60+ movement classes to martial arts, dance, spin and much more, there is something for everyone who wants to get in shape.

Blythe also hosts many regional and state tournaments for basketball, volleyball, archery and gymnastics clubs.

The Amateur Athletic Union State competition has been to Blythe twice in recent years, bringing more than 660 gymnastics participants from all over the state, plus families, coaches and judges in to enjoy what Pratt has to offer.

Blythe was picked to host the competition after a committee of 25 AAU coaches visited the facility, discussed running the meet and

checked out the town for activities to do and places to eat while there is free time during the meet. They checked available parking and felt it was adequate for the event. The coaches were impressed with everything they saw.

"We passed with flying colors," Kaufman said. "They loved the facility. They loved the flow. They couldn't believe it was in such a small town. But the biggest reason was the hospitality. They just felt very welcome here. That's why they picked us."

Locally, the Southwest Elite Gymnastics team practices at Blythe with members from Pratt, Medicine Lodge, Greensburg and Cunningham.

Other businesses kick in to help with large events at Blythe. The Sawyer Family Food Store provides catering for coaches, Starvin' Marvin serves BBQ on request, and Balloons and More helps with decorations as needed.

Blythe contributes to the good health of both patrons and the local economy.





Pratt Regional MEDICAL CENTER

Pratt Regional Medical Center, located on First Street, a major Pratt thoroughfare, is one of the city's largest employers, largest buildings and most used facility by out-of-town and local consumers.

New this year is an added layer of security in the Family Birth Suites to help ensure the safety of the center's youngest patients. The hospital recently installed the Hugs® Wi-Fi Infant Protection solution from STANLEY Healthcare to safeguard its infants and children from the threat of abduction and mother/infant mismatches.

"The safety and wellbeing of our newborns is our most important priority," said Susan Page, CEO. "The Hugs solution will assist us in creating a safe and secure environment for patients, family and staff."

PRMC has also implemented the Kisses® component of the Hugs solution to provide automatic mother/infant matching notification. Each mother is given a small Kisses tag that is bonded with her infant's Hugs tag at birth. From that point forward, the tags remain bonded throughout their stay in the hospital. Nurses are immediately alerted of a mismatch with an audible indicator.

Another recent addition to PRMC is a 3-D Mammography machine that allows for more accurate diagnosis and fewer unnecessary call backs.

Other perks the PRMC offers as a top-notch, complete medical care facility include: new private in-patient rooms; renovated emergency department; outpatient area with all the services easily accessible upon entering the hospital; a new

MRI; enhanced imaging services and laboratory; new kitchen, dining area, chapel and gift shop; enhanced surgical services suite; new operating rooms and much more.

PRMC is a growing medical center with a 51-bed short- and long-term care facility, home health agency, rural health clinics and specialty physician clinics.

The active medical staff consists of four family physicians, five internists including a gastroenterologist, an oncologist, an interventional pain management specialist, a general

surgeon, a gynecologist, two orthopedic surgeons, a podiatrist and a radiologist. Other specialists provide services on PRMC's campus one or more times per month. Those services include: dermatology, nephrology, neurology, ophthalmology, otolaryngology, sleep medicine, urology, cardiology, and vein and cosmetic procedures.

PRMC continues to build for the future of healthcare by focusing on its mission to provide excellent and compassionate healthcare services for years to come.



Pratt County

VETERANS

MEMORIAL LAKE

Sometimes called Pratt County Lake for short, the Pratt County Veterans Memorial Lake is one of the premier recreation facilities available in Pratt County.

Pratt County Veterans Memorial Lake covers about 53-55 acres and is located two miles east of Pratt on Lake Road. Although primarily for the use and enjoyment of Pratt County citizens, the lake also attracts visitors from outside the county. About 15,000 people visit the lake annually for fishing and other activities.

Fishermen from an 80-100-mile radius, from as far away as Garden City and Wichita, are drawn to Pratt County Lake, which is well stocked with game fish including channel cat, crappie and large-mouth bass. Fishing amenities include a boat ramp, numerous fishing piers, a walkout island, a fish preparation station plus hookups for campers. All the fishing piers have shelters complete with picnic tables and fire rings.

Tent camping fees are \$5/night on the piers for up to five days. RVs/campers without services are also \$5/night, or vehicles/campers can hook up to one of 20 available spots that include electricity and water. Primitive camping is also available on the island and east of the lake past the dam.

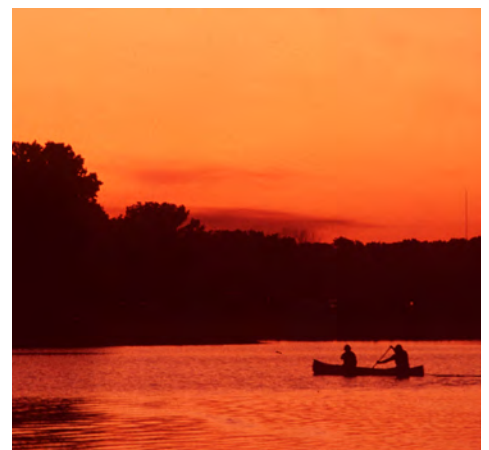
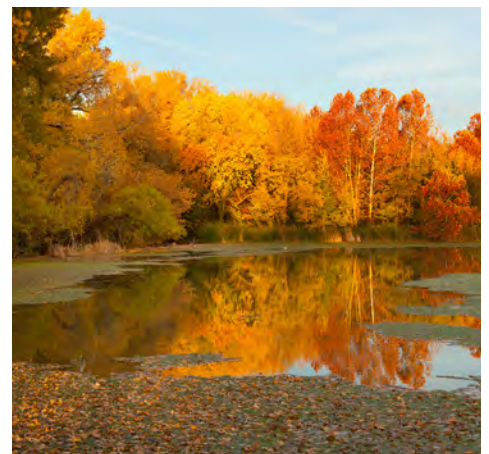
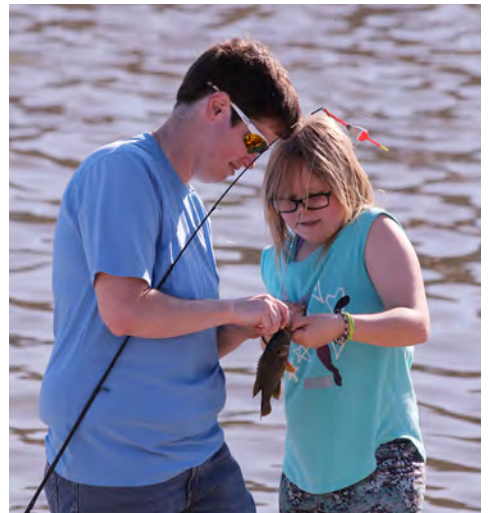
Plans are underway to establish kayaks for rent at the lake for \$10 for up to two hours. Life jackets required and available, all children must be accompanied

by someone 18-years-old or older.

In addition to camping and fishing, lake-goers can enjoy bird watching — especially during goose migration — or hiking. The Arthur Fincham Trail through the wetlands on the west end of the lake provides an elevated walking path through the cattails that allows the visitor to see wetlands flora and fauna up close. The trail has rest stations with tables, kiosks with information and an animal sounds feature.

Other features at the lake include flush restrooms, an RV campground with water and electric connections at each site, a dump station for recreational vehicles, playground equipment, a floating dock that provides a handicapped-accessible platform for handicapped fishing and a boat ramp for direct access to the river for non-motorized boats. Two spacious shelter houses are available for picnicking or other uses. A playground is also available.

Pratt County Veterans Memorial Lake is a summertime tradition in Pratt, hosting a variety of fun outdoor activities throughout the season. One of the biggest events at the Lake is the Independence Day celebration that always draws an overflow crowd to enjoy the water, the outdoors and the fireworks. The 2017 fireworks celebration will be held July 1 to attract a larger crowd.



PRATT IS PROUD *of its* PUBLIC LIBRARY

“Whether you want to read the latest best-seller, watch the newest blockbuster on DVD, learn a new craft, participate in a book discussion, or encourage a love of reading in a child through Story Time, you can find what you are looking for at the Pratt Public Library, said Rochelle Westerhaus, library director.

This is not a musty old warehouse for books that hasn’t changed in decades.

In 2016, the physical plant is undergoing a year-long renovation that will update the appearance, improve energy efficiency, provide more space for contemporary activities, allow for growth in technology and make space available for community meetings.

At the same time, the print collection gets new selections each month and the growing digital collection includes magazines, e-books and American and international newspapers available through the website, www.prattpubliclibrary.org.

There is a well-developed program of activities

for all ages:

- Toddler Time for children up to age two and parent(s) or caregiver meets each Tuesday.
- Preschool Story Time for 3- to 5-year-olds meets on Monday and Thursday.
- K-4 Fun @ Your Library is an after school program that offers a variety of activities, including a monthly Lego Club, Stories and More that teams up a craft and story and other special programs.
- Tween Zone meets Monday, Wednesday and Thursday during the school year and makes a variety of games and technology available to fifth through eighth graders. On Tuesdays, it’s Tween Flick, with movies and popcorn.
- Adult activities include a Second Tuesday craft class and two book discussion groups, one led by a local leader and the other in cooperation with scholars of the Kansas Humanities Council TALK series.

In addition, the library offers computers for public use, free Wifi access, FAX, document scanning

and copy services.

A goal for the future, once all the remodeling is done, is to offer a private area for people to do Skype sessions.

The library is located at 401 S. Jackson. It is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 to 6 on Friday and Saturday. For information, call 620-672-3041.



Skyline USD 382

SKYLINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 438

School colors: Columbia blue and white

Mascot: Thunderbirds

The first 50 years of Skyline USD 438 are in the book. In May 2018, more than 500 former Thunderbirds held a grand anniversary event, looking to the future and celebrating past success.

Located two miles west of Pratt on U.S. Highway 54, Skyline is home to K-8 elementary students and grade 9-12 high school students. This past year, a pre-school opened in the facility, as well. The district is a consolidated system that includes Sawyer, Coats, Collision and Byers. Current enrollment is more than 390 students. Geographically, it is a large rural district, spanning 490 square miles.

Skyline Superintendent Becca Flowers has been superintendent since 2015, but started her career at Skyline in 1989 when she was hired to establish a school counseling program. She became K-8 principal in 2011, then took over the superintendent’s duties.

She has seen a lot of changes over the 29 years she has been at Skyline, but says the heart of Skyline is and will always be great relationships and decisions made on behalf of the students.

New buildings and courses have been added

over the years and changes in technology have been a driving force in the district. A new playground was added to accommodate the added preschool students last fall.

“Many of the changes that have happened at Skyline since I’ve been here can be attributed to the advancement of technology in one way or the other,” Flowers said. “Textbooks have taken a backseat to the information and resources available on the web. We still use some textbooks, but we are able to supplement a lot more with the most updated practices and information.”

Communication with parents has changed; parents can frequently look on the Internet to see their child’s academic progress. It’s not unusual for teachers and parents to email and text to discuss a student’s progress.

“Students are able to get engaged in learning activities that utilize technology to learn new information, solve problems and present their information,” she said. “Technology has helped us to broaden our learning opportunities with on-line learning, virtual tours and collaboration. One day I watched in amazement as our fourth graders interacted with fourth-grade peers in Alaska; that sure wasn’t happening 30 years ago. Next year we will be able to offer at least four different foreign language options to our students through on-line learning facilitated

by an on-site facilitator,” she said.

Academic contests and events have developed into contests that require coding and programming robots. Sports facilities are important as well. Two gymnasiums for basketball and volleyball, a recently updated football field, dirt track and weight room offer unlimited participation opportunities for students. A new press box was added last year to the football field.

“I was very excited when we started a vocational agriculture program in 2016. This will provide our students with tremendous opportunities to grow their leadership skills. Agriculture is the economic driver of this community and this program will definitely help raise our students to be adults who contribute to and appreciate the great agriculture industry surrounding us,” Flowers said.

In just the past year, the Kansas State Department of Education recognized Skyline as a Gemini Redesign district, which means that the district is researching and developing plans to implement changes to the way they educate their students.

“One minor change we made was to eliminate most of the bells that ring throughout the day. This practice is no longer relevant and our students will not be in situations beyond high school where a bell, buzzer or siren signals them to get up and move,” Flowers said. “They are going to have the opportunity to use their resources to get where they need to be on time, a life skill they will need forever. Our high school students will be on a different schedule next year that will continue to provide them with the opportunity for great learning and will also remove some of the one-size-fits-all structure of the day that will require students to plan and utilize their time, another essential skill of successful adults.”

U.S. News & World Report, along with School Evaluation Service, ranked Skyline High School among the top 10 percent of schools in 40 states. Only 18 Kansas schools shared that distinction. Skyline students continually rank at the top of state assessment tests. Skyline is a “What Parents Want” multiple award winner.



Pratt USD 382

PRATT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 382

Mascot: The Greenback AKA

The Fighting Frog

School colors: Green, gold and white

PRATT HIGH SCHOOL

Completed in 2008, the new 95,000 sq. ft. Pratt High School (400 S. Hamilton 620-672-4540) is home to over 280 students. PHS boasts state-of-the-art facilities in academics, activities and athletics. The artificial turf football field proudly displays the Fighting Frog.

Technology is a major learning tool for students and teachers. The 1:1 initiative provides each student with a laptop to enrich the learning experience. The focus on technology is further enhanced by the 3D printer, a laser cutter, housed in the new Maker Space. Students use the space for creating, designing, and “tinkering” with computer components, including the writing of computer code.

In addition, PHS is known for its award-winning arts programs. The band, the Pride of South Central Kansas competes biannually at Disney World. The choir and Pratt High Singers perform all over the area, delighting audiences with their highly ranked musical sound. The PHS Musical is an event the entire community supports. The PHS Forensics Team is proud to carry the 2015 State Runner-up Championship Trophy.

Another new initiative at Pratt High — actually at USD 382 in grades 7-12 — is implementation of a new College and Career Readiness counseling program. There is a renewed emphasis upon making sure students graduate from PHS with the necessary vocational, college, and/or work skills to join today’s work force. Students, who begin the program in grade 7, con-

tinue to pursue career inventories, assessments, and job shadowing so they can make informed decisions for their futures. Students begin an individual plan of study in 7th grade, which helps guide their class selection and job shadowing experiences. The 8th and 10th graders job shadow so they are able to make more informed career decisions. The WorkKeys program allows students to earn a certificate they can show to prospective employers, demonstrating they have completed a program that measures their work skills.

ACE BUILDING

Located across the parking lot from PHS, and sometimes referred to as ‘the old high school’, the ACE Building currently houses central district offices(620-672-4500), the USD 382 Board meeting room, curriculum offices and the district’s Early Childhood classrooms. USD 382 offers four different sections of preschool, ranging from Parents as Teachers for ages birth-3, through preschools for 4-5 year-olds, to an all-day Transitions Kindergarten. USD 382 has preschool covered!

SOUTHWEST ELEMENTARY

The Southwest Elementary School (1100 W. 8th 620-672-4520) was constructed in 1962 and houses K-4 students. Student learning is the focus at Southwest and receives wonderful community support and parental participation. Outdoor facilities used by students and patrons in the neighborhood include OWLS (Outdoor Wildlife Learning Site), a walking trail and bridge, and modern playground equipment. Southwest is poised to provide a high-tech learning environment for students with Smartboards, document cameras, and iPads for each

classroom. Children’s social development is also emphasized through the SuperFrogs Character Education Program. Southwest utilizes MTSS, a multi-tiered intervention time to improve math and reading.

LIBERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

LMS (300 S. Iuka 620-672-4530) opened its doors to grades 5-8 in the fall of 1983. Its comprehensive curriculum and activities programs are designed with middle school students in mind. The focus is on student participation and achievement, character development and school-wide enrichment activities. The advisor-base homerooms emphasize relationships and community service. An updated auditorium contains 455 seats.

Along with USD 382’s emphasis on developing students’ job skills, LMS students spend nine weeks exploring careers, skills, and work etiquette, culminating with a job-shadowing experience. Academic extra-curricular activities include Builders Club, Brainstorm, Geography Bee, Spelling Bee, Math Strategies, Science Olympiads, LMS musical and Quiz Bowl. For sports, LMS promotes a no-cut policy for 7th and 8th graders in football, basketball, volleyball, wrestling, track and cheerleading. An addition to LMS athletics was boys’ and girls’ cross-country.

THE PRATT LEARNING CENTER

The Learning Center (348 NE K61 at Porter Hall on the campus of Pratt Community College, 620-672-2800) is a high school diploma completion program for adults of all ages. It was established in 1999 in partnership with Pratt USD 382 and PCC. It offers students a unique experience while earning their diploma.



Pratt Community COLLEGE

Established in 1938, the mission of Pratt Community College is maximum student learning, individual and workforce development, high quality instruction and service and community enrichment.

PCC is proud to be a part of the community in Pratt, Kan. With more than 75 years of history, PCC is a two-year public, comprehensive community college and an area vocational school. The college offers a well-rounded general education for the student planning to transfer to a four-year college or university. For technical students, PCC provides the skills needed to enter directly into the workforce. Some hallmark programs include Electrical Power Lineman Technology, Ag Power Technology, Automotive Technology and Nursing. PCC is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The accreditation reflects the high quality of PCC's academic and technical programs.

The college strives to offer innovative new programs. In 2016, the Skyland Grain Crop Applicator program, which teaches applicator mixing and application, was added to the program list. Starting in fall 2018 will be Modern Distribution Sales and Management. Partnering with local business Stanion Electric, this program teaches students how to become industrial district managers who handle logistics, supply chain management, procurement sales and distribution at facility warehouses. Stanion Electric has put up \$25,000 in scholarships for this program.

After the college took a year off to re-evaluate the Associate Degree Nursing Program, the Kansas State Board of Nursing approved the restart of admissions for ADN Program in the fall of 2018.

Future programs currently being discussed are a solar energy program, wind power technology, associate of applied science in business administration and management, pre-nursing program and a remote automotive shop program for Attica, Chaparral, Medicine Lodge and Kingman.

According to new data released by the Kansas Board of Regents, Pratt Community College students graduating with an associate's degree between 2008 and 2013 have a higher annual wage than the average of associate's degree and bachelor's degree graduates in that same time from all Kansas public colleges and universities. PCC students who graduated with an associate's degree in 2013 made an average of \$40,118. The combined average of all Kansas community college and technical college graduates for this same year was \$34,564. Likewise, the average wages for bachelor's degree graduates was \$37,937 a year.

PCC was recognized for being one of the nation's top 150 community colleges for a third consecutive term. The Aspen Institute identified the 150 community colleges — about 15 percent of all institutions — using a quantitative formula that assesses performance and improvement in four areas: graduation rates, degrees awarded, student retention rates, and equity in student outcomes.

While education is the first priority, PCC is a

true community college. Through community engagement and enrichment, PCC students, faculty and staff are dedicated to serving the community and providing opportunities for members of the community to enrich their lives through continuing education, cultural arts, sports and more.

We believe in giving back to our local stakeholders. Each year, the members of the PCC family contribute more than 13,000 hours in community service and engagement. Through personal growth and shared success, together we are paving the way to a better future.

Projects have included Red Cross blood drives, hunter safety training with the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, the Humane Society, Relay for Life, highway cleanup, Liberty Middle School Lil' Buddies, Bike MS, Lemon Park Lights, Little Beavers Cheer Clinic, the Community Thanksgiving Dinner and Rotary Valentine's Day Dinner.

The college continuously works to upgrade facilities. The two weight rooms in the basement of the Riney Student center were redesigned with new equipment for a Sports Performance and Fitness Center. New cardio fitness and weight lifting equipment were incorporated in this facility designed to increase student athlete training opportunities and conditioning.

With a focus on providing a student-centered education, we know that you will discover why at Pratt Community College you will learn from the best and experience the difference with our people, programs and service.

For more information about PCC visit prattcc.edu or call us at (620) 672-9800.

Barclay COLLEGE



Barclay College is 20 miles west of Pratt in Haviland, and has a mission to prepare students in a Bible-centered environment for effective Christian life, service and leadership.

Full tuition scholarships are offered to all on-campus students. Because the school is nationally accredited, students are eligible for federal financial aid and outside scholarships can be applied to lower the cost of room, and board and fees.

Responding to rapid growth over the years, the full tuition policy has been in place, the college has added a new men's dormitory and a housing unit for women. Changes in campus layout and landscaping make the campus an attractive place

to visit or learn.

The latest addition to the campus is the \$8.5 million Ross-Ellis Center for Arts and Ministry. The 26,000 square foot facility features a state-of-the-art theater auditorium that seats 580 along with dressing rooms, practice rooms, classroom space and offices.

Bachelor's degrees are offered in Bible theology, business administration, Christian school elementary education, missions, music ministry, pastoral ministry, youth ministry psychology and family studies on the campus. Online education is available in business management, Bible studies, Christian ministry leadership and psychology. Barclay has added a Master of Arts degree

program featuring a combination of core theology and Bible courses, relevant research and/or field experiences, and five unique concentrations in Family Ministries, Pastoral Ministries, Quaker Studies, Spiritual Formation, Transformational Leadership and Missional Multiplication.

The college assists students in finding jobs after graduation and has a good placement record.

Barclay College participates in the Midwest Christian College Conference (MCCC), National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA), and Association of Christian College Athletics (ACCA) for athletics and offers men's soccer, women's volleyball and men's and women's basketball.

A choir performs locally and travels through the Great Plains. The college hosts a community Christmas pageant every two years that features college and community members performing songs that tell the story of the birth of Christ. The indoor pageant features live animals including camels.

The school was founded by Quaker settlers in 1917 and welcomes students from all evangelical faith traditions who seed a solid biblical foundation.

More information is available at www.barclay-college.edu.





Green

SPORTS COMPLEX

In early 2000 the community of Pratt passed a resolution to add a quarter cent sales tax to fund the creation of a sports complex. With the support from the community, Green Sports Complex was officially opened and the tax resolution was burned on site. Since then the complex has hosted half a dozen state championships and brings thousands of visitors into the community.

Green Sports Complex is located at 2006 East 6th Street. The Bob Green family donated the location to the city. The park contains one baseball field and three softball diamonds, as well as a handicapped accessible playground and picnic

shelters. The Pratt Recreation department, along with the Rotary Club and community members, add upgrades to the park every few years. Since its creation, the department has added bleacher covers, shelter houses and expanded the playground.

The complex is home to the Greenback softball and baseball teams as well as a host of summer little league and rec tournaments. This year's 1A-2A state softball tournament was held at the complex, bringing in nearly 1,200 visitors from around the state. The complex also hosts ball games nearly every weekend.

With community support, the Recreation Department has plans to further improve the complex. City Commission is currently bringing up the idea to install artificial turf for the ball diamonds. This would increase the parks playability, reduce weather delays and cut costs in the long term.

"It is still a work in progress,"

said Bruce Pinkall, Pratt Recreation director. "It gives us a great place for our kids to play their games and lets us host tournaments. It gets people from out of Pratt to see we are a growing, vibrant community. We aren't just a bump in the road, we are a hub for south central Kansas."



MAE DENNIS PARK - Mound St. & Logan St.

A 17 acre community park established in 1948. Located within the park are three soccer fields, one baseball field disc golf course, and some playground equipment. The many trees make this park an excellent picnic spot.

CHAMPA STREET PARK - Champa St. & Cherry St.

Purchased in 1922 and has turned into a beautiful one acre neighborhood park. This small park houses the new Pratt water tower and provides some playground equipment.

CHERRY STREET PARK - Cherry St. & Curtis St.

A small neighborhood park donated to the City in 1947 by Walter and Golda Pedigo. This undeveloped park is perfect for baseball/softball practice, frisbie, kite flying or any activity that needs a large open area.

GEBHART PARK - Second St. & Hamilton St.

Donated by S.P. and Martha Gebhart in 1930. A small wading pool is the main attraction of the park. Other features include a shelter house and playground equipment.

ZERGER PARK - First St. & Thompson St.

Another neighborhood park that features a small wading pool. Fannie Zerger donated this one acre park to the city in 1916 with the stipulation that it be developed and maintained as a playground for the children of the City of Pratt. There is a lot of playground equipment located in the park, plus a nice shelter house and restrooms which were built in 1971 to make Zerger Park a nice family picnic spot.

AVENUE OF FLAGS - First St. & Stout St.

Also known as Gateway Park, it was purchased by the City in 1928 at a sheriff's sale for \$100. When the flag poles were erected, the park took on a patriotic theme and provided an impressive display to the many visitors of Pratt. Future plans and developments will center around the patriotic theme.

THE HAMPTON/PENNOCK PARK - Holly St. & Larimer St.

Sets on 2.56 acres with a quarter mile paved walking trail. This park was established in 1995.

ELLIS D. KINNEY SWIMMING POOL - 201 S. Haskell St.

The property was purchased at a sheriff's sale in June of 1928. The pool was then constructed in 1931 at a cost of \$25,000. Over the years, a number of projects have been completed to update the facility to its present condition.

CENTENNIAL PARK - Third St. & Thompson St.

Formerly known as the Rose Garden was donated to the City in 1939. This 4½ acre park was established for playground, cultural and recreation purposes. An outdoor stage was recently added to encourage and accommodate outdoor concerts.

THE WALTER BLAKE TENNIS COMPLEX

Third St. & Rochester St.

Features ten tennis courts with six being lighted. The property for the courts was donated to the City by the Graves' family in 1931. Construction of the courts came later with the addition of restrooms, playground equipment and handball courts. The Graves complex has been developed into an outstanding recreational facility.

COUNTRY CLUB ROAD PARK - Sixth St. & Country Club Rd.

A 3½ acre landscaped playground that was donated to the City in 1962. This park was established to provide a recreational area for the children of Pratt.

LOREN "BABE" MINNIS PARK - 800 S. Main St.

Established in 1933 through donations from the American Legion Post #86 and D.R. and Julia Scott. The 1¼ acre park is well-shaded with large trees providing a relaxing atmosphere. There is a skate park, too!

SIXTH STREET PARK - Sixth St. & Rochester St.

A 36½ acre recreational facility that the City acquired in the 1930's. The Wendell Green Complex is located in the park including two lighted softball diamonds. In addition, there are two shelter houses, a t-ball field, a gazebo, train rides, plenty of playground equipment and a fitness trail. Accenting this facility is a large variety of trees providing a scenic and relaxing atmosphere.

LEMON PARK - 1000 S. Pine

Donated to the City of Pratt by George and Vina Lemon in February of 1939. This 117½ acre park includes a large variety of trees and plants. A wide variety of wildlife inhabits the undeveloped portion of Lemon Park providing an outstanding opportunity to observe nature and its beauty. In addition to its beautiful surroundings, two lighted baseball diamonds are located within the park as well as numerous picnic and playground areas and a nature trail.

GREEN SPORTS COMPLEX - 2006 E. Sixth St.

Dedicated in 2004 located at 2006 East 6th Street. Donated to the City by Bob Green and his family. Located in the park are 1 baseball and 3 softball diamonds, a handi-capped accessible playground and picnic shelters.

Youth Activities

Boy's Baseball • Girl's Softball • Youth Basketball • Karate • Flag Football • Soccer • Swimming Lessons • Swim Team • Volleyball • Summer Youth Activities • Tennis Lessons • Arts and Crafts • Wrestling Clubs • Little Athletes T-Ball • Punt, Pass and Kick • Pitch, Hit and Run • Jr. Olympics • Sportsmanship Programs • A Variety of Special Events

Adult Activities

Men's Basketball • Women's Basketball • Flag Football • Co-ed Softball • Women's Softball • Men's Softball • Karate • Tennis Leagues • Co-ed Volleyball • Men's Volleyball • Women's Volleyball • Yoga • Dodge Ball • Men's Disc Golf

PRATT'S Art, Music & Theatre

THE PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE THEATER

Pratt Community College has always been a reliable source of comedic or dramatic theater work, presenting both a fall drama and spring musical line-up.

Both students and community members contribute to the productions. Free performances take place inside the Carpenter Auditorium, though donations will be accepted. Their most recent production was "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Past performances have included "Servant of Two Masters," "Hairspray," "South Pacific," "Aida," "Fiddler on the Roof," and "Esther" an original work by former PCC instructors Rose Beilman and Ed Davis.

Contact PCC at (620) 672-5641.

SWEET ADELINES

Pratt has a Sweet Adelines chorus of approximately 20 women who perform traditional barbershop harmony at several events throughout the year, and also are available to entertain for organizations. They are a part of Region 7, with 500 members covering Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska. Sweet Adelines International is a highly respected worldwide organization of women singers committed to advancing the musical art form of barbershop harmony through education and performance. Kyra Dauner is their director. She may be reached at (620) 672-8228.

PRATT COMMUNITY CONCERTS

Another source of musical entertainment is the Pratt Community Concert Series. The series has brought some of the best vocal and instrumental performers in the country to Pratt since starting in 1939. Every year the series board of directors uses a booking agent to bring four or five outstanding vocal and instrumental performers to Pratt, depending on the available annual budget of about \$20,000. The budget comes from ticket sales and sponsors donations.

Previous acts have included performers as diverse as the Glenn Miller Orchestra, The Chinese Acrobats, Hunt Family Fiddlers, a very popular group of Celtic musicians, an a cappella group Six Appeal, John Davidson and Maureen McGovern.

This year is the Pratt Community Concert Series' 80-year anniversary, and the outstanding performers promise to provide an exceptional array of talent. Four

shows are set for the 2018-19 season, with one more concert planned for late January or early February.

The line-up for 2018-19 includes:

■ Sons of Serendip, a male quartet blending vocals, harp, cello and piano in a stirring classical crossover. Sons of Serendip were finalists in season nine of the television show "America's Got Talent." Their performance is set for 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29, 2018.

■ Cashore Marionettes combines the amazing artistry of puppeteer Joseph Cashore and classical music from Beethoven, Vivaldi, Strauss and Copland. Come and celebrate the richness of life at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 12, 2018.

■ Jersey Tenors are four talented vocalists with a rock/opera mashup sensation creating an explosive blend of opera classics and rock 'n' roll greats. Hear the music of Frankie Valli, Frank Sinatra, Bon Jovi, Bruce Springsteen, Kool and the Gang and even Whitney Houston at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2019.

Brass Fire features one of the more celebrated trumpet players in the world, Jens Lindemann, and his trio. Lindemann has played every major concert venue in the world on his 24-karat gold-plated trumpets. His performance is 7 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 2019.

Prices for the concerts: \$80 for a family season ticket, \$40 for a single adult and \$10 for a student. All concerts are at 7 p.m. at Carpenter Auditorium on the campus of Pratt Community College. Members enjoy reciprocity with other area concert associations.

DELMAR RINEY GALLERY

The Delmar Riney Gallery located at Pratt Community College is host to several exhibits each year. Recently relocated into a renovated space inside the Riney Conference Center, the gallery features guest artists displaying their work in the gallery and giving lectures to art students and community members. Student and faculty works are also displayed in the gallery each year. Displays change monthly. The gallery is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and weekends by appointment. For more information, contact the Pratt Community College Art Department at (620) 672-5641.

VERNON FILLEY ART MUSEUM

The Vernon Filley Museum features the collection

of the late Dr. Vernon Filley and his wife Mimi, who collected much of their art while they lived in the Southwest. Much of their collection deals with the old Southwest. Mimi's desire is for the art to stay in Pratt and be accessible for school children. The museum offers a variety of art classes plus displays of various artists.

A portion of the Filley Collection is always on display and rotated throughout the year. Guest artists are also on display on a rotating basis. Doug Herren Ceramics are on display until July 21, 2018. Scheduled for Aug. 3 to Nov. 3, 2018 is Earth to Table Pottery by local artist Marsha Shrack: Celebration of Growing, Preparing and Serving.

Other recent displays include Robin Laws' life-size bronze sculptures, Hometown Teams, a collection of historical photos of area sports teams sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution and hyper-realist sculptor John DeAndrea's lifelike full size human art works that look like real people. DeAndrea's daughter Ariel DeAndrea has paintings in the same exhibit.

The museum is located at 421 South Jackson in Pratt. Hours are 10 a.m. on Tuesday through Friday, and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Docent tours are available on the first Saturday of the month. Contact number is (620) 933-2676, or visit the website www.vernonfilleyartmuseum.org

PRATT FAMILY PLAYERS

The latest addition to the Pratt entertainment scene is the Pratt Family Players, a community theater that encourages the whole family to get involved. Two to three times a year, the organization holds family-friendly auditions for plays that appeal across generations. The plays are open to the public.

Pratt Presbyterian Church sponsors the theater, and practices and performances have been at the Genesis Center at 123 N. Oak and at the church at 202 E. First St. Their latest production was "Peter and the Starcatcher," a prequel that introduces the Peter Pan characters and how they came to be who they are.

For more information, contact the church at (620) 672-5503 and ask for contact information for director, Rose Beilman. Also, you can e-mail at prattpresby@gmail.com, where they will forward your question to Beilman.

Pratt County YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Pratt is kid-friendly.

The Pratt Recreation Department provides a variety of activities throughout the year. Summers are especially busy, with T-ball, baseball and softball leagues, swimming lessons, arts and crafts and special activities.

Basketball, volleyball, karate and wrestling hold the kids' interest and keep them active in cooler months.

The Ellis D. Kinney Swimming Pool is a popular place on warm days and Pratt fields a competitive summer swim team.

Young people successfully petitioned the City Commission for a skate park. It's located in the Loren "Babe" Minnis Park in the 800 block of S. Main.

A non-profit organization maintains a teen center that gives middle schoolers a safe place to hang out after school. There is usually a good-sized group playing pool, video games, having snacks or just visiting with friends. Some even do their homework. Special activities are planned on the weekends for middle and high school students.

During the summer the center is open from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

It's located at 408 S. Main.

More than 160 youngsters are enrolled in 4-H. Popular projects, showcased every year at the Pratt County Fair in late July, are horse, livestock, rocketry, arts and crafts, foods and nutrition, and more.

Get more information from the Pratt County Extension office, 672-6121.

There is Scouting too — Boy Scout Troop 201, Cub Scout Pack 222 for younger boys and Daisies, Brownies and Juniors for the girls. They go camping, work on badges, do service projects and a variety of other activities that help young people grow into strong, capable adults.

Several churches have active youth ministries and Youth For Christ meets weekly during the school year. A mentoring program matches caring adults with young people, both in school- and community-based settings.



Barron THEATRE

The Barron Theatre, once considered the jewel of Pratt Main Street architecture, is now home to Pratt's Youth Core Ministries, formerly called Youth for Christ South Central Kansas. Varied fundraisers and financial donations from dedicated supporters paid for a complete renewal and renovation of the building, yet kept the original allure of the old-time theatre atmosphere.

Youth Core Ministries has a goal to reach unchurched youth and empower them to become lifelong followers of Jesus and healthy, thriving adults. The remodel of the theatre building created an upstairs play and worship area with plenty of room for rambunctious and worshipful activities. Downstairs the original movie screen is used to show current releases and Christian-based movies. Average weekend movie attendance for all ages, from January through June 2018, was 220 people. Weekly Tuesday night youth ministry averages 55 kids, with more than 210 different students coming through the doors since last school year.

The Barron is used for many community activities as well. Ladies Night Out, the city sidewalk sale, Miss Kansas, Pratt Chamber of Commerce and Pratt, Skyline and Haviland schools have all utilized movie and meeting room facilities there. The Ascension Lutheran Church holds Sunday morning services there regularly, and the Barron has played host to the Wilmore Opry, PRMC Leadership Quarterly Seminars, National Day of Prayer, a community Christmas Eve Service and many other public and private gatherings.

History behind this important community focal point shows that the original Barron opened in 1930, the first feature film showed there was "Sally." The Barron was the first in this part of Kansas constructed especially for sound movies.

Elegant furnishings included a tiled and mirrored lobby, polished brass railing, aisle carpet designed especially for the theatre, hanging lights and a plush red and gold stage curtain. The stage was designed for touring shows as well as movies and

an orchestra pit accommodated 15 performers.

A room on each side of the glassed entrance was rented to businesses, a barber shop and a confectionary. A 1950 photo shows Sanders Insurance Agency in the north portion, now a part of the lobby.

The building was named after Charles and Meta Barron, who moved to Pratt in 1924 and purchased the Cozy Theatre and the Kansas Theatre. The remodeled Kansas showed the first "talkie" in 1929. The Cozy, which showed silent pictures accompanied by piano, was closed the day before the Barron opened.

Charles Barron had 35 years of show business experience in the circus, vaudeville, dancing schools and bands, including the famous Cowboy Band of Dodge City. A native of Indiana, he came to Kansas as assistant manager and drummer for the Wellington Majestic Theatre Orchestra. After their marriage, the couple entered the theatre management business, with Meta as the personnel and business manager and Charles as the dazzling showman.

By making personal contact with members of the movie industry in New York and Hollywood, the Barrons were able to secure some of the best and latest films for their theatres.

The Barron was "twinned" in 1991, all the seats were replaced in 1998 and the sound system has been updated three times. It closed at the end of 1989, but by mid-January, Jim Carter, Ann Barker and Dr. Pat Barker had signed a contract to buy it and after some renovations, the theater reopened.

Youth Core Ministries bought the building and renovated it in 2017. Fundraisers are currently underway to finance the refurbishment of the neon-lit marquee. Donations for the purchase of individual seats in theatre as "in honor of," or "in memory of" are being sold for \$200 each. An engraved plate with desired wording is placed on the back of each purchased seat. For more information on fundraising efforts, contact Sheryl White, Director of Youth Core Ministries, 620-672-1596.





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Miss Kansas 2018



Pratt has been home to the Miss Kansas competition since 1955 when a group of Jaycees took on the project. The annual week of shows and events in one of the smallest communities in the county to host a state preliminary to the Miss America competition is now managed by the Miss Kansas Organization, assisted by a host of volunteers from Pratt.

Every June, the town puts on its best face as volunteers step up to provide meals for contestants, parade transportation and showtime support. Three nights of performances at Pratt Community College's Dennis Lesh Arena offer a real variety show with singing, dancing, instrumental music and beautiful gowns, all woven together by entertainers who represent some of the best talent of previous competition.

In 2018, 34 women from across the state gathered in early June to compete for the opportunity to represent Kansas at the Miss America Pageant in September and to promote the organization and its goals for the coming year. Miss South Central, Hannah Klaassen, won the crown for 2018.

The Miss Kansas Outstanding Teen Pageant is also held in Pratt as part of pageant week and part of the Miss Kansas Organization. This year's winner was Amelia Benjamin of Leawood. She will represent Kansas in the national competition in Orlando, Florida this July.

Looking up to the Miss Kansas and Miss Kansas Outstanding Teen representatives are many Sunflower Princesses, younger girls who get to spend the week learning dance routines and visiting with their mentors. Each princess gets

a crown and an opportunity to take their spot in the limelight with introductions and a production number at pageant performances. They also take part in autograph signing and parade appearances with the older candidates. There were 88 princesses in 2018.

Pratt's largest parade takes place the Friday evening of Miss Kansas Week as locals get a chance to see all the contestants. Many local convertible and antique car owners get the special privilege of driving the candidates down Main Street for the parade.

Miss Kansas Week is an economic boon to hotels and restaurants in Pratt. More importantly, it is a chance for Pratt to show off this friendly community with unique shopping opportunities and nice, clean facilities.



Lemon Park LIGHTS

While some Americans dream of a white Christmas, Pratt folks get a neon-splashed Christmas every year thanks to the Lemon Park Lights. The drive through Pratt's oldest and most scenic park is illuminated during the holiday season with thousands of Christmas lights and



displays, all free and open to the public.

The displays are turned on the Saturday before Thanksgiving at the Old Fashioned Christmas celebration and stay on each night through Jan. 1. Thousands of twinkling lights shine throughout the holiday season, from dusk to 11 p.m. Lighting the park first began in 1991, the brain-child of Pratt resident Deb Goyen.

Today, multiple thousands of lights are strung through tree branches and bushes, while dozens of displays form familiar figures, from polar bears to Santa Claus to boys out for a quick dunk in the lake's water with occasional additions and upgrades in lights every year. In all there are

over 80 displays with more than 100 characters.

The biggest recent addition to Lemon Park Lights display came in 2012 when twelve additional individual displays, each representing one of the "Twelve Days of Christmas" were set up in Sixth Street Park that adjoins Lemon Park on the north. The lights are set up in the order of the song starting at the south entrance and ending at the north entrance.

Every year the Lemon Park Lights draw about 20,000 visitors to the park and Pratt. It is a long-standing holiday tradition that distinctly belongs to Pratt.





Pratt County FAIR

One of the biggest attractions in area is the annual Pratt County Fair held in July. The fair is held on the fairgrounds site on the south edge of Pratt. It has been held there since 1947. Prior to that it was held in Lemon Park and other locations.

On May 7, 2002, tornado tore through the fairgrounds destroying the display building, the kitchen/dining building and damaged every other structure on the grounds. A massive cleanup day cleared the debris, fixed all the damage and removed the remains of the two destroyed buildings. The fair was held under tents that year and led to a new multipurpose building opened in 2004 and featuring an exhibition hall, kitchen, meeting room, restrooms with showers and storage space. From the rubble of the tornado came a multifunctional facility used extensively throughout the year.

A new fence was constructed

around the lower arena at the fairgrounds to upgrade the facility.

Each year the fair has a theme and the 2018 theme is "Oh The Places You Will Go." About 170 4-H'ers in eight clubs from across the county will participate in the annual event that draws thousands to Pratt. Fair entries cover 25 departments in 4-H and open class.

Returning to the fair this year is the demolition derby and a new feature is a monster truck event.

The 2018 fair will run officially from Wednesday, July 25 to Saturday, July 28. As usual, several events will precede the fair's official opening.

THE 2018 FAIR SCHEDULE

- Saturday, July 14: Rabbit show at the 4-H Center.
- Friday July 20: 4-H fashion revue judging at the fairgrounds and public fashion revue at Pratt

Community College.

- Saturday July 21: Work day and fairgrounds cleanup.
- Monday July 23: A number of demonstration and illustrated talks, pet show at Parkwood Village and first day of horse events.
- Tuesday July 24: Various judging, second day of horse events and 4-H and open class indoor exhibits accepted.
- Events during the fair's "official" run from July 25 to July 28:
- Wednesday July 25: Livestock check-in, 4-H and open class outside exhibits check-in, 4-H and open class projects accepted, judged and open to the public, commercial building open, Pride of Texas Shows Carnival, 4-H and open class goat judging and showmanship.
- Thursday July 26: Inside exhibits open for showing, 4-H and open livestock contests including sheep, swine, poultry, 4-H and open class bucket calf show, 4-H club

recognition, presidents cookie jar, food auction, quilt auction, special awards, commercial building open, Pride of Texas Shows Carnival, money in hay stack, stick horse races, PCC watermelon feed.

• Friday July 27: 4-H breakfast, inside exhibits open for showing, beef and dairy cattle judging and showmanship, commercial building open, American AgCredit supper for 4-H families, Pride of Texas Shows Carnival, Demolition Derby at lower arena, three-legged races.

• Saturday July 28: Exhibits open for viewing, 4-H and open class livestock judging, livestock sale, pedal tractor pull, hamburger feed, commercial building open, Pride of Texas Shows Carnival, Monster Truck show.

• Sunday July 29: Cleanup day.

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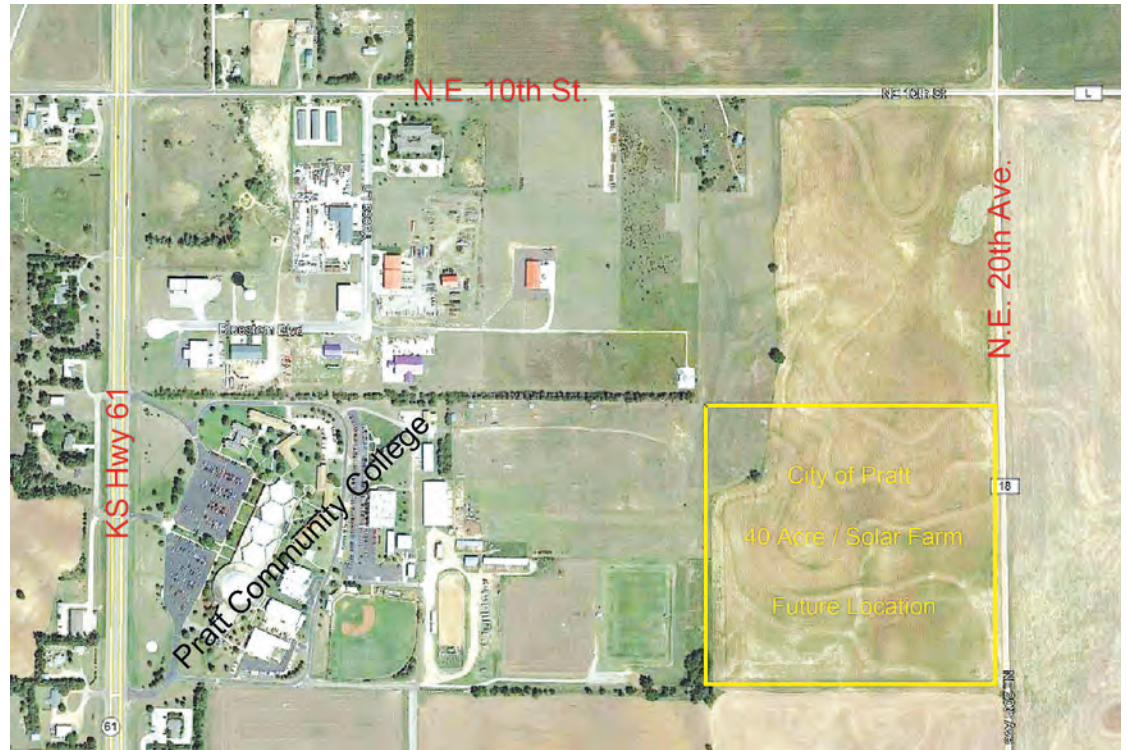
A solar farm expected to provide electricity enough to power 10,000 homes in Pratt County is under construction on the northeast side of the city.

Inovateus Solar, Kenyon Energy and the City of Pratt have joined forces on the project located north of U.S. Highway 54 on NW 20th Avenue. The awarded project will produce 12.6 MWh annually, off-setting more than 23 million tons of CO2 emissions.

“The City of Pratt is a highly diverse community moving in a progressive direction, supporting the extensive growth and business opportunities,” Pratt Mayor Doug Meyer said. “For these reasons, we are very pleased to announce our partnership with Inovateus Solar to lead in our region with the utilization of clean energy sources.”

The project is expected to begin commercial operation in January 2019. It has been contracted under a 15-year power purchase agreement with Pratt’s utility power plant for 100 percent of the array’s output. Construction will be managed by Inovateus.

“Kenyon Energy is very pleased to partner with Inovateus Solar and the City of Pratt on this exciting solar energy project,” Kenyon Energy CEO and Chairman Clay Biddinger said. “This project is creating tangible economic and environmental benefits for Pratt’s citizens and local businesses. We continue to develop solar energy projects similar to this throughout Kansas and encourage other cities and municipalities across Kansas to reach out if they are interested in benefitting from solar energy.”



Pratt Community College is getting on board with the project and plans to develop a solar education program as another career path.

“We are impressed by the enthusiasm expressed by city officials as well as Pratt Community College in the creation of a solar program,” Inovateus Solar Business Development Manager Jordan Richardson said. “This aligns really well with our core values to continue education and promoting the use of solar technologies.”

Electricity from the solar farm will be available to Prattans living in city limits only.

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PRATT'S *Economic Development*

Pratt and its economy are inextricably linked to agriculture. In fact, 75% of the Pratt economy is in some way related to agriculture. As the agricultural economy goes so goes the economy of Pratt County. Pratt does have the added benefit of being at the intersection of three major high ways: US Hwy 281, US Hwy 54/400 and K-61. While Pratt is in close proximity to larger cities such as Wichita, Hutchinson, Hays, and Garden City; it serves as a regional economic center drawing visitors from many small surrounding communities. Pratt is a small diverse community with much to offer: unique shopping, good restaurants, the region's largest and highest quality hospital, jobs in a myriad of industries, a strong K-12 education system, access to a local Community College, and great recreational and family entertainment opportunities that are usually reserved for much larger communities.

These strong attributes along with high quality housing options place Pratt in a unique position of being primed for growth. Pratt is active in working with businesses or developers who are eager to expand, relocate, or open a new business in the community. The Airport Industrial Park and Prairie Parkway Business Park have options for expansion as well as available land adjacent to the city. Pratt Energy has been in operation for a number of years, two wind farms and a solar farm are also soon to be operational in the county generating renewable energy options for the world.

Pratt also boasts outstanding schools and athletic venues that attract numerous activities and

tournaments. These events plus general business and family travel drive significant demand for local hotels. Four major franchise hotels, along with other conveniently located local motels bring the number of hotel rooms available in Pratt to over 500.

The Board of Directors of the Pratt Area Economic Development Corporation (PAEDC) are dedicated to the growth and stability of Pratt. Steve Mills serves as President of PAEDC with Eric Nystrom, Myron Bartel, Pat Gordon, and Mark Morgan also serving on the board. Glenna Borho representing Pratt County, Diana Garten representing the City of Pratt, and Kim DeClue representing the Pratt Chamber of Commerce serve as Ex-officio members of PAEDC. Heather Morgan serves as the Economic Development Consultant for Pratt and the PAEDC. PAEDC meets the second Wednesday of the month at 3:30 in City Hall. During these meetings PAEDC reviews various economic development issues facing Pratt. PAEDC also provides assistance through a variety of methods for both existing and new businesses.

The PAEDC has a process to apply for local grant/loan funds to support expanding and new businesses. Applications for these funds can be found on the Pratt Chamber website, obtained at the Pratt City Hall, or at the Pratt County Courthouse. Applications for these funds must be returned to the City or Chamber office at least seven days prior to the next PAEDC board meeting for consideration. Awards from PAEDC

are based upon a scoring matrix driven by capital investment and jobs created. Awards for new applications from PAEDC are capped at \$100,000 with the amount of award being tied to an established scoring matrix.

Additionally, all of Pratt County is included in the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. The Neighborhood Revitalization Program allows for a rebate on increased property taxes for commercial and residential construction. This program is available to residents making improvements on their homes and also businesses making improvements to their capital infrastructure. Prior to starting any improvement, an application needs to be filled out and turned into the Pratt County Appraisers office. The Appraisers office will then provide notification of when the project can move forward and qualify for this incentive. If the PAEDC is unable to provide assistance the Great Plains Development group in Dodge City, of which Pratt is a part, may be able to provide small business gap financing. Bob Wetmore and Faye Trent at Great Plains Development are always willing to discuss businesses gap financing needs. Together the Pratt Area Economic Development Corp., the City of Pratt, Pratt County, Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce and Pratt Convention and Visitors Bureau continue to strive to keep Pratt thriving. For questions related to Pratt Economic Development contact Heather Morgan at heathermorgan@ksu.edu or Kim DeClue at executive-director@prattkansas.org at the Pratt Chamber of Commerce.

Pratt County HOW-TO

Need to find out whom to call when you settle into a new location? No problem. Below is a how-to guide to get you around town and situated into your new life here!

AUTO REGISTRATION

Within 30 days of moving to Kansas, you must have your vehicle registered. To do that, visit the Pratt Police Department, 303 S. Oak (620-672-5551). Bring the car's original title, or a certified copy, and your valid driver's license for an inspection. The inspection cost is \$20 in cash. Once the inspection has been completed, go to the County Treasurer's Office in the Courthouse, 300 S. Ninnescah (620-672-4116) with title, inspection papers and vehicle insurance papers to get a new tag.

DRIVER'S LICENSE

To get a Kansas driver's license, visit the

Kansas Driver's License Bureau on the second floor of the courthouse. Application for a new Kansas license can be made from 8:30 to 4 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays. The office is closed during the noon hour.

Regular renewals may be made from 9 to 4 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

For more information call 620-672-4116.

DAY CARE

To find a licensed day care home, contact Child Care Aware of Kansas (877-678-2548).

MAIL SERVICE

If you've moved into town or are moving from one location within the city to another, don't forget to fill out and turn in the free "Change of Address" form to notify postal workers of the change in address. The Post Office is located at 203 E. Third (620-672-7559). Forms are also

available to notify your correspondents, magazine publishers, etc., of your address change. First-class mail is forwarded for eight months after your move.

PRATT COUNTY RECYCLING CENTER

— The Pratt County Recycling Center, 1104 S. Main (620-672-4107) is open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

VOTER REGISTRATION

— To register to vote in Pratt County, visit the Courthouse at 300 S. Ninnescah (620-672-4110) and speak to the county clerk, or complete voter registration at the treasurer's office when registering a vehicle. In order to register you must bring verification of your current address and complete a voter registration card. Registration may also be contacted online at www.kssos.org.

Hotel & Motel

DIRECTORY

EVERGREEN INN MOTEL & RV PARK

20001 West U.S. Highway 54
(620) 672-6431

COMFORT SUITES

704 Allison
(620) 672-9999

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES

1903 Pauline Pl.
(620) 672-7563

HAMPTON INN

1705 Maple St.
(620) 672-6499

BEST WESTERN PLUS

112 KS Highway 61
(620) 508-6466

SUPER 8

1906 E. 1st St.
(620) 672-5945

PRATT BUDGET INN

1631 E. 1st St.
(620) 672-6468

ECONOMY INN

1401 E. 1st St.
(620) 672-5588

AMERICAN INN MOTEL

1336 E. 1st St.
(620) 672-6407

Dining

DIRECTORY

ARBY'S

1735 E. 1st St.
(620) 672-1912

CASEY'S GENERAL STORE

1900 E. 1st St.
(620) 672-2605

CHAPEAU

701 N. Main St.
(620) 672-2012

DAYLIGHT DONUTS

310 S. Main
(620) 672-2538

DONUT PALACE

806 W. 1st St.
(620) 672-1956

DRAGON'S DEN RESTAURANT

713 E. 1st St.
(620) 672-7563

EL DOS DE OROS

722 S. Main St.
(620) 672-6106

ELKS LODGE

1103 W 5th St.
(620) 672-2011

EL TRANCAZO

703 N. Main
(620) 508-6307

FAMILY FOOD STORE

201 S. Main St., Sawyer, KS
(620) 594-2483

FAMOUS SERVATERIA

1123 E. 1st St.
(620) 672-5341

HOT STUFF PIZZA

916 S. Main St.
(620) 672-6643

HUMBLE PIE

730 E. 1st St.
(620) 672-6800

LEGENDS PUB AND GRILLE

109 S. Parke St.
(620) 672-5756

LOVE'S COUNTRY STORE

1412 E. 1st St.
(620) 672-5784

MCDONALD'S RESTAURANT

1805 E. 1st St.
(620) 672-5900

N'CAHOOTS COFFEE & SHOPPE

210 S. Main St.
(620) 508-5004

NINJA SUSHI & STEAK HOUSE

1803 E. 1st.
(620) 508-6496

PARRISH CAFE

120 W. 4th St.
(620) 672-7497

PIZZA HUT

1228 E. 1st St.
(620) 672-7497

PLAYA AZUL

1413 E. 1st St.
(620) 672-1217

RICK'S RESTAURANT

20005 W. U.S. Highway 54
(620) 672-3681

SONIC DRIVE-IN

1344 E. 1st St.
(620) 672-9205

SUBWAY

1301 E. 1st St.
(620) 672-5976

TACO DELITE

1402 E. 1st St.
(620) 672-5131

TRINITY SMOKEHOUSE

1219 E. 1st St.
(620) 608-6141

UPTOWN CAFÉ & CLUB D'EST

202 S. Main St.
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PRATT IS HOME TO MORE THAN TWO DOZEN RESTAURANTS, RANGING FROM TAKE-OUT TO FULL MENU ESTABLISHMENTS. YOU'LL FIND SANDWICHES, BURGERS OR STEAK, CHINESE OR MEXICAN. ENJOY HOMESTYLE COOKING LIKE MOM USED TO MAKE AND SEVERAL OPTIONS FOR PIZZA.

Pratt County

SHOPPING DIRECTORY

SKAGGS ACE HARDWARE

107 S. Main, Pratt
672-5312

JONI'S STITCH BY STITCH

108 S. Main, Pratt
672-2009

MEMORIES

110 S. Main, Pratt
672-3543

BOLEN OFFICE SUPPLY

114 S. Main, Pratt
672-7535

MIKE'S RENT-TO-OWN

119 S. Main, Pratt
508-6388

SUE'S ULTIMATE EMBROIDERY

206 S. Main, Pratt
672-3652

SWEET REPEATS BOUTIQUE

212 S. Main, Pratt
672-5644

SIMPLY SOUTHWEST

213 S. Main, Pratt
672-7722

SEARS

300 S. Main, Pratt
672-5200

OFFICE SOLUTIONS

301 S. Main, Pratt
800-228-1292

PARSONS JEWELRY

303 S. Main, Pratt
672-2451

SOUTH WIND THRIFT SHOP

311 S. Main, Pratt
672-3770

FABULOUS FINDS

312 S. Main, Pratt
933-2074

CATHY'S CLOSET

322 S. Main
672-6545

PRATT FURNITURE AND CARPET

424 S. Main
672-6711

A FULL HOUSE

516 S. Main, Pratt
672-5879

BRENDA'S TREASURES

607 S. Main, Pratt
508-6500

UNIQUE BOUTIQUE

621 S. Main, Pratt

HOME LUMBER AND SUPPLY

803 N. Main, Pratt
672-9444

THE FLOWER SHOPPE

201 E. 4th, Pratt
672-7231

MARKET 54

1115 W. HIGHWAY 54, PRATT
388-3524

BALLOONS AND MORE

105 W. FIRST, PRATT
672-6694

DOLLAR GENERAL

1310 E. 1ST, PRATT
672-3090

MEAD BUILDING CENTER

1500 E. FIRST, PRATT
672-7732

ORSCHLON FARM & HOME

1601 E. 1ST, PRATT
672-2471

LISA'S WESTERN WEAR

1641 E. 1ST, PRATT
672-3641

TRACTOR SUPPLY CO.

1727 E. FIRST, PRATT
672-1102

WALMART SUPERCENTER

2003 E. 1ST, PRATT
672-7548

MAURICES

2010 E. 1ST, PRATT
672-3348

HIBBETT SPORTS

2020 E. 1ST, PRATT
672-1109





Stafford County, KANSAS



City of ST. JOHN

The picturesque community of St. John is stop number 26 on the Wetlands and Wildlife National Scenic Byway tour. Visitor highlights include the unique structure of the Stafford County courthouse, Church on the hill, WPA projects, and St. John Science Museum, Lucille Hall Museum and Ida Long Goodman Memorial library to name a few.

The city was established in 1875, originally known as Zion Valley, settled by members of the Church of Jesus Christ, a.k.a Later Day Saints or Mormons.

The first building in what would later become St. John was a small white church on a hill, called the Mormon Temple. An elder in the church blessed St. John and said that as long as a member of this faith lived there, the town would never be destroyed by a cyclone.

The church still stands one block to the northwest of the city square.

In 1879, the St. John Town Company platted the town, which was named after then-Governor John Pierce St. John. Some at the time thought it was an attempt to influence their bid for the county seat designation.

The process for county seat went through several elections with none of the contenders receiving a majority. During a run-off election a cyclone, (tornado) hit the city of Stafford, the main challenger for the county seat. The ballot box was destroyed and ballots were scattered. A third election named St. John the winner, but the issue remained "unsettled" until the first county courthouse was constructed in 1886.

The local economy is based on ranching, farming and oil production and is surrounded by fields of wheat, corn, milo, soybeans, garden crops, pine trees

and large groves of shelter belts, and timber claims.

St. John is famous for its downtown city square, fountain, and small town appeal where children ride their bikes to school, the store or park, and horse and riders strolling residential streets is not an uncommon sight.

The three-tier fountain in the center of the city square is a draw for many.

From 1909 through 1913, local ladies, members of the Hesperian Club, raised \$5,000 and purchased a "fountain popular for the times." The fountain stands in center of the square, which is surrounded by an ornate block wall. The square also boasts a small scale Statue of Liberty.

The Square is carefully cared for by St. John residents who recently installed new sidewalks, planted flowers and trees, and built brick benches embedded with historic tiles crafted by a local artisan. All of this, and a stunning courthouse, make St. John's Square worth a stroll and a stop for lunch or a snack.

Visitors will love the St. John Jubilee. This Memorial Day weekend celebration has been a community event for decades. The community traditionally welcomes summer with alumni homecomings, entertainment, and special events.

Each December, Christmas Magic brings horse-drawn carriage rides, Santa, a community soup supper, and business open houses.

In the fall, the Lucille M Hall Museum offers a Victorian Tea event showcasing different themes and interests of the early pioneers of the area. Hall was a teacher and world traveler. The museum is carrying on her passion of introducing children to the cultures outside their community. When completed the museum

will house a small educational theater and displays.

St. John is home to the St. John Science Museum A.K.A. Hood's Haven. The museum was recently featured in American Profile magazine and attracts visitors from schools, groups, and individuals across the Midwest. A collection of electrical displays depicting developments in electricity and sound through the nation's Industrial Revolution. Museum curator James Hood demonstrates phenomenon from the Tesla's coil and Jacob's ladder to a hydrogen-powered engine.

The small community also boasts a progressive library in the Ida Long Goodman Memorial Library, with high-speed wireless Internet, Wifi Station, and community room.

St. John is one of the southern gateways to Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, a wetland refuge of significant importance to a variety of migrating waterfowl. QNWR is the winter home for several Bald and Golden eagles. It offers a wide range of opportunities for birdwatchers, hunters, fisherman and nature lovers of all ages. It is also the southern starting point for the Wetlands and Wildlife National Scenic Byway that passes through QNWR and Cheyenne Bottoms in Barton County.

For more information on the 77-mile Wetlands and Wildlife National Scenic Byway visit their website at www.KansasWetlandsandWildlifeScenicByway.com by phone at 877-419-7171, or call the Great Bend Convention and Visitors Bureau at 877-427-9299

Plan a trip to St. John by contacting the City of St. John, 620-549-3208 or visit the web site at www.stjohnkansas.com for more information.

STAFFORD COUNTY *Roadside* PARK

St. John resident Nancy Clark feels a special connection to a roadside park in Stafford County. She cleans it every day to make sure it is always ready for visitors. The quiet little park is located two miles east of the intersection of U.S. Highway 50 and U.S. Highway 281.

Clark saw a sign from Southwest Janitorial advertising for help to provide maintenance for the park. Clark decided she would take on the project, and has been cleaning and caring for the park since October 2015.

Clark does a wide variety of jobs to keep the park ready to accommodate travelers as they pause on their journeys. She keeps the buildings clean, mows the grass, trims the trees, does weed eating and shovels ice and snow. It's a lot of work, but Clark said she wouldn't have it any other way. During the summertime, she puts in 40 hours a week at the park and some days spends 10 to 12 hours making sure everything is just right for travelers.

"I dedicate a lot of extra hours on my own," Clark said. "I want to make sure the park looks nice."

There is grass and trees and a barbecue grill for motorists and people camp out at the park. Clark loves to keep everything in good shape and ready. Southwest Janitorial provides the equipment and everything she needs to help keep the park in good shape. Maintaining

the park has allowed Clark to be outdoors and meet people, two things she loves to do.

"I love people and I love being outside. There's no place I'd rather be," Clark said. "I've met a lot of wonderful people out there."

She has gotten calls at midnight and even 3 a.m. about an issue at the park. If a toilet is plugged up in the middle of the night, it's easier for her to go take care of it right away.

Besides taking care of the park, Clark has assisted people whose vehicles have broken down and need repair. Once there were some young ladies passing through and a window in their car had fallen down inside the door. The window wouldn't go up and the weather was cold. They had run out of money, but Clark helped them get to Stafford and get their window fixed.

Clark and her park make Stafford County a good place for travelers to stop and rest.



City of STAFFORD

With approximately 1100 people, the city of Stafford is one of the two larger cities in the county of the same name. An active community located on U.S. Hwy 50 in the eastern part of the county, the city boasts a nice small town retail district, numerous events, and an extensive historical museum encompassing several buildings in the downtown area.

The town was first homesteaded in 1877 with four homesteads being filed that year. In the late 1800s the city became embattled with St. John, a few miles to the west, over the naming of the county seat. The debate took many twists and turns with Stafford's voting box being destroyed by a cyclone (tornado) during one election. Eventually St. John was given the county seat designation.

Stafford is known as the Gateway to Quivira National Wildlife refuge, which is located six miles north and six miles east of the city. The refuge is a birdwatcher's paradise. The Stafford Pride organization spotlights the refuge each year with its Bike

with the Birds bicycle ride with both bike and hike routes through the refuge.

The area around Stafford is flat with some dune-like sand hills. Like most of the county, agriculture and oil production are two of the main stays of the area.

The Stafford County Historical Society museum is a treasure trove of ancestral history, and history of the county. Hosting one of the largest antique glass negative collections, museum volunteers are currently working to restore, catalog and post approximately 20,000 glass negatives online. Completed slides can be viewed online at contentcat.fhsu.edu/Home of the Stafford Trojans USD 349, the school offers special learning opportunities with a SEED program, where students learn to own and operate a business venture, a STARS advanced learning program shared with USD 351 Macksville and USD 350 in St. John, and a building construction class that recently completed their first entire house building project.

The Nora E. Larabee Memorial Library is one of several remnants left by a prominent family from Stafford. A pioneer force in the flour milling industry and profoundly influential throughout the entire country in the late 1800s and early 1900s, the family left many remnants in the city like the Old Farmer's National Bank building, Larabee home, the head flour miller's home (Sarah L Henderson House - 518 W Stafford), the electric company, the phone company, a white marble mausoleum and many other signs of early 1900 prosperity in a small town.

Stafford hosts a variety of events throughout the year, the most notable being the Stafford Oktoberfest, a combination of school reunions, town festival and one of the best wiener dog races around. Other events include the Flatlander 50 bicycle ride, the Stafford County Fair and Rodeo and many other events.

To plan your trip to Stafford or for event information call 620-486-2393.

City of MACKSVILLE

Community PRIDE is visible whichever way one turns in Macksville, especially in the city park where a newly refurbished band shell has already showcased several community events.

The Macksville Honor Guard led a Memorial Day celebration in the city park's band shell, with the national anthem performed by the Macksville Community Choir, accompanied by local student Ramsey Evans on fiddle. April Cleveland paid tribute to the park's history as depicted by the banner and the completion of the 50-state representation of rocks as part of the band shell.

When completed in 1939, the band shell featured a facing comprised of one rock from each of the then 48 states.

"For the Memorial Day event, a rock from Hawaii and a rock from Alaska were added to complete the representation of all 50 states," Shelly Evans, PRIDE committee member, said.

The Macksville PRIDE group also brought history to the forefront this year, adding another feature at the park in a four-by-six banner with a time-line of park's 99-year history. A copy of a 1919 newspaper article reporting that J.M. Hammond spearheaded the drive to raise \$2,600 "to purchase the block of ground north of the Methodist Church and one block east of the main part of town," is on protected, permanent display as well.

Entries on the timeline date the planting of 400 pieces of shrubbery, construction of a shelterhouse available for picnics and parties, addition of tennis courts, a memorial bridge dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. J.O. McComas, the relocation of light poles from Main Street to the park, benches in the shelter house featuring brands of local ranchers and placement of a flagpole, honoring the memory of Gladys E. Stombaugh (1911-1991).

"Years ago Macksville Pride Committee worked hard to improve the town of Macksville including our current ambulance barn, low-income apartments, encouraging community-wide cleanup and much, much more," Evans said. "After fizzling out for several years, some members decided to start it back up in 2017. We are already planning our next year's event, when we will celebrate 100 years for Macksville City Park."

Macksville is about a half-hour drive from Pratt, traveling north on U.S.

Highway 281 to U.S. Highway 50, then west to the town, which in 2011 had a population of 541.

Those who visit are likely to be welcomed warmly as the town hopes all will come by to see their new and improved features.





TIGER town PIZZA

One of the items on the menu is “The Dean Supreme” named after former St. John student Dean Wade, a member of the Kansas State University basketball team.

Tiger Town Pizza, owned by St. John/Hudson Enrichment Foundation — a 501(c)3 non-profit group — is located next to the Lucille M. Hall Museum. The museum board owns the building and wanted to do something with it. So, they created a pizza board and contacted high school principal Josh Meyer, who visited with personal finance and computer application teacher Terra Kinnamon and Family and Consumer Science teacher Susan Patterson to get them on board with the project, Banks said.

Banks said the class had to draw up a template for a working business plan. They wanted their pizza place to be unique. Students had a contest to name the business and Tiger Town Pizza, named for the school mascot, was the winner.

After two months of work, the students presented their plan to a bank and were able to secure an operating note to get the business started. An anonymous donor gave \$100,000 that helped make the project a reality, Banks said.

The students entered their project in the Kansas Youth Entrepreneur competition, where they presented their business plan and what they had done on the project.

They won \$500 for finishing first in the competition.

The students helped contact food services to get the food necessary to run the business and came up with three sauces. Students had to create a unique crust and make presentations for the teachers about their project. They also made presentations to the new grocery store owners and to the community.

The pizza board hired a manager and assistant manager who in turn hired the employees including one student.

The students did a lot of work on the building to get it ready. They cleaned floors and equipment. The entire building was remodeled with new chairs, a pizza oven, walk-in freezer, new carpet and tile, lights, bathroom vanity and bathroom doors. They replaced the table tops with Formica.

Since its completion, Tiger Town Pizza has become a popular hang-out for pizza-lovers of all ages, and a definite asset to the town.

Five members of an applied business class at St. John High School had a big commitment in the development and start up of Tiger Town Pizza.

Brianna Banks, Jaden Reed, Liam Lanterman, Cashe McVey and Roger Ramariz celebrated a dream come true with a grand opening of Tiger Town Pizza on April 7 at 302 North Main in St. John. The new eating establishment is open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday through Monday with closing time Sundays at 8 p.m. They are closed on Tuesdays. Take-out or dine-in with call-in orders are options along with traditional service.

WELCH Farm



Kevin and Michell Welch, along with their daughter Megan Welch Schnoebelen, are the visionaries behind Welch Farm, a renovated and repurposed barn and pavilion with 5,000 square feet of covered roof.

The venue was designed for both personal enjoyment and to host the September 2014 wedding reception of Megan and Kade Schnoebelen, but is now a destination location for everything from weddings to conferences and bed and breakfast travelers in rural Stafford County .

The Welch Farm, located one and three quarter miles south of U.S. Highway 50 on 140th Avenue, was an abandoned and neglected 1880s pioneer homestead. Patent Records indicate that homestead certificate No. 4145 had an application date of March 4, 1885, and was granted a patent record by President Grover Cleveland. The property was homesteaded by Mr. Rueben Webb and then sold to Mr. and Mrs. D.H. Welch in 1886. The property then transferred to their son, Walter Welch, before it was deeded in 1924 to Michell’s maternal great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Seibert. A June 1880 census reveals that the Webb, Welch and Seibert families relocated to Kansas and were all farmers with Mr. Seibert’s father, Clifford Seibert, coming to Stafford County Kansas in 1882 as a 10-year-old boy to care for his brother’s sheep.

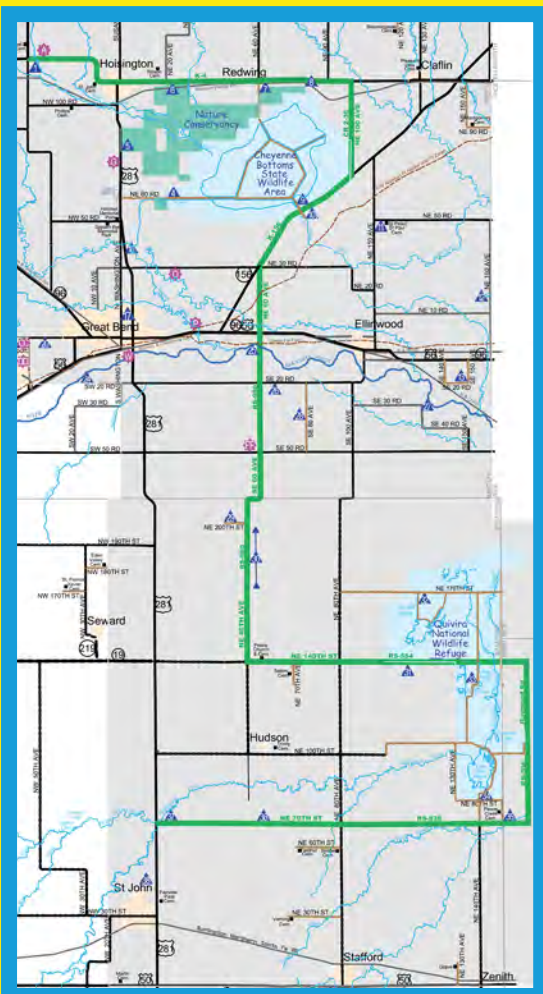
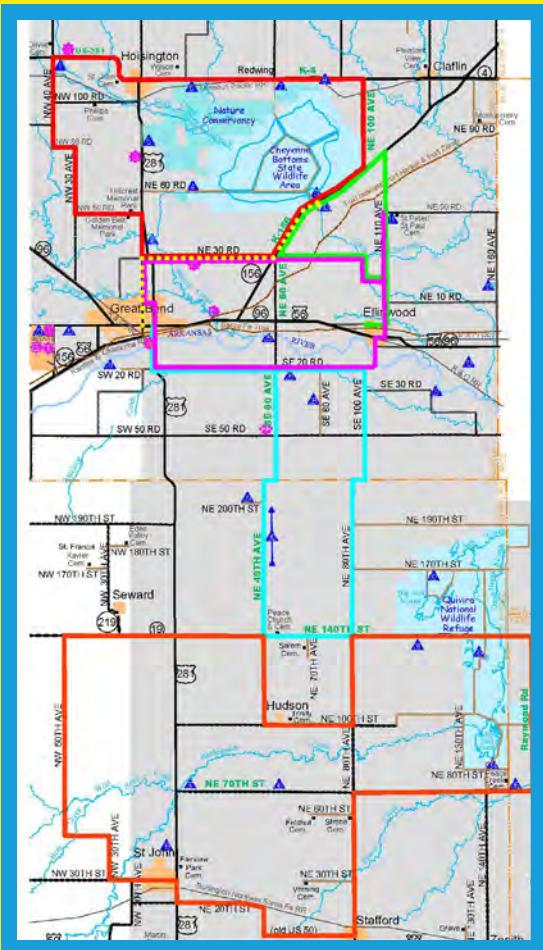
Surrounded by trees to the north and overlooking a tranquil pond to the east and south, the revitalized property now provides an atmosphere full of rustic grace and is the perfect setting for weddings and receptions. The Welches have numerous weddings scheduled in 2018, as well as several in 2019. They are organizing events such as a Women’s Conference (June 16, 2018), Biker’s Ride (July 2018), family reunions, “steak night,” murder mysteries, symphonies in the sand and numerous other events.

On the west side of the venue is a “bunkhouse” built by Kevin Welch and his son-in-law, Kade Schnoebelen, in the fall of 2015. The bunkhouse includes a commercial kitchen for the catering portion of the business, public restrooms, a large room that doubles as the “bride’s room” on wedding days as well as a space to entertain guests for small dinner parties or showers. The bunkhouse is also home to four guest rooms. Each room highlights unique re-purposed items in the décor and provides a private bath, a queen bed and a pull-out couch bed. Adjacent to the barn is an outdoor chapel that can accommodate the most intimate ceremony or seat up to 350 guests with unlimited standing room.

Contact Kevin or Michell Welch at (620) 352-0160 for more information or to book an event.

Wetlands & Wildlife

NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY



The Wetlands & Wildlife National Scenic Byway, a 77-mile Byway, showcases two of the world's most important wetlands—the Quivira National Wildlife Refuge and Cheyenne Bottoms.

More than 60,000 acres of wetlands host millions of migrating birds each year. Sandhill cranes, pelicans, bald eagles, whooping cranes, plovers, sandpipers, avocets, ducks, geese, and more fill these wetlands with a living spectacle of color, motion, and sound. No wonder this region has been named one of the

Eight Wonders of Kansas!

The Byway offers far more than beautiful wetlands and birds. Along your trek, you'll see native limestone buildings, underground tunnels, beautifully crafted metal street banners, WPA art and bridges, one of the nation's last independent flour mills, historic sites along the Santa Fe Trail, a raptor rehabilitation center, and much more.

The Wetlands & Wildlife Scenic Byway takes visitors through Barton, Reno, & Stafford counties in central Kansas and showcases the huge wetlands of North America's Central Flyway. The byway reveals a scenic visual surprise amid the plains of Kansas. The marshes that anchor this drive are comprised of acres of radiant water that dazzle the eye and clouds of birds that take the breath away. Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira National Wildlife Refuge are international treasures nestled in the heart of America.

Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area, and the Nature Conservancy Cheyenne Bottoms Refuge are the natural jewels of this byway. They anchor the drive with natural beauty and opportunities to explore nature.

These giant marshes shape the landscape of this area in a most unique way and provide outstanding opportunities for bird and wildlife watching, hiking, and many other natural activities. The wetlands are truly alive and waiting to reveal their treasure to the traveler.

Driving The Wings & Wetlands National Scenic Byway is a chance to discover something amazing. The seasons along this byway are both subtle and spectacular. In April, tens of thousands of birds cover the wetlands with color, motion and sound. Snowy plover and killdeer build hundreds of nests in the banks along Quivira's Wildlife Drive every summer.

Quivira NWR is the southern end of the byway, sand dunes and century-old cottonwood trees punctuate this salt and fresh water marsh which harbors over 500,000 birds during spring and fall migrations. Quivira has two short easy walking trails, but birds and wildlife are easily seen from your vehicle.

Of course nature is never far from the small communities of Stafford, St. John, and Hudson that dot the byway as it winds through Stafford County.

A complete foldout guide for the byway, along with audio narratives, is available at the Stafford County Courthouse in St. John, the Cheyenne Bottoms Education Center, and several locations in the city of Stafford.

For more information on the Wetlands & Wildlife National Scenic Byway

www.KansasWetlandsandWildlifeScenicByway.com

For a complete itinerary for your byway trip, call 620-793-1800.

Quivira National Wildlife Refuge

WILDLIFE REFUGE

Quivira National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) located in northeast Stafford County, lies in an area where the eastern and western prairies meet and blend. In 1955, the Migratory Bird Commission approved the purchase of land to create the Refuge, thus providing food, water, and nesting areas for migratory waterfowl in this area of Kansas. Quivira NWR is one of over 545 refuges in the National Wildlife Refuge System – a network of lands set aside and managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service specifically for wildlife. The Refuge System is a living heritage, conserving wildlife and habitat for people today and for generations to come.

The name “Quivira” comes from a Native American tribe living in the area when the Spanish explorer, Coronado, visited in 1541. In quest of gold, treasures, and the fabled “Seven Cities of Cibola,” he found instead fertile grasslands, abundant wildlife, and small agricultural villages. The Native Americans, and later, the early settlers, hunted waterfowl in these marshes. Shortly after the turn of the century, commercial hunting provided wagon loads of waterfowl to Kansas City restaurants and other eastern cities.

With the decline of commercial hunting came the establishment of hunting clubs. The lands bought up by these clubs helped preserve valuable waterfowl habitat from further development. Moreover, these hunting clubs worked to improve the habitat to attract migrating birds. Canals and water control structures were later added, providing the entire area with a more dependable water supply. Today, these marshlands remain a major stopover for thousands of migrating birds.

Located where the relatively lush vegetation of the east blends into the more arid grasslands of the west, Quivira NWR supports numerous and varied plant communities. This variety of plant communities attracts birds common to both eastern and western North America. Over 300 bird species have been observed on the Refuge.

Thousands of Canada geese, ducks, and other migratory birds, such as sandhill cranes and shore-

birds, pass through the Refuge from September to December. The shallow west edge of the Big Salt Marsh is a favorite roosting area for the sandhill cranes. Endangered whooping cranes may make a brief visit as they move along their migration routes from mid-October through November. This is the best time to view these rare visitors. The whooping cranes may make a return visit in mid-March through mid-April on their way north to nesting areas.

Bald and golden eagles winter on the Refuge from November until March. Over 800,000 ducks and geese visit the Refuge until severe weather drives them southward to winter along the Gulf Coast and in Mexico. During March and April, the Refuge becomes a staging area once again for ducks, geese, shorebirds, American white pelicans, gulls, and other migrants en route to traditional nesting grounds in the prairie potholes of the north-central United States and Canada.

Summer residents include Swainson’s hawks and Mississippi kites, while northern harriers, American kestrels, and red-tailed hawks are common throughout the year. Ring-necked pheasants and bobwhite quail are often seen in the Refuge grasslands and grain fields. Look for wild turkey along the edge of tree groves and shelter belts where they often seek food and cover.

Spring and fall are the best seasons to visit Quivira NWR since wildlife, especially waterfowl, is abundant and more easily viewed at these times. Try to schedule your visit early or late in the day when wildlife is most active and more frequently seen.

The Refuge is open to visitors from daylight to dark. The visitor center is open from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

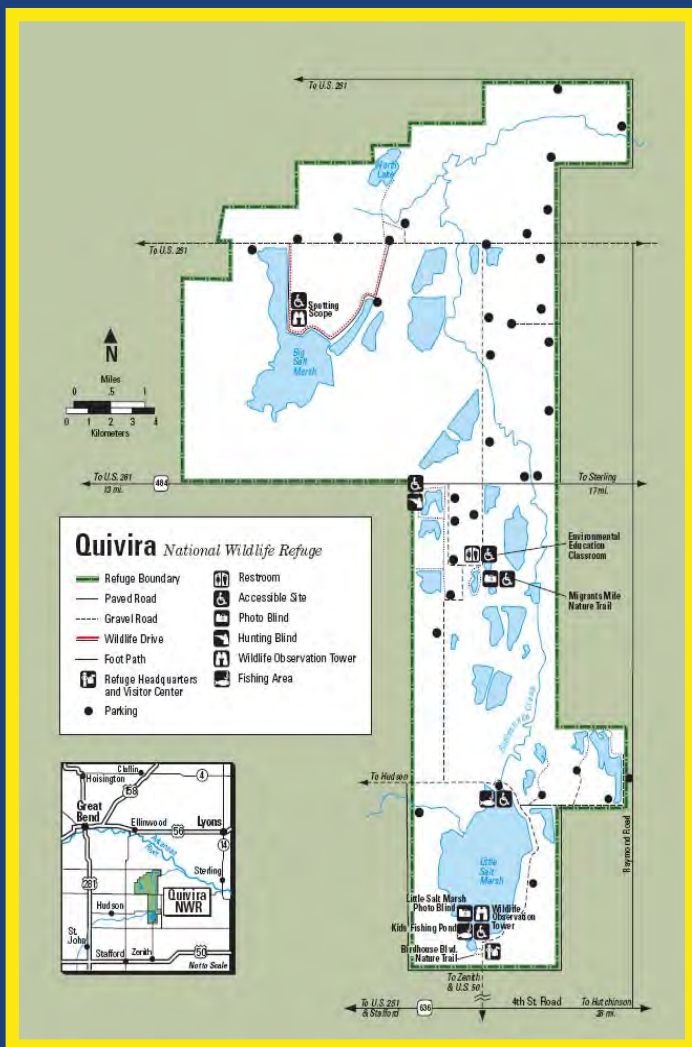
For more information call 620-486-2393 or go online to quivira.fws.gov

quivira@fws.gov

For State transfer relay service TTY / Voice: 711

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service <http://www.fws.gov>

For Refuge Information 1 800 / 344 WILD





Barber County, KANSAS

Travelers in Barber County see some of the best scenery in south central Kansas, and the community of Medicine Lodge has worked hard to preserve its history.

GYP HILLS SCENIC BYWAY

The Gyp Hills Scenic Byway on Highway 160 west of Medicine Lodge is listed as one of the 8 Wonders of Kansas Geography. The Anderson Creek Fire in the spring of 2016 burned a large portion of the Gyp Hills, but the grass and wildflowers have rebounded nicely, and some say the absence of the red cedar trees that filled the canyons before the fire give the area a more sculptured look.

BARBER STATE FISHING LAKE

The lake on the north side of Medicine Lodge offers camping, picnicking and fishing for largemouth bass, channel catfish, walleye, crappie, bluegill and carp. Signs at the lake list length and creel limits.

Two boat ramps are available for fishing only.

Public hunting is offered on the northern 80 acres for deer, turkey, quail, dove, waterfowl and cottontail rabbit.

STOCKADE MUSEUM

The current Stockade Museum, at 209 W. Fowler in Medicine Lodge, was built in 1961

next to the Carry Nation home. It is not an exact replica of the original 1874 frontier stockade, but is built the same way. It is about 1/3 the size of the original stockade, with a corner taken out for the Carry Nation Home.

The museum displays many historical artifacts and antiques, which help tell the story of Medicine Lodge and the surrounding area. The Smith Log Cabin and the Old Courthouse Jail, inside the Stockade's log walls, are special attractions. Also on display is the actual peace pipe used in the signing of the 1867 peace treaty, along with memorabilia from early Peace Treaty Pageants, which began in 1927.

It is open from 10:30 to 5 on Saturdays and Sundays from June through October and 1-4 on Saturdays and Sundays from November through May.

CARRY NATION HOME

The Carry Nation Home is next door to the Stockade Museum and, although it is separately owned, a Stockade Museum ticket also admits the visitor to the Carry Nation Home Museum.

David and Carry Nation moved to Medicine Lodge in 1890 when David became pastor of the First Christian Church. While living in Medicine Lodge, Carry began lecturing against the vices of tobacco and liquor, and helped organize the Medicine Lodge chapter of the Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU).

This home, where Carry lived when she began

smashing saloons, was declared a National Historic Landmark in May 1976. Inside the home are memorabilia of Carry's crusade against alcohol. Local people donated the period furnishings; Carry owned and used the antique writing desk, pump organ, walnut dresser, and oak bed.

INDIAN SUMMER DAYS

The next Peace Treaty Indian Summer Days festival is scheduled for Sept. 23, 24 and 25, 2016. In addition to the myriad community activities, it's the next opportunity to experience several signature Peace Treaty events.

PEACE TREATY POWWOW

Attending a powwow gives spectators the opportunity to learn more about the history of Native Americans by witnessing a centuries-old tradition. [learn more](#)

Peace Treaty's Kansas Championship Ranch Rodeo

Teams are invited to compete in events much like day work on the ranch with thrilling action featuring calf branding, team penning, wild cow milking and more.

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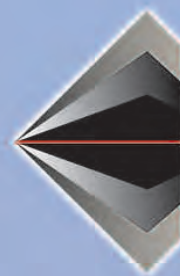
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Twilight THEATRE

Except for a gap of eight years following the 2007 tornado that destroyed most of Greensburg, there has been a Twilight Theatre in the town for nearly a century.

“The old Twilight was sort of an icon in the community but it was in rough shape,” Greensburg resident and theatre member Kim Gamble said. “It was hot in the summer, cold in the winter and the seats weren’t comfortable. It was a community gathering place. People still supported it.”

There were plans nine years ago to do renovations on the theater and get a historic designation, but those plans fell through when the tornado destroyed the theater and most of the town.

Eight years later a new \$3.5 million state-of-the-art Twilight Theatre with a digital projector, surround sound and custom stage lighting opened to much local fanfare. The movie, “Back to the Future” was shown and a DeLorean like the time-traveling car in the classic movie was featured at the new Twilight.

“That was awesome,” Gamble said. “That set the bar pretty high for any future events. We had some high expectations to meet after the DeLorean.”

Adam Wagner, executive director of the Twilight Theatre, said, “We didn’t know what to expect. Having

been closed for eight years, there wasn’t a lot of data and there wasn’t a lot of history to go off of.”

But the Twilight has tried to keep up with trends in the movie theater industry that would bring success. One notable addition has been obtaining a liquor license and the presence of a bar at PG 13 and R-rated movies.

“That was not an easy thing for the community to accept at first but in order for the theater to survive it needed to pursue as many revenue streams as possible,” Wagner said. “There are a lot of small town theaters that are dying and to keep this open in a rural location one has to keep their finger on the pulse of what the industry is doing and you need to adapt.”

The concession stand has also been expanded to offer more treats.

“It’s no longer about the movie, it’s about the experience,” Wagner said, acknowledging that people can easily download a movie at home or get it from Netflix.

Part of the experience is a “lobby that is large enough for people to congregate and converse in. That is certainly part of the design of the arts-going experience,” he said.

The 400-seat auditorium includes room for six wheelchairs. The movie screen at 58 by 27.5 feet is the largest screen between Wichita and Denver, Colorado. Billed as the “Premier Southwest Kansas destination for film

and performing arts,” the Twilight attracts audiences from as far out as Dodge City, Salina, Wichita and northern Oklahoma, Wagner said.

The full name of the facility is Twilight Theatre and Community Auditorium and it has lived up to that name by hosting school music concerts and plays.

“The concept was always to be a multi-use venue and we’ve hosted many school concerts and award ceremonies and rehearsals and all we here is ‘thank you. That is so much better than going to concerts in the gym’ and the kids learn how to perform in a real performance space.”

Two of the premier events the Twilight hosted in 2015 were the “fire back” presentation by burn survivor and motivational speaker Jared Estes, which was featured in a live stream by the Kiowa County Media Center and an appearance by actress Eugenie Bondurant, who appeared in the film, “Hunger Games 2: Mocking Jay.” Bondurant taught acting classes while she was here.

“That is just a little taste of what is possible, having an actress from a major motion picture come and teach classes,” Wagner said.

In the same vein, performers from Artrageous, an art, dance and musical performance show at the Twilight in June 2016 held a free workshop for the public on how they produced

their art.

“It’s a little different than going to your usual concert venue where you might see Garth Brooks but he’s not going to do a free educational class with you on performing country music before the show,” Wagner said. “That’s the goal of the Twilight.”

At \$5 to \$7, tickets to movies at the Twilight are reasonably priced, but 35 to 65 percent of those ticket sales go to the movie studios. The theater does not make a lot on ticket sales, Wagner said.

The Twilight is subsidized by donations.

“Without film sponsorships, event sponsorships and annual memberships, our prices would probably have to be 50 percent higher,” Wagner said.

In the first of what is expected to be an annual event, the Twilight had a fundraiser in which during varying times, there are up to 75 people who volunteer at the theater, Wagner said.

At the ribbon cutting in April of 2015, Wagner quoted the editor of the Kiowa County Signal, who wrote when the original Twilight opened in 1917: “Now that we have a fine building, it is the duty of the community to support it loyally.”

For more information, visit www.twilighttheatre.org or call 620-723-1092.

Fromme-Birney **ROUND BARN**

After looking at the M.T. Liggett whirligig displays, as seen on American Pickers, along 54 and 400 highways near Mullinville a 10-minute drive down a couple of dusty Kiowa County roads you will find the Fromme-Birney Round Barn of Mullinville. The massive 16-sided barn turns 105-years-old this year and is a great off-the-beaten-path destination for fans of classic agricultural architecture.

Local carpenter William Campbell built the 50-foot tall barn in 1912 for Henry Fromme, a German immigrant farmer at a cost of \$8,000 (a modern equivalent of \$190,000).

One of only 23 round barns known to have been built in Kansas, it spans nearly 70-feet from wall to wall and was built to accommodate 28 horses and Mr. Fromme's prized French Percheron stallion.

A six-and-a-half-foot tall weathervane sits atop the cupola, which collects the 160 hand-cut wooden 2x6's that shoot skyward inside the barn's exposed-beam rooftop.

After falling into disrepair due to the increased mechanization of farm equipment in the mid-1900's, the barn was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1987.

Then owner Phyllis Birney, who had received the barn from her husband as a 15th, wedding anniversary gift, donated the building to the Kiowa County Historical Society and in 1995 it was renovated and returned to its near-original condition.

Hailed as an architectural marvel in its day, it was supposed to have been able to sustain much stronger winds than a traditional four-sided barn... a benefit that was pitched to, and sold to, many Kansas farmers.

"A sixteen-sided granary stands in the center of the structure on the first floor, and measures sixteen-feet across," says the Fromme-Birney

Round Barn's webpage at the Kansas Sampler Festival. "A wagon area measuring thirteen-feet wide encircles the granary. Fourteen trapezoidal stalls measuring fourteen-feet in length and fourteen-feet at their widest part line the exterior wall on the first floor. The two-level haymow is covered with tongue and groove pine boards."

If the technical specifications of the barn aren't enough, the interior of the barn is a stunning, expansive space. Stocked with historical documents, pictures and artifacts, a meandering stroll through the stalls is a three-dimensional chronicling of a time before automobiles and massive motorized machinery, when farming was fueled by hay, water and actual horsepower.

The barn is open daily to the public with no admission fee and is located 3.5 miles south and 1.75 miles west of Mullinville, Kan.

For more information, contact the Kiowa County Historical Museum at (620) 723-3263.



After the 2007 tornado in Greensburg people were looking to build some kind of community center that would bind people together. Stacy Barnes was an art major in college and she suggested an arts center.

A non-profit board of directors was formed and on May 4, 2008 the 5.4.7 Arts Center became the first attraction to open in Greensburg. It was the first LEED platinum building in Kansas and the first in the nation built by students.

Studio 804, a graduate architectural program at the University of Kansas, designed the center. The center was built in seven sections in a warehouse in Lawrence, trucked to Greensburg and assembled on site. A metal sculpture on the lawn evokes the destruction on the day from which the center takes its names.

"I think it's a great opportunity for our community that maybe a lot of other towns don't have," Barnes said. "We have great quality of life programs."

Every two months a different artist's work is featured. Art of all types – drawing, painting, ceramics, photography – is featured. Artists from throughout the country have had their work on display at the center. Every spring studio artwork by students from Kiowa County High School is displayed.

Art classes are periodically offered to the public at the arts center. Summer weekly art classes are given to children from preschool age to third or fourth grade. The classes are free but donations are welcome. Anyone interested can call the arts center at (620) 723-2600.

The museum building has served multiple purposes. The Greensburg City Council has held meetings there. Church services, baby showers, graduation parties and class reunions have been held there.

The arts center is open from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and during the summer from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

Visit 547artscenter.org for more information.

5.4.7 Arts Center



ALL IS WELL THAT ENDS WELL *With The Big Well*

The weekly numbers of visitors to Greensburg's Big Well Museum keep climbing, 391 mid-May, 461 before Memorial Day and 507 for the first partial week of June. And though some are repeat sightseers, many are passing through for the first time, getting a good look down 109 feet into the hand-built wonder, and enjoying the hospitality of small town Kansas life in Greensburg.

John Franklin from Santa Barbara, California stopped by Tuesday and took a ride around town on a Big Well museum bicycle after checking out the echoing chamber of the well and visiting with museum director Stacy Barnes.

"He said he was from Lawrence and was headed across Kansas that way, but wanted to spend some time in western Kansas first, seeing the sights and checking out the rebuilding our town has accomplished," Barnes said.

Many visitors, like Franklin come for a variety of reasons. He had seen some news coverage of the 10th Anniversary tornado event and wanted to come check out Greensburg for himself. Others come because of tornado fame or to see the sustainable building efforts, many are just random visitors passing through likely on their way to Boot Hill in Dodge City or other destinations in the mid-west. However, a lot of the international visitors to the Big Well come as part of storm-chaser tour groups.

"There is a huge international market for storm-chaser vacation packages," Barnes said.

"Quite a few tour companies make Greensburg a destination stop for their storm chaser tourism because they like to see what has happened here and see how we have recovered from it. They come in big 12-passenger vans and stop at the well, get gas at Kwik-Shop, snacks at Dillons. It's good for the community."

Another activity many Big Well visitors are enjoying is the bicycle tour option, which began last year in July and has been a success according to Barnes.

"We have a dozen Cruisers (style of bicycle) that can be checked out for free," she said. "We offer maps with guides around town to see the sites, but most people just like to get out and pedal around, finding their own way."

The bicycles, all painted white with a Greensburg logo, are kept in good shape by museum volunteers and give tourists a chance to stretch their legs and exercise after long drives.

"Families really enjoy our bicycles," Barnes said. "We even have two tandem bicycles that can be checked out for free. We keep a little closer eye on them."

Visitors to Greensburg will soon have another reason to stop at the Big Well museum, the site has been selected by the Kansas Humanities Council to be a water destination, part of the Smithsonian Institute's Traveling Exhibition which will actually be based in Dodge City.

"We are preparing to be a partner-site with Boot Hill in September," Barnes said. "There

were six destinations selected in Kansas, all by application, and we are proud to be on the list that will be part of an exhibit featuring water use and conservation in the state."

Barnes, who has worked at the Big Well Museum for almost 10 years, starting on Labor Day the year of the Greensburg tornado, said she puts out new artifacts and exhibits in the Big Well regularly.

"We just put in a quilt exhibit featuring items donated by local artists," she said. "We also have a section of tornado debris that we rotate."

For Franklin, the Big Well Museum was a nice cool place to spend about an hour, visiting and learning about the town of Greensburg. And for other visitors who continue to come from all 50 states as well as countries from Ecuador to Germany, it's a trip well-worth making.

"It's amazing to see how many people come back to see how we are doing," Barnes said. "The Big Well was here long before the tornado hit 10 years ago, but it all works together to bring visitors and tourism dollars to Greensburg. We are happy about that."

The Big Well is 32 feet across and currently has about four and a half feet of water in the bottom. It was built in 1887 at a cost of \$45,000 to provide water for the Santa Fe and Rock Island railroads, and it served as the municipal water supply until 1932.

Kiowa County MUSEUM

The Kiowa County Historical Museum, located in the LEED platinum, energy efficient Kiowa County Commons, takes visitors through the county's heritage of buffalo, Indian wars and early settlers through the 2007 tornado.

There is information about interesting characters from Kiowa County history like Eliza Kimberly who discovered the Brenham meteorites, stagecoach operator D.R. "Cannonball" Green, for whom the town of Greensburg is named.

"It has deepened my appreciation for Kiowa County and my appreciation for its history and all the progress we've made especially post-tornado," museum executive director Heather Coyne said.

Her favorite artifacts in the museum are the World War I and World War II equipment and uniforms. She especially likes the wooden propeller confiscated from a Japanese war plane, which was shipped home in little pieces and put back together by the soldier after he returned home.

She also pointed out an old wooden door from the old Twilight Theatre that survived the tornado. Performers at the theater autographed the door and there are some from as far back as 1917.

"People, for the most part really like it (the museum)," Coyne said. "And the more we get the original artifacts out for people to see the more enthusiastic

they get about coming back next time."

Many people come to the museum to do research on genealogy and the museum is in the process of organizing a library room that will make it easier for people to do that, Coyne said. The room will contain newspapers, scrapbooks and family photo albums people have donated over the years.

"People donate yearbooks all the time," Coyne said. "They're not super helpful to the general public but they're invaluable if you're trying to find someone."

Leading to the museum's entrance, there is a soda fountain that used to be part of Hunter's Drug Store and survived the tornado. Coyne can often be found behind the soda fountain, making milkshakes, floats and other ice cream concoctions for customers. She picks up a lot of good conversation from the people sitting on the stools and in the booths.

"I like the conversation," she said. "I like getting to meet new people. I like hearing people's stories. Almost everyone who walks through the door here has a story and fortunately I like to listen to those. They want to deepen their connection to Greensburg or Kiowa County in general and I get to help them do that."

The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday through Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

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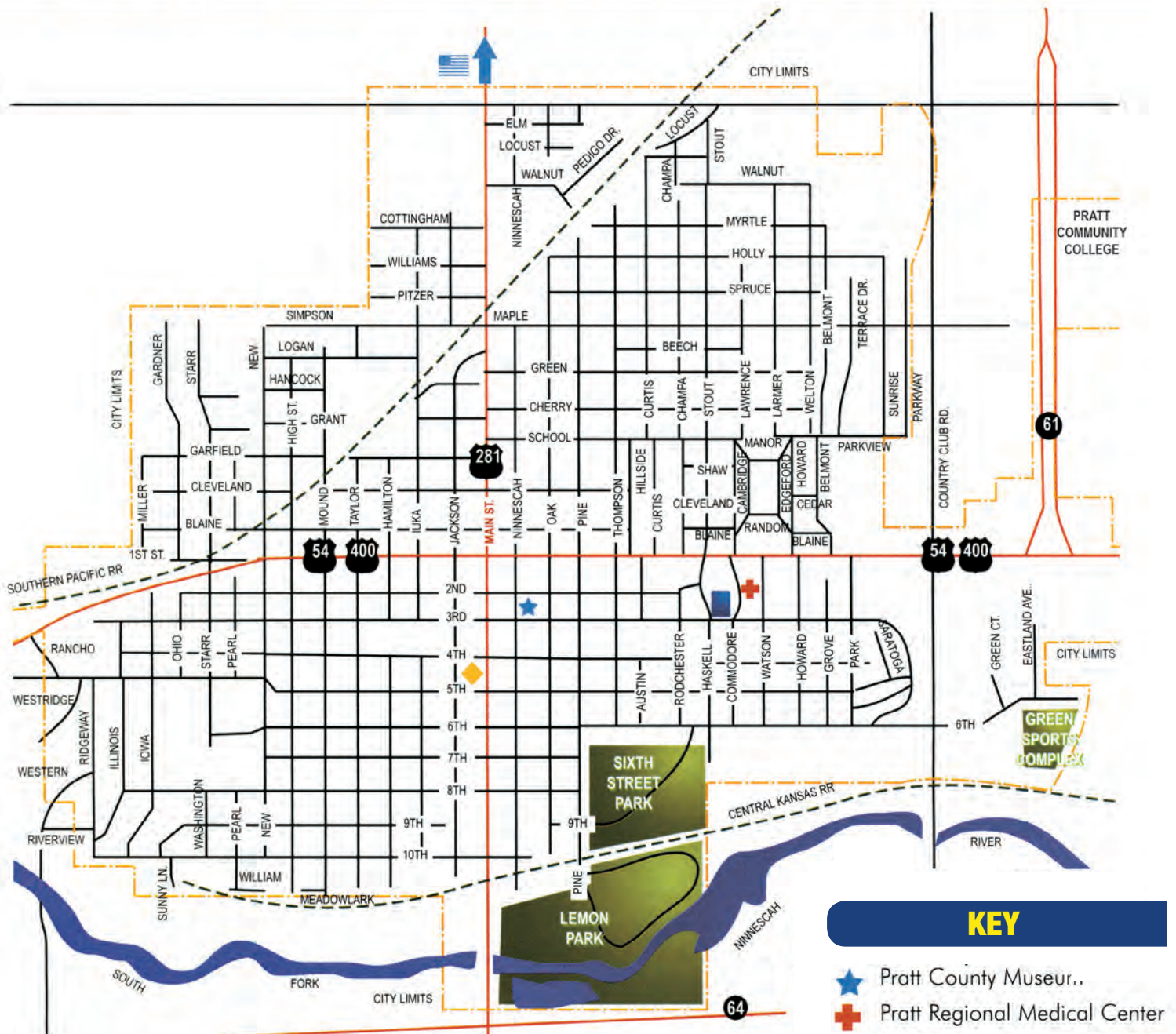
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- 🇺🇸 All Veterans Museum Complex
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