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THE HISTORY OF THE CHISHOLM TRAIL: THE CATTLEMANS HIGHWAY



Story by: Caitlyn Pray
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Today we have highways. Today we have trucks and trailers. Today we have cattle marketing apps on our cellular phones and a sale barn in many a small town we go through. To say the least, farmers have come a long way in the last 150 years.

Our modern ways of farming and ranching hardly resemble the ways of the 1860's in all of its calf-roping, cattle-driving, steer-wrestling, horseback-riding, cowboy singing glory, but still it is beneficial for every farmer to know the roots from where he comes from.

For the citizens of Sumner County, the Chisholm Trail has a lot to do with those roots.

Ever since the Chisholm Trail Festival began in Caldwell in 1995 and long before, the Chisholm Trail has been a huge part of the local history and lives of the people of Sumner County.

Speak to any local historian about the history of the Chisholm Trail and they will probably be able to tell you a fair bit, but how much does the average citizen know?

Whether you know the history of the trail like the back of your hand or you know next to nothing, still you may find it interesting to learn what really began, sustained and acquired the name for one of the most notable trails that our society of farmers owes so much to.

To understand the beginning of the Chisholm Trail and why it got started, one would have to travel back to the end of the Civil War in 1865.

Any war causes mass destruction on fertile land and resources, and this war was no exception.

The railroads, cotton and tobacco plantations, telegraphing companies and general economy all suffered, but perhaps none with as such a prolific problem as the cattle ranchers of the Texas territory.

With many of the Texans engaging in the Civil War and absent from their homestead management, growing numbers of cattle were left to their own devices, resulting in a post-war Texas-sized roundup of many roaming herds.

One very prominent cattle buyer and stockman by the name of Joseph G. McCoy was known to remark, "There dawned a time in Texas that a man's poverty was estimated by the number of cattle he possessed."

These words hit the nail right on the head for that time.

Cattle were such a universal commodity in the Texas range that the price remained in a depression of only a dollar or two per head with only a number of buyers, if any.

Ironically, the economical truth of supply and demand was reversed for the Americans of the North and South, whom after fighting a gruesome five year civil war was low on any sort of meat and would pay well over 10-times the amount Texas buyers were willing to pay.

McCoy realized the nation had a problem, and decided he was just the man to try to fix it.

Moving down from Illinois, McCoy moved to Abilene, Kans. in 1867 and realized this would be the perfect place to start an establishment which would resemble a modern-day stockyard.

The Kansas-Pacific Railway had already extended its lines through Abilene, the land was cheap and ready to start building upon and all the other factors seemed to fall into place for success. Taking advantage of the situation, McCoy bought 480 acres of land surrounding Abilene at five dollars an acre and soon began the construction of shipping-yards, corrals capable of holding 3,000 wild Texas steers, chutes, scales, barns and any other necessary equipment.

In the short span of two months, from July 1, 1867 to September 1, McCoy and his helpers had the stockyard perfected, finished, and ready for the cattle.

Before entirely finishing his construction project, however, McCoy sent a man down to the southern part of Kansas and the Indian Territory we now know as Oklahoma to look for every possible drover and bring him to the establishment.

Of course, McCoy had plenty of prospects, there still was the problem of how and where to drive the cattle from their current location to the stockyard. This major question which surrounded every cattleman involved in the business was quickly answered by a man who had already made an impeccable route; that man was no other than the Cherokee "half-breed"





known as Jesse Chisholm.

Chisholm had since as early as 1853 been using the common trail he had made for himself which would be later known as the Chisholm Trail.

Though Chisholm had only used his trail for business with his Cherokee tribesmen, trapping and trading friends, and his own excursions, the cattlemen quickly learned of Chisholm's safer and more efficient route and knew they had to speak to him about using his trail for their cattle industry.

Although Chisholm's Trail only stretched from the Wichita Falls, OK area to modern-day Wichita, it was perhaps the toughest terrain for cattlemen to cross and the most dangerous.

If McCoy and the cattlemen could get permission to use Chisholm's route, they knew more customers would be likely to come, which meant more cattle would be driven, more stock would be sold, and ultimately more money would be made.

To the relief of those from the Abilene stockyard, Chisholm was happy to agree to their use of the trail.

Finally, the last piece of the puzzle was put into place and the problem of transportation of cattle from Texas to Abilene, Kans. was solved thanks to what was known then as Chisholm's Trail.

A Mr. Thompson's cattle from Texas were the first "dogies" to use Chisholm's Trail. Mr. Thompson sold the cattle to some dealers in the Indian Territory, who in turn drove them to Abilene where the stockyard and railway waited.

After the smooth transaction and many more following, it was evident to the Texas cattlemen, dealers and buyers that the Abilene stockyard via Chisholm's Trail was the newest, greatest, most efficient way of business.

Thirty-five thousand head of cattle were rounded up and sold at Abilene in just the few short months the Abilene stockyard was beginning from September to December of 1867.

One Abilene newspaper editor quoted McCoy's success one day after looking out of his

office window. What was once seen by McCoy as, "A small, dead place, consisting of about a dozen log huts, low, small rude affairs, four fifths of which were covered with dirt for roofing," had now taken on a new look, as the newspaperman noticed, seeing his small town transform into "an island in a sea of cattle."

It was at this time the southernmost part of the trail extended into the heart of Texas. The Kansas-Pacific Railway issued a map of the many trails of Texas in 1874 (Which is currently held by the Kansas Historical Society) ranging from just about every tip of the state to the Red River Station near modern-day Terrell, Texas. These trails were all popular by the cowboys who used them, but not as famous as the long trail which went from the Red River Station to San Antonio. It was this extension that was known as becoming an official part of Chisholm's Trail.

From then on, McCoy's business only grew.

Upon exuberant amounts of advertising to the Northern buyers, Texan ranchers and everyone in between, McCoy received 75,000 head of cattle for shipment in 1868, then saw that number double in 1869. Business was so good that the shipping stockyard resulted in making three million dollars annually, with also a proficient trading side business in camp supplies to keep every stockman, drover and McCoy himself very situated.

Over the years, millions of cattle came to be sold in Abilene and many other towns across the Kansas plain that would follow McCoy's lead in beginning a stockyard establishment leading to the beginning of the cow towns.

Such towns became boomtowns for the populous cowboys and stockmen and would reign as the nation's power and height until the mid-1880s when the cattle industry would take a devastating hit to the series of harsher winters, including the blizzard of 1887 which resulted in the death of thousands of cattle, and overgrazed pasturelands, making the farmer turn his focus to a more profitable approach of smaller, higher-quality herds that would yield more beef per head.

The invention and mass use of barbed wire by Illinois farmer Joseph Glidden was the final synch to the diminishing cattle drives, bringing the 20-year age of the cattle drive, cowboys, and cow towns to a final finale.

Though the times and methods have changed, there is still much to be learned from the Chisholm Trail's history.

The ambitious spirit, the long, hard work and the motivation to improve all are attributes from our founding farmers that the modern farmer can still see, appreciate and apply to his contemporary farming style. As one quote states, "A people without the knowledge of their past history is like a tree without its roots."

The Chisholm Trail in Song

"The Old Chisholm Trail" sheet music, from John Linnell's Cowboy Songs and Other Frontier Ballads, 1883.

The Old Chisholm Trail

Come a - long, boys, and let us to my tale, I'll
tell you of my love-les on the old Chisholm trail.

Baritone
Co - me si yi yoo - pa, yoo - pa ya, yoo - pa ya.

Co - me si yi yoo - pa, yoo - pa ya.

THE FIRST AND PERHAPS MOST FAMILIAR CULTURAL ARTIFACT FROM THE DAYS OF THE CATTLE DRIVE WAS THE SONG "THE OLD CHISHOLM TRAIL"

Unlike other depictions of trail life that were crafted after the fact, "The Old Chisholm Trail" was created by cowboys themselves as they drove their herds north. More upbeat trail-drive songs were meant to occupy idle minds during the daylight hours, and night herding cowboys used singing to calm the cattle and to keep track of one another in the dark. Inventive drovers contributed their own verses to the song, and the verses were passed from one cowboy to another. Over the years the number of verses of "The Old Chisholm Trail" grew. Some say there are more than a hundred known verses of the song. "The Old Chisholm Trail" has been recorded by artists such as Gene Autry, Roy Rogers, Michael Martin Murphey, Randy Travis, and Woody Guthrie.

Other popular songs refer to the Chisholm Trail, including "The Last Cowboy Song," written by Ed Bruce and performed by the Highwaymen (Willie Nelson, Kris Kristofferson, Waylon Jennings, and Johnny Cash):

*The old Chisholm Trail is covered in concrete now,
They truck it to market in fifty foot rigs.
They roll by his markings and don't even notice.
Like living and dying was all he ever did.*

SUMNER COUNTY

H I S T O R Y



JOHN L. MAGEE

John L. Magee created a lithograph in 1856, depicting Preston Brooks' attack on Charles Sumner. Along with Kansas, the following states have towns named after Senator Sumner - Iowa, Nebraska, Washington and Oregon.



SUMNER COUNTY

Date Established: Feb. 26, 1867
County Seat: Wellington

Origin of Name: In honor of Charles Sumner (1811-1874), a U.S. senator from Massachusetts. The Senate's leading opponent of slavery, he was beaten unconscious on the Senate floor by a South Carolina congressman after one speech Sumner made against pro-slavery groups in Kansas in 1856. During the Civil War, he became a leader of the Radical Republicans, arguing for black suffrage and urging an extensive program of economic aid, land distribution and free education for freed slaves. He also led the impeachment movement against President Andrew Johnson.

Cattle, wheat, and railroads have defined Sumner County. But it is wheat that makes this county great. More winter red wheat is produced by Sumner County farmers than in most third world countries. The Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad runs east/west and the Union Pacific serves Peck, Riverdale, Wellington, Perth, Corbin, and Caldwell connecting Wichita and Enid, Okla., over track once owned by the Rock Island railroad. U.S. Highway 160 runs across the county, and U.S. Highway 81/Interstate 135 runs north/south.

Sumner County was organized in 1873. Early interest in the county was driven by the economic opportunities offered by the

herds of cattle coming up the Chisholm Trail from Texas. Later the Oklahoma land rush created and then drained towns in Sumner County.

The Sumner County Press, the county's first paper, was established in Oxford in 1871. The first school district in Sumner County was organized in Oxford in 1872 with Miss Whaley as the first teacher.

Mrs. Susanna Madora Salter (born March 2, 1860) served as mayor of Argonia in 1887. She was the first woman mayor elected in the U.S. The Salter home at Osage and Garfield streets is now a museum. William G. Cutler's History of Kansas, first published in 1883, tells about early Sumner County. There is a section on Sumner County in the book Kansas: A Cyclopedia of State History by Frank Blackmar (1912).

The Special Collections of the Ablah Library at Wichita State University contain historical images of Argonia, Belle Plaine, Caldwell, Conway Springs, Drury, Geuda Springs, Hunnewell, Milan, Mulvane, Oxford and Wellington. The Kansas State Historical Society also has more historical data for Sumner County online including a rich bibliography and lists of cemeteries, post offices and newspapers.

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AREA ACTIVITIES

WELLINGTON LAKE

Located six miles west of the city, Wellington Lake was created for flood control purposes, as well as a reliable drinking source. The lake has 674 acres of surface water and 10.2-miles of shoreline. But this body of water is much more to the city than drinking water or preventing local flooding.

Families from all around Sumner County and the surrounding area drive here to picnic, fish or swim just off its various public beaches. There are also over 200 camping sites with electric and water hookups and several primitive camping areas. Permits are required, with various daily, monthly and annual rates.

Fishing for a large number of fish, ranging from large mouth bass and hybrid striper to crappie, saugeye and channel catfish, among others, is also a must-do when visiting or moving to Wellington. State fishing license is required.

The recently installed Cub Scout Trails, near the intersection of West 30th Street South and Northwest Lake Road, provide two-miles of nature hiking. These trails were constructed and maintained by



Wellington Cub Scouts Pack 303.

Lake amenities include three boat ramps, handicap accessible fishing pier and cleaning station, picnic areas and two shower/restroom facilities. The newest addition to the lake is a small store within the permit office, selling beverages, food, fishing gear and bait, along with items for the RV or tent campers.

Taken as a whole, Wellington Lake is the best kept secret in south central Kansas.

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BARTLETT ARBORETUM

One of Sumner County's biggest marvels is in Belle Plaine, the Bartlett Arboretum. On the west end of town, along Kansas Highway 55, "the Arb," as it's known locally, has been in Belle Plaine for more than 100 years.

Started by Dr. Walter E. Bartlett in 1910, the Bartlett family owned and cared for the Arb for several generations. Since 1997, Robin Macy has been the steward of property.

She, along with numerous volunteers—known as Soil Sisters and Soil Brothers, keep the Arb looking like the jewel that it is.

During the Bartlett Arboretum's centennial year, 2010, it became the first landscape in the history of the Kansas to

garner a spot on the National Registry of Historic Places.

The arboretum is home to a host of trees and plant life from across the globe, like the Japanese maple tree, the largest one of its kind in the state of Kansas. In the spring, the Arb truly shines and sings.

The literal singing is usually handled by the various musicians that take the stage in the center of the Arb during one of its many events through the year. From the spring to the fall, the Tree House Concert Series brings in artists of all kinds, from small, bluegrass acts to classical concerts.

To find out more information and history of this Sumner County treasure, check out the arboretum's website.

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Wellington became the home of a semiprofessional baseball team in 2013. The Heat have played in Lake Havasu City, Ariz., from 1993 to 2009, and then in Haysville from 2010 to 2012.

For the past 20 seasons, the Heat has been a national force, playing in the National Baseball Congress, winning the NBC World Series in 2007. The Heat nearly accomplished that feat again in its first year in Wellington, earning second place.

The Heat joined the Kansas Collegiate League after the 2016 season, ensuring the baseball tradition staying in Wellington. Other area teams in the KCLB include: Clearwater Outlaws, Kansas Cannons (Augusta), Park City Rangers, Valley Center Mud Daubers and Wichita Marlins.

WELLINGTON HEAT

A completely renovated Hibbs-Hooten Field, in Sellers Park, is the location of all the Heat home games. Each night, there is usually something fun taking place at the stadium, such as theme nights, raffles and between-inning contests that involve a lucky Heat fan.

The Heat provides visitors with another reason to come and enjoy what Wellington has to offer. The addition of this baseball team is a high-quality area attraction for baseball fans of all ages.

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WELLINGTON FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

Located just east of the Wellington Golf Club, the Wellington Family Aquatic Center is a water haven for folks of all ages, particularly during the steamy summer months of May through August.

The park features three water slides and various spray-n-play structures. Also located on the premises are a "diving well" and a tot pool, as well as concessions and shower facilities.

Coupon books are available each year and are good throughout that entire season, as are season

family passes.

The pool, bathhouse and deck areas are cleared for 10 minutes every hour for safety checks.

Every year the pool closes with the annual Doggy Dive, allowing fur-parents a chance to let their four-legged children a chance to go for a swim.

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The depot was built in 1910. It would have opened it's doors for travelers coming as far back east as Chicago and heading as far west as California.

The wooden floors and woodwork are original to the building. Its displays include various railroad items, a replica of a former business man's home, which is still in existence, wood-

working tools, a large collection of wrenches, a collection of old telephones, telegraph equipment and many items that would have been found in homes of that era.

We honor our veterans by having on view, many uniforms and other memorabilia from their lives during service to the country. Men and women alike. The city jail, built in 1897 is on the museum grounds and is open to visitors.

A 1940's era caboose is also on site. In the museum's storage building four display

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Wellington has a rich and proud frontier heritage dating back to 1871, shortly after cattle began being driven from all over Texas across the Red River and Indian Territory to Abilene in 1867. The trail itself passed seven miles west of Wellington from Caldwell to Wichita, and on to Abilene. The museum library contains numerous

enlarged historic photographs taken in the early town and local area. Over 40 rooms too numerous to list, document past life in the town, from military history, the general store, railroad room, dolls, automobiles, doctors office, sewing room, and something for everyone.

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NATIONAL GLASS MUSEUM

The National Glass Museum, a product of the National Depression Glass Association opened in Wellington in 2012. Located at 117 S. Washington, the museum is home to thousands of pieces of antique glass.

The NGDA's Mission Statement says The National Depression Glass Association, founded in 1974, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of American made glassware manufactured just before, during, and immediately after the Great Depression.

The organization is also dedicated to the dissemination of educational information regarding the same.

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THE VETERANS ROOM

The Veteran's Room at Memorial Auditorium in Wellington was originally put together for the veterans of World War I as a way to show pride and loyalty to the veterans.

Recent attempts have been made to develop the room into more of a present day memorial for the soldiers of not only World War I, but other battles as well.

The room is located on the right side of the building near the entrance of Memorial Auditorium at 208 N. Washington in Wellington.

Lack of interest has been a hurdle in getting the project moving along as quickly as those involved would like, but the room still features dozens of artifacts from various wars now, commemorating the men and women who have served.

Items are currently on display from the Afghanistan, Iraq and Gulf Wars, WWI and WWII, as well as the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

Assistance is needed to help make the Veteran's

Room project continue to grow. While there is no funding behind the project, donations are obviously accepted.

Currently, the Veteran's Room at Memorial Auditorium is open only one day per week on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to help out with the room, which would help keep it open and ideally then be open to the public more often. So far, volunteers have been hard to come by.

Despite low interest from potential volunteers, the Veteran's Room has had some help in putting the room together.

Triumph's "Wings over Wellington" program made curtains for the room and helped put things up around the room, including added bits of information to go with each picture on display.

Donations are always welcomed and appreciated, and not just financially.



Any war artifacts such as photos, helmets, jackets and so on can be donated to contribute to the exhibits already in place.

Anyone wishing to have an item displayed does not necessarily have to give it away completely.

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117TH KANSAS WHEAT FESTIVAL

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Sumner County is the number one wheat-producing county in Kansas.

The Kansas Wheat Festival is a post-harvest event that will celebrate its 117th year July 12 – 16, 2017.

The festival began as the Sumner County Jubilee in honor of a bumper wheat harvest in its inaugural year, 1900. On April 26, 2012, an official proclamation was issued by the state of Kansas making Wellington's wheat festival the official Kansas Wheat Festival.

Today the Kansas Wheat Festival is the premier fundraising event for the Wellington Area Chamber of Commerce/CVB and supports the activities of community businesses year round. Admission is a \$3 festival button. Buttons will cost \$5 after July 1. Children two and younger are free.

Over 6,000 people come from all over the region to enjoy music, food and events for the entire family.



"This is an event that pulls Sumner County communities and families together to celebrate our agricultural heritage," said Annarose White, Wellington Area Chamber of Commerce/CVB director. "That is what makes it so special and a popular time of year for family and class reunions."

The official premier sponsor of the 117th Kansas Wheat Festival is Cowley College.

certs, starting at 6 p.m. Kitty Hawk Krash, 7:30 p.m. Jenny Wood & The Watchers, 9 p.m. Piper Leigh & The Smokin' Section and capping the evening off is Image — a local band reunion.

ACTIVITIES

If you want the thrill of competition, the Kansas Wheat Festival offers the traditional and offbeat.

The theme for the Tuesday night baby and toddler contest will be "Wanted Wranglers!," and parents are encouraged to dress their children in western cowboy themed attire.

If you like traditional, try the horseshoe tournament on Wednesday night. Race tricycles, join the community for games or a bouncy houses, photo booth and free watermelon feed plus lots of great classics like the Wellington Recreation Commission to make spin art, as well.

Softball and baseball tournaments are also offered during the festival.

If you are looking for an activity that is a little more off beat, you might try Thursday's



MUSIC

Wednesday night's entertainment in 2017 will feature a lip sync contest in Sellers Park. Pre-registration through entry form is required.

This year The Arron Woods Band will headline the Thursday night concert.

Two more street dances will follow on Friday and Saturday night. Friday is 80's Rock Night, Paramount a popular cover band will perform at 9 p.m. Saturday night is jam packed with four different con-

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night cow chip throwing contest.

Festival attendees test their skills at throwing cow dung into a toilet on Washington Avenue. Gloves are provided. If that is not enough dung for you, Cow Patty Bingo also will be offered.

Friday night is traditionally the night for the Sumner County Regional Medical Center bed races.

The parade also will be Friday night downtown. This year the parade theme will be "150 years of the Chisholm Trail."

New this year will be a stick horse rodeo, drone event, disc golf demonstrations, and a huge end of the Kansas Wheat Festival party out at Worden Park with a drawing of the grand prize, food truck rally, and a ball drop from the Wellington Young Professionals organization for a vacation getaway package.

There will be a drawing conducted for one Henry Golden Boy 30/30 rifle during Saturday Night concert of the Kansas Wheat Festival. Tickets are \$5 or five for \$20. Proceeds will benefit the Wellington Foodbank, this event is coordinated by Jon Munro.

FOOD

Can't you just smell the aroma of street food? This year the food court will be expanded to about 20 vendors. The beer garden will also be expanded. Food contests are also featured in the events. This year the annual bread-making contest will include bread machine breads. The festival also will have a wheat beer contest. Some other opportunities for fun and food include the doughnut eating contest, senior citizens' entertainment and lunch, Wellington Noon Lion's meal during Picnic in the Park, the Catholic youth enchilada dinner, CornerBank Ice Cream Social, VFW buffalo burgers and the Sunday morning Knights of Columbus breakfast.

FUN FOR ALL AGES

Many events during the festival are offered for the young and young at heart.

The Ottaway Carnival runs Wednesday through Saturday at the Raymond Frye Complex parking lot. Wristbands are \$25. D&L Train Rides offers free locomotive rides for children each day of the festival.

Friday will begin with sidewalk chalking, and there will be several contests that evening

before the parade.

Saturday is Family Fun Day and hosts many activities in Sellers Park, including crafts show, food vendors, inflatables, Kids' Pedal Power Tractor Pull, special demonstrations by the Exploration place, educational agricultural displays by Sumner County Farm Bureau and other commodity groups. Saturday is also the car show and Arts & Craft show in Sellers Park.

AGRICULTURE

The Kansas Wheat Festival Wheat Show will be all week at Renn & Company, 209 S. Washington Ave., as well as a Harvest Photo Display.

On Friday, Impact Bank will sponsor the Agriculture and Energy Lunch starting at noon at Heritage Park/Memorial Auditorium. The KWLS Ag Day Expo and Home Show begins at 10 a.m. Friday.

The 2017 Wheat King, which honors the year's best wheat, will be awarded at 6 p.m. on Wednesday during Picnic in the Park.

More information on all events, including registration forms and sponsorship information can be found at www.wellingtonkschamber.com/kansas-wheat-festival or call the chamber at 620-326-7466.

TULIP TIME



Since 1986, Belle Plaine Ks welcomes thousands of visitors to this annual two day event. Enjoy activities for every age including arboretum tour featuring 30,000 tulips, athletic competitions, Bingo, BBQ Competition, a car show with nearly 100 vintage vehicles, a carnival, contests, festival food, helicopter rides, Kids Fest, a parade, scavenger hunt, street dance, talent show and a variety of live entertainment.

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Local businesses, antique stores, restaurants and a museum offer more to see and do in Belle Plaine.

Tulip Time Button can be found at tram stops and chamber booth downtown at the community center.

The \$3 button helps support festival events and live entertainment and is required for several activities.

It is your 'ticket to ride' the tram to designated stops all over town including the Arboretum stop. The button does not gain admittance to the Art at the Arb. A \$5 donation has been requested in the past for the Arb.

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The Barbecue competition is open to amateur and professional teams looking to up their game or make their mark in competitive cooking.

Vendors of all sorts display their latest and greatest items in the swapmeet.

Activities fill the day for both the young and young feeling.

Held the weekend after Father's Day, the day is a great way to spend with the family, get some sun, play around and relax to local musicians.

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CHISHOLM TRAIL FESTIVAL

The Wild West comes alive as Caldwell celebrates its heritage and place on the Historic Chisholm Trail.

Held the first weekend of May, Caldwell welcomes visitors from around the world. In 2017 Caldwell, along with towns from Texas, Oklahoma and throughout Kansas celebrated the 150th anniversary of the Chisholm Trail.

Along with Can-Can Girls roaming the streets, it's not a strange site to see Marshal's, prominent citizens and outlaws throughout town.

The Border Queen Museum showcases Caldwell's colorful history while visitors wait to inspect the brothel that was once in town.

There are activities for children, and historic presentations of notable characters from the Wild West.

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MULVANE OLD SETTLERS DAY

Mulvane Old Settlers is a Mulvane tradition that has been taking place for 143 years. This celebration takes place on the third weekend of August every year, and the 2017 celebration will be Aug. 18-20. There are many events for Old Settlers goers: road

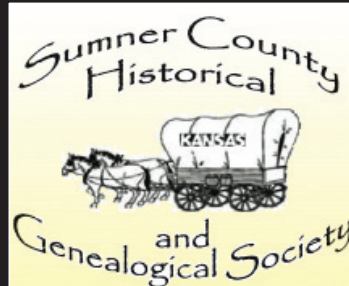
race, rodeo, carnival, arts and crafts, quilt show, parade, talent show, Little Miss Pioneer pageant, turtle races and much, much more. If you are in the mood for good food, good entertainment, or just good company, come on down for Mulvane Old Settlers.



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2017 SUMNER COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JULY 28

6:30 p.m. Fashion Revue at the Raymond Frye Complex

SATURDAY, JULY 29

7 p.m. Horse Show at the Argonia Rodeo grounds

MONDAY, JULY 31

7 p.m. Fair Set Up

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

4-8 p.m. Entering of open and junior class exhibits.
 Entering and Consultative Judging of 4-H Exhibits
 Weighing and Entering of all livestock
 8:30 p.m. Required meeting of livestock exhibitors in barn

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

8-10:30 a.m. Enter of Junior and Open Class exhibits
 11 a.m. Begin Judging of exhibits
 8 a.m. Swine Show
 9 a.m. - Noon Bedazzled Boots entered Sponsored by Sumner County Economic Development
 12-2 p.m. FACS Judging Contest
 1-3 p.m. Cowboy Scavenger Hunt
 2-4:30 p.m. Free Water Slide courtesy of Mill Creek Lumber
 5 p.m. Czech Kitchen and Beer Garden opens
 5:30 p.m. Shepherd's Lead Contest:

6 p.m.

7 p.m.

7 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

8 p.m.

9-11 p.m.

7-11 p.m.

Sheep Show

Kiddie Tractor Pull

Goat Show

Ice Cream Bars courtesy of Farm Bureau

Platform Program

BINGO

Inflatables - Laser Tag



SATURDAY, AUGUST 5 AG DAY

Special Ag Events Throughout the Day

- 8 a.m. Beef show followed by Bucket Calf Show (Bucket calves must be checked in by 8 pm Friday and may leave after the show.) Peewee Show will follow Bucket calf Show
- 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Voting for Bedazzled Boots located in Community Building
- 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Ag Building Open, full of educational activities throughout the day
- 9 a.m. Kolache Kitchen opens – Nostalgia Nook
- 9 a.m. Beef Show
- 10 a.m. Antique Tractor Show
- 10 a.m. Czech Kitchen and Beer Garden opens
- 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Chuck Wagon Beef Cook Off
- 1 p.m. Antique Tractor Pull
- 1:30 p.m. Enter Pies for Baked Pie Contest
- 2 p.m. Judging of Baked Pie Contest
- 2-4:30 p.m. Free Water Slide courtesy of Mill Creek Lumber
- 3 p.m. Herding Heroes Sponsored by Impact Bank
- 3-5 p.m. NEW!!! Ag Day Demonstrations located in Ag Building (More information will follow)
- 2-4 p.m. Car Show
- 4 p.m. Round Robin Showmanship Contest

KID'S DAY EVENTS

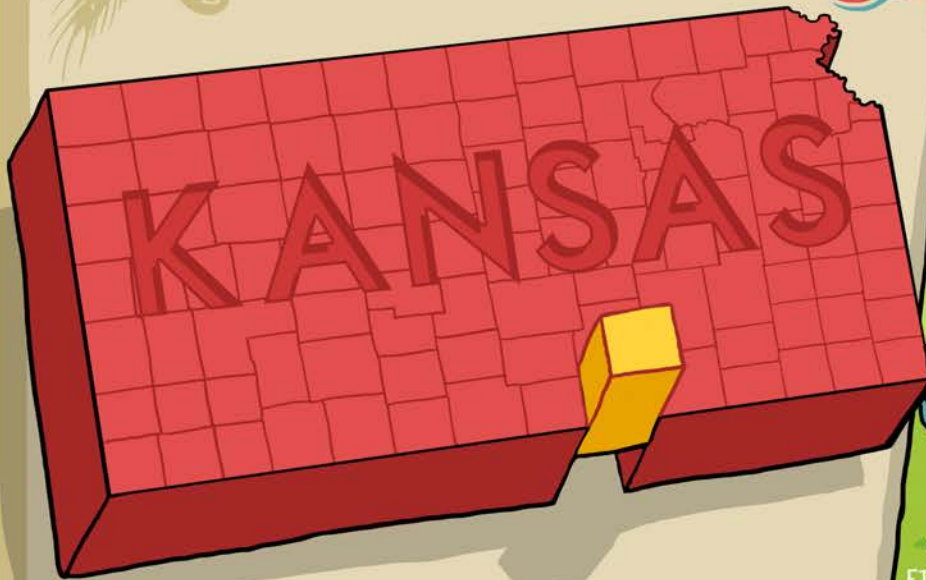
- 2-4 p.m. Petting Zoo
- 1:30 p.m. Turtle Races (Turtles provided)
- 2 p.m. Old West Critter Contest (in barn)
- 3 p.m. Sandpile Dig
- 4 p.m. Cowboy Kids Events
- 5:30 p.m. Kiddie Parade Lineup at KanOkla Tech Store
- 5:45 p.m. Kiddie Parade
- 5:30 p.m. Grand Parade Lineup at Christian Church
- 6:30 p.m. Grand Parade
- 7:30 p.m. Pie Auction
- 8 p.m. Platform program Byron Berline
- 7-11 p.m. Inflatables - Laser Tag - Carnival - Pony Rides open for fun
- 10 p.m. - Midnight BINGO

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

- 10:00 am Country Church in the Community Building
- Noon Release Exhibits and set up for auction (Not responsible for items left after 3 pm)
- 1:30 pm Exhibitors and Buyers BBQ beginning with Cookie jar auction
- 3:00 pm Juniors Livestock Auction and Bedazzled Boots to be awarded



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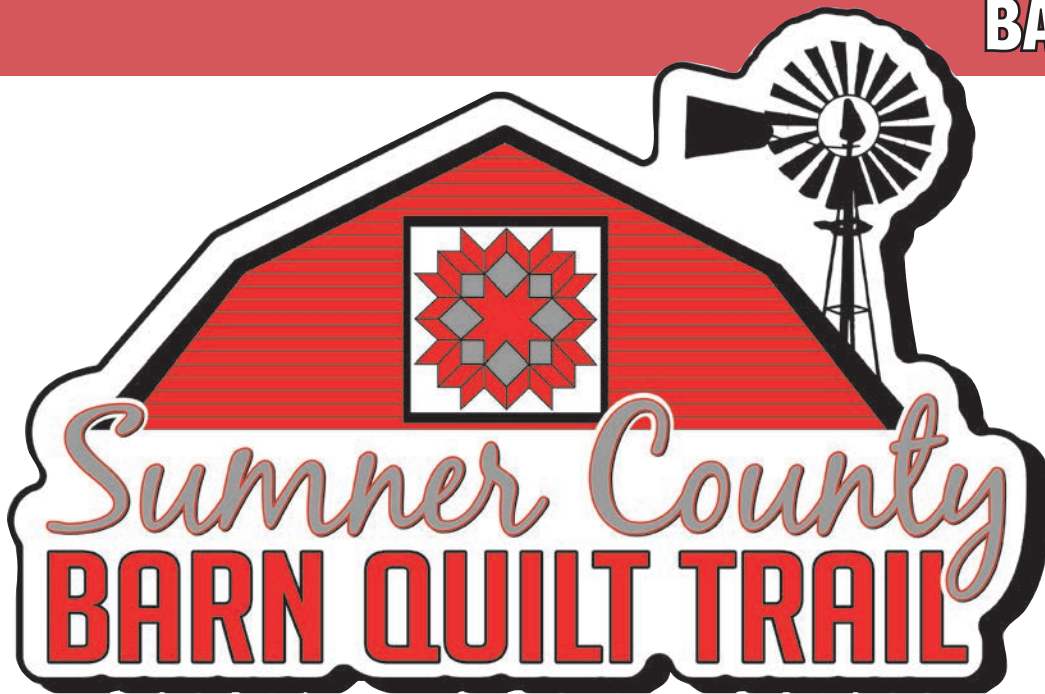


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BARN QUILT TRAIL



Interest in Barn Quilts began when a class was offered in Caldwell. The first was held at the Fair Association barn in October 2015.

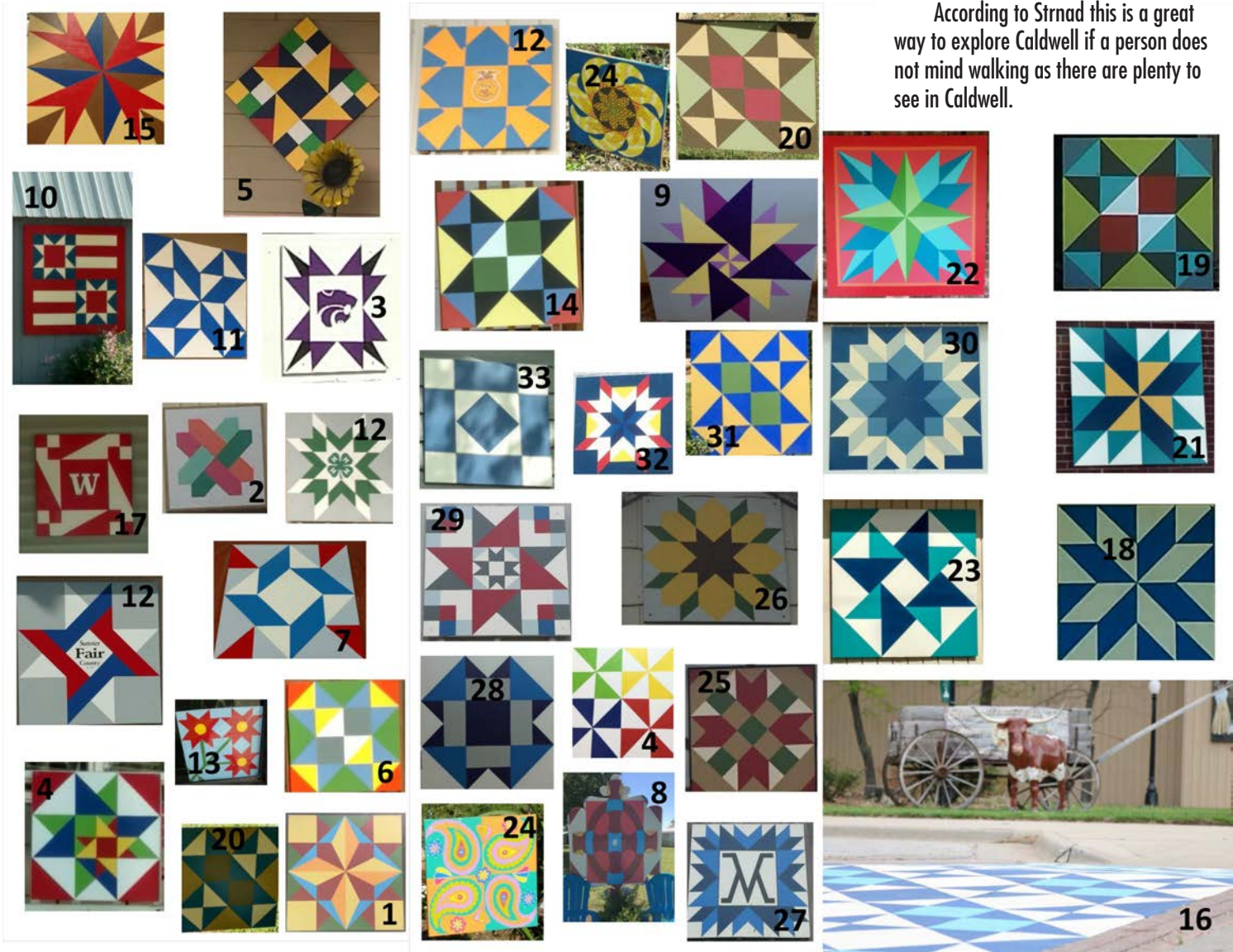
Since the initial class, classes have been held throughout Sumner County with creations being proudly displayed throughout.

With Caldwell hosting the Chisholm Trail 150 celebration Jill Keuhnly asked Julia Strnad to develop the first Barn Quilt Tour for visitors to explore more of Caldwell.

Currently there are plans to develop a Sumner County Barn Quilt Tour featuring the creative artists of Sumner County.

Brochures for the Caldwell tour can be found in the new visitor center.

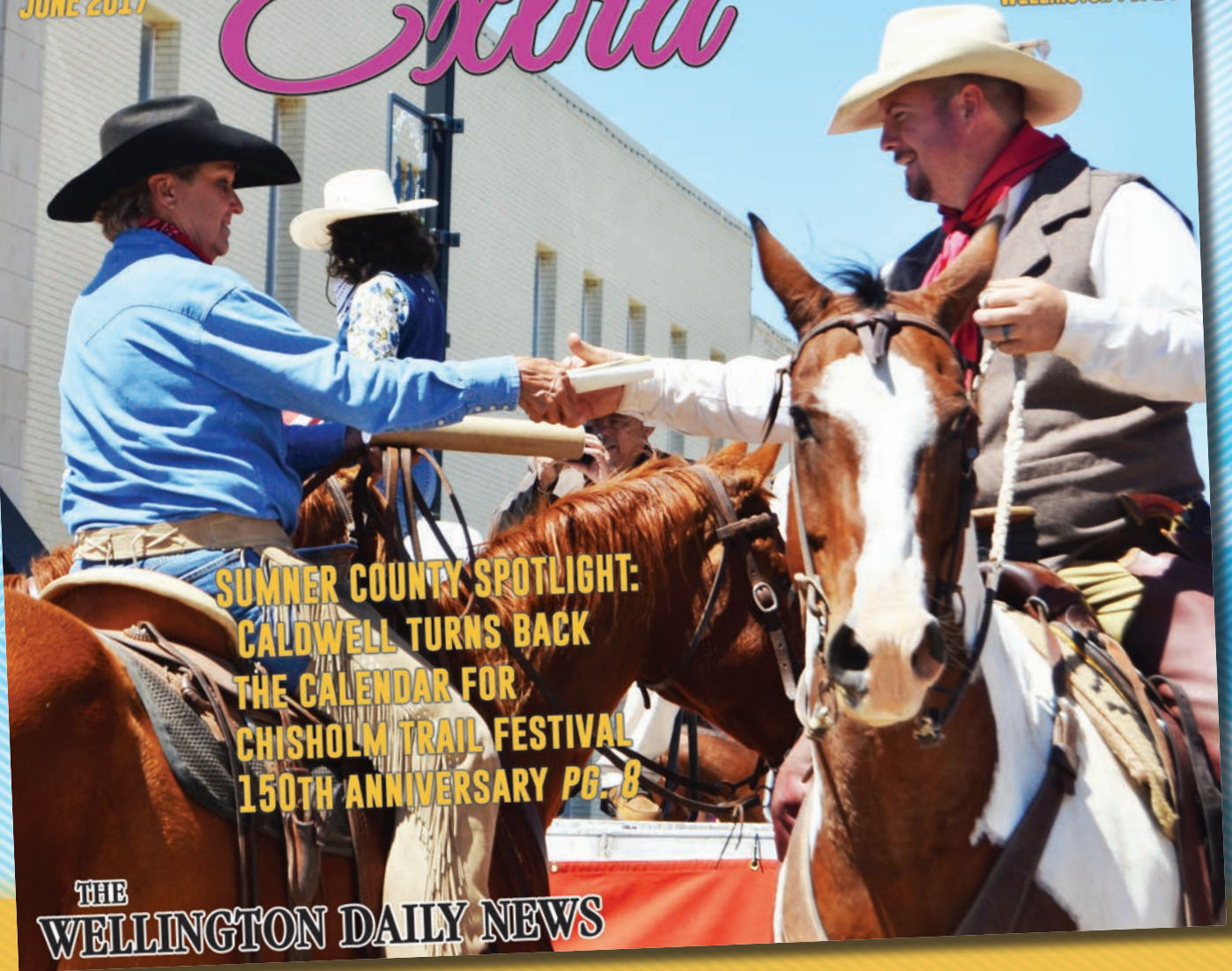
According to Strnad this is a great way to explore Caldwell if a person does not mind walking as there are plenty to see in Caldwell.



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THE GREAT RACE

The race started as a 4th of July celebration at the Slate Creek Depot in 1977. It soon became a staple of activity in Wellington thanks to the hard work and dedication of Jack Potucek and his group of over 150 volunteers.

The race continued for nine years, even after a fire destroyed the Depot in 1982.

"We kept the race going for years, but it was tough to have fun at a cemetery," Potucek said. "I should have pitched it to the chamber to keep it going, but I think '85 or '86 was the last race."

The Wellington Area Chamber of Commerce approached Potucek in 2001 about resurrecting the race and making it a part of the Wheat Festival. Director Carter Green wanted to draw more people to the festival.

"What Carter's intentions were was he wanted to amp up the Saturday late afternoon, early evening of the Wheat Festival," Potucek said. "So he did that the first year. He and the chamber board quickly came to the conclusion that it was a load in itself. So they suggested, and I agreed whole heartedly, that it have its own weekend. So that's why it follows the Wheat

Festival by two to three weeks."

The event, held the last weekend in July, draws in, on average, nine to 10 teams of 15 members to vie for the honors of winning the Slate Creek Cup with competitors from around the world competing. Several teams have members from outside of the Wellington area to include members from Texas, Florida, Colorado and Nebraska to as far away as the United Kingdom and Serbia.

The teams race through nine-and-a half miles of western Wellington and Wellington Township through 13 stages. An average age of 26 years old must be maintained while forming the team, in order to keep



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Argonia



Argonia, like many frontier towns, owes its founding to the railroad. When the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad started construction of a track from Wichita to Wellington the Southern Kansas line was under construction heading west towards Harper, Kans.

On Aug. 20, 1880 the first train passed through the Dixon Township.

Prior to the rail coming west, Argonia was serviced with a daily stagecoach linking Dodge City and Wellington.

The summer of 1882 featured a rush of new residents for Argonia that lasted until 1888.

Francis Argonia Salter, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Salter, was the first child born in the new town on Feb. 13, 1883. Four short years later the Salter name would make Argonia famous and key town for women.

Susanna M. Salter became the first woman to win a political office in the United States when she was named Mayor of Argonia in 1887.

Incorporated in 1885, Argonia was named for the Argonauts of Greek Mythology. The band of heroes, with Jason, set out to fetch the Golden Fleece in the ship Argo.

A young lawyer from Wellington, Alfred E. Parker, whose father was a member of the Town Company proposed the name Argonia.

With the construction of the Missouri Pacific tracks through town in the winter of 1885 and 1886, more



settled into town. Records from the period indicated that in 1886, Argonia was home to approximately 800 people.

While small in size, Argonia hosts activities throughout the year.

Visitors are encouraged to take a walk on the Memorial Walkway. This half-mile path provides a safe place for visitors and residents of Argonia to walk, bike, or run in a beautiful outdoor setting. At the south end of the walkway is Argonia's River Park along the Chikaskia River. The River Park provides RV hookups, tent camping sites, picnic grounds, a bathhouse, and fishing access on the river.

Argonia's scenic river park overlooking Chikaskia River provides residents and visitors with ample opportunities for fun and recreation. The park has picnic shelter houses, deck, picnic tables, public fishing access and FREE WiFi.

On the southeast corner of the Salter Park is the city's swimming pool. Open approximately from Memorial Day through Labor Day, the pool,



complete with dual water slides and a diving board provides a cool escape from the Kansas summer heat. Periodic midnight swims provide an opportunity for fellowship for young and old alike. The pool offers a wide variety of activities; swim team, water aerobics, lap swimming, pool parties and swim lessons.

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RIVER PARK AND CAMPGROUND
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Belle Plaine



Belle Plaine — the oldest city in Sumner County — was founded in 1871 and incorporated in 1884. It is in the northeast corner of the county. Belle Plaine is situated in a valley between the Arkansas and Ninnescah Rivers, and according to some sources was named after Belle Plaine, Iowa, where some of the early settlers were from. The words mean “beautiful prairie.”

Many of this city’s almost 1,700 residents are employed in aviation-related industries in the surrounding area. Housed in the Belle Plaine Industrial Park are several firms engaged in various manufacturing operations.

Its excellent school system and quality recreational activities for youth attract many families wishing to reside in a small community.

Belle Plaine is the home of Bartlett Arboretum. The arboretum was formerly owned by Bob and Mary Bartlett Gourlay, and is now owned by Robin Macy.

Special events with live music and arts and crafts are scheduled throughout the year.

One thing that makes this community stand out is the support it gives to community and school events.

Tulip Time is now in its 33rd year. Set in April, the festival attracts visitors from numerous communities in south central Kansas and northern Oklahoma. The two-day festival features thousands of tulips planted throughout the community, arts and crafts, on-site entertainment by both professional and non-professional entertainers, a food court, car show, parade and children’s activities.

Each July 4, Belle Plaine Chamber of Commerce has an evening celebration including fireworks and games.

During the first weekend in August is National Night Out, and during the first weekend in December Santa comes to town.

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Caldwell



Caldwell was founded in 1871 astride the famous Chisholm Trail as cowboys pushed their way north out of Indian Territory into Kansas.

The trail, known as the world's greatest cattle trail, guided over a million longhorn steers and their guardian cowboys through Caldwell. As the first town north of Indian Territory, cowboys went wild in this untamed "Border Queen City" after months on the dusty and treacherous trail. One of six original Kansas "cowtowns,"

Caldwell boasted a longer cowtown period (1880 – 1885), a higher murder rate, and loss of more law enforcement officers than any of the other more famous cowtowns. It was a place of cowboys, saloons, gambling and violence; where gunfights, showdowns, hangings and general hell-raising were commonplace.

Caldwell also was one of the starting points for the famous Cherokee Strip Land Run in 1893 when Oklahoma Territory was opened for homesteaders to stake land claims.

Preserving its rich heritage, Caldwell's historic past is retold through a series of historical markers located throughout the downtown area. An impressive street-spanning limestone arch depicts Caldwell roots as it welcomes visitors into town. Other reminders of our riotous history can be found in town as well in the surrounding outskirts, including life-sized silhouettes depicting a trail cattle drive, Border Queen Museum, Caldwell Opera House, Heritage Park, Country School Museum, and Boot Hill Cemetery with "Talking Tombstone" re-enactors.

The annual Chisholm Trail Festival is held

on the first full weekend in May celebrating our powerful heritage and bringing history to life. Caldwell was host to one of many sesquicentennial celebrations of the infamous Chisholm Trail in 2017. Representatives from Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas made plans for this year-long tri-state celebration.

While preserving the past is important to the community, Caldwell is equally "poised for the future" supporting its bustling Main Street, outstanding schools, beautiful parks, churches, civic organizations and thriving businesses. Caldwell invites you to come, visit awhile and perhaps decide to "hang up your hat" and make Caldwell your home.

For more information, contact the city of Caldwell (620-845-6514) or Caldwell Chamber of Commerce (620-845-6666).



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The town of Conway Springs was started when Hiram Cranmer platted a tract in the southwest part of his quarter section with six blocks of 60 foot streets and named it Northfield. When the railroad was surveyed in 1883, it went about a mile east of the town.

Cranmer took immediate steps to launch a new town site closer to the railroad. The new town would be named Conway Springs, in part because of the abundant springs in the area. It was incorporated in 1886.

Vintage Bank Kansas formerly the State Bank of Conway Springs originated in the town in 1884. Today there are a variety of successful businesses in town.

In your visit to Conway Springs, be sure to stop by the beautiful City Park and dip your toes in the naturally flowing springs in the historic spring house.

The museum, which is full of items and information from early residents, is in the process of becoming more accessible on a regular basis. You can enjoy a lunch of pizza, burgers or much more.

For over 50 years, the Conway Springs Arena Club has been holding its annual

rodeo in May with traditional rodeo events and fun activities for kids.

On the fourth Saturday in September, the annual Fall Fest includes a fun run, parade, carnival, car show, vendors and entertainment all day. As evening comes, chamber hosts a barbecue followed by fireworks and an outdoor dance.

Conway Springs offers the following services: Airstrip, appliance repair, auto body shop, automotive repair, banks, car/truck washes, computer repairs, construction, convenience store/gas station, electricians, EMS service, fabric and quilting supplies and classes, fire protection service, friendship meals, grain elevators, grocery and grill, hair salons, home-based businesses, industrial park, insurance agencies, library, licensed child care centers, liquor store, medical center, mortuary, newspaper, nursing home, orchard, paint store, rental storage facilities, restaurant, sports bar, telephone/Internet service company, trucking, upholstery shop, used vehicle dealerships, veterinary clinic, welding, and workout facilities.

The City Park boasts great tennis courts, along with a swimming pool which is open during the summer months. A separate sports complex for baseball, softball and soccer complete with a new peripheral walkway is located on the south side of town.

Mayfield



Mayfield is a Sumner County authority on hamburgers and summer ball games. The town is just a stone's throw away from the Old Chisholm Trail, and was founded by the Walton family in 1874.

Mayfield has a couple of historical markers noting where the trail used to lead. There are

also grave sites still visible, left from early settlers who traveled the route of the Chisholm Trail. The Mayfield community is very tight-knit, and in recent years, the town has built a brand new community center building, located by the ball diamond.

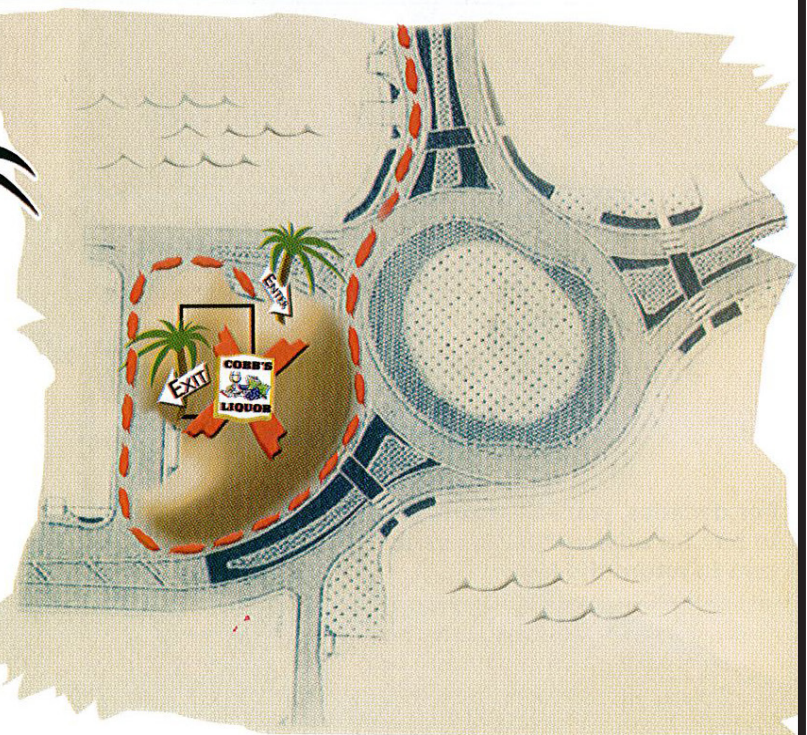
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Mulvane



Mulvane, located on the county line between Sumner and Sedgwick counties, was founded in 1879 as a railroad and agricultural community. The community consists of over 6,000 people, and has a great town atmosphere.

Mulvane is a progressive city, with officials and community members alike, donating their time for the betterment of the community.

The Mulvane Settlers Festival has been a part of the city for over 128 years. It takes place the third weekend in August and includes live music, a carnival, a car show, a rodeo, crafts, a parade and the Old Settlers Run. There are activities for all ages to

enjoy.

Mulvane was named in honor of Joab Mulvane, of Topeka, for his contributions that brought the railroad through Mulvane. During the early years, the railroad was Mulvane's main source of revenue.

There are 16 parks in Mulvane. The Mulvane Sports Complex is located at 111th Street and Webb Road. It has a playground area, three lighted baseball diamonds, three soccer/football fields and three T-ball diamonds. For a complete listing, and to reserve a park for a special use, contact city hall at (316) 777-1143.

Mulvane Historical Museum

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Oxford



Oxford, founded in 1871, is a strong community with a lot of history. Dating back to 1869, Oxford was once home to the Osage Native American tribe. The first name given to Oxford was Napawalla, after the chief of the Osage tribe.

After the Treaty of 1870 was signed, the tribe moved and left thousands of acres for the settlers to purchase.

The first business to open was The Oxford Town Company in 1871. Subsequently, the name of the town changed to Oxford, in hopes the town would one day have the same educational status as Oxford, England.

The first school district in Sumner County was established in Oxford. Several other businesses helped the city's growth, including

hotels, churches and a newspaper. In the 1930's the town grew in population due to the boom in the oil business. After World War II, the oil production gradually lessened.

One of the great historical sites in Sumner County is the Old Oxford Mill, built in 1874. The mill was bought by Wallace Champeny and Hall Ross, and a restaurant was built inside during the mill's restoration in 1988-89. Located at 170 Old Mill Road, it has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Oxford hosts the long running Christmas In The Country each Thanksgiving weekend, along with the Nappawalla Music festival, the Oxford Roundup and the Watermelon Feed each year. It borders the Arkansas River with boat access from Cave Park.



Peck



In 1887, the Chicago, Kansas and Nebraska Railway built a branch line north-south from Herington through Peck to Caldwell. It was foreclosed upon in 1891 and was taken over by Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway, which shut down in 1980 and reorganized as Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas Railroad, merged in 1988 with Missouri Pacific Railroad, merged in 1997 with Union Pacific

Railroad. Most locals still refer to this railroad as the "Rock Island." Presently located in Peck are the Peck Post Office which is in the site of a former bank, over 100 years old. The Mulvane-Peck CoOp is where local farmers come to pick up feed and farm supplies and sell their grains.

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When the city made an application to the U.S. Government to establish a post office, Washington officials objected to the name Shoe Fly City. They wanted the town to be given a more dignified name. A few of the town's prominent residents came from South

Haven, Mich., and this name was chosen when the new name for the town came to a vote. The town was awarded a charter for the South Haven post office in 1874.

The railroad came into town in 1883 as a means of hauling cattle to market. The tracks ran from Arkansas City to Anthony, a total of 59.35 miles. The railroad company needed more land, and the Town Development Company could not reach an agreement. They believed the railroad would continue its road south. The decision was made later to continue the line to Hunnewell. In 1882, a

group of merchants and ranchers had a horse show as an effort to bring the town together.

Known as the Farmer's Institute, the event was conducted for several years with a picnic, games and other forms of entertainment.

In August 1901, the name changed to The South Haven Fair Association with exhibits of fruit, vegetables and field crops. The South Haven Fair is still on the last weekend of August. Activities include exhibits, races, rides, a parade, a pedal pull, a 5K and one mile fun run, ag olympics, and drawings.

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The community invites you to visit and enjoy all that Wellington has to offer.

In the historic Downtown, you will find our Carnegie Library, the Chisholm Trail Museum and the one and only National Glass Museum.

Wellington has more than 20 restaurants that offer everything from amazing steaks to lip smacking barbecue and some of the best Mexican food this side of the border.

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East of downtown, on Harvey Avenue, you will find the tradition-rich Sellers Park, home to the Wellington Heat, and where our Crusaders play baseball and football next to the old 1067 Steam Engine and the Panhandle Railroad museum.

From those who are proud to call Wellington home, thank you for visiting Wellington and we hope you too will discover what it means to Live Well. . . Live Wellington!



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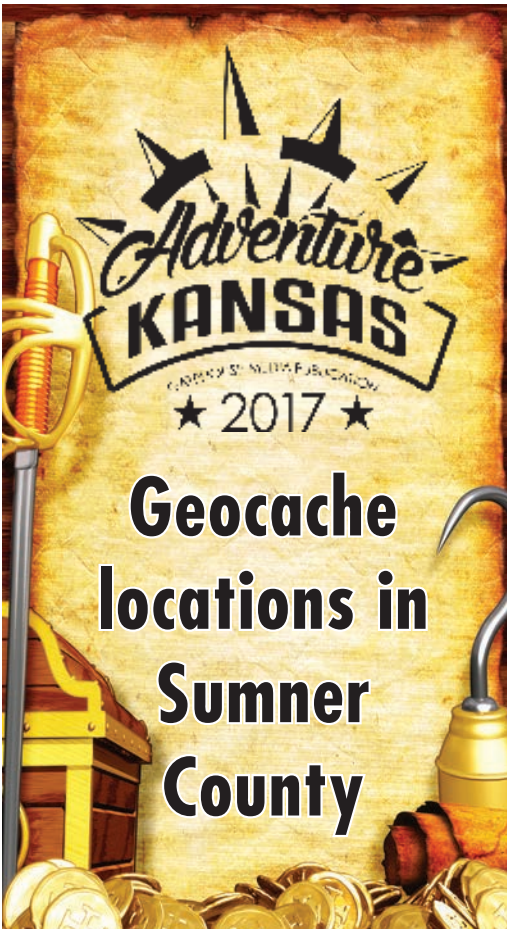
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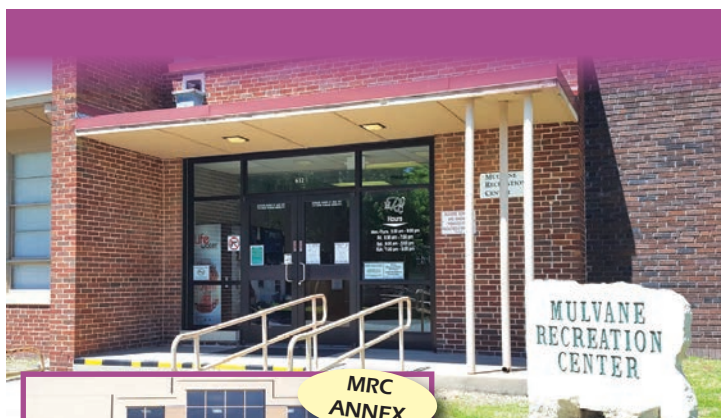
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