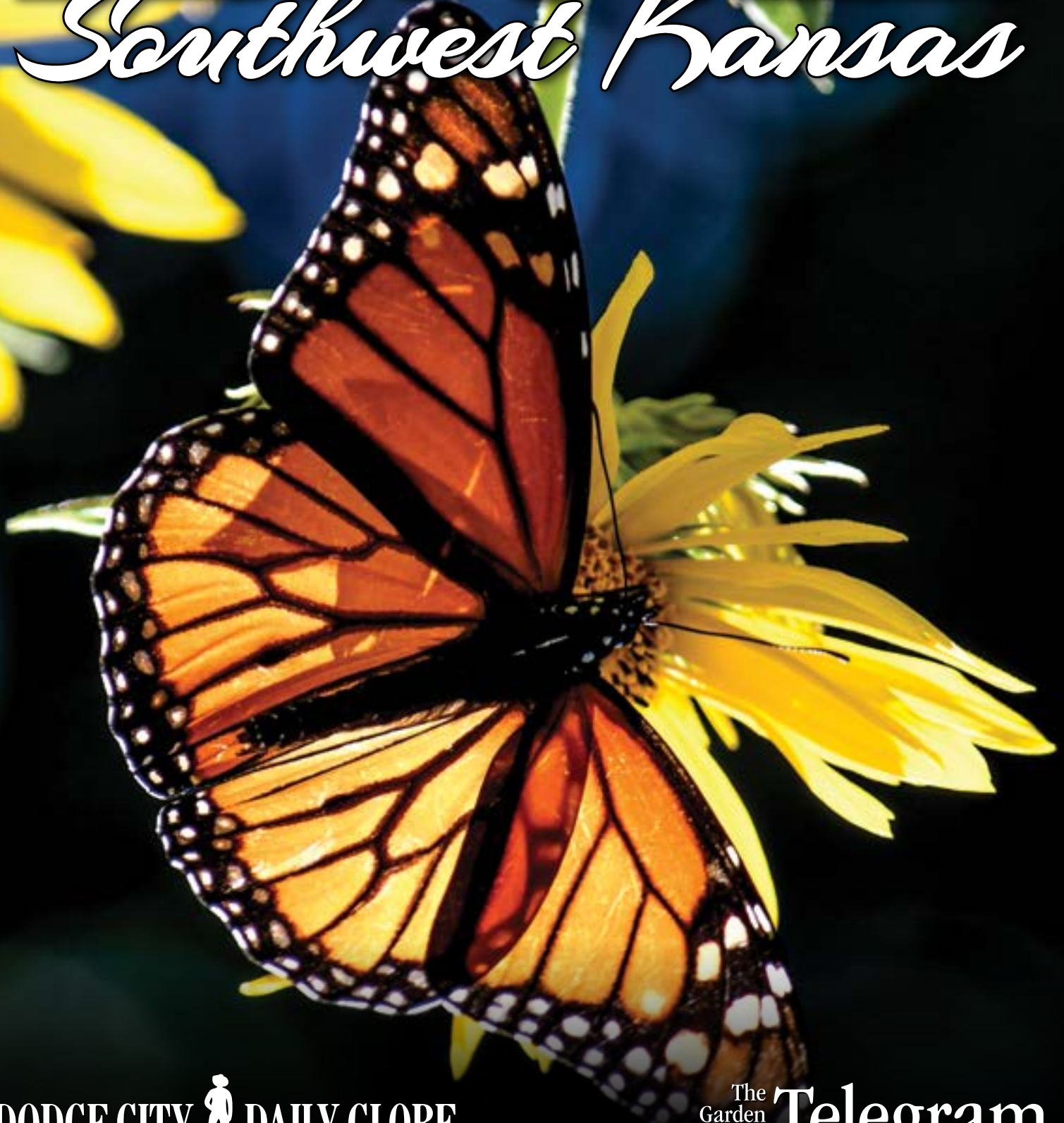


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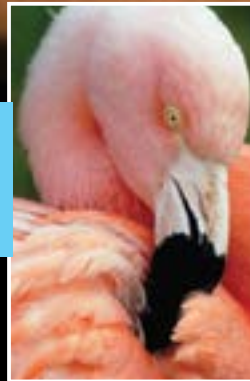


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The bar area for Flat Mountain Brewhouse is located inside the entrance with a wrap-around seating style around the bar. [BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM]

Area breweries bring a new taste to southwest Kansas.

By **BEVERLY SCHMITZ GLASS**
Special to Discover

As craft beers and spirits continue to flourish across America, southwest Kansas has added two breweries and

a distillery to its repertoire that appeal to adult palettes growing more sophisticated with each new offering and tasting.

Independently owned and operated, the Boot Hill Distillery and Dodge City Brewing Company, both of Dodge City, and Flat Mountain Brewhouse in Garden City are offering domestic beer drinkers and top shelf spirits devotees selected

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ing tagline for this Dodge City spirit maker reflects owner/founder/CEO/distiller Hayes Kelman's, father Roger's, and owner/farmer Chris Holovach's commitment to growing their own grains used in every one of their spirits.

In a town that was born in a barrel and forged in the dust of historic Fort Dodge

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during the 1870s, these area farmers continue the legacy that began with selling whiskey out of a tent a few feet beyond the city limits.

Located at the original site of Boot Hill Cemetery in the former City Hall building, the facility opened in July 2016 and not only boasts of a state-of-the-art distillery, but also a tasting room that has become a popular gathering spot for locals and visitors alike. The distillery features vodka, gin, prickly ash bitters, red eye and white whiskies, and by year's end, an exceptional bourbon. Each spirit is distilled in 500-gallon batches to ensure maximum drinkability.

In 2017, Boot Hill Distillery had a banner year, racking up awards for their spirits, winning two golds and a double gold in the 50 Best Domestic Vodkas category, two silvers, five bronzes, and its red eye whiskey was named Best Whiskey in Kansas at the Heartland Spirits Festival. They have already scored three silver medals in the 2019 American Distilling Institute Spirits Conference for their Red Eye Whisky, White Whiskey and Barrel-Aged Gin.

The tasting room offers around 30 different cocktails, ranging from the classics to the Tiki Menu that features traditional rum drinks made instead with the distillery's whisky. The wide and beautiful outdoor patio is available for parties, reunions and corporate events.

Dodge City Brewing

701 Third Ave., Dodge City
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www.dodgecitybrewing.com
Hours: 4 to 10 p.m. Wednesday through Fridays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday

Take no shortcuts.

Whether he is working on the latest in flavorful craft beer or adding to his growing gourmet pizza selections,

Larry Cook, owner and brew master of Dodge City Brewing, is adamant about not taking any abbreviated steps that could impact his offerings of fine craft beers and stone baked pizzas.

Only the freshest, natural and highest quality ingredients go into his brews and food selections. Every Thursday brings a specially prepared gourmet pizza that keeps locals coming back and visitors giving five-star reviews. The pizzas are a result of attending pizza school in Staten Island, N.Y.

Cook, an award-winning homebrewer and Beer Judge Certification Program judge, says his top three sellers include Uncle Johnny's Cream Ale (gluten reduced), Lays Night Compromise (an American wheat), and their 1872 Lager (pilsner). A pineapple sour and the brewery's 100th batch, which will be an imperial brown with an alcohol by volume (ABV) around 9.3 percent, are coming this summer.

Additionally, Dodge City Brewing offers five to eight different craft beers from other USA breweries.

During Dodge City Days, the brewery will be doing a joint event with the Boot Hill Museum and Boot Hill Distillery called "Booze, Beer and Balls" which is the annual testicle festival fundraiser the museum has been doing the past few years.

Flat Mountain Brewhouse

207 N. Main St., Garden City
(620) 260-2886
Flat Mountain Brewhouse on Facebook
Hours: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to midnight Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

The long-awaited Garden City brewery opened its doors in early January and immediately began showcasing its stem-to-stern remodeling (the restored tin ceiling is period-perfect), a surprising New American and Traditional American food menu, and six flagship craft beers with as many seasonal



Mark Vierthaler of Boot Hill Distillery, Dodge City, talks about the products the business creates to a group of Wild Affair patrons at his booth in Wild Asia and offers samples during the annual Friends of Lee Richardson Zoo event. [BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM]



Dodge City Brewing is one of the first microbreweries in southwest Kansas featuring a number of craft beers and brick oven pizza. [DODGE CITY DAILY GLOBE]

offerings planned throughout the year.

Partners John and Angelica Chappel, Carmen and Jorge Guzman, and Carrye Jane and Carlos Mantilla teamed up with brew master David Menius from Colorado and Cody Cunduff to offer locals, as well as visitors, a place to sample great beers, eat sumptuous food, and enjoy conversation, a game on TV or just people watch. The partners also wanted to provide a wholesome place where families could come together for a meal.

Kids are offered their versions of root beer and cream sodas.

The menu features everything from steaks to burgers, pasta, salads, fish dishes and selected desserts.

Whereas the main floor features the crafted beers

and seating for about 120, Flat Mountain's basement is being transformed into a wine cellar that will provide for around 30 guests. Later this year, work will begin on turning the upstairs into a membership-type gathering spot where smoking will be allowed.

Flat Mountain now partners with Patrick Dugan's Coffee House, located a half block north of the brewhouse on Main Street, to create its new espresso stout.

Meanwhile, they have teamed up with Roots Juice Company, a wellness studio and juice bar across the street, to create craft brews using seasonal cold pressed fruits rather than the traditional fruit purees or extracts. The results are popular, crisp tasting fruit beers.

Sights to see

Some of the region's top attractions

Battle Canyon

Off Kansas Highway 95, one mile south of
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Battle Canyon was the site of the Battle of Punished Woman's Fork, the final confrontation between Native Americans and the U.S. Cavalry in Kansas. On Sept. 27, 1878, U.S. troops under the command of Lt. Col. William H. Lewis discovered the Cheyenne and the battle ensued. The Cheyenne escaped to Nebraska, crossing the Smoky Hill River. The 30-acre battle site, designated a state and national historic site, is maintained by the Scott County Historical Society. Hours are sun up to sun down, and admission is free.



The Big Well is located in Greensburg. [HUTCHINSON NEWS]

Dalton Gang Hideout

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The hideout includes a 95-footlong tunnel, which connects the home to a barn. The gang dug the tunnel and used it as a hideout in the 1890s. The premises includes a gift shop and a picnic area.

Fort Dodge

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The site that is now Fort Dodge dates back to 1847, when Fort Mann was established at the Cimarron Crossing on the Santa Fe Trail, a few miles west of present day Fort Dodge, 5 miles east of Dodge City on U.S. Highway 54/400.

Fort Larned

Kansas Highway 156 west of Larned

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Visitors to Fort Larned can enjoy the historic military establishment that once guarded the Santa Fe Trail. The fort features displays and activities that take visitors back to the fort's heyday in the 1860s. In 1964, the fort became a national historic site and unit of the national park system.

Greensburg's Big Well

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Greensburg's Big Well — the largest hand-dug well — is on the rebound after a May 4, 2007, tornado tore through Greensburg, destroying most of the town and part of the well.

Gunfighters Wax Museum

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The Gunfighters Wax Museum is located on the Teacher's Hall of Fame's top floor. It features life-size wax figures of famous lawmen, such as Wyatt Earp and Bat Masterson.

Kansas Teacher's Hall of Fame

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(620) 225-7311

The Kansas Teacher's Hall of Fame's one of the unique locations not just in Dodge City but throughout the country. The Hall of Fame is



Birds circle around and through portions of Monument Rocks. The rock formations are located approximately nine miles north of Lake Scott State Park and Wildlife Area and five miles east of U.S. Highway 83. [BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM]

dedicated to the early and present day teachers who have been honored for being some of the elite in their profession

There are more than 400 teachers that are inductees of the hall of fame. Hall of fame hours for the summer are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m., and the winter is from Memorial Day through Labor Day weekends. The winter and fall hours are from

after Labor Day through Dec. 13, Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Admission is \$8 for adults and \$4 for youth ages 6-12. Five years old and under are free with a paying adult.

Keystone Gallery

401 U.S. Highway 83, Scott City.
(620) 872-2762

www.keystonegallery.com/

Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. most days during the summer; schedule varies in the winter. Keystone Gallery features original artwork and an assortment of fossils excavated from the Gove and Logan county area, along with some found in Ellis and Trego counties. Two of the gallery's largest fossils are a 20-foot Mosasaur and a 14-foot Xiphactinus.

Monument Rocks

Directions: Go 19 miles north of Scott City on U.S. Highway 83, turn right onto Dakota. Stay on that road for 7 miles, and turn left onto Gove 16.2 miles north and you reach Monument Rocks.

Also known as the Chalk Pyramids, Monument Rocks are 70-foot tall sedimentary formations of Niobrara chalk in Gove County that were created over 80 million years ago when the area was underwater. The rocks are on private ranching land, but are open to the public. There is no fee or posted times for being open. No camping is allowed, and guests are asked not to climb on the rocks. The U.S. State Department has designated the Chalk Pyramids as a national natural landmark and Monument Rocks is considered one of the Eight Wonders of Kansas.

St. Jacob's Well

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St. Jacob's Well, located in a small sinkhole in Ashland, was a prime watering place first used by Native Americans. Trail herders who came through the area later used the well for watering livestock.

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Santa Fe Trail Center

Two miles west of Larned on Kansas

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The center's 10-acre complex features outdoor exhibits, including reproductions of a sod house and dugout homes, as well as an original limestone cooling house, a one-room schoolhouse, a Santa Fe Railroad depot and a CME church.

Southwest Kansas Veterans Memorial

909 13th Ave, Dodge City
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The Southwest Kansas Veterans Memorial is located at 14th Avenue and Division Street in Dodge City. The memorial is the only veterans memorial to honor both armed forces and reservists.

Wagonbed Springs/ Santa Fe Trail

The southwest Kansas area alone has 40-plus markers for the Santa



Fe Trail, which was a route travelers used to get to New Mexico from the Missouri area in the 19th century. Markers can be found in Finney, Grant, Kearny, Haskell, Gray, Ford, Hamilton, and Stevens counties. Markers are spread out in each county. While some are located in areas near highways,

others are located in museums and other places. Kansas contains the most total miles of the 900-mile trail, which stretches from Independence, Mo., to Santa Fe, N.M. Started in 1821 by William Becknell, the route roughly follows U.S. Highway 56 from Olathe to Great Bend, and

A stone marker for the Santa Fe Trail can be found in the north portion of Finnup Park. [BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM]

then runs along the Arkansas River to Dodge City, then splits into two branches near Cimarron — the northern mountain route and the southern Cimarron route. One of the markers in Grant County is Wagonbed Springs. The spring on the Cimarron River was one of the first watering places after crossing the Jornada, according to the Santa Fe Trail Association, making this a good resting area. The spring did not run consistently, so a wagon was placed in the quicksand to allow water to flow into it. Wagonbed Springs is located about 12 miles south of Ullyses.

Zebulon Pike Plaza

Located at the south edge of Larned along U.S. Highway 56. Visitors to Larned may also want to see Zebulon Pike Plaza, located at the south edge of town on U.S. Highway 56. The Wet/Dry Routes Chapter of the Santa Fe Trail Association dedicated the plaza, which includes signs related to Pike and other early frontier figures who crossed the Pawnee River at that location.

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Preserving the prairie

Sandsage Bison Range remains a secret to many

By **AMBER FRIEND**
The Garden City Telegram

Barely a mile south of Garden City, visitors from around the world have long visited a 5-square-mile plat of prairie where dozens of bison have roamed free for nearly a century.

But to some residents, even ones who have called southwest Kansas home for decades, the landmark often goes forgotten.

"I think there's some local people that would be surprised to hear that it's even here..." said Tom Norman, area manager of Sandsage Bison Range and Wildlife Area. "(Some) locals either say they didn't know there was a buffalo herd here, or maybe that, yeah, they'd heard about it but they've never visited it themselves and they've lived here their whole lives."



Tom Norman talks to a group of visitors about the bison on the Sandsage Bison Range during the start of a tour of the range. Norman is the range's manager. [TELEGRAM PHOTO]

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Bison and their calves graze on wild grasses in one of the Sandsage Bison Range pastures. [TELEGRAM PHOTO]

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Sandsage, established in 1924, is home to about 42 bison, plus a hodgepodge of other Kansas wildlife, from deer to pheasants to box turtles to rabbits, both jackrabbits and cottontail, Norman said. In the summer, the range's grassland is teeming with technicolor wildflowers.

The range is not the only herd in the area — there are other refuges or grazing lands in Dodge City and Canton, as well. But Sandsage is meant to be a little different, Norman said. From scheduled to informal tours, he said, the relationship with guests is meant to be a little more personal.

The tours are intentionally informal and relaxed, memorized informative spiels traded out for a tourist-driven conversation and impromptu question-and-answer session, Norman said.



Sunflowers were just some of the dozens of flowers and blooms that were seen during a Wildflower and Blooms Tour at Sandsage Bison Range. [TELEGRAM PHOTO]

During the summer, staff will pull guests into the prairie on a large trailer for a handful of scheduled tours. But at any time of year, staff and volunteers will drive anyone out on their own for private reserved tours for either a \$20 minimum

or freewill donation, depending on the size of the group.

On the annual Bison and Blooms outing, a staff member will occasionally stop and let guests walk amongst the flowers he or she mentioned, picking some and passing them

around for everyone to smell. Staff will drive smaller tours right next to the herd, generally staying out as long as guests want to, Norman said. Guests can't get out, but sometimes bison will walk close to the car, even rubbing against it.

"They'll be pretty close to us. And that happens a lot of times," Norman said.

The goal is to give people a good experience and a taste of an undeveloped Kansas, Norman said, but also to help them remember the importance of the creatures themselves.

Bison ranges like Sandsage are part of one of the "primary conservation success stories" that saved the species, Norman said. By the early 1900s, the worldwide bison population had dropped from 60 million to 500, and the animals became one of the first subjects of grassroots preservation efforts. They are a keystone species, he said, shaping the prairie with grazing habits and making it habitable for other smaller species. They

were clearly vital to Native American culture and survival, and old journals reference herds along the Santa Fe Trail.

Forty to 80 million of them once blanketed the continent, and the plains of Kansas were covered with them, he said. In many ways, preserving bison is preserving what Kansas used to be.

“One of the founding purposes of this herd ... was the idea that bison were a major part of the history of this area. Prior to western European settlement, this would have been the heart of bison country in North America ... It’s pretty hard not to see the importance of bison in history. That’s why I think it’s important people know about bison,” Norman said.

Tourists have come from “darn near every state” and every continent, save Antarctica, and all take an exit survey when they leave, Norman said. In five years, he doesn’t think he’s ever read a negative comment.

“Especially the local people, I think it’s important that they come out and utilize a resource that’s so close to home. I mean, we’re five minutes

Sandsage Bison Range

785 S. U.S. Highway 83, located approximately half a mile south of Garden City on the west side of Business Highway 83.

(620) 276-9400

<http://fosbrgc.wixsite.com/fosbr>

Sandsage Bison Range is home to the oldest publicly owned bison herd in Kansas. The 3,760-acre area provides visitors a unique opportunity to view the sandsage prairie ecosystem of southwest Kansas. Along with bison, visitors can see other wildlife, including the lesser prairie chicken, spotted ground squirrel, kangaroo rat, scaled quail, black-tailed jack rabbit, mule deer, and western hognose snake. Guided tours to see the bison and other attractions are available by reservation. Visitors are urged to schedule tours in advance by contacting the Friends of Sandsage Bison Range at (620) 276-9400. Self-guided tours are not available at this time.

away. When they have family in town, friends in town, visitors, guests, I think it’s one of the neatest things around here to show people off what Garden City has to offer...” Norman said. “It’s a unique experience that people just can’t really get just anywhere.”



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Ready to be revealed

Little Jerusalem getting closer to opening for the public

By **AMBER FRIEND**
The Garden City Telegram

Rising out of a valley in the heart of western Kansas is a 200-acre rock formation like nothing else in the state.

Reminiscent of the Badlands in South Dakota, the chalky canyon tucked between Oakley and Scott City looms as high as 200 feet, with glistening shades of pale yellow, orange and white and hints of dusty darkness. For as long as anyone can remember, the space — a stranger in its own region — has been known to locals as Little Jerusalem.

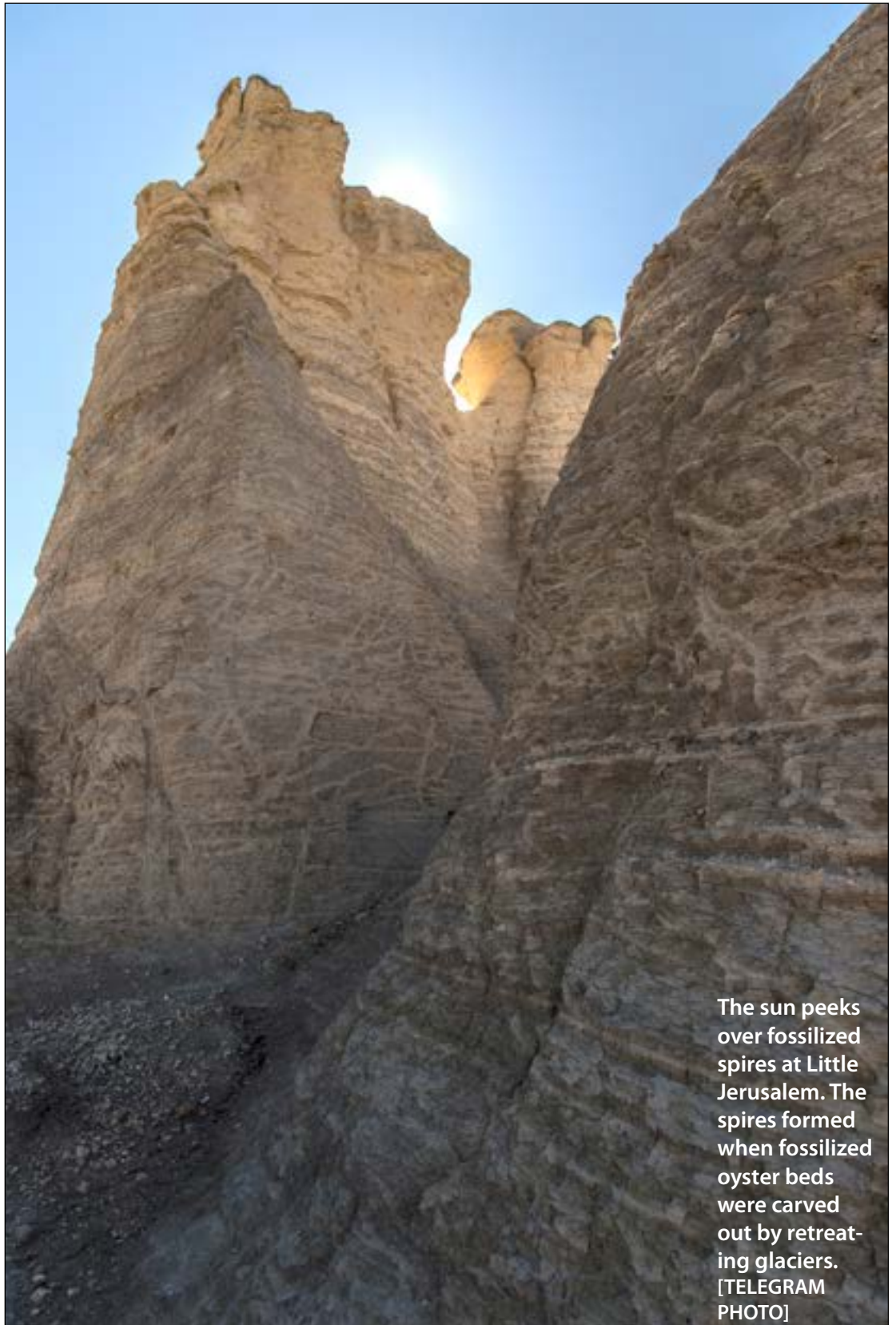
If all goes as planned, the formation — the largest of its kind in Kansas — and the surrounding land will be a state park open to public hiking during the day sometime before the end of this year, though exact dates are uncertain, said Laura Rose Clawson, director of marketing and outreach at The Nature Conservancy.

Until then, the land and the unique world it holds will remain a mystery to all who haven't seen it up close.

"The Nature Conservancy feels it's really important to provide public access wherever we can on our land to help it increase the amount of area where people can go and experience nature," Clawson said.

The formation's history begins 85 million years ago when what is now the central United States rested beneath the sea. Prehistoric sea creatures died, sank and decayed on the ocean floor, but the calcium rich in their cells and bodies remained, Clawson said. Over millions of years, that calcium compressed into rock, into the Niobrara Chalk. The sea receded, its floor rose and after being beaten by wind and water, Little Jerusalem stood.

Ancient bison roamed



The sun peeks over fossilized spires at Little Jerusalem. The spires formed when fossilized oyster beds were carved out by retreating glaciers. [TELEGRAM PHOTO]

the region and Paleo-Indians hunted them. Thousands and thousands of years later, Native American settlers came through the area and stagecoaches rolled along the Butterfield Overland Despatch Trail.

Today, the rocks are an expansive echo of other more confined, privately-owned chalk towers, like Monument Rocks and Smoky Valley Ranch in Oakley and Castle Rock in Collyer. The usual suspects of prairie grasses encompass it, as well as some species, like Great Plains wild buckwheat, only found in Little Jerusalem, and the rare winter fat grass and chalk lily, Clawson said. Pronghorn antelope, badgers, snakes, lizards, owls and birds all call the site home. Nesting ferruginous hawks almost exclusively nest in the chalk of western Kansas, she said.

"I've been all over the state ... I see the most wildlife out at Smoky Valley Ranch and Little Jerusalem than I do anywhere else," Clawson said.

More trails may be added in the future, but when the site first opens to the public, there



The chalk towers of Little Jerusalem stand in the sun. Nearly 300 acres of the rocky cliffs make up the geological site. [TELEGRAM PHOTO]

will be an overlook and a mile-long trail that draws guests into the heart of the formation, Clawson said. The rocks, fragile and quick to crumble, will not be open to climbing, but hikers will be able to stare down into deep crevices and wind downward as the rocks rise above them, she said. They'll see different plants and birds and reptiles. In certain spots, they'll be able to find ancient clam and oyster shells

pressed into the rock.

And, she said, they'll be able to find respite in a piece of natural Kansas, a space of quiet stillness amidst life, rock and wind.

"They're not going to see anything like it anywhere else here. It's unique, but it's also accessible. It's just off of (Interstate) 70," Clawson said. "You can have this lost-in-nature experience by just going 20 miles off the interstate."

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Little Jerusalem, Kansas' largest Niobrara Chalk formation, boasts a landscape not often seen in western Kansas: a contained canyon of the same ancient rocks that make up the Badlands to the north, some towering as high as 200 feet. The land is home to plants and wildlife both common to the region and unique to the soon-to-be state park, including different species of prairie grasses, hawks, lizards and pronghorn antelope. Now owned by The Nature Conservancy, the land is currently being retrofitted to include hiking trails and basic infrastructure and is expected to open to visitors as a new state park later this year.



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A group of youth try their hands at maneuvering through the Aquaglide obstacle course in the Big Pool as others wait their turn in line in the water. The course was one of the new additions to the pool experience in 2018. [BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM]

Water world

Big Pool, water parks highlight water attractions in the area

The Big Pool

Address: 504 E. Maple St. Garden City

Phone: (620) 276-1255

Website: www.garden-city.org/our-community/big-pool

Admission: Daily admission is \$2 person. Season passes are also available for \$55 for those 48 inches or taller, \$45 for those under 48 inches, and \$120 for a family of four, with each additional family member costing \$15.

Opening day: The Big Pool typically opens Memorial Day weekend and stays open until the start of school in mid-August, at

which time it is then open weekends only through Labor Day.

Hours: 1 to 7 pm. Monday through through Sunday.

A community landmark that was hand dug and initially opened in 1922, the pool has a surface area of 72,600 square feet and holds more than 2 million gallons of water. The pool at one time was the world's largest free concrete municipal swimming pool. That changed in 2003, when the Garden City Recreation Commission took over management of the pool and instigated user fees for the first time. Those fees eventually helped pay for a much-needed



Angel Valverde reaches up to catch a football above Juan Lara while playing in the Big Pool during a day last summer. [BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM]

facelift in 2006 that included five water slides and segmenting the pool into areas for swimming, water slides and a kiddie pool area. Today, the pool also features a Splash Park and Aquaglide attraction.

Long Branch Lagoon

Address: 111 4th St. Dodge City,
Phone: (620) 225-8156

Website: www.lblagoon.com

Opening Day: Open daily starting the weekend prior to Memorial Day through August. After that, it is open Saturday and Sunday through Labor Day.

Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday

Admission: Children ages 0 to 2 years old are free; ages 3 to 17 are \$5; adults ages 18 to 59 are \$7; and seniors ages 60 and up is \$5. There is a group discount available to any group of 15 people or more for \$4 per person. Admission is a one-day admittance in the water park, and refunds and rain checks will not be given.

From the Wrangler Rapids to the Gunslinger, the Long Branch Lagoon Water Park offers a western-themed experience for all



The Long Branch Lagoon waterpark is located in Dodge City. [DODGE CITY GLOBE]

city slickers and others visiting Dodge City. The 27,000-square-foot facility, which first opened in 2016, is located in Dodge City's Heritage District, near Boot Hill Museum and the Santa Fe Depot.

Long Branch Lagoon offers water attractions for all ages, including: the 720-foot Cowboy Creek Lazy River; the Wrangler Rapids wave pool; and the Gunslinger, which is a 300-foot drop closed flume raft slide with three full loops.

Doc's Plunge is another slide that has a steep drop, taking riders up a near-verti-

cal wall for a moment of weightlessness before they zoom back down to the splash pool, according to Long Branch's website. For the kids, there is Fort Splash, which includes a shallow play pool, water cannons, dumping buckets and other sprays. The play pool has an interactive play structure and more than 20 play activities.

There's also the Ol' Swimming Hole, which is a 50-meter competition pool that features lap swimming lanes, a climbing wall, double drop slides, and diving boards.

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Fulfilling the vision

Boot Hill Casino & Resort remains a gem of southwest Kansas entertainment

By VINCENT MARSHALL
Dodge City Daily Globe

When the voters of Ford County voted yes to bringing a casino to Dodge City in 2007, they had a vision — Old West, new excitement. That combination has made Dodge City the entertainment capital of western Kansas and drawn visitors from far and wide.

The vision was built from the community's roots in Western heritage — including the gambling halls at the end of the cattle trails that once made Dodge City famous.

Nearly 10 years after being built, Boot Hill Casino & Resort continues to thrive.

Boot Hill Casino and Resort is nestled between United Wireless Arena, Boot Hill Casino & Resort Conference Center and the Hampton Inn & Suites, right off U.S. Highway 50 in Dodge City.

The three properties are the manifestation of the tourism destination dream that brings not only everyday visitors, but new conference goers, bus patrons, and business executives to the area.

Boot Hill Casino & Resort opened in December 2009 and will be celebrating a 10-year anniversary later this year.

The property includes hundreds of state-of-the-art slot machines, 18 table

games, two poker tables, a Cowboy Café that serves light fare on-the-go and Fire-sides, which features chef specialties and delicious steaks cooked to perfection.

In nearly 10 years of operation, Boot Hill Casino & Resort has seen much change, but one thing remains true — fun lives at Boot Hill Casino & Resort.

“We are truly excited to celebrate our 10-year anniversary,” said Diane Giardine, Boot Hill Casino & Resort general manager. “We have plans to celebrate our past and contributions to the state of Kansas, city of Dodge City and Ford County. But more

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Parrot Cove Indoor Water Park

Address: 990 Stone Creek Drive, Garden City

Phone: (620) 805-5303

Website: www.parrotcovewaterpark.com

Cost: Admission is based on height of guests. Prices include \$30 per person for guests 48 inches or taller; \$20 for guests under 48 inches; Guests under 40 inches are \$15, and children 3 and younger are free. “Land Lovers,” observers, are \$9 per person.

Hours: 11 a.m. with limited features and 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fridays, with 5 p.m. Happy Hour; opens at 10 a.m. for hotel guests, then 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. for the public on Saturdays; and 10 a.m. for hotel guests, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. for the public on Sundays. Parrot Cove is closed on Mondays and Wednesdays, except for special occasions.

Guests are encouraged to check the calendar at Parrot Cove's website for events, specials, and special hours.

Connected to Heritage Inn & Suites hotel, 1212 Lareu Road, located southeast of the intersection of the U.S. Highway 50/83



Parrot Cove Water Park features indoor and outdoor water slides, a lazy river, arcade and food area. [BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM]

bypass and Schulman Avenue, Parrot Cove is a six-story building featuring a variety of indoor water attractions. There is the Screaming' Tsunami that sends you plummeting four stories in an inner tube, the Pineapple Express body slides, the Riptide Rush inner tube slide, the Rum Barrel Run-away body slide, the Key Lime Creek lazy river, the Castaway Cay and Lil' Explorers Reef children's play areas, the Everglades

Lagoon and the Coral Cliffs climbing wall. The water park also features concessions and an arcade with various games. The park features packages for hotel guests to purchase that include water park passes, though one does not have to be a guest at the hotel to visit the waterpark as there are daily admission fees for non-hotel guests. Specials can be found at www.parrotcovewaterpark.com.

importantly, we will share our goal for the future to continue to bring more and more visitors to Dodge City each year.”

Bringing a Vegas vibe

“When we opened, I remember speaking to a patron who said, ‘It’s just like Las Vegas here, except all your friends and neighbors are here with you,’” said Jessi Rabe, Boot Hill Casino & Resort senior director of marketing and sales. “We have taken pride in being part of a great community. The vision to bring visitors to Dodge City has been and continues to be our top priority.

“We also strive to make Boot Hill Casino comfortable, inviting and fun for all of our guests.”

Boot Hill Casino & Resort sees hundreds of thousands of visitors each year, almost 90 percent of which are from outside of Dodge City.

The concert scene

While there are plenty of reasons to “Get the heck into Dodge,” the one thing sure to bring a crowd from the surrounding communities and states is a great concert at United Wireless Arena.

Boot Hill Casino & Resort and United Wireless Arena have been partners and work together to bring top name acts to

Partner properties

The Boot Hill Casino & Resort is proud of its affiliation with its partner properties which include:

- Hampton Inn & Suites, 4002 W. Comanche, (620) 225-0000, next door to the casino and United Wireless Arena (Suites offer kitchenettes & sofa beds)
 - Townplace Suites by Marriott, 2800 W. Wyatt Earp, (620) 371-7171 (extended stay; all suites)
 - Comfort Suites, 2700 W. Wyatt Earp, (620) 801-4545 (all suites)
 - LaQuinta Inn & Suites, 2400 W. Wyatt Earp, (620) 225-7373 (Suites have added sitting areas)
 - Stay Suites of America, 2320 W. Wyatt Earp, (620) 227-5000 (very spacious rooms)
- Visit www.boothillcasino.com for daily and monthly specials, entertainment and special events.

Dodge City.

Recently, country music super star Gary Allan performed at United Wireless.

The area hotels were filled, guests dined at Firesides and other area restaurants and patrons tried their luck at the slot machines and blackjack tables at the casino.

Events like this bring the “Old West, New Excitement” vision into perfect clarity. Upcoming concerts include Clay Walker in May and Trace Atkins as the official

Dodge City Days concert in July.

Another delicious reason to visit Boot Hill Casino & Resort is a trip to Firesides Restaurant.

For the past three years, chef Jeremy Mercado has been leading the charge at the restaurant.

Chef Mercado is a Dodge City native who spent time in Kansas City, Mo., and St. Louis, Mo., before returning home to Firesides.

“I love delicious food and jumped at the opportunity to bring great food to my home community,” Mercado said.

Chef’s specialties include hand-made desserts, delicious steaks and pastas and sides sure to please. Mercado even creates special one-of-a-kind menus for special events like a Pairing Dinner that was held at Firesides in April.

The dinner featured a perfectly paired six-course meal with Dodge City Brewing providing craft beer and Boot Hill Distillery the cocktails.

Recently, Boot Hill Casino & Resort has adopted the mantra, “Fun Lives Here.”

Fun is definitely on the agenda for the upcoming year.

There will be concerts, special events, giveaways and promotions that will bring new winners and excitement.

“We have some great things in store for this year,” said Rabe. “In July, we’ll be doing our annual Ram Truck Giveaway, and we have plans for big cash giveaways as part of our 10-year anniversary. Be sure to check our website for a list of the events and giveaways.”

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Johari claims a hill of dirt in the center of the black rhino exhibit as Jabari paces in the background in March at Lee Richardson Zoo. [BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM]

Something for everyone

From educational programs to fun events to conservation efforts — and yes, animals galore — Lee Richardson Zoo has much to offer



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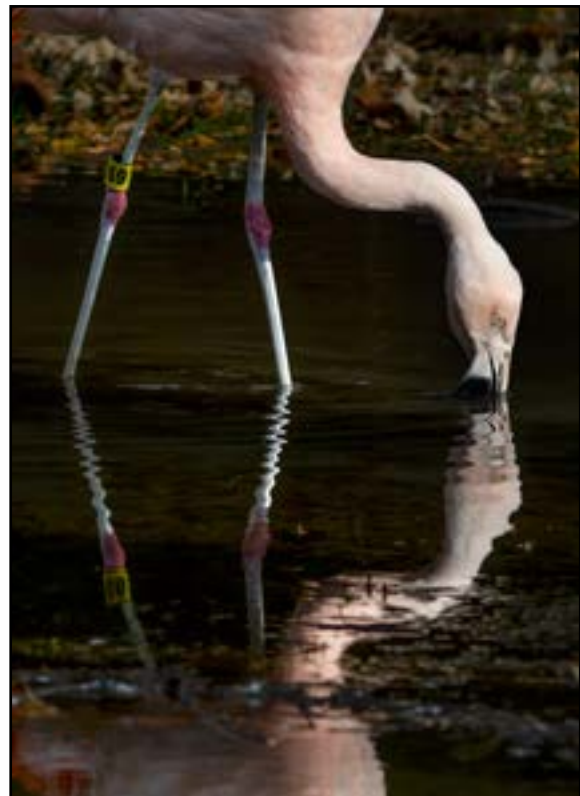
Zoos have excited me since my every first memory of my dad taking me to the Cincinnati Zoo at 4 years old.

I grew up spending a lot of time at the Cincinnati Zoo, and when I travel, I still prefer to go to a town with a zoo accredited by the AZA (Association of Zoos and Aquariums). AZA accreditation is the gold standard for animal care and welfare

worldwide.

I have traveled around the United States quite a bit in my life, but I can honestly say that I had never heard of Garden City, Kan., when a colleague of mine told me about the curator of conservation education position coming open in the city's AZA-accredited zoo. You see, like many in the zoo profession, I will only work at an AZA-accredited zoo, and I was quite impressed that a smaller town in Kansas would have a world class AZA-accredited zoo.

Since my arrival in Garden City in June 2018, I have found the zoo to be everything, and more, that I had hoped to find. Lee Richardson Zoo offers something for everyone all year long, and the price is perfect for groups large or small; it is free



A Chilean flamingo is reflected in a puddle as it searches for food in its Lee Richardson Zoo exhibit. The exhibit will be receiving renovations as part of the zoo's projects from the passage of the sales tax. [BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM]

to pedestrians and only \$10 per car. And the first Wednesday from the beginning of April to the end of October, and each Wednesday from the beginning of November to the end of March is Wild Wednesday, which means it is free to drive through on those days, too.

If you want to support the zoo even more and receive discounted admission at many of the over 232 AZA-accredited zoos and aquaria, you can become a Friends of Lee Richardson Zoo member. As a member, it is always free to drive through the zoo, and you receive discounted admission at many of the over 232 AZA-accredited zoos and aquaria, just for being a member at Lee Richardson Zoo.

From April 1 to Labor Day, you can enjoy a nice walk in Garden City's gorgeous zoo from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. The extended hours allow you to come after work, to avoid the summer heat. Many of the animals also enjoy later hours. Some animals — our lions for example — will lounge around during the hottest part of the day, but play and frolic during the cooler morning and evening hours. So, having the zoo open until 7 p.m.



Catie Policastro, right, shows campers a set of bird nests and talks about the wide variety of materials different birds use to build with in March at the Finnup Center during a Lee Richardson Zoo Edventure Camp. Policastro is an LRZ education specialist. [BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM]

through most of the spring and summer allows the community to come and see our wonderful animals when they are enjoying cooler temperatures in the evening also.

Remember that seeing animals at Lee Richardson Zoo is always weather and animal dependent. Our animals have a choice of where they would

like to spend their time, so if you come to the zoo and your favorite animal is not visible, there are a variety of reasons this could be. Don't worry, there will be another amazing animal just around the corner.

If you are wanting to find out more about our animals (we call them zoo residents) or get the inside scoop on how the zoo

does all the marvelous things we do, then check out our keeper chats or come for one of our special animal awareness days. You can ask our keepers and educators all the questions you have been asking yourself about the different species of animals at the zoo.

Do you have little ones (pre-K and younger) who have trouble standing still long enough for a keeper chat? We have the solution for that, too: Our Story Times that happen every Monday at 10:30 a.m. Story Time is geared toward younger zoo guests and animal lovers, but all ages are welcome to join. A staff member will read a story and most likely bring out an Ambassador Animal for everyone to meet or interesting artifact (fossil, feather, etc..) for all to investigate. An Ambassador Animal is a zoo resident that accompanies educators (we give zoo residents a choice in participating with the public), to programs to help connect guests with nature and to make lifelong bonds with wildlife.

Do you have even more time to spend learning about the zoo and the animals? Great!

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We have on-site programs and walking tours that you can schedule for groups of 10 to 30. The tours last about 30 minutes and can cover a variety of topics and different areas of the zoo. All tours and programs are on the guest side of the zoo and do not go behind the scenes.

Are you, or your group, having trouble finding time to make it to the zoo? That is OK; we can come to you. Just schedule a ZooMobile program (a bit of the zoo comes to you via a zoo educator and Ambassador Animals) for your class or club. ZooMobiles are free for those in Garden City and Holcomb (must have a minimum of 10 in the group). ZooMobiles are also available to other groups within 70 miles for a charge.

Too far away for a ZooMobile but still interested in learning about the natural world? Schedule a session via video conferencing technology. Lee Richardson Zoo Distance Learning programs have helped connect people across the country and overseas with the wonders of wildlife and wild places. You can schedule these programs with the Education Division by calling (620) 276-1250 or e-mailing zoo.education@gardencityks.us.

Fun learning experiences are also available each year through Zoo Adventure Camps during spring break and



ABOVE: A group of Earth Day participants work together to move a parachute and knock bean bags off of it at Lee Richardson Zoo. The station's parachute represented an ocean and the bean bags represented getting trash out of it. **LEFT:** A red panda makes a snack of leaves from a branch in its Wild Asia exhibit at Lee Richardson Zoo. [BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM]

winter break for first- through fifth-graders. There are also camp sessions during the summer that expand to include campers up to the eighth grade. Zoo Adventures encourage kids to explore, learn and create while having fun and growing in their understanding and appreciation for nature.

The zoo is also a great place to have a birthday party. Guests of all ages, yes even some adults, including myself, would love to have a birthday party at the zoo. So, you can book a Birthday Party Package with the Education Division, and your party will include a program with one of our Ambassador Animals.

Besides engaging activities run by zoo staff, there are also many entertaining happenings offered by the Friends of Lee Richardson Zoo (FOLRZ), which operates many of the fun activities happening at the zoo.

Sluicing at the Richardson Riverbed Mine, which operates May through September, allows you to imagine yourself as an archeologist looking for fossils or arrowheads, or a miner looking for gemstones, all without



Khan Jr., right, rubs against the back of his mom's, Mona, head and neck as the pair of Bactrian camels sit in their exhibit area at Lee Richardson Zoo. [BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM]

getting too wet while having loads of fun.

After finding your treasure, you may want to enjoy some Dippin' Dots, selecting from a variety of flavors, including the zoo's trademark mix, Red Panda Riot — found only at Lee Richardson Zoo.

While you're at the zoo, don't forget to stop in the Safari Shoppe operated by FOLRZ. Purchase a souvenir of your trip or a gift for someone special while satisfying your appetite with a selection from the menu and a refreshing beverage. All proceeds collected

from the Safari Shoppe and FOLRZ's events (Jungle Run Car Show in July, A Wild Affair — food, music, and friends- in September; and Boo! At the Zoo in October) support improvements at the zoo.

Through your purchases at the zoo and your attendance at FOLRZ events, you, too, are supporting the zoo and its mission to connect people with wildlife, inspiring appreciation and understanding of the natural world through conservation, education, and engaging experiences.

There are many ways you

can be part of the zoo team and help with conservation efforts, too. Purchasing duck food at the zoo pond, having a birthday party at the zoo, participating in a giraffe or rhino encounter or watching a distance learning program, help the zoo's conservation efforts. A portion of the proceeds from each one of these activities goes towards conservation efforts. These efforts range from supporting Monarch butterflies to helping save the critically endangered red panda, black rhinos, and others.

Each animal at the zoo is an ambassador for their wild counterparts, and each staff member is committed to providing the best care for the residents, and engaging experiences for zoo guests. If you have any questions during your visit, please ask one of the zoo staff.

So, the next time you are wondering what to do with a few hours, or a whole day, visit Lee Richardson Zoo and take in all that our world-class zoo has to offer.

Max Lakes is the curator of conservation education at Lee Richardson Zoo.



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Connecting with our past

From 'True Crime' to times gone by, museum has a variety on display for patrons

By **STEVE QUAKENBUSH**
Special to Discover

When Garden City's Finney County Historical Museum debuted an exhibit titled "True Crime" at the beginning of 2018, it opened with an expectation that more people would be stopping in over the year ahead to learn how justice was served in a pair of historic cases that put a national spotlight on the community and on southwest Kansas law enforcement.

The assumption turned out to be correct, and now visitors are even getting their passports stamped after viewing key pieces of evidence from the 1920s crime spree of the Fleagle Gang, plus a tragic 1959 murder in Holcomb that inspired Truman Capote's ground-breaking novel, "In Cold Blood."

The 525-square foot exhibit is subtitled "Solving Notorious Cases from Finney County's History," and it helped boost the museum's guest count of approximately 23,000 people to a record of more than 28,000 visitors by the end of 2018.

The display features a car window glass on which gangster Jake Fleagle left his fingerprint during the commission of a murder in 1928, leading to the demise of his much-feared band of robbers. In addition, guests will find a boot worn by Perry Smith the night that he and Richard Hickock took the lives of the Herb Clutter family at their Finney County farm home — a boot whose print linked both killers to the crime and led to their eventual convictions and executions.

The objective of the display isn't to sensationalize the crimes or the perpetrators,



Shelia Hendershot, portraying Reba Hutchinson, talks about life in the early days of Garden City in October at Valley View Cemetery during a stop for patrons on one of this year's Finney County Historical Society's Historic Walking Tours of the cemetery. [BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM]



Chad Myers, Kalvesta, talks in March about quartz crystals he found in southwest Kansas while giving a presentation on the Finney County Historical Museum's arrowhead collection during a session of the Evening at the Museum series. After his presentation, Myers helped to identify arrowheads and stone points brought by the audience.

[BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM]

but to show how killers were brought to justice by the law enforcement professionals of southwest Kansas. Other elements include a pair of stone blocks from the original 1885 courthouse in Garden City; a collection of souvenirs from the life of Sheriff Earl Robin-

son, the first officer to arrive at the scene of the Clutter murders; and a gown worn at the New York ball given by Capote after the publication of his book.

In addition, those who walk through can follow a timeline on the development of ear-

ly-day law enforcement, as well as learn about some lesser-known cases, ranging from a jailbreak to a fatal exchange of gunfire at Garden City's railroad depot involving Marshal Newton Earp, half-brother

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Synthia Preston, center, talks about the kitchen in the Fulton House in August during a Finney County Historical Museum tour of the Garden City historic home. The home is located south of the museum's building in Lee Richardson Zoo. Free tours of the home are conducted throughout the summer. [BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM]

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of the famous Wyatt Earp. There's even a Winchester rifle once kept in the vault at Garden City's Fidelity State Bank as a precaution against hold-ups.

Passport program promises prizes

The passports the museum are stamping are Wild West Country Museum Passports, which include pages from 26 Western Kansas museums and art galleries. Guests who bring in or pick up the booklets can get them marked at each of the locations, once they answer a specific exhibit question, making them eligible for prizes at the end of the year worth \$100 to \$250, depending on how many sites they've visited.

Wild West Country is a consortium of 22 Western Kansas convention and visitors bureaus, including the Finney County CVB. Additional stops among the 26 range from the



A pair of visitors to the Finney County Historical Museum check out a Santa Claus exhibit during a museum Holiday Open House in the Front Door Gallery area in December. [BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM]

Big Well in Greensburg, the Boot Hill Museum in Dodge City, Dorothy's House and the Mid-America Air Museum in Liberal to Garden City Arts and the Stauth Memorial Museum in Montezuma.

In addition to "True Crime," visitors to the Finney County

Museum can see images from Garden City's blizzard of 1957, flood of 1965 and tornado of 1967; or end up face to face with community co-founder Buffalo Jones, a contemporary of Buffalo Bill Cody who inspired the novels of Zane Grey.

Those so inclined might

even take a selfie next to a life-size replica of a mammoth that wandered the plains in 4,500 BC. Children and adults can learn about the Pawnee, Comanche and Kiowa peoples who made their homes in the Arkansas River Valley long before the earliest pioneers and settlers arrived, try on vintage-style clothing in an exhibit fashioned after a room of the historic Windsor Hotel and see how travelers lived as they made their way along the Santa Fe Trail.

Another popular spot is the Front Door Gallery, which hosts a different feature every two to three months.

A trio of galleries

The museum includes the Spirit of the Plains Gallery, home of the mammoth and a collection of nearly 300 arrowheads and other stone points; the Temporary Gallery, where "True Crime" remains in place;

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and the Main Display Gallery.

The Spirit of the Plains Gallery also offers depictions showing the natural and cultural history of the plains over thousands of years. The gallery incorporates more than a dozen southwest Kansas points of interest, ranging from Chouteau Island and the historic Doc Barton Ranch to the El Quar-telejo pueblo site.

Visitors to the Main Gallery can take in "My Place in Time," an authentic 19th Century kitchen, the dress-up area, "Finney County Agriculture," a children's Lego activity room called "Discover Kansas" and "Take Stock in Finney County." Additional exhibits there range from the Santa Fe Trail display, a small area honoring the historical society's Finney County Pioneer Award recipients and a soon-to-be upgraded Finney County Veterans exhibit, plus "Buffalo Jones, Last of the Plainsmen."

Guests can also visit the adjacent historic William Fulton House, operated with support from the Finney County CVB. The folk Victorian home, built in 1884 by one of Garden City's four founders, is open 2 to 4 p.m. each weekend from June 1 through most of August.

Hours for the museum's other displays run from 1 to 5 p.m. daily during spring, fall and winter. Summer exhibit hours, beginning May 28, stretch from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays. Information is available at (620) 272-3664.

The museum is operated by the Finney County Historical Society, a non-profit organization. The society receives support from Finney County, and from gifts, donations, memorials, grants and fundraising endeavors. In March, the museum earned honors as one of the community's top three attractions in The Garden City Telegram's "Best of the Best" community choice awards, based on more than 13,000 votes throughout the newspaper's 12-county coverage area.

Community events and historic shopping

The historical society maintains a unique gift shop inside



Deb Huber, center, and other area residents check out items for sale in one of the 59 vendor booths during the annual Finney County historical Museum Flea Market at Lee Richardson Zoo in July. [BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM]



Carolers sing Christmas songs in the lobby of the Finney County Historical Museum in December during the facility's holiday open house activities. [BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM]

the museum, open concurrently with exhibits. The store offers goods linked to Western Kansas history and culture, videos focusing on the region's past, toys inspired by earlier times and locally packaged coffees. The shop specializes in Kansas and sunflower items, a growing stock of books by area authors, and a wide range of objects hand-crafted by southwest Kansas artists and artisans.

While the museum is built around exhibits, the historical society also offers information and assistance each Tuesday through Friday at the in-house Leola Howard Blanchard Research Library; year-round tours and presentations through an education program that serves more than 10,000 children and adults annually; and preservation of a collection surpassing 20,000 cataloged artifacts, records and photographs.

The society conducts his-

Other opportunities include an annual history picnic each fall; the Historic Homes and Buildings Tour every other summer with the Finney County Women's Chamber of Commerce; an Evening in the Past re-enactment program in May and the Historic Walking Tours of Valley View Cemetery every October.

They come from all over

The museum's guest traffic reached its highest year on record during 2018, with a total of 28,907 people converging to see exhibits, seek assistance, offer artifacts, ask questions or participate in on and off-site history-related events and activities. Based on those who signed the guest book during 2018, the museum hosted people from 41 U.S. states, Kansas included, as well as guests from more than a dozen other nations.

In addition to Finney County residents from Garden City, Holcomb, Kalvesta and Pierceville, there were Kansans representing over 88 cities and towns, with the largest numbers from Lakin, Scott City, Sublette, Syracuse, Hugoton and Ulysses.

International guests signing in at the museum included travelers from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Columbia, France, Finland, Guatemala, Kenya, Mexico, the Philippines, the U.S. Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Russia, the United Arab Emirates, Spain and Venezuela.

Finney County Historical Museum

Address: 403 S. Fourth St., Garden City

Phone: (620) 272-3664

Web: www.finneycounty.org/170/Historical-Museum

Hours: Summer hours (day after Memorial Day until school starts in August) 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; winter hours, 1 to 5 p.m.; weekend, 1 to 5 p.m.

tory-related public activities year-round, such as noon and evening lecture programs; the recent Southwest Kansas Antiques Appraisal Fair; the Finney County Pioneer Awards banquet; and the Flea Market Festival of Antiques, Collectibles, Art and Crafts, scheduled in 2019 on July 13.

Bringing the world home

Stauth Memorial Museum remains a 'gem' in southwest Kansas

By **AMBER FRIEND**
The Garden City Telegram

When you walk into the Stauth Memorial Museum, a tight and lively monument to world culture, wildlife and art tucked in the corner of the 1,000-person town that bore it, a personal tour guide almost instantly materializes in front of you.

She will tell you about Fry Wildlife Collection, a local man's personal collection of once record-breaking mounted, taxidermied heads and pelts staring blankly in all directions. She will tell you about the touring exhibit currently residing in the museum's largest exhibit space,

on loan from anywhere from Newton to the Smithsonian. And she will tell you about the reason the museum stands at all: the world-traveling Stauths, who left the fruits of their journeys to the people of Montezuma, the town they called home.

For nearly 40 years, southwest Kansas farmers Claude and Donald Stauth saw the world. They traveled to 95 countries over six continents, bringing back photos and artifacts from each visit, said Raechelle Butler, assistant to the museum director. At the front of the museum, old suitcases frame the entrance to the "Around the World" exhibit, displaying the artifacts and



Executive director of the Stauth Memorial Museum, Kim Legleiter, points at ceremonial spearheads collected by the Stauth family on a trip to North Africa inside the museum in Montezuma. [TELEGRAM PHOTO]

immortalizing the Stauth's travels.

The museum, free to all visitors, highlights seven regions the couple saw with the art, instruments, clothing, textiles, statues and weapons the Stauths brought home, along with three-dimensional scenes of some locations and their office, according to the museum's website.

"The Stauths, their goal

and hope for the museum was to let people try to get a glimpse into countries and a world beyond just southwest Kansas, because a lot of us will never travel to those far-away countries that they did," Butler said.

And every other gallery serves its own purpose, she said. The Fry Wildlife Collec-

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Website: www.stauthmemorialmuseum.org/

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Admission: free.

Not the typical museum, the Stauth Memorial Museum features the story of Claude and Donalda “Donnie” Stauth’s travels to 95 different countries across the globe. The Stauths collected more than just souvenirs, and their collections that are now on display include indigenous art, musical instruments, costumes, tribal hunting weapons and more. The museum also features the Fry Wildlife gallery, which is a collection of Fry’s hunting trophies of animals of North America, as well as a polar bear from Norway. The Wall Western Gallery at the museum contains 23 western bronze art works by Montezuma resident Howard Wall.

2019 Exhibits

100 Faces of War: April 2 to June 22

• A series of 100 oil portraits of American veterans who fought in Iraq and Afghanistan alongside their firsthand accounts of war.

• **America’s Road: The Journey of Route 66:** July 9 to Oct. 5

A vibrant, interactive exhibit that details the history of Route 66, focusing on everything from car travel of different eras to the communities that sat alongside the road.

• **Wandering Spirit:** African Wax Prints: Oct. 22 to Dec. 30
A display of wax print African clothing that explains the prints’ history, artistry and cultural significance.



Pins representing out-of-state visitors are marked on a map inside the Stauth Memorial Museum in Montezuma. Since opening in 1996, the museum has hosted more than 120,000 visitors from more than 62 countries. [TELEGRAM PHOTO]

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tion lets visitors see and touch and interact with different creatures and ultimately echoes the Fry family’s multi-generational call for animal conservation, she said. Another permanent exhibit, a small set of western-style bronze sculptures dating back to the late 1800s, brings visitors face to face with fine art, Butler said.

The center of the museum — the larger gallery reserved for traveling exhibits — expands on the Stauths’ mission, Butler said. The couple traveled the world to learn about different places, people and cultures. The museum that stands in their memory brings the world, or at least pieces of it, to Montezuma, she said.

Temporary science, history and art exhibits from around the country have visited the space, Butler said. Some exhibits display fine art, while another delved into the science of evolution. Others wandered back into The Great Depression, which locals especially connected with. A photo series from the beginning of the year blew up photos of insects, showing their vivid color and detail



The Stauth Memorial Museum, located in downtown Montezuma, opened Feb. 24, 1996. [TELEGRAM PHOTO]

on a human scale. Butler said it was the first time she had ever thought of bugs as beautiful.

“We try to bring in all kinds of different stuff so it will appeal to every culture or background ... We’re trying to include all people,” Butler said.

This year, the space will see 100 oil portraits of American veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, all accompanied by letters, emails, poems and prose about their experience with war. Later, it will see a collision of photos, music and objects cataloging nearly 100 years of culture and history along Route 66, and then many

African wax print textiles.

Local history museums are fairly common in southwest Kansas, but that’s not what the Stauth is, Butler said. It’s an intersection of different angles of education and new perspectives, celebrating world cultures, art and human experiences from the past and present. It’s built on the storied adventures of locals and sustained by those that remain close to home. Visitors are always surprised to find something like it in a small town, she said.

“I think we’re a gem,” Butler said.

THE LEGEND LIVES ON

Boot Hill Museum captures history of Dodge City, the Old West

By **VINCENT MARSHALL**
Dodge City Daily Globe

Boot Hill Museum, Inc., is a private, non-profit organization. Boot Hill Cemetery, on which the museum rests, started in 1872 as an unofficial burial ground for various drifters who died in Dodge City.

Most of these people died suddenly, with “their boots on,” giving the name “Boot Hill” to the cemetery.

None of these people had the money required for a proper burial; many were known only by their given name and no official records were kept of the burials.

The museum summer season kicks off Memorial Day weekend and runs through Labor Day weekend. Its summer hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

During the summer, guests are invited to visit the museum and are able to view

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Boot Hill Museum and Gift Shop is located in Dodge City and offers various sights and pieces of history of Dodge City and the Old West. [COURTESY PHOTO]



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all of the exhibits, interactive displays, and a rowdy wild west gunfight reenactment.

The entertainers at the Long Branch Saloon will show guests how to do the can-can dance, and the children are able to get deputized by the Boot Hill Marshal.

Gunfights for 2019 will be held three-times per day at noon, 3 p.m., and 7 p.m.

Since the museum is under construction for its new exhibits building, the gunfighters will be putting on different gunfights and stories of the Old West in different areas at the museum due to the construction fencing on the property.

Guests are still able to purchase tickets for the daily chuckwagon dinner and Long Branch Variety Show in the evenings.

During the summer season, the old-fashioned ice cream parlor will be open serving a variety of ice cream sundaes, shakes, and lunch. The Old West photo parlor will also be opened.

There will be a cowpoke camp on June 7 and 8 for elementary school-aged children where kids can experience what it was like in the Old West through storytelling and hands-on activities, along with lunch. Registration is available at the museum.

During the Dodge City Days events, the museum will be doing the Boot Hill Bull Fry and Bash in the Boot Hill Distill-



Boot Hill Museum is the heart of Dodge City tourism, featuring the Boot Hill Museum Variety Show, gun fights, giftshops and sarsaparilla. [DODGE CITY GLOBE]

Boot Hill Museum & Gift Shop

Address: 500 W. Wyatt Earp Blvd., Dodge City,
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Website: www.boothill.org

Brewing for a night of entertainment, cocktails, craft beer, and the museum's famous calf fries on July 26.

Also in 2019, the museum will be doing a church service and lunch at the First Union Church during Dodge City Days. The public is invited to attend this free event. Food is available for purchase.

The public can check out the museum's gunfighters, can-can dancers, and entertainers on the Front Street float for

ery parking lot.

The museum is partnering with the Boot Hill Distillery and Dodge City

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the Dodge City Days Parade.

More on the museum's history:

In 1878, an official cemetery, Prairie Grove, was platted in Dodge City and all the bodies that could be located were reinterred at that location.

About 10 years later, they were moved to Dodge City's current cemetery, Maple Grove.

In the following decades, most Dodge City residents wanted to forget about Dodge City's past reputation as a rough and wild town.

In the 1920s and 1930s, locals began to embrace Dodge City's heritage as a frontier town, and Boot Hill Cemetery became a tourist attraction.

In 1947, the Dodge City Jaycees built Boot Hill Museum as a community service project and staffed it primarily with volunteers for the first 10 years.

First housed in a 3,000-square-foot rustic "Western" building, the museum contained a wide variety of cultural and natural history objects.

An 1865 jail from nearby Fort Dodge was moved to the museum in 1953. In 1958, the construction of a replica of historic Front Street began. It was at this time the museum's board of directors hired a permanent staff to operate the growing complex.

In 1964, additional buildings, contain-



Boot Hill Museum is currently constructing a large exhibit building and gift shop, which is expected to be completed by summer 2020. [DODGE CITY GLOBE]

ing the Beeson Gallery, were added to the Front Street replica to house the collection acquired from the Beeson Museum.

Other additions during later years

included more reconstructed Front Street buildings, which now consist of more than one block of 1876 period buildings, along with a restored 1880 carriage/blacksmith shop and an 1879 cattleman's home.

During the 1990s the museum made the complex ADA compliant and enhanced the Santa Fe Trail Rut Site west of Dodge City.

In 2000, the train engine along with a coal car and railroad depot were moved to the frontage along West Wyatt Earp Boulevard.

In 2001, museum personnel built a new gun exhibit and made improvements to the Beeson Gallery.

In 2002, employees designed a Kansas Cowboy Hall of Fame exhibit, and in 2003 and 2004, the exhibits in the original museum building were completely redesigned and reconstructed.

In 2009, an exhibit depicting the Union Church, Dodge City's first church, was completed. In the last 10 years, museum staff have made extensive improvements in lighting and signage and added enhanced exhibits throughout the museum complex.

Currently, Boot Hill Museum is constructing a large exhibit building and gift shop, which will be completed by the summer season of 2020.

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U.S. Highway 56, Kinsley
 (620) 659-2420
www.edwardscountymuseum.info

El Quartejejo Museum and Jerry Thomas Gallery

902 W. Fifth St., Scott City
 (620) 872-5912
www.elquartejejomuseum.com
 Hours: 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday; closed on major holidays
 The historical museum of Scott County, the museum traces the history of the region from pre-historic times and includes fossil exhibits and Native American and pioneer history. The Thomas Gallery contains the work of nationally recognized wildlife and western artist Jerry Thomas, as well as a collection of Native American and U.S. Cavalry artifacts.



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605 E. Watkins Ave., Sublette
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www.haskellcountymuseum.com
 Hours: 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday

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421 Main St., Jetmore
 (620) 357-8794
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102 N. Gates St., Syracuse
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www.hamiltoncountymuseum.org
 Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (MST) Tues-

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300 E. Oklahoma Ave., Ulysses
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www.grantcoks.org/602/Visit-Our-Museum
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 The Adobe Museum features artifacts and exhibits showcasing the history of the plains, including Native American artifacts, Santa Fe Trail memorabilia, and artifacts from the Ulysses area.

Horace Greeley Museum

ABOVE: A fully functional drilling rig is a centerpiece at the Stevens County Gas and Historical Museum. [TELEGRAM PHOTO]

LEFT: A stuffed bison peers down from a bluff on a Native American village in one of the exhibits at El Quartejejo Museum in Scott City. [BRAD NADING/TELEGRAM]

214 E. Harper St., Tribune
 (620) 376-4996
www.horacegreeleymuseum.org
 Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. MT Thursday
 The museum features a collection of historical memorabilia, artifacts, documents and a prehistoric mammoth skull.

Kearny County Historical Museum

111 S. Buffalo St., Lakin
 (620) 355-7448
www.kearnycountymuseum.org
 Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; Sundays, by

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appointment only; closed on holidays

The museum includes over 20,000 square feet of historical displays and includes the main museum building and annex, the White House, Columbia School House, Santa Fe Depot, Round Barn, and a machinery building.

Kiowa County Historical Museum and Soda Fountain

320 S. Main St., Greensburg
(620) 723-1125
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Lane County Historical Museum

333 N. Main St., Dighton
(620) 397-5652
www.lanecountymuseum.org
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The Lakin Depot, built in 1876, is one of several attractions on the grounds of the Kearny County Museum. Lakin, which serves as the county seat, was named after David Long Lakin, a trustee for the railroad company. [TELEGRAM PHOTO]

House exhibits, as well as temporary exhibits.

Meade County Historical Museum

200 Carthage St., Meade
(620) 873-2359
www.oldmeadecounty.com/museum

Museum of the Great Plains

201 N. Fourth St., Leoti
(620) 375-2316
www.wichitacountymuseum.org
Hours: 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, closed on Mondays (will open on appointment)

Pioneer Krier Museum

430 W. 4th Ave., Ashland
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Stanton County Museum

104 E. Highland Ave., Johnson City
(620) 492-1526
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Stevens County Gas & Historical Museum

905 S. Adams, Hugoton
(620) 544-8751
www.stevenscountyks.com/museum
Hours: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday in the summer; 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday in the winter
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4-5 Depot Theater Production: The Education of Angels, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Depot Theater Company. Two unlikely characters, Nick and Jenna, are thrown together in this hilarious tale of two angels in training sent back to Earth to help Dave, who is having cold feet on his wedding day.

4 Dodge City Raceway Park- Weekly Racing Series, 7:30 p.m. at Dodge City Raceway Park

5 8th Annual 5x5 Art Auction, 2019, 5:55 to 8:30 p.m. at Historic Santa Fe Depot; 5x5 art canvases designed by area artists are sold through a silent auction. Proceeds benefit the Depot Theater.

10 Clay Walker: Long Live the Cowboy, 7 to 10 p.m. at United Wireless Arena. Tickets: \$59, \$39,



The Can Can Girls are one of the features of Boot Hill Museum's Sumer Season Specials. [COURTESY PHOTO]

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11 National Train Day, 1 p.m. at Historic Santa Fe Depot, come join us for refreshments and tours!

11 Teatro en Espanol, 6 p.m., at Depot Theater Company. Directly from Mexico and for the first time in Dodge City, A Punto de Turron! Come and enjoy the performing arts in Spanish.

18 Dodge City Raceway Park- Weekly Racing Series, 7:30 p.m. at Dodge City Raceway Park

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24 Little Britches Rodeo, at Roundup Rodeo Arena. The NL-BRA, which was founded in 1952, is a youth rodeo organization for kids' ages 5 to 18.

24 Boot Hill Museum's Summer Season Specials. Through Labor Day Weekend 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. at Boot Hill Museum. While the Museum is open 362 days a year, throughout the summer months, historical interpreters provide you with endless entertainment. It is recommended to make reservations for the Variety Show and Country-Style Dinner. Call (620) 227-8188.

24 Historic Trolley Tours. At Dodge City Visitor Information Center. Hop on the Dodge City Trolley for a trip back to the 1870. Summer Hours (Memorial Day - Labor Day) 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

31 Final Friday, 5 to 11 p.m. The final Friday of every month, Dodge City's performing and visual arts take over downtown for an evening of fun, art, spirits, and fellowship! Check their Facebook page for more information visit www.facebook.com/dodgecityfinalfriday/.

June

1 Farmers Market. Every Saturday through October. 7 a.m. to noon on Front Street. Downtown Dodge City comes alive with fresh produce and homemade products. The parking lot facing Wyatt Earp Boulevard between Third and First avenues fills up with area producers offering their products for sale.

1 Main Street Festival. From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in Downtown Dodge City, Main Street Festival.

1 Dodge City Raceway Park - Weekly Racing Series, 7:30 p.m. at Dodge City Raceway Park.

7 Kansas Shrine Bowl 4-Man Golf Scramble, 9 a.m. to noon at Mariah Hills Golf Course, The Kansas Shrine Bowl golf tournament is a four man scramble. To register or for questions call the Kansas Shrine Bowl office at (800) 530-5524 or email secretary@kansasshrinebowl.com.

7 Kansas Shrine Bowl Player Appreciation Banquet, 6 to 9 p.m.

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at United Wireless Arena.

8 Kansas Shrine Bowl Strong Legs Run 5k/Walk for Love, 8 a.m. to noon at Dodge City High School.

8 Kansas Shrine Bowl Parade, 10 a.m. to noon. Location TBD.

8 Kansas Shrine Bowl 46th Annual Bowl Game, 7 p.m. at Memorial Stadium.

14-16 Kansas Mounted Shooting Association State Championships at Western State Bank Expo Center. Mounted contestants compete in this fast action timed event using two .45 caliber single action revolvers each loaded with five rounds of specially prepared blank ammunition.

14-15 Dodge City Raceway Park - Sprint Car Nationals at Dodge City Raceway Park.

15 Dodge Charger Daytona Car Show. The Shine and Show will be in the Dodge City Convention and Visitors Center Parking lot. 40-45 Dodge Chargers will be on display

20-23 27-30 Depot Theater Production: A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, 7 to 9 p.m. at Depot Theater Company. The classic musical that is a nonstop laugh-fest in which Pseudolus, a crafty slave, struggles to win the hand of a beautiful, but slow-witted, courtesan named Philia for his young master, Hero, in exchange for his own freedom.

27 4-H District Horse Show, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Western State Bank Expo Center.

29 Dodge City Raceway Park - Weekly Racing Series, 7:30 p.m. at Dodge City Raceway Park.

July

4 Old Fashioned Fourth of July. All Day at Boot Hill Museum. Enjoy games, food, and the cast of the Long Branch Saloon Variety show puts on one of the biggest performances of the year, featuring live music from the Dodge City Cowboy Band.

4 Western Kansas' Largest Fireworks Display, at Roundup Rodeo Arena.

6-7 Z-Ropings - Team Roping,



Trace Adkins will be performing on July 27 at United Wireless Arena in Dodge City as part of Dodge City Days. [COURTESY PHOTO]

6:30 p.m. at Western State Bank Expo Center.

18-22 Ford County Fair, at Ford County Fair Grounds.

20 Dodge City Raceway Park - Weekly Racing Series, 7:30 p.m. at Dodge City Raceway Park.

25-Aug. 4 Dodge City Days 2019 marks the 59th year for the Dodge City Days Festival. The Dodge City Area Chamber of Commerce, along with a committee of community members, coordinates the 10-day festival each.

26 Final Friday, 5 to 11 p.m.

26 Dodge City Raceway Park - Driver & Fan Appreciation Night, 7:30 p.m. at Dodge City Raceway Park.

27 Dodge City Days Concert 2019: Trace Adkins will be performing at 7:30 p.m. at United Wireless Arena.

31-Aug. 4 PRCA Rodeo, at Dodge City Roundup Arena. Voted No. 1 Best North American Rodeo by USA Today. More information to follow.

August

24 Dodge City Raceway Park - Sixth Annual Sport Modified Mayhem, 7:30 p.m. at Dodge City Raceway Park.

30 Final Friday, 5 to 11 p.m.

September

14 Dodge City Raceway Park - Seventh Annual Jerry Soderburg Memorial Championship, 7:30 p.m. at Dodge City Raceway Park.

20-22 KPRA Finals, 7 to 11 p.m. at Dodge City Roundup Arena.

20-21 Dodge City Raceway Park - World of Outlaws Sprint Cars "Boot Hill Showdown", 7:30 p.m. at Dodge City Raceway Park.

21 Oktoberfest, all day at Knights of Columbus.

27 Final Friday, 5 11 p.m.

28 Beaux Art Ball, all day at Knight of Columbus

October

25 Final Friday

26 Trick-or-Treat Downtown, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Downtown Dodge City.

November

9-Jan. 31 Pheasant Hunting Contest - Rooster Roundup & Bounty Bird. During the 2019-20 pheasant hunting season, 150 banded pheasants will be released in Ford County. "Bounty Bird" GOLD numbered leg bands will correlate with a predetermined community prize. "Rooster Roundup" RED numbered leg bands will be entered into a grand prize drawing.

15 America Recycles Day, all day at Dodge City Civic Center.

16-17 Holiday Tables at Historic Santa Fe Depot.

25 Christmas Parade of Lights and Chili Cook-Off, Eisenhower Park; Mayor Tree Lighting - Visitor Information Center Parade of Lights.

December

6 Frosty First Friday, 5 to 11 p.m. at Downtown Dodge City.

7 Cookies & Cocoa with Santa, all day at Boot Hill Museum.

2020 3i SHOW planning has begun

By **VINCENT MARSHALL**
Dodge City Daily Globe

Planning for the 66th Annual 3i SHOW to be held March 19-21, 2020, is underway.

The show will be held in Dodge City at the Western State Bank Expo Center. Show hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, with free admission and free parking.

Priority renewal has begun for exhibitors who displayed in 2019.

Exhibitors are encouraged to contract their space as soon as possible to help ensure their preferred location.

Space Request forms are available online on the Exhibitor Information page of the 3i SHOW website at www.3ishow.com.

For 2020, attendees can anticipate a Community College Invitational Rodeo sponsored by Dodge City Community College and a Junior Livestock Show sponsored by the High Plains Journal.

In addition, be sure to save the date for High School Ag Career Day on Thursday, March 19.

Presentations are being planned, and suggestions are welcome by emailing info@3ishow.com.

Exhibitors interested in hosting live demonstrations in 2020 are encouraged to contact WKMA for coordination as soon as possible. Demonstration request forms are avail-

able online.

In addition, those exhibitors interested in hosting giveaways of \$500 or more at the show should also contact WKMA.

The 2019 3i SHOW saw more than 39 new companies inside the Expo Center.

"We were very pleased with the turnout this year," 3i SHOW president Eddie Estes said. "Exhibitors and companies have been given their save the date notifications for next year, and we are working on some new things for next year. It was a remarkable event this year."

WKMA is a charter member of the Farm Show Council, a nonprofit organization founded in 1972 dedicated to the continued improvement of farm shows. The FSC is comprised of more than 20 top farm shows in North America and New Zealand, with the goal of promoting and developing its member shows to ensure increased efficiency and effectiveness for the exhibitors and producers in attendance.

The FSC reflects excellence and quality, which exhibitors find in the 3i SHOW.

For complete information, visit www.3ishow.com, or contact the WKMA office directly toll-free at (877) 405-2883 or locally at (620) 227-8082. To receive continued updates and information about the 3i SHOW and upcoming events, like the 3i SHOW Facebook Page and follow them on Twitter.

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DOWNTOWN GARDEN CITY UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

First Friday Food Trucks & Events.....	May 3
Stevens Park 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM	
Garden City Arts First Friday Art Walk.....	May 3
Participating Garden City Businesses 4:00 PM	
Cinco De Mayo Parade & Celebration.....	May 4
Downtown Garden City & Stevens Park 10:00 AM	
Haitian Independence Day Celebration	May 19
Stevens Park 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM	
Intersediendo Por Garden City Concert.....	May 25
Stevens Park 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM	
Garden City Municipal Band Concert.....	May 31
Stevens Park 7:30 PM	

JUNE

Beef Empire Days Praise in the Park Concert.....	June 1
Stevens Park 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	
First Friday Food Trucks & Events.....	June 7
Stevens Park 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM	
Garden City Municipal Band Concert.....	June 7
Stevens Park 7:30 PM	
Historic Walking Tours.....	June 7
Downtown Garden City 7:30 PM	
Garden City Arts First Friday Art Walk.....	June 7
Participating Garden City Businesses 4:00 PM	
Commerce Bank Chuckwagon Breakfast.....	June 8
Stevens Park 6:30 AM - 9:30 AM	
Beef Empire Days Parade.....	June 8
Main Street Garden City 10:30 AM	
Beef Empire Days Chuckwagons at the Zoo.....	June 8
Lee Richardson Zoo 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM	
Beef, Beer & Boots Concert, Food Trucks & Beer Garden.....	June 8
Stevens Park 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM	
Garden City Municipal Band Concert.....	June 14
Stevens Park 7:30 PM	
GCRC Stevens Park Concert Series & Silver Screen.....	June 15
Stevens Park 5:30 PM - 11:00 PM	
Garden City Municipal Band Concert.....	June 21
Stevens Park 7:30 PM	
Garden City Arts' Art in the Park.....	June 22
Stevens Park 9:00 PM - 4:00 PM	
GCRC Stevens Park Concert Series & Silver Screen.....	June 22
Stevens Park 5:30 PM - 11:00 PM	
Garden City Municipal Band Concert.....	June 28
Stevens Park 7:30 PM	
GCRC Stevens Park Concert Series & Silver Screen.....	June 29
Stevens Park 5:30 PM - 11:00 PM	

JULY

Vets for Veterans 4th of July Parade.....	July 4
Main Street Garden City 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	
Garden City Municipal Band Concert & Fireworks.....	July 4
Lee Richardson Zoo West Green 8:00 PM	
Garden City Arts First Friday Art Walk.....	July 5
Participating Garden City Businesses 4:00 PM	
Garden City Municipal Band Concert.....	July 5
Stevens Park 7:30 PM	
GCRC Stevens Park Concert Series & Silver Screen.....	July 6
Stevens Park 5:30 PM - 11:00 PM	
Friday Food Trucks & Events.....	July 12
Stevens Park 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM	
Garden City Municipal Band Concert.....	July 12
Stevens Park 7:30 PM	
Jungle Run Auto Show.....	July 13
Lee Richardson Zoo West Green 8:00 AM - 1:30 PM	
Finney County Historical Museum Flea Market.....	July 13
Lee Richardson Zoo 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM	
Garden City Municipal Band Concert.....	July 19
Stevens Park 7:30 PM	
GCRC Stevens Park Concert Series & Silver Screen.....	July 20
Stevens Park 5:30 PM - 11:00 PM	
Downtown Garden City Summer Sidewalk Sale.....	July 27
Downtown Garden City 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	
Garden City Arts Sidewalk Chalk Contest.....	July 27
Stevens Park 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	



AUGUST

- First Friday Food Trucks & Events..... August 2
Stevens Park 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM
- Annual Banner Art Project Art Walk..... August 2
Participating Downtown Businesses 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- Garden City Arts First Friday Art Walk..... August 2
Participating Garden City Businesses 4:00 PM
- Traditions Soda & Sandwich Shop Car Show..... August 9
West Laurel Street 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM
- Tumbleweed Festival..... August 24, 25
Lee Richardson Zoo

SEPTEMBER

- First Friday Food Trucks & Events..... September 6
Stevens Park 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM
- Garden City Arts First Friday Art Walk..... September 6
Participating Garden City Businesses 4:00 PM
- Historic Walking Tours..... September 6
Downtown Garden City 7:30 PM
- A Wild Affair..... September 7
Lee Richardson Zoo
- Community Mexican Fiesta & Parade..... September 14
Downtown Garden City 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Downtown Garden City Fall Fest..... September 21
Featuring NasDuck 500 Races, Kansas Cruisers Car Show & K of C Oktoberfest
Downtown Garden City 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

OCTOBER

- First Friday Food Trucks & Events..... October 4
Stevens Park 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM
- Garden City Arts First Friday Art Walk..... October 4
Participating Garden City Businesses 4:00 PM
- Leave a Legacy Run..... October 5
St Catherine Hospital & Downtown Garden City 8:00 AM
- Finney County Humane Society's Barktober Fest..... October 12
Stevens Park 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- Boo! at the Zoo..... October 19
Lee Richardson Zoo 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

NOVEMBER

- Garden City Arts First Friday Art Walk..... November 1
Participating Garden City Businesses 4:00 PM
- Annual Banner Art Project Art Auction..... November 2
The Clarion Inn Ballroom 6:30 PM
- Dia de Los Muertos Festival & Parade..... November 2
Downtown Garden City 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Sip N Shop..... November 23
Participating Downtown Businesses 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
- Small Business Saturday..... November 30
Downtown Garden City
- Tree Lighting Ceremony..... November 30
Stevens Park 6:00 PM

DECEMBER

- First Friday Letters To Santa..... December 6
Participating Downtown Businesses 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- Garden City Arts First Friday Art Walk..... December 6
Participating Garden City Businesses 4:00 PM
- Burtis Motors Evening Christmas Parade..... December 8
Main Street Garden City 6:00 PM
- Our Lady Guadeloupe Procession..... December 12
Stevens Park 5:00 PM



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'Strike Up the Band' for Dodge City Days



Longhorn steers play follow the leader as they leave Boot Hill Museum before trekking up and down Wyatt Earp Boulevard during the Dodge City Days' annual Cattle Drive. [DODGE CITY DAILY GLOBE]

The 2019 Dodge City Days festival this year is celebrating the world-famous Dodge City Cowboy Band. The theme "Strike Up the Band" pays homage to the 140th Anniversary of Dodge City's Cowboy Band, as well as one of its more famous songs. The inspiration for the lapel and design came from the long-horn banner inscribed "Cow-Boy Band, Dodge City, Kansas," the actual banner that has been present at each performance since the early years of the band. Dodge City Days is the second largest festival in Kansas and will include new events, as well as old favorites, this year. For all up-to-date information about the events, visit the new Dodge City Days website www.dodgecitydays.org or visit the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/dodgecitydays.

Dodge City Days 2019 schedule

Tuesday, July 23
\$500 Medallion Hunt Begins

Thursday, July 25
6 p.m. – Dodge City Days Kickoff

Reception brought to you by Western Plains Medical Complex.
8 to 11 p.m. – Dodge City Days Night Swim.

Friday, July 26

11:30 a.m. – Family Fun at the Long Branch Lagoon.
2 p.m. – The Little Smokies Kids-Q Competition brought to you by KWCH 12.
NEW - Dodge City Days Steak Cook-off, brought to you by the Village Square Mall.
5 to 10 p.m. – Final Friday at various downtown Dodge City locations.
6:30 to p.m. – Boot Hill Bull Fry & Bash. Gunsmoke: On The Air! – Depot Theater Company production.
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. – Bull Riding at The Doctor's Office.
Dodge City Days Ram Truck Giveaway - Boot Hill Casino & Resort.

Saturday, July 27

6:30 a.m. – Dodge City Days 5k and 1 Mile Shootout.
7:30 a.m. – Lewis Automotive Two-Man MGA Golf Tournament.

9:00 a.m. to noon — Baby Expo.
9:30 a.m. – Dodge City Days Western Parade presented by the Dodge City Chapter of AMBUCS, with new starting location at YMCA parking lot to Dodge City Roundup Arena.
9:30 a.m. – The National Beef Smokin' Saddles Official BBQ Contest.
10 a.m. – The Centera Bank Backyard BBQ Contest.
10 a.m. – The Bud Light Tailgate Experience.
Gunsmoke: On The Air! – Depot Theater Company.
7 p.m. — Trace Adkins Concert, United Wireless Arena.
Central Station Bar and Grill Street Dance.

Sunday, July 28

7:30 a.m. – Lewis Automotive Two-Man MGA Golf Tournament.
9 a.m. – Dodge City Days United Wireless Ninja Warrior Obstacle Challenge.
10:30 a.m. – Cowboy Church at The Boot Hill Museum.
Karaoke Kabaret – Depot Theater.
9 p.m. – Movie In The Park, Eisenhower Park – 1st Avenue and Gunsmoke

Street. You're invited downtown to help celebrate Dodge City Days with a fun, outdoor movie-watching experience of the original classic western movie, Silverado.

Monday, July 29

Landmark National Bank Art Show – all week.

Tuesday, July 30

3 p.m. – PRCA Steer Roping Final Round and Buckle Presentation.
6 p.m. – Freddy's Salute The Troops Hamburger Feed and Patriotic Concert. PRCA Xtreme Bull Riding & Freestyle Bullfighting.
Central Station Street Dance (indoor).

Wednesday, July 31

8 a.m. – SLACK (WPRA) followed by PRCA SLACK .
NEW - 10 a.m. - Cattle U, United Wireless/Boot Hill Casino & Resort Conference Center.
Cattle U is a new program modeled after High Plains Journal's successful series of educational events. Targeted to cattleman, this paid event will

provide educational sessions designed to help cattle producers elevate their knowledge, as well as connect with fellow producers and cattle industry companies. Join the High Plains Journal for this 50-plus booth trade show. To register, go to cattleu.net. For more information, call (620) 227-7171.

- 6 p.m.** – Special Rodeo.
- 6 p.m.** – Family Night Hamburger Feed/Fireworks Display.
- 7:45 p.m.** – Dodge City Roundup PRCA Rodeo.
- 8 to 11 p.m.** – Dodge City Days Night Swim.
- 9:30 p.m.** - 1:30 a.m. – Central Station Street Dance.

Thursday, Aug. 1

- 8 a.m.** – Slack (WPRA) followed by PRCA Slack.
 - 8 to 10 a.m.** – Miss Rodeo Kansas & Teen Horsemanship Competition.
 - 11 a.m.** – Pepsi Dog Day Afternoon.
 - 11 to 11:30 a.m.** – PRCA Clown Autographs.
 - 11 a.m.** – 12:30 p.m. – Miss Rodeo Kansas Queen & Teen Contestants
 - Law & Order: C-Rhyme & Punishment – Depot Theater Company.
 - 6 p.m.** – Pizza Hut Pizza and Pepsi Night Dodge City Roundup Arena.
 - 7:45 p.m.** – Voted No. 1 Best North American Rodeo by USA Today, Dodge City Roundup PRCA Rodeo – A Wrangler Million Dollar Tour Rodeo, Gold Series/Pro Rodeo Hall Of Fame Rodeo.
 - 9:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.** – Central Station Street Dance.
- Friday, Aug. 2**
- 7 a.m.** – Dodge City Roundup “COWBOY



The Alley in Dodge City was named the first place winner in the Youth category of the 58th Annual Dodge City Days Western Parade held in July. [DODGE CITY DAILY GLOBE]

- 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.** – Dodge City Days Arts, Crafts And Things Show.
- 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** – Miss Rodeo Kansas & Teen Pageant Style.
- Law & Order: C-Rhyme & Punishment – Depot Theater Company.
- 7:45 p.m.** – Dodge City Roundup PRCA Rodeo – A Wrangler Million Dollar Tour Rodeo, Gold Series/Pro Rodeo Hall Of Fame Rodeo/Wrangler Night/Tough Enough To Wear Pink?
- 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.** – Central Station Street Dance.

Sunday, Aug. 4

- 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.** – Dodge City Ambucs Golf Tournament.
 - 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** – Tetwp Benefit Breakfast.
 - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.** – YMCA Lagoonathon and Kid Mania.
 - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** – Dodge City Days Patriot Qualifier.
 - 10 a.m.** – Cowboy Church – Roundup
 - 1 p.m.** to 3:30 p.m. – McDonald’s Kidfest.
 - Law & Order: C-Rhyme & Punishment – Depot Theater Company.
 - “Unlucky In Love” Murder Mystery – Depot theater Company.
 - 7:45 p.m.** – Dodge City Roundup PRCA Rodeo – A Wrangler Million Dollar Tour Rodeo, Gold Series/Pro Rodeo Hall Of Fame Rodeo/Budweiser Championship Finals Night.
- *Note — Times and schedule of events are subject to change.**

Classic” Golf Tournament.

- 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** – Dodge City Days Patriot Qualifier.
- Noon to 6 p.m.** – Dodge City Days Arts, Crafts And Things Show.
- 2 p.m.** – Miss Rodeo Kansas & Teen Speech Competition.
- 6 p.m.** – Cargill Barbecue Dodge City Roundup Arena.
- Law & Order: C-Rhyme & Punishment – Depot Theater Company.
- 7:45 p.m.** – Dodge City Roundup Arena PRCA Rodeo – A Wrangler Million Dollar Tour Rodeo, Gold Series/American Pride Night. Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame Rodeo
- 9:30 p.m.** to 1:30 a.m. – Central Station Street Dance.

Saturday, Aug. 3

- 8 a.m.** – Slack (WPRA) Followed By PRCA Slack.
- 9 a.m.** – The Longhorn Cattle Drive brought to you by Boot Hill Casino & Resort and the Dodge City Convention and Visitors Bureau.
- 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** – Dodge City Days Patriot Qualifier.
- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** – Dodge City Days Classic Car Show.
- 10 a.m. to noon** – Touch-A-Truck brought to you by KSN.

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Garden City Calendar of Events

MAY

1-5 Cinco de Mayo — New this year, the Cultural Empowerment and Development Foundation is hosting events leading up to Cinco de Mayo, including a kickoff May 1 at the American Legion in Garden City; a seminar May 2 at the Clarion Inn; a 5K run, parade down Main Street, cultural celebration in Stevens Park and basketball tournament in Finnup Park on May 4; and a soccer tournament at the Garcia soccer fields on May 5.

3 First Friday Food Truck — From 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., food trucks line Heroes' Way across from Stevens Park, serving up a variety of cuisine. The event is held the first Friday of the month from May through October.

5 Cinco de Mayo — Garden City's Mexican-American community marks the occasion of the Battle of Puebla in 1862 with a celebration including live music, dancing, contests and authentic Mexican food at El Remedio, 1005 E. Fulton St. For more information, call (620) 275-2132.

11 Satanta Day — Day-long celebration in Satanta packed with activities, a parade, food, an all-school reunion, a craft show, and dances. For more info, call (620) 287-0380.

17-26 Ottaway Amusements Beef Empire Days carnival will be set up at Finney County Fairgrounds.

19 Haitian Independence Day — Celebration from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Stevens Park.

23-25 Beef Empire Days PRCA Rodeo — Some of the top rodeo athletes in the world converge on the Finney County Fairgrounds for this annual event, which is widely considered one of the best rodeos on the Prairie Circuit.

31-June 9 Beef Empire Days — The annual celebration of the beef industry in southwest Kansas features industry events and seminars, sporting events, arts and entertainment events, rodeo events, children's activities, a parade and plenty of beef to eat. For more information, go to beefempiredays.com.

31-June 2 K96 June Jaunt — Communities along K96 from Tribune to Great Bend put on a smorgasbord of events. For more info, call (620) 872-3525 or visit <http://www.k96junejaunt.com/>.

JUNE

15 Lane County Cruise-In — The 19th annual cruise in at Dighton City Park will welcome all makes and models of autos and motorcycles. For more info, call (620) 397-5541.

22 Art in the Park — In its 52nd year, along with fine art and craft vendors, the event features live music, food and



Fire eating was part of the act in August for Sideshow Terry's Comedy Stunt Show on the children's stage during the Tumbleweed Festival on Lee Richardson Zoo's west green. [BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM]

arts and crafts projects. For more info, call (620) 260-9700.

JULY

4 Vets for Veterans Fourth of July Parade — The parade, set to begin at 10 a.m., will go up Main Street.

4 Municipal Band concert/fireworks — The band kicks things off with a patriotic concert at 8 p.m. on the West Green at Lee Richardson Zoo, followed by the city's fireworks display at dark at the Finney County Fairgrounds.

13 Flea Market festival — The Finney County Historical Museum's 9th annual festival at Lee Richardson Zoo will feature antiques, collectibles, art and crafts, canned goods, food and much more. For more info, call (620) 272-3664 or email squakenbush@finneycounty.org.

13 Jungle Run III — This car show brings auto enthusiasts to the west green of Lee Richardson Zoo to see hot rods from all around the region to raise funds for the zoo. For more info, call (620) 276-6243.

19-20 Deerfield Summer Celebration — Deerfield will be abuzz with a full slate of events and activities. For more info, call (620) 426-6373 or email drec@pld.com.

24-27 Finney County Fair — The annual county fair features judging in a variety of categories, animals, contests, food, entertainment, carnival rides and more at the Finney County Fairgrounds. For more info, call (620)

272-3844.

AUGUST

2 Banner Art Walk — 4 to 7 p.m. in downtown Garden City.

23-25 Tumbleweed Festival — Held the fourth weekend of August, musicians and performers from near and far come to Lee Richardson Zoo. The event features music and entertainment for adults, as well as storytellers, puppeteers, magicians and arts and crafts to entertain the kids. For more info, go to www.tumbleweedfestival.com or call (620) 290-1011.

SEPTEMBER

7 A Wild Affair — The wildest night at Lee Richardson Zoo features live music, live and silent auctions and adult beverages served while local restaurants and caterers provide a taste of southwest Kansas cuisine. For more info, call (620) 276-6243.

13-14 Community Mexican Fiesta — Garden City's annual celebration of the battle for Mexico's independence from Spain includes a queen pageant, parade, food, music, dancing and festivities in Stevens Park. For more info, go to gcfiesta.org or email Angelica Castillo Chappel, angelicachappel@gmail.com.

14 Chamber of Commerce Wine Tasting — Annual fundraising event featuring dozens of wines, beer, rum, hors d'oeuvres and more at the Clarion Inn and Conference Center, 1911 E.

Kansas Ave. For more info, call (620) 276-3264.

17 Grant County Home Products Dinner — The dinner is organized by the Grant County Chamber of Commerce in Ulysses, and features locally produced and prepared food, with the proceeds going to the Grant County Scholarship Foundation. More than 2,000 people, including state and area lawmakers, typically attend.

21 Fall Fest/Oktoberfest — Vendors and visitors converge on downtown Garden City to sell art, crafts, authentic cuisine, as well as home decor, gifts and more. The event is held in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus Oktoberfest celebration, which features authentic German food. For more information, call (620) 276-0891.

28 Whimydiddle Arts and Crafts Fair — The event comes to Scott City Park on the last Saturday of September. One of the largest craft shows in western Kansas, it features more than 200 exhibitors from across the United States who arrive with original art and crafts. For more info, call (620) 214-3295.

OCTOBER

5 Leave a Legacy Run — Cancer fundraiser featuring running/walking events in downtown Garden City.

12 Barktober Fest — Finney County Humane Society event in Stevens Park.

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19 Boo! at the Zoo — This annual Halloween event includes a trick-or-treat trail for kids, creepy creature encounters with zoo docents and a journey through a ghoulish graveyard. For more info, call (620) 276-6243.

NOVEMBER

2 Día de los Muertos — Garden City Arts seventh annual Day of the Dead, or Día de los Muertos celebration showcases art, music, food, culture, history and music that makes the Mexican holiday vibrant. For more info, call (620) 260-9700.

2 Banner Art auction — Culmination of the Banner Art project held at the Clarion Inn Ballroom.

9 Veterans Day Parade — Patriotic parade that marks Veterans Day. For more info, contact the American Legion at (620) 275-6875.

14 Crystal Apple Banquet — Annual awards banquet that honors the top educators in Finney County, Clarion Inn.

30 Stevens Park Tree Lighting — Stevens Park Christmas lights are flipped on for the first time at a celebration that also includes entertainment and refreshments. Call Garden City Downtown Vision, 276-0891, for more info.

DECEMBER

8 Christmas Parade — The annual downtown Garden City parade



Terry Powell, Garden City, left, checks out sets of “wavey buttons” in September as she, Sherry and Gene Brenneman, Topeka, browse through the various arts and crafts at Whimydiddle in the City Park at Scott City. The garden art, sets of rebarb with stones attached to the end that move in the wind, was at the Dakota Crafts booth from Oelrichs, S.D. [BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM]

includes floats and vehicles decorated with lights. For more info, call (620) 276-0891.

31 New Year’s Eve Celebration — Garden Valley Church marks the occasion with food, live music, games, contests and more. For more info, call (620) 276-7410.

Garden City, features sausage, biscuits, potatoes and gravy and serves more than 800. The funds go to college scholarships and local organizations. For more info, call (620) 275-9171 .

MARCH

6-8 AKC Dog Show — The Garden City Kennel Club sponsors its annual American Kennel Club Dog Show at the Finney County Exhibition Building on the Finney County Fairgrounds. For more info, call (620) 275-4739.

7 Navajo Taco Dinner — Held the last Saturday of February, this annual dinner is put on by the First Christian Church, 306 N. Seventh St. The dinner raises funds to support local nonprofits. The dinner features Navajo tacos, served on fry bread, a local favorite. For more info, call (620)-275-5411.

APRIL

17 GCCC Endowment Auction — The Finney County Exhibition Building will host the annual Garden City Community College Endowment Auction to raise funds for GCCC student scholarships. For more info, call 276-9578.

Around April 22, Earth Day— This annual Lee Richardson Zoo Earth Day celebration will be an all-day affair open to the public. Several schools from the surrounding communities are expected to participate with special games and activities for students. For more info, call (620) 276-1250.

JANUARY

Tết Celebration — Held late January/early February, the event marks the start of the new year in Vietnam, Tết Nguyên Đán, with food, dancing and more.

Groundhog Supper — The annual supper in late January at First United Methodist Church, 1106 N. Main St., in

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Manor of the Plains earned a zero-deficiency survey from the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services following its annual inspection in early February. Every 18 months senior living communities are surveyed by their licensing agency for compliance of regulations established by the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services.

A BEEFY CELEBRATION



Ribeye steaks sizzle on a grill during a Beef Empire Days barbecue. [BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM]

From modest beginnings, Beef Empire Days becomes staple event

By **BRETT RIGGS**
The Garden City Telegram

When local meat packing plant manager John Dohogne came up with the idea to hold a three-day event centered around a cattle show and cookout contest, he was just seeking a little recognition for the beef industry and those who worked in it.

Little did he know what that relatively small, 1969 event dubbed “Beef Days” would someday become.

Much like the southwest Kansas beef industry itself, Dohogne’s modest event began to grow.

It added a few events, including a parade and a fourth day, in 1970. A rodeo was added in 1974. And by 1975, the name Beef Days just couldn’t do the annual event justice, and organizers opted for a more suitable one: Beef Empire Days.

The name stuck, and the event has stuck around.

Fifty-one years later, and

Garden City’s annual celebration of all things beef still aims to promote the industry, but it has become so much more.

The celebration, which takes over the Finney County Fairgrounds in late May and early June, now is a 10-day, community extravaganza that features sports and entertainment, parades and carnivals and plenty of beef to eat.

But Beef Empire Days hasn’t forgotten its roots as its staple events — the Live and Carcass shows, where judges select the best beef cattle in the region — remain the signature events.

The Ottaway Amusement Carnival will be in town May 17 to 26, and the annual Beef Empire Days PRCA Rodeo will pack the Finney County Fairgrounds Grandstand Arena from May 23 to 25.

Those two events serve as a precursor to the main celebration, which runs from May 31 through June 9 this year, and will include more than 30 events packed into 10 days.

Beef Empire Days 2019

May 17-26

- Ottaway Amusements Carnival

May 23-25

- Beef Empire Days PRCA Rodeo — Finney County Fairgrounds Grandstand Arena.

Friday, May 31

- 9 a.m., Garden City Open Tennis Tournament, singles, Garden City High School
- Noon, Beef Empire Days Art Show, featuring Deb Huber, Garden City Arts
- 1 p.m., 13th Annual Carl Myers Racquetball Tournament, Garden City Family YMCA
- 2:30 p.m., Summer Reading Kickoff event, Finney County Public Library
- 4 p.m., Ag Women of the Heartland 2019, Clarion Inn and Conference Center
- 7 p.m., Battle of the Bands/Beef Empire Days kickoff, Clarion Inn and Conference Center
- 7:30 p.m., Municipal Band concert in Stevens Park

Saturday, June 1

- 7 a.m., Hoof it to Health Road Run, Garden City Family YMCA
- 8 a.m., 13th Annual Carl Myers Racquetball Tournament, Garden City Family YMCA
- 8 a.m., Ag Women of the Heartland 2019, Clarion Inn and Conference Center
- 9 a.m., Garden City Open Tennis Tournament, doubles, Garden City High School
- 10 a.m., Beef Empire Days Art Show, featuring Deb Huber, Garden City Arts
- 10 a.m., Softball tournament, Charles Peebles Complex
- 5 p.m., Spirit of the Plains CASA Rodeo Olympics, Finney County Fairgrounds
- 7 p.m., Ranch Rodeo, Finney County Fairgrounds
- 7 p.m., Praise in the Park concert, Stevens Park

Sunday, June 2

- 8 a.m., 13th Annual Carl Myers Racquetball Tournament, Garden City Family YMCA
- 9 a.m., Garden City Open Tennis Tournament, mixed doubles, Garden City High School
- 10 a.m., Feedlot & Sponsors Roping, Riding and Barrel Racing, Finney County Fairgrounds
- 10 a.m., Softball tournament, Charles Peebles Complex

Tuesday, June 4

- 9 a.m., “Rely on Revalor” Live Show, Finney County Fairgrounds Grandstand Arena
- Noon, Public Pick 5, Finney County Fairgrounds
- Noon, Beef Empire Days Art Show, featuring Deb Huber, Garden City Arts
- 4 p.m., Corn-Fed Beef Social, Finney County Fairgrounds

Wednesday, June 5

- Noon, Beef Empire Days Art Show, featuring Deb Huber, Garden City Arts
- 6 p.m., Sponsors reception, Clarion Inn and Conference Center
- 8:30 p.m., People’s Choice Auction, Clarion Inn and Conference Center

Thursday, June 6

- 11:30 a.m., Cattle Working Contest, Irsik & Doll Feedyard
- Noon, Beef Empire Days Art Show, featuring Deb Huber, Garden City Arts

Friday, June 7

- 10:30 a.m., United Wireless Children’s Parade, Finney County Public Library
- 2 p.m., Beef Carcass Show, Tyson Fresh Meats
- 4 p.m., First Friday Art Walk, Garden City Arts
- 6 p.m., Beef Empire Days awards banquet, Clarion Inn and Conference Center
- 7 p.m., Hamlet by William Shakespeare, Garden City High School auditorium

Saturday, June 8

- 6:30 a.m., Commerce Bank Chuckwagon Breakfast, Stevens Park
- 10 a.m., Western Motor Beef Empire Days Parade, Main Street
- 11:30 a.m., Chuckwagons at the Zoo, Lee Richardson Zoo
- 11:30 a.m., Kansas Cruisers Scholarship Car Show, Lee Richardson Zoo
- 4 p.m., Beef Empire Days Grill Master Cook-off, Stevens Park
- 5:30 p.m., Western State Bank Beef, Beer & Boots, Stevens Park

Sunday, June 9

- 7:30 a.m., Elanco & Animal Health International Beef Empire Days Golf Tournament, Buffalo Dunes Golf Course
- 4:30 p.m., Beef Empire Days K Coe Isom Cattle Crawl, Clarion Inn and Conference Center.

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Pumpkin Paradise owner Janet Weidner describes some of the varieties of pumpkins and gourds to visitors during a past season. [TELEGRAM PHOTO]

Pumpkins aplenty

Small patch has grown into a sprawling attraction in Haskell County

By **RACHAEL SEBASTIAN**
Special to Discover

Janet Weidner says she had never worked a job where people just simply come to enjoy themselves.

That is, until she and her husband, Steve, opened Pumpkin Paradise outside of Sublette. The pumpkin patch has become a destination for people in surrounding towns and states.

The couple, along with family and seasonal help, operate the patch from the end of September to the end of October.

Weidner said the patch started as a small hobby.

"It just kind of started because as a farmer, Steve likes growing things. We had a



Children play near the "right turn only" maze for younger children during a trip to Pumpkin Paradise. [TELEGRAM PHOTO]

little patch to begin with. Our kids were little and would sell pumpkins in town. It was good spending money for them," she said.

Then, school groups began to visit, and in 2002, the Weidners decided to open the patch to the public.

"We started with a little

card table and pickup truck at the entrance. When it would get cold, we could climb into the pickup truck. That was also our lockbox," Weidner said.

She enjoys remembering the patch's humble beginnings. "This all started with a little bag of seeds," Weidner said.

Now, the Weidners host about 4,000 to 5,000 customers each year.

The patch originally started as a half-acre pumpkin patch and half-acre maze. In 2018, it grew to 12 acres of pumpkins and a 4-acre maze, according to Pumpkin Paradise's website.

Weidner said her husband, a fourth generation farmer, spends a lot of the year researching pumpkin varieties and ordering all types.

"You never know what is going to go gangbusters that year," Weidner said.

In 2018, customers got a kick out of the "mellow yellow" variety, she said.

"They were just about neon yellow. People loved them," she said.

School groups come from towns in Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado and Texas.

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“Our schools will come from as far away as Perryton, Texas,” Weidner said.

“We also have people from different countries traveling through. We get people from all different states who are often visiting family in the area and want something to do.”

She said some of the most interesting visitors are from foreign countries. She said her family enjoys talking pumpkins with people from other countries. Some even recognize the varieties of pumpkins found in their home countries.

“Then there’s the cooking talk. Here in the states, we just make sweet things out of pumpkins like pumpkin pie and pumpkin bread. In Mexico and overseas, they do a lot more main dishes with pumpkin,” Weidner said.

It’s clear the Weidners’ favorite part of running this business is the people.

“It’s just fun. We get such a kick out of watching adults and kids play. It’s a family-oriented, relaxing afternoon out in the country. People just enjoy themselves out here,” she said. “Some



Pumpkin Paradise owner Steve Weidner shows a pumpkin from France to a group of kindergartners during a field trip to the patch. [TELEGRAM PHOTO]

people have told me that it’s a chance to interact with family in the way that many families don’t anymore. They come out here and just play.”

Weidner says people also enjoy the country trek.

“I also think they enjoy a little bit of a drive to get out of their towns. Most come from Garden City, Dodge City, and Liberal,” she said.

Janet and Steve do all of the preparation, planting, and set up each year. During operating hours, the two

rely on seasonal employees to help weigh pumpkins and check people out.

Aside from the love of the customers, Weidner said it also secures the bond with the land.

“It’s been great supplemental income for us. It’s another way to use farmland. Nowadays, being a farmer you almost have to have other means of income, as well,” she said. “It’s just something else that keeps us on the farm.”

Pumpkin Paradise

Directions: 1855 Road 100, Sublette. Five and a half miles east of U.S. Highway 83 on Road 10.
Phone: (620) 668-5680.

Email: contact@pumpkinparadisellc.com.

Website: www.pumpkinparadisellc.com

Hours: 2 to 7 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays from late September through the end of October. Week-day appointments can be made for school field trips, birthday parties, reunion and other large groups.

Admission: \$5 for ages 3 and older; ages 2 and under; prices include pumpkin patch, all mazes, catapult demo, play area and a chance to guess the weight and win the giant pumpkin, “Sasquash.”

From pumpkins and corn mazes to seasonal decor and other outdoor activities, Pumpkin Paradise in Haskell County is one of the few pumpkin patches in the region. Open for a few weekends in the fall, Pumpkin Paradise sells pumpkins of all sizes, as well as gourds and squash. There are also corn mazes and other outdoor activities for people of all ages.

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Hailey Medina, 11, uses an eye dropper to add color to a piece of fabric at Garden City Arts during a Make-It, Take-It session in March. This class allowed participants to create a silk dyed scarf. [BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM]



Sustaining the soul through art

Art galleries, classes, events bring a touch of culture to the region

By **ALESA MESCHBERGER**

Special to Discover

The painted Kansas skies are far from the only canvas in the southwest region of the state.

Garden City, Liberal and Dodge City art centers create a multitude of experiences for art-lovers all year long.

Everything from exhibits, sales galleries, Friday art walks, adult and children's workshops and classes, festivals, and more fill the cultural calendar.

Garden City Arts hosted 245 art programs in 2018, touching the lives of many through big and small events, said Katy Guthrie, GCA executive director.

Whether patrons are age 3 or 70, there's something for every age and ability in

the arts community, Guthrie said. GCA is located at 318 N. Main St. in downtown Garden City.

Art in the Park, Día De Los Muertos Festival, and an annual Sidewalk Chalk Contest attract crowds each year.

Many newcomers fear southwest Kansas may be a "cultural desert," Guthrie said, but her goal is to alleviate that concern.

"Art sustains the soul," Guthrie said. "It's about quality of life."

Every fourth Saturday of June, Art in the Park hosts artists and food vendors at Stevens Park and hosted about 800 attendees last year.

"Art in the Park is our flagship event," Guthrie said.

First Friday Art Walk — every month

(but January) year-round — encourages the public to see five free art exhibits.

Sometimes people hesitate to join in due to fears of showing up at the wrong time or having to pay a fee. It's free, and quite informal, Guthrie said.

GCA arranges five First Friday exhibits, and each is open at staggered times from 4 to 8 p.m. as follows:

- High Plains Public Radio, 210 N. Seventh St., 4 to 6 p.m.
 - The Mercer Gallery, 801 N. Campus (GCCC), 5 to 7 p.m.
 - Patrick Dugan's, 301 N. Main St., 5 to 7 p.m.
 - Finney County Courthouse, 425 N. Eighth St., 5 to 7 p.m.
 - Garden City Arts, 6 to 8 p.m.
- Participants go at their own pace,

Guthrie said. Other Downtown Garden City businesses stay open on First Fridays to give people a chance to eat out, shop and explore.

“There’s an opportunity to meet like-minded people,” Guthrie said.

Designing regularly-scheduled arts programs pulls people into their events, Guthrie said. First Friday Art Walks, Drop-In Art Saturdays, and more. For more information on GCA events and programs, go to gardencityarts.org, the GCA Facebook page or call (620) 260-9700.

Rather than a First Friday event, the Carnegie Center in Dodge City participates in Final Fridays, said Bobbi Brown, Carnegie director.

Final Fridays in Dodge City features multiple art exhibits, including at the 2nd Avenue Art Guild and Gallery, 608 N. Second, and a variety of other businesses. It draws between 150 to 200 people, Brown said.

Rotating gallery exhibits are featured, as well as a third Saturday painting class. The Carnegie, 701 N. Second in Dodge City, organizes a



The featured artist at a past Final Friday at the 2nd Avenue Art Guild was Patty McGee, shown setting up pieces for the show. [DODGE CITY DAILY GLOBE]

Western Heritage Contest for students in April and adults in July, a Christmas Card Contest and more.

Summer hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday from June to September. Winter hours are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday from October to May.

For more information on events, visit the Carnegie

Center for the Arts Facebook page, or contact Brown at (620) 225-6388.

More art activities in Dodge City are available at the 2nd Avenue Art Guild and Gallery. Check its website 2ndaveartguild.com and Facebook page for more information.

A short daytrip to Liberal’s Baker Arts Center also provides a wealth of art events.

Toni Smith, Baker executive director, said exhibits rotate every four to six weeks. Located at 624 N. Pershing Avenue, Baker’s hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Baker Arts offers a sales gallery, children’s pottery classes, adult art workshops, and many special events such as summer art camps; a trikes, bikes and motorcycle membership drive; beer-tasting; a French Market fundraiser; Night of Lights dinner and dance; and a wine tasting.

From April 26 to May 5, “Sea Magic” is planned with Sea Lion Splash and Scott’s World of Magic and a coordinating Sea Magic art competition for different ages. An estimated 4,500 children are booked to participate with two weekends filled with family entertainment.

“We are trying to spread our wings and do different things,” Smith said.

Baker Arts Center is closed at times to prepare for big events. Before visiting, check its Facebook page, bakerartscenter.org or call (620) 624-2810.



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Area Art Galleries

Carnegie Center for the Arts

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• (620) 225-6938

• www.dodgecityarts.org

Once the public library for Dodge City, the old Carnegie library sitting on the corner of Second Avenue and Spruce Street is now home to area artists. Art exhibits vary, so be sure to call. If you're in town for the last Friday of the month, the center plays host to Final Fridays at Five.

Duane and Orvileta West Council Service Center

402 E. Fulton St., Garden City
• (620) 275-5162

The service center, which serves as the headquarters for the Santa Fe Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America, includes a small art gallery that houses some of the art work of the late Jessie Montes. The Dodge City artist was known for his ability to create sculptures and portraits from variously assembled pieces of thin, corrugated cardboard. The pieces on display, donated to the council, are part of a larger collection accumulated by the Wests that includes in its entirety 43 of Montes' works.

5.4.7 Arts Center

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• www.547artscenter.org

Out of the rubble from the May 4, 2007, tornado that nearly destroyed Greensburg came the 5.4.7 Arts Center. Kansas' first LEED platinum building was built to be green by the University of Kansas Studio 804 students. Want to see what a green art gallery looks like in a small town still rebuilding and catch great art at the same time? 5.4.7 is the place to be.



An exhibit titled "Southwest Psychedelia" was the featured work of Isaac and Shawn Sandoval at Garden City Community College's Mercer Gallery. The gallery rotates exhibitions monthly. [BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM]

Garden City Arts

318 N. Main St., Garden City
• (620) 260-9700

• www.gardencityarts.org /

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/GardenCityArts

Hours: Noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday

Garden City Arts is a registered 501 (c)3 arts organization that features an art gallery with exhibits and displays changing periodically, as well as classes and programs for both children and adults. Originally founded in 1989 as the Southwest Kansas Arts & Humanities Council, Garden City Arts also helps coordinate the Día De Los Muertos Festival, Art in the Park, Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest and First Friday Art Walk and downtown events.

The Jerry Thomas Gallery and Collection

902 W. Fifth St., Scott City
• (620) 872-3912

• www.jerrythomasart.com

Hours: 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday

The gallery is part of the El Quartejo Museum, and both share a gift shop. Acclaimed artist Jerry Thomas' collection includes Native American, Western and wildlife art, as well as sculptures. His depictions of the American West have garnered him worldwide acclaim.

The Little Theatre Gallery

2501 N. 14th Ave, Dodge City
• (620) 225-1321

• www.dc3.edu

Student and faculty shows can be found in the lobby of the college's Little Theatre at various points throughout the year. The college also participates in the Final Fridays at Five celebration.

The Main ARtery

103 S. Main St., Ulysses
• (620) 424-3828

• www.mainarterykansas.com and www.facebook.com/mainarterykansas/

Hours: 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday

Located in downtown Ulysses, the Main ARtery has grown to 7,000 square feet of gallery space that includes the work of 25 artists and more than 20 vendors. Art on display includes photography, clay, mixed media, pastels, oil, watercolor, zentangle, crochet, fine wood craft, clay sculpture and fashion. Vendors offer antiques, furniture, home decor, sports merchandise, candles, and hand-crafted items. The gallery also offers a variety of workshops, classes and private parties. Custom framing is another specialty of the shop.

Mercer Gallery

801 N. Campus Drive,
Garden City
Community College
• (620) 276-9540

• www.facebook.com/Mercer-Art-Gallery

Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday

The gallery, located in the west wing of the Pauline Joyce Fine Arts Building at GCCC, features ceramics, paintings, photography and other forms of art created by southwest Kansas and visiting artists. Exhibits are monthly, and the gallery is closed during GCCC holidays. The gallery was established in September 1989 by Maxine Mercer Porter in memory of her husband, Clyde Mercer, a local artist.

2nd Avenue Art Guild

608 N. Second Ave, Dodge City
• (620) 255-1447

• www.2ndaveartguild.com

The 2nd Avenue Art Guild provides a home for area artists to show and sell their creations. Various art forms are shown — from paints to sculptures — and shows are usually held once a month during Dodge City's Final Fridays.



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Members of "Vocal Trash" perform a selection, including breakdancing, in January during a Southwest Kansas Live on Stage performance in Horace Good Middle School's Clifford Hope Auditorium. The group uses recycled items from landfills to create musical instruments for use during the show. [BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM]

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- May 10 — 7 p.m., Clay Walker
- July 27 — 7:30 p.m. Trace Adkins

Garden City Municipal Band

(620) 272-6737
www.facebook.com/groups/101283457391/

The Garden City Municipal Band is one of the oldest continuous community bands west of the Mississippi River. The band consists of about 70 members who rehearse on Thursdays and Fridays during the summer. Ages of members vary, but only individuals who have completed their freshman year of high school band can join, but they need letters of recommendation from their instructors. All of the band's concerts are played in the Stevens Park Bandshell.

Southwest Kansas Live on Stage

P.O. Box 1827, Garden City, KS 67846
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www.liveonstagegardencity.org
Southwest Kansas Live on Stage, Inc., brings live stage entertainment to southwest Kansas. Evolving from the Southwest Kansas Community Concert Association formed in 1946

by local band director Basil Roark and a group of city leaders, the organization continues to contribute quality entertainment for area residents. The shows are selected to appeal to a diverse audience and bring a broad range of artists to the community. The artists also spend time in area schools providing an educational component to supplement local music education efforts. The organization's 2019-20 concert schedule has yet to be released, but make sure to check back at www.liveonstagegardencity.org for information about next season.

Steps Dance School

1620 E. Kansas Ave., Suite B, Garden City
(620) 521-4555
www.facebook.com/SDSGC/
The dance school puts on recitals and productions and also offers lessons. Dancers from the school

perform in parades and at public events. Classes include instruction in tap, ballet, jazz, clogging and modern dance.

The String Academy of the Plains

(620) 290-3168
www.thestringacademy.com
The academy is the creation of Priscilla Hallberg, a concert violinist, and is dedicated to the teaching, playing and performing of bowed string instruments in southwest Kansas and is a resource to string players of all ages. Its concert series, Strings and Friends, features experienced string players presenting concerts and giving workshops in Garden City.

Live Theater

The Depot Theater Company

201 E. Wyatt Earp Blvd.
(620) 225-1001

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Depot Theater continues to expand

By **VINCENT MARSHALL**
Dodge City Daily Globe

Since 1983, when it was called the Boot Hill Museum Repertory Company, the Depot Theater Company, 201 E. Wyatt Earp Blvd. in Dodge City, has expanded its shows from four productions a year to eight and enhanced its already rich history.

In 2006, the Company officially changed its name to The Depot Theater Company once the Depot Theater was built.

With the expanded production list, the company wanted to better use the facility to maintain its programming.

The production list for the 2019 season includes:

- The Education of Angels, April 25-28 and May 2-5;

- A Spanish production of A Punto de Turron, which will be performed in Spanish in the Homestead Theater, on May 11;

- A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, the annual area-wide high school production, set for June 20-23 and 27-30.

Regarding the Spanish production, Depot Theater director John Stuff said, "We did a show in Spanish several years ago, performed by the same group that is doing this show."

Stuff said he hopes the show resonates



The Depot Theater Company in Dodge City expanded its production schedule in 2018 from four to eight productions. [DODGE CITY DAILY GLOBE]

within the Hispanic community.

"We realize that our local Hispanic speaking population is severely underserved in the community, so we wanted to reach out to them and provide an evening of entertainment for them," he said.

"We tried to do a show last year, but the scheduling didn't work out with the performers," Stuff said. "When I talked to them this year, this show and the dates all

worked out wonderfully."

The local company will do its part by building the sets and serving as the stage crew.

"We will be building and painting the set, providing the setting, furniture, and all the technical lighting and sound. They will come in and perform."

For more information, visit www/depot-theaterco.com.

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Previously called the Boot Hill Museum Repertory Company, the Depot Theater Company has been in existence since 2006 and continues to expand the number of shows it produces each year. The production list for the 2019 season includes:

- April 25-28 and May 2-5 — The Education of Angels
- May 11 — A Punto de Turron
- June 20-23 and 27-30 — A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum.

Garden City High School theater department

2720 Buffalo Way Blvd., Garden City (620) 805-5558

Facebook: Garden City High School Drama

The Garden City High School theater department is a hot spot for young, local talent. The department produces two plays and two musicals each school year, one of each in the fall and one of each in the spring. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students or children 18 and younger.

Season passes are \$15 and available prior to the year's first show. All shows are performed in the Garden City High School auditorium. The GCHS drama students will be putting on an encore performance of "Hamlet" at 7 p.m. June 7. The 2019-20 show schedule has not yet been released.

Dodge City High School Drama Club

2201 W. Ross Blvd, Dodge City (620) 271-2110

Facebook: Dodge City High School Drama Club

According to the Dodge City High School Drama Club's Facebook page, the club produces plays to showcase the talents of DCHS students and to facilitate education and appreciation for the dramatic arts.

Garden City Recreation Commission

310 N. Sixth St., Garden City (620) 276-1200

www.gcrec.com / www.facebook.com/Garden City Rec

Garden City Recreation Commission promotes a wide spectrum



Pippin, center right, portrayed by Jared Arrellano, tells his grandmother, center left, played by Daniel Darter, and other members in the cast what he has been doing during a scene from Garden City High School's production of "Pippin" in the school's auditorium in November. [BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM]

of activities, including adult and youth plays and musicals, youth and adult art clubs and classes, dance classes and film clubs. Those wanting to support the GCRC arts programs can join Arts Angels. Yearly donations provide funds for youth art scholarships, as well as community theater productions.

The GCRC also sponsors the Stevens Park concert series during the summer, featuring a variety of musical acts, and Silver Screen Saturdays featuring movies during the summer in Stevens Park.

• Junior Theatre and GCHS Junior Drama Club will perform Seussical Jr on July 26-27 at the GCHS auditorium.

Summer 2019 schedule of musical performers and Silver Screen movies:

- June 16 Moonshiners; Secret Life of Pets
- June 23 Fulton Street Band; Alice Through the Looking Glass
- June 30 Russ & Debbie Tidwell; Goosebumps
- July 7 Al Miller; The Emoji Movie
- July 21 Mike Doll; The Jungle Book (2016)
- July 28 Melissa Dawn; Zootopia

Garden City Community College Theatre Department

801 Campus Drive, Garden City

(620) 276-0401

With at least two productions a year, GCCC's theatre department tackles classics like the work of Shakespeare, to the written work of theatre director Phil Hoke. GCCC typically hosts a production in the fall, and then hosts a dinner theatre show in the spring, which is the department's primary fundraiser and helps raise money for the college to take its students to the Region V Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival each year.

Movie theaters

The Movies

200 N. Main St., Ulysses (620) 356-1732

Facebook: "The Movies"

A family owned and operated movie theater since 1972, the theater is opened Fridays through Tuesdays.

The Northrup Theatre

116 N. Main St., Syracuse (620) 384-7688

www.facebook.com/

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Originally opened in April 1930, the Northrup Theatre was placed on the National Register of Historic

Places in February 2005. The Syracuse-Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce purchased the Northrup in 1991 and continues to operate it today as a working movie theater, showing movies Friday through Sunday.

Sequoyah Cinema 9

1118 Fleming St., Garden City (620) 275-2760

In January 2010, Mitchell Theatres acquired Sequoyah Cinema 9. And after completing a full remodel and renovation, Sequoyah Cinema 9 reopened in the fall of 2010.

Mitchell Theatres' mission is to provide a big city movie theater experience with small town service and prices. The theater's auditoriums provide a comfortable atmosphere with high back rocker seats, spacious row spacing and stadium seating.

Star Theater

415 Broadway Ave., Tribune (620) 376-4612

On Facebook: "Star Theatre of Tribune"

Opened Friday through Sunday, the Star Theater of Tribune is a community-owned first run movie theater dedicated to providing entertainment for Greeley County and area communities.

Taking 'Root' downtown

Main Street Wellness studio looks to expand its offerings

By **ALESA MESCHBERGER**
Special to Discover

Roots Juice Co. & Wellness Studio hopes to fuel its customers' bodies and souls.

Co-owner Alicia Gian-Maciulis fulfilled her dream of creating a place for wellness in western Kansas in 2017, and this summer, her dream will continue to grow.

"It's a place to come where people celebrate feeling good," she said.

She and her husband, Marius Maciulis, opened Roots Juice Co. in Sept. 2017 in downtown Garden City. This summer, Roots will expand its seating area so more customers can come and experience



Alicia Gian-Maciulis prepares a customer's order in October at Roots Juice Co. and Wellness Studio, 216 N. Main St. The juice bar's counter is made of recycled doors from inside the building, and the base has decorative facade from the outside of the building, recycled during renovations by Gian-Maciulis and her husband, Marius. [BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM]

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A promotional poster for Dodge City Days 2019. The background is a faded, sepia-toned photograph of a large group of men in western attire, including hats and suits, some holding musical instruments. The text is overlaid on this image. At the top, "DODGE CITY DAYS" is written in large, bold, red, distressed capital letters. Below it, "July 25th - August 4th, 2019" is written in a blue, cursive script. In the center, "Strike up the Band" is written in a red, cursive script. At the bottom, "WESTERN PARADE | BBQ CONTEST | PRCA RODEO CONCERTS & MUCH MORE!" is written in blue, bold, sans-serif capital letters. At the very bottom, "DODGECITYDAYS.ORG" is written in large, bold, red, distressed capital letters.

its atmosphere.

The next growth phase will add a kitchen to create a wellness café, offering menu items such as muffins and soups. The expansion will extend south of the current storefront.

The recipes will feature dehydrated pulp garnered from the cold-pressing of fruits and vegetables for their juices. Roots makes its cold-pressed juices on site, and its menu includes juices, smoothies, protein balls, avocado toast, wellness shots and more.

The menu lists such things as “Liquid Sunshine,” and “Oh Kale Yeah!”, “Mango Tango” and “Positivitea.”

“When I create things in the wellness kitchen,” Gian-Maciulis said, “for me it has to be flavorful and functional.”

Knowing many people desire to eat and drink healthily but don’t have the time to prep those things in their own kitchen because of busy lifestyles, Roots gives them an alternative.

Each bottle of juice uses four to five pounds of fresh produce. The cold-press separates the pulp and nutrient-rich juice, Gian-Maciulis said.

Currently, the pulp is used for composting until the kitchen opens. Rich in fiber, the pulp can make healthy café items.

Roots Juice Co. emphasizes eating or drinking the rainbow, Gian-Maciulis explained, as well as eating seasonally.

Eating different colored fruits and vegetables provides a greater variety of vitamins and minerals to the body.

Seasonal changes in eating also are important, Gian-Maciulis said. For instance, during the winter our bodies need more Vitamin C, and in the summer more hydrating foods and drinks.

Roots Juice. is open 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Providing wholistic exercise and whole foods to fuel people and help them feel balanced is the focus.

Your body craves what you feed it, Gian-Maciulis explained, so if you feed it healthy food it will begin craving it.



Katy Holt brushes paint onto the tops of her feet and shins under a black light to complete her “look” in October at Roots Juice Co. and Wellness Studio. The painting was at the start of a “Halloween Flow and Glow” yoga party at the business. [BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM]

“The taste buds reset after three days,” she said. “It happens pretty quickly.”

Alexa Aldaco, store manager, said Roots introduced something different to the area.

“It’s the only store that is like this,” Aldaco said. “I was raised in Garden City, and there weren’t a lot of healthy food options or healthy educational options.”

Growing up here, Aldaco remembers fast food chains as the main places to eat out.

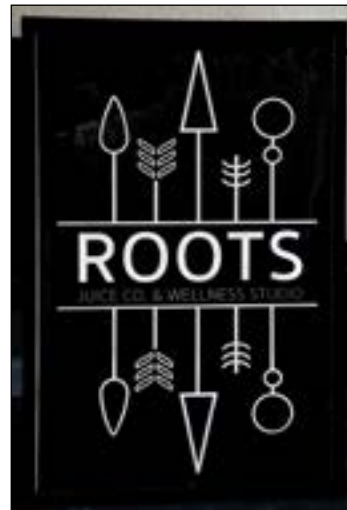
Aldaco not only prepares what customers order at Roots, but teaches them why it is good for them.

“Here at Roots, we offer the educational piece. We offer healthy food options,” Aldaco said. “I think what’s important with those two is that they are interconnected.”

Even if it’s their No. 1 customer, she said, there is always something new to teach.

“I’m going to tell you why this juice is good for you and why it’s important to fuel your system with whole foods,” Aldaco said.

Her personal favorite menu item is the Einstein cold-press juice. Made with blueberries



and rich in antioxidants, Einstein specifically shields the cells in your brain.

Go to the back of the business, and you will find that there’s even more to Roots as it includes a wellness studio for yoga classes.

People visiting Garden City for the day are welcome to try the yoga. Classes are 9 a.m. Monday through Saturday, and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. A current special allows new customers to buy one and get a second class free

for \$12.

Monthly memberships for unlimited yoga are \$60 with a bonus of 10 percent off at the juice bar. Roots Juice Co. also sells passes for five or 10 classes, usable over a period of several months.

“It’s a way to connect with your body and breathe,” Gian-Maciulis said of the yoga.

Many people do yoga as their primary exercise or as a complement to other workouts as it stretches and strengthens the body and teaches balance.

“We see a lot of athletes really go to the next level with yoga,” she explained.

“Every single pose will be balanced out by a counter-pose,” she said, adding the benefits of deep breathing include oxygenating your blood.

Aldaco also encourages people to come in and experience the welcoming environment of Roots. They sell shirts with the saying, “Good Vibe Tribe,” to describe the atmosphere.

“You are not only fueling your digestive system or your body,” she said, “But you are also fueling your soul.”

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Prime on the Nine
1800 Matt Down Lane
(620) 227-2736

Spare Tyme Bowl
11150 Kliesen St.



Prime on the Nine restaurant at 1800 Matt Down Lane in Dodge City. [VINCENT MARSHALL/DODGE CITY DAILY GLOBE]

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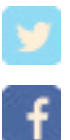


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Cole Traugott leads a pack of IMCA Modifieds in heat race action at Dodge City Raceway Park. [DODGE CITY DAILY GLOBE]

A need for speed

Airport Raceway, Dodge City Raceway Park feature full slate of events for racing enthusiasts

By **ABEL LOZA**
The Garden City Telegram

When people think of auto racing in Kansas, many turn to the Kansas Speedway located in Kansas City.

But there is a hidden gem, located just outside of Garden City, that has grown in popularity over the past couple of years and has raised its profile around the racing circles.

The Airport Raceway, run by second-year manager Jack Crook, is doing its best to grow the popularity of auto racing in southwest Kansas.

The raceway, located 10 miles east of Garden City near Garden City Regional Airport, opened in 1996. And while it's not new to the racing scene, Crook is hoping to

reestablish a racing fan base in southwest Kansas and make the raceway a staple in the community.

Before taking over the raceway in 2018, Crook had noticed that attendance had declined. But after just one year of managing the track, he and his crew are seeing some early, encouraging signs of progress.

"It's getting better," Crook said. "Last year, it got better every week, so I was pleased and it was positive."

Crook also knows that it's not an overnight job.

"It's something that you can't put one year into it and expect miracles. We're excited for year two," he said.

Crook has a vested interest as he is part-owner of Airport Raceway. He also wants to share his passion for racing

with the community.

"(The raceway) just needed somebody or it wasn't going to last very long. I'm a part-owner of the track itself, and I've been around racing my whole life, so it's important to me and I just want to see it succeed," Crook said.

The schedule at the raceway for the upcoming season is its biggest in years. Crook has organized nine racing nights over four months. In 2018, the track hosted eight race nights. The previous two years, the track had a combined five events.

The 2019 racing season will start in May and run through the first week of September. The first race will be two weeks before the Memorial Day weekend and the track will run events

every other Saturday after that. The "big race," Crook said, is planned for Memorial Day weekend. The two-day event, bringing some of the best racers from across the area, has Crook partnering up with the National Open Wheel 600 Series, a racing circuit that specializes in stock 600cc Micro sprint racing.

"The Memorial Day race will be big. It exists out of a national organization out of Oklahoma, it's called NOW600, and they bring a lot of attention because it is a national points event for them. We're blessed to have them here," he said.

The NOW600 series races won't stop after Memorial Day as it will be running at

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Water and sand around the green come in to play on The Golf Club at Southwind's No. 7 hole. [BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM]

Area Golf Courses

Bentwood Golf Course

1370 Frazier Park Road, Ulysses
 Type: Public
 Phone: (620) 356-3097
 Holes: 18; Par: 72
 Yardage: 6,434
 Year Opened: Front 9 – 1954;
 Back 9 - 2010

Buffalo Dunes Golf Course

5685 S. U.S. Highway 83,
 5.5 miles south of Garden City
 Type: Public
 Phone: (620) 276-1210
 Website: www.buffalodunes.org
 Holes: 18; Par: 72.
 Yardage: Gold - 5,527; White
 — 6,445; Blue — 6,774.
 Year Opened: 1975

Cannonball Golf Club

230 S. Poplar, Greensburg
 Type: Private
 Phone: (620) 723-3056
 Holes: 9; Par: 3,127
 Year Opened: 1974



Looking north from the championship tee box area on Buffalo Dunes Golf Course's No. 3 hole. [BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM]

Cheyenne Hills Golf Club

600 N. Cheyenne Drive, Jetmore

Type: Public
 Phone: (620) 357-8344
 Holes: 9
 Year Opened: N/A

Cimarron Golf Club

812 Golf Course Road, Cimarron
 Directions: From U.S. Highway 50 and 23 intersection, go north to edge of town and turn west just past water tower. Follow the road to the clubhouse.
 Website: www.cimarrongolfclub.com

Type: Public
 Phone: (620) 855-7003
 Holes: 9; Par: 36
 Yardage: 6,816/6,290/5,706
 Year Opened: 2001

Cimarron Valley Golf Course

433 U.S. Highway 56, Satanta
 Type: Public
 Phone: (620) 649-2202
 Holes: 9; Par: 35 (36 2nd nine)
 Yardage: 3,192
 Year Opened: 1994

Dodge City Country Club

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The picturesque nine-hole at Tamarisk Golf Course just south of Syracuse near the Arkansas River. [TELEGRAM PHOTO]

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1900 Country Club Drive, Dodge City
 Type: Private
 Phone: (620) 225-5231
 Website: dccountryclub.com
 Holes: 18; Par: 71 Men/72 Women

Yardage: Ranges from 4962 to 6167
 Year Opened: 1st 9, 1916; 2nd 9, 1980s.

Forewinds Municipal Golf Course

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U.S. Highway 56
 Type: Public
 Phone: (620) 544-8269
 Holes: 9; Par: 36
 Yardage: 3,191
 Year Opened: 1929

The Golf Club At Southwind

77 Grandview Drive, 2 miles south of Garden City on U.S. 83
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Hunters in a group of 12 make their way through a CRP field looking for pheasants north of Garden City during opening day for pheasant and quail season. [BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM]

The thrill of the hunt

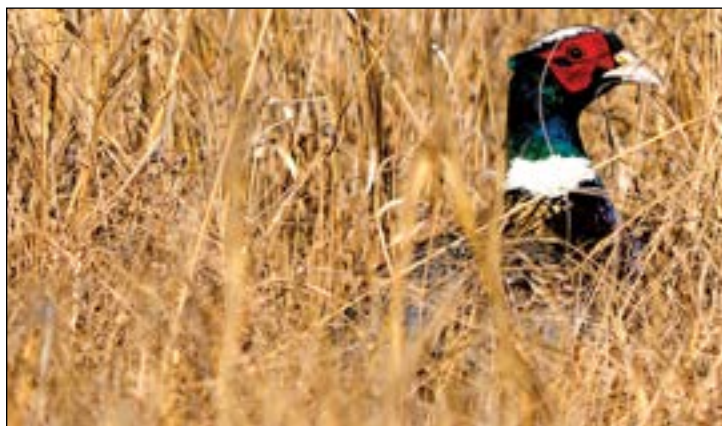
Hunting provides valuable bonding time for trio of area hunters

By J. LEVI BURNFIN
The Garden City Telegram

Ray Gonzalez has really only gone shed hunting recently with his son and father. Laura Walsh enjoys hunting whitetail deer and turkey with her two sons. Evan Plankenhorn prefers to bow hunt whitetail, usually alone, but he cannot wait to teach his newborn son how to hunt.

For each of these southwest Kansas hunters, it's more about the family bonding and the hunt than the actual kill.

"As a single mom with



A pheasant peers out of a tall stand of CRP grass north of Pierceville, during last year's pheasant season. [BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM]

boys, I wanted to do something they loved to do, to keep that bond," Walsh said. "I wanted to have something in common, and it just turns out we all love it."

Gonzalez never really en-

joyed hunting, even though his father, Ramon, tried to pass on his passion ever since he was a child. But when Gonzalez's son, also named Ramon, showed interest in hunting, Ray Gonzalez

has become more interested. "It's just the bonding, the time together," Gonzalez said. "When I look at my son, it's like a miniature of my father."

Plankenhorn began hunting with his dad, left the sport for several years while living elsewhere, before getting back into it in southwest Kansas about four years ago. Now, with a 4-month-old son, Plankenhorn is looking forward to the day he can share his love for hunting like his dad did with him.

"It's something a parent can teach their kids. There's a lot of skill involved," Plankenhorn said. "It's good bonding time being outdoors with kids. I probably wouldn't be into hunting at all if it wasn't for my dad."

Southwest Kansas boasts

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Website: www.tgcsouthwind.com
Holes: 18; Par: 72
Yardage: Forward — 5,392;
Middle — 6,332; Back — 6,935.
Year Opened: 1979

Greeley County Country Club/Prairie Ridge Golf Course

North Kansas Highway 27, northwest of fairgrounds, Tribune
Type: Public
Phone: (620) 376-4315
Holes: 9; Par: 36
Yardage: 3,093
Year Opened: 1993

Kinsley Country Club

2 miles south of Kinsley on Hwy 183
Type: Private
Phone: (620) 659-2311
Holes: 9; Par: 36
Yardage: 2,652
Year Opened: 1967

Lane County Country Club

Kansas Highway 96 & James Street, 623 E. James, Dighton
Type: Public
Phone: (620) 397-2549



Bentwood Golf Course is located in Ulysses' Frazier Park. [BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM]

Holes: 9; Par: 36
Yardage: 2,550
Year Opened: 1955

Loucks Park Municipal Golf Course

West U.S. Highway 50, Lakin
Type: Public
Phone: (620) 355-6946
Holes: 9; Par: 36
Yardage: 2,870
Year Opened: 1956

Mariah Hills Golf Course

1800 Matt Down Road., Dodge City
Type: Public
Phone: (620) 225-8182
Website: www.mariahhillsgolf.com
Holes: 18; Par: 71
Yardage: Ranges from 5300 to 6900 yards
Year Opened: 1974

Meade Golf Course

511 N. State, Meade
Type: Private

Phone: (620) 873-7400
Holes: 9; Par: 36
Yardage: 3,047
Year Opened: N/A

Prairie Pines Golf Course

East U.S. Highway 160 & Airport Road, Johnson City
Type: Public
Phone: (620) 492-6818
Holes: 9; Par: 35
Yardage: 3,207
Year Opened: 1978
website: www.stantoncountyks.com

Scott Community Golf Course

North U.S. Highway 83, Scott City
Type: Public
Phone: (620) 872-7109
Holes: 9; Par: 34
Yardage: 2,788;
Year Opened: 1968

Tamarisk Golf Course

1 mile south of Syracuse on Kansas Highway 27, 1 mile east on County Road 21
Type: Public
Phone: (620) 384-7832
Holes: 9; Par: 36-36—72
Yardage: 6,500 (2 sets of tees)
Year Opened: 1995

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a solid amount of game to hunt — quail, pronghorn, whitetail and mule deer, pheasant, etc. — but both Walsh and Plankenhorn said one of their favorites is deer.

“I was able to shoot my first mule deer here in southwest Kansas,” Walsh said. “I did that with black powder, so that was a pretty big hunting experience for me.”

Walsh’s favorite target, however, is turkey. The spring turkey season in Kansas opened on April 8 for archery, and opened for firearms on April 17 and will run through May 31.

“I use a box call, and so I get under my tree and get set up, so when the sun rises, they start coming out and start calling out, and I talk back to them,” Walsh said of the turkeys. “If you do it right, they’ll come looking for you. That’s the thrill of it. Even if I don’t get a shot, I still enjoy that part of it.”

Ramon Gonzalez, Ray Gonzalez’s father, was out early on April 10 getting his



A pair of hunters take aim at a pheasant kicked up by a dog as another group works a different portion of a field north of Pierceville, during a Heartland Heroes Pheasant Hunt. The weekend hunt is for Wounded Warrior veterans and their families. [BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM]

campground set up for his turkey hunt.

“If he could do it every single day, he would,” Ray said of his dad’s desire to hunt. “I can see that sparkle

in his eye, how proud he is. He’s trained for it for so many years.”

That sparkle has transferred to Ray’s 9-year-old son, Ramon Dean Gonzalez.

Two years ago, the “three Gonzos,” as Ray calls the trio, went out shed hunting. The young Ramon is not old

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enough, yet, to hunt himself, but the elder Ramon thought shed hunting would be a nice introduction. That year, they found antlers on their hunt, as well as came across a “big group of mule deer just running through the valley.” The following year, the trio did not have as much luck.

“It was awesome. We didn’t find nothing except the hip bone, but still, that was the best,” Ray Gonzalez said.

Ray Gonzalez said he plans to get his son into a hunter safety course as soon as possible and extend their time hunting together.

“Just seeing the big cheesy smile from my dad and my son was breathtaking,” Ray Gonzalez said.

Plankenhorn is after more than the shed, having shot his first deer when he was 12.

His main target is white-tail deer, which he hunts with a bow.

“I like the challenge of it,” Plankenhorn said of bow hunting. “I shot a deer with a rifle this year, but I prefer bow hunting.”



Game trophies sit on a table during a past hunter safety course at Garden City Community College. [TELEGRAM PHOTO]

Last year, he brought down a buck with a bow that Plankenhorn said he butchered and came away with 82 pounds of meat. He says he processes everything himself, except for the grinding.

Walsh said the same.

“We eat everything we shoot,” she said. “We are able to save quite a bit of money by not purchasing meat from

the grocery store.”

This year, deer season is slated to begin with youth and disability season on Sept. 7 to 15, with the muzzleloader and archery season beginning on Sept. 16. Muzzleloader runs through Sept. 29, while archery continues through the end of the year, with an extended period on Jan. 13 through 31, 2020.

Firearm season is Dec. 4 through 15, with an extended firearm season in unit 17 — which includes all of Finney, Kearny and Hamilton counties and parts of Greeley, Wichita, Scott, Lane, Ness, Hodgeman, Ford, Gray, Haskell, Grant and Stanton counties — Jan. 1 through 3, 2020.



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Families play in the pool area of the Garden City Family YMCA during a past event at the facility. [BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM]

Area swimming pools

Cimarron

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 Opening date: Late May
 Hours: 12 to 1 p.m., Monday
 Through Sunday, Ladies Swim; 1
 to 6 p.m., Monday through
 Sunday, general swim; 6 to 7
 p.m., Monday & Thursday, adult
 swim; 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday,
 family night; 6 to 7 p.m., daily,
 water aerobics.

Dighton

Address: 300 W. Annabella St.
 Phone: (620) 397-2166
 Operated by: City of Dighton
 Opening date: Late May
 Hours: 1 to 7 p.m. Monday
 through Sunday; noon to 1 p.m.,
 adult swims daily; night swims
 to be determined.

Garden City Municipal Pool (The Big Pool)

Address: 504 Maple St.

Phone: (620) 276-1255
 Opening date: Late May
 Hours: 1 to 6 p.m. Monday
 through Thursday; 1 to 7 p.m.
 Friday through Sunday and on
 holidays.
 Overview: Called "The Big Pool,"
 the Garden City Municipal Pool
 holds 2.2 million gallons of water
 and measures 220 by 330 feet.

Garden City Family YMCA

Address: 1224 N. Center St.,
 Garden City
 Phone: (620) 275-1199 (Garden
 City)
 Phone: (620) 2235-8157 (Dodge
 City); Separate pool facilities
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 Cost: Daily guest fees vary (call
 for details)

Greeley County/Tribune

Address: 202 Zenaide St.
 Phone: (620) 376-4721

Operated — Jointly by City of
 Tribune/Greeley County
 Opening date: Late May
 Hours: 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.,
 Monday through Sunday; family
 night swims: Sundays/ Wednes-
 days, 7 to 10 p.m.; water aero-
 bics, Monday/Tuesday/Thursday,
 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Mommy & Me
 classes, Wednesday, 5:30 to 6:30
 p.m.

Greensburg

Address: 300 W. Garfield
 Phone: (620) 723-2751 (City of
 Greensburg office)
 Operated by: City of Greensburg
 Opening date: Late May
 Hours: N/A

Holcomb

Sonnie Baird Pool
 Address: 106 Wiley St., Holcomb
 Phone: (620) 277-2152, (620)
 277-2610

Opening date: Late May
 Hours: 1 to 6 p.m. Monday,
 Tuesday & Thursday; 1 to 7 p.m.
 Wednesday; 1 to 5:30 p.m. Fri-
 day, Saturday & Sunday

Hugoton

Address: 114 E. Fourth St.
 Phone: (620) 544-4675
 Operated by: Hugoton
 Recreation Commission
 Opening date: Late May
 Hours: 2 to 6 p.m., Monday
 through Sunday; adult swim: 1 to
 2 p.m., daily; Monday through Sat-
 urday, 6 to 7 p.m.; night swim: 7:30
 to 9:30 p.m., Wednesday/ Friday.

Ingalls

Phone: (620) 335-5187
 Operated by: Ingalls Recreation
 Commission
 Opening date: N/A
 Hours: 1 to 6 p.m. Monday

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through Saturday; 7 to 9 p.m.
Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday
nights; Sunday 2 to 6 p.m.

Johnson City

Address: 100 E. Greenwood Ave.
Phone: (620) 492-6471
Opening date: Late May
Hours: 1 to 5:30 p.m., Monday
through Sunday; evening swim:
7 to 9 p.m.

Kinsley

Address: 1203 S. Niles
Phone: (620) 659-2711 (Edwards
Co. Economic Development)
Opening date: Late May to
mid-August
Hours: N/A

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Beymer Aquatics Center
111 W. Russell Road
Phone: (620) 355-6621
Operated by: City of Lakin
Opening date: Outdoor - Late
May; Indoor Center (open year-
round)
Hours: Indoor — Lap Time: 5:30
to 7 a.m.; Outdoor — 1 to 5 p.m.
and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday through
Sunday. Lap swims: 5:30 to 7
a.m., and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 5 to
6 p.m., daily. Water aerobics: 6 to



An indoor pool at the Beymer Aquatic Center plays host to the Lakin Dolphins swim team. [TELEGRAM PHOTO]

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Phone: (620) 649-2626
Operated by — City of Satanta
Opening date: Late May
Hours: 1 to 6 p.m., Monday

through Sunday; night swims: 7
to 9 p.m., Wednesday; lap swims:
7:30 to 8:30 a.m., daily; water
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Opening date: Late May
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Ulysses

Address: 204 E. Wheat Ave.
Phone: (620) 356-4244
Operated by: Grant County Recreation Commission
Opening date: Late May
Hours: Outdoor — 1 to 6 p.m., Monday through Sunday; Evenings: Tuesday/Thursday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Family nights: Monday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Indoor — lap swims, 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday; 7 to 9 p.m.

Wichita County/Leoti

206 S. Fourth St., Leoti
Phone: (620) 375-2182
Operated by — Wichita County Parks & Recreation Commission
Opening date: Late May
Hours: 1 to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday; 2 to 7 p.m. Sunday; lap swims: noon to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday; evening lap swims: time unknown.



Natalia Hinojos, 11, shoots water at Victoria Montoya, 8, as the pair get drenched during a fight with water cannons at the Big Pool's Spray Park. The park is located on the east side of the Big Pool. [BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM]

Waters of western Kansas



Avid fisherman Larry Adams of Dodge City reels in a line while floating on a personal pontoon boat at HorseThief Reservoir. [TELEGRAM PHOTO]

Lake-goers flock to HorseThief, Historic Lake Scott for fishing, boating, hiking and other recreation

By **J. LEVI BURNFIN**
The Garden City Telegram

Between the 450 acres of lake at HorseThief Reservoir and the 100 at Historic Lake Scott State Park, southwest Kansas offers some of the state's best fishing opportunities, on top of the recreational activities the two

lakes can boast.

"It's very popular," Park Ranger Phil Gould said of Lake Scott. "There are a lot of people that come out even when it's bad (weather) out. We have a lot of people that come out here and ice fish."

But as the weather warms, Gould admits, the park becomes quite a bit

more popular, with saugeye, crappie channel catfish and spots of largemouth bass attracting fishers.

Same with the relatively new HorseThief Reservoir, which was finished in 2009. The 450-acre lake was fully filled in the middle of 2016.

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A fully-furnished Mongolian yurt awaits campers at HorseThief Reservoir. The yurt is a large canvas tent held up by wooden lattice walls. The cloth windows roll up to reveal a lakeside view. [TELEGRAM PHOTO]

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Just west of Jetmore, the reservoir saw more than 36,000 vehicles visiting in 2018, according to an article by Scott Aust, Finney County Economic Development Corp. director of communications.

It's estimated that 100,000 people visited the reservoir.

For Garden Cityan Shane Clanton, HorseThief Reservoir has become a regular attraction in recent years.

"I have a little two-man bass boat, and me and my neighbor would go over there in the evenings quite frequently," Clanton said, meaning regular weekly visits a few years ago and going every two weeks last year.

"There's quite a bit of crappie, catfish," he said. "Sometimes we'll catch a bass — I've seen some pretty good-sized bass caught out there."

For Emily Arellano, Lake Scott's dozens of attractions have brought her to the lake every year since she was a child — all total, it's been 29 years of visiting.

"We do a little bit of everything," she said. "We usually do fishing. We have some really good spots campside."

Arellano said she always goes to the same campsite every year.

"We've dug out places for our cups and chairs and tackle box," she said. "We always catch a lot of fish out



Monte Franklin reels in a crappie as he and his wife, Laurie, fish from the dam of Historic Scott Lake during one of the national free fishing days in accordance with National Fishing and Boating Week. [TELEGRAM PHOTO]

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there. And then we go to the beach house and go swimming and get canoes.”

Lake Scott is going to rent stand-up paddle boards this year, as well, Gould said.

But the feature Gould finds to be the most impressive is the hiking trail.

“We’ve got a hiking trail that goes all the way around the lake,” he said. “It’s about 7 miles if you did the whole thing, but there’s plenty of places to get on or off the trail.”

“When you get into the cedar trees and stuff, you forget you’re in western Kansas. It almost feels like it doesn’t really belong out here.”

Just 10 years ago, HorseThief Reservoir did not exist in western Kansas. It was created through a bond, approved in 2004, with Ford, Finney, Gray and Hodgeman counties participating.

Now, the reservoir hosts activities like water skiing, jet skiing, windsurfing, kayaking and more. It also hosts the popular HorseThief The



Children play on a dock while a boat passes by at Lake Scott State Park over a Labor Day weekend. [TELEGRAM PHOTO]

Festival in the middle of June.

The 2018 festival featured a 5-kilometer race, a fishing tournament, a mud volley-

ball tournament and a concert.

The daily vehicle fee for HorseThief is \$5, and the annual fee is \$50. Daily camp-

ing fee is \$10.

Daily permits for Lake Scott is also \$5, and an annual permit from a park office or a vendor is \$25.

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Dodge City junior John Johnson (15) guards Shawnee Mission South senior Rio Bingley (3) in the Red Demons' Jan. 19, 2019, Tournament of Champions third-place game against the Raiders. [SHELTON BURCH/DODGE CITY DAILY GLOBE]

Shrine Bowl coming to Dodge City

By SHELTON BURCH
Dodge City Daily Globe

For the first time in its history, the Kansas Shrine Bowl and its surrounding events will be held in Dodge City in 2019.

The Shrine Bowl is a high school football all-star game held annually across Kansas. The game features the top senior high school football players from around the state.

The game is scheduled for 7 p.m. June 8 at Dodge City's Memorial Stadium, but there is also a banquet, a parade, a

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2019 Sports Calendar

- May 4-5:** Fred Tichenor Memorial adult softball tournament, Garden City.
- May 11-12:** Hard Ball Clash baseball tournament, Garden City.
- May 18-19:** Garden City Grand Slam baseball tournament, Garden City.
- May 20:** Class 5A Kansas State Boys Golf Championship, Mariah Hills Golf Course, Dodge City.
- May 23-25:** Beef Empire Days PRCA Rodeo, Finney County Fairgrounds Arena.
- May 25:** Battle for the Bats fast pitch softball tournament, Garden City.
- June 1-2:** Beef Empire Days adult softball tournament, Garden City.
- June 7:** The Southern Plains Regional wrestling championships in Dodge City, one of seven regionals that take place across the United States and a qualifier for the National Freestyle/Greco Championships.
- June 8-9:** Dinger Derby baseball tournament, Garden City.
- June 17-20:** American Junior Golf Association Kansas Junior, Buffalo Dunes Golf Course.
- June 21-23:** Jim Clanton Memorial baseball tournament, Garden City.
- June 29-30:** Battle of the Bases baseball tournament, Garden City.
- June 29-30:** Big Brothers Big Sisters Men's softball tournament, Dean Wiley Complex, Garden City.



Dana Finkelstein, Chandler, Ariz., chips on the No. 9 green in September at Buffalo Dunes Golf Course during the 2018 Garden City Charity Classic Symetra Tour. This year's Symetra Charity Classic is scheduled for Sept. 6 through 8 at Buffalo Dunes Golf Course. [BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM]

- July 6:** Firecracker Slam fire pitch softball tournament, Garden City.
- July 12-14:** 48 Hour Tournament, a slow-pitch softball tournament in Dodge City

in which men's and co-ed teams compete. Games run nonstop from Friday night through Sunday night.

- Aug. 1-4:** Dodge City Roundup Rodeo, at the Dodge City Roundup Rodeo Grounds.
- Aug. 9-11:** Southwest Kansas Pro-Am Golf Championship, The Golf Club at Southwind/ Buffalo Dunes Golf Course.
- Aug. 22:** Kansas Golf Association, Senior Series, Dodge City Country Club.
- Aug. 24-25:** Kansas Golf Association, High Plains Amateur, Mariah Hills Golf Course, Dodge City.
- Aug. 27:** Kansas Golf Association, Senior Series, The Golf Club at Southwind.
- Aug. 28:** Kansas Golf Association, Senior Series, Buffalo Dunes Golf Course.
- Sept. 6-8:** Symetra Tour, Garden City Charity Classic, Women's Pro Golf, Buffalo Dunes Golf Course.
- Sept. 15:** Up All Night adult softball tournament, Garden City.
- Oct. 12:** October Bash adult softball tournament, Garden City.
- Dec. 5-7:** Clarion Inn Roundball Classic Basketball (Garden City, Scott City, Holcomb), three days with five visiting schools.
- Jan. 16-18, 2020:** Dodge City Tournament of Champions, High School Basketball Tournament, United Wireless Arena in Dodge City.
- Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 2020:** Rocky Welton Invitational Wrestling Tournament, Garden City High School, featuring high school wrestling teams from throughout Kansas and neighboring states.

Garden City parks

Finnup Park

(500 block of East Maple Street)
Size: 110 acres
What you will find: Lee Richardson Zoo, The Big Pool, Finney County Museum, Clint Lightner Stadium, Fansler and Cleaver softball fields, Finnup Center for Education, six picnic shelters, horseshoe pits, three playgrounds, four basketball courts, futsal court, walking/biking trails (connects to Peebles Complex)

Deane Wiley Park

(2406 N. Campus Drive)
Size: 20 acres
What you will find: Three softball fields, quarter-mile walking track, basketball court, (with a practice wall for tennis or handball), playgrounds, three picnic shelters

A. Harold Long Park

(Spruce and Walnut streets)
Size: 6 acres
What you will find: One-third mile walking track, playground, plaza area, Born learning trail (connected to walking track), Center for Children and Families (Grant)



Area residents grab lunch during Garden City Downtown Vision's First Friday food trucks on Heroes Way, south of Stevens Park. A variety of trucks will be set up the first Friday of each month from May through October. [BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM]

Finnup-Scout Park

(Eighth and Thompson streets)
Size: 1.5 acres
What you will find: basketball court, playground area

Ayala Park

(216 Taylor Ave.)

Size: 1.15 acres

What you will find: Picnic and playground area, basketball court

Lions Park

(2503 N. Third St.)

Size: 1 acre

What you will find: Playground

area, basketball court

Rotary Park

(Third and Johnson streets)

Size: 2.2 acres

What you will find: Baseball practice field, Talley Trail runs on north side

Santa Fe Park

(Santa Fe and 13th streets)

Size: 0.6 acres

What you will find: Baseball practice field, playground

Stevens Park

(Spruce and Main streets)

Size: 3 acres

What you will find: Bandshell, mall area, walking around perimeter of park

Wildcat Park

(1706 E. Fair St.)

Size: 1 acre

What you will find: Playground, gazebo

Dog Park

(Campus Drive and Fulton Street)

Size: 2.6 acres

What you will find: Fenced areas, shade and benches

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Wright Park in Dodge City. [DODGE CITY DAILY GLOBE]

Dodge City parks

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Beeson & Sunnyside

Centennial

Central & LaMesa

Chilton Park

Manor Drive

Colleen Park

Colleen & Kenro

Eisenhower Park

Gunsmoke & First

Farrow Ford Park

Rath Avenue

Friendship Park

Avenue C & Hickory

Homestead Park

Pioneer Road

Jean Russell Park

Country Club Drive

Kiwanis Park

Avenue G & Mulberry

Kliesen Hill Park

Barbara Lane

Lions Park

3rd Avenue & Mulberry

Longbranch Park

Longbranch Street

Optimist Park

Overhill & Division

St. Mary Complex

San Jose

Speirs Park

Bell & Northern Avenue

VFW Park

13th Avenue & Division

Willow Park

River Road

Wright Park, Zoo, & Dog Park

71 2nd Avenue

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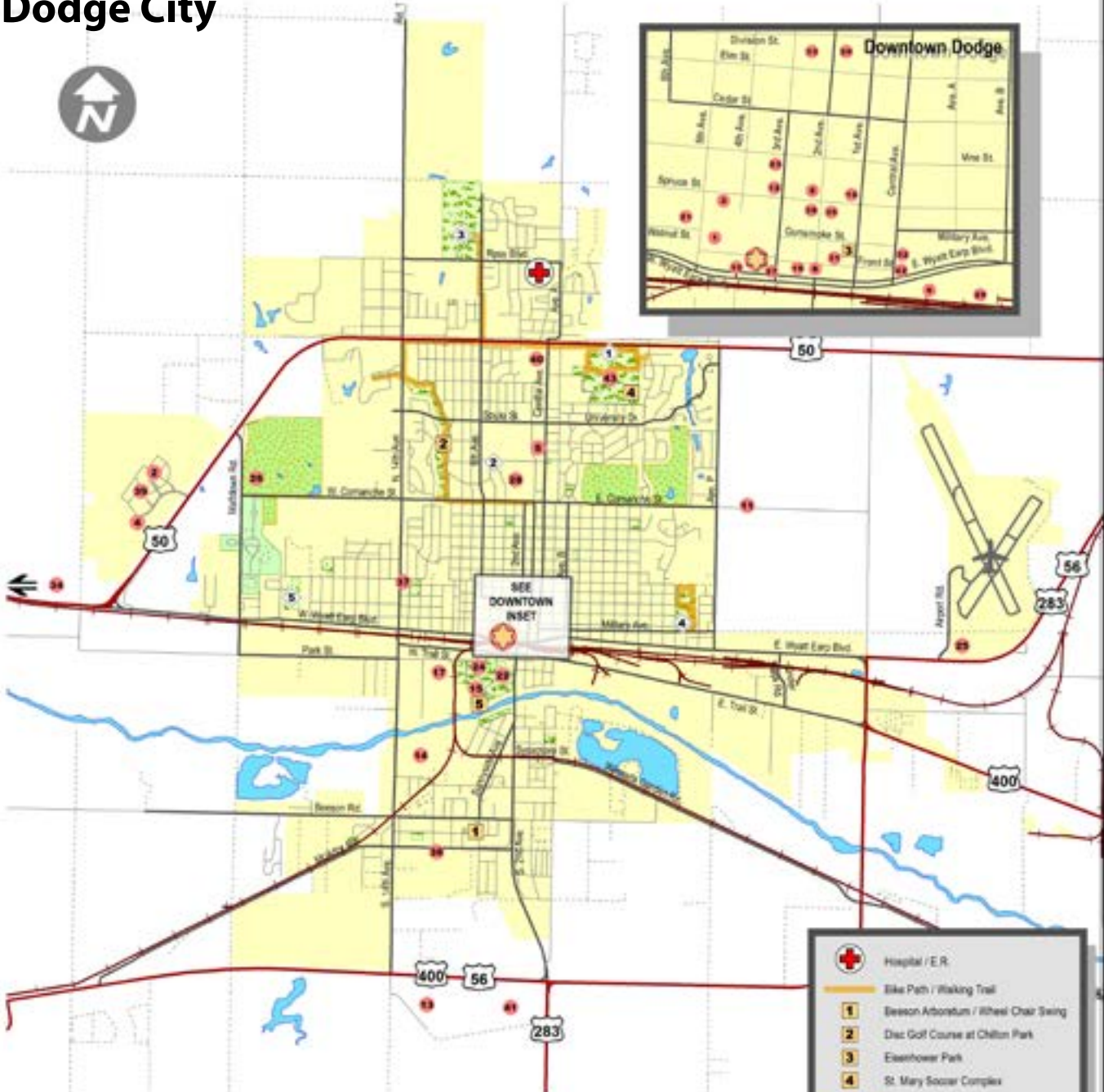
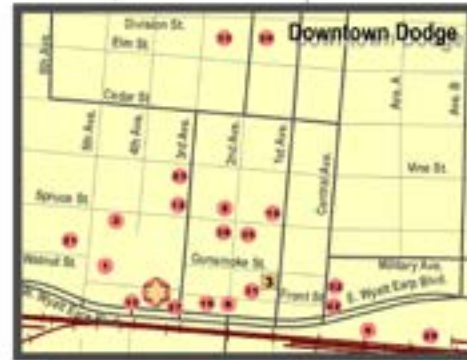
high school athletic combine, a golf tournament and a 5K race as part of the festivities. There is also a "Jr. All-Star Challenge" scheduled. The associated events begin on June 6.

This year's game will be the 46th Kansas Shrine Bowl, ac-

ording to the Kansas Shrine Bowl website.

Tickets for the game range between \$10 and \$25. Tickets for the banquet are \$30, and parking passes are \$10. All proceeds from the game benefit the 22 hospitals in the Shriners Hospitals for Children network, according to the Kansas Shrine Bowl website.

Dodge City



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Bike Path / Walking Trail

1 Eisenhower Arboretum / Wheel Chair Swing

2 Disc Golf Course at Chilton Park

3 Eisenhower Park

4 St. Mary Soccer Complex

5 Wright Park & Dog Park

BALL PARKS

1 Caulder Field

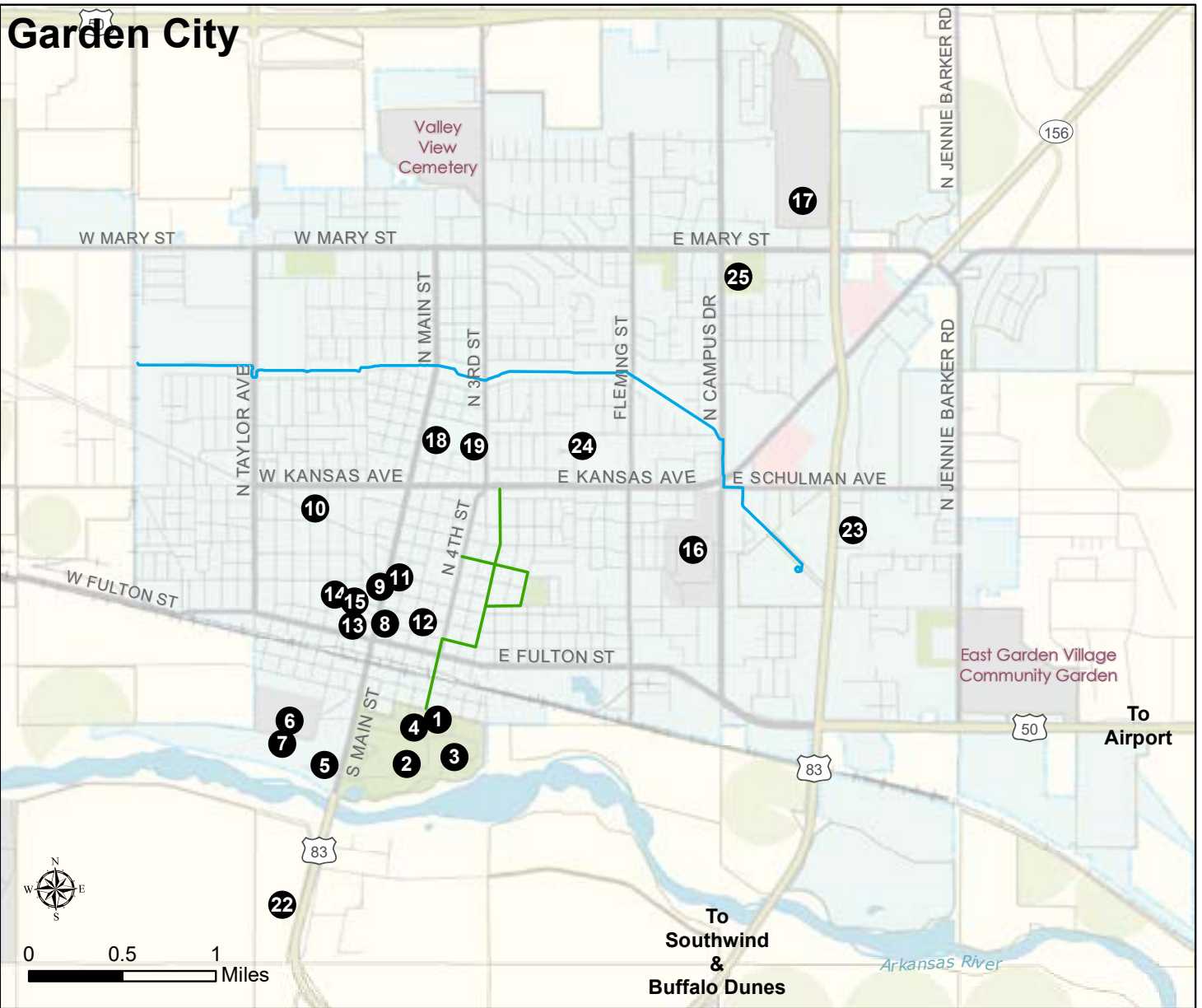
2 Damon Field

3 Legends Park

4 Thurston Park

5 Youth Complex

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| ATTRACTIONS | | |
| Visitors Information Center - Historic Trolley Tours and Historic Walking Tour | 14 Dodge City Roundup Rodeo | 28 Mexican Village Market |
| 1 Boot Hill Museum | 15 Wright Park Zoo | 29 Mueller-Schmitt House |
| 2 Boot Hill Casino & Resort | 16 Farmers Market | 30 Old Dodge Photo Parlor |
| 3 Boot Hill Distillery | 17 Ford County Fair Grounds | 31 100th Meridian Story Board |
| 4 Buffalo & Longhorn Exhibit | 18 Fort Dodge & Kansas Veterans Cemetery | 32 Dodge City Public Library |
| 5 Carnegie Center for the Arts | 19 Gospel Hill Churches | 33 Santa Fe Trail Tracks |
| 6 Civic Center | 20 Kansas Heritage Center | 34 2nd Ave. Art Guild |
| 7 Coronado Cross | 21 Kansas Teachers Hall & Gunfighters Wax Museum | 35 South Drive In |
| 8 El Capitan Sculpture | 22 Liberty Garden | 36 Southwestern Kansas Veterans Memorial |
| 9 Depot Theater Co. & Santa Fe Depot | 23 La Salas Man & Stan Herd Murals | 37 Stan Herd Mural |
| 10 Doc Holliday Sculpture | 24 Long Branch Lagoon Waterpark | 38 United Wireless Arena / Boot Hill Casino & Resort Conference Center |
| 11 Dodge City 300 Story Board (Private Property) | 25 Longhorn Park | 39 Village Square Mall |
| 12 Dodge City Brewing | 26 Marsh Hill Golf Course | 40 Western State Bank Expo Center |
| | 27 Matt Dillon Sculpture | 41 Wyatt Earp Sculpture |
| | 28 Memorial Stadium | 42 Y.M.C.A. |

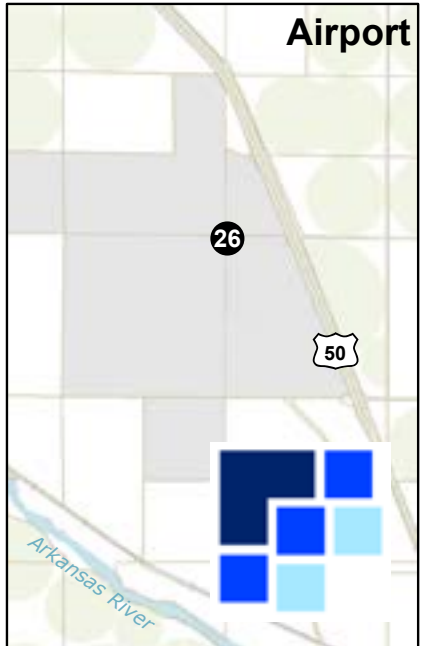


Legend

- 1 - Big Pool
- 2 - Lee Richardson Zoo
- 3 - Finnup Park
- 4 - Finney County Museum
- 5 - Peebles Sports Complex
- 6 - Finney County Fairgrounds
- 7 - Finney County Exhibition Building
- 8 - Garden City Arts
- 9 - Windsor Hotel
- 10 - Finney County Transit Center
- 11 - Stevens Park
- 12 - Garden City Recreation Commission
- 13 - City Administrative Building
- 14 - County Administrative Building
- 15 - Law Enforcement Center
- 16 - Garden City Community College/Mercer Gallery
- 17 - Garden City High School
- 18 - Horace Good Middle School/Clifford Hope Auditorium
- 19 - Memorial Stadium
- 20 - Golf Club at Southwind
- 21 - Buffalo Dunes Golf Course
- 22 - Sandsage Bison Range
- 23 - Parrot Cove Water Park
- 24 - Garden City Family YMCA
- 25 - Deane Wiley Park
- 26 - Garden City Regional Airport

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- Talley Trail
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