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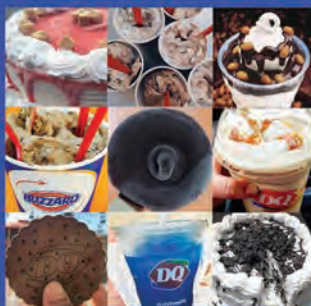
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Welcome to Great Bend, Kansas! We invite you to go Explore our wonderful community! We have something for everyone and we take great pride in our area and hope your stay with us is an incredible one.

I've always said Great Bend is the perfectly-sized town to see people you know but also meet new people every single day! Great Bend has a population of just fewer than 16,000, and as the county seat of Barton County we are proud to be the hub of retail and service in Central Kansas! Our diverse geography provides blue skies over plains for agriculture & oil, vast wetlands for the central migration of birds, the Arkansas River bend that makes up our town name and highways to any destination in the United States. (The climate is temperate at an altitude of 1,849 feet above sea level, with an average of 16 inches of snowfall each year, 26.71 inches of precipitation, an average high temperature of 69.8 degrees and low temperature of 44.4 degrees. Average high temperature in July is 94 degrees, while a low in January is 21 degrees.) Yes, we are in Kansas and some days Mother Nature gives us tastes of all seasons, but we Kansans won't complain about those beautiful warmer days in January and cooler days in August.

Other great areas of pride include: our educational opportunities and school facilities! We love our school system and proud to be home to Barton Community College. We have great indoor and outdoor fitness opportunities, an amazing Recreation Commission and beautiful parks that can catch the interest of many. Our history and culture provides learning opportunities and growth in a variety of ways. Most of all, we are proud of the people who make up our beautiful town, chip in and cheer on when necessary and welcome locals and visitors to explore all the adventures in store for everyone in Great Bend!

Our staff would like the opportunity to roll out the red carpet for you and show you what a grand adventure Great Bend can be for you and your family. We invite you to shop, stay, play, learn and enjoy all the wonders of our town, and if you find a new way to explore please share with us your fun! You can connect with us personally on Facebook at Visit Great Bend or Explore Great Bend to get personalized service, itineraries and advice. If we cannot help you, we will connect you with someone who can! We will take your hand in ensuring you have a great experience with us and have the desire to come back for more! As Pico Iyer once said, "We travel initially to lose ourselves; we travel next to find ourselves!" Let us help you explore it all right here in Great Bend!

~Christina Hayes, CVB Director/Community Coordinator

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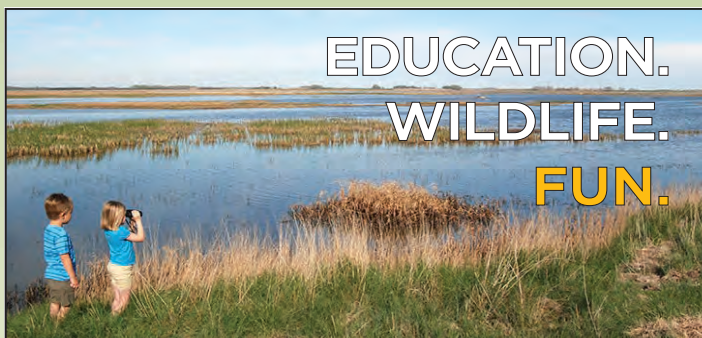
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Unique Shopping

Explore our unique stores and boutiques. It's an experience you won't forget with fun finds, great prices and excellent customer service. With so many stores in town, you'll definitely find what you are looking for and maybe something you weren't! This is one area definitely worth exploring in Great Bend! Download a shopping list from our website: visitgreatbend.com or stop by the CVB office, 3111 10th Street to pick up a brochure.



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friends and make memories with family. Great Bend is the perfect hunting destination. Nestled between Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area and the Quivira National Refuge, we are surrounded by unique and coveted hunting areas. There are also many public walk-in hunting areas within a 60-mile radius of

town. If you are not familiar with the area or want to be led to a secret hot spot, contact one of the many guide services. These guides know the area like the backs of their hands and understand the art of the sport. They will provide the hunting experience and hospitality you desire.

Hunting

Great Bend has many shopping options for a wide variety of hunting gear; local merchants will help you find anything you need. Many local merchants also sell hunting licenses and permits, and our hotels are ready to welcome you to our community. Several even offer cleaning stations for after the hunt. For more information or a list of guide services, call the CVB (620) 792-2750. We are more than happy to provide information on this or any other area of interest.



For an updated local hunting list with timelines, license locations, guiding services and supplies, contact the CVB at visitgreatbend.com.



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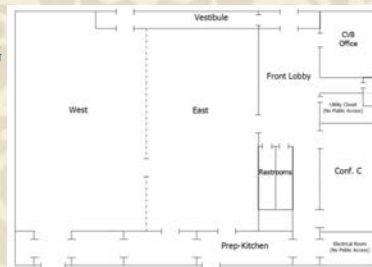
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Bike Trails

Great Bend is home to an active biking community that maintains and promotes trails where cyclists can commune with Mother Nature's abundance of beautiful wildlife. Nothing beats a good ride for the health and well-being of the body, mind and spirit.

Cyclists appreciate the variety of local trails that cater to casual or recreational riders, or those who want to kick it up a notch with a little competition. Mountain bike trails wind along the Arkansas River, Cheyenne Bottoms and around the former Lake Barton, while the paved hike and bike trail runs along the flood control levee. In addition, there are nearly 400 miles of paved blacktops in the county. For more information, visit the BeWell Barton County website: ckpartnership.org/bewell. The map at this site will come in handy. You can also visit the



CVB website to download a biking brochure at visitgreatbend.com.

Fitness

Just because you are away from home or new to town, doesn't mean you can't keep up with your exercise routine. Great Bend has unique options to help you reach your fitness goals, whether you need a little motivation, some time outside, or a place to work out the stresses of the day.

There are many gym choices in Great Bend that offer state-of-the-art fitness equipment to help you target specific areas. Trainers will help you perfect your

form or challenge you to push yourself further. Take advantage of group classes and other perks to add some fun to a daily workout. Many gyms welcome guests with daily drop-in rates, which offer a fantastic chance to check out the great facilities! Great Bend offers a range of choices to accommodate your fitness repertoire. Whether it's a traditional gym or getting in the groove with a dancing class, you can also practice your baseball/softball swings, or perfect your hoop-shooting skills and fitness techniques. Contact the CVB at 3111 10th Street or call (620) 792-2750 for a fitness facilities brochure.





Imagination Playground & My BackYard

When a local business owner's grandkids arrive for a visit in Great Bend, the first thing they ask Grandpa is "can we go to the My BackYard Playground?" They play for hours on the ZipKrooz, Omnispin and playground equipment.

My BackYard features inclusive playground equipment that allows children of all abilities to play together. The slides are an exhilarating way to be physically active, and the Roller Slide is very popular. Spinning, twirling and climbing are part of the experience, while the beautiful flower gardens and musical instruments encourage sensory play. My BackYard caters to all ages. But that is not all.

The Imagination Playground offers an indoor experience that includes large foam bricks and

cylinders, accented with chutes, channels and parts that inspire children and adults to design their own inventions, environments and activities. Children enjoy the construction patterns, pretend play, role playing and inventing their own games with gigantic foam building blocks. Both the outdoor and indoor facilities provide ways for kids and adults to have fun and be physically active in an unstructured environment.

The playgrounds are located at the Great Bend Activity Center,

2715 18th street. MyBackYard is open seven days a week, from dawn to dusk. The Imagination Playground is available in the gym on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

For more information, visit the Great Bend Recreation Commission's website: greatbendrec.net or like us on Facebook. Contact the Rec at 620-793-3755 and 620-792-2604.



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The Wetlands Waterpark

Located inside Brit Spaugh Park, the Wetlands Waterpark offers the perfect place to cool down

Great Bend Sports Complex

The Great Bend Sports Complex is a testament to Great Bend's love of baseball and its long history of successful teams and players.

The complex, on South McKinley, contains five baseball/softball fields for Little League, amateur softball, and high school and college-level play. The Constant Light Level with Musco lighting is available at all fields. There is plenty of parking, a drop-off area, batting cages, concessions and restrooms. The complex is close to all Great Bend amenities. All ball fields are available for rent by contacting the Great Bend Recreation Commission at 620-793-3755.

For more information about the complex, including a video, visit GBSportsComplex.com.

during the summer months. The whole family can enjoy eight water slides, spray features, zero-depth entry to the water feature, a 300-gallon tipping bucket, and of course, a swimming pool with divided shallow end. Take a break and relax under a shaded tent in comfortable chairs or visit the concession stands after a good swim! The Waterpark opens each year the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend and is open seven days a week from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Family Swim Nights are

held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and feature discounted admission. Two years of age and under are always FREE!

Swimming lessons and other aquatics programs are provided in partnership with the Great Bend Recreation Commission. The Facility is also available for groups wishing to hold private parties. For more information please contact the Wetlands Waterpark at 620-792-1516 or 620-793-3755 or visit greatbendwaterpark.com.



Check out our semi-pro team, the Great Bend Batcats, May through June, greatbendbatcats.com.





Motocross

If entertaining family outings are on your list of things to do, we encourage you to look into the GBMX Park motocross track at the Expo Grounds just west of Great Bend. Open-ride and practice days are scheduled throughout the year, while the Hahn Brothers' Supercross Shootout is on the schedule every September.

Tom and Wil Hahn are professional riders who grew up in Belpre, an Edwards County community. The Hahns consider Great Bend and Central Kansas their home and help organize this huge event. They also bring in many other pro riders to the race where big prize money is at stake.

Motocross is a family-oriented sport and it's safe to say there

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Take in the sights of different terrain, the majesty of the abundant wildlife, and the hospitality of the people in towns along the way. Join the communities and the environment that surrounds the Wetlands & Wildlife Scenic Byway in the events, traditions, and beauty that only they can offer. For more information about our local Byway, kansaswetlandsandwildlifescenicbyway.com/

along the Wetlands and Wildlife National Scenic Byway on K-156 just 10 miles northeast of Great Bend.

The 11,000-square-foot museum, operated by Fort Hays State University, is home to the Koch Wetlands Exhibit Gallery, a classroom with live animal exhibits, auditorium and Wetlands Gift Store. And, get this: admission is free!

Van tours, a nature trail, pollinator garden and many public programs provide a glimpse into Kansas wetlands. We are happy to answer questions and explain how a visitor can experience Cheyenne Bottoms — a natural resource unlike any other.

It is popular with hunters, bird

watchers and nature enthusiasts throughout the world. Thousands of birds stop at Cheyenne Bottoms during fall and spring migrations; thousands of people also make it a destination.

KWECC offers hundreds of nature programs for all ages, including the Butterfly Festival, Wings 'n' Wetlands Birding Festival, Nature Discovery Kids Camps, Nature Craft Workshops, Nature Hikes and Star Gazing Adventures. Our mission is to teach the public about the importance of wetlands and the need to conserve resources. Drop in anytime; we think you will be impressed.

For more information, visit wetlandscenter.fhsu.edu or call 1-877-243-9268.



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Barton County Historical Society

The Barton County Historical Society (BCHS) offers countless adventures to our history and here are just a few of the many highlights:

A fully furnished and functional Lustron Home. It also houses artifacts excavated from Fort Zarah, and is awash with information on the Great Bend Army Air Field, the First Peoples, Dominican School of Nursing, Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira National Wildlife Refuge

to name just a few attractions.

The BCHS Village promises visitors a first-hand look at rescued and restored buildings that provide a glimpse into pioneer family life.

In addition, education and special events for young people are two of the most important roles of the BCHS. From April through October, hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. From November through March, hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

"The BCHS is located just south of Great Bend on U.S. 281 Highway. It sits on the crossroads of nature, along the International

Central Flyway corridor for Migratory wildlife and the Santa Fe Trail, the road that opened the West!"

For more information, call 620-793-5125. Or drop by whenever you can.

B-29 Memorial

Pilots who flew the awesome B-29s are honored at the B-29 Memorial Plaza at the Great Bend Airport entrance. When visitors glance up through the memorial's arches, they enjoy the feeling of looking through the nose of a B-29. The centerpiece is a B-29 sculpture cast in stainless steel, with bronze plaques and inscribed bricks honoring crews and individuals. For more information, contact the Barton County Historical Society, 620-793-5125.





Kansas Oil & Gas Hall of Fame and Museum

Anyone who wants to experience the culture, heritage and history of an industry that helped shape our region is encouraged to visit the Kansas Oil & Gas Hall of Fame and Museum, 5944 10th, in Great Bend.

Highlights include the Hall of Fame of local pioneers of the industry; Midwest Energy Education Center that features hands-on energy displays, and Biggs Conference Center, available for rent for private

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The museum's displays represent our shared history that is based, in large part, on the oil and gas industry. For more information, visit the facility's Facebook page or call 620-793-8301.

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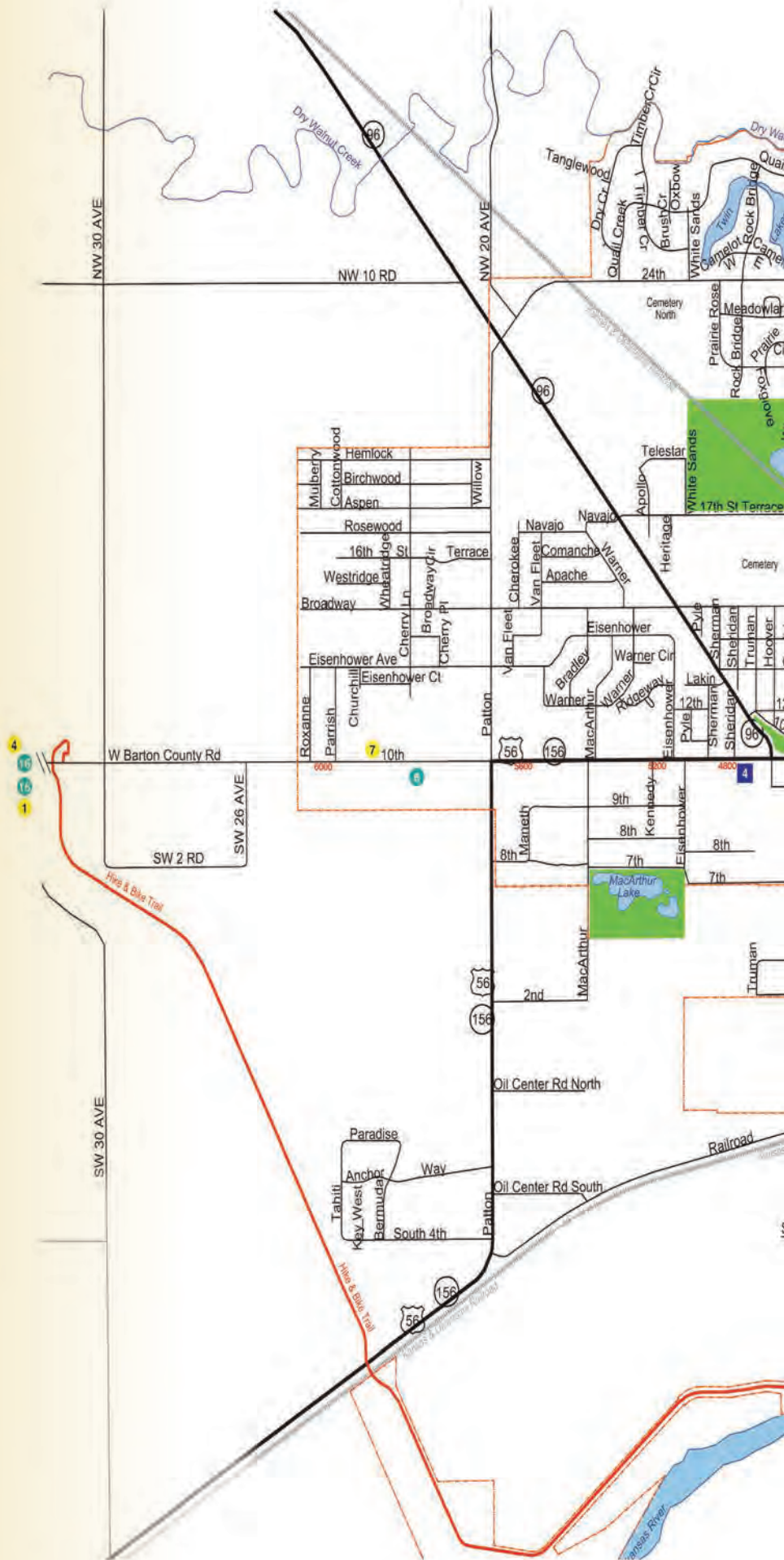
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- 1 B-29 Memorial Plaza - 9047 6th Street
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- 3 Barton County Historical Society Museum and Village
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Gus and Eva Shafer Memorial Art Gallery

The Gus and Eva Shafer Memorial Art Gallery is often referred to as the "Gem of the Campus" at Barton Community College, just outside Great Bend at 245 NE 30 Road. Its motto is "Where the Old West Meets the Future."

The Shafer Gallery boasts 8,000 square feet of exhibit space where a visitor can experience western-themed bronze sculptures by noted artist, Gus Shafer; monthly exhibitions by trending, regional and nationally known artists; and interactive activities for the family.

The gallery offers national-caliber artwork in an aesthetically pleasing environment. It also provides children with educational programming such as studio workshops, early-childhood activities, and short art history seminars that expand cultural

understanding and vocabulary.

Visitors from across the country and around the world pass through the gallery every year, enjoying its constantly changing visual offerings. It is located in the Fine Arts Building on campus; its hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday; admission is free.

For more information and a schedule of events, visit shafergallery.org and facebook.com/shafergallery.

Metal Works/ Bronze Sculptures

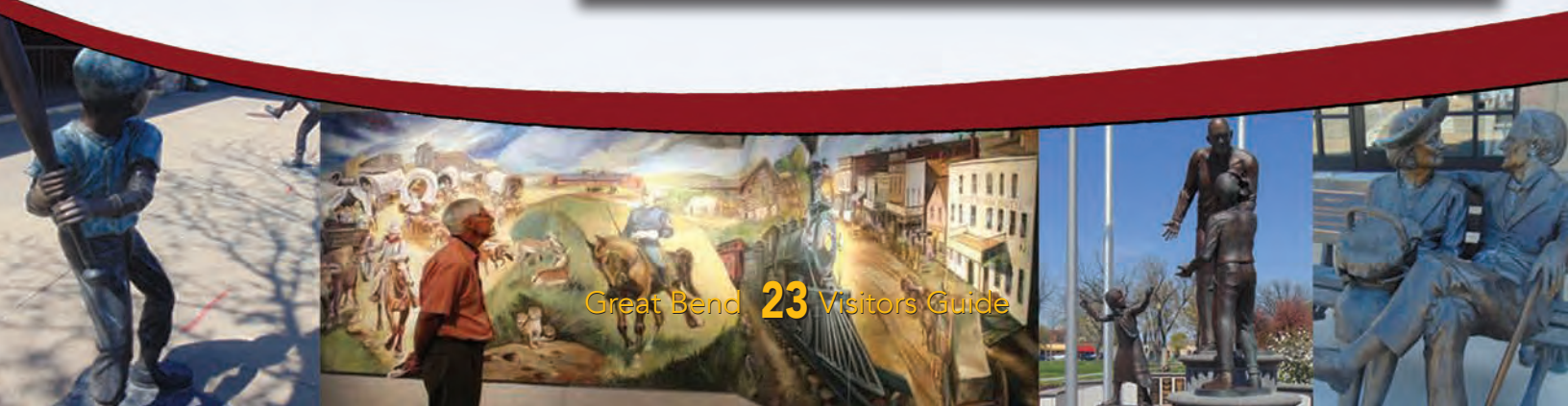
Just driving, cycling or walking around in Great Bend can be almost like visiting an art gallery.

A number of bronze sculptures and other metal works have found their homes in a number of places about town.

The names of these artworks and their locations are: Remember When at 16th and Main; Dream Big at Main & Lakin; Bucket List at Kansas and Lakin; Jack Kilby and The Gift at Main & Forest; Daydreams at 18th & Adams; Breaking the Prairie Sod at 10th and K-96 Highway; and the Great Bend Sports Complex on South McKinley.

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The Crest Theater

The Crest is truly a jewel in Great Bend's historical downtown. When the theater opened in 1950, it attracted movie goers for decades before being transformed into the

home of live comedies, dramas, concerts and other special events.

This magnificent landmark earned a well-deserved spot on the National Register of Historical Places in 2005. Located at 1905 Lakin, The Crest is a vital part of the artistic culture in our area; and it is available for rent.

Our local Community Theater stages four plays a year and we invite everyone to support the actors who share their time and talent. There is nothing quite like live entertainment.

For more information, visit gbct.net or call 620-792-4228.

For more information on the Crest Community Theatre or to add yourself to their mailing list, contact them on Facebook or send information request to Great Bend Community Theatre PO Box 361 Great Bend, KS 67530

Quilt Walk

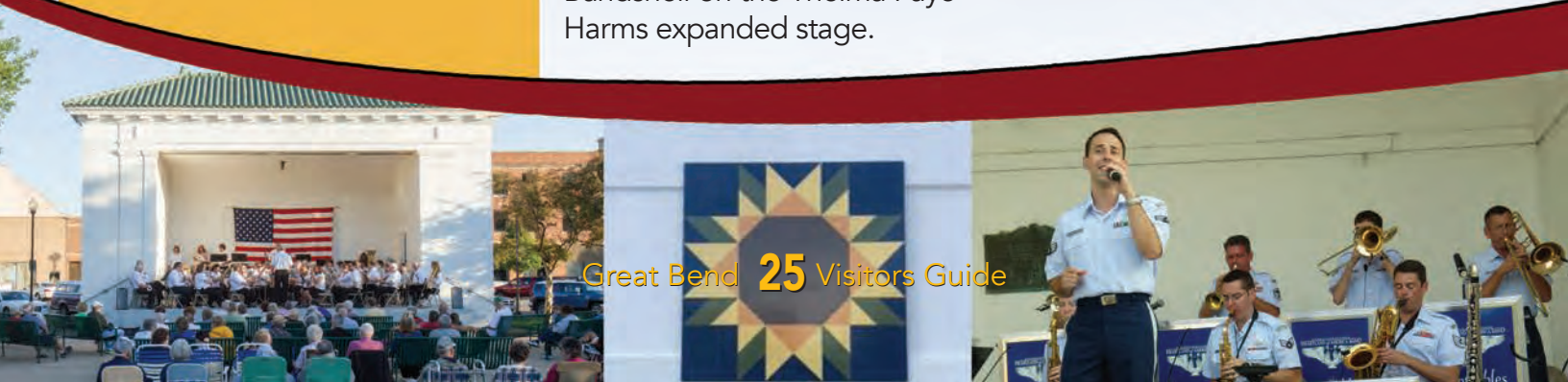
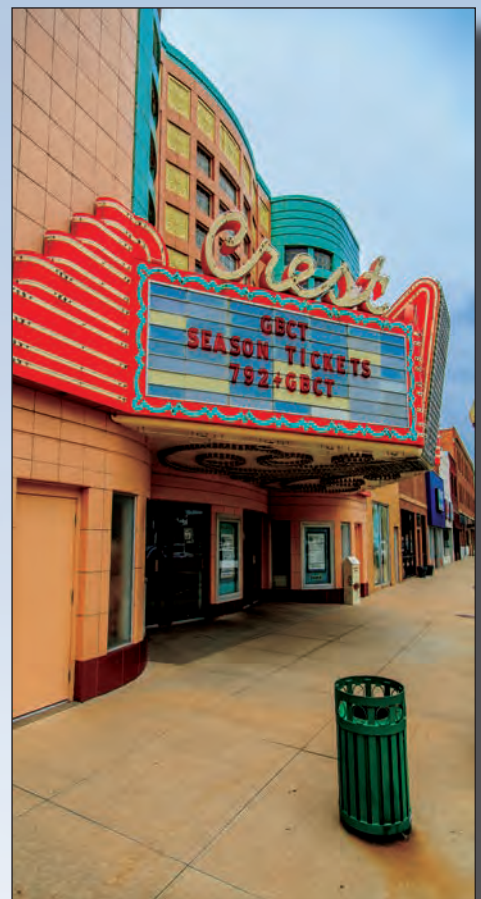
A unique look at the history of Great Bend is evident through a most unusual artistic medium in the city's well-manicured downtown. The Quilt Walk at Jack Kilby Square displays quilt patterns that are set into the sidewalks.

The names of the sidewalk quilt patterns include Farmer's Daughter, Kansas Troubles, Windmill, Rocky Road and Kansas Star. The Sunflower Barn Quilt is displayed on the back wall of the Moses Bandshell.

For more information, contact the Great Bend Convention & Visitors Bureau, 620-792-2750.

City Band

When the Great Bend City Band performs from May through July each year, its members are continuing a musical tradition that began in 1875. The City Band has about 40 regular members who welcome other musicians to sit in with the group from time to time. They entertain outdoor audiences at downtown's Jack Kilby Square in the Moses Bandshell on the Thelma Faye Harms expanded stage.





SPRING

The first big event in spring is the Farm & Ranch Expo! This three day event shows over 700 exhibits! Also in spring, don't miss out on the weekend birdwatching fun "Wings 'N' Wild Birding Festival" on odd number years. More Spring fun includes Golden Belt Community Concerts, the Annual Art & Wine Walk and baseball/softball tournaments at the Great Bend Sports Complex!!

SUMMER

Enjoy a weekend full of fun at the K-96 June Jaunt in Great Bend. Cool off at the Wetlands Waterpark and enjoy the weekends of championship drag racing at the Historic SRCA Dragstrip. Wagner's Carnival comes to our Barton County Fair! Enjoy a day full of fun activities and fireworks at the Annual Party in the Park at Veteran's Memorial Park just right before the school starts!

FALL

Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area is a great place to be in the fall due to the sheer volume of migrating birds that can be observed! Aside from birdwatching, fall brings Rodeos, the Annual Hahn Brother's Motorcross Shootout and the Great Bend Airport Airfest (which only happens every three years!)



WINTER

The award winning Trail of Lights holiday light displays are the main attraction in Great Bend in the winter! To commence the winter, enjoy the Holiday Parade and Festivities along with the "iceless" Outdoor Skating Rink and Santa's Around the World!

YEAR-ROUND

Get a fascinating glimpse of the past at the Barton County Historical Society or enjoy displays illustrating the amazing story of oil and gas production at the Kansas Oil & Gas Museum. Learn something new everyday at the Raptor Center and Kansas Wetlands Education Center. Year round attractions include the Shafter Art Gallery with a rotation of art and artists throughout the year and the well-rounded season of plays and musicals performed in the historic Crest Theatre.



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Arby's	3414 10th St.	Fast Food
Bookies	619 Main St.	Bar & Grill
Braums's Ice Cream & Dairy	3413 10th St.	Fast Food
Burger King	3929 10th St.	Fast Food
Chosen Wok	3908 10th St.	Asian
Classic Inn	1 S Patton Rd	Asian
Dairy Queen	2302 Main St.	Dessert
Delgado's Mexican Restaurant	2210 10th St.	Mexican
Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers	3008 10th St.	Fast Food
Gambino's Pizza	1309 Main St.	Pizza
Granny's Kitchen	925 10th St.	Coffee House/Breakfast
Great Bend Coffee Company	2015 Lakin Ave.	Coffee House/Breakfast
Great Bend Taco	3106 10th St.	Mexican
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Pizza Hut	4101 10th St.	Pizza
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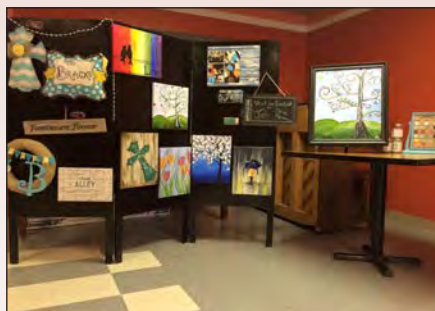
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January

- 13** – Icy Sidewalk Sale
- 13** – Miss Barton County/Golden Belt Pageant
- 20** – Expo 3 Flat Track Races
- 27** – Expo 3 Flat Track Races

February

- 3** – CASA Chocolate Auction
- 22-25** – "Death Trap"
Performance by GB Community Theatre
- 23** – Golden Belt Community Concert "The Texas Tenors"

March

- 3** – Sunflower Diversified Services Charity Gala
- 8** – Kiwanis Pancake Feed Expo I
- 10** – Expo 3 Flat Track Races

April

- 4-6** – Great Bend Farm & Ranch Expo
- 7** – Golden Belt Community Concert "David Osborne Trio"
- 19** – 11th Annual Job Fest
- 19-22** – "The Foreigner"
Performance by GB Community Theatre
- 27-28** – SRCA Drag Races

May

- 4** – Art & Wine Walk
- 5** – Cinco de Mayo
- 5** – 5 BatCats Baseball Starts
- 11-12** – SRCA Drag Races
- 25-26** – SRCA Drag Races



Cinco de Mayo

The local Hispanic culture is celebrated annually on a Saturday as close to May 5th as possible. Hundreds of visitors enjoy a parade, authentic Mexican food, music and dance at downtown's Jack Kilby Square.

Cinco de Mayo provides a wonderful opportunity for the Hispanic community to continue its cultural traditions. The fringe benefit is people from other cultural backgrounds become more familiar with the customs of their neighbors. For more information, contact Great Bend's Community Coordinator by calling 620-793-4111.





June Jaunt

It's your chance to experience Authentic Rural America at its best on the annual K-96 June Jaunt! Arts, antiques, crafts, music, cuisine and so much more! The name says it all, from Tribune to Great Bend on K-96, lots of activities are happening in each town. Come out and enjoy the three-day weekend event the first weekend in June! A few activities include Main Street Cruise & Car Show, Free Movie Night at Jack Kilby Square, Jumbo Yard Games, Relay for Life Kids Zone, Live Music, Vendors, Great Bend Business Olympics, Beer Garden and so much more!! For a full printable Great Bend June Jaunt Schedule visit greatbendks.net or like us on Facebook at Explore Great Bend.



June

- 1-3** – June Jaunt
- 7** – Summer Street Stroll – Every Thursday After.
- 8** – Relay for Life
- 10** – Race Week Starts in GB
- 14** – Race Week Ends in GB
- 22-23** – SRCA Drag Races

July

- 4** – Fireworks Display
- 11-15** – Barton County Fair
- 21** – Summer Sidewalk Sale
- 28** – Bike Brew Q

August

- 3-4** – SRCA Drag Races
- 11** – Party in the Park
- 17-18** – SRCA Drag Races
- 31-Sept. 1st** – SRCA Jr. Dragster Race

September

- 1** – SRCA Jr. Dragster Race
- 8** – Together as a Community United We Stand Parade
- 8** – Pontiac Uprising Races
- 27-30** – Lucas Oil SRCA Races
- 28-30** – Hahn Brothers Motocross Shootout
- 28-30** – Airfest

Summer Street Stroll Farmers' Market

Great Bend Summer Street Stroll Farmers' Market is downtown in Jack Kilby Square. It is held on Thursday evenings from 4 to 7pm, generally mid-May through mid-September. This partnership is provided by the Barton County Health Department and the City of Great Bend! Come get your fresh fruits and veggies, honey, baked goods, art and handmade crafts!

Farm and Ranch Expo

Each year Great Bend residents gear up to put on a the Great Bend Farm and Ranch Show. It takes place for three days during the week to highlight and showcase the latest and greatest in agricultural technology! This event has more than 700 booths inside alone and is one of the largest farm shows in the Kansas! This Wednesday to Friday show stays open late on Thursday! For More Information greatbendfarmandranchexpo.net



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October

- 6** – Long Pumpkin Patch Opens (weekends)
- 6** – Rosewood Rodeo
- 6** – F&E Auto Auction
- 12-13** – SRCA Drag Races
- 20** – Healing Hearts Rodeo
- 26-27** – SRCA Drag Races
- 27** – Zoo Boo

November

- 24** – Home for the Holidays Festival & Parade
- 24** – Trail of Lights Begins

December

- 1** – Santa's Around the World
- 25** – Merry Christmas

Party in the Park

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Christmas

It's the most wonderful time of the year - especially in Great Bend! The holiday spirit is alive and well here, and we invite you to be part of it. The holiday magic kicks off the Saturday after Thanksgiving with the "Home for

Christmas Craft Mall

It may be called the Christmas Craft Mall, but the items for sale are not designed exclusively for the holiday season; they can be displayed year-round. The mall has been attracting thousands of visitors since 1987; it opens the weekend before Thanksgiving.

The mall operates as a cooperative. This means that the dozens and dozens of vendors commit a certain number of hours to operating the mall. Since the location changes from time to time, please visit Christmas Craft Mall on Facebook for more information.

the Holidays" parade and festival. Watch the parade on Main Street and the Mayor's tree lighting in Jack Kilby Square; take a picture in the living nativity; enjoy refreshments; have fun with free ice skating; and more.

This is also an opportunity to review your wish list with Santa. Come see the real Santa and 23 others designed by local artist, Loretta Miller. These life-sized Santas are dressed in the style of their native countries. Available for viewing throughout the year, this is a must-see gallery!

This special evening also kicks off the first night of the Trail of Lights. For over 25 years, this impressive display takes you through some of Great Bend's

cherished attractions. See the Twelve Days of Christmas at Veterans' Memorial Park. At both Great Bend Brit Spaugh Zoo and the north side of Jack Kilby Square, tune your car radio to the posted radio station to hear music perfectly timed with the dancing lights. But that's not all.

If you can't be with us the Saturday after Thanksgiving, don't worry. These attractions are available through the end of December. While you're in town, check out Great Bend's fantastic stores, Christmas Craft Mall and restaurants. Contact the CVB by calling (620) 792-2750 for further information or to get your copy of the entire Holiday Events Calendar.





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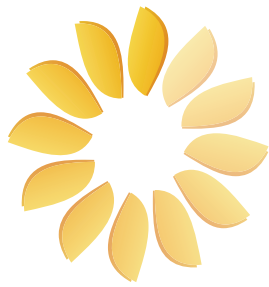
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