

Community Newsletter

For the week Sept. 11-15, 2017

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1. **The Dodge City Sports Commission traveled to Emporia** last Saturday to make a presentation to host the 2019 Kansas Shrine Bowl. Commission members include CVB, Parks and Rec staff plus representatives from USD 443, DCCC, United Wireless Arena, and the Western State Bank Expo Center. Shortly following the presentation, the announcement was made that Dodge City would host the 2019 game. The event will bring a significant number of people to the community. Activities include a 1200 person banquet, band and cheer camps, a parade, golf tournament, concluding with the 46th Annual Kansas Shrine Bowl All-Star football game. “This is an event we’ve been pursuing for some time” said Jan Stevens, Director for the Dodge City Convention and Visitor’s Bureau. “We’re pleased that everything has come together to be selected to host the 2019 edition.” A press release with more details is [attached](#).
2. **The Sports Commission has also submitted a proposal to host the NJCAA Division I Men’s National Golf Tournament.** Submissions were for the years 2019, 2020, and 2021 with the understanding a community will only get the bid for one of those years. That event will bring 150 golfers and coaches to the community for six days. Dodge City hosted that event in 2004 and 2005 and is anxious to bring it back.
3. **City staff and representatives from Boot Hill Museum** will begin meetings again this week with the design consultants for the museum expansion project. It is anticipated that the project will break ground in September of 2018.
4. **The Main Street Board held their annual board retreat on Monday.** At the meeting, the board set goals for 2018 and reviewed the bylaws and mission statement. In addition, the board made selections for the 2017 Main Street awards that will be presented at the Annual meeting on November 13 from 12:00-1:00 pm at Central Station.

5. **The Sporting KC Soccer Clinic was held last Saturday, September 9th, at the St. Mary's Soccer Complex.** The soccer clinic had close 100 young participants from Dodge City and surrounding areas. Dodge City/Ford County Development Corporation and the City of Dodge City would like to thank all of our sponsors who made this event possible - Black Hills Energy, Cargill, KansasWorks, Kansas Department of Commerce, McDonalds of Dodge City, The Victory Electric Cooperative Association Inc., and Western Beverage. We would also like to send a shout out to all of the local coaches who assisted Jon Parry and Brian Bliss from Sporting KC.



6. **Important notice on road closure:** Ave. A between St. Joseph St. and Plains St. will be closed to through traffic starting mid-morning Monday, September 18, to reconstruct the bridge deck of the Ave. A bridge. Traffic control will be setup on US 50 advising everyone that Ave. A is closed. The detour route will utilize US 50, 6th Ave., and Ross Blvd. The project is scheduled to last 60 calendar days, weather permitting.
7. **A service leak at Avenue D and Spruce St. was found** on Tuesday of this week. Crews unhooked the service, removed the broken service and put a full circle clamp to stop any further leaks. A valve on Front Street was repaired by the El Capitan Statue to stop a small water leak.

8. **Monday morning began with a tree planting ceremony at 7:45 am** as a remembrance for those who perished in the 9-11 terrorist attack sixteen years ago. Four trees were planted to coincide with the times of the plane crashes. Thank you to Western Beverage and Fidelity State Bank for sponsoring two of the trees. This event also coincided with Keep America Beautiful National Planting Day initiative. At 7:00 that evening, the annual 9-11 memorial service took place with both events at Liberty Garden in Wright Park. The Liberty Garden Committee would like to thank those helping with the tree planting ceremony as well as everyone who participated and attended the memorial service.



9. **Attached are the photos for the Kansas Water Environment Association Awards (KWEA).** OMI applied for the KWEA awards in July and won the KWEA Plant of the Year award for the South plant and North plant. They also won the Water Environment Federation (WEF) George W Burke safety award. This is a National safety award. The awards are based on plant appearance, equipment status, maintenance programs, safety programs, sustainability programs, and compliance/process control.



10. **Staff attended the ribbon cutting of the new McDonald's Restaurant** on W. Wyatt Earp Blvd. Wednesday morning. Management mentioned they have new features such as kiosks to be able to order and have tableside service. The owner said that this McDonald's is on the "cutting edge".



11. **It all comes down to Saturday night as Dodge City Raceway Park finishes up the 2017 regular season** with the Fifth Annual Jerry Soderberg Memorial Championship event at the state-of-the-art 3/8-mile clay oval in southwest Kansas. The races begin at 7:00 pm and features DCRP Sprint Cars vs. URSS Sprint Cars, IMCA Modifieds, IMCA Sport Modifieds, IMCA Stock Cars and IMCA Hobby Stocks. The DCRP vs. URSS Sprint Car feature will offer up a \$750 winner's share, courtesy of Dodge City's Comfort Suites. General admission for Saturday night's Fifth Annual Jerry Soderberg Memorial Championship event are just \$20 with children 11 and under admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Dodge City Raceway Park is located on the south edge of Dodge City, KS, on US 283, then 0.9 miles west on US 56, then 0.1 miles south. For more information, contact the track at 620-225-3277 or check www.dodgecityraceway.com. Article courtesy of <http://www.dodgecityraceway.com/soderberg-memorial-championship-night-saturday-at-dcrp/>

12. **The Dodge City Raceway Park Advisory Board met this week to discuss proposals** for the 2018 racing season. The recommendations from the meeting will be presented to the Community Facility Advisory Board (CFAB) at their next regularly scheduled meeting on September 27. Members of the board include community representatives, city and county administration and commission and the CFAB board chair.

13. **City staff will be attending Engage WSU, a day of public service sharing** on Thursday. This event brings together university, public, nonprofit and community leaders for current research and knowledge in exchange in public service. The keynote is Clarence E. Anthony, Executive Director of the National League of Cities.

14. **Dodge City Police Dept. would like to congratulate** Lieutenant Colleen Brooks-Francis on receiving the Patriotic Employer award from the Office of the Secretary of Defense. This award is presented for her contribution to national security and protecting liberty and freedom by supporting employee participation in America's National Guard and Reserve Force. She was nominated by Detective Herrera for this award. Great job Lieutenant Brooks-Francis!



15. **JAY OWENHOUSE IS BACK!** United Wireless Arena announced that Jay Owenhouse, a legendary escape artist and one of the most awarded illusionists in history, Returns to Dodge City for one night only in “Family Magic!”,an intimate evening of Grand Illusions. Saturday, Nov 4 @ 7:30 pm.

CALENDAR

City Hall:

- City Commission – Mon., Sept. 18
- Southwest Kansas Coalition - Wed., Sept. 20, 6:00 pm
- Public Officials Exchange – Thur., Sept. 28, 6:30 pm @ Bucklin
- Joint City/County Commission – Mon., Oct. 2
- City Commission Candidate Forum – Wed., Oct. 18, 7:00-8:30 pm @ Public Library

United Wireless Arena:

- Sat., Sept. 16 – Comedian Ron “Tater Salad” White @ 8:00 pm
- Sun., Sept. 24 – Matthew West concert
- Fri., Oct. 20 – KANSAS Leftoverture tour
- Sat., Nov. 4 – Jay Owenhouse illusionist @ 7:30 pm
- Sun., Dec. 10 – Wynonna Judd concert @ 7:30 pm

Community:

- Sat., Sept. 30 – Victory Electric Health Fair 8-11:00 @ Expo Center & Alzheimer’s Walk
- Sat., Sept. 30 – Public Library Storyboard Walk ribbon cutting @ 10:00 am

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NEWS FROM THE KANSAS SHRINE BOWL

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Shrine Bowl to be played in Dodge City for 2019

Dodge City, Kansas-The Kansas Shrine Bowl is proud to announce that Dodge City, Kansas, has been selected to host the 2019 Kansas Shrine Bowl All-Star Football Game. The two-day event will be June 7-8, 2019.

“This is an event we’ve been pursuing for some time” said Jan Stevens, Director for the Dodge City Convention and Visitor’s Bureau. “We’re pleased that everything has come together to be selected to host the 2019 edition. The Shrine Bowl is a well-established event and will draw a significant number of people to the community.”

Paul Lewis, vice-chair of the Dodge City Sports Commission said, “We’re so thankful to be selected. It is because of the great facilities we have in this community and the cooperation between multiple entities that we’re able to attract something of this nature.”

The main events will include a 1200 person banquet held at United Wireless Arena, a parade through downtown Dodge City, and the 46th Annual Kansas Shrine Bowl All-Star football game at Memorial Stadium. Other events will include a golf tournament, 5K, One Mile Walk for Love, high school combine, junior all-star challenge cheer camp, and a band camp.

The events are produced by the Kansas Shrine Bowl to bring attention to the state’s fine young talents, and to benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children. SHC is a health care system of 22 hospitals dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing pediatric specialty care, innovative research, and outstanding teaching programs for medical professionals. Kansas children are treated in Shriners Hospitals for Children regardless of the child’s race, religion, nationality, creed, or relationship to a Shriner. Children up to the age of 18 are eligible for care and receive all services in a family-centered environment, regardless of the patients' ability to pay.

The game will feature the state's best high school football players of the year, as well as cheerleaders and band members from across Kansas. Through 2017, the west all-stars lead the series 27-16-1. All Stars such as Gary Spani, Mike Bell, Paul Coffman, Barry Sanders, Terrance Newman, and Jordy Nelson have played in the Kansas Shrine Bowl.

The local host for the event is the Dodge City Sports Commission, an organizing working group created under the Convention and Visitor's Bureau. The Sports Commission has been the local host for other events including the KSHSAA State Basketball Tournaments, the Wild West Bowl 6 Man State Football Championship, and the 2017 6A Girls State Golf Tournament.

Through 2017, over 2.75 million dollars have been donated by the Shrine Bowl for the care and treatment of Kansas kids.

The 2018 Shrine Bowl events will be held in Pittsburg, Kansas. Additional information and a link to Shriners Hospitals for Children can be found at www.kansasshrinebowl.com or by calling 800-530-5524.

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2017 Air Tour

September 28-30, 2017

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Tentative Schedule- *May change due to events and weather

Day 1

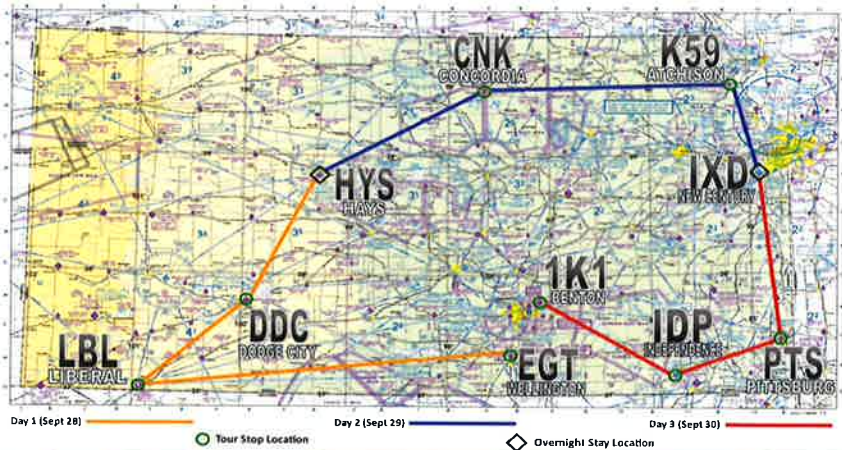
8:00 Wellington
12:30 Liberal
3:00 Dodge City
5:00 Hays

Day 2

9:00 Hays
10:30 Concordia
2:00 Atchison
4:30 Olathe

Day 3

9:00 Olathe
10:30 Pittsburg
1:00 Independence
4:00 Benton



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SEPTEMBER
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Final Friday Dodge City

BOOT HILL MUSEUM 5-7

CARNEGIE ART CENTER 5-7

ERYN'S DOWNTOWN CENTER 5-7

FLOWERS BY IRENE 5-7

2ND AVE. ART GUILD 6-8

WEST COAST PLAZA 6-8

DEPOT THEATER 7-9

BOOT HILL DISTILLERY 8-10

GUYMON PETRO 9-11

BOOT HILL CASINO 9-11



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