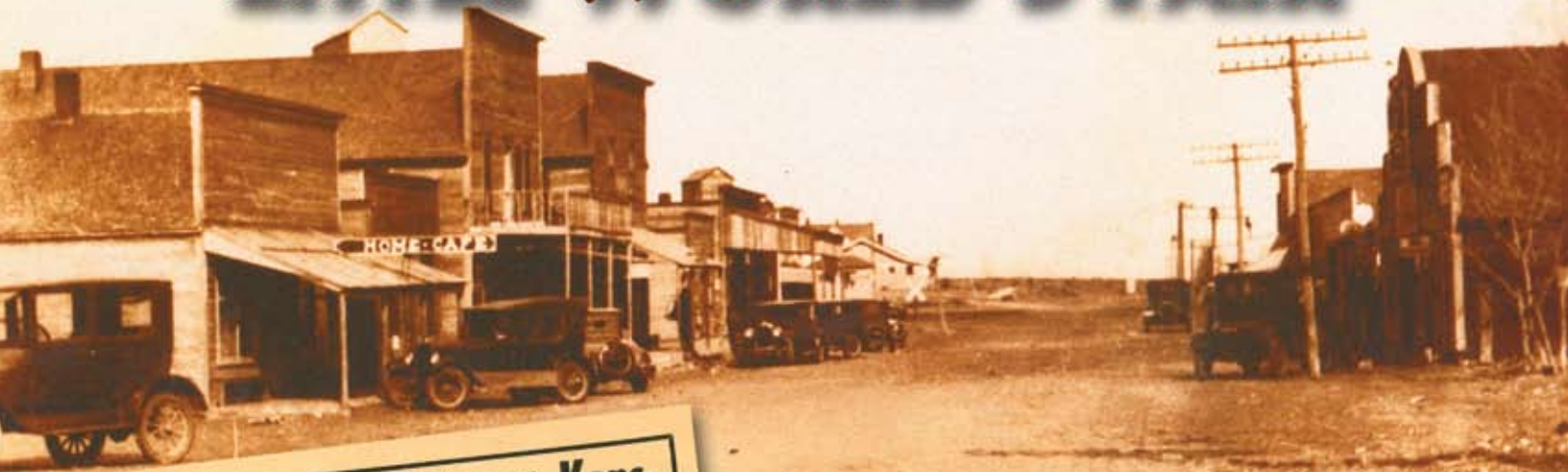


# GET-A-WAY

## KISMET'S 91ST LITTLE WORLD'S FAIR



Kismet Main street in the 1920s. The little town celebrated its centennial (100 years) in September, 1987.

**You Are Invited to Kismet, Kans.**  
**SEPTEMBER 2nd**  
**LITTLE WORLD'S FAIR**

★ **Big Parade** STARTS 9 A.M.  
 ★ **Square Dances** 8:00 P.M.

CHARLES LEESE, Dodge City, Calif.

**FREE Chuck Wagon Dinner** 11:30 A.M.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

<b>Antique Machinery Display!</b> <small>Old Time Dressing</small> <small>Antiques of any kind will be appreciated</small>	9:00 am—Old Timers' Registration	<b>Brodbeck-Schrader Carnival</b>
	9:00 am—Parade	
	10:00 am—Original Back Seat Drivers Contest. 1st, 2nd & 3rd trophies	
	10:30 am—Foot & Bicycle Races	
	10:30 am—Horse Shoe Pitching—Trophies	
	2:00 pm—Horse Races	
	5:11 7 pm—Teenage Record Hop—HS Gymn	
	Broadcast live over KLIB — KLIB	
	Swinging Gentlemen spinning the records.	
	7:00 pm—Boys' Baseball Game	
8:00 pm—Square Dance		

Flyer for the 1920s Little World's Fair. For more information on the 2010 Labor Day weekend fair call Robert Gittinger at 620-563-7645.

By Barbara Oringderff



For 90 years, the Kismet Little World's Fair has been a cherished community event.

Run by volunteers in this small Southwest Kansas town that is over a hundred years old, the fair drew about 3,000 people over Labor Day weekend last year (2009).

Presently sponsored by the Kismet Lions Club, which was chartered in Kismet 40 years ago, what was originally a one-day event now offers three days of fun for the whole family.



"Hamburgers were 30¢, and very popular, when this picture was taken at the 1946 Little World's Fair," explained Robert Gittinger. "Volunteers (left to right) were Bob Wessler, with his back to the camera; George Dailey, turned toward the camera; and Brice Sherer, in the checkered cap. Unfortunately, they are all deceased now."



Kismet is located in the heart of cattle country, and beef played a big part in the early days of the Little World's Fair. In this early photo an unidentified group of area volunteers tend the pit of hot coals in preparation for the free beef barbecue. To cook the beef, a piece of tin was put over the hot coals and the beef, wrapped in foil, was laid on top of the tin. "Today, we still serve barbecue beef at the Little World's Fair, and we also have a great ham and bean feed, and other delicious examples of Kismet's finest home cooking," concluded



Robert Gittinger. (Photographs courtesy of Kismet Lions International member Gittinger, who has devoted many hours to compiling and documenting the history of the Kismet Little World's Fair.)



**KISMET LITTLE WORLD'S FAIR**  
 Labor Day Weekend  
 September 4th, 5th and 6th, 2010  
 Our 91st Year  
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Parade, Carnival, Church Service,  
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 Toss, 5-K/10-K Run, Pedal Tractor Pull  
 and Other Fun Events

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## SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO

### Big Timbers

Although few trees remain today, a number of huge cottonwood trees extending for several miles along the Arkansas River in the area of what is now Lamar, in Southeastern Colorado, provided a natural camping place for travelers on the nearly treeless route of the Santa Fe Trail. Today, the Big Timbers Historical Museum, located at 7515 Hwy. 50 just north of Lamar, is dedicated to those early travelers

enne and Arapahoe nations, was later owned by Colorado pioneer John Prowers, for whom the



The museum also features a music exhibit that includes a 1947 Seeburg "trash can" model jukebox; a dulcimer made in 1839, and the museum's oldest artifact, a violin crafted in 1625. (Photos courtesy of the Prowers County Historical Society)

fingerprint to identify the killers of the bank president and his only son, and was so well known that years later famous "Li'l Abner" cartoonist Al Capp named one of his comic strip villains "Evil-eye Fleagle" after the gang leader, Jake Fleagle. (Photos courtesy of the Prowers County Historical Society.)

### Lamar

Lamar, also located on the main line of the Santa Fe Railroad, has an interesting Main street railroad attraction. The original red brick Santa Fe Railroad depot has been completely restored and today houses the Lamar Chamber of Commerce and a Colorado Welcome Center. On the depot grounds visitors also can get up close and personal with Engine No. 1819, which hauled freight and passengers a total of 916,626 miles before being retired in 1953. Also featured is a Madonna of the Trail statue, one of 12 commissioned by the National Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), and placed on national trails across the country. (Holly, Granada, Prowers, Bristol, Hasty, Wiley, McClave and Fort Lyon, all in Southeastern Colorado, also have original Santa Fe Railroad depots. (Staff photo)



WWI Posters

on the famous trail. Open 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday – Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, the Big Timbers Museum offers many pioneer artifacts, and even the site of the museum is historic, having once been part of an Indian claim.

The 640-acre parcel of land, created by an 1865 treaty between the U.S. and the Chey-

county is named. The museum also has several unique exhibits including a collection of 35 rare framed WWI posters that is believed to be the largest collection of its kind outside the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. These mint condition posters offer an opportunity to see, first hand, the work of several famous early 20th century American illustrators.

Big Timbers also has on display a number of documents and artifacts concerning the infamous 1928 robbery of the First National Bank in Lamar by the notorious Fleagle Gang. This was the first case where the FBI used a single



Lamar Santa Fe Railroad station and engine No. 1819.





## LIBERAL, KANSAS

Liberal, in Southwest Kansas, got its name from a man willing to share his well water with strangers. People exclaimed his hospitality was 'mighty liberal.' Soon the area became known as 'the Liberal well.' The kindness and generosity of homesteader and well owner, S. S. Rogers still prevails in this town on the Kansas -- Oklahoma border. Visitors can enjoy the wide-open spaces of the nearby Cimarron National Grasslands, Clark State Lake and Meade Wildlife Area, as well as taking advantage of 'birding' at the Arkalon Wildlife Area, located 10 miles northeast off Highway 54. In addition to birding, the park offers campsites for RV's and tents, hiking trails, playground equipment and, of course, ever-popular fishing. Travel a few miles farther northeast where "Samson of the Cimarron", a 1,269 foot railroad bridge is located. When the bridge was built in 1939 it was considered an engineering marvel of its day.

Liberal's Coronado Museum offers a collection of items dating back to 1541, when Don Francisco Vasquez de Coronado and 36 conquistadors entered what is now Southwest Kansas on their quest to find the fabled "Seven Cities of Gold." A Spanish horse bit, left behind, is on permanent display in the museum. An 8' bronze statue of Coronado marks the entrance and can be seen from Highway 54. The museum exhibits a collection of items used in the settlement of the Kansas Territory during its 'wild west' days. There is an exhibit paying tribute to the culture of the Native American Indians who lived on the Kansas land long before Coronado, as well as a model re-creation of early Seward County. The museum offers special exhibits and traveling exhibits, featuring artifacts of other museums. Admission is free. Call: 620-624-7624.

Dorothy's House and the Land of Oz: Dorothy's House, a 1907 farmhouse, was donated to the Seward County Historical Society and moved to its present location on the grounds of Coronado Museum. Guides dressed in Oz character escort visitors through Dorothy's House and the 5,000 square feet of animated entertainment in the Land of Oz. Here visitors follow the "yellow brick road" past the talking trees, Munchkins, winged monkeys and Dorothy and Toto, Tin Man, the Scarecrow and the Cowardly Lion. At the end of the road Oz movie memorabilia is on display, including the original model of Dorothy's house used in the 1939 filming of the "The Wizard of Oz." Admission. Contact: 620-624-7624.

The Mid-America Air Museum has more than 105 aircraft on display, making it one of the country's finest hands-on aviation science exhibits. It is the largest aviation museum in Kansas and the fifth largest in the nation. Located at the Liberal airport, the museum is an interactive educational resource. Here, flight history is preserved through historically significant aircraft and artifacts, educational exhibits and public programs, and a 200-seat theater features aerospace education for students. A self-guided tour through the museum gives visitors a chance to see one of the smallest ever 'Air Force One' planes, used by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Admission. Call: 620-624-5263.

The Baker Arts Center is located in the former home of Irene Dillon and Francis Marion Baker. The gallery features art work by regional and local artists, as well as national traveling

exhibits, and hosts an annual national juried art show. There is a Discovery Center for children, an educational studio for workshops and art classes and an extensive art library. Musical and theatrical productions are sponsored throughout the year. Two events are held each year for fundraising; the French Market and Night of Lights. Free admission. Call: 620-624-2810.

On Saturday through Shrove Tuesday, you can join the festivities for the "International Pancake Race". Contestants in Liberal compete with contestants in Olney, England, racing down their respective streets with skillet and pancake in hand. Times of the winners of each race are compared during a live web chat to England, and the international winner is announced. Activities continue during the day and festivities conclude that evening with the parade.

Other attractions in addition to shopping, meeting facilities and city parks are three golf courses, Adventure Bay Family Water Park, bowling alley, miniature golf, six screen movie theater and several special events throughout the year. For more information contact: 800-542-3725 or [tourism@cityofliberal.com](mailto:tourism@cityofliberal.com)

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## DODGE CITY, KANSAS

Dodge City, in what is now Southwest Kansas, evolved from the opening of the Santa Fe Trail in 1821. An important trade center for the buffalo hunters and travelers of the Santa Fe Trail, Fort Dodge, located to the east of the town, offered protection to wagon trains and served as a supply base during the Indian wars. The railroad brought more commerce to the area, making Dodge City a major shipping point for the cattle barons. To commemorate those cattle drives of the 1870s a large bronze Texas Longhorn statue was erected. El Capitan, as he is named, greets visitors to the downtown, as does a statue of the legendary marshal, Wyatt Earp. One of the most notorious lawmen in western history, Earp left his mark on the history of Dodge City along with the Masterson brothers and Doc Holliday. Follow the sidewalk medallions for a free self-guided historical walking tour, "Trail of Fame".

The medallions and statues honor not only real heroes of the west, but also the fictitious characters. The weekend of September 3-4, 2010 a symposium is planned to celebrate the 55th anniversary of TV's "Gunsmoke". Two new sidewalk medallions will be added honoring TV characters Glenn Strange (Sam the bartender), and James Nusser (Louie Pheeters). Admission: 620-561-1925 or [www.Gunsmoke55th.org](http://www.Gunsmoke55th.org)

Celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2010, Dodge City Days is a 10-day celebration in one of the country's last remaining Wild West towns, Dodge City. With a western theme, event highlights include the top-rated Dodge City Days rodeo, classic car show, arts and craft show, KidFest, professional barbecue contest, a western parade and the crowning of Miss Rodeo Kansas and Miss Rodeo Kansas Princess. The festival kicks off on July 30 with the Boot Hill 'bull fry and bash.' The parade and barbecue kicks the festival into high gear on Saturday, July 31. A premiere event of the festival is the PRCA rodeo beginning on Aug. 4, and ends with the championship events on Aug. 8. Hold on to your hats, it's a wild ride! Dodge City Days has won top honors from the American Bus Association for group friendly events in 2007, 2008 and again in 2010.

Boot Hill Museum, a world class western history museum where life in the early days is interpreted through exhibits, visual programs and restorations. The fabled old cowtown with its renovated buildings brings back the days of Wyatt Earp, Doc Holliday and Bat Masterson. The many artifacts and exhibits are housed on the grounds of the original Boot Hill cemetery. At 'high noon,' visitors are treated to a gunfight reenactment where the six-shooters boom and 'bad guys' run for cover. Be sure to catch the Long Branch Saloon's variety show, running from Memorial weekend through mid-August. Admission. Call: 620-227-8188 [www.boothill.org](http://www.boothill.org)

These days you can even sit at the gaming tables just like Doc Holliday, Wyatt Earp and Bat Masterson did. Themed "Old West-New Entertainment," the new Boot Hill Casino & Resort has been designed with high style and finish, evoking a sense of the western history of the 1870's combined with today's desire for the highest level of comfort, service and entertainment. Dodge City and Boot Hill are names known around the world -- hosting visitors since 1872. Now, Boot Hill Casino & Resort delivers on its promise of recreating the legends of the Old West with new entertainment.

Check out the Gunfighters Wax Museum and Teachers Hall of Fame, tour historic Fort Dodge, and step out on the Santa Fe Trail tracks; after that, visit the Home of Stone or the Windhorst church, and finally, view the beauty of the Carnegie Center for the Arts. One-hour narrated trolley tours to many historic sites are also available. The historic Santa Fe Depot that once housed the Harvey House and restaurant, now offers dinner theater productions throughout the year.


Admission. Call: 620-225-1001

Liberty Garden, located in Wright Park, a recent project, is designed to commemorate the tragedies of September 11, 2001. Historical memorabilia from that day of infamy are on exhibit for the public along with a piece of steel from the twin towers, a piece of limestone from the façade of the Pentagon, transported to the garden by the Dodge City Patriot Guard Riders. Also there is a piece of sandstone from the hemlock grove next to the United Flight #93 crash site in Pennsylvania, donated by the National Parks Service.

Don't miss an old-fashioned Fourth of July in Dodge City: a day packed full of activities from watermelon feed, to sack races, ending with free live music and one of the largest fireworks displays in Western Kansas.

Dodge City Raceway Park, with its high banked 3/8-mile oval dirt track, hosts thousands of racing fans each season and boasts an impressive racing schedule. Featured are events such as the World of Outlaws, USAC Midgets and NCRA Winged sprints, and IMCA sanctioned classes for stock cars, and modifieds.

For more information about DCRP you can check out the website [www.dodgecityraceway.com](http://www.dodgecityraceway.com) or phone 620-225-3277.



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The coldest, frostiest mug of draft beer you've ever enjoyed is at The Saloon. Have a cold one while you take in the big game on multiple flat-screen TVs; six drafts to choose from, plus Microbrews and all your bottled favorites. Make sure to try the Signature Kansas Kool-Aid, Boot Hill Casino's very own specialty drink that's sure to please. And don't miss other cocktail creations at the best new hangout in Dodge City!

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