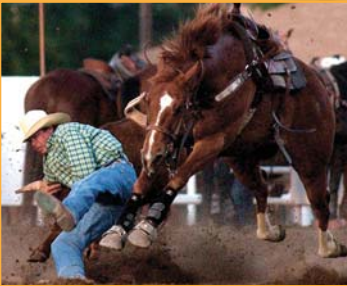


Garden City

and **Holcomb**



The Finney County Convention and Visitors Bureau invites you to come experience the flavors and colors of Garden City and southwest Kansas. With a proud history and bright future we want you to enjoy your stay in Garden City and Holcomb.



GARDEN CITY

— THE WORLD GROWS HERE —



Welcome!

to Garden City KANSAS

The Finney County Convention and Tourism Bureau welcomes you to southwest Kansas! We are proud of our history, delighted with our present, and look forward to a bright future! We hope you enjoy your stay in Finney County, whether it's for business or fun. There's always something going on in Garden City and Holcomb.

We're easy to get to! Accessible from U.S. 83 (North and South), Highway 50/400 (East and West) and KS 156 from the East. Take time to explore our area by venturing off the interstate!

RAIL: Amtrak - morning departure/evening arrival, for reservations/schedule call, 800-872-7245



GARDEN CITY REGIONAL AIRPORT: located 7 miles east of Garden City on Highway 50. Flights arriving and departing for Dallas several times a day.

AMERICAN AIRLINES American Eagle
Garden City Regional Airport to Dallas/Fort Worth
www.aa.com

County Population:	40,500
Elevation:.....	2,890
Average Temperature:	
January	31°
April	55°
July	80°
October.....	57°
Annual Precipitation	19 inches (avg.)
Annual Snowfall.....	23 inches (avg.)



The Jewel of Southwest Kansas!

The founding fathers of Garden City, W.D. and J.R. Fulton, J.A. Stevens, C.J. Jones and several others had a vision in the late 1870s to turn this part of the “Great American Desert” into a town that would last. The first years of this young town’s history are full of names and events that prove people were industrious, imaginative and resourceful. By 1883, trainloads of Easterners were coming out to lay claim on this fertile river bottomland, lured by land speculators and their own dreams of being a part of the Western expansion.

The population soared to over 6,000 during those boom years from 1885 to 1888. Many of the people lived in tents, dugouts or covered wagons waiting for houses to be built. Through the growth of the Sugar Beet Industry, the War Years, the development of irrigation and the expanding cattle industry, many hearty souls have brought their ideas, work ethic and families to grow and prosper. Finney County continues to welcome newcomers and looks forward to new growth and prosperity in the 21st century.



The Naming of Garden City

Mrs. Fulton, wife of town founder, William Fulton, was watering her garden one day when a gentleman jumped off the train and inquired about the name of the new community. She replied that people were referring to the little village as “Fulton Town” but she wasn’t too enthusiastic about the name. He looked upon her beautiful garden and said, “Why don’t you name it Garden City?” The new name was met with favor and adopted by the residents, but Garden City will never know the identity of the traveling gentleman who gave the town its name!



Garden City

Fun!



Swimming:

City Pool - Finnup Park • 620-276-1255

YMCA - 1224 Center Street • 620-275-1199

Holcomb Pool - 205 Redford • 620-277-2610

Theater:

Mitchell Sequoyah 8 Cinema -
1118 Fleming • 620-275-2760

Campgrounds:

R.J.'s RV Park - 4100 E. Hwy. 50
85 spaces • 620-276-8741

Finney County Fairgrounds:

501 S. 9th St. • 500 spaces •
620-272-3844

Family Activities:

Bowling, Mini Golf, Go-carts, Bumper cars, Laser tag, Games, Arcade, Skating Rink

Hard Rock Lanes 1612 E. Laurel •
620-275-4061

Garden Bowl 1501 N. Taylor •
620-276-7551

Tumbleweed Turf 1612 E. Laurel •
620-275-4061

C&D's World on Wheels
2880 E. Schulman • 620-271-9969

Parks and Playgrounds:

Garden City

Ayala Park - Taylor Ave and Fulton

Deane Wiley Park - 2406 Campus

Dog Walking Park - Corner of Fulton and Roadside

Finnup Park - Main and Maple/S. 4th

Finnup Scout Park - 8th and Thompson

A. Harold Long Park - Spruce and Evans

Lions Park - Mary and 3rd

Rotary Park - 3rd and Johnson

Stevens Park - Main and Pine

Holcomb

Holcomb Community Park - N. Jones & Park Dr.

Holmstrom Park - S. Main and Redford



Finnup Park

Located at 403 S. 4th St., the park encompasses 110 acres and includes recreation for all interests. Scattered throughout the park, visitors will find the World's Largest Concrete Municipal Swimming Pool, Lee Richardson Zoo, Finnup Center for Conservation Education, picnic areas, horseshoe pits, tennis courts and the Museum.

Finnup Center for Conservation Education

The Finnup Center for Conservation Education is a state-of-the-art facility which helps the Zoo fulfill its primary mission of education. The beautifully crafted center is named for its benefactor, the Finnup family, long time supporters of the Zoo and Finnup Park.



Completed in the spring of 1996, the facility houses the Zoo's administrative and education divisions. Two classrooms, a large meeting room/auditorium, an interactive television studio and a hallway full of interactive learning stations introduce the wonders of nature to over 15,000 students of all ages annually. Teleconferencing capabilities are available with sufficient lead time.

A showplace for both the Zoo and Garden City, the Finnup Center is a must-see for visitors and locals alike. Open weekdays 8 am - Noon and 1- 5pm and closed weekends and most major holidays. The Finnup Center is open afternoons on summer weekends as volunteer staff is available.

**Pool Hours: 1-6 weekdays;
1-7 weekends from Memorial
Weekend through mid-August.
Fee: Ages 0-100 \$2; Slide Pass \$1.
Phone: 620-276-1255 or 276-1200**

*Our "little"
swimming hole
was hand dug in
1922 and is about
half a city block
in size. In 2006
new water slides
were added.*

Celebrate Kansas



Finney County Museum *Preserving the Past to Enlighten the Future*

The Finney County Museum is located at 403 S. 4th Street, at the entrance to Lee Richardson Zoo. The museum features permanent and revolving exhibits, community programs, educational tours and extensive research facilities.

The museum grounds feature the Pleasant Valley One-Room Schoolhouse c. 1890, and the Fulton House, the 1884 home of William D. and Luticia Fulton, plus charming flower and herb gardens. These buildings are available for scheduled tours.

Located off the exhibit hall, a unique gift shop is filled with Kansas memorabilia, educational gifts, old-fashioned toys, Victorian Greeting cards, history books, and a wide range of items representing the diversity of the region.

Open 7 Days a Week
(except Thanksgiving,
Christmas and New Years)

Hours:

Memorial Day - Labor Day

10 am - 5 pm •

Monday-Saturday

1 pm - 5 pm • Sunday

Winter Hours

1 pm - 5 pm daily

Suggested donation:

Adults - \$2.00

Children - \$1.00

620-272-3664

Email: fico.historical@gcnet.com

Fulton House Tours and School House Tours

During the week please
call ahead 272-3664 and
Saturday/Sunday drop in
tours from 1-5pm.



www.finnecounty.org/history





Lee Richardson Zoo

The Lee Richardson Zoo, located in Finnup Park, offers beautiful grounds and fascinating creatures from all over the globe. Over 350 animals are displayed within the 47-acre grounds. The Zoo is designed for fun, learning and discovery and is accessible by foot, car or bicycle. Pedestrians are admitted free, while non-member vehicles pay a nominal admission fee.



From huge elephants to the tiniest of birds, the Zoo offers a wonderful variety of species. Visit the Wild Asia exhibit, featuring Asian plants, architecture and animals. Don't miss the Kansas Waters Exhibit featuring North American River otters.



The Zoo takes an active role in global conservation programs aimed at protecting many rare and endangered species. Look for the Species Survival Plan symbol throughout the Zoo indicating species involved in our conservation program.

Tours and programs are available at no cost through the education division. Trained Zoo Docents (volunteer teachers) share their knowledge about the Zoo and its inhabitants. Advance reservations are required.

The Safari Shoppe is the place to shop for souvenirs, food, T-shirts and gifts. All profits go toward Zoo improvements.

ZOO HOURS:
April 1 - Labor Day
8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Day after Labor Day
March 31
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Closed Thanksgiving,
Christmas and New
Years Day
(620) 276-1250

Sand & Sage Bison Range

Formerly known as the Finney Game Refuge – is located south of the river bridge on Bus. U.S. 83. The range is 3,670 acres of sandsage prairie biome. Not only is this area noted for its unique vegetative character, but it is also home to the oldest publicly owned bison herd in Kansas. The herd was started when the state received one bull and two cows from an Oklahoma preserve in 1924. Other animals inhabiting the refuge are: burrowing owls, lesser prairie chickens, ground squirrels, quail, jackrabbits and deer.

The refuge is managed by the Kansas Wildlife Parks and Tourism. Tours are available through the Friends of Sandsage Bison Range. Call (620) 276-9400 and leave a message.



The Arts Center on Main

318 N. Main

Located in the heart of downtown, the Arts Center on Main offers an

intriguing array of

fine art, photography, textile and other revolving art exhibits for all tastes. In addition, the center conducts art classes for all ages and has a delightful gift gallery featuring one of a kind art and jewelry. The Arts Center is operated by Garden City Arts.

Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 1 p.m.- 5 p.m. & Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

620-260-9700 • gardencityarts@gmail.com



Mercer Gallery

801 N. Campus - Mercer Gallery is located in the west wing of the Pauline Joyce Fine Arts Building at Garden City Community College. The campus is on the east side of Garden City, West of Campus Drive and South of Kansas Ave. Mercer Gallery is free to the public during exhibition dates throughout the college academic year.

For schedule log onto: www.gcccks.edu/artsp/perform/merc or call 620-276-9644, Brian McCallum, Gallery Director

Hours: Monday-Friday, Noon-4p.m. & Sunday, 2-5p.m. September through May.

The gallery observes regular campus holiday and vacation periods.



*The Windsor Hotel is owned by the
Finney County Preservation Alliance.
Tours by appointment. Call 620-275-4340
www.gardencity.net/windsor*

Windsor Hotel

Located at Main and Pine Streets, this historic four story hotel was often referred to as the "Waldorf of the Prairies". In 1887, John A. Stevens built the hotel next to his Opera House, constructed the year before in 1886 (The Opera House was razed in 1953). The Windsor was built of native stone and brick kilned locally. The hotel contained 125 rooms and one bathroom. Gas chandeliers lit the hotel until 1898 when electricity was installed.

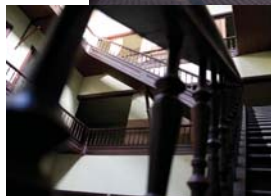
The most remarkable feature of the hotel is an interior court in the center of the mezzanine.

The atrium on the second floor extends upward for three stories and is topped by a vaulted skylight. Balconies with mahogany balustrades surround the court on three sides; and the graceful stairways on the fourth side converge on the central court floor.

The second floor of the hotel contained the large parlors, dining room, the Presidential Suite and John Stevens' private living quarters. The suite opened onto the court and folding doors provided direct access to the Opera House.

The Presidential Suite was a series of three rooms overlooking Main Street. One room was large enough to hold three large beds with room to spare. The most distinctive feature was a solid cherry wood fireplace decorated with hand painted Italian tile. It was reported that Lillian Russell, Eddie Foy, Buffalo Bill Cody and Jay Gould enjoyed the stately comforts of the Presidential Suite. In April of 1972, the Windsor was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. It was closed as a hotel in 1977.

Because of its historic importance to local and state history, the Windsor Hotel is currently listed by the Kansas Preservation Alliance as one of the top five most endangered buildings in the state. Restoration plans are currently underway.



"Waldorf of the Prairies"



Garden City Recreation Commission

The Recreation Commission is a political subdivision of the City of Garden City, Kansas, created and existing under and by virtue of the statutes of the state of Kansas. We are managed by a policy making board. Our mission is to provide recreational opportunities to enhance the quality of life for the people of our community by promoting social interaction and productive use of leisure time. Annually, we host programs in the area of sports, fitness, aquatics and arts & leisure. In 2009, we served 147,229 participants in our programs. Our motto is:

Come Play with Us!

The Garden City Recreation Commission provides seasonal programs in Adult Sports, Youth Sports Camps, Fitness Programs, Wellness Center & Gymnasium, Leisure Activities, Music/Concerts, and Community Theatre. Providing such a long list of programs requires the support of the Garden City Community for the facilities we maintain and schedule for the City of Garden City. Staff programs 15 baseball/softball fields, 2 – 15 acre soccer parks, Dog Park, tennis complex consisting of 8 courts, outdoor basketball/Futsal courts, Recreation Center, and the all famous “Big Pool.” We also have the support of USD 457 and the Garden City Community College in utilizing their great facilities.

Thank you for supporting the Garden City Recreation Commission.

620-276-1200



YMCA

History and Service Area

The Garden City Family YMCA dates back to 1964 when the association was formed. The land (5 acres) was donated at a central location and the first building was constructed in 1971. A second addition was constructed in 1974.

A third addition was constructed in 1980. A fourth addition was constructed in 1996. A fifth addition was constructed in 2010. The service area includes Finney County with Garden City as the hub.

Other communities include Deerfield, Sublette, Ingalls, Holcomb, Pierceville, Scott City, and Lakin. Garden City is the largest growing city in southwest Kansas. The population is approximately 36,000. Including the surrounding areas, our service area has close to 45,000 people.

620-275-1199



Airport Raceway

Location: 11 miles east of Garden City on Hwy. 50 • 620-369-0062

Hours: Races run from May through September, every other Saturday Gates open and hot laps - 6:00 p.m. - Races - 8:00 p.m.

Watch the excitement of modified midget race cars speeding toward the finish line at this well maintained fifth-mile high bank dirt track. The speed and quick action of modified midget racing make it an excellent spectator sport. Speeds reach as much as 70 mph on the 1/5 mile oval course. A fun way to spend the evening for the entire family! Concession stand offers refreshments. For race schedule and more information log onto: www.airportraceway.com.



Walking Tour



1 Sunnyland - 501 N 5th -
Built in 1909 for the D.R. Menke family, this grand home held modern innovations like central vacuuming, several plush bathrooms and a ballroom on the third floor. Menke and his family came to Garden City in August of 1878 and opened the first general store. At the time of their arrival, there were but two buildings in town. He was the first postmaster, installed the first telephones and built the town's first electric light plant.

2 508 N 6th - Ciddie Fulton Stevens, daughter of William and Luticia Fulton - town founders, made this Colonial Revival style house her home after her husband, John Stevens, passed away. This house is especially noted for its refurbished carved trim of Ionic colonnades on the wood pedestals, an original front door with oval plate glass, painted wood floors and honey-oak staircases.

3 902 N 6th - Built in 1907 by J.D. Garloch at an estimated cost of \$6,031 for lawyer and Senator William H. Thompson. It is commonly known as the "Senator Thompson house" and is of Neoclassic style with Queen Anne influences and Greek Revival details. It is the only house representative of this style in Garden City and one of the few that maintains a high degree of architectural and structural integrity and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

4 508 N 7th - Built in 1902, this was the original home of R.M. Lawrence who came to Garden City in 1887 to establish a coal business. He was the first president of the Industrial Club, a forerunner of the Chamber of Commerce. Lawrence played an instrumental part in bringing the sugar beet factory to Garden City.

5 Silk Stocking Row - Recently named to the National Register of Historic Places, this row of homes (901 N 7th, 907 N 7th, 909 N. 7th, & 911 N. 7th) were built by people (ranchers, businessmen, and civic leaders) who were involved in the development of Garden City and Finney County. It is called "Silk Stocking Row" because of the elegant nature of the residences. The houses are significant for the architectural styles representing Colonial Revival and Prairie School.

6 Stevens Park - Main and Pine - John A. Stevens, one of the city founders and Civil War veteran, gave this land to the county originally for a permanent courthouse. In 1891, the citizens failed to vote bonds for a courthouse and after discussion with Stevens, it was designated as a public park. The park truly took hold in 1905, with a donated fund of \$250 for improvements. The concrete band shell was added in 1931, replacing the wooden frame one. The Cannon that rests in Stevens Park was aboard the battleship California during the Civil War.

7 Windsor Hotel - Main and Pine - This four story hotel was sometimes referred to as the "Waldorf of the Prairies". In 1887, John A. Stevens built the hotel next to the Opera House (the Opera House no longer exists). It was built of native stone and brick kilned locally. It contained 125 rooms, no closets and few bathrooms. The most remarkable feature of the hotel is an interior court in the center of the mezzanine, with a full length skylight at its vaulted ceiling. Balconies of carved mahogany balustrades surround the court on three sides. In April of 1972, the Windsor was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. It was closed as a hotel in 1977.

8 Buffalo Block - The building at the corner of Main and Grant (north side), known as "Jones Marble Block", was built in 1885 by C.J. "Buffalo" Jones. The Buffalo Hotel, located on the second floor, almost immediately outgrew its quarters. In 1886, Jones built the building to the west and moved the hotel operation. Both buildings were constructed of white stone quarried at Kendall, Kansas.

9 Grant and Lincoln Buildings - On 8th street at the end of Grant Avenue. Notice the dates and names on the top of each building.

10 Courthouse - 500 block N 8th - The first courthouse in Finney County was built in October, 1885, at this location. The county soon outgrew this small building and in 1902 was moved to a larger building at 113 South Main Street until the present courthouse was built in 1929. C.J. "Buffalo" Jones Statue in front of the courthouse describes highlights of Jones' life inscribed on the base.

Ninth Street Finnpup Family Residences

Frederick Finnpup and family moved to Garden City in 1879. He invested in the town by purchasing deeds to operate a lumber yard and a furniture and clothing store. The family prospered in the land business and were generous to the community with gifts of land and other assets. The homes are located:

11 401 N 9th Street - Purchased by George Finnpup in 1902.

12 405 N 9th Street - "Finnup House". This house is available for small group meetings. Call 276-3032.

13 501 N 9th Street - "Cedar Cliff". Built for Edward Finnpup.

14 510 N 9th Street - Edward and Marie Finnpup's first home.

15 515 N 9th Street - Possibly one of Garden City's oldest homes, still in its original location, this remodeled home was the homestead residence of C. J. "Buffalo" Jones.

16 103 N Main - The granite marker at this site identifies the location of the United States Land Office, established in 1883.

17 Hope House - 1112 Gillespie Place. The one and one-half story Bungalow style house was built in 1908 by E. F. McCombs, a cashier at the sugar beet factory and purchased by Clifford Hope in 1921. Clifford R. Hope served in the U.S. House of Representatives longer than any member from Kansas to date. The Hope House, owned by Clifford, Jr. and Dolores Hope, has been home to three generations of the Hope family.

18 Bungalow Historic District - 1000 block of North 4th Street. The Bungalow Historic District is associated with the period between 1925 and 1930 as southwest Kansas, particularly Garden City, continued to experience prosperity and population growth. This historic district comprises a group of four Craftsman style bungalows.

19 Sabine Hall - Located on the corner of 8th and Jones, this building was named for Dr. Andrew Sabine, an early Finney County medical doctor and school board member. Built in 1910, it has housed the junior college, high school, junior high, and is now being used as apartments. It is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.



Finney County Driving Tour

☉ **Finnup Park** - Land for the park was donated to the city in 1919 by George Finnup in memory of his father, Frederick, an early pioneer.

Located in Finnup Park:
Finney County Historical Museum - (see page 6)

Historical Marker - Located south of the "Big" Pool, this marker notes the Arkansas River was a national boundary line from 1805-1845.

Pleasant Valley School House - Located west of the Museum, one-room schools like this were typical in early-day Finney County. Open by appointment through the Museum.

William D. Fulton Home - Located south of the museum, the home was relocated in 2004 from its original location at 404 North 7th. The William D. Fulton family moved into this house from their homestead in September of 1884. William and his brother, James, were the first to file on land in (Sequoyah) Finney County in 1879. Open by appointment through the Museum.

Lee Richardson Zoo - (see page 7)

☉ **Sandsage Bison Range and Wildlife Area** - Located south of the river bridge on Bus. US 83. Tours are available by appointment. (see page 7)

☉ **Point of Rocks** - Located east of Garden City on US 50 to Raceway Road (turn south) and travel to the dead end (turn east) on River Road for 2 miles. Point of Rocks is on the north side of the road and is across from the Weldon Outdoor Classroom. It is on private property. Travelers used this elevated outcropping of rocks as a landmark for the Santa Fe Trail.

☉ **Two Ghost Towns** - Ravanna and Eminence were both thriving towns in the 1880's. There was fierce rivalry between the two for the permanent location of the Garfield County seat. During the process, the area was surveyed and found to have less than the 432 square miles required for organization. As a result, the area was annexed to Finney County in 1893 and Ravanna and Eminence eventually died out.

Ravanna - Granite marker on K-156. Located 24 miles East of Garden City on K-156, 7 miles North on K-23 and 4 miles East on Lake Rd. The ruins on the north side of the road (on private property) are what remain of the school house.

Eminence - Located East on K-156, turn north at first turn after mile marker 21, continue 2 miles to a dead end, East 1/2 mile, North 1 mile, 1/4 mile East to stone school house. The school house is now used as a farm shop. It is on private property.





☉ Beersheba Historical Marker

- Beersheba, the first Jewish agricultural colony in Kansas, was founded in 1882 in an attempt to help Eastern European Jews establish agricultural careers. It was located on the Pawnee Creek, about 22 miles northeast of Cimarron near present-day Kalvesta. The marker commemorating this unusual bit of western Kansas history is located at the junction of Kansas Highway 23 and Kansas Highway 156.

☉ Sugar Beet Factory - W. Fulton

- The factory opened in 1906, reviving the economy. Irrigation ditches dug in the 1880's were enlarged and used to water the sugar beets. It closed in 1955.

☉ **Jewish Cemetery** - Located 4 miles north of Kansas Ave on US 83, 4 miles west (SE corner of Chmelka & Lowe Roads). There are 4 grave sites visible. This land was permanently deeded for a cemetery in 1892.

☉ **Holcomb** - Located 6 miles west of Garden City on US 50. Until 1910, this settlement was known as Sherlock, the official mail stop for this area until the Fultons persuaded the railroad to stop in Garden City.

☉ **Pierceville** - Located 12 miles east of Garden City on US 50. This first settlement in Sequoyah County was a headquarters for a ranch. The original townsite was destroyed by fire during an Indian Raid in 1874.



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Because of our ag industries, we attract ethnic groups from all over the world. Here you can enjoy celebrations of German, Irish, Hispanic, Vietnamese and American heritage.



Beef Empire Days

First two full weeks in June - For over 40 years, Beef Empire Days has celebrated the cattle industry in Southwest Kansas. The goals of the event are not only to advance the production and quality of beef and continue the education and promotion of beef, but to bring the community and region together through more than 30 events geared to the industry, the arts, the athletes and the citizens of the High Plains. For more information log onto their website:

www.beefempiredays.com or call the Beef Empire Days office, 620-275-6807.

Tumbleweed Festival

In late August - For over 20 years, the Tumbleweed Festival has thrilled visitors with the amazing range of talented musicians and entertainers that takes place in the beautiful setting of Lee Richardson Zoo. Surrounded by serene landscaping and exotic animals, the festival has featured professional groups playing jazz, rock, Latino, South American, Caribbean, Zydeco, folk, bluegrass, a capella and much more. In addition to national talent, the festival boasts its local and regional musicians as well as a stage and huge tent devoted to children's entertainment and art. Demonstrating artisans, strolling entertainers and a huge array of food booths round out the festival.

For information call the Finney County CTB, 800-879-9803.

www.tumbleweedfestival.com

Cinco de Mayo

The Fifth of May celebrates the victory of the Mexican people over the French invasion on May 5, 1862. Garden City celebrates with a parade and activities in the evening that includes food and music.

Fiesta!

In the early 1900s, Hispanic immigrants came to the Garden City area to work in the sugar beet fields and on the railroad. Fiesta is a celebration of the day the battle for independence from Spain began on September 16, 1810. Fiesta is now celebrated on the weekend nearest that date. Activities include a queen coronation, parade, a festival with food, dancing, music and piñatas in Stevens Park and a community dance.

Tet Nguyen-Dan/The New Year

The people of Vietnam use the Chinese calendar system, based on the moon and celebrate when their new year or Tet, starts at the second new moon after the beginning of winter, usually between January and February 20. The Garden City Vietnamese community organizes an event to celebrate Tet that includes performances by the Dragon Dancers, fan and umbrella dancers, singing, and other entertainment. A huge buffet of traditional Vietnamese food is served. Children attending the festivities receive gifts of money called li xi (lie see) which come in small red envelopes. This is a fun, energetic and educational event!





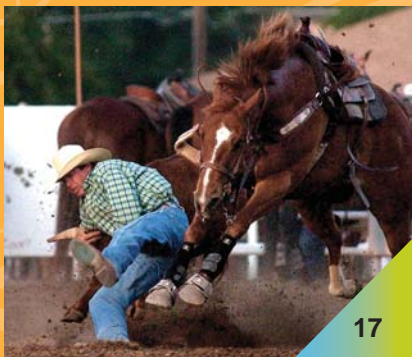
Hot Air Balloon Classic

The Annual Garden City Hot Air Balloon Classic attracts balloonists from five states and over 4,000 people attend this Classic Event. This weekend is sure to entertain and delight spectators from near and far. Balloons will launch (weather permitting) on Friday evening as well as Saturday and Sunday mornings. Typically they launch very early in the mornings around 7:00 a.m. to avoid strong winds. Saturday evening the Balloons will remain tethered and on the ground but will inflate after dark for a magnificent Balloon Glow. Contact the Finney County Convention & Tourism Bureau for more information at 800-879-9803.



Finney County Fairgrounds

The Finney County Fairground facilities offer something for everyone. Rodeo and stable facilities, concerts, meeting rooms, trade fairs, art and craft shows, and a full service grandstand and arena. Additionally, 500 RV spaces are available on site. Come join in the fun at the Annual Finney County Fair at summers end. For an events schedule please call 620-272-3844.





Art in the Park & FallFest

If you like arts and crafts you'll love the annual Art in the Park, hosted by the Sandhills Art Association. A Garden City tradition, beginning in 1969, this event attracts thousands to beautiful Stevens Park to purchase and admire original creations crafted by artists from several states. Food booths, children's art activities and a lovely, shaded park provide an enjoyable experience for all. Held in mid September to coincide with Fall Fest in downtown Garden City. For more information call 800-879-9803.

The prairie tradition of celebrating the fall harvest manifests itself today in Garden City Downtown Vision's FallFest held the third Saturday in September. Combining local and area arts and crafts folk with food vendors offering an international assortment of tasty samples, FallFest also tags talented musicians and other performers of all ages to entertain the over 5,000 people who come to take in the sights, sounds, tastes, and fun associated with this Main Street event. Add in the Nasduck 500 duck races for cash prizes, Buck-a-Duck races for kids under age 11, games, face painting, model train display, tours of the historic Windsor Hotel and you have an autumn Fest-for-All!

Boo! at the Zoo

Boo! At the Zoo attracts thousands of children and families to the zoo to show off their Halloween costumes and gather treats from dozens of treat stops while enjoying entertainment AND the zoo animals in a safe environment. Usually held the third weekend in October. 620-276-1250

Please see the back cover for a complete listing of events for Garden City!





Agri-Tourism

Irsik and Doll Feedyard: 8220 East Hwy. 50 • 620-275-7131 Contact office for tour reservations.

Drussel Seed Cleaning: Located at 2197 W. Parallel Rd. (take Hwy 83 south to Parallel Road and turn west, follow signs) • 620-275-2359 • It's a fascinating tour when seed cleaning time comes around in the fall months.

Windriver Grain:

2750 E. Hwy 50 • 620-275-2101
The #1 shipper in U.S. of bulk grain, over 20 million bushels of wheat, milo and corn are annually exported. Storage capacity of the elevator is 1.2 million bushels and all grain comes from within a 110 mile radius. Tours by appointment only.



Agriculture: We have it all –cowboys working in feedyards, milk dairies, irrigation, grain elevators, hunting and farm production, including hay, corn and wheat. Explore the innovative and interesting workings of modern agriculture.

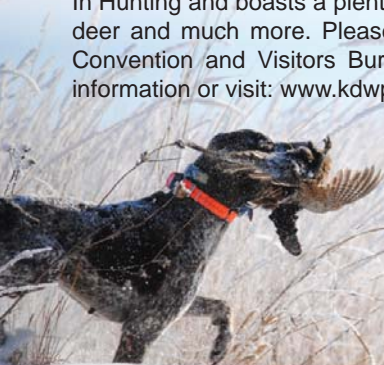
Plymell Dairy: 10500 S. Road 14 • 620-272-9333

Milking dairies are one of the newest ag industries on the high plains. There are now 17 dairies in Southwest Kansas and tours are available for the general public. Tours by appointment only.

Tyson Fresh Meats: 3105 N. IBP Road • Holcomb • 620-277-2614

Formerly IBP, this beef packing plant is one of the world's largest. The plant employs 3,000 people and slaughters 6,000 head of cattle a day. Tours are available on a restricted basis.

Hunting: Finney County has many acres devoted to Walk-In Hunting and boasts a plentiful supply of pheasant, quail, deer and much more. Please contact the Finney County Convention and Visitors Bureau for a packet of hunting information or visit: www.kdwp.state.ks.us





Golf

Buffalo Dunes

5685 S. Hwy 83

(620) 276-1210

Few communities of Garden City's size can boast two regulation golf courses within a couple of miles of town. While the country club course is one of the best around, this municipal course is also considered to be among the top facilities.

In 2009, Golf Digest ranked Buffalo Dunes the #1 municipal course in the USA.

www.buffalodunes.org



Par: 72

Length:

Back tees: 6,767

Middle tees: 6,443

Ladies' tees: 5,598

Course Rating:

Back tees: 72.5

Middle tees: 70.9

Ladies' tees: 72.0

Hole Breakdown:

Par 3s: 4

Par 4s: 10

Par 5s: 4

Local rules:

Fences bordering the course are out-of-bounds.

Ball lying close to small trees with stakes may be moved one club length, not nearer the hole, without penalty.

Rules:

USGA rules govern all play except modified by local rules.

Red stakes:

Lateral water hazards

Course specifics:

Green: bent grass

Fairways: bluegrass

Practice areas:

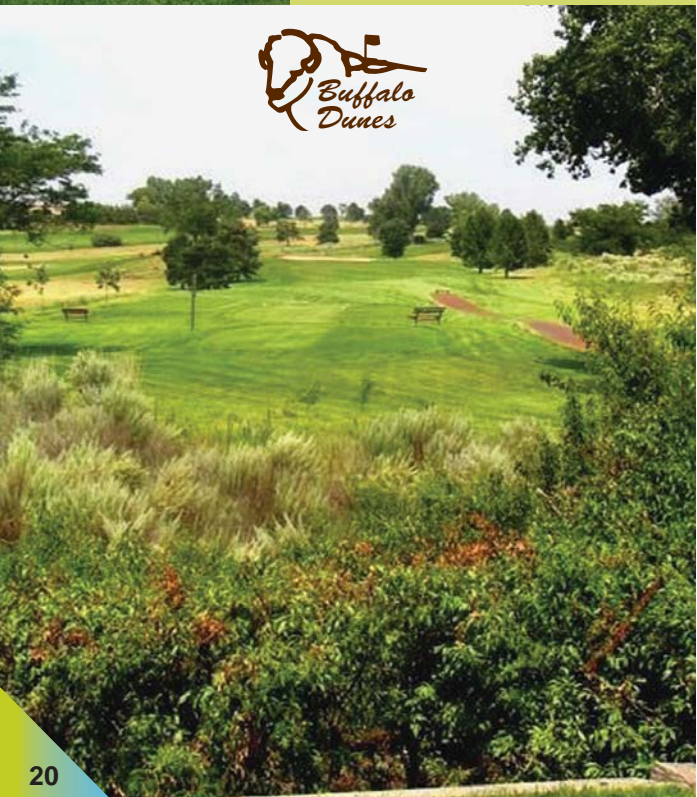
Driving range, putting green and sand trap

Irrigation:

Covers entire course, underground

Cost: \$20.00 weekdays; \$25.00 weekends and holidays

Reservations required: 620-276-1210





The Golf Club at Southwind

77 Grandview Dr. • (620) 275-4080

There's a reason for the name of The Golf Club at Southwind. The course was opened in 1980 with one over-riding factor in mind: in southwest Kansas, the wind blows from the south, often and hard. Taking that into account, the course was laid out in the rolling sandhills south of Garden City to take advantage of the conditions.

This country club is always one of the highest rated courses in the state. It features a rarity in Kansas, bentgrass greens, fairways and tee boxes. Golfers rave about the conditions and speed of the greens and overall course conditions. The stretch of the back nine that play into the prevailing southwind is as strenuous of a test of golf as anybody is looking for, and features the double dog leg par 5 15th that leaves many golfers mumbling to themselves.

The Golf Club at Southwind is the host course for the Southwest Kansas Pro-Am Tournament. Many of today's PGA Tour players have played the course in the tournament during their starting years as a professional.

The Club has a 400,000 gallon pool that is a popular spot for the members in the hot summer months. It also hosts many banquets, wedding receptions and other parties in their large dining rooms.

www.tgcsouthwind.com

Golden Locket

(620) 275-1953

Par: 36

Length:

Mens' tees: 3,189

Ladies' tees: 2,807

Hole Breakdown:

Par 3s: 2

Par 4s: 5

Par 5s: 2

Rules: USGA rules govern play except as modified by local rules posted in the clubhouse.

Course specifics:

Greens: bent grass

Fairways: blue grass

Par: 71

Length:

Back tees: 6,935

Middle tees: 6,332

Ladies' tees: 5,392

Course rating / slope

Back tees: 74.4/136

Middle tees:

72.0 / 130

Ladies' tees:

72.9 / 129

Hole Breakdown:

Par 3s: 5

Par 4s: 9

Par 5s: 4

Rules:

USGA rules govern play.

White stakes:

out-of-bounds

Yellow stakes:

water hazard

Red stakes: lateral

water hazard

Course specifics:

Greens: bent grass

Fairways: bent grass

Practice areas: driving

range, putting green

and sand trap.

Irrigation: covers entire

course, underground

Reciprocate with other private clubs:

620-275-4080



Lodging

Letters next to each location correspond with the red circled letters on the map on pages 12 & 13.

A AmericInn Lodge & Suites

620-272-9860 • 800-634-3444 • fax:620-272-0909
www.americinn.com • americinn@odsgc.net
3020 E. Kansas Ave

Rooms: 72

- Two Meeting Rooms; 35 and 60, catering allowed
- Whirlpool / Fireplace Suites / Guest Laundry
- Indoor Pool/Whirlpool Recreation Area / Exercise Room
- Rates include a hot breakfast
- Free High Speed Internet
- Discounts at local restaurants

B Best Value Inn

888-315-2378 • 620-275-5095
bestvalueinnngcty@aol.com
www.bestvalueinn.com • 1818 Commanche
Rooms: 76

- Deluxe continental breakfast / Suites / Restaurants nearby
- Lounge / Laundry facilities • Outdoor Pool

C Best Western Red Baron Hotel & Conference Center

800-333-4164 • 620-275-4164 • fax:620-275-6667
For GPS location: 2205 East Fulton Ave.

E. Hwy 50 & 83 Bypass

Rooms: 65

- Check In: 1 p.m. Check Out: 1 p.m.
- Guest Laundry
- Free High Speed Internet / Outdoor Swimming Pool
- King and Queen Beds / breakfast bar / deluxe rooms with refrigerator / microwaves / coffeemaker / 27" tvs with HBO & ESPN / heated outdoor pool / guest laundry

D Clarion Inn & Conference Center

800-875-5201 • 620-275-7471
sales@gclarioninn.com • 1911 E. Kansas Ave

Rooms: 109

- Indoor Pool, Exercise Room
- Banquet Facilities / Complimentary hot breakfast
- Copy, Fax & ATM Machines available
- Samy's Spirits & Steakhouse

E Comfort Inn

800-424-6423 • 620-275-5800 • fax:620-276-2204
gmks0732@choicehotel.com
2608 E. Kansas Ave

Rooms: 62

- Continental Breakfast / Exercise room and Guest Laundry
- King Suites, with in-room Whirlpool / High Speed Internet
- Indoor Pool and Hot Tub, and Steam Spa Sauna
- Meeting Room accommodates up to 75 people
- Full hot deluxe breakfast / full service lounge / complimentary evening snack

F Continental Inn

800-621-0318 • 620-276-7691
1408 Jones Ave

Rooms: 54

- All Deluxe Units w/ Refrigerators / Complimentary Coffee
- Restaurant on Site w/ Room Service Available
- Remote TV w/ HBO / Heated Outdoor Pool
- Meeting Facilities – seats 60 / Fax & Copy Service

G Dusty Trails

2808 North Taylor Avenue
620-805-6330
www.dustytrailinn.com

Rooms: 60

- Complimentary Breakfast / Restaurants Nearby
- Free Local Calls / Fax/Copy Machine
- Cable TV w/ HBO / In-Room Movies / Recliners in Kings
- Microwaves & refrigerators available on

request

- WiFi available • Pet friendly • Senior Rates

H Flamingo Motel

620-276-7601 • 1612 Jones Ave

- Affordable Weekly Rates / Senior & Commercial Discounts
- Free HBO and Cable TV / King & Queen Size Beds
- Restaurants nearby

I Garden City Inn

800-826-0784 • 620-276-7608

1202 W. Kansas Ave

Rooms: 43

- Continental Breakfast / Restaurants nearby
- Remote TV w/ cable & HBO / All King & Queen Size Beds
- Computer Data Ports / Free Local Calls
- Transportation to and from Airport, Bus, and Train Services

J Hampton Inn

800-426-7866 • 620-272-0454

www.hamptoninn.com • 2505 E. Crestway Dr

Rooms: 83

- Meeting Room
- Exercise Room
- High Speed Internet
- Continental Breakfast

K Holiday Inn Express

800-HOLIDAY • 620-275-5900

info@gardencityks.hiexpress.com

2502 E. Kansas

Rooms: 69

- All King & Queen Beds / Comp. Breakfast Bar
- Suites with Refrig/Microwave/Coffeemaker & Wetbar
- 27" Color TV w/ HBO & ESPN / Indoor Pool & Whirlpool
- Exercise Facility & Game Room / Guest Laundry / Meeting Room

L National 9 Inn

800-333-4164 • 620-275-0677

123 Honeybee Court

Rooms: 34

- King & Queen Beds / Ratings: AAA 2 Diamonds
- Next to Red Baron 24 hour restaurant
- Remote Control TV w/ HBO / Outdoor Swimming Pool

M New Sunflower Inn and Suites

620-276-2387 • 800-333-2387

fax: 620-276-4252

www.wheatlands.com • 1311 E. Fulton St

Rooms: 107

- Free Breakfast / Guest Laundry
- Outdoor Swimming Pool / Exercise Room
- Fax/Copy Service / Free High Speed Internet Access

N Sunnyland Bed & Breakfast

866-453-0500 • 620-276-0500

www.sunnylandbandb.com • 501 N. 5th

Rooms: 7

- Bedrooms each have private bathroom and T.V.
- Full breakfast served

O RJ's RV Park, LLC

620-276-8741 • 4100 E. Highway 50

- Sites – 64 • Tent Sites – 18 • Camping Cabins – 2
- RV Hook-ups / Drinking Water / Swimming Pool
- Showers / Restrooms / Store on site / Pets Allowed

P Finney County Fairgrounds

620-272-3844 • 501 S. 9th

- Sites – 500
- Dump Stations • RV Hookups
- Pets Allowed

Dining

American

Applebee's

3030 E. Kansas • 276-2244

Bob Hubers Farm Fresh Produce & Country Cafe

2006 E. Schulman • 620-276-8028

Bonnie's Kitchen/ Garden City Travel Plaza

1265 Solar Ave • 275-4404
(Open 24 hours)

Dillon's Servateria, 5 Points

1211 Jones Ave • 275-0151

Dillon's Servateria, Eastgate

1305 E. Kansas • 275-4274

Garden Cafe/The Scoop

2703 Taylor Ave • 275-1902

Golden Corral

1727 E. Kansas • 275-2254

Hanna's Corner

2603 Taylor Ave • 276-8044

Herb's Carry Out

110 W Kansas Ave • 276-8021

International House of Pancakes

2507 E. Crestway • 272-0000

Jax Sports Grille

1907 E. Mary • 272-9200

Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon

2306 E. Kansas • 271-0055

Fresh Bites Cafe

416 Main • 275-4455

Shooters of Garden City

2901 W Mary • 275-6332

The Thirsty Dawg

301 E. Jones Ave. • Holcomb
277-0919

Time Out Sports Lounge & Grill

1319 N. Taylor Ave • 275-8555

Traditions Soda & Sandwiches

121 Grant Ave • 275-1998

Wheat Lands Restaurant & Lounge

1408 E. Fulton • 276-2768

Asian

Dillon's Servateria, Eastgate

1305 E. Kansas • 275-4274

Golden Dragon

1106 Campus Drive • 275-8661

Jade Buffet

1505 E. Kansas • 271-9393

Lam Gia

902 E. Fulton • 272-0003

Pho Hoa One

713 E. Fulton • 276-3393

Thai Arawan

902 E. Fulton St. #A • 805-6280

Barbecue

Plank's BBQ, Burgers & Catering

912 E. Fulton • 276-2943

Coffee

Patrick Dugan's

301 N. Main • 271-9131

Starbucks

Located inside Target
2401 E. Kansas

Donuts

Daylight Donut

201 E. Kansas • 275-0633

Fast Food

A & W Drive In

3112 E. Kansas Ave
620-276-4459

Arby's Roast Beef

1719 E. Kansas Plaza •
275-0347

Burger King, East

2415 E. Kansas • 276-1815

Burger King, West

1601 N. Taylor Plaza • 271-0574

Kentucky Fried Chicken

2208 E. Kansas • 276-7868

Long John Silvers Seafood

205 E. Kansas • 275-9409

McDonald's, East

1106 E. Kansas Plaza • 275-1922

McDonald's, West

1106 Taylor Ave • 276-3311

Quizno's Classic Subs

210 E. Kansas • 275-7800

Sonic Drive In, East

1313 E. Kansas • 276-3838

Sonic Drive In, West

1212 Jones • 275-6414

Subway, East

2214 E Kansas Ave. • 276-3370

Subway, West

1320 Taylor • 276-3883

Taco Bell

2214 E. Kansas • 275-4411

Wendy's

1503 E. Kansas • 275-7178

Fine Dining

Samy's Spirits & Steakhouse

1911 E. Kansas • 275-7471

The Golf Club at Southwind

Hwy 83 South • 275-2117

Ice Cream

Baskin-Robbins

1521 E. Fulton • 275-9794

Dairy Queen

114 W. Kansas • 276-7022

Garden Cafe/The Scoop

2703 Taylor Ave • 275-1902

Traditions Soda & Sandwiches

121 Grant Ave • 275-1998

Italian

Napoli's Italian Restaurant

2215 S. Airservice
Municipal Airport • 271-1490

Mexican

Carniceria La Chiquita

622 N. 8th • 275-3120

El Camino

406 E. Kansas • 276-3323

El Conquistador Restaurant

1601 Jones Ave • 276-3836

El Rancho Café

Hwy 50 • Holcomb • 277-2238

El Remedio

1005 E. Fulton • 275-2132

El Zarape

12th & Fulton • 275-5401

Escarchadas-Escamochas Restaurant

1804 E. Kansas Ave • 275-1955

Guadalajara

305 E. Kansas Ave • 260-9114

La Playa Dorado-

The Golden Beach

212 W. Fulton • 260-9060

Las Maragaritas

301 B North Main • 271-9328

San Antonio Restaurant

1116 N. Taylor • 276-7457

Señor Ole

802 Campus • 276-4114

Tacos El Tapateo

1203 E. Fulton • 275-6462

Taco Salinas

306 W. Fulton • 276-9990

Tequilas

519 W. Mary Street • 275-4362

Pizza

Papa John's

1016 N. Main • 276-7272

Pizza Hut, East

208 E. Kansas • 275-4121

Pizza Hut, West

1627 Taylor Ave • 275-6616

Pizza Hut Delivery • 275-5555

CALENDAR of EVENTS

JANUARY

- Martin Luther King, Jr. special celebration and keynote speaker, Garden City Community College, third Monday
- Chamber Annual Banquet

FEBRUARY

- "Tet", Vietnamese New Year Event, depending on the lunar calendar, may be celebrated the end of January.
- Brown Bag Lunch at the Museum, Tuesdays
- Sand & Sage Collectors Show

MARCH

- Kennel Club Dog Show, first weekend
- WKBC RV Show, March, third weekend
- Taste of Home Cooking Show
- WKBC Home Show

APRIL

- GCCC Endowment Assoc. Auction, first Friday
- 5th Annual Chamber Wine Tasting Event, Earth Day Fair, Lee Richardson Zoo

MAY

- 3i Show – every odd year
- Cinco de Mayo

JUNE

- Beef Empire Days & Rodeo, first two weeks

JULY

- Municipal Concert & Fireworks, July 4
- IFCA Rodeo 7-10th Finney County Fairgrounds
- Colgate Country Show Down State Finals
- Freedom Parade

AUGUST

- Finney County Fair, first weekend
- Southwest Kansas Pro-Am Golf Tournament, first weekend
- Pond Tour, third Sunday
- Tumbleweed Festival, last weekend
- Hot Air Balloon Classic, last weekend
- Skys the Limit Championship BBQ Contest
- Mosaic Rock Concert

SEPTEMBER

- Mexican Fiesta, third weekend
- Oktoberfest, fourth weekend
- Fall Fest
- Art in the Park
- Banner Art Walk

OCTOBER

- Boo! At the Zoo, third weekend
- Western KS Antique & Craft Show, third weekend
- Laura's Legacy
- St. Catherines Gala

NOVEMBER

- Veterans / Patriot Parade, second Saturday
- Holiday Tour of Homes, Sat. before Thanksgiving
- Fantasy Tree Festival, Sat. before Thanksgiving
- Steven's Park Holiday Lighting, Sat. before Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

- Santa's Carnival, first weekend
- Holiday Parade, second Saturday evening
- Downtown Christmas Festivities, carriage rides, carolers, visits with Santa, Tuba Christmas Concert, etc.
- YumYum Shoppe
- Tuba Christmas

SEASONAL EVENTS:

- **Farmer's Market**, every Saturday June-Sept. Westlake Hardware Parking Lot, 1210 Fleming
- **Municipal Band Performances**, each Friday in June - July, 8 p.m., Stevens Park Bandshell
- **Stevens Park Concert Series**, each Sunday in June, July, August, 7:30 p.m.
- **Airport Raceway**, each Saturday May-Sept, 8 p.m., located 12 miles east on Hwy 50

**For more information about these events call
800-879-9803 or
www.gardencitychamber.net/ctb or
e-mail: ctb@gcnet.com**