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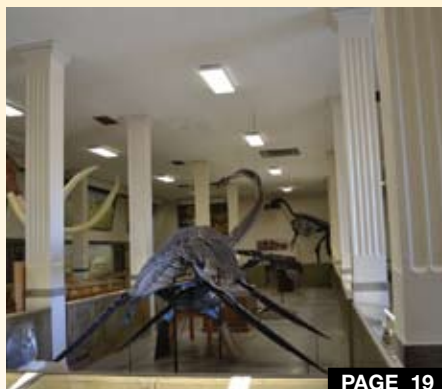
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If wondering through our lovely Zoo is not for you then let hit the greens for the best golf Kansas has to offer. Buffalo Dunes the municipal course was rated the number one municipal course in the nation by Golf Digest in 2009. This challenging regulation course is co-host the Southwest Kansas Pro-Am annually. Over 400 golfers come to Garden City the first week of August to compete in one Kansas longest running Pro-Am tournaments. The Golf Club at Southwind (co-host) is also a regulation golf course and host many events including weddings, banquets and much more in their large dining area. The Golf Club is also reciprocal with other country clubs.

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Elk City is the epitome of Oklahoma and its rich heritage. From the establishment of what was once a rural community in 1901, the development of Route 66 as the nation's first highway system to world champion cowboys, Elk City represents the heart of the great state of Oklahoma.

For entertainment, visitors can "get their kicks" at a variety of museums including the **National Route 66 Museum**, **Old Town Complex** and the one-of-a-kind **Transportation Museum** which gives a great education in the history of how automobiles, trains and plains impacted travel in the United States. **The Farm and Ranch Museum** showcases decades of equipment used to harvest crops in the second largest industry in the state and the **Blacksmith Museum** takes you back to a time forgotten.

Elk City also hosts plenty of events each year for tourists and visitors to enjoy. From the **Southwest Farm and Home Expo** in April, the award winning annual **PRCA Rodeo of Champions** on Labor Day weekend, the **Fall Festival** in September featuring the best in arts and crafts and the **Oklahoma National Ju-**

nior Heifer Show in November brings visitors from all over to showcase their stock. The largest Christmas light display in Southwest Oklahoma, **Christmas in the Park**, brings back old



fashioned family traditions with train rides on the candy cane express, old fashioned horse-drawn carriage rides, light tours and of course, kids of all ages enjoy riding the **Centennial Carousel** or the **Choctaw Miniature Train**.

Elk City's vibrant downtown shopping district boasts everything from

rustic cowboy décor to boutiques showcasing the latest in fashion. Make a day of shopping in Elk City during **Route 66 Days** in June, the **Sizzlin' Summer Sidewalk Sale** in July and scare up some frightful deals during **Moonlight Madness** in October.

Be sure to bring a hearty appetite as Elk City offers a variety of restaurants guaranteed to satisfy everyone from cowboys to city slickers. When you're ready to hang your hat, Elk City has over 850 rooms for the visitor to choose from.

Located on Interstate 40, Elk City's endless blue skies, rich rolling hills and red earth make this community a great place to hang your hat any time of year. So plan your trip to Elk City and let us share our Western Oklahoma's hospitality.

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Pecos, Texas

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There in the heart of West Texas sits the community of Pecos with a friendly western smile waiting to invite you to come in find the true cowboy in you.

With its rich history of cowboys and rodeo, Pecos has one of the best historical attractions in West Texas, the West of the Pecos Museum. Over 50 rooms occupying three floors of western heritage, artifacts and West Texas lore can be found in it describing the proud history that is the roots of this Pecos community and the surrounding area. Speaking of preserving history, just a couple of blocks south of the West of the Pecos Museum there is a place that exists just for the auto historians.



The Memory Lane Car Museum takes you back in time with their excellent antique auto collection for your enjoyment.

With Pecos also known as Home of the World's First Rodeo there is a certain pride in wearing cowboy boots on an everyday basis. Back in 1883, on Independence Day, local cowboys with great skill decided to compete in the world's first Rodeo right there in Pecos! Now, annually cowboys from all over gather in the historical Buck Jackson Arena to compete in Rodeo action for that coveted recognition four exciting nights in the West of the Pecos Rodeo. What a site it is! Visitors from all over the world travel to this laid back, friendly community to celebrate Rodeo heritage. And speaking of cowboys, located in the Pecos Area Chamber of Commerce/CVB is the Texas Rodeo Hall of Fame where cowboys from Pecos and the area have been inducted in recognition for their Rodeo accomplishments. While you are out in the west drop in for a visit, spend some time and walk away with your own western smile, compliments of Pecos, Texas.

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I've heard it said a number of times that it's all about location, location, location. Being centrally located an hour's drive between San Antonio and Austin, TX. Canyon Lake is certainly no exception to this statement with all its natural beauty, historic places and unique people. In the summer with the Guadalupe River flowing in and out of Canyon Lake, this area has always been known as the Water Recreation Capital of Texas. But now this area is also being known as a year round destination for good reason.



In the fall, the brilliantly reds, gold's and orange colors inspire the artist in everyone with a palette of colors that even the Catskills, the Great Smoky Mountains, and the Ozarks would envy. Now, imagine yourself in a small sailboat on a blue/ green water lake with a pleasantly cool breeze covering your body as your eyes take in the color of the surrounding Hill Country with the lone Bald Eagle circling above. Just as easily, you could find yourself in some waders in the middle of the Guadalupe River testing your fly rod skills against the rainbow trout waiting just below the surface.

Spring time at Canyon Lake is another season of color with many species of wildflower. Texas bluebonnets, Engelmann's daisy and Indian paintbrush along with other early bloomers give way to the later blooming but equally brilliant Mealy blue sage, Plains black-foot daisy, Coreopsis, Indian blanket, Mexican hat, just to name a few. This is a time of year when the dust is wiped from camera and video equipment and the family vehicle is readied for a road trip to capture the color of these spring season.

The summer months at Canyon Lake bring a different appeal. This season lends itself high energy activities such as swimming, diving, snorkeling, water skiing, wake boarding and tubing. If you'd rather slow things down a bit then seek the services of one of the many river outfitters to tube the Guadalupe. With 23 boat ramps, two marinas, bed & breakfasts and plenty of camping parks, you should be able to find a spot and activity that scratches your outdoor recreation itch.

The Guadalupe River and Canyon Lake, at least in my opinion, is a crown jewel of the Texas Hill Country. It's a place that brings a sense of peace and well being to visitors. It's a place where memories are made with family and friends. It's a place to observe, develop and enhance an appreciation of nature. It's a place where strangers can become friends and friends become family. We encourage you to give Canyon Lake a visit so that you can experience what many already know and love.

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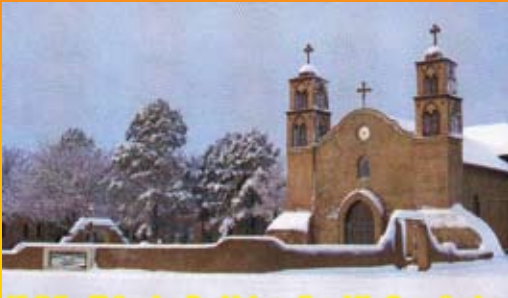
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The Museum of Geology is located on the campus of the esteemed South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. The Museum opened its doors in 1885, and has been collecting and displaying new specimens ever since.

Come and see our fascinating mounted skeletons of dinosaurs, mammals, marine reptiles, and fish! Dozens of rare fossils from the White River Badlands are arranged in age-specific dioramas. Our mineral displays include the Hall of South Dakota Minerals, meteorites, gold, and a fluorescent mineral room that's sure to fascinate. See our unique specimens from as far away as Antarctica.

We also feature a brand new exhibit on the history of the Museum in honor of our 125th Anniversary in 2010. It features items from the Museum's past including the Gold Medal diploma won at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair and the flag actually flown on the 1940 National Geographic Expedition. Learn about the Museum's past, present and future with this insightful display.

Don't miss the gift shop with a wide selection of toys, books, jewelry, mineral specimens, geology tools, and apparel. Free Admission, donations are always welcome! Guided tours are available for groups. Please call ahead to schedule, for more information and hours (605-394-2467). <http://museum.sdsmt.edu>

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Saratoga/ Platte Valley

By: Stacy Crimmins, Executive Director

In the pristine Platte Valley, you will find areas where you can hike without crowds, hear creeks rushing by, smell the scent of evergreens, or listen to aspens sway in the wind. Want more? Immerse yourself in the free hot pool, where legend has it that these waters were enjoyed by ancient Indian tribes.

Winding through the town of Saratoga is the Upper North Platte River. The Encampment River flows through Riverside and feeds into the Platte River. These rivers boast some of the best Blue Ribbon trout fishing anywhere.

Travel the boardwalk at the Storer-Saratoga Lake Wetland Project, nesting habitat to many bird species and adjacent to the popular Saratoga Lake. While in the area, you can tour the National Fish Hatchery.



Photo by: Noel Van Hayes

The Town of Encampment has a rich mining history, and at the Grand Encampment Museum, you can relive the past through colorful exhibits and authentic cabins. Displays and dioramas at the Saratoga Museum also illustrate times gone by, offering interpretive presentations as well as a beautiful outdoor pavilion.

Shopping the Valley is a unique opportunity with specialty shops to fill every need. Whether looking for something special for you, your family or your horse, you'll find it here.

The breathtaking Sierra Madre and Snowy Range Mountains majestically surround the Valley. Ideal for hiking, camping and wildlife gazing in the summer, these mountains are also perfectly suited for wintertime cross country skiers and snowmobilers with over 300 miles of groomed trails.

For more information about the Platte Valley and our community events, visit www.saratogachamber.info or call 307-326-8855.

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The Wyoming Military Department Museums

The last 12 years has seen the advent of two new museums in Wyoming. The Wyoming Veterans Memorial Museum in Casper and the Wyoming National Guard Museum in Cheyenne interpret a broad range of late 19th, 20th, and early 21st century Wyoming military history; focused on the service and sacrifice of Wyoming veterans and their families.



Visitors to the Wyoming Veterans Museum can experience over 50 individual veteran stories from the Spanish American War, through the World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, Cold War to the present Global War on Terror. The museum is located near the Casper/Natrona County International Airport, which occupies the site of the former World War Two Casper Army Air Base. This historical site offers interpretation about B-24 Liberator and B-17 Flying Fortress bomber crew training that prepared crews for action over Germany and Japan from 1942-1945.

The Wyoming National Guard Museum, founded in 2008 in Cheyenne, houses and exhibits the archives, photographs, film, and artifacts of Wyoming's rich National Guard heritage. From the early militias and rangers to the modern mechanized forces of the Army rocket artillery and the Air Guard's C-130 aircraft, the museum interprets the full range of National Guard units, mobilizations, and countless individual members.

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Wheatcroft Wins the 25th Albertsons Boise Open Presented By Kraft & Nabisco In Playoff

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Steve Wheatcroft, on the first playoff hole, calmly sank a 10 foot birdie putt to beat Steven Alker and win the 25th Albertsons Boise Open Presented by Kraft & Nabisco Web.com Tour event.



Starting the final round two strokes back of Alker, who held the 54-hole lead at a record 20 under par 193, Wheatcroft got off to a fast start by going birdie, birdie, eagle to take the lead in what would be one of the best back and forth final-round battles in the history of the tourney.

But Alker wasn't ready to give up. With birdies at the 9th and 10th holes, he moved back into a tie. Then when Wheatcroft bogeyed the 12th and 13th holes, Alker was back up by two again.

Wheatcroft fought back with a birdie at 14, then regained the lead when he birdied the 15th while Alker uncharacteristically 3-putted 15 for a bogey.

However, after both players reached the par-5 16th hole in two, Alker 2-putted for his birdie and it was Wheatcroft's turn to 3-putt. With only two holes left to go, they were both at 23 under par.

On the picturesque par-3 17th hole, Alker hit his short iron tee shot to 10 feet, putting all the pressure on Wheatcroft to respond. And he did. He hit his tee shot on the opposite side of the hole from Alker, and just 12 feet away.

Wheatcroft then buried his putt for a birdie, making Alker's 10 foot putt look more like 15-20 feet. But he calmly stroked his putt in for the birdie, sending both players to the par-4 18th hole all knotted up at 24 under par.

Both players put their approaches on the green, but both faced lengthy birdie putts. Wheatcroft lagged his putt to just a couple of feet away, and all eyes turned to Alker and held their collective breaths as Alker's birdie attempt to win the tourney looked good all the way, but stopped an agonizing two inches to the right of the cup. After both players tapped in for par, it was time for a playoff finish for just the fifth time in

the history of the tournament.

Both players hit the fairway of the 18th hole off the tee. Alker, first to play, hit his approach to about 25 feet, but with the hole on the upper tier at the back of the green, it would be a difficult uphill putt. Wheatcroft hit his second shot hole high, on that upper tier just 10 feet away.

After looking at his putt from several angles, Alker stroked it well, but it stopped two feet short. After marking his ball, it was time for Wheatcroft's heroics. Having hit his putt just minutes earlier on a similar line from farther away, he had a good idea of the line he needed.



That's when he sized up his putt and calmly stroked in the 10 footer or the win, and the \$144,000 winner's check that went with it.

Wheatcroft later said "There's something about this place." He's played the Albertsons Boise Open Presented By Kraft & Nabisco seven times now, making the cut every year and had finishes of T17 last year, tied for runner up 2 years ago, and has two other top-25 finishes.

Editor's Note: The Albertsons Boise Open Presented By Kraft & Nabisco is one of only four Web.com Tour events that has existed every year since the Tour's inception in 1990, originally the Ben Hogan Tour. Albertsons is the only sponsor to be the title sponsor for the same Web.com Tour event, and Hillcrest Country Club is the only venue to have hosted the same event every year for the 25 years, and Jeff Sanders has been the Executive Director for all 25 years.

And while the players make a good paycheck, especially if they win, the Boise Area Charities are the big winners – this year the amount raised for the charities was \$1,450,000. RH



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Ontario is the kind of laid-back town you dream about when you want to get away from the hectic schedule of a busy, big city lifestyle. It is a town where you will find the people are genuine,

authentic, friendly, and down to earth. It is a town with a fascinating history, rich traditions, and a diverse population.

Ontario boasts a myriad of recreational activities for all ages, interests and skill levels within driving distance from its downtown area. Here you can enjoy mountain biking, hiking, golfing, camping, sport fishing, bird watching, kayaking, river rafting, horseback riding and much more. Ontario is situated only two hours from four separate ski resorts including the world renowned Tamarack Ski Resort in Cascade Idaho. You can not only downhill ski to your heart's content, but also snowmobile, cross country ski and ice skate as well. There are also 61 acres of lush parks within the city, so there are many opportunities to just

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Veterans Memorial Museum—Chehalis, WA

Civil War Siege of Petersburg

On the July weekend of the 12th – 13th we will continue our recognition of the Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War. We will be having another large battle and encampment not far from the Museum. These are really exciting events as we watch the battle unfold, learn about life in the 1860's from the living historians and learn about the featured battle. This year's battle will focus on the Siege of Petersburg. This battle began in June of 1864 and featured a unique event where the Union forces dug a mine underneath the Confederate trenches to break the siege. The mine was filled with explosives and detonated on July 30th. A military debacle ensued when the Union troops ran headlong into the massive crater rather than going around it. For hours Confederate troops launched a counterattack that resulted in a "turkey shoot" as the Union troops could not climb out of the crater.

For this year's event we are working with the engineers to re-create the crater event. It will be a big BOOM! You won't want to miss this Civil War Battle!

Vietnam Traveling Wall

To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the beginning of the Vietnam War, the Veterans Memorial Museum will host "The American Veterans Traveling Tribute", commonly referred to as the Vietnam Traveling Wall, from July 31st to August 3rd, 2014. The Traveling Wall that will visit is the largest of the 5 around the country, 360' long and 80% of the size of the real Wall.

Six special programs will be held while The Wall is at the Veterans Memorial Museum.

Thursday – Laying of the Wreaths: 6:00 PM

Friday: Opening Ceremonies, 6:00 PM, Travis Wofford speaker

Saturday: Vietnam Remembrance Day, 11:00 AM, John Plaster speaker

Saturday: POW/MIA Remembrance Day, 4:00 PM

Sunday: Early Morning Community Church Service, 8:00 AM, Chaplain Stan Baker, speaker

Sunday: Closing Ceremonies, 2:00 PM, Ron Averill, speaker

The theme of the program is "To Heal and Honor". Many veterans returning from war bury emotions deep inside their mind and heart and do not learn how to reconcile with them until 20 to 50 years later. Unfortunately some never are able to come to grips with these emotions. One of the major goals of the Veterans Memorial Museum is to sponsor events such as this to help the HEALING process begin.

All of the museum's programs are intended to HONOR those who serve or have served our country. The freedom our citizens and our County currently have is a direct result of the millions of American servicemen and women who have served their country in peace and war! Secondly with the Traveling Wall at the museum we will also HONOR those who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam.

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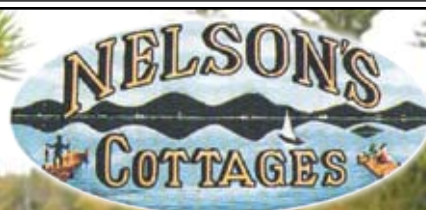
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