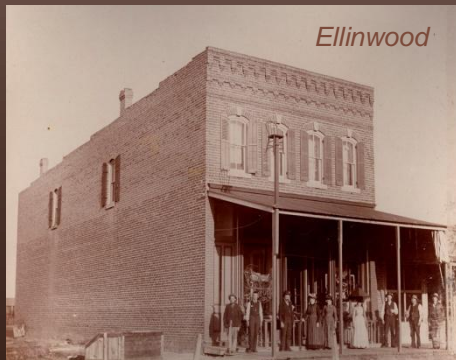


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OUR SONS & DAUGHTERS

- *Dr. Joan Bondurant (1918-2006) – Scholar & WWII Intelligence Agent*
- *Walter J. Hickel (1919-2010) – US Secretary of Interior & Governor of Alaska*
- *Jack S. Kilby (1923-2005) – Nobel Prize in Physics 2000*
- *Charles B. Rogers (1911-1987) – Artist*
- *L.E. ‘Gus’ Shafer (1907-1985) – Sculptor*
- *Skip Yowell (b. 1947) – Founder of Jansport & Entrepreneur*



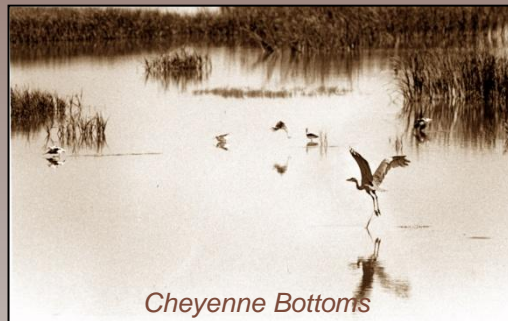
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Buffalo Hunters

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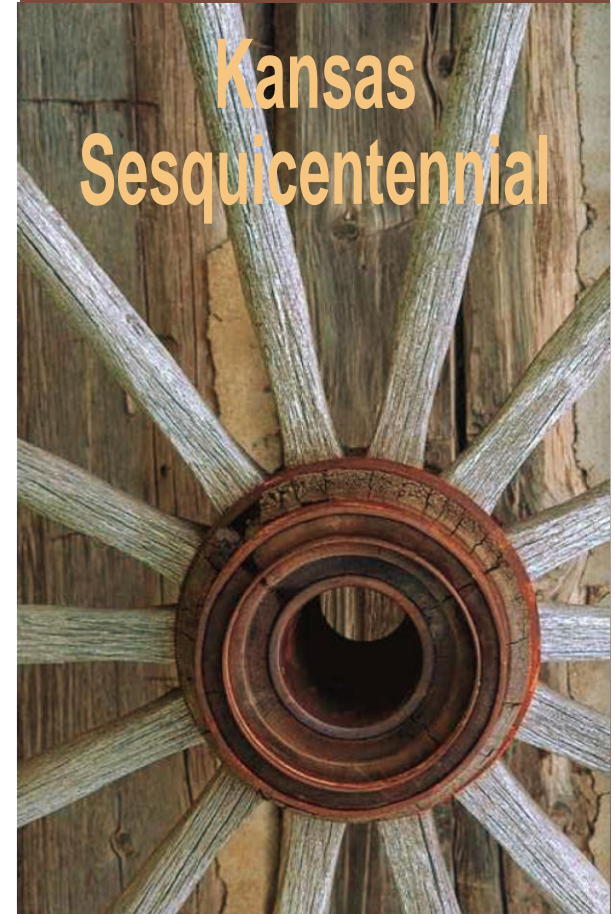
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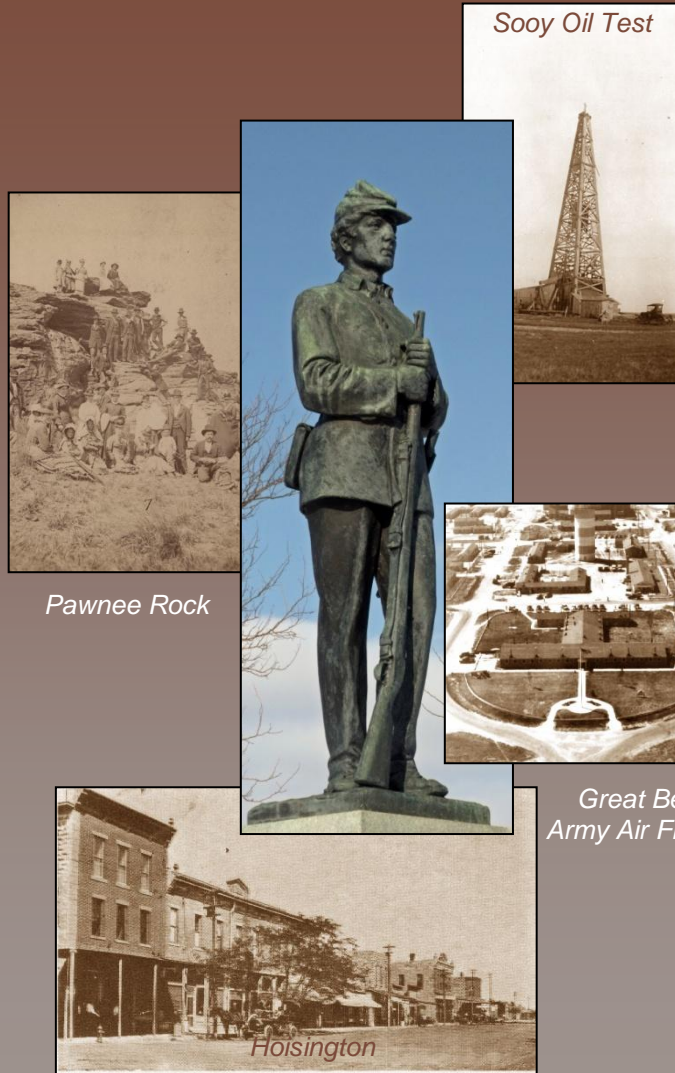
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Join the Barton County Historical Society in celebrating the history and heritage of our great state



Celebrate the history of Barton County – home of Cheyenne Bottoms and the most dangerous stretch on the Old Santa Fe Trail



Pawnee Rock

Sooy Oil Test

Great Bend Army Air Field

Hoisington

BARTON COUNTY TIMELINE

- 1541: Francisco Vasquez de Coronado, Spanish conquistador, visits what is now Barton County
- 1803: Kansas acquired as part of the Louisiana Purchase
- 1806: Lt. Zebulon Pike travels through this region
- 1820s: Kansas is set aside as Indian Territory and closed to settlement by whites
- 1821: The Santa Fe Trail is opened, running across this area from Plum Buttes to Pawnee Rock
- 1825: Native American tribes settled in Kansas begin ceding their lands to the US government
- 1830: Indian Removal Act expedites the removal of native tribes into Kansas
- 1854: The Kansas-Nebraska Act allows state choice of free or slave
- 1855: Allison's trading post established on Walnut Creek
- 1861: Kansas is admitted to the Union as a free state and the Civil War begins
- 1864: Camp Dunlap (re-named Fort Zarah) established at Walnut Creek Crossing (closed 1869)
- 1870: First homesteaders stake claims in Barton County
- 1871: Town of Zarah platted
- 1872: Barton County formed and the cities of Ellinwood, Great Bend and Pawnee Rock founded as the railroad replaces the Santa Fe Trail
- 1915: Tornado destroys a significant part of Great Bend, the county seat
- 1942: Great Bend Army Air Field established during WWII
- 1990: Cheyenne Bottoms named Ramsar Wetlands of International Importance
- 2001: Large part of Hoisington destroyed by tornado