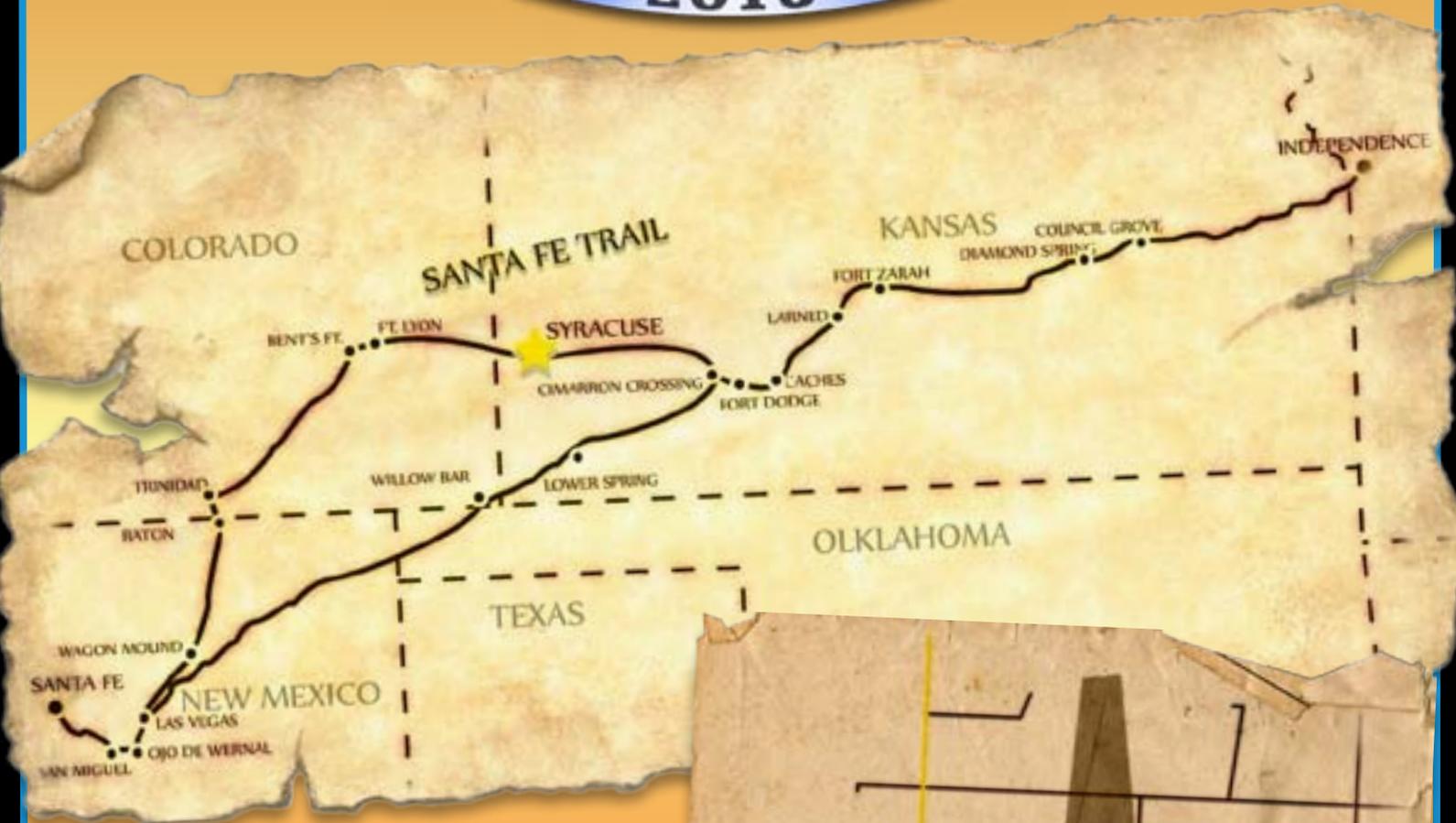


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Dear Reader



As Mayor of Syracuse, I would like to personally welcome you to our town; we are glad to have you here. There are many recreational activities throughout the year, so please make plans to visit the area more than once. Please read through our second issue of the "Welcome to Syracuse" magazine to plan your family's fun.

Weather permitting, the golf course is open year around for challenging play on the 9-hole course on the south end of town. Our first big event of the year is the Annual Car Show the last week of April, so don't forget to make plans to attend and enter your antique or classic car in the show.

Each year, former graduates of Syracuse High School come back to town for the Annual Alumni Weekend the Saturday of each Memorial Day holiday weekend. Make plans to stay for the Alumni Parade and the Chamber of Commerce cookout.

You can spend the hot summer months at the city pool after a hard day of play at the Syracuse Sand Dunes Park. We have 1,300 acres of recreational area set aside for ATVs and dune buggies.

Summer ends with the Hamilton County Fair in August, signaling the start of fall and the Annual Classic and Antique Fly-In at the Syracuse/Hamilton County Airport on the first Saturday in October.

If you have arrived between any of our annual events, don't be discouraged. Plan a visit to the Hamilton County Museum or stop by the historic Northrup Theatre to take in a movie through our newly updated digital projection system. The new projector offers you and your family the opportunity to see a 3-D movie in Syracuse without traveling 30 miles to the next nearest 3-D theater.

There are many things to do and see in Syracuse and the surrounding areas. We appreciated you stopping in and seeing what we could offer you and your family. We hope you enjoyed your stay and we look forward to your next visit to Syracuse.

— Mayor Joe Stephens

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Hamilton County Museum



While staying in Syracuse make a stop at the Hamilton County Museum located one block east of the stoplight at Highway 50 and Gates Avenue. Hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to Noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Hamilton County Museum was established in the mid 1960's by the Hamilton County Historical Society and has been in its present location since its creation.

With thousands of items on display, there is something for everyone to enjoy. From old farm implements and kitchen tools to clothing and dishes from the early days of Hamilton County, the

museum has it all.

In 2010, more than 1,000 visitors from 25 states and several countries visited the museum to take in the exhibits and history on display. Tours are self-guided, but there is always someone available to answer any questions you may have.

While visiting the museum, be sure to pick up some postcards with images of our city banners on them.

While there is no charge for touring the exhibits, donations



are always appreciated.



What: Hamilton County Museum

Where: Hwy 50/Kansas Ave. and Gates Ave.

Hours: Tue.-Sat. 9 a.m. to Noon & 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Phone: 384-7496

Admission: Free, Donations Gladly Accepted

Santa Fe Trail



As you travel on Highway 50, you are taking a route that travelers have used for almost 200 years. Much of Highway 50 follows the Santa Fe Trail, first used in 1821 by William Becknell.

Becknell hitched up his mules and headed west from Franklin, Missouri in 1821 with a load of goods he planned to take to the city of Santa Fe, New Mexico. Becknell returned with a good amount of money and tales of the friendly people of Santa Fe. This began the first international commercial and military highway in the United States, a well-used thoroughfare for traveling across the vast plains for more than 60 years.

The trail, approximately 900 miles long, crossed some of the most dangerous territory in the nation at that time. Indians were only a small part of the dangers travelers had to face. Even though the Indians didn't want the invasion of so many people, many other dangers were waiting for the weary travelers. Rattlesnakes, severe heat,

storms that would blow in with shelter available and very little water to be found along the way were just some of the hazards of travel in the 19th century.

Despite all the dangers that awaited them, travelers still took their chance keeping the Santa Fe Trail a busy thoroughfare. During the years of 1846-48 great caravans of wagons dominated the trail. According to historical accounts, in 1855, the wagons, loaded with goods to be traded and sold, generated about 5 million dollars.

The Santa Fe Trail is the trail that is credited with taming the prairie. Military forts were established along the trail to provide a support system for the travelers. In 1865 5,197 men, 6,452

mules, 38,281 oxen and 4,472 wagons used the trail. In 1866 over 5000 wagons hauled \$40 million worth of goods. Settlers coming in on the trail jumped the population of Kansas from 8,600 in 1855 to 143,000 in 1861.

By the time Syracuse/Hamilton County was settled the trail was no longer being used. Railroads had for the most part taken the place of the wagon trains. Stops in Syracuse and Coolidge were now available for those who wished to visit the area or were coming to put down roots. But the Santa Fe Trail had left its' mark with some wagon ruts still visible in different areas. In Hamilton County, all of those are on private land and protected by the owners.

While the trail provided a route to Santa Fe, there are several places along the route where travelers could leave the Santa Fe for alternate destinations much like our modern highways of today. Enjoy your trip along the Santa Fe.

Northrup Theatre



The Historic Northrup Theatre first opened April 7, 1930, and the inaugural movie was "Footlights and Fools." It was constructed at a cost of approximately \$60,000, and tickets at the time were 35 cents for adults and 10 cents for children.

The Syracuse-Hamilton County Chamber purchased the theatre in 1991 and continues to operate it today. In February 2005, the theatre was entered into the National Register of Historic Places.

What: Northrup Theatre
 Where: 116 N. Main, Syracuse
 Hours: Fri. - Sun.
 Movie show times 7 p.m.
 Phone: (620) 384-7688
 or 384-4030
 Admission: \$6 per person,
 \$8 for 3-D Movies,
 Kids 2D \$4 3D \$6

The theatre industry has had many ups and downs in the last 81 years, and today the single-screen movie house is a rarity. Recently, however, the community raised \$90,000 in donations to provide the theatre with a new digital projection system which makes your viewing experience the best and most up-to-date it can be.

With the addition of the digital projection system, 3D and 2D movies can now be enjoyed at the theatre.



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 Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

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Classic & Antique Fly-In

The first Saturday in October, the skies above Syracuse are busy with a wide variety of planes coming in for the annual Classic and Antique Fly-In. What started as a social gathering for pilots is now a popular event for spectators as well in Syracuse and Hamilton County.

Many planes are vintage war planes that have been restored and are popular with service vets who enjoy seeing planes and remembering working on them or flying them in their younger days.

Newer, more cutting-edge planes are also on display for spectators to explore also.

The Eagle Med plane also makes an appearance and invites everyone to go inside and look around. Kids are especially welcome and can even get a bag of goodies as they visit.

A popular place at the Fly-In is along the runway where



families can sit and watch the planes land and take off. Kids enjoy watching the planes as they climb into the skies above Syracuse.



In addition to the Fly-In, the Syracuse-Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce hosts a ham-burger, hot dog and bratwurst cookout.

What started years ago as a way to feed the pilots has now expanded to include anyone who

wants to have a meal which annually serves around 300 people.

There is also a chili cook-off featuring local cooks making their best chili to compete for cash prizes. Competition is steep with more than twenty entries. After judging, the chili is available to the public for a small fee.

So if you are in our area the first Saturday in October, head up North Main all the way to the end and look up to the skies.



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Where: Hamilton County Municipal Air Field
When: 1st Saturday of Oct.
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In addition to the many trails and acres of riding areas, there are also several amenities at the park. Showers and restrooms are available, as are camping spots. Dry hook-ups are \$5 a night, and spots with electric hook-ups and water are \$15 a night. Other privately owned camping sites are also available.

There is a parking area of packed dirt for you to park your vehicle and trailer. Admission to the park is five dollars daily, and can be paid for at the office south of the parking area.

Park rules are listed at the

What: Sand Dune Park

Where: South of Syracuse on Hwy 27

Hours: Open 24/7

Attendant on duty Wed. - Sun.

Phone: 384-2480

Admission: Dry Camp \$5 per day, Electric & Water \$15 Extra

Cost to ride \$5 per day

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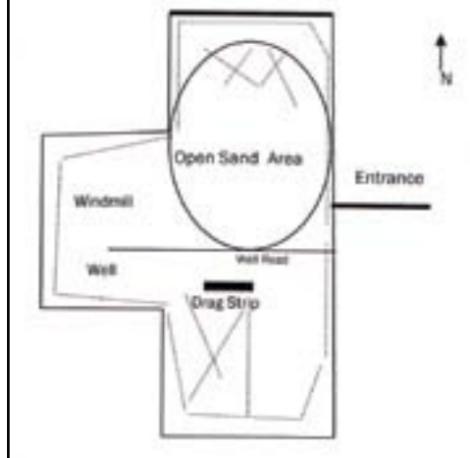
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entrance or can be found on the website at www.syracusesanddunes.com.

Sam's Pond is a 50-acre pond located on the north side of the Syracuse Sand Dunes Park which has plenty of shore area where fishermen can set up and enjoy a day of productive fishing. Parking is available around most of the pond with other areas within easy walking distance.

The pond was recently stocked with more than 500 pounds of catfish with sizes varying from six to twelve inches or more. It has also been stocked with trout. A fishing license and trout stamp is required and can be purchased at Eagle Convenience Store just west of the stoplight in town.



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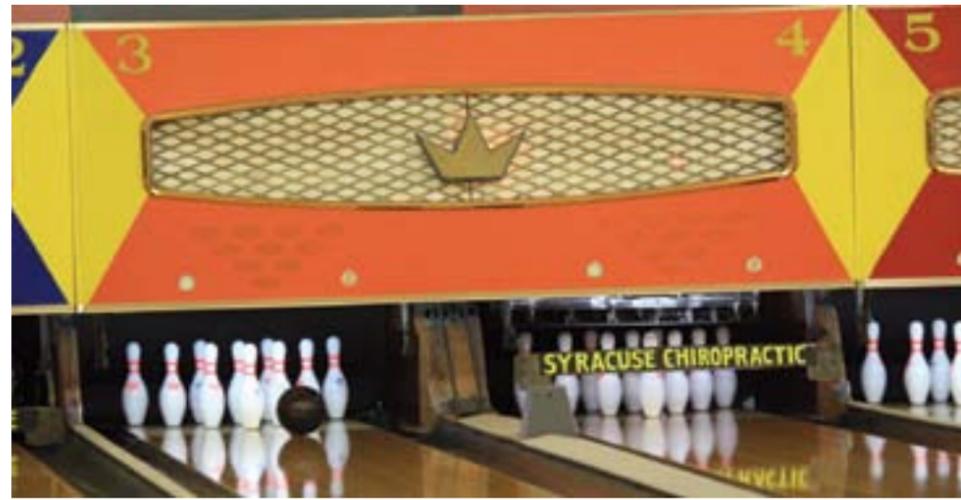
Prairie Lanes Bowling Alley opened 50 years ago to an enthusiastic group of bowlers and that tradition carries on still today.

Joe and Donna Stephens bought the bowling alley in 2007, and since then they have made improvements and strive to make sure everyone who comes in has a good time.

Prairie Lanes has ten lanes available for bowlers along with electronic scoring visible on monitors above the lanes.

For those who don't own a ball, there are plenty of house balls to choose from, and shoes are available to rent for \$1 a pair. The bowling alley also features menu with a variety of options. From burgers to shrimp, pizza to chicken baskets, a good meal is never far away. There are also fountain drinks and coffee available.

Prairie Lanes hosts league bowling several nights a week,



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On the last weekend in April, three blocks of North Main Street are blocked off for the annual car show. Sponsored by the Syracuse-Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce, the car show has become a big hit with participants coming from miles around.

All kinds of cars from restored Ford Model Ts to brand new makes to some that need a little TLC are shown and enjoyed by all. The car show has grown each year, with over 70 cars having been entered in the 2012 show along with numerous motorcycles.

Other activities take place at the same time, such as the high school forensics team's carnival for kids. The team sponsors an array of games to play, a miniature train ride, face painting and an assortment of prizes.

In the old gym of the school, craft vendors have their wares set up for display and purchase.

Big C Tires, at the corner of



Hwy 50 and 27, will host a "Burn Out" in the afternoon after car show, so please do not leave too soon.

Make plans to be with us the last weekend in April for the Cruisin' Into Summer Car Show. You will be glad you did.



- What: Car Show
- Where: Downtown Syracuse
- When: Last Saturday in April
- Admission: Free
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The Hamilton County Swimming Pool has a great splash pad for smaller kids. The area is separated from the rest of the pool so little ones can play without having to worry about the dangers of the bigger pool. The splash pad area includes a boat with all kinds of knobs and other objects to keep the little ones' interest. Buckets suspended from above fill with water and then dump on those under it leaving them wet and cooled off. There is also a shaded area where parents/guardians can sit and watch their children play. All children age seven and under must be accompanied by someone over the age of thirteen years of age.

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Where: 808 N. Main, Syracuse

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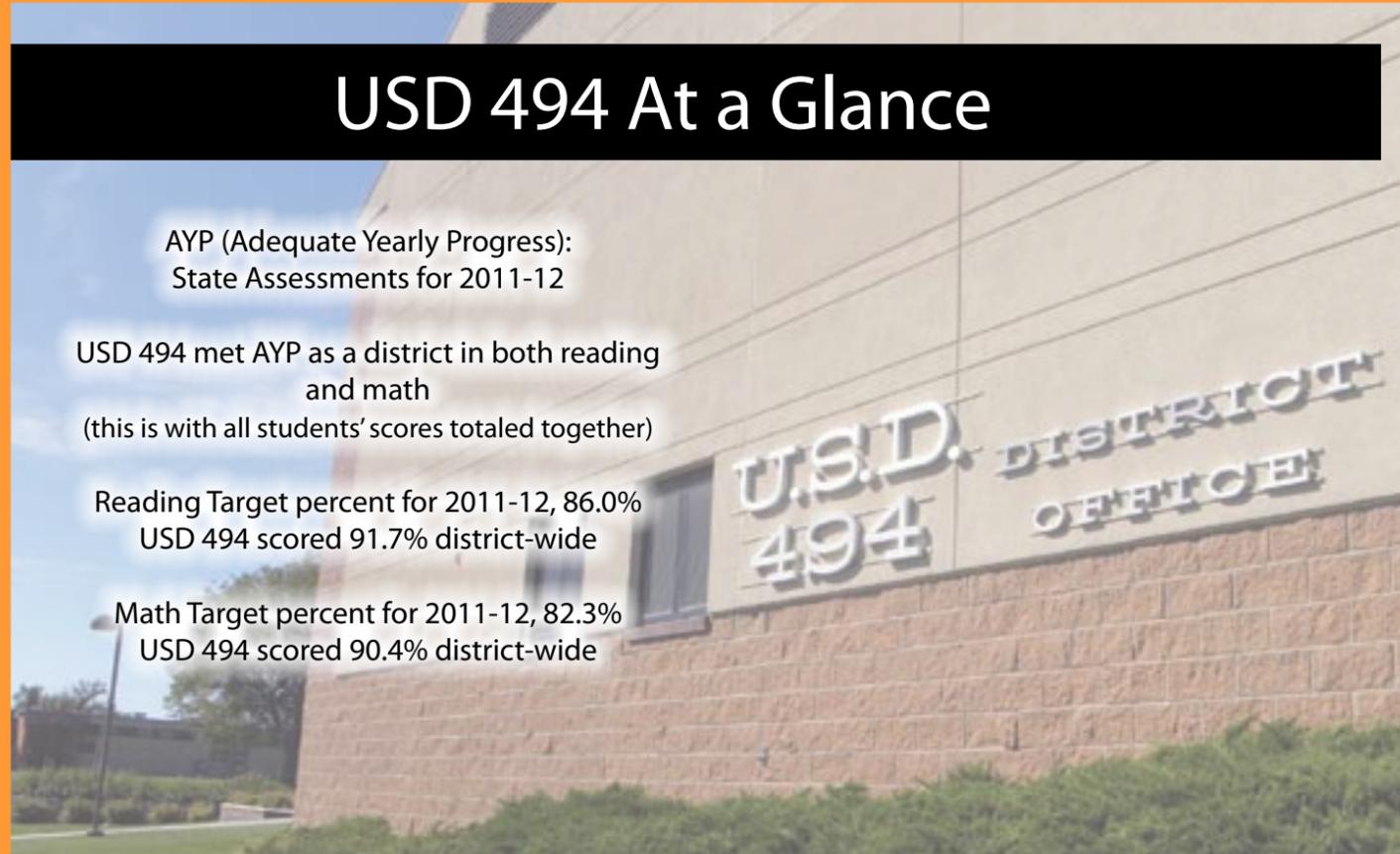


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USD 494 At a Glance



AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress):
State Assessments for 2011-12

USD 494 met AYP as a district in both reading and math
(this is with all students' scores totaled together)

Reading Target percent for 2011-12, 86.0%
USD 494 scored 91.7% district-wide

Math Target percent for 2011-12, 82.3%
USD 494 scored 90.4% district-wide

ACT Scores, average for 2011-12
ACT for College Readiness

English	16.8
Mathematics	19.1
Reading	18.7
Science	18.4
Composite	18.3

Twenty-four Syracuse students took the ACT in 2011-12.

District investment for 2011-12 in education

District total mills	62.504
Average teacher salary	\$47,927
District Expenditures Per student	\$12,863
	(decrease from 2008-09 of 6.71%)

Graduation rate 100%

Demographics of teaching staff and students:

- 2012-13 Fully Highly Qualified Licensed staff 91%
- 2012-13 waivers for licensed staff 2%
- 2012-13 alternate licensing 7%
- Masters' degrees 33%
- 2011-12 students eligible for free/reduced lunches

Elementary	63%
Jr/Sr	59%

(the final numbers for 2012-13 are unavailable until enrollment is audited by the state for the year)
- 2011-12 English Language Learners

Elementary	47%
Jr/Sr	34%

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Valley State Bank..... 384-7451

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Weekend Phone..... 384-4080
City Shop..... 384-5637

County

County Road Dept. 384-5135
County Shop 384-4068
Sheriff's Office..... 384-5616

County & City Attorney

Rob Gale..... 384-5110

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Commissioner Rm. 384-5880
County Clerk 384-5629 384-5853
County Recorder..... 384-5522
Court Clerk..... 384-5159

Emergency Management

Steve Phillips 384-5835

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County Chief Ed Baker 384-5908
City Chief David Stimatze..... 384-7785

Gas Stations

Eagle..... 384-5033
Love's..... 384-7796
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KDOT

Office..... 384-7821

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Cecil Petterson Clinic 384-7350
EMS Barn 384-5437 384-4230
Hamilton County Drugstore 384-7424
Health Dept. 384-7875
Hopkins Hopkins & Ackerman Vision 384-7883
Hospital 384-7461
Lewis Dental 384-5252
Syracuse Chiropractic..... 384-5338

Post Offices

Syracuse..... 384-6912
Kendall Village P.O. 373-2441
Coolidge 372-8271

Schools

USD 494 High School & Junior High..... 384-7446
USD 494 Elementary 384-5203

Utilities

Wheatland Electric 1-800-662-4246
Atmos Energy 1-800-662-6185
Pioneer Communications 384-7721

Weather

Road Conditions 511
Dodge City Weather 800-824-9943



Hamilton County Courthouse located at 219 North Main St., Syracuse, Kansas.

Church Directory

Christ's New Covenant Church

East Highway 50
Pastor Joe Gould
Associate Pastor Bob Wedel
384-5383
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Morning Worship

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10:15 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Children's Church
Monday
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
Thursday
12:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study

Saint Raphael Catholic Church

613 N. Sumner
Father Mike Helms
384-7357
10:30 a.m. Sunday Service
8:00 a.m. Wed. (week day)
Holy Day and Vigil-----call

Church of the Nazarene

403 E. Avenue B
Rev. Bob Leonard
384-7844
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
5:00 p.m. Sun. Eve. Service
6:00 p.m. Wed Eve Bible Study

First Presbyterian Church

601 N. Johnson
Pastor Ardeen Webster
384-7878
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Morning Worship

Southern Baptist Church

612 N. Main
Pastor Darrell Holt
384-7405
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Sun. Eve. Worship
6:00 p.m. Wednesday

First United Methodist Church

409 N. Main
Pastor John Wright
384-7892
8:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Traditional Service

Kendall United Methodist Church

Pastor Todd Anthony
373-2400
8:30 a.m. Morning Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Wesleyan Church

Barton and Post Road
Pastor Paul Runyon
384-5828
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
4:00 p.m. Spanish Worship
6:00 p.m. Evening Service

First Christian Church

309 N. Main St.
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384-7416
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