**LANE COUNTY KANSAS**

**ECO DEVO/CHAMBER**



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**SPOTLIGHT FEATURE**

  



THE DREAM BAR AND GRILL

The Dream Bar and Grill is truly “that” traditional small-town hub that you can only find in Western Kansas rural communities. The moment you walk in the door you feel welcomed and relaxed. Customers are greeted by friendly local staff that are eager to serve you and make your visit special.

Michael and Jamie Penka are the proud owners and managers of this quaint little establishment. Jamie has always dreamed of owning and running a small-town bar and grill. Deep Lane County roots are found in both family histories, and they felt there was no better place to own a business. Jamie’s dream became a reality in 2018, when the planning to construct the building from the ground up began. The build took about a year to finish with the aid of lots of friends and family. What to name the business was not a hard decision for them. This was Jamie’s dream and that concreted the name “THE DREAM.” On August 10, 2019, the bar and grill opened, and they have never looked back.

The first years of operation had some challenging times. Covid-19 hit 3 months after their grand opening however it did not stop this determined couple. Even though the state required all food establishments to close dine in options, they were most willing to serve their community with take out.

The Bar and Grill is open Tuesday – Saturday from 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Daily lunch specials are served along with a full menu which can be viewed on their Facebook page “The Dream.” A daily salad bar option was just recently added to the menu. Specialty items, appetizers, main course, and sides are all available to order. Every Friday, an evening special is offered, alternating between BBQ and Authentic Mexican. A full bar with both malt beverages and cocktails is offered daily. The Dream’s frozen margaritas and pina colada drinks are very popular with their local patrons.

The Dream is always up to hosting entertainment for their visitors. They have their traditional Halloween costume party on the Saturday before Halloween - complete with food, drinks, and prizes. Live bands are also a great crowd pleaser. The Dream tries to host some form of entertainment 4-5 times a year. A pool table, juke box, dart board and corn hole are always available for their customers.

Lane County and Healy is blessed to have this wonderful, dedicated establishment to serve our community. Jamie is always looking for ways to improve and give back to her community. An additional entertaining space is planned to be completed this summer. This will give added room to host parties and more community events. The new space will be revealed during Healy Days on Saturday August 13th. This will be an open venue for private parties or family gatherings. The Dream will be renting out the space once complete with the option of catering your event. Big or small events are all welcome to take advantage of The Dream’s hospitality.

The Dream was never given a proper ribbon cutting ceremony due to the lack of an active Lane County Chamber. Lane County Eco Devo/Chamber has planned a special event for them on Wednesday August 3,2022, at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to come congratulate them on their 3rd year anniversary! The Dream also invites Lane County to celebrate with them the week of August 9th through August 12th, when daily specials and events will be taking place to thank the community for their continued support.

The Dream would like to thank the Healy Community, Lane County residents, First State Bank of Healy and other surrounding towns for their past, present and future support. Mike and Jamie feel truly blessed to be able to serve and to give back to their community. Their hearts truly belong to Lane County and all the small-town charm it has to offer. Lane County appreciates all their continued hard work, and we are pleased to call you a Lane County Eco Devo/Chamber business member. Thank you for being such a valued part of our community!

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DIGHTON BOWL AND DINER

 

The Dighton Bowl and Diner has the small-town charm and appeal that takes you back to the “Good Ole Days’”. Friendly service, daily homemade lunches with hot coffee and cold tea for everyone who stops in. The diner is home to the local farmers for their morning coffee and visiting and social hour for our community ladies’ groups. Bowling leagues are the happening place on those long winter evenings. A cribbage tournament has been known to take place a time or two. Nothing is better than that small town business that truly cares about their community and patrons.

The Dighton Bowl and Diner has been operating in its current building since 1962. In 1980, the establishment fell under hard times. Dighton Community members rallied together, determined not to let this business fail. Local community members purchased the business and offered shares to help with operating costs. The official name was changed to The Dighton Bowl and Diner Incorporated. In 2003, Doyle and Kimberly Capra purchased the business, and they still own the business today. They have many long-term employees that have helped them through the years and are considered family.

Doyle and Kimberly moved to Dighton Kansas in 1991. Kimberly grew up visiting her grandparents in Lane County throughout her childhood. When her grandparents became ill, the couple moved to Dighton to help take care them. They have been a very active couple in our community. The Capra’s have one son, Clayton, who grew up in Dighton and graduated from Dighton High School. This couple is always willing to donate and support local fundraisers and community events. They know how important small-town living is to our rural communities and love to give back when they can.

In 2010, the kitchen at the diner sustained significant fire damage and closed for several months while they reconstructed the affected area. In 2016, the dining area was remodeled and updated with the retro theme that is carried throughout the building. This small-town charm “blast from the past” décor makes it unique and a must stop place to visit. The diner is open from 7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. daily. They have daily homemade specials to offer along with a full menu. You can find their daily specials and other information on their Facebook page “Dighton Bowl.” The Diner also welcomes catering for large and small parties. If you have an event coming up, give Kim a call and she can help plan your event!

The old-fashioned charm carries into the bowling alley area as well. The bowling alley is still equipped with the original wood bowling lanes, retro lockers, and seating area where old-fashioned manual score keeping takes you back in time to memories of simpler days. Unfortunately, many small-town rural bowling alleys have closed and disappeared in Western Kansas. Lane County is blessed to have this special diamond in the rough with all the old-time charm still in operation.

The bowling alley hosts mixed league bowling on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights starting in October and ending in April. If you are interested in being a part of a bowling team, please contact Curt Hanna. The bowling alley also offers open bowling by appointment. Bowling parties and birthdays parties are also welcome with prior reservation. Call today to schedule a fun afternoon with family and friends!

We hope that you will stop by Dighton Bowl and Diner for a lunch special or some bowling fun. Lane County THANKS Doyle and Kimberly Capra and their hard-working employees who keep this nostalgic place open and operating in our community. The Capra’s would like to personally thank the community for all their past, present and future support. They feel very blessed to have the opportunity to serve this community. Lane County thanks the Dighton Bowl and Diner for being a wonderful part of our community!

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**LANE COUNTY COMMUNITY NEWS AND UPDATES**

**Diamond View Update**

With the Community Foundations prior announcement that Diamond View was not economically feasible to reopen as a retirement facility, the board was forced to start looking for alternative uses for the property. There were many businesses and/or non-profits that were approached and asked if they would be interested in a facility like Diamond View, including reaching out to other retirement organizations, to see if they would be interested in expanding their current operations. They talked to foster-care organizations, Compass Behavioral Health, Russel Childhood Development, the list goes on. But in the end, there was one organization that was willing, and excited about the opportunity that Dighton and the Diamond View facility had to offer. That organization is City on A Hill, Inc. , a non-profit, faith-based women’s rehabilitation organization. City on A Hill purchased the Diamond View facility and is taking on the task of making necessary repairs and updates with the goal of opening their doors July 1, 2022.

City On a Hill was founded in 2007 with the mission to serve women afflicted by substance abuse. Before 2007, there were no inpatient SUD treatment centers in the western half of Kansas that were specific for women. Since 2007, City on A Hill continues to be the only designated women’s program in the western half of the state. They are currently located in Marienthal, Kansas. The need to expand services has risen over the past several years, prompting City on A Hill to look at potential expansion. The availability of the Diamond View facility came just at the right time, allowing City on a Hill to move forward with plans of expanding their services.

“It is the mission of City on A Hill substance abuse treatment center, to provide the best quality service of residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment to those persons afflicted. It is the philosophy of City on A Hill that the ability to overcome addiction is rooted in faith. As a faith-based center, we strive to keep God, family, and self at the core of our treatment services.” - City On a Hill Mission Statement.

The Diamond View facility is the perfect setting to offer these services, with its small, friendly home-like community environment. City On a Hill looks forward to meeting and collaborating with the many unique community resources available in Dighton while providing the care needed to make a difference in the lives of the women it serves. Job opportunities will be available within the community, and they look forward to adding some of Dighton’s friendly locals to their team!

City On a Hill understands the importance of community and will be hosting an open house within the coming months. Community members are invited and encouraged to stop by to see the facility, meet the leadership team and ask any questions you might have. The open house date will be announced soon. Lane County Community Foundation and City on A Hill look forward to engaging with community members and resources.

The Foundation is excited to see this facility up and running and providing a needed service in our area. Please join us in welcoming City on A Hill to our community and wishing them the best of luck.

“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.” – Coretta Scott King

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**Sharp Land and Cattle Homegrown Beef Products** Are NOW available at Healy Oil Company… Look for the Sharp Land and Cattle freezer and stock up today! Thank you for this additional option to shop local in our small community.

Or order online: www.sharplandandcattle.com

**L&R LAWN CARE SERVICE**

**L&R Lawn Care Service will be serving Lane County on a on full-time basis.**

**Lawn Care, Lawn Spraying, Pest Control and Snow Removal are just a few services offered to our community.**

**Please call Logan Campbell to schedule an appointment!**

**620-397-3464**

**Facebook Page “L&R Lawn Care”**

[**www.Land**](http://www.Land)**RLawncare.net**

**WELCOME TO LANE COUNTY**

**JAM TIME DAYCARE**

**Lane County welcomes, Alexis Peck and Jam Time Daycare**

**Grand Opening to be announced with Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

**L & R Lawn Care**

**Lane County Welcomes, Logan and Rebecca Campbell and L&R Lawn Care**

**Ribbon Cutting Ceremony coming soon….**

**CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES**

**31ST YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

**LITTLE PEOPLE DAYCARE/CHRISTINE BIRNEY-CARTER**

If you are an Eco Devo/Chamber Member and would like to advertise or make announcements about events or anniversaries in the monthly newsletter, please contact Crystal Hoffman by the 5th of every month. We are happy to help all our members reach out to the community.

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**UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**2022 Lane County Kick Off to Summer Event** Saturday June 18th in the Dighton City Park.

**Lane County Cruise in Car Show**

Dighton City Park 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Craft Fair**

Lane County Event Center 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**Kids Activities**

Dighton City Park 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Evening in the Park LIVE BAND**

Dighton City Park 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

More Information and details on each event will be added to the Lane County Eco Devo “What’s Happening” Page.

Trifolds will be out in local stores by May 20th

If you need more information or have questions

Please Call Crystal Hoffman

620-397-2809 or 620-397-8127

NOTE: NO Community Garage Sales will be held on June 18th

Community Garage Sale Date TBA in the Fall 2022

**COME & GET IT BBQ/ JESSIE PIEDRA Saturday May 21st Start at 10:00 a.m. (Lot south of Main Street Auto) Selling Brisket, Pulled Pork, Sausage, Bake Beans and Roll meals**

**Pete’s Place Trivia Night** Saturday May 21st at 8:00 a.m.

**Dighton Swimming Pool**

**The Dighton Pool will reopen for the summer season on May 28 at 1:00 p.m.**

**More information to follow on the City of Dighton Facebook page**

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**APPROVED LANE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/CHAMBER MONTHLY MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Lane County Economic Development/Chamber Inc.**

The Regular meeting of directors of Lane County Economic Development/Chamber, Inc., a Kansas Corporation, was held on April 5, 2022, at the Lane County 542 Event Center. Those directors present were Corey Von Leonrod, Dan Moomaw, Kathy Lewis, Logan Campbell, Amanda Jennison and Crystal Hoffman, Lane County Eco Devo/Chamber Director. Guest present was Christine Birney-Carter.

Logan Campbell, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Dan made a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Amanda seconded. Those in favor: 5, opposed: 0. Motion carried.

Kathy made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Corey seconded. Those In favor: 5, opposed: 0. Motion carried.

Kathy made a motion to approve the financials as presented. Dan seconded. Those in favor: 5, opposed: 0. Motion carried.

New Business

The Community Easter Event is planned for April 16, 2022. Crystal provided a pamphlet with event details to the directors. It will be a fun day!

Kick Off to Summer is planned for June 18, 2022. The car show committee has had one meeting and another meeting will be held mid-month. Corn hole games will be held in the morning, kids’ games from 3-5 p.m. and the band Dandurand will play from 6-10 p.m. Dighton Rec and Healy Rec are co-sponsors. Pete’s place will have something planned for after the dance.

Our Quarterly Federal Withholding Tax Return has been filed and taxes have been paid.

Our annual report has been filed with the Kansas Secretary of State. We owe $40 for our annual fee.

Lane County Chamber was not in operation in 2021 when Cartmill Floral & Creations & Coffee Bar opened so they did not get a ribbon cutting ceremony. Therefore, one will be held on April 16, 2022, to commemorate their 1-year anniversary. Crystal will meet with other businesses who did not get a ribbon cutting ceremony upon opening while Lane County Chamber was in transition.

Old Business

Crystal presented a list of 33 business membership fees and 8 individual membership fees received by Lane County Chamber. She has received more since the list was prepared. Deadline to sign up for a 2022 membership is April 30, 2022. At that time, Crystal will prepare a list of businesses at which Lane County Dollars may be used. A discussion of this year’s membership drive was held, and the ideas & suggestions presented by those in attendance were reviewed. The Board appreciates the attendance a participation of everyone who braved the weather to join us! Next year’s Chamber membership drive will be held on St. Patrick’s Day 2023. Two business names were drawn from the memberships received.

The two receiving a business spotlight for April are Sharp Land & Cattle and First Baptist Church. Congratulation to them!

The next meeting will be May 3, 2022, at the Lane County 542 Event Center.

There being no further business to come before the board a motion to adjourn was made by Kathy and seconded by Dan. Those in favor: 5, opposed: 0. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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LANE COUNTY BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

**Local Grants**

Storefront Beautification Grant

New Business Tax Incentive Grant

Business Operational Grant

***For More information about the Local Grants or other Business opportunities and help please contact Crystal Hoffman***

**Advertisement**

***If you have any Advertisements (Sales, Events, Promotions, Job Openings) that you would Like Eco Devo/Chamber to help get out into the Community please contact Crystal Hoffman***

GRATITUDE CORNER

**A BIG THANK YOU THIS MONTH TO……**

**Lane County Eco Devo/Chamber is very appreciative of all the past and present support from the Lane County Community. THANK YOU to everyone!**

* Happy belated Mother’s Day to all those Moms and Grandmas in our community
* THANK YOU….Christine Birney-Carter for all her years serving our community with daycare needs.
* Thank you to all Eco Devo/Chamber Members for signing up for membership benefits.
* Child Care Appreciation Day was May 6th - Please let our daycare providers know how much you appreciate them and the hard work they do to take care of our community kids!
* National Nurses Day was May 6th- Please let all our Lane County Health Care Providers know how much you appreciate them.
* Thank You City of Dighton crew for getting the Dighton Community Pool ready to open this season.
* 2022 Lane County community graduating seniors for your hard work and dedication through the last 12 years. Good Luck to each of you on your next adventure.
* Thank you to the Kickoff to Summer and Lane County Cruise In committees for your time and effort in planning the 2022 event.
* Thank you to the Eco Devo/Chamber board members for your support and help with the many projects that we have going.
* Thank you to Dighton Herald for covering all the community events and publishing the spotlight business.
* Thank you, Lane County Commissioners and Dighton City Council, for being active in all the events and celebrations for our Eco Devo/Chamber members.
* THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR LANE COUNTY BUSINESSES AND WORKERS THAT KEEP THE COMMUNITY UP AND RUNNING!
* Thank you to everyone who purchases Lane County Dollars for gifts, this keeps money in Lane County and helps our businesses!

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LANE COUNTY ECO DEVO/CHAMBER MEMBERS

**EDITORIAL INFORMATION**

Lane County Eco Devo/Chamber

Logan Campbell- President

Dan Moomaw- Vice President

Kathy Lewis- Secretary/Treasurer

Amanda Jennison- Member

Cory Von Leonrod- Member

Crystal Hoffman- Director

**Ways to Contact and Reach out to Lane County Eco Devo/Chamber…**

Facebook

“Lane County Eco Devo What’s Happening”

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Crystal Cell 620-397-8127

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125 West Long Street Dighton KS

**Mailing Address**

P.O. Box 943 Dighton, KS 67839

**If you would like to become a Lane County Eco/Devo Chamber Member, please contact Crystal Hoffman for more details.**

**THANK YOU!**

**Individual Members**

Hoss and Kim Kazeroonian

George and Carrie Von Leonrod

Jerald and Joann Riemann

Bud and Barb Newberry

Galen and Arlene Doll

Steve and Lisa Campbell

Mark and Sheila VonLeonrod

**Lane County Business Members**

Sharp Land and Cattle

Sharp’s Shooting Supply LLC

Tangles

Dighton Herald

Pete’s Place

Little People Daycare

Ehmke Seed

High Spirits Liquor

First Baptist Church

2K Crop

L&R Storage

Cartmill Floral

L&R Lawn Care

Sharp’s Brother Seed Company

Casa Frida Restaurant

K&J Foods

First State Bank of Healy

First National Bank of Dighton

Dighton Bowl and Diner

Bretz Incorporated

Lane County Implement

Lane County Title

Lane-Scott Electric

MJ’s Stitching

Dighton Motel

Lane County Feeders

Midwest Energy

S&T Telephone

Lane County Community Foundation

GW Oilfield

Davis AG/AC Service

Lane County Library

Shull Oil Company

Lane County

Hair Etc.

Root Spraying

City of Dighton

Lewis Custom Fabrications LLC

Scott’s Fireworks

Lane County Lions Club

Garden City Coop

Dighton JOY Center

Lane County Historical Society

The Dream Bar and Grill

Come and Get It BBQ

Feedlot Magazine

MC Production