## Communities, energize your residents!

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### Congratulations! You are the chair of a new committee.

## Goal: to create a community of the future!

### Communities of the future like themselves!

### They are welcoming to newcomers.

Interested in supporting all who live in their town and have a desire to engage all residents in moving the community forward.

#### They find ways to be inclusive and supportive. Leaders ask, "How can I help"?

# They appreciate and desire diversity of perspectives and culture.

They support the arts, with creative local projects that reflect and amplify the vibe of the community.

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### "Aesthetics are the new economic development."

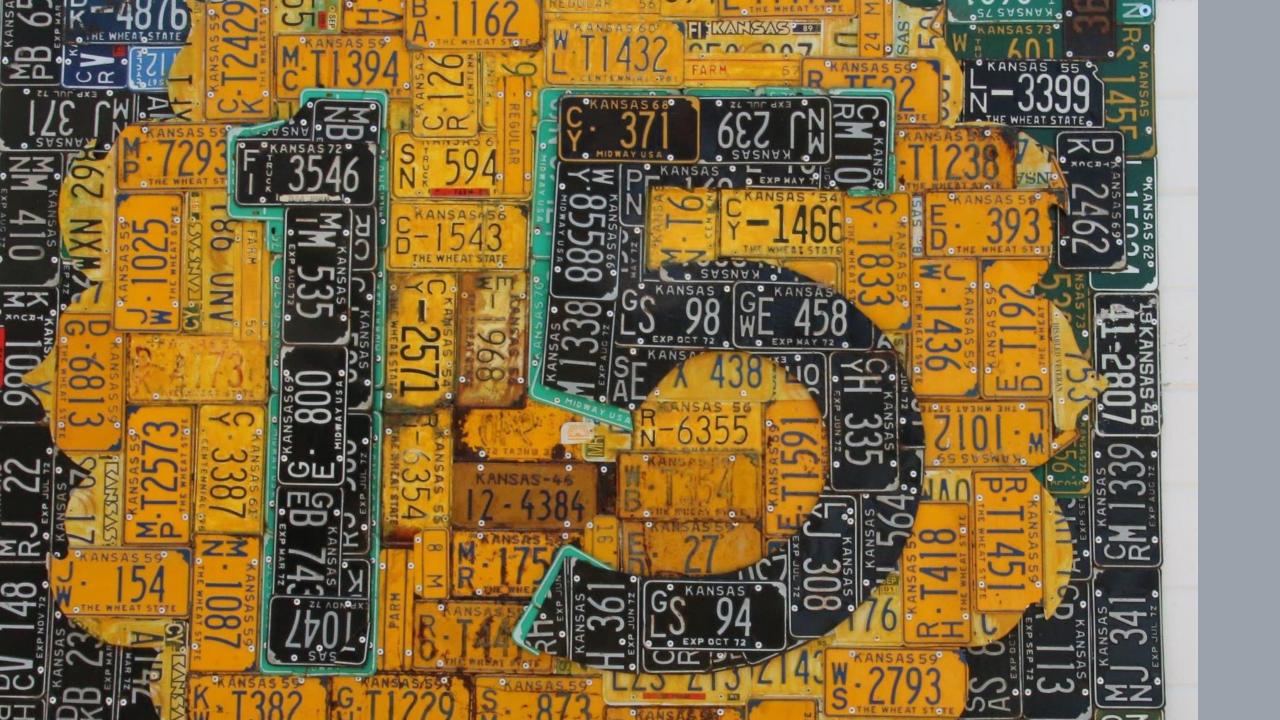
### Lindsborg





#### Clay Center





#### Marysville

Black Squirrel City



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#### Lebanon



#### Caldwell



#### MURDER OF MARSHAL GEORGE FLATT

George Flatt (1853 - 1880). Caldwell's first city marshal, and a fearless gunfighter, was gunned down here the night of June 19, 1880, 2 months after leaving the police force. Flatt had argued with two police officers earlier in the evening and died in a hail of gunfire walking home. The mayor, new marshal, and the entire police force were arrested by the county sheriff. Only the marshal. William Horseman, faced a trial, and he was aquitted one year later.

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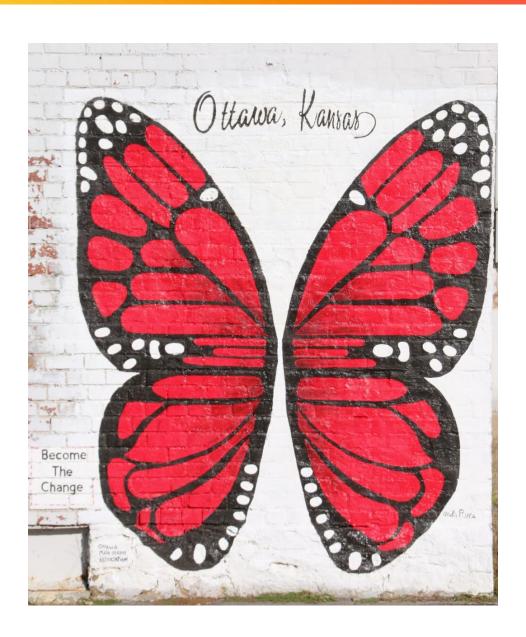






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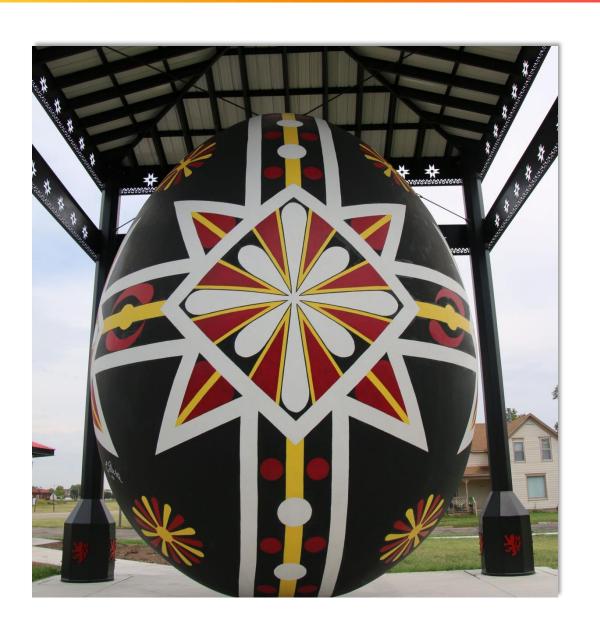




#### Wamego



#### Wilson





#### Marquette



#### Consider this:

"Cities and towns must consider what residents value.

Does your city make them proud? Does it make them feel good when they walk the streets? Can they show their city off to their friends from out of town on Insta?"

"Step outside your Robert Rules of Order sometime and ask yourself, your co-workers, your fellow board members - what does our community need? What does it want? What would benefit our town?

I want a Chamber of Cute and Bureau of Enjoyment. An office of Holy Shit This Town Makes Me Feel Great About Myself."

"Put residents first. Give them what they crave.

More importantly, give them what they deserve.

Make the place you all call home the best place to live ever."

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