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### **Dodge City, KS Honored as Top True Western Town by *True West Magazine!***

Wyatt Earp and Bat Masterson walked the streets of Dodge—and helped enforce the law--when it was a whiskey-soaked cattle town, a hell on the plains. Now it's just plain fun.

That is one reason Dodge City is #6 among *True West Magazine's* 2019 Top Western Towns. Tombstone, AZ took the top spot. They will be featured in the February 2019 issue, hitting newsstands on December 10, 2018.

Visitors can re-imagine those times during Dodge City Days, a ten-day festival that includes a PRCA rodeo, Western Art show, gunfights and more. Watch as cowboys drive longhorn cattle down Wyatt Earp Boulevard to the rodeo arena. Boot Hill Museum, named one of the eight wonders of Kansas, is a first-class repository of Old West artifacts and exhibits. The Trail of Fame Walking Tour takes visitors past statues of Wyatt Earp, Doc Holliday and El Capitan, a huge bronze of a Texas Longhorn. Visitors can still get a drink at the famous Long Branch Saloon on Front Street, which has been reconstructed to resemble its 1876 look. And the 1898 Santa Fe Depot is the largest still standing in Kansas. It has been renovated to its original Harvey House days.

“For certain generation, Dodge City is the television show ‘Gunsmoke’—and the town does honor that,” says *True West* Executive Editor Bob Boze Bell. “But it’s so much more, with a history to match any in the Old West. Dodge City truly deserves the designation as a Top Western Town.”

This is the 14th year *True West* has presented this annual award. Editors base their selection on criteria demonstrating how each town has preserved its history through old buildings, museums and other institutions, events, and promotions of historic resources.

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