

# DOWNNS

Chamber of Commerce

## SPOTLIGHT MEMBER OF THE MONTH

The Downs Arts Council, Inc., a registered not-for-profit organization was conceived in October 1993 with a vision to provide opportunities for artists, and to provide an awareness of the arts and humanities for students and adults in the rural area of North Central Kansas. The catalyst for the creation of the Arts Council was a local group of artists and advocates from music, theatre, dance, literature and visual art work who together became the committee chair people and board members of the Council. " Enhancing he quality of Life in our rural area, became their mission statement. The first Kansas Storytelling Festival was held in 1994. The two day event brings people from all over the United States. The Festival brings in the top storytellers to perform. The DAC Players presented it's first theatre performance. In 2017 the DAC Jr players was started. The Annual Tree Fest has been going on for twenty years, it kicks off the Christmas season. Some of the annual events have gone and new ones have taken their place. Anyone want to join our council is welcome.

If anyone has an idea for an event they are welcome.



### **Downs Arts Council**

Pictured board members, Allen DeBey,  
Samantha Toombs, Sherry Knouf,  
Jennifer Bowles, and Kenneth Lee.  
Brett Doane not pictured