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5TH ANNUAL PARTY IN THE PARK

AUGUST 12TH • VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

Scheduled for Saturday, August 12th, the 5th Annual Party in the Park boasts a full schedule of entertainment from dawn to dusk in Veteran's Memorial Park in Great Bend. Crowd favorites like Oozefest Mud Volleyball, the Car Show and Canoe Races will be back, along with new additions like the Mega Kite Mania and the Wet & Dry Parade on 17th Terrace.

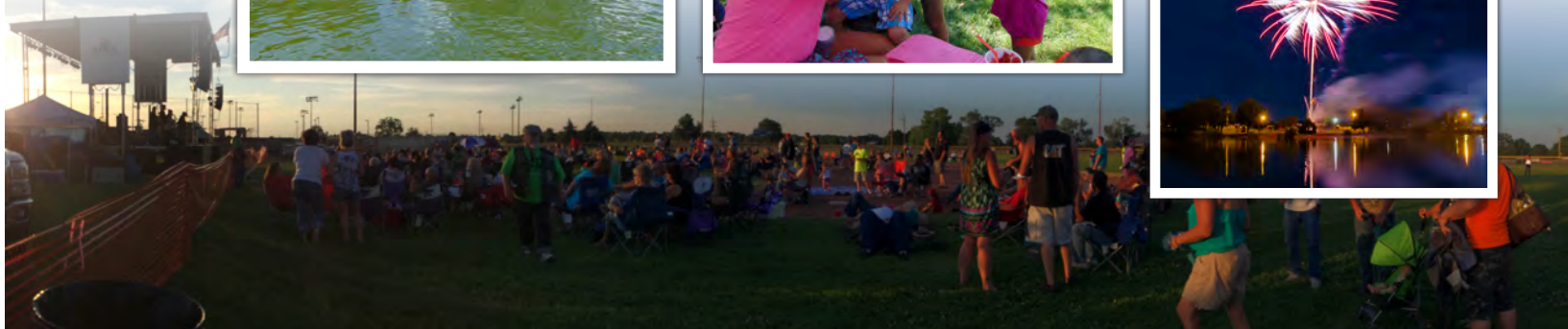
"The City of Great Bend is proud to provide a fun-filled day of entertainment on August 12th. This end of summer bash is a community effort with events throughout the day for every age and interest. It's a day you won't want to miss in Great Bend," said Christina Hayes, Community Coordinator for the City of Great Bend.

Concert gates open at 6pm featuring Ricky Fugitt & Homebrew. The day's events will culminate with a firework show at 10pm followed by headline performers Jason Boland & The Stragglers.

A majority of the day's activities are free to attend. Concert passes are just \$5 if you buy them early at City Hall, 1209 Williams. Passes can be purchased at the gate on the day of for \$10 per person. Get out and Explore Great Bend on August 12th - join the Party in the Park Facebook event to learn more! Search "Explore Great Bend, KS" on Facebook!

SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

- 10 AM - Wet/Dry Parade
- 10:30 AM - Oozefest Mud Volleyball Tournament
- 11 AM - Dog Park Fun & Mega Kite Mania
- 1 PM - Kiwanis Canoe Races
- 2 PM - Optimist Inflatables Fun Zone & Car Show Starts
- 3 PM - Eating Contest
- 6 PM - Concert Gates Open
- 8 PM - NCYC Glow Run
- 10 PM - Fireworks Display



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The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development, in partnership with USD 428, is excited to host the 3rd Annual Great Bend Business Showcase on Monday, August, 21st. An opportunity to extend gratitude and appreciation to the 700+ USD 428 teachers and staff, this event continues to grow year after year. Chamber Members are invited to book their FREE exhibit space for the event, which takes place from 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the Panther Activity Center (PAC). Each company will be provided with one six-foot table and two chairs. For more information, contact Andrea Bauer at 620.792.2401. Booth reservations need to be submitted prior to August 15th.

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Learning Rx Opens Office in Downtown Great Bend

When Julie Stuhlsatz, Great Bend, first discovered LearningRx, she could have had no way of knowing the effect it would have on her family. Not only did her son's school and home life improve but Stuhlsatz also is now the manager and head trainer for the new LearningRx office in Great Bend, 2015 Forest, Suite 106. The business celebrated its grand opening in July.

LearningRx helps clients build cognitive skills in areas such as attention, memory, thinking speed, and math and reading skills. It uses one-on-one brain training. "My son took the cognitive skills test through the ThinkRx program that we offer," Stuhlsatz said. "This core program, which is one of several we offer, focuses on long- and short-term memory, visual processing, logic and reasoning, auditory processing and other skills."

"He improved the age equivalency of four years in long-term memory, and logic and reasoning skills," she continued. "And he did this in three months."

Her son doesn't spend nearly as much time as he did before on his schoolwork, and learning comes easier for him now. "Before LearningRx, his weekly test preparation was lengthy and not always successful," his mother explained. "Now his test-preparation time is shorter, more enjoyable and more successful. He also demonstrates more self-confidence and independence in the classroom and everyday life."

The main Kansas office is in Hutchinson and the Great Bend location is the second site in the state. Stuhlsatz is one of two local trainers. LeAnna Lugafet, owner and director, noted that Stuhlsatz was instrumental in starting this new venture because she wants to help other families in central Kansas. "Some people come to us because they strive to be better at school or prepare for college," Lugafet said. "Older people often want help with memory issues. But many come because of ADHD or dyslexia, or math, reading and other learning struggles."

LearningRx is a nationwide company with more than 80 locations; it serves all ages, beginning at age 4. Initial cognitive testing and the follow-up consultation are performed at the Hutchinson office but the actual brain training is in Great Bend. For more information, call 620-259-7545, or visit learningrx.com for scientific data, testimonials and a free skill survey.



St. Rose Expands OB-GYN Hours in Great Bend

Haley Gleason and her colleagues at St. Rose Health Center realize families face scheduling difficulties when trying to juggle OB-GYN appointments so that family members can attend too. Therefore, Gleason and two other specialists will have expanded Thursday hours to accommodate fathers and other loved ones, and will be open from noon to 7 p.m.

"Not only does this include the traditional lunch hour but the time between 4 and 7 p.m. will be especially attractive to families," said Gleason, advanced practice registered nurse. "We hope this promotes more family involvement."

Services include low-risk OB follow-ups; OB-GYN post-operative exams; fetal heart monitoring; and ultrasounds, including Hello Baby 4D procedures. Gleason also will offer pelvic exams and PAPs during the expanded hours. In addition to Gleason, the women's health team includes Lacey Kern, registered diagnostic medical sonographer; and Melanie Krier, BSN, RN, who is certified in advanced fetal heart monitoring. All three work in conjunction with OB-GYNs at Hays Medical Center, the sole owner of St. Rose. These physicians are Joel Fort, M.D.; Lee Hodny, M.D.; and Timothy Hoskins, M.D. Each of these physicians sees patients weekly at the HaysMed Specialty Clinic at St. Rose.

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HaysMed Sole Owner of St. Rose Health Center

As of July 1, Hays Medical Center, part of The University of Kansas Health System, is the sole owner of St. Rose Health Center. The purchase includes the land adjacent to St. Rose to the east and west. "HaysMed will look to expand services, while evaluating campus expansion in the very near future," said HaysMed CEO Dr. John Jeter. "We continue to evaluate all options, including the addition of hospital beds in Great Bend, and the site does lend the possibility of future expansion of the current facility."



Education will be a key component of St. Rose's new relationship with HaysMed. "Our relationship with The University of Kansas Health System provides us access to the most current medical practices, which will enable St. Rose providers to stay up-to-date on the very latest advances in treatment," Dr. Jeter said.

Another aspect of this new partnership is raising the level of recruitment efforts to attract new physicians and mid-level providers, Dr. Jeter noted. St. Rose Executive Director Zena Jacobs said the most important aspects of St. Rose remain the same. "We will continue to provide the appropriate level of care to patients, as close to home as possible in a timely fashion," she explained. "Our health-care services are evidence-based to ensure patients receive high-quality care and treatment."

"We will continue to work closely with HaysMed. We hope this relationship will bring the opportunity to bridge the gap in health care and bring even more specialists to St. Rose. This will only enhance the level of care for central Kansas residents. The possibilities are endless."

St. Rose Health Center specializes in primary care, prevention and wellness. Services include St. Rose Family Medicine, Convenient Care Walk-in Clinic, Great Bend Internists, Imaging, Cardiac Rehab, Physical Therapy, Golden Belt Home Health & Hospice and a comprehensive Specialty Clinic.

Spectrum Now Offering Contract HR Services



Spectrum CPA Partners, LLC located in Great Bend, Kansas recently announced the expansion of their services to include Human Resources Consulting for local businesses. Last fall, Spectrum CPA Partners moved to a new

location at 1400 Polk Street, and is continuing that growth trend with the addition of experienced Human Resources professional, Jean Harrison. "So many small businesses don't have the resources to hire their own Human Resources expert, so retaining a consultant can fill those gaps with much-needed knowledge and support," says Barry Bowers, one of the four partners at Spectrum. "Our clients have been asking for help with the ever-changing HR landscape, and we are excited to have Jean's skills and expertise to meet that demand."

Jean Harrison holds a degree in Human Resource Management, and has nearly 20 years of experience in the industry. She has received several awards and recognitions for her work in the Human Resources field, and is eager to help new and existing clients of Spectrum CPA Partners with all aspects of personnel management and record keeping. "With government reporting requirements constantly changing, and Department of Labor rules and regulations on the rise, it is more important than ever that business owners protect their interests," Harrison says. "I can help companies with documentation, government reporting, disciplinary action, labor and wage calculations, employee benefits, workers compensation, personnel relations, and more."

Contract HR services are available for \$85 per hour, and one-on-one training will also be available to ensure that clients are informed and equipped moving forward. Located at 1400 Polk Street in Great Bend, Spectrum CPA Partners is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. To set up a consultation, call 620-792-5378. www.spectrumcpa.com

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- 1... 100 People Who Care Giving Meeting, Best Western, 2920 10th @ 5:30pm
- 3... Chamber Coffee: Barton County Academy, 5220 W 10th @ 9am
- 4... Test & Tune, SRCA Dragstrip, 455 W. Barton County Road @ 730pm
- 5... Rocky Mountain Superchargers & NHRA Summit Points Race #5, SRCA Dragstrip, 455 W. Barton County Road @ 12pm
- 6... Buffalo Soldiers: An American Legend on the Western Frontier - Santa Fe Trail Center Presentation, 1349 K156 Hwy, Larned @ 2pm
- 7... Barton County Commission Meeting, Courthouse Room 106, 1400 Main @ 9am
- 7... Great Bend City Council Meeting, City Hall, 1209 Williams @ 7:30pm
- 8... Dine for Dolly, Freddy's Frozen Custard, 3008 10th St, 10:30 AM - 10 PM
- 9... Technology Roundtable: "Emerging Technology", Spray-Holt Family Board Room, 1125 Williams St. @ 11:30am
- 9... WKHRMA presentation: Employment Issues - The Good, The Bad, and the Lessons Learned!, Robbins Center FHSU, One Tiger Place, Hays @ 11:15am
- 10... Chamber Coffee: Culligan Water, 1706 Main St @ 9am
- 11... Perseid Meteor Shower Party, KVEC, 592 NE K-156 Hwy @ 9pm
- 12... 5th Annual Party in the Park, Veterans Memorial Park, 17th & McKinley
- 13... Gifts from the Garden, KVEC, 592 NE K-156 Hwy @ 2pm
- 13... BCYP Free Family Skate Night!, UpNRollin Skate Center, 4805 10th Street @ 5pm
- 14... Barton County Commission Meeting, Courthouse Room 106, 1400 Main @ 9am
- 15... Grand Opening of CUNA Mutual Retirement Solutions New Facility @ 11am
- 17... Chamber Coffee: First Kansas Bank, 4001 W 10th St @ 9am
- 18... Test and Tune & Gambler's Race, SRCA Dragstrip, 455 W. Barton County Road @ 7:30pm
- 19... NHRA National Dragster & Jr Dragster Challenge & Summit Points Race #6, SRCA Dragstrip, 455 W. Barton County Road @ 12pm
- 19... Racing for a Cause, United Way Kickoff Event, 723 S. Main @ 6pm
- 21... USD 428 Business Showcase, GBHS PAC Center, 2027 Morton @ 10:45am
- 21... Barton County Commission Meeting, Courthouse Room 106, 1400 Main @ 9am
- 21... Great Bend City Council Meeting, City Hall, 1209 Williams @ 7:30pm
- 21... Solar Eclipse Party, KVEC, 592 NE K-156 Hwy @ 10:30am
- 21... Great Bend Business Showcase & Teacher Appreciation Event, Great Bend High School PAC, 2027 Morton St @ 10:45am
- 24... Chamber Coffee: The Reserves at Trail Ridge, 811 Grant Street @ 9am
- 26... Sunflower Diversified Ride for Independence Poker Run, Sunshine Garage 1006 Broadway in Larned @ 8:30am
- 26... 39th Annual Big Benefit Auction - Barton Community College Foundation, Knights of Columbus Hall, 723 Main @ 6pm
- 26... BCHS: Annual Rolling Sculpture Car Show, 85 S. Highway 281 @ 10am
- 28... Barton County Commission Meeting, Courthouse Room 106, 1400 Main @ 9am
- 29... Health Chat - Sponsored by PM Sleep Lab, Spray-Holt Family Board Room, 1125 Williams @ 6pm
- 31... Chamber Coffee: Eyecare of Great Bend, 713 McKinley St. @ 9am
- 31... Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: Bling, 2019 Lakin @ 10am



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Grand Opening of NEW CUNA Mutual Facility Slated Aug. 15

Over the past several months, CUNA Mutual Retirement Solutions, located at the corner of 24th & Kansas Avenue in Great Bend, has been undergoing extensive facility improvements. The first step was to consolidate all the employee work stations into one half of their facility so the other half could be demolished and rebuilt. Once the new section was finished, the employees moved into the new building and the remaining half of the old facility was demolished to make room for an enhanced parking lot.

The public is invited to a grand opening for the newly constructed facility, scheduled for August 15th at 11 a.m. Tours will be available.

Tuesday, August 15th
11:00 AM

Featuring special guests from CUNA Mutual headquarters in Madison, WI.

Chamber Office Mgr. Roxanne Rich Retires

After more than four years of dedicated service to the members of the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development, Office Manager Roxanne Rich recently announced her retirement, effective July 31, 2017.

She will be greatly missed as the "face" of the Chamber office! We wish her all the best in her new adventures!



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The 10th Street Eyecare Center Welcomes New Optometrist, Dr. Sarah Stueder of Claflin

The 10th Street Eyecare Center is pleased to welcome Dr. Sarah Stueder as a new optometrist at their busy practice, located at 2601 10th Street in Great Bend. As a native of the Claflin community, Dr. Stueder is pleased to launch her optometry practice near her hometown.

"I grew up on a farm west of Claflin, and much of my extended family still lives in the area. It was a natural decision to move back to the area," Dr. Stueder says. "I have always admired this practice and their dedication to helping their patients with the best possible care and compassion, and I look forward to joining their positive culture."

Sarah graduated from Claflin High School in 2009 before graduating Magna Cum Laude from Kansas State University in 2013 with a Bachelor of Science in Life Sciences. Afterward, she attended Northeastern State University Oklahoma College of Optometry in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. In addition to being active with numerous professional associations, she stayed busy with numerous volunteer programs before graduating Summa Cum Laude in May 2017 with a Doctorate of Optometry. During her externship in Tulsa, Oklahoma she gained lots of experience in ocular disease and refractive surgery. This helped Dr. Stueder earn a certificate from NSUOCO in ocular lasers and minor surgical procedures, and she passed her Kansas Boards in June of this year.

Dr. Stueder plans to bring some special new areas to the practice, including specialty contact lenses and Ortho K fits. She will be joining Dr. Russell McCaulley, Dr. Chad Premer, and Dr. Nicole Miller as the fourth provider for total eye health at the Great Bend clinic.

Outside of work, Sarah enjoys spending time with friends and family, going to the lake, attending K-State sporting events, cooking, and running. She is active in her church, and plans to get involved in the community. Sarah is the daughter of Alan and Rita Stueder of Claflin.

The 10th Street Eyecare Center is a leader in optometric healthcare, offering everything from routine eye exams and diagnostic testing to retail glasses and contacts and frame repair. The clinic is open six days per week, and office hours are published on their website at www.10thstreeteyecare.com. For more information or to make an appointment with Dr. Stueder or one of the other optometrists, call 620-792-2020.



Sunflower Diversified Services Staff Attends Annual SACK Coalition Meeting in Topeka

Sunflower Diversified Services representatives learned up-to-date information about ways to prevent being scammed by strangers asking for personal information. Fourteen Sunflower individuals and three staff members traveled to Topeka for the recent SACK meeting where they heard about scams and many other topics. SACK stands for Self Advocate Coalition of Kansas.

Sunflower, a non-profit agency, serves infants, toddlers and adults with developmental disabilities and delays in Barton, Pawnee, Rice, Rush and Stafford counties. "Scam prevention was one of the big topics," said Brandon Wiig, residential services facilitator. "It was a good venue for talking about who to trust and what kinds of information shouldn't be shared." Other topics at the annual meeting included bullying, parenting, exercise and nutrition. "Because it is a statewide organization that advocates for people with disabilities, it's a great resource for new information and reminders on a variety of topics."

PM Sleep Lab to Host “Health Chat”

Attend PM Sleep Lab's very first Health Chat, August 29th, 2017. Once a quarter, we will meet at the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development, 1125 Williams St., from 6-7:00 pm and chat about all things health related. Bring your questions! Attendance is free and all are welcome.

PM Sleep Lab has been approved for their accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Healthcare (ACHC). This means that all insurances are accepted including Medicare. PM Sleep Labs' team consists of board certified pulmonologists, Medical Directors, registered respiratory therapists, and technologists. You can sleep well, knowing that our staff of highly trained specialists is there for you.

The Kansas State Board of Pharmacy has also approved Advanced Medical DME for their Durable Medical Equipment Certificate. They carry all lines of masks and CPAP's, BiPAP's and specialty modes. They also carry Breast Pumps and now AffloVests.



Golden Belt Cinema 6 Hosts a Hometown Heroes Movie Night

Late last month, Golden Belt Cinema 6 partnered with a handful of other local employers to host a Hometown Heroes Movie Night to recognize first responders in the area. All firefighters, law enforcement officers, emergency medical professionals, and dispatchers in Barton County were invited – over 200 in total. They were welcomed to the theater on July 25th along with their significant others, to enjoy a free movie and free refreshments. Each first responder also received a complimentary gift from the event sponsors.

“The work they do is difficult and dangerous, and far too many of us take for granted the safety and security they provide to our communities,” says Chad Somers, owner of Golden Belt Cinema 6. “Myself, and a number of other local employers, wanted to express our appreciation for their service and sacrifice, and this event was just one small way we can show them our gratitude.”

Probably the best surprise of the evening was a special video compiled by all the businesses involved that expressed a community-wide message of support and encouragement for the first responders at the event. “It was a great surprise, and we couldn't be more pleased with the turnout,” Somers says. “The reaction was pretty emotional for some.”

The video can be seen by visiting the Golden Belt Cinema 6 facebook page: www.facebook.com/GoldenBelt6. Other Businesses involved in the project led by Golden Belt Cinema 6 include Benefit Management, Barton Community College, Animal Medical Center, Comfort Pro, The 10th Street Eyecare Center, CUNA Mutual Retirement Solutions, Straub International, Marmies, and Marketing Maven Consulting.



Diane Olsen Named New Director of Nursing at Cherry Village

When Diane Olsen, R.N., was seeing hospice patients in Great Bend, she visited Cherry Village Benevolence and helped care for its residents nearing the end of life.

Now, she is the new director of nursing at the non-profit, short- and long-term-care facility at 1401 Cherry Lane.

“I was here at Cherry Village often during the three years I cared for hospice patients,” Olsen said. “I always liked the facility, and I respect Pam Lewis and her mission.”

Lewis is Cherry Village administrator; Olsen previously worked for Hospice Care of Kansas, now known as Kindred Hospice. In her new position, Olsen is using her decades of experience “to ensure all our residents are safe and happy, and that we meet all their physical and emotional needs.

“We want Cherry Village to be as home-like as possible,” she added. “Residents deserve professional and compassionate care, with the best quality of life possible. I emphasize that we consider the whole resident in all that we do.”

Olsen's background includes positions at the Mayo Clinic's Rochester Methodist Hospital for 12 years and the former Central Kansas Medical Center (CKMC) in Great Bend for four years. She also was a nurse at facilities in California.

“I moved to Great Bend with my 8-week-old baby to be near family in 1993,” Olsen recalled, noting she is originally from Iowa. “I have run the gamut in nursing, starting as an aide before spending many years in acute and chronic renal dialysis and a number of other specialties.”

Olsen also has been an emergency room nurse and managed a gastro-intestinal lab. She was at CKMC from 1993-97, when she served patients in the skilled-nursing unit and in scheduling.

Her list of responsibilities at Cherry Village includes: managing all residents' care; overseeing medications and doctors' orders; managing the nursing staff; and complying with all state and federal regulations.

In addition, Olsen is available for individual and group tours, and for speaking engagements. “I would love to have church, civic and school groups come into Cherry Village and share time with our residents. I also would enjoy speaking at their meetings.”

For more information, contact Olsen by calling 620-792-2165. A local family has managed Cherry Village, a non-profit entity, since it opened in 1978.



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"We are excited to have Amanda on our team. She brings knowledge of the local market, enthusiasm for helping others, and a standard of professionalism that is important to our customers," says Aaron Andrews of MPIRE Realty Group. "Not only do we ensure that all of our Realtors® are well educated in the real estate industry, but even more importantly we ensure that they understand and practice our core values which sets us apart from other agencies."

When Amanda isn't showing properties to potential buyers, she'll be helping lease residential and commercial rental properties for MPIRE Property Management, Inc. "I love all aspects of real estate, and this is the best of both worlds," Swigart says. "In a lot of ways, I feel like now I have the tools to help anyone looking for a place to live, even if they are on the fence about whether to rent or buy. I want to be a resource for all types of people browsing the housing market."

Swigart is a lifelong resident of Great Bend and Barton County, and holds a Bachelor's degree from Fort Hays State University. Representing the real estate industry, she is a member of the Great Plains Board of Realtors, the Kansas Association of Realtors, and the National Association of Realtors. As a volunteer, she is a member of the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Club as well as the Great Bend Pilot Club. Amanda lives in Great Bend with her husband, Steve, and two children. They also have one child attending Fort Hays State University.

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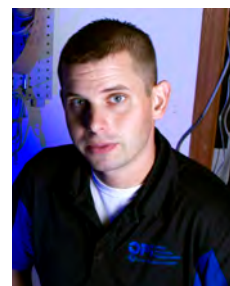


OPI Welcomes Brunner for Screen & Tablet Repair

Not only is Chris Brunner new to Office Products Inc. (OPI), so are some of the services he provides. Brunner's offerings include repairing iPhones and Androids, along with all makes of tablets. This is a first at OPI. "I have been here a little while helping get this new venture started," said Brunner, a Great Bend resident. "This is just another added feature to OPI's long list of services."

Two of the more common cell phone repairs involve cracked screens and water damage. "But we can fix pretty much anything," Brunner said. "Customers should feel free to stop in at OPI anytime with their small devices, which will be repaired on-site."

Even though Brunner is the phone-and-tablet guy at OPI, he brings experience in other areas of technology to his new position. His background includes computer networking and computer-repair positions at other companies. A 2007 graduate of Abilene High School, Brunner is currently enrolled in Regent University, working toward an associate's degree in computer science. He also has a certificate in computer networking through Honeywell. OPI is located at 1204 Main in Great Bend, 516 Broadway in Larned and 724 N. Main in Russell.



Update from United Way of Central KS

On Your Mark, Get Set, Start Your Engines!

The United Way of Central Kansas is gearing up for the start of the 2018 Campaign. On July 11th they hosted their first function of the Campaign with the 3rd Annual Pacesetter Luncheon. United Way was proud to recognize the top 15 companies in payroll deductions as the 2017 Pacesetters, see list below. Other awards sought to recognize businesses with the highest giving per capita, largest increases in workplace giving, new campaigns and community leadership.

Next up for UWCK is the 2018 Campaign Kickoff. You're invited to "Race for a Cause" with United Way on August 19th at 6:00 p.m. at the Columbus Club in Great Bend. Entertainment this year will be Curtis the Mentalist, providing a sleight-of-brain entertainment. Reserve your seats today by calling UWCK at 620-792-2403 or visit uwck.org/kickoff. Tickets are \$50/person for a night of food and entertainment surrounded by a great group of people.

2017 Pacesetter Companies:

Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball, CUNA Mutual Retirement Solutions, Dillons, Farmers Bank & Trust, Great Bend COOP, Great Bend Regional Hospital, Marmies, Midwest Energy, Northern Natural Gas-Bushton, Straub International, Sunflower Electric Power Corp, Superior Essex, USD 428.

Top 3 Per Capita Giving:

Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball; Spectrum CPA; Northern Natural Gas

Community Leadership Award:

Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers

Media Award:

Hoisington Dispatch

Outstanding New Workplace Campaign:

Heart of Kansas Family Healthcare

Highest Workplace Increase:

Credit Union of America



Barton & FHSU Partner for Degree-in-Three

Barton Community College and Fort Hays State University (FHSU) have partnered to bring students a fast track program for Elementary Education starting in the 2017-2018 academic year. The Degree in Three program is designed to help students earn their bachelor's degree in Elementary Education in three years with a seamless transition from Barton to FHSU. Students will take 64 credit hours at Barton before transferring to FHSU where they will complete 64 more credit hours. Upon degree completion, students are able to seek a Kansas teaching licensure in Elementary Education K-6.

"We know we will be facing a teacher shortage in Kansas and around the nation in just a few years as Baby Boomers retire," said Brian Howe, Dean of Academics at Barton. "Leaders at FHSU and Barton recognize the need and this Degree in Three can help bring qualified and trained teachers into the classrooms quicker while helping students save money."

The Degree in Three in Elementary Education is for high school graduates who are coming to Barton with some college hours through a concurrent credit program or paraprofessionals who desire to become a classroom teacher. While currently the Degree in Three program is only offered for Elementary Education, Howe is hopeful for the future expansion of the program. For more information visit bartonccc.edu/academicprograms/education.



Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 13th - Family Skate Night Sponsored by Cirrus Dental Group at UpNRollin @ 5-7 PM

Friday, September 8th - Networking Mixer at The Fieldhouse @ 6-8 PM

Sunday, October 8th - Fall Fest Sponsored by The 10th Street Eyecare at Long Pumpkin Patch @ 5-6:30 PM

Saturday, October 21st - Flatlander Half Marathon & YP5K

Learn more and sign up: www.bartonyyp.com

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August 12, 2017

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Farmers Bank and Trust Celebrates 110 Years

Farmers Bank recently held a barbecue at the Great Bend headquarters to celebrate its' 110 year anniversary milestone with over 275 employees and community members in attendance. Many longtime customers attended and indicated their number of years of banking with Farmers Bank by a show of hands. Several shared that they had banked with Farmers for over 50 years and the longest banking customer in attendance signaled that she had been a customer for 71 years!

Farmers Bank and Trust originally started in Albert, Kansas by a group of farmers in 1907. The bank has grown to nine branches in central and eastern Kansas with total assets of \$803 million and a strong capital account of \$137 million. Branches are located in Great Bend, Albert, LaCrosse, Bazine, Kinsley, Larned, Overland Park and Olathe making it the 15th largest bank in the state.

"Farmers Bank and Trust has been committed to customer success for 110 years and values the partnerships and growth in the communities we serve," said Corporate President and CEO W.R. Robbins. Robbins and his family purchased the bank in 1971 and is proud to have worked with a team of dedicated and experienced employees, directors and advisory directors through his 46 year tenure at the bank. "It is important to thank our valued customers and let them know we appreciate their loyalty and show it by contributing back to the local communities," said Robbins.

Farmers Bank and Trust provides deposits and lending services to a broad range of consumer, manufacturing, agricultural, energy, real estate and commercial customers.



ABBB Acquires Overland Park Accounting Firm

Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball, Chartered (ABBB) is pleased to announce their upcoming merger with the local accounting firm of Barrett, Herman, Ragland, Schartz, P.A. (BHRS), effective July 10, 2017. "We are excited to increase ABBB's reach to the Kansas City area. Our clients will benefit greatly," said Brian Staats, CPA, CGMA, and managing partner at Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball. "Being selected by the Kansas City Business Journal as a Top 25 Kansas City Area Accounting Firm and Tax Preparation firm annually since 2001 is a testament of BHRS's commitment to providing clients with exceptional service and personalized attention."

Barrett, Herman, Ragland & Schartz, P.A., formerly Barrett & Associates was formed in 1982. The merged practices will retain the name Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball, Chartered and will be located in the current BHRS facility at 10990 Quivira Road, Suite 160, Overland Park, KS 66210. The BHRS employees will join the ABBB team.

Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball, Chartered provides a wide range of traditional and non-traditional CPA and consulting services to clients throughout the United States, including agriculture organizations, construction companies, feed yards, financial institutions, governmental and not-for-profit organizations, manufacturers, medical practices, oil and gas companies, professional service firms, real estate companies and small businesses. Founded in 1945, today the firm maintains 15 office locations throughout Kansas. For more information, visit their website at www.abbb.com.



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Technology Roundtable “Show & Tell” Aug. 9



The Chamber hosts a quarterly discussion known as the Technology Roundtable four times per year, and the next meeting will take place Wednesday, August 9th in the Spray-Holt Family Board Room at the Chamber Office, 1125 Williams, starting at 11:30 a.m. This quarter's topic is “Emerging Technology - Show & Tell for Devices, Gadgets, Software & More.” Technology consumers, “non-tech” people, and basic users are encouraged to attend!

Have you found a unique device, stellar software or a nifty gadget that makes life easier or work more efficient? Bring something to “show & tell” and join us for the Tech Roundtable on August 9th! As the “internet of things” continues to connect the daily functions of life with technology, we'll explore what IT professionals are using to integrate emerging technologies!

Cost to attend is just \$15 per person, which includes the catered meal and a beverage. To confirm your attendance, register at www.greatbend.org no later than 12 p.m. Monday, August 7th or call the Chamber staff: 620-792-2401 to RSVP.

Stueder Contractors Hosts Ribbon Cutting

Stueder Contractors celebrated the completion of their storefront remodel with a chamber ribbon cutting! Terry Stueder, owner, thanked all the local businesses who helped during the remodel. He also gave special thanks to all of the Stueder Contractor customers who have supported them over the past 33 years. Stueder Contractors takes pride in their investment to the community and looks forward to providing quality HVAC, plumbing, and electrical service for many years to come.



19th Annual Women's Expo Scheduled Sept. 26

Area businesses are encouraged to save the date & reserve booth space for the 19th Annual Great Bend Tribune's Women's Expo scheduled for Tuesday, September 26, from 3:30pm to 7:00pm. The expo boasts a large attendance and serves as a great opportunity for women in the area to make connections with a wide variety of vendors from healthcare to retail and everything in between. For more information, or to reserve a booth space, contact Tammy or Diane at 620-792-1211.



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Chamber Radio Show Airs August 3rd on 1590 KVGB AM

Tune in to KVGB 1590 AM on the first Thursday of every month to hear Member Relations Coordinator Megan Barfield discuss the latest happenings and upcoming Chamber projects and events with one of Eagle Radio's talented hosts. This month's show will air on Thursday, August 3rd at 11:35 a.m. You

can also keep up with Chamber events and happenings at www.greatbend.org. KVGB 1590 AM is operated by Eagle Radio.





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August 3, 2017

BARTON COUNTY ACADEMY
5220 10th Street in Great Bend

Barton County Academy provides High School Diplomas through sponsorship by School Districts in Ellinwood, Hoisington, and Great Bend. We also provide English classes for those new to Great Bend.

August 10, 2017

CULLIGAN WATER
1706 Main Street in Great Bend

Culligan Water has been around for many years and continues to be the top leading water professionals in our industry. We rent, sell, deliver salt and water to offices and homes every day. Stop and see us at 1706 Main Street. *Culligan, Better Water, Pure and Simple.*

August 17, 2017

FIRST KANSAS BANK
4001 10th Street in Great Bend

First Kansas Bank prides itself on highly personalized customer care delivered by local decision makers. We also offer the latest technology to make banking with us easier for you. For 117 years, our Bank has offered loan and deposit products to meet the needs of individuals, commercial businesses, and agricultural producers. We provide full service banking in Hoisington, Claflin, Great Bend and Hays.

Special Guest: Senator Pat Roberts

August 24, 2017

THE RESERVES AT TRAIL RIDGE
811 Grant Street in Great Bend

Join us for coffee, refreshments and take a tour! The Reserves at Trail Ridge is an apartment community providing affordable housing to Great Bend residents. Trail Ridge is centrally located and within walking distance of shopping, schools and healthcare. We currently have forty-eight (48) 2 and 3 bedroom apartments and will soon be adding another 48 apartments to include twelve (12) 1 bedroom apartments. Come home to The Reserves at Trail Ridge! Find us on Facebook.

August 31, 2017

EYECARE OF GREAT BEND
713 McKinley Street in Great Bend

Eyecare of Great Bend has been serving Barton and the surrounding counties since 1986, originating with Dr. Greg F. Copeland. In 1996, Dr. Douglas D. Ayre joined the practice and now, we would like to welcome Dr. Reed A. McAtee! Originally, from Lakin, KS, Dr. McAtee and his family are looking forward to serving Great Bend and the surrounding communities with state-of-the-art eye care delivered with old-fashioned caring. Please join us in welcoming him and his family to the community.

September 7, 2017

UNITED WAY OF CENTRAL KANSAS
USD 428 District Office - 201 S. Patton Road in Great Bend

The United Way of Central Kansas is proud to host this week's coffee at the USD428 District Office. USD 428 participates in the UWCK Workplace Campaign and holds the distinction of a Pacesetter Company. UWCK funds 23 agencies and 5 community impact programs. Join us to learn more about expanding Reality U to other areas schools and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library coming to Great Bend.



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