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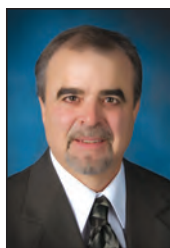
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With the changing of the calendar year comes a change in leadership and a new set of goals for the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Board of Directors. The Chamber welcomes seven new members to its diverse board, representing a wide range of industries and backgrounds.

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# 2016 Board of Directors Set, Officers Elected

Beginning three-year terms are Aaron Andrews (Coldwell Banker Sell Real Estate), Rebecca Ford (Catholic Charities), Brandon Lawellin (Sutherlands), Marty Steinert (Dove Chevrolet Buick Cadillac), and Nancy Sundahl (Mary Kay Cosmetics). Also serving on the board in 2016 will be Megan Hammeke (Great Bend Recreation Commission) representing the Barton County Young Professionals group and AJ Chrest (Aflac) representing the Ambassador Club.

Dennis Neeland (Great Bend Co-op Association) will serve as Board Chairman and Paul Snapp (First Kansas Bank) will serve as the new Vice Chairman, while Brent Hanson (Great Bend Regional Hospital) serves as 2nd Vice Chairman, and Kenny Vink (Office Products Inc) is Immediate Past Chairman. Alan Burton (Mpire Properties LLC) is Treasurer.

Remaining Chamber Board members are Linda Bonewell (Fuller Industries), Taylor Calcara (Watkins Calcara Chtd), Matt Dykes (Epoxy Poly Inc), Kevin Keller (Keller Real Estate & Insurance Agency), Rodrigo Razo (Playa Azul Mexican Restaurant), Leilani Schenkel (Almost Home Inc), and Aaron Spanier (Innovative Livestock Services).

Ex-Officio Board members are Vicki Berryman (City of Great Bend), Brad Reed (USD 428), and Jennifer Schartz (Barton County Commission). Seats for the Great Bend Convention & Visitors Bureau and Barton Community College have yet to be filled.

Finishing their terms on the Board are Frank Callahan (American Family Insurance), Matt Fehr (Animal Medical Center), Kevin Mauler (4M Farms), Curt Mauler (L&M Contractors), Candice Moeder (Young Professionals), Chris Smith (Smith Supply LLC), and Jan Westfall (Hi Neighbor Publications). Retiring board members will be recognized during the 94th Annual Chamber Banquet.



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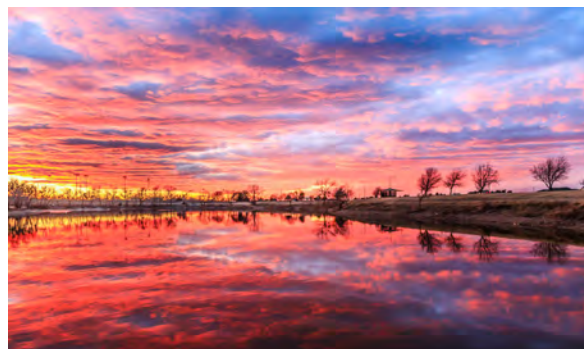


## Great Bend CVB Unveils Striking New 2016 Guide

Fresh off the press, the Great Bend Convention and Visitors Bureau has begun distributing its 2016 official visitor's guide. The vibrant 45 page comprehensive guide features maps, event information, lodging, trip ideas, hunting resources, local attractions and more. "Paging through this guide, visitors and locals alike will find everything they need for an inspiring experience while exploring Great Bend" said Jenna Applebee of the CVB.

The guides are distributed at all the Kansas Travel Centers, by request to out of town guests, and at conferences and events such as the Kansas Sampler Festival. Visitor's guides are available by calling (620) 792-2750 or Toll Free (877) 427-9299. The guide can also be viewed and downloaded at [www.visitgreatbend.com](http://www.visitgreatbend.com).

The Great Bend Convention and Visitors Bureau is located at 3007 10th Street. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The CVB provides maps, guides, and brochures of Great Bend and the surrounding area in a 24-hour accessible visitor resource center located in the entrance of the building. Find them online at [www.visitgreatbend.com](http://www.visitgreatbend.com).





## 2016 Fee Schedule - Chamber Programs & Events:

<b>Chamber Coffee Host Fee</b> .....	<b>\$50.00</b>
<i>No fee to attend!</i>	
<b>Business After Hours Host Fee</b> .....	<b>\$250.00</b>
<i>No fee to attend!</i>	
<b>Outlook Business Journal Insert Program</b> .....	<b>\$150.00</b>
Postage Fee (beginning Feb. 2016)	
<b>Quarterly Member Orientation / Marketing Seminar</b> .....	<b>FREE to attend!</b>
<b>Human Resource Roundtable Seminars</b> .....	<b>\$20.00</b>
<i>Lunch and Program Included</i>	
<b>Technology Roundtable Seminars</b> .....	<b>\$15.00</b>
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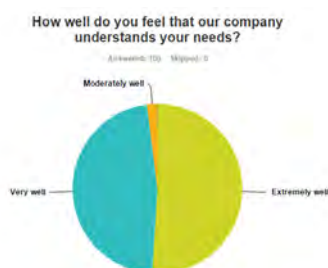
Please contact Andrea Bauer, Director of Sales & Member Services, with any questions on fees or for more information about participating and/or utilizing these valuable Chamber member services.

## Animal Medical Center Exceeds Customer Expectations

In a recent survey of its ever-expanding customer list, the staff at Animal Medical Center were pleased to learn that the vast majority of their customers are satisfied with AMC's services and its team members. More than 100 of their clients responded over a ten-day period, and of those participants 98% said that AMC understands their needs very well or extremely well. In a similar question, over 95% said that AMC meets those needs very well or extremely well.

"We want to thank everyone who responded to our recent survey. Every suggestion and comment is learned from to help us get better at what we do," says Nels Lindberg, co-owner of Animal Medical Center. "Many of our business decisions hinge around suggestions given to us by our clients, such as chiropractics or regenerative therapy. We love hearing new ideas, and adapting our practice to accommodate those ideas when we can."

Animal Medical Center offers full-service small and large animal care including vaccinations, spay and neuter surgeries, acupuncture, animal chiropractic, ultrasound diagnostics, cold laser therapy, surgical laser, digital x-ray, endoscopy, newly developed regenerative medicine, all aspects of bovine and equine medicine, surgery, consultation, and much more. Retail products for pet care and nutrition are also available, and they boast a clean open-hospital environment. The Great Bend clinic, located at 622 McKinley Street, is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to noon with a 24-hour emergency service. The new Ellinwood satellite clinic, located at 315 Santa Fe, is open Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with appointments for veterinarians from 1-5 p.m. on those days. Ellinwood also offers grooming services on the first Saturday of each month. For more information, visit [www.myamcvets.com](http://www.myamcvets.com), call 620-792-1265, or like Animal Medical Center on Facebook.



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## Club 1 Fitness Celebrates Renovation Completion

The start of a new year is a great time to set a resolution to be healthier. With recent renovations to the facility and equipment, Club 1 Fitness is ready to welcome members new and old!

Hosting a Chamber Business After Hours in late October, Club 1 showcased the facility. The new layout creates more space for members to workout, adding capacity for a new line of Cardio equipment as well as new free weights and strength equipment. Chris Berger, a fitness enthusiast and staff member of over 5 years, was recently promoted to manager of Club 1. From the front desk staff to every trainer on staff, Club 1 is ready to help you achieve your fitness goals in 2016.

On January 26th, Club 1 Fitness will also kick-off its annual "Battle of the Bulge" competition. The public is invited to start their journey to health and wellness as an individual or on a team of 4. Contact Club 1 for more information.

Club 1 Fitness offers cardio and strength training equipment, free weights, indoor tennis and racquet ball courts, group fitness classes, an indoor pool, Jacuzzi, sauna, and more. For more information about Club 1 Fitness, call 620-792-1366 or visit [www.club1fitness.net](http://www.club1fitness.net).



## Dialing for Dollars Reaps \$37k for Sunflower Div.

It is amazing what the results of a one-day, intense fundraising effort will mean to infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities and delays, said Jim Johnson, executive director of Sunflower Diversified Services. Almost \$37,000 was raised during Sunflower's Dialing for Dollars event last month. All proceeds are earmarked for the Invest in Kids Club that supports Sunflower's Early Education Center and Incredible Years Preschool. "I am always overwhelmed and humbled by the generosity of Sunflower's friends," Johnson said. "They recognize the importance of early intervention to children ages birth to 3."

Sunflower board members and its Foundation trustees participated in Dialing for Dollars; they raised \$36,825. Nex-Tech Wireless sponsored the 100.7 Eagle Radio live remote. The annual Invest in Kids goal is \$60,000. Another \$6,809 will allow Sunflower to reach that goal. Sunflower's service area includes Barton, Pawnee, Rice, Rush and Stafford counties. All donations to the non-profit agency remain in these communities.

# JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

View & post all your community events at [www.greatbend.org](http://www.greatbend.org)!

- 1... Chamber Office Closed for New Year's Day
- 4... Great Bend City Council Meeting, 1209 Williams, 7:30 p.m.
- 7... Chamber Coffee: Thrivent Financial, Chamber Board Room, 1125 Williams, 9:30 a.m.
- 7... Ambassador Luncheon: Chamber Board Room, 1125 Williams, 9:30 a.m.
- 13... Chamber Marketing & Member Services Seminar, Chamber Board Room, 1125 Williams, 10 a.m.
- 14... Chamber Coffee: Central Kansas Dream Center, 2100 Broadway, 9:30 a.m.
- 15... Submission Deadline for February Issue of *Outlook Business Journal*
- 16... Icy Sidewalk Sale: Cool temps but hot deals at participating retailers! Visit [Explore Great Bend's Facebook page](#) for more information.
- 18... Great Bend City Council Meeting, 1209 Williams, 7:30 p.m.
- 21... Chamber Coffee: Central Kansas CASA, Chamber Board Room, 1125 Williams, 9:30 a.m.
- 23... St. Rose Health Center Blood Screenings, 3515 Broadway, 6:30-9:30 a.m.
- 25... Flyer Insert Deadline for December Issue of *Outlook Business Journal*
- 26... HR Roundtable Luncheon: The Page, 2920 10th, 11:30 a.m.
- 28... Chamber Coffee & Ribbon Cutting: Barton Community College Welding Lab, 245 NE 30 Rd, Technical Building Room T-172, 9:30 a.m.
- 29... Barton County Young Professionals Networking Mixer: Barton Community College & Shafer Art Gallery, 245 NE 30 RD, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

## RECURRING EVENTS

- Barton County Commission Meetings, Mondays, Courthouse Room 106, 9 a.m.
- GBPL Maker Space Mondays, 1409 Williams, 4 p.m.
- GBHHH Grief Support Group Meetings, 3520 Lakin, 6:30 p.m.
- GBPL Baby and Me Activity, Tuesdays, 1409 Williams, 10 a.m.
- American Legion Bingo, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1011 Kansas Ave, 7 p.m.
- GBPL Story Time, 1409 Williams, Tuesdays at 11 a.m., Friday at 10 a.m.
- GBPL Quiet Study Session for Teens, Wednesdays, 1409 Williams, 3-9 p.m.
- Argonne Bingo, 1123 Main Street, Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m., Sundays at 1:45 p.m.
- Free Story Time at Everything Under the Sun, Thursdays, 407 McKinley, 10 a.m.
- GBPL "Magic" Gathering, Thursdays, 1409 Williams, 5 p.m.
- GBPL Free Friday Movies, Fridays, 1409 Williams, 4 p.m.
- Unwind with a Glass of Wine at Great Bend Coffee, Fridays, 2015 Lakin, 5-7 p.m.
- Dinner Served at American Legion, Fridays, 1011 Kansas Avenue, 6 p.m.

## REMINDER - POST YOUR 2016 EVENTS

Chamber Members are reminded and encouraged to post their events on our online Community Calendar! The calendar is a valuable source of reference for residents and businesses, as well as the source for *Outlook Business Journal* listings, Chamber Coffee Announcements, and MORE! Our calendar also includes features to create recurring events for your convenience. Submit your event online at [www.greatbend.org](http://www.greatbend.org). Chamber Staff will review your submission and your event will be live within 48 hours!

## Human Resource Roundtable Jan. 26

### "Work Comp & OSHA Safety"

The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development would like to invite you to participate in our quarterly Human Resources Roundtable Luncheons that give employers and leaders in the business community an opportunity to keep up with trends and developments in the Human Resources industry.

These informative networking luncheons take place four times each year, on the last Tuesday of January, April, July, and October beginning at 11:30 a.m.

The next HR Roundtable Luncheon will take place Tuesday, January 26th in the meeting room at The Page. The luncheon will feature a presentation on the topic, "Work Comp & OSHA Safety."

Employers are encouraged to send a representative to this meeting. The fee to attend is \$20 per person and includes a buffet-style luncheon and program (due on the day of the seminar in cash or check). If you are planning to attend the winter quarter HR Roundtable luncheon, please register online, [www.greatbend.org/ChamberEvents.aspx](http://www.greatbend.org/ChamberEvents.aspx), by January 22nd. Even if you've never participated in one of these exciting and informative luncheons, new faces are welcome and encouraged to attend.





# YP BARTON COUNTY *Young Professionals* LEAD. NETWORK. VOLUNTEER.

## A Fast-Growing Local Force for Good

Barton County Young Professionals (BCYP) has been established as a well-known, quickly growing organization with an impressive track record, especially considering it's still relatively new, having been rebooted in 2011.

Nearly all of the members in its database of more than 750 joined since then, in large part thanks to a highly active steering committee and the support of the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce, which supported the development of regularly occurring mixers, special events like Casino Night, enhanced effort to encourage volunteerism and professional development opportunities and more.

Improved structure has been one of the focal points for the current Steering Committee. Members must attend at least two events per calendar year, one of which should be service-oriented, to maintain good standing. Otherwise, membership is completely free and those who work or live in Barton County between the ages of 21 and 40 can sign up online at BartonYP.com.

Clear focus and a defined mission are two other recent improvements. The Steering Committee identified three ideas that drive

the organization's decisions and projects: Lead. Network. Volunteer.

BCYP Steering Committee Vice Chair Regan Ochs said these concepts were derived from a combination of what the group was already doing and perceived needs in Barton County.

"Our organization works tirelessly to increase leadership aptitudes and opportunities for young professionals. We work to provide networking events to forge strong business and personal relationships within our communities. We promote volunteerism throughout the county in order to create a lasting impact and to be a force for good," Ochs said. "We encourage all of our members to get involved in their hometowns, whether that be in a community or career-related leadership role, through networking, or by volunteering in a civic or non-profit agency."

BCYP Steering Committee Chair Brandon Steinert said 2015 was a great year for progress. Some notable achievements include raising more than \$50,000 to install the Tot Spot playground equipment in Brit Spaugh Park, the first ever YP5K and Half Marathon, which raised more than \$3,500

to install bike racks in Barton County, and the implementation of a Personal Development Series of luncheons for YP members.

"We accomplished a lot," he said. "It really felt like a growth spurt in terms of both awareness and activism. I have a lot of faith in our generation as one characterized by pragmatic steps taken toward a more humane society. Our every action is a vote for the type of society we want to live in, and the amazing people on our steering committee and standing action teams embody that belief."

Ochs agreed, saying she's excited about the opportunities ahead.

"We look forward to continuously growing our group and our efforts in order to create a lasting impact," she said. "Not just on our members' lives, but also on the health of our communities." —



## Steering Committee Volunteers 2015

Listed as they served in 2015. Roles for 2016 still being finalized.

- Brandon Steinert, Chair**  
Will Serve as Past Chair in 2016
- Regan Ochs, Vice Chair**  
Leadership Team & Elected 2016 Chair
- Andrea Bauer**  
Special Events Team
- Rob Bauer**  
Leadership Team
- Traci Burns**  
Community Impact Team
- AJ Chrest**  
Membership Team
- Megan Hammeke**  
Special Events Team
- Jesse Haney**  
Membership Team
- Katie Lear**  
Special Events Team
- Angie Linden**  
Membership Team
- Kristi Lovett**  
Public Relations & Membership Teams
- Rachel Mawhirter**  
Public Relations Team
- Candice Moeder**  
Community Impact Team
- Kristy Straub**  
Straub International

## Action Teams

Six volunteer committees that serve in a specific role to keep BCYP operating.

- Community Impact Team**  
Plans and implements volunteer and service projects in the community.
- Public Relations Team**  
Handles all marketing, public relations, and media correspondence.
- Leadership Team**  
Plans the Personal Development Series along with other leadership trainings.
- Special Events Team**  
Plans our largest annual family and social events such as Fall Fest and Casino Night.
- Membership Team**  
Manages and maintains the BCYP database, welcomes new members, greets at mixers, etc.





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## Danceography Opens Second Studio Location

After opening Danceography in the fall of 2014, Laura Klima is excited to expand her dance studio offerings through the opening of a 2nd studio location in Great Bend. The second location at 1709 Main Street provides a larger dance floor to accommodate her intermediate to advanced students, typically 12+ in age.

The original Danceography location at 1403 Main Street in downtown Great Bend still operates with a full schedule of classes. At both locations, dance students participate from as early as walking age for classes ranging from 30 minutes to 1.5 hours each. Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, Lyrical, Contemporary, and Ballet are just a few of the classes that are offered. Klima also offers dance camps in the summer, and adults' couples classes in ballroom, two-step, swing and more. Beginning in January are adult tap classes and hip hop classes.

Enrollment is taking place now. New and more classes are being opened in 2016 to meet demand, contact Danceography to learn more: 620-617-1933 or [danceography.studios@gmail.com](mailto:danceography.studios@gmail.com). Be sure to check out their website: [danceographygb.com](http://danceographygb.com) and engage on Facebook and Twitter.



## New Weight Loss Program at Heartland Clinic

Heartland Regional Health Clinic, a subsidiary of Great Bend Regional Hospital, is now offering a "New Direction" System. This program is safe and effective because it is a medically supervised, comprehensive weight loss and weight management system.



This program is designed to help men and women with a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or more. Women need to be at least 30 pounds overweight to qualify, and men need to be at least 40 pounds overweight. Effects of the program you may benefit from: Significant Weight Loss, Lower Blood Pressure, Reduce Cholesterol, Improve Overall Health, Improve Energy Levels, Improve Self Confidence, Reduced Joint Pain, Reduce and/or Eliminate Some Medications, and more.

The program has four phases - screening, reducing, adapting, and sustaining. Reducing and Adapting are the two key phases, as that is where patients see results! During the reducing phase, the primary goal is reversing the body's tendency to store fat and training the body to burn fat instead. We provide nutritionally complete meals with 100% of your daily recommended intake for vitamins, minerals, protein, and fiber. Then the adapting phase helps transition patients back onto store-bought groceries while teaching healthy habits that will encourage long-term success.

Orientation sessions have been scheduled for the first and third Mondays of the month in January and February and are filling up quickly. They are free to attend, and food samples are provided. For more information or to sign up for an orientation, contact Shara Stettinger at 620-791-5899.



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## Heartland Taxes & More Celebrates Establishment in Central Kansas

Cindy Parr has been providing tax preparation services for many years. It began at the age of 21 when she realized her passion for helping others and became certified through the IRS in their Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly programs.

While maintaining various full-time career positions and a part-time tax preparation business seasonally, she joked with her clients that tax preparation was her "fun job!" After moving to Great Bend in 2002 and becoming acquainted with the community, in 2007 Parr made the decision to become a certified e-file provider with the IRS and operate her tax preparation business full time.

"I'm proud to prepare client's income taxes in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere at affordable and reasonable rates" Parr commented. Heartland Taxes & More also provides Notary Services for Kansas residents, tax consulting to review life changes, such as retirement or new job ventures, as well as assistance in preparing FAFSA filings for those with children heading off to college. Visit [www.heartlandtaxes.com](http://www.heartlandtaxes.com) for more information.



## Catholic Charities Accepts Two Donations from Local Providers

Dr. Roger Marshall made a donation to Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas in lieu of traditional Christmas gifts for his employees. Great Bend Regional Hospital matched his donation for a total of \$500 gifted to the nonprofit agency.



## Cris Collier Retires from Visitors Bureau

The Great Bend Convention & Visitor's Bureau is both delighted and disheartened to say farewell to Cris Collier as she retires. Cris began her journey with the CVB in 1985 and has been an integral part of the organization since.



*Among Cris's accomplishments:*

- Two-time recipient of the Kansas Governor's Award for Tourism Development because of her continuous fulfillment of the award's criteria – cooperation, sustainability, quality and accountability.
- Founded annual Wings & Wetland Birding Festival where participants from throughout the United States and other countries arrive for a weekend of world-class bird and wildlife watching.
- Completed training with the National Association for Interpretation as a Certified Interpretive Trainer of guides and hosts. And is an NAI Certified Interpretive Planner.
- The National Scenic Byway has certified Collier as a Grass-roots Hospitality Trainer and she is one of 12 advisors trained by the National Scenic Byway as a Peer Advisor.
- Authored numerous successful grant applications, both state and Federal totaling over \$450,000.
- Created the concept and obtained funding for the Santas Around the World (Santa World), which gained national recognition in an A&E Christmas special.
- Conceived and implemented the Christmas Cash program (which brought thousands of people to Great Bend's Court-house Square) to enhance the Trail of Lights, Santa World and other Christmas City initiatives as well as recognition of the Trail of Lights as an American Bus Association top attraction.

We have been so fortunate to have Cris at the helm of our Bureau for 30 years. Our city, even though it is not large in population, has had first class, professional representation throughout Kansas and both nationally and internationally. The promotion of Great Bend by our Bureau has been award winning and among the best in the region. Cris has been a tireless and dedicated champion of Great Bend and its attractions.

In her retirement, Cris plans to enjoy extra time with her daughter and grandkids. She has provided Great Bend over 30 years of devoted service and we all extend our best wishes to Cris as she begins a new chapter in her life.

Starting January 1, 2016, the CVB will be an extension of the City of Great Bend. The opportunities for growth are exciting and many. With a collective team, combined resources, and talent, the City of Great Bend and the CVB are looking forward to what we can accomplish together. The CVB office will remain at 3007 10th Street until further notice. Office hours are Monday – Friday 8am to 5pm. For more information about the CVB and Great Bend, contact Jenna Applebee at 620-792-2750.



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## Update from the United Way of Central Kansas

The United Way of Central Kansas was busy in the month of December with Dine United and #GivingTuesday with the Golden Belt Community Foundation and the Light to Unite-Holiday Hustle. Dine United brought the community together for breakfast, lunch, and supper, with numerous restaurants in Ellinwood, Great Bend, and Larned donating a portion of their proceeds to United Way. Participating restaurants included The HandleBar & Grill, Sweets & Eats, Broadway Chill n Grill n Pub, Pizza Hut, Gather, and Gambinos. Thanks to these restaurants and those who went out to eat, United Way raised over \$700 towards #GivingTuesday!



Due to ice on November 27th, the Holiday Hustle had to be postponed a week, and was held on December 4th. There was a great turnout for this fun, family activity and the night could not have been better. The United Way of Central Kansas walked among the lights of Veteran's Memorial Park to encourage exercise, family, and giving during this Holiday Season. After registering to walk through the lights, participants had a chance to purchase glow wear for a small donation and picked up their elf shoes which were filled with water donated by Wheatland Electric, stocking caps and headbands made by Roth Embroidery, and brochures for all of the Community Partners that United Way works with. After a warm-up with Jazzercise, the group of bikers, walkers, and runners, all started off to enjoy the lights up close. After the walk was finished, prizes were awarded for the Ugliest Sweater, with Brian Staats winning, and the Most Lit-Up Wheels, with Dale Hogg winning. Then all the participants enjoyed hot chocolate, sugar cookies, and candy canes as they enjoyed the beautiful night.

The United Way of Central Kansas has closed out its annual fundraising campaign, but will still be out in the community doing presentations, ringing bells for Salvation Army, and on the radio each month. "Even though the campaign is officially over, there is still work to do to close out this year, and gear up for the next year. We hope to know by the end of January if we have met our goal of \$275,000, but we are confident that the community will pull us over the top." - Julie Bugner-Smith, Executive Director

## Children of Cherry Village Volunteer with Patients

The children of Cherry Village employees volunteered to serve Christmas dinner to the facility's residents recently. The youngsters, from left to right, are Alyvia Mingenback, Cailyn Murphy and Elle Hutchinson. They are pictured with resident Doris Ramsey.



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## Cory Galindo Joins Plains State Bank Loan Office

Plains State Bank is pleased to announce the hiring of Cory Galindo at their Great Bend Loan Production Office located at 2700 10th Street in Great Bend. Cory will be assisting the bank with the Bank Secrecy Act and in the Deposit Operations area. Cory will primarily focus on BSA, bank operations, Data Processing, product development and customer service. Cory comes to Plains State Bank with 5 years of banking experience with expertise in teller duties, new accounts, and deposit operations. She enjoys working in the banking environment and assisting customers with their banking needs. Cory and her family are long time residents of Great Bend.



The Plains State Bank prides itself on 109 years of community banking in rural America. The Plains State Bank provides a range of agricultural, commercial and consumer banking services for Kansas communities. Full service banking locations are available at the corporate office in Plains, Kansas and branch location in Lakin, Kansas. Plains State Bank currently has two loan production offices located in Great Bend, Kansas and Oakley, Kansas.

## St. Rose 'Hello Baby' Service Shows 4D Pictures

A mommy-to-be who doesn't want to wait nine months to see her baby smile, yawn or suck a thumb now has an opportunity to satisfy her curiosity earlier. St. Rose Health Center recently began offering "Hello Baby" 4D sonograms for a real-time view of the child, said Shannon Deines, radiology operations manager. "This sonogram is a fun way to get a good first peek at your baby," Deines said. "The detail is astounding.



"The baby is pictured moving around in real time on a projector screen," Deines added. "The picture quality depends on how the baby is sitting and the amount of amniotic fluid involved. But in many cases, you can see the baby's face and watch movements as they happen."

If the baby doesn't want to cooperate, St. Rose will schedule another session during the same week at no charge. The optimum time for the sonogram is 25 to 30 weeks into the pregnancy, Deines said.

Deines emphasized that a 4D sonogram is not a substitute for regular diagnostic ultrasound tests, which indicate the growth and health of the baby. A doctor's referral is not necessary and the cost is \$100 payable by cash or check; an additional \$25 is charged for multiple babies. The fee includes the 30-minute session, a 4-by-6-inch framed picture of the baby and a CD with images and motion clips. For more information or to make an appointment, call 620-786-6117.

St. Rose specializes in primary care, prevention and wellness. Services include St. Rose Family Medicine, Convenient Care Walk-in Clinic, Great Bend Internists, imaging, infusion clinic, WellnessWorks, one-day surgical procedures, Golden Belt Home Health & Hospice and a comprehensive Specialty Clinic. St. Rose is co-owned by Hays Medical Center and Centura Health.

## Chamber Radio Show



Tune in to KVGB 1590 AM on the first Thursday of every month to hear Eagle Radio's Patrick Burnett discuss the latest Chamber happenings with Director

of Member Services Andrea Bauer. This month's show will air on Thursday, January 7th at 11:35 a.m.

## Welcome to Our Newest Chamber Members

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## Chamber Closed Jan. 1

The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development will be closed on January 1, 2016 for New Year's Day. They will re-open on Monday, January 4th at 9 a.m. The Chamber office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (including the noon hour) and is available by phone at 620-792-2401 or by email at gbcc@greatbend.org. Find information online 24/7 at www.greatbend.org.





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## CHAMBER COFFEE SCHEDULE

### Every Thursday at 9:30 am

**January 7, 2016**

**Thrivent Financial Services - Melinda Kurth**  
**Chamber Board Room, 1125 Williams**

Thrivent Financial is a fortune 500, not-for-profit company that helps our member owners be wise with money. Visit with Melinda Kurth to see how she can help you connect your faith with your finances!

**January 14, 2016**

**Central Kansas Dream Center**  
**2100 Broadway (use East entrance on Williams)**

The Dream Center's purpose is to reconnect isolated people to God and a community of support by providing human services that address immediate and long term needs in the areas of homelessness, hunger relief, overcoming life controlling issues and education.

**January 21, 2016**

**Central Kansas CASA**  
**Chamber Board Room, 1125 Williams**

The mission of Central Kansas CASA, Inc. is to serve as an advocate for abused and neglected children by providing a pool of trained caring volunteers who speak for the best interest of a child until a safe, loving, and permanent home is found.

**January 28, 2016**

**Barton Community College - Welding Lab**  
**245 NE 30 Rd - Technical Building, Room 172**

Parking Available in the Technical Building or the Science Building parking lots (NE Corner of Campus). Thanks to the generosity and cooperation of our industry partners and donors to the Barton Foundation, the welding program has recently been expanded and we are now ready to unveil our state-of-the-art welding lab complete with cutting edge equipment. Barton's industry-recognized welding certificate program will be offered in the spring 2016 semester.

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