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Honoring **UNSUNG HEROES** during Annual Awards Feb. 24th Reserve Your Seat Today!

We are honoring **UNSUNG HEROES** throughout the month of February leading up to the 102nd Annual Awards and Banquet! The evening will be dedicated to recognizing the organization's leadership and volunteers, the individuals and businesses who stood out, and the Unsung Heroes who have made exceptional contributions to the community.

Alongside Presenting Sponsors and Chamber Members Barton Community College, Spectrum CPA, and University of Kansas Health Center, the festivities will kick off at 6 pm with a social and cocktail hour, providing attendees with an opportunity to network and enjoy an open bar, courtesy of Equity Bank. Additionally, members will enjoy the tastes of three local caterers and chamber members: Proper Boards & Picnics, Lana's Catering & Goodies, and Great Bend Coffee.

AWARDS will be presented in three prominent categories during the ceremony: *NextGen Leader of the Year*, *Citizen of the Year*, and *Business of the Year*. Throughout the evening of celebration will be inspiring stories of *Unsung Heroes* who have positively impacted the lives of residents, businesses, and individuals.

HIGHLIGHTS OF EVENT!

- Venue:** [Corinthians Hill Event Center](#) (Chamber Member)
- Sponsored Cocktail Hour:** Equity Bank (Chamber Member) is picking up the tab during Cocktail Hour starting at 6PM.
- Three Featured Caterers** (Chamber Members): Two beautifully created 5' charcuterie tables [Proper Boards & Picnics](#), homecooked dinner by two local favorites [Lana's Catering & Goodies](#)(also making cupcakes!) and [Great Bend Coffee](#).
- Wine for Corporate Table Sponsors:** Corporate Sponsors will now see TWO bottles of wine from local favorite Rosewood Wine(Chamber Member) placed on the table, ready for their guests, in addition to recognition tableside, onscreen, online, and printed program.

JOIN US for a night of recognition, camaraderie, and celebration as we applaud the businesses and individuals driving the Great Bend area forward.

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The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce is spotlighting Unsung Heroes leading up to the 102nd Annual Awards!

Throughout the month of February the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce is shining a spotlight on the businesses and individuals quietly impacting our community: Unsung Heroes.. We believe that true heroes don't always wear capes; sometimes, they wear work boots, aprons, or business suits, dedicating their time and efforts to make Great Bend a better place for us all. Watch our Facebook page as we reveal these Unsung Heroes all month long.

Meet Our First Unsung Heroes:

Buzz & Clifann Birney

We are thrilled to shine a spotlight on Buzz, a true community champion nominated by his peers for his outstanding contributions. Most recently, Buzz organized and set up a warming station in a local church, providing a safe haven for those in need during the cold winter temperatures. His selflessness knows no bounds, and he continues to make a significant impact in the lives of many.



Buzz is the embodiment of community spirit, acting out of faith and compassion. As the founder of Live Like Jesus Today Ministries and Kingdom Campus, he dedicates himself to serving others. From youth events to outreach programs for the homeless, Buzz's commitment is unwavering.

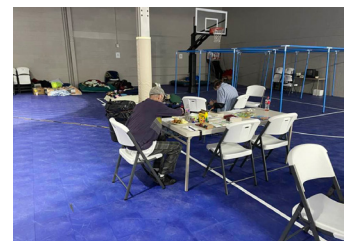
Do you know an Unsung Hero?

Nominate these incredible individuals and/or businesses by sending your submissions to mbarfield@greatbend.org. Let's celebrate the unsung heroes among us! Selected Unsung Heroes will be acknowledged and celebrated through the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce's social media platforms,

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FAMILY CRISIS CENTER CELEBRATES DEDICATED BASEMENT SPACE



The Family Crisis Center is proud to announce the dedication of their newly transformed basement space, a significant milestone in their commitment to supporting individuals and families facing crisis situations. The Executive Director of the Family Crisis Center, Kiley Graves, expressed gratitude for the outpouring of community support that made this achievement possible.

The dedication ceremony took place with the presence of the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors, who joined for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the occasion. The newly dedicated space is particularly meaningful, as it is dedicated to a client and her children, symbolizing the Center's ongoing dedication to the well-being of those in need.

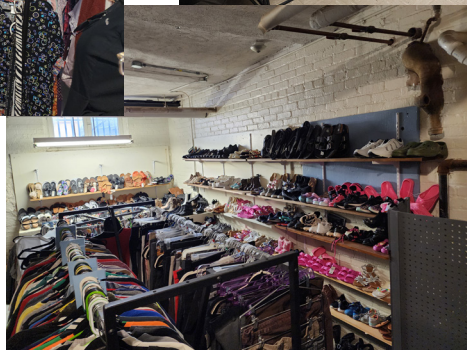
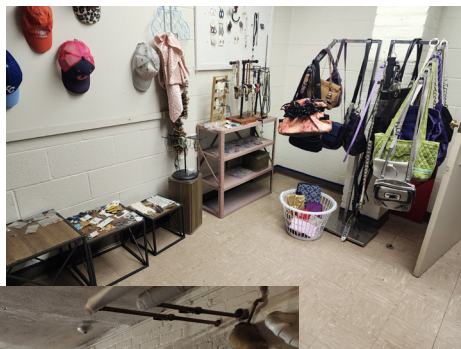
Generous donations from the community, including clothing, household goods, hygiene items, toys, and more, have completely transformed the basement into a welcoming and dignified space. Clients can now experience a unique and empowering shopping-like atmosphere, where they can select essential items at no cost, fostering a sense of pride and dignity.

The ribbon-cutting celebration underscores the strength of the community, showcasing unity and support for individuals facing crisis situations. The Family Crisis Center is not only committed to providing basic necessities but also to fostering a sense of pride and dignity in every individual they serve.

The Executive Director, Kiley Graves, expressed heartfelt thanks to each community member who contributed to making this space a reality. She emphasized the positive impact that collective acts of generosity have on the lives of those facing crisis, stating, "Together, we are making a positive impact on the lives of those facing crisis, one act of generosity at a time."

The Family Crisis Center, established in 1981, serves as a pillar of support for individuals and families in crisis. With three distinct parts to their agency, including a Child Advocacy Center, Domestic and Sexual Violence Center, and an Emergency Shelter, they employ 27 dedicated staff members. Annually, the crisis center services 300-500 individuals across 11 counties in Kansas.

If you or someone you know is struggling, call the Family Crisis Center at (620) 793-9941. Their Great Bend office is located at 1924 Broadway Ave., Great Bend, KS. Connect online at familycrisiskansas.com and on Facebook.



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Meet the 2024 Ambassadors



The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to introduce the 2024 Chamber Ambassadors, a dedicated group of volunteers committed to supporting the Chamber and the flourishing business community of Great Bend. These Ambassadors, supported by their employers, play a vital role in promoting Chamber services to its member base of over 600 businesses.

If you've attended Chamber events like our weekly Chamber Coffees, After-Hours gatherings, or ribbon cuttings, you've likely encountered one of our passionate Ambassadors easily identifiable by their distinctive red shirts. They're present at key events like the Annual Awards Banquet and Annual Golf Tournament embodying our commitment to being actively involved in the local business ecosystem.

"As champions and community leaders, our Ambassadors are the eyes and ears of the Chamber, actively listening to the needs of our diverse membership," said Chamber CEO, Megan Barfield. "With limited staff resources the Ambassadors bridge the gap between staff and business while fostering invaluable business relationships."

The Ambassadors serve as a force multiplier for the Chamber, allowing it to connect with the region's most successful individuals and businesses. Their volunteer efforts are a testament to their commitment to community development and the growth of Great Bend as a vibrant business hub.

The 2024 club is lead by Lindsey Bogner (Barton Community College) as Club President and Kris Sundahl (Edward Jones) as Vice President.



"As an Ambassador, I have experienced firsthand the power of connecting with diverse businesses and professionals. It's not just about supporting the Chamber; it's about building a network that propels personal and professional growth. The red blazer I wear proudly represents my commitment to Great Bend's business community," said Bogner.

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OPI earns Canon Outstanding Partner Award for sixth time

For the sixth time, Office Products Inc. (OPI) has earned the Canon Outstanding Partner Award “for demonstrating a commitment to bring Canon’s innovation and design to our customers,” said Kenny Vink, OPI co-owner.



The award applies to all Canon products sold at the local, family-owned business.

“The bulk of these sales are in the imageRUNNER ADVANCE line,” Vink said. “We also deal in a line of imageCLASS desktop printers and all-in-one copiers.”

Other areas of sales that contributed to this award are the imagePROGRAF wide-format poster printers and the imagePRESS high-detail production multi-function printers.

“Throughout all of these lines, this award also highlights our investment in parts and supplies,” Vink noted. “This is how we are able to quickly service and maintain the copiers and printers for our customers.”

OPI chooses to provide Canon products because they represent “the top brand for copiers and printers,” Vink explained. “We have had a relationship with them for more than 35 years because

Canon works hard to bring innovations to their product lines.

“Every year, you will find Canon at the top of the list of companies being awarded patents in the United States.”

Terry Vink, OPI co-owner, said the staff deserves a lot of the credit for this recent recognition from Canon.

“They are diligent about providing businesses what they need to make the work day run smoothly,” Terry commented. “They ensure we can maintain and repair copiers and printers, while learning about new techniques and features. The staff also helps find ways to make the machines work more efficiently.

“Because of this commitment, our clientele trusts us with these copiers and printers that are a vital part of their business,” Terry added. “These machines are a big part of what makes the office run efficiently. Customers know we are right here to service their Canon products quickly.”

Joey Bahr, OPI technology sales manager, voiced his appreciation to Canon for the award.

“All of us want to thank Canon for recognizing the work we do to serve our customers,” Bahr said. “It would be difficult to achieve something like this without the outstanding products and support that Canon provides.”



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Community Meet and Greet with CO.STARTERS to IGNITE Entrepreneurship in Rural Kansas

Great Bend Economic Development (GBED) is excited to announce a Community Meet and Greet event featuring CO.STARTERS, a renowned company dedicated to fostering entrepreneurship. The event is scheduled for February 8th at Dry Lake Brewing, located at 1405 Main Street. CO.STARTERS representatives will be in town for facilitator training.

CO.STARTERS is at the forefront of building vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystems, empowering communities, and equipping starters of all kinds. Originating from grassroots efforts in Chattanooga, Tennessee, CO.STARTERS has evolved into a global entity, impacting thousands through its programs annually.

This event serves as a platform for anyone curious about the upcoming programs through CO.STARTERS. Entrepreneurs, starters, and the community at large can learn more about the resources available to accelerate culture and empower communities. GBED recognizes the importance of entrepreneurship in rural Kansas and is committed to cultivating a thriving environment through initiatives like CO.STARTERS, the IGNITE Rural Business competition, as well as business development services.

CO.STARTERS Impact on Entrepreneurial Ecosystems:

CO.STARTERS plays a pivotal role in community development by connecting leaders, problem solvers, and starters to collaboratively solve challenges and identify solutions. This collaboration exponentially increases their effectiveness in fostering entrepreneurship. Additionally, CO.STARTERS connects communities with proven models and tools, curating the best resources from innovative leaders nationwide to address the specific needs of each community.

In their commitment to filling gaps in entrepreneurial ecosystems, CO.STARTERS develops its own programs and tools. A foundational offering is their cohort-based program, empowering entrepreneurs with insights, relationships, and tools needed to turn ideas into action.

Community Meet and Greet Details

February 8th

5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Dry Lake Brewing, 1405 Main St., Great Bend

The event will feature opportunities for networking, discussions on entrepreneurial growth, and a chance to learn more about CO.STARTERS and its impact globally.

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BARTON COUNTY FAIR ANNOUNCES JUNE 2024 DATES



The Barton County Fair Association announces a date change for the 2024 county fair. This year the Barton County Fair will be held **June 26th – 30th, 2024**.

Charles Atkinson, President stated, "As most are aware the availability of finding a carnival is very difficult. However, with the out pouring of support from the public and sponsors last year to find a carnival, the attendance showed us how important it is to have a complete fair." Even though these dates may not be ideal for everyone and it was not our first choice, after several months of discussing with various carnivals and businesses these dates were agreed upon.

Comments from Michelle Beran, 4-H Extension Agent, include, "The date change certainly will present a challenge for the 4-H families from those who will be involved in wheat harvest to those needing to meet weight requirements for livestock. However, we also understand that the county fair is a community event and impacts more than 4-H. The county fair, while important, is one of several events to showcase project learning throughout the 4-H year."

We are looking forward to hosting WEEE Entertainment back this year and plan to continue to have exciting events, concerts and exhibits for all to enjoy. Continue to follow us on our webpage for more updates and we continue planning for the 2024 Fair.

GALENTINE'S CELEBRATION HOSTED BY FOUR LOCAL FEMALE OWNED BUSINESSES

Four locally women owned businesses are teaming up to celebrate you and your girlfriends February 8-10th.

RSVP to their Facebook Event to follow along for all updates including giveaways, in-store events and promotions.

Shoppers will visit each store for this 3-day event just for the gals.

Participating Businesses Include:

- Perfectly Paisley Boutique, owned by Charise Oelger (1409 Main St.)
- The Beauty Bar Salon, owned by Lexie Schneider (1409 Main St.)
- High Call Outfitters, owned by Julie Miller (4100 10th St.)
- Dilly & Doc Creative Studio, owned by Phyllis Brack (1119 Main St.)



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In preparation for the season of love, Identifications Co., proudly announces its exclusive Valentine's Day Promotional Products! Hand-selected by us! With a small array of captivating products, Identco is geared up to assist businesses, non-profits, and more in showing appreciation to their valued customers and patrons.

"Looking to send heartfelt tokens this Valentine's Day? Identco has your back! Our suppliers are stocked with the hottest promotional products of the season," shared Edith Solorzano, ASI Distributor. "From endearing postcards to elegant boxes of eternal roses, we have just the right fit for our customers! Whether you're a big corporation or a small start-up, we've got you covered!" Edith emphasized, "Not limited to grand gestures, our selection caters to any sentiment you wish to convey. We make sending a touch of appreciation as effortless as possible."


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"Don't worry if Valentine's Day isn't your focus! Wanting to replenish customized stickers, logo branded pens, or sticky notes? We've got you covered year-round," assured Edith. "Our dedication spans beyond a single occasion, ensuring we're here to fulfill your branding requirements throughout the year."

Important Note: Orders are subject to minimum order quantity (MOQ), which may vary per supplier.

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



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Great Bend Alive Invites Community Participation in “Great Bend Parade Through Time”: Be a Part of History!

Great Bend Alive is thrilled to extend an invitation to the community to actively participate in the “Great Bend Alive Parade Through Time”, a captivating celebration honoring the history of Great Bend, Kansas. This parade, serving as the official kick-off to the City of Great Bend’s June Jaunt festival, is not only an opportunity to witness history but also a chance for the community to become an integral part of it.

Showcase Your Story in the Parade: We are calling on businesses, individuals, clubs, and organizations to join us in creating a vibrant and memorable procession. Whether you have a historical connection, a unique performance, or a creative costume, we want you to share your story and be a part of this historic event. This is your chance to showcase what makes Great Bend truly special.

Participate and Celebrate: The “Great Bend Alive Parade Through Time” is not just a spectacle; it’s a celebration that thrives on community involvement. We encourage participants to lean into history, performance, costumes, and reenacting to bring the city’s rich past to life. By joining the parade, you become an active contributor to the collective narrative of Great Bend. Want to participate but need help brainstorming? Email GBED at info@gbedinc.com and we will help you figure out how you/your organization can join the fun.

Join Us for Fridays on Forest: Following the parade, continue the festivities at Great Bend Alive’s May Fridays on Forest, featuring live entertainment, food trucks, and community camaraderie. May 31st is also Bat Cat Night!

June Jaunt Festivities Kick-Off: Local car clubs will host a car show on Friday following the parade, with a movie playing in Jack Kilby Square at sundown. For a full list of the jam-packed Saturday and Sunday events, follow @ExploreGreatBend on Facebook or visit online at www.exploregreatbend.com/annualevents.

How to Participate: To be a part of this historic celebration, *submit your entry for the parade by May 1, 2024* for approval. For entry form and entry guidelines go online to www.gbedinc.com/mainstreet and click the button “Parade Form” or go to this link directly: <https://forms.monday.com/forms/4c675abf7c809c54617ffe3385d8522b?r=use1>. Don’t forget to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok to see the fun unfold.



EVENT DETAILS

Parade Name: Great Bend Alive Parade Through Time

Date: May 31, 2024

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Parade begins at Brit Spaugh Park, travels down Main Street to 12th Street

Followed by: Fridays on Forest – A public invitation to continue the celebration

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PARADE

Vibrant Present: Showcasing Great Bend’s dynamic and thriving present.

Reverse-Chronological Time Wrap: A visual feast of the community’s evolution through floats, performances, and nods to key moments.

Community Involvement: Join us in commemorating the city’s journey, fostering community unity, and celebrating the resilient spirit of Great Bend.

MEET DENA HISS



What brings you here? Born and raised in Great Bend, I left for college studied Public Relations at Kansas State University and graduated with a 3.8 gpa in Education at Newman University. Then I came back, and met my husband Matt Hiss. Once married, we knew that we wanted to raise our children in a community filled with family, friends, and wholesome values. As we continue to grow our business, volunteer in the community, and raise our children, our love for Great Bend grows and we know we made the right decision making this our home.

What do you do? Working as the Marketing Coordinator for Legacy Financial Solutions, our family business, always keeps me learning new things and creating new projects. I find it simultaneously challenging and rewarding as we continue to expand in Kansas and acquire new methods for managing our business. Because of this I do a little bit of everything from developing websites, facilitating an investment challenge for high school students, to learning how to run our Gifting Forward Foundation we felt called to start just two years ago. I feel like my degree in mass communications taught me strategic planning while my degree in education gave me a heart for children and families. I love that my job gives me the flexibility to explore different business opportunities with my husband and also the time to volunteer on various boards and committees in the community that are important to me.

Surprise us! I love to explore new things and places! My husband and I love to travel all over the nation and the world. We find that a sense of adventure keeps us humbled and curious about other cultures and places. Also, it is just plain fun! Our goal is to visit all seven continents before we die!

What energizes you and brings you excitement? I am a very open person, meaning I love to learn new things, have the challenge of new projects, and meet new interesting people. Being an entrepreneur gives me the intrigue of all those components and I love it!

At what job would you be terrible? A job that isn't mentally challenging and is repetitive. I have learned that a job with new ongoing projects helps to keep my brain stimulated and interested in the work to be done.



How long have you been a Chamber Ambassador and what do you like most about it? This is my second year serving as a Chamber Ambassador and I most enjoy connecting with other like minded members of the community. To surround yourself with other people who are equally passionate about our community is invigorating! I love how the ambassador group cheers each other on in their respective fields and want the best for Great Bend as a whole.



Great Bend Evening Lions Club invites public to Ham & Beans Dinner

The Great Bend Evening Lions Club invites you to its 13th Annual Ham & Bean Dinner from **4:30 until 7 p.m., Thursday, February 29th** at the Knights of Columbus Hall on South Main in Great Bend. Enjoy ham and beans, dessert and a beverage for \$8. Kids under 5 eat free. Dine in or carry out. The Lions Club will be accepting donations of old eyeglasses, hearing aids and cell phones. Proceeds will be used to support area projects.



Kelly's Garden Sense is OPEN!

Come see us and get a feel of spring, as plants are arriving weekly! We have plants starting as low at \$6.99 and planters starting at \$15.99. Also air plants will be arriving very soon! Stay tuned for updates!

Kelly's Garden Sense is located 134 NE 10 Ave., Great Bend, KS. Owned by Kelly Moeder, Kelly's Garden Sense provides premiere landscape design and installation, with seasonal greenhouse shopping and DIY events!



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February 1st

**BARTON COUNTY YOUNG PROFESSIONALS
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Attend this Chamber Coffee to meet the YP Steering Committee for 2024!

February 8th

JUST IN TIME REMODELING

135 SW 30 Ave.

Come meet the team at Just In Time Remodeling, owned by Justin Mawhirter while checking out the spacious workshop. Just In Time also recently launched a sister business named Fresh Start Woodworks. Fresh Start is a new cabinet manufacturing company located in Great Bend. Following the Chamber Coffee will be a Ribbon Cutting introducing new business Fresh Start Woodworking, owned by Justin Mawhirter.

February 15th

JAKE FRYBERGER AGENCY - AMERICAN NATIONAL

1411 Main St.

Great Bend native Jake Fryberger invites the public to his first Chamber Coffee in his new Main Street location in downtown Great Bend. We believe in providing coverage options that are right for you, not everyone else. We have a clear purpose, values instilled in our company and a long, rich history that can offer our clients longevity, stability and a sense of security.

February 22nd

ENCOUNTER CHURCH

601 S Patton Rd.

Lead Pastor Jake Newman and the entire team at Encounter Church are excited to host the Chamber Coffee February 22nd. Meet the staff and learn more about the services and upcoming events and programs offered through the church. The vision of Encounter Church is transforming lives by encountering God and connecting people.

February 29th

BARTON COUNTY COMMISSION

1500 Kansas Ave (JCPenny building)

Meet your Barton County Commissioners during this Chamber Coffee. Learn the commission's focus and priorities in 2024 while building a connection with these elected officials. The Barton County Commissioners look forward to hosting this week's Chamber Coffee.

March 7th

BARTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE UPWARD BOUND

LOCATION TBD - Check back on greatbend.org



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is providing coffee for Chamber of Commerce coffees.

HIGHLIGHTED FEBRUARY EVENTS IN GREAT BEND

1... I Heart GB Promo Starts, 1st – 28th

1... Chamber Coffee: BCYP, 1125 Williams, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

2... BCC – Ninth Annual Career Technical Education Fair, 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM

2... BCC – Barton Cougar Dance Day, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

2... BCC – Shafer Art Gallery Exhibit Reception, Shafer Art Gallery, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

3... CASA Chocolate Auction, 3111 10th St, 5:30 PM – 10:00 PM

5... Hamburger Night, 1011 Kansas, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

6... SBDC/SBA Class: Hiring your first Employee, Online, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

8... Chamber Coffee & Ribbon Cutting: Just In Time Remodeling/Fres Start Wood Works, 135 SW 30 Ave, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

8-10... Galentines Celebration with High Call Outfitters, Dilly & Doc Creative Studio, Perfectly Paisley Boutique, The Beauty Bar

8... SBDC/SBA Class: All Things Pinterest, Online, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

9... Antiques Show, Larned Community Center, 1500 Toles, Larned KS, 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

9... VFW Post 3111: Karaoke Night, 504 Washington, 9:00 PM – 1:00 AM

10... Heart Walk 2024, Great Bend Rec Activity Center, 2715 18th St, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

11... Super Valentine Bake Sale, Waters Hardware

11... BCC Creative Camp for Kids, BCC Fine Arts Building, 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

13... SBDC/SBA Class: Start-Up & Start Right, Online, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

14... BCC Junior Day, BCC, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

15... Chamber Coffee: Jake Fryberger Agency, 1411 Main St, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

15-18... Hatchet Axtion: Valentines Day Deal, 1210 Main St.

15... SBDC/SBA Class: Beginners Guide to Short-Form Videos Featuring Adobe Rush, Online, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

16... SBDC/SBA Class: Market Research for Startups, Online, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

16... BCC – Dancing with the Cougars Fundraiser, BCC, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

18... VFW Post 3111: Brunch, 504 Washington, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

20... SBDC/SBA Class: Quickbooks for Beginners, Online, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

22... Chamber Coffee: Encounter Church, Patton, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

22... SBDC/SBA Class: Quickbooks for Intermediate Users, Online, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

22... Great Bend Community Theatre: All I Ever Wanted, Crest Theater, 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM

23... SBDC/SBA Class: Intro to Copyright, Online, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

23... American Legion Fried Chicken Friday, 1011 Kansas, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

23... Military and First Responders Night Out, 916 Williams, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

23... Great Bend Community Theatre: All I Ever Wanted, Crest Theater, 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM

24... 102nd Annual Chamber Awards Night, Corinthians Hill Event Center, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

24... Great Bend Community Theatre: All I Ever Wanted, Crest Theater, 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM

25... Great Bend Community Theatre: All I Ever Wanted, Crest Theater, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

27... SBDC/SBA Class: Business Funding Essentials, Online, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

29... Ham & Bean Dinner w/ Great Bend Evening Lions Club, Columbus Hall, 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM

29... Barton Theatre Presents “Chitty Chitty Bang Bang”, BCC Fine Arts Auditorium, 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Recurring Events:

Great Bend City Council Meetings, 1st & 3rd Mondays, City Hall, 1209 Williams, 6:30 PM

Barton County Commission Meetings, Tuesdays, 9 AM

MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS CAN BE FOUND AT [GREATBEND.ORG](https://greatbend.org)



Barton County YEC

Great Bend Economic Development and the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce are thrilled to, once again, offer Barton County students (7th to 12th Grade) a chance to compete in our Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge! This challenge allows students to create a business and compete to win cash prizes. We need **business professionals** to help make this program successful. Mentoring on a specific topic makes your time commitment minimal. Connect with the next generation of the workforce. Reach out today to learn more and see how you can help!

March 6

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PRIZES

THIRD PLACE - \$500
SECOND PLACE - \$750
FIRST PLACE - \$1,000
+ People's Choice - \$250

TIME

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM
Tradeshow begins at noon

3111 10th St

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2023-2024



GREAT BEND AIRPORT AIRFEST

SEPTEMBER 20-22, 2024

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We invite you to consider a contribution to Airfest 2024
100% of sponsor donations will be used for these costs:

- Airshow performer appearance fees
- Smoke Oil Used By Performers
- Airshow performer hotel costs
- Airshow performer transportation to/from hotel
- Aviation fuel used by performers
- General costs of insurance, sound systems & sanitation

ELITE SPONSOR

\$2,500 or More

ADMISSION FOR 2 TO PRIVATE RECEPTION WITH AIRCREWS AND PERFORMERS
PRIVATE BANNER PROVIDED BY SPONSOR WITH LOGO DURING SHOW
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EVENT SPONSOR

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\$250 - \$999

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LISTED NAME IN NEWSPAPER AND PROGRAM

FRIEND OF AIRFEST

\$100 - \$249

NAME ON WEBSITE, NEWSPAPER & PROGRAM



Great Bend Municipal Airport Att: Martin Miller
P.O. Box 1168 Great Bend, KS 67530

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2024 VALENTINE GIVEAWAY

ENTER IN EACH STORE STARTING FEB 1ST TO WIN \$100 GIFT CARD EACH WEEK & A GRAND PRIZE WORTH MORE THAN \$1,000 ON FEB. 28TH!**

A440 MUSIC
ABBEY CARPET & FLOOR
ALY'S DANCE STUDIO
ANIMAL MEDICAL CENTER
BEAUTY BAR/PERFECTLY PAISLEY BOUTIQUE
BLING GREAT BEND
BUCKLE GREAT BEND
GAMBINOS PIZZA
GREAT BEND COFFEE
GREAT BEND TRIBUNE
HEART OF KS/MISS PRETTY PICKLES
IDENTIFICATIONS
KUSTOM FLOOR DESIGNS
MAURICES

MIND SCULPT GAMES
MITCHELL'S BAKERY
OFFICE PRODUCTS, INC.
PERKINS RESTURANT & BAKERY
REFINED MEDLEY
RENUVE SALON, SPA, & FASHION BOUTIQUE
ROSEWOOD BARGAIN BARN
ROSEWOOD GALLERY
ROSEWOOD WINE CELLAR
THE STUDIO
THE WRIGHT PLACE
WALNUT BOWL & GRILL
WESTSIDE MARKET



****LAST DAY TO PARTICIPATE IS SAT. FEB. 24TH**

f EXPLORE GREAT BEND

Each day in participating stores you can go Register to win weekly prizes and THE GRAND PRIZE!!! Tshirts drawn in stores and the first \$100 prize will be drawn on Facebook! All entries will be considered for the Grand Prize at the end! KEEP REGISTERING! (Please note all stores have various hours - it is happening during their open hours from Feb. 1 - 24, 2024! Follow along on [Facebook!](#)

The logo for the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce, featuring the words "GREAT BEND" in large, bold, blue letters with a yellow outline, and "CHAMBER OF COMMERCE" in smaller, bold, blue letters below it.

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