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It's Back!

Our kickoff to summer with the Great Bend June Jaunt!! June 3-5, 2022 is a fun festival that has a little something for everyone! This event started and continues as a regional event along K-96 Highway from Great Bend all the way west to Tribune! This 166 mile long event features arts, antiques, crafts, cuisine, music, entertainment and so much more!

June Jaunt has been successful each year as the overall layout is it's staple in Jack Kilby Square, the entertainment and fun changes and it is an event you won't want to miss! This weekend is also special because the SRCA Dragstrip and NHRA is hosting the Great Bend Nationals races and The Great Bend Rec is hosting the Hap Dumont Baseball Tournament! Some of the community staples include the Police & Fire Badge Hunt, The Jumbo Yard Games, Jumbo Monopoly in Stores, Live Music All Day, Outdoor Vendors, Baseball Tournament and MORE!

Friday is packed with fun for the Annual downtown Cruise Night & Car Show, The GB Public Library is hosting its Summer Reading

Program Kick off, we are hosting our 150th Community Meal** our new Inflatable races are something you won't want to miss and free outdoor movie showing Bolt and featuring a meet and greet with the Great Bend Police Department.



FOR FULL SCHEDULE

Saturday features the 10+ jumbo yard games, outdoor food and vendor fair, Paint in the Park hosted by Dilly & Doc, Mega Inflatable Kids Zone, live music & entertainment all day, beer garden, Business Olympics, The MACK model airplane fly in, The Great Bend Batcats kick off their season at home!

Our Live Entertainment features performers from Kansas City and Wichita such as Matthew the Magician, Dr. Dumpee the Comedy Danger Show, Flow Foundry Aerial Performance and Phlox Fire Dancers and breathers!

Our All Day Musical Acts Include: Encounter Worship, Water Heater, Meraki, Dark Revival, Slim Pickens & Homebrew! (FYI Slim Pickens is the earlier and reunited version of Homebrew with family ties to the

Homebrew band members!)

Sunday rounds out the weekend with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks Free Fishing day and the Alien Takeover at the Great Bend Brit Spagh Zoo! Kids will want to find the little aliens for prizes and more Explore Great Bend fun!!

The City of Great Bend City Council prioritized June Jaunt as a staple festival created by the Community Coordinator/CVB Director to provide something for citizens to be proud of, enjoy and invite visitors! We do hope you find time to check out one of

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Harlen Davenport is retiring from Stueder Contractors after 28

Yes, it's official! Harlan Davenport is retiring after working for over 28 years at Stueder Contractors, Inc.

He's taking off his headset for the last time on Friday, June 17th. He was hired on 03/28/1994 as a dispatcher and eventually started doing the billing as well. Whenever you called in to Stueders you most likely had the pleasure of talking with him. He helped many customers over the years by scheduling service calls, answering their questions and finding parts. We

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certainly are going to miss his vast knowledge on plumbing and hvac. After retirement, you'll most likely find him and his wife, Barb, working at the Barton County Fair, attending Master Gardener programs and spending



Harlen Davenport

time with their son, Doug (Jennifer) McNett, daughter, Jennifer (Eric) Strecker and their 6 grandchildren. His

Stueder work family wish him all the best in his retirement! A reception will be held from 5pm – 6 pm in Stueders showroom located at 3410 10th, Great Bend, on Friday, June 17th. Please join us in celebrating with Harlan!

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the many options of the weekend in Great Bend! Or take a trip down K-96 and enjoy what the other communities have to offer. To get the Full Great Bend Schedule Check out EXPLORE GREAT BEND on Facebook or Events on greatbendks.net for the Full Regional Schedule go to www.k96JuneJaunt.com

**(\$3 per plate for a Pulled Pork Meal – Purchase tickets at City Hall or The Events Center – limited number of tickets so get yours today!)

For additional information you can always email chayes@greatbendks.net or call City Hall or the Events Center for details!

Visitors to the communities can choose from a variety of events, designed to showcase authentic rural Kansas at its finest. Along the drive, choose from crafts and antique shows, car shows, concerts, barbeques, outdoor movies, magicians, kids' games, sidewalk and garage sales, and amazing food.

"This partnership really is a chance to be part of something bigger for our state yet really give our locals a quality event," says Christina Hayes. "Each community is unique and will showcase a wide range of sights, sounds and events, great for all ages."

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Ribbon Cuttings!

Chamber celebrates Clara Barton Medical Clinic's completed new Great Bend facility



Great Bend, KS – The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce staff and Ambassadors Club joined the Clara Barton Medical Clinic – Great Bend staff for a ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of their new location at 906 McKinley Street in Great Bend. Clara Barton Medical Clinic – Great Bend is a rural health clinic that houses both family practice and surgical providers. Family practice providers seeing patients at the new Great Bend clinic location include Dr. Kyle Renner, Dr. T. Scott Webb, Kelci Burkey, PA-C, Jenna Snell, PA-C, Taylor Bieberle, PA-C, and Brandi Lowe, PA-C. Sydney Dolezal, Director of Public Relations, spoke about the new clinic, “our family practice providers offer a variety of services including acute care, wellness exams, vaccinations, physicals, walk-in lab draws, and much more.” Sydney went on to say that for patient convenience, lunchtime and same-day appointments are available. Additionally, General Surgeons, Dr. PJ Stiles, Dr. Roxanne Stiles, and Dr. Jeremy Howes also see patients out of the new Great Bend location for pre- and post-operative appointments and minor procedures. Clara Barton Medical Center has three convenient locations in Great Bend, Hoisington, and Russell. For more information visit their website at www.clarabartonhospital.com or call the clinic at 620-793-6990.

Chamber celebrates completion of Quail Cove



The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's Club and staff joined community members for a chamber coffee on Thursday, April 28th. Following the coffee, the group celebrated Housing Opportunities, Inc. with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. HOI's Executive Director, Callie Miller, addressed the group and shared the excitement with the construction completion of their newest property in Great Bend, Quail Cove. Quail Cove offers 24 duplex units with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, storm shelter, and 1 car attached garage for seniors over 55 that income qualify. HOI provides all appliances, lawn care, snow removal, and trash service for the duplexes. HOI is a non-profit organization that helps provide quality and affordable housing in 7 communities across 4 different counties in Kansas. They currently cater mostly to seniors, but also have some family units. If you are interested in finding out more about HOI, contact them in person at their office or via phone, email, & through our social media on Facebook or our website.

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PVMA nurse practitioner shares stress-management information

Those who suffer with anxiety and/or depression oftentimes discover that the stress of trying to cope with their condition just adds to the burden.

As a nurse practitioner at Pawnee Valley Medical Associates, which is part of Pawnee Valley Community Hospital, Heather Holaday understands that these situations can seem overwhelming and offers guidance about treatments and lifestyle changes.

Holaday wanted to share her information during April, which is Stress Awareness Month.

"When patients come to us with concerns about anxiety and depression, we recommend a healthy diet and exercise as a starting point for their stress management," Holaday said. "For example, an average of 150 minutes per week of moderate-intensity exercise or 75 minutes per week of vigorous-intensity exercise can be very helpful.

"It is important to choose a routine that is achievable and sustainable."

In addition, treatment may involve cognitive behavioral therapy, which usually is completed with a mental-health counselor.

"If necessary, we also offer treatment with medications to help with mood, stress and anxiety management," Holaday noted. "This medical treatment can supplement the positive lifestyle changes."

The recommendations are even more

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Heather Holaday, DNP

important today because the pandemic increased the number of patients diagnosed with anxiety and depression.

Stress can filter into all parts of daily life because of "financial concerns, fear of the unknown about COVID-19, loss of family and friends to the virus, job layoffs, and fewer interactions and activities outside the house," the nurse practitioner said.

According to the American Psychological Association, stress affects all bodily systems when it becomes severe or chronic.

"Your mind and body are one; our mental health significantly impacts our physical health," Holaday said. "Our bodies can withstand normal, intermittent stress. However, chronic stress can negatively impact our overall health. Stress management is just one way to help decrease the negative effects.

"Recognizing that you are struggling mentally is not a weakness," she emphasized. "It is a strength that could potentially improve your overall well-being."

Most important, she added, if stress becomes so overwhelming that a patient experiences negative self-talk or thoughts of self-harm "it is vital to share this with your healthcare provider. We care about you and are here to help provide the resources and treatments that you need."

Holaday is part of the family-medicine team at the clinic and hospital.

4th Annual Rig Brew on June 10th

You can help the Kansas Oil & Gas Museum continue to expand its exhibits and educational displays by attending the 4th Annual Rig Brew, from 5 until 9 p.m., Friday June 10th at the Museum just west of 10th and Patton Road, Great Bend. For a \$30 ticket, you can enjoy craft beer tasting, music by 'Homebrew' and a hot dog and chips from 'Yo Dog Wieners. Find out more on the Oil & Gas Museum's Facebook Page.




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- 1...**Employer Roundtable: Multi-Generational Management with Mike Henke, The Page Meeting room, 2920 10th St., 8 am**
- 1...**Chamber Night at the Bat Cats, Al Burns Memorial Field, Vets Park, 6:30 pm**
- 2...**Chamber Coffee: Credit Union of America, 4708 10th St., at 9:30 am, Program is on the Chamber's Facebook Page or YouTube Channel**
- 3-5...11th Annual K-96 June Jaunt, Jack Kilby Square, all day event
- 3...Be Well Barton County Family Friendly Bike Ride, starts at Jack Kilby Square, 6 pm
- 3...VFW Post 3111, Corn Hole League, 504 Washington St., 7 pm
- 4...Golden Belt Humane Society – Adopt a Pet, Orscheln Farm and Home Store, 5320 10th St., 10 am
- 7...Leadership Golden Belt, Golden Belt Community Foundation, 1307 Williams, 8 am
- 7...**Shop Talk in 60, Open Agenda Roundtable, Chamber of Commerce Board Room, 1125 Williams St., 8:30 am**
- 7...Customer Appreciation Lunch at Landmark National Bank, 1623 Main St., 11 am
- 8...Rocky Mountain Race Week Day 1, SRCA Dragstrip, 9951 B-29 Way, Tech: 8am, Spectator Gates: 12pm
- 8...**Chamber Business After Hours Hosted by Wheatland Electric, at Dry Lake Brewing, 1305 Main St., 4 pm - 7 pm**
- 9...**Chamber Coffee: Great Bend Zoological Society, 2123 Main St., at 9:30 am, Program is on the Chamber's Facebook Page or YouTube Channel**
- 10...4th Annual Rig Brew – Craft Beer Tasting, Kansas Oil & Gas Museum, 5944 10th St., 5 pm
- 10...Be Well Barton County Family Friendly Bike Ride, starts at Jack Kilby Square, 6 pm
- 10...VFW Post 3111, Karaoke Night, 504 Washington St., 9 pm
- 14...Leadership Golden Belt, St. John Annex, 210 E. 3rd Ave., St. John, Ks, 8 am
- 16...**Chamber Coffee: Kansas Trophy Experience, 54 SE 10 Rd., at 9:30 am, Program is on the Chamber's Facebook Page or YouTube Channel**
- 17...Clara Barton Foundation Golf Tournament, Lake Barton Golf Course, 673 US-281, 7:10 am
- 17...Clara Barton Foundation Virtual Silent Auction, www.one.bidpal.net/clarabarton, 9 am
- 17...Rocky Mountain Race Week Welcome Event, Jack Kilby Square, 4 pm
- 17...Be Well Barton County Family Friendly Bike Ride, starts at Jack Kilby Square, 6 pm
- 17...VFW Post 3111, Corn Hole League, 504 Washington St., 7pm
- 18...Clara Barton Foundation Annual Benefit Dinner & Live Auction, Knights of Columbus, 114 N. Main St., Hoisington, Ks, 6 pm
- 19...Happy Father's Day!
- 19...VFW Post 3111 Brunch, 504 Washington St., 9:30 am
- 21...Leadership Golden Belt, La Crosse Barbed Wire Museum, 120 W. 1st St., La Crosse, Ks, 8 am
- 21...Central Kansas Partnership Meeting, Barton County Courthouse, 1400 Main St., 11 am
- 23...**Chamber Coffee: Nex-Tech Wireless, 2827 10th St., at 9:30 am, Program is on the Chamber's Facebook Page or You Tube Channel**
- 23...The Brewery Comedy Tour at Dry Lake Brewing, 1305 Main St., 7 pm
- 24...GB Alive Final Friday, Forest Ave. and Williams St., 5pm
- 24...Military and First Responders Night Out: Dropping 22 Inc., Registration is required, 916 Williams St., 6pm
- 24...Be Well Barton County Family Friendly Bike Ride, starts at Jack Kilby Square, 6 pm
- 24...VFW Post 3111, Corn Hole League, 504 Washington St., 7pm
- 25...Gathering of Gardeners – Great Bend Vegetable & Flower Garden Tour 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., for more info: Barton County Extension Master Gardeners Facebook page
- 28...Leadership Golden Belt, Golden Belt Community Foundation, 1307 Williams St., 8 am
- 30...**Chamber Coffee: T & L Fireworks, 5215 W. 10th St., at 9:30 am, Program is on the Chamber's Facebook Page or You Tube Channel**

Recurring Events:

Great Bend City Council Meetings, 1st & 3rd Mondays, City Hall, 1209 Williams, 6:30pm
 Barton County Commission Meetings, Every Wednesday, Barton County Courthouse, 1400 Main St, Rm 106, 9am.
 Visit greatbend.org/events/calendar for a full list of great events taking place throughout the month!
 Virtual Chamber Events (Chamber Chat & Virtual Coffees) can be found: via Facebook (www.facebook.com/gbcoc) or YouTube (tinyurl.com/ybepgrt6)

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New Hires & Promotions

Mary Griswold, family nurse practitioner, is now seeing patients at The Center for Counseling & Consultation

As a certified family nurse practitioner, Mary Griswold recently began offering medical services at The Center for Counseling & Consultation.

Griswold has 24 years of nursing experience and is pursuing her education to earn credentials as a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMH NP).

"I think of myself as a natural-born caregiver. I have a lot of personal experience with mental health and it helps me to help others," Griswold said. "I want to diminish the negative connotation of mental-health issues and let people know that, regardless of how bad things seem, they can get better.

"I want to demonstrate this by example, as well as by using my background and education."

Conditions that might benefit from treatment are as varied as the patients. In many cases, someone dealing with mental-health issues might benefit from medication, Griswold noted.

"People sometimes ask why I didn't become a therapist instead of a nurse practitioner who can prescribe meds," she related. "In this position, I get to do both. When a medication is warranted, therapy is the key to learning new skills to be able to function."

Therapists at The Center and local physicians sometimes refer patients to Griswold but anyone can call for an appointment.

"We have a great program that allows everyone to be seen, regardless of income or insurance status," Griswold said. "There is a sliding-fee scale so you don't have to worry about money being an obstacle to obtaining these services."

The nurse practitioner sees patients one-on-one, while also encouraging their

support team to participate in treatment. This team may include therapists, family, friends, caregivers and case managers.

"Mental health is a team effort," she explained. "It is important that people understand they

are not in this alone."

Even though Griswold has been at The Center only a short time, she feels welcome. "There is an overwhelming feeling of family here; everyone is so supportive. I finally feel like I am home."

Griswold was raised in a military family and grew up in Germany, Manhattan, Ks., and Colorado Springs. She is relocating from Newton to Lyons, which is in The Center's service area.

Griswold's background includes employment at Select Specialty Hospital in Wichita, Village Manor in Abilene, Avalon Hospice in Topeka and Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Clinic in Mayetta.

She earned her associate's degree in nursing at Manhattan Area Technical College in 2003 and her bachelor's in nursing at The University of Kansas Medical Center in 2008. Griswold received her master's at KU in 2010. Classes for the PMH NP credentials are through Wilkes University in Pennsylvania.

Julie Kramp, The Center's executive director, said "Mary exemplifies all of our core values here – integrity, compassion, dedication and quality. We are thankful she chose to join our team."

The Center for Counseling & Consultation is a Community Mental Health Center serving Barton, Pawnee, Rice and Stafford counties. Professionally trained personnel offer: individual and group therapy; marriage and family counseling; community-support services; community-based services; psychosocial rehabilitation; peer support; and medication management. The confidential 24/7 crisis hotline number is 800-875-2544.



Mary Griswold, PMHNP



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Moeders Team-Up to lead Kelly's Garden Sense

After a more than 20-year career as an electrical technician alongside his dad at Gibbs Electric, Paul Moeder is now picking up a shovel to join his wife, Kelly Meier-Moeder, in business at Kelly's Garden Sense.

"Customer service and ensuring client satisfaction has always been my #1 goal," said Paul Moeder. "When my dad decided to retire, this was my chance to reevaluate what I wanted to do next and lend my experience and leadership skills to help Kelly's crew continue to grow and build exceptional landscapes."

Having originally met when Paul was tree shopping over a decade ago, Paul has been an unofficial member of the landscaping crew using his expertise to help on projects here and there but will now take on a leadership role combining his building experience, crew leadership and attention to detail. Kelly will continue to serve as the Designer, Greenhouse

Manager, and lead planting and seasonal pottery design.

"It just makes sense," said Kelly Moeder, "Once we started talking about the possibility of Paul joining the team, we realized just how much his experience and talents will benefit our team and customers. We strive to provide a truly customized experience from the initial design to the landscape installation. Adding a greenhouse this last summer and 6,000+ locally grown Kansas annuals has increased our ability to serve more customers and Paul's leadership is going to be key in ensuring we can still deliver the quality we're known for on a larger scale. Since opening in 2015, our business has doubled year after year. With Paul on board, the future is even brighter!"

Kelly's Garden Sense is a premier Commercial and Residential Landscaper and outdoor designer in central Kansas. Kelly and her team bring the Greenhouse to the client's door to create beautiful



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Golden Belt Community Foundation Accepting Grant Applications for the CPI Quality of Life Barton County Fund

The Golden Belt Community Foundation invites proposals for its upcoming grant opportunities. Applications are now being accepted from qualified 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations and public institutions, including schools, government entities, and clubs and civic/community organizations in Barton county for charitable programs and projects. The CPI Quality of Life Barton County Fund seeks to improve the quality of life in Barton County. Projects must make a tangible and visible



Applications for competitive grants are being accepted from May 1st through June 15th. Grants will be awarded mid-July.

Applications are available online by clicking the Grants link on the foundation website at www.goldenbeltcf.org. Grant guidelines are also posted on the

website. Please contact Teresa

Powelson, Program Officer at (620) 792-3000 or teresa@goldenbeltcf.org with any questions.

Golden Belt Community Foundation

At \$30 million in total assets and more than 180 funds under

management, the Golden Belt Community Foundation has been connecting people who care to causes that matter since 1996.

Golden Belt Community Foundation exists to provide non-profit organizations in central Kansas with a permanent source of support and to serve as a vehicle for charitable giving for donors. GBCF serves the counties of Barton, Pawnee, Rush, and Stafford. For more information about Golden Belt Community Foundation, call (620) 792-3000 or visit their website at www.goldenbeltcf.org.

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Great Bend rejoins Main Street Program

Dale Hogg, Great Bend Tribune

Great Bend was one of three Kansas cities to rejoin Kansas Main Street Program, which targets preservation and revitalization of downtown districts, Great Bend Economic Development Inc. President Sara Hayden said. The announcement, which also included Hays and Salina, was made Thursday afternoon at the Stiefel Theatre in Salina by Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly.

According to the Kansas Department of Commerce which oversees the program, "Kansas Main Street helps communities preserve and revitalize their downtown districts by helping them develop a comprehensive strategy."

"Great Bend Economic Development recognizes that the eyes into any rural community are viewed through the downtown," Hayden said. "Our organization has worked hard throughout the last two years to make sure our downtown exemplifies

the excellence we see for our city. We are pleased and excited to rejoin the Kansas Main Street program knowing that our visions and goals align and that will be able to help each other to see success in our downtown corridor."

"I am thrilled to see Great Bend rejoining the Kansas Main Street program," said Great Bend Chamber of Commerce President Megan Barfield, who was in Salina for the announcement. "We already have a beautiful and vibrant downtown and now it's time to level-up."

"It will take strong partnerships and access to robust resources like the Main Street program to keep the momentum going," Barfield said. "The Chamber saw it as a no-brainer to support the application submitted by Great Bend Economic Development."

"The Kansas Main Street network continues to grow, and it's great to see communities that were previously part of the program rejoin this year," Laura Kelly said. "Today's

announcement is a sign for the future of our state's vibrant downtowns and the state's economy. It's clear the Kansas Main Street program is not only back on its feet — it's now stronger than ever."

About the program

The Kansas Main Street program, initially launched in 1985, has helped dozens of primarily rural communities work toward maintaining and enhancing the viability of their downtown districts. The program is a self-help technical assistance program focused on organization, design, promotion, and economic restructuring.

The Gov. Sam Brownback administration ended the program in 2012. It was restarted in 2019 by Governor Kelly with support from the Kansas Legislature.

These communities were in the program during its first 27 years of existence, and since its return, these three communities have

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Foley Equipment welcomes New Chief Information Officer Kirk Hay

Officer Kirk Hay, who will lead the dealer's information technology, business intelligence and cyber security operations.

Foley CEO Ann Konecny notes that Hay is joining the company during strong growth. "Our customers are busy across the board,"

said Konecny. "And the strategic use of technology only continues to increase in importance to our customers in their operations. For our employees to deliver the very best every day, Foley's systems and tools have to make it easy and efficient for them to focus on customers."

"I'm thrilled to be joining Foley," added Hay. "There are very few 80+ year-old companies where information technology and analytics so directly impact the business strategy and trajectory for continued growth."

Prior to joining Foley, Hay served as the CIO for Jack Cooper Investments, a

North American leader in automotive transportation and logistics. Hay has also held a wide variety of technology roles in senior executive and management at Jack Henry & Associates, NPC/National City Bank, J.B Hunt Transportation and Papa John's.

Hay holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Evangel University.

As the pace of change in business only increases and disruptions of huge segments of the economy continue, Konecny says Hay's combination of strategic acumen and deep systems knowledge will be critical to the company's continued growth.

"Technology is one of the greatest ways to empower progress for our customers and employees," said Konecny.

"I look forward to collaborating with Kirk to strategically deliver the very best for our customers now and in the future."



Tickets are on sale now for the United Way of Central Kansas' annual Kickoff Event

Save the date for August 6th and join us for dinner, drinks, and Dueling Pianos. The Colorado Keys, based out of Denver, CO, provide interactive, lively entertainment with music to sing and dance along to. The evening will include dinner prepared by the Knights of Columbus, a silent auction, and a 50/50 raffle.

Proceeds from this event will benefit 22 UWCK Community Partners in addition to the numerous Community Impact Programs that United Way facilitates in Barton & Pawnee



Counties. Community Impact Programs include Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, Reality U, #RealWorld, the Born Learning Trail, Box of Love, and Stuff the Bus. To learn more about what UWCK is doing, follow us on Facebook or Instagram or visit our website

www.uwck.org.

Tickets for this event are \$50 per person and can be purchased by scanning the QR code.



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expressed interest in rejoining. With these three communities rejoining, the Kansas Main Street program has added ten communities in the past two years, bringing the total number of Designated communities to 35.

"Our main streets speak volumes about our state and its communities," Lieutenant Governor and Commerce Secretary David Toland said. "We're pleased to see three outstanding communities rejoining Kansas Main Street this year. Strong and vibrant main streets make it clear that Kansas is open for business, and we have outstanding cities and towns where people want to live and where businesses want to invest."

Since Governor Kelly announced the Affiliate program in late 2020, more than 40 Affiliate communities have gained access to resources from the state and national offices to assist in their downtown revitalization efforts. The Affiliate program helps smaller communities that may not be ready to meet the requirements of a Designated community.

The Kansas Main Street program is affiliated with the



Kansas Governor Laura Kelly, third from left, announced Thursday in Salina that Great Bend, Hays and Salina will rejoin the Kansas Main Street Program. Also pictured from left to right are: Sara Bloom of Hays; Dian Gebhardt, aesthetics specialist for Salina Downtown; April Rickman, executive assistant/event planner with Salina Downtown; Leslie Bishop, executive director of Salina Downtown; Scott Sewell, director of the Kansas Main Street Program; Megan Barfield, president of the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce; and state 112th District Rep. Tory Arnberger-Blew (R-Great Bend).

National Main Street Center. While there are no federal funds provided directly to Main Street communities, designated cities are eligible for training and technical assistance designed to help them become self-sufficient in downtown revitalization.

"I want to join the Governor and Lieutenant Governor in welcoming these wonderful cities back to the Kansas Main

Street program," Kansas Main Street Director Scott Sewell said. "To those communities that have returned to the program, we are excited to have you and appreciate that you saw the value in the services and technical assistance provides. The state office is here to guide you and support you in your efforts, and we look forward to your success."

Gathering of Gardeners is back, June 25th

Gathering of Gardeners, the Great Bend Vegetable & Flower Garden Tour is back again this year, and presented FREE OF CHARGE by the K-State Extension Master Gardeners group of Barton County. The tour will be Friday, June 25th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. and will feature six outstanding local vegetable and flower gardens.

The individual garden growers and Master Gardeners will be on hand at each location to show visitors around, offer gardening advice, and answer any plant questions that may arise.

A full list of garden locations will be published on public media and the Barton County Extension Master Gardeners Facebook page closer to the date of the tour. The group encourages all gardening enthusiasts, from novice to experienced, all will enjoy touring these gardens with their friends and families.





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What brought you to Great Bend? What keeps you here?

Our family moved to Great Bend 5 years ago. We love the community here and have found a home amongst many wonderful friends.

Where do you work and what do you do there?

My husband, Josh and I own Yo Dog Wieners. This is (by far) the most fun job we've ever had. We work all together as a family making and selling delicious hot dogs at various locations in the area. When the sun's out, our buns are out there selling and having a blast together! I also assist my husband with his business, Josh Blankenship Media. Our passion is to help small businesses, churches and nonprofits look good by providing affordable videos, websites, and designs. Finally, I am the Worship Leader for The Refuge at First Christian Church here in Great Bend. I am so grateful to get to spend time making music with a group of wonderful people.

What's one thing about you that would surprise people?

One thing about me that might be surprising is I used to play Roller Derby for the 580 Rollergirls in Oklahoma. My derby name was Trouble Clef. I seriously just went to the first practice because I was new in town and wanted to make friends. It turned out to be a wonderfully memorable experience and given the chance, I'd play again.

What energizes you and brings you excitement?

People energize me and a creative assignment/project brings me excitement. I love to work with others and chase a big dream or goal.

At what job, would you be terrible?

I could find joy at pretty much any job where I worked with other people, so I'd probably be pretty terrible at a job that I had to do alone.

How long have you been a Chamber Ambassador and what do you like most about it?

I am a new Chamber Ambassador this year and I love meeting new people and watching our business community flourish.

About Chamber Ambassadors: The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Club is made up of 30 men and women from the Great Bend business community who represent the Chamber in a number of ways. To find out how you can become a member of the Ambassador Club, contact Lee Ann June at the Chamber office, 620-792-2401, marketing@greatbend.org, or www.greatbend.org/ambassadors



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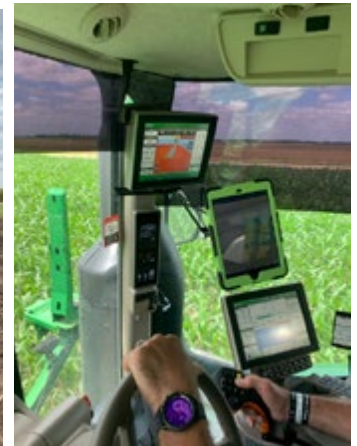
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June 9, 2022

GREAT BEND ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY **2123 Main St. in Great Bend**

The Great Bend Zoological Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charity providing advocacy and fundraising support for the Great Bend Brit Spauha Zoo.

June 16, 2022

KANSAS TROPHY EXPERIENCE **54 SE 10 Rd. in Great Bend**

The Lodge at Kansas Trophy Experience was completed and operational in the Fall of 2019. Since that time KTE has booked more than 150 hunts and over 350 rentals. KTE offers deer, turkey and pheasant/quail hunts. In 2020 KTE started raising pheasants and now raises 5,000+ birds per year. This 2022 season KTE is adding European Shoots to its list of services. Lodge rentals include overnight stays for up to 25 individuals with meeting and party rentals available as well.

June 23, 2022

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June 30, 2022

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July 7, 2022

BARTON COUNTRY FAIR **455 W. Barton County Rd. Expo 2 in Great Bend**

The 4-Hers of Barton County and the Barton County Fair Association would like to invite all businesses to join them for the 31st Annual Business Appreciation Breakfast and Chamber Coffee starting at 7:30am on July 7th at the Expo Complex in Expo II. This annual event is an excellent way for businesses to meet 4-Hers, exhibitors and leaders who bring this annual event to life each year. This year's theme is, "Come Hear the Sounds of the Barton County Fair". Look at exhibits, talk to the kids and maybe even win a prize.



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