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Building Leaders, Engaging Voters: Chamber's Fall Advocacy Initiatives in Action

In a powerful demonstration of its commitment to advocacy and leadership development, the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce collaborated to launch two cornerstone initiatives this fall aimed at cultivating informed, engaged, and courageous civic leaders.

On September 15, the Chamber hosted its first-ever Run Ready: Barton County Civic Leadership Lab, a half-day experience designed for elected officials and declared candidates. Held in the Chamber Board Room, the session was part of the Chamber's Elevate GBK initiative, a strategic effort to build a pipeline of business-minded leaders prepared to serve their communities with integrity and vision.

"This event was about more than preparing for a campaign—it was about preparing to lead," said Chamber President Megan Barfield. "We know that even the most experienced leaders need space to reflect, reconnect with their purpose, and build the emotional intelligence required to serve well."

Participants engaged in a leadership session led by Kimberly Becker of Move Your Mountain Coaching & Consulting, followed by candid conversations with civic leaders Joe Andrasek (former Mayor of Great Bend), State Senator Tory Marie Blew, and William Nusser (Mayor of Larned). Each speaker offered personal insights into the challenges and rewards of public service, emphasizing humility,

perseverance, and courageous decision-making.

Brenden Wirth of the Engaged Kansas Coalition praised the initiative, noting, "Run Ready aligns perfectly with our mission to engage and empower Kansans to lead in their communities. This kind of programming is essential to building a pipeline of leaders who are prepared not just to run but to serve."

The Chamber's advocacy efforts continue into October with the 2025 Candidate Forum, a collaborative event hosted by the League of Women Voters alongside the Chamber, Barton County and the City of Great Bend. Scheduled for Tuesday, October 7 at the Great Bend Events Center, the forum invites the public to hear directly from candidates running for key local offices:

- 5:30 PM – USD 428 School Board
- 6:15 PM – Barton Community College Trustees
- 7:30 PM – Mayor & City Council

This free, nonpartisan event is a vital opportunity for residents to ask questions, hear perspectives, and make informed decisions ahead of the election. Candidate bios and responses to a forum questionnaire are available online at Vote411.org.

The forum will be live-streamed on the Great Bend Post, ensuring broad access to civic dialogue.

By creating spaces for both current and aspiring leaders to grow



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Featured Ambassador: Heather Lamb

Ambassador Club members assist the Chamber with networking events, ribbon cuttings, groundbreakings, and membership recruitment and retention. This group of volunteers allows the Chamber to cultivate business relationships and network with the area's most successful people. If you would like to become an Ambassador and represent your company, contact a member of the Chamber staff.

Q What Brings You Here?

A I grew up in Hoisington but have worked in Great Bend most of my working life. We were coming to Great Bend multiple times a day for events, activities, shopping, and entertainment. There is so much life in Great Bend that you can always find something to do. Great Bend is a very welcoming community and I love how people are kind and always willing to come together and help others.

Q Your Day to Day Jobs

A I am a Loan Officer at Peoples Bank & Trust. My main focus is on Mortgage Loans and Home Equity Lines of Credit but I can also help with any other loan request you may have. I also love educating and helping people improve their credit or guide them on the steps they need to take in order to qualify for a home loan in their future.

Q Surprise us!

A I love to do archery. I used to compete in 3D Target Archery competitions locally and deer hunt with a bow. Life has gotten a little busy with all of the kids' events as they get older, but one day, maybe I can get back into these activities.

Q Your Inspiration

A I thrive on knowing I am able to help someone get into a new home or vehicle and the smile on their faces make me feel as though I have succeeded.

Q Wild Card - What would you be terrible at?

A I would at least give my try at any job but I would be terrible at being a politician. There is too much public speaking and I am pretty shy. And there is a lot of arguments/disagreements between people that sometimes causes chaos that politicians get blamed for. While there are some good things about being a politician and making positive changes, I would not be able to handle the bad that may come with the job.

Q Your Role as an Ambassador



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A I am in my first year of being a Chamber Ambassador. Being a Chamber Ambassador allows me to connect with people in the community, volunteer in the community, and break out of my shyness. Making a positive difference in the community and in myself are why I enjoy being a Chamber Ambassador.

Heather can be reached at 620-792-5111 or hlamb@peoples.bank.

Want to join?

Contact Julie Mazouch
for all your ambassador needs!
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Chamber Legislative Efforts (Cont'd)

and for the community to engage. From leadership labs to public forums, advocacy is not just a value, it's a practice.

For more information about Elevate GBK

or upcoming leadership programming, contact the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce at gbcc@greatbend.org or visit greatbend.org.



Celebrating 31 Years of Kids Ag Day: A Community Effort

The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce, through its Ag-Business Committee, proudly hosted the 31st Annual Kids Ag Day on Wednesday, September 3, 2025. Each year, this signature event opens the world of agriculture to nearly 400 fourth-grade students from schools across Claflin, Hoisington, Ellinwood, Otis-Bison, Pawnee Rock, and Great Bend. For more than three decades, Kids Ag Day has invited students to experience the people, technology, and traditions that make agriculture the backbone of our region's economy and identity.

This year's event was a true showcase of community spirit. When wet conditions made the fields at Diamond K temporarily inaccessible, the Barton County Fair Association graciously stepped up by allowing the use of the fairgrounds. Their hospitality, along with the flexibility of our sponsors and volunteers, ensured that not a single student missed out on this profound experience.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the many hands that made Kids Ag Day possible:

Over 100 dedicated volunteers, many of whom have been with us since the beginning.



Our Chamber Ag-Business Committee, whose energy and leadership drive the event's planning and success.

Eagle Media Local & Live, whose generous sponsorship amplifies this program's reach.

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Kids Ag Day (cont'd)

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A Day of Discovery

On event day, students travel aboard tractor-pulled hayrack rides, stopping to explore interactive stations. From crop production and animal care to conservation practices and farm machinery, the students experienced firsthand the wonder of modern agriculture. Technology—from Dr. Niederee's demonstrations to drone applications—helped spotlight the future of farming alongside interactive experiences with livestock, pollinators, and conservation practices.

Fourth-grade teacher Jaimee Beugelsdijk shared her appreciation, saying, "I cannot say enough about the level of organization and welcoming at Ag Day. Everything was engaging, leaving no time for students to get bored. I was so impressed with how much I learned myself, from technology and ranching to beekeeping and conservation. The career station was so important—it really showed students the variety of opportunities in farming."

Supporting Elevate GBK

Kids Ag Day directly supports the Chamber's Elevate GBK vision by:

Developing the Workforce of Tomorrow through early exposure to agriculture careers.

Investing in Youth & Families by creating memorable, impactful learning experiences.

Strengthening Business & Community Connections through collaboration with local producers, agribusinesses, and volunteers.

Join the Tradition

With many volunteers serving since the earliest days of Kids Ag Day, we are always



eager to welcome new faces who share a love of agriculture and a passion for connecting with our youth. If you would like to be part of next year's tradition, a volunteer registration link will be available on the Chamber website.

We invite Chamber members, businesses, and community leaders to consider sponsoring or volunteering for this meaningful event. Your support ensures that we continue to invest in youth engagement and workforce development.

To learn more about getting involved, contact the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce at 620-792-2401 or email gbcc@greatbend.org.

Check out photos from this year's event here: <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjCsYAx>.

Volunteer Form Here: <https://members.greatbend.org/form/view/37563>.



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How the Alzheimer's Association Provides Hope and Help in the Community

Purple Power Now! They are the other people in purple...they are the Alzheimer's Association! Chances are you have seen them at community events this year providing outreach, educational services, and support through local volunteers, employees, civic organizations and community sponsors. The association serves as a lifeline for caregivers, families and those diagnosed with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

The diagnosis of Alzheimer's is life-altering and heartbreaking. There is no cure. In Kansas, more than 54,500 people over the age of 65 are living with Alzheimer's. In Barton County, the rate is nearly 12%. 89,000 Kansas caregivers dedicate 125,000,000 hours of unpaid care. Beyond the emotional weight, caregiving often comes with financial strain, physical exhaustion, and the overwhelming challenge of navigating the illness.

The Alzheimer's Association is proud to provide free services that include a 24/7 helpline (800-272-3900) with assistance from multi-lingual, Master level Clinicians, monthly Caregiver Support groups hosted in Great Bend at the Volunteers in Action room and the Ellinwood Hospital, online training (www.alz.org/cwkanas), and care plan consultations – all free of charge to those in need.

Awareness has been a key activity to partner with the community, publicize and deliver services as well as recruit volunteers for the Alzheimer's Association. "Participating in several community events such as The Big Bend Bash, The After Harvest Festival, Party in the Park and Fridays on Forrest has been a wonderful social opportunity that has yielded great results to further our outreach," said Angela Delgado-

Sycz, Volunteer Executive Event Chair.

Additionally, efforts have been increased to organize a variety of events to reach the traditionally unreachable such as the older male population and Hispanic population. Community Board Members, Deklyn Craven and Bradley Heine, organized a successful car show in June, reaching the male demographic and, and Natalia Espinosa, Committee Member, and Delgado-Sycz have connected with the Hispanic population through local businesses to provide bi-lingual resources. LaRae Craven, volunteer, has increased outreach with Veterans through the American Legion. The annual Musical Bingo night draws a younger, more diverse demographic and is hosted by a number of volunteers at local establishments.

"Community connection is a vital driver for the Alzheimer's Association to accomplish our goals," said Delgado-Sycz. Connecting with local civic organizations to strengthen national partnerships such as with the Rotary Club and the Pilot's Club by presenting at member meetings has also been an important aspect of community outreach. Rotary Club President, Tory Blew, has scheduled the Alzheimer's Association to attend a members' meeting this month. Pilot Club Board Member, Rhonda Knudson, is also a Board Member of the Alzheimer Association and a Grand Champion fundraiser who has contributed significantly to the success of the association locally.

Walk Manager, Annalynn Kirkhart, manages the relationships with national sponsors such as Brookdale Senior Living and Edward Jones Financial Services as well as local sponsors such as the University of Kansas Hospital, P&S Electric and Delgado's Restaurant. These

generous sponsors have all been crucial for the success of the annual Walk to End Alzheimer's. Their employees have been incredible volunteers and supporters of the Alzheimer's Association's presence locally in the community by attending events, organizing teams to participate in the Walk and hosting fundraisers.

Education has also been a major initiative. In September and October, volunteers and community educators are connecting with all local First Responders to provide free training and tips on how to respond in situations involving a person living with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. The next educational initiative will be to provide training resources for professional caregivers.

It is through fundraising efforts and sponsorships that the Alzheimer's Association is able to offer a wide variety of services free of charge for those in need. The major fundraiser of the year is the annual Walk to End Alzheimer's. Great Bend has reached slightly over 50% of the \$20,000 goal.

The Walk to End Alzheimer's event will take place Sunday, October 19th at 10am in Jack Kilby Square. You are invited to attend the event. Come walk, support or donate, if you like. There will be coffee and cookies available as well as a Show & Shine Car show.

Register at: <https://www.alz.org/cwkanas/events/walk-to-end-alzheimer-s>

If you would like to invite the Alzheimer's Association to speak to your group, interested in volunteering or would like to donate please email Annalynn or Angela at: ankirkhart@alz.org or adsycz@gmail.com.



The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce hosted a Ribbon Cutting and Chamber After Hours Event on Thursday, September 4, 2025, honoring **Hammeke Electric Inc** as they marked an incredible milestone of 25 years in business. The celebration not only celebrated a quarter-century of dedication to electrical and security services but also reflected the company's creativity in giving back to the community.

Hammeke Electric Inc kicked off their anniversary festivities earlier this summer with a Chamber Coffee on August 7th, where guests learned about the company's growth and expansion of services over the years. The celebration culminated in a Chamber After Hours event, where attendees gathered for a special giveaway and recognition of the company's achievements. As part of their 25th Anniversary, Hammeke Electric organized a unique raffle drawing for an 18W Generac Generator with full installation valued at more than \$9,500. Entries were earned through acts of generosity and community support. Participants could bring non-perishable food and hygiene items, purchase any security product or service within the qualifying timeframe, or engage through Facebook opportunities. This inventive approach tied the celebration directly to community generosity, turning a major prize drawing into an effort that supported local needs.

Founded in 2001 by Tim and Kim Hammeke, the company's roots run deep. Tim earned his Master Electrician license at just 21, the youngest age possible, while Kim brought her business expertise with a degree from Barclay College. Together, they established a business with a mission to honor God through excellence, honesty, and integrity, a guiding principle that still defines their work today.



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RIBBON CUTTINGS



On Thursday, September 18th, **Cornerstone Automotive & Tire, LLC** welcomed the community to a Chamber Coffee and Ribbon Cutting in celebration of its transition to new local ownership under Darin Hertel. More than sixty people gathered to hear Hertel share his vision for the business while enjoying homemade biscuits and gravy. Guests also had the chance to win door prizes, with three lucky attendees taking home a free oil change.

Hertel is no stranger to Cornerstone Automotive and Tire LLC. He has served as one of the shop managers for over two years, building strong relationships with both customers and technicians. With a background that includes a Bachelor's Degree in Business Communication, an Associate's Degree in Automotive Technology, and extensive experience in agriculture and automotive industries, Hertel brings a balance of technical know-how and business leadership to his new role.

Looking ahead, Hertel plans to remodel the customer-facing areas of the shop, including the front entrance, counter, and waiting room, creating a more welcoming space. He also intends to invest in updated equipment and expand staffing to keep up with demand. "Right

now, we're scheduling almost three weeks out," Hertel explained. "That's a good challenge to have, but I want to create a shop where customers can get quicker services, like oil changes and tire work, with more convenience."

Currently, Cornerstone Automotive & Tire employs nine team members, including seven mechanics, two of whom are students gaining hands-on experience while pursuing their education. Hertel is also actively looking to grow his team to better serve customers.

As a locally owned business, Cornerstone Automotive & Tire LLC is focused on delivering trusted, efficient service while building on its long-standing commitment to the Great Bend community.

The shop is located at 4713 8th St., Great Bend, KS, and is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM. For more information, visit www.cornerstonegreatbend.com.

Local Government Students Participate in Civic Engagement Presentation and Mock Election

Great Bend High School (GBHS) Government students had the opportunity to experience democracy in action during a Civic Engagement presentation and mock election held this week. The event, presented by the League of Women Voters, offered students valuable insights into the voting process and the importance of civic engagement.

A highlight of the day was a mock election demonstration led by Barton County Clerk Bev Schmeidler and her staff. Using electronic voting machines, students gained hands-on experience with the same technology they will encounter at the polls, making it a meaningful “practice run” before they become eligible voters. While the ballot question wasn’t a serious matter,

Students from Michelle Moore and Carol Pfannenstiel’s government classes at GBHS participated in the event, along with visiting



government students from Ellinwood High School.

“This experience is about more than just casting a ballot on the light-hearted topic of cat or dog,” said Moore, GBHS Government Teacher. “It’s about preparing students to be informed, engaged citizens who understand the role they play in shaping their communities and their future.”

The timing of the event provided a strong connection to Freedom Week, Constitution Day, and National Voter Registration Day, helping students see how classroom learning ties directly to their civic responsibilities.

For more information, please call Great Bend High School at 620-793-1521.



Fraud Prevention Lunch and Learn Event

Farmers Bank and Trust will host a fraud prevention luncheon with resources and tools that empower businesses and individuals to stay safe online with best practices to protect themselves. October kicks off a campaign as Farmers Bank recognizes National Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

The event features Bobbi LaViolette, SVP Chief Operations Officer, Farmers Bank and Trust and Detective John Reynolds

from the Great Bend Police Department with instruction on effective methods to recognize common scams, red flags and techniques to protect yourself and your business.

The event will be held on October 29th from 12 PM to 1PM with a light lunch served in the Farmers Bank and Trust Community Room located at 1614 Main Street. Please RSVP by October 22nd by calling 620-792-

2411 to reserve your seat or online at www.farmersbankks.com/news.



Local Youth Learn Leadership Skills in Nashville

Five Barton County Youth Crew members attended a CADCA leadership training conference in Nashville, learning essential skills including event planning, sponsorship acquisition, and social media campaigns. Key training focused on the “seven C’s of leadership”: character, competence, commitment, connection, communication, courage and compassion.

Eighth grader Janey Weber said “I learned about the seven C’s of leadership and why each of those is important.” Prevention advocate Tyler Morton noted the conference featured “a lot more peer-led initiatives, allowing attendees to be more engaged than in other years.”

The students will apply their new leadership skills to school and community prevention projects, with the training emphasizing continuous improvement in community coalition work.

A Drug-Free Communities grant financed the trip. Morton and Nichelle Holinde, a parent, accompanied the group.

20th Judicial District Juvenile Services empowers youth in Barton, Rice, Ellsworth, Stafford and Russell counties to achieve positive outcomes by offering Juvenile Intake & Assessment, Immediate Intervention, Intensive Supervised Probation, Case Management, Journey to Change, Life Skills, All Stars and Youth Crew. Parents and guardians also are offered The Parent Project. Visit 1800 12th in Great Bend or call 620-793-1930.

Celebrating Manufacturing Month with Fuller Industries Inc

October marks National Manufacturing Month—a time to recognize the backbone of our economy and the innovators who keep it moving. In Barton County, manufacturing isn't just a sector. It's a legacy of craftsmanship, ingenuity, and community impact.

From precision plastics and industrial cleaning tools to agricultural equipment, trailers, and custom fabrication, our region is home to a diverse array of manufacturers who fuel local employment, drive exports, and anchor our economic resilience. These businesses not only produce goods, they build futures.

To honor their contributions, the Great Bend Chamber invites members and the community to a special Chamber Coffee on Wednesday, October 30th at 9:00 AM, hosted by Fuller Industries Inc, 15 SW 40 Ave., west of Great Bend. Attendees will get a behind-the-scenes look at Fuller's operations, hear from leadership about their growth and innovation, and celebrate the role manufacturing plays in shaping Barton County's future.

Whether you're a business owner, civic leader, educator, or simply curious about the products made right here in our backyard, this event is a chance to connect, learn, and show appreciation for the makers among us.



Agriculture's Voice is Being Heard in Washington

Senator Roger Marshall (R-Kansas) reports progress in agricultural advocacy following White House meetings with over 250 agriculture groups. Key developments include:

MAHA Movement Progress: The administration now better understands that restricting fertilizers and chemicals would increase grocery prices significantly. Focus has shifted to soil health and regenerative farming practices.

Farm Bill Update: Crop insurance and reference prices secured in recent legislation. Conservation components expected to advance this fall.

Immediate Priorities: Marshall pushes for year-round E15 ethanol blend to provide immediate farmer relief amid high input costs and low commodity prices. Also

advocates for China purchasing \$2 billion in U.S. sorghum exports.

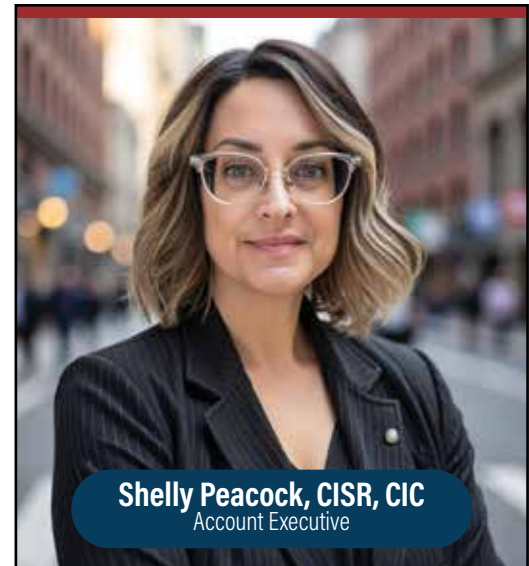
Working Families Tax Cuts Act Delivers \$50 Billion for Rural Healthcare

Marshall praised the Trump Administration's Rural Health Transformation Fund, part of the *Working Families Tax Cuts Act*. The program addresses critical rural healthcare gaps, as only 7% of Medicaid hospital spending currently reaches rural hospitals.

Healthcare Crisis: Since 2010, approximately 150 rural hospitals have closed despite higher chronic disease rates in rural areas compared to urban locations. Rural healthcare infrastructure continues collapsing under current systems.

Program Goals: The \$50 billion fund aims to modernize rural healthcare, improve service quality, and strengthen outcome measurement. Marshall, drawing on his experience running a rural hospital, helped craft the legislation as a Senate Finance Committee member.

Learn more at
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Grace Fest: A Gift to Our Community

Grace Community Church is delighted to host Grace Fest on Saturday, October 26, from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. This annual event is our way of reaching out to Great Bend and living out the vision we hold dear: Grace for Great Bend.

The evening will begin with a Trunk-or-Treat. Parents can bring their children in their favorite costumes, along with a change of clothes for the games and activities that follow. Families will enjoy bounce houses, face painting, live music, and plenty of food from the grill. It will be a safe, fun space for children to play, parents to connect, and neighbors to spend time together.

Our name carries a purpose—Grace Community Church. The word “grace” points to the kindness of God given through Jesus Christ, while the word “community” reminds us of our call to love and serve the people around us. Our vision is simple: to reflect God’s grace by strengthening our community. Grace Fest is one way we seek to embody that vision, creating a gathering where joy, friendship, and care are on full display.

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Pilot Club of Great Bend honors members

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Pilot International Founders Fund (PIFF) Ambassadors for 2025-2026.

The Pilot Club of Great Bend membership each year chooses a member or members who exemplifies the attributes of a Pilot. The member or members chosen as the Pilot International Founders Fund (PIFF), Ambassador must be active in an assigned role within the club, promote and support the aims of Pilot International and its activities, be active in a project that exemplifies the brain-related service focus of Pilot International and be faithful in attending meetings while giving generously of their time to assist with service projects and fundraising activities.

These two members are both outstanding Pilots who truly represent the Pilot motto ... Be More, Do More, Care More. Congratulations to Billie and Marsha.

NEW From Kansas Department of Labor

August 2025 Labor Report

Preliminary estimates reported by the Labor Market Information (LMI) division of the Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) and the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) show a seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 3.8% in August. This is unchanged from 3.8% in July and an increase from 3.7% in August 2024. The labor force participation rate for Kansas increased to 67.0% in August.

Seasonally adjusted job estimates for

Kansas indicate total nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 4,700 from July. Total nonfarm includes private sector and government employers. Private sector jobs decreased by 1,300 over the month, while government decreased by 3,400. The largest job gains in the private sector were in leisure and hospitality (+600 jobs). The largest decrease was in trade, transportation, and utilities (-2,100 jobs).

Since August 2024 Kansas' seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs have decreased by 10,000. This change is due to a decrease of 200 private sector jobs and a decrease of 9,800 government jobs.

The full report can be found at klic.dol.ks.gov.

Kansas Labor Market Indicators		August 2025*	July 2025
↓	Total Nonfarm Jobs	1,452,400	1,457,100
↓	Total Private Jobs	1,200,600	1,201,900
—	Unemployment Rate	3.8%	3.8%
↑	Labor Force Participation Rate	67.0%	66.9%
1,496,590 Employed		+	59,613 Unemployed
		=	1,556,203 Labor Force

CMS recognizes Great Bend Campus hospital with 4 stars

The University of Kansas Health System Great Bend Campus hospital has received a 4-star designation from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The CMS rating goes from 1 star to 5 stars and is determined by summarizing 5 groups of measure including mortality rates, safety of care, readmission rates, patient experience ratings and how the hospital provides timely and effective care.

"This 4-star designation from CMS is an acknowledgement of our pledge to provide high-quality, safe care for our patients,"

said John Worden, Great Bend Campus administrator. "We are proud to have reached this milestone."

This recognition places the Great Bend hospital among the top 30% of hospitals in the country and follows Vizient's recent recognition of the hospital as a top performer in the 2024 Bernard A. Birnbaum, MD, Quality Leadership Study. Great Bend Campus was recognized by Vizient as No. 8 of 28 top performers in the community hospital cohort, which includes 364 community hospitals, for demonstrating excellence in delivering high-quality care.

"We are grateful for the deep commitment to patients that our teams exhibit every day," said Worden. "These recognitions show how dedicated each member of our staff is to excellence and are indicative of the significant strides we've made since joining The University of Kansas Health System. It also shows people in the region the great things that are happening in Great Bend."



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October 2nd
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October 9th
FAMILY CRISIS CENTER
1924 Broadway

The Family Crisis Center invites the community to their 3rd Annual Fall Festival celebrating Domestic Violence Awareness Month, featuring vendors, food trucks, live music by Great Bend native Jadynce Jean, an Empowerment Walk to stand in solidarity with survivors, and opportunities to create honorary wreaths with ribbons honoring loved ones and personal resilience.

October 16th
COX COMMUNICATIONS
1125 Williams - Chamber Boardroom

Cox Communications brings fast, reliable internet, mobile, and streaming services to Great Bend through Kansas's largest GIG network. With flexible plans, affordable bundles, and long-term price guarantees, Cox keeps families and businesses connected with confidence.

October 23rd
WALNUT BOWL
3101 Washington

Walnut Bowl is celebrating the completion of their exciting remodel featuring new pinsetter equipment, upgraded flooring, and dazzling cosmic lights, with a ribbon cutting ceremony following the chamber coffee.

October 30th
FULLER INDUSTRIES
15 SW 40 Ave



The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce is proud to spotlight the manufacturing industry with a Chamber Coffee hosted by one of our local manufacturers, Fuller Industries. Celebrating National Manufacturing Month is an opportunity to recognize the innovation, education, and workforce development that drive this vital sector—connecting communities with the careers and opportunities shaping the future of modern manufacturing.



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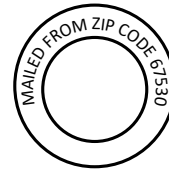
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