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The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with USD 428, will host the 6th Annual Great Bend Business Showcase. This teacher appreciation event will take place Wednesday, August 18th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the Panther Activity Center (PAC) at Great Bend High School, and will be open to 700+ educators and staff.

This exhibit opportunity is available to members

of the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce, as well as non-members. Registration is \$15 for Chamber members and \$25 for non-members. Registration will reserve an exhibit space, with one six-foot table and two chairs.

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appreciation for the dedication shown by the teachers and staff as they kick-off the school year.

The deadline for booth reservations is August 10th at 5 p.m. - don't delay in registering as space is limited.

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## Ribbon Cuttings!

### Chamber welcomes Just Say It Though SRCA commemorates new drag strip



The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon-cutting at Just Say It Though, 1919 Lakin, Suite 109. The celebration commemorated the opening of the new business and its recent joining of the Chamber. Owner and artist behind the products of Just Say It Though, Christen Markovich, opened the storefront in April.

See the full line of products on her website: [justsayitthough.com](https://justsayitthough.com). Find her on Facebook: Just Say It Though, Instagram: justsayitthough, email: [christen@justsayitthough.com](mailto:christen@justsayitthough.com), phone: (620)-617-8751, or stop by the store. Store hours are: Tues.&Wed.: 10am-6pm Thurs: 11am-7pm Sat: 9:30am-5:30pm.



SRCA Dragstrip held a ribbon cutting on June 19, Sara Hayden with Great Bend Economic Development came out to the ceremony to congratulate Hank and his team. Click on the picture to see the ceremony on Facebook. [www.gbedinc.com](https://www.gbedinc.com)

### Chamber welcomes Azria Health Great Bend



The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce staff and Ambassador's Club were invited to a ribbon-cutting celebrating the new ownership of Azria Health Great Bend. Azria Health took ownership after 18 months without certainty of ownership. The staff of the new branch of Azria Health was excited for the changes being put into place. A former resident was on hand to give a testimonial to the level of care he received while at the facility. Click the image for a slideshow from the ribbon cutting. For more information on Azria Health, go online: [www.azriahealth.com](https://www.azriahealth.com).

### Barton County Fair celebrates 30th year



The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce staff and Ambassador's Club commemorated the Barton County Fair's 30th Anniversary with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The Barton County Fair shared a milestone anniversary with the area as well. It's hard to believe that 200 years ago the pioneers and traders established the Santa Fe Trail just South of the current fair grounds. As our forefathers were traveling across the trail looking for a new beginning, the fair too is starting a new beginning after the pandemic that affected so many. Click the image to watch the Chamber Coffee from Fair week.



*Congratulations!*



# Sunflower Diversified Services sponsors Poker Chip Run on Aug. 14.

There's a new twist to this year's Ride for Independence that is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 14.

Instead of the typical poker run, which entails the collection of playing cards for a poker hand, participants will accumulate poker chips at each stop along the route. There are five different colors of chips but their value will be unknown until the end of the event.

The Poker Chip Run will wind its way through part of the Sunflower Diversified Services service territory.

Sunflower, which sponsors the annual event, is raising money to buy a heavy-duty swing set for people with special needs.

"We really need to replace an older swing set that has a lot of wear and tear," said Cody Harris, Sunflower director of planned giving and community support. "Also, the current one doesn't accommodate people in wheelchairs."

The retail cost for the adult swing set is \$3,000.

Poker Chip Run registration begins at 10 a.m. at Dry Lake Brewing, 1305 Main, Great Bend. Participants will leave by 11 a.m. and travel to Tracy's Pub & Grill, 706 Main, La



**Sunflower Diversified Services schedules a fundraiser for a handicapped-accessible swing set like the one pictured here.**

Crosse; Squeegy's Bar & Grill, 100 E. Front St., Claflin; and County Seat Bar & Grill, 105 W. Main, Lyons.

The destination is the annual Party in the Park at Veterans Park, Great Bend, at around 3 p.m.

"We are grateful to the city of Great Bend for opening its huge annual Party in the Park to us," Harris said. "There will be so much happening and we appreciate being part of it."

The value of the poker chips will be drawn publicly at the conclusion of the ride. First place wins 20 percent of rider entry fees and second place garners 10 percent.

Ten dollars is awarded to

anyone holding five chips of the same color or five chips of all different colors.

Fees are \$35 for riders and drivers, and \$10 for passengers. An extra poker chip is \$5.



Pre-registration is encouraged by visiting [www.sunflowerdiv.com](http://www.sunflowerdiv.com). Those who sign up early are guaranteed a free t-shirt. The shirts are \$15 for

others.

For more information, contact Harris by calling 620-792-1325.

Sunflower serves infants, toddlers and adults with delays and disabilities in Barton, Pawnee, Rice, Rush and Stafford counties.

## Community Coming Together for Bike Safety and Fun

Nearly 40 participants of all ages joined the 15 volunteers for our Family Fun Bike Ride at the Barton County Fair on July 10th. Five Pilot Club members, (RuthAnn, Betty, Marcia, Barbara and Vicki) fitted helmets on anyone who



needed one and the Police Department provided Bike Registrations at no cost during our event. Ava Thill and her mom, Ginger helped youngsters decorate the spokes of their bikes. Marissa Woodmansee, Dale Hogg, Brandon Steiner, John

Krug, and Vicki Richardson from the Be Well Coalition kept things running smoothly. Dirk Becker also helped out. Todd VanSlike, from Golden Belt Bicycle checked over bikes and brought Striders out for little riders to try out. We THANK everyone for coming out to this fun event!

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

I grew up in the Overland Park area, but moved to Hoisington in High school and Graduated from there. While there I met my now wife Karisa, and we chose the Barton community as the place we wanted to stay and raise our eventual family.

**Where do you work and what do you do there (describe your role)?**

As the Network Administrator at Adams Brown, I maintain and support the network that connects employees' computers to our systems.

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

In the 13 years of having a driver's license, I have owned 14 different cars.

**What energizes you and brings you excitement?**

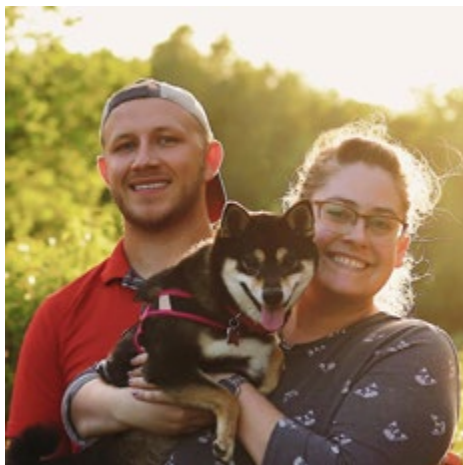
My wife! She has such a caring heart. Seeing the amount of effort and care she puts into her job and volunteer opportunities really motivates me to work harder and be more involved with volunteering.

**At what job, would you be terrible?**

I asked my wife for some input on this and she said, maid!

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

I have been an ambassador since the beginning of 2021. I have been super impressed and excited about how willing to volunteer all of the ambassadors are. Whenever the chamber is hosting an event or putting on some sort of activity it seems that the ambassadors consistently step-up to help.



**LEARN MORE:**

[www.greatbend.org/ambassadors](http://www.greatbend.org/ambassadors)

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Call us to get on the list: 620-792-2401

**About the 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. They host the weekly Chamber Coffees, attend Business After Hours and Ribbon Cuttings, serve on Chamber committees, and assist with member recruitment and retention efforts.

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# The Center receives KHF grant for Zero Reasons Why campaign

The recent \$25,000 grant to the local Zero Reasons Why project will directly enhance the lives of teenagers facing mental-health issues, said Julie Kramp, executive director of The Center for Counseling & Consultation.

The Center coordinates the program throughout its service area in Barton, Pawnee, Rice and Stafford counties.

Zero Reasons Why is a teen-led campaign to reduce teen suicide and emphasize that mental health is as important as physical health.

"This generous Kansas Health Foundation (KHF) grant is being used to spread the word about Zero Reasons Why," Kramp said. "It will help us host more public events and engage more with traditional and social media outlets.

"While we know it will enhance young lives, we also believe it could actually help save lives," she continued. "You cannot imagine how this grant will help us broaden the scope of our project. It is a Godsend."

One goal is to normalize conversations about mental health, while reducing the stigma associated with it," Kramp emphasized. "We want to encourage young people to reach out and ask for help. It is okay to talk about it."

These issues are especially important because of COVID-19, Kramp noted. "We are beginning to see the impact the



**The Center for Counseling & Consultation booth at a recent downtown Great Bend event shared information about Zero Reasons Why. The Kansas Health Foundation recently awarded a \$25,000 grant to the local project.**

pandemic has had on teens who were isolated from family and friends, with no sports, band or other extracurricular activities. This has taken a toll."

Zero Reasons Why started in Johnson County, which has reported a 33 percent drop in teen suicides.

"Yes, many factors are involved but Zero Reasons Why reduces the stigma and promotes access to care,"

Kramp said. "The most important aspect of this campaign is that teens are at the heart of it. This is why it works. There is nothing that I know of that has been this successful."

But it doesn't stop with teenagers. Kramp is sharing information with parents, school administrators, teachers, businesses and other non-profit agencies.

"Partnerships are crucial," she commented. "And now, thanks to this wonderful grant, we will reach even more people from all walks of life. Our teens deserve to know the community is behind them."

Kramp noted that Zero Reasons Why got its start in central Kansas with COVID-related funds. The KHF grant gives it a boost so that it can continue in to the future.

Ashley Booker, KHF associate communication officer, said the Foundation is pleased to support the Zero Reasons Why campaign in central Kansas. "Reducing the stigma associated with mental health and improving access to care is critical for the health of young Kansans," she said.

*“Life’s a Beach” theme announced for Barton Foundation Big Benefit Auction Aug. 28; tickets on sale now*



Tickets for the Barton Foundation's 42nd Annual Big Benefit Auction, themed “Life’s a Beach,” are available through Aug. 16. The auction will take place on Aug. 28.

Tickets are \$45 each or \$360 per table of eight. Seating is limited and no tickets will be sold at the door, so those interested are encouraged to reserve their places early. Doors open at 6 p.m. at the Great Bend Columbus Club with complimentary beer and food available until 8 p.m.

The live auction will begin promptly at 8 p.m. This year’s auction is underwritten by UMB Wealth Management, Craig & Jolene Biggs, Nex-Tech, ILS and Spectrum CPA Partners, LLC.

The Big Benefit Auction is the most successful and longest-running fundraiser for the Barton Foundation. The money raised from the event supports academic scholarships, along with enhancements to programs and facilities that positively impact the learning experience of Barton students.

Coleen Cape, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement, said she is excited about this year’s theme, and she has ensured there is no shortage of puns.

“Alone we are but a drop but together we are an ocean,” she said. “On August 28, the doors of the Great Bend Columbus Club will swing open and you will be greeted by sunny smiles, the warmth of friendship and the enjoyment of a fun in the sun beach party. We look forward to ‘sea’ing you there.”

Tickets can be purchased by calling the Barton Foundation office at (620) 792-9306 or by sending an email to [mccormickd@bartonccc.edu](mailto:mccormickd@bartonccc.edu).

Keep up with the latest Barton news here: [news.bartonccc.edu](http://news.bartonccc.edu)

# Kiwanis looking to grow U.S. Flag Project

Now in its second year, the local U.S. Flag Project, brought to the community by the Kiwanis Club of Great Bend, has grown to the placement of 187 flags during five patriotic holidays. But the club isn’t done and is ready to add more flags and more volunteers to help with this successful program.

New in 2021, sponsor signs could be purchased for placement alongside the flags lining Great Bend’s beautiful Broadway Islands. In addition to residents proudly supporting the program, it’s a wonderful site to see the flags waving when driving along Broadway and seeing the businesses represented and supporting their community and country.

Committee member, Barry Bowers says help is needed to reach the club’s goals for Great Bend. “Our goal is to place 300 flags. Our club by itself can’t provide the manpower for that, so we are brainstorming ideas on how to include other groups to help place the flags.”

“The City of Great has been very supportive from the beginning by allowing us to place flags on the Broadway islands, at both cemetery entrances and at the courthouse.”

The local flag project began after several Kiwanis Clubs across the state started similar project with great success and support. Local club and committee members are proud of Great Bend’s support and positive feedback.

Bower’s continued, “The flag project really adds something to the community on the five holidays. People really enjoy seeing the flags out and we get a lot of very positive feedback. It doesn’t really feel like a fundraiser because of what it does for the community spirit.”

Flag Project committee members include: [Barry Bowers](#) (Spectrum CPA

Partners), [Jay Luerman](#) (First Kansas Bank), [Paul Snapp](#) (First Kansas Bank), [Rob Bauer](#) (Bauer, Pike, Bauer, Wary & Carroll). Interested in helping the Kiwanis Club with flag placement? Email any of the above committee members for more information.



With a \$40 donation, a flag will be supplied and place for both residences and businesses on each of the five United States Holidays: Memorial Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day, Flag Day and Labor Day. [Click Here](#) to view

more details. [Click Here](#) to order your own flag. Connect with club on Facebook @ [greatbendkiwanis](#).

The Kiwanis Club of Great Bend has been serving the Great Bend community for many years and is a part of Kiwanis International, a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.





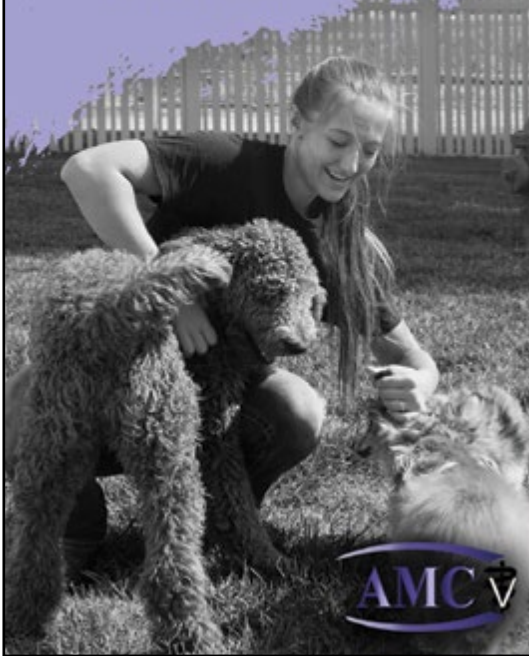
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## UWCK is off and running for the 2022 Campaign

The annual Kickoff event will be held on August 7th, with over \$15,000 already raised for the 2022 Campaign. There will be delicious food, cold beverages, games, comedy and a silent and live auction for some great items!



UWCK will also be out in local businesses again this year, making our appeal to local employees to donate through Payroll Pledges. This is an easy way to offer continuous support to UWCK. Even just \$1 a paycheck adds up and can make a difference. We partner with more than 40 local businesses to present to their employees about why they should choose to donate to UWCK. This is an effective way for UWCK to leverage their time and annually accounts for more than \$120,000 of our fundraising goal.

UWCK is also excited to announce that

they are once again bringing Reality U to our communities. This event is for 8th grade students at Great Bend Middle School and Central Kansas Christian Academy to learn about real life. This hands-on event flashes forward to the students' lives at 25 based on their career and life choices, as well as their GPA. Students have to make their budgets work to pay for childcare, their home, utilities, insurance and more based on what their projected salary will be. There are also breakout sessions to dive deeper into their choices and the consequences of those choices. Since UWCK was unable to do this program last year due to COVID-19, they will be expanding it to a two day event for 8th and 9th graders this year. With the help of USD 428 Foundation, they will ensure that this program is available for those who missed it last year.

## It's Showtime!

The Golden Belt Community Concert Association has launched its 2021-2022 membership campaign after a year-and-a-half hiatus due to the pandemic. The concert association expresses its excitement for the new beginning with its theme exclaiming, "It's Show Time!"

The membership campaign was launched with a kickoff banquet for campaign volunteers July 13 and will continue receiving memberships through Aug. 6.

As a way of making up for missed concerts from the 2019-2020 season, the association is offering six concerts for the same membership fee as the previous season's five concerts. Classic Nashville Roadshow, one of the shows missed in the spring of 2020, is the extra concert. Concerts for the new season are as follows:

- The Fabulous Equinox All-Stars, Sept. 28
- The Folk Legacy, Oct. 12
- Veritas, Nov. 1
- Classic Nashville Roadshow, Feb. 28
- Melissa Manchester, April 7
- Crocodile Rockin' – May 3

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membership only. No single concert tickets are available. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. and take place at the Great Bend Municipal Auditorium, Lakin and Stone.

Season memberships are \$50 for adults; \$10 for full-time enrolled students; \$110 for a family membership including two adults and all dependent children living in the same household; and \$110 for a grandparent package for two adults and up to four minor grandchildren.

Current GBCCA members may renew online at [www.goldenbeltcca.org](http://www.goldenbeltcca.org) if they wish. Anyone who is not a current member who wishes to become a member may contact Linda Jerke, 620-793-2748; join by mail: GBCCA, P.O. Box 1795, Great Bend, KS 67530; go to the GBCCA web site; or go to the GBCCA headquarters at the Best Western Courtyard, 2920 10th St., Great Bend, from noon to 7 p.m. Aug. 5, or 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 6.



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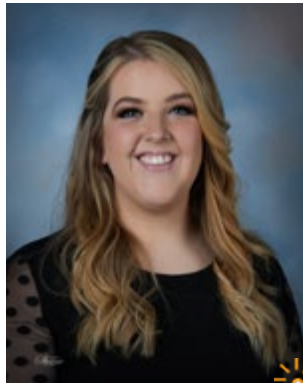
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### Chamber welcomes Tayler Stegmen to the team

Tayler Stegman is a recent newcomer to Great Bend, and is a driven and focused professional with a background in Office Management and Banking. She brings with her excellent communication skills and great attention to detail, as she begins her role as the Business Office Manager.

Tayler lives with her husband, Kyle Stegman, their daughter Emma Jo, 3 years old, and Owen, 1 year old. Tayler just recently joined Barton County Young Professionals and dedicates her time to her plants. As a new resident of Great Bend she is excited to join in and become a part of the community and have new experiences with her family. She is eager to get to know the business community through her new role at the Chamber!



**Tayler Stegman**

### Dr. Ashraf now taking appointments in Great Bend

Dr. Ashraf was born in Winfield, KS. Dr. Ashraf graduated from St. Matthews University School of Medicine in the Grand Cayman Islands. He performed his residency and fellowship at Wayne State University in Detroit, MI. Dr. Ashraf has been with Hutchinson Clinic since 2019 and specializes in the lungs and respiratory system: treating conditions such as asthma, lung nodules, interstitial lung disease, pulmonary hypertension, COPD, and critical care medicine.

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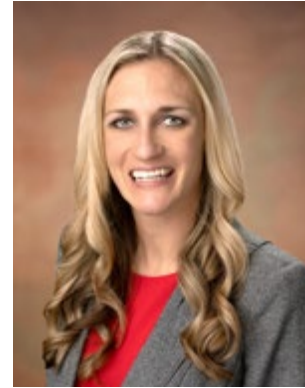
**Dr. Ashraf**

on Dr. Ashraf, as well as a welcome video at <https://www.hutchclinic.com/ashraf>

Click the image to see more on the Outreach Clinic in Great Bend.

### Clara Barton Hospital and Clinics welcome Dr. Johnson to team

Clara Barton Hospital and Clinics strive to provide quality healthcare close to home and are excited to announce the expansion of its pediatric care services, with the addition of Pediatrician Dr. Kayla Johnson to the Clara Barton medical team.



**Dr. Kayla Johnson**

to caring for acute and chronic illnesses.

“One of the most rewarding things about being a pediatrician is having the opportunity to watch children grow up and establish a relationship with their family,” said Dr. Johnson. “I want the parents of my patients to always ask questions

if they are unsure and encourage them to never feel guilty about advocating for their child.”

Outside of work, Johnson enjoys exercising and spending time outdoors with her husband and three young children, as they love to both play and watch sports.

“While having conversation with Dr. Johnson about returning to the area, it was obvious that her and her family were the perfect fit for Clara Barton,” said Jim Blackwell, Clara Barton Hospital President/CEO. “We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Johnson home and are excited to offer yet another specialty service to our community. The addition of pediatrics will be a huge asset, and we look forward to continuing to provide top-notch care for our patients.”

Dr. Johnson is now accepting new patients from birth to 18 years of age at Clara Barton Medical Clinic, located at 250 W. 9th Street in Hoisington and Russell Family Medical Care, located at 410 Main Street in Russell. To make an appointment in Hoisington, please call 620-653-2386 and to make an appointment in Russell, call 785-483-3811.

Johnson (formerly Klug) is an Odin, KS native and attended undergraduate school at Fort Hays State University. After obtaining her undergrad, she attended medical school at the University of Kansas School of Medicine in Salina and graduated with her doctorate in 2015. Johnson then completed her pediatric and chief residency in 2018 at the University of Kansas School of Medicine in Wichita and is board certified in general pediatrics.

Both Johnson and her husband loved growing up in a small town and look forward to raising their children in a similar environment after recently moving back to the area.

“I’m excited to return to my roots and work in an environment that is progressive and passionate about caring for the local community,” said Dr. Johnson. “We love the people in this area and the community pride they share, and we are ecstatic about being closer to our families.”

Johnson’s primary goal as a pediatrician is to establish trusting relationships with patients and their families so she can provide guidance in preventative medicine and growth/development, in addition

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## New Hires & Promotions

# Mawhirter now HIM manager at Pawnee Valley Campus and HaysMed

Since Megan Mawhirter understands that patients and families are unfamiliar with all the paperwork and financial aspects of a hospital visit, she is pleased to be in her expanded position at Larned and Hays.

Mawhirter was recently named manager of Health Information Management (HIM) at The University of Kansas Health System Pawnee Valley Campus and HaysMed.

Previously, her HIM responsibilities were focused on the Larned hospital.

"I am continuing to supervise the HIM office here at Pawnee Valley and taking on my new duties at HaysMed," Mawhirter said. "I am involved in many different functions of the department and will help with special projects as needed at either facility."

HIM manager is an important position because it helps patients and families understand the documentation and financial issues associated with a visit to the hospital, Mawhirter commented.

"The documentation aspects of a hospital visit can be overwhelming and confusing at times," she acknowledged. "But I am available to answer patients' questions about their medical records, billing and insurance."



**Megan Mawhirter**

Mawhirter has worked at Pawnee Valley Campus for almost eight years, starting as local HIM director in 2013. A couple of years later, she added Admissions to her list of responsibilities. Angela Wilhite now oversees Admissions at Pawnee Valley Campus.

A 1999 graduate of Larned High School, Mawhirter earned an associate's degree in Health Information Management in 2012 at Hutchinson Community

College. Next came certification as a registered health information technician from the American Health Information Management Association.

Mawhirter's professional background includes working at Larned State Hospital for nine years. She started as a filing clerk in the Clinical Information Department, worked her way up through various positions and eventually became a supervisor. She also was the coding specialist.

"Working at our local hospital is the job I have always wanted," Mawhirter said. "I raised my two boys here and didn't want to leave. I love working with the people in my community."

Her office is still located in Larned but she travels to Hays as needed.

# HR Manager Jamison Earns SHRM-CP Certification

To support the firm's growth and advance her professional development, Adams Brown HR Manager Lynda Jamison has earned the Society of Human Resources Certified Professional (SHRM-CP) certification. SHRM-CP is a credential for HR professionals who are implementing policies, supporting day-to-day HR functions, and serving as a point of contact for employees.

Jamison began her career with Adams



**Lynda Jamison**

Brown as a client services specialist in 2013. In 2019, she was promoted to HR Manager. In this role, she focuses on recruiting, onboarding, and retaining Adams Brown teammates across Kansas and Arkansas. A graduate of Barclay College, Jamison holds bachelor's degrees in both organizational management and business administration. Originally from WaKeeney, Jamison and her husband Mike reside in Great Bend.



## New Hires & Promotions

### Central Kansas native offers wound care, family medicine care at Pawnee Valley Campus

Even though Heather Holaday has completed her postdoctoral fellowship, she is not saying goodbye to The University of Kansas Health System Pawnee Valley Campus. In fact, she is adding to the services she provides there.

As a nurse practitioner with her doctor of nursing practice degree, Holaday now offers wound care in addition to her services as a family-medicine provider.

She serves wound-care patients part-time at Pawnee Valley Campus, 923 Carroll, and HaysMed. Holaday also cares for local and area patients in the family medicine practice at Pawnee Valley Medical Associates, 713 W. 11.

"Wound care is crucial for people suffering from conditions such as diabetic foot ulcers, pressure ulcers, venous or arterial ulcers, burns and non-healing surgical incisions," the Central Kansas native noted. "Inpatient

and outpatient wound treatments can prevent or address infection, ensure adequate healing and reduce the healing time associated with wound closure."

In family medicine, Holaday cares for patients with chronic conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes, kidney disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma, anemia and depression/anxiety. Acute conditions include infections, lacerations and other injuries.

The doctor of nursing practice also has experience in workman's compensation issues, women's health, physical exams and well-child checks. Her fellowship training included work in urology,



**Heather Holaday, DNP**

women's health and wound care.

Holaday worked two of her seven years as a registered nurse at Pawnee Valley Campus.

"All of us are fortunate to have such amazing facilities here," Holaday said. "A wide variety of services that benefit the overall health of the community are offered in our own backyard."

In addition to family medicine and wound care, local services include pediatrics; geriatrics; women's health; preventive medicine; lab work; imaging; physical, occupational and speech therapies; special nursing services; emergency care; specialty clinics; and swing-bed services.

"I could not have been more

excited when offered the position at Pawnee Valley Campus," Holaday commented. "To be able to serve the community where I was raised is such an honor. I look forward to caring for people that played such a big role in my life. The community's overwhelming love and support has been heartwarming and appreciated."

She also noted she is "extremely grateful for the University of Kansas fellowship. Being able to develop professionally in my hometown has been a rewarding experience.

"I want to stay here because I love the people I work with and want to support my local community," she added. "I want to raise my family here."

Jacob Woods is Holaday's fiancé; Theo Woods is their son. Other family members live in Larned and Garfield. Holaday was born in Great Bend and raised in Garfield. She attended Larned schools.

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**August 19, 2021**

### CREDIT UNION OF AMERICA 4708 10th St in Great Bend

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**August 26, 2021**

### PLAINS STATE BANK 800 Coolidge St in Great Bend

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**September 2, 2021**

### UNITED WAY OF CENTRAL KANSAS Dry Lake Brewing | 1305 Main Street in Great Bend

The United Way of Central Kansas 2022 Campaign is underway! With a successful kickoff event in August behind them, UWCK is now focusing on their annual workplace and reaching out to donors in our communities for their continued support. Please be thier guests at Dry Lake Brewing for a campaign update and to hear about the Community Impact Projects they have scheduled for the remainder of the year.



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# HIGHLIGHTED AUGUST EVENTS IN GREAT BEND

4...Back Yard Bible Blast at Foundry Methodist Church, 10am

4...Youth Crew Meeting at the Great Bend Zoo, 12pm

5...Summer Street Stroll at Jack Kilby Square, 4pm

5...BCHD Teen Event, Barton County Health Department, 7:30am – 7:00pm

6...GB ALIVE Plaza, Forest Ave, 5pm – 8pm

**6...In-Person Chamber Coffee & Ribbon Cutting: Hosted by Urban Defense Dynamic! 916 Williams St, Great Bend @9:30am and on the Chamber's Facebook Page or You Tube Channel**

7...United Way of Central Kansas Kickoff 2022 at Columbus Club 723 Main St, Great Bend, 6pm

9...Touched By Cancer Support Group at Heartland Cancer Center, 4pm

10...Deadline for the Business Showcase. [Click Here for details!](#)

10...Dine for Dolly at Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers, 10:30am

10...100+ People Who Care in Barton County Quarterly Giving Meeting, Best Western Courtyard, 5pm

11...Back Yard Bible Blast at Foundry Methodist Church, 10am

**12...In-person Chamber Coffee: Hosted by Encounter Church Program! 601 Patton Road in Great Bend, 9:30am and on the Chamber's Facebook Page or You Tube Channel**

12...Summer Street Stroll at Jack Kilby Square, 4pm

13...Perseid Meteor Shower Watch Party at Kansas Wetlands Education Center, 592 NE K-156 Hwy, 8:30pm

14...Party in the Park! At Veteran's Memorial Park with a whole day full of events!

14...Sunflower Diversified Services, Poker Chip Run, [www.sunflowerdiv.com](http://www.sunflowerdiv.com) for more info, Pre-Registration encouraged!

17...Central Kansas Partnership Meeting, 11am

**18...2021 Business Showcase at Great Bend High School PAC Center, 8am**

**19... In-Person Chamber Coffee & Ribbon Cutting: Hosted by Credit Union of America! 4708 10th St, Great Bend @9:30am and on the Chamber's Facebook Page or You Tube Channel**

19...Summer Street Stroll at Jack Kilby Square, 4pm

20...First day of School! 8th Grade, 10-12 Grades for USD 428

22...KWEK Gift from the Garden Class at Kansas Wetlands Education Center, 592 NE K-156 Hwy, 2pm

**23...Chamber Chat LIVE: What's Up Great Bend! 2pm on the Chamber's Facebook Page or You Tube Channel**

**25...Member Services & Marketing Seminar at the Chamber Office 1125 Williams St, Great Bend, 10am**

**26...In-Person Chamber Coffee: Hosted by Plains State Bank! 601 Patton Road, Great Bend, 9:30am and on the Chamber's Facebook Page or You Tube Channel**

27...The Mike Boys Memorial Golf Tournament, [Click here for a link to a registration form!](#)

28..."Life's a Beach" Barton Foundation's 42nd Annual Big Benefit Auction, 6pm, Great Bend Columbus Club

29...Youth Outdoor Day by Friends of Cheyenne Bottoms at Kansas Wetland Education Center, 592 NE k-156 Hwy

## Recurring Events:

Great Bend City Council Meetings, 1st & 3rd Mondays, Events Center, 3111 10th St, 6:30pm

Barton County Commission Meetings, Every Monday, Barton County Courthouse, 1400 Main St, Rm 106, 9am

*Visit [greatbend.org/events/calendar](http://greatbend.org/events/calendar) for a full list of great events taking place throughout the month!*

# Great Bend Economic Development and Golden Belt Community Foundation Partner to Create a Successful Outcome

Great Bend Economic Development, in partnership with the Golden Belt Community Foundation, received a Community Service Tax Credit Program grant from the Kansas Department of Commerce in the amount of \$200,000. This grant comes in the form of tax credits and will be available to purchase by community members that have pledged for this project.

Childcare remains an obstacle to growth for our community and county; by receiving this tax credit grant, Great Bend Economic Development will be able to move forward with plans to form a new childcare network to benefit the area.

Sara Hayden, President of Great Bend Economic Development commented, "With over 700 children in the county needing childcare, we see this childcare network as a great opportunity to better support our community's needs and our businesses' needs. By adding more childcare to the area we can allow for more parents to get back into the

workforce, which is vitally important in our quest for growth."

Christy Tustin, Executive Director of Golden Belt Community Foundation added, "Earlier this year Golden Belt Community Foundation identified childcare as one of its strategic focus areas. GBCF's Board of Directors recognize that having adequate and quality childcare leads to healthy families, a stable workforce, and overall better community. It will take many partnerships and organizations working together to address this issue and we are pleased to be a part of this effort alongside Great Bend Economic Development."

As Hayden and Tustin shared, by tackling the area's childcare needs head-on, the results can impact many other areas of economic development, such as workforce and recruiting



efforts. This grant is the first of more funds being sought to complete the childcare project.

Contact: Christy Tustin

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Website: [www.goldenbeltcf.org](http://www.goldenbeltcf.org)

For more information about the childcare efforts being led by Great Bend Economic Development, you can reach out to Great Bend Economic Development or Golden Belt Community Foundation. Further information about the Community Service Tax Credit Program from the Kansas Department of Commerce can be found here: [www.kansascommerce.gov](http://www.kansascommerce.gov)

## *Williams accepts coordinator position at Renue Salon, Spa & Fashion Boutique*

When Susan Williams started her new job at Renue Salon, Spa & Fashion Boutique recently, she knew one of her goals was to help the stylists with anything they need.

This is because, as salon and retail coordinator, Williams understands that if she supports the staff, clients will benefit.

"I want to make it easier for stylists to schedule appointments and communicate with their clients," said Williams, a long-time Great Bend resident. "Making their lives easier results in personal relationships between Renue and our clientele."

"We want everyone who comes in the door to feel valued and have a positive experience," she continued. "When someone comes in for the first time as a stranger, we want them to leave as a friend."

Another goal is to enhance marketing efforts in traditional and social media, Williams noted. "We want to get the word out that in addition to the salon we offer many other services such as tanning beds and massages."

Since Williams spent much of her professional life in office settings, "I acknowledge I was a bit apprehensive at first. But I quickly learned my background is valuable because of the day-to-day administrative work at Renue."



**Lisa Linsner, left, and Susan Williams review the day's schedule at Renue Salon, Spa & Fashion Boutique. Williams is the new salon and retail coordinator at Renue; Linsner is one of the stylists.**

"I love retailing and merchandizing and look forward to collaborating with our staff," she added. "We share ideas and find creative ways to accommodate our clientele as we streamline our processes."

The new coordinator also is gratified at the welcome she has received from staff.

"I am overwhelmed by the graciousness of everyone here," she commented. "They are allowing me to make a smooth

transition. The fringe benefit is that my position at the front desk allows me to reconnect with people I haven't seen in a long time."

Williams is originally from Pratt and moved to Great Bend when she was 2 years old. She is a Stillwater (Ok.) High School graduate and earned an associate's degree in vocal performance at Northern Oklahoma College.

She and her husband have one daughter who lives in Hoisington.

Renue, 1419 Main, offers all hair-care treatments; face creams; lotions; facials; manicures and pedicures; nail polishes; body wraps; hot-stone and deep-tissue massages; two tanning beds; waxing; infra-red sauna; and event room.

The boutique offers clothing for women of all ages.



# Heartland Farm to host Farm to Table Dinner

Heartland Farm will host its annual Farm to Table fundraising dinner on Saturday, September 18th from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Guests will enjoy a fabulous dinner utilizing fresh, organically-managed ingredients from Heartland Farm and other area farms, as well as special activities and a silent



auction/raffle.

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year's dinner on site, dependent on Covid-19 conditions.

Tickets go on sale on Monday, August 16.

For more information, visit [www.heartlandfarm-ks.org](http://www.heartlandfarm-ks.org) or our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/HeartlandFarmKS](https://www.facebook.com/HeartlandFarmKS).



## Rotary Club of Great Bend hears program from Deacon John Stang

John Stang, son of Great Bend Rotarian, Dr. Patrick Stang and his wife Cathy, is studying for the Priesthood in Denver, and will talk to the Rotary Club of Great Bend at noon on August 9 in the basement of the Great Bend Public Library. Topic of his remarks will be "Life as a New Deacon/Cleric."

John Stang was born April 3,



1990 in Iowa City, IA and is an only child. He grew up in Great Bend, attending Prince of Peace Parish. He attended Eisenhower Elementary, Great Bend Middle School, and graduated from Great Bend High School in 2009.

In 2013, John received his B.A. in history at Roanoke College, a liberal arts college in Salem, VA. Then he worked as a newspaper

reporter in Virginia before entering seminary for the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City in 2015. For the last six years, John has studied at St. John Vianney Theological Seminary in Denver, CO, where he will also complete his final year of seminary formation.

The public is invited to attend. For details, please contact Lee Musil, program co-chairman, at 620.285.8709.



Deacon John Stang

## Rosewood Celebrates 10th Anniversary of 'Kids Day at the Ranch'

"Kids Day at the Ranch" was always sure as summertime at Rosewood Services. Like the heat from the sun marking the season, you could count on Kids Day to come around every June. That magical day when children of Rosewood employees and siblings of Rosewood's children equine therapy riders got to experience ranch life. But the event took a hiatus last year, due to challenges surrounding the pandemic. In 2021, however, "Kids Day at the Ranch" was BACK!

Approximately 45 children enjoyed a fun day at Rosewood Ranch on June 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., with this year marking the 10th anniversary of the event. Kids Day activities featured trail-pattern horse riding, completing fun farm chores, water-war games, face painting, cake walk participation, and coloring ranch-themed pages. Children also were treated to sno cones and corn dogs.

"It was wonderful having the children and families back at Rosewood Ranch this year for this event,"

said Rosewood Executive Director Tammy Hammond. "Kids Day isn't just for children; it's usually a fun memorable time for parents, too. They find ways to interact and participate in many of the events. Seeing the smiling and laughing faces makes "Kids Day" so worthwhile. Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped to bring back the magic with the return of Kids Day."

Rosewood Ranch, located five miles north of Pawnee Rock, provides year-round therapeutic horse riding for nearly 100 children and adults with developmental disabilities. Rosewood's equine therapy program is an official Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH) International Center. Equine therapy participants draw upon normally untapped abilities by riding horses, caring for them and competing on them.

Find more about Rosewood Services online, <http://rosewoodservices.com>




Young horse riders enjoy trail riding during Kids Day on June 12. Leading "Cash" in the foreground are equine riding instructors Juan Bodine and Tandy Webb. In the background leading "Jordan" is Rosewood Ranch Manager Eric Hammond.





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| 11-4PM  | OPTIMIST KIDS FUN ZONE                      |
| 11:30AM | KIWANIS ANYTHING THAT FLOATS RACE           |
| NOON    | LUNCH WITH VENDORS                          |
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