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When someone says, “Hear the Sounds of the Barton County Fair,” most people may think about the concerts but if you close your eyes and use only your sense of hearing, what would you hear?

Of course the music, but what about the cattle mooing, pigs oinking, and chickens clucking in Expo III. Outside you may hear the sounds of tractor engines roaring as they pull the sled down the track or over at the beer garden the pouring of a cool beverage while hearing the corn bags hit the boards as another team wins a round of corn hole. Over in Expo II, you will hear people talking, and exhibitors explaining their projects to the judges.



**BARTON COUNTY FAIR**

Hammers and saws running to build that final display, laughter, and don't forget the sizzle of the hamburgers on the grill and the smell of the pie you just ordered. And on your way over to EXPO I you can hear the grinding of ice being made into snow cones, the sizzle

of gator tators in the fryer, and the chomping of corn on the cob being eaten. As you move over to Expo I, the band is warming up for the evening concert and you can hear the music as it fills the air. Then inside Expo I you

can hear the moving of tables and chairs as commercial vendors are setting up and manning their booths. People talking about their products and friendships being made. In the office you can hear staff answering the phone, explaining the rules of a contest, registering exhibits, helping visitors find their way around, clicking of computers entering results, copiers running, fans blowing, people hustling, and bumps and bruises being tended as some folks just have too much fun at the fair. But when you step out of the office you can also hear the Family Fun Night games being run by volunteers, kids playing, laughing, parents trying to keep up with all the excitement,

balloons popping, balls bouncing, rings tossing, and clanking over bottles. There is so much activity you feel the overload of fun.

Now, you open your eyes and the rest of your senses take over as you experience all the events and excitement you have come to expect during the fair. We encourage you to come experience more than just one event and to think of the fair as not only a place to ride rides or hear music. Come enjoy the vast experiences that await you at this year's Barton County Fair.

We are adding more new events this year and to make all this a success we need you to come out and participate. In addition to the Family Fun Night carnival games, new events added this year include the Runway Run, Belt Sander drag races, sand volleyball, and axe throwing. Whether it be as an exhibitor, vendor, or participant in one of the many contests we have lined up, there is something here for everyone. To volunteer or find the full schedule of events, call (620)797-FAIR or visit <https://www.bartoncountyfair.com>.

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# Just in Time Remodeling Celebrates 5th Anniversary

Local construction company Just in Time Remodeling recently celebrated their fifth anniversary in business. Founded in May of 2017 by Great Bend native Justin Mawhirter, the remodeling company specializes in kitchen and bathroom renovations, along with carpentry, trim, flooring, decks, and more. "When I started this business, I was a little naive about what it takes to manage so many projects and lead a team successfully," Mawhirter says. "So we've learned a lot in five years - about how to take care of our team and our customers, and we're so grateful to all of our past



and present employees who helped us get where we are today."

Originally, the business operated out of a small rented workshop in Great Bend, but in 2021 relocated to a much larger shop space at the owner's residence west of Great Bend after it had been upgraded with insulation, LED lighting, a workbench area, spray room for cabinetry, storage shelves, and more. The business has also invested quite a bit to get set up with several trucks, trailers, and

other equipment it takes to operate a growing construction company.

"We have a lot of goals and we chip away at them a little at a time,"

Mawhirter says. "God has really blessed us thus far, and we're excited for the future. It's a real privilege to create such beautiful spaces for our customers, and every project brings new and exciting opportunities to help people."

Learn more about the growing construction company by finding them on Facebook, or visiting their website: [www.justintimeremodeling.com](http://www.justintimeremodeling.com). You can also request a free quote by calling 620-617-1714.

## UWCK Announces Co-Chairs for 2023

United Way of Central Kansas is excited to announce our 2023 Campaign Co-Chairs;

Chantelle Brown-Great Bend, John & Nicole Henderson-Hoisington, and Lori Sherman-Larned. Each of these individuals are an integral part of each Campaign year.

Offering insight and a fresh perspective while being a voice for their communities.

Chantelle Brown, a Great Bend native, is the Office Manager of Have It Maid Cleaning Service. She is a graduate of Great Bend High School, Barton Community College, University of Nebraska at Omaha, and Fort Hays State University. She previously worked as an Aquatics Director at Butler-Gast YMCA in Omaha, NE

and as an X-ray/Medical Assisting Instructor at Heritage College in Wichita, KS. Chantelle is a member



of Prince of Peace Catholic Parish in Great Bend. She is an aunt to two nephews (her pride & joy) and stays busy attending their multiple sports activities. She is looking forward to serving the community as a Co-Chair of the United Way of Central Kansas.

John and Nicole Henderson were both born and raised in Barton County. John and Nicole both explored the country for the

better part of two decades after graduating from Hoisington High School, only to return and re-establish

their roots to raise their son Sebastian. John is currently an operations consultant at CUNA Mutual Group and Nicole is the General

Manager at Perkins as well as a Realtor at MPIRE Realty Group. Both are active in the community. John is currently serving on the Clara Barton Foundation Board of Trustees and RSVP Advisory Council. Nicole is a former Vice-President and currently a director for the Great Bend Pilots club. She is also actively involved in the Hoisington CWC.

Lori Sherman was born

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## Ribbon Cuttings!

### Chamber celebrates Great Bend rejoining the Main Street Program



The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce staff and Ambassadors Club joined the Great Bend Economic Development staff, board, and community leaders to celebrate Great Bend becoming a Kansas Main Street Community. The Main Street program is a long-standing organization that exists to support and encourage the growth of a community's downtown corridor. Great Bend Economic Development President, Sara Hayden, spoke to the group saying, "becoming a member of this program will allow us to strengthen our partnerships and move further faster where our downtown goals are concerned. A downtown is the eyes into any rural community, and we are thrilled to have Kansas Main Street as a partner in our downtown acceleration." Great Bend Economic Development exists to improve the economic quality of life for the citizens of Barton County. For more information on Great Bend Alive go online to: [www.gbenedinc.com/gbalive](http://www.gbenedinc.com/gbalive).

## Ground Breaking!

### Chamber celebrates BTI's new build



The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce joined Great Bend Economic Development and community leaders to commemorate the ground breaking and start of construction on the new BTI location in Great Bend. Great Bend BTI will be building a new John Deere Implement location across the road from their current store south of Great Bend on highway 281. This build ensures that BTI will be able to care for its customers and employees now and into the future. The build is located catty-corner from the current Great Bend Store on the west side of Highway 281. Employing approximately 200, BTI serves 23 counties of agriculturalists throughout the Midwest. The business has grown to six locations after opening in 1944. At Bucklin Tractor & Implement Co., they value the opportunity to create a long-term relationship with their customers, and they do that by giving the best customer service available. BTI CEO, Kelly Estes told the group BTI's motto saying, "our family in partnership with your family." Learn more about us at any of their six locations in Bucklin, Greensburg, Ness City, Great Bend, Hoxie, and Pratt, KS. Follow them on Facebook at Bucklin Tractor & Implement, Twitter @BTIequip, and Instagram @btijohndeere.

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## New MEDITECH EMR system offers Patient Portal, automatic reminders

The new electronic medical record (EMR) system at Pawnee Valley Medical Associates (PVMA) provides for more coordinated care and improved communication.

MEDITECH is the same EMR system in place at Pawnee Valley Community Hospital and HaysMed.

"This high-quality system changes everything for our patients," said Jewel Davis, clinic office manager. "All departments at Pawnee Valley Community Hospital and HaysMed have patient medical information instantly."

For example, if a clinic patient visits the Emergency Department at one of these hospitals, medical records are available to the provider.

"This enhances patient care tremendously," Davis noted. "Medical history is a great resource when deciding on a treatment plan."

In addition, "when patients leave our clinic, they have access to a discharge summary that lists upcoming appointments, orders for after-care and educational information from their providers," Davis outlined.

The convenience of readily available medical records isn't the only plus to this new system; patients also have access to new services.

"Patients can now sign up for our Patient Portal, which gives easy access to all their medical records, including lab tests, medical imaging, prescriptions, vaccinations, provider referrals and more in one convenient location," Davis noted. "When you check in for your next appointment, let the front office know if you'd like to participate."

For more Patient Portal information, call

785-623-5151.

Patients also have access to a new automatic service that reminds them of upcoming clinic appointments. They are contacted by phone and/or text a few days before.

"This new EMR system is a big plus for our providers too," Davis said. "They can have their patients' medical records at their fingertips."

Davis appreciates everyone at the clinic and hospitals who contributed to this project.

"We are fortunate to have a large support team, with years of MEDITECH experience," she

commented. "PVMA has made an enormous effort to keep up with the latest technology, with the support of Pawnee Valley Community Hospital and HaysMed.

"This new EMR system is just another illustration of our devotion and commitment to the local community."

Melanie Urban, PVCH administrator, noted "the transition of our family-medicine clinic to MEDITECH is a significant milestone for our organization because it builds on our commitment to patient safety and patient engagement.

"This bridges the entire patient medical record between all departments at Pawnee Valley Community Hospital and HaysMed, including clinics, emergency rooms, and inpatient and outpatient services."

Additionally, Urban commented, "patients will experience a higher level of access to their health information, enabling them to better guide their own care and the care of their loved ones."



Jewel Davis

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thousands of clearance shoes from major brands like Adidas, Under Armour, and Puma. They will also have backpacks and socks included in the sale. This will be the lowest prices they have on clearance shoes for the year. So please stop in Shoe Sensation from July 14th - 17th.

# SHOE sensation



# HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS IN JULY

- 1...Be Well Barton County Family Friendly Bike Ride, starts at Jack Kilby Square, 6 pm
- 1...VFW Post 3111, Corn Hole League, 504 Washington St., 7 pm
- 4...City Council Meeting, City Hall, 1209 Williams, 6:30 pm
- 5...Leadership Golden Belt, Great Bend Chamber of Commerce, 1125 Williams St., 8 am
- 7...Chamber Coffee & Business Breakfast: Barton County Fair, 455 W. Barton County Rd., doors open at 7:30 am and the program begins at 8:30 am. Can't make it in person, watch on the Chamber's Facebook Page or YouTube Channel.**
- 7...Great Bend City Band Concert, Jack Kilby Square, 8:15 pm
- 8...Be Well Barton County Family Friendly Bike Ride, starts at Jack Kilby Square, 6 pm
- 8...VFW Post 3111, Karaoke Night, 504 Washington St., 9 pm
- 12...Leadership Golden Belt, Larned Santa Fe Trail Center, 1349 K-156 HWY, 8 am
- 14...Chamber Coffee: Barton Community College Foundation, 245 NE 30th Rd., doors open at 9:00 am and the program begins at 9:30 am. Can't make it in person, watch on the Chamber's Facebook Page or YouTube Channel.**
- 14...Great Bend City Band Concert, Jack Kilby Square, 8:15 pm
- 15...Be Well Barton County Family Friendly Bike Ride, starts at Jack Kilby Square, 6 pm
- 15...VFW Post 3111, Corn Hole League, 504 Washington St., 7 pm
- 17...VFW Post 3111 Sunday Brunch, 504 Washington St., 9:30 am
- 18...City Council Meeting, City Hall, 1209 Williams, 6:30 pm
- 19...Leadership Golden Belt, Central Kansas Dream Center, 2100 Broadway Ave., 8 am
- 19...Central Kansas Partnership Meeting, Barton County Courthouse, 1400 Main St., 11 am
- 20...United Way's Annual Stuff the Bus Event! Both Dillon's locations and Wal-Mart, 10 am
- 21...Chamber Coffee & Ribbon Cutting: First Congregational United Church of Christ, 3100 21st St., doors open at 9:00 am and the program begins at 9:30 am. Ribbon Cutting ceremony to immediately follow the program. Can't make it in person, watch on the Chamber's Facebook Page or YouTube Channel.**
- 22...Military and First Responders Night Out: Dropping 22 Inc., Registration is required, 916 Williams St., 6 pm
- 22...Be Well Barton County Family Friendly Bike Ride, starts at Jack Kilby Square, 6 pm
- 22...VFW Post 3111, Corn Hole League, 504 Washington St., 7 pm
- 26...Chamber Blue of Kansas: Informational Meetings, Call for times 620-792-2401 or greatbend.org**
- 28...Chamber Coffee: Central Kansas Partnership, West of Central Baptist Church at the Bike Campground, 3301 Lakin Ave., doors open at 9:00 am and the program begins at 9:30 am. Can't make it in person, watch on the Chamber's Facebook Page or YouTube Channel.**
- 29...GB Alive Final Friday, Forest Ave. and Williams St., 5 pm
- 29...Be Well Barton County Family Friendly Bike Ride, starts at Jack Kilby Square, 6 pm
- 29...VFW Post 3111, Corn Hole League, 504 Washington St., 7 pm
- 30...Bike Brew Q Presented by Stone Sand Co., Great Bend Expo Complex, 455 W. Barton County Rd., cycling events start at 7:30 am, VIP's can enter at 12:30 pm, Craft Brew Expo starts at 1 pm

## Recurring Events:

Great Bend City Council Meetings, 1st & 3rd Mondays, City Hall, 1209 Williams, 6:30 pm  
 Barton County Commission Meetings, Every Wednesday, 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!  
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# Great Bend Clinic Expands Through Growing Pains

While a progressive medical facility focuses on bringing the latest and greatest to their patients, it is inevitable to be faced with “growing pains”. Clara Barton Medical Clinic – Great Bend has been a part of the Great Bend community for the past seven years, but as they continued to grow and expand services, they quickly outgrew their existing space. In efforts to provide the necessary square footage and increase efficiency for both recent and upcoming additions, Clara Barton recently opened their new Great Bend clinic location at 906 McKinley Street.

Previously located in Jackson Square, Clara Barton’s Great Bend Clinic was a mere 2,758 square feet, housing just five exam rooms and one procedure room.

“The lack of space made it difficult for more than one provider to operate out of our Jackson Square location at one

time, nor did it allow us the ability to grow,” said Shayla Cook, Clinic Nurse Manager. “Not only does our new space allow us the ability for multiple providers to work out of the facility at one time, but we are now able to offer more services to our patients as well as providing a more comfortable and convenient experience.”

Clara Barton’s new rural health clinic on McKinley Street opened on April 26th and boasts 10,000 square feet, housing 18 exam rooms, and 2 procedure rooms.

“In addition to our family practice providers, our surgeons are also able to see patients out of our new Great Bend Clinic location, offering pre- and post-operative appointments, preventative screenings, and minor procedures,” said Cook. “While we are



not a surgery center, the added space allows our surgeons to perform a variety of procedures that don’t require general anesthesia, such as breast biopsies and vasectomies.”

Additionally, Clara Barton Medical Clinic – Great Bend offers a wide variety of services including acute care, walk-in lab draws, immunizations, DOT physicals, wellness exams, athletic physicals, and much more.

The new family practice clinic is open Monday – Friday, 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM with lunchtime and same-day appointments available. The clinic also offers walk-in lab draws Monday – Friday from 7:30 AM – 5:00 PM. Patients can either continue or establish care with Dr. Kyle Renner, Dr. T. Scott Webb, Kelci Burkey, PA-C, Jenna







Snell, PA-C, Taylor Bieberle, PA-C, or Brandi Lowe, PA-C. In addition, General Surgeons Dr. P.J. Stiles, Dr. Jeremy Howes, Dr. Roxanne Stiles, and Pediatrician Dr. Kayla Johnson also see patients at the new clinic.



Another aspect that often attracts patients to Clara Barton is the familiar faces they see during medical appointments.

“Many of our providers and clinic staff are homegrown individuals who have returned to their roots,” Cook explained. “They provide care and treatment to the people who helped raise them and shape them to be the compassionate healthcare providers they are today. At Clara Barton our doctors, physician’s assistants, and entire clinical care team work extremely well together, always putting the needs of their patients

first.”

All three of Clara Barton’s clinics are certified Patient-Centered Medical Homes, which also assists in building stronger

relationships between patients and providers.

Because local, quality healthcare is so important, the benefits of the services offered through Clara

Barton directly impact members throughout the community. Through partnering with several local organizations, Clara Barton continues to emphasize community involvement and wellbeing. The Great Bend Clinic also has a new outdoor walking trail open for public use, aimed at encouraging long-lasting and sustainable healthy lifestyles.

For more information on Clara Barton’s services, visit [www.clarabartonhospital.com](http://www.clarabartonhospital.com) or contact the clinic by calling 620-793-6990.



## Providers/Hours

Some Clara Barton providers are full-time at the Great Bend clinic, while others see patients there one or two days a week. All providers are accepting new patients.

**Kelci Burkey, PA-C Family Practice**

**Jenna Snell, PA-C Family Practice**

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**Dr. Jeremy Howes, General Surgeon**

*The clinic is open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Lunch-time and same-day appointments are available. Walk-in lab draws are offered from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday – Friday.*





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## **New Hires & Promotions**

### **Clara Barton Medical Center Welcomes Dana Jackson**

Clara Barton Medical Center is pleased to welcome Dana Jackson, PA-C as their newest provider, specializing in Emergency Medicine and inpatient rounding.

Jackson is originally from Lincoln, Nebraska. She obtained an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Respiratory Care from Southeast Community College in Lincoln, NE, and went on to attend Doane College in Crete, NE, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Allied Health. Additionally furthering her education, Jackson received her Masters in Physicians Assistant Studies from Union College in Lincoln, NE.

"I am so excited to be part of an organization that invests so much into the community," said Jackson. "Clara Barton is progressive and positioned to meet the needs of our patients

now and in the future. The services and facilities offered by Clara Barton are truly unique for a hospital and community of this size and I have been so impressed by how all the staff focuses on keeping the patient at the center of our care model."



**Dana Jackson, PA-C**

In her spare time, Jackson enjoys spending time with her husband of 14 years and two boys, helping with school and booster activities as well as being involved in youth sports. In addition, she and her husband enjoy cooking and teaching their children how to cook.

She ultimately chose the Hoisington/central Kansas area as a central location for both her and her husband's families. Their family enjoys boating, fishing, tubing, 4-wheeling, and hunting, and looks forward to exploring the central Kansas area.

Outside of work, most of

Jackson's free time is spent on the sidelines, watching her kids play sports which includes football, baseball, basketball, track, wrestling, and soccer. She also likes to work on projects around the house and looks forward to putting some personal touches on their new home.

"It's been a lot of fun getting to know Dana! I was excited for her to join our organization and know her unique background will benefit our emergent care services," said Jim Blackwell, President/CEO of Clara Barton Medical Center. "In addition to strong trauma experience gained in Nebraska through the reputable Bryan Physician Network as a Physician Assistant, Dana has vast experience as a Respiratory Therapist - which is a skill set that is incredibly hard to recruit to the hospital setting. I look forward to seeing her develop within our medical community and watching those collaborations grow internally."

### **Specialists bring experience to The Center, enhance services**

Scot Yarnell and Jill Hulse, native Kansans, were eager to accept positions at The Center for Counseling & Consultation because they believe they can satisfy local needs that continue to grow.

Yarnell is a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, while Hulse is a family practitioner studying to add (PMH NP) to her credentials.

This specialty addresses psychiatric illnesses for outpatients and inpatients.

"Since we are both family practitioners, we have the knowledge to differentiate between physical and mental-health issues," Yarnell said.

"I worked in emergency rooms and corrections facilities, and learned that sometimes patients have more of a psychiatric need than a physical need."

While Yarnell and Hulse treat a variety of

illnesses and conditions, they are especially interested in substance-use disorders.

"This is really big," Yarnell commented. "The need for these services is definitely here."

Statistically, he noted, 40 percent of people with an addiction have a mental illness independent of that addiction.

"Our experience guides us to offer services specific to each patient," Yarnell noted. "If a patient is motivated, we can help. I always say 'don't give up on me and I won't give up on you.'"

Hulse noted that she and Yarnell were searching for a smaller community in rural Kansas to establish their practices.

"We were living in Wichita and learned these positions became available," she said. "We are happy to be in a place that

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# KARL welcomes newest class



KARL Class XVI | K-State Alumni Center | June 4 2022

A program that develops leaders for agriculture, business and rural communities recently celebrated its newest graduates at the same time it announced the next class of participants. The latest program includes three participants from Barton County: Sara Hayden, Wendy Hughes, and Regan Reif.

Jill Zimmerman, president of the Kansas Agricultural and Rural Leadership program, said 27 individuals of Class XV celebrated the completion of their advanced leadership development experience during the inaugural KARL Big Event June 4 in Manhattan.

Class XVI, announced the same day, includes 30 Kansans who will start the two-year experience later this year.

"KARL identifies, prepares, and connects aspiring leaders to positively impact Kansas agriculture and rural communities, and is part of the International Association of Program for Agriculture Leadership," Zimmerman said. "KARL grows leaders who make a difference and go on to lead in agriculture, their businesses, communities and families."

Since it was first delivered in 1989, more than 450 men and women have participated in KARL and are leaders and active volunteers in the

agriculture industry and rural communities.

This is the first time KARL has had a combined event to celebrate the graduate fellows and announce the new class associates. Event speakers included American Countryside producer Andrew McCrea and Senator Jerry Moran.

"On behalf of the board and all alumni of KARL, we offer our sincere congratulations to the Class XV Fellows for their accomplishment and we welcome KARL Class XVI Associates into the program," said Doug Hofbauer, board chairman of the KARL program. "We look forward to their future work as leaders who make a difference on behalf of agriculture and rural Kansas."

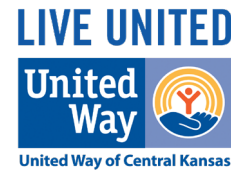
Each class experiences a two-year curriculum of 52 seminar days across the state of Kansas; a national study tour to Washington, D.C. and to the Gettysburg Leadership Experience at the historic battleground; a domestic study tour; and an international study tour.

Zimmerman said that members of Class XVI will travel to Spain for their international study tour.

For more information about KARL, call Zimmerman at 785-532-6300, email [karl@ksu.edu](mailto:karl@ksu.edu) or visit the KARL website at <http://karlprogram.com>.

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and raised in Medicine Lodge. She and her late husband co-owned with his parents, S & S Farms in Coldwater where they raised their two children. They are blessed with three grandchildren. Lori has been an active member of the UMC, sponsoring HS Youth Group and King's Kids. She was a Girl Scout leader and hosted Day Camp. Lori was a member of PEO Chapter EG, now Chapter CB. She moved to Larned almost 4 years ago and is employed at Fusion Bank in the Loan Department. She has enjoyed helping



with the PVCH Foundation Gala. Lori is really looking forward to working with the United Way.

"We are excited to welcome these four into our United Way family. They have hit the ground running; learning more about what UWCK does through our Impact Programs, what our Community Partners do, and adding insightful input into how we can continue to impact Barton & Pawnee Counties. We look forward to working with them throughout this campaign and beyond." Charell Owings, UWCK Executive Director.

## GBCF invitation to Giving Tuesday!

Giving Tuesday is fast approaching and will be on Tuesday, November 29th, 2022.

Planning for this year's Giving Tuesday has started at the Golden Belt Community Foundation. Again, this year the foundation is inviting all qualified charitable organizations in Barton, Pawnee, Rush, and Stafford counties to participate in the giving campaign and celebration. This year GBCF will continue using the giving platform for the third year in a row: [goldenbeltgives.org](http://goldenbeltgives.org). All Giving Tuesday details will be hosted in one location such as the registration form, giving form, online giving, total dollars donated, organization profiles, and so much more. Information on the giving site is live and will continue to be updated as time gets closer to November 29th. #GoldenBeltGives

If you are a new organization that would like to sign up for this year's Giving Tuesday campaign, please go to the giving site at [goldenbeltgives.org](http://goldenbeltgives.org) and fill out a registration form. Email it to [mackenzie@goldenbeltcf.org](mailto:mackenzie@goldenbeltcf.org) to start the process of getting signed up and answering any questions. These calls/emails are designed to answer questions and help organizations with the online



platform and the registration form.

Giving Tuesday is open to:

- Any qualified charitable organization in Barton, Pawnee, Rush or Stafford counties may participate
- Funds raised may be granted directly back to the charitable organization or added to the organization's endowment fund – it is the organization's choice
- Matching funds will be awarded proportionally
- Other incentives to participate to be announced

Organizations must opt in for Giving Tuesday by August 31, 2022 in order to participate. Organizations must complete their registration form on the giving site by this date.

To learn more about this year's Giving Tuesday, please visit the foundation website at [www.goldenbeltcf.org](http://www.goldenbeltcf.org) and the giving site at [goldenbeltgives.org](http://goldenbeltgives.org) in the coming weeks. For additional questions please contact Mackenzie Mitchell, Development & Communications Coordinator, at 620-792-3000 or [mackenzie@goldenbeltcf.org](mailto:mackenzie@goldenbeltcf.org).



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

I was born in Great Bend and spent my teen years in Ellinwood. I moved away for about 15 years and made the decision to return in 2008. I wanted to raise my son, Connor, in the same small community of Ellinwood surrounded by close friends and family.

### **Where do you work and what do you do there?**

I work for American Family Insurance - Chris Boys Agency. I am responsible for bringing in new clientele and answering any important insurance questions people may have. Need a quote?

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

Most would be surprised to know that I was a single father when I returned to Barton County and worked full time along with building a second business Encore Sound, in which I host exciting karaoke events most Friday nights and am available for booking.

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

I'm an avid golfer and look forward to playing in tournaments and spending time on the course with my dad and son. We are all very competitive and let's just say we roast each other non-stop.

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

I would not do well in any job that I could not interact with the general public. I love talking to people and participating in community events. If I was stuck in a cubicle, I would be miserable.

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

My role as a Chamber Ambassador is to highlight local businesses, bringing owners and employees together forming lifelong friendships and continuing to grow our small community.

**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





# CHS moves to new location at Sunflower Diversified Services

The finishing touches are being wrapped up at the new Community Habilitation Services (CHS) location at Sunflower Diversified Services, a non-profit agency that serves people with special needs.

Previously, CHS was housed at the former Sunflower facility, 1521 K-96. Now, thanks to a major remodeling job, its new home is at Sunflower's main location, 8823 4th St.

"This has been a gradual process over a period of several months," said John Lichter, Sunflower director of facilities management. "It has been well worth it because of all the benefits to everyone involved.

"For example, if a client needs to check in with Sunflower's medical personnel, it can be done in a minute or two instead of a staff member driving to another location. Our General Public Transportation vehicles are right here too. This also saves time and fuel expenses."

In addition, there are now two dining areas. "Lunchtime is much more comfortable for everyone," Lichter noted. "It had been a little crowded with just one dining area."

Sunflower's maintenance team handled

most of the work in-house.

"Randy Greathouse and Willie Ayers did a great job on this project," Lichter said. "They deserve a lot of credit for creating an efficient and welcoming environment. It has been good for client and staff morale."

Local subcontractors took care of the wiring, plumbing and flooring. Those involved were Mac-Clet Electrical, ComfortPro and Kern Floor Service.

The project entailed new walls, partitions and painting in more than a third of the building.

The cost was approximately \$40,000; First Christian Church purchased the K-96 building from Sunflower.

CHS includes physical and other therapies, cooking classes, outdoor and retirement activities, and support services.

Shelby Zuniga, Sunflower interim executive director, said "John and his crew never let us down. These guys go above and beyond on every project and this was no exception.

"The team transformed under-utilized space and turned every square foot into usable areas to support our clients. This allows more



**Willie Ayers, left, and Randy Greathouse paint a bathroom as part of a remodeling project at Sunflower Diversified Services. Community Habilitation Services moved to the main Sunflower location near the Great Bend Airport.**

convenient service options in a fresh and newly updated space. It also allows staff to better collaborate with one another on behalf of clients."

Sunflower serves infants, toddlers and adults in Barton, Pawnee, Rice, Rush and Stafford counties. It is in its 57th year.

has so many resources; we are definitely going to use them.

"For example, The Center has professional and compassionate therapists, case managers and a great support staff at its four locations. We are quite impressed with everyone here."

When they lived in Wichita, they would see patients who traveled for several hours for appointments.

"But we know there are others who didn't come because of a lack of transportation or they couldn't take a day off work," Hulse said. "We hope to help fill this gap in central and western Kansas."

Hulse and Yarnell see patients age 6 and older at the Great Bend location, 5815 Broadway. They also have tele-health capabilities for The Center's service area of Barton, Pawnee, Rice and Stafford counties.

Yarnell is from a farming background at Buffalo in southeast Kansas; Hulse is a Lindsborg native. They have rented a house in Great Bend.

Their backgrounds include

experience in emergency and acute care, pediatrics, geriatrics, family medicine, psychiatry and addiction.

Yarnell earned his associate's degree in nursing in 2013 at Neosho County Community College; bachelor's in nursing in 2014 at Wichita State University; doctor of nursing practice in 2018 at WSU; and PMH NP last year at Washburn University. He also received a bachelor's in chemistry, physics and plastics engineering technology in 2001 at Pittsburg State University.

His professional experience includes positions at Psychiatric & Addiction Services, Holland Pathways Addiction Treatment Center, AdventHealth in Shawnee Mission, Via Christi St. Francis in Wichita, Medicalodges in Wichita and Deseret Health Care in Yates Center.

Hulse earned her bachelor's in biochemistry and molecular biology in 2011 at Emporia State University, and bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing in 2012 and 2016, respectively, at the University of Miami, Coral

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Wichita.

Julie Kramp, The Center's executive director, said "our service area is incredibly fortunate Scot and Jill chose to join us in Great Bend. Their education, experience and skills, along with a passion for their work, has the potential to greatly improve the quality of life for the people we serve.

"They are great additions to our fantastic medication team with specialized experience," she continued. "Scot and Jill truly have a heart for this important work."

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.



**Jill Hulse and Scot Yarnell, family nurse practitioners, join the staff at The Center for Counseling & Consultation.**

Gables. She is studying for her PMH NP at Washburn.

Hulse has served as a family nurse practitioner at Psychiatric & Addiction Services in Wichita, Wichita Medical Associates, Scott County Hospital, Gallup Indian Medical Center in Gallup, N.M., and Hunter Health Clinic in



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July 7, 2022

### BARTON COUNTRY FAIR

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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 **7:30 am 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.

July 14, 2022

### BARTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

BCC | 245 NE 30 Rd. | Administration (A) Building

Barton Community College Foundation has been transforming into the multi-faceted face of Barton Community College along with the communities and students we serve. In addition to creating funds and making scholarship awards, the Foundation raises funds for special projects, builds strong business relationships, and coordinates funding sources that enhance College mission-driven goals.

July 21, 2022

### FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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In August of 1872, a dedicated group of early Kansas settlers resolved to establish a new church in the newly formed town called Great Bend. That church became the First Congregational United Church of Christ. On Sunday, August 7, they will celebrate our 150th year with a special worship service at 11 am and an Anniversary service at 2 pm followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall. They anticipate that former ministers, members, and friends of the church will attend.

The pandemic created a need to have services on Zoom and we have continued to fill that need. Contact Pastor Mike Munz to receive the code for the Zoom Meeting. They hope that those who have considered FCUCC their church home, will gather with them to share their stories.

July 28, 2022

### CENTRAL KANSAS PARTNERSHIP INC.

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The Central Kansas Partnership, Inc has been in existence since 1991 as it began as LEAD (Leadership, Education, Action Against Drugs) which merged with Chronic Disease Risk Reduction- CDRR in 2003. These two emerging task forces have helped pave the way for the Central Kansas Partnership to evolve and encompass a broad range of work as defined by needs in the community through the development of multiple task forces that address multiple prevention issues. In 2017, CKP received its non-profit incorporation 501c3 status. This allows for increased funding opportunities to fulfill the CKP's vision and mission: **Vision:** The partnership envisions healthy caring communities. **Mission:** To join in a common effort to build healthy and safe communities, reduce the risks of Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drugs, and promote healthy attitudes and behaviors.

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