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Teams are being formed.
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Patio Party tickets are for sale!

There's still time to reserve your spot at the 17th Annual Golf Tournament. Grab your friends and co-workers and make plans to join us for Friday, September 23rd at Lake Barton Club.

9:30 am Registration Opens 10:00 am Shotgun Start 4:00 pm Patio Party Begins Awards Announced once play concludes



Members and guests are encouraged to participate in this fun-filled event. The tournament is a way to link business with pleasure and provides an opportunity for participants to network with other business professionals in a casual and relaxed environment.

Included with Registration:

- Green Fees
- Golf Cart (if needed)
- Yo Dog Wieners Lunch
- Sponsored Beer Cart
- Patio Party w/ Taco
- Mulligan & Contests

WHAT?! You DON'T golf? But want to kick back with your chamber friends? Then grab your Patio Party Ticket for \$25 and get in on the fun as tournament play concludes. Patio Party (4-?pm) Ticket includes: Taco Bar, 2 Drinks, and 1 raffle ticket. Taco Bar catered by Baked Blessings thanks to our Patio Party Sponsors: Brentwood Builders and Kris Sundahl - Edward Jones







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Thank You, Businesses for Supporting Kids Ag Day



The 29th Kids Aq Day will take place September 8th at Diamond K Farms, now operated by third-generation farmer, Josh Koelsch. Committee volunteers recently spent some time together and gathered for a photo with the newest trailer in the fleet that will be used for additional storage needed. A generous donation from ILS made this possible. This makes the second trailer donated to the committee in 2022.

Also, supporting Kids Ag Day in a big way this year was the Great Bend Co-op who raised funds to purchase a new \$10,000 tent replacing the old one. Contributions like this will help the Kids Aq Day committee continue this annual tradition.

Kids Ag Day committee chair Scott Dewerff thanks the many businesses who continue to financially support this annual tradition. "The businesses have really stepped-up yearafter-year to help make this event happen. It's a lot of work but so rewarding."

Great Bend Co-op believes Kids Aq Day is important for the young people. "For many of the students, it is the first introduction

to agriculture and the impact it has on our local economy. Great Bend Co-op is proud to be a partner in offering such an awesome experience," said Cammie Vaupel, Great Bend Co-op and Chamber Board member.

Chris Wagner, CEO of Great Bend Co-op echoes this saying, "It is more important than ever that our young people understand where their food is coming from. We will continue to support Kids Aq Day for the foreseeable future."

About Kids Ag Day. Great Bend Chamber of Commerce's Aq-Business Committee hosts Kids Ag Day, annually, to help students gain a better understanding of the agriculture industry and its importance to our local economy. Over 350 fourth-grade students from schools, both public and private, from Claflin, Hoisington, Ellinwood, Otis-Bison, Pawnee Rock and Great Bend are invited to participate. Anyone interested in serving on the committee is encouraged to contact the chamber at 620-792-2401.

GOLDEN BELT Grant cycle open through Oct. 1

The Golden Belt Community Foundation invites proposals for its upcoming grant opportunities. Applications now are being accepted from qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and public institutions, including schools, government entities, and clubs and civic/community organizations in Barton county for charitable programs and projects.

The Golden Belt County & Community Grants promote community service and community projects/programs that focus on the enhancement of Barton, Pawnee, Rush, and Stafford Counties.

This grant is open to a variety of issues

and target populations. However, successful applications are those that will help fulfill the grants mission to enhance the quality of life, today and in the future, building these communities for our future generations.

Applications for competitive grants are being accepted from September 1

st through October 1st. Grants will be awarded mid-November.

Applications are available at www. goldenbeltcf.org. Grant guidelines are also posted on the website. Please contact Teresa Powelson, Program Officer at (620) 792-3000 or teresa@goldenbeltcf.org with any questions.

Special offer to Chamber **Members**



Great Bend's Kansas CPR Training and GTR Limousine & Party Services are teaming up and inviting Great Bend Chamber members to a special CPR Training followed by Happy Hour on Wednesday, September 28th.

Cost of the event is just \$65 with a \$10 discount given to Great Bend Chamber Members. Please advise of membership at time of registration. After the discount, the \$55 registration fee will include all training materials plus refreshments on and off the bus.

REGISTER at kansascprtraining.com/signup or call 620-786-5372.

Schedule of Events September 28th:

2 - 4 PM: CPR Training

Get CPR certified in lifesaving techniques during a 2-hour interactive, informative and fun training. Dean Nuss and Ruth Joiner are experienced first aid and CPR instructors with a proven track record in the industry since 2013. They are passionate about CPR education and love to train people of all ages in crucial life-saving techniques. Kansas CPR Training is your #1 destination for corporate or public CPR training classes.

4 - 5 PM: Happy Hour on a GTR Party Bus

Following the CPR training, registrants are invited load the bus for Happy Hour!

Ruth will take our group on a drive around Great Bend as you socialize with others and relax to end your day of training.

Now is the time to experience the GTR Party Bus vibe!

Flatlander returns Oct. 15th

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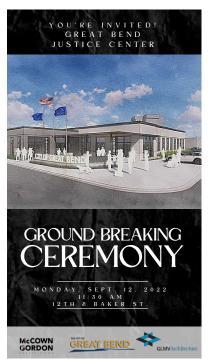


Join us in Great Bend, Kansas for the 7th Annual Flatlander Half Marathon, 10K and 5K on Saturday, October 15. Runners start and finish near Jack Kilby Square in downtown Great Bend. Registration begins at 6:00a.m.

Each participant receives a race T-shirt, a swag bag of goodies from our sponsors, and a complimentary breakfast.

Proceeds will be used to fund fitness and wellness initiatives in Barton County via Be Well Barton County and the Bike/Pedestrian Master Plan.

Visit facebook.com/flatlanderhalf for full schedule of events. Register at https://runsignup.com/FlatlanderRace.



Special invite from the City of Great Bend!

Join local and area law enforcement, along with elected officials as they break ground at the site of the new Justice Center. General Contractor, McCown Gordon will be on site for the occasion and available for questions.

The ceremony will take place at corner of 12th Street and Baker Street at 11:30a.m.

customers may bring their own. The goal is to have 12 new employees for the kitchen and wait staffs; applications are available at RePerks, 1216 Main. The restaurant's capacity is 50 people.

"Great Bend residents have been asking for an American-food buffet and restaurant forever," Riggs said. "Dennis and I will bring the same good service, good food and good prices that our RePerks' customers enjoy every day."

Riggs has almost 50 years of experience in hospitality and food service after working in hotels and stand-alone restaurants in many positions, including management.

"I never really envisioned all of this," Riggs commented. "We were just a little coffee shop but quickly learned we also had to offer food to make a go of it. And now we are opening a full-service restaurant."

Dennis Crouse, owner of RePerks and Tellers 1872, is a Barton County native. "I love this community and want to take this next step in dishing up good food with good service. Rick and I will do all we can to make the new venture as appealing and popular as ReParks continues to be."

Sheryl Cheely, MyTown board member, is excited and a bit relieved that the new dining spot will open in a few months.

"This has been a dream for all of us at MyTown," Cheely commented. "People have been asking for this for a long, long time. Dennis and Rick should be commended for listening to and accommodating the community. We encourage everyone to support both their **Downtown Restaurant Continued** ventures."

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FEATURED AMBASSADOR

Aaron Raney Iron Therapy Training



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

I was a traveling pipeline welder and traveled about 9 months out of the year. We ended up coming to Great Bend to help add an upgrade to a Kinder Morgan pump station and I met my wife Ashley Raney (Maiden name is Allen) in 2010. I ended up asking her to marry me and I have been here ever since. We ended up buying a house in the Twin Lakes area because it was important to me to have a good foundation for the kids while I was traveling. I quit pipelining in December 2019 to be home with the family and raise my kids. On August 1, 2020 I decided to follow my dream and I started my company called Iron Therapy Training. What keeps me here is my wife and kids. Not to mention all the supportive community that is here in Great Bend. This town has shown us support like no other town has and there are a lot of nice people here that would do anything to help anyone. That's what keeps me here and going.

Where do you work and what do you do there?

I own and operate Iron Therapy Training helping busy working professionals get their health and life back through total body transformations. My mission is to help lower the risk of chronic diseases in as many people in Great Bend. I have the diet and exercise components required to get serious results. The results I am able to get out of people from the programs I created and designed are amazing. We have had over 30 body transformations in 18 months. If you are having trouble with your posture, suffering from aches and pains or if you are overweight or unhealthy this is a one stop shop for a complete program to get your health and life back. I will help you move better, feel better and get back to the best version of yourself again. I love helping people get their health and life back. I also teach you what true weight loss is and how to build incredible confidence.

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

I am working on competing in a body building competition in 2 more years or so! Before the age of 40.

What energizes you and brings you excitement?

When the clients of Iron Therapy Training tell me that their Doctor is taking them off a medication or that they are not having pain like they used to. I love to see the clients change reminds me why I do this.

At what job, would you be terrible? I would be terrible at a public speaking job.

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

I have been a member for 2 years. Remember, I love helping people and it does not matter if it's business related or health related. I can help direct you in the right direction.

Thanks for reading... Coach Aaron Raney Your Great Bend Body -Transformation Coach!!!

Ribbon Cuttings!



Chamber welcomes Aly's Dance Studio

Kicking off the start of the dance season, Aly's Dance Studio, 1701 K96 Highway, opened in May and recently celebrated with a Chamber Ribbon Cutting. Studio owner, Alyson Smith has realized her childhood dreams of one day owning a studio. Aly is proud that she is able to provide safe and fundance services to children and adults. Services include dance classes, choreography, shoe sizing, and merchandise sales. Aly's Dance Studio customers are males and females ages 1–18 years of age, as well as adults.

Students can start as soon as walking age with their Tiny Tots program all the way up

to adult age. When asked what makes her studio special, Alyson said, "We are a faith-driven dance studio, where we hold high morals for our dancers with age-appropriate choreography, music, and costumes."

The studio employs six teachers who are well established in the community and have close relationships with their dance families. Learn more about Aly's Dance Studio by calling 620-617-1933 or by email at alysdancestudio@gmail.com. Find them on Facebook at: @Alysdancestudio1 or on Instagram at: alysdancestudio.



During their Grand Opening in August, Hatchet Axtion cut the red ribbon, officially being welcomed into the Chamber. Co-owners Johan Sanchez and Sage Cauley were excited to have so many come through the doors of their new business, located at 1210 Main St. Hatchet Axtion is Great Bend's first axe throwing venue. Each lane holds up to 5 people with extra space for the spectators.

To keep throwers and spectators engaged, scores are kept using an app that includes different game modes providing lots of variety and games. This level of engagement makes Hatchet Axtion a great location for businesses to create some team building fun.

The owners say their overall goal is to have a fun place where people can come in have fun and strengthen relationships. For those who have kids below the required age of 12, Sanchez says not to worry, "We have a kid's

area away from the lanes where they will be able to sit down on big bean bag chairs and watch kids movies, play some mini foosball or air hockey free of charge."

Co-owner Sage Cauley comments, "Axe throwing is a great fit for events such as team building exercises, bachelor/bachelorette parties, retirement and more." Special prices are available for large groups and parties.

Owners Sage Cauley and Johan Sanchez are both raised in Great Bend, KS and want to see their community grow and succeed. The young entrepreneurs hope others will join them, "We would like to see Great Bend grow to become a destination for people all over the state. We hope Great Bend residents will help our vision come true and support us and all small businesses in the Great Bend area."

Contact Hatchet Axtion through their website at hatchetaxtion.com or send them a message on instagram or facebook.

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TCI Answering Service wins Coveted ATSI Award of Excellence

Tele-Communications, Inc./TCI Answering Service, of Grand Bend, KS has been hon-ored with the exclusive ATSI 2022 Award of Excellence. This award is presented an-nually by the Association of TeleServices International (ATSI), the industry's Trade As-sociation for providers of telecommunications and call center services including tele-phone answering and message delivery across North America and the UK. Tele-Communications, Inc./TCI Answering Service was presented with the award at ATSI's 2022 conference held in Denver, CO.

Independent judges are contracted by ATSI to evaluate message services over a six month period. The scoring criteria includes:

- Response Time
- Courteousness of Rep
- Accuracy of Call
- Knowledge of Account
- Overall Impression of Call

"For the past 26 years, The ATSI Award of Excellence has been a vital part of our indus-try. Continually evaluating our members' service levels they are providing to their clients is an essential business tool. We've had members that have participated in the program for decades and look forward to

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winning their awards each year. This is a testament to the dedication to excellence that their teams embody and ATSI is proud to be a part of this program!" Says ATSI President Tifani Leal

The award started 26 years ago as a means to improve the overall quality of the call center industry by setting expectations and measurements to ensure a successful call handling experience.

ATSI extends its congratulations to the staff of Tele-Communications, Inc./TCI Answer-ing Service on their proven quality service to their customers.



Local Area 1-Stop Receives CWDP Credentials

The National Association of Workforce Development Professionals is pleased to announce the most recent group of workforce professionals who have earned their Certified Workforce Development Professional (CWDP) credential. Click here to view a full list of CWDP's.

The CWDP is a nationally recognized credential for individuals who have demonstrated they have the skills and competencies required for success in the workforce development industry. The CWDP designation is valid for three years from the date of award. More information about the CWDP can be found at www.nawdp. org.

The National Association of Workforce Development Professionals (NAWDP) is a professional association representing individual workforce development and human resources practitioners, who connect jobseekers, educators and companies to advance the American economy. NAWDP (nawdp.org) provides the professional development, resources, and certification credibility to individuals seeking to thrive in the workforce development industry as thought leaders and innovators.



Laura Patzner One Stop Operator



Teresa Laraby, Work Based Learning Intermediary



Kathy Stucker, Workforce & Offender Development



Kristin Doze, Workforce Development Coordinator

Althouse Named Kansas Association of Broadcasters 2022 Rising Star



The newly-formed KAB Rising Star Award seeks to recognize young broadcasters (under the age of 40) who have made a significant impact on their stations and communities. Winners are selected based on their contributions to the industry, spirit of innovation, and community involvement. The KAB will present the two

Rising Star Awards at the Station Awards Dinner on Oct. 24 in Manhattan!

Being recognized for the Rising Star Radio Award is Great Bend's very own, Matt Althouse of Eagle Communications.

Matt started his radio career at KJCK-FM in Junction City in 2003 as on air talent and later, music director. He spent one year with Rocking M Radio in Great Bend in 2008 at KZRS working the mid-day shift.

In 2009 Matt joined Hull Broadcasting in Great Bend where he had the opportunity to be exposed to every facet of the business. From traffic logs and programming, to engineering, and later Operations Manager and Digital Sales Manager for Eagle Communications.

He was also Program Director for KBGL-FM from 2012

until 2021 when he accepted the position of General Manager for Eagle Communications in Great Bend. In his first year of station management, Matt and his sales team have hit all but one of their monthly quotas. He's successfully navigated the replacement of an operations manager and news director and orchestrated the successful and profitable giveaway of a brand-new car for Great Bend radio's summer promotion.

Matt sees himself as a problem solver. He enjoys helping clients and staff members solve their problems, and says, "There is no shortage of problems out there." He looks back with pride on some successful cases, such as the plumber who showed up at the office as a one-man operation with a single truck who now runs a large fleet with storefronts in multiple communities--proof of the power of radio and a strategic advertising campaign.

Matt is also passionate about enriching the next generation of media professionals. He works hard to enable young people with opportunities to grow and succeed in the broadcast industry.

Away from the office, Matt has successfully navigated some challenges as well. As a single dad with two young children (Lucas and Emma) work/life balance is a top priority and a challenge that he has conquered.

Receiving the Rising Star TV Award is Lily Wu, KWCH.

Adams Brown Now 120th Largest CPA Firm in United States

As tax and financial issues become more complex, Adams Brown continues to grow to keep up with the changes and better serve its local communities. Rising 24 spots, the firm is now the 120th largest CPA firm in the United States according to INSIDE Public Accounting's (IPA) annual ranking.

This is the eighth consecutive year Adams Brown has been recognized on the list as a top 200 firm. In the past two years alone, the firm moved up more than 40 spots as its revenue increased as a result of organic growth and strategic acquisition.

"We regularly hear that businesses have either outgrown their CPA firm or feel like their firm is now too big for them as

a result of consolidation happening in the accounting industry nationwide," said Brian Staats, CPA, CGMA, managing partner. "Our focus remains with these small- and medium-sized businesses."

Growth can sometimes be a balancing act, and Adams Brown is using the same focus on its own growth as it does with area businesses from Main Street to the middle market.

"As businesses face new obstacles like cybersecurity threats, troubles hiring qualified financial staff and establishing 401k plans to help recruit and retain talent, we're growing to provide the services they need through the entire business cycle," Staats said.

Take the Leadership Climb in 8 Hours

Leadership is an action, not a position. Personal growth is a decision. Leadership Golden Belt, with Kimberly Becker of Move Your Mountain Coaching & Consulting, is pleased to announce a 1-day Boot Camp on Tuesday, October 18th, from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce.

This boot camp, titled "Managing Self During an 8-Hour Leadership Climb," will focus on identifying the difference between technical and adaptive challenges, learning to manage self, raising or lowering the heat to help move through difficult situations and asking powerful questions.

Registration is just \$75 with lunch and snacks provided. Deadline to register is October 7th. For an application, contact the Golden Belt Community Foundation at 620-792-3000 or Kimberly Becker, Move Your Mountain Coaching & Consulting, moveyourmountain19@gmail.com or 620-282-8970. Scholarships are available.



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BCC to host "Start, Run & Grow: Business Ownership Basics"

New business owners or those wanting to start a business can learn about key components of running a business from area experts on a variety of topics at Barton's "Start, Run and Grow: Business Ownership Basics" seminar from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Thursday evenings from Sept. 22 to Nov. 10 at the Great Bend Events Center.

Presenters will cover the following topics:

Management and Company Culture (Sept. 22) Mark Mingenback, Business Consultant and Sally Mauler, The Buckle

Human Resources (Sept. 29) Brenda Kaiser, Barton County, Lynda Jamison and Sam Jacobs, Adams Brown, LLC

Startup Resources and Finance (Oct. 6)
Paul Snapp, First Kansas Bank and Sara
Hayden, Great Bend Economic Development

Creating Your Business Model (Oct. 13) Barry Bowers, Spectrum Partners & Paul Snapp, First Kansas Bank

Legal Considerations and Accounting (Oct. 20) Molly Bailly & Taylor Calcara,

Watkins Calcara and Barry Bowers, Spectrum Partners

Buying and Leasing Property (Oct. 27) Kim Vink and Glenna Achatz, Coldwell Banker

Creating Vision for Your New Business and Effectively Marketing it to Potential Customers (Nov. 3) Rachel Mawhirter, Marketing Maven

Q & A with Panel of Small Business Owners (Nov. 10)

Registration is \$325 for all eight sessions and includes sessions, meals and training materials. Early bird registration by Sept. 1 is \$300.

For information or to register, contact Barton Industry Partnership Manager Krystall Barnes at barnesk@bartonccc.edu or (620) 792-9332.

This event is sponsored by The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce, Great Bend Economic Development, Marketing Maven, Barton Community College and the Barton Foundation.

New downtown restaurant in the works

It was just three years ago that Dennis Crouse and Rick Riggs began operating RePerks and now they are setting the table for a new venture.

Their new restaurant will be a separate entity, located next door to RePerks in the Zarah Building at Lakin & Main where construction is ongoing. Its name is Tellers 1872. RePerks is a coffee house/café.

"A new downtown restaurant has been near the top of the MyTown wish list for years," said Riggs, general manager. "The fire early this year resulted in closing RePerks for a short while to deal with the smoke damage. However, it gave us the opportunity to review our plans and move forward.

"It is the only good thing that came from that fire. Thanks to the excellent response by the Great Bend Fire Department we still have a building for RePerks and Tellers 1872."

The Jan. 19 fire caused approximately \$150,000 in damage to several businesses. Magna-Dry quickly took care of the smoke damage at RePerks.

The new restaurant will open this fall, featuring a weekday buffet from 11 a.m.



to 2 p.m. The dinner schedule is 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The menu at lunch will be comfort foods, with fried chicken every day, one or two other entrees, and side dishes. Comfort food also will be served for dinner, along with a variety of steaks. Prime rib and steaks are on the menu every night.

Beer and wine will be available at Tellers 1872 when licensure requirements are met. In the interim,

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Economic Development Corner

KMW launches apprenticeships

With media, community leaders, as well as other interested parties present, KMW Loaders officially launched their apprenticeship program September 1st with a press conference. Great Bend Economic Development commemorated the launch by recognizing KMW as a local Apprenticeship Champion at their Great Bend Plant, 198 US 281. With the assistance of Hamilton-Ryker's workforce development division, TalentGro, KMW Loaders was connected to government investment, both State and Federal, to equip local businesses with workers with skills needed to help the business thrive and grow. Three new apprentices begin their journey into a career in manufacturing with the launch of this new apprenticeship program at KMW Loaders.

Apprenticeship programs can help not only attract people to Kansas while keeping young Kansans from leaving. The state of Kansas received the SAEEI (State Apprenticeship Expansion, Equity and Innovation) Grant, awarding just under \$6 million in funding to assist in this expansion effort statewide.

Multiple partners working with the Kansas Department of Commerce will receive these

funds, and KMW will be the first business to take advantage of this opportunity in Barton County. This opportunity will help the local manufacturer in developing their talent. Hamilton-Ryker/TalentGro not only connects employers to the grants and funding available to support this effort but also assists the employer in building, launching, and managing the program. Barton Community College will be able to provide any needed training and curriculum.

The KMW Difference: At KMW Loaders, we combine innovative engineering, modern manufacturing technology, and expert craftsmen to have all the right ingredients for building great front-end loaders and backhoes. That's why we have a 30-year track record of success and continue to grow rapidly. We look to continue to grow well into the future as we are very focused on growing our company and team. KMW is making huge investments in many new pieces of equipment and tools to help us handle the growth and expansion. This is being done with a strong long-range vision of continuing to grow our company and team together.



June takes on Economic Development



As a longtime local with a love for community, I am excited to join forces with GBED to promote and grow Great Bend. I bring a comprehensive set of skills that I believe will be valuable to this organization. Sharpening my skills in marketing, planning, and communication at the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce, I am delighted to contribute my talents towards GBED efforts. Mother of two, former business-owner/instructor, creative; I bring a unique perspective to this position. I'm motivated by the momentum and invested in seeing the Great Bend area thrive.



Join GBED in recruiting during New Mexico State Fair

This September, three Kansas economic development organizations will partner to recruit workers to their respective areas at the New Mexico State Fair. The goal is to share the promise of excellent careers, quality of life, and many job opportunities to New Mexico residents. The ED organization's research landed on New Mexico as a state to target because of the high employment rate.

The 11 days of the state fair will be split among the three ED organizations. Liberal and Dodge City Economic Development organizations will take the first two shares of the booth space at the fair with GBED on the third and final segment of the commitment. GBED's goal is to bring more quality employees and families to Barton County. Businesses are encouraged to send marketing materials with job openings at your company to the GBED staff soon. However, if you would rather pitch your company to those attendees reach out to Sara Hayden, GBED - President at director@gbedinc.com. She will be able to give business owners/managers more information on joining them in person in New Mexico.



New Hires & Promotions

Iron Therapy Training Adds Trainer

Iron Therapy Training owner, Aaron Raney, is adding to his team. Meet Iron Therapy's newest trainer, Jazmin Castellanos!

Jazmin was born in Texas and moved to Great Bend when she was 4 years old. Growing up, Jazmin never enjoyed sports but started working out at age 10.

"I didn't feel comfortable with the way I looked. I struggled with weight my entire life and I realized how hard it can be to lose weight and maintain that weight loss."

"I refused to look in the mirror because I was disappointed in the person I saw. There were times when I wouldn't wear jeans because I had a muffin top. I was not comfortable in my skin."

Today, Jazmin is passionate about helping others feel more confident and helping them to understand what weight loss really is and what a healthy lifestyle consists of. She has lived the struggles and overcame her own barriers.

"It's okay to ask for help. It's hard enough to accomplish your health and fitness goals but even harder facing the journey alone."

When asked why she joined forces with Aaron and Ashley Raney of Iron Therapy Training, Jazmin noted the personalization of their program. "I really like how Iron Therapy Training zones in on the clients and how they implement an effective program that really helps people reach their own unique and individual goals." "I love the fact that

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we don't just focus on the training and trying to get them to cry after a workout but focus on their self-development and hold them accountable for their actions."

"I am proud to be a part of this mission to help people get healthier."

To learn more about Iron Therapy Training, visit their website, qbirontherapytraining.com at or find them on Facebook and Google.



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a washer and dryer.

Impacts of Laundry Love.

- Unwashed clothes and bedding can threaten the health of children, elderly, immunocompromised, or those without financial access to healthcare.
- Kids are notorious for teasing and bullying if another student is wearing dirty clothes.
- Lessening the economic burden of laundry when having no washer/dryer hookup in your home or unaffordability. By bringing this economic relief to individuals and families, that money can be redirected to food, gas, and medical expenses.

The goal for this is not just to provide funds to do laundry. We intend to expand it to have other resources available for those in need.

Instead of having to seek out assistance, UWCK can bring the resources directly to those in need.

The first Laundry Love event was held on August 20th from 10:00-2:00 at Discount Laundry on Jefferson and was sponsored by Moeder Plumbing, Heating, & Air, Inc.

Each Laundry Love event will be on the third Saturday of the month from 10:00-2:00. If your business is interested in sponsoring a month or donating supplies, please reach out to United Way of Central Kansas. Volunteers will be needed each month to facilitate this program. If interested, sign up at https:// www.signupgenius.com/ qo/8050d4da5af2ea6f58laundry.

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

- 1... Chamber Coffee: United Way of Central Kansas, 2006 Broadway Ave. Adams Brown.
- 7...Kids Ag Day! At Diamond K Farm, 706 SW 20 Rd
- 7... Ribbon Cutting: First Christian Church, 5230 Broadway, 6 pm
- 8...Chamber Coffee: Sunflower Diversified Services, 5605 10th St.
- 9...VFW Post 3111, Karaoke Night! 504 Washington St., 7 pm
- 9... Cohen Center Grand Reopening, BCC Library, 6:30 pm
- 10... Suicide Prevention Day Community Event, Brit Spaugh Park, 11 am / 2 pm
- 12... Great Bend Justice Center Groundbreaking, 12th & Baker St., 11:30 am
- 15...Chamber Coffee/Ribbon Cutting: D & A Testing Pros, 1702 Main St.
- 17...Heartland Farm: Farm to Table Dinner, 1049 CR 390, P. Rock, 5 pm
- 17...Glow 4 Life 5k or 1 Mile Glow Run, Vet's Park, 6 pm
- 17... KWEC Butterfly Festival, 592 NE K-156, 9 am
- 18...VFW Post 3111, Sunday Brunch, 504 Washington St., 9:30 am
- 22...Chamber Coffee/Ribbon Cutting: Chelsea Mitchell Photography, 1217 Main St.
- 23...The 17th Annual Chamber Golf Tournament, Lake Barton, 9:30 am
- 24...Pedal for Prevention, Brit Spaugh Park, 6 pm
- 27... Great Bend Tribune's Women's Expo, Events Center, 3:30 pm
- 28... Kansas CPR Training/Happy Hour, 1702 Main St., 2:00 pm
- 29...Chamber Coffee: BCYP, Brit Spaugh Park, North side picnic tables
- 29... Chamber After Hours: Nex-Tech Wireless, 2827 10th St., 5:00 pm
- 30...GB Alive Final Friday, Forest Ave. and Williams St., 5 pm
- 30...Military/First Responders Night Out: Dropping 22 Inc., 916 Williams St., 6 pm

Recurring Events:

Great Bend City Council Meetings, 1st & 3rd Mondays, City Hall, 1209 Williams, 6:30 pm Barton County Commission Meetings, Wednesdays, Barton County Courthouse, 1400 Main St, Rm 106, 9am. Be Well Barton County Family Friendly Bike Ride, starts at Jack Kilby Square, 6 pm (every Friday in Sept.)

Visit greatbend.org/events/calendar for a full list of great events taking place throughout the month! Virtual Chamber Events (Chamber Chat & Virtual Coffees) can be found: via Facebook (www.facebook.com/ qbcoc) or YouTube (tinyurl.com/ybepqrt6)

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September 8, 2022 SUNFLOWER DIVERSIFIED SERVICES 5605 10th St. in Great Bend

Great Bend Sunflower Diversified serves infants, toddlers and adults with delays and disabilities in Barton, Pawnee, Rice, Rush, and Stafford counties. They are celebrating their 56th year of service to the community! Sunflower believes that people with developmental disabilities CAN ACHIEVE and HAVE THE RIGHT TO PROVE IT.

September 15, 2022 D & A TESTING PROS 1702 Main St. in Great Bend

D&A Testing Pros LLC is a Drug & Alcohol Screening Collection site offering both DOT/Non-DOT Drug & alcohol screening services. They are able do Urine, Breath Alcohol, and Hair Follicle testing at the current time with more lab-based testing for the future. They are open 8am to 3:30 pm Monday-Friday by appointment and walk-ins by availability. They also offer mobile on-site testing if needed and will be available for after-hours emergency situations. Their goal is to accurately test individuals whether current or future employees, DOT, or Non-DOT, and even Court ordered as quickly and efficiently as possible. Addition of other future services including Fingerprinting coming soon! This location houses 3 different business entities including GTR Limousine & Party Services, Kansas CPR Training, and D&A Testing Pros.

September 22, 2022 CHELSEA MITCHELL PHOTOGRAPHY Riggs Building | 1217 Main St. in Great Bend

After graduating from the renown Brooks Institute of Photography, Chelsea spent a decade photographing luxury weddings and events in Santa Barbara and up and down the coast of California. She has photographed destination weddings in Georgia, Texas, and most recently, in altitude on top of Aspen Mountain in Aspen, Colorado.

Over the years Chelsea's work has been published in numerous wedding blogs, the most notable being Style Me Pretty and Martha Stewart Weddings and printed in international wedding magazines like Modern Wedding.

September 29, 2022 BARTON COUNTY YOUNG PROFESSIONALS Picnic Tables by the Tot Spot in Brit Spaugh Park

1. Lead. Developing young leaders in today's workforce. 2. Network. Fostering business and social networking. 3. Volunteer. Providing opportunities to give back to the community. Anyone who lives in the Barton County area between the ages of 21 and 40(ish) is welcome and encouraged to participate. Members enjoy a variety of monthly events, which rotate between sponsored networking events, lunch-and-learn meetings, leadership events, family socials, and community impact projects.



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