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## Fourth Annual PARTY IN THE PARK

### 2016 Schedule of Events

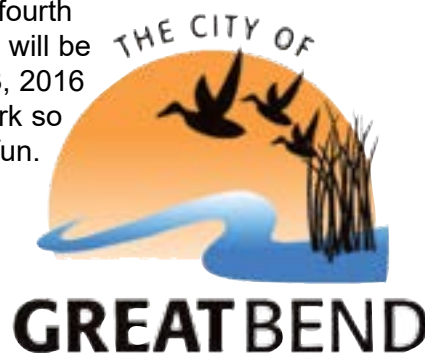
#### Saturday, August 13th

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| 9:00 a.m.        | Tuff Enough Obstacle Run                                 |
| 9:30 a.m.        | Oozefest Mud Volleyball                                  |
| 10:30 a.m.       | Dog Park Fun   |
| 1:00 p.m.        | Canoe Races (Bring Your Own Canoe)                       |
| 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. | Car Show   |
| 2:00 p.m.        | Kids Fun zone & Face Painting                            |
| 3:00 p.m.        | Twinkie Eating Contest                                   |
| 6:30 p.m.        | Gates Open for Concert Feat.<br>Ricky Fugitt & Paramount |
| 10:00 p.m.       | Fireworks  |



As summer draws to an end, there is no better way to celebrate than with Great Bend's Annual Party In The Park, presented by the City of Great Bend. Party In the Park is a free family event with activities for adults and children of all ages! The fourth annual Party In The Park will be held Saturday, August 13, 2016 at Veterans Memorial Park so come out and enjoy the fun.

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## Perks staff receives training from award-winning company



Since Perks Coffee Shoppe features the award-winning PT's Coffee, the staff wanted to learn more about the product and went directly to the source. A PT's representative was in Great Bend recently to train the baristas on the best techniques for serving a satisfying cup of coffee.

PT's is a Topeka-based specialty coffee roaster. It obtains its coffee from the origin and roasts it at its own facility. Bonnie Kuhn, Perks manager, said she and her colleagues appreciate the personal touch from the company. "Leah Shinkle came here and taught us new ways to make our coffees properly and more efficiently," Kuhn said. "We think our customers appreciate this extra effort."

Kuhn noted that PT's is well respected in the industry and has won a number of awards over the years. These honors include: Roaster of the Year Award for Roast Magazine in 2009; Second Best Coffeehouse in America in 2015; and many other awards. The company's Topeka café, 1635 Washburn Ave., also has won Best of Topeka many times.

Shinkle, who is PT's director of training and education, was impressed with the Perks staff during her visit to the downtown shop at 1216 Main. "They are a fun group," Shinkle commented. "They have good energy with one another, which is always a plus."

The information she shared involved espresso extraction, milk-steaming techniques and proper use of the equipment. "Our training also involves some basic coffee education such as learning about where it comes from and the process entailed from crop to cup," she commented. "There is always something new to learn. "We want to inspire baristas to want to know more about their product," Shinkle added. PT's offers on-site training on a regular basis "to ensure businesses are set up to be as successful as possible," she noted. "We want employees to feel confident with the product they are serving. "We also want Perks and other cafes to be the best they can be," she elaborated. "They are using the best product and it is important to provide the support necessary for them to be confident and successful."

## Nancy Sundahl celebrates 31 years of service with Mary Kay

Nancy Sundahl, Senior Sales Director is celebrating 31 years with Mary Kay Cosmetics. Mary Kay is the #1 Direct Selling Color Cosmetics Brand and the #1 Direct Selling Beauty and Personal Care Brand in the United States according to Euromonitor, an independent strategy research company for consumer markets around the globe.



## United Way Honors Community Partners and Prepares for Campaign Kickoff

The United Way of Central Kansas honored their Top 15 Payroll Deduction Companies on July 12th during their 2nd annual Pacesetter Awards Luncheon.

These companies account for 50% of the goal that UWCK raises each year. For the 2016 Campaign, they raised \$137,971. The Top 3 Pacesetter companies were CUNA Mutual Retirement Solutions, Dillon's #3, #9, & #51, and Adams, Brown, Beran, & Ball. Barton County, Benefit Management, Inc, Farmers Bank & Trust, Fuller Industries, Great Bend Regional Hospital, Marmie's, Midwest Energy, Northern Natural Gas-Bushton, Pawnee Valley Community Hospital, St. Rose Health Center, Superior Essex, and USD 428 rounded out the Pacesetters for the 2016 Campaign.

United Way of Central Kansas also honored the Top 3 Companies in Giving Per Capita they are Nationwide Insurance, Adams, Brown, Beran, & Ball, and Northern Natural Gas-Bushton. Additional awards given for the 2016 Campaign included the Media Award to Eagle Communications, Outstanding New Workplace Campaign to Foley Equipment, Highest Percentage Increase to Great Bend Regional Hospital and the 2016 Leadership Award presented to Jim & Kathi Armatys. "Pacesetter companies do a large portion of the work to help us to our goal each year, but without the other payroll companies and individual donors in our community, we would not be able to reach our goal every year. Every dollar makes a difference, and we need the community's support to reach our goal again this year as the demands on our Community Partners keeps increasing," said Director, Julie Smith.

The United Way is also gearing up for a few fundraising events in August. The annual Kickoff Event will be held on August 13th at 6:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus. Comedian, John Bush will provide entertainment for the evening. John will talk about his childhood, relocating from Hawaii to Minnesota and his UFO sightings in New York City. This thrill ride is filled with rich characters, spot-on impressions and even a disgruntled squirrel. John has performed for audiences of all shapes and sizes. Whether it is opening for Howie Mandel at Caesars Palace or tickling some Irish ribs in Dublin, John is not stingy when he gives out laughs. Check out more about him and his comedy by going to [johnbushcomedian.com](http://johnbushcomedian.com). Tickets to this event are still available and can be purchased for \$50 per person or a table of eight for \$400. Contact UWCK or go to [uwck.org](http://uwck.org) to get your tickets today!

School buses will be filled with students soon, but first they will be stuffed with supplies. The annual Stuff the Bus program will be out in full force during the month of August. Ellinwood residents can drop off donations at Sunflower Bank anytime during the month of August. Hoisington residents can visit the bus August 15th at Town & Country Supermarket from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. to drop off donations. On August 17th, the Great Bend Community can visit Wal-Mart or Dillion's on 10th street to drop off donations.

For more information, visit [uwck.org](http://uwck.org) or follow them on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/uwck) for all the latest!



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Back by popular demand, the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development will again partner with USD 428 on the Business Showcase & Teacher Appreciation Event scheduled for Monday, August 15th from 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the Panther Activity Center (PAC). An exclusive opportunity for Chamber Members to reach 700+ USD 428 employees, we encourage you to reserve for your booth space today.

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## Cherry Village's Tina Mingenback earns dietary certification

Tina Mingenback has added a new credential to her formal education to better serve residents at Cherry Village. Mingenback is now a certified dietary manager at the non-profit, long-term-care facility at 1401 Cherry Lane. This formal certification followed completion of her ServSafe management training. Mingenback also earned a bachelor's degree in business administration in 2000 at Ottawa University.



"All of us at Cherry Village understand the importance of good nutrition for our residents," Mingenback commented. "My recent formal education allows me to be even more knowledgeable about their dietary needs."

Mingenback's responsibilities include: assisting the Cherry Village dietitian; overseeing the dietary department; planning meals; and performing administrative duties related to budget and payroll.

"Most important, however, is ensuring that our residents have the proper nutrition at each of their three meals a day," she noted. "And, of course, we want everyone to be happy with what is served." "We talk with all our residents about their likes and dislikes," Mingenback continued. "We also know who requires certain types of diets, such as low-fat or low-salt."

Mingenback earned her new certification from the University of North Dakota after 18 months of study. She and her husband, Andy, have one daughter, Alyvia.

Pam Lewis, Cherry Village administrator, said Mingenback is a "blessing" to residents, families and the staff. "It is not easy to complete the requirements to become a certified dietary manager," Lewis said. "Yet, Tina continued to work full-time to bring joy to everyone here. Food brings us all together, and Tina's contributions are invaluable."

## Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steak Burgers Making Progress



Pictured: Project Manager and the Lead Architect review the plans for Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steak Burgers. The restaurant announced that they would add a location to Great Bend in June, 2016 and is on schedule to open in October.

For a complete calendar of community events, visit our web site:

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

If you would like to submit an event to be published in the print or online calendars, post it from our Events Calendar at [www.greatbend.org](http://www.greatbend.org). Be sure to include a title, description, date, times, location, and contact person.

# AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

View & post all your community events at [www.greatbend.org/](http://www.greatbend.org/)!

## Tuesday, August 2nd

Don't forget to VOTE! Primary Election Day

## Wednesday, August 3rd

BCYP Personal Development Luncheon – “Give Back, An Inside Perspective”, Pizza Hut, 4101 10th St, Lunch 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Dinner 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

## Thursday, August 4th

Chamber Coffee: Barton County Academy, 5220 W 10th St, 9:30 a.m.  
Outdoor Movie Night, Jack Kilby Square, 9:00 p.m.

## Wednesday, August 10th

Technology Roundtable - “Tackling Talk”, Spray-Holt Family Board Room, 1125 Williams, 11:30 a.m.

## Thursday, August 11th

Chamber Coffee: Gentiva Hospice, Great Bend Coffee, 2015 Lakin Ave, 9:30 a.m.

## Friday, August 12th

Perseid Meteor Shower Viewing Party, Kansas Wetlands Education Center, 592 NE K-156 Hwy, 9:00 p.m.

## Saturday, August 13th

4th Annual Party in the Park, Veterans Memorial Park, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

*\*See Facebook for full schedule of even <https://www.facebook.com/ExploreGreatBend>*

United Way Campaign Kickoff Event, Knights of Columbus, 723 S Main, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

## Monday, August 15th

USD 428 Business Showcase, Panther Activity Center, 19th and Odell, 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

## Wednesday, August 17th

USD 428 First Day of School

United Way of Central Kansas Stuff the Bus, Wal-Mart or Dillons on 10th St, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

## Thursday, August 18th

Chamber Coffee: Culligan Water, 1706 Main St, 9:30 a.m.

Ribbon Cutting & Open House: MPIRE Properties, 1015 McKinley St, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

## Saturday, August 20th

Back to School “We Pay the Tax” Day!

*\*Participating Retailers*

## Thursday, August 25th

Chamber Coffee: First Kansas Bank, 4001 10th St, 9:30 a.m.

Business After Hours: Fuller Industries, One Fuller Way, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

*\*Please enter through Factory Outlet Store door, located on North side of the building.*

## Friday, August 26th

Barton County Young Professionals Networking Mixer, Sponsored by Coldwell Banker Sell Real Estate, Stoneridge County Club, 1438 24th St, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

## Saturday, August 27th

St. Rose Health Center Blood Screening, 3515 Broadway Ave, 6:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Barton Foundation's 38th Annual Big Benefit Auction, Knights of Columbus, 723 Main St, 6:00 p.m.

# RECURRING EVENTS

GBPL Teen Movie Monday, Great Bend Public Library, 1409 Williams, 4:00 p.m.

Barton County Commission Meetings, Mondays, Barton County Courthouse, 1400 Main Room 106, 9:00 a.m.

*\*Except Holidays*

Great Bend City Council Meetings, 1st & 3rd Monday of the month, 1209 Williams, 7:30 p.m.

*\*Except Holidays*

American Legion Bingo, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1011 Kansas Ave., 7:00 p.m.

Dinner Served at American Legion, Fridays, 1011 Kansas Ave., 6:00 p.m.

Baby and Me, Great Bend Public Library, 1409 Williams, Tuesdays 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Story Time, Great Bend Public Library, 1409 Williams, Tuesdays 11:00 a.m.

GBPL Free Friday Movie, Great Bend Public Library, 1409 Williams, 4:00 p.m.

Writers Club, Great Bend Public Library, Wednesdays, 1409 Williams, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Crochet, Great Bend Public Library, Mondays, 1409 Williams, 9:00 -10:30 a.m.

Kid Fit, Great Bend Public Library, Mondays, 1409 Williams, 10:00 -11:00 a.m.

Eufhoria Exhibit, Shafer Art Gallery, 245 NE 30 Rd, Monday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

*\*Exhibit runs June 24 – August 13*

Salvation Army Back- to-School Drive, 2545 10th St, All Day

*\*Supply Drive runs from July 1 – August 7*



**Save the Date!**  
**23rd Annual**  
**Kids Ag Day**  
**September 7, 2016**

In celebration of “National Ag Week”, the Ag Committee of the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development looks forward to welcoming over 350 area 4th graders for a day of farm exploration & education! With the primary goal of helping students gain a better understanding of the agriculture industry and its importance to our local economy, community support is welcome in the form of sponsorships or volunteer time. Contact the Chamber Office for more information!



**Save the Date:**  
**K-96 Business After Hours**  
**Thursday, September 8th**  
**5:00 - 6:30 p.m.**  
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## New additions and transitions to the Sunflower Diversified Staff



### Heather Quillin

Even though Heather Quillin is the new children's services coordinator at Sunflower Diversified Services, she will continue in her role as a speech-language pathologist (SLP) as time allows.

Quillin, a Great Bend native, oversees Sunflower's Early Education Center (EEC) and Incredible Years Preschool, both at 1312 Patton Road. She assumed her new duties July 1, following Cathy Estes' retirement after a decade in the job. "Cathy's passion for Sunflower has made a lasting impression that will remain for years to come," Quillin said. "She has helped develop our programs into some of the best in the state, and my goal is to expand on what she started."

Quillin has been a certified and licensed SLP for nearly six years and served EEC families for three of those years. "As I take on this new position, I can't continue to serve children and families in the same capacity," Quillin said. "However, I will continue to be involved with families in as many ways as I can. I simply am not willing to fully step away from our families."



### Kylie Moritz

Kylie Moritz is combining her passion for helping others and her speech/language skills to serve children and families in her new position at Sunflower Diversified Services. Moritz is the new speech/language pathologist (SLP) at Sunflower's Early Education Center (EEC).

"I am passionate about helping families and eager to support children as they learn to effectively express themselves to parents and others," Moritz said. "When youngsters can communicate their thoughts, they will be able to more easily participate in school and home activities. Communication is key today and into adulthood."

Sunflower's mission is to assist individuals in becoming as independent as possible, and to maintain that independence as long as possible. Sunflower believes that a disability should never prevent a person from living the most fulfilling life possible; nor should that individual ever shy away from participating in everything the community has to offer.

For more information call 620-793-5800 or visit <http://www.sunflowerdiv.com/>.

## Holste & Bowers Employees Obtain New Certifications

Holste & Bowers LLC in Great Bend, Kansas, is pleased to recognize John Lane and Sheri Yager for becoming a QuickBooks ProAdvisor's to better serve the clients of the locally owned accounting firm. In addition to becoming a QuickBooks ProAdvisors, Lane and Yager are also certified in QuickBooks Online. "We think adding QuickBooks ProAdvisors is important to our clients, and helps us advance the BOSS services we offer," says Barry Bowers, CPA and partner with Holste & Bowers LLC. "We are proud of John and Sheri's efforts to pursue this advanced certification to serve our clients with the professional expertise they deserve."

Holste & Bowers provides income tax services for individuals, and BOSS™ services for small businesses. BOSS™ is an all-inclusive solution that offers small businesses relief from the day-to-day accounting hassles while providing 24/7 access to financial data. BOSS services include bill payment, recording of deposits, payroll preparation, payroll tax returns, financial statements, W-2s, tax return preparation, and financial and tax advice as needed throughout the year. All these activities are completed through a technologically advanced platform on the firm's website.

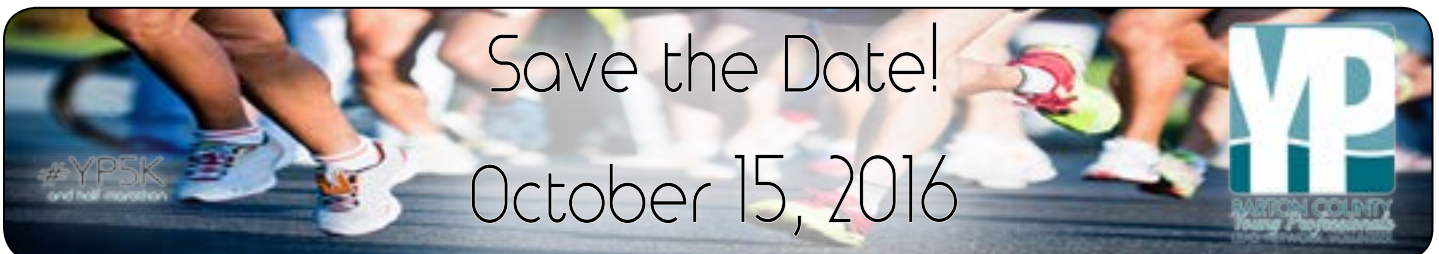
Holste & Bowers has four QuickBooks ProAdvisors on staff, and is a proudly Endorsed Local Provider for Dave Ramsey. Located at 1010 Taft Street in Great Bend, the firm is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. To set up a consultation, call 620-792-5378. For more information, visit [www.greatbendcpa.com](http://www.greatbendcpa.com).



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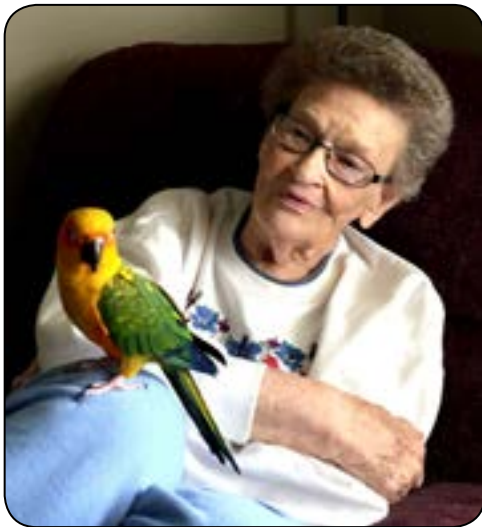
## Kristin Steele new St. Rose health coach

Heart and stroke patients can rely on a new resource at St. Rose Health Center that is designed to prevent further problems and provide a personal health coach to manage day-to-day issues.

Kristin Steele, R.N., is filling the new position created as a result of St. Rose joining the statewide Kansas Heart and Stroke Collaborative. (KHSC). The University of Kansas Hospital sponsors the KHSC; its overall goal is to improve the health of heart and stroke patients in rural Kansas.

While Steele cares for patients in St. Rose's Cardiac Rehab Department on a part-time basis, she is also available to serve as health coach for residents of Barton County. "I am working directly with people who have a history of heart or stroke issues," Steele said, noting they have at least one other chronic diagnosis such as diabetes. "I monitor their general health issues on a regular basis.

Steele's Cardiac Rehab position includes caring for patients after surgery or a procedure such as stent placement. She collaborates with Mike Penn, R.N., and Lori Hammeke, respiratory therapist. "We guide our patients as they use the treadmill and other exercise equipment in our Cardiac Rehab facility," she explained. "We want to help their hearts get stronger and get them back on their feet as they make major lifestyle changes."



## Assisted-Living Suites Almost Complete At Cherry Village

Doris Ramsey's routine at Cherry Village Benevolence illustrates the many options available in her newly remodeled suite. Ramsey's efficiency apartment is one of 12 that have already been remodeled in the assisted-living section at Cherry Village. Updates include flooring, paint and light fixtures; crews will finish the last two units shortly.

Ramsey has lived at the non-profit Cherry Village, 1401 Cherry Lane, for about five years. "I like all the new things in my suite and would definitely recommend Cherry Village to others," said Ramsey, who is almost 89. "The care is good here and I love the staff; they are right here when I need them."

Even though she enjoys interacting with other people, Ramsey noted she highly values her privacy too. "I love to read, which is why privacy is important to me," she explained. "I am certainly not a recluse but I do like to be alone to enjoy my books. I can have that privacy here at Cherry Village." She is also a friend with Jake, the Cherry Village conure parrot. "Jake is kind of interesting," Ramsey noted. "He chose me. I talk with him and take him out of his cage. He walks around on me."

Pam Lewis, Cherry Village administrator, said Ramsey's experience in assisted living demonstrates how residents can strike the right balance in their lives. The level of daily assisted-living care varies. Options include housekeeping, medication administration and bathing assistance. Registered and licensed practical nurses that are assigned only to assisted living are available 24/7. In addition, Cherry Village residents who need physical, occupational or speech therapy don't have to leave the building.

## Girl Scouts Of Kansas Heartland Recognizes Dedicated Volunteers

Two Barton County residents have been recognized with special awards from Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland for their extraordinary service as volunteers.

Dana Morse of Great Bend and Heather Depperschmidt of Hoisington, serve Girl Scout Service Unit 111, received the Volunteer of Excellence Award for displaying excellent service in delivering the Girl Scout mission while working directly with girls in a troop, camp or activity.

"When I think about the impact Girl Scouting has on girls," Morse comes to mind, her nominator said. Within a couple weeks of training to become a leader for Troop 11142, Morse planned an overnight trip for the girls, including organizing a fundraiser.

Depperschmidt leads Troop 11126, a multi-level Girl Scout troop in Hoisington. The troop has participated in parades with Service Unit 111. According to her nominator, Depperschmidt is quick to share information with girls and parents, and is appreciated for all of her efforts "to keep Girl Scouts alive and well in the city of Hoisington!"



To learn more about Girl Scouts, go to [kansasgirlscouts.org](http://kansasgirlscouts.org), email [info@gskh.org](mailto:info@gskh.org) or call 888-686-MINT (6468).



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## Barton Foundation's Big Benefit Auction tickets on sale

Tickets for the Barton Foundation's 38th Annual Big Benefit Auction themed "A Political Party" are available now until Aug 15. Tickets are \$35 each of \$280 per table of eight. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the live auction starts at 8 p.m. on August 27 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Great Bend.



Auction prizes include:

- Golfing Packages – Golfing Kansas and Golfing with the President
- Advertising Packages from Eagle Radio, Rocking M Radio and Nextech
- Barton Sports Package – two reserved seats, reserved parking spot and basketballs signed by the girls and boys 2016-2017 basketball teams
- Dinner for eight at Lizzie's Cottage prepared by Kat Tiede King
- Child's Pedal Powered CASE IH off road ATV
- Eight by twelve foot storage shed
- Two separate boxes of aged and cut beef ribeyes, strips or filets.
- Two nights at Central Kansas Whitetails Lodge; entire lodge, four bedrooms and shooting range.
- Standing desk with anti-fatigue mat
- Sedgewick County Zoo membership
- 50" big screen TV
- Traeger grill
- Maytag washer and dryer
- Election Party for 20 at Camp Aldrich on Nov. 8. Two big-screen TVs, food and beer provided.
- Miller Lite Kansas City Royals 2016 World Champions light
- \$750 gift certificate for the Ambassador Hotel in Kansas City, Mo. Close to the Sprint Center, Kaufman Center and Power and Light District

The auction is being underwritten by Dove Chevrolet Buick Cadillac, Great Bend Farm Equipment, Advanced Therapy and Sports Medicine and UMB Wealth Management. Major sponsors include The Carl Heilman Family, Great Bend Farm Equipment and Great Bend Regional Hospital.

Tickets can be purchased by calling the Foundation office at (620) 786-1136 or by sending an email to [capec@bartonccc.edu](mailto:capec@bartonccc.edu).



## Animal Medical Center Welcomes New Veterinarian, Nickolas Henning DVM



The professional team at Animal Medical Center is excited to introduce their newest veterinarian, Dr. Nickolas Henning. Nick grew up in Ness City, Kansas on a cow/calf farming operation. After graduating from Ness City High School in 2006, he earned a degree in Animal Science from Fort Hays State University, followed by a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from Kansas State University in May 2016.

"As an avid outdoorsman, I love to duck and goose hunt - I pretty much live for it," Henning says. "I still help on the family farm when I can, and I look forward to getting back to my roots in rural Kansas. People here make sense to me, and it's important to me to provide them with good, reliable veterinary care."

## Animal Medical Center Raises More Than 7,000 for Golden Belt Humane Society

The Golden Belt Humane Society recently had to purchase a new air conditioning unit. This unexpected expense was a big hit to one of Animal Medical Center's favorite nonprofit organizations, so the staff at the locally veterinary leader stepped up to organize a fundraiser on July 7th.

Volunteers sold shaved ice and hot dogs, with the clinic matching all shaved ice sales and an anonymous donor matching all hot dog sales. In addition, several donating individuals and organizations provided cash donations to supplement the food sales. These donors included Michelle Barker, Sheryl Cheely, the Adopt-A-Pet organization, and dozens of families who attended the event.

After all receipts were counted and matching funds were received, the total raised by all involved was exactly \$7,000 – the same amount spent on the new air conditioning unit! "We are thrilled that the event brought so many people together to support the Golden Belt Humane Society," says Dr. Nels Lindberg, AMC owner. "Raising \$7,000 will now allow their staff to operate as planned without having to cut services provided to our communities."

For more information, visit [www.myamcvets.com](http://www.myamcvets.com), call 620-792-1265, or like Animal Medical Center on [Facebook](#).



## Grand Opening of Venezia Italian Restaurant

Congratulations to Antonio & Massimo Di Cacurrelli on the opening of Venezia Italian Restaurant in Great Bend, KS. With true Italian roots, the Di Cacurrelli family has a love for food, and culture. Naturally, they love to share this passion with those that visit their restaurant.

With authentic Italian dishes, you are sure to leave full, and happy. The restaurant is located at 3017 10<sup>th</sup> Street inside the Great Bend Hotel & Convention Center.

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## Kansas City Magazine Features Nex-Tech Exec

Nex-Tech CEO/General Manager Jimmy Todd was named one of 50 Kansans You Should Know, in the May issue of Ingram's Magazine, a Kansas City-based business magazine.

Todd, who hails from Georgia, enjoys the rural lifestyle while navigating the fast-paced broadband and technology company based in Lenora. "I'm a small-town guy, and I prefer a small-town life," says Todd. "I felt at home when I came to Kansas."

Todd told Ingram's Magazine he relishes the challenges of connecting rural Kansans to the world. "It's vital out here," he says. "When you start thinking about today's economy and the local market touching the global market, your connectivity and being able to be online through a broadband connection is vital."

The entire feature, and profiles of the 50 accomplished, colorful and influential Kansans can be found online at <http://www.ingrams.com/article/50-kansans-you-should-know-3/>



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## Ambassador Profile - Pete Schartz

The 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. They also volunteer at numerous Chamber events, such as the Great Bend Farm & Ranch Expo and the Annual Banquet. To find out more, contact us, 620-792-2401 or [abauer@greatbend.org](mailto:abauer@greatbend.org).

### Where I Work

I am an Ag Lender with American State Bank with locations throughout central and western Kansas. I am privileged to work with farmers and agricultural businesses in the area to assist in their financial needs.

### Educational Background

I graduated from Larned High School & Kansas State University with a degree in Agricultural Economics.

### My Family

My wife Lisa and I have lived outside of Larned for 16 years raising 4 children Chad (31) Topeka, Jamie (28) Larned, Lane (25) Kansas City, and Mason (18). Mason will graduate in 2017 and we will be left at home with our 3 basset hounds. Jamie lives in Larned with her husband Chris and our 2 soon to be 3 granddaughters.



### As an Ambassador

As a second year Ambassador I have enjoyed coming to the Barton County Community and networking with the citizens through the many activities and events that the local Chamber sponsors.

### Hobbies & Interesting Facts

Family activities and events are priority and keep us on the move. I enjoy golfing as time permits and any KSU event.

## Historical Society to host Rolling Sculpture Car Show

The Barton County Historical Society, with assistance from the Vintage Wheels Car Club and Mid-America MOPARS Club, will host the Rolling Sculpture 2016 Car Show on Saturday, August 27th. This year's show is dedicated to the late Rich Fox, who was instrumental in helping stage past shows. Those wishing to exhibit their vehicles may begin arriving at 9:00 a.m.

Admission is free from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and the show will be held at the Historical Village, on US Hwy 281, just south of Great Bend. Concessions will be provided by Whitetail Concessions and Catering. Weather permitting, rides will be available on the museum's "little train."

## Great Bend chosen for KansasWorks statewide job fair

KansasWorks Statewide Job Fair is scheduled for September 27th from 2:30-6:30 p.m. at nine locations across the state allowing employers to choose the most convenient location for them.

Locations include Concordia, Emporia, Great Bend, Junction City, Mulvane, Overland Park, Park City, Pittsburg and Topeka. This event will open to veterans, their spouses and families for the first 30 minutes before opening to the public. There is no cost to register and the event will be held at the Great Bend Activity Center located at 2715 18th Street in Great Bend.

Space is limited to register visit [www.kansasworks.com](http://www.kansasworks.com) or contact Heidi Brittain at the Great Bend workforce center for more information. Call 620-793-5445 or email [Heidi.Brittain@ks.gov](mailto:Heidi.Brittain@ks.gov).



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## Great Bend Regional Hospital Recognized by the American Red Cross



The American Red Cross recently recognized a number of organizations across the country that sponsored summer blood drives in their communities, and Great Bend Regional Hospital was among the short list of companies named in the Great Bend area. The recognition was awarded based on the local healthcare leader's success in reaching its blood drive goals, something that many events are not able to do.

"We salute you for setting the gold standard for sponsors of the Red Cross to help save lives of patients in need," said the Red Cross letter. "Congratulations and thank you for all you do to support your community!"

In a time of severe blood shortage, Great Bend Regional Hospital facilitates internal blood drives for its employees several times per year. Raylette Oeser, Supervisor for the Laboratory department, volunteers to spearhead the effort by recruiting donors and coordinating with the Red Cross staff.

"Being directly involved with stocking our own blood bank, I have personally seen how the blood shortage is effecting our community," Oeser says. "We have never had any trouble filling our 50 donor slots here at the hospital, and I think that has a lot to do with the passion our employees have for saving lives."

The blood drives at Great Bend Regional Hospital are closed events for employees of the healthcare facility. However, the American Red Cross facilitates dozens of other blood drives in the area throughout the year.

More information can be found at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

## Tickets for 'Wine in the Wild' Now on Sale!

The second annual 'Wine in the Wild' evening, presented by the Great Bend Zoological Society, Nex-Tech, and other generous sponsors, will be held at the Great Bend Brit Spagh Zoo on Saturday, September 10th, from 5-8 p.m. Guests will enjoy an evening stroll through the Zoo, sampling appetizers, beers, and a variety of local wines from Rosewood Winery. All while listening to music from a live band. Our dedicated Zookeepers will be on hand to provide information about our Zoo's wild animal residents. Guests will also have the opportunity to bid on items from local merchants at the silent auction or make a donation to feed or sponsor animals.

Tickets are now on sale for \$35 each or \$60 per couple. To learn more or purchase tickets, visit [www.gbzoosociety.com](http://www.gbzoosociety.com) online or in person at the Zoo or the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development. All proceeds benefit the Great Bend Zoological Society, a non-profit corporation organized particularly for developing and improving the Great Bend-Brit Spagh Zoo.



## Chamber Radio Show



Tune in to KVGB 1590 AM on the first Thursday of every month to hear Eagle Radio's Patrick Burnett discuss the latest Chamber happenings with Marketing Coordinator Maddi Kinkelaar. This month's show will air on Thursday, August 4th at 11:35 a.m.



## Welcome to Our Newest Chamber Members

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## Chamber Office Closed for Labor Day

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## CHAMBER COFFEE SCHEDULE

Every Thursday at 9:30 am

**August 4, 2016**

**Barton County Academy – 5220 West 10<sup>th</sup> St.**

Barton County Academy offers a variety of services to students. In addition to the high school diploma completion program, ESL classes are offered to help non-native speakers gain proficiency in reading, writing, and speaking English. The BCA program also utilizes community services and resources to offer unique educational and recreational opportunities that meet the needs of students both in and out of the classroom.

**August 11, 2016**

**Gentiva Hospice – (Great Bend Coffee, 2015 Lakin Ave.)**

Gentiva Hospice, an affiliate of Kindred at Home, believes that every moment matters. They believe in compassionate care during the end of the life stages. Hospice can provide comfort to patients and loved ones during those difficult times. It can even help with supplies, equipment and hospice medications. Under the direction of a physician, the team of clinicians offers a special kind of caring that encompasses the medical, social, emotional, and spiritual aspects of treatment.

**August 18, 2016**

**Culligan Water – 1706 Main St.**

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**September 1, 2016**

**Ellinwood Hospital Foundation – Education Room, 605 N Main St.**

Ellinwood Hospital Foundation is a non-profit, philanthropic organization dedicated to the improvement of healthcare, through the services of Ellinwood Hospital and Clinic and its cooperating organizations. Learn more about the exciting new services offered in Ellinwood, and see the facility improvements being made!

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