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MEMBER APPRECIATION WEEK SEMINARS, SURVEYS, SIGNAGE & CONTESTS NOV. 2-6

The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development wants to show YOU, our members, how much we appreciate all that you do for our community and for this organization. Every year, we host Member Appreciation Week, but this year we are really stepping it up! As the headline suggestions, it'll be a jam-packed week with opportunities for you to get free advertising, give us your feedback for 2016 member services, and enter to win gift certificates!

Member Appreciation week will technically start a little before November, with a special contest taking place October 12-26th. To encourage every member to take advantage of the NEW Member Information Center (MIC) profile on the Chamber website, we're going to give away a VIP Member Feature Package to one business who creates the most compelling profile! Every member who makes updates to their profile will be entered to win. An anonymous panel of Chamber leaders will review the updated profiles and select one as the most compelling!

The winning Chamber member will receive several forms of recognition. First, the Chamber will create and send a special edition email featuring their company to kick off Member Appreciation Week. Second, they'll be publically recognized during the Chamber Coffee on November 5th. And third, they'll be mentioned in the December issue of the Chamber's Outlook Business Journal.

If you don't get your profile updated by the end of the contest or you need a little help getting started, join us for a come-and-go technical support session on November 4th from 9-11 a.m. at the Chamber office. We'll serve coffee and donuts, and staff will be on-hand to walk you through your profile updates.

Our annual Member Feedback Survey will launch online October 30th and run through the end of Member Appreciation Week, closing on November 6th. This is your chance to give feedback on Chamber services and programs and help us shape our plans for the coming year. As always, three lucky respondents will win a \$50 chamber gift certificate! Stay tuned for more information about Member Appreciation Week, our Online Feedback Survey, and all your chances to win. We'll be sending out information by email very soon!



LEADING UP TO...

- 2016 Membership Plaques Mailed Out
- **October 12th** – MIC Profile Contest Begins
- **October 26th** – MIC Profile Contest Closes
- **October 30th** – Online Survey Opens (Win \$50!)

DURING THE WEEK...

- **November 2nd** – Special Email Recognizing MIC Profile Contest Winner
- **November 3rd** – Work on the Profile & Survey
- **November 4th** – Coffee & Donuts + MIC Tech Support @ 9-11 a.m. (Come-and-Go)
- **November 5th** – Chamber Coffee & Public Recognition of MIC Profile Contest Winner
- **November 6th** – Member Feedback Survey Closes – Last Chance to Win!

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Join Us October 6th for the 25th Annual Oktoberfest

You're invited to the 25th Annual Four Corners Oktoberfest! Join us for a Business After Hours on Tuesday, Oct. 6th, 5-8pm, under the awning at 16th & Main Street for free brauts, beer & all the fixings! Door prizes are given away periodically throughout the evening, and all are welcome!

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Club 1 Fitness Hosts Business After Hours October 22nd

Club 1 Fitness is pleased to announce the completion of their in-depth remodel, intended to complement and enhance the features already in place. The 41,000 square foot sports club offers a host of amenities including basketball and racquetball courts, an indoor cycling studio, an updated group fitness studio, renovated swimming pool and spas, a dry sauna and steam room, state-of-the-art fitness equipment, free weights, a personal training area, new televisions, therapeutic massage, and the Kid Zone Play Area with free childcare for club members.

You are invited to attend their Ribbon Cutting and Business After Hours event on Thursday, October 22nd from 5-7 p.m. with complimentary tours, fitness demonstrations, and samples from ReFuel Zone, Club 1's very own juice and smoothie bar. The ribbon cutting photo will take place at 5 p.m.

About Club 1 Fitness: In 1974 Martin Casey had a vision for our community of Great Bend, Kansas, to provide a healthy lifestyle for you and your whole family under one roof. Throughout the years there have been many changes, but always the vision has remained the same. The mission of Club 1 Fitness is to provide our members and the community with the best health and fitness facility together with our #1 staff, programs and cleanliness the entire family can benefit from and enjoy the wealth of a healthy life. Learn more at club1fitness.net, like our Facebook page, or contact us at 620-792-1366.



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Rotary Club & Young Professionals Group Celebrate Completion of The Tot Spot

Twelve months. That's how long it took a handful of volunteers representing the Great Bend Rotary Club and the Barton County Young Professionals group to bring an idea to reality for the community's youth. What started with a discussion about doing something that would permanently improve the quality of life for area residents quickly turned into shopping around for the best playground equipment vendors. Then it took months of fundraising, planning, and organizing to bring the committee's vision to life. Thanks to their efforts, The Tot Spot playground is now open to the public in Brit Spagh Park.

"It took so many people to make this project a reality. We definitely couldn't have done it without the Great Bend Foundation who helped us accept charitable donations, without the many donors who contributed financially, and without the in-kind support from the City of Great Bend Parks Department who physically constructed the new playground," said AJ Chrest, Steering Committee Member for the Barton County Young Professionals group. "We are so proud of this new amenity for area children, and it meets a need for safe early childhood activity that wasn't being met before."

The playground was unveiled in late August with a Grand Opening event in Brit Spagh Park. More than 350 people attended, with a family picnic provided by the Rotary Club.

The Tot Spot is an early childhood playground that is targeted for children under the age of five, and is centered around musical and educational elements that will encourage physical activity and early childhood development in a safe environment. With a maximum deck height of 48", this playground is designed to reduce the likelihood of injuries for toddlers. An infant learning panel also helps include the "tots" under the age of 2 who aren't mobile enough to climb on playground equipment. A permanent shade structure and eight benches make for a comfortable experience all year round. Bonded rubber surfacing provides a solid padding that is safe for children to play on, smooth for strollers to roll across, and solid so

that messy debris doesn't get carried home in shoes! Be sure to like "The Tot Spot Great Bend" Facebook page to keep up!



Adams Brown Beran & Ball, Chtd. Named in 200 Fastest Growing Firms

Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball, Chartered (ABBB) has debuted on INSIDE Public Accounting's (IPA) sixth annual ranking of the Nation's Top 200 Accounting Firms. The firm ranks 185 in this year's Top 200 list. In addition, ABBB was named as one of the ten IPA 200 Fastest-Growing firms.



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"With more than 500 firms participating in the IPA's annual Survey and Analysis of Firms this year, along with many CPA firm associations contributing to the search to identify the IPA 200, this prestigious group joins the IPA 200 as the definitive ranking of the nation's largest public accounting firms," says Kelly Platt, principal of The Platt Group, the publisher of IPA.

For the most recent fiscal year, IPA 200 firms range in size from \$15 million to \$32.4 million, and from 58 to 235 staff. These firms employ more than 11,600 staff across the nation, down 3% from last year.

"Our firm is constantly growing due to our loyal client base and our exceptional team," said Brian Staats, CPA, managing partner at Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball. "We are honored to be recognized by INSIDE Public Accounting for our performance as one of this year's top 200 firms."

INSIDE Public Accounting, founded in 1987, is published by The Platt Group. The Platt Group publishes both the award-winning INSIDE Public Accounting newsletter and the award-winning National Benchmarking Report. The Platt Group also consults with firms to help them become more successful. The Platt Group works with managing partners, CFOs and thought leaders across the nation to provide practical ideas, benchmarking data and information to take firms to the next level of improvement.

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Last Chance to Qualify for “At Your Service” Awards from Chamber & CVB

Great Bend... At Your Service. That’s the name of the contest and award program being co-sponsored by the Great Bend Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce in an effort to stimulate improved customer service and hospitality awareness for front line staff in our community.

The award contest utilizes a free online training provided by the State of Kansas called “Kansas At Your Service” which is available 24/7 at www.KansasAtYourService.com. Every month, the two organizations will recognize up to two different businesses for earning 100% participation amongst their staff. Those businesses receive an award from the Chamber and CVB for their efforts to provide the highest quality customer service. Award recipients receive a photo and write-up in the Chamber’s Outlook Business Journal, along with a framed award certificate to display in their business.

If your company is interested in qualifying for this award, encourage your staff to complete the online training at their convenience. Each employee who completes the state and regional training will get a printable certificate that the employer is asked to track until all they have 100% employee participation. Then they should notify the CVB at 620-792-2750 to let them know they have reached the 100% milestone.

As an added incentive, all individuals that complete both the basic and regional portions of the At Your Service training will be entered to win one of three \$100 cash prizes that will be given away later this year. The contest runs until November 1st so employers are encouraged to facilitate the training opportunity prior to that date for maximum participation.

Doonan GMC / Peterbilt Celebrates 50th & 60th Anniversaries as Dealers



Last month, the Doonan family celebrated 60 years with GMC and 50 years with Peterbilt. In addition to commemorating those two major milestones, they also hosted a Chamber Coffee and gave tours of their truck Museum. “Where a handshake still means something.”

Young Professionals Spotlight

A monthly update on activities & events for members of the Barton County Young Professionals group.

During the month of September, the Barton County Young Professionals group gathered for a Personal Development Luncheon entitled “Health Care Update” with a presentation from Mike Minton with Benefit Management Inc. Minton shared updates on the Affordable Care Act and provided information on health care options available in the way of insurance, health savings accounts, flexible spending accounts, and more.

October is a busy month for the growing networking group, with two huge events planned to kick off the fall season! The month will start with a Family Fall Fest at Long Pumpkin Patch on Sunday, October 4th from 4-6 p.m., sponsored by Bauer & Pike Law Firm. In addition to pumpkin picking, crafts, photo opp’s, and fall treats, all the kids in attendance will also receive a special gift bag from Bauer & Pike. Because of the large size of this event, RSVP’s are requested prior to October 1st. You can email bartonyp@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

The following weekend, several Young Professionals volunteers will be spearheading the first ever #YP5K and Half Marathon on Saturday, October 10th. The event caters to runners and walkers at all skill levels, and will raise money for bike racks around Barton County. Registration is \$35 per 5k entry or \$55 per half marathon entry, and walk-ins on the day of the event are welcome. Every runner receives a swag bag with a t-shirt and other goodies from sponsors. Sizes guaranteed if pre-registered by October 1st.

Read more about this on the Facebook event by following “Barton County Young Professionals” or “YP5K and Half Marathon” on Facebook. You can also find BCYP on Twitter!

Keep up with news and events for Barton County Young Professionals by signing up for the YP email newsletter and like the Facebook Page, www.facebook.com/bartonyp.

Want to Join?

Anyone who works in Barton County between the ages of 21 and 40 is welcome to join the growing group at any time. For more details or to join, email bartonyp@gmail.com. And be sure to like the Facebook page!



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OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- 1... Chamber Coffee: Office Products Inc, 1204 Main, 9:30 a.m.
- 1... Chamber Ambassador Club Luncheon, 1125 Williams, 12 p.m.
- 1... Noon Lyons Club Spaghetti Feed, Elks Lodge, 1120 Kansas Ave, 4:30-7 p.m.
- 1-3... Barton Theatre Presents "Going to See the Elephants", 245 NE 30 Rd, 7:30 p.m.
- 2... GBPL Adults Night Out Movie "Mad Max", 1409 Williams, 7 p.m.
- 2-3... SRCA Drag Strip Races, Expo Complex
- 2... Great Bend High School Panther Homecoming Chili Supper & Football Game
- 3... Walk to End Alzheimer's, Jack Kilby Square, 2 p.m.
- 3-4... Long Pumpkin Patch Open, 163 NE 30 Rd, Saturday 10-6, Sunday 1-5
- 3... MACK Model Airplane Show & Fun Fly Day, 114 SW 20th Ave, Noon to Dusk
- 4... Young Professionals Fall Fest, Long Pumpkin Patch, 163 NE 30 Rd, 4-6 p.m.
- 5... BCYP Steering Committee Meeting, 1125 Williams, 4 p.m.
- 5... Great Bend City Council, 1209 Williams, 7:30 p.m.
- 6... 25th Annual Four Corners Oktoberfest After Hours, 16th & Main, 5-8 p.m.
- 7... MOPS Meeting, First United Methodist Church, 2123 Forest, 5:30-7 p.m.
- 8... Chamber Coffee: USD 428 Foundation, 201 Patton Road, 9:30 a.m.
- 9... Shafer Gallery Opening Reception "On Fire", 245 NE 30 Rd, 6-8 p.m.
- 10... YPSK & Half Marathon, Veterans Memorial Park, 7 a.m. and 8 a.m.
- 10... Hunter Appreciation Breakfast, KWEC, 592 NE Hwy 156, 8-11 a.m.
- 10... Heartland Farm Workshops "Contemplative Photography" and "Creative Writing", 1049 CR 390 in Pawnee Rock, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 12-4 p.m.
- 10... Mid-America Mopar Shine & Show, Dillons, 4101 10th Street, 1-5 p.m.
- 10-11... Long Pumpkin Patch Open, 163 NE 30 Rd, Saturday 10-6, Sunday 1-5
- 13... Shafer Gallery Sculpture Dedication, 245 NE 30 Rd, 6 p.m.
- 15... Chamber Coffee: Kentucky Fried Chicken, 2917 10th, 9:30 a.m.
- 15... Golden Belt Community Concert, Municipal Auditorium, Lakin & Stone, 7:30 p.m.
- 16-17... SRCA Drag Strip Races, Expo Complex
- 17... Charity Chili Cook-Off, Jack Kilby Square, 1400 Main, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- 17... Kiwanis Costume Drive, Great Bend Public Library, 1409 Williams, 1-3 p.m.
- 17... Murder at the Juice Joint, Stoneridge Country Club, 1438 24th Street, 6 p.m.
- 17-18... Long Pumpkin Patch Open, 163 NE 30 Rd, Saturday 10-6, Sunday 1-5
- 19... Association of Churches Soup Supper, 4100 Broadway, 4:30-7 p.m.
- 19... Great Bend City Council, 1209 Williams, 7:30 p.m.
- 21... MOPS Meeting, First United Methodist Church, 2123 Forest, 5:30-7 p.m.
- 22... Chamber Coffee: Roth Embroidery, 1200 Baker, 9:30 a.m.
- 22... QuickBooks Essentials Training by Holste & Bowers, 1125 Williams, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 22... Business After Hours: Club 1 Fitness, 3806 Broadway, 5-7 p.m.
- 24... St. Rose Blood Screenings, 3515 Broadway, 6:30-10 a.m.
- 24... Kiwanis Halloween Parade, Jack Kilby Square, 1400 Main, 11 a.m.
- 24... Halloween Pictures at Walgreens, 10th & McKinley, 1-5 p.m.
- 24... Healing Hearts Ranch Rodeo Auction & Benefit, Expo Complex, 3 p.m.
- 24... Zoo Boo, Brit Spaugh Park & Zoo, 6-8 p.m.
- 24... Dueling Pianos Fundraiser, Great Bend Events Center, 3017 10th, 6 p.m.
- 24-25... Long Pumpkin Patch Open, 163 NE 30 Rd, Saturday 10-6, Sunday 1-5
- 27... HR Roundtable Luncheon "Health Care Part 2", The Page, 2920 10th, 11:30 a.m.
- 29... Chamber Coffee: C&V Home Improvement, 1107 10th Street, 9:30 a.m.
- 29... Ribbon Cutting & Open House: Clara Barton Medical Clinic, 1031 Jackson, 10 a.m.
- 31... Long Pumpkin Patch Open, 163 NE 30 Rd, Saturday 10-6

RECURRING EVENTS

- Barton County Commission Meetings, Mondays, Courthouse Room 106, 9 a.m.
 GBPL Maker Space Mondays, 1409 Williams, 4 p.m.
 American Legion Bingo, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1011 Kansas Ave, 7 p.m.
 GBPL Story Time, 1409 Williams, Tuesdays at 11 a.m., Friday at 10 a.m.
 GBPL Quiet Study Session for Teens, Wednesdays, 1409 Williams, 3-9 p.m.
 Free Story Time at Everything Under the Sun, Thursdays, 407 McKinley, 10 a.m.
 GBPL "Magic" Gathering, Thursdays, 1409 Williams, 5 p.m.
 GBPL Free Friday Movies, Fridays, 1409 Williams, 4 p.m.
 Unwind with a Glass of Wine at Great Bend Coffee, Fridays, 2015 Lakin, 5-7 p.m.
 Dinner Served at American Legion, Fridays, 1011 Kansas Avenue, 6 p.m.



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Clara Barton Hospital & Clinics Opens NEW Great Bend Location

Clara Barton Hospital and Clinics is pleased to announce the opening of a new Great Bend location. Clara Barton Medical Clinic - Great Bend will now be offering family practice through new PA-C, Kelci Burkey. Debra Brockel, PA, and Dr. T. Scott Webb will also see patients at this facility, located at 1031 Jackson Street. The clinic has six exam rooms for providers to treat patients' acute and chronic illnesses through family practice.

Providers began seeing patients at this location in September, and will host a ribbon cutting and open house on Thursday, October 29th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The ribbon cutting photo will take place at 10 a.m. with refreshments and door prizes to follow.

Kelci Burkey, PA-C, alumni of Hoisington High School and graduate of Wichita State University, worked in the Wichita area before returning to Hoisington. Burkey will be seeing patients in Hoisington two days a week, in addition to providing care in the Great Bend area.

The Clara Barton Hospital Foundation is excited to be providing a scale for use in the clinic. This new scale is a Health O Meter Digital Bariatric Scale which can calculate valuable patient information such as Body Mass Index (BMI).

"This is really about meeting the needs of our community. Expanding our services for the convenience of our patients who drive to Hoisington, allows them to decrease their travel time while continuing to see their trusted providers to address their health care needs. Our providers are coming to you," said Deb Hawkins, Clinic Administrator.

Clara Barton Medical Clinic - Great Bend is a new location of Clara Barton Hospital and Clinics. Clara Barton Hospital is a Critical Access Hospital, Skilled Swing Bed Facility, and Level IV Trauma Center, located in Hoisington, KS. While operating on the cutting edge of medical technology, Clara Barton provides diagnostic and treatment services to patients in and around Barton County through Clara Barton Hospital, Clara Barton Medical Clinic of Hoisington and Great Bend, Russell Family Medical Care, Clara Barton Surgical Services, Clara Barton Specialty Outreach Clinic, and Clara Barton Surgical Services-Orthopedics. For more information about Clara Barton Hospital and Clinics, visit ClaraBarton-Hospital.com or ask your medical provider.



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Great Bend Pilot Club Member Receives International Pearl Sparks Service Award

The 2014-2015 Pearl Sparks Pilot Service Award was awarded to our incoming President of Great Bend Pilot club Betty Schneider. Betty's recognition at the International Pilot Convention in Orlando, FL this July and her winning the award out of the passionate field of other dedicated and nominated Pilot's proves how very lucky our Great Bend community and our Pilot Club is to have Betty Schneider. She is this year's incoming Pilot Club President her leadership and absolute vision of caring and service makes us as Pilot's and our community so very blessed.

Westfall Joins Ni Neighbor Newspapers



With her outgoing personality, Jan Westfall is a natural in the sales field. As the new director of advertising, Jan brings 40 years of sales, marketing and advertising experience to the Hi Neighbor! Newspapers in Larned, Lyons, Hoisington, and Ellinwood. Westfall is active with the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce as an ambassador and board member. She was named the 2014 Citizen of the Year. In addition, Jan is the chairperson of the Farm and Ranch show, a board member of the Family Crisis Center, and member of the First Presbyterian Church. Her husband is Larry, they have two dogs.



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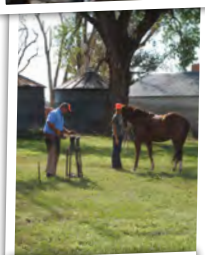
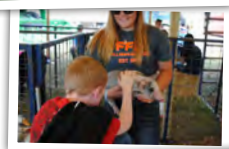
The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development's Ag Committee would like everyone involved with the 22nd Annual Kids Ag Day for donating resources and talents to make this educational day on the farm possible for all fourth graders in Barton County.

Volunteers:

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Renovations, New Services & Other News from St. Rose Health Center

Cardiothoracic & Vascular Surgeon Joins Outreach Clinic

A cardiothoracic and vascular surgeon is one of the newest members on the team of specialists available to local and area residents. Elizabeth Ashworth, M.D., F.A.C.S., sees patients once a month in Great Bend. Dr. Ashworth's home base is the DeBakey Heart Institute at Hays Medical Center where she performs a wide range of heart, lung, vein and artery procedures. HaysMed and Centura Health co-own St. Rose.

"Our goal is to offer more convenience and to reduce the stress that comes with traveling for pre-op and post-op appointments," Ashworth says. "Instead of taking a day off work, you can now just stop by for a consultation or post-op visit and get on with your day. This helps people so much."

A few of Dr. Ashworth's more common procedures include: open-heart surgery that bypasses blocked arteries; heart-valve repair and replacement; abdominal aortic aneurysm treatment; blocked carotid artery surgery; lung-cancer-related surgeries; and treatment of lung infections.

The surgeon completed medical school at Indiana University School of Medicine at Indianapolis. She then completed residencies in general surgery at Indiana University Medical Center and cardiothoracic surgery at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. To make an appointment with Dr. Ashworth call 1-888-832-7138.

Jacobs Named Site Manager for St. Rose Health Center

The new site manager at St. Rose Health Center brings her background in nursing and administration, as well as her long history with the facility to the new position. Zena Jacobs, Great Bend, has served in many capacities at St. Rose and will use that experience in her new role, announced Shae Veach, vice president of regional operations at Hays Medical Center. "Zena is a highly skilled professional with a strong background in nursing, as well as years of supervisory and clinical operations experience," Veach said. "St. Rose is fortunate to have a person of Zena's caliber in the site-manager position."

Jacobs started caring for patients in 2000 at Central Kansas Medical Center, which is now St. Rose. She served in full- and part-time positions in the medical/surgical nursing unit, intensive care unit, convenient care and infusion clinic. Jacobs received her associate's degree in nursing at Barton Community College in 2001. She then earned a bachelor's in nursing in 2009 and a master's in business administration in 2011, both at Tabor College in Wichita.

Patients Receive Benefits of New MRI Machine

The new MRI at St. Rose Health Center has been up and running just a short time and is already impressing patients and the professionals operating it, said Phil Kirmer, radiologic technologist. The machine was recently installed and calibrated in its new home in the spacious first-floor radiology department. MRI services are no longer in a modular building that connected to the facility.

Magnetic resonance imaging uses a magnetic field and radio waves to take pictures of organs and structures inside the body. It can often detect problems that cannot be seen with other imaging systems. The new machine is a GE Signa HDxt 1.5 Tesla, which offers advantages to the patient, such as fewer problems for those with claustrophobia, faster scanning times, and quick access to radiologists who analyze the results.



HaysMed Specialists Move into St. Rose Health Center

Hays Medical Center specialists serving central Kansans have moved into their new home—away-from-home at St. Rose Health Center. The HaysMed Specialty Clinic at St. Rose, which opens Monday, is located on the newly remodeled second floor. The specialists had been located at 1400 Polk.

"This move allows our HaysMed specialists to be just down the hall from many of St. Rose's primary-care providers," said Mark Mingenback, corporate health consultant. "All our health-care providers and Hays specialists have access to the same electronic medical records system."

The new facility was designed with convenience as a top priority, Mingenback noted. "When the new main entrance and parking lot are finished in late October, patients and their families will be impressed with the layout," he commented. "Our HaysMed clinic is located just off the elevator with the waiting room near the balcony overlooking the atrium."

The HaysMed specialists now located in St. Rose are:

- Cardiologists - Drs. Mauricio Anaya and Anil Pandit
- Cardiothoracic Surgeon - Dr. Elizabeth Ashworth
- OB/GYN - Drs. Joel Fort, Lee Hodny, Timothy Hoskins and Rebeka Weber
- Orthopedic Surgeons - Drs. Gulraiz Cheema and Vivek Sharma
- Pulmonologist - Dr. Roman Reznik
- General Surgeons - Drs. Jerod Grove and Paul Teget
- Urology - Drs. Faris Azzouni, Kevin McDonald and Darrell Werth, and Ed Habash, PA

New Patient Portal Gives Access to Online Medical Records

Many St. Rose Health Center patients have strongly indicated they want complete and convenient access to their medical records. And their voices have been heard. The result is called "My St. Rose Patient Portal," which provides direct online access to personal health information.

While many patients want online access to their own records, caregivers also want to streamline information to better care for loved ones. This is especially true for adult children who are caring for parents or grandparents.

When new information becomes available, participants receive an email alerting them to the changes. The added convenience is less phone tag with doctors' offices about common questions related to medications, diagnostic-test results and appointments.

The portal website is www.strosehcc.com/mystrose. The information is housed in an encrypted server with a redundant back-up system. The patient portal meets all governmental requirements regarding privacy.

Dr. Hart Expands Practice with New Dentist



Dr. David Hart and his staff are happy to announce that Dr. Nathan Jergensen, DMD has joined his dental practice at 1821 Kansas Ave in Great Bend. Dr. Hart took the practice over from Dr. Rob Wilson in 2006. After 9 years of service to the residents of Great Bend, the practice became so large that Dr. Hart could no longer handle it alone. With Dr. Jergensen joining the practice they are now able to offer quicker scheduling for appointments, additional procedures, and are able to accept new patients again, including those with insurance and KanCare.

Dr. Jergensen comes to the practice after receiving advanced training at UCLA's Venice Dental Center in Los Angeles. He received extensive training in all aspects of general dentistry including microsurgery. His true passion however lies in helping people replace missing teeth with the placement of dental implants.

Dr. Jergensen moved to Great Bend with his wife, Janessa, and 9-month old daughter, Natalie. Doctor and Mrs. Jergensen were married in Los Angeles in March 2013 while he was still in dental school at Mid-western University in Phoenix, Arizona. They both grew up in Southern California. Dr. Jergensen likes to tell his patients that he grew up in "a small town in California of about 100,000 people." He and his family are enjoying the transition to living in central Kansas. "I kind of like the slower pace of life and not having to fight a million other people to get to work each morning."

Dr. Jergensen completed a Bachelor's degree at Brigham Young University in Business Management. He took time off from school to complete a two-year mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS Church) in Singapore, Malaysia, and Sri Lanka. While there he learned several languages and spent time each day teaching locals about Jesus Christ and the doctrines of the church.

Both he and his wife are active members of the LDS congregation in Great Bend. Doctor Jergensen serves the congregation in the youth group with the teenage boys. An Eagle Scout himself, he has also been asked to be the Scoutmaster for their Boy Scout Troop. Mrs. Jergensen serves as President of the Young Women's organization in the youth congregation.

Appointments may be scheduled with Dr. Jergensen or Dr. Hart by calling the office at 792-5523.

Rosewood Services Earns Mid-America Ag Accolade Award

Rosewood Services recently received the "Mid America Ag Accolade Award" for the month of June, presented by Mid America Ag Network. Related to the award, Rosewood was featured on a half-hour show titled "Mid America Ag Accolades," which originally aired on 1480-KQAM on June 13. The show was subsequently aired on more than a dozen other Mid America Ag Network stations throughout Kansas and Oklahoma.

"We would like to extend our heartiest congratulations," wrote Terry Weinacht, general manager of Mid America Ag Network in a letter that was presented to Tammy Hammond, Rosewood Services founder and executive director. "It is reassuring to know that those who work so hard (do) achieve the recognition they deserve. Your contributions to the Heartland's Agriculture Industry have not gone unnoticed and your accomplishments and hard work put you into a selected group of people within our area."

The mid-June show was conducted by Mid America Ag Network host Craig Mead, who interviewed Michael Dawes, director of marketing at Rosewood Services. The show covered many aspects of Rosewood from the services and supports the agency provides to the unique and innovative aspects of the business, which include a ranch, winery, greenhouse, bee farm, studio arts, industrial kitchen, furniture store, and a retail wine and gift store in downtown Great Bend. All areas of the business focus on providing diverse opportunities for people with developmental disabilities.

"I thank Mid America Ag Network for recognizing the efforts of everyone involved with Rosewood Services, said Hammond. "Rosewood exists today because those we serve embrace the opportunity to be involved in life and to be productive in ways many people would have declared impossible. Working on a ranch, tending cattle and horses, growing tomatoes to be sold, producing wine at a farm winery – these are jobs and experiences that truly make a difference in the lives of those we serve. In turn, they contribute greatly to our community."

The complete "Mid America Ag Accolades" radio show, featuring Rosewood Services, can be accessed online at soundcloud.com/rosewoodservices.



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Champion Service Announces Sale to Schendel Pest Services of Topeka

On August 19, 2015 Schendel Pest Services purchased Champion Services. Over the next several weeks customers will see the transition to new uniforms and logos but service and pricing will remain the same. Kyle and Brett Roberts will still be providing the Great Bend community with the same exceptional service they always have. Schendel has been in business since 1947 and our daily practice has been to honor our PestZero guarantee.



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Halloween Activities for the Whole Family!

On Saturday, October 24th, Great Bend area residents are invited to take part in a number of Halloween activities. Starting at 11 a.m. with the Kiwanis Halloween Parade in Jack Kilby Square, the entire day will be full of family fun! Bring the kids downtown to walk in the parade to show off their costumes. The parade is co-sponsored by Sunflower Diversified Services.

After the parade, meet at the bandshell in the square for a children's show, put on by award winning artist Randy Sauer. The show includes traditional kids music to rock n' roll, to acoustic, and upbeat pop dance music with energy, audience participation and fun activities for all ages in the audience.

The fun doesn't stop there! From 1-5 p.m., Walgreens will be providing free spooky pictures at their 10th & McKinley location.



Be sure to head to Brit Spaugh Park & Zoo between 6 and 8 p.m. that evening to take part in Zoo Boo, an event where dozens of businesses and organizations give out candy to costumed children.

And for the adults, be sure to check out the Dueling Pianos fundraiser happening from 6-10 p.m. at the Great Bend Events Center.

Plains State Bank Welcomes Tim George

Plains State Bank is pleased to announce the addition of seasoned lender Tim George to their staff. Tim will operate from the Great Bend Loan Production Office located at 2700 10th Street in Great Bend. Tim brings to Plains State Bank over 35 years of agricultural lending experience. Tim is a graduate of Pittsburg State University with a Bachelors degree in Business Administration. He is retired from the Kansas National Guard with 20 years of service and the rank of Major. Tim and his wife Teresa are longtime residents in the Larned area where he is involved in many community memberships.



Tim joins Plains State Bank as a Senior Lender and will actively work the Central Kansas Market. Tim's experience, business development skills, and knowledge in lending will be an asset to the bank. "We are pleased to welcome Tim to Plains State Bank," said Gene Dikeman, CEO. "Tim has proven himself to be a leader in agricultural lending for many years. We are proud to have Tim part of the Plains State Bank team. His experience and understanding of modern Agri-business provides insight and direction that supports our strategic growth plans for all of central Kansas."

The Plains State Bank was established in 1906 by the Collingwood Family. The bank prides itself on 108 years of community banking in rural America. The Plains State Bank provides a range of agricultural, commercial and consumer banking services for Kansas communities. Full service banking locations are available at the corporate office in Plains, Kansas and branch location in Lakin, Kansas.

Plains State Bank currently has two loan production offices located in Great Bend, Kansas and Oakley, Kansas.

Lyons Club Spaghetti Feed Oct. 1

The Great Bend Noon Lions Club invites the public to take part in their annual Spaghetti Feed fundraiser on Thursday, October 1st from 4:30-7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 1120 Kansas Avenue. Dine-in or carry-out will be available. Tickets are available for purchase at the door with cash or check.

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Ambassador Profile - Jan Westfall

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 how you can become a member of the Ambassador Club, contact us, 620-792-2401 or abauer@greatbend.org.



Where I Work

I am the Advertising Director for all the Hi Neighbor Newspapers, which publishes newspapers for Hoisington, Larned, Lyons, and Ellinwood. I love working with local businesses!

Background

I graduated from Great Bend High School and then went to Barton Community College where I have an Associate's Degree. After school, I went to work and have been working ever since in some type of marketing or sales capacity.

As an Ambassador

I have been an ambassador since "dirt." I so enjoy being a part of the group and supporting the chamber. The coffees are a great way to learn about existing business and new ones, what they have to offer in the way of products or services.

Hobbies & Interesting Facts

I enjoy going for walks and being with Larry and our dogs. My joy and passion is the Great Bend Farm & Ranch Show. It has been so fun to be involved with the show each year and see it grow. I could write a book about all the people and events that have happened to me. I'm sure it would be a best seller! Ha!

Fundraising & Employee Updates from Sunflower Diversified Services

Dialing for Dollars

Sunflower Diversified Services "Dialing For Dollar\$" fund raiser is Wednesday October 28 from 9am-3pm at the K-96 location. Staff and board members will gather for the day and will be making calls asking for donations that will benefit infants and children. All proceeds go to the Invest In Kids Club which was established in 2011 and is necessary due to cuts in funding. If you would like to know more or to make a donation please call 792-1325 and ask for Connie Oetken.

Sunrise Campaign

Those who donate to the Sunrise Campaign can be assured their generosity will lead to tangible results for their neighbors with developmental disabilities and delays. For example, proceeds help pay for adaptive walkers, shower chairs, van-lift repairs, eyeglasses, wheelchair adjustments, doctors' visits, dental work, communication devices and therapy programs. "As local and state lawmakers cut budgets, the number of people needing basic and advanced care increases," says Connie Oetken, Director of Development. "The needs don't go away because the money goes away. Sunflower must rely on the kind hearts of central Kansans."

The 15th annual Sunrise Campaign kicked off in mid-September and runthrough the end of the year. Sunflower, a non-profit agency, is the only entity in central Kansas that provides services to all ages – birth through retirement. Oetken said anyone who wants to learn more about Sunflower or make a donation, is encouraged to contact her by calling 620-792-1325. She will arrange tours for individuals or groups anytime. Sunflower serves infants, toddlers and adults in Barton, Pawnee, Rice, Rush and Stafford counties.

Early Education Center Welcomes New Specialist

The new early intervention specialist at Sunflower Diversified's Early Education Center (EEC) brings a love of children and bilingual expertise to her new position. Stephanie Prieto, a long-time Great Bend resident, recently joined the EEC team that serves infants and toddlers, age birth to 3. Prieto is currently attending Barton Community College to work toward her bachelor's degree in early childhood special education.

The EEC, 1312 Patton, is part of the tiny-k infant/toddler program in Kansas. The non-profit agency's service area includes Barton, Pawnee, Rice, Rush and Stafford counties. Although it is funded in part by tax revenue, it relies on private donations; services are free. Learn more at www.sunflowerdiv.com or contact the friendly staff at 620-792-1325.

Tune in to ChamberConnect Show Oct. 1st

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Animal Medical Center Welcomes New Veterinarian, Caitlyn Redding

The professional veterinary team at Animal Medical Center is excited to introduce their newest member, Dr. Caitlyn Redding. Caitlyn grew up in Pembroke Pines, Florida playing softball on a travel team and taking in the beaches and everglades. She graduated from Pembroke Pines Charter High School as the Vice President of her class before attending the University of Florida as a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science and Animal Biology in 2011 before earning a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine (DVM) from Kansas State University in May 2015.



"I am excited to get my feet wet, putting all those years of schooling into practice. AMC provides a great client base and several other knowledgeable doctors to learn from," Redding says. "I have a special interest in small animal medicine, and I look forward to meeting all of our clients and their pets."

Redding resides in Great Bend, and spends lots of time with her two dogs, Hoss and Sage. Caitlyn's fiancé is currently finishing a PhD in Nebraska.

Animal Medical Center is located at 622 McKinley Street in Great Bend, and offers full-service small and large animal care including vaccinations, spay and neuter surgeries, acupuncture, animal chiropractic, ultrasound diagnostics, cold laser therapy, surgical laser, digital x-ray, endoscopy, newly developed regenerative medicine, all aspects of bovine and equine medicine, surgery, consultation, and much more. The clinic offers retail products for pet care and nutrition, and boasts a clean open-hospital environment. Regular business hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to noon with a 24-hour emergency service. For more information, visit www.myamcvets.com, call 620-792-1265, or like Animal Medical Center on Facebook.

Show Great Bend Panther Pride in October

Many Great Bend retailers are trying to drum up pride for the Great Bend High School panthers by giving away special bracelets during the month of October. Wear red and black on Fridays, and post a selfie with your Panther Pride bracelet! Learn more at participating retailers or from Christina Hayes, 620-793-4111.



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Submitted by Executive Director Julie Smith

United Way Campaign Schedule

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November 18th

Fall Jeans Day

November 7th

Casino Night at the Sidewinders Clubhouse in Ellinwood, KS

November 27th

Lite to Unite Bike, Walk, Run

December 2015

Ring Bells for Salvation Army

Campaign Comes to a Close

If you would like to volunteer for the United Way of Central Kansas, contact us at 620-792-2403 or visit www.uwck.org!

Hunter Appreciation Breakfast Oct. 10

Duck hunting season begins on Saturday, October 10 for the Cheyenne Bottoms area. Typically, around 300 hunters from across the United States flock to the marsh for the weekend hunt. For the third year, duck hunters are invited to stop by the Kansas Wetlands Education Center after their hunt from 8 to 11 a.m. for free breakfast, coffee, and juice. Biscuits and gravy will be served. The free breakfast is sponsored by Great Bend Regional Hospital.



After filling up on good eats, hunters can learn about Cheyenne Bottoms's history at the education center, peruse through items in the Cheyenne Bottoms Ducks Unlimited Chapter raffle and silent auction, visit waterfowl identification and hunting information booths, as well as share your hunting stories with fellow hunters. Hunters can also get their waterfowl boats inspected for safety for free by KS Wildlife Parks & Tourism Boater Education staff. The KWEC is located at the southeast corner of Cheyenne Bottoms along K-156 Highway. For more details, call 877-243-9268.

Dueling Pianos to Raise Money for Argonne Cheer

The Argonne All-Star Cheer Team invites you to enjoy an evening with "Fun Pianos 176 Keys" for dinner and a dueling pianos show at the Great Bend Events Center. Social hour will take place from 6-7 p.m., followed by a fried chicken dinner catered by Wheatland Cafe at 6:30 p.m. The two-hour show will begin around 7:30 p.m. and is recommended for mature audiences.



Tickets go on sale September 1st, and are available from the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce office, 1125 Williams in downtown Great Bend, or from the Argonne cheerleaders. For more information, contact Argonne Rebels President Keri Schremmer at keri@landm.kscoxmail.com.



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Employment	17,136	14,815
Unemployment	610	700
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	4.5%
KS Unemployment Rate	4.9%	4.5%

City/County Local Sales Tax Distributions Report

	<u>June 14</u>	<u>June 15</u>
Sales Tax for Barton County at 1.00%	\$482,910	\$407,488
Sales Tax for Great Bend at 0.75%	\$249,718	\$221,235

Building Permits

	<u>June 14</u>	<u>June 15</u>
Commercial – GB	11	9
Residential - GB	35	99

Sources:

City of Great Bend, www.greatbendks.net
Kansas Department of Revenue, www.ksrevenue.org
Kansas Department of Labor, www.klic.dol.ks.gov

