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Zoo Gets Facelift & New Exhibits

Improvements at the Zoo Prove Popular with Residents & Visitors

Last month, the City of Great Bend along with the Great Bend Zoological Society unveiled several exciting new additions to the Great Bend Brit Spaugh Zoo. The most notable was a newly expanded grizzly bear exhibit, which debuted over June Jaunt weekend. On opening day alone, more than 1,200 visitors came through the zoo to see the changes.

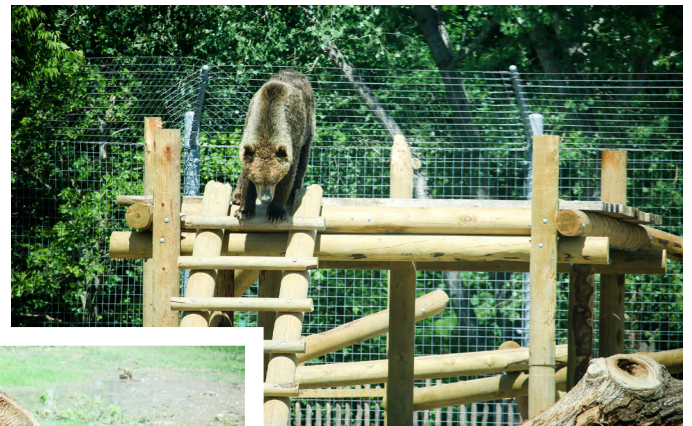
“We started thinking about this project in 2015, and were planning to do something smaller that we could tackle ourselves,” says Sara Hamlin, Curator & Zoo Supervisor. “But then we found a grant from the Dorothy Moses Morrison trust, and applied. When we learned that we had gotten the grant for over \$230,000, we were so excited.”

Once bids started being accepted from experienced zoo contractors, the costs were stacking up quickly. But after meeting with the foundation’s advisors in September of last year, the group generously stepped up again to fund another chunk of the \$800,000 project and the City funded the rest.

The City hired an architect firm out of Wichita that specializes in zoos, as well as a contractor with similar credentials. The new exhibit more than tripled in size and features three small ponds with a stream connecting them and flowing into one larger pond. Right at the base of the large pond is a viewing window so visitors can watch the play in the water.

“Some other popular features in the exhibit are a cave feature that lets visitors peek through the cracks to get an up-close view of the bears,” Hamlin says. “We also added a whole new play structure that didn’t exist before at all. Bears need to climb and play, and it also provides some shade.”

The zoo’s oldest bear, nicknamed “Old Man” by the zoo staff, is named Max. He is somewhere in his mid 30s, and came from Yellowstone National Park when he was a few years old. - Continued on Page 2



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Zoo Facelift & New Exhibit

The younger set of bears, Winnie, Pooh and Piglet, are almost five years old now and came to Great Bend when they were very young.

Other recent improvements at the Zoo include the addition of two new lion cubs that arrived last fall. The Zoological Society paid for a new sidewalk in the butterfly house, and a group of master gardeners added new plants specifically catered to butterflies as well. The Zoological Society raises money through annual memberships and fundraising events, and members get special perks. For example, members get to attend a private viewing event on July 21st. More details can be found about that on the Zoo Society's facebook page.

"Plans are in the works to add a new Bison exhibit as the next major undertaking, but funding will be the deciding factor on when that can be installed," Hamlin says. "We are also getting a new website for the Zoo very soon, and anticipate that launching in August or soon after."

The Great Bend Brit Spaugh Zoo attracts more than 40,000 visitors each year, and those numbers climb from year to year. In addition to Sara, who has been the Curator & Supervisor for over three years, the Zoo also employs two front desk staff, 2 maintenance staff, and 5 zookeepers.

"The Zoo is truly a gem in our community, and so many people comment about how much it has changed over the past few years," Hamlin says. "Not only does it attract thousands of people from out of town each year, but it also provides free, quality entertainment for families that live here. We are very proud of our animals."

The zoo is open seven days per week from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with free admission. Learn more about the zoo at www.greatbendzoo.com, or follow them on Facebook.



Sign up Now for Free Marketing Seminar July 11

Your business could be missing out on FREE or inexpensive marketing services available to you as a member of the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development. The Chamber invites you to attend a FREE Marketing & Member Services Seminar on Wednesday, July 11th from 10-11 a.m. to learn (or re-learn) what the Chamber can do for your business! Complimentary donuts and coffee are provided for the one-hour workshop.

Send someone from your team to make sure your business is getting the most out of their Chamber membership. During the seminar, you'll get a valuable checklist of the top ten ways to use your membership benefits, as well as a demonstration for how to beef up your online directory listing. Register now at www.greatbend.org.

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Gore Memorial Golf Tournament Champions Crowned

The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development was proud to kick-start summer with the 13th Annual Gary Gore Memorial Golf Tournament on Friday, June 1st. The tournament welcomed 23 teams to Stoneridge Country Club for a day of networking and sporting fun. The Patio Party & shrimp boil, sponsored by MPIRE Realty Group & MPIRE Companies, welcomed 140 golfers and guests to the "19th green" to continue the festivities.

The Great Bend Chamber would like to thank over 30 hole sponsors and 40 businesses who donated door prizes, but a special thanks to the Corporate Sponsors: Aztec Property Services, CUNA Mutual Retirement Solutions / American Century Investments, and MPIRE Realty Group / MPIRE Companies.

Championship Flight:

1st Place – Haney, Ball, Schettler, Smith "55"

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3rd Place – Team PEC: Golka, Scheck, LaViolette, McCormick "58"



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Haney, Ball, Schettler, Smith

1st Flight:

1st Place – Jordan, Barrera, Williams, Milsap "63"

2nd Place – Team Watkins Calcara "63"

3rd Place – Wesner, Dudgeon, David, Dunbar "63"

GBRC to Improve Disc Golf and Playground at Vet's

The Great Bend Recreation Commission received a donation from the Golden Belt Community Foundation with the Kansas Health Foundation Children's Health Endowment and the GBRC Foundation for \$41,047 for two upcoming recreation projects slated to begin fall of 2018: Improvements to the 18-hole Disc Golf Course and new toddler playground located on the southeast side of Veteran's Memorial Park.



"The Disc Golf Course Project will begin to move forward in July," said Diann Henderson, Executive Director of the Great Bend Recreation Commission. "The scope of improvements to the current 18-hole course will include utilizing a professional consultant to provide us with a quality championship design that includes new baskets and signage and adequate concrete pads. We are hoping for a course redesign that can be challenging but fair layout with safety being a priority in the design."

The Toddler Playground Project will commence later this fall. This project will include new toddler playground equipment and surfacing designed for active 2-5 year olds which will replace the existing toddler playground located at Veteran's Park.

The Recreation Commission staff and City of Great Bend Park Department staff will work collectively in implementing these two projects in the fall of 2018 and spring of 2019.

Learn more at www.greatbendrec.com.



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Oetken Celebrates 20th Anniversary at Eldridge

Eldridge Fencing wants to recognize Ron "Tator" Oetken as he celebrates 20 years with the company. In May of 1998, Ron started as a foreman of a residential fence crew. At that time there were 3 employees in the whole company. In his 20 years with Eldridge Fencing, Ron has worked his way up the ladder to General Manager where he now helps to manage more than 20 employees. As general manager, Ron assumes many roles including: fencing sales, BBQ sales, estimating and managing the day-to-day operations.



In his time with Eldridge, Ron has been instrumental in the addition of the Traeger Dealership. In 2000, at a trade show, Ron said, "If you don't start selling these grills then I will." During the spring of 2014, Ron also played a huge role in the transformation of Eldridge's showroom from the outdoor furniture line to an all-around BBQ store. With his expertise and experience in carpentry and his love for grilling and processing, Ron has helped to make Eldridge Fencing what it is today.

Wally Eldridge, owner of Eldridge Fencing, said, "I can genuinely say that, without Ron, I don't know where this company would be today. I know that we definitely could not have done it without him. He has become more like family than just an employee. I cannot thank him enough for the time he has given and continues to give us."

From everyone at Eldridge Fencing, congratulations and thank you, Ron for your friendship and years of dedication!

Stude Joins Design Team at My Favorite Furnishings

My Favorite Furnishings is pleased to announce the addition of Mary Stude to our design team. Mary was born and raised right here in Larned. After graduating high school, she earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from Fort Hays State University with a major in interior design.



Here's a few words from Mary about her experience and passion. "During my senior year, I did an internship with an established design store in Great Bend. After graduating, they kept me on and I worked there for over fifteen years. I had a great boss/mentor. Influenced by his natural design skills and easy-going personality, I have grown into a well-rounded designer and have been part of some beautiful projects.

My passion is anything art involved - floral arrangements, window treatments, and Christmas trees are truly sculptures for me. I excel at color and material selection, space planning, and furniture/accessory arranging. Many of my clients say that I have magical skills in creating new life for their existing treasures. I love to blend old with new, rough texture with sleek, and introduce the unexpected."

Mary says that her motto is that there is always more than one answer, and the best answer is what the customer wants. She draws her inspiration from the character of the home or building, and the personality of her clients.

"I am very excited to be given the chance to join the team at My Favorite Furnishings. In just the few days that I have been here, Kari and I have made a great pair," Stude says. "We both bring to the table different skills and balance one another real well. I can't wait to see how much we can make this store grow."

Mary is available for a free in-home consultation through the store. Please call 620-285-6944 to get help with furniture or accessory selections today.

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- 3... Great Bend Community Fireworks @10p.m.
- 5... Chamber Coffee/Ribbon Cutting: Mind Sculpt Games, 2521 10th St @9a.m.
- 9... Touched by Cancer Support Group, Heartland Cancer Center, 204 Cleveland St @4p.m.
- 10... Dine for Dolly at Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers, 3008 10th St @10:30a.m.
- 11... Chamber Marketing & Member Services Seminar, 1125 Williams St @10a.m.
- 12... Chamber Coffee & Business Appreciation Breakfast: Barton County Fair, Expo II @7:30a.m. **The Chamber Program will begin at 8:15a.m.**
- 12... Farmers Bank & Trust Community BBQ, Great Bend Events Center, 3111 10th St @11:30a.m.
- 12... Central Plains Computer Service Customer Appreciation Day, 608 S. Patton Rd @4p.m.
- 17... Central Kansas Partnership Meeting, 1300 Kansas Ave #B, @11a.m.
- 19... Chamber Coffee: Housing Opportunities, Inc., Bedford Place Community Room, 2406 31st St @9a.m.
- 19... Ribbon Cutting: Nex-Tech Wireless, 2827 10th St @10a.m.
- 23... Barton County Historical Society monthly meeting, 85 US Hwy 281 @7p.m.
- 26... Chamber Coffee: Heart of Kansas Family Health Care, Inc., 1905 19th St @9a.m.
- 26... Ribbon Cutting: AromaTouch Therapy w/Cathy Morris, 1125 Williams St @10a.m.
- 28... Bike Brew Q, Great Bend Expo Complex, All day

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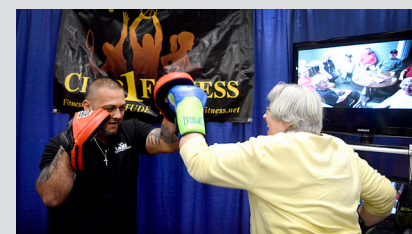
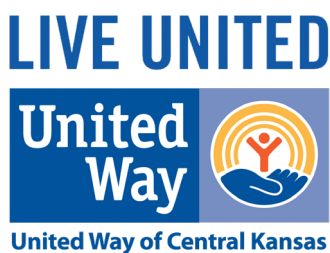
- Barton County Fair, July 11th – 15th, visit www.bartoncountyfair.com for a full schedule of events
- Great Bend Summer Street Stroll Farmers Market, weekly on Thursdays through September 13th, South Side of Jack Kilby Square, 4-7p.m.
- Great Bend City Band Concert Series, Courthouse Bandshell in Downtown Great Bend, July 5th, 12th, & 17th @8:15p.m. On July 17th, the Great Bend City Band will host a dual concert with the 35th Infantry Division Band. This special concert will begin at 7:30 pm with the Great Bend City Band followed by the 35th Infantry Division Band at 8:15 pm. The concert will conclude with a mass band performance of "America, the Beautiful" and "The Stars and Stripes Forever."
- Great Bend City Council Meetings, 1st & 3rd Mondays, City Hall, 1209 Williams St, visit greatbendks.net for time
- Barton County Commission Meetings, Every Monday, Barton County Courthouse, 1400 Main St, Rm 106, 9:00am

Stuff the Bus for United Way Community Partners

The United Way of Central Kansas encourages the community to stop by Wal-Mart and Dillons in Great Bend, as well as Town & Country Supermarket in Hoisington from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m on Wednesday, July 25th for their annual "Stuff the Bus" event!

Stuff the Bus combines the efforts of the local communities to help each and every one of the 23 community partners with their needs. Volunteers will be available on-site to provide information about needed items and answer questions. For those who are not able to make it to the store that day, UWCK encourages you to consider a workplace supply drive or even a donation drive for the cause in return for a "wear jeans to work" day.

There are many ways to support this project and you can make it your own. Questions? Contact UWCK at 620-792-2403.



Reserve a Booth Now for Women's Expo

It's hard to believe, but this year marks the 20th anniversary of what has become a tradition for women and businesses alike.

Come September, the eagerly anticipated Great Bend Tribune Women's Expo will enter its second decade.

The expo runs from 3:30 – 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the Great Bend Events Center, 3111 10th St.

Diane K. Lacy-Trostle said this seems early, but prep work is already underway and now is the time to reserve booth space. The deadline for vendors to get in on this exciting, fun-filled event is Aug. 24.

Booths are assigned on a first-come first-served basis. "This has really blossomed into something special and many women see it as an important part of their social calendar," said Lacy-Trostle. "It continues to grow and improve over time."

"It's a convenient, fun way for your business to mingle with current customers and find new ones," Lacy-Trostle said. "The Women's Expo gives area businesses and organizations personal contact with individuals who may not normally walk through their doors. Expo attendees get the chance to learn about products and services they may not otherwise be exposed to."

It is estimated that between 800 and 1,500 women walk through the doors annually. Admission is free and the expo attracts a large crowd.

For more information about this year's Expo or to be a vendor the 2018 Women's Expo, contact Lacy-Trostle or Tammy Mason at the Great Bend Tribune, 620-792-1211.



Expert Accounting Solutions with a Personal Touch

When Barry Bowers and his partners sat down to decide on a name for their new venture, they “didn’t want to just string a bunch of names together.” Instead, they wanted to convey their wide range of accounting services.

The word “spectrum” came to mind and caught the partners’ attention. The result was the opening of Spectrum CPA Partners LLC on Oct. 1, 2016, at 1400 Polk. “We thought ‘spectrum’ described the full gamut of our services,” Bowers said. “We also chose the word ‘partners,’ which refers to our clients – not those of us who are partners in the firm. We want to build relationships with our clients.

“From the beginning,” he added, “we have differentiated ourselves. Together, we have a deep range of experience and knowledge. But we are not so big that we lose the personal touch.”

That personal touch means clients may call anytime and talk with a real person, not a recording. “You are not just passed to person after person,” Bowers said. “One of us always answers the phone. When new clients come to us, this is what they are looking for. And they really appreciate it.

“We are partners and advisors,” he continued. “Clients can connect with us anytime by calling, emailing or just stopping by.”

Spectrum serves a mix of private businesses, non-profit organizations and individuals with accounting and income-tax services throughout Kansas and in other states. Currently, the smallest business is a one-person venture and the largest has 48 employees. “We have the capability of serving even bigger businesses,” Bowers noted. “But many of our clients are small businesses with one to 10 employees.”

Spectrum is the result of the merger between (David) Holste & Bowers LLC, an accounting firm that opened here in 2008, and Ray A. Cheely Chartered, a long-time local accounting firm. Cheely passed away in 2009 but four employees stayed with the firm. Two of those, David Zink and Cynthia Lockwood, became part of Spectrum.

“I would like to say our successful merger was the result of good planning. But it was just good luck,” Bowers laughed. “The merger went more smoothly than I would have ever imagined.



Barry Bowers, one of four partners at Spectrum CPA Partners, meets with one of his clients. Bowers is a certified public accountant.



“When I talk with other people about their mergers, I hear that our experience is a rarity. All the pieces came together because this really is an amazing group of people. They are caring, helpful and willing to learn. All of this makes a huge difference.”

There were five employees at Holste & Bowers; that number grew to 10 with the merger. The current 11 employees are: Holste, Bowers and Zink, all certified public accountants and partners; Lockwood, accountant and partner; Sheri Yager, Colleen Burton, Rick Warnken, John Lane and Tammy Nye, all staff accountants; Penny Dreiling, bookkeeper and receptionist; and Diane Poncin, additional receptionist during tax season.

“Everyone here is a long-time Barton County resident,” Bowers commented. “Some were born and raised here. Individually, we serve on many civic and non-profit boards. As an office, we deliver Meals on Wheels and sponsor Operation Christmas Child. We are always talking about how to be more involved.”

Spectrum’s service menu includes: payroll services; QuickBooks training; business consulting and planning; bookkeeping; income-tax services; investment tax planning; financial and estate planning; and human resources consulting.

“But we are always creating new services to help you succeed,” Bowers said. “If you need help with something that isn’t on the list, don’t hesitate to ask.”

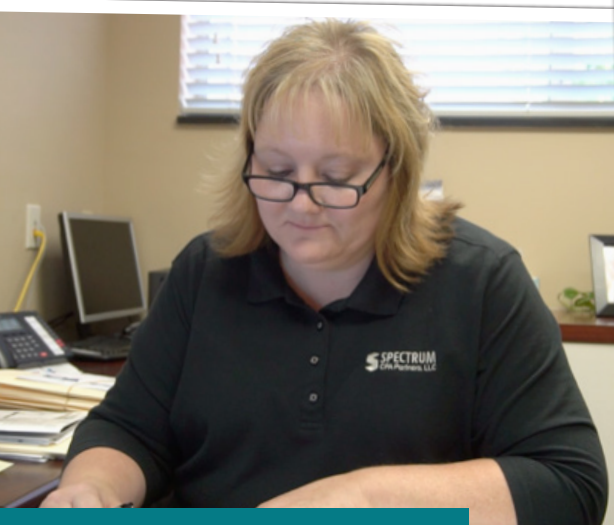
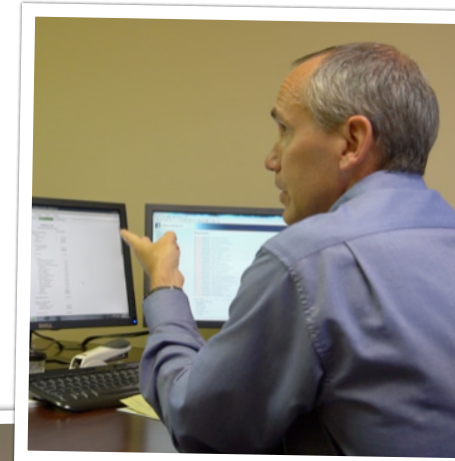
The firm also keeps on top of ever-changing technology. “We hear that in just a few years, everything will be different,” Bowers said. “We have been here just 18 months and already there have been changes. The learning curve is huge. But it is exciting to be part of finding ways to make life a little easier for our clients.”

One example of making life easier is called Boss, which is an all-inclusive solution that offers relief from day-to-day accounting hassles, while providing 24/7 access to financial data.

“With the Boss system, we pay your bills, record your deposits, prepare payroll and payroll tax returns, furnish financial statements, produce W-2s, prepare tax returns and offer advice throughout the year,” Bowers explained. “You define your needs and we assess how Boss can be integrated.”

These are important services, he noted, especially for a business that reaches a point that there is no time for the basics of bookkeeping.

“All of us here want to help local and area businesses,” Bowers summarized. “After all, Great Bend is home. We are passionate about Great Bend and Barton County. If we can help small businesses be more successful, the local economy grows and more people are working.” —



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Animal Medical Center Welcomes Two New Vets

Animal Medical Center, located at 622 McKinley in Great Bend, recently congratulated one of its veterinarians on the purchase of his own mixed animal practice. Dr. Nick Henning and his new wife, Dr. Sa-mantha Henning, recently purchased the veterinary clinic in Nick's hometown of Ness City, Kansas which will re-open its doors on July 1st.

"We were so sad to see Dr. Nick leave, but he had an amazing opportunity to move home closer to his family farm and pursue a new business opportunity. He was a great part of our team, and a close friend and we wish him all the best," says Dr. Nels Lindberg, co-owner of Animal Medical Center. "He left big shoes to fill, but our new veterinarians are up to the task."

Dr. Austin Pauly and Dr. Ashley Hotop joined the AMC family on June 1st and have already hit the ground running. "At AMC, our core values drive everything that we do, and we couldn't have found any more compassionate and trustworthy veterinarians to join us in serving our customers," Lindberg says. "Already, our clients have given us great feedback, and we look forward to continuing to develop these bright young people in their new careers."

Dr. Austin Pauly, a native of Conway Springs, Kansas grew up in a large family on a 120-cow dairy farm, where he first learned how to work hard and find a passion for working with animals. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Life Science from Kansas State University, before earning his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from his alma mater. He enjoys diagnostic care as well as surgical care, and enjoys working in an agricultural based community. He and his wife, Jessica, live in Great Bend and he enjoys hunting, fishing, and grilling in his free time.

Dr. Ashley Hotop grew up in Perryville, Missouri before earning a Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science and a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Missouri. Ashley became a veterinarian because of a passion for helping both animals and people, and enjoys the variety that comes with working in a mixed animal practice. When she's not at work, she enjoys hiking, traveling, playing sports, playing music, and spending time outdoors.

Animal Medical Center offers full-service small and large animal care including vaccinations, spay and neuter surgeries, animal chiropractic, ultrasound diagnostics, cold laser therapy, surgical laser, digital x-ray, endoscopy, regenerative medicine (stem cell therapy), all aspects of bovine and equine medicine, surgery, consultation, and much more. Retail products for pet care and nutrition are also available, and they boast a clean open-hospital environment. The Great Bend location at 622 McKinley is open 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.mymcivets.com, call 620-792-1265, or like Animal Medical Center on Facebook.



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Business Showcase Scheduled for August 20th

The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development, in partnership with USD 428, will host the 4th Annual Great Bend Business Showcase. This teacher appreciation event will take place Monday, August 20th from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the Panther Activity Center (PAC) at Great Bend High School, and will be open to 700+ educators and staff. Watch your email for more information about this free exhibit opportunity available exclusively for Chamber members. Register at www.greatbend.org. Deadline to reserve space is August 10th.



Veteran Cardiologist Sees Patients at St. Rose

Jeffery Curtis, M.D., and his colleagues at Hays Medical Center had been talking about ways to offer Great Bend-area residents even more access to cardiology services close to home. As a result, Dr. Curtis is now seeing patients at the St. Rose/HaysMed Specialty Clinic on a regular basis. His first day was May 23. "We will be caring for patients with all kinds of cardiac issues at St. Rose," said Dr. Curtis, a Hays native. "Patients shouldn't have to travel for all their appointments or for some common tests and treatment."



Dr. Curtis will see patients who have had heart attacks, as well as those with atrial fibrillation, arrhythmias, chest pain, congestive heart failure, blocked arteries, heart-valve issues, high blood pressure and high cholesterol. "We also monitor patients who have had pacemakers or defibrillators implanted," Dr. Curtis noted. "And we can perform echocardiograms here at St. Rose."

St. Rose also offers three cardiovascular screening tests on site. Dr. Curtis has 25 years of experience performing angioplasties and implanting stents at cardiac catheterization labs.

"Angioplasties and stents revolutionized the treatment of heart disease," he said. "These procedures can interrupt a heart attack, which can help save the heart muscle. This, in turn, can help prevent congestive heart failure."

Dr. Curtis is a 1973 graduate of Hays High School; he earned a bachelor's degree in general science at Fort Hays State University in 1977. He graduated from the University of Kansas School of Medicine in 1981, was an internal medicine resident at KU from 1981-84 and chief internal medicine resident there from 1984-85. He then completed a Fellowship in cardiovascular disease at the University of North Carolina from 1985-88.

Dr. Curtis practiced general and interventional cardiology at Stormont Vail HealthCare in Topeka from 1988-2002 and at HaysMed from 2002 to 2013. He then practiced both internal medicine and cardiology at HaysMed.

St. Rose Health Center specializes in primary care, prevention and wellness. Services include St. Rose Family Medicine, Convenient Care Walk-in Clinic, Great Bend Internists, Imaging, Cardiac Rehab, Physical Therapy, Golden Belt Home Health & Hospice and a comprehensive Specialty Clinic. Hays Medical Center, which is part of The University of Kansas Health System, is the sole owner of St. Rose.

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Digital Publication Hitting Inboxes Early August

The Great Bend Chamber strives to adapt and implement new technologies that allow us to work more efficiently and reach more people. In August, we are excited to debut a digital edition of the Outlook Business Journal – **Outlook Online**.

This digital publication will expand circulation and reach, provide interactive advertising with "click-through" links, and feature more business news. To include your news, events and promotions in the August **Outlook Online**, simply submit to marketing@greatbend.org by July 15th. If you plan on placing an insert, instead of printing physical copies of the insert, simply email us your letter sized flyer and we'll put it in the digital packet!

Chamber members are encouraged to watch their inbox and social media in early August for the inaugural edition of **Outline Online**.



Celebrating Community Roots Public Invited to Annual BBQ July 12

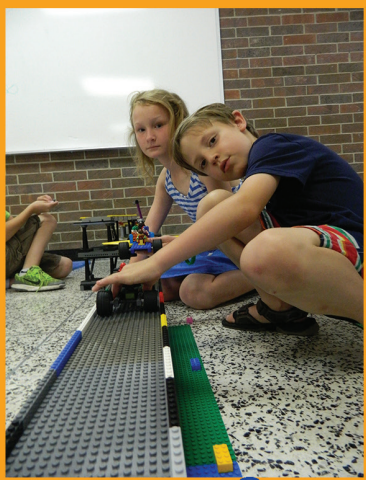
The Great Bend community is invited to join Farmers Bank and Trust on Thursday, July 12th as the bank celebrates 111 years of meeting the financial needs of Central Kansas. The annual celebration will take place at the Great Bend Events Center located at 3111 10th Street with lunch from 11:30am to 1:00pm. Attendees are invited to enjoy food, fun and giveaways. Farmers Bank and Trust is proud to be your financial partner yesterday, today and tomorrow.

United Way Kick-Off Scheduled Aug. 18

United Way of Central Kansas is getting ready to "Step up to the Plate" for our 2019 Campaign. This year's campaign goal is \$275,000 to support 23 Community Partners in Barton & Pawnee Counties.

The Kickoff Event will be on August 18th at 6:00 at the Columbus Club in Great Bend and only 200 tickets will be sold. Attendees are invited to enjoy an upscale night of Ballpark food, drinks, and fantastic entertainment. Curtis the Mentalist will be back by popular demand this year with a new set of mind-boggling tricks.

Tickets are \$50 per person and on sale now at www.uwck.org/kickoff. Reservations can also be made by calling 620-792-2403, or by email unitedwaycentralks@hotmail.com. This night promises to be just as fun as a night at the Ballpark!



SUMMER Camps

Camp schedule for summer 2018!

June 2	LEGO Camp
June 8	Pirate Treasure Hunt
June 15	Fishing Day Out
June 22	Aquatic Camp
June 25	Game Creators
June 25	Video Game Design
June 29	Explore Ft. Larned
July 6	Heartland Farm
July 13	Kids Day at the Beach
July 16	Intro Stem in LEGO Camp
July 16	Stem Challenge Lego Camp
July 20	Zoo Day Out
July 25	CSI & Kids Safety Day



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Barton Paves the Way in Online Education Format

The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development was excited to partner with Barton Community College on June 6th for a special Ribbon Cutting to celebrate their new online schedule offerings. Barton Community College now offers 15 online sessions throughout the year in four, six, eight and 16 week formats via BARTonline.org.

This new format is in an effort to better fit the demands of today's diverse student body. Whether they want a more traditional semester-length course, or more accelerated, condensed curriculum, multiple schedule formats are now available. Barton has kicked off the new format this summer with three sessions, two of which are back-to-back six-week classes that allow students to tackle their general education requirements faster. For example, someone could take English Comp I, then Comp II immediately afterward, tackling six credits in one summer, which would normally be spaced out over an entire school year. Barton Community College is always enrolling for a session. With all these options, the student can build a plan that fits their life! Learn more at www.bartononline.org.



Hutch Clinic Great Bend Welcomes Aaron Thiessen

The Hutchinson Clinic is pleased to welcome Dr. Aaron Thiessen, Ear, Nose, & Throat Specialist. Dr. Thiessen is originally from Whitewater, KS. He earned his medical degree from the University of Kansas and completed his Otolaryngology--Head & Neck Surgery residency at the University of Missouri.

Dr. Thiessen helps adults and children with Ear, Nose, & Throat conditions. He sees patients in clinic and also performs tonsillectomies, ear tubes, thyroid and nasal--sinus surgeries, procedures for mouth and throat cancer, snoring--obstructive sleep apnea, skin cancer, and voice--swallowing problems. He is looking forward to starting practice at the Hutchinson Clinic in August and will be traveling to Great Bend, KS for outreach. To make an appointment in either location, please call 620.669.2500 or go to hutchclinic.com.



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Dr. McCaulley Honored with KOA Service Award

Dr. Russell McCaulley, founder of the 10th Street Eyecare Center, was recently honored with the Legendary Service Award from the Kansas Optometric Association at their annual conference earlier this summer. The Legendary Service Award is designed to recognize those who have contributed to the advancement of the optometric industry in the state of Kansas.

"It was an honor to be recognized with this award," Dr. McCaulley said. "There are so many amazing people who have come before me, and I feel humbled to have made this list."

The 10th Street Eyecare Center is a leader in optometric healthcare, offering everything from routine eye exams and diagnostic testing to retail glasses and contacts and frame repair. The clinic is open six days per week, and office hours are published on their website at www.10thstreeteyecare.com. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 620-792-2020.



Ambassador Profile - Sonya Rein, Errand Lady

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

A job transfer for my husband 32 years ago brought us to Great Bend. We welcomed our daughter a month later and our son in 1990. Great Bend has been a wonderful community to raise our family, great schools, wonderful and generous people who care and are committed to making Great Bend the very best it can be. We were thrilled when our children finished college and decided to make Great Bend their home and start their families here too.

Where do you work and what do you do there?

I am the owner of the Errand Lady. We offer personal shopping, business concierge and organizing services. Our services remove stress from our client's lives by bringing order to their home, business and schedule. Our convenient solutions for small businesses, busy people, families and seniors save them money and give them more time to focus on what is important.

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

I am a big fan of college sports and professional baseball. KU Basketball tickets are a standard birthday gift for me. Someday I want to attend the college baseball World Series and baseball games at all the major league baseball stadiums!

What energizes you and brings you excitement?

I am energized by the positive effect my business services have in my clients' lives. When I can organize a space to allow my client to be more efficient; take care of errands and shopping to give my client more time with their family; handle the routine tasks for a business so they can focus on their customers - I truly feel I am improving their quality of life!

At what job, would you be terrible?

I am a productivity junkie. I live to get things done efficiently and cross it off my list. I would be terrible at any job that doesn't have specific "to dos".

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

I have been a chamber ambassador since 2017. I love supporting and celebrating successes with businesses and non-profits in the community. The chamber coffees are an outstanding opportunity to connect and build relationships. I love being a part of them every week.

About Chamber Ambassadors:

The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Ambassador Club is made up of 30 men and women from the Great Bend business community who represent the Chamber as volunteers. To find out how you can become a member of the Ambassador Club, contact the Chamber: 620-792-2401.



Donald Anderson II Moves Law Office to Great Bend

On June 6th, the Law Office of Donald E. Anderson II, LLC held an open house and ribbon cutting to celebrate their move from Ellinwood to Great Bend, located at 1324 Kansas Ave. Practicing law since 2010, Don Anderson II and his team, Joe Shepack, and Audra Asher, serve Great Bend and the surrounding areas. Their practice areas include: divorce, child custody and support, mediation, criminal defense, violent crimes, and drug crimes.

The attorneys at the Law Office of Donald E. Anderson II, LLC have a combined 50 years experience guiding clients through the system, defending their rights, and fighting for the outcome they need. To learn more, contact the Law Office of Donald E. Anderson II, LLC at (620) 564-2923.



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If your company is interested in joining the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development, fill out the online application on our website: www.greatbend.org. Membership is quick and easy to get started, and it is affordable, too!

You can also sign up to attend one of our Chamber Member Orientation & Marketing Services Seminars. These seminars happen throughout the year.

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CHAMBER COFFEE SCHEDULE

Every Thursday | Doors Open at 9am | Program at 9:30am

July 5, 2018

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July 12, 2018

BARTON COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION

Expo II Building from 7:30 AM. to 9 AM

In conjunction with the Business Appreciation Breakfast, join us bright and early for a pancake breakfast with all the fixings! Outstanding door prizes provided by the 4-H Clubs will be drawn throughout the morning. The 2018 Barton County Fair runs from July 11-15th, with something for everyone! Learn more at www.bartoncountyfair.com.

July 19, 2018

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July 26, 2018

HEART OF KANSAS HEALTH CARE

1905 19th Street in Great Bend

Heart of Kansas Family Health Care is excited to introduce their new dentist at their upcoming Chamber Coffee. Heart of Kansas Clinic is here for everyone, providing affordable healthcare. All insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, and Farm Worker Program participants are accepted.

August 2, 2018

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