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## Barton County Fair

The Barton County Fair will return to the Great Bend Expo Complex for the 28th consecutive year, with a great lineup of things to see, live music to experience, and family activities to enjoy. The theme for 2019 is “A Masterpiece” to celebrate all of the ways that the masterpieces created in our community are brought to life at the County Fair. Everything from a neighbor’s wood carving, a beautiful dress seen for a perfect fit, Grandma’s apple pie, or the photo that captured the perfect outdoor scenery.

*...a Masterpiece!*

“Our volunteers work hard each year to provide a unique perspective to the fair with theme classes and decorations that bring a sense of class to the fair,” says Charles Atkinson, Fair Association President. “With every exhibit on display, to the entertainment that graces our stages, to the awards and honors bestowed to the winners, these are held high as masterpieces.”

The Fair opens on Wednesday, July 10th and continues until Sunday, July 14th with Toby’s Carnival Company anchoring the activities with approximately 12 ride attractions opening every evening. Other entertainment includes the 4H and FFA shows and exhibits, livestock shows and sale, animal shows, stage performances, dog agility demo, live concert, fashion show, ranch rodeo, antique tractor pull, mutton bustin’, pedal tractor pull, commercial exhibits, barbecue, and much more.

But one of the biggest attractions is always the lineup of impressive concerts, starting with a Christian concert night on Thursday. Christian band Building 429 will return to the stage on July 11th, followed by country artist State Line Drive and guest Noe Palma on Friday night. Then on Saturday, July 13th the tribute band Petty Theft KC will perform all the famous songs from

Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers. Afterward, stay for Boogie Wonderland, a 5-piece band performing the greatest disco songs from the last five decades. Tickets for country and rock nights are just \$10 per person, and the Christian concert is free thanks to generous local sponsors.

“Every year presents new challenges, from negotiating entertainment contracts, events and exhibits, developing new attractions, and more,” Atkinson says. “We invite everyone to come out to this year’s fair, where you can meet new people and enjoy great food – a hometown event you can be proud of.”



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# Barton County Fair

*...a Masterpiece!*

Tickets for concerts can be purchased at several local businesses,  
including Community Bank, Credit Union of America, Farmers Bank &  
Trust, Everything Under the Sun, and Miller Lawns.

## Schedule of Events July 10-14, 2019

### Wednesday, July 10

2 PM 4-H Rabbit Show  
4 PM 4-H Poultry Show  
5-10 PM Commercial Exhibits Open  
6:30 PM 4-H Youth Rally  
6 PM Toby's Carnival  
7 PM Free Stage Entertainment

### Thursday, July 11

7:30 AM Business Appreciation Breakfast  
& Chamber Coffee  
9 AM 4-H Swine Show  
11 AM - 2 PM Barton Co. Fair Ag  
Challenge of Champions, FACS Judging,  
Livestock Skill-a-thon Contest  
Horse Demonstration  
5-10 PM Commercial Exhibits Open  
6 PM 4-H Bucket Calf Show  
Toby's Carnival  
6-8 PM Free Stage Entertainment  
7:30 PM Dog Agility Demo  
7:30 PM Christian Concert - Building 429  
with special guest Home Brew

### Friday, July 12

7:30 AM 4-H Dairy Goat Show  
9 AM 4-H Meat Goat Show  
11 AM 4-H Sheep Show  
5 PM 4-H Beef Show  
6 PM Toby's Carnival  
6:30 PM Fashion Show presented by  
Barton Co. 4-H - Free Stage  
7 PM \*Herding Heroes  
7 PM \*Adult Corn Hole Competition  
Outside Beer Garden  
8 PM Country Concert - State Line Drive  
with special guest Noe Palma



### Saturday, July 13

KIDS Day-Promote 4-H Day  
8 AM 4-H Horse Show  
9 AM 4-H Hand pets  
11 AM Open Class Sheep Show  
1 - 10 PM Commercial Exhibits Open  
1:30 PM Antique Tractor Pull  
2:30 PM Registration Mutton Bustin' and  
Kids Ranch Rodeo  
3 PM Mutton Bustin' & Kids Ranch Rodeo  
4:00 - 7:00 PM Trucks & More for Kids  
4:30 PM \*Kids Corn Hole Competition  
5 - 7:00 PM \*Horse Rides by Rosewood  
Services  
5 PM Community Bank Watermelon Feed  
5 PM Kids Pedal Tractor Pull & Adult  
Pedal Tractor Pull Directly After  
5 - 6:30 PM Open Class Swine Check-in  
6 PM Toby's Carnival  
6 - 8:00 PM Free Stage  
7 PM Gary Ewing Memorial Open Class  
Swine Show  
7 PM 4-H Horse Benefit Ranch Rodeo  
7 PM \*Adult Corn Hole Competition  
(Finals) Outside Beer Garden  
8 PM Rock & Roll Tribute with Petty  
Thief (Tribute to Tom Petty) and Boogie  
Wonderland (Tribute to the age of Disco)

### Sunday, July 14

8 AM Sunrise Services Non-  
Denominational Sponsored by 4-H Council  
9:30 AM 4-H Small Animal Round Robin  
10:45 AM 4-H Livestock Round Robin  
Showmanship Contest  
11:30 AM 4-H BBQ  
2 PM 4-H Showcase Awards & Farm  
Bureau Assn. Root Beer Float Social  
2:30 PM Sale of Champions  
4 PM Buildings Closed for Check out  
preparations  
4:30 PM Check out Exhibits

**See a Complete  
Schedule of Events:**

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## One Man's Passion for Leadership Growth Results in Regional Entrepreneurship Conference July 26th

Dr. Nels Lindberg, a successful veterinarian in Central Kansas with a mixed animal veterinary practice and a beef consulting company, doesn't have a lot of free time. Between his two animal health businesses and other ventures in real estate, one might say his plate is full. But for the last several years, Dr. Nels has been studying other leadership experts in an effort to better manage his practice and truly lead his team.



"College did a great job of preparing me to provide medical care to animals. But when I went out in the real world, I felt very unprepared for the task of running a business and managing people," Lindberg says. "So a couple years ago, I decided that it was time someone stepped up to create an event that helps entrepreneurs learn how to be leaders before they make the same mistakes I did early on in my business."

The V.E.T. Leader One-Day conference is the result of that decision, and a large crowd is expected in the event's 3rd year. This year's conference will be held Friday, July 26th in Great Bend, Kansas. Guests can expect to hear from dynamic speakers on all areas of entrepreneurship - finance, marketing, team building, parenting, and more.

"I give talks all over the country to associations, agriculture companies, Chambers of Commerce, and private consulting groups. The most common questions I get are probably not what you'd think. People are hungry for practical, everyday solutions to run their businesses better and grow a team of people around them," Lindberg says. "We put a lot of resources into hosting a world class conference with practical advice you can implement in your business right away. But we keep the cost affordable, and we guarantee you'll walk away inspired or we'll pay for you to attend another event somewhere else!"

Dr. Nels is among the line-up of speakers that will speak around a central theme of creating "Visionary Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow", the words that inspired the conference acronym.

### **Presentations at the 2019 V.E.T. Leader One-Day Conference will include:**

**Practical Steps for the Hiring & Firing Process** - Dr. Nels Lindberg & Dr. Ty Brunswig

**Successful Parenting of Today** - Dr. Randall Spare

**Coming Through Major Life Events on Fire & Winning** - Dr. Dan Thomson

**How to Value a Business for Buying or Selling** - Jason Mayers, CPA

**How to Build a Powerful Brand Presence from the Inside Out** - Martha Piland

**Top 3 Ways to Leverage Google's Free Business Services** - Rachel Mawhirter

**The Five X-Factors to Get People to Follow Your Lead** - Dr. Nels Lindberg

Registration for the V.E.T. Leader One-Day on July 26th is open now at [www.drnels.com/events](http://www.drnels.com/events). Tickets are \$129 before July 1st, or \$149 after July 1st. College students pay only \$90 per person. Everyone who registers online receives a complimentary gift, and lodging discounts are available at select hotels in the Great Bend area. Learn more about the conference, or get signed up by visiting [www.drnels.com/events](http://www.drnels.com/events).

## Farmers Bank & Trust to Host Appreciation BBQ Jul. 11

The Great Bend community is invited to join Farmers Bank and Trust on Thursday, July 11th as the bank celebrates 112 years of meeting the financial needs of Central Kansas. The annual celebration will take place at the Prince of Peace Parish Center, 4100 Broadway, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.

Stop by to enjoy BBQ, fun and giveaways! Farmers Bank and Trust is proud to be your financial partner yesterday, today and tomorrow.



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## Kentucky Fried Chicken Serves More Than Chicken

Your Great Bend KFC is excited to announce the launch of their 20% back fundraising program! Non-profits can now raise 20% without the hassle of selling, out-of-pocket expenses, or sweating it out at the car wash! Churches, schools, athletic organizations, and other non-profits can visit [www.kfcgivesback.com](http://www.kfcgivesback.com) to learn more and schedule online. Enjoy a finger lickin' good meal AND raise money for your cause! For questions, please contact Andrea at [fundraisers@restmngmt.com](mailto:fundraisers@restmngmt.com).



## Comfort Pro Expands with Perma-Glaze Refinishing

Bath Pro, a division of Comfort Pro, recently announced the expansion of their company to include Perma-Glaze refinishing services. The locally owned contractor for heating and air conditioning, plumbing, and water and air quality saw a need among their customers and found a solution. "Twenty years ago Perma-Glaze was a popular option for people wanting to get a second life out of their tubs and showers, but the company that offered it closed and many people thought that Perma-Glaze had gone away," says Barry Stalcup, owner of Comfort Pro. "We recently became a licensed dealer for the national franchise so that this proprietary process can once again be an option for homeowners in our service area."

Perma-Glaze is a proprietary surface restoration process that brings new life to bathtubs, showers, countertops, tile walls, and more. "One of our employees was professionally trained in auto body paint, and the process we use to professionally resurface these tubs and showers is actually very similar," Stalcup says. "Shane Jonas went to a special week-long training to learn the Perma-Glaze process to make sure that we had mastered every step of the process before launching this to the public."

Since launching the new division of their company, Bath Pro has become a popular solution for fiberglass repair. And now the Perma-Glaze option is a great addition to that list of services. In addition to coating tubs in solid colors such as white or almond, customers can also select from a series of 'liquid granite' finishes that give a more stone-like appearance to countertops or tile walls. "People would be so surprised at how incredible this option really is. You don't have to rip out something in good shape just because it's an ugly color anymore," Stalcup says. "We can bring new life and create a brand new surface that will last for years to come. We guarantee it."

Anyone interested in learning more about the new division of Comfort Pro can contact their friendly team in Great Bend, Larned, or Russell. Perma-Glaze is available anywhere in Central or Western Kansas, with free estimates. Customers can browse pictures and get more information on the Comfort Pro website: [www.comfortproks.com](http://www.comfortproks.com).

Comfort Pro is based in Great Bend with other locations in Larned and Russell, and technicians serving customers all over Central and Western Kansas. In addition to plumbing, heating, and air conditioning, the licensed professionals at Comfort Pro also specialize in water softeners, reverse osmosis water filtration systems, air purifiers and humidifiers, Radon testing and mitigation, as well as appliance repair. After celebrating their 10th anniversary last fall, they also recently celebrated receiving the Silver Shield Award from Bryant for exceptional sales and service. Learn more about the growing company on their website at [www.comfortproks.com](http://www.comfortproks.com), and follow them on social media.



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## HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS IN JULY

- 3... City Fireworks Display, Barton County Fairgrounds @ 7:30pm – 10:30pm  
 4... Great Bend City Band Concert, Jack Kilby Square @8:15pm  
 7... Caregivers Count Support Group, First Christian Church, 5230 Broadway Ave @2pm – 4pm  
 7... Bat Cats Home Game, Al Burns Memorial Field @3pm  
 8... Christmas Wood Door Hangers, Dilly & Doc, 1119 Main St @7pm – 9pm  
 9... Dine for Dolly, Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers, 3008 10th St @4pm – 9pm  
 9... Pot Luck Dinner, Great Bend Senior Center, 2005 Kansas Ave @5:30pm  
**10... Member Services & Marketing Seminar, Chamber Office, 1125 Williams St @ 10am**  
 10... Bat Cats Home Game, Al Burns Memorial Field @7pm  
**11... Chamber Coffee and Business Appreciation Breakfast, Barton County Fairgrounds @7:30-9am**  
 11... Farmers Bank Customer Appreciation BBQ, Prince of Peace Parish, 4100 Broadway @11:30am – 1pm  
 11... Bat Cats Home Game, Al Burns Memorial Field @5:30pm  
 11... Great Bend City Band Concert, Jack Kilby Square @8:15pm  
 12... Youth Mental Health First Aid, The Center for Counseling, 1225 S Patton @8am – 5pm  
 13... Bat Cats Home Game, Al Burns Memorial Field @6pm  
 16... Central Kansas Partnership Meeting, Barton County Health Department, 1300 Kansas Ave #B @11am  
 16... Bat Cats Home Game, Al Burns Memorial Field @7pm  
 16... Great Bend City Band Concert, Jack Kilby Square @8:15pm  
**18... Chamber Coffee: Magna Dry of Kansas, 2646 Main St @9:30am**  
 19... SRCA Drag Races, Barton County Fairgrounds  
 19... Public Reception and Performance Dr. Paul Rudy, BCC Shafer Art Gallery @6:30pm – 8pm  
 20... SRCA Drag Races, Barton County Fairgrounds  
 21... Trinity River Band Concert, Foundry Methodist Church, 5401 Broadway @6:30pm  
 22... KSN Summer Road Trip Live Broadcasts from Great Bend, More Details TBA  
 23... BCC Theater Performance, Jack Kilby Square Shell @7:30pm  
**25... Chamber Coffee: High Call Outfitters, 4100 10th St @9:30am**  
 25... Allie Cartwright presents: Fostering a Healthy Work Environment, Chamber Board Room, 1125 Williams St @1pm  
 26... V.E.T. Leader One-Day, Great Bend Events Center @8:30am – 6:30pm  
 26... Ronnie & The Rockits Concert, GB Public Library, 1409 Williams St @6pm  
 27... The University of Kansas Health System Lab Fair, 514 Cleveland St @ 6am – 9am  
 27... Bike Brew Q, Great Bend Expo Complex, see [www.bikebrewq.com](http://www.bikebrewq.com) for details!  
 27... City Wide Garage Sale, All Day  
 31... United Way Stuff the Bus, Dillons and Walmart @10am – 6pm

### Recurring Events:

Great Bend City Council Meetings, 1st & 3rd Mondays, City Hall, 1209 Williams St @6:30pm  
 Barton County Commission Meetings, Every Monday, Barton County Courthouse, 1400 Main St, Rm 106 @9am  
 Barton County Fair, Barton County Fairgrounds, July 10-14  
 Backyard Bible Blast, Foundry Methodist Church, 5401 Broadway, Weekly kids event, for more info call 620-397-3325

See more community events by visiting our website: [www.greatbend.org](http://www.greatbend.org)

## Reserve a Booth Now for Women's Expo Sept. 24

The Great Bend Tribune has already started reserving booth space for this year's Women's Expo. This annual event will take place at the Great Bend Events Center, 3111 10th Street on Tuesday, September 24 from 3:30-7:00 p.m. The deadline to reserve your spot is August 23rd. Booths are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Admission is free to attendees and the event draws a large crowd of women wanting to engage and explore what our community has to offer.

Winners for door prizes are drawn throughout the event and vendors are encouraged to offer sample, demonstrations and product sales.

For more information on how you can participate in this year's Women's Expo, contact Tammy Mason or Mary Hoisington at the Great Bend Tribune, 620-792-1211.



## United Way Event to Include Comedian

A stand-up comedian in Great Bend? That's right! Cyrus Steele, one of Atlanta, Georgia's top comics and master impressionist, imitating everyone from Seinfeld, Barack Obama and Donald Trump, will be performing in Great Bend on August 17th. Steele has also been a part of HBO's Comedy Wings competition and America's Got Talent. Want to see the show? Then "Join Our Camp" for the United Way of Central Kansas Kickoff event.

Tickets are only \$50 per person or buy a table for \$400. The evening starts at 6:00 with a social hour and a chance to bid on Silent Auction items followed by a delicious campfire dinner. Steele will take the stage and start the laughs following dinner. But you won't want to leave right after the show. UWCK will have select items available for bidding, including the coveted Head Table for next year's event.

Get your tickets today by visiting [www.uwck.org/kickoff](http://www.uwck.org/kickoff) or call us at 620-792-2403 to get your seat reserved. Tickets are limited and we hope to see you there.

Proceeds from this event benefit 22 local non-profit agencies as well as numerous Community Impact Programs that UWCK provides to Barton & Pawnee Counties.

With 99% of the funds raised staying local, and all decisions being made by our local Board of Directors, you can rest assured that your donation is being put to good use.

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## Two Restaurants, One Legendary Standard for Exceptional Mexican Cuisine & Friendly Service

During a recent visit with Rodrigo Razo, it became pretty obvious why his restaurant is so successful. It was just after the 11 a.m. opening of Playa Azul, 4909 10th, when the first customers of the day, who had been waiting in the parking lot, came streaming into the Mexican restaurant. Razo acknowledged many of them with a fist-bump or other greeting.

“We love it here,” Razo commented. “We like being social with everyone who comes in. The focus here is customer satisfaction.”

Razo is the manager at Playa Azul, while his sister, Veronica Lara, manages a second Mexican-food restaurant just down the street at 3212 10th. “Some customers say they like one restaurant better; some say they like the other better. And some say they just like both,” Razo said.

That unscientific poll stems from the differences in menus at each location. Playa Azul features more traditional fare and Maria’s is a “little bit more upscale, a little fancier,” Razo explained. Both restaurants offer several traditional American dishes. This is where the customer satisfaction comes in. “We want to please everyone,” Razo commented.

However, if a patron is unhappy for whatever reason, the staff will do its best to make it right.

Playa Azul opened in 2003 “and we added on in 2012 because we were so busy. But even with the addition, we were still packed and sometimes there was still a line outside,” Razo recalled.

Each restaurant is owned by a different company. Maria’s doors opened in 2015 after Razo learned the site was becoming available. Its capacity is about 110 customers; Playa Azul can accommodate close to 250 patrons.

The building that now houses Playa Azul had been empty for more than a year before the restaurant opened its doors, Razo mentioned. Maria’s has about 15 employees, while 20 staff members serve the Playa Azul clientele.

“Everyone here is aware that customer satisfaction is always the goal,” Razo said. “Employees at both restaurants are the backbone of the businesses. We wouldn’t be here without them.

“The kitchen is the heart of each location,” Razo continued. “We appreciate all our staff members being here and being so polite with our customers. And, of course, we appreciate all our customers at both restaurants. We certainly wouldn’t be here without them.”

While both locations are always hopping at lunch and dinner times, they are especially busy on Friday and Saturday evenings and at lunchtime on Sunday.

But no matter the time of day or day of the week, chips and sauces are always available when guests arrive.

“Our sauce has a little bit of a hit, a little spicy,”

Razo said. “We have lots of

Anglo customers and we know not

everyone likes it too

spicy. But we can

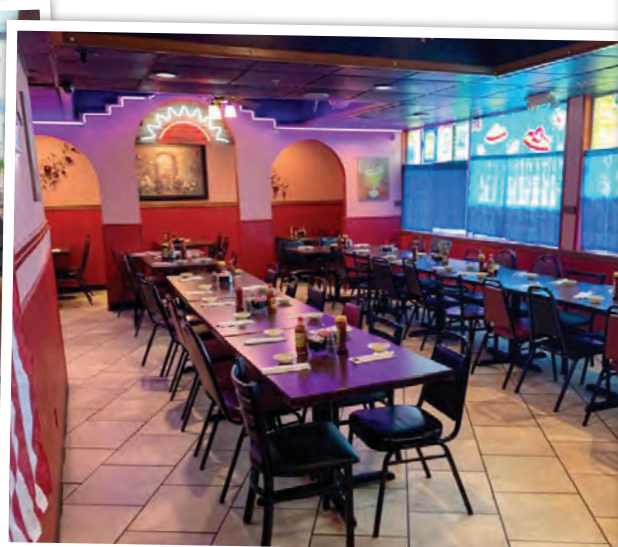
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hotter. There are

several options for

hot and sweet sauces.”

When the conversation turned to the margaritas, Razo smiled and said “they are famous at both places.”





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## ABBB Adds Bruner as New Staff Accountant

The certified public accounting firm of Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball, Chartered (ABBB) is pleased to announce the addition of Matthew Bruner to their professional team.

Bruner started with ABBB as an intern in 2017 and continued working while attending Fort Hays State University. He recently transitioned to a full-time staff accountant role. "We're excited that Matt has chosen to launch his accounting career as a member of the ABBB team," said Brian Staats, CPA, CGMA, managing partner of ABBB. "We look forward to witnessing his continued growth as an accounting professional."

A 2019 graduate of FHSU, Bruner holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting. He currently resides in Great Bend, Kansas, his hometown. For more information about Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball, please visit [www.abbb.com](http://www.abbb.com).



## Benefit Management Announces as New President

Benefit Management LLC is proud to announce Dallas Scrip as their new President. He possesses the experience, skillset, and knowledge necessary to successfully lead BML.

Dallas earned his master's degree in the Social Sciences from Baker University. He joined the BML family in July of 2009 in the Sales and Marketing department, then worked as a Group Sales Consultant and SVP of National Sales. Dallas has had a successful 10-year tenure at BML, specializing in providing customized cost containment solutions to enhance employer's self-funded health plans, while also being integral in the development and marketing of BML's new Value-Based Administration division. In addition to success at BML, Dallas is an active industry leader, serving multiple terms as a board member of the Wichita Association of Benefit Professionals (WABP), formerly Wichita Association of Health Underwriters (WAHU), including a term as President.



## Knudsons Retire After 33 Years with American Family

Rhonda and Jay Knudson have retired after 33 years from American Family Insurance. Their last day was June 30th, and since then the Knudson's have turned over the care of the agency to Established American Family agent Christopher Boys.

Knudson commented, "It has been an extreme pleasure working in Great Bend with our clients and their families. We could not be any more confident in Chris and his team and their ability to serve our clients bringing his operational knowledge and expertise to the agency. We want to wish Chris and his team the best during the transition and for the future."

Christopher Boys Agency, Inc. is located at 10th and Main, 1925 10th St. in Great Bend and 2405 Central Ave, Dodge City, KS. He and his team can be reached at 620-225-0800 or view his website <https://agent.amfam.com/chris-boys>.

## Alliance Insurance Welcomes Parsons to Sales Team

Alliance Insurance Group would like to introduce its newest Licensed Insurance Agent Meghan Parsons. Meghan is a very active community member and her two High School Student Athletes Lexi and Blaike keep her very busy as well. Join us in welcoming her and her family back to Great Bend by stopping by to see her or call her as she is looking forward to serving you and all of your Insurance needs.

"Our dedicated staff of insurance professionals is known for its friendly service and positive attitude," Parsons says. "Alliance represents several National as well as local carriers."

Alliance Insurance is an independent agency offering Auto, Home, Life, Medicare, Commercial, Farm & Crop insurance from over two dozen different companies.



## Rosewood Services Coordinates Purchase of Tricycle for Local Teen with Disabilities



Rosewood Services coordinated the purchase of a specialized tricycle for a Pawnee Rock teenager with special needs. Italia De Tello, 17, received her new trike in mid-May, two years after her previous tricycle was mangled in a tornado that swept through Pawnee Rock. The purchase of the trike was made possible by contributions of three entities: Rosewood Roots & Wings Foundation, Southwest Developmental Services Inc., and Salina AMBUCS Breakfast Bandits.

"The De Tellos are such a giving family; they've done a wonderful job of always

trying to make the world a better place," said Vicki Schmitt, senior director of Rosewood Services. "They are very deserving of this donation."

The project began several months earlier with a request from Anita De Tello, mother of Italia, to Schmitt. Other needs had already been addressed for Italia in previous person center planning meetings, but Italia still needed the specialized tricycle that provides balance and coordination when she rides. The new mint-green trike with white wall wheels was finally purchased from Golden Belt Bicycle Shop in Great Bend and delivered to her.

"The bikes are important because they give our family an outside experience together," he said, adding that they ride bikes twice daily, weather permitting. "This is our circle of trust with Italia; we do everything together as a family. We include her in everything because she is a key ingredient of our family. Now, she has her bike to join in once again."

Anita has witnessed an additional benefit to Italia receiving her new tricycle. Living with autism, it can be difficult for Italia to express her feelings. The oldest of her siblings, the trike has now allowed Italia to outwardly express her independence.

"It's amazing that three organizations pooled together to make this happen for her, said Anita. "We are so thankful for their donation to Italia and to our family."

## Register Now for Seminar from Allie Cartwright: "Fostering a Healthy Work Environment"

Smart businesses today know that happy employees are loyal people that give you their best work. No one wants to be a bad boss, and there is so much you can do to cultivate the work culture you desire. If you strive to be a joy to work for, join me at the Chamber on July 25th at 1 p.m. where I will give you real, practical information and tips you can implement immediately to improve the quality of your work environment.

### We will go over:

- How thought habits create reality and fostering a healthy dialogue
- How to help your employees discover their best habits for an engaged life and work experience
- The truth about time management and how to have all the time you need.

This free session is open to anyone currently in or striving to move into a leadership position. When you make your employees a priority, you have a solid team to take your business to new heights.

My name is Allie Cartwright and I am a Speaker/Educator on whole health through meditation and mindfulness. I teach groups how to discover their unique brand of self-care so they may live their best lives.



## Applications Being Accepted for Grants from CPI Endowment

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

The CPI Quality of Life Barton County Fund seeks to improve the quality of life in Barton County. Projects must make a tangible and visible improvement in the community.

Applications for competitive grants must be postmarked by Monday, July 1st. Grants will be awarded at the end of July.

Applications are available online by clicking the Grants link on the foundation website at [www.goldenbeltcf.org](http://www.goldenbeltcf.org). Grant guidelines are also posted on the website. Please contact Teresa Mazouch, Program Officer at (620) 792-3000 or [teresa@goldenbeltcf.org](mailto:teresa@goldenbeltcf.org) with any questions.

### Golden Belt Community Foundation

At over \$22 million in total assets and more than 184 funds under management, the Golden Belt Community Foundation has been connecting people who care to causes that matter since 1996. Golden Belt Community Foundation exists to provide non-profit organizations in central Kansas with a permanent source of support and to serve as a vehicle for charitable giving for donors. GBCF serves the counties of Barton, Pawnee, Rush, and Stafford. For more information about Golden Belt Community Foundation, call (620) 792-3000 or visit their website at [www.goldenbeltcf.org](http://www.goldenbeltcf.org).





## Tractor Supply Store Now Open in Great Bend

There was excitement surrounding the opening of Great Bend's new Tractor Supply Store at 3709 8th Street. Merrilee Loder, store manager, welcomed a crowd for the June 7th Ribbon Cutting and introduced nine new staff members. The new Great Bend location was built using a new store layout which features a double Dog Washing Station for pet owners to use for a nominal fee. The station includes industrial sized washing tubs, a variety of shampoos and conditioners, grooming stands and even a dryer to send your dog out in style following their bath!

Also at Tractor Supply, shoppers will enjoy a variety of options including: clothing, equine and pet supplies, tractor/trailer parts and accessories, lawn and garden supplies, sprinkler/irrigation parts, power tools, fencing, welding and pump supplies, riding mowers and more. Everything except tractors! Visit your neighborhood Tractor Supply Store Monday – Saturday, 8am – 9pm and Sundays from 8am – 7pm.



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## KSN News to Broadcast Live from Great Bend

The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development, along with Barton Community College, is excited to bring KSN-TV to you! Both organizations have stepped up as Town Sponsors for the "KSN Summer Road Trip." The KSN news team will be traveling throughout Kansas in the month of July to visit lots of communities in their viewing area, and Great Bend is on their route for July 22nd.

Come out and meet KSN Chief Meteorologist Lisa Teachman and check out the new Midway Motors KSN Storm Tracker, Gwyn Bevel, Bret Buganski and Stephanie Bergmann, along with Good Day Kansas Host Jillian Carroll, July 22nd and 23rd, during the KSN Summer Road Trip. Show your community pride during KSN News at 5pm and 6pm while they broadcast LIVE in Great Bend July 22nd. And share a cup of coffee with Gwyn and Bret from Kansas Today on the 23rd as they will be live beginning at 6am. Stay tuned to KSN and visit KSN.com for more information and make plans to visit with members of the KSN team as they explore your hometown.

Your Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development and Barton Community College are excited to bring more exposure to Great Bend and its College during the KSN Summer Road Trip!



## P&S Electric Celebrates 30 Years in Business

The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development recently celebrated the 30th Anniversary of P & S Electric and P & S Security, owned by Paul and Tia Pack. The celebration was on the tail of the recent relocation to 255 W Barton County Road. Customers and staff can now find both businesses in one location.

Paul is passionate about Great Bend and employs 17 staff members. He shared that on the P & S Electric side, another 20 could easily be hired based on demand and jobs secured. P & S Electric will train anyone willing to work, including helping them obtain their journeyman's license. Find P & S Electric online at [ps-electric.com](http://ps-electric.com) and on Facebook.

Rob and Toyia Roblyer can also still be found on Security side and are excited about the larger space to showcase their broad range of archery, guns, ammunition, tactical gear, alarm and camera systems. And don't forget the Pro Shop! Whether you're a seasoned hunter or choosing your first personal firearm, count on the experts at P & S Security in to impress you not only with their great selection, but with their 25 years of experience and brand expertise, too. Find P & S Electric online at [pssecurity.net](http://pssecurity.net) and on Facebook.



## Heartland Collision Center Shows Off New Sign

Heartland Collision Center, located at 1015 Baker, has a new sign. The refreshed exterior was cause for celebration during a recent Ribbon Cutting hosted by the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development.

Living in Kansas, chances of getting those pesky hail dents or hitting a deer are pretty high! They hope you don't need them, BUT if you do, give Oliver Snook and Kasey Higgins a call at Heartland Collision Center. They can also do custom paint jobs, detailing and more! Even vehicles need some TLC once in a while!

Congrats to the gang at Heartland - we are loving the new signage and excited for the future!

Contact Oliver or Kasey by calling 620-282-0005 or by connecting with them on Facebook.



## GREAT BEND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## WELCOME to Our **NEWEST** Chamber Members

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### WANT TO JOIN THE CHAMBER?

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## CHAMBER COFFEE SCHEDULE

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

July 4, 2019

### NO CHAMBER COFFEE

Happy Independence Day!

There will not be a Chamber Coffee this week because of the holiday. The staff and board of directors for the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development would like to wish all of our members a safe and memorable Fourth of July!

July 11, 2019

### BARTON COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION

Expo II Building | 7:30 - 9:00 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 2019 Barton County Fair runs from July 10-14th! This year's theme is: Barton County Fair - A Masterpiece. Learn more at [www.bartoncountyfair.com](http://www.bartoncountyfair.com).

July 18, 2019

### MAGNA-DRY OF KS

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July 25, 2019

### HIGH CALL OUTFITTERS

4100 10th Street in Great Bend

High Call Outfitters is a constant "change in progress." New lines are always being added and we are always looking for the up-and-coming brands - both western and mainstream. Our customer service continues to allow us to reach unlimited opportunities. Join us for the Chamber Coffee, and experience the "New Western."

August 1, 2019

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2123 Forest Avenue in Great Bend

The mission of Great Bend First United Methodist Church is to develop and inspire passionate followers of Jesus Christ. At First UMC, we work diligently to equip and empower servant leaders in our congregation and community. First UMC is proud to support ongoing community programs such as CIRCLES of Central Kansas, MOPS and more!

Sunday Worship: 9:00 a.m. Traditional | 11:00 a.m. REVIVE  
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