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HISTORY & CULTURE TAKE FLIGHT SEPT. 28-30

Great Bend Airfest Returns With More Attractions Than Ever

This September marks the 75th anniversary of the Great Bend Army Airfield, which was built in 1943 for the training of B-29 aircrews. These aircraft were part of the first B-29 combat wing of World War II, and during the Great Bend Airfest weekend September 28-30, the world's only two flying B-29 Superfortresses, Doc & Fifi, will fly together for only the 2nd time in 53 years!

"Great Bend's 2018 Airfest will be the largest gathering of airworthy WWII and Korean Conflict warbirds anywhere in the central United States this year," says Martin Miller, manager for the Great Bend Municipal Airport. "The two signature aircraft will fly together in four separate shows over the 3-day weekend, and they'll be joined by aerobatic demonstrations and formation flights. It'll be a special moment for all ages."

The local Airfest event happens every three years, and always draws a crowd. This year, the unique lineup of rare aircraft, flying demonstrations, and plane rides will make this even more popular than in previous events. "The B-29, P-51, C-45, Stearman, T-6, and helicopter will all be providing rides all three days," Miller says. "Costs for flights vary, but those who've gone in the past will tell you how memorable the experience is, especially if you appreciate the history of the aircraft."

On Saturday the 29th, U.S. Congressman Roger Marshall will be present to help honor the airfield and all American veterans during a special celebration to honor those who have served our country. Following the second airshow of the day, dignitaries will make a few brief remarks before a 1940's style hangar dance begins featuring the nationally known talents of the "Ladies for Liberty" accompanied by the J. Bennet Band. The dance will open with instruction from Lee Ann June and demonstrations from experienced dance couples. The evening also includes a cash bar.

Not only will visitors experience history and see famous air shows, they'll also enjoy great food, view military equipment displays, and have the opportunity to get airplane and helicopter rides in a relaxed, family friendly environment. "It's rare that we can provide such an incredible event for our region," says Christina Hayes, Great Bend Community Coordinator. "Every Great Bend Airfest gets better and better, and we are excited to collaborate to provide this event that is so rich in history, entertainment, and education to honor those who have served."

View a complete schedule of events on the event website: www.greatbendairfest.com. You can also see details by searching for the "2018 Great Bend Airfest" event on Facebook. For more information, contact Martin Miller at the Great Bend Municipal Airport, 620-793-4168.



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Chamber & Young Professionals Group to Launch Community Wide Visioning Project this Fall

The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development, along with the amazing Barton County Young Professional group is leading the charge for a community Visioning Project. Community visioning is both a process and a plan that engages the entire community to determine what they value and what they would like Great Bend to look like in the next 10-15 years. It is an opportunity for all citizens to share their thoughts, opinions, and ideas which will move us closer to a desired future.

The project, which is funded by a grant from the Harms Trust, is an exciting endeavor that will allow all citizens to participate in determining what the future of Great Bend can be! We want to ask the hard questions, get new ideas, and come up with a dynamic plan of action that everyone and every organization can support. A lofty idea, perhaps - but we know it can be done and we are excited to get started!

First, we have enlisted the assistance of a dynamic consultant - Shockey Consulting to help in this process with the end result being a working plan to be shared with all of the community next February. The lead consultant - Sheila Shockey grew up in Kinsley, Kansas and understands the challenges and opportunities facing rural communities. In addition, she brings experience in helping both large and small communities to be the very best they can be. Check out her company at www.shockeyconsulting.com.

The next step in the process is to mobilize a dynamic Steering Committee representing various facets of our community who possess vision, insight, wisdom and valuable experience. This committee is currently being formed. Later this fall, there will be 2 or 3 community wide events where citizens can share their ideas publicly. Essentially, everyone will have the opportunity to make GREAT BEND - BETTER THAN GREAT!

A new website is being developed where the public can follow the project while it is in progress, and information will also be available in future issues of the Outlook Business Journal and on the Chamber's website: www.greatbend.org. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks about the launch of this exciting project for Great Bend!



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Save the Date - University of Kansas Health Systems to Host Facilities Dedication Sept. 27

The University of Kansas Health Systems along with the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development will host a dedication of healthcare facilities in Great Bend for Chamber members and the general public to attend:

Thursday, September 27th, 2018

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Administration Building - Conference Room

514 Cleveland St, Great Bend, KS 67530



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Ribbon Cuttings & Celebrations in Great Bend

DAT HIIT Performance Celebrates 1 Year in Business

Welcome to the Chamber of Commerce, David Tudor! David Tudor is the owner of DAT HIIT Performance. He offers high intensity interval training (HIIT) classes and one-on-one personal training. David is an Ellinwood native and is a Certified ISSA Personal Trainer, Highland Game Athlete, State Champion Powerlifter, and is certified in CPR/First Aid. Find DAT HIIT on Facebook @DATHIITPerformance and don't forget to check out the new DAT HIIT apparel, only at The Fieldhouse, 2817 9th St. Great Bend. David can also be reached at 620-617-0159.



Golden Belt Bicycle Celebrates Grand Opening for New Owners

On August 9th, the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce welcomed Golden Belt Bicycle Company as a new member and celebrated new owners, Todd and Amanda VanSike. Located at 1111 Main St. Great Bend, Golden Belt Bicycle Company provides sales and service for all types of bicycles from three-wheelers, to wicked 'two-niners'. Golden Belt Bicycle Company covers your pedal power needs whether they be on the road or on the trail. Check out their Facebook page, @GoldenBeltBicycleCompany to learn about their group rides and stay connected, or call 620-793-7060.



AromaTouch Therapy with Cathy Morris Joins the Chamber

The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce was left smelling like a relaxing haven following the Ribbon Cutting for Cathy Morris, owner of AromaTouch Therapy. Using her doTerra Essential Oils, Cathy offers a therapeutic massage like no other. Unlike traditional massages, AromaTouch Therapy offers a soft massage, letting the oils do the work, based off of each individual's needs. Cathy is currently seeing clients at both Renue Salon & Spa, downtown Great Bend, and Chiropractic Arts in Hoisington. NEW offerings now include Make & Take Parties to compliment your next get together at Renue. While members of your group are getting their manicures and pedicures, the remaining party go-ers can join Cathy for a fun experience making their own scrubs, room sprays and more, using essential oils. To learn more, contact Cathy Morris at 620-785-4584.



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Business Showcase Deemed Huge Success



The Great Bend Business Showcase on August 20th was a packed event, with more than 76 exhibitors and 700+ teachers and staff from USD 428 and other schools. Thank you to everyone who came to support our educators and make them feel appreciated and welcome in the new school year!

Kids Ag Day Enters 25th Year for 4th Graders



Kids Ag Day is a hugely anticipated educational field day for fourth grade students from all over Barton County, organized entirely by volunteers. Approximately 400 students learn about the importance of agriculture, and this year will be the event's 25th year. Thank you to everyone involved! Watch our Facebook page for more pictures to come after the event is over September 5th.

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Healing Hearts Ranch Earns \$10,000+ in Donations

Healing Hearts Ranch is pleased to announce that they are the 2018 third quarter recipient of more than \$10,000 in charitable donations from members of the local 100+ People Who Care group. Healing Hearts Ranch serves a vital need for families facing mental health challenges by providing support through equine assisted psychotherapy. Licensed therapists and equine specialists work with clients and horses to establish relationships that address treatment goals for behavioral issues, ADD, PTSD, substance abuse, eating disorders, depression, anxiety, relationship problems and communication needs. Through these relationships, clients learn about themselves and others by participating in activities with the horses, and then processing (or discussing) feelings, and behaviors. To learn more about Healing Hearts Ranch, please visit their website at www.healingheartsranch.com, and be sure to like the organization's Facebook page.



The next giving meeting for the 100+ People Who Care group will be held Tuesday, November 6th, 2018, at 5:30 p.m., at the Best Western Angus Inn Courtyard. At that time, representatives from Healing Hearts Ranch will return to provide an update on their progress in utilizing the \$10,000+ gift. Members will also vote to select and nominate local, charitable organizations to receive future funds. More details can be found on the group's website, www.100bartoncounty.org, or on their Facebook page.

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

- 5... Bullet Journaling 101, Great Bend Public Library, 1409 Williams St @5:30p.m.
- 6... Ribbon Cutting: Renue Salon & Spa, 1419 Main St. @9a.m.
- 6... **Chamber Coffee: United Way of Central Kansas, Jack Kilby Square @ 9a.m.**
- 6... Monthly Ambassador Meeting, 1125 Williams St. @Noon
- 6... **Chamber Business After Hours: Comfort Pro, Columbus Club, 723 Main St. @5p.m.**
- 6... St. Francis Community Services Tips-Mapp training Kick off, 4907 10th St. @6p.m.
- 7... Adult's Night Out Movie, Great Bend Public Library, 1409 Williams St @7p.m.
- 8... 6th Annual Golden Belt Glow 4 Life 5k/1mi Walk, Veteran's Memorial Park @6:30a.m.
- 10... Touched by Cancer Support Group, Heartland Cancer Center, 204 Cleveland St. @ 4p.m.
- 10... Kevin Hines - Suicide the Ripple Effect, Golden Belt Cinema 6, 1222 Kansas Ave., multiple show-times starting at 4:45p.m.
- 10... Barton Planetarium Movie Night: Fall Stars, 245 NE 30 Rd @7p.m.
- 11... Dine for Dolly at Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers, 3008 10th St., starting at@10:30a.m.
- 11... Downsize to Rightsize Your Life, Holiday Inn Express, 3821 10th St. @5:30p.m.
- 13... **Chamber Coffee & Ribbon Cutting:** The Errand Lady, Great Bend Chamber of Commerce, 1125 Williams St. @9a.m.
- 14... **BCYP Networking Mixer sponsored by Spectrum CPA**, Walnut Bowl, 3101 Washington St. @6p.m.
- 15... KWEC Butterfly Festival, 592 NE K-156 Hwy @9a.m.
- 15... Dancer + Mom Work out, Danceography, 1709 Main St. @9a.m.
- 15... Living Proof Simulcast - Beth Moore, First Christian Church, 5230 Broadway Ave. @9:30a.m.
- 15... School Spirit Day, Great Bend Public Library, 1409 Williams St @10a.m.
- 15... The Zoological Society's Glow Ball Golf, Stoneridge Country Club @5p.m.
- 16... Back to Church Sunday - Community Worship & BBQ, First UMC, 2123 Forest Ave, 10:30am
- 17... Barton Planetarium Movie Night: Four Planets, 245 NE 30 Rd @7p.m.
- 18... Central Kansas Partnership Meeting, 1300 Kansas Ave #B, @ 11a.m.
- 20... **Chamber Coffee: Sunflower Diversified Services**, 5957 Eisenhower Ave. @9a.m.
- 20... Ribbon Cutting: Kansas Children's Service League, 3520 Lakin, Ste 107 @3:30p.m.
- 20... 18th Annual Sunflower Diversified Services Chris Cakes Pancake Dinner, Prince of Peace Parish Center, 4100 Broadway @7p.m.
- 24... Barton Planetarium Movie Night: Science Magic, 245 NE 30 Rd @7p.m.
- 25... Great Bend Tribune 20th Annual Women's Expo, Great Bend Events Center, 3111 10th St. @3:30p.m.
- 27... **Chamber Coffee: Golden Belt Humane Society**, 1151 S HWY 281 @9a.m.
- 27... Pawnee Valley Community Hospital Foundation Community Conversation: Distracted Driving, Larned Community Center Auditorium, 1500 Toles, Larned @6:30p.m.
- 27... Grand Opening Kansas Health Systems Great Bend Campus @5:30p.m.
- 27 - 30... NHRA Lucas Oil Drag Racing, SRCA Drag Strip, All Day
- 28 - 30... 2018 Great Bend Airfest, Great Bend Municipal Airport, All Day
- 28 - 30... Hahn Brothers Shootout, Great Bend Motorcross Park, All Day
- 29... 2nd Annual Hero for Heartland 5K Fun Run, Heartland Center for Spirituality, 3600 Broadway @8a.m.
- 29... Long Pumpkin Patch Opening Weekend, 163 NE 30 Rd @10a.m.

Recurring 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 Council Meetings, 1st & 3rd Mondays, City Hall, 1209 Williams St, 6:30p.m.
- Barton County Commission Meetings, Every Monday, Barton County Courthouse, 1400 Main St, Rm 106, 9:00am



UNITED WAY Campaign Launches!

United Way of Central Kansas' 2019 Campaign is underway and is off to an amazing start! The Kickoff Event was a great success, raising more than \$35,000! Thanks to numerous sponsors, enthusiastic guests, and the support of an amazing Board of Directors, this event was a hit from start to finish.

Chamber Coffees in Hoisington and Larned drew guests to learn more about what UWCK is doing in their communities and the work that UWCK's Community Partners are doing to help the residents in their communities in their times of need.

UWCK hosted their first annual Kickoff Tailgate in Ellinwood for the home season opener of the Ellinwood Eagles, with a free will donation requested for burgers, chips, and water before the game. During halftime the winners of the annual Poster Contest were recognized and presented their posters to leaders in Ellinwood.

United Way also attended the Touch-A-Truck event in Hoisington, serving up donuts donated by Town & Country Supermarket. This was also a free will donation with monies raised supporting Literacy Kits.

As September gets underway, UWCK is excited to host the Great Bend Chamber Coffee on September 6th at the Jack Kilby Square. Join UWCK to find out to learn how they are supporting your neighbors, friends, and family in Great Bend. Visit with UWCK board members, Community Partners and staff about how you can get involved. Central Kansas is home to all of us, and UWCK is proud to be doing work to make this community stronger and healthier.



10 YEARS OF SERVICE IN
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In September 2008, Barry and Daphne Stalcup were just venturing out on their own to start a new business called Comfort Pro. Little did they know that it would see the immense growth they've experienced since that time. "I was nervous at first, because we had two kids under two years old, and I was a stay-at-home mom," Barry's wife Daphne recalls. "We got a small loan and took things one day at a time."

Barry had been plumbing since he was 16 years old. After working for another local company for over a decade, he decided he had bigger dreams. "Daphne was always really supportive. Right after we started, the economy was crashing and things weren't looking good. But against all odds, we made it work."

Comfort Pro's first location was a small rental shop with 800 square feet at the back of the building that now houses Bling on Lakin Avenue. Soon after, Barry hired his first employee, who still works for Comfort Pro today. "That first year, there would be some days where we'd only have 4 calls. And other days we couldn't keep up," Barry says. "It was a roller coaster for sure."

A couple years later, he purchased his second location at 2700 Main Street. For several years, Barry was able to add an employee each year.

"We would pay the bills around the dinner table at night after the kids went to bed," Barry remembers. "Daphne always wrote out the checks and envelopes because my handwriting was so bad, and my aunt Kristy Stalcup, did the books for us for a while. It was a small operation and we worked day and night on it at the beginning."

Comfort Pro really took off when the owners of M&F Plumbing, George and Patty Smith, approached Barry about purchasing their business which had a location in Great Bend as well as a location in Larned. The acquisition was finalized in 2014 along with a new business partner, at which point the Comfort Pro team grew from 5 employees to 15 employees overnight. George and Patty stayed on for about a year, helping the Stalcups with the operation and making the transition as smooth as possible.

For a few months, the Comfort Pro team crammed into M&F's building on Frey Street until they could move into a much larger facility at 503 Williams in the spring of 2015, where they still base out of today. The 24,000 square foot facility gives the rapidly growing company the room it needs to stock ample parts and inventory of furnaces and air conditioners. "As we grow, we continue to get better rates on our equipment because of our volume, which helps us save our customers money and get the project completed much sooner," Stalcup says.

Once the Great Bend location was situated, it was time to upgrade the Larned location. In 2017, Barry purchased a different building that had been an eyesore on Highway 56. "We completely renovated it so that we could add a showroom to sell new appliances and expand into appliance repair over there," he says. "My grandpa grew up in Larned, and M&F had been in Larned since the 1950's so we were definitely committed to staying there and serving the people of Pawnee County."



But that wasn't all that was happening in 2017. At the same time, Barry was in negotiations with Rick and Karen Gates from Russell, Kansas to purchase their business known as R&M Heating and Cooling. The small business only offered HVAC, which left new opportunities for expanding into plumbing and water treatment as well. Before the end of that year, Comfort Pro closed on its third location. Between the two Russell employees that came on at that time as well as a few others that had joined the team in the years prior, the growing business now has 31 employees with 25 trucks doing new construction and service work all over Central Kansas.

In addition to plumbing and HVAC work, the local contractor also specializes in water treatment with water softeners and RO systems. Comfort Pro also offers air purifiers and humidifiers, and is the only certified provider for radon testing and mitigation in the area, adding air quality to their impressive resume.

"I've learned very quickly that when a good opportunity presents itself, you have to jump on it," Barry says. "We've expanded our services and specialties a lot since we first started, just to meet the demand in the area."

These new services include fiberglass repair for tubs and showers, recordable diagnostic imaging on a state-of-the-art self-leveling full color sewer camera, mini-split systems and variable refrigeration flow systems (VRF), and more.

Despite immense growth and a rapidly expanding team of professionals, Barry and Daphne have remained focused on providing quality work at an affordable price. "We want to create a business our kids can be proud of. Our daughter, Kennedy, wants to be the secretary some day and our son, Mason, has shown an interest in taking over the family business down the road," Barry says. "It's important that we treat customers with respect and we always stand behind our work."

Comfort Pro is very active in community projects, donating time and resources to local nonprofits as well as supporting local events such as high school sports and nonprofit fundraisers. They are proud members of four different Chambers of Commerce, and their community reach is expanding all the time.

"In the beginning, Barry said he wanted to stay small - just a couple guys and a couple trucks. Now we laugh about that, but I'm proud of everything he's accomplished," Daphne says. "It's been a wild ride these first ten years, and we couldn't have done it without our family, our amazing employees, and our loyal customers. We hope to continue growing in the next decade."



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Sunflower Diversified Pancake Tickets on Sale

Tickets for the 18th annual Sunflower Diversified Services pancake dinner and related raffle are now available. The event is set for 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20 at the Prince of Peace Parish Center, 4100 Broadway. On the same day, Sunflower will host the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce Coffee at 9 a.m. at the CHS facility, 1521 K-96. "The Chris Cakes dinner and entertainment are popular attractions each year," said Connie Oetken, Sunflower director of development. "It is always gratifying to see the community come out in full force to support our clients."

Sunflower, a non-profit agency, serves infants, toddlers and adults with developmental disabilities and delays in Barton, Pawnee, Rice, Rush and Stafford counties.

Tickets for the all-you-can-eat pancake-and-sausage dinner are \$5 each. They are available in advance or at the door for dine-in or carry-out. In addition, raffle tickets are available from now until the pancake feed, where Scott Donovan of Eagle Radio will host a live remote and FX Unlimited, DJ, will entertain with background music. Each raffle ticket is \$5; for those who buy five, the sixth is free. Ticket holders do not have to be present at the dinner to win. Prizes include gift cards for various restaurants, Dillons and Ellinwood Packing.

For more information or to purchase dinner and/or raffle tickets, call 620-792-1325. Sunflower is in its 52nd year.

GBCF Accepting Applications for County Grants

Golden Belt Community Foundation is accepting competitive grant applications for the unrestricted county funds. Unrestricted grants may be used for any charitable purpose allowing community organizations and individuals to define and plan for the future of their community. A few examples include but are not limited to: supporting a special project for seniors, further developing the arts, or making a small building improvement. Nonprofits in Barton, Pawnee, Rush, and Stafford counties may apply online: www.goldenbeltcf.org. Not a nonprofit organization or not affiliated with a nonprofit organization? The foundation still would love to hear your ideas: (620) 792-3000 or email sue@goldenbeltcf.org. Detailed grant criteria and exclusive application cycles are available in the GBCF's comprehensive grant database on its website, www.goldenbeltcf.org/grants.

Suicide Prevention Movie to be Shown Sept. 10

The Suicide Prevention Task Force of Central Kansas Partnership invites the public to a free event on World Suicide Prevention Day, Monday, September 10th. In an effort to raise awareness, multiple showings of "Suicide, the Ripple Effect" will play at Golden Belt Cinema 6, 1222 Kansas Ave., Great Bend. Kevin Hines attempted to take his own life on the Golden Gate Bridge. He uses his own personal experience to help others in telling his story. Counselors will be on hand during the showings. Show Times in all 6 theaters: 4:45p.m., 5:15p.m., 5:45 p.m., 6:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. Free will donations accepted.

For more information, please contact Holly Bowyer at The Center for Counseling and Consultation, 620-792-2544 or holly@thecentergb.org

Spectrum CPA to Offer QuickBooks Classes

Spectrum CPA Partners of Great Bend is kicking off another series of QuickBooks Essentials classes for the fall. These 4-hour classes help participants avoid costly mistakes: creating key reports, setting up new clients and customers, shortcuts that will save you time, cutting accounting expenses by doing data entry, avoiding common mistakes, and more. These courses are designed for business owners, bookkeepers, and managers. Everyone who signs up this fall will also receive a bonus of a 1-hour consultation to solve your toughest QB problem. Class have been scheduled for September 27th, October 23rd, November 20th, and December 18th with limited space in each session. Cost is \$147 per person which includes the class, workbook, and lunch. For more details or to sign up, contact Spectrum's office at 620-792-5378 or email sheri@spectrumcpa.com.



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BARTON *More Than Meets the Eye*

COMMUNITY COLLEGE - Continued Series from August Issue, Written by Brandon Steinert

Barton's breadth of innovative programming, disruptive approaches to online education and focus on local industry needs were the focus of Part I last month. Part II is all about the arts. Barton has some gems when it comes to fine and performing arts offerings.

Shafer Art Gallery

Known and founded initially for its permanent collection of bronze statues crafted by Leonard E. "Gus" Shafer, this modern sleek space has hosted dozens of shows featuring local artists and family friendly events as well as nationally and internationally known traveling exhibits.

The Gallery's roots date back to 1981, when Mrs. Faerie Denman of Great Bend donated the extensive 507-piece art collection that she and her husband Cedric, had acquired over the years. The collection, valued at more than \$200,000, demanded proper storage and the means by which Barton could share the artwork with the community. Now numbering more than 800 pieces, the Permanent Art Collection includes 28 of Shafer's bronzes and more than 100 works by Great Bend native Charles B. Rogers. The collection also contains masterpieces by such artistic giants as Chagall, Matisse, Picasso, Audubon, as well as many others. Learn more about the gallery at ShaferGallery.org.



Fine & Performing Arts: Dance | Music | Theatre | Art

Barton has completely revamped its academic dance offerings with the hiring of a new instructor, Danika Bielek. The program boasts generous scholarships to dance majors and a rejuvenated Barton Dance Theatre, the program's resident student dance company, which takes the study of dance to a deeper level and gives students a chance to perform live.

The music department has earned a reputation in higher education across the country and beyond for both vocal and instrumental talent, drawing students from abroad to study under the college's experienced instructors, including Steve Lueth, instrumental, and Sara Oberle, vocal. Barton is frequently the only community college invited to perform alongside the state's university bands at the annual Kansas chapter of the National Association for Music Education conference. The music department hosts several concerts available for the public to enjoy throughout the year. Members of the community are also recruited to play in the Community Band and Orchestra and the Central Kansas Community Choir. Music groups include the Barton Jazz Band, Hilltop Singers, Concert Choir, Orchestra, Da Capo, Dolce and Pep Band.

Barton's Theatre Department, under the guidance of Dr. Rick Abel, hosts several performances each year including a small student-directed performance, original plays by community members and famous musicals and plays with name recognition. All the plays are available for the public to enjoy for nominal admission.

Barton's visual art offerings include ceramics, painting, photography and more, with state-of-the-art facilities and beautiful spaces and supportive, talented instructors to support the creative process. *Learn more and keep up with the latest Barton news at news.bartonccc.edu.*




Glow Ball Tournament to Raise Money for Zoo Society Sept. 15

The Great Bend Zoological Society is kicking off their annual membership drive with a Glow Ball Golf Tournament on September 15th at Stoneridge Country Club from 5-10 p.m. Golfers will begin the evening with nine holes under "normal" conditions. Families and non-golfers are invited to a patio party that will begin around 7 p.m. with music, food, and some special "guests" accompanied by the Zoo staff! Whether or not you golf, you will want to get your golf ball purchased for a chance to take home your own "green" at the 7:30p.m. Ball Drop! Golfers will then hit the golf course again with their glow ball for some golfing in the dark. Please plan to join us for this special event and benefit for our great zoo! For more information and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Cindy Brooke by phone at 620-792-5885 or email cindybrooke@sbcglobal.net.

Butterfly Festival at KVEC Sept. 15

The Kansas Wetlands Education Center's Butterfly Festival returns September 15th from 9 a.m. to noon. The day will include puppet shows, tagging monarch butterflies, kids' crafts, bee hive displays, door prizes, photo and dress-up areas, and more. There will also be free milkweed plants (one per family). Master gardeners will be on-hand to provide information on butterfly-friendly plants and composting. Kids can play in the mud and make a seed bomb of soil mixture and native flower seeds, to take home to plant. Visit wetlandscenter.fhsu.edu for more details.





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Ambassador Profile - Dave Storjohann, KFC

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

My wife and I moved here from Topeka to be closer to our Grandaughters. We love the small town atmosphere and the people.

Where do you work and what do you do there?

I manage KFC doing my best to serve great food to my guests. I have been operating restaurants for 33 years and love serving people. Guest service is a very big priority for me.

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

I Love to sing. I did it a lot when I was younger and love to hear great music.

What energizes you and brings you excitement?

People. I love People. Each person is so unique and different. I could sit and watch people for hours. Talking with people who each have their own individual stories is fun and interesting.

At what job, would you be terrible?

Stuck in a place where I couldn't interact with people.

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

I have been an Ambassador for a year and a half and really do enjoy it. Being a part of the community is really a great experience for me.

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.



Farm Bureau Celebrates 100 Years & Recent Remodel

Happy 100th Birthday Barton County Farm Bureau! To think that in 1918 a group of Barton County farmers came together to form an organization that would go on to become part of the largest farm organization is incredible. It's also interesting to note that many Kansas counties formed a Farm Bureau group before the State of Kansas formed Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB). Farm Bureau stands up for its members through leadership development, agriculture education, legal defense, environmental advocacy, farm safety, risk management, and international trade. Farm Bureau is and will remain the Voice of Agriculture to the legislature, congress and the public. Our mission is to strengthen agriculture and the lives of Kansans through advocacy, education, and service.

Locally, in Barton County, the Board has maintained an active role in the community representing its 1,990 members. In the past year, Farm Bureau has helped sponsor numerous agriculture activities, hosted Ag Safety Day at Barton Community College for five local high schools, provided scholarships, and more.



In addition to all the board sponsored activities, our county coordinator, Jerry Esfeld, has been active with 'Ag in the Classroom' across the schools of Barton County. Farm Bureau is proud of 100 years in Barton County, and recently completed a remodel of their facility on 8th Street.

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September 6, 2018

UNITED WAY OF CENTRAL KANSAS

Jack Kilby Square Bandshell | 1400 Main Street in Great Bend

United Way of Central Kansas officially kicked off the 2019 Campaign in August. We are asking Communities in Barton and Pawnee Counties to "Step Up to the Plate For United Way" – supporting our valued 23 Community Partners through Workplace Campaign, Donor Mailing, Direct Gifts and Advocacy. 99% of all donations remain right here in our communities where the needs are the greatest. Join us to learn how our Community Impact programs bring resources and education to families, children and seniors. *In the event of inclement weather, the Coffee will be moved to the Chamber Office at 1125 Williams Street.*

September 13, 2018

THE ERRAND LADY

Chamber Office | 1125 Williams Street in Great Bend

The Errand Lady provides personal errands, business concierge, and organizing services for small businesses, busy people, families, and seniors. We specialize in building deeply connected relationships with our clients as we bring convenient solutions to check off the to-do list and organize their life from closet to calendar. Our professional, reliable services remove stress and give you back time to focus on what is important!

September 20, 2018

SUNFLOWER DIVERSIFIED SERVICES

Residence at 5957 Eisenhower in Great Bend

(This is a residence. Please enter through the gate on the east side of the home, going into the backyard.)

Sunflower Diversified Services, Inc., is the original non-profit service organization in the business of assisting children and adults with developmental disabilities. SDS is celebrating 52 years of serving communities in Barton, Rush, Rice, Stafford and Pawnee Counties.

September 27, 2018

GOLDEN BELT HUMANE & ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY

151 S. US Hwy 281 in Great Bend

The Golden Belt Humane Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to animal welfare that provides housing and medical care to unwanted and stray animals. Our mission includes the placement of these animals by adoption or by networking with rescues.

October 4, 2018

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