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Farewell to Jan Peters

Celebrating Fourteen Years of Dedicated Service

Economic Development has always been one of the top priorities for the community and one person played a significant role over the past 14 years in helping to shape much of the success in this area.

Jan Peters became the President of the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development in 2006, hit the ground running and never stopped. She had a hand in many of the major projects throughout the community and developed and encouraged leaders who have had a lasting impact on our community.

Here is just a snap shot of the projects that Jan helped secure and develop over the years. Starting at The Great Bend Transload Facility, and traveling down 10th Street and Main Street, no doubt we remember a time when these businesses did not exist.

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In addition, Jan developed relationships on national, state, and local levels and assisted many businesses in expanding their services and product lines. She was a mentor to many small business owners just starting out, helping with business advice and connecting them with financing. She was often the “go to” person for national and state elected officials, served on numerous state Boards and helped start the Kansas Housing Association. She served in several capacities with Leadership Kansas and created a statewide network of professionals who identify Great Bend with Jan Peters.

Jan always allowed her staff to thrive... allowing us to be creative, innovative and impactful. From new marketing initiatives to business roundtables, she has always encouraged us to do our best, support others, have fun and go the extra mile.

Under Jan's guidance, Great Bend became one of the first Network Kansas E-Communities, The Barton County Young Professionals group started as an extension of the Chamber, and the “Great Bend – Better Than Great!” visioning project was lead quietly behind the scene by her. During her tenure, The Great Bend Farm and Ranch Expo also became a reality and allowed the agriculture industry to be showcased throughout the area. And who could forget that Skip Yowell was “refound” by Jan.

When I think of all that Jan did, from the small things to the big things, I know that I had one of the best mentors anyone could ask for. She knows how to get things done and does it with style and grace and has empowered me with self-confidence to continue the trail she's paved for so many. She is Great Bend's biggest cheerleader and advocate and her gifts will be seen long into the future.

Job very well done Jan Peters... THANK YOU for all you have done for our community and all the very best to you in your next endeavor with Kansas Manufacturing Solutions.

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When asked how he got into this business, Montelongo says, "I chose this business because this has been my passion since I was in high school. It was also something I saw that Great Bend needed. I always saw friends and family go out of town for most of these services, so I decided what better way to serve my community than by opening a business that keeps more people shopping here where I live. I enjoy working on cars and treat every vehicle that comes in as my own."

Alberto and his team at 620 Detailing and Truck Accessories are so grateful to their families and the community for all the support given and looks forward to many more years of business and serving their community.

For a free estimate, call 620 Detailing and Truck Accessories at (620) 797-9780 or visit them at 1008 Hubbard. Like them on Facebook!



Farewell to The Original Rockstar, Jan Peters

The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Board of Directors invite chamber members along with friends and family of Jan Peters, as they celebrate and thank Jan for 14 incredible years as President and CEO of the chamber. Jan's last day with The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development will be December 20th.

Jan's impact is lasting, and the organization will always be grateful to her commitment and love of this community. We wish her well as she moves on to her next chapter with Kansas Manufacturing Solutions.

Come & Go Reception

Thursday, December 19th @ 2-4PM
Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development
Spray-Holt Family Board Room
1125 Williams Street in Great Bend, KS



Welcome to Deanna Vannoster - State Farm

Together, the Hoisington and Great Bend Chambers of Commerce officially welcomed Deanna Vannoster with State Farm Insurance to her new role following Kathy Burt's retirement. Vannoster hosted an Open House for the day to celebrate and bring the community together. Deanna is joined by her two team members, Hilarey Samora and Krista Wright. Hilarey and Krista are fully licensed and able to meet all of their customers' needs. Deanna, Hilarey, and Krista can be reached by a visit to their agency at 165 S Main St Hoisington, by phone, 620-653-2332, and online at www.deannavannoster.com. Like them on Facebook for agency happenings and insurance industry tips and information.



Edward Jones Advisor Announces Grand Opening

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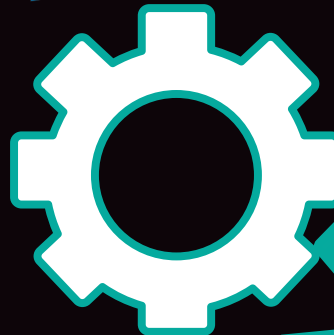
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Watch the Mail for 2020 Member Signage!

Your membership plaque for 2020 will be arriving in the mail soon, so be watching for a special envelope from the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development. If you do not receive yours by mid-January, please contact our office so we can get you a replacement: 620-792-2401. We appreciate all of our members, and want to make sure you receive ALL the perks of Chamber membership!

Notice of Holiday Hours & New Hours in 2020

Holiday Hours: The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development will be closed from December 24th through January 1st.

New Hours of Business: Effective January 2, 2020, our regular business hours will change. Hours will be Monday – Friday, 9a.m. – 3p.m.

Member Appreciation Days Coming Dec. 18-19

Join us December 18th and 19th for Member Appreciation Days at the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development, located at 1125 Williams in downtown Great Bend. Each day between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. you can stop by for hot cocoa, cookies, mimosas, and door prize drawings! Plus, we've got a special Member Information Center tutorial planned for the 18th at 10:00 a.m. If your directory listing is needing some help, join us for hands-on help to make sure your listing is showing up in search results. No RSVP necessary. Stop by and let us show our appreciation for each of our loyal business members!

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS IN DECEMBER

- 1... LWVK Traveling Exhibit Opening Reception, Barton Community College Library @2pm
- 2... Santa's Workshop, Great Bend City Auditorium, 6-8pm
- 2... BCC Annual Holiday Concert, Fine Arts Auditorium @7:30pm
- 3... Giving Tuesday, Golden Belt Community Foundation, 1311 Williams St., 9am-5pm
- 3... USD428 Community Feedback Meeting/School Improvements, GBMS, 1919 Harrison St. @5:30pm
- 4... Annual Holiday Charity Event, Farmers Bank & Trust, 1017 Harrison St. @9:30am
- 5... **Ribbon Cutting: The Page/Perkins Banquet Room, 2920 10th St. @9am**
- 5... **Chamber Coffee: Family Crisis Center, 1924 Broadway Ave., Program @9:30am**
- 6... Open House: Edward Jones – Kris Sundahl, 2016 19th St. @3pm
- 7... KWEC Holiday Open House, 592 NE K-156 @9am
- 7... Jingle Bell Swing Big Band Holiday Dance, Best Western Courtyard, 2920 10th St. @6pm
- 8... Ghosts of Christmas Past, Barton Co. Historical Society, 85 US HWY 281 @1pm
- 8... Vespers Concert, GBHS Auditorium, 2027 Morton St. @2pm
- 8... Ellinwood Hospital Foundation Christmas Gala, St. Joseph Parish Center @5:30pm
- 10... "A Jazzy Little Christmas", Great Bend City Auditorium @7:30pm
- 10... Senior Center Potluck & Entertainment, 2005 Kansas @5:30pm
- 11... American State Bank Holiday Open House, 1321 Main St. @8am
- 12... **Chamber Coffee: Community Bank of the Midwest, 2220 Broadway Ave., Program @9:30am**
- 13... BTI Holiday Open House, 245 SE 10 Ave @3pm
- 13... **BCYP Party with a Purpose sponsored by Keller, Great Bend Chamber of Commerce, 1125 Williams @6PM**
- 14... **Ribbon Cutting: Xpress Wellness Urgent Care, 3800 W 10th St. @10:30am**
- 14... "A Christmas Carol", Public Library, 1409 Williams St. @10:30am
- 14... Pet Fostering 101, Public Library, 1409 Williams St. @11am
- 15... Brunch with Santa Claus, Stoneridge Country Club, 1438 24th St. @11am
- 16... Storytime with Santa, Public Library, 1409 Williams St. @6:30pm
- 17... Central Kansas Partnership Meeting, Barton Co Health Dept. @11am
- 18... Member Appreciation Days, Member Information Center Tutorials, Spray-Holt Family Board Room @10am
- 19... **Member Appreciation Days continues with holiday treats at 1125 Williams St., 9AM-5PM**
- 19... **Ribbon Cutting: Danceography, 1701 K 96 HWY @9AM**
- 19... **Chamber Coffee: Golden Belt Community Foundation, Prince of Peace Parish, 4100 Broadway, Program @9:30am**
- 19... **Farewell to Jan Peters, Come & Go, Great Bend Chamber of Commerce, 1125 Williams St. 2-4PM**
- 19... Senior Center Christmas Party, 2005 Kansas @1pm
- 25... Merry Christmas!
- 28... UKHS Lab Fair, 514 Cleveland St. 6-9am

Recurring Events:

- 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, 9a.m.
- Christmas Craft Mall returns in 2019 and is located at the Central Baptist Church, 3301 Lakin Ave. The Craft Mall will be open through December 24th. Hours are Mon. – Sat., 10am – 6pm and Sun., 1pm – 6pm.
- Visit Santa and Santa's Around the World exhibit in downtown Great Bend, 1223 Main St. Hours are Thursdays & Fridays: 4pm – 6pm, Saturdays & Sundays: 1pm – 6pm through December 23rd.
- Free Ice Skating in Jack Kilby Square, Thursdays & Fridays: 4-8pm, Saturdays & Sundays: 1-6pm, through December 28th.

See more community events by visiting our website: www.greatbend.org

Scooter's Coffee Now Open in Great Bend

The name of the new 10th Street business is Scooter's Coffee but it offers much more than its name implies. The drive-thru-only enterprise opened recently at 3501 10th.

"We are a drive-thru because we all lead busy lives," said Donny Huber, who co-owns the business with his wife, Lindsay.

"Being able to serve quality drinks, amazingly fast, appealed to us.

"Great Bend did not have a drive-thru for specialty coffee and we wanted to fill this niche," he added. "We focus on amazing people, making amazing drinks, amazingly fast. This will help us succeed in the Great Bend community."

The Scooter's Coffee menu goes beyond hot and iced drinks to include blenders, smoothies, teas, muffins, breads, breakfast burritos and sandwiches, scones and coffee cake.

The new venture will employ 18-20 people in the positions of manager, assistant manager and baristas. Each receives extensive training, Huber noted.

These employees soon learn about Scooter's core values, "which line up perfectly with ours," Huber commented. "These values are love, humility, integrity and courage.

"Sharing these values with our employees and the Great Bend community is our mission. We look forward to putting a smile on each face we encounter."

Scooter's Coffee buys directly from farmers and pays above market price.

"These proud farmers can invest back into their family farms, their communities and the environment," Huber commented. "We source the top 10 percent of coffee beans that are individually hand-picked from farmers we know and trust.

"In addition, we roast our beans in-house, specific to time, temperature and origin to maintain the highest quality."

In case anyone is curious, the nickname of the co-founder's daughter was "Scooter," Huber added. "It fit well with keeping customers happy by helping them scoot in and scoot out."

Scooter's Coffee hours are 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day. It has several locations throughout Kansas.



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Giving Tree Available in ElderCare's New Location

Even before the ElderCare Giving Tree was available, Brandi Gruber was answering questions about it from the community. Gruber, ElderCare executive director, said she and her staff revel in this "amazing community support for the project that makes Christmas a little merrier" for the non-profit agency's home-health clients.

The Giving Tree is now available at ElderCare's new location, 1121 Washington in Great Bend. It recently moved from West 10th. "In recent weeks, people came up to me and asked about the status of our Giving Tree," Gruber said. "It is so gratifying to know that our community cares about the people who count on our home-health services."

"This is only our third year for this project, which covers six counties," she added. "Our staff and clients can't thank donors enough for their Christmas spirit."

More than 60 gifts were collected the first year and last year more than 90 clients had presents to open. "We hope even more area residents will benefit from the community's generous spirit this year," Gruber commented.

The ElderCare Giving Tree provides much-needed items to senior citizens who are short on finances and have limited mobility. The Giving Tree has been trimmed with decorative tags that represent clients and their particular needs. Actual names are not used because of privacy concerns.

Anyone is welcome to choose a tag and return a gift at the ElderCare office or call 620-792-5942. There is still a little time for additions to the tree. "Many seniors, especially at Christmastime, need to know their neighbors are thinking about them," Gruber said. "They need some basic items and we encourage businesses and individuals to take on the role of Santa Claus."

Gifts could include blankets, warm clothing, toiletry items, crossword and word-search books, and gift cards for a few staples at the grocery store.

ElderCare's home services include personal care, household tasks and respite for caregivers. Registered nurses offer medication management, wellness checks and companionship. For more information, call 620-792-5942.



Central Care Cancer Center Earns QOPI Certification

Central Care Cancer Center in Great Bend has been recognized by the QOPI® Certification Program LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, Inc. (ASCO®), as successfully completing a three-year certification program for outpatient hematology-oncology practices that meet nationally recognized standards for quality cancer care. The QOPI® Certification Program builds on ASCO's Quality Oncology Practice Initiative (QOPI®). In applying for certification, Central Care Cancer Center participated in a voluntary comprehensive site assessment against clearly specified standards that are consistent with national guidelines and was successful in meeting the standards and objectives of the QOPI® Certification Program.



The QOPI® Certification Program, LLC was launched in January 2010, and nearly 300 practices are currently certified. This certification for outpatient oncology practices is the first program of its kind for oncology in the United States and in 2016 was expanded internationally. The QOPI® Certification Program seal designates those practices that successfully met the standards and objectives of the QOPI® Certification Program, which includes scoring above the threshold on the key QOPI® quality measures and meeting chemotherapy safety standards established by ASCO and the Oncology Nursing Society.

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United Way Campaign Update

End-of-Year Donations Welcome for Campaign Closing

As UWCK begins to wind down our annual campaign, we continue to reflect on the idea that it only takes ONE person, ONE donor, ONE advocate, ONE volunteer to make a difference.

You can see this every day when you smile as you pass someone in the store, when you let someone merge in front of you on the road, or as you hold the door open for someone. These little actions can change a person's day.

We are asking you and our community to Be The One to change a life in Central Kansas. With every dollar you choose to donate to United Way of Central Kansas, you could be the one to support a family getting back on their feet after a setback. You could be the one to help a child out of an abusive situation. You could be the one ensuring that a child is prepared for Kindergarten.

With more than 3,000 resident of Barton & Pawnee Counties donating to UWCK each year, imagine what we could do if each donor asked ONE more person to donate as well. Imagine if each of those donors chose to donate just ONE more dollar or volunteer ONE more hour. Imagine where we could be as a community if we all just gave ONE more.

With 99% of the funds raised staying local and all decisions on funding and programming made right here in Central Kansas, you can rest assured that the money you donate to UWCK will be used with the upmost concern for our families, neighbors, and friends in Barton & Pawnee Counties. We thank you for your past support of UWCK and look forward to continuing our mission, with your support, of being united for our community.

Donations can be made online at www.uwck.org or by mail to 1125 Williams, Great Bend, KS 67530.



Forever Rush County Half Way to Goal

Even though Forever Rush County has reached the half-way mark to establishing a \$100,000 endowment fund at the Golden Belt Community Foundation (GBCF), the group is not taking a breather. Instead, it is energized to raise the next \$50,000, Committee Chair Kara Jecha of Timken said.

"Raising enough to get us to the half-way point gives us even more incentive to keep working for the other half," Jecha said. "Our committee members should be commended for their commitment and support."

Originally, Forever Rush County asked for help in setting up a \$50,000 endowment. But the GBCF challenged them to double that. "We readily accepted the challenge, which includes a dollar-for-dollar match from the Foundation," said Jecha, a life-time Rush County resident. "When we learned that generous donors are willing to support a \$100,000 Rush County endowment, we didn't hesitate to accept the challenge."

The matching funds are donated by the Glenn and Elaine Mull Family Fund at GBCF. This match is in effect until Dec. 31, 2020. "Rush County has an amazing opportunity to build an endowment and leave funding for future generations," she added. "An endowment is forever."

While no one can define exactly what Rush County's needs will be in the future, the endowment can be used in a variety of areas. Examples include parks and playgrounds; libraries and education; health and social services; long-term care; and city projects.

Jecha and her husband, Jay, pledged the first \$1,000 to this initiative and are pledging the last \$1,000. "We believe having 'skin in the game' is fundamental to show we are serious about attaining success. Others have put their heart and soul into this, and we have God as our pilot."

Christy Tustin, GBCF executive director, has collaborated with Jecha to spread the word through personal visits, phone calls and community events.

"Building community endowments requires a sort of leap of faith because it takes people willing to invest for the long-term without seeing immediate results sometimes," Tustin commented. "As the endowment grows over time, we will be able to demonstrate how much it will benefit programs across Rush County. It takes a group of people willing to step forward and champion the cause. It is obvious that people care very much about Rush County and its future."

At \$23 million in total assets and more than 180 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, call (620) 792-3000 or visit www.goldenbeltcf.org.



Emergency Care Available 24/7 at UKHS

Even though they aren't physically present in the Emergency Department at Great Bend Campus, specialty-trained physicians are now available to patients at all times. The University of Kansas Health System Great Bend Campus recently became equipped with Avera eCARE. This telemedicine service means a physician trained in emergency medicine is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There is no extra charge to the patient for this service. "We now have access to Avera eCARE providers anytime day or night," said Mark Van Norden, DO, medical director of the Great Bend Campus Emergency Department. "They don't have to be in-house to share their expertise."

Avera eCARE is most often used in cases of stroke, sepsis, cardiac events and trauma. "It can be used for any condition, but those four time-critical categories are the most common," noted Dr. Van Norden, who was an advisor during the preliminary work with Avera. The service is especially attractive in smaller communities "where you often don't have emergency medicine physicians on staff," Dr. Van Norden said.

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Van Norden & Martin Move to St. Rose Pavilion

The University of Kansas Health System announces that Mark Van Norden, DO, and his colleagues have moved from their family medicine offices at Great Bend Campus to their new location at the health system's St. Rose Medical Pavilion.

The new location is on the second floor of St. Rose Medical Pavilion, 3515 Broadway Ave. This move does not affect Dr. Van Norden's practice at A Healthy Choice Clinic in Larned. "We are all excited about this move," Dr. Van Norden said. "St. Rose Medical Pavilion offers additional staff to support our physician assistant, registered nurses and myself while we're serving patients."

"We had outgrown the space at our previous location," he added. "There is more room in our new location, which means more comfort and convenience for patients and staff."

The move results in a number of other benefits to patients, Dr. Van Norden said. "The offices and team at St. Rose Medical Pavilion will allow patients to enjoy even better continuity of care," Dr. Van Norden explained. "There will be better coverage because we have new colleagues to help us satisfy our patients' needs and answer their questions."

Dodie Martin, PA, said the staff has always "taken pride in keeping patients informed in a timely manner about issues such as lab results, appointments and referrals. Our nurses are really accomplished at this, and our new offices will enhance services."

Kandi Willinger, RN, and Keshia Causey, RN, join Dr. Van Norden and Martin at St. Rose Medical Pavilion. The family medicine office is accepting new patients.



KCAC Baseball & Softball Conference Championships Extends Contract in Great Bend

Great Bend has been selected as the host city for the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) Softball and Baseball Conference Championships for the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. A joint effort by the City of Great Bend and Great Bend Recreation Commission staff submitted a renewal proposal.

"We are excited to announce that the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Governing Council chose to return to the Great Bend's Sports Complex to host their conference championships for the years of 2021, 2022, 2023. This is great news for Great Bend!" said Diann Henderson, Executive Director, Great Bend Recreation Commission at the Great Bend Recreation Commission's monthly meeting.

One of the determining factors was Great Bend's hospitality, it's restaurants, hotels and expertise and commitment of City and GBRec staff. Baseball and softball have a rich tradition in Great Bend, and we look forward to this continued relationship of providing the KCAC teams, fans, coaches and our local softball and baseball enthusiasts the excitement and memories of KCAC championship play at the Great Bend Sports Complex.

The KCAC is an intercollegiate athletic conference affiliated with the NAIA. The KCAC ranks among the oldest conferences in the United States, tracing its history to 1890. The KCAC was formed in an attempt to organize Kansas colleges for the purposes of promoting and regulating amateur intercollegiate athletics, in addition to the private universities and colleges.

Currently the KCAC sponsors athletic competition in men's baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country, men's football, men's and women's golf, men's and women's soccer, women's softball, men's and women's tennis, men's and women's track and field, and women's volleyball. For any extra information on the KCAC or their schedules you can visit their website at <http://www.kcacsports.com/>



Danceography Studio to Expand in Northeast KS

Love for dance. Passion for youth. Driven by faith. Forever Family. Those are a few phrases that sum up the dynamic duo of Danceography owner, Laura Klima-Fehr and Danceography director, Kelli Henderson. Friends since high school, dancing since birth, these two dynamic women are opening doors for a new location in De Soto, KS for Danceography Studios.

Laura Klima-Fehr, owner, dancing before she could walk. She danced through high school, college years, and helped with studio choreography and teaching as well. She began pursuing her dream and passion for dance and choreography back in 2012 coaching high school dance teams and rec leagues. Shortly after the following grew, she stepped out in faith and opened her first location of Danceography's in Great Bend, KS. A studio completely built on faith, a love of dance, and support surrounded by her family and community. As the Danceography family grew, a second location was soon added by 2015. The success of Danceography didn't end there. Danceography has been ranked #1 multiple years in a row on regional and national levels, and was a competitor on the Worlds Stage this past summer in New York. Miss Laura loves getting involved with community events like variety shows, community plays, Relay for Life, parades and much more! Danceography has grown quickly and now finally under one room at 1701 K-96 Highway here in Great Bend, Kansas, but the story doesn't end here.

In summer of 2019, Laura Klima-Fehr confronted high school friend Kelli Jo Henderson, director of the De Soto location, about heading up a Danceography studio in the Kansas City area. After much deliberation the decision was confirmed and plans soon went underway!

Kelli Henderson has been dancing since a child that continued into college and she quickly followed the Musical Theatre and Dance Fitness route as a profession. Miss Kelli is a former Drama Director that specialized in musical theatre choreography and was asked to choreograph the Kansas All-State Thespian show, "Bring It On: The Musical" which landed a spot on the international festival stage in the Summer of 2019. Miss Kelli is also certified with Zumba, Beachbody and general Group Fitness which will add a little spice to the mix! Dance, music, fitness, and theatre is Miss Kelli's life line!

With faith on their side, Miss Laura and Miss Kelli are over the moon excited to build a Danceography family in De Soto! Both women believe in fostering a safe place that will give dancers the opportunity to express themselves freely, strengthen their technique in a variety of styles, and become confident not only as a dancer, but with them self as a person. We believe in growing strong and smart dancers.

Danceography specializes in all things dance including but not limited to: Musical Theatre, Jazz, Hip Hop, Lyrical, Contemporary, Tap, Ballet, Advanced Technique classes, Babes in Ballet, Tiny Tikes Classes, Competitive Classes, and Adult Fitness classes. There will also be opportunities for integrating acting into musical theatre classes, adult partner dancing, tumbling, and pom (cheer/dance) based classes as interest shows. Danceography is open to all ages—from walking to 99+. If you can walk, you can dance!

Danceography is conveniently located right off of K-10 in DeSoto. They are in a suite right behind Great Southern Bank. They will begin full time schedule of classes right after Thanksgiving break. Giving a preview of what the first semester will be like and launching full force January 6th, 2020. Feel free to check out the enrollment form online: danceographygb.com/enrollnowdesoto

More information can be found online at www.danceographygb.com or by visiting the studios facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/danceographyDS> You can also follow the studio for upcoming events and details on Twitter and Instagram by following the accounts: [danceographyDS](#).

Miss Laura and Miss Kelli are looking forward to bringing their passion and love for all things dance and family to Northeast Kansas!

For more information to give to friends and family, feel free to contact Director Kelli Henderson at Danceography.kelli@gmail.com, or 785-571-7729.



Central KS Health & Wellness Expo

A Great Community Opportunity

Health and wellness have become popular buzz words recently. But, at the heart of the matter, they are truly important, said Great Bend Tribune Publisher Mary Hoisington. This is what prompted the Tribune to sponsor the first Central Kansas Health and Wellness Expo.

The next event is set for Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020. It runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Great Bend Events Center, 3111 10th St. Admission will be free to the public due to the financial support of vendors and sponsors.

"We are committed to promoting a healthier community by building partnerships with organizations and businesses to provide information and motivation, empowering individuals and families to take action to improve wellness and financial health," Hoisington said. "This event is designed to bring awareness to our community of the resources available on health, medicine, nutrition, finances, assisted living and so much more."

There really is a need. According to the Kansas Health Institute, Barton County ranked 67th out of 103 counties measured, and it fell in at 84th when looking at factors that negatively impact health. But, there is good news. There are many new and cutting edge technologies as well as new approaches to help improve lifestyles and health.

There are engaging opportunities for individuals as well as families—everything from organizing your personal finances and dealing with a medical crisis to the popular Teddy Bear Clinic and Imagination Playground.



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Clara Barton Welcomes Snell & Goetz to Team

Clara Barton Hospital and Clinics is pleased to announce the addition of both Jenna Snell, PA-C and Brandi Goetz, PA-C as the newest members of the Clara Barton healthcare team. Snell and Goetz have joined the staff at Clara Barton Medical Clinic as Physician Assistants.

Snell grew up in Ellinwood, Kansas. She attended Kansas State University and graduated in 2016 with a Bachelor of Science in Life Science degree. Goetz grew up in Park, Kansas. She also attended Kansas State University where she obtained her Bachelor of Science in Human Nutrition. After graduating from Kansas State University, both Snell and Goetz continued their education at Wichita State University and graduated with Masters of Physician Assistant Studies.

In her spare time, Snell enjoys running, traveling, cheering on the K-State Wildcats, spending time with her dog, Teddy, and cat, Percy, and spoiling her nephew. She is also an active member of the American Academy of Physician Assistants, the Kansas Academy of Physician Assistants and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Goetz enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling, camping, cooking, and participating in medical mission trips. She is an active member of the American Academy of Physician Assistants and the Kansas Academy of Physicians Assistants.

Both Snell and Goetz started at Clara Barton in September. They are now accepting new patients at Clara Barton Medical Clinic in Hoisington where Snell will see patients Monday through Wednesday and Goetz will see patients Monday through Friday. Snell also sees patients on Thursdays and Fridays at Clara Barton Medical Clinic – Great Bend.



AMC Hosts “Golden Ticket Giveaway” for Charity

Animal Medical Center, the area’s leading small and large animal veterinary clinic, recently launched a charitable project they are calling a “Golden Ticket Giveaway” to benefit Chasing Tails Rescue and the Golden Belt Humane Society. Only 100 tickets will be available for the first 100 people to make a \$100 donation to the cause. After all 100 tickets have been sold, a drawing will be held, hopefully right before Christmas. The grand prize winner will take home \$3,000 cash and a second place winner will take home \$1,000 cash. The remaining proceeds will be split between the two nonprofit organizations. Anyone interested in securing one of the Golden Tickets should stop by 622 McKinkley in Great Bend, or call their staff at 620-792-1265.



Great Bend Rec Commission Welcomes Fuller

Aaron Fuller is from Stafford and recently joined the Great Bend Recreation Commission team as the Athletic Recreation Supervisor. Aaron earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Sports Wellness and Recreation Management from Oklahoma Christian University, where he was on the collegiate track team.

He brings a diverse background of work experiences with him including coaching middle school and high school sports and working for Stafford Recreation Commission. Aaron is excited to take on this new role and be helping the youth in our community throughout the Great Bend Rec programs.

He enjoys spending time outdoors; especially the lake, hanging with his nieces, and watching his favorite sports team.



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Committee Formed to Explore Association Health Plan Options for Chamber Members

With changes in Kansas Insurance regulation in the Spring of this year, local, state, and metro chambers, along with certain other associations, are able to offer Association Health Plans to the employees of member businesses.

As a longstanding advocate for the Great Bend business community, the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development board feel it important to notify our members of this opportunity and to inform you that we have formed a committee of whom is currently meeting to review options, administrators and the various factors of risk involved. All of these factors are important in doing our due diligence to make sure we are bringing the most value to our members.

As we learn more about the feasibility of this opportunity information will be shared with all of our members. If you own a business and would be interested in learning more about joining a possible AHP through the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce in 2020, please email mbarfield@greatbend.org.

For questions and other concerns, please contact the Chamber at (620) 792-2401.



Barton County Young Professionals to Host Christmas “Party with a Purpose” Dec. 13

Grab a friend and join us for the 9th Annual Young Professionals Christmas Party on Friday, December 13th at 6 p.m. The holiday party is one of the many ways YP members give back to the community, and this year’s event is no exception! The “party with a purpose” combines holiday merriment with an opportunity to GIVE BACK to children in need in Barton County. This year’s event is sponsored by Keller Real Estate & Insurance Agency, Inc. and will be hosted at the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development! BCYP members will be asked to donate items to build packages for children served by Central Kansas CASA, Inc. Attendees are asked to bring items to fill these bags. Your assignment (and sizes, if applicable) will be provided following your RSVP. Donations will be accepted at the Chamber Office now through December 13 for those who can’t attend but still want to participate!

After dropping off your contribution to these special packages, our event sponsor, Keller Real Estate & Insurance Agency, Inc. invites you to enjoy excellent food & beverage, games, and giveaways! If you plan to attend and participate, please RSVP to Special Events Team member, Megan Hammeke (bartonyp@gmail.com), no later than December 6th to receive your assignment.

Anyone 21 to 40(ish) years of age who lives in the Barton County Area is welcome and encouraged to attend this free event! For more information, visit www.bartonyp.com.

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CHAMBER COFFEE SCHEDULE

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

December 5, 2019

FAMILY CRISIS CENTER
4001 10th Street in Great Bend

The Family Crisis Center, Inc., based in Great Bend, Kansas, provides advocacy and support to all survivors and secondary victims of domestic and sexual violence, child abuse and neglect while encouraging social change through awareness, education and prevention. From our 24-hour crisis hotline to supportive services to professional training, we offer hope and healing for families experiencing domestic and sexual violence, child abuse and neglect.

December 12, 2019

COMMUNITY BANK OF THE MIDWEST
2220 Broadway Avenue in Great Bend

Community Bank extends a warm holiday welcome to the Chamber Coffee on December 12th, providing entertainment and sweets in a festive atmosphere, to give back to the community for the many years of success.

December 19, 2019

GOLDEN BELT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
Prince of Peace Parish Center | 4100 Broadway Avenue in Great Bend

Join Golden Belt Community Foundation as we give back over \$20,000 in matching funds, incentives, and classroom grants to local charities and schools. We will highlight the impact of this year's Giving Tuesday event and recognize top organizations and donors that made this event possible.

December 26, 2019

NO CHAMBER COFFEE
Merry Christmas from the Great Bend Chamber!

The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development will be closed from December 24th through January 1st to allow our employees time to celebrate the holidays with loved ones. We will re-open January 2nd.

January 2, 2020

NO CHAMBER COFFEE
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January 9, 2019

GREAT BEND CHAMBER AMBASSADOR CLUB
Spray-Holt Family Board Room | 1125 Williams in Great Bend

The Chamber Ambassador Club is taking center stage at this week's Chamber Coffee! Join us as we introduce our members and recognize retiring and incoming Ambassadors for 2020. The Ambassadors work hard throughout the year representing not only the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development, but also their businesses and community. Help us give thanks to this AMAZING group of volunteers.



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