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Destination BootCamp

SIX LOCAL BUSINESSES GRADUATE FROM SPECIALIZED TRAINING

Great Bend Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development, in association with the NetWork Kansas E-Community Partnership, recently sent six Great Bend businesses to participate in Jon Schallert's Destination Business BootCamp Community Reinvention Program in late May. The two and one-half day workshop took place at Schallert's training facility in downtown Longmont, Colorado.

Representing Great Bend were: Phyllis Brack (Dilly & Doc Creative Studio), Josh Blankenship and Rachel Mawhirter (Marketing Maven Consulting), Ryan Fairchild (TBA - New Business Startup), Heather Nicolet (SS Graphics), Dave Tudor (DAT HIIT Performance), and Todd VanSike (Golden Belt Bicycle Company). Local E-Community Coordinator Laura Blankenship also attended to represent the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development.

The participants spent several days of intensive training learning how to transform their business into a destination, and networking with other small business owners who are overcoming the same challenges. Every participant reported feeling surprised at how many practical and innovative ideas they walked away with after the strategic training. - **Cont. on Pg. 2**



Pictured from left to right are local entrepreneurs Heather Nicolet (SS Graphics), Todd VanSike (Golden Belt Bicycle Co.), Ryan Fairchild (TBA), Laura Blankenship (GB Chamber & ED), David Tudor (DAT HIIT Performance), Josh Blankenship and Rachel Mawhirter (Marketing Maven Consulting), and Phyllis Brack (Dilly & Doc). Also pictured is training facilitator Jon Schallert.

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Destination BootCamp

"It is not uncommon for destination businesses to create change in an entire city, by drawing consumers from miles around, from outside the immediate marketplace of a community," Schallert says. "The goal for the Destination BootCamp is to equip business owners with the confidence and tools they need to forge ahead with confidence, building a reputation that compels a response from visitors and locals alike."

Some of the concepts covered in the proprietary training were time management, media relations, marketing and advertising, merchandising and retail displays, content writing, and much more. Schallert also provided numerous resources and helpful "hacks" to help small business owners save time and continue honing their skills.

Because Great Bend was represented as a Community Reinvention location, Schallert will be visiting Great Bend in the coming months to check up on each BootCamp graduate one-on-one. Schallert will be present a condensed overview of his Destination BootCamp content on a local level for any businesses wishing to learn more about

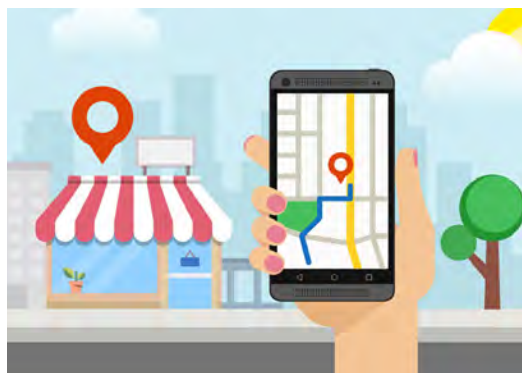
transforming their company into a destination small business. The E-Community team is hopeful that another opportunity will be made available in the future for another round of local businesses to attend the BootCamp at a future training event.

For more information or to be added to the waiting list for the local event or the Colorado-based workshop, contact Laura Blankenship at the Chamber office: **620-792-2401.**



Register Now: Google Business Seminar June 18th

Most business owners and leaders of non-profit organizations are already over-committed with serving clients, meeting deadlines, and managing day-to-day commitments. Local marketing consultant, Rachel Mawhirter with Marketing Maven will be presenting an informative seminar on June 18, 2019. Worrying about your company's presence on Google may have taken a back seat, but this seminar will provide insight into the top three ways your organization should be using Google's free business services.



In two hours or less, you will walk away with a better understanding of:

- How to claim and update your Google Business listing
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- How to post to Google and improve your presence on Google



Mawhirter will also touch on the various paid avenues for improving search rankings on Google, such as leveraging Google AdWords, Google display advertising, and SEO experts. Each class is limited to 30 participants, so be sure to sign up early. Refreshments will be provided, along with easy-to-use note sheets you can take back to work and use as cheat sheets in the weeks to come!

Cost to attend is just \$89 per person, with members of the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development having special access to a 50% off coupon code (contact the Chamber to request the money-saving offer). For more information, contact Mawhirter at 620-222-0105.

Register Early to Reserve Your Spot: www.MarketingMavenConsulting.com/Events

KS Secretary of Transportation Visits Great Bend

The Spray-Holy Family Board Room was standing room only during the Welcome Reception for the new Kansas Department of Transportation Secretary, Julie Lorenz. Lorenz spoke on the Joint Legislative Transportation Vision Task Force and their goals during the public reception, prior to taking a community tour of KDOT funded projects like the airport and transload site. Special thanks to Sunflower Diversified Services and Jon Prescott for providing the transportation. Visit ksdot.org to review the KDOT Executive Summary.



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M&M Equipment Expands to Oklahoma City

M&M Equipment has recently opened a distribution center in Oklahoma City. This 12,000 sq. foot facility will allow M&M to aggressively grow its customer base in the very active oilfield's of Central and Western Oklahoma. The new OKC location adds to already existing operations in Perryton, Texas, Drumright, OK and the main office here in Great Bend. M&M Equipment is a supplier of specialty equipment to Oil & Gas Industry as well as the Pipeline and Industrial markets. M&M was founded 44 years ago, back in 1975, and serves all of Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska and the Texas Panhandle. For more information visit www.mandmequipment.com.



BCC Recognizes 2019 Distinguished Instructors

Four Barton instructors earned the Distinguished Instructor Award for the 2018-2019 school year for their efforts in the classroom. The winners are:

- **Ange Davied** – BARTonline
- **Mark Shipman** – Fort Riley Campus
- **Lawrence Weber** – Grandview Plaza Campus
- **Stephanie Joiner** – Barton County Campus (pictured)

The Distinguished Instructor Award recognizes teaching excellence. Faculty members are nominated by their peers and then evaluated by a committee including Barton students, a previous Distinguished Instructor Award recipient, members of the Barton Foundation, Board of Trustees and community members. The committee considers each instructor's contributions to teaching and learning, the college mission and the community. A plaque reflecting the names of the award recipients is displayed in Barton's Office of Instruction located in the Science Building. Learn more by visiting www.bartonccc.edu.



T&L Fireworks Opens for 49th Year on June 27th

T & L Fireworks is gearing up and excited for Thursday, June 27th, the opening of their 49th year serving central Kansas. Tom and Linda Barnes and their daughters, Christy Kuhn and Kathy Kaiser (2nd generation) and their families (3rd & 4th generation) have been working for many months preparing for this season, including building an addition on the main location 1/2 mile north of 24th & Main in Great Bend. And starting June 27th, customers can enter to win a \$1,000 shopping spree at T & L Fireworks and other prizes.

As Tom, the "T" of T & L, would say, "We have been straight honest pricing from the day we opened, and we appreciate our valued customers. We wish everyone a safe and sane 4th of July season." Tom and Linda have hand selected many new products and expanded the lines of various items for this season. All three locations in Central Kansas are air conditioned, accept debit cards, major credit cards and have the convenience of shopping carts.

- 159 N. 281 HWY Great Bend, Kansas (Main location)
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- 1-2... June Jaunt Festival
 1... SRCA Drag Races, Barton County Fairgrounds
 1... Ride for Independence Poker Fun, Sunflower Diversified Services, Sunshine Garage-Larned @8:30am
 1... Grand Re-Opening, P&S Security, 255 W Barton County Rd @ 8:30am – 2pm
 1... Adopt a Pet, Golden Belt Humane Society, Orscheln's Farm & Home Store, 5320 10th St @ 10am – 2pm
 2... PVCH 8th Annual Benefit Golf Classic, Larnet Country Club @8am
 2... Caregivers Count Support Group, First Christian Church, 5230 Broadway Ave @2pm – 4pm
 4... Mental Health First Aid, Heritage Place, 1225 S Patton @8am – 5pm
6... Chamber Coffee: Animal Medical Center, 622 McKinley St @9:30am
6... Ribbon Cutting: Heartland Collision, 1015 Baker St @9am
6... Chamber Night at The Bat Cats, Al Burns Memorial Field @6:30pm
 6... Great Bend City Band Concert, Jack Kilby Square @8:15pm
 8... Open House, Anytime Fitness, 3721 10th St @12pm – 3pm
 12... Western KS Human Resource Management Association Meeting, Robbins Center, One Tiger Place, Hays @11:15am
13... Chamber Coffee: Nex-Tech, 3700 10th St @9:30am
 13... Let's Get Organized with The Errand Lady, Great Bend Public Library, 1409 Williams St @6pm – 7:15pm
 13... Great Bend City Band Concert, Jack Kilby Square @8:15pm
 14... Clara Barton Hospital Foundation Annual Benefit Golf Tournament, Lake Barton Golf Course @8am
 14... Clara Barton Hospital Foundation Annual Dinner & Auction, Hoisington Knights of Columbus Hall @ 6pm
18... Google Business Basics Seminar, Spray-Holt Family Board Room at the Chamber Office, 1125 Williams St @9am – 11am
 19... Backyard Bible Blast, Foundry Methodist Church, 5401 Broadway @6 – 8pm
20... Chamber Coffee: KFC, 2917 10th St @9:30am
 20... Great Bend City Band Concert, Jack Kilby Square @8:15pm
21... Chamber Business After Hours: Nex-Tech Wireless, 2827 10th St @ 5pm – 7pm
 22... The University of Kansas Health System Lab Fair, Great Bend Campus, 514 Cleveland St @ 6am – 9am
 22... Summer Pop-Up Market, Dilly & Doc, 1119 Main St @10am – 4pm
 22... Classe Due – Stuffed Pasta Making, Heartland Farm, 1049 CR 390 Pawnee Rock @6pm
 26... Backyard Bible Blast, Foundry Methodist Church, 5401 Broadway @6 – 8pm
27... Chamber Coffee: Kindred Hospice & Golden Years, Spray-Holt Family Board Room, 1125 Williams St @9:30am
 27... Great Bend City Band Concert, Jack Kilby Square @8:15pm
 28... Great Bend City Band Concert, Jack Kilby Square @8:15pm

Recurring Events:

Great Bend City Council Meetings, 1st & 3rd Mondays, City Hall, 1209 Williams @6:30pm
 Barton County Commission Meetings, Every Monday, Courthouse, 1400 Main @9am
 Check out all the fun summer events at the Library: greatbend.mykansasllibrary.org

See more community events, or post one of your own, by visiting our website:

www.greatbend.org

Nex-Tech Wireless to Celebrate First Anniversary with Chamber After Hours Event June 21st

Nex-Tech Wireless invites all members of the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development to attend a special Chamber After Hours event on Tuesday, June 21st from 5-7 p.m. to celebrate the 1-year anniversary of this new location! Stop by 2827 10th Street for refreshments, prize drawings, special offers, and networking with other professionals. Be sure to clip the ad on this month's mail panel!



BCC Foundation Clay Shoot Exceeds Goals

The 10th annual Barton Community College Foundation Sporting Clay Shoot registered 195 shooters who turned out on April 14 to help the Foundation exceed its fundraising goal by \$3,000, raising almost \$14,000. Proceeds from the shoot are used to fund mini-grants for classroom enhancements.


In previous years, faculty have used the mini-grants for purchasing calculators for the math department, a Red Man suit to allow the Criminal Justice students to safely practice martial arts, music computer keyboards, Emergency Medical Technician equipment, a propane forge for the welding department, easels for the art department and much more.

Foundation Director Coleen Cape said she's excited to have had so many participants this year from as far away as Texas, Kansas City and western Kansas. "It was a great shoot and a good event," she said. "The people just have such a fun time."

Nex-Tech Wireless Earns Marketing Award for Excellence

Nex-Tech Wireless was recently recognized by the Competitive Carriers Association (CCA) at their annual Mobile Carriers Show in Denver. Nex-Tech Wireless received an Excellence in Marketing Award for print advertising for their "You're Mobile!" campaign. The Excellence in Marketing Awards recognize creative marketing, broadcasting and digital campaigns in the competitive carrier marketplace.






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American State Bank Chairman Lee Borck Receives Agriculture Leadership Award

American State Bank is pleased to announce that our Chairman of the Board, Lee Borck, will receive an award from the Agricultural Business Council of Kansas City. As Chairman of Innovative Livestock Services, Inc, and Chairman of the Beef Marketing Group Cooperative, Borck is a leader and champion in the agriculture industry. "We are honored to have such a talented and visionary leader as a part of our bank," says Greg Quarles, president and CEO of American State Bank. "Ag lending has long been a staple of this bank and Lee's leadership is always valuable and insightful, leading us forward."



Borck has been involved in numerous organizations and boards including serving as president of the Kansas Livestock Association, the Cattleman's Beef Board, Chairman of the Kansas 4-H Foundation and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Kansas State University Foundation.

Borck, along with Gene Millard of Millard Family Farms, will receive the Council's highest award, the Jay B. Dillingham Award for Agricultural Leadership and Excellence at an event on May 16th in Kansas City.

Barton Instrumental Music Instructor Retires

Barton Director of Instrumental Activities Steve Lueth began his journey at Barton in 2004. Since then, he has directed the Pep Band, Jazz Band, Concert Band and Orchestra, which he helped resurrect early in his tenure at Barton. Lueth has taught hundreds of students and helped guide them in their musical careers, performed more times than he can count with various ensembles and as a soloist and holds a master's degree in music, so it might be surprising that his path towards a career in music was less than traditional or even expected.



"From first till fourth grade I did not like music at all," he said. "As a matter of fact, I thought it was the dumbest thing in the world and I don't know how my teacher put up with me. Then, in sixth grade, we had band tryouts and I started with percussion and low brass and expanded into piano soon after."

Now, as a seasoned music veteran, Lueth can acknowledge that as a youngster he had the wrong idea about music. "I can't imagine doing anything else," he said. "I get a personal reflection out of it and it's a way for me to relax." Lueth said his time at Barton has been very rewarding. "I've enjoyed every year here," he said. "I always looked forward to coming to work and working with the kids and watching them explore music."

Lueth plans to continue teaching, performing and directing in a more limited capacity at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina, where he plans to move.

Clara Barton Foundation Benefit Returns June 14th

Clara Barton Hospital Foundation's 26th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament, Dinner, and Auction is set for Friday, June 14th! This year's proceeds will help with our most important mission yet - raising the funds necessary to bring life-saving, 3D Mammography services to Clara Barton Hospital. The golf tournament will feature a four-man scramble at Lake Barton Golf Course, with tee times beginning at 8 a.m. through 12:50 p.m. The event will again include a golf tournament, dinner, and silent and live auctions. To purchase tickets please visit www.clarabartonhospital.com, call Michelle Moshier at 620-653-5012, or email foundation@clarabarton.hpin.com.



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People on the Move - New Hires, Promotions & Awards

ABBB Promotes Lynda Jamison to Human Resources Manager

The certified public accounting firm of Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball, Chartered (ABBB) is pleased to announce the promotion of Lynda Jamison to HR Manager.

Jamison has been with ABBB since 2013. Originally hired as a Client Services Specialist, she was promoted to Senior Client Services Specialist in early 2019.

In her new role, Jamison will lead all recruitment and onboarding efforts, manage the firm's TALENT Internship Program, and assist with benefits administration. She will continue to work out of the firm's Great Bend office.

"Congratulations to Lynda as she takes on this new role within the firm," said Brian Staats, CPA, CGMA, managing partner of ABBB. "Lynda's previous HR experience will serve her well as she makes this transition! We're excited to watch her step into this new position within the firm and wish her all the best."

A graduate of Barclay College, Jamison holds bachelor's degrees in both Business Administration and Organizational Management. She lives in Great Bend with her husband, Mike. Together they have two children, Bruce and Bethany.

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American State Bank Introduces Mike Neale, Chief Information Officer

American State Bank is proud to announce Mike Neale has joined as the company's Chief Information Officer. Mike Neale is an IT management professional with more than 20 years of experience in information technology and software development. Prior to American State Bank & Trust, he served as the CIO for Card Compliant, a technology-focused compliance specialty company serving prepaid and stored value cards. Prior to that, he served as a Sr. Executive for Jack Henry & Associates and CIO of a large regional bank in Springfield, MO.

"Mike has extensive experience in banking, technology, innovation and more," says Greg Quarles, president and CEO. "Mike brings excellent leadership skills and vision to our team. He will play a critical role in our future as we continue to enhance our products, services, and solutions."

American State Bank continues to invest in technology, including mobile solutions. "We are committed to digital transformation and the bank has made great strides in the past year which included a more robust website, adding products like Snap Deposit, Mobile Wallet and more," says Neale. "I'm excited about being a part of the leadership team of a bank that is focused on improving our customer's experience through the use of technology while maintaining a community bank culture. Enhancing the customer journey and creating a simple, transparent process for them is one of our main focus areas."



The Plains State Bank Introduces Kristin McClaren, New Junior Lender



The Plains State Bank is pleased to announce the addition of Kristin McClaren to their staff. Kristin will fill the role of a junior lender position for The Plains State Bank Branch located at 800 Coolidge Street in Great Bend, Kansas assisting customers with auto, personal, small mortgage, and ag related loans.

Kristin is a graduate of Kansas State University with a bachelor's degree of Science in Agribusiness. Kristin grew up on a family farm near Kinsley, Kansas and today her and her husband Cole farm near Lewis, KS. She is excited to be involved in a career where she can still assist ag customers.

"We are pleased to welcome Kristin to The Plains State Bank," said Christy Kuhn, Executive Vice President, "Kristin has the values, work ethic, and background that we feel will be a good fit for the Great Bend Branch and assisting our customers."

The Plains State Bank, established in 1906, is a full-service community bank that prides itself on 113 years of community banking in rural America. The Plains State Bank provides a range of agricultural, commercial and consumer banking services for Kansas communities with locations in Plains, Lakin, Great Bend, and Hutchinson Kansas. Along with two BANK VI a division of The Plains State Bank locations in Salina, KS.



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12th Annual Job Fest Event Deemed a Success

The overall response to the 12th Annual Job Fest was highly favorable. This year's event took place April 25, 2019 and brought with it many opportunities to help fill many of the open positions throughout the area. Recent numbers with the Kansas Labor Information Center show Barton County's unemployment rate at 3.8% with just 514 people actually unemployed, in a labor force of nearly 13,500. (Source: KLIC.dol.ks.gov)



Job Fest Results At-a-Glance

- 26 employers represented
- Nearly 200 job seekers in attendance
- 78 – Number of completed applications / resumes
- 70 – Number of applicants interviewed on-the-spot
- 94 – Number of open positions among represented employers
- 26 – Number of anticipated offers

What employers said...

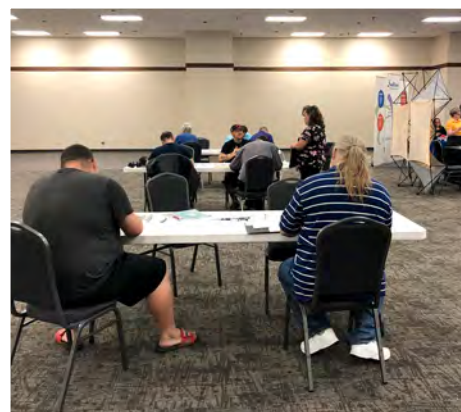
"Our numbers are up from last year – Thanks!"

"Great turnout! So excited to spread the message about our services! Glad to be here!"

Special thanks to this year's Sponsors for helping the Job Fest committee continue to bring this event year after year! PLATINUM Level Sponsors include: ONEOK, City of Great Bend and Barton County. GOLD Level Sponsors include: IBEW Local 661, Redbarn Pet Products, LLC, and the University of Kansas Health Systems.

Other major sponsors included: Barton Community College, Dillon's, Educational Opportunity Center, Farmer's Bank & Trust, Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development, Great Bend Coffee, Great Bend Tribune, Kansas Works, KSN and Mark's Custom Signs.

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- National Commission on Reading, 1985

This is where Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and United Way of Central Kansas come in. Thanks to generous community support, UWCK is able to provide FREE books to children age 0-5 throughout Barton and Pawnee Counties. In fact, more than 550 books are being mailed out this month through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library!

Here's the breakdown: Pawnee Heights-20, Otis-11, Hoisington-77, Great Bend-280, Ellinwood-62, and Larned-101.

Have you signed up yet? Visit your local library to get free books delivered monthly to children age 0-5. Learn more about the program at www.uwck.org.



Matt DeLong Named Farmers Agent of the Year

Farmers Insurance Agent Matt DeLong, located in Great Bend, KS, was recently selected among his peers, as the Kansas Commercial Insurance Agent of the Year for his Agency's 2018 business results. The award was given to the top-selling agent of commercial insurance of all Farmers agents in the state of Kansas.

Farmers Insurance has been serving America since 1928 and today is one of the country's largest insurers of vehicles, homes, and small businesses, while also providing a wide range of other insurance and financial services. Matt was able to take advantage of Farmers wide range of competitively-priced business insurance and work comp product offerings, while providing superior customer service.

Outside of work, Matt enjoys coaching his son's little league baseball team in Hoisington, playing golf, and enjoying the outdoors. Learn more by visiting www.farmersagent.com/mdelong, www.facebook.com/delongagency, or contact the Agency at 620-792-5556.



Sunflower Team Attends Leadership Academy

Cody Harris and Lacie Gibson represented Sunflower Diversified Services at the Grassroots Advocacy Leadership Academy in Topeka. They heard from legislators, policy makers, media professionals and advocates for people with intellectual disabilities and delays. They were two of only 15 professionals to be nominated and accepted for the training. Harris, community-employment specialist, and Gibson, training/advocacy manager, said that while all academy topics were eye-opening, a highlight was advice on how to build relationships with state legislators. InterHab, the state organization that advocates for Sunflower and similar agencies in Kansas, sponsored the training in Topeka.



Rotary Honors Academic Pursuits & Excellence

For 96 years, the Great Bend Rotary Club has been investing time, talent and financial resources in the Great Bend community. On May 13, they continued their celebration and support of our community's young people by honoring 16 Great Bend High School seniors as Junior Rotarians.

The Junior Rotarian program connects to Rotary's mission by honoring students in their education endeavors. Club members are encouraged to build friendships with these young people and develop lifelong relationships. The annual Rotary Rendezvous luncheon also served as an opportunity to award Rotary's annual Junior Rotarian Scholarships. Recipients of the scholarship are Alyssa Keller and Brandon Popp.

"The investment in our young people is a 'pay it forward' asset, said Mark Mingenback, rotary club member and event emcee. "Simply put, this investment insures the success of our community because these outstanding students will be the future leaders of our community, state and nation."

The 2018-2019 Junior Rotarians are, Nolan Barton, Brock Blessing, Shelbie Deason, Carlos (Dani) Franco, Elizabeth Gerdes, Darian Harbaugh, Molly Kaiser, Alyssa Keller, Hector Lopez, Blake Penka, Matthew Phillips, Jordan Popp, Ruth Reyes, Katherine Snapp, Miriam Vasquez, and Matthew Zorn.





SUMMER Camps

Camp schedule for summer 2019!

June 1	LEGO Camp - One Day
June 7	Pirate Treasure Hunt
June 14	Fishing Day Out
June 21	Rolling Hills Zoo Kids Day
June 28	Aquatics Camp
July 2	CSI & Kids Safety Day
July 12	Santa Fe Trail Kids Day Out
July 15	Super Hero Lego Camp
July 15	Bash Em Bots Engineering
July 15	Lego Camp
July 15	Exploring the Brit Spa Zoo
July 19	Kids Day at the Beach
July 22	Mad Science Claws & Codes
July 23	Mad Science Outdoor Explorers



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CANVAS Mineral Makeup Studio Officially Opens

The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development recently celebrated new Great Bend based business and Chamber Member, Canvas Mineral Makeup Studio, with a Ribbon Cutting on May 9th, 2019. Located inside the Fieldhouse at 2817 9th Street, the studio officially opened on April 4th.

Canvas Cosmetics is a natural mineral makeup line, formulated and hand-crafted in small batches by Jennifer Stoddard, Owner. This proprietary line of cosmetics are free of fillers, chemical dyes, fragrances and chemical binders. Instead, naturally occurring minerals such as kaolin clay, sericite and iron oxides, are used. After nearly ten years of working with these minerals and formulating makeup, Stoddard has launched a very unique, outside-the-box, mineral makeup studio. She is able to customize mineral products onsite for her clients.

"My aspiration is to simplify beauty beliefs and routines, while empowering women of all ages to feel confident in themselves; knowing they are wonderfully made by our creator," Owner Jennifer Stoddard further detailed how a life in modeling opened her eyes to the lies women are told and believe. Stoddard is passionate about changing the story and dialogue, beginning with her two daughters.

Currently, individual and group sessions are available on Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and evenings by appointment. Sessions include education and application techniques along with an introduction to the Canvas Mineral Makeup. Makeup application is included in the individual sessions, as well as free trial sizes for clients to take home with them.

During sessions, clients will have the opportunity to purchase full-size custom products, as well as handcrafted artisan makeup brushes and accessories. When clients run out of their mineral products, they can have them refilled at the makeup studio for a reduced price.

To learn more, visit [Facebook.com/CanvasMineralMakeupStudio](https://www.facebook.com/CanvasMineralMakeupStudio) or schedule appointments at [Schedulicity.com](https://www.schedulicity.com). Jennifer Stoddard can also be reached at Canvascosmetics@gmail.com.



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Anytime Fitness to Host Open House June 8th

Join Anytime Fitness, located at 3721 10th St. and now under new management, during their Open House on Saturday, June 8th, 2019. The Open House will take place from Noon to 3:00 p.m. with chances to win several giveaways, plus a FREE one-month Membership! Non-members are invited to bring their work-out clothes and give the equipment a try, all while trained staff is on hand to answer questions and assist. Did we mention DOLLAR ENROLLMENT? That's right! Come in, try the equipment, enjoy some refreshments, and then join for just \$1! It doesn't get better than that! Questions? Call Jim Schneider, Owner, at 620-793-8700 or message us on Facebook @Anytime.Fitness.of.Great.Bend.



Ambassador Profile - Cody Harris, Sunflower Div.



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

My fiancé, now wife, started working at Barton Community College and I eventually followed her to town. My mortgage keeps me here. (Just kidding). But really, even though neither of us were raised in Great Bend we have both really enjoyed the community and everything that it offers. Everyone has been so welcoming since day one.

Where do you work and what do you do there?

I am the Community Employment Specialist at Sunflower Diversified Services. In a few words, I help our clients with disabilities build life skills and gain employment in the community.

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

I am a man of many obscure (and useless) talents, including juggling and being able to balance almost anything on my face.

What energizes you and brings you excitement?

I get excited when the clients I work with put their hearts into the process and then when I get to see their faces when they get hired. It makes every challenge worth it a thousand times over. Personally, I love my Jayhawks and Royals! And try to never miss a game.

At what job, would you be terrible?

Probably a librarian. I don't know how to be quiet. Ask anyone.

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

I am on the start of my second year. And since I am not a Great Bend native I enjoy the networking and building of professional relationships. I also like going to the Chamber Coffee events to see what's new, and the coffee and snacks don't hurt either.

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.

OPI Cuts the Ribbon After 60 Years in Business

The Vink brothers, along with their family, friends and dedicated staff, stand behind the red ribbon to celebrate OPI's 60th anniversary. The ribbon cutting ceremony was part of OPI's Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Business After Hours, held on May 9th, 2019.



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June 6, 2019

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June 13, 2019

NEX-TECH

3700 10th Street in Great Bend

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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!



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