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FIRST EVER MANUFACTURING DAY TO BRING AWARENESS TO CRITICAL INDUSTRY OCTOBER 4TH

The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development is celebrating Manufacturing Day in 2019 and manufacturing in Great Bend, KS with our first "Made in GBK." Held annually on the first Friday in October, Manufacturing Day helps show the reality of modern manufacturing careers by encouraging thousands of companies and educational institutions around the nation to open their doors to students, parents, teachers and community leaders.

According to the National Association of Manufacturers, more than 18.5 million U.S. jobs are supported by manufacturing, and every dollar spent in manufacturing creates \$1.40 for the U.S. economy. With U.S. manufacturing being the ninth largest economy in the world and making up nearly 12% of our country's gross domestic product (GDP), the future of this industry is incredibly important.

"Manufacturing Day is an opportunity for manufacturers to show their communities what they do, highlight the economic importance of manufacturing, and draw attention to rewarding manufacturing careers," says Megan Barfield, Director of Member Relations for the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development. "Students get the chance to see firsthand how many types of jobs are available in the manufacturing sector from welders and engineers to designers and marketing professionals."



In other communities that hosted a Manufacturing Day event for students in this format, several interesting statistics were reported:

- 84% of students were more convinced that manufacturing provides careers that are interesting and rewarding.
- 64% of students were more motivated to pursue a career in manufacturing.
- 71% of students that participated were more likely to tell friends and family about manufacturing after attending an event.



"For this first year, we have partnered with Fuller Industries, Great Bend Industries, Eldridge Fencing, Superior Essex, Great Bend High School JAG-K and Barton Community College," Barfield says. "Nearly 120 students will get the chance to tour these facilities the morning of October 4th to learn more about manufacturing right here in Barton County."

Thanks to these businesses, lunch and t-shirts will also be provided to each and every student. The day-long activities will conclude at Fuller Industries, LLC for a special Chamber After Hours event on Friday, October 4th, from 5p.m. – 8p.m. with great food and beverages, plant tours from 5:30p.m. – 7p.m. followed by a short program with Fuller Industries CEO, Mark Chalfant, speaking and doing a few awesome giveaways. *Learn more about the nationwide Manufacturing Day initiative at www.mfgday.com.*

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TCI Answering Service Moves to a New Facility

TCI Answering Service recently relocated to their new home, located at 5810 Anchor Way in Great Bend. Owned by Shelly Peacock, TCI employs 11 people who are trained to answer the calls of over 220 satisfied clients (including the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This female-owned business has been in operation since 1986 with Peacock acquiring the business in 2012 and services clients located across the United States. Shelly expressed how proud she is to offer flexible and customizable services tailored to the client and their business call needs. Recently, they've implemented a successful Well Check Program allowing peace of mind to those with elderly and/or disabled family members. Never miss a call again with TCI Answering Service providing live and friendly operators, on-site generator and the ability to answer phones for any type of business. Call Shelly at 620-792-1291 or find them online at tcianswering-service.com.



New Moving Company Celebrates Grand Opening

The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development welcomed new business owners Thomas Rein and Justin Ferguson, owners of Midwest Movers. These guys will help you "GTF0" – Get That Furniture Out! Whether just moving down the street or several states away, no job is too small or too big.

Not moving but need something hauled? They can do that too. Give Thomas or Justin a call today to schedule a free consultation and let them do the heavy lifting. Midwest Movers can be reached at (620) 617-1303 by email, midwestmoversgbk@gmail.com or on Facebook.



Just in Time Remodeling Announces Merger & Expansion

Just in Time Remodeling, based in Great Bend, Kansas, has seen immense growth in the last year. And recently, the company hosted a Chamber Ribbon Cutting to celebrate two important milestones in their business. In addition to moving into a new shop space at 5000 8th Street, the locally owned construction company also announced that they will be joining forces with Chad Leiker of Leiker Renovation to expand their services in Central Kansas. "It's been a big year for our team, and so many exciting changes have happened in just the last few months," said Rachel Mawhirter, co-owner of Just in Time Remodeling. "We've been admiring Chad's work from afar for years, so to be able to team up and gain his many years of experience will be a huge asset to our customers."



Just in Time Remodeling was founded in 2017 by Justin and Rachel Mawhirter. Starting with interior remodeling for kitchens and bathrooms, Justin worked independently for quite some time until the business had grown enough to sustain additional team members. "Since January of this year, we've grown from two employees to seven employees, and bringing Chad into the team will take us up to eight on our crew," said Justin Mawhirter. "We have been really fortunate to build the team that we have, and every single one of our guys is knowledgeable and hard working."

Leiker Renovation has been owned and operated by Chad Leiker for nearly fifteen years in the Great Bend area. With a solid reputation and a track record for quality work, Leiker says that teaming up with Justin and his crew was a no-brainer. "Justin and I have gotten to know each other well since he started his business, and we are often bidding the same projects," says Leiker. "Teaming up to share our expertise, our tools and equipment, and our overhead expenses only helps us better serve the customers we work with and keep the projects as affordable as possible."

In addition to expanding their team, Just in Time Remodeling has also expanded their services and the communities they travel to. Just in Time Remodeling also offers custom tile showers, flooring installation, siding and windows, entry doors, interior finish work, and more. For major remodeling projects, the team quotes projects within a 30-mile radius of Great Bend, Kansas. For exterior upgrades such as siding, windows, and doors they can travel even further to accommodate their customers.

"God has really blessed both of these businesses, and we are excited to start teaming up and improve the way we do things with a more streamlined approach," says Rachel Mawhirter. "Customers can still contact either Chad or Justin, whoever they feel more comfortable with. Both will handle sales and operational leadership, and we plan to take our time making this a smooth transition for everyone involved."

Learn more about Just in Time Remodeling or browse a portfolio of project photos by visiting the company website at www.greatbendremodeling.com. Anyone interested in a free quote can reach out through the website, or call 620-617-1714. And be sure to follow them on Facebook.

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Ready to learn more? Call Julie at 620-639-2696 or by email, vmbraintraining@gmail.com.



1st Ever Rock-N-Q on the Planes Slated Oct. 18-20

In the summer of 1978, a legendary music festival called Summer Jam brought thousands of spectators and concert goers to Great Bend for rock-and-roll performances, including headlining band Head East. Now, a group of visionary volunteers are working to bring back the nostalgic Americana, with Head East returning for an encore performance along with numerous other headlining bands at the first ever Rock-N-Q on the Planes festival, happening October 18-20, 2019 at the Great Bend Expo Complex. The name for the event says it all - unforgettable rock concerts, barbecue, and all taking place at the historic WWII airfield just west of Great Bend (hence the word "planes" instead of "plains").



Other bands performing include legendary groups such as Banshee, Skid Row, Starship featuring Mickey Thomas, and Foghat. Regional favorites The David Holland Band, Ten Day Wish, Homebrew, and Jake Gill will also perform along with YouTube sensation Liliac.

If the concerts weren't enough to pique your interest, there will also be two huge barbecue competitions and lots of retail and food vendors as well. An Open BBQ Cook-Off lets teams of all experience levels compete for an impressive cash purse of \$25,000. Similarly impressive, a \$20,000 purse is being put up for the first ever Rock-N-Q National Invitational, a barbecue competition for only the top fifty rated teams in the entire country!

"We are expecting thousands of people for the barbecue competition and the live concerts," says Mark Bitter, volunteer committee member. "And outside of the enormous economic impact this will have for our community, we are the most excited about the potential this event has to generate revenue for a new non-profit organization known as Destination GB, that exists to fund community improvement projects around the City of Great Bend. Any proceeds raised after expenses are paid will be used to facilitate quality of life improvements that wouldn't be funded otherwise."

Tickets are now on sale at www.rocknq.com. General admission passes are \$89 per person for both jam-packed days of music and barbecue. There are also reserved passes for \$119 per person that get spectators in the best possible location close to the stage. A VIP experience is also available that includes reserved admission, plus access to a special VIP tent with free food and drinks for the entire weekend.

Another unique opportunity to take home a piece of history is a charity raffle being put on by the Great Bend Rocks Band Camp. Banshee donated one of their actual guitars used to record one of their famous albums, and all the bands will sign the guitar before it is raffled off on October 19th during Rock-N-Q on the Planes. Only 2,500 tickets will be sold for \$10 each and a winner will be drawn during the festival. Ticketholders do not have to be present to win.



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- 1... Opening Day of Sweet Dreams Candy Shop, 1917 Lakin Ave. @10AM
- 1... **Chamber After Hours: 4 Corners Oktoberfest, 16th & Main @5PM**
- 3... **Ribbon Cutting: Sweet Dreams Candy Shop, 1917 Lakin Ave. @9AM**
- 3... **Chamber Coffee: First Kansas Bank, 4001 10th St, Program @9:30AM**
- 3... Great Bend Noon Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner, Columbus Club, South Main @4:30PM
- 4... Barton Theatre Production "The Diviners", BCC Fine Arts Auditorium @7:30PM
- 5... Barton County Walk to End Alzheimer's, Jack Kilby Square @8AM
- 5... Beer Brewing 101, Heartland Farm, 1049 CR 390 @4PM
- 5... Barton Theatre Production "The Diviners", BCC Fine Arts Auditorium @7:30PM
- 6... Caregivers Count Support Group, First Christian Church, 5230 Broadway Ave. @2PM
- 6... Barton Theatre Production "The Diviners", BCC Fine Arts Auditorium @2PM
- 8... Dine for Dolly, Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers, 3008 10th @4PM
- 8... Save a Life Tour: Distracted Driving, BCC Student Union @4:30PM
- 8... Adult Life Skills: Basic Auto Maintenance, Cornerstone Automotive, 4713 8th St. @6PM
- 9... Eagle Communication Marketing Workshop, Front Door, 1615 10th St. @8:30AM, 10:30AM, 2PM, 5:30PM
- 9... **Chamber Member Services & Marketing Seminar, 1125 Williams St. @10AM**
- 10... **Chamber Coffee: Network Kansas, Spray-Holt Family Board Room, 1125 Williams St., Program @9:30AM**
- 11... Youth Mental Health First Aid, 1225 S. Patton Rd @8AM
- 12... Hunter Appreciation Day & Breakfast, KVEC, 592 NE K-156 @8AM
- 12... Kiwanis Costume Drive, Public Library, 1409 Williams St. @2PM
- 12... SRCA Summit Points Race #11, SRCA Dragstrip @Noon
- 12... United States Air Force Jazz Ensemble, BCC Fine Arts Auditorium @6PM
- 13... **BCYP Fall Fest, Long Pumpkin Patch, 163 NE 30 Rd @5PM**
- 13... Golden Belt Community Concert: The Annie Moses Band, Municipal Auditorium @7:30PM
- 15... Central Kansas Partnership Meeting, Barton County Health Department, 1300 Kansas Ave #B @11am
- 17... **Chamber Coffee: KSN, Spray-Holt Family Board Room, 1125 Williams St., Program @9:30AM**
- 17... **Ribbon Cutting: Allie Cartwright, LLC, 1125 Williams St. @10AM**
- 18... Wheatland Electric Cram the Van Office Lunch, 2300 Broadway Ave. @11AM
- 18... Stargazing Workshop with FHSU Astronomy Club, KVEC, 592 NE K-156 @8PM
- 18-20... Rock-n-Q on the Planes, Great Bend Expo Complex, www.rocknq.com
- 19... **BCYP Flatlander Half Marathon, 2001 Forest Ave. @6AM**
- 19... Credit Union of America Members Only Shred Day, 4708 10th St. @9AM
- 24... **Chamber Coffee: Blizzard Energy, Best-Western Courtyard, 2920 10th St., Program @9:30AM**
- 26... University of Kansas Health System Lab Fair, Great Bend Campus, 514 Cleveland @6AM
- 26... Downtown Halloween Parade, Jack Kilby Square @11AM
- 26... SRCA Summit Points Race #12, SRCA Dragstrip @Noon
- 26... Great Bend Zoo Boo, Brit-Spaugh Zoo @5:30PM
- 31... **Chamber Coffee: USD 428 Education Foundation, 201 S. Patton Rd., Program @9:30AM**

Save the Date: November 2nd - Pawnee Valley Community Hospital Foundation Charity Gala & Auction

Recurring Events:

Great Bend City Council Meetings, 1st & 3rd Mondays, City Hall, 1209 Williams @6:30pm
 Barton County Commission Meetings, Every Monday, Barton County Courthouse @9am
 The Friends of the Library book sale open to the public, with new and used books on sale for a bargain price. Hours: Friday, Oct. 18: 12-4:30pm ; Saturday, Oct. 19: 10am-4:30pm; Sunday, Oct. 20: 1-5pm (north doors only)

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




Air Force Jazz Band to Perform in Great Bend

The United States Air Force Academy Band's Falconaires jazz ensemble from Colorado Springs, Colo., will perform a free concert at the Barton Community College Fine and Performing Arts Auditorium in Great Bend. The performance is set for 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12.

The evening will feature an eclectic mix of traditional and contemporary jazz repertoire that celebrates our national heritage. The concert is free and open to the public, and the tickets are available at the Great Bend Tribune office, 2012 Forest Avenue, at the BCC Fine and Performing Arts office or online at eventbrite.com.

Under the command of Lt. Col. Daniel L. Price, it is one of nine performing ensembles within the Academy Band. The Falconaires is comprised of 18 professional active-duty airman musicians. "A driving force in the jazz world, the Falconaires play a major role in cultivating our national heritage through America's only indigenous musical genre-jazz," Price said. "The Falconaires support the Academy Band's mission to advance the United States Air Force Academy and the Global Air Force Missions by providing professional music products and services for official military, recruiting, and community relations events worldwide. For over 60 years, the Academy Band has used the power of music to honor our nation's heroes, inspire Air Force personnel and the nation they serve, produce innovative musical programs and products, and communicate Air Force excellence to millions around the world.

"It is also our distinct privilege to support our veterans and all men and women currently serving around the globe, protecting the freedoms we all enjoy," Price said. "It is because of these selfless Americans that we are able to share the music and remarkable talents of the Falconaires."




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Almost Home Partners with Creative Arts Studio

Almost Home, Inc., a local senior living residence that combines quality senior healthcare with all of the comforts of home, joined tens of thousands of similar communities across the country for a weeklong celebration of assisted living. National Assisted Living Week® was observed Sunday, September 9 – Saturday, September 14, and Almost Home, Inc. honored this year's theme, "A Spark of Creativity."

As part of the week's festivities at Almost Home, Inc., residents explored their artistic side as they painted mugs of their own design. The activity was hosted by Dilly & Doc, the local creative art studio on Great Bend's Main Street.



"Finding a creative outlet can be instrumental to mental, physical and spiritual health—especially among older adults," said Leilani Schenkel, Executive Director of Almost Home, Inc. "National Assisted Living Week emphasizes the role we as caregivers play to help residents find that spark, so they can continue to live well and age well."

"A Spark of Creativity" hopes to inspire assisted living residents to explore their creative side whether through the arts or beyond. Specifically, art therapy can offer many benefits to older adults, such as improving cognitive and sensory-motor functions, fostering self-esteem and self-awareness, cultivating emotional resilience, enhancing social skills, and reducing and resolving conflicts and distress, according to the American Art Therapy Association.

"We encourage members of the community to come to visit Almost Home, Inc.," said Schenkel. "Engaging with our residents can be a rewarding experience and can hopefully light a spark in individuals to continue serving seniors for years to come." Please call ahead to schedule an appointment to visit.

United Way Campaign Asks YOU to "Be the One"

It Only Takes One Person, One Donor, One Volunteer to Make a Difference

With more than 3,000 residents 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? What if each of those donors chose to donate just ONE more dollar? What if each of those donors volunteered ONE more hour?

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Dollars raised by United Way of Central Kansas are also used to provide Community Impact Programs. These programs benefit the community, from birth to the elderly. Putting books in the hands of children age 0-5 with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, preparing kids for school with Literacy Kits, teaching students what life is like after school with Reality U, and delivering Boxes of Love every Valentine's Day to homebound seniors in Barton & Pawnee Counties. You could be the ONE ensuring a child is prepared for Kindergarten. You could be the ONE guaranteeing a home bound senior knows they are loved and appreciated.

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Insurance Planning Welcomes Powelson

Shawn Powelson is a Kansas native and recently joined the Insurance Planning team in Great Bend after relocating from Scott City. Shawn earned his bachelor's degree from Mid America Nazarene University in Olathe, KS. He brings a diverse background of work/life experiences with him including agriculture, banking and professional communications and is excited to get back to his insurance roots. He enjoys spending time outdoors; hunting, hiking and at the lake. He also enjoys spending time with his three children and his girlfriend.



Yours Truly Offers Holiday Gifting Tips

Surprise! Ready or not the season of hustle, bustle, Christmas lights, holiday parties, and

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HOLIDAY GIFTS are just a few weeks away. The gift specialists at Yours Truly are here to give you a few tips on making your professional holiday gifting easy.

First - Why Gift?

Simple answer. Gifting shows appreciation. Communicating thankfulness can be an awkward conversation. If you can't find the words - gifting is a great way to show your thankfulness!

Gifting for Clients

Gifting at the holidays gives you a reason to touch base with clients without following up with an "ask." This helps to build that ever-important relationship between you and the client.

Tip: Do not fill your gift with branded "knick-knacks." Give gifts that have personality. A gift should enhance the brand and provide value to the recipient.

Gifting for Co-Workers & Employees

Giving employees or co-workers personal gifts creates motivation and recognizes their work throughout the year.

Tip: Create each gift to include an item to aid in work and an item the employee/co-worker will personally enjoy.

Gifting to Vendors

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To get started, contact Amy at Yours Truly, 620.796.2356, amy@yourstrulyks.com or visit Yours Truly Gift & Flower Shoppe at 2017 Lakin in Great Bend from 9am - 5:30pm Monday-Friday or 9am - 3pm on Saturday.

GBCF Receives National Accreditation

Golden Belt Community Foundation recently received accreditation with the nation's highest standard for philanthropic excellence. National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations® establish legal, ethical, effective practices for community foundations everywhere.



"Meeting the National Standards benchmarks is a rigorous, comprehensive process," said Randy Royster, board member of the Council on Foundations. "This accreditation is a significant accomplishment that indicates Golden Belt Community Foundation demonstrates a commitment to transparency, quality, integrity and accountability as it carries out its mission."

The National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations® program requires community foundations to document their policies for donor services, investments, grantmaking and administration. With nearly 500 community foundations already accredited nationwide, the program is designed to provide quality assurance to donors, as well as to their legal and financial advisors. "This is critically important to our donors," said Christy Tustin, Golden Belt Community Foundation executive director. "When people make a charitable bequest or establish a fund, they are putting their trust in us. They are counting on us to manage the investment wisely and honor their charitable wishes. The National Standards accreditation says our house is in order."

Golden Belt Community Foundation offers a range of charitable funds, allowing donors to advance a cause, support an individual organization, provide flexible support for community needs or recommend individual grants. In addition to affirming the organization's philanthropic services, the accreditation validates Golden Belt Community Foundation's grantmaking practices for the nonprofit community.

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Center for Adult Education Open House

Share Your Success Stories!

The Center for Adult Education with Barton Community College is planning an Open House for Thursday, November 7th from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. As part of the Open House, we are inviting area businesses to attend and learn more about our program. In addition, businesses and community members with success stories connected to our students and graduates are invited to join us and share these successes.



We know many of our students are working in the local community and have had a positive impact. If this is something you have experienced, we want to help share your story! Success stories can be shared during the Open House or you may contact Susanne Yarmer with your written testimony. Stories will be shared with the community, potential students and their families.

For more information, please contact Susanne Yarmer at 620-786-7560 or visit our website at bartonccc.edu/community/adulted



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Rube's Inc. Tech Earns Mechanical Master License

Brian Pedigo, owner of Rube's, Inc., is pleased to announce that technician, Braden Bahan, has earned his Mechanical Master license. Bahan, originally from Ellsworth, has been employed with Rube's since shortly after graduating from Salina Area Technical College in 2014. He later obtained his Mechanical Journeyman license and obtained his Mechanical Master license this summer. Bahan enjoys the challenges of troubleshooting and repairing failures that effect the operation of HVAC and commercial refrigeration equipment.

Pedigo is pleased to have a second technician on staff with a Master certification. He commends Bahan for his diligence in preparing for the difficult examination in his free time. Few attempt this examination because of the rigorous study and preparation required.

Rube's, Inc., specializing in heating, air conditioning and commercial refrigeration sales and service, has been a fixture in Great Bend since 1933. Rube's is an authorized Trane dealer, receiving distinguished dealer status for more than two decades.



Local Pampered Chef Consultant Hits Milestones *Debbie Kuhlman Celebrates 25 Years and \$1 Million in Sales*

Debbie Kuhlman started her career with Pampered Chef in late October of 1993 while living in the Kansas City area with her husband James and their three children, Jaime, Jacob and Jessica. A few years after starting with Pampered Chef a new job opportunity for her husband James brought their family to the Great Bend area where he was born and raised and she was able to bring her business with her.

With three children to care for the flexibility of a Direct Sales business like the Pampered Chef was just what she was looking for. She quit her full time job and started being a stay at home mom during the day, enjoying the flexibility and freedom with her children while her husband was at work. A couple of times a week, James and Debbie would switch roles, he would stay home and take over the parenting duties while she went out and had her Pampered Chef Parties! Not long after starting Pampered Chef their fourth child Justin was born and it was even more of a benefit for Mom to stay home with the kids while earning extra money selling Pampered Chef kitchen products.

Taking this opportunity has certainly been a wise choice for the Kuhlman family. Mom and Dad working together as a team to raise the children and enjoy the many benefits that Pampered Chef has had to offer them. This past year marked 25 years and over 1700 shows with Pampered Chef for Debbie. She also celebrated earning the company's prestigious Excellence Awards in the personal sales category by selling over \$55,000 in one year and just recently reached her 1,000,000 mark in personal sales with the company in July. James and Debbie are planning a trip to Disney World in June of next year compliments of Pampered Chef. Please feel free to visit her website at DebbieKuhlman.com or contact her if you should have any questions.



Barton Employee Published in National Publication

An Article by Barton Director of Innovation & Compliance Lee Miller was recently published in "Innovation Abstracts" magazine by the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD). NISOD is a membership organization committed to promoting and celebrating excellence in teaching, learning, and leadership at community and technical colleges.

Miller's article "The Skeletons In Our Closets: Creating New Bones for Open Educational Resources (OER) Development" focuses on the transition from traditional methods of educational content delivery to a focus on OER, which is a new philosophy focused on the idea that knowledge should be accessible to everyone and cost and availability should not be obstacles. It also focuses on more instructor input in not only content, but curriculum, class design and engaging their students in as many ways as possible. "I wanted to address the big challenges that instructors were facing with moving to OER and to find a way to break it down and make it easier," she said. "How do we explain and encourage faculty to start the transition, and how do we make that transition as easy as possible?"

Miller said the transition will take increased training and focus on instruction methods but will ultimately benefit the students and teachers. "I am very excited this was published," she said. "However, with this new initiative we still have a lot of work to do. I'm very thankful and appreciate all of the amazing instructors that have stepped forward to start tackling this challenge. We currently have more than 20 faculty who are working on moving their classes to the OER format both online and from different campuses."

Vice President of Instruction Elaine Simmons said it is important to her that Barton is always on the cutting edge of education and seeking paradigm shifts. "We couldn't be prouder of Lee and we are hopeful others will be published in the future," she said.



Be Part of Cram the Van 2019

Wheatland Electric is gearing up for its 6th Annual Cram the Van Food drive. "Six years ago, Wheatland Electric set out to find a new way to expand our involvement in the seventh cooperative principle "CONCERN FOR THE COMMUNITY." Several ideas were kicked around, but we ultimately settled on a community food drive," says Regan Reif, Member Services & Key Accounts. "The main objective was set—collect non-perishable food items from co-op members and deliver them to local community food banks before the busy holiday season. Members helping members. And just like that, CRAM THE VAN was born."

The first year set a great baseline with a total of 6,615 pounds of donations. In the second year, 11 events brought a 7% increase in donations. By 2017, Wheatland Electric partnered with Hiss-Sherman Wealth Management to get the schools involved with a district-wide competition. The growth from that was massive, bringing in nearly ten tons of donations.

Last year, Great Bend collected 5,852 pounds of non-perishable food items for the Community Food Bank of Barton County. Wheatland also extended the school competitions to Holcomb and Scott City, both of which were well received, and helped set a record for total donations of 22,382 pounds (11 tons).

Continuing the 2019 campaign, Wheatland will host a freewill donation (cash or can) lunch at their office located on 2300 Broadway Avenue on October 18, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Additionally, Wheatland will be partnering with the Great Bend High School Panther Booster Club and Hiss-Sherman Wealth Management Group to host the tailgate meal from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Great Bend High School football game that same evening. Cost will be \$5.00 to benefit the Booster Club for a meal of chicken & noodles with mashed potatoes or chili & cinnamon rolls with a bottle of water. Individuals who also bring a canned food item for donation to Cram the Van at the tailgate will be given a ticket to be entered to win a grand prize!

Learn more on the Wheatland Electric social media pages.



Barton County Young Professionals Gather for Two Events in October

Fall Fest October 13th

Members of the Barton County Young Professionals group are invited to bring their children to Fall Fest, sponsored by Francis Financial. This free event takes place Sunday, Oct. 13, at Long Pumpkin Patch, 163 NE 30 Road outside of Great Bend, from 5-6:30 pm. Please RSVP to bartonyp@gmail.com by Wednesday, Oct. 9. Activities include pumpkin painting, kids games in the barn, family photo booth, corn maze, fall treats, and more.

Flatlander Half Marathon & YP5K October 19th

Join us in Great Bend, Kansas for the 5th Annual Flatlander Half Marathon & YP5K on Saturday, October 19. The races will start and finish in downtown Great Bend, and all three will utilize a professionally chipped timing system provided by Timer Guys. Each participant receives a race T-shirt, a swag bag of goodies from our sponsors, a complimentary breakfast, along with free finish line photos published on our Facebook page after the event. Registration is \$30 for the 5K, \$40 for the 10K, or \$65 for the Half Marathon. Find the event on Facebook to get the online registration link, or visit www.bartonyp.com.

About BCYP

Barton County Young Professionals (BCYP) exists to provide leadership, networking & volunteer opportunities. BCYP is a free membership organization for anyone 21-40ish who lives or works in the Barton County area. Over 750 individuals currently participate in BCYP membership. To learn more about the benefits of membership or to see an event schedule, visit BartonYP.com.



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Hutchinson Clinic Welcomes 3 New Specialists

The Hutchinson Clinic is pleased to welcome three new specialists to the medical staff.

- **Dr. Humayun Ashraf, Pulmonology** trained at Wayne State University in Michigan. Dr. Ashraf is Board Certified and specializes in the lungs and respiratory system: treating conditions such as asthma, lung nodules, interstitial lung disease, pulmonary hypertension, COPD, and critical care medicine. Dr. Ashraf grew up in Winfield, Kansas and is happy to be living and working back in Kansas near his family.
- **Dr. Allison Glass, Urology** trained at the University of California-Davis in Sacramento, California. Dr. Glass is Board Certified and specializes in urologic cancer care and treatment, stone disease, robotic surgery, female/male incontinence, men's sexual health, urethral stricture disease, and reconstructive surgery.
- **Dr. Neelu Kalra, Allergy/Immunology** trained at Penn State University in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Dr. Kalra is Board Certified and treats Pediatric and adult patients for conditions such as environmental, food, drug, and venom allergies; atopic dermatitis, contact dermatitis, and other allergic skin conditions; as well as a variety of allergy, asthma and immunologic diseases including allergic rhinitis, sinus diseases, and immune deficiencies & disorders.

All three doctors are accepting new patients. To schedule an appointment, please call 620.669.2500 or www.hutchclinic.com.



Plains State Bank Promotes Henderson to Senior VP

Plains State Bank is pleased to announce the promotion of Sarah Henderson to Senior Vice President. Sarah's dedication, strong Human Resources background and extensive experience in this career has provided the bank the leadership necessary to support its strategic goals. She will continue to serve as the marketing coordinator for the bank as they continue to grow with products and services.

Sarah earned a Bachelor of Science degree in organizational management and leadership from Friends University, Wichita, KS. She graduated from Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin - Madison in Human Resource Management in 2012.

Sarah, husband, DJ and children, Cailyn and Colsen reside in Fort Supply, OK where Sarah works remotely.

Plains State Bank is based out of Plains, KS. Founded in 1906, Plains State Bank has bank locations in Plains, Lakin, Great Bend, Hutchinson and Salina, KS. For more information about Plains State Bank visit their website at www.plainsstatebank.com.



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Barton County Academy Sees Record Enrollment

Barton County Academy has enrolled a record number of students for this Academic year. We have 109 students enrolled, each of which are taking steps to obtain their high school diploma. These student are adults taking ESL course, as well as core academic classes. It's an exciting time for Essdack and Barton County Academy.



In August, Jamie Baldwin began working at the Academy as the Para for English Speaking students. Jamie is also a Coach and Facilitator for Circles of Barton County, the local Poverty Project through Youth Core Ministries.

Ambassador Profile - Dale MacKinney, 1st Assembly



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

I came to Great Bend because I was totally burned out from my other job and there was an opportunity to work with kids part time here at the church instead of selling insurance in Hutchinson, KS.

Where do you work and what do you do there?

As the Children's Pastor I spend a lot of time recruiting volunteers to help teach the nearly 100 kids who attend First Assembly on any given Sunday. My wife Sarah and I try to plan fun and creative lessons, have extra programming for the kids who want to be more involved, and play with kids to build a relationship

that allows us to interact with them on a deeper level when they need it. We try to create an atmosphere where they can grow in relationship with God and each other.

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

I love to travel and have been to over 20 different Countries already, work plans to visit many more. My wonderful wife even allowed me to take my 13 year old daughter to China on a Daddy/Daughter Trip 6 years ago, and my next daughter and I will be heading to Germany some time next year on her 13 year old trip!

What energizes you and brings you excitement?

I love to interact with all kinds of people. Stick me on a room with a bunch of people and I will probably have a great day. Old people, young people, I'm a people person and I enjoy finding out what I have in common with pretty much anyone.

At what job, would you be terrible?

I would be absolutely terrible at any job that has a single routine that was repeated over and over again. I have always struggled with routines of any kind because I am always interested in trying something new. I love to learn a new game, and hate to play it forever after I've learned everything I need to in order to be successful at it. Give me liberty (from routines) or give me death.

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

I have been an ambassador for almost 3 years, and what I like most about it is the opportunity to get to know new people and find out many of the little things going on in the community that I otherwise would have never known about.

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.

The HR Pro Publishes Wage & Benefit Survey

As an employer, you need to know what is competitive for wages and benefits in our area. And after months of research, The HR Pro is excited to announce that the results from a recent survey are now published and available for purchase. The survey helps employers compare their own wages and benefits against other employers in our local area, instead of trying to compare with Wichita or other large city markets.

To purchase a copy of the report, email Erika Brining, The HR Pro at Erika@thehrpro.net, text/call 620-793-0985, or submit a request through the website at www.thehrpro.net. Surveys will be hand-delivered within our local area, and will be invoiced for \$300 (discounted to \$100 if your company participated in the survey).



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You can also sign up to attend one of our Chamber Member Orientation & Marketing Services Seminars. These seminars happen throughout the year, with the next one coming up on Wednesday, October 9th from 10-11 a.m. members are encouraged to send at least one team member to get acclimated and stay up-to-date on the free or low-cost marketing opportunities available through the Chamber.

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October 3, 2019

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October 10, 2019

NETWORK KANSAS

Spray-Holt Family Board Room | 1125 Williams in Great Bend

NetWork Kansas is growing an entrepreneurial environment in Kansas by cultivating resources to start and grow small businesses. We are a statewide network of non-profit business-building resources that help entrepreneurs and small business owners startup and grow successful businesses. Join us and learn about ways your business can get involved!

October 17, 2019

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KSNW serves as the flagship of the Kansas State Network (KSN), a regional network of four stations (three full-power and one low-power) relaying NBC network programming and other programs provided by KSNW across central and western Kansas, as well as bordering counties in Nebraska and Oklahoma. The station first signed on the air on September 1, 1955 as KARD-TV.

October 24, 2019

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October 31, 2019

USD 428 EDUCATION FOUNDATION
201 S. Patton Road in Great Bend

The USD 428 Education Foundation is a non-profit organization that exists to support innovation in the Great Bend public school system. Over the past 30 years, the foundation has funded more than \$385,000 in mini-grants that have positively impacted teachers and students in the classroom. The community is invited to attend their annual dinner and auction scheduled for Thursday, November 14. Enjoy a cinnamon roll, coffee, and learn more about the great things happening in USD 428!

November 7, 2019

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