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St. Rose Adds Vitamin D Test To Menu at Blood Screenings

If you compare the costs of a fractured bone to the cost of the Vitamin D test – well, there is no comparison, said J Doerfler, M.D. Dr. Doerfler, St. Rose Family Medicine physician, said some fractures could affect every part of life, while the Vitamin D test is only \$25. The test is being offered for the first time at the regular St. Rose Health Center blood screening.

The next St. Rose screening is set for 6:30 to 9 a.m. Saturday, February. 27 at the facility. The walk-in event is open to the public on St. Rose's first floor. "Vitamin D is crucial to bone health," Dr. Doerfler said. "It must be combined with calcium to help prevent osteoporosis and bone fractures. A broken bone can cost you thousands of dollars, your mobility and maybe even your livelihood for an indefinite period.

"Some places charge \$250 or \$300 for this test but for \$25 at St. Rose you can determine if you need to be concerned about a deficiency," she continued. "This is equally important for women and men." Vitamin D allows calcium absorption and is added to some foods. However, sunshine is the best source of the vitamin.

Bone pain can be one symptom of a deficiency, Dr. Doerfler said, noting menopausal women and newborns without breast milk may be more apt to lack Vitamin D. The family-medicine doctor noted that Vitamin D is fat-soluble, which means it can be stored in the liver. "Other vitamins pass through urination," she said. "But Vitamin D works differently." Dr. Doerfler suggests talking with a primary-care physician about a recommended dose for a Vitamin D supplement that should be coupled with calcium. "They work together as a team," she said. "Your doctor can help you figure out the right amount for each."w

Other tests offered at each St. Rose blood screening are a \$25 blood profile that involves a complete blood count; comprehensive analysis of more than 20 blood chemistries; lipid profile for breakdowns of cholesterol and triglyceride numbers; and a thyroid test. Fasting is highly recommended. However, it is not necessary to fast before the other two blood tests. One is the \$16 PSA that checks a man's prostate and the other is the \$7.50 HGBA1C test for diabetes.

Neither a doctor's referral nor an appointment is required; cash and checks are accepted. St. Rose specializes in primary care, prevention and wellness.

2016 St. Rose Health Center BLOOD SCREENINGS

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| Sat. – Jan. 23, 2016 | Sat. – July 23, 2016 |
| Sat. – Feb. 27, 2016 | Sat. – Aug. 27, 2016 |
| Sat. – Mar. 26, 2016 | Sat. – Sept. 24, 2016 |
| Sat. – Apr. 23, 2016 | Sat. – Oct. 22, 2016 |
| Sat. – May 21, 2016 | Sat. – Nov. 19, 2016 |
| Sat. – June 25, 2016 | Sat. – Dec. 17, 2016 |

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Profile - \$25 **PSA** - \$16 **HGBA1C** - \$7.50

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GBCT Celebrates 100th Production

The Great Bend Community Theatre is proud to announce the upcoming production of "Kitchen Witches") will be its 100th Production. The Board of Directors would like to thank the City of Great Bend, all our loyal theatregoers and supporters, and all the community organizations that have helped make it possible to reach this milestone. They would also like to give special recognition to all the theatre managers, artistic directors, production directors and assistants, production crews, the actors themselves, that have participated and put in countless hours to make all productions possible.

To celebrate this momentous occasion the Theatre is adding a second weekend for this production to give everyone the opportunity to attend this special event. The play will open on Thursday February 11, 2016 and run Friday and Saturday evening as well as Sunday afternoon on Valentine's Day. It will also be shown on the following Friday and Saturday evenings February 19 and 20th. A special event has been planned for each showing to celebrate with door prizes to be given away. In addition, an extra special thank you to the Underwriters that help defray the royalties, and help us fund the special events Linda Sisson, Tall Crop, Inc., Marmies, American State Bank & Trust, and Innovative Livestock Services Inc. Please join us and have a great theatre experience.



Isobel Lomax and Dolly Biddle are two "mature" cable access cooking show hosts who have hated each other for 30 years, ever since Larry Biddle dated one and married the other. When circumstances put them together on a TV show called The Kitchen Witches, the insults are flung harder than the food! Dolly's long suffering TV-producer son Stephen, tries to keep them on track, but as long as Dolly's dressing room is one inch closer to the set than Isobel's, it is a losing battle. The show becomes a ratings smash as Dolly and Isobel top both Martha Stewart and Jerry Springer.

Club1Fitness Kicks Off New Year With New Challenge

Club 1 Fitness invites you to change your life by changing your habits. You and a team of 3 friends are asked to join the Battle of the Bulge from January 26, through March 30. This is for members and non-members alike and provides an 8 week access to the facility, classes, nutrition trips, recipes, exclusive workouts, personal training, and a ticket to our Fitness Gala. Over \$1,000.00 in prizes will be awarded to winners.

For more information or to register your team today, visit www.club1fitness.net or call 620-792-1366.

Golden Belt Community Foundation Begins Law Enforcement Campaign Thanks To Anonymous Donor

A friend of the Golden Belt Community Foundation recently approached Christy Tustin with an idea. The local man, who has chosen to remain anonymous, asked the Foundation executive director if they could collaborate on an awareness campaign about the lives and jobs of local law enforcement officers. The result will be a series of monthly articles that focus on local police and sheriff's officers, as well as other public servants. "This Foundation donor is concerned about the negative attitudes toward police that we are seeing around the country," Tustin said. "He wants to remind people that police officers are out there every day protecting and serving us. "Oftentimes," Tustin commented, "it is difficult for law enforcement officers to tell their own story. We want to be the voice of these hidden heroes."



The Foundation donor and Tustin chose January 9, which is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, to officially begin this project. "After learning about the special day, we realized it was tailor-made for this local campaign," Tustin said. "One goal is to demonstrate to law enforcement officers that we recognize the difficult career they have chosen and they have our gratitude. After all, they run toward trouble while the rest of us run away from it." The Foundation's mission can be addressed in many ways but to put it simply, it connects donors to causes they care about, Tustin noted. "This project will be no exception," she commented. "The Foundation doesn't have just a single way of meeting its goal of furthering charitable interests throughout our service area. We are always open to new avenues leading to stronger, healthier communities."

Throughout the 2016 campaign year, the donor hopes to: improve the public's perception of law enforcement officers and other public servants; find more ways to educate young people; and learn why officers chose this career. "We hope to start a dialogue with our series of stories," Tustin said. "Children and adults should realize that police and sheriff's officers are people they can turn to when they are in trouble. "If we can get to know a few officers more personally and learn about their lives and jobs, this project will be a success," Tustin added. "The Foundation appreciates the donor's efforts to make this happen."

The Golden Belt Community Foundation was established in 1996 and it serves Barton, Pawnee, Rush and Stafford counties.

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AMC To Offer In-House Stem-Cell Therapy



From day one, Dr. Nels Lindberg has been proud of his clinic's technology and commitment to state-of-the-art veterinary practices. However, Animal Medical Center's most recent addition to its ever-growing list of services is probably one of the most scientific therapies offered in the area.

"Stem cell therapy, otherwise known as regenerative medicine, isn't a new idea. We've been hearing about it for years, but we are proud to be the only veterinary practice in the area that can offer these technologically advanced therapies in-house," Lindberg says. "In layman's terms, we extract the animal's own stem cells from their fat tissue and put them back in the body where they are most needed."

Regenerative medicine can be used to treat a myriad of animal conditions, such as joint pain and arthritis, tendon and ligament trauma, soft tissue wounds, skin allergies, and more. "The goal of regenerative medicine is to bring injured tissue back to its original pristine condition," Lindberg says. "Stem cells and progenitor cells are extraordinary because they can grow and divide many times, and can form many types of tissue through a process of specialization called differentiation."

In some cases, enough cells can be harvested and grown so that a surplus can be saved for future use. Once injected, the stem cells give rise to the specific type of tissue that has been damaged, allowing for accelerated and natural healing to occur. "Some animals can see the benefits within a few days, while others may take a few weeks," Lindberg says. "But one treatment can make all the difference between a pet being able to climb stairs or jump into a vehicle, and being in constant pain."

Animal Medical Center partners with MediVet Biologics to offer this revolutionary new therapy in-house at their clinic, located at 622 McKinley in Great Bend.

Animal Medical Center offers full-service small and large animal care including vaccinations, spay and neuter surgeries, acupuncture, animal chiropractic, ultrasound diagnostics, cold laser therapy, surgical laser, digital x-ray, endoscopy, regenerative medicine (stem cell therapy), all aspects of bovine and equine medicine, surgery, consultation, and much more. Retail products for pet care and nutrition are also available, and they boast a clean open-hospital environment.

The Great Bend location is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to noon with a 24-hour emergency service. The new Ellinwood satellite clinic is open Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with appointments for veterinarians from 1-5 p.m. on those days.



For more information, visit www.myamcvets.com, call 620-792-1265, or like Animal Medical Center on Facebook.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

View & post all your community events at www.greatbend.org!

Monday, February 1st

Exposure Time III, Barton Community College & Shafer Art Gallery, 245 NE 30 Rd, 10:00 am- 5:00 pm

Thursday, February 4th

Chamber Coffee: Comfort Inn, 911 Grant Street, 9:30 am

Saturday, February 6th

Winter Kids Program-Let It Snow, Kansas Wetlands Education Center, 593 NE K Hwy, 10:00 am

Wednesday, February 10th

Technology Roundtable Luncheon: Chamber Board Room, 1125 Williams, 11:30 am

Thursday, February 11th

Chamber Coffee: Post Rock Radio, Chamber Board Room, 1125 Williams, 9:30 am

Saturday, February 13th

Winter Kids Program-Celebrate birds, Kansas Wetlands Education Center, 593 NE K Hwy, 10:00 am

Tuesday, February 16th

Golden Belt Community Concert: Billy Dean, Great Bend Municipal Auditorium, 1214 Stone Street, 7:30 pm

Thursday, February 18th

Chamber Coffee: Central Kansas Christian Academy, 215 McKinley St, 9:30 am

Friday, February 19th

FiberSpace. Heartland Farm, 1049 CR 390, Pawnee Rock, KS 7:00pm

Saturday, February 20th

94th Annual Chamber Banquet & Meeting, Great Bend Event Center, 3017 10th Street 6:00 -12:00 pm

Winter Kids Program-Masters of the Night Sky, Kansas Wetlands Education Center, 593 NE K Hwy, 10:00 am

Thursday, February 25th

Chamber Coffee: Angels Care Home Health, Chamber Board Room at 1125 Williams, 9:30 am

HPV Movie & Seminar, Golden Belt Cinema 6, 6:00 pm

Monday, February 29th

Golden Belt Community Concert: The Wonderful Wizard of Song, Great Bend Municipal Auditorium, 1214 Stone Street, 7:30 pm

RECURRING EVENTS

Barton County Commission Meetings, Mondays, Room 106, 9:00 am

American Legion Bingo, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1011 Kansas Ave, 7:00 pm

Great Bend City Council Meeting, 1st & 3rd Monday of the month, 1209 Williams, 7:30 pm

Dinner Served at American Legion, Fridays, 1011 Kansas Ave, 6:00 pm

REMINDER - POST YOUR 2016 EVENTS

Chamber Members are reminded and encouraged to post their events on our online Community Calendar! The calendar is a valuable source of reference for residents and businesses, as well as the source for Outlook Business Journal listings, Chamber Coffee Announcements, and MORE! Our calendar also includes features to create recurring events for your convenience. Submit your event online at www.greatbend.org. Chamber Staff will review your submission and your event will be live within 48 hours!

Technology Roundtable Feb. 10

"Windows 10 Demo & Discussion"

The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development would like to invite you to participate in the quarterly Technology Roundtable Luncheons that give tech-savvy professionals or curious lifelong learners an opportunity to keep up with trends and developments in business technology.

These informative networking luncheons take place four times each year in February, May, August, and November beginning at 11:30 a.m.

The next Technology Roundtable Luncheon will take place on Wednesday, February 10 in the Spray-Holt Family Board Room at the Chamber Office, 1125 Williams, starting at 11:30 a.m. This luncheon will feature a demo & discussion of Windows 10. Frank White & Doug Lewis will lead this session.

Pizza Hut will cater a Salad and Pasta Lunch, and cost per person will be \$15.

The fee will include the meal and a choice of soda or water. If you plan to attend the luncheon, you must register online no later than 12 p.m. Monday, February 8. If you know of someone else in your organization who would benefit from attending these luncheons, pass this invite along.

Special Giveaway – One luncheon attendee will receive a "One Year Subscription for Office 365 Home" Office 365 Home is a subscription service for up to five users, built to help you get things done from virtually anywhere and on all your devices. Included is the latest versions of Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, Outlook, Publisher, and Access.





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Developmental Milestones, Early Intervention

While about a dozen local and area non-profit entities are involved in a new project, they each want the same thing – for young children to be screened early for developmental issues. The project will entail handing out packets of information to public-health facilities and agencies that care for young children. The packets will then be distributed to parents who will learn about the early signs of potential problems. This effort is being organized in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) campaign called “Learn the Signs. Act Early.” “We want to reach out across central Kansas to educate parents,” said Cathy Estes, Children’s Services Coordinator at Sunflower Diversified Services. “Not all parents are aware of some developmental milestones until their children lag further behind their peers.”

This is why Sunflower has teamed up with its local Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) partners. Sunflower owns and operates its Early Education Center and Incredible Years Preschool, both at 1312 Patton in Great Bend. Its ICC partners include Parents as Teachers, special-education preschools, health departments, the Center for Counseling & Consultation, Barton Community College and Connecting The Pieces Autism Support Group. “The welfare of children is our utmost concern and it takes this level of teamwork to reach the families who need us,” Estes said. “We can be so much more effective collectively; one agency cannot do it all. “Each ICC member has specific talents and requirements but the bottom line is to provide an avenue to early intervention. “We all work with each other every day,” Estes commented. “For example, a child in Sunflower’s early intervention program may be referred to Parents as Teachers play group. The extra socialization with peers is crucial.”

The ICC’s information packets will include a refrigerator magnet with a resource directory. David Edgerton of La Crosse designed it. “David and his wife, Katrina, have been a big help to us,” Estes said, noting they have a child in early intervention services. “David has an eye for the graphic arts and the technical know-how to bring them to life. “Other items in the packets include written materials about developmental milestones and a pre-literacy children’s book. Packets will be distributed in February, March and April. “These easy-to-understand materials are invaluable,” Estes said. “For example, pre-literacy starts the process for reading and writing, and identifying sounds and speech. Infants learn to look at the pictures as you talk about them. “By 4 months, they should be babbling and following your finger as you point,” she continued. “They start smiling and laughing at the sounds you are making. And by 6 months, babies start making vowel sounds. This interaction leads to identification of words.” McKinley Phillips, Sunflower early childhood special education teacher, knows the importance of milestones not just in her professional life; she is now mother to 6-month-old Wylder.

“Wylder is doing just great but I still understand that screening children as early and often as possible is very important,” Phillips said. “Once a child develops a delay, there can be a snowball effect that places the child further behind. Intervention services can prevent this. “Sunflower’s free developmental screenings by our professional team are extremely helpful to any parent,” she added. “We can suggest activities, strategies and resources for the child’s successful development.”

The packet materials cost about \$2,600. Kanye Cross Autism Awareness donated \$750 and Sunflower has kicked in \$1,400. BCC’s Early Childhood Department purchased \$500 worth of pre-literacy books. Sunflower’s Early Ed Center is part of the tiny-k infant/toddler program in Kansas. The non-profit agency’s service area includes Barton, Pawnee, Rice, Rush and Stafford counties. Although it is funded in part by tax revenue, it relies on private donations; services are free to families.

Chamber Of Commerce & Economic Development Welcomes New Staff Members

Melissa Hinton, Project Specialist



Born a Jayhawk, Melissa is originally from Peabody, Kansas but has moved around all her life, 14 times to be exact, between 6 states (KS, NE, IA, AR, MO, and MN). She attended college at Missouri State University-West Plains. Less than a year ago she got the chance to move home with family & started working in the travel industry for a short time. She was very excited to accept the Project Specialist position, after having looked for months for a place to showcase her skills with computers, social media & events. She fell in love with the community right away, especially the zoo and was recently elected to the Zoo Society Board. She can't wait to be a part of the exciting events happening in 2016 and loves that Great Bend is home to so many unique opportunities. For hobbies away from work, she travels to surrounding areas on the weekends to write/photograph the sights and sounds that Kansas is known for and sample the local cuisine. Music is very important to her having sung in touring choirs for 7.5 years. She is also saving to build a Tiny House on wheels for herself and a dog.



Maddi Kinkelaar, Marketing Coordinator

Maddi Kinkelaar a Dodge City native and Pittsburg State graduate is one of the newest staff members to join the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development where she has taken on the position as Marketing Coordinator. After graduating from Pittsburg State University with a Bachelors of Science in Communication she took a position in Emporia, KS where she worked in manufacturing for winter automotive accessories. In her roll as Product Specialist and International Marketing Liaison she developed, managed, marketed, and sold snow tools to the Canadian market. Her move to Great Bend has brought her closer to home and her family. Outside of work she enjoys decorating her apartment, reading, movies, and exploring.

Sunflower Bank Kicks-Off ABC Program To Promote Education For 15th Year

Since 2001, Sunflower Bank has been raising money for local schools and students annually through its ABC program. Total donations since the program began are over \$934,000. Last year the program included almost 300 schools across Colorado, Kansas, and Missouri and raised \$113,945.

When asked why the ABC Program and supporting their community schools is so important, Mollie Carter, President and CEO of Sunflower Bank replied, "Creating possibility in our communities is the heart of our bank and nothing holds more possibility than education for our young people who will one day lead our communities for the next generation. The ABC program reflects our culture and our commitment."

This year's program is expected to exceed \$1,000,000 in total donations since its inception 15 years ago. Beginning January 1 through March 31, 2016, money will be raised for the benefit of education through the following:

- \$50 to a registered school for every Spend & Sign & Save checking account that is opened and another \$50 to the new account owner;
- 5¢ for each debit card swipe when the 'credit' button is used and the card is registered to a participating school;
- \$10 for every 'A' on a student's report card if their card is one of five cards drawn at every local branch, plus a matching donation for their school.

Visit your local Sunflower Bank branch or SunflowerBank.com to learn more about the ABC Program and to register your Sunflower Bank debit card to a specific participating school in support of education.



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Young Professionals Spotlight February 2016

During the month of January, the Barton County Young Professionals group kicked off the year with a Community Impact Project in partnership with the United Way of Central Kansas. More than a dozen members of the group gathered in the basement of Adams Brown Beran & Ball to assemble over 400 literacy kits for preschool students attending Kindergarten round-up in the spring. The goal is to equip these young children with tools to help them learn the alphabet and begin reading sooner. During the work day, volunteers also enjoyed watching Star Wars movies with movie-style snacks.

At the end of the month, the group experienced the Shafer Gallery at Barton Community College during a Networking Mixer sponsored by the local educational institution. An Italian pasta bar, wine and beer tastings, and a preview of the 'Exposure Time' exhibit made for a fun evening. The college gave away a 3-credit-hour course of the winner's choosing, which helped draw a good crowd. See pictures of both January events on the Barton County Young Professionals Facebook page.

In February, the group will be just as busy with two events within the first half of the month. On Wednesday, February 3rd the Personal Development Series will continue with a presentation from Barton County Administrator Richard Boeckman on "Local Government." NEW this year, the series presentations will be available at two different times to accommodate professionals with varying work schedules. Both take place at the Pizza Hut Buffet, 4100 10th Street, and will be available from 12-1 p.m. or from 6-7 p.m. There is no admission fee, but each person pays for their own buffet meal.

Just in time for Valentine's Day, BCYP is hosting a "Date Night for Young Professionals" on Thursday, February 11th where members will gather at Rosewood Wine Cellar for wine samples and shopping before heading to the Great Bend Community Theatre production "Kitchen Witches" at the Crest Theatre.

Tickets need to be reserved in advance by contacting Traci Burns, tburns@abbb.com.

Learn more about upcoming BCYP events at www.BartonYP.com, or like our page on Facebook!

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| | | March 4, 2016 12:00 pm —1:00 pm | Leaders' Luncheon: Human Trafficking Speaker: Lucy Bloom w/ KS Dept of Child & Family Services Central Kansas Dream Center—2100 Broadway Ave. <small>*Catered by Baked Blessings</small> | |
| | | June 3, 2016 9:00 am —3:00 pm | Workshop: Bringing a Coaching Approach To Your Work Facilitator: Seth Bates w/ Wichita State University Front Door Community Center—1615 10th St. <small>*Catered by Baked Blessings</small> | |
| | | September 2, 2016 12:00 pm —1:00 pm | Leaders' Luncheon: Small Business Opportunities Speaker: Paul Snapp w/ Central Kansas Development, Inc. Great Bend Public Library—1409 Williams St. <small>*Catered by Baked Blessings</small> | |
| | | December 2, 2016 12:00 pm —1:00 pm | Leaders' Luncheon: Open Discussion Delgado's Mexican Restaurant - 2210 10th St. | |
| Larned August 5, 2016 Broadway Chill 'N Grill 12:00-1:00 pm Open Discussion | | Stafford October 7, 2016 The Gathering Place 12:00-1:00 pm Open Discussion | | La Crosse November 4, 2016 Tracy's Pub & Grill 12:00-1:00 pm Open Discussion |

BCC Rolls Out “Occupational Safety and Health” Certificate Program

Whether it is a small, independent construction business or a massive corporation with hundreds of employees, all industrial based businesses must dedicate time and manpower to safety on the jobsite. It is with that in mind that Barton Community College at Grandview Plaza has rolled out a specialized “Occupational Safety and Health” certificate program. Barton is one of only 42 government sanctioned Occupational Safety and Health Association (OSHA) education centers in the U.S. and it is the only one in Kansas. This program can only be taught by an official OSHA education instructor and in a certified facility.

The program will be broken into two certificates either certificate has either certificate can be taken with either a construction or industrial emphasis. The first level is 6.5 credit hour “Specialist in Safety and Health” certificate. The second level is the 14 credit-hour “Certified Safety and Health Official” certificate. Barton’s Dean of Fort Riley Technical Education and Military Outreach Training Bill Nash said, “Students gaining these certificates will be ahead of the curve when employers are looking for employees in industrial settings.”

“Industry professionals are looking for people with safety backgrounds,” Nash said. “Any manufacturer or construction business for example, will have to have a safety-trained person. These qualifications are what make a good foreman or supervisor and there are dedicated safety positions available. This training gives people the base knowledge they need to go look at the workplace and do a job hazard analysis, see what employees are actually doing and they can then apply intent of the regulations to that and they’re able to make the workplace safer. They can then develop programs and training based on their analysis.”

Nash said the program is not only aimed at traditional full-time students, but also at people who are already working in the industry and building their skillset and what they have to offer to their employers.

“It’s possible that adding these skills and qualifications could lead to a substantial pay raise and solidify even more so, a position that they already have if they can complete this program,” he said. The program is guided by an advisory board that includes substantial business and industry executives as well as government safety officials.

For more information, please contact Dean of Fort Riley Technical Education and Military Outreach Training Bill Nash at nashw@bartonccc.edu or 785-238-8550 Extension 6812.



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United Way of Central Kansas Reaches Campaign Goal



The United Way of Central Kansas 2015 Campaign has achieved an aggressive goal for 2015. Striving to reach \$275,000 to help support Community Partners and fund various community projects in Barton and Pawnee County. They are excited to announce that their goal has been met! Without the support of local businesses, organizations, and individuals, they would not have been able to reach this lofty goal. The United Way of Central Kansas Board Members and our 2015 Campaign Co-Chairs were integral to helping get the word out about the United Way Campaign. They helped plan events, and were there every step of the way. 2015 Board Members include: John Cross, President; Desa Marmie-Behr, Vice President; Erika Brining, Secretary; Steve Kummer, Treasurer, along with Tatum Dunekack, Tama Hanson, Mark Mingenback, Leslie Mingenback, Becca Maxwell, Carol Dema, Jane Fox, Ron Smith, Kevyn Soupiset, Paulette Soupiset, Dianne Call, Laura Smith, and Ronda Sjogren. The campaign Co-Chairs for 2015 were Kyle & Tamara Beckwith of Larned, Marvin & Karen Sessler of Ellinwood, and Brian & Tanya Staats of Great Bend, along with our new Young Leader Co-Chairs, Cole & Regan Reif.

As the Campaign ends, they are finishing their latest Community Impact Projects and are excited to see this project reach its full potential. On January 16, the Barton County Young Professionals hosted an event to help UWCK put together Literacy Kits that will be distributed to incoming area kindergarteners this spring. These literacy kits include number and letter flashcards, a book, activity sheets, crayons, and they all come packaged in an adorable monkey backpack. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following businesses, and organizations for volunteering their time to help produce and package 800 sets of flash cards. Credit Union of America, CUNA Mutual Retirement Solutions, Farmers Bank & Trust, Stephanie Webster at Lincoln Elementary School, Heartland Christian Church Youth Group, Great Bend Public Library, the Great Bend High School Community Service Day with Andrea Maxwell, and the numerous individuals in Barton and Pawnee County. With our Young Leader Co-Chairs, Cole & Regan Reif spearheading this project, we are now ready to distribute the kits at Kindergarten Round-Ups in Ellinwood, Great Bend, Larned, and Otis-Bison schools.

"We want to thank every single person who donated to our 2015 Campaign. Every dollar counts, and without your continued support and contributions, we would not be able to provide these opportunities and experiences in Barton & Pawnee Counties. The United Way staff, board members and Community Partners are grateful to live in such a generous and caring community and are honored to be a part of it." Julie Bugner-Smith, Executive Director.

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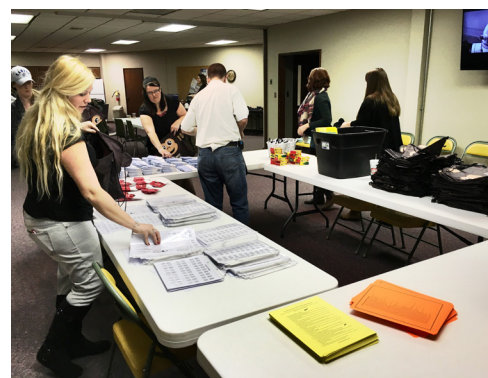
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Community Foundation Now Accepting Applications for Grants and Scholarships

Scholarships

High school seniors and current college students throughout Barton, Pawnee, Rush, and Stafford Counties are invited to apply online for the 2016-2017 Scholarships. By completing the scholarship application, students are applying for all 16 scholarships listed. The application software will automatically match applicants with the award(s) for which they qualify based on each scholarship's unique criterion. Students must complete the online application, providing information about academic performance and community participation. Completed applications must be submitted online no later than 5:00 P.M. CST., Tuesday, March 31, 2016.

Grants

Applications for the upcoming competitive grant cycle are now being accepted from qualified 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations and public institutions, including schools, government entities, and clubs and civic/community organizations in Barton, Pawnee, Rush, and Stafford Counties. Funds are available primarily for the health and well-being of youth; however, limited funds are available in many other categories. Detailed grant guidelines can be found online. Deadline for completed grant applications is no later than 5:00 p.m. CST, on March 1st, 2016.

How To Apply

To apply, please visit the Grants & Scholarships page at www.goldenbeltcf.org/receive/. Paper applications will not be accepted.

Questions on Grants and Scholarships? Please call Sue Cooper, Program Officer with Golden Belt Community Foundation, at 620-792-3000 or sue@goldenbeltcf.org.



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Chamber Radio Show



Tune in to KVGB 1590 AM on the first Thursday of every month to hear Eagle Radio's Patrick Burnett discuss the latest Chamber happenings with Director of Member Services Andrea Bauer. This month's show will air on Thursday, February 4th at 11:35 a.m.

Welcome to Our Newest Chamber Members

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Saturday, February 6, 2016

The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development,
Spray/Holt Family Board Room
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February 4, 2016

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February 11, 2016

Post Rock Radio

Chamber Board Room, 1125 Williams

Mytown Media and Post Rock Radio are comprised of ten stations throughout Kansas. The Post Rock Radio stations are KXNC “Kiss 104.7 and KKDT “93.5 Dave FM” located in Lacrosse. Tune in or visit www.mytown-media.com to learn more about these high-caliber stations serving our area!

February 18, 2016

Central Kansas Christian Academy

215 McKinley Street

Central Kansas Christian Academy is a non-denominational community Christian school, which provides an exceptional educational opportunity for children in Kindergarten through the Eighth grade. Our strong curriculum not only promotes learning, but also growth in the student's Christian spirit. CKCA combines Christian character training with an excellent academic program that we believe will build a strong foundation for your child's future.

February 25, 2016

Angels Care Home Health

Chamber Board Room, 1125 Williams

Angels Care home health is a Medicare certified provider of home health care services in the community. We provide skilled nursing care, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy to our patients in their home or wherever they may reside.

March 3, 2016

ElderCare, Inc.

Great Bend Senior Center, 2005 Kansas Ave.

ElderCare, Inc. proudly serves older Kansans in partnership with communities, Senior Centers and Meals-On-Wheels organizations. The agency through its Friendship Meals division administers the Nutrition Services in the 28 counties of Southwest Kansas. The Home Services division provides in-home care in 10 counties. Join us to kick-off March For Meals – our annual celebration to increase awareness and community engagement in supporting senior nutrition programs.



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