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FREDDY'S FROZEN CUSTARD & STEAKBURGERS COMING TO GREAT BEND!

After much anticipation and excitement, this project is finally a reality. The developer, TGC Development Group out of Wichita, will begin construction on May 31 at 3008 10th Street. The restaurant is currently projected to open this fall and will be operated by JRI Management out of Salina. TGC Development Group and JRI Management frequently partner together to develop and operate Freddy's restaurants.

The building will be 3,000 square feet and will seat 100 guests inside, with additional seating on the patio. Drive-thru service will also be available. Menu items are cooked to order and include lean ground beef steakburgers, Vienna Beef hot dogs and shoestring fries, as well dessert treats prepared with a choice of freshly-churned chocolate or vanilla frozen custard.

"We know we have the right partners in place for this project and along with the cooperative spirit that the City of Great Bend has shown, this project stands to be a great success", said Jan Peters, President of The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development. "We know that there has been so much interest in this project and we stand ready to welcome Freddy's into our community."

Co-founded by Scott Redler and Bill, Randy and Freddy Simon, Freddy's opened its first location in Wichita, Kan., in 2002. Today, 199 Freddy's restaurants serve a total of 30 states across the map from California to Pennsylvania, Virginia and down the east coast states to Florida.

TGC Development Group is a proven franchisee of restaurant, hospitality, and commercial properties across the United States. Their primary focus is on the acquisition, syndication and development of restaurant and hospitality properties. TGC currently operates in Alabama, Arizona, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, North Carolina, Oklahoma, and South Carolina and has additional projects under construction in and Arizona, Georgia, Kentucky, and Oklahoma.

The company received the Best of Wichita 2015 award from the Wichita Award Program for accomplishments in the areas of Hospitality & Restaurant Development. The annual Wichita Award Program was established to identify and recognize area companies that have achieved exceptional marketing success within their community and business category. TGC was recognized as a company that helps shape the positive image of small business through outstanding service to their customers and community.

Harnessing the explosive growth potential of Freddy's Frozen Custard, Jason Ingermanson, president, founder and CEO of JRI, Inc. has created a business management team that now manages 35 Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers restaurants nationwide. His leadership and ambition have created a management company with a team that places integrity and dedication to quality foremost among its long list of attributes. JRI Management is located in Salina, Kansas with a staff of 15, and employs over 1,100 people nationally.



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Exciting New Adventure For Sunflower Diversified Begins At Westside Market

The newest venture at Sunflower Diversified Services combines two of the non-profit agency's top priorities – employment for people with developmental disabilities and delays, and more opportunities for the community. Sunflower Diversified Westside Market, 5523 10th celebrated it's grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony ,Thursday, May 19, 2016 at the facility, which is the Sunflower Recycling drop-off site.

For more information about Sunflower Diversified Services please visit their website at www.sunflowerdiv.com or call 620-792-1325.



Great Bend Native Named Communications Director For Senator Moran



U.S. Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) announced Katie Niederee's promotion from press secretary to communications director.

"Katie's enthusiasm, experience and strong interest in keeping rural America alive will continue to serve Kansans well," Sen. Moran said. "Her deep-rooted affection for Kansas and tireless work ethic make her an exceptional member of our team, and I'm pleased Katie will serve her home state as my communications director."

Niederee, who was previously Senator Moran's press secretary, will serve as his primary spokesperson and oversee communications strategy. A native of Great Bend, Kansas, she attended Kansas State University and graduated with a degree in public relations. In addition to working on behalf of her home state, Niederee is a board member for the K-State Capital Area Alumni Club and for the past two years she has been elected by her peers to serve on the executive board of the U.S. Senate Press Secretaries Association.

Farmers Bank & Trust Promotes Laviolette to VP



Farmers Bank & Trust is pleased to announce the promotion of Bobbi LaViolette to Vice President, Operations Officer & Cashier. Bobbi has been a loyal employee of Farmers Bank & Trust for nine years, all of which she has been an essential part of the bank's operations team.

Bobbi attended Fort Hays State University, receiving a Bachelors degree in Business Management. She has since played an integral role in managing and growing the deposit side of Farmers Bank and Trust. Bobbi will continue

to oversee all aspects of Farmers Bank and Trust's consumer and retail operations throughout its nine locations. Robert Rugan, Central Kansas Market President, commented, "Bobbi has been instrumental in the implementation of numerous products and services across our consumer and retail operations platform over the past several years. Her initiative and drive are certainly complimentary to the continued success of Farmers Bank & Trust." Bobbi and her husband, Austin, reside in Great Bend with their two children, MacKenzie and Parker.

Farmers Bank & Trust operates with a strong capital account of \$121 million and total assets of \$743 million with locations in Great Bend, Albert, Lacrosse, Bazine, Kinsley, Larned, Olathe, and Overland Park.

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Ambassador Profile - Dale Hogg

The Ambassador Club is made up of 30 men and women from the Great Bend business community who represent the Chamber in a number of ways. They host the weekly Chamber Coffees, attend Business After Hours and Ribbon Cuttings, serve on Chamber committees, and assist with member recruitment and retention efforts. To find out more, contact us, 620-792-2401 or abauer@greatbend.org.



Where I Work

I have worked as the managing editor of the Great Bend Tribune for 14 years. This job involves being a newspaper version of a jack-of-all-trades. I manage the newsroom, while being a reporter, photographer and editor. I have been in the journalism business for most of the past 30 years.

Educational Background

I graduated from Ellinwood High School in 1982, and went on to earn an associate's degree from what was then known as Barton County Community College, and a bachelor's degree in communications/photo journalism and a minor in art from Fort Hays State University.

My Family

Linn and I have been married for 31 glorious years. We have three children - Carrie, Ian and Stuart. We are empty nesters now. Finally. YEAH!

As an Ambassador

I am in my second year as an ambassador. I am passionate about this community and this was a great way to promote it. Being an ambassador is also a great way to get out into the business community to learn what is happening.

Hobbies & Interesting Facts

I am an avid cyclist, coffee and beer snob, a news junkie, and I coach Special Olympics. I am also a proud granddad. I will be participating in the Bike Across Kansas in June, a 500-mile bike ride across this wonderful state.

Local Senior Living Community Honored



River Bend Assisted Living, by Americare was awarded the Gold level of the company's Honor Club for 2016 at Americare's recent annual meeting in Charleston, SC. Communities with Honor Club distinction meet very narrow award criteria in each of the four philosophy areas: resident service, employee service, community service and fiscal responsibility.

These communities are seen as the company's "best of the best." The Executive Director and Director of Nursing from Honor Club communities participate on a corporate advisory committee that researches new technologies and quality improvement

initiatives. Honor Club membership runs April to April each year. Only eight of w104 Assisted Living communities were awarded as Gold Honor Club members for 2016.

"Our Honor Club achievement is the result of a team effort," comments Jamie Peters, Executive Director. "It belongs to the entire staff. Each day we work hard to deliver person-centered care and to operate in a way that is true to Americare's philosophy. We're very proud to have been recognized for our efforts, this is a very prestigious honor," she finishes.



Matt Mai Now Specializes In Vehicle Wraps At OPI

Matt Mai's experience in commercial arts and his specialized training combine to make him the go-to guy for vehicle wraps at Office Products Inc. (OPI).

Mai, a native of the Great Bend area, uses his skills in a number of specialties to transform a vehicle into a moving billboard. These specialties include graphic design, installation and application techniques, large-format printing and die-cut decals. "Vehicle wraps and vinyl lettering have become extremely popular for local and area businesses," Mai said. "Products and services offered by virtually any kind of company are promoted on highways and streets, as well as at special events."

While advertising is the main advantage of vehicle wraps, Mai noted a fringe benefit. "Business owners are realizing that our wraps help protect the body of the vehicle," he explained. "The wrap protects against scratches, dings from rocks and damage from sunlight."

Mai has worked for more than five years at OPI, which provided vehicle-wrap training through Lowen Certified in Hutchinson. Mai has earned the Lowen "certificate of completion for training." The local Vink family owns and operates OPI, along with Golden Belt Printing II. Mai serves both ventures. "This is a great family to work with," Mai said. "They understand the importance of customer service and continuing education for their employees."

Jim Grabbe, OPI sales manager, noted that OPI is fortunate to have Mai on staff because of his design and graphic arts talents. "These skills are crucial for our vehicle wraps," Grabbe said.

For more information call 620-793-8479

5th Annual June Jaunt Festival Promises Good Family Fun!

For the fifth year in a row, the regional June Jaunt Festival will bring the City of Great Bend to life during the first weekend of June. From Friday, June 3rd through Sunday, June 5th, thousands of locals will take part in the jaunt from Ellinwood to Tribune, Kansas along Highway 96 to experience arts, antiques, cuisine, music and all types of fun in Central Western Kansas. Great Bend is the largest community on the map and has over 50 events happening in this packed weekend of fun!

Great Bend Community Coordinator Christina Hayes is responsible for the Great Bend events, but also serves as the regional chair for the representatives from each community who collaboratively present the annual festival. "The idea for the festival actually started in Dighton and Scott City based on the antiques and swap meets happening in other states along rural highways," Hayes says. "We are proud to collaborate with seven other communities to present a long weekend full of good old fashioned family fun and entertainment."

"The City of Great Bend focuses our efforts on both attracting visitors and providing entertainment for local residents," Hayes says. "June Jaunt truly offers genuine family fun and it's a good time to come enjoy and kick off summer!"

Be sure to reference the insert for the full schedule of events and activities for the June Jaunt weekend. For more information about June Jaunt, contact Community Coordinator Christina Hayes, chayes@greatbendks.net, and do not forget to like the Explore Great Bend Facebook page and follow @exploregbks on Twitter.

Chamber Marketing & Member Services Seminar

All local businesses are invited to attend an informational seminar on Wednesday, June 15th designed to inform current and prospective members about the numerous marketing services available through the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development. The session will begin at 10 a.m. in the Spray-Holt Family Board Room, and will include coffee and rolls at no charge to participants. During the presentation, members will learn about all the ways they can utilize Chamber services to the benefit of their companies. This is also a great way to share ideas and network with other businesses.

To RSVP for the free informational seminar, [REGISTER](#) through the convenient online form or call the Chamber office at 620-792-2401. Questions may also be directed to Sales & Member Services Director Andrea Bauer, abauer@greatbend.org.

Save the Date - Upcoming Business After Hours!

The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development places a heavy emphasis on providing ample networking opportunities for its members. One of the ways you can network through the Chamber is by attending our events, such as weekly Chamber Coffees and periodic Business After Hours events. Here are a few After Hours events to put on your calendars:

Friday, June 17th – Golden Belt Printing

Thursday, June 30th – C & V Home Improvement

If you are interested in hosting a Chamber event at your business, contact Director of Sales & Member Services Andrea Bauer, abauer@greatbend.org or 620-792-2401.





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St. Rose Physician Assistant Offers Information About Strokes



When Jeanne Habash talks about strokes, there is one bit of advice she emphasizes: Act quickly because timing is of the essence. Habash, St. Rose Health Center physician assistant, is using the observance of American Stroke Month in May to raise awareness on the multi-layered topic.

“Any time you think a person is having a stroke, call 911,” she stressed. “It is important that diagnosis and treatment are performed right away. “We know people hesitate to call because they think they might be over-reacting,” she continued. “But it is better to have a health-care provider determine what is happening.” Patients who receive treatment within three hours of their first symptoms tend to have less disability three months after a stroke than those who delay care, Habash noted.

An acronym that is used nationwide may help people remember stroke symptoms. F.A.S.T. stands for: Facial drooping; Arm weakness; Speech difficulty; and Time, indicating the importance of calling 911 right away. A stroke is a brain attack. It happens if an artery that feeds blood to the brain gets clogged, or tears and breaks. Habash outlined the basics of three types of stroke.

An ischemic stroke is the most common. Blood vessels to the brain become narrowed or clogged with fatty deposits called plaque. This cuts off blood flow to brain cells. High blood pressure is the most important risk factor. Hemorrhagic stroke occurs when a blood vessel bursts in or near the brain. Blood collects in brain tissue, causing cells to weaken and die. A transient ischemic attack, commonly known as a TIA, is a mini-stroke. Blood flow is blocked for a short time – usually no more than five minutes. It is a sign of a future stroke and should be treated just like a major event; there is no way to tell which type of stroke is involved during the first few minutes.

Stroke treatment sometimes entails medication to break up blood clots. Or, a doctor may perform an endovascular procedure in which a tube is inserted through a major artery in the leg or arm; the tube is guided to the weak spot or break in the vessel to repair damage.

Habash also emphasized risk factors that could lead to stroke. “The single most important risk factor is high blood pressure,” Habash said. “It is the number-one cause of stroke.” Other risk factors include tobacco use; diabetes; high cholesterol; physical inactivity and obesity; arterial disease; TIAs; some heart conditions; certain blood disorders; excessive alcohol intake; and illegal drug use.

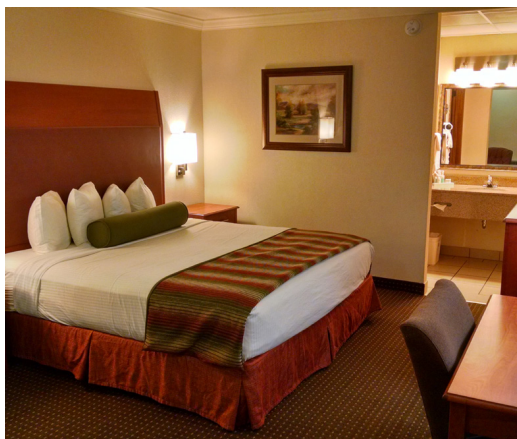
Preventive measures are: managing blood pressure; eating a healthy diet low in fat, sodium and sugar; being physically active; taking medications as directed; maintaining a healthy weight; decreasing stress; seeking emotional support when needed; and visiting a health-care provider for an annual exam. “We should take stroke more seriously,” Habash commented. “For example, while about one in 30 women die from breast cancer every year, nearly one in two women die from stroke and heart disease.”

On average, someone in the United States has a stroke every 40 seconds. This can happen at any age and about one-fourth occur in people younger than 65. “Some people may have TIA symptoms and decide not to see a doctor,” the physician assistant said. “However, if you just ride out the symptoms, a TIA may result in a full-blown stroke within a few months. Some occur within 48 hours. “The bottom line,” she added, “is to act quickly. Even if it is not a major event, peace of mind is a good thing.”



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Sunflower Bank's ABC Program To Raise Money For Education Proves To Be A Success!

Sunflower Bank raised \$102,500 during its 2016 ABC campaign developed to support education in their communities. Over \$7,450 of the total is being donated to schools and students in Great Bend and Ellinwood. The program began in 2001 and has generated over \$1,036,700. Throughout the past 15 years for schools and students in Kansas, Colorado, and Missouri.

"We made a commitment to support education through our ABC program 15 years ago and we are proud of the success it has generated," said Mollie Carter, President and CEO of Sunflower Bank. "We know the program's success translates to increased resources for our schools and the funds raised will support many important initiatives. We are honored to create possibility for youth within our communities through education."

Beginning January 1 through March 31, 2016, new and current customers raised money for their K-12 school of choice by opening a checking account or swiping their debit card. Students scored with \$10 for every "A" on their report card if their name was one of five drawn at every branch.



Sunflower Bank plans to bring the ABC Program back for a 16th year in 2017.

Visit the local Sunflower Bank branch or www.SunflowerBank.com to learn more about Sunflower Bank's efforts to support the communities it serves.

Barton Recognizes Student Ambassadors Of The Year

Barton Community College has announced its 2015-16 Brant J. Ballhorst Student Ambassador of the Year awards. Named in memory of Brant J. Ballhorst, the award recognizes two outstanding student ambassadors each year. The winners this year were Presley Smith of Hoisington and Erik Hageman of Abilene.

This year marked the 12th anniversary of the award. The admissions office also honored Carissa Johnson of Osage as the recipient of this year's "The Rock" award. It is presented to a student who goes above and beyond the call of duty in assisting the admissions office. The award recipients were chosen by their peers and Barton's admissions staff.

Ambassador of the Year: Erik Hageman

Hageman, a freshman, is involved in Student Ambassadors, Hilltop Singers, Dolce, Concert Choir, Pep Band and Theatre. He plans to attend Kansas State University in the fall of 2016 and will major in Business Administration and Pre-Law. He is the son of Gary and Kathy Hageman.

The Rock Award: Carissa Johnson

Johnson, a freshman, is involved in Student Ambassadors and is the Dance Team Manager. She plans to attend Kansas State University in the fall of 2016 to pursue her bachelor's and master's degrees in Psychology. She is the daughter of Brent and Lisa Johnson.

About Brant J. Ballhorst and the award

From Smith Center, Ballhorst was a 2002 Barton graduate and former student ambassador. Despite health concerns throughout his time at Barton, he was the model ambassador. He balanced a challenging course schedule and golf team commitment while remaining dedicated to his role as a student ambassador. Ballhorst was a respected peer and cherished friend of many on campus, especially the Admissions Office. His determination and dedication touched the lives of everyone he met.

He graduated from Barton with a degree in pre-pharmacy and attended the School of Pharmacy at the University of Kansas. He was a student at KU until his death on Aug. 5, 2004. He always had a good attitude about his illness and joked that it was good education for his major. He was the son of John and Gayle Ballhorst of Smith Center.

Barton will continue to honor Ballhorst's achievements, character, personality and work ethic by awarding future Ambassadors of the Year in his memory. A permanent plaque dedicated in his honor is displayed in the corridor of the Kirkman Activity Center on Barton's campus.



Ambassador of the Year: Presley Smith

Smith, a sophomore, is involved in Student Ambassadors, Phi Theta Kappa, and Community Service Organization and is the Women's Golf Manager. She plans to attend Fort Hays State University in the fall of 2016 to pursue a bachelor's and master's degree in Education. She is the daughter of Gary and Dee Ann Smith.



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Young Professionals Spotlight

During the month of May, the Barton County Young Professionals group proudly partnered with First Christian Church and chamber members to put on a national leadership training event known as Leadercast. The live event takes place in Atlanta, Georgia and is then simulcast to thousands of locations all over the world. More than 160 people from a variety of for-profit and non-profit organizations in Central Kansas attended the

all-day training event, and were inspired around the theme "Architects of Tomorrow" designed to motivate people about writing a new future.



At the end of the month, the group also organized a Community Impact project where approximately a dozen volunteers visited the Born Learning Trails at the Great Bend Brit Spough Zoo and the Claflin City Park to refresh the paint on the sidewalks and keep the trail looking its best. The Born Learning Trails were installed two years ago in partnership with United Way of Central Kansas, and get worn in the weather over time. The volunteers repainted the educational learning stations, catered to preschool age children under age 5.

Coming up in June, the group will gather for a joint event on Friday, June 17th that will serve as a Young Professionals Networking Mixer and Chamber After Hours. Golden Belt Printing will be providing free hamburgers and brats in their parking lot on the Highway 281 Bypass from 5-7 p.m. with door prize drawings. Some of the drawings will be designated specifically for members of the Barton County Young Professionals group.

Anyone who works in Barton County between the ages of 21 and 40 is welcome to join this growing group at anytime learn more about upcoming BCYP events at www.BartonYP.com, like our page on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter! #BCYPproud

BCYP ANNOUCMENTS!



The Born Learning Trail workday was once again postponed due to inclement weather. Community Impact team will work with all parties involved to determine if there is a potential date to reschedule this event. To stay up to date on the status of this event and to learn more about upcoming BCYP events visit www.BartonYP.com, like our page on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter!



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Great Bend Tribune Wins 23 KPA Awards



The Great Bend Tribune won the sweepstakes award for advertising excellence in the combined Daily Divisions II and III at the 2016 Kansas Press Association annual convention Saturday, April 23, in Overland Park.

The Tribune competed against all daily papers in the state with a circulation of 4,000 or higher, including the Topeka Capitol-Journal and the Wichita Eagle. "It is nice to know we can compete with the big boys," Tribune Publisher Mary Hoisington said. The news and advertising staff captured awards in Daily Division II for the 2016 annual news, writing and advertising awards presented by the KPA. "We have a great group of people working at the Tribune," Hoisington said. "It never ceases to amaze me what they can accomplish."

The Tribune's news staff won first place in three news categories — best agricultural story, Veronica Coons; and news and writing excellence, and best special magazine, Mary Hoisington, Dale Hogg, Susan Thacker, Jim Misunas, Josh Keller, Dianna Burns, Veronica Coons, Russ Edem.

The Tribune's advertising staff captured first place in seven categories — grocery ad, furniture ad and agricultural ad, Tammy Mason, Karma Byers; community event and health-care ad, Diane Lacy-Trostle, Karma Byers; online promotion; Hugo Gonzalez, Mary Hoisington; and online ad (motion), Hugo Gonzalez, Mary Hoisington.

There was a nice mix of individual awards as well as awards representing a group effort, according to Tribune Managing Editor Dale Hogg. "I am extremely proud of the Tribune news staff," Hogg said. "They really stepped up and tackled some big issues this past year and proved they can do an outstanding job."

DAILY DIVISION II NEWS, WRITING

News, Writing Excellence, First Place — Staff
 Magazine, First Place — Barton County Source, Staff
 Agricultural Story, First Place — Grain engulfment rescue training exercise, Veronica Coons
 Environmental Story, Second Place — Meet Our Peeps, Susan Thacker
 Story/Picture Combination, Second Place — Fun on 2 Wheels, Susan Thacker
 Front Page, Second Place — Josh Keller, Dianna Burns, Dale Hogg
 Investigative Story, Third Place — Cops Feared Gang Retaliation, Dale Hogg
 Editorial Writing, Third Place — Dale Hogg
 Photography, Third Place — Staff
 Editorial Pages, Third Place — Josh Keller, Dianna Burns, Dale Hogg, Mary Hoisington
 Design, Feature Package, Third Place — Josh Keller
 Design, Layout Excellence, Third Place — Josh Keller, Dianna Burns

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Grocery Ad, First Place — Rosewood Wine Cellar, Share Holiday Joy; Tammy Mason, Karma Byers
 Furniture Ad, First Place — Miller's of Claflin; Tammy Mason, Karma Byers
 Health-care Ad, First Place — Great Bend Regional Hospital; Diane Lacy-Trostle, Karma Byers
 Agricultural Ad, First Place — Welcome; Tammy Mason, Karma Byers
 Community Event Ad, First Place — Women's Expo; Diane Lacy-Trostle, Karma Byers
 Online Ad (Motion), First Place — GB2GO mobile app promo videos; Hugo Gonzalez, Mary Hoisington
 Online Promotion, First Place — GB2GO app promotion; Hugo Gonzalez, Mary Hoisington
 Grocery Ad, Second Place — Walmart, Customized Party Trays; Diane Lacy-Trostle, Karma Byers
 Hardware Ad, Second Place — Pride Ag Ace Hardware, Tammy Mason, Karma Byers
 Fashion Ad, Second Place — Brown's Shoe Fit, Tammy Mason, Karma Byers
 Automotive Ad, Second Place — Marmie's, Black Friday Sales Event, Tammy Mason, Karma Byers
 Grocery Ad, Third Place — Share Holiday Joy; Tammy Mason, Karma Byers
 Fashion Ad, Third Place — Brown's Shoe Fit, Tammy Mason, Karma Byers
 Classified Display Ad — Keller Real Estate; Diane Lacy-Trostle, Karma Byers
 Specialty Ad, Third Place — Golden Belt Bicycle; Diane Lacy-Trostle, Daniel Kiewel
 Agricultural Ad, Third Place — Great Bend Farm Equipment; Tammy Mason, Karma Byers
 Community Event Ad, Third Place — Christmas Chronicles, program ad; Hugo Gonzalez, Mary Hoisington
 Adaptable Promotion, Third Place — The Night Santa Came to Barton County; Staff

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Great Bend Program Director Recognized Nationally For Sexual Violence Prevention



The National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) recognizes the creativity and hard work of individuals around the country through its Visionary Voice Award. These awardees have demonstrated outstanding efforts to end sexual violence.

This year, Laura Patzner of Great Bend received the 2016 Visionary Voice Award. Ms. Patzner was

nominated by the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (KCSDV) and is one of 30 individuals across the country recognized for her efforts to address sexual violence and promote safe, healthy communities.

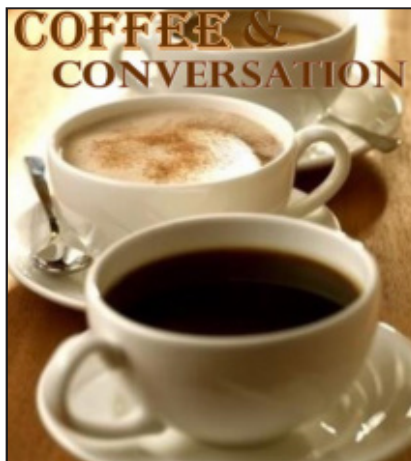
Ms. Patzner has advocated on behalf of survivors of sexual violence for most of her life. "Laura is one of our premier Kansas leaders in the anti-sexual violence work in this state and we are thrilled with this recognition of her life's work," said Joyce Grover, executive director of KCSDV.

Ms. Patzner has not only worked at the Family Crisis Center for many years but she has served in leadership roles on the state level as well. Ms. Patzner is responsible for the creation of the child advocacy center in the Great Bend area, offering another critical service for children who have been sexually abused.

Ms. Patzner has worked to expand the reach of the Family Crisis Center's sexual assault programming far beyond the Great Bend and Barton county areas and into all of the 10 counties that make up the service area of the program.

Ms. Patzner has served on the Board of KCSDV as both a member and officer, has chaired the KCSDV peer-review accreditation committee, and was an integral leader in updating the sexual assault core services standards for Kansas programs. Over the years, Ms. Patzner has also served on state-level work groups and task forces sponsored by the offices of the Governor and the Attorney General. Currently, Ms. Patzner is the executive director of the Family Crisis Center with its main offices in Great Bend.

"Leaders like Laura are fundamental to the work to end sexual violence. I am confident Laura has positively impacted the lives of many, many Kansas survivors," said Grover.



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Great Bend Regional Hospital Donates Diapers & Wipes to Local Quadruplets

When Brandon and Megan Fyler found out they were pregnant last fall, they were ecstatic to give a sibling to their 2-year-old son, Colton. But they soon found out that their family would be growing from one child to five children in seven short months. The young couple from Albert, Kansas welcomed quadruplets Ayden, Braxton, Cameron, and Dexter on February 23rd at 31 weeks gestation. After an extended stay in the NICU at Wesley Medical Center, all four babies were discharged and sent home by early April.



While the precious miracle babies couldn't be delivered at Great Bend Regional Hospital, the local leader for prenatal and maternity care recently made a gesture to help the family of seven after they've accumulated so many medical expenses. "Our hospital orders diapers in bulk to stock our Women and Children's Center, so we thought it would be neat to order extra supplies for the Flyer family and help stock their nursery as well," says Teresa McHenry, supervisor for the hospital's Central Supply department. "Recently, we delivered 25 cases of newborn diapers and 10 cases of baby wipes to the Fyler's home in Albert, and will continue to do that each time the babies move up to a new size."

Shortly after the visit from Great Bend Regional Hospital's staff, the babies visited a pediatrician for their two-month check-ups. Ayden weighs 8.3 pounds, Braxton weighs 7 pounds, Cameron weighs 7.2 pounds, and Dexter weighs 7 pounds. At birth, the boys weighed between 2 and 3 pounds each and their mother couldn't be happier with their growth. "I can't believe they have all grown this much. We are officially in newborn size diapers," says Megan Fyler. "We are going through 40 diapers a day, so we really appreciate everything that Great Bend Regional Hospital is doing for us."



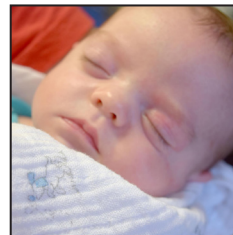
Ayden



Braxton



Cameron



Dexter

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 Marketing Coordinator Maddi Kinkelaar. This month's show will air on Thursday, June 2nd at 11:35 a.m.

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Chamber Office Closed Fourth of July

The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development will be closed Monday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. We will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, July 5th. For more information, visit www.greatbend.org or contact a member of the Chamber Staff at 620-792-2401.



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CHAMBER COFFEE SCHEDULE

Every Thursday at 9:30 am

June 2, 2016

Clara Barton Hospital Foundation

250 W 9th Street (Hoisington Location)

Clara Barton Hospital serves local communities, keeping our future healthy. The Foundation is dedicated to fundraising for the non-profit hospital. Join us in preparation for the Annual Benefit Event! (Please park across the street in the west parking lot to allow parking space for patients.)

June 9, 2016

United Way of Central Kansas & United Way of Hoisington

1200 Susank Road (Hoisington - Activity Center)

Barton County Area Chambers (Great Bend, Ellinwood & Hoisington) will host a joint coffee with the United Way of Hoisington and United Way of Central Kansas. A new exciting partnership is taking place; please join us at the Hoisington Activity Center for this exciting announcement.

June 16, 2016

Heartland Farms

Chamber Board Room, 1125 Williams

Heartland Farm, a registered agri-tourism operator, sits on an 80 acre homestead. Members of the community are committed to exploring and living the principles of community, simple living, nonviolence, justice and peace, and the nurturing of all God's creation.

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July 7, 2016

Barton County Fair

Expo II Building

The Barton County Fair is home to numerous entertainment attractions! Come out to enjoy a carnival, concerts, live animal demonstrations, 4-H exhibits, tractor pulls, races, community informational booths, food, and as always lots of fun! The fair will take place July 6-10 this year, open to the public, bring the whole family!



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