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Cherry Village opens rehab therapy services department



Melissa Tudor guides Barbara Chism in an occupational therapy exercise to improve dexterity and agility. Tudor is coordinator of the new therapy program at Cherry Village.

Residents at Cherry Village Benevolence now have easy access to a three-pronged therapy program at the long-term-care facility. The new on-site service is available to full-time residents, as well as those who need Cherry Village services for only a short time.

“People who are recovering from hip or knee replacements can rely on us during their recovery,” explained Melissa Tudor, therapy services coordinator. “Our skilled-nursing team and therapists are here for anyone who needs us for the long term or even just a few weeks. “We offer therapies that result in consistent progress for a better quality of life,” Tudor added. “Families of those who are here for just a few weeks of recovery can count on professionals to help their loved ones return home as soon as possible.”

Six new Cherry Village employees are offering physical, occupational and speech therapies. Tudor is a certified occupational therapy assistant. Others on the fully licensed team include an occupational therapist; physical therapist; physical therapy assistant; speech/language pathologist; and a restorative aide who enables residents to maintain mobility and strength after therapy sessions are complete.

Physical therapy involves helping with motor skills such as walking, while occupational therapy entails “getting people back to their daily-living routines,” Tudor said. “This includes getting dressed and performing personal hygiene tasks.”

Speech therapy can help with a number of issues, she noted. “Often, speech therapy is used when someone has trouble speaking or swallowing and/or is recovering from a stroke,” Tudor said. “But it can also be quite helpful when memory and cognition issues are involved.”

Donna Marbut, Cherry Village director of nursing, said the therapists are invaluable to the medical staff. “If we notice someone’s condition is declining, we can seek input from the therapists right away,” Marbut said. “They can help evaluate the situation to determine if a certain therapy would be appropriate.”

The therapists perform initial screenings for all residents, “which helps us be even more aware of current or potential problems,” Marbut noted. “In addition, when someone is preparing to go home, therapists conduct in-home evaluations. They make suggestions about safety issues and how to avoid problems. “We do all we can to prevent a re-occurrence or a re-admission,” the director of nursing added. “We want people to enjoy the comfort of their own homes for as long as possible.”

In the past, Cherry Village contracted with a private company to offer therapy services. Now, residents can become well acquainted with on-staff therapists who provide a continuity of care. “It is nice that the residents will see these familiar faces all the time,” Marbut said. “That is so important here.”



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Fuller Industries re-introduces itself to central Kansans



The management team at Fuller Industries LLC, which is seeing “exciting things happening every day,” recently took the opportunity to re-introduce the company to the community, said Debra F. Powers, chief financial officer.

Dozens of local residents heard the latest news from Fuller recently at a Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Business After Hours. “We had a good turnout and appreciate the chamber’s help,” Powers said. “There are great things happening at Fuller and we want to share them with residents of Great Bend and surrounding communities.”

Powers and Jon Nix, chief executive officer, represent Nix Venture Partners. They are providing Fuller’s management services, while collaborating with board members and employees to increase sales and build more awareness about Fuller’s products and history. “We have been here several months now and see progress every day,” Powers said. “We try not to change too much too soon. Instead, gradual improvement is the way to go.” Recent changes include building new offices for expanding custom-brush and private-label products; and making improvements to the cafeteria. “In addition,” Powers noted, “we have hired about a dozen sales representatives and opened doors to new partnerships.”

The installation of Enterprise Resource Planning software is in the works. This specialized manufacturing and financial software aids the flow of communication between departments, Powers explained. “We are keeping a close eye on costs and purchasing, as well,” she added. “Establishing even more partnerships when appropriate is a long-term goal because our priority is more sales; we want to continue the legacy of this great company.”

Powers noted she has been familiar with Fuller products throughout her life and appreciates the opportunity to be associated with the company. She also is becoming better acquainted with central Kansans. “The people here are friendly and inviting,” she said. “I like smaller communities and am happy to be here. Also, it is nice to see all the restaurants and hotels with even more opening up.”

Rick Ball, long-time Great Bend businessman and Fuller’s chairman of the board, said Nix Venture Partners is a good fit for the local business. “Nix Venture Partners is facilitating the next chapter of the company’s growth and expansion,” Ball said. “Jon Nix and Debra Powers are currently in the process of revamping technology and manufacturing processes to make Fuller a more dominant player in the industry.”

2017 Chamber Coffee Schedule Filling Now!



The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development is taking reservations for the 2017 Chamber Coffees with openings available February – December of 2017. Chamber members can take advantage of this opportunity to welcome an average of 60 individuals to their business for the one-hour event, hosted on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. For more information about hosting a coffee or to check available dates, please contact Andrea Bauer at abauer@greatbend.org or 620-792-2401.

As a reminder, other valuable event opportunities available through the Chamber are Ribbon Cuttings and Business After Hours. Celebrate and anniversary, launch a new product line, or simply welcome new and old customers through your doors - we would be happy to discuss these opportunities with you in more detail.

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Great Bend Regional Hospital Recognized for Patient Safety Program



The Kansas Healthcare Collaborative recently recognized Great Bend Regional Hospital for its successful participation in the second round of the national Hospital Engagement Network, known as HEN 2.0, according to Adina Gregory, Chief Operating Officer for the local healthcare leader.

HEN 2.0 was a 12-month comprehensive patient safety initiative conducted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services through its 'Partnership for Patients' program. The Kansas Hospital Association, along with other healthcare organizations, facilitated the effort within the state of Kansas.

Through the Kansas HEN, Great Bend Regional Hospital worked collaboratively with quality improvement teams at 106 hospitals across the state and 3,700 hospitals across the nation. All were focused on 10 or more core patient safety areas, such as the prevention of falls, infections and adverse drug events. Great Bend Regional Hospital was one of only four hospitals who reported on 100% of the safety measures.

As "Agents of Change," hospital leaders and front line staff participated in learning networks and used quality improvement methods and resources to improve care delivery and prevent harm. The initiative involved engagement at all levels of the hospital, as well as patients and families.

"Patient safety has always been the highest priority for the staff at Great Bend Regional Hospital," Gregory says. "It is insightful to see how our facility compares with other industry leaders from around the state and then implement any processes they have already proven to be successful. I am extremely proud of our staff's commitment to patient safety and their willingness to make additional improvements after participating in this statewide program."

Animal Medical Center Welcomes Quinley Koch, DVM for Acupuncture & Chiropractic Services



The professional veterinary team at Animal Medical Center is excited to announce a new partnership with Dr. Quinley Koch, owner of Elite Quine Veterinary Services. Quinley is a chiropractic and acupuncture expert that will now be serving AMC's clients on the first and third Mondays of each month. Dr. Koch lives in Valley Center, Kansas and travels to clinics all over the regional providing expert level care to large and small animals.

"AMC started offering chiropractic and acupuncture services several years ago with a commitment to the latest technology and methodology available to the veterinary industry," says Dr. Nels Lindberg, owner of Animal Medical Center. "We stand behind this commitment, and are excited to welcome Quinley's expertise to our team."

Quinley attended Fort Hays State University to earn a degree in animal science. While she was there, she was a member of their rodeo team for four years. She then attended Texas A&M and earned a Masters of Agriculture in Animal Science, studying equine nutrition and equine exercise physiology. She graduated from Oklahoma State University with a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine in 2010 and then did a year-long internship at the Interstate Equine in Oklahoma. After a year of practicing in New Mexico, she moved back to Kansas to start her company, Elite Equine Veterinary Services.

For more information about Animal Medical Clinic or to schedule an appointment call 620-792-1265.

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Ambassador Profile - Shelly Peacock

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, greet at Business After Hours and Ribbon Cuttings, serve on Chamber committees, and assist with member recruitment and retention efforts. They also volunteer at numerous Chamber events, such as the Great Bend Farm & Ranch Expo and the Annual Banquet. To find out more, about becoming a member contact Andrea Bauer, 620-792-2401 or abauer@greatbend.org.



Where I Work

I am the owner of TCI Answering Service. We are a 24/7 answering service that specializes in commercial needs such as medical offices, funeral homes, contractors, oilfield and many others. I have been associated with TCI for over 20 years and have owned it for almost 4 years. I manage the ten employees, billing, payroll, and scheduling as well as obtaining and setting up new clients. I also work part time at Insurance Planning, Inc. as a commercial line Customer Service Representative.

Educational Background

After graduating from Great Bend High School, I earned an Associate of Science from Barton Community College and a Bachelor of Business Administration from Kansas State University.

My Family

I have two young children that keep me busy. My daughter Reese is 8 years old and my son Keldon is 6 years old. I also have two grown stepchildren Alyx and Peyton as well as a son-in-law Jordan and a new (super adorable) granddaughter Rowyn.

As an Ambassador

This has been my first year as an Ambassador, and I thoroughly enjoy the opportunity to work with the Chamber to promote our community and meet new people. I look forward to many more years being involved with the Chamber and the community.

Hobbies & Interesting Facts

I am a fitness enthusiast with my current passion being powerlifting. I also keep very busy with my kids' activities as my daughter is very involved in competitive dance and my son loves sports as well.

Westfall new regional sales manager at Fuller Industries



When Jan Westfall calls on prospective Fuller Industries customers, she comes bearing her regular business card that happens to be attached to a blinged toilet mop. Westfall recently became the regional sales manager at Fuller. "I want to make sure people remember me and the great products I represent," Westfall said. "There are two main things I tell people. One is that everyone cleans their toilets and everyone sweeps their floors.

"Fuller products can handle these tasks and many more," she added. "We are re-introducing our products all over Kansas and the rest of the country." Westfall's territory includes Kansas and surrounding states. Prospective customers include "just about anybody you can think of,"

she said. For example, the company's brushes, brooms and other cleaning supplies are used by cities, counties and school districts; oil, agriculture and automotive industries; restaurants; all types of health-care facilities; colleges and universities; and veterinary clinics.

Westfall noted that the relatively new Fuller management team members are "personally and professionally excited about the new direction of the company. I am excited to be on the ground floor of the start of a new future for Fuller Industries."

United Way November Spotlight



United Way of Central Kansas enters its final month of the 2017 Campaign; they are keeping busy with fundraisers and are grateful for the success of the ones that took place in

September. Dine United events that were hosted in September and October were a huge success. "The support of the local community and participating businesses has been amazing, and has really helped make this new initiative a success," said Executive Director Julie Smith.

November will be another big month for Dine United with the Grand Opening of Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers scheduled for the end of October. Freddy's has not only partnered with UWCK to host a Dine United event, but they have also generously agreed to donate 10% of all custard sales to the 2017 Campaign for the first month that they are in business.

Dine United Schedule

Thursday, November 10th

Kiowa Kitchen, 214 E Barton County Rd, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 15th

Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers, 3008 W 10th St, Open – Close

The annual Casino Night with Sidewinder's Motorcycle Club will be held on November 12 from 7:00-10:00 p.m. in Ellinwood at 21 N Main St. There will be raffle items, a silent auction, live auction, food and drinks, and of course, casino games. Try your hand at blackjack and see if you can beat the dealer! Tickets are \$20 and are available at the door. With the purchase of a ticket, you will receive \$10,000 in chips to play with, or two raffle tickets for the chance to win a gift basket of your choice.

To honor National Philanthropy Day, we encourage all businesses in Barton & Pawnee Counties to Dress Down the Town on November 15 with a \$1 donation to the United Way of Central Kansas all employees in the area are encouraged to wear jeans. Show the community how much your business and employees care by participating in this easy fundraiser that helps to support 23 local non-profit organizations. One person from each business that participates will be entered in a drawing to win a pair of BKE jeans, donated by The Buckle.

If you would like to make a donation to support United Way of Central Kansas, their Community Partners, and the Community Impact Programs they bring to Barton and Pawnee Counties, you can send your donations to 1125 Williams, Great Bend, KS 67530 or visit www.uwck.org



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November Explore Great Bend Events

Saturday, November 5th *Explore Great Bend: Open Houses*

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Saturday, November 12th *Explore Great Bend: Caught Ya Exploring*

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Saturday, November 19th *Explore Great Bend: Find a Turkey Day*

Find the hidden turkeys in participating businesses get a special or discount! This is a great activity for the whole family!

Saturday, November 26th *Small Business Saturday Cookie Contest Mayors Tree Lighting Home for the Holidays Parade*

\$1000 Giveaway will be after the Parade that starts at 5:30pm in Downtown Great Bend!

For a full list of events, times, details and participating retailers visit www.greatbendks.net



More than just Home Improvement...

A few years ago, Matt Hoisington was the guest speaker at an Ellinwood civic club meeting and Dennis Carson was in the audience. It was a chance meeting that would change both their lives. Hoisington represented his employer, the Kansas Department of Commerce, at the meeting where he outlined the operations of nine workforce centers in western Kansas. His job was to match job seekers with employers. Carson owned C & V Home Improvement at the time and wanted to make a change.

"Dennis beat me back to my office," Hoisington recalled. "He wanted to retire but needed somebody to work with him for a year then buy him out. We couldn't find a candidate."

Then the voice in Hoisington's head became louder and louder.

"I come from a family of entrepreneurs," Hoisington said. "My Dad said 'Hoisingtons don't have jobs; we have our own businesses.' I grew up hearing that." As he was listening to the voice, Hoisington became better acquainted with Carson and hired C & V Home Improvement to do window and siding work.

"When the work was done, I was writing a big fat check to him," Hoisington laughed. "I asked if he was still ready to retire. Within a few weeks I decided to buy it." The transaction was official on Feb. 1, 2010. Hoisington kept the C & V name and the business is now located at 1107 10th.

"It had that name for 34 years. Most of our business is repeat or referral and name recognition is crucial. Dennis and I say it is a God thing. The good Lord brought us together," Hoisington said, noting C & V has a Christian culture.



Matt Hoisington (middle) with original C&V owners Larry Vogt (left) and Dennis Carson (right).

Hoisington acknowledged that after the first week he "felt overwhelmed. I talked to Dennis and he said he was bored. He came back on a part-time sales basis and is still here. He will officially retire at the end of the year."

When Hoisington bought the company, it had 10 employees and now has 17, including three at the 3-year-old Hays office. "You can't grow a company like that in one year," he said. "It has to be purposeful and manageable growth."

Originally, C & V was strictly an insulation business. Carson bought out his partner, Larry Vogt, and added siding, replacement windows and doors, seamless steel guttering and garage doors.

Hoisington added stucco, cultured stone and egress windows; he sells custom and packaged sheds, and offers awnings and patio covers. C & V collaborates with ProVia, an Amish/Mennonite company in Ohio. "We are co-branding on windows, doors, storm windows and doors, vinyl siding and cultured stone," Hoisington explained. "They are helping us re-design our showroom too. "And I love it that they are not ashamed to tell everyone they are a Christian-based company."

ProVia also offers a computer program that allows customers to visualize options. A photo is overlaid with new siding, for example, and ProVia Studio illustrates what the house will look like. Hoisington also is excited about ProVia internal blinds that are inside the windowpanes where they cannot be damaged.

One unique aspect of C & V is that installers are employees, not subcontractors. "I pay them well and they have insurance and retirement. They also have workman's compensation, which is so important." For instance, a guttering installer fell at a residence and was flown to a Wichita hospital. Fortunately, everything turned out okay, but if workman's comp hadn't been involved, the homeowner would have been responsible for the flight to Wichita. "I am protecting the customers, as well as my company," Hoisington said. "With subcontractors, you take a risk. We don't chase storms looking for work. We want our guys home and eating dinner with their families."

As a business and family man, Hoisington said the C & V culture demonstrates he values everyone's role in the venture. This includes the customer. "We educate people about their options," Hoisington said. "If you trick

somebody into buying something they don't want, they are not coming back. Subcontractors from out of town have no overhead so they can maybe quote a lower price. But will they be here tomorrow?" Because of this philosophy, C & V reports a 97 percent satisfaction rate. "Our survey asks about everything: how were the buying and installing experiences? Are you happy with how everything turned out? "Unlike big-city contractors, we live here," Hoisington added. "Our kids go to school with your kids. We attend church with you and support local charities. We will never arm-twist you into a sale. It is your money, your home, your decision. Period."



(Left to Right) 4th Row: Chad Rea, Cole Clawson, Kane Clawson, Josh Mayers
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November Spotlight

During the month of October Barton County Young Professionals worked with Great Bend Regional Hospital to help plan and execute another successful YP Fall Fest. YP Fall Fest is held every October and is open to YP members and their families. This year Fall Fest was sponsored by Great Bend Regional Hospital and was held at Long's Pumpkin Patch. YP members and their families enjoyed child dogs, pumpkin painting and the corn maze.

The second BCYP 5K & Half Marathon took place on October 15 where over 100 individuals participated on the newly certified course. "We more than doubled the number of half marathon runners in one year. I think word of mouth spread that we have a fun and diverse course that takes runners through peaceful countryside, beautiful residential streets and bustling commercial areas. Certifying the course lends that much more legitimacy to the race. If you run our course, you will be running at least 13.1 miles. If a runner scores a personal record, they can feel confident it's legit," said Race Committee Member Brandon Steinert.



Keri Suppes (second to left) and Nat Collins (second to right) were the top finishers for the BCYP Half Marathon. They are pictured with Race Committee members Rachel Mawhirter and Tana Cooper.

During the month of November YP, members will have the opportunity to attend a personal development luncheon where they will learn the ins and outs of building a business plan. The annual "Party with a Purpose" is in the final planning stages and is scheduled for Thursday, December 8th so mark your calendars and keep a look out for more info on our website soon.

The Barton County Young Professionals group has three main goals: Lead. Network. Volunteer. The group is free to join, and is open to anyone between the ages of 21 and 40 that lives or works in the Barton County area. For more information, visit www.bartonyoungprofessionals.com and like the group's page on Facebook. BCYP is a program of the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development.

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Freddy's Opens Great Bend Location

Wichita-based restaurant chain, Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers, made its Great Bend debut on Sunday, Oct. 23, at 10th Street and Monroe. A ribbon-cutting ceremony hosted by the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development was held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 24. The United Way of Central Kansas will receive 10 percent of sales from all regular and large size frozen custard treats sold through Nov. 23.

"Great Bend is a family-oriented community and a good fit for our family-friendly atmosphere," said Nick Esterline, franchise owner. "We're thankful for the warm welcome we've received and we look forward to joining the community."

Developed by TGC Development Group, and operated by JRI Management, the 3,010 square-foot, franchise location seats 100 guests, and has additional seating on the patio. Drive-thru service is also available. Hours of operation are Sunday through Thursday 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

"Our guests value our focus on genuine hospitality and a consistent dining experience," said Jason Ingermanson, franchise operator. "Whether you visit a Freddy's in your hometown or a Freddy's in the next town over, you can expect to receive the same quality food and friendly service."

Co-founded in 2002 by Scott Redler and Bill, Randy and Freddy Simon, Freddy's opened its first location in Wichita, Kan., offering a unique combination of cooked-to-order steakburgers, Chicago dogs, and other savory items along with its signature desserts prepared with premium frozen custard made fresh throughout the day. Today, 221 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.

For more information on Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers, visit <http://www.freddysusa.com>.



St. Rose/HaysMed radiologist recommends annual mammograms



Dr. Michael Wright, radiologist, has been noticing that some women are not having annual mammograms and wanted to take advantage of Breast Cancer Awareness Month to encourage them to reconsider.

Dr. Wright, whose main office is at Hays Medical Center, visits the imaging department at St. Rose Health Center on a regular basis. He speculates that some women over age 40 are not having the exam every year because they are constantly bombarded with contradictory information. While he understands the conflicting reports may be confusing, he encouraged women to consider advice from the American College of Radiology and the Society of Breast Imaging. Their advice is to get an annual mammogram beginning at age 40.

"The guidelines of both these respected organizations are clear," he said. "Unfortunately, people who spread false information through the media can influence patients' decisions. "A mammogram is simply the best tool we have for early detection," he added. "If we can find breast cancer early, there are many successful treatment options that are less invasive than surgery. In some cases, surgery may not be required if it is caught early enough."

Women in central Kansas have the benefit of state-of-the-art digital mammography and diagnostic breast ultrasound at St. Rose, Dr. Wright noted. "The screenings and diagnostic evaluations at St. Rose are extremely helpful to central Kansas residents," he said. "When patients do require more advanced evaluation and/or intervention, HaysMed has the Breast Care Center. It provides breast MRI, advanced ultrasound and 3-D mammography. "In addition, the breast center offers genetic testing and consultation with surgical and therapeutic specialists," he continued. "HaysMed also provides a nurse navigator who guides patients every step of the way."

Mammography also is a valuable tool for detecting benign breast diseases, the radiologist noted. These include cysts, fibrocystic disease, fibroadenomas and lymph-node conditions. "There is another factor to consider when deciding to get a yearly mammogram," Dr. Wright pointed out. "Patients who receive a good report following the exam will have peace of mind, and that is a wonderful thing."

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Supreme Court justices experience Rosewood Services



Rosewood Services executive director Tammy Hammond is photographed with Justice Dan Biles and his daughter, Claire, during the 12th Annual Rosewood Rodeo.

Two Kansas Supreme Court Justices scheduled time in October to inform themselves of the many programs and businesses built by Rosewood Services to serve and benefit people with disabilities.

Justices Dan Biles and Caleb Stegall spoke at Great Bend Rotary Club Monday, October 3. Afterward, they spent the afternoon touring Rosewood's day services and retail locations, guided by Tammy Hammond, Rosewood Services founder and executive director. The justices toured Rosewood Studio, Furniture Gallery, Bargain Barn and Wine Cellar, among several other

Rosewood locations, which are designed to provide diverse training and opportunities to people with developmental disabilities.

"We were pleased the Justices took such a noted interest in our programs," said Hammond. "They enjoyed meeting our folks and seeing the many facets of our organization that have grown for the past 18 years to provide diversity and opportunity to people with disabilities," said Hammond. While Justice Biles has long been a strong supporter of people with disabilities, both Justices are genuine and sincere in their efforts to serve all Kansans."

On Saturday, Justice Biles also attended Rosewood's 12th Annual Rosewood Rodeo where he provided the invocation to Rodeo participants and audience. Biles, along with his daughter, Claire, took in the day's events and interacted with the many of the day's spectators and participants.

"We come in the spirit of fellowship, family, and community, as we support our friends and loved ones in this demonstration of all they have accomplished in their lives," said Biles during his invocation, prior to the event. "Today, these competitors are the ones who have our attention. We are thankful for them and all that they bring to our lives.

Jay Luerman Joins First Kansas Bank as Credit Analyst



Jay Luerman has joined First Kansas Bank as a Credit Analyst according to Paul Snapp, President of the Bank. In announcing the hire, Snapp commented that, "Jay has the values, experience and education to help First Kansas Bank deliver high quality service to our loan customers in Great Bend. He brings a Kansas farm background with common sense and a strong work ethic to our customers. We are excited to have Jay join our Bank Team."

Jay is the son of Andy and Rebecca Luerman from Ashland. He graduated from Ashland High School and worked on a family farming and ranching operation in High School. Jay holds a Bachelor's Degree in Agri-Business from Fort Hays State University.



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The local accounting firms of Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball, Chartered (ABBB) and Hiebert & Decker, CPA's, Chtd. recently announced their plans for a merger. Effective November 1, 2016, Hiebert & Decker, CPA's, Chtd. will be recognized as Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball, Chtd.

"We view this merger as a significant benefit for all of our clients and employees," says Ben Wilson, CPA and partner-in-charge of ABBB's Wichita office. "Combining our resources and knowledge base is a tremendous win for our clients."

Hiebert & Decker, CPA's, Chtd. was founded in 1973. The firm provides a wide range of services for individuals, businesses, nonprofit organizations, trusts and estates.

"Our first priority has always been to provide the best service possible to our clients. We feel confident this merger enhances our ability to fulfill this objective," said Bob Decker, CPA and Partner at Hiebert & Decker, CPA's, Chtd.

The merged practices will retain the name Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball, Chartered and will be located in the current ABBB facility at 545 N. Woodlawn, Wichita, KS 67208.

Spectrum CPA Partners LLC



Holste & Bowers, LLC is pleased to announce a merger with Ray A Cheely Chartered. The two trusted accounting firms joined forces effective October 1, 2016 to form Spectrum CPA Partners. Spectrum CPA Partners has QuickBooks ProAdvisors on staff, and is a proudly Endorsed Local Provider for Dave Ramsey. Now located at 1400 Polk Street in Great Bend, the firm is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.greatbendcpa.com or call 620-792-5378.

Dominican Sisters of Peace to host Annual Mission Benefit Bazaar



Dominican
Sisters of Peace

Sisters and Associates
in Mission

The Dominican Sisters of Peace in Great Bend host their Annual Mission Benefit Bazaar on Saturday, November 12, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 3600 Broadway in Great Bend, Kansas. The day has many activities to enjoy. Beverage and rolls can jumpstart start your morning. Then shop awhile among the hundreds of handcrafted and homemade items, and stay for homemade soup and pie lunch. If you stay for the drawing, you may be the happy winner of one of the 20 prizes. For more information, call 620-792-1232.

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 Thursday, November 4th at 11:35 a.m.

Welcome to Our Newest Chamber Members

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Lyons, KS 67554
620-257-5122
Insurance

Kelly's Garden Sense
5108 Timber Creek
Great Bend, KS 67530
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17 South Main
Hutchinson, KS 67501
www.pilr.org
620-663-3989
Social Service Organizations

Rodan + Fields - Shannon Stafford, Consultant

2706 28th St
Great Bend, KS 67530
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Chamber Office Closed for Thanksgiving

The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development will be closed Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 in observance of Thanksgiving. We will resume normal business hours on Monday, November 28.



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CHAMBER COFFEE SCHEDULE

Every Thursday at 9:30 am

November 3, 2016

Golden Belt Home Health & Hospice – 3520 Lakin Ave., Suite 105

Golden Belt Home Health has a trained team of health professionals and support staff to coordinate your care and provide treatment throughout your recovery. Through our home care program, patients receive professional services by caring individuals in the privacy of your own home.

November 10, 2016

Xelmar Medical Spa – 3421 Forest Ave.

Xelmar Medical Spa is a full-service spa offering the latest aesthetic medicine procedures. Some of our most popular services include laser hair removal, Botox/Xeomin injections, facials, pedicures, eyelash extensions and massage therapy.

Learn more at www.xelmarmedspa.com.

November 17, 2016

First United Methodist Church – 2123 Forest Ave.

The mission of Great Bend First United Methodist Church is to develop and inspire passionate followers of Jesus Christ. At First UMC, we work diligently to equip and empower servant leaders in our congregation and community. First UMC is proud to support ongoing community programs such as Fruit Fillers, MOPS and more!

Sunday Worship: 9:00 a.m. Traditional | 11:00 a.m. REVIVE
Follow us on Facebook /GBFUMC or visit www.GBFUMC.org.

November 24, 2016

Happy Thanksgiving – No Chamber Coffee

December 1, 2016

Trinity United Methodist Church – 5700 Broadway

“To share God’s message of love and hope” is the mission of Trinity United Methodist Church. Dr. Reuben Langat, a native of Kenya, is the pastor. We are a church who loves doing mission work and caring for one another. Our worship service begins at 9:15 am Sunday mornings followed by coffee fellowship and Sunday School for all ages.



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