



It's a Home Run!

On April 28, 2015 a dedication was held for the Bowman Family Press Box, located at the Lawson-Biggs Baseball field on the Barton Community College campus.

The original wooden press box, which was one level and poorly situated for viewing the game, was replaced with a two-story facility constructed of brick and has heating, air conditioning, electricity, a sound system, and sliding windows. It also has ADA accessibility.

Major donors for this new construction were Rob and Kelly Bowman, of Great Bend. The Bowman family has strong ties to Great Bend baseball, especially

Barton. Other donors who contributed services and supplies include C. V. Cale, Inc.; DMA Architects PA; Kansas Brick & Tile; Suchy Construction; Great Bend Redi-Mix; Sutherland Lumber; Jimlo Glass and Meitner Masonry. Barton Community College contributors were the Maintenance and IT departments; Mark Dean, Dean of Administration; and Darnell Holopirek, Former Foundation Executive Director.

The recognition plaque reads. "In appreciation of the vision, foresight, and generosity of the Rob and Kelly Bowman Family." We couldn't have said it better.



Barton Foundation Honors Brad and Sarah Shirer

Because of their years of support and involvement, the Barton Community College Foundation is proud & grateful for the opportunity to honor Brad and Sarah Shirer with the 2015 Distinguished Service Award.

The Distinguished Service Award was created in 1981 by the Barton Community College Foundation to recognize individuals who have shown genuine regard for, and have performed outstanding service to Barton Community College. The Barton Foundation Board of Directors selects the recipient from nominations received.

Brad and Sarah Shirer were born and raised in Barton County; Brad in Hoisington and Sarah in Great Bend. Brad is Chief Administration Officer at Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball, and is an antique car enthusiast in his spare time. He is an alum and proud supporter of K-State and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. Sarah recently retired from a lengthy secretarial career with various schools, churches, and chambers of commerce. She

is involved in many community activities including church, PEO, and Prairie Godmothers as well as serving on the boards of the Golden Belt Community Concert Association and Great Bend Zoological Society.

The Shirers' involvement with Barton Community College began with Sarah's father, Grant Hoener, who was instrumental in raising funds to finance the publicity campaign that brought a favorable vote from the community to establish this college. The first endowed scholarship at Barton County Community Junior College was established in Grant's memory. In 2006, Brad and Sarah established the Bill Sowles Memorial Scholarship in memory of Sarah's first husband, who was a member of the initial BCCJC graduating class.

Over the years, Brad and Sarah have experienced Barton from the perspective of students, employee, community advocates and benefactors. They take special pleasure in supporting the programs and various projects that benefit the



Brad and Sarah Shirer

Fine Arts Department, especially the recent auditorium renovation.

Interim Executive Director Rob Dove, said "We all take for granted the things we enjoy every day that make our lives easier – for students here at Barton many of those things were made possible by the support and commitment of donors such as Brad and Sarah."



Foundation Offers Scholarships for Recruitment Efforts

The Foundation offers academic scholarships to students, and each year we are proud to increase the number and amount offered due to the continued generosity of our donors.

This semester we offered Foundation scholarships at three campus events: the 2015 Senior Day, Hilltop Hoops Classic Basketball Tournament, and Shafer Gallery Vortex Day. We hope these awards entice students to consider Barton when they select a post-secondary educational institution.



Winners of our scholarships:

Senior Day

Dykota Knorr

Great Bend

Savannah Randa

LaCrosse

Hilltop Hoops Classic

Rylie Dyck

Moundridge

Jamie Liebl

Clafin

Bailey Strausz

Moundridge

Vortex Day

Jordan Moore

Hoisington

Shelby Shelor

Hoisington

David Thompson

Larned



Generosity Driving Force Behind Barton's New CDL Offerings

Story and photo by Brandon Steinert

The phone has been ringing off the hook in the Admission office at Barton Community College regarding information about the new Commercial Driver's License offerings.

After 10 hours in the classroom and 30-35 hours of driving time, completers will have training necessary to obtain a Class A license with an air brake endorsement.

The first class will be complete on June 26. The next class starts July 11 and is projected to reach the cap of 10 students. The course lasts eight weeks and will start about every 10 weeks.

This course was made possible after acquisition of a semi-truck and a trailer, purchased with a large donation from the William C. Wells Trust and additional assistance from the Land O'Lakes Foundation and the Barton Community College Foundation.

"My father-in-law always liked to give," William C. Wells Trustee Lou Button said. "We've had this trust for 15 years after he died in 2000 and he wanted

it to go to the college. He was just a farmer and a stockman. He just was a good man. I think this CDL course is going to help a lot of people; It's going to be a beautiful thing for the community. Willie would love it."

Wells was a well-known civic-minded Barton County resident whose philanthropic activities have continued to benefit local entities such as Barton Community College, the Barton County Historical Society and more.

Executive Director of Workforce Training and Economic Development Mary Foley said the college is extremely

grateful for the generosity and outpouring of support that has made the CDL offerings a reality. She said two of Barton's programs are now more all-encompassing.

Beef cattle production and crop protection programs required a CDL before Barton could allow students to graduate. Many of the students had to go elsewhere and pay for the certification on their own since financial aid wouldn't pay for it. This will



Interim Executive Director of Institutional Advancement Rob Dove shakes hands with Lou Button, Trustee of the William C. Wells Trust. The trust, in large part, funded the purchase of the semi-truck and trailer used for Barton's new CDL course offerings.

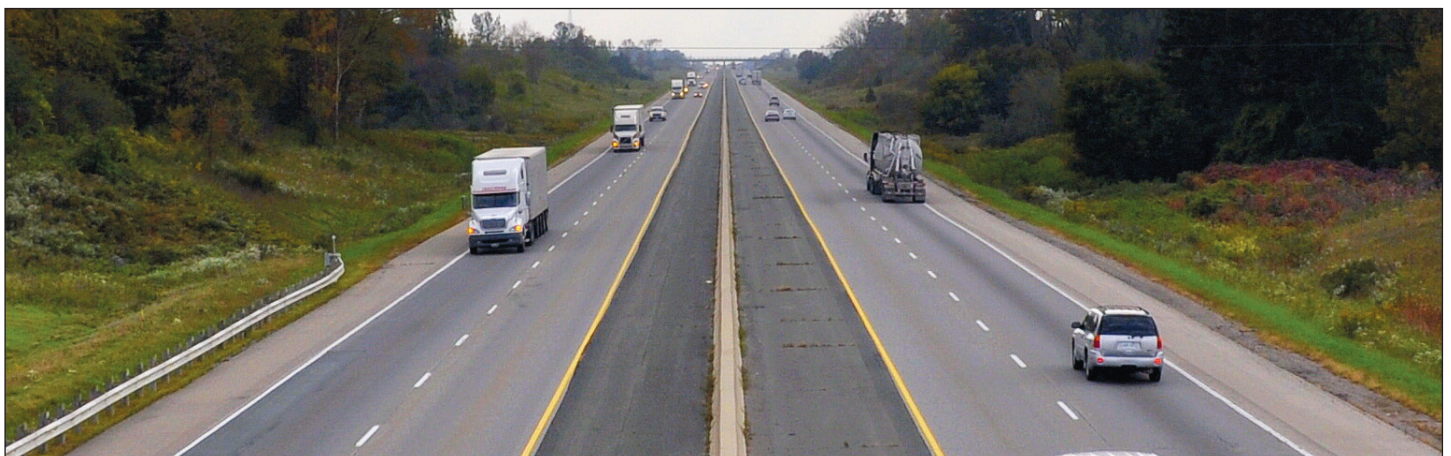


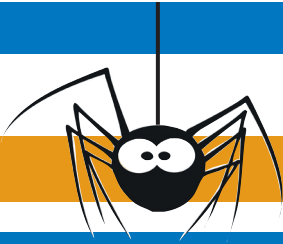
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help Barton produce more graduates and save students money.

"We are very thankful to their commitment to providing a quality education to our students," Foley said.

In addition, CDL drivers are in high demand and earn a median salary of \$37,370 per year or \$18.77 an hour, according to the Kansas Occupational Outlook. Jobs are expected to increase by 12.9 percent by 2020.





Save The Date!

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37th Annual Big Benefit Auction

**Saturday
August 22
2015**

Great Bend Knights of Columbus Hall

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MAY 18 - AUGUST 7, 2015

- **COLLEGE OFFICES:** (except Kirkman Student Services office)
Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- **KIRKMAN STUDENT SERVICES OFFICE:**
Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- **CAMPUS CLOSED ON FRIDAYS**





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