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Barton Community College  
**FOUNDATION**



## 11TH ANNUAL FOUNDATION SPORTING CLAY SHOOT

On Sunday, April 18th a record number of registrants competed in the 11th Annual Sporting Clay Shoot sponsored by the Barton Community College Foundation. After a year hiatus due to the COVID Pandemic 172 shooters enthusiastically showed up for this always popular event. This event is our most far-reaching fundraiser gathering participants from all sections of Kansas from border to border as well as shooters from out of state. As with all previous years, this shoot garnered more positive comments than can possibly be shared in this article. It is a fun-filled day with attendees truly enjoying what they are doing and Camp Aldrich is a perfect venue. Dennis Linden of Linden Target Sports in McPherson, Kansas is the vendor who creates the course to be both fun and challenging by utilizing the unique layout of Camp Aldrich to provide the shooters with the optimal experience possible.

Thirty-seven sponsors, comprising of both cash and gift-in-kind donations made this event possible. 172 shooters registered, consisting of 45 three-person teams and 37 individuals participated this year. The winners were: High Man – Will Duloher, St. George, KS.; High Woman – Deb Richter, Ellinwood, KS.; High Youth – Drexler Gardner, Ellinwood, KS.; High Team – Gus Dunbar, Milbern, NE., Brock Barton, Fairbury, NE. and Will Duloher, St. George, KS. The funds raised from the clay shoot are used to award mini-grants to Barton faculty for materials needed within the classroom to directly impact the educational experience of their students. This past year the Foundation awarded over \$12,000 to faculty members who submitted proposals explaining their needs and plans for the funds.

The event draws people from all areas of the state; in addition to our loyal area shooters, we had individuals from Lawrence, Manhattan, Colby, Goodland, Colorado, Nebraska and Texas. Past shooters have also boosted participants from South Dakota, Oklahoma, Iowa, and

Missouri. We believe the event continues to be so successful because of the venue and expertise of Linden Target Sports, but also because shooters share their experiences with others and consequently each year we see continued growth in first-time participants.

We want to thank every sponsor, donor, participant, and volunteer that made this event possible – it absolutely would not have been possible without every one of you.

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## 42ND ANNUAL BIG BENEFIT AUCTION



Sandals, shorts and sun – Oh My! Grab you best boyfin and gull friend and help us have a whale of a time as we celebrate “Life’s a Beach”. Leave your footprints in the sand and soak up the vitamin sea, let the waves hit your feet and the sand be your seat. As always, there will be great food, fun and good company – remember if you’re not barefoot, you are over-dressed. Get carried away by the tide while supporting a good cause – alone we are but a drop but together we are an ocean.

On August 28th the doors of the Great Bend Columbus Club will swing open and you will be greeted by sunny smiles, the warmth of friendship and the enjoyment of a fun in the sun beach party. Tickets will go on sale July 15th and will be \$45.00 per person or \$360 for a table of eight. The doors open at 6:00, dinner will be served at 7:00 and Carr Auction and Real Estate will begin the live auction at 8:00.

We look forward to seeing you there – to save your spot just send in your reservation form in a bottle or call me on my shell 620-786-1136.

## 2021 OLD BILL HONORARIUM

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Each year at the Annual Big Benefit Auction, the highlight of the evening activities is the sale of Old Bill. Old Bill is a mounted buffalo head that was donated to the Foundation in 1978 by the Claflin Fire Department.

Over the past 40 years, Barton Community College has benefited from the generosity of far too many businesses and individuals to count; collectively their support of academics has netted almost \$290,000 for scholarships and program enhancements.

Seventeen years ago the Foundation changed the format for the sale of Old Bill. It is now an honorarium with the funds generated from the sale used to award scholarships for the next academic year in honor of a donor(s). Instead of the bid being won by an individual, all of those in attendance have the opportunity to bid at various levels and the accumulative amount from all bids is used to fund scholarships.

Each year prior to the annual benefit auction, the Foundation board selects a deserving, dedicated donor(s) to be honored in this special way – academic scholarships given in their name.

The Foundation Board of Directors takes the naming of this honorarium very seriously.

When choosing an honoree they consider the years of support and loyalty to the Foundation and its mission.

This year the Foundation has chosen to honor an entire family who have been supporters of Barton since its very beginning in 1969. The 2021 Old Bill Honorarium will be dedicated in honor of the Vink Family and scholarships will be given in their honor, from the funds raised during the 2022 academic school year.

It is hard to imagine a more deserving family to honor this year. The Vink family have been loyal and generous donors and friends of the Foundation, with their support not only through OPI but as individuals as well. Many members of the family are proud alumnus of Barton and Kim is a former member of the Foundation Board of Directors.

We are proud to announce the Vink Family as our Old Bill Honorarium at this year's 42nd Annual Big Benefit Auction "Life's a Beach". If you cannot attend the event on August 28th and would still like the opportunity to honor the Vink's in this way, you may send your donations in their name to Barton Community College Foundation, 245 NE 30 Road, Great Bend, Kansas or call our office at 620-786-1136.

## FOUNDATION FUNDS RIOT GEAR

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This spring Melissa Stevens, Director and Coordinator of the Criminal Justice program at Barton Community College, prepared a proposal for consideration of the Foundation Board of Directors for the purchase of Riot Gear to be utilized by her students in the criminal justice classes.

In requesting the funds Melissa states, "The riot suit will help us in many ways, but specifically for training in defensive tactics, we will be able to utilize the suit in our Law Enforcement classes as well. In this day and age of protest and civil unrest, I think it's important for my students, who plan to enter law enforcement to understand and get a feel for the equipment they will be expected to use in the performance of their duties. Thanks to the vision, foresight and generosity of the Lee Turner Endowment for Criminal Justice, the foundation was able to make the funds available for the purchase of this riot gear. The college and foundation both strive to constantly raise the bar and guarantee our students all the tools they need to be successful and achieve academic excellence."



## **ROB & TRISHA DOVE HONORED WITH DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

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On Wednesday evening, June 2, 2021 at Camp Aldrich during its' annual board dinner the Barton Community College Foundation Board of Directors presented the 2021 Distinguished Service Award to Rob and Trisha Dove.

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 select the recipient(s) from nominations received.

The Foundation Board of Directors takes the bestowing of this honor very seriously. When choosing an honoree they consider the years of support and loyalty to the Foundation and its mission. It is hard to imagine donors, who exemplify that level of support and loyalty to the Foundation more perfectly than Rob and Trisha.

During its over 61 years in business Dove Chevrolet, Buick, Cadillac served as a cornerstone in the business community. From its very inception the company under the leadership of the Dove family showed by example that it values and embraces the importance of support for this community. Rob served on the Foundation Board for 16 years, serving as chair in 2014-15. In 2015 he served as Interim Director of the Foundation from January 1 until June 30, following the retirement of Darnell Holopirek.

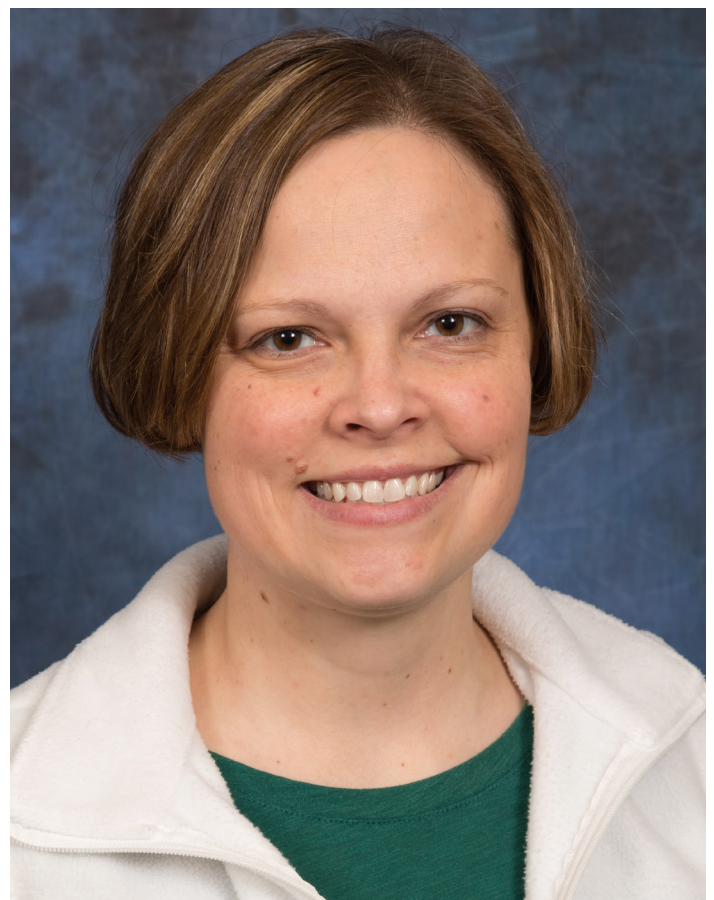
During that entire period of time, Rob and Trisha have supported each and every fund-raiser, campaign and initiative of the Foundation. In 2010, they established the Dove Chevrolet, Buick, Cadillac annually funded scholarship

and the Clarence and Lucille Lebbin Memorial Scholarship in honor of Trisha's mother and father. In addition, in 2014 after the passing of Rob's mother Lois, they established the Dove Family Endowment.

Rob retired in 2018 and he and Trisha now spend winters in Arizona enjoying their grandchildren and the rewards of years of hard work and service. However, Rob's retirement in no way diminished his support and dedication to the mission of the Foundation. The Dove's continue to be loyal and generous donors, and more importantly great friends of the Foundation.

## **THE FOUNDATION WELCOMES A NEW STAFF MEMBER**

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On March 1st, Amy Wheeler joined the staff of the Barton Community College Foundation. It is never easy to step into a position that was held by an individual for 19 years, but Amy has proven more than up to the challenge. It became apparent from her very first day, that we had gotten lucky and found just the right person for the job. She never missed a beat and in her short time with us, she's proven to be a priceless asset and perfect addition to the team.

**WELCOME AMY TO THE FOUNDATION OFFICE AND BARTON FAMILY**

## SUPPORT OF NURSING PROGRAM

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In March, the Foundation office received a request from Dr. Kathy Kottas, Dean of Workforce Training and Community Education, for funding assistance to the Nursing Department by offering matching grant funds up to, but not to exceed \$10,000 in support of the Barton Community College Kansas Nursing Initiative Grant for the 2021 fiscal year.

As you can imagine, in the ever-changing world of technology it is often financially difficult to find the resources to maintain the highest level of innovative equipment to provide our nurses the excellent training Barton graduates have come to depend on. This training not only prepares our nursing grads with training on the up to date equipment and devices they will use in the work place, but also because of their education, gives them an competitive edge in securing placement in the workforce.

Over recent years many donors have given funds to the Foundation that were either unrestricted or/and designated for use by the nursing department. Thanks to their generosity, we were able to honor this request for the benefit of our student nurses and the communities they will serve upon graduation.

## FOUNDATION PLEDGES SUPPORT TO EXPAND WELDING PROGRAM

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From the onset of the development and implementation of the welding program at Barton Community College, it has proven to be a great resource and avenue for students to gain the training they need to succeed in an industry where their skills and knowledge are both in great demand. In addition,

the partnerships built with employers and industry leaders alike have proven to be even more valuable to both than could possibly have been imagined.

With the success of the welding program, it is only logical that after a relatively short time, there is already the need for expansion. The Foundation has pledged \$100,000 in matching grant funds to assist in making the proposed expansion a reality.

The vision for this expansion within the welding program has four primary goals:

1. Expand the program to include a second certificate and an associate's degree;
2. Develop additional courses to include SMAW II, GTAW II, GMAW II, and Internship;
3. Develop a community outreach program, where community members will be able to use the welding shop (with supervision) to work on small personal projects; and
4. Increase the number of students enrolled in the Welding Program

The funds will partially be used to purchase 8 Miller Multimatic 255 welding machines. Features include foot control, 10 pin to 14 pin adaptor, TIG torch, and a TIG torch power and gas adaptor. The new machines will be used in the expanded shop area to increase the capacity for additional classes and students.





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