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New Foundation Board of Directors

Each year as Foundation Board of Directors fulfill their terms and leave the board, we always want to show our sincere gratitude for the years which they gave their time, talent, and efforts to move the Foundation's mission forward. These volunteers are leaders in their respective communities and bring good business ideas

that enhance our friend and fund raising endeavors. This year Debbie Niedens, Dr. Chad Premer, and Jim Vopat left the board after several years of service to the students and donors of our organization. We thank these individuals for their involvement in

assisting us to grow our funds, creating new partnerships, and enhancing the college programs and facilities.

In replacement of these former board of directors we are happy to have three very innovative and influential community members join our board. Marian DeWerff from Ellinwood is no stranger to volunteer or board obligations and loves being involved to make good things happen for a good purpose. She has had several of her family members attend Barton and under-

stands the importance of a strong academic institution. Marian and her husband, Vernon, are still very active in their Ell Bar Holstein Farm and she still enjoys driving a tractor at harvest time. She is looking forward to learning more about Barton and all of the functions of the Foundation.



Left to Right: Shawn Panzer, Dan Boone, Judy Fox, Marian DeWerff, Darnell Holopirek, Lana Dietz, Dee Holman, Lynda Jamison, and Rob Dove.

Not pictured: Sylvan Bleeker, Troy Griffith, Tim Hammeke, Jay Holopirek, Robert Peter, Diana Sunley, and Travis Thompson.



Left to Right: Marian DeWerff, Jay Holopirek, and Shawn Panzer.

Jay Holopirek comes to the board with great interest of getting students to consider coming back to our area once they have received their education or vocational training. His family owns Holopirek Cattle Company and is involved with crop and cattle production on a daily basis. He is also a bonded livestock buyer for local and regional livestock operators. Jay understands the value of the economic impact which Barton creates for this region and wants to help the Foundation continue their strong presence in creating opportunities for any and all students. Jay and his wife, Heidi, live in LaCrosse with their two sons and one daughter; he is involved with all aspects of community activities and has also been

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Barry and Monica Lead the Success of the 2013 Auction



Monica and Barry Bowers

To say Barry and Monica Bowers have a history with Barton Community College might be a bit of an understatement. Not only did both graduate from Barton in the early 80s, both were students here when they went on their first date. Barry is a local CPA and he attracted Monica by helping her through her accounting class.

From that point in time they have always attended and supported the Foundation's Big Ben-

efit Auction and were happy to accept being co-chairs for the 2013 Denim and Diamonds 35th auction. They knew what was expected of them as co-chairs and easily handled the job of enticing community folks to attend, and also did an excellent job of soliciting gifts which sold very well. The Bowers know the importance of this major fundraiser and the difference it makes when people are generous in their giving. They have donated a gift to the auction almost every year since they graduated from Barton and love interacting with the people who attend the event. Barry said it has been entertaining to watch the event transform and take shape into what it is today. It was once a black-tie event, then it took a turn toward informal and laid back at the expo grounds. This year's theme of "Denim and Diamonds" underscores the auction's varied history. Guests were encouraged to get creative with their outfits and donors always find a fun way to incorporate the theme into the auction items they chose to donate.

We extend our thanks to Barry and Monica along with the many community volunteers and our Foundation Board of Directors for making our 35th auction event a huge success. Our net proceeds were just over \$55,000 which exceeded our original goal and we are so fortunate to have so many generous people support our efforts.



Tim Miller Honorarium

It doesn't take long before new Great Bend area residents hear the name "Tim Miller." Miller (1940-2012) was one of the area's greatest businessmen and philanthropists. His large company, Tim Miller Enterprises, was honored with the 2011 Business of the Year Award by the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce.

This year the Foundation was pleased to honor Tim's memory by using Old Bill as the auction item to raise funds for academic scholarships for the 2014/15 school year.

The night of the auction we raised \$9,525.00 in Tim's honor.

Miller started his first of six businesses, Oilfield Manufacturers Warehouse Inc., in 1972. Miller Plastics manufactures all plastic parts sold by his warehouse business. Miller Ranch encompasses farming and commercial cattle operations. Tim Miller Sales sells trailers manufactured by EZE Load Trailer Manufacturing. The final addition to Tim Miller Enterprises in 1998 was a local hotspot bar in downtown Great Bend, Charlie's Place. Tim also helped start his wife Loretta Miller's business "The Gallery," which is also downtown.



Tim Miller

"He was a very, very good businessman," Loretta said. "But his favorite thing to do was sit at Charlie's with his friends."

Loretta said Tim rarely mixed business and family, and came across as a sort of private person.

"He listened more than he talked," she explained. "He never told you what he was doing, he just did it. He was amazing – all the things he could do. I would get five things on my to-do list and feel overwhelmed, but Tim would never say how much

he had to do, he just got it done."

Tim was a strong supporter of the Foundation and its efforts to raise funds for scholarships and other enhancements. We will share his generosity with future students attending Barton Community College.

"He helped us financially, and believed in Barton Community College as a whole," the Foundation director said. "He was community-minded and was involved in everything. Barton was a benefactor of his good thoughts and deeds."

Holopirek said both Tim and Loretta have been supporters of the Foundation, and in particular the Annual Big Benefit Auction.

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Foundation Chair Letter ~ 2013-2014



Judy Fox

As I begin my fifth year as a member of the Barton Community College Foundation Board, it will be my privilege to serve as Chair for the 2013-2014 term. The past four years have flown by, and I have appreciated the leadership provided by the past chairs, particularly that of last years' chair, Debbie Niedens. Her style of calm, direct leadership was an asset to all of us. I am also thankful for the guidance of Executive Director Darnell Holopirek and her wonderful staff, who keep us all on track.

Raising money for scholarships is a big part of the Foundation's focus, and our fundraising functions just get better every year. Our Clay Shoot has grown into one of the biggest anywhere around, and the Big Benefit Auction always draws a capacity crowd. Through these efforts, we are able to provide assistance to many Barton students as they pursue their educational goals, and, hopefully, many of them will return to this area when they have completed their advanced degrees.

The Foundation works closely with President Carl Heilman and the college Board of Trustees to ensure the students have a positive experience while attending Barton. We are also actively involved in other activities on campus, like faculty mini-grants, the Shafer Art Gallery and Fine Arts Auditorium renovation.

Each year the board has new members come on board, and they always bring new ideas and enthusiasm to our already hard-working committees. Our committees are in place and looking forward to another very productive year.

Sincerely,

Judy Fox

2013-2014 Foundation Chair



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involved with serving on boards so he knows the importance of taking our Foundation into the future.

We are pleased to have Shawn Panzer, who owns the Shawn Panzer Agency of American Family Insurance. He serves as a Great Bend Chamber of Commerce Ambassador, is involved with current and new business in the area, and is very well

known by the citizens of Great Bend because of his connections and contributions to the betterment of the community. He also serves on other boards and civic groups so he has a good understanding of the importance of commitment. Shawn and his wife, Amy, are kept quite busy with their 13 year old son and 10 year old daughter's activities. He will bring good attributes to the board.

Note from Past Chair

Wow! I can't believe my time as chairperson of the foundation board is already over. I have truly enjoyed being on the board these last six years; learning how much the Foundation does to assist students and enhance their learning. The Foundation staff has been wonderful to work with and I thank them all for their hard work. As the new year starts I wish Judy much success, she will be a great leader. I have enjoyed my experience on the board and Mike and I will continue to support the Foundation in any way we can. Thank you for the opportunity to be the chair this past year.

Debbie Niedens



Debbie Niedens

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| September | October | November |
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| SEP 2 Labor Day (No Classes/Offices Closed) | OCT 17 Jack Kilby Science Day jackkilbyscienceday.com | NOV 3 Daylight Saving Time Ends |
| SEP 22 Fall Begins | OCT 17 & 18 Fall Break (No Classes/Offices Open) | NOV 5 Advisement Day (No Day Classes) |
| | | NOV 27-29 Thanksgiving Break (No Classes/Offices Closed) |

SUNDAY, NOV 3
Daylight Saving Time Ends



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Shafer Gallery Hires New Assistant Director



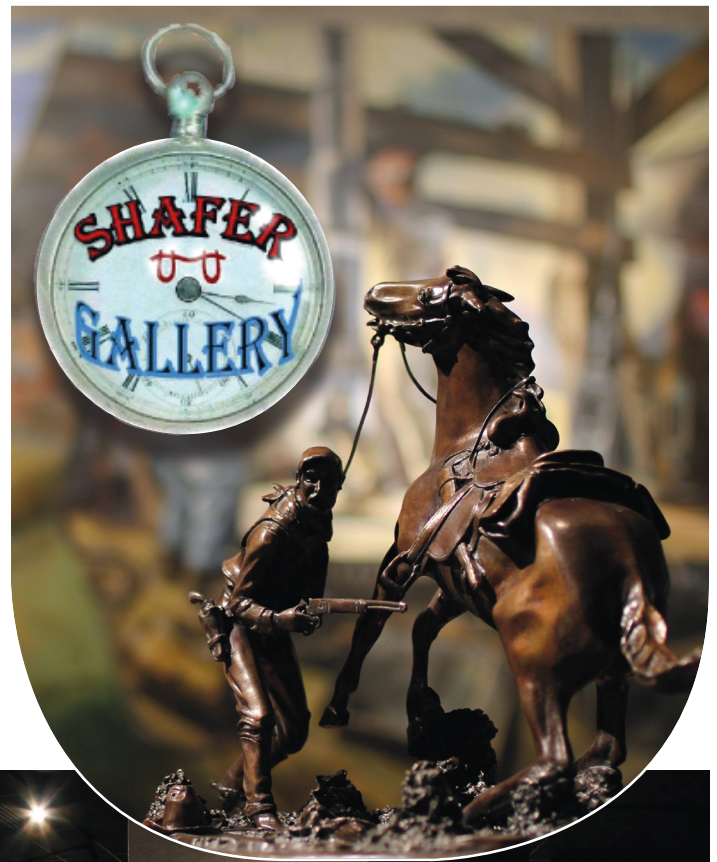
Danielle (Ricklefs) Feist

Danielle (Ricklefs) Feist joined the Shafer Art Gallery as the Assistant Director in July and comes to us with 10 years of experience in the museum field, which includes many artifacts and different perceptions of fine art. She was the former Education Director at the Museum of World Treasures in Wichita. She recently married Chris Feist from Great Bend. She has instantly become

involved with exhibit fabrication, reception organization and has been to several local schools visiting about art education for the youth of our communities.

When you meet Danielle (Dani) you will see her enthusiasm in regard to education development, volunteer coordination, and learning all she can about the world of art and how to encourage others to take advantage of the opportunities the gallery offers to guests of all ages. She is inspired to create seminars and hands-on workshops to increase the involvement and learning aspect of each exhibit we offer.

She earned her Bachelor and Master degree in Anthropology but has mentioned she already feels like she is at home, found her niche, and is comfortable with all that is planned currently and in the long term future for the Shafer Gallery. She comes with creativity and enjoys meeting new people so of course we want to take full advantage of her knowledge, experience and excitement. We hope you have the opportunity to meet Dani in the near future.



New Webmaster on the Fast Track



Samantha Stueder

You have heard the saying “hit the ground running”, but for Samantha Stueder, our new Barton Webmaster, I think we should say she came to work the first day and was instantly “surfing the web” to understand where Barton

was in our re-designing plan for all of our different websites! Barton is in the middle of a long-term redesigning plan and the entire group of department web editors is anxiously waiting to find out how we will be changing the functionality and designs to meet the needs of our students, faculty, staff, and community constituents. Samantha has the major role in designing all of the intricate details

which will give us the information we want to share when others are surfing the web. However, it doesn’t shake her because she jumped right in and hasn’t stopped using her skills and experience to move the major project forward. She and her colleagues in the Public Relations department are working constantly to meet the deadlines to roll out the total new concept.

Samantha (Sam) comes to Barton from Cloud County Community College where she was an Admissions Counselor, but prior to that she graduated from Kansas State University. She received most of her in-depth computer experience and knowledge when she worked for three years as an Electronic Communications Assistant in the K-State Alumni office. She brings extensive learning experiences to us and has good knowledge of the expectations of being our Webmaster.

The marriage to a local young man from Claflin, Mike Stueder, is what brought Samantha to our area and to Barton. We are glad to have her on our team and look forward to working with her and assisting her in creating a new website for Barton Community College.

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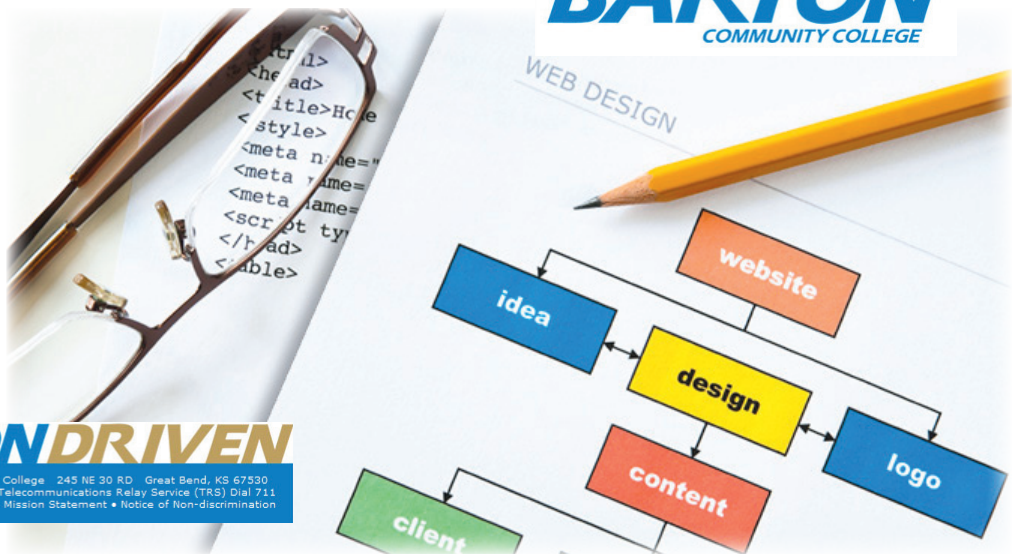
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