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Barton Community College Welcomes New Foundation Director

Barton Community College hosted a “Meet and Greet” for Nancy Wiebe, the new Executive Director of the foundation, on July 30 at Great Bend Coffee Company. College faculty and staff, foundation supporters and community members attended the informal reception to welcome Nancy to the community and to the foundation. She spent her first month in July meeting community leaders and supporters with the help of retired Executive Director Darnell Holopirek.

A native of Caldwell, Kan., Nancy comes to the Barton Community College Foundation with a strong background in nonprofit administration, foundations and fundraising. She is a graduate of the University of Kansas with a Bachelor of Science in Journalism and a Master of Business Administration. She has spent the majority of



Nancy Wiebe, new Executive Director of Institutional Advancement.

her career in Wichita. She has worked for organizations in agricultural journalism, oil exploration, child welfare, United Way and physician education. She has managed foundations funding programs for elderly services, HIV

and AIDS, and dental needs. The mother of three young adults, Nancy moved to Great Bend this summer. She will be joined by her husband, Cal Wiebe, an attorney.

“I am so impressed with the progressive nature of the college and the strong support from the community for college programs and students,” Nancy said. “I am bowled over by the warm welcome I have received and look forward to getting to know everyone and continuing the good work of the foundation.”



New Members join Foundation Board of Directors

The Barton Community College Foundation Board of Directors actively works to support the foundation mission to raise private sector funds by providing leadership and to prudently manage gifts to benefit educational opportunities and initiatives of the college. The entire board meets monthly to conduct business, and other committees meet as needed.

This is an active and efficient board; members help to raise awareness of

college needs, are ambassadors for the foundation, and personally support the foundation's mission. Each member serves a three-year renewable term.



Back row: Paul Maneth, Dan Boone, Troy Griffith, Sylvan Bleeker, Shawn Banzer, Rob Dove, Jim Vopat. **Front row:** Robert Peter, Nancy Sundahl, Nancy Wiebe, Teresa Malone, Patrick Burnett. **Not shown:** Marian DeWerff, Jay Holopirek, Diana Sunley, Kim Vink.

The entire staff is grateful and proud to work with these area professionals who volunteer to support the foundation. We especially thank Judy Fox, Great Bend, and Travis Thompson, Larned, who completed their terms and rotated off the board in June.

We welcomed three **new directors** to the board July 1:



Paul Maneth, was part of the earliest contingent of Barton hires in 1970. He became director of Admissions and Financial Aid for the college and eventually became Dean of Instruction. He, along with other college leaders spearheaded military, on-line and high school class course venues. After his retirement, Paul served six years as a college trustee. He chaired the foundation's academic enrichment fund campaign in 2014. Paul established a fund to help with faculty development, an often overlooked area of need that helps the college remain progressive. Paul and his new bride, Mary Kummer, are both long-time residents of Great Bend and supporters of the foundation.



Nancy Sundahl and her husband Kevin were in the first class of students at Barton Community College. Nancy was on the first cheer squad and Kevin was the first athlete signed to play basketball at the college. Nancy helped organize several of the first campus clubs. Both helped pick the school colors and the mascot and have retained their interest in the college via the athletic booster club and other activities. Their sons attended Barton and two played basketball like their dad. This is Nancy's second round on the foundation board. Nancy, Mary Kay Senior Sales Director, and Kevin, a certified real property appraiser, are both very involved in church and civic groups including the chamber of commerce.



Jim Vopat sent both of his daughters to Barton Community College. He and his wife, Kathy, are Barton sports fans and recognize the economic importance of the college to the area. This is Jim's third round on the foundation board of directors. He is a steady supporter of the foundation. Jim is a financial advisor with Edward Jones, Great Bend.

Letter from the Past Chair and Interim Executive Director, Rob Dove

I was honored and overjoyed this past year to serve as foundation board chair as well as interim executive director. My eyes were opened to the amount of effort and expertise needed to run the foundation. I am extremely grateful for the foundation staff—Coleen Cape, Michelle Fryberger and Donna McCormick. Without their cheerful, hardworking and motivated guidance, it would have been very difficult to maintain the foundation during the six-months I acted as interim director. The college search committee worked

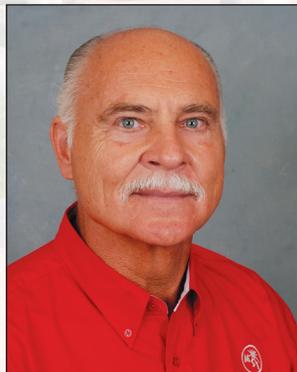


diligently to find a new executive director, and I am extremely satisfied with our ultimate selection. I am very confident that Nancy Wiebe has the right experience and temperament to lead the foundation and continue the progress made under

our previous director, Darnell Holopirek. We couldn't have made a better match. I am confident that under the leadership of our current chair, Sylvan Bleeker, and the dedication and hard work of our current board, the foundation is in excellent hands for a strong and prosperous future.

Letter from New Board Chair, Sylvan Bleeker

It is with great pleasure that I accept leadership of the Foundation. The board is eagerly helping our new director, Nancy Wiebe, learn her position and get acquainted in the community. The college has been very generous in bringing back Darnell Holopirek to help her learn the ropes and meet our supporters



and community members. I am committed to helping Nancy continue the great work of the foundation to seek private support and manage the foundation assets so we can continue to help the College advance its mission and remain a strong partner with the economic, educational and civic communities in the area.

Medical Society Donation supports Education of Health Professionals

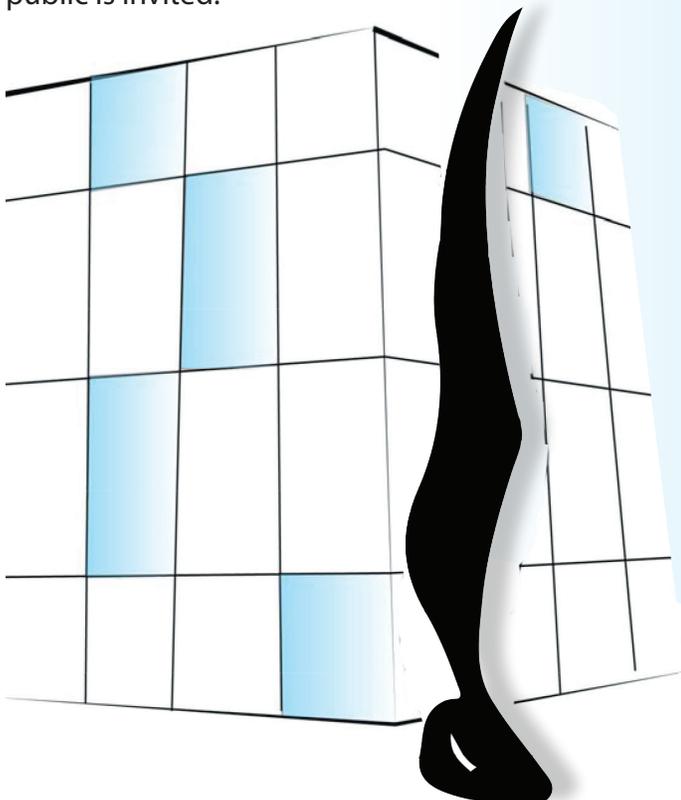


Left to right: Mark Mingenback, St. Rose Health Center; Christy Tustin, Golden Belt Community Foundation; Dr. Roger Marshall, Barton County Medical Society, and Rob Dove, Barton Community College Foundation.

This summer Barton County Medical Society donated more than \$7,000 to the Sister Mary Ann Klein, OP Nursing Endowment at the Golden Belt Community Foundation. In the past this endowment supported the purchase of an additional SimPad controller at Barton Community College to help train new nurses. The endowment was started by Barton Community College Foundation, Clara Barton Hospital and the former St. Rose Foundation to provide funding and support for the recruitment, retention, and training of health professionals and health educators, including opportunities for scholarships, equipment for training and continuing education.

Winged Aspiration rises

A striking new bronze sculpture is being completed and placed in the circle drive fronting the Fine Arts Building at Barton Community College. "Winged Aspiration" is based upon a smaller wax model sculpted by L.E. "Gus" Shafer. Funds left to the Foundation by Bill McKown, a student, artist and friend of Barton and its fine arts program are funding fabrication of the sculpture by Aaron McCaffery, Ellinwood, and base design and installation by Chet Cale, Great Bend. A formal dedication and reception is October 13 at 5 p.m. The public is invited.



37th Ghostly Gala Auction



More than 250 packed the Knights of Columbus Hall in Great Bend for a spooky and fun-filled night at the 37th annual big benefit auction. The auction netted more than \$53,000 including more than \$15,000 raised for Old Bill (a bison head whose ghost haunts the college's student union building) in honor of Darnell and Mel Holopirek.

Darnell retired after leading the foundation as the executive director for more than 11 years. Darnell and Mel filled a table with family and friends as they celebrated a return visit to Great Bend for the event.

Three underwriters generously helped to defray some "scary" expenses so that more of the auction proceeds go directly to scholarships and program enhancements at the college - Dove Chevrolet Buick Cadillac, Great Bend Farm Equipment and Advanced Therapy & Sports Medicine. Holopirek Cattle Co., LaCrosse, donated the meat for the whole-hog roast, which was the centerpiece of a delicious meal prepared and served by members of the local Knights of Columbus chapter.

Carr Auctioneers once again did a "spirited" job auctioning a huge number of new items generously donated from individuals and businesses throughout the community. Foundation board members and members of the Knights of Columbus were scattered among the crowd acting as spotters. The 2016 auction will be August 27.





Students have been dropping by the foundation office with thank you notes for their 2015-2016 scholarship awards. These young men came by to tell us about their career plans, and one sat down to write his note in our office.



Watch for student drivers in the new Barton Commercial Driver's License (CDL) training program. The first class completed June 26, and the program has a waiting list approaching 40. Purchase of the truck was made possible by a gift from the William C. Wells Trust via the Barton Community College Foundation. The college is researching acquisition of a simulator to "keep the wheels" rolling on this much-needed program.



Ten to 15 students began classroom coursework this fall in Barton's new welding program. The college is purchasing equipment for 10 new welding booths with help from a substantial foundation gift. The donor recognizes the need for welders in agribusiness and wants to help people enter into a good career. Demand for the courses is strong.

What drives you?
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The Camp Aldrich Conference Center is scheduled for completion by December 2015, well ahead of the foundation's 7th Clay Shoot Competition scheduled April 17, 2016. Fire destroyed the former conference center weeks before the 2013 Clay Shoot, causing a two-year delay in this popular event.

Auto Tech Students Complete Donated Hot Rod Kit



Students in Barton’s Auto Tech program completed work on this shiny new hot rod, which was purchased with funds from the foundation and significant parts donations from Dove Chevrolet Buick Cadillac and Becker Tire. The car kit was purchased to enhance learning opportunities for Barton students. Watch local parades, events and venues for an up-close view. The vehicle is scheduled to be auctioned to the public in 2017.

Giving Tuesday



We have a day for giving thanks. We have two for getting deals. Now, we have #GivingTuesday, a global day dedicated to giving back. On Tuesday, December 1, 2015, charities, families, businesses, community centers, and students around the world will come together for one common purpose: to celebrate generosity and to give.

It’s a simple idea. Just find a way for your family, your community, your company or your organization to come together to give something more. Join us and be a part of a global celebration of a new tradition of generosity. Watch for information in November on how you can participate with the college and the foundation.

Let Your Life Speak



Most people are used to making donations out of current income. A planned gift, however, is a gift of assets or capital accumulated over a period of time. A planned gift can either be immediate or deferred, and revocable or irrevocable.



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