



## FOCUS

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*Community Welcomes New Barton Welding Lab*

A standing-room-only crowd from the community, campus and area high schools welcomed Barton's new welding lab January 28 for a Great Bend Chamber of Commerce Coffee and Ribbon Cutting. College President Dr. Carl Heilman welcomed the crowd of about 200. He noted that financial, consulting and equipment support from Murphy Family Enterprises, Inc., the Great Bend office of AirGas, Inc., and Scott's Welding were crucial to creation of the state-of-the-art lab.

Heilman said that community business leaders asked for a welding program several years ago. The result is

a full first class of 23 students. After just one semester, students will receive a nationally recognized certificate making them instantly employable, he noted.

"The Foundation exists to support the college and to prudently manage gifts from the community for the benefit of the college and students," said Nancy Wiebe, Foundation director. "Ultimately these gifts improve the economic and cultural vitality of the region. The Foundation is proud to help with this important initiative."

**BARTON WELDING**

*Roger Murphy, Murphy Family Enterprises, Inc., cuts the ribbon to open the new Barton welding lab.*



## Charlie Brown Funds Life Sciences Scholarship



Charlie Brown spent his career teaching biological sciences to Great Bend High School (GBHS) and Barton Community College students. Now Charlie is continuing his legacy of teaching and caring about students by establishing the Charlie Brown Life Sciences Scholarship at the Foundation beginning fall 2016.

Charlie grew up in the coal mining town of Ligonier, PA, and was recruited to Kansas via Sterling College.

At Sterling he was the football quarterback and also played baseball and basketball. He was elected to the college's Hall of Fame in 1998. Charlie did not want to impose lots of conditions on his Barton scholarship recipient, saying that "Sterling College never gave up" on him.

Charlie taught biology at GBHS from 1955 to 1971. He recently attended a GBHS 50th reunion to mingle with his former students, "kids who are now 68" he said in amazement. In 1965 he was the first teacher selected for the Outstanding Young Educator Award from the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce.

After taking a year off to earn a master's degree from Penn State University, Charlie returned to GBHS. In 1970 he joined the faculty at Barton during its second year of classes. He was one of the first Barton faculty to win the Outstanding Instructor Award in 1985. Charlie went on to teach 23 years at the college, retiring in 1993.

Charlie met his first wife, Carol, at Sterling College. They have four daughters, all graduates of GBHS. After the deaths of their spouses, he married Ruth, who also attended Sterling College with him and Carol.

Charlie looks back with satisfaction on his move to Kansas and career in Great Bend. "It was a great decision," he said.

It is easy to establish much-needed scholarships to help Barton students reach their dreams. Scholarships may be funded annually, or you may establish an endowment that funds scholarships perpetually. Donors may establish preferred criteria for scholarships. Most donations have positive tax benefits. Call Nancy Wiebe at the foundation to learn more.



## *Education Changes Everything*

The Barton Community College Foundation kicked off its Annual Academic Enrichment Fund Campaign titled "Education Changes Everything" March 1. Earl and Judy Fox are serving as honorary co-chairs for the month-long fundraising drive.

Designed to raise funds for academic scholarships and enhancements, this unique campaign allows donors to specialize their gift by choosing what department or fund they would like their donation to benefit.

"When Barton opened its doors for classes in 1969, it would have been difficult to imagine what the future would hold, especially all the advances in technology that students today are dealing with," Judy said. "It is often, thanks to our donors, that we are able to initiate such programs as the natural gas, CDL License Certification and most recently the new welding lab."

Judy understands the benefit of Barton first hand as she earned her elementary education degree through an outreach program offered by Barton. In addition, Judy has served on the Foundation Board including one year as the chair for the group, which has been an eye-opener as to how much the Foundation contributes to the success of the college and its students as well as keeping the tax burden low.

"Both of us became ardent supporters of the Foundation and include them in our philanthropic giving whenever possible," Judy said. "We are also huge cheerleaders and are always trying to share what we have learned with others."



Judy said donations really make a difference.

"With your gift to the AEF Campaign, you will have the opportunity to change the life of a student who might not be able to attend college without the assistance of a foundation scholarship," she said. "Join us in making sure that all students, whether traditional or non-traditional, will have the joy of knowing that education does indeed change everything. We would appreciate your support in helping keep Barton Community College one of the top community colleges in the state."

## **WAYS**

### to help Barton Community College Foundation

- Give regularly to your endowed fund or create one.
- Make an undesignated gift. It will go to Barton's greatest needs.
- Give to a fund, program or area you are passionate about, such as Fine Arts, Workforce Training, Academics, or Faculty Support. Call us for more ideas.
- Create an annual scholarship and fund it each year.
- Give appreciated property or securities.
- Remember Barton Community College Foundation when you are updating your will or naming beneficiaries for insurance or securities.



## Thank You to Our Generous Sponsors!



**7th ANNUAL**

# BARTON FOUNDATION SPORTING CLAY SHOOT

For additional information contact:

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Foundation Office**

(620) 792-9306

[clayshoot.bartonccfoundation.org](http://clayshoot.bartonccfoundation.org)

### 100 TARGET LEWIS CLASS TOURNAMENT

- Individuals or 3-Person Teams
- Entry Fee includes Lunch & Round of 100 Sporting Clays (SHELLS NOT INCLUDED BUT AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE)

**Lunch served 11:30 am - 1:30 pm**

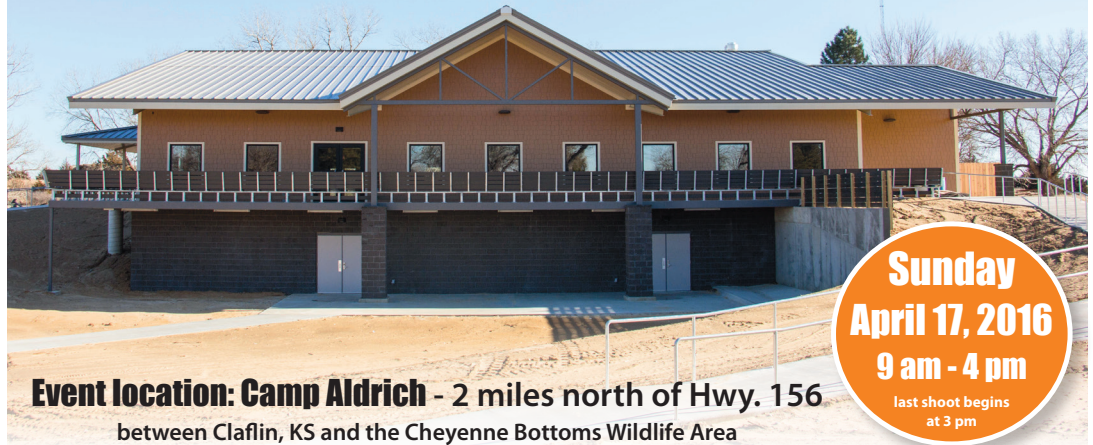
- No Practice Round
- Shot Gun Start
- No Age Limit
- Prizes for Top Man, Woman, Youth, and Team
- Chance Drawings
- Flurries

**\$60 Entry Fee (per person)**  
if pre-paid registration  
received by April 1st.

**\$70 (per person)** after April 1st.

(Pre-registrations are non-refundable)

Proceeds go to Barton Community College  
Faculty Mini-Grants



**Event location: Camp Aldrich - 2 miles north of Hwy. 156**  
between Claflin, KS and the Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area

**Sunday  
April 17, 2016  
9 am - 4 pm**

last shoot begins  
at 3 pm

### Major Sponsors

**Hammeke Electric, Inc.**

**Innovative Livestock Services**

**MSI**

**Murphy Family Enterprises**

### 12 Gauge Shot Gun

CUNA Mutual Retirement Solutions  
David & Shellie Thill  
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M & M Equipment  
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### 20 Gauge Shot Gun

American State Bank & Trust Co.  
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Eldridge Fencing  
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Great Bend Farm Equipment  
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## Faculty Mini Grant Awards Total \$9,225

Proceeds from our 2014 Clay Shoot funded a scoop stretcher to train EMS students in the transfer of patients with suspected neck and spine injuries. Thanks to the support of our clay shoot sponsors and shooters and the Paul & Teddi Maneth Educational Endowment 13 faculty received vitally needed supplies, training and field trips this year:



Simulated Medications to Dean Dexter, Emergency Medical Technician

Music Stands to Karole Erikson, Keyboard

Kiln Shelves to Bill Forst, Art

Choral Folders to Vern Fryberger, Vocal Music

Scoop Stretcher to Ken Henderson, Athletic Training

Conference Fees to Brian Howe, Math

Scanner Attachment to Ron Kirmer, Automotive Technology

Conference Fees to Jill Lawson, Nursing

Electrophoresis Apparatus to Cheryl Lippert, Medical Lab Technician

Vinyl Stand Decals to Steve Lueth, Instrumental Music

Test Leads and Clips to Vince Orth, Natural Gas

Firearm Certification Courses to Melissa Stevens, Criminal Justice

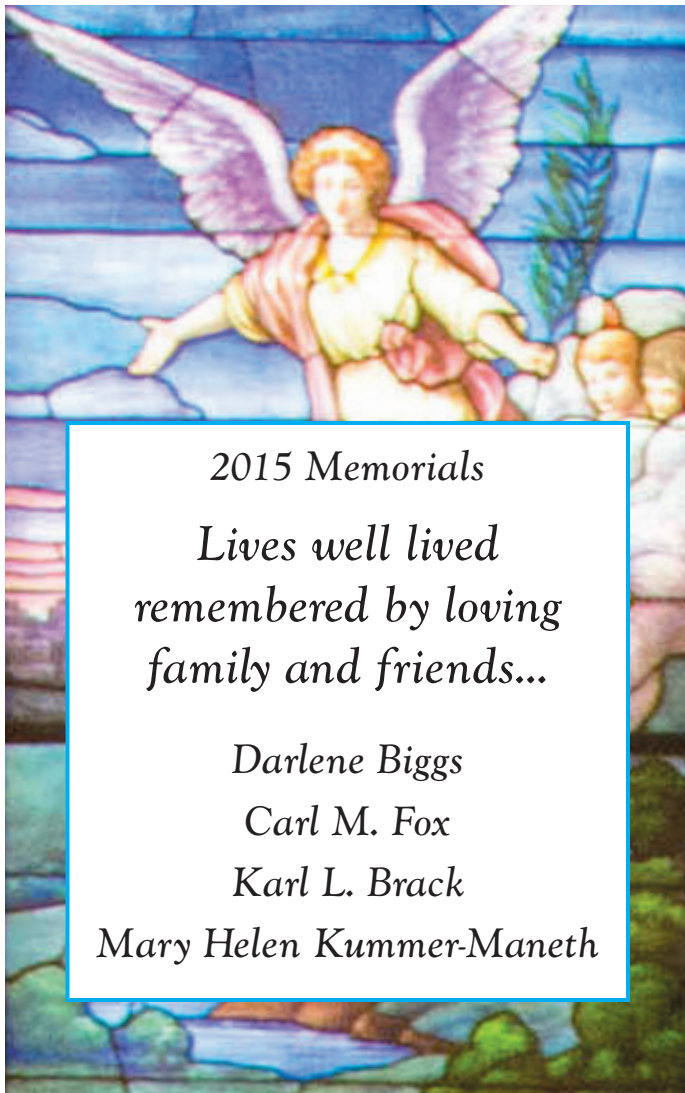
Field Trip to Roni Wertz, Early Childhood Education



## Kip & Kelly Spray Family Strength Training Center



Kip and Kelly Spray were recognized February 6 at half-time of the Barton men's basketball game by Trevor Rolfs, athletic director, and Nancy Wiebe, foundation director. The Spray's generous contributions enabled the college to completely update the lower-level weight training facilities in the Kirkman Student Activities Center. The weight room has been renamed the Kip & Kelly Spray Family Strength Training Center. The state-of-the-art area is a beautiful and useful addition to the Barton athletic program and the campus.



### 2015 Memorials

*Lives well lived  
remembered by loving  
family and friends...*

*Darlene Biggs*

*Carl M. Fox*

*Karl L. Brack*

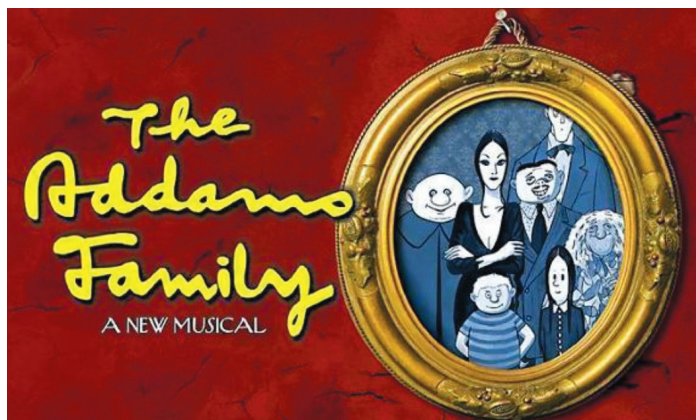
*Mary Helen Kummer-Maneth*

## BEST Campaign



Ryan McClure, Lyons, is one of six Barton students offered scholarships because of the Barton Enhancement and Scholarship Team (BEST) employee drive. Held each fall, this drive supports the BEST endowment for student scholarships. This year 64 Barton campus employees donated \$5,858 via one-time gifts and payroll deductions for this permanent and growing fund. The foundation was able to offer \$6,000 from investment earnings as scholarships to Barton students. Barton faculty and staff also support other areas of need at the college through the Academic Enrichment Fund campaign. See Ryan's video thank you at: [videos.bartonccfoundation.org](http://videos.bartonccfoundation.org).





**Thank you** to the following who helped make Barton's musical possible:

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2. Visit Dillons.com
3. Click on Community, then Community Rewards
4. Sign in or follow the instructions to enroll
5. Search for and select Barton Community College Foundation (#70176)

Thank you! You are now helping Barton students with your Dillons purchases! Please encourage others to do the same, by sharing this information.



Foundation immediate past chair and past interim director Rob Dove greets Bart at the welding lab ribbon cutting. The Foundation purchased the new mascot costume at the request of Tana Cooper, director of admissions, enabling Bart to appear at many more campus recruiting, academic and cultural events.



Each year the Foundation supports college recruitment efforts with special scholarship drawings. Pictured are Hunter Walker, Pratt, and Esme Vazquez, Lyons. Each received a \$500 scholarship award from foundation director Nancy Wiebe at the annual Barton Senior Day on February 6. Passion Martinez, Hoisington, won an earlier \$500 campus tour scholarship. The foundation awarded a \$300 scholarship to Raven Lauber, Great Bend, at the college's Young Professionals January 29 mixer at the Shafer Art Gallery. Three \$500 foundation awards went to the following students at the Hilltop Hoops Basketball Tournament: Ashley Hollar and Chelsey Knight of Moundridge and Darian McClure, Ness City.





The Foundation provided funds for this sprayer, which is used to train students in the crop protection and crop production programs.

### Shafer Gallery News



The Foundation provided prize money for the Shafer Art Gallery juried photography show "Exposure Time III," in January. Top photographers in the area displayed what they are seeing through their lenses. Augusta photographer Fred Lassmann judged the entries. Dale A. Riggs, Great Bend, won the Judge's Award with "Ellinwood Fireman."

The Foundation is proud to announce the acquisition of eight works of art by Louise Fenn, a long-time multimedia Great Bend artist. She taught art in the Great Bend Public Schools from 1951-1954 and later taught private art classes for 20 years. Her work has been exhibited in art shows across the Midwest, most recently



at the Shafer Art Gallery. She and her husband Elmer were active in the Barton County Arts Council and were on the Shafer Art Gallery Advisory Committee. Four of the donated pieces have been added to the Foundation's permanent collection at the Shafer Gallery. Watch for the others at future Big Benefit Auctions.

"Frogs: Sounding the Future" is a family exhibition scheduled for the Shafer Art Gallery this spring in conjunction with the Kansas Wetlands Education Center. The exhibit will feature photographs by a National Geographic photographer, interactive educational installations and programming, and special speakers. The Foundation and the Gallery are seeking underwriters and sponsors for this and two other family shows this year. Contact Nancy Wiebe at the Foundation or Dave Barnes at the Gallery for more information.



#### GALLERY INFORMATION

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**After-Hours Event** ➔ **March 31**

**GRAND OPENING & RIBBON CUTTING!**

**Camp Aldrich Dining and Events Center**  
featuring Barton County Chambers of Commerce • 5:30-7:30 pm

**Grilling and Brews**  
**Public Invited**

**CAMP ALDRICH**  
2 miles north of Hwy. 156  
Between Clarlin & Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area

Hosted by  
*Barton Community College and Foundation*

