



The Barton County Young Professionals group is a program of the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development, designed to foster business and social networking among working individuals in the Barton County area.

#### WHAT WE'RE ABOUT

1. Lead. Developing young leaders in today's workforce.
2. Network. Fostering business and social networking.
3. Volunteer. Providing opportunities to give back to the community.

Anyone who lives in the Barton County area between the ages of 21 and 40(ish) is welcome and encouraged to participate. Members enjoy a variety of monthly events, which rotate between sponsored networking events, lunch-and-learn meetings, leadership events, family socials, and community impact projects.

Perhaps one of the most important "community impact projects" facing our community is infrastructure improvements. This is why we strongly support the development of a new comprehensive transportation plan for our state which hopefully will include a Northwest Passage route from Nickerson to Great Bend.

We chose to live in Great Bend and Barton County, because we believe in the rural way of life, the impact we can have on our community, and the closeness of family and friends. We know that in order for our community to grow and prosper, we must be "connected".

We are fortunate to have Cheyenne Bottoms/The Kansas Wetland Education Center in our own backyard. In addition, we have The Great Bend Transload Facility, a vibrant business community, amazing parks and recreation and sports facilities, a thriving arts community, and people who really care about our community. We want to share what makes our home special with the rest of Kansas, and to do so requires connectivity. Transportation is a key component to make this happen.

Thank you for your work to make the next transportation plan a reality.

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