

# CHAMBER CONNECTION

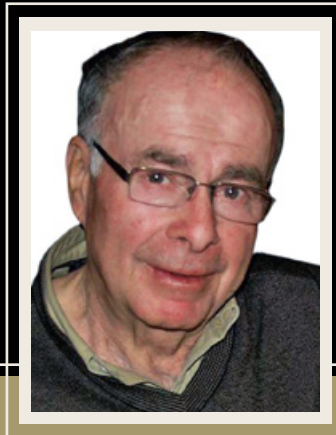
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 Historic 1926-1975



**Mabel Shelton**  
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 Contemporary 1976-Present



## Salina Business Hall of Fame

### AT A GLANCE

#### Mark your Calendar!

- Groundbreaking . . . . .November 1  
 The Villas at Salina Presbyterian Manor  
 2601 E. Crawford - 11am
- Business After Hours . . . . .November 3  
 Salina Regional Orthopedic and Sports  
 Medicine Clinic  
 520 S. Santa Fe, Ste 400 - 5-7pm
- Salina Crossroads Marathon . .November 5
- Salina Business Hall of Fame...November 10  
 Salina Country Club  
 2101 Country Club Rd - 12-1:30pm
- SAYP Murder Mystery . . . . .November 11  
 Salina Country Club  
 2101 Country Club Rd - 6-10pm
- Leadership Graduation . . . .November 17  
 Salina Country Club  
 2101 Country Club Rd - 5:30pm
- Business After Hours . . . . .December 6  
 Fili Creative  
 123 Indiana Ave. - 5-7 pm

*Details inside!*





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Area Chamber of Commerce

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# From the CEO



Eric L. Brown

If you've heard it once, you've heard it 1,000 times from the Chamber, entrepreneurship and small business development are vital to the success of the economy in Saline County. Small businesses make up over 95% of the employers locally and without the businessmen and women that have the passion to own/operate a business, the risk tolerance, willingness to create opportunities, and the heart to give back to the community, Salina would not be the community it is today.

Owning and operating a business is challenging; it requires dedication, patience, a variety of skills, and of course, leadership.

As the Salina Business Hall of Fame celebrates another year, it is our pleasure to be able to recognize and induct three individuals into the class of 2022 that exemplify those characteristics.

Additionally, this year, the Business Hall of Fame Taskforce has added a new award that we are happy to add to this annual celebration! The new award is entitled the "Spirit of Salina" award that recognizes an emerging entrepreneur in the community that has overcome obstacles, taken risks, is persisting as a small business owner while at the same time giving back to the community. That awardee will be announced at the event!

The taskforce is excited to announce this year's Business Hall of Fame inductees who represent very important industry segments in Salina – distribution, energy, retail, and manufacturing/construction. Our inductee in the Contemporary Category is Larry Triplett. Larry started off owning a Standard Oil service station and through that he built Triplett Inc, which today includes the 24/7 Travel Stores located throughout Kansas.

There are two inductees in the Historic category. The first is Mel Jarvis, serial entrepreneur who owned and operated Jarvis Construction, was also connected to Vortex Global and literally shaped one of Salina's most well-known parks. The second inductee in this category is Mabel Shelton. She opened and operated Shelton's Department Store in downtown Salina for over three decades and was a mainstay for a generation of shoppers.

We also look back fondly and strive to recognize the many accomplishments of men and women who have helped make Salina the great community it is today.

Congratulations to our 2022 Business Hall of Fame Inductees. We honor their commitment to Salina. We hope you plan to attend the induction ceremony on November 10th that will feature Kansas State University President, Dr. Richard Linton as keynote speaker.

Best,

Eric L. Brown President/CEO  
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# 2022 Salina Business Hall of Fame

## SALINA BUSINESS HALL OF FAME INDUCTS 17TH CLASS

Celebrating its 17th year, the Salina Area Chamber of Commerce’s Business Hall of Fame is proud to announce three prominent Salina businesspersons scheduled to be inducted into the 2022 class. They are Mel Jarvis (Historic Category 1926-1975); Mabel Shelton (Historic Category 1926 – 1975); Larry Triplett (Contemporary Category 1976-present).

In addition, the Salina Business Hall of Fame Task Force is excited to announce a new recognition program called the Spirit of Salina Award. This award was developed to recognize an emerging entrepreneur and business owner in Saline County. The entrepreneur selected will represent the “best of the best” in terms of overcoming obstacles, believing in their dreams, taking risks, and persisting as a small business owner. In doing so, this awardee embodies the entrepreneurial spirit of Salina – and those that have come before. This year’s recipient of the Spirit of Salina Award will be announced at the Banquet on November 10th.

Recently inaugurated Kansas State University President, Dr. Richard Linton, will be the featured speaker at the ceremony! The induction ceremony will be held Thursday, November 10th, 2022, from 12pm-1:30 pm at the Salina Country Club.

The Salina Business Hall of Fame was established by the Salina Area Chamber of Commerce in 2005. Its purpose is to recognize and honor Salina business leaders, both past and present, who have made extraordinary contributions to Salina, earned the respect of the local community, and called attention to the Free Enterprise system and its value to our country and citizens in shaping Salina’s way of life.

Each inductee will be recognized with a commemorative plaque. In addition, plaques honoring each inductee will be displayed at the Chamber office, 120 W. Ash. A biography of each inductee will be printed and distributed at the luncheon.

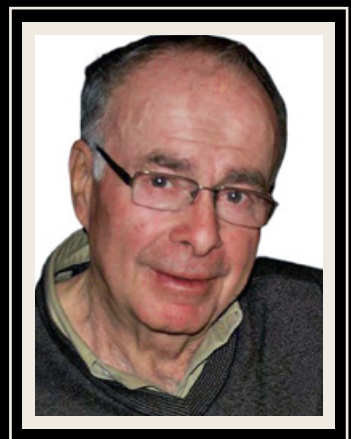
Tickets for the induction ceremony are \$30 per person and can be purchased by registering e at [www.salinakansas.org](http://www.salinakansas.org) or by calling the Chamber office at 785-827-9301, or by emailing Sandy Cole at [scole@salinakansas.org](mailto:scole@salinakansas.org).



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Historic 1926-1975



**Mabel Shelton**  
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**Larry Triplett**  
Contemporary 1976-Present





# Vortex Global/Young Honored at KDOC Event

Governor Laura Kelly announced last week that Salina-based **Vortex Global** has won the 2022 Governor's Award of Excellence and Textron Aviation in Wichita earned the Governor's Exporter of the Year Award. Businesses and individuals from across the state were honored for outstanding contributions to Kansas communities and the state's economy at the Kansas Department of Commerce's 2022 To the Stars: Kansas Business Awards ceremony.

"Both Vortex Global and Textron Aviation exemplify what Kansas has become – a state where innovation thrives and businesses can grow and succeed," **Governor Laura Kelly said**. "These companies, and all of the To the Stars award-winners, deserve credit for their significant contributions to Kansas' record-breaking economy."

An all-time high of 237 businesses, organizations, and individuals were nominated in 10 categories for this year's To the Stars: Kansas Business Awards. Nominees were reviewed and scored for various criteria such as business expansion, employee recruitment and retention practices, training and educational programs, capital investments, and support of local community events. A total of 181 Merit Awards and 56 Regional Awards were presented at the event. Additionally, one nominee in each category was designated a Statewide Winner, making them finalists for the Governor's Award of Excellence.

"These recipients are driving local and

statewide success with their innovation and entrepreneurial spirit," **Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland said**. "Because they are doers, I also challenged these amazing businesses and businesspeople to help normalize the incredible run our state is on."

The 2022 Governor's Award of Excellence winner, Vortex Global, was founded in 1977 in Salina. Vortex specializes in the design and manufacture of components for the transport and flow control of dry bulk solids. With a global service network that spans more than 120 countries, Vortex delivers global solutions through localized relationships to more than 20,000 companies.

In addition, the following businesses and businesspeople were the 2022 Statewide Award winners:

- **Travis Young, Vortex Global, Salina – Welcome Back Award**
- Nicholson Ventures, Dodge City – Agribusiness Award
- Spirit AeroSystems, Wichita – Apprenticeship Champions and Partners Award
- Radiation Detection Technologies, Manhattan – Business Innovation Award
- Build SMART, Lawrence – Cool Things Made in Kansas Award



- Topside Manor, Goodland – Healthcare/Nonprofit Award
- Cashco, Inc., Ellsworth – Manufacturing/Distribution Award
- Russell Stover Chocolates, Abilene – Non-Traditional Talent Pools Award
- Majestic Service & Truck Stop, St. Francis – Retail/Service Award
- Akul Patel, A-1 Computers, Fredonia – Under 30 Entrepreneur and Businessperson Award

The Governor's Exporter of the Year award has been given to a Kansas company for more than three decades. The award brings statewide recognition to companies for their exporting efforts and showcases companies as role models of exporting success in Kansas.

A full list of 2022 To The Stars: Kansas Business Award winners and photographs from the event can be found at <https://www.kansascommerce.gov/kansasbusinessawards/>



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**BLACK FRIDAY WEEKEND**

**deal**

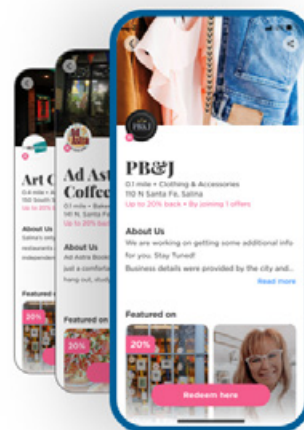
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# LEADERSHIP SALINA

Leadership Salina is a program that hopes to inspire citizens to engage more, care more and risk more on behalf of the Salina Community. The program educates participants on how to do that more effectively and connects people to create strong networks oriented toward improving the Salina Community.

The 2022 Leadership Salina class began their journey on August 11th, 2022 at Webster Conference Center in Salina and since then have met at least every other week. We have been blessed with so many businesses/locations offering to host their facility for one of the sessions. The hosts for the 2022 program have been/or soon will be Webster Conference Center, Salina Area Chamber of Commerce Annex, The Art Center Warehouse, Salina Area Technical College, The Garage, USD 305 District Office and Vortex Global. The class also had the opportunity to spend a full day at Kansas Learning Center (KLC) in Wichita to learn, network and bond.

The 2022 Leadership Salina class has 29 participants which are facilitated by Amanda Michaelis Littell. Through Amanda's expertise and training, she has coached the class instructing the class in Leadership skills of Diagnosing Situations, Managing Self and Intervening Skillfully.

Along with class time, the class has had the opportunities to take many tours throughout our community, as well as providing the chance to learn more about Salina through "homework" assignments – which include involvement in a variety of attractions that Salina has to offer.

Group projects have also been a highlight of the Leadership Salina course. The class is divided into small groups and provided the opportunity to use their leadership skills and the Strategic Doing strategies for the direct betterment of the community through their chosen group projects.

Graduation for the 2022 Leadership Salina class is scheduled for Thursday, November 17th where the class will celebrate their accomplishments.



## PRESENTING



**SALINA AREA YOUNG PROFESSIONALS ARE HOSTING A TOTALLY RAD MURDER MYSTERY EVENT**

**Friday, Nov 11th  
6:00-10:00 PM**

Salina Country Club - 2101 Country Club Road

**REGISTRATION FEE IS \$40.00 AND DUE BY THURS., OCTOBER 27.**

**REGISTER TODAY AT  
SALINAKANSAS.ORG FOR AN EVENING  
OF FUN AND MYSTERY!**



# Chamber to Partner with FHSU, Alumni on Workforce Event

Eric Brown and Renee Duxler traveled to FHSU University last month and met with the University President, Director of Career Services, Alumni Association, and Foundation Board to discuss ways to elevate and strengthen Salina's connection to FHSU's talent pipeline. As a brief background, these efforts and meetings were born out of the Imagine Salina campaign and our intent is to replicate these efforts with the other Kansas Regent Universities in 2023 and beyond.

There are over 4,500 FHSU alumni that reside in Saline County; they tend to fly under the radar and aren't as visible as those with allegiances to KSU and KU. None the less, there is a significant impact provided daily by FHSU graduates to our local economy. There are over 1,500 open positions in Saline County at any given time and over 2,000 jobs estimated via expansions in the next five years alone.

*For those reasons mentioned above, the Chamber is reaching out to extend an invitation to you, your senior leadership, HR staff, hiring managers, board of directors, elected officials, etc. to attend this special event hosted by the FHSU Alumni Association and the Salina Area Chamber of Commerce at The Sullivan event space located on the second floor of the United Capital Plaza, 227 North Santa Fe Ave., on Wednesday, November 9, from 6-8pm. Faculty and staff from Fort Hays State departments will be in attendance, including faculty members from Applied Technology, Nursing, Allied Health, Teacher Education, Docking Institute, and the new Cybersecurity Institute & Technology Incubator.*

As you can see, all of those academic disciplines and degrees feed into our top three workforce and economic drivers here in Salina and Saline County. Regardless of your status as a FHSU alum, this is a great opportunity to meet those professors, career services, and other FHSU faculty and staff to forge new relationships. FHSU President, Dr. Tisa Mason, will be in attendance as well and will share a brief update on FHSU and is looking forward to meeting both alumni and local employers.

This gathering is free to attend with appetizers and refreshments provided but RSVPs are requested; please RSVP at <https://fhsualumni.com/events/salina-alumni-event/>.



FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Join fellow Salina area Fort Hays State University alumni and friends for a gathering at [The Sullivan at United Capital Plaza](#), 227 North Santa Fe Ave., on Wednesday, November 9, from 6:00 - 8:00 PM.



The gathering, co-hosted by the Salina Area Chamber of Commerce, is free to attend with appetizers and refreshments provided. Faculty and staff from various Fort Hays State departments will be in attendance. This is a wonderful opportunity for FHSU alumni and Salina community members to network with one another. You won't want to miss it! Registration deadline is Thursday, November 3.

[Click Here to Register](#)

If you have any questions about this event, please email the FHSU Alumni Association at [alumni@fhsu.edu](mailto:alumni@fhsu.edu) or call 785-628-4430.

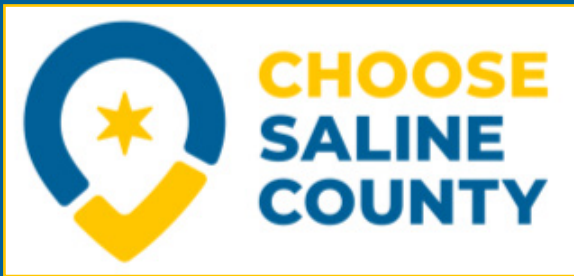


[www.FHSUAlumni.com](http://www.FHSUAlumni.com)



# Shooting for the Stars on the Choose Saline County App

— October 27th, 2022



The Choose Saline County App is taking off into exciting new territories and it has never been a better time to join, as a user, or a business! Right now, there are great things happening on the app. There are 275 business currently listed as locations to earn stars just by doing your normal shopping, just link your card and you are all set! For a limited time only, when you link your card you will receive 15 FREE Stars! The app will then reward you with Stars on every purchase you make at a participating store automatically. Remember, 1 Star = \$1 and these points can be spent at any one of 27 local businesses with new businesses being added almost every day! Throughout the end of the year, we have some amazing opportunities for businesses and users alike. On the redeeming business side, through the month of November, businesses will get paid 150% for each Star they receive from a user. That means if your business receives 1000 Stars you will get paid \$1500, but on for the month of November so act fast! In December the bonus Stars continue as redeeming businesses will get paid 125% for each Star they receive! On the user side, we are running a special for Black Friday weekend. All users that shop at any of the 275 registered businesses, from Black Friday through Cyber Monday, will earn MORE Stars, up to 33% of your purchase! The app is exploding, and with \$26,000 worth of collective Stars in the users' wallets they are eager to spend them at your businesses, so register today as a redeemer!

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Salina Area Chamber of Commerce

## WHY ADVERTISE IN CHAMBERNET?

Deadline: November 15, 2022

**NEW MEMBER BENEFIT**

As a new Chamber member, your first ChamberNet mailing is FREE! (\$125 value)

**FREE**


**LOW COST**

	Mailing with ChamberNet 1,100 flyers, four (4) times a year \$500+ printing costs	Mailing on your own 1,100 flyers, four (4) times a year \$2,200+ printing costs
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Cost is just \$125 for the first page, \$50 for each additional attached page, and \$60 for each separate additional page. Save up to \$1,700!

**CONNECT**

ChamberNet gets your business in front of thousands! Your flyer(s) will be mailed out to our exclusive mailing list AND a digital copy will be available on our website and social media platforms!



**FREQUENCY**

ChamberNet is distributed four times a year. This allows you to advertise seasonal promotions, special events, and business information.



PLEASE PROVIDE 1100 8.5"x11" FLYERS (NOT FOLDED) TO THE SALINA AREA CHAMBER, 120. W. ASH. THE CHAMBER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE SUBMISSIONS, IF NECESSARY.

Questions? Contact the Salina Area Chamber of Commerce 785.827.9301.





# RIBBON CUTTINGS



▲ **Myne, Body and Soul**, 1410 E. Iron, Suite 8 celebrated their opening on September 26. Congratulations!



▲ **The Point**, 157 N. Seventh, is now open downtown. The owners and staff celebrated with a Chamber Ribbon Cutting on October 7. Congrats!



▲ **Exline, Inc.** 3256 E. Country Club Road, celebrated their 150th Anniversary on October 20. Prior to their Business After Hours event, the Bluecoat Ambassadors helped them 'cut a ribbon'! Congratulations!



## SAVE THE DATE!

NOVEMBER 1 – 11am  
Groundbreaking Celebration for **The Villas at Salina Presbyterian Manor** – 2601 E. Crawford!

Join us for this upcoming **Ribbon Cutting Celebration!**

# take to meet



## JONES GILLAM RENZ ARCHITECTS

Owner(s)

Jeff Gillam, Charles Renz, Maggie Gillam & Chris Gillam

Email: [jgr@jgrarchitects.com](mailto:jgr@jgrarchitects.com)

### What service/product do you provide?

*We provide full architecture and design services for a range of project types including, but not limited to: multi-family housing, educational facilities, health care, industrial, civic, hospitality, and historic rehabilitation.*



### When did you start your business and why?

*The firm was actually started in 1943 in Ellsworth, Kansas. In 1965, partners Russell Jones and Jack Gillam moved their firm to*

*Salina and merged with Clayton Englehart, of Abilene. Over the years we've added several new business partners and principals, including Jeff Gillam (Jack's son), Charles Renz, Maggie Gillam (Jack's granddaughter) and Chris Gillam (Jack's grandson). We're excited to celebrate 80 years of service in 2023 and we look forward to continuing to grow our business and our legacy within the community.*

### Anything else you would like the community to know?

*We have recently gone through a brand update and a website revamp. Our new refreshed logo features our identifiable 'JGR' in a vibrant red color, with a unique focus on the 'G' creating a negative space within the center. The website features some new imagery of some of our favorite and most recognizable projects throughout Salina and the Central U.S. We are excited to launch the new marketing for the company and hope it will propel us forward as we continue to strive for success.*



See the entire interview, and others, posted at: <https://www.salinakansas.org/take-5.html>





# THANK YOU

to these Chamber members who continue to support our programs through their membership renewal.

- ▶ Alzheimer's Association
- ▶ Anderson Knights Architects
- ▶ Artistic Nails & Spa
- ▶ BT Salina Wholesale Liquor
- ▶ CB Salina Wholesale Liquor
- ▶ Choices Network, Inc.
- ▶ Doug's Heating & Air Inc
- ▶ First Tee - Salina
- ▶ Gambino's Pizza
- ▶ Glik's Boutique
- ▶ KOA of Salina
- ▶ Larry's Transmission Repair, Inc.
- ▶ Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse
- ▶ Metzger Homes & Property Management
- ▶ MobileUp Software
- ▶ Orkin Pest Control
- ▶ Pavement Pro's LLC
- ▶ Qdoba Mexican Eats
- ▶ Roberts Hutch-Line, Inc.
- ▶ Salina Liberty
- ▶ Salina Septic Service
- ▶ Salina Tree, Inc.
- ▶ SIP, LLC
- ▶ Spencer Cleaning
- ▶ TGW Wealth Management
- ▶ Tumbweed LLC
- ▶ Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
- ▶ YaYa's Euro Bistro

*Thank You*

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# Schmidt Foundation Donates \$50,000 to Love Salina Campaign

On September 28th, 2022, the members of the Salina Area Chamber of Commerce, holding a membership status of "Builder" or above, attended the inaugural Builder's Breakfast with the Board hosted at the Sullivan Event Space in the United Capital Management of Kansas building. Approximately 60 members attended the meeting starting at 7am and enjoyed a wonderful breakfast spread catered by YaYa's Euro Bistro while speaking with the board members and the staff of the Salina Area Chamber of Commerce.

In attendance was Ben Waters, the Regional General Manager of Eagle Communication, and a representative of the Schmidt Foundation. On the behalf of the Schmidt Foundation, Ben Waters presented the Salina Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation with a check for \$50,000 to support and elevate the Love Salina community pride and marketing efforts, the Love Salina campaign!



The Schmidt Foundation is the namesake of Bob and Pat Schmidt, who were determined to give back to the communities they were involved in, ensuring their success, prosperity, and growth. Bob and Pat believed that if you give to your community, it begins a chain reaction of good works and fosters an environment in which we can all grow and thrive. Bob truly believed in this notion and often condensed his beliefs into a single phrase; "Forward Ever. Backward Never". This mindset of Bob's paired with Pat's dedication and interest in community progress

has led the foundation to become what it is today. The Schmidt Foundation grants funding to projects meeting one of four key areas of community involvement: education, healthcare, the arts, and economic development. For more information on the Love Salina campaign, please contact the Salina Area Chamber of Commerce at (785) 827-9758.



# Salina Downtown has a busy and festive Holiday Season planned. Check out what is happening in November!

- NOV. 6 HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
- NOV. 19 SALINA DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY FESTIVAL & PARADE OF LIGHTS

The fun begins at 11am! See details on the posters in downtown business windows, and at <http://www.salinadowntown.org>

Pictures with Santa, Letters to Santa, Live Nativity, Rolling Hills Zoo animals, Sugar Cookies, Face Painting, Make Reindoor Food, Santa Snack Bags, Vegan Shark Performance, Hot Cocoa and Cider, Parade of Lights, Christmas Tree Lighting, Don Wagner Performance!

- NOV. 26 SHOP SMALL SATURDAY



## SANTA SHOUT OUT!

To kids 4-10 years old  
**SANTA WANTS YOU TO RIDE IN THE HOLIDAY PARADE OF LIGHTS WITH HIM ON NOVEMBER 19TH!**

Here is how you register to win! Bring at least four (4) packaged food items from the 'Kid approved' food list to the **Salina Downtown** office, 134 S. Santa Fe, #120.

The last day to deliver donations is Wednesday, November 16, 2022.

Your name will be added to the Santa Hat Drawing.

If Santa draws your name, YOU will get to ride in the **PARADE OF LIGHTS** with **SANTA!**

*All food collected will be given to the Salina Emergency Aid Food Bank!*







# In The News



**SALINA DENTAL ARTS**, 1829 S. Ohio, will once again host a Candy Buy Back event. Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 5, 10:30am-12:30pm. Turn your candy into cash! Enjoy a Bounce House, Crafts, Games, Prizes and more!

## JONES GILLAM RENZ ARCHITECTS



The team at **Jones Gillam Renz Architects** is excited to announce the official launch of our new refreshed brand and website! With the help of our amazing clients, consultants and contractors, our team has designed over 30,000 different projects, in over 12 states across the central US and we strive towards achieving continued success and always offering an unparalleled service to our clients. We invite you to check out and browse our refreshed website: [www.jgrarchitects.com](http://www.jgrarchitects.com) Thank you for all your support over the last 80 years!

### GOT NEWS?

Do you have news to share about your business or organization? Email [srice@salinakansas.org](mailto:srice@salinakansas.org) and we'll publish it in an upcoming issue of *Chamber Connection*.



**SALINA ART CENTER** is very proud of their staff and leadership. Recently, the Kansas Department of Commerce recognized two Art Center people as NextGen Under 30 award winners. Those honored are Hillary Richards (left photo), Salina Art Center Board of Trustees/Treasurer of Woods & Durham, Chtd; and Hannah Crickman (right photo), Salina Art Center Marketing Coordinator. NextGen Under 30 recognizes and encourages the next generation of innovative, creative, and inspiring individuals who push the boundaries in various categories of endeavor. Award winners are selected based on their community participation and contribution. The annual NextGen Dinner and Award Ceremony is on November 18, 2022. You can learn more about the program here: <https://nextgenunder30ks.com/>

**OCCK TRANSPORTATION** is providing free rides to the general public on all services, including CityGo, regional paratransit, GoAbilene, GoConcordia, 81 Connection and KanConnect, during the 2nd Annual Kansas Mobility Week, November 6 – 12, 2022. OCCK normally offers free rides on Election Day each year to help increase voter turnout, which they will do once again. For more information, contact the OCCK Transportation Center at 785-826-1583.



The **KANSAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY** enjoyed a very busy Homecoming weekend in October. Groundbreaking on two major projects were a highlight of the

festivities: a new student housing concept – Coyote Village - and a new dining hall. Officials say the new dining hall will be a “first-class, top-notch facility, one that will improve the daily lives of students”. This facility will allow KWU to continue to grow its residential student body, up to 1,000 students. Officials believe this type of dining location will separate KWU from other institutions of similar size. Coyote Village will consist of a series of small homes on Highland Avenue that will house five students apiece. The homes will be two-story structures and will contain kitchenettes, laundry and other accommodations to help students create a home away from home. Seven homes will be built in this phase of construction.

## Marquee Welcomes

### November

- 5 Salina Crossroads Marathon
- 26 KSHSAA 2A State Football Championship Game

# Dollars & Sense

### Hit the Pink Ball for A Cure Softball (youth)

\$113,520

### Fun Fall Finale Softball (youth)

\$140,120

### Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association (KWCA)

\$139,200

### XWE Wrestling

\$17,832

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Salina Chamber of Commerce



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## Friday, November 4th

- **12-7pm**  
Packet pickup at Homewood Suites by Hilton
- **7pm**  
Pre-race meeting on the patio of Homewood Suites by Hilton
- **7:15pm**  
Fun raffle drawing for bib numbers
- **7:30-9pm**  
Fun music presented by DJ Cash Hollistah on the patio

## Saturday, November 5th

- **6-7:30am**  
Late registration at Homewood Suites by Hilton
- **7:55am**  
National Anthem
- **8am**  
Marathon, half marathon, half marathon relay, and marathon relay races begin
- **8:10am**  
4.01K Family Fun Run/Walk begins
- Following the race there will be drinks, snacks, and burgers from Cozy Inn
- **11am-1pm**  
Music by The Blades on the patio of Homewood Suites by Hilton
- **1-3pm**  
Fun music presented by DJ Cash Hollistah on the patio of Homewood Suites by Hilton

# NEW Event Attracting Hundreds of Participants, plus families, to Salina!



The **Salina Crossroads Marathon** on November 5th will be the first USATF Certified and Boston Marathon Qualifier ever held in Salina. In addition to the marathon there will be a half marathon, 4.01K (2.5 mile) Family Fun Run/Walk, Half Marathon Relay, and Marathon Relay. There are currently over 600 runners registered from 30 different states, and those numbers continue to grow. Thanks to local sponsors, 100% of the entry fees will go to four youth sports organizations in Saline County: Salina Family YMCA, Salina Area Youth Sportsmanship Initiative, Kansas Youth Sports, and USD 305 School Marathon.

The Salina Crossroads Marathon weekend will feature an Electric guitar version of the National Anthem by Howard Mahan - Band/Music, music stations every mile of the course, DJ/Entertainment throughout the day from Cash Hollistah, and live music with The Blades following the race along with food and drinks on the patio of the Homewood Suites by Hilton Salina Downtown. Cozy Inn will be providing "the best burger in Kansas" (2022 Readers Digest: The Best Burger in Every State) for the post-race meal.

The 4.01K Family Fun Run/Walk and the team relays are a great way for the community to come and be a part of the Salina Crossroads Marathon weekend. The 4.01K Family Fun Run/Walk is a family friendly event on a flat and fast course that passes many scenic points in Salina including the Salina Canvas Project: Mural at the Mill. The half marathon relay (teams of up to three runners) and marathon relay (teams of up to six runners) provide a fun way for people to run a half marathon or marathon as part of a team. All finishers get a custom designed medal by Vortex and a Salina Crossroads t-shirt. For more information about the Salina Crossroads Marathon check out the website at [runsalinacrossroads.com](https://runsalinacrossroads.com).

Volunteering is one of the best ways to give back to your community! Volunteers can sign up at <https://salinacrossroadsmarathon.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/>. We need around 150 volunteers to help make this a fun and exciting event for everyone who participates. Volunteers get a free t-shirt. We will have a special volunteer training on the evening of Wednesday, November 2nd and will provide volunteers with a volunteer kit which will include volunteer instructions and contact information in case they have any questions during the event.





# 2A Gridiron Action Coming!



Visit Salina is pleased to host the **KSHSAA 2A State Football Championship**. The event will be played the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day, November 26 at Salina Stadium with an anticipated 1pm Kick-off.

“KSHSAA Football is a wonderful event for Salina to host!” expressed Tiffany Benien, Visit Salina Sports & Events Mgr., “Salina will enjoy hosting the 2A Class this year, and expects the game to have a good following from fans out of town that want to enjoy an afternoon football game. We believe they’ll continue to experience Salina beyond the game by dining in our restaurants, staying in our hotels and shopping. With a little good fortune, we’ll have great weather and that makes competing for the title even more fun!”

Economic impact for the event is estimated at \$260,600 for the Salina community.

Would you like to be a part of the event!? This event requires several community volunteers. Tasks include team hosts, officials’ hosts, press box personnel, pass gate workers, concession workers, ticket sellers, ticket takers, and program & t-shirt sellers. If you would like to help, please contact Tiffany Benien at the Chamber by phone (785) 827-9310 x 130 or [e-mail tbenien@salinakansas.org](mailto:tbenien@salinakansas.org). The 2A District and State matchups will be posted at [www.KSHSAA.org](http://www.KSHSAA.org).



## Middle Schoolers Get Creative

The **7th Grade Cultural Crawl** was held October 19 & 21, after a hiatus of a couple of years. Visit Salina and SDI staff joined forces to host one of the ‘stops’ on the crawl, with featured SculptureTour Salina and the downtown mural projects. The cultural crawl is coordinated by cultural educators throughout the community, in conjunction with USD 305. The mission is to introduce or further establish the connection between Salina youth and the many, many cultural opportunities available to them in Salina.

On Wednesday, 275 Salina South Middle School 7th graders, followed on Friday by 230 Lakewood Middle School 7th graders were bused downtown to make their way through nine stops, including Theatre Salina, Friends of the River, Lakewood Park, Salina Art Center, Smoky Hill Museum, Rolling Hills Zoo, The Garage, SculptureTour/Murals, and culminating with Salina Arts & Humanities presenting Cash Hollistah and friends at the City Lights Stage downtown.

The SculptureTour segment provided each student with a photo of just a portion of a currently exhibited sculpture. Their challenge was to create their own design, using the photo as a jumping off point, and drawing that with sidewalk chalk. The kids seemed engaged, and we learned a lot as presenters. Thank you to our partners, our volunteer Jennifer Sturges, and particularly USD 305 for this opportunity!







# \$ It Pays to Attend \$



Rob Exline and Bluecoat Ambassador Hank Boyer present a 'check' for the Attendance Drawing to Marie Lee, Bank of Tescott at the October Business After Hours at Exline!

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# BUSINESS after HOURS



## Thursday, November 3

Salina Regional Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Clinic

520 S. Santa Fe., Ste 400

5-7pm

\$5 or Fast Pass

Salina Regional Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Clinic offer a comprehensive range of services such as arthroscopy, meniscus repair & resection, plus minimally invasive techniques such as COOLIEF. They are the only orthopedic surgeons in the area to offer robotic total joint replacement surgery of the hip & knee. Come out, hear about the many procedures their team of experts that includes physician assistants, athletic trainers and physical therapists offer to improve your life.

## Tuesday, December 6



Fili Creative  
123 Indiana Ave.

5-7pm

\$5 or Fast Pass

Fili Creative is a mission-focused media production business based in Salina. Their mission is to fight for the good in the world, by telling stories that matter. This is guided by their passion for the creative process and promoting others. Their business exists to foster meaningful connections through videography and helping organizations communicate. Come out, see, and hear how they can bring your brand to life with custom animation that is fresh and engaging. Arrive early, ribbon cutting at 4:30pm!

REFRESHMENTS – TOURS – DOOR PRIZES

## \$ It Pays to Attend \$

**DOOR PRIZES (MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN)  
\$250 CASH ATTENDANCE DRAWING**

For reservations call (785) 827-9301 or email [dsmith@salinakansas.org](mailto:dsmith@salinakansas.org)