SALINA KANVAS PROJECT
COMMISSIONS LARGE-SCALE MURAL

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AT A GLANCE...
Business After Hours . . . . August 27
Interim Home Health & Hospice
1005 W. State Street • 5-7pm
Details inside!

COVID-19 updates concerning masks and more available at salinastrong.com and via Chamber bi-weekly updates
From the CEO

The phase ‘new normal’ has already become cliché and I cringe when that phrase is mentioned because there has not been anything normal about the challenges posed by COVID-19 up to this point. Those effects continue to produce dramatic changes in the daily lives of individuals and operations of businesses, educational institutions, and organizations across our community and region. It has been difficult as a Chamber President to have to social distance when so much of our operations are people oriented and built on relationships. More importantly, it has been extremely difficult to see the financial losses businesses have suffered. In most cases, additional operational expenses of new equipment and procedures have been implemented to maintain the health and safety of their employees and clientele.

Since March, the city, county, private business, non-profits, your Chamber, and medical community representatives have all been working closely, via remote meetings, to maintain communications and work towards reducing the spread and impacts in this community. All partners must continue to work together as a team to push forward. The business community continues to lead the way as the majority of private businesses are doing everything they can to maintain safety and adhere to CDC guidelines and increase consumer confidence.

On June 23rd, the SBA announced Interim Final Rule #14 on the Payroll Protection Plan (PPP); while the emergency support from the federal government has been a godsend for many, it also continues to highlight the confusion and frustrations we hear daily from business and industry regarding the implementation and related regulations as they continue to morph and change. Providing relief and sharing the local perspective and struggles of our businesses and citizens through advocacy and engagement with elected officials at the local, state, and federal levels has remained a priority.

Personal responsibility is a major component in managing the spread of COVID-19 and we all have a part to play moving forward, this includes complying with the requests of our local businesses as they work to navigate providing care for their customers and employees.

As I type this there have been numerous new cases announced so there will be continued human and economic impacts of this virus, but our businesses must remain open and keep our economy moving forward as safely as possible.

Your Chamber will continue to be a quality resource partner and advocate on behalf of our members and business community as we all navigate forward and push to maintain a healthy balance between personal and economic health.

Again, now more than ever, shop local and Think Salina First!

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Nominations are currently being solicited for inductees into the 2020 class of the Salina Business Hall of Fame. The Salina Area Chamber of Commerce established the Salina Business Hall of Fame in 2005 to honor prominent business leaders both past and present, who have made extraordinary contributions to Salina, earned the respect of the Salina community and exemplified the Free Enterprise System.

Categories for nominations include:
- **Pioneer Award** - 1858-1925
- **Historic Award** - 1926-1975
- **Contemporary Award** - 1976-present

Nominations can be made by both Chamber members and the general public. Nominees will be considered on the basis of several criteria which include business excellence, entrepreneurial spirit, courageous thinking and action, inspiring leadership, community impact, positive role model, enduring accomplishments and local influence. Individuals nominated in previous years will be considered again this year. Nomination forms are available at the Chamber office, 120 W. Ash, or can be downloaded. The deadline for nominations is 5pm Friday, August 7th.

A special task force will determine the inductees. The inductees will be honored at a special luncheon this fall. A portrait of each inductee will be displayed in the physical Business Hall of Fame, located at the Chamber office.

Inductees in 2005 were H.D. Lee, William Graves, J.J Vanier, Al Schwan, and Charlie Walker. Inductees in 2006 were Alexander Campbell, M.J. Kennedy, Milton Morrison, Charles W. Shaver, and Roy Applequist. Inductees in 2007 were Oscar Seitz, Ralph Reitz, William Exline, Murray Wilson, and Lee Young. Inductees in 2008 were Dean Evans and Paul Junk. Inductees in 2009 were W.W. Watson, Whitley Austin, Verla Nesbitt Joscelyn, and Jack Vanier. Inductees in 2010 were Benjamin Aaron Litowich, Thomas Watson Roach and Mike Berkley. Inductees in 2011 were James R. Allen, William R. Geis, and Ben A. Sellers. Inductees in 2012 were William Phillips, Dick Brown, and George Frisbie. Inductees in 2013 were Ward Marshall and Karl Stutterheim. Inductees in 2014 were Charles R. Underwood and Charles E. Stevens, Jr. Inductees in 2015 were Frank Hageman, Baalis Kyger Smoot and Tom Pestinger. Inductees in 2016 were Herman H. Sudendorf, Rober J. Laujengayer, and Sidney A. Reitz. Inductees in 2017 were Arthur M. Claffin, Dan Bolen, and Tim Rogers. Inductees in 2018 were Milton Stiefel and Melvin and Marge Bergkamp. Inductees in 2019 were Earl Bane, Marshall Stanton and Eugene and Margaret Logan.

For more information, contact Eric Brown, Chamber President/CEO at ebrown@salinakansas.org or (785) 827-9301

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**Cancellations**

**From the IAC Board of Directors:**

“The IAC Board of Directors met by teleconference on Friday, 10 July 2020, to discuss the 2020 U.S. National Aerobatic Championships scheduled to be held in Salina, Kansas, 20-24 September 2020. After much research, debate, and discussion with City of Salina officials and EAA leadership, the IAC Board of Directors has determined that it will be in the best interest of the safety of all who attend our U.S. Nationals that our premier event is cancelled for 2020. We regret having this decision to make and believe that with safety as our focus in all matters of our sport, to continue without knowing what mid-September will bring in terms of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic would be irresponsible. The “go/no go” date was moved ahead because we believe that IAC members deserve to know as early as possible so that they can make other plans with family, business, and school.”

Salina looks forward to welcoming the IAC back in 2021!

Organizers of the Kustom Kemps of America Leadsled Spectacular have announced that the 2020 event scheduled for July 23-26 in Oakdale Park has been cancelled. The decision was made due to the geographic draw of the event, and participants faced with the mandates including the need for social distancing, face masks and others. KKOA felt the safety and health of their show participants is the top priority, and the difficult decision was made. They also announced that they would celebrate their 40th anniversary of the event next year in Salina, July 22-25, 2021. “While everyone is disappointed about summer without KKOA, we look forward for a great event in 2021!” said Tiffany Benien, Visit Salina Sports and Special Events Manager at the Chamber.
At the June meeting of the Salina Area Chamber of Commerce board, the following exciting news was released by board member Travis Young.

The Salina Kanvas Project announces the commissioning of a large-scale mural on the Southern aspect of the HD Lee Flour Mill at 343 North Santa Fe in Salina, KS. The work will be completed by world-renowned Australian artist Guido Van Helten and is planned to be finished by summer of 2021.

“We are excited to have this work commissioned here in Salina”, commented Salina Kanvas Project Organizer Travis Young. “Guido is an extremely talented artist that will help us continue to transform Downtown Salina and celebrate the spirit of this community.”

Born in Canberra, Australia, and growing up in inner city Melbourne, Guido was influenced at a young age by traditional urban graffiti movements. After graduating with a Bachelor of Visual Arts majoring in Printmaking at Southern Cross University, he began the development of his contemporary work now closely aligned with the movement of large-scale muralism across the world.

Guido’s work has developed out of a strong interest in travel, photography, architecture and learning about cultures. These interests and his ability to work on large-scale projects have spurred commissions across the world throughout Europe, Scandinavia, Asia, the United States and Australia.

“Since 2013, my practice has evolved into an exploration of identity in connection with our urban environment inspired by an interest in architectural sociology” Van Helten explains, “Through this, I approach mural projects using photography and community engagement to uncover the human stories that are site-specific in nature and connections to place.”

In the coming months, Guido will spend time in the area to engage with the citizens and culture of the city in order to develop a design that reflects the spirit of Salina.

“Salina is a great community, but we never had a ‘monument’ like this that attracts visitors to our city and is available for citizens to enjoy”, remarked Eric Montoy. “As a member of the Salina Kanvas Project, our hope is to have this work be a catalyst for future world-class murals and street art in the downtown area.”

“We want Salina to be a destination versus a spot to fill up with gas along the interstate”, added Young. “This will help bolster business opportunities and support the amazing institutions we already have here in Salina.”

The potential impact to business is exactly the point, according to Eric Brown, President/CEO of the Chamber. “Salina has a reputation as an arts community, and it is in part due to that reputation that the community sees interest from potential business and industry, professionals considering relocation, and visitors. There has been much work done to create buzz around the opportunities we have here. Those cultural amenities are important to both creating a place for people to live and work here, and a destination for people to visit as well. It all translates to a healthier economy overall. This is an exciting project!”

You can donate to the project by sending a check to:
Greater Salina Community Foundation
C/O MURAL AT THE MILL FUND
P.O. Box 2876, Salina, KS 67402-2876.

Please make your check payable to Greater Salina Community Foundation with “MURAL AT THE MILL FUND” written on the check’s memo line.

For more information about the artist and his work, please visit www.guidovanhelten.com.
**NEW SCULPTURES DOWNTOWN!**

SculptureTour Salina 2020 unwrapped works by artists from across the U.S. to make up the 10th exhibition of the program. All 19 sculptures are on display along Santa Fe Avenue, now featured on permanent pads included as part of the City’s recent downtown streetscape project. The Unwrap event took place on Saturday, June 20, with a nice turnout. Jurors made selections for special awards in the afternoon, including: Best of Show: “Out of Africa” by Dale Lewis, MN; 1st Place Bronze: “Ballet Was Not an Option” by Tim Chapman, KS; 1st Place Other Media: “My Mental Garden” by Sandy Friedman, CO; 2nd Place Other Media (2 chosen): “Flair” by Gregory Johnson, GA; “Off the Merry Go Round” by Jodie Bliss, CO. The program is supported by private donations and corporate sponsors. Be one of those supporters and become a Friend of [SculptureTour Salina](#). Be sure to pick up a brochure/ballot from a downtown merchant and vote for your favorite sculpture by 12.31.20. The People’s Choice will stay in Salina, and you can have a voice in that voting!

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**Night with the Yotes**

Kansas Wesleyan has set the date for the Tenth Annual Night with the Yotes event. The 2020 event will be held Saturday, August 15, at the Tony’s Pizza Events Center in Salina.

Night with the Yotes is the key fundraising event for KWU Athletics. Funds raised at the event directly benefit Kansas Wesleyan student-athletes by helping to provide an outstanding experience both on and off the field of play.

Doors to the event will open at 5 p.m. and the evening will begin with the silent auction and games, followed by the dinner and event program, concluding with the live auction.

Individual tickets to the event are $50, seating for a table of eight is $400 and a VIP Table of eight (includes preferred seat location and logo recognition at event) is $600. Tickets will be available for purchase soon at www.kwu.edu/yotes.

Night with the Yotes is just one way to support Kansas Wesleyan Athletics during the year. For more information on how to support the Coyotes, contact Athletic Director Steve Wilson at steve.wilson@kwu.edu or 785.833.4410.

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Salina Scores BIG with Baseball, Softball and Football last weekend!

Visit Salina is excited that sports and events are beginning to recover in Salina!! A great example is the past weekend. Summer is certainly a tradition for baseball and softball, but we also saw football.

Beginning on Friday, July 10 Visit Salina hosted the 2020 NBC Hap Dumont 9U State Championship Baseball Tournament at the East Crawford Recreation Area July 10-12. This was the second year for Salina to host.

Eric Blasdel, NBC Hap Dumont Baseball President is happy the event can return this year. “Salina has the professional expertise, facilities, lodging and amenities to host this State Championship. Additionally, Salina has the perfect location for our young teams to meet centrally at the intersection of I-70 and I-135, right in the middle of Kansas. This paired with the willingness for Visit Salina to serve as host of the tournament and coordinate with the Salina Parks and Recreation Department as well as local baseball staff and volunteers makes Salina an ideal choice for the NBC Hap Dumont 9U State Championship Baseball Tournament!”

The tournament welcomed 20 teams. Many parents and fans enjoyed Salina’s restaurants, hotels, shopping and other attractions. Initial estimated visitor spending in Salina for the event is $155,400.

According to Tiffany Benien, Visit Salina, “This was a BIG weekend for Salina as the IFA State Fastpitch Tournaments for 8U, 10U and 12U were held in Salina at Bill Burke Park on July 11-12. An estimated 30+ teams are expected in Salina for this IFA tournament that is estimated to generate $179,896 in visitor spending.

Salina has a tradition of local people, organizations and businesses that support baseball and softball. Several of these people are working via a group formed this year called Keep Salina Playing. Without this group baseball and softball leagues and tournaments would not be possible this year. This support is not only for local teams, but also helping to provide the manpower and amenities necessary. Other vital partners to the event are the Salina Parks & Recreation Department with limited staff and the Kansas Youth Sports foundation.

IFA is affiliated with USA Softball. USA Softball has been utilizing Bill Burke Park annually for decades and generating significant visitor spending. On an annual basis, Salina hosts 2 to 5 USA Softball Tournaments each Spring/Summer season.

Kicking off at Kansas Wesleyan University, the Sharp Performance Football Showcase brought 300 high school athletes to show their skills at this one-day event! Jake Sharp is excited to direct this event with help from Kansas Pregame magazine. While the event was Friday, families of the participants and recruiting college coaches were in town as well.

The Salina Fieldhouse is scheduled to host three Mid-America Youth Basketball (MAYB) tournaments in the coming weeks, including July 18-19 and July 25-26.
Thank you to these renewing members!
The Chamber appreciates your continued support!

- A & A Services
- At Stake Ministries
- Bob’s Pawn Shop
- Cintas Fire Protection
- Cox Solutions Store
- Credit Union of America
- Delta Dental of Kansas
- Drains Plus, LLC
- Feldkamp Furniture
- Fletcher & Associates - Aflac District Office
- Garcia Masonry, LLC
- Geisler Roofing and Home Improvement
- Glass Masters
- Randall Hardy
- Heritage Real Estate Advisors, LLC
- Holland Paving, Inc.
- Holm Buick GMC
- JCRP Consulting
- Steven Johnson, State Representative
- JRI Management
- Keller Williams Realty Expert Partners, LLC
- KSNL
- Lauck Insurance Agency
- Lowe’s Home Improvement Warehouse
- Marietta Kellogg & Price LLC
- Marketing Angle WSI
- Martinelli’s Little Italy
- Memorial Art Co., Inc.
- Midwest Music, Inc.
- Newton Consulting
- On The Pot
- Opportunity Funding, LLC
- Pamela Harris Design
- Paramount Bar
- REMAX/Advantage Realtors, Inc. - David L. Holmgren
- Salina Area United Way
- Salina Insurance Services
- Salina Rescue Mission, Inc.
- SalinaHomes.com - Morgan Powell
- Soggy Dog Salon & Suites, Inc.
- State Farm - Robert Pruett Agency, Inc.
- State Farm Insurance - Clay Walter
- Taco Bell of East Salina
- Taco Bell of Salina
- The Appliance Center
- True Betty Boutique

Meet chamber member Cling Pickup & Delivery as CEO Sophy Kea answers five questions about himself and the organization:

1. Can you please give us a summary of your personal background?
   - Serial entrepreneur dad of five kids. I have owned several businesses in California, Salina and Topeka. I moved here from Long Beach, California during the great recession in 2008 to start a new life business here in Salina, Kansas.

2. What is it about your business that is unique or special? What separates you from your competitors?
   - We offer online ordering for small businesses through our website or app. Curbside pickup or no-contact delivery is available on the app for their services or products. Businesses can then manage their orders, products, services and drivers on the app. They can easily upload images and control prices right from their phone.
   - We do not markup or have surcharges on orders placed on our platform. We charge a low monthly fee to the business with no long-term commitments. We can set them up in 24hrs and our app is available to downtown for free on iOS or Android devices.

See the entire interview, and others, posted at: https://www.salinakansas.org/take-5.html
SMOKY HILL HEALTH & REHABILITATION announces that with the help of their employees, partners Accessible Home Health, Salina Ortho, and Healthcare Services, they were able to help Salina Shares pass on food to approximately 25 Salina families!!! #salinastrong

HEARTLAND DERMATOLOGY AND SKIN CANCER CENTER welcomes Kevin Brough, MD, a board-certified dermatologist and Mohs surgeon. Mohs surgery is a precise surgical technique used to treat skin cancer and is considered the most effective treatment for many skin cancers. Dr. Brough trained at the Mayo Clinic, where he completed residencies in Internal Medicine and Dermatology, and a fellowship in Micrographic Surgery and Dermatologic Oncology. Dr. Brough decided to come to Kansas to practice after seeing what a great need there was for skin surgeons in the state. Dr. Brough and his wife chose Wichita as a great place to raise a family while helping to meet the need for dermatologic care in Central and Western Kansas.

UNDERGROUND VAULTS & STORAGE, INC., a privately-owned company that began as a secure storage provider in the Hutchinson salt mine, is changing its public name to “UV&S.” The shortened name better positions the company to highlight the tremendous growth and diversification of the company over the past 10 years beyond just underground storage. The company implemented an aggressive expansion and diversification strategy since 2010. UV&S now owns a destruction and recycling company, provides IT services and data center solutions for global clients, and has recently branched out into event branding and logistics support for large-scale international festivals and conferences.

OCCK TRANSPORTATION has announced they will continue free fares for all public transit services, including CityGo, 81 Connection, Paratransit and City of Abilene through the month of July. For more information about OCCK, Inc., visit www.occk.com. For more information about CityGo and OCCK Transportation, visit www.salinacitygo.com. Or, contact the OCCK Transportation Center at 785-826-1583.

Kurt Carraway has been named department head of the unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) flight and operations program at KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY POLYTECHNIC CAMPUS. Currently the UAS executive director at the Applied Aviation Research Center at K-State Polytechnic, Carraway is expanding his leadership role to include overseeing the undergraduate degree option. With expertise in flight training, flight operations, FAA regulations, research and development, data analysis, and industry partnerships, Carraway will continue to advance the program’s reputation of providing students with relevant, hands-on learning, research opportunities and real-world experiences. When he joined the staff in 2014, he brought a 25-year manned and unmanned aviation career.
United Airlines and Fly Salina have a new digital ad campaign that specifically targets people in the Chicago and Denver areas. The concept is to encourage them to “BE HERE”, in Salina, for those important life moments. Here is a glimpse at just a couple of those concepts. There will also be a component of the campaign messaging potential United passengers from this region to plan to “BE THERE” for great events in the Denver and Chicago areas and BEYOND. More to come.
Vandy’s, Salina’s newest bar and lounge, is located at GreatLife Golf & Fitness. Vandy’s is named after the late Don Vandegrift. Don loved spending time with friends and family at GreatLife, and was always a welcoming face to anyone new. Vandy’s is open to the public.
Solidarity Key In Move Toward Contamination Resolution

by Tim Unruh

The following is an except from the complete news release, available HERE.

Smiles pierced protective masks as Salina leaders pioneered another huge leap toward solving a colossal community problem. After unanimous votes at a June 24 joint meeting, officials with Salina Public Entities — the city, school district, Kansas State University and airport authority — moved toward resolution in an important battle during a nearly 22-year squabble with the United States of America. The SPE is on track to secure a settlement worth nearly $68 million to clean up a military mess in western Salina.

It was “a significant day in Salina,” said Alan Eichelberger, airport authority board chairman, when the SPE signed the consent agreement. Those were key moments since negotiations began in 2007, he said. “These Salina Public Entities invested their time, talent and organizational funding to keep the project moving forward until this agreement was consummated,” Eichelberger said.

Much praise was showered on local civic leaders from Tim Rogers, executive director of the Salina Airport Authority, for decades of solidarity. He led the meeting. “Thank-you for the teamwork and partnership that it took to arrive at this significant milestone,” Rogers said. “I don’t think the federal government thought we could do it.”

Salina Mayor Mike Hoppock turned the spotlight on Rogers. “A lot of thank-you’s need to go to Tim Rogers,” Hoppock said. “You spearheaded this and we appreciate everything you’ve done.” The man who stood strong against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from the beginning, humbly responded after a round of applause. “It’s an honor and a privilege to be of service to all of you,” he said.

“The focus has always been a safe and healthy environment for the community.”

In Great Plains Manufacturing Convention Hall of the Tony’s Pizza Events Center, the SPE approved a consent decree with the federal government, settling claims associated with environmental contamination at the former Schilling Air Force Base that was used by the Department of Defense starting in the 1940s. The same land and most of the buildings now encompass the Salina Regional Airport and Airport Industrial Center. The base closed in 1965, but left behind years of pollution, primarily from the solvent trichloroethylene, or TCE, in the soil and groundwater. It is creeping, ever so slowly, toward city water wells. A carcinogen, TCE was used as a degreaser to wash aircraft and weapons at the base.

Complete news release available HERE.
During the July 6 meeting of the Salina City Commission, an ordinance requiring masks was passed by a vote of 4-1. While it is similar to the most recent executive order from Gov. Laura Kelly, the mandate includes additional specifics in the City of Salina version. The basic points of the ordinance include:

- Masks are required inside businesses and organizations in the city of Salina;
- Masks are required in public outdoor spaces where six feet of social distance cannot be maintained.

There are exceptions for age, health and other reasons. The plan is for public education to take place with the outcome of people voluntarily following the ordinance. Beyond that, those who do not comply – individuals or businesses - are subject to citation.

The following week, the Saline County Commission voted to adopt a mandate that mirrors the City’s ordinance.

There is signage available from the City for businesses to post, in English which is printable here, and in Spanish as well.

To see the full City ordinance, click here.

To see the full County resolution, click here.
ChamberNET is an inexpensive, direct mail marketing service provided by the Chamber. It is a very cost-effective vehicle to promote your product or service. Don’t miss this opportunity to reach a large market with your powerful message.

Here are the details to participate:

- Provide 1,100 8.5” x 11” flyers (not folded) to the Chamber office, 120 W. Ash. The Chamber reserves the right to refuse information, if necessary.

- Cost is $125 per first page, $50 per additional attached page, and $60 per separate additional pages. New members get their first ChamberNET mailing free.

Your Chamber will collate the flyers and mail them to the entire Chamber membership.

The deadline to have your flyers to the Chamber office is **5pm, Monday, August 17!**