



# Comings & Goings

for the months of May/June 2009

Activities and Events for Silver Cougar Club Members!



## ***YOU ARE INVITED***

Please join us for the annual

### **SILVER COUGAR CLUB PICNIC & MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2009**

5:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Barton Community College  
Student Union

Reservations will be accepted for the first 225 people to RSVP.

Call Coleen Cape at (620) 786-1136 or [capec@bartonccc.edu](mailto:capec@bartonccc.edu).

(No reservations will be taken after June 1, 2009)

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Activities Include:

- 5:00 p.m. Social Time
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner & Dessert
- 7:00 p.m. Program

Please note that we will not be mailing a separate invitation in the mail.

Please respond to this invitation.



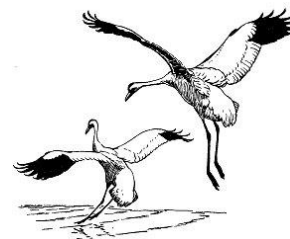
For more information, contact the Foundation Office at (620) 786-1136 or (620) 792-9306.

Visit our website: [www.bartonccc.edu/foundation](http://www.bartonccc.edu/foundation) and click on Silver Cougar Club.

## WETLANDS EVENING TOURS

**When:** (Participants may choose to attend one or both tours)

- **Tour 1:** Quivira National Wildlife Refuge: Thursday, April 23, 2009
- **Tour 2:** Cheyenne Bottoms: Tuesday, April 28, 2009



**Who:** Barton Silver Cougars, Students, Faculty, and Staff

**What:** Curtis Wolf, Barton Biology Instructor, will lead interpretive bus tours through Quivira National Wildlife Refuge and Cheyenne Bottoms. A boxed meal will be served during the tour. A short presentation on bird identification will be given on the way to each wetland. The tours will emphasize wetland ecology and wildlife, with emphasis on identifying bird species that are currently passing through on their Spring migrations. Participants are encouraged to bring binoculars, bird identification guides, and cameras. A limited number of binoculars will be available.

**Schedule:**

<b>5:30</b>	Meet at Great Bend Senior Center
<b>5:45</b>	Board bus and depart
<b>8:30</b>	Return to Great Bend Senior Center

**Cost:** \$6.00 per person, per tour

**\*The tour is limited to the first 16 registrants. Participants must register by Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> by calling or emailing Coleen Cape at 620-786-1136 or [capec@bartonccc.edu](mailto:capec@bartonccc.edu).**

## BELOW THE EARTH & UNDER THE SEA

A unique day in Hutchinson and Yoder will begin with a tour of the Kansas Underground Salt Museum. The morning will be filled with a 90 minute riding tour of the Salt Mines 650 feet underground, then off to the Carriage Crossing for lunch (everyone is responsible for their own meal cost) with time allowed for shopping at the many unique shops in downtown Yoder. At 3:00 p.m. you will tour the Space Museum at the Cosmosphere and end the day with a presentation at the IMAX theatre. Call Coleen Cape at 786-1136 to make your reservations.

**Tuesday, May 19, 2009**

**RSVP required by April 29, 2009**

**Limited to 45**

**\$27.00 per person**



### Trip Itinerary

<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Bus leaves Campus (bus will load at the water tower)</b>
<b>9:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Arrive at Salt Museum</b>
<b>12:30 – 2:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch and shopping in Yoder</b>
<b>3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Tour &amp; Show at the Kansas Cosmosphere “WILD OCEAN”</b>
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Leave Hutchinson and return to campus</b>

## **SCC ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The current and new advisory board members met on March 17, 2009 in room F-30 in the Fine Arts Building for its annual March meeting with 23 members attending. They were welcomed by Coleen Cape, Coordinator of the Silver Cougar Club and Darnell Holopirek, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement.

All members introduced themselves and Coleen expressed her appreciation to those members who will be leaving the board at this time after completing two three-year terms. The guidance and advice of these members is invaluable to the club. Those retiring at this time are: Karl & Reta Brack, Alice Foster, Lorrie Hollaway, Violet Kasselmann, June Koelsch, Karen Kramp, Chuck & Sue Parmer and John & Reta Schreiber. New board members present were: Delores Grose, Joe Larkin, Iva Behrens, Billie Bonomo, Nancy Rogers, Mae Suppes, and returning to the board were former members Lee & Duane Rouser and Lois Johnson.

The most important topic was the impact of the current economic situation on the Silver Cougar Club. As a result of budget cuts within the college and the need for every program to be financially self-sustaining, the dues for membership will increase as of April 1, 2009. A single membership will increase \$15 for a single and \$25 for a couple. Fees and tuition at the college will also increase beginning with the fall semester. The cost for a one hour class for Silver Cougar Club Members will increase from \$22 to \$25 per credit hour.

Coleen reviewed the future class schedule and ideas for trips and events. Tours of the Quivira Wildlife Refuge and Cheyenne Bottoms will be offered on April 23rd and 28th respectively. The tour of Cheyenne Bottoms will include a visit to the new Kansas Wetlands Education Center. The picnic will be Thursday, June 11 hosted by the Foundation office at no charge. Due to capacity limitations only 225 reservations may be accepted.

The most exciting news was the report on the Silver Cougar Club annually funded scholarship. The membership began donating to this scholarship in January of 2008 with the expectation that we would be able to award a scholarship for the 2009/2010 academic year. I am proud to report that we were very successful. and the Foundation will be selecting a recipient, according to the criteria established by the advisory board, to a student for the 2009 fall semester.

The next meeting of the Advisory Board will be held in October.

## **SILVER COUGAR CLUB SCHOLARSHIP**

A year ago this March, the Silver Cougar Club Advisory Board voted to establish the Silver Cougar Club Annually Funded Scholarship. The purpose is to allow SCC members the opportunity to donate annually to this fund and to award a \$500 scholarship to a student each academic year beginning in the fall of 2009. We are so pleased to announce that because of the generosity of 33 of our members we will be awarding the first SCC Scholarship this fall.

We want to publicly thank those 33 members and I hope their vision and foresight will encourage others to give as well. If 33 of you made it possible for a student to receive \$500, just imagine how many we could help if even half of our 570 members were to donate. The gifts have varied from \$5 to \$100 and each added to the other will make a dramatic difference in the life of a student. Many of us do not have the resources to fund such a scholarship on our own, but that is the beauty of belonging to an organization that has as its mission to help others – collectively you can make a difference – collectively you do!

“True generosity is planting a seed to grow a tree under whose shade you will never sit.” We do not know the author of that quote, but admire and appreciate the meaning. It is impossible to change the lives of others without changing your own. This scholarship is a resounding success story for the Silver Cougar Club and we are so proud of you all.

**SHAFER GALLERY EXHIBITS**

**Barton Community College Student Juried Art Exhibition**

April 19 – May 3, 2009

Reception: April 19, 2009 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**Red Desert, Green Prairie, Blue Sky:**

**Photographing the West**

May 17 – June 21, 2009

Reception: May 17, 2009 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**SHAFER GALLERY CLOSING**

**Exhibit Change**

May 4-16, 2009

**Memorial Day**

May 25, 2009

**CAMPUS CLOSING**

**Memorial Day**

May 25, 2009

**MUSIC ENDOWMENT CONCERT**

May 4, 2009 7:30 p.m. ADMISSION - \$5.00

Fine Arts Auditorium

**INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT**

May 5, 2009 7:30 p.m. FREE ADMISSION

Fine Arts Auditorium

**BARTON DANCE THEATRE PERFORMANCE**

May 9, 2009 7:00 p.m.

Fine Arts Auditorium

**2009 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**

May 14, 2009 7:00 p.m.

Physical Education Building

**COLLEGE SUMMER HOURS**

Effective May 18 through August 7, 2009 the College summer office hours will be:

Monday – Thursday.....7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Friday.....7:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m.

### **TAX CREDITS OPPORTUNITY**

Barton Community College, through the regulation of the Kansas Department of Revenue, has the opportunity to offer 60% tax credits for the 2009 tax year. This is a five-year program which started in July of 2008 and we are pleased the state has decided to continue tax credits for 2009. The credits will be used for infrastructure improvement projects for the College. Between now and December 31, 2009 Barton Community College is eligible to place \$156, 250 deferred maintenance tax credits. Our Foundation is managing all of the paperwork required so the payment should be made to us and we will transfer the funds to the College.

60% tax credits can make a huge difference to our donors and is an excellent opportunity for the College. The College can only use the funds within the definition of a repair, reconstruction, remodeling or rehabilitation of a building located at our postsecondary educational institution. No athletic facility can be included according to the state regulations.

Each individual's tax liability is quite different so we highly recommend you visit with your tax accountant prior to making a decision to accept these credits. Of course, the earlier you can determine your tax credit need the more beneficial it is for the College. This type of tax credit even allows a state refund if warranted.

The processes for these tax credits are quite simple so please contact me anytime. We want to give our Silver Cougar Club members an opportunity for advantages these credits may create for them when preparing your tax planning, which will help Barton Community College and the students we serve. Please consider this tax option and make this a win/win situation for both you and the College. Contact our office if you have questions.

### **TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE TO THE KANSAS WETLANDS EDUCATION CENTER GRAND OPENING**

We will be offering bus rides to the Grand Opening of the Kansas Wetlands Education Center (KWEC) on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Barton Community College realizes there will be a parking shortage at the center, so we will have buses leaving from our Kirkman parking lot at 2:15 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. This is a very significant event for our community and will become a historical event in the future. The bus will take you to the KWEC for the 3:00 p.m. opening ceremony and will bring you back to your vehicle after the ceremony, but will also allow you to stay for the reception after the opening remarks. We will not be taking any reservations so if you want to take advantage of this transportation please be sure to come to the parking lot and load the bus at the specified time. We hope this will be more convenient for you than driving your own vehicle.

