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# BCU Announcements

## BARBER COUNTY UNITED HOSTS BCBS SITE VISIT

Medicine Lodge, KS – Barber County United welcomed the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas *Pathways to a Healthy Kansas* Technical Advisory Team.

Barber County United board members and staff met with the group as they visited various locations in both Medicine Lodge and Kiowa. The tour included not only locations receiving *Pathways* grant funding, but also potential funding projects and many of the county's historical and scenic sites.



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PHOTO L-R: Virginia Barnes of BCBS Blue Health Initiatives, Ty Kane of WSU Community Engagement Institute, Mary Marrow of Seed 2 Roots, Tatiana Lin of the Kansas Health Institute at Kiowa's Hometown Market.

## BARBER COUNTY UNITED REVEALS MAIN STREET MURAL

Medicine Lodge, KS – Barber County United revealed the final version of its Main Street mural funded by the Kansas Department of Commerce Office of Rural Prosperity *Rural Mural Pilot Grant*. Barber County United was one of five communities awarded the grant statewide.

The mural, hand painted on the Blacksheep Roustabout building at Main Street and Kansas Avenue, was a collaborative effort between the property owners Jon and Ang McDonald, the Chamber, and BCU.

PHOTO: Muralists Alex and Andrea Polzin of A&A Sign Writing added the final touches, the mural's coordinates and their signatures, during the Medicine Lodge Area Chamber of Commerce's annual Junefest celebration.



Barber County United is a local quality-of-life coalition focused on new approaches to rural wellness. The coalition strives to strengthen Barber County communities by bringing its people together to become healthier Kansans.