

25th Annual Raffle Drawing Ends and 26th Raffle Drawing Begins

On June 20th, the Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation 25th Annual Truck Raffle Drawing came to a close at 1:30 pm. On that day, Brenden Spillman, TVDS Employee Relations Coordinator, drew the winning ticket from 1,683 entries.

The winner of the 25th Raffle Drawing is Joe Love of Colorado

Joe was very excited to hear that he had won a brand new 2025 Ford F150 Platinum Edition Truck. Joe was able to come collect his prize on June 30th. Joe continues our stream of fabulous winners that support individuals with disabilities.

The Foundation board thanks everyone who participated in this, our 25th Raffle Drawing. Entries were received from all but three states: Hawaii, Delaware, and Rhode Island. Without your assistance, the Friends of Tri-Valley

Foundation would not be starting our 26th year of holding a raffle drawing.

That being said, the board is excited to announce that plans are underway for our 26th Drawing. The board has decided that now would be an excellent time to switch things up on the prize, so stay tuned.



Joe Love, winner of the 25th annual truck drawing, stands in front of his new truck!

Tri-Valley Awarded Grants to Improve Services

Tri-Valley Developmental Services is excited to announce that they have received two grants that will expand services to our neighbors with intellectual and developmental disabilities in our eight-county area.

The first grant was awarded by KDADS. Funds are being used to increase community participation for individuals served by Tri-Valley. The goal is to inspire engagement within our own communities, while promoting self-advocacy and social connection.

Thanks to the funding, Tri-Valley has been able to:

- Add automatic door openers to three of our Service Centers
- Build a sensory room to provide a place for individuals to relax when things become a bit hectic
- Provide additional training and support to our Employment Coordinators and their teams.

- Create a marketing flyer to promote our employment program to local businesses
- Acquire tablets that give greater flexibility for community outings. Direct Care Professionals will use the devices to provide support while out in the community.
- Allow staff to attend conferences for professional development
- Purchase a library for our Employment Programs
- Purchase three new vans/cars for community integration and provide routine maintenance on vehicles that are utilized for community integration.

The grant runs until the end of December 2025.

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Fall Is Upon Us!

The calendar says fall, but the weather has other plans. With warm weather refusing to leave, our local community events are reaping the benefits. The Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation own events have slowed down for the season, but our work continues. As we end 2025, we gear up for an interesting 2026.

As always, the southeast Kansas region is a busy place to be during the months of September and October. All the local communities have their annual celebrations each weekend and the individuals served by Tri-Valley and staff are sure to participate. In fact, Tri-Valley's own Austin Bolinger rode in this year's Pioneer Harvest Parade in Fort Scott (picture below courtesy of Fort Scott Tribune).

This year, programs in Chanute, Iola, and Neodesha held their second mum fundraiser. The fundraiser was a success with us selling out of plants.



On September 27th, the annual fall plant sale was held in the Fort Scott Greenhouse. As always, the Fort Scott community came out and showed their appreciation.

On a sad note, the Day Programs in Moline and Neodesha have decided to forego the poinsettia fundraiser this year. This decision was a hard one to make but the individuals served by these programs felt it was time to let it go. Both programs want to thank all the communities for their support during the fundraiser's many years. Your support was always appreciated and we thank you.

On the Friends of Tri-Valley front, dates have been set for the 2026 fundraisers. Thanks to the success of last year's move to Friday night, the 2026 Boardwalk BBQ will be held on Friday, April 10th. More details will be coming once the date is set in stone.

As mentioned on the front page, the Foundation is moving forward with our annual truck raffle drawing. We are in the bid process currently and will decide soon on the prize. The date for the drawing is set for Friday, June 26th at 1:30 CST.

For 2026, we will once again hold three golf tournaments. The tentative dates are: June 13th – Fredonia; August 1st – Erie; and September 12th – Fort Scott. All three dates are subject to change.

Exciting news for the Foundation, we have two new board members: Shana Forsyth and Jeff Ports. Shana joins Sandra Eggers and Joel Porter as representatives from Woodson County. Jeff joins Neosho County board members Mike Reid and Joel Norris. Thank you to all Foundation board members for your support. None of this would be possible without you!

The Foundation's membership drive is currently underway. If you have already renewed your membership, thank you! If you are interested in renewing or just donating, we have included a form for your benefit. Membership forms are also available on our website, which is <https://www.tvds.org/membership>. For more information, please contact me at either tcampbell@tvds.org or at 620-431-7655. As always, we have set amounts but appreciate any donation.

Are you interested in serving your community? If so, we have openings on both the Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation Board and Tri-Valley Developmental Services Board. The Foundation has openings in Allen, Chautauqua, Elk, Greenwood, and Wilson Counties. The Tri-Valley Board has openings in Bourbon, Elk, Greenwood, and Woodson counties. If you are interested in serving or know someone who would be a good fit, please let us know.

The reason the Foundation exists is to support the individuals who receive services through Tri-Valley Developmental Services in our eight-county region of Southeast Kansas: Allen, Bourbon, Chautauqua, Elk, Greenwood, Neosho, Wilson, and Woodson. Thanks to the kind generosity of our "Friends," the Foundation has been able to provide affordable and quality housing for 83 of our neighbors with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Thank you!

2026 Foundation Golf Tournament Held

In 2025, the Friends Foundation held three golf tournaments: June 28th in Fredonia; August 2nd in Erie; and September 13th in Fort Scott. Weather was perfect all three days for golfing. Each tournament was a 4 person scramble.

For the second year in a row, all three tournaments featured both the Orange Ball Contest (in which each team is given a specially marked ball that must be played on each hole and returned after the tournament) and "Grenades" (which allowed players to lob the ball to continue a play) along with the yearly favorites of mulligans, 50/50 contests, Hole-In-One, Paul Bunyan, Longest Drive, and Closest to the Pin.

Up first was the June 28th tournament at the Fredonia Golf Club. Play began at 9 am with ten teams. The tournament had two flights. Prizes were given to the top two teams in each flight. For Flight A, 1st place went to the team of Kent Short, Rick Jensen, Cole Short, and Jerry Dodson and 2nd place went to the team of David Martin, Derek Wood, Gary Spoon, and Tony Leone (pictured below).



A Flight, 1st Place



A Flight, 2nd Place

For B Flight, 1st place went to the Natural Light Crusaders (Jeffrey Harrell, Clint Vance, Travis Pack, and Ethan Vance); and 2nd place went to the team of Jason Stout, Matthew Puckett, Aaron Jeffries, and Jake Miller.

This year's tournament featured several hole games. On Hole 1, we offered a Hole in One game as well as a "Betcha" Can't Get on the Green contest. Prizes were handed out for Closest to the Pin, which went to Chris Stevens, and Longest Drive, which went to Rick Jensen.

Five teams completed the tournament with their specially marked orange golf balls. Those teams were entered into a drawing for 50th Anniversary Tri-Valley travel mugs, with Kent Short's team number being drawn.

Door prizes were given away to several lucky golfers. The door prizes were courtesy of local businesses, such as Koehn Construction, The Uniform Store, Wilson County Medical, Little Bear Oil Company, and Hugo's Industrial

Supply. Water was donated by Sonic Drive-In of Fredonia. Lunch was hamburgers, courtesy of G & W Foods in Fredonia, with all the fixing, along with salads and chips. Arnold Palmer Tea was provided for the golfers. The burgers were grilled by Tri-Valley's own Neil Kisner.



The event's corporate sponsors were: Community National Bank Eureka Branch and Wilson County Title. Our hole sponsors were: Alert Construction, Ash Grove Cement, Bank of Commerce, Connie Shiverdecker State Farm Insurance, Fredonia Regional Hospital, Fredonia Pharmacy, Indy Print Services, Neodesha Family Dentistry, and Stewart Cars, Fredonia. Wilson County Medical Center and Fredonia Board of Education sponsored the goody bags.



Our second tournament was held on Saturday, August 2nd at the Prairie Ridge Golf Course near Erie. Play began at 9 am with seventeen teams

The tournament also had two flights. The winners for A Flight were: 1st Place with a score of 53 – Travis Pack, Mitchell Peitz, Bart Carpenter, and Casey Smith; and 2nd Place with a score of 55 – David Martin, Conner O'Neal, Ian Houchin, and Dustin Houchin.



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A Flight, 2nd Place

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The winners for B Flight were: 1st Place with a score of 59 – B & W Team #3 –Beto Melendez, Spencer Styles, Trez Styles, and Conner Haviland; and 2nd Place with a score of 60 –Kent Short, Cole Short, Gene Fulgium, and Sidney Newton. Prizes were handed out for the Longest Drive, which went to Conner Haviland and Closest to the Pin, which went to Brent See.

The 50/50 contest was won by David Martin. The Orange Ball Contest, was won by the team of Derek Wood, Chuck Gardner, Betty Gardner, and Earl Ray.

Brenda Harrison, Kat Lorenz-Moore, and Jessica Yohe oversaw the Hole Games and had fun interacting with the golfers. On a sad note, this was Brenda’s last golf tournament as a staff volunteer. Brenda retired on September 4th after 35 years with Tri-Valley. Brenda will be missed, but promised to come back and help when needed.



Game Crew: from left to right) Kat Lorenz-Moore, Brenda Harrison, and Jessica Yohe

Door prizes were handed out while scores were tallied. Lunch consisted of pulled pork sandwiches, potato salad and chips catered by the Horizons at Prairie Ridge restaurant. Jennifer Dietsch State Farm provided water and snacks for all golfers.



The event’s corporate sponsors were: Hofer & Hofer & Associates, Labette Health, Cardinal Drug Store, Community National Bank, USD 101 – Erie/Galesburg, Home Savings Bank, Kansas Communications, and Young’s Welding. Our hole sponsors were: Ash Grove, Bank of Commerce, The Carlisle Agency – Farm Bureau, Erie Locker, Galt Pest Control, Green Environmental Services, Kluin Law Office, Microtronics, Raving Printing, Shields Motor Company, and Steve Faulkner Ford. Door prize sponsors were: Cleaver Farm and Home and Jennifer Deitsch State Farm.

Our third and final tournament for 2025 was held on September 13th at the Woodland Hills Golf Course in Fort Scott. Play began at 9 am with 17 teams.

Prizes were given to 1st and 2nd places in A and B Flights. The winners were: A Flight 1st Place - the team of Josh Query, Jonathan Allen, Jordan Herren, and Miles Adams; A Flight 2nd Place - the team of Allen Bukowski, Cody Clayton, Chase Halsey, and Jed Perez.



A Flight, 1st Place



A Flight, 2nd Place

The winners for B Flight 1st Place - the team of Billy Portwood, Johnathan Portwood, Shawn Eaton, and Roger Eaton; B Flight 2nd Place - the team of Chase Cannon, Hayden Lowe, Noah Panington, and Chad Purdy. Prizes were also handed out for Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive. Chase Halsey won Closest to the Pin and Jonathan Allen won the Longest Drive contest.



B Flight, 1st Place



B Flight, 2nd Place

The 50/50 raffle was won by Millie Lipscomb. The Orange Ball Contest, which was won by the team of Terry Pruitt, Tyler “Goose” Cook, Dustin Fowler, and Ricky McDaniel. Kat Lorenz-Moore and Sue Schropp oversaw the Hole Games and had fun interacting with the golfers.

At the end of the tournament, door prizes were given out to several lucky golfers. Lunch consisted of hamburgers fresh off the grill, potato salad, and chips. The hamburgers were grilled by Tri-Valley’s own Neil Kisner. Water was provided by G & W Foods of Fort Scott.

For the third year, a raffle drawing was held. This year, three prizes were given away. The prizes were: a fire pit donated by Niece Products of Fort Scott; \$100 Gift Certificate to Ruddick’s Furniture, and 4 tickets to a 2026 Kansas City Royals game along with a backpack cooler courtesy of SEK Financial. The winners were: Fire Pit – Randy Ruby; Ruddick’s Gift Certificate – Ben Lyons; and KC Royals Tickets – Don Krone.

2026 Foundation Golf Tournament Held

The tournament's sponsors were: Cheney Witt Chapel; Don's Spirits and Wines, LLC; Diehl, Banwart, & Bolton; Holmtown Pub, Kansas Teachers Community Credit Union, Mertz Tax Service, Neighborhood Rx, Peerless Products, and Wise Accounting. G & W Foods of Fort Scott and SEK Financial were goodie bag sponsors.



All money raised from these events goes toward the Foundation's mission of providing quality and affordable homes for our neighbors with intellectual/developmental disabilities in the eight counties of Allen, Bourbon, Chautauqua, Elk, Greenwood, Neosho, Wilson, and Woodson. Since 2001, the Foundation has built six houses and acquired nine houses and a duplex. These sixteen houses are "home" to 83 of our neighbors with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

"Without the generosity of our communities, these fun events could not have been held. Thank you to all the golfers who participated as well as to our event sponsors: corporate, hole, and in-kind. It is friends like you that allow us to provide services to our neighbors with I/DD and to help them achieve the quality of life they seek. Thank you" stated Special Projects Coordinator, Tricia Campbell.



DSP Week Held Across Tri-Valley's Eight Counties

Every September, one week is set aside to recognize the Direct Support Professional. In years past, Tri-Valley DSPs have been served lunches and breakfasts, have won gift cards and various other prizes, including a television. For 2025, DSP Recognition Week ran from September 8th through 12th.

Each day of the week featured a different theme.

- Monday was the Survival Kit. Each DSP received a survival kit loaded with a lot of goodies including candy and tea.
- Tuesday's theme was "Thank you for Going Down This Trail with Us." Each DSP received a bag of Trail Mix.
- Wednesday was Cookie Day. DSPs were treated to cookies.
- Thursday was T-Shirt Day. Tri-Valley DSPs each received shirts that were especially designed for them.
- Friday was Pizza Day. DSP were treated to a pizza party at the various Service Centers.

Prizes were also given out to randomly chosen DSP over the course of the week. The winners were:

- Wendy Henderson - Hammock
- Riley Storm - Car Organizer
- Shane Hare - Collapsible Chair
- Martha Herrea - Collapsible Chair
- Lucretia Hebb - Express Yourself Basket (Adult Coloring Book and Pencils)
- Jerry Steel - Movie Basket (2 Tickets to either Sterling Six or Roxy 4 Theaters plus candy, popcorn, and pop)

DSPs play a major role in the success of Tri-Valley, but more especially the success of the persons served by Tri-Valley. While their dedication and hard work is noticed throughout the year, this week shines a light on all that DSPs do. Thank you to all DSPs out there!

In Memorial

Over the past few months, several individuals associated with Tri-Valley have passed away. The families have remembered Tri-Valley during their time of grief and have left memorials in honor of their recently deceased love one.

Thank you to the family and friends of these individuals. Your generosity of spirit shines through during a difficult time.

You and your family are in our thoughts, always!

Memorials

*Luke Johnson
Charlotte Lucas
Karen Sailor*

Retirement Party Held for Brenda Harrison

On September 4th, Brenda Harrison bid adieu to her position of Director of Programming for Tri-Valley. After working for 35 years in many capacities, Brenda walked away to enjoy her much earned retirement. On September 2nd, Tri-Valley held a retirement party for her at Central Park Pavilion.



The party featured a special video and speeches from Tri-Valley Staff, Board Members, and Brenda's family. Everyone enjoyed reminiscing over Brenda's 35 year career with Tri-Valley. Brenda is pictured above with Melissa Cannon-Smith and Bill Fiscus.



Then, on September 4th, 35 years to the day of her new hire orientation, Brenda retired. A snack day was

held at the Chanute Service Center, as per her request. Brenda has left large shoes to fill. She will be missed by individuals served and staff. Good luck in all your future endeavors. And, don't be a stranger, Brenda!



Tri-Valley Awarded Grants

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Our second grant comes from the Fort Scott Community Foundation. Tri-Valley was awarded funds to purchase Training AEDs for use during our CPR/1st Aid trainings.

Tri-Valley's Training Coordinator, Alisa Miner, was excited to hear that she will have training AEDS that students can use. "By having these trainers, students will be able to gain real-time experience using the AEDS in a safe environment."

Tri-Valley offers CPR/1st Aid classes weekly for staff, individuals served, and the community at large. Our class

sizes are usually around 5 to 7 students. These four new trainers will provide more opportunities for the students to practice their skills.

The Fort Scott Community Foundation hosts individual charitable funds created by donors who have a passion for giving back to their community. Grants from these funds assist people throughout Fort Scott and Bourbon County. Call the Foundation at 620-224-6500 with questions about the Community Foundation.

Tri-Valley is excited to receive both these grants.

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Friends of Tri♥Valley 26th Annual Raffle Drawing

2026 Crew Cab Truck

Tickets are \$50 each or 8 tickets for \$350

Drawing will be held on June 26, 2026 at 1:30 pm (CST) at 521 W. 35 Ch Pkwy, Chanute, KS.

For information or to enter:

Call 620-431-7655, enter online at www.tvds.org or
mail this completed form with payment to Friends of Tri-Valley, PO Box 518, Chanute, KS 66720.

All major credit cards accepted.

FTV is a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization offering persons with disabilities
opportunities to achieve the quality of life they seek.

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Friends of Tri♥Valley

Save the Date for Upcoming 2026 Events

2026 Boardwalk BBQ

April 10th @ SEK Impact Center - Chanute, KS - 6 pm

2026 Golf Tournaments

June 13th - 2026 Fredonia Golf Tournament

August 1st - 2026 Erie Golf Tournament

September 12th - 2026 Fort Scott Golf Tournament

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2025 Tri-Valley Holiday Cards

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2025 Tri-Valley Holiday Verses

A. May God's love shine on you through the holidays and the New Year. Merry Christmas.

B. Season's Greetings! Wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

C. May the Spirit of Christmas bring you Peace, Joy, and Love this Holiday Season! Merry Christmas!

D. Sending you warm thoughts and best wishes for the holiday season! May this season bring you an abundance of joy and happiness. Happy Holidays!

E. Faith makes all things possible. Hope makes all things work. Love makes all things beautiful. May you have all three for this Holiday Season! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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