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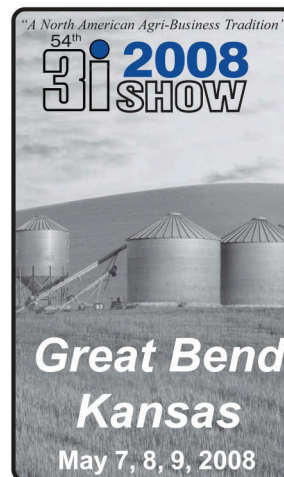
*Exhibitors Request Show **DAY** Change*

Great Bend will once again have the pleasure of being the first community involved in the 3i SHOW to institute a 3i SHOW change - new show days. Show days for the upcoming 3i SHOW will be **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday**, May 7-9, 2008. This a change from the long-standing tradition of the 3i SHOW being held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

WKMA continues to fine-tune the 3i SHOW days and dates at the request of the exhibitors. Continued exhibitor feedback is invaluable in the decision-making process. Any exhibitor who has not yet submitted their survey from the 2007 3i SHOW may visit www.3ishow.com/survey.pdf to print off their survey form.

After years of being an April show, WKMA responded to the long-time request of exhibitors to move the show dates to early May. This was a great success in its inaugural year in Great Bend 2006! The 2007 show in Garden City, however, brought about some unusual challenges; unpredictable weather patterns including damaging freezes and unseasonably late rainfall creating late planting as well as the devastating Greensburg tornado.

WKMA looks forward to the 2008 show being the best yet, and appreciates each and every one of our exhibitors for their continued support!



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CONTINUES Buckle Design Approved

WKMA is once again continuing its tradition of providing scholarships to Southwest Kansas universities, community colleges and vocational schools for the 2007-2008 school year.

The WKMA scholarship program has long been supported by the sale of the 3i SHOW commemorative belt buckles. The 2008 buckle design has been approved, and buckles are now being produced. Order forms will be sent to prior buckle purchasers by the end of October and will be available to anyone interested in purchasing one by contacting the WKMA office at (620) 227-8082.

Scholarships for the current school year are still available at Barton County Community College, Dodge City Community College, Northwest Kansas Technical School, Seward County Community College and Southwest Kansas Technical School to freshman students enrolled in Industrial Engineering, Pre-Engineering or Business Administration.

If you know a student attending one of the above-mentioned schools, please refer them to their school financial aid office to inquire.

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Membership Renewals

"Thank You!" to all our renewing and new members. We appreciate your support!

Active Members

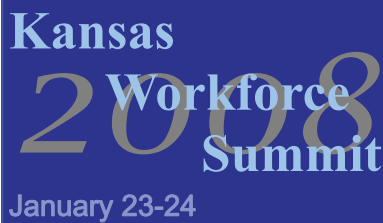
BCI Manufacturing, Hugoton
Bowman Enterprises, Garden City
Byram Mfg. & Dist. Company, Coldwater
Cannonball Engineering LLC, Kingman
Crop Quest Agronomic Services, Dodge City
Cross Manufacturing, Inc., Lewis
Crustbuster/Speed King, Inc., Dodge City
Cummings Sales, Garden City
Curtis Machine Company, Inc., Dodge City
Douglas E. Ziegler Repair, Grainfield
Feldt Sales, Park
Filson Manufacturing Co., Inc., Protection
Flame Engineering, Inc., Lacrosse
Golden Plains Ag Tech, Colby
Grainfield Supply, Grainfield
High Plains Journal, Dodge City
Holcomb Machine Works, Holcomb
Lawn Ranger, Inc., Great Bend
McDonald Tank Company, Great Bend
Midwest Mowers, Inc., Cimarron
Moly Manufacturing, Inc., Lorraine
My-D Han-D Mfg., Inc., Dodge City
Otters, Inc., Clayton
Palmer Mfg. & Tank, Inc., Garden City
Roto-Mix, Dodge City
Servi-Tech, Inc., Dodge City
Simpson Farm Equipment, Inc., Ransom
Western Bit & Reamer Service Inc., Garden City
Wilkins Manufacturing, Inc., Stockton
Winkel Manufacturing Co., Glen Elder

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KRVN Radio, Lexington
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Pishny Financial Services, L.C., Garden City
Preferred Investments, Dodge City
Purple Wave Auction, Inc., Manhattan
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Shield Industries, Hutchinson
The Territorial, Garden City
Western Kansas Technology Corp, Great Bend

NEW

Contact WKMA today to renew your membership if your company is not listed above!!



WKMA will once again be focusing efforts on one main seminar for 2008. Speakers and a tentative itinerary are currently being worked out for the 2008 Kansas Workforce Summit scheduled for **January 23 and 24, 2008**, in Topeka, KS

The annual Kansas Workforce Summit is a forum which brings together community leaders and chamber representatives, legislators and government officials, employers, educators, and local workforce board members to discuss and plan strategies regarding the Kansas workforce and education systems

WKMA CEO NAMED TO EDUCATION AUTHORITY

Eddie Estes, WKMA President and CEO, was appointed to the Postsecondary Technical Education Authority. "Eddie is a long-time leader in technical education in Kansas and is a well-known advocate for making sure what's being taught in our schools includes the skill sets Kansas manufacturers need," Kansas Speaker of the House of Representatives Melvin Neufeld is quoted saying. Representative Neufeld further stated "His work with WKMA also gives him a broad understanding of the needs of Kansas employers. I am pleased he has agreed to serve our state once again to improve our technical education system."

Eddie will be part of a 12-member Authority consisting of four members appointed by the Board of Regents; three by the governor; one by the senate president; one by the speaker as well as the Commission of Education, the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of Labor.



Members Have Priority

Active Member contracts are out for the 2008 3i SHOW! If you have not reserved your show space yet, contact us today!

The annual mailing will be sent to all prior exhibitors October 1 and to prospective new exhibitors October 15.

Make sure you get your favorite space!

