

A Great Place to Live and Work

"You have a great town. You've done many things that will keep it vibrant and attractive," said Mark P. Johnson, Honors program course instructor at KU after a panel discussion on September 16. This discussion came about through our own Nolan Brey who is a journalism major and a member of KU's honors program.

That statement does not tell us "Sabethians" anything we didn't already know, but it is always nice to have beliefs confirmed.

A couple weeks ago, I had the privilege of participating in a panel discussion with a group of KU Honor students who were here to learn about small towns and election campaigns. The topic of elections seemed to take a backstage to the topic of "living in a small town."

I believe I speak for the panel, that these students went away with a positive view of small town life. They heard that we have many industries and even more entrepreneurs who have started most of these businesses from creative ideas. They heard that we believe in each other and try earnestly to accept and support each other. They heard that we have differences, but for the most part these differences don't divide us. They heard that we have an active faith based community who strives to help one another. They heard that we like living in our small town even though we don't have many amenities of a city. They heard we are proud of our community. I was reminded (again) that day that Sabetha is a great town. Are we perfect? Are there problems? Do we need to do more to make Sabetha more vibrant, accepting, attractive and progressive? Just start asking and I am sure it would be possible to get a quick rundown of every deficit, but how many of these same people can attest to our ASSETS? The old saying, "if you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all," is applicable and we all should apply it.

A walking path will be discussed at the next meeting of the City Council. GSCF supports this project and hopes the hard work of the committee will be rewarded through the support of the grant by the City Council.

The taxpayers have willingly supported projects like the new Aquatic Center, Mary Cotton Library and the Sabetha Community Hospital. These are important projects that are assets to the community.

In just five short weeks, GSCF will hold the 2nd annual Give to Grow Match Day. A 24-hour on-line portal and our walk-in site on Main Street will allow generous people to give financial support to nearly 30 projects and nonprofit organizations. Over \$40,000 has been already pledged in matching and challenge gifts to make this day exciting and fun. You can be a part of building and strengthening assets!!

GSCF challenges us to continue to build on our assets and to help us make this a great place to work, live and raise a family. GSCF challenges us all to remember our assets while working to improve our deficits.

