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2016 Spring Newsletter

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News from our Colleges

Midwest Barber College is under new ownership. Congratulations to Lucy Opit for opening the College and getting her Instructors License. Best wishes to Benny who will be testing April 10th in Wichita

Fort Leavenworth Vocational barber College currently has 18 students enrolled. Five candidates were tested at the last exam with scores ranging from 91% - 98%. With over 200 students having graduated, FLVBC candidates have a 100% success rate on passing their state examinations for licensure. Congratulations to the staff and instructors at FLVBC.

Old Town Barber College hosted the April 10th exam with 28 candidates signed up to take the exam. Thank you.

Headlines Barber Academy is now accepting new students. They are working with GI Vocational Rehab clients and have 11 full time students enrolled. Thank you for hosting the January exam and having five students pass the examination.

360 Barber College has now expanded to 5,000 Sq. Feet and is offering night classes. They are enrolling now. They take VA funding, and the 360 students are now taking their quarterly testing.

Your board members are: Chairman Matt Hickam and members Ms. Heather Earlington, Mr. Larry Ross, Ms. Vicki Rajewski and Mr. Troy Franklin.

Your staff members are: Administrator Larry Montgomery, Director of Licensing Sonia Sprouse and Inspector Jeri Bryant.

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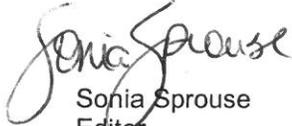
From the Editor's Desk

Activity of the board has been demanding in recent months. Your board set up a strategic planning committee which spent four months crafting a three year strategic plan to identify goals and objectives for KBOB. It was approved by the board on October 31, 2015. Next the board established a statutory and regulatory oversight committee to review the barbering act and regulations. Based on the committee's work, the board proposed statutory amendments and nine regulatory amendments that were sent to the Legislature in January 2016. The barbering bill has passed the House and is now in a Conference Committee with potential action expected on April 27th. Most recently the board established an examination task group to determine whether KBOB's examinations are correctly identifying students who are prepared to become Kansas barbers. Board Chair Hickam has announced he will not accept reappointment because of business demands on his time. He has been a great asset to the board and to the industry. We wish him continued success.

Activity of the director of licensing and editor during the last six pleasant months has been to create two newsletters while also being involved in three examinations, issuing 180 shop licenses, over 450 barber licenses and five college licenses. In addition there have been over 900 phone calls, bills to be paid and deposits to be made.

Activity of the Inspector, since July 1, 2016 has included inspections for 121 barber shops and 5 barber colleges. In the midst of those inspections, she has issued 22 violations,

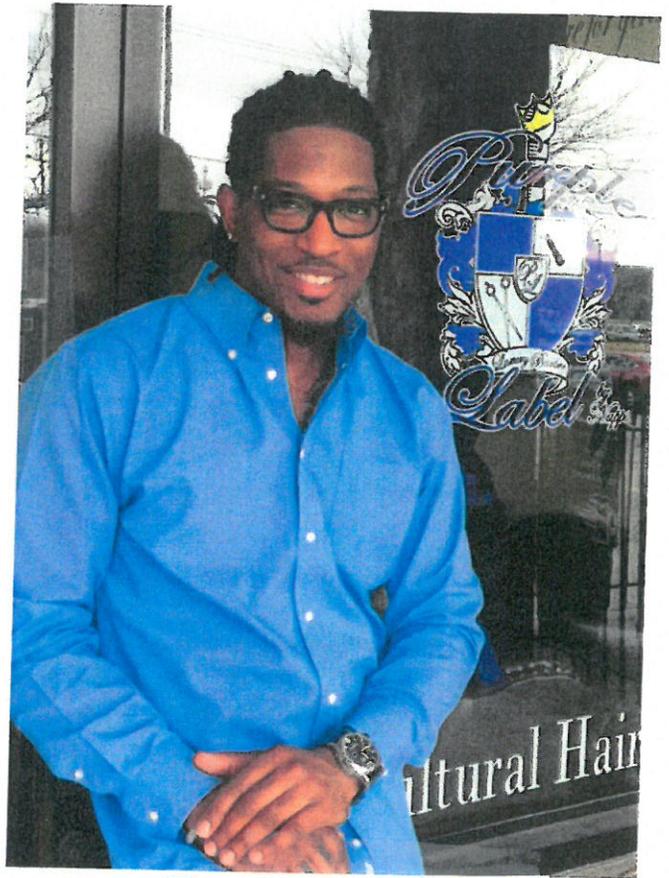
Thank you for the opportunity to serve you! We all agree, the most important thing your board and staff has done is to get to know many of you much better. We are all impressed by your intelligence, hard work and creativity. Thank you for being so welcoming. Please know we all look forward to contact with each and every one of you.


Sonia Sprouse
Editor



Back this spring will be the darlings of Major League Baseball; the world champion Kansas City Royals. With their return to the diamond will come the barbering demand for replicating the unique hairstyles of such superstars like Eric Hosmer, with the modified Mohawk, and Jerrod Dyson, with his signature lightning bolt "ZOOM". As DeJuan Bonds of the Purple Label in Overland Park has learned from experience, the demand to look Royal can be difficult to keep pace with. Over Mr. Bonds 21 year barbering career he has experienced many unique clients. Perhaps the most unique experience was a walk in client by the name of Manute Bol who walked in to Purple Label and casually walked over to use the soda pop machine as an arm rest; at 7 foot 7 inches tall he dwarfs a pop machine. Then came the quick maneuvering it took the staff at Purple Label to move the equipment and chairs to accommodate the length of Mr. Bol's legs and feet. These things all come as a normal days work for the staff at Purple Label. The challenge for this coming spring season will be for the Royals to continue their winning ways, and for DeJuan Bonds and his partner barber Aaron Wyatt, and the entire staff to be prepared for a steady stream of youth and adults alike who desire a piece of the American Pie by making a visit to Purple Label where you can leave looking like a "Superstar". DeJuan's family makes many sacrifices with his hectic schedule. His family which includes 3 children carry the load at home while he is providing barbering services.

The Purple Labels business hours are Tuesday thru Saturday 8:30AM to 5:30PM.



DeJuan Bonds

Renewal Reminder

It is much less expensive to keep your license current. Don't delay in renewing your license. You may renew by mailing the back of your license in to the Kansas Board of Barbering with your fee of \$80.00 or you are welcome to walk in to our office at Jayhawk Tower 700 SW Jackson Suite 1002. We are most happy to renew your license on the spot. Antione Murphy and Terrol McNeal are pictured at the Kansas Board of Barbering office in Topeka renewing their licenses for 2017.

