2025 KDS RECIPIENTS

ROBIN J. LEONARD



Grant County Chamber of Commerce & Tourism

8-5: Administrative Assistant

Biography: Robin was born and raised in Southwest Kansas. She grew up in Lakin, went to Barton County Community College, and then married her husband Colby—who's from Hugoton. Together they settled right in the middle, in Ulysses, where they're raising three busy sons who keep them running with sports, FFA, 4-H, and just about every school activity imaginable. She says she loved her years as a stay-at-home mom, but when the job at the Grant County Chamber of Commerce & Tourism opened up, she thought, 'Well…that sounds like a whole lotta fun!' Nearly five years later, she's still loving every minute of it. From community events that bring neighbors together, to showing off Southwest Kansas to visitors, Robin is passionate about the work. One of her favorite projects is the Race Across America Time Station, where Ulysses gets the chance to shine on a world stage and prove that small towns can leave a big impression.

When Robin isn't working, you'll probably find her at a concert—whether it's a local band on Main Street or a stadium show in Oklahoma. She also loves exploring Kansas' hidden gems and—much to her teenage boys' dismay—dragging them along to experience it too.

What do you like best about Kansas Tourism? Robin will happily argue with anyone who dares to call Kansas a 'fly-over state,' and she always has a list of must-see places ready to prove them wrong. "I'm proud to be part of the tourism industry, excited to keep learning, and thrilled to share the heart and hospitality of Kansas with the world."