

BEAVERTON Activity Center

Beaverton Activity Center board of directors is pleased to announce that Ashley Couturier has been named Operations Administrator of the community organization. The newly established part-time role was designed to work alongside the BAC Board and Volunteers in the execution of the center's growing daily operations.



"BAC continues to evolve, and we remain committed to being great stewards of the resources the community has entrusted us to develop. This is a big step as we look to the future of providing great experiences and opportunities for people of all ages in Gladwin County," stated Scott Govitz, president of Beaverton Activity Center.

Early in 2024, the board of the all-volunteer organization made the determination that growth and success called for hiring a go-to staff member for facilities management, scheduling the wide-ranging activities, meetings, events and services conducted at BAC, and engagement with people of all ages and all interests. The Operations Administrator job description called for a person with organizational skills, professionalism and enthusiasm, a dynamic, action-oriented team member who fits the unique BAC volunteer culture and mission of service.

The Operations Administrator will report to the BAC Executive Board in conducting daily operations and will work closely with the president of Volunteers for Beaverton Activity Center, an organization of men and women whose time and talents are considered the most valuable resources of the organization.

Joan Cashin, Volunteers president and former BAC board secretary, describes the hiring of an Operations Administrator as a positive addition to the organization. "In a little over nine years since our opening, this organization has built a service business that has become a hub for the local community. BAC is strong and growing, offering ever-changing opportunities to participate in activities and serve others as volunteer. It's a place to belong for people of all ages," she said.

Ashley Couturier (pronounced koo-cher) holds a Bachelor of Business Administration and Marketing from Northwood University. Her work experience includes 11 years as an instructor and director of the Mid Michigan College Pharmacy Technician Program and 9 years in health care as a pharmacy tech. In addition to serving as BAC Operations Administrator, she will continue her part-time position as a circulation clerk for Gladwin County District Library-Beaverton Branch and will teach the online course "Introduction to Health Science" for Mid. Ashley's skills integrate education, customer service, management, critical thinking and communication and are a perfect fit for BAC.

Ashley stated, "I have always loved community work, and I am definitely a people person. When the search for an Operations Administrator was announced, I instantly thought I would love to do that job!" She continued, "I've always admired the BAC and the fact that it has been successfully operated by amazing volunteers. I felt a strong pull to become part of it. With my background in customer service, administration, education and healthcare, I am confident in my abilities to do the job well. I am thrilled that this position has been created, and that I was chosen to be the first staff member of BAC."

Ashley started work on June 17 and through the next month she will be oriented in the details of BAC operations by members of the Executive Board and key Volunteers.