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Local CPA Firm Adds New Team Members

Garden City, KS – The local CPA firm of Lewis, Hooper & Dick, LLC recently announced the addition of Ben Salazar, Laura Voran and Matthew Fields to its professional staff.

In Salazar's role as staff accountant, he assists corporate and individual clients with tax returns, tax research and tax planning. His expertise in the tax field was recognized when he previously placed second in Deloitte and Touche's national tax competition. Salazar received his Masters in Business Administration degree from the University of Denver. In addition, he graduated from Metro State College of Denver in 2007 with a Bachelor's degree in accounting. Salazar currently resides in Garden City, Kansas.

As a staff accountant, Voran is responsible for maintaining clients' books, preparing tax returns, performing audits, and preparing payroll and 1099s. Due to her vast knowledge of accounting, she previously ranked third nationally at the Ameriprise Financial Planning Invitational. Voran graduated in 2008 from Fort Hays State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting and finance with an emphasis in financial planning. She is involved in several community organizations, serving as Vice President of Fundraising for Alpha Kappa Psi and as member of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ellis County. Voran currently resides in Garden City.

As an IT consultant, Fields is responsible for maintaining and installing network hardware and software, providing technical support of Dell desktops, laptops and services, and assisting with other technical troubleshooting issues. He also instructs users on new or upgraded computer applications, hardware and software. In addition to Fields' client responsibilities, he oversees the firm's telecommunication systems. Prior to joining the firm, he served as an IT technician at Sloan Construction Company for three years. Fields is currently pursuing his Master's degree in Information Systems at the University of Phoenix. His anticipated graduation date is May 2009. Fields also graduated in 2005 from Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, Tennessee with a Bachelor of Science degree in information technology with a concentration in software development and database management. He currently resides in Garden City.

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