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Director's Letter

Well Santa Fe Trail Days is getting close with three and a half weeks left. With any luck this will be one of Larned's best events ever. It is my hope that this event will be grander than it has ever been.

The Chamber has increased its advertising north - west - east - south, TV, Radio, and internet. Historically we have had around 2000 people to our event, I am informed, but I would like to increase that figure.

We are well on our goal of having 50 vendors and organizations at this year's event. So far 18 have responded or about 1/3 of our goal.

This year I have limited for sale only 500 buttons for the opportunity for price reductions, at the event and for discount at participating local businesses in Larned. If you are a business, that is participating in any discount by a customer showing their button, please let me know ASAP so I can create a map for handout during the event. This of course is a shop local campaign!

I have been working with Don Gaeddert, our City Manager, to create a different and safer environment for Santa Fe Trail Days by closing Broadway from 4th Street to 8th Street to vehicular traffic for the day. This way, the event is in the street and not on the sidewalk. Patrons can roam the downtown for whatever catches their eye and parents need not fear that their child would be hurt by a passing vehicle. Most progressive cities block off their downtown for our type of events. Eventually the Chamber intends to expand our event and this is the first step in that direction.

Another addition to Santa Fe Trail Days at the Ranch Rodeo will be the first Beer Garden where the Chamber and Fair Board will sell beer in a separated, fenced area. All rules will be enforced at the fairgrounds. If you enjoy having a beer or two this is the only location allowed.

So far I do not have any Parade entries but one.

If you would like to help, please call the Chamber at 620-285-6916.

Courtland Holman

Your Hospital: Growing To Meet Your Healthcare Needs

By Matt Heyn, Administrator
Pawnee Valley Community Hospital

Pawnee Valley Community Hospital continues to exceed all expectations in the number of patients served. Since our new fiscal year began July 1, 2010, 173 patients have been admitted for acute inpatient care and 66 were admitted to our Skilled Care/Swing Bed program for transitional care. Routine emergency room visits totaled 1,817 and ER trauma visits totaled 20.

Many more residents of the Pawnee County area are also taking advantage of our expanded outpatient services, including physical and occupational therapy, respiratory therapy and cardiopulmonary rehabilitation, radiologic imaging and enhanced lab testing.

Through our partnership with HaysMed, specialty clinics are provided on a regular basis right here in Larned for patients with cardiology, general surgery, orthopedic, spine, and urology diseases or disorders. HaysMed also brings state-of-the art cardiac nuclear medicine and mammography testing to us via mobile units that set up next to the hospital for maximum patient comfort and convenience throughout the testing procedure.

We are pleased to offer such an array of leading-edge healthcare, diagnostic services and medical technology to patients in the Larned and Pawnee County areas. Our partnership with HaysMed has opened doors to healthcare services often unavailable to communities our size. For patients in this area, it means those services are now close to home and family.

Key indicators show a positive direction on all fronts. We have increased our staffing from a low of 19 at the closing of the previous hospital to more than 65 Pawnee Valley Community Hospital Associates today.

Additional growth lies ahead as we look forward to replacing our current outdated facility. Recently, the Pawnee County Commission passed a resolution approving the site of the current hospital for construction of a replacement hospital. Architectural and engineering studies have begun.

We have come a long way since March 2010 when the partnership between our community and HaysMed was first announced. Our progress in becoming a true community hospital for Pawnee County and the surrounding area testify to the cooperation of so many people.

The support we see from the community is outstanding. On behalf of all the Associates at Pawnee Valley Community Hospital, we thank you for your vote of confidence in the future of healthcare for our area.



NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For more information, please contact:

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Regional Director
Kansas Small Business Development Center
620-276-9632

KSBDC and Allied Business Group Announce Spring 2011 Exit Planning Workshops for Business Owners and Their Advisors

Last fall the Kansas Small Business Development Center and Allied Business Group partnered to provide exit planning workshops for entrepreneurs and their advisors. The sessions were well attended and additional requests for the workshops has created a second round of sessions to be offered throughout the state this spring.

'The response that we received from our event last fall was overwhelming', said Tim Skarda, president of Allied Business Group, a mergers and acquisitions and business valuation firm. 'As a generation of business owners seeks answers on how to sell or transfer their business, these workshops provide ideas to them. The event is strictly confidential which allows business owners to gain more information about the subject matter while remaining anonymous.'

"The success of last years exit planning workshops both in great attendance and satisfaction and the continuing need for information and ideas, made the decision to offer this training again a resounding yes," explained Greg Panichello, KSBDC State Director.

Allied Business Group (<http://www.alliedbizgroup.com>) is an Overland Park based mergers & acquisitions and business valuation firm. Tim Skarda, president of Allied Business Group, explains that many business owners spend little time on exit planning. "Entrepreneurs put a tremendous amount of effort into the formation, growth and continual management of their business. However, the exit plan of their most valuable asset (their business) is often neglected." He explains that taking a proactive approach to the process can help them reap significant rewards.

Workshop attendees will receive information about how to increase the value of their business, how to prepare a business for sale, and other best practices. In addition, each attendee will receive a workshop manual that includes pertinent legal and tax information.

The nearest *How to Transition or Sell Your Business –Exit Planning 101* workshop will take place at Samy's Steakhouse in Garden City on Tuesday, April 12th. More information is available at www.kansas.gov/ksbdc or www.alliedbizgroup.com. Information is also available by calling Allied Business Group at 913.897.3599. The workshop fee is \$40 which includes lunch. Continuing education credits for professional advisors are also available at an additional cost. All attendee information will remain strictly confidential.

About KSBDC

The Kansas Small Business Development Center Network is funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Kansas Department of Commerce. KSBDC is nationally accredited through the Association of Small Business Development Centers by Congressional mandate. KSBDC receives funding from and partners with higher education and economic development organizations to provide Kansas entrepreneurs with no-cost business consulting and resources for starting, maintaining and growing their businesses. The statewide host for the KSBDC is Fort Hays State University. For more information about the KSBDC Network visit www.kansas.gov/ksbdc or call 877.625.7232

About Allied Business Group

Based in Overland Park, Kan., Allied Business Group is a mergers and acquisitions and business valuation firm that assists privately held companies in the Midwest. Their mission is to help business owners sell their companies for maximum value; a result that is achieved when multiple buyers effectively compete through a managed, confidential process. Allied also provides business valuations for all types of purposes including: exit planning, federal income, gift and estate taxation, buy-sell agreements, charitable contributions, divorce settlements, stockholder disputes, ESOPs, intellectual property (IP) valuation and more. For more information contact Tim Skarda at 913-897-3599 or visit their web site at www.alliedbizgroup.com

The following will give you an idea of what it may cost to develop a disaster protection and business continuity plan. Some of what is recommended can be done at little or no cost. Use this list to get started and then consider what else can be done to protect your people and prepare your business.

No Cost

- Meet with your insurance provider to review current coverage.
- Create procedures to quickly evacuate and shelter-in-place. Practice the plans.
- Talk to your people about the company's disaster plans. Two-way communication is central before, during and after a disaster.
- Create an emergency contact list, include employee emergency contact information.
- Create a list of critical business contractors and others whom you will use in an emergency.
- Know what kinds of emergencies might affect your company both internally and externally.
- Decide in advance what you will do if your building is unusable.
- Create a list of inventory and equipment, including computer hardware, software and peripherals, for insurance purposes.
- Talk to utility service providers about potential alternatives and identify back-up options.
- Promote family and individual preparedness among your co-workers. Include emergency preparedness information during staff meetings, in newsletters, on company intranet, periodic employee emails and other internal communications tools.

Under \$500

- Buy a fire extinguisher and smoke alarm.
- Decide which emergency supplies the company can feasibly provide, if any, and talk to your co-workers about what supplies individuals might want to consider keeping in a personal and portable supply kit.
- Set up a telephone call tree, password-protected page on the company website, an email alert or a call-in voice recording to communicate with employees in an emergency.
- Provide first aid and CPR training to key co-workers.
- Use and keep up-to-date computer anti-virus software and firewalls.
- Attach equipment and cabinets to walls or other stable equipment. Place heavy or breakable objects on low shelves.
- Elevate valuable inventory and electric machinery off the floor in case of flooding.
- If applicable, make sure your building's HVAC system is working properly and well-maintained.
- Back up your records and critical data. Keep a copy offsite.

More than \$500

- Consider additional insurance such as business interruption, flood or earthquake.
- Purchase, install and pre-wire a generator to the building's essential electrical circuits. Provide for other utility alternatives and back-up options.
- Install automatic sprinkler systems, fire hoses and fire-resistant doors and walls.
- Make sure your building meets standards and codes. Consider a professional engineer to evaluate the wind, fire or seismic resistance of your building.
- Consider a security professional to evaluate and/or create your disaster preparedness and business continuity plan.
- Upgrade your building's HVAC system to secure outdoor air intakes and increase filter efficiency.
- Send safety and key emergency response employees to trainings or conferences.
- Provide a large group of employees with first aid and CPR training.

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ABOUT THE SERIES

Envisioning the Future

Envisioning the Future begins with ensuring that your picture of the future connects with the strategic direction of your organization. Once you have that in place, you are ready to communicate your vision to others.

Organizing the Operation

Organizing the operation involves managing people and resources to produce the most work as efficiently as possible. A well-organized operation supports the customer experience, makes sense to the employees, and ensures the achievement of business goals.

Engaging the Team

Engaging the team involves letting employees take ownership of their work so they are invested in the results. When employees feel engaged, they will generate new ideas, support productivity, and develop leadership at all levels of the organization.

Committing to Results & Leaving a Legacy

Committing to results involves supporting and sustaining change over the long term. This requires not only organizational systems, but also an ongoing commitment from the leader to keep attention focused on what's important. People want to be lead by someone they trust, someone who cares about them as individuals. A leader's day-to-day behaviors can build trust, and influence changes in the people of the organization. When these people consider the leader's changes to be meaningful, that leader leaves a long-lasting legacy.

Great Bend

Date: Tuesday, March 8, 2011
Time: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Location: The Front Door
1615 10th Street, Great Bend
Fees: \$65 includes workshop and refreshments

Larned

Date: Thursday, April 7, 2011
Time: 1:00 - 5:00 pm
Location: Jordaan Room
Larned Chamber of Commerce
502 Broadway, Larned
Fees: \$65 includes workshop and refreshments

**For more information, contact us at
620-792-9255 or 866-813-2460
training@bartonccc.edu**

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Many Companies Unaware Of Workforce Attrition Risks

[USA Today](#) (3/29, Petrecca) reports that according to the most recent Annual Study of Employee Benefits Trends from MetLife, "employee loyalty is at a three-year low, but many employers are precariously unaware of the morale meltdown."

Many companies "are understandably focused on expenses," said Ronald Leopold, vice president of MetLife's US business, but are "taking their eye off the ball with human capital issues, notably what drives employee satisfaction and loyalty."

The study found that morale was low and stress levels were high as a result of changes made during the recession, and roughly one third of workers will be seeking new employment within a year. Experts say "resignations could fall if bosses take on low-cost actions such as offering career advancement advice and **thanking** deserving workers."

Job Fairs See More Employers But Competition Remains High

The [Saginaw \(MI\) News](#) (4/1, Mostafavi) reports that recruiters attending the recent Kettering University employment fair had better news for students about hiring than they have in recent years. "More than 100 employers attended this year's job fair, nearly four times as many two years ago when just 27 employers attended."

The Kettering hiring fair is indicative of a broader trend. "The National Association of Colleges and Employers released a study in March indicating that about 53 percent of employers surveyed intend to hire more college graduates from the class of 2011 than last year."

Competition is still high, experts say, but more opportunities are available. They added that "experience, connections and in-demand majors are key factors in how long job candidates will spend searching."

Extreme Park Makeover

On Friday April 8th we need people with hammers, putty knives and protective eyewear. Lunch will be at 11:00am and work starts at Noon.

Anyone wanting to help at the park can come out anytime Saturday or Sunday during Santa Fe Trail Days to participate in our final Extreme Park Makeover Weekend. Meals will be provided Saturday at Lunch and Supper and again Sunday at lunch for those working. Highlights of the makeover include an 8ft wide walking trail, Frontier themed splash pad, new Fort play structure and new play equipment.

Go Orange for Work Safety

Kansas highway workers have done a lot of good for our state while wearing orange. Next Wednesday, April 6, the rest of us can show our appreciation and support by wearing orange, too.

April 4-8 is National Work Zone Awareness Week, which is designed to raise awareness of the risks and hazards faced by the people who maintain and build our highways.

KDOT has planned a few activities for next week to help raise awareness of work zone safety. I have posted a note on our KTOC work zone safety blog page at <http://bit.ly/gW1jUo>. Please check KTOC next week to read blogs from KDOT workers, contractor and the Kansas Highway Patrol.

Photos of state leaders and others who have donned orange to show support for highway workers are being featured on KDOT's web page, www.ksdot.org, and on KDOT's Flickr account, <http://www.flickr.com/photos/kansastransportation>. In addition, KDOT has a go orange video on the agency's YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gUNtSqC71fs>.

For Wednesday, April 6, KDOT has planned a media event at the Topeka Oakland Subarea featuring KHP Superintendent Ernest Garcia, Dustrol Inc. Vice President Brian Hansen and Shirley McDonald, mother of KDOT employee Scotty McDonald who was killed in a work zone crash in 2005.

All next week, DMS signs along I-70 will display a work zone safety message. And public service announcements and news releases will be distributed to media statewide.

So, start searching your closet and drawers for that orange article of clothing you might have forgotten about (OK, no one forgets about their orange clothing), and on Wednesday, wear it with gratitude. While we intend to have some fun wearing orange and promoting work zone awareness week, this is serious stuff. We depend on highway workers – including law enforcement and all first responders – to keep our families safe and to keep our economy moving. These workers deserve our respect and our undivided attention when we enter a work zone.

Secretary Deb Miller

Kansas Department of Transportation

I would like to give a **BIG THANK YOU** to this year's Sponsors of the 2011 Santa Fe Trail Days who's donations make this event **Possible!**

At \$1500 Level

City of Larned - Tourism Contribution	Calvary
Larned Assembly of God \$1500 worth of Trade bringing in entertainers/help	Calvary

At \$500 Level

Country Place Living	Trading Post
Pawnee Valley Community Hospital	Trading Post
Ward Feed Lot	Trading Post
Ralph Baird Ford Motors	Trading Post

At \$250 Level

Alco Bike Donation	Fort
Great Bend Tribune	Fort
Office Products - Bike Donation	Fort
Tiller and Toiler	Fort
Doerrs Ace Hardware	Fort
Progressive Therapy	Fort
Roth Equipment	Fort
Kansas Gas	Fort
B&B Meats	Fort

At \$150 Level

Bank of the West	Santa Fe Trail
Golden Valley Coop	Santa Fe Trail
High Plains Credit	Santa Fe Trail
Larned Health Care	Santa Fe Trail
Napa Auto Parts	Santa Fe Trail
Pamida	Santa Fe Trail
Pawnee County Coop	Santa Fe Trail
VonFeldt, Bauer, and VonFeldt	Santa Fe Trail

At \$100 Level

Country Seasons	Buffalo
Farmers Bank and Trust	Buffalo
First State Bank	Buffalo
Frick Veterinarian	Buffalo
Haynes electric	Buffalo
M&F Plumbing Heating and AC	Buffalo
Mull Farms and Feed Inc.	Buffalo
Reed Pharmacy	Buffalo
Reep Real Estate	Buffalo
Tabler Furniture	Buffalo

At \$50 Level

American State Bank	Foot Soldiers
Barton Agriculture	Foot Soldiers
Morrill Hay	Foot Soldiers
Simmons and Simmons, Inc.	Foot Soldiers

Santa Fe Trail Center

Open 9 am – 5 pm Tues – Sun, Closed Mondays until Memorial Day

Located 2 miles West of Larned on KS Hwy 156
620-285-2054; www.santafetrailcenter.org

Saturday, April 30

½ Price Admission to museum galleries and outdoor exhibits

Trail Days Temporary Exhibit

In recognition of Kansas' 150th Anniversary, the Santa Fe Trail Center will present "Music from the Pawnee," a new temporary exhibit on the importance of music to the lives of those living in the Pawnee County area. This exhibit will feature musical instruments as well as artifacts related to sound recording and reproduction. Just a few of the many items on display will be an 1890's Washburn guitar, a pianoctte and a violin once owned by Larned's "Comrade" Smith. There will be something for every music lover!

Fort Larned National

Historic Site

A historic program presented on Saturday, April 30 at the Fort and the Cheyenne /Sioux Village in Ness County that was captured and burned by the army in 1867. The afternoon presentations at the village site are free. There is a charge of \$15 per person for the evening dinner and program at Fort Larned NHS. At 1:15 p.m., a car caravan will leave Fort Larned NHS to visit the Indian Village site, where re-enactors will have an Indian encampment set up to visit. At 2:30 p.m., Ranger Emore and military historian Leo E. Oliva will talk about archaeology and addition of the site to the National Register. There will be additional events. Open daily 8:30 -4:30 during Santa Fe Trail Days. Visit our website www.nps.gov/fols or call 620-285-6911 to prepare for your Fort Larned adventures and check on current events taking place.

BUY A BUTTON FOR \$5
& SAVE!!



Look what the button gets you into for FREE or REDUCED admission!

Friday Night

Walk Larned
Pancake Feed /Dessert by the Slice

Chalk Fest
Musicians

Saturday

Hamburger Feed
Magician & Ventriologist Performances
Joan Wells—Trick Roper

Ranch Rodeo
Beer Garden

Button sales help support Santa Fe Trail Days.

Thank you for your support!

BE SURE TO VISIT

The Santa Fe Trail Center, Fort Larned National Historic Site, & Central State Scouts Museum.

Celebrating Kansas' 150th Anniversary



Santa Fe Trail Days
Larned, Kansas

April 29th and 30th

A Celebration OF
HISTORY & HERITAGE

Pancake Feed

*Walk! Larned, Chalk Fest
Musicians, Petting Zoo
Craft and Food Vendors
Schartz Express Barrel Train
Car Show, Old Tractors*

Joan Wells—Trick Roper

*18th Annual Santa Fe Trail Days Parade
Inflatables, Puppet Shows, Balloon*

Animals, Face Painting

Skate Contest at Schnack Park

John Schnack Express Train Rides

Kiwanis Texas Hold'em at Vanley's

Magician and Ventriologist Performance

Hamburger Feed

Mutton Bushin

Family Ranch Rodeo



Call 620-285-6916 for information



THIRD ANNUAL

PACK the PARK

TOESDAY, APRIL 19 at 3:45

Larned Indians

VS.

Hoisington Cardinals

Jordan Park

(North of Larned Community Center)

*Special thanks to all
the merchants,
parents, and students
that made this
possible for the Lady
Indian Softball Team.*

DOOR PRIZES, KID GAMES, TRAIN RIDES, COTTON CANDY, SHAVED ICE, BALLOONS,
FACE TATTOOS, HAMBURGERS & HOTDOGS FOR EVERYONE (while supplies last)

LIVE DJ ALL EVENING

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AREA UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 2011

Saturday, April 9: PH Junior-Senior Prom. Promenade begins at 5:30 pm. Donations Needed - contact Gayle Worthey

Wednesday, April 13: Pawnee Heights Kindergarten Round-up @ Rozel United Methodist Church – 8 am to Noon.

Friday, April 15: Coffee and Donut Hour @ Burdett Seniors – 9:30 to 11 am. Sponsored by Rucker Bros. Flying Service

Sunday, April 17: Annual Easter Egg Hunt @ Burdett City Park – 1 pm. Open to Pre-school thru 5th grade. Hosted by PH Kays. In case of inclement weather, activities will be held at the Rozel School.

Monday, April 18: PH Kays will be holding a **Lasagna Supper @ Rozel – 5:30 pm** followed by the **7 thru 12 Spring Concert – 7 pm**. The Lasagna Supper will include salad, bread, dessert and drinks. Free will donation with proceeds going to assist students attending various camps.

Wednesday, April 20: Pet Clinic @ Burdett Fire Station – 4 to 6 pm. Dog License for **ALL** dogs within the City Limits will be on sale.

Wednesday, April 27: Tacos, Nachos, Desserts and Drinks @ Methodist Church Educational Bldg – 5:30 pm. Free will donation. Everyone welcome!

Friday, April 22: Coffee and Donut Hour @ Burdett Seniors – 9:30 to 11 am. Sponsored by Larned Healthcare Center. Everyone welcome!

Work on the
Walking Trail!

Install Solar
Lamp Post!

Hey Larned!

We've got a PLAYGROUND to build!

LARNED HAS BEEN AWARDED A SCIP GRANT FOR DOERR-VERNON PARK.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS: TO BUILD IT!

OUR LOCAL CONTRACTORS WILL BE ON SITE TO HELP AND OVERSEE THIS DREAM BECOME A REALITY!

Work Weekends: April 9th – 8:00 – 5:00

April 10th – 1:00 – 5:00

April 30th – 8:00 – 5:00

May 1st – 1:00 – 5:00

Meals and Daycare Provided!

Put together
New Play Equipment!

Build the
Fort Playground!

Work on the
Splash Pad!



Total Cost of Park \$204,000! We are almost there! We have 10 benches to sell at \$1000 each and 500 bricks at \$35 each! Contact the Extension office or City office today to purchase YOUR Brick or Bench! Your brick counts!!



**ROZEL SPRING FLING
OPEN HOUSE**

ROZEL COMMUNITY BUILDING

**APRIL 29TH
FRIDAY ONLY !!!!
4 PM - 9 PM**

**SWEET TRADITIONS
SERVING SUPPER**

**CELEBRATING HOME- AVON
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Chlumsky and Alnore Open Martial Arts Academy

Hello I am Nathan Chlumsky,

Starting February 2nd I re-opened the Larned Family Israeli/Okinawan Kobra Kai Karate & Mixed Martial Arts U.S.A. Academy. The school is located at 505 Broadway, located next to Vanley's, in Larned.

On February 8th I was certified as a Level 4 Instructor in Street Fighting Concepts Mixed Martial Arts and Michael Alnore was certified as a Level 2 Instructor.

I currently hold 3rd Degree Black Belt rankings in Okinawan Karate, Okinawan Kobujutsu (Weaponry) and a 2nd Degree Black Belt in Tuite (Control Techniques/Joint Manipulation). Also I am an Instructor in T.O.P.C.O.P.S. (The Officer & Patrolman Combat Orientated Police Systems) Israeli Defense Tactics and Mixed Martial Arts. I have been recognized as a 2010 and 2011 "KICKgen Rising Star of The Martial Arts." I am the Head Instructor of the Academy. I have been recognized as one of the World's top Martial Arts Historians and promoted a Statewide and Nationwide Open Martial Arts Championship (Battle On The Plains) right here in Larned last year. I plan to promote this 4th Degree Black Belt in both Karate and Kobujutsu Weapons and 3rd Degree Black in Tuite on May 22nd.

Michael is currently a 1st Degree Black Belt Instructor in Okinawan Karate and a 1st Kyu Brown Belt in Okinawan Kobujutsu (Weaponry). He is also a Mixed Martial Arts Instructor and will soon be a 1st Degree Black Belt in Tuite Control Techniques. Mr. Alnore will be the Assistant Head Instructor at the Larned Academy.

I am very honored to be taking over the Academy. I have many ideas that I hope will be pleasing to all who decide to train and it means a lot that Sensei Bill Ratzlaff has chosen me to be his successor. Bill is a 6th Degree Black Belt and serves as the Mid-West Regional Director for our Federation he will still serve as Director, but has decided to be in a more political position as his title calls for and delegate from the sidelines while those under him take over in opening schools and making the Federation grow.

As of March 14th the school will be open every day. On Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-8p.m. will be training in Traditional Karate, Kobujutsu Weapons, and Israeli Defense Tactics. Tuesdays and Thursdays we will teach Sport Karate, Israeli Defense Tactics, Jujitsu and Mixed Martial Arts from 6-8p.m. And on Fridays everyone will be able to come and spar (light contact fighting) from 6-8p.m. And then Monday through Friday I will offer a "Little Ninjas After School Karate" from 3:30-5:30p.m. This will serve as a sort of after school care if you will, but with a big difference...The children will be learning self-defense techniques, discipline, self confidence and respect. Mike and I will also offer private lessons to those who cannot make it to normal training either do to their work schedule or because they are intimidated with the thought of training with other people. I will also be available to teach the T.O.P.C.O.P.S. Program to Law Enforcement and Military Personnel on the weekends along with Ben Schumate, Instructor of the Great Bend School and a Barton County Sheriff and T.O.P.C.O.P.S Instructor.

For additional information on classes, free demonstrations and seminars contact Nathan Chlumsky at (620) 285-6674 or 617-1701.

Dear Friends of the Miss Fort Larned Pageant and Scholarship Organization,

We are currently in the process of planning the Miss Fort Larned Pageant 2011. This year the pageant will be held on Sunday, June 5th, 2011 at the Larned Community Center. We are not a preliminary to the Miss Kansas Pageant in Pratt, however, we encourage and support our Miss Fort Larned to compete in the pageant, as this is an honor to represent our county. The Miss Fort Larned committee is working very hard to make Miss Fort Larned a stepping stone to Miss Kansas.

Miss Fort Larned is a closed pageant, meaning that only young ladies living or attending high school in Pawnee County are eligible to compete. The Miss Fort Larned contestants will not be competing against girls from all over the state like many other local pageants. Our goal is to keep this pageant and the scholarship opportunities available for our local young ladies only.

The mission of Miss Fort Larned is to develop young ladies into eloquent women through participation, character building and service. The Miss Fort Larned Pageant offers scholarships and learning experiences to the young ladies of our community. Although somebody will take home the crown we consider all contestants to be beautiful, talented and deserving of such a title. As a pageant committee we hope to see each young lady grow from her experience. We encourage friendship, good sportsmanship, learning and laughter. It is our hope that through participating each young lady comes away with a sense of self confidence and the skills necessary to help her continue to achieve her dreams.

This year Miss Fort Larned is giving out over \$6000.00 in scholarships and we need your help to continue this legacy of scholarships. Without your continued support this pageant would not be possible.

We have created a level system of sponsorship. Gold level sponsors give \$100.00 or more and receive their name on the back of our shirts, announcement at the pageant and their name in the program. Silver level sponsors give \$50.00 to \$99.99 and receive announcement at the pageant and their name in the program. Bronze level sponsors give \$25.00 to \$49.99 and receive their name in the program. As a thank you sponsors will also receive one ticket for every \$25.00 donated. We have enclosed a sponsorship form.

Thank you so much for your continued support!!



Bethany Skelton, Director of Miss Fort Larned

Miss Fort Larned Committee

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Level of Sponsorship _____
Amount of Donation _____

**This is Tax Deductible.

** Please make checks payable to Miss Fort Larned.

Please return to Miss Fort Larned, 211 West 12th Larned, KS 67550

Santa Fe Trail Days 19th Annual Parade

“Celebrating Kansas’ 150th Anniversary”

Downtown Larned

April 30, 2011

Please fill out the following information and either mail it to the Larned Area Chamber of Commerce Office located at 502 Broadway, Larned KS 67550; OR fax it to 620-285-6917, before April 5, 2011. If you need further information, please give us a call at 620-285-6916 during the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Check-In for the Parade is from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at 4th and Main, Downtown Larned. Look for the Parade Line-Up Crew in the orange vests to check-in and find out where to place your parade entry for line-up.

We look forward to seeing you at
Santa Fe Trail Days!

Name of Group or Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone#: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Float or Entry *(Please let us know exactly what type of entry you are submitting. i.e.*

Is there a group walking? How many? Is this a vehicle? What kind? Is this a float? How long?):

Description of Float/Entry (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY, THIS IS WHAT THE ANNOUNCER WILL BE READING. Include any names that people will want to know and any special aspects of your parade entry.):

Santa Fe Trail Days Celebration Craft & Food Booth Entry Form

Saturday, April 30th, 2011
Larned, Kansas

Below you will find an entry form for the Arts, Crafts and Food Booth Vendors during the Santa Fe Trail Days Celebration in Larned, Kansas for April 30, 2011. The cost per 8' x 12' table booth space is \$25. The hours of the show are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Set-up time begins at 6:30 a.m. Booths this year will be located in a court area on blocked off streets or in front of downtown businesses. If you have a tent or a canopy, please let us know to help with our placement. Exhibitors must provide their own tables and chairs.

Please fill out the entry form below and return it to us with your check or money order by **April 15, 2011**. Booth space is limited! To ensure a spot, get your entry in early! It is first come, first served. If you have any questions, please contact the Larned Area Chamber of Commerce at 620-285-6916 or 1-800-747-6919. A map of your location will be sent out the week prior to the event.

Saturday includes the 19th Annual Santa Fe Trail Days Parade at 11 a.m., music, puppet shows, face painting, entertainment, a car show, the 5th Annual Ranch Rodeo, games, and so much more.

Booth Entry Form Santa Fe Trail Days, Larned, KS Saturday, April 30, 2011

Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ # of Booth Spaces Needed: _____

Do you need electricity? Yes / No If yes, please describe your electrical requirements:

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ (\$25 per 8' x 12' Booth Space)

Description of booth and products sold: _____

Mail Booth Entry Form to: Larned Area Chamber of Commerce, 502 Broadway, Larned KS 67550, by April 15, 2011. For more information call 620-285-6916 or 800-747-6919.

“All federal, state and local laws governing retail sales tax must be followed. I understand the rules and regulations of the show and will comply. I realize that failure to comply may result in expulsion from the show.” Initial _____

APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

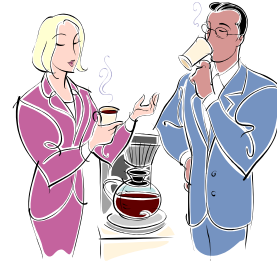
If you have an event that you would like to have added to the Chamber Calendar, please contact the Chamber office before the 20th of the preceding month.

- 7 Coffee Hour
- 7 Chamber Ambassador Noon Meeting
- 7 Leadership Training by Barton College from 1 to 5 PM at Chamber
- 12 Chamber Board Meeting at 11:45AM
- 13 Pawnee County Economic Development Board Meeting,
5:30 PM Chamber Office
- 14 Coffee Hour
- 14 Pawnee County ADI Meeting
- 15 Coffee Hour
- 21 Coffee Hour
- 29 & 30 Santa Fe Trail Days

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April Coffee Hours

9:30-10:30

April 7:
Larned High School Coffee Hour at the high school gym

April 14:
Coffee hour at Courthouse Lounge to honor Pawnee County and Golden Valley Coops

April 15:
Coffee hour at Armory for After School Prom

April 21:
Coffee hour at Dress It Up!

April 28
No scheduled coffee hour yet!

