



LARNED & AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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County Economic Development Commission

May 2011



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Director's Letter

Santa Fe Trail Days is now over for this year. I hope all who attended the event had a great time. We did manage to meet most of our goals by having Broadway closed from 4th to 8th Street. By closing the street this made for a more enjoyable and safer environment for our citizen and our guests.

The vendors were set up by 9:00AM with people starting to trickle in around this time. Our parade though sparse was enjoyable as it was very easy to view either in front of the vendors or on the sidewalk. I have been informed that in the past the majority of the crowd would leave after the parade. Not this year! We still had many people downtown up until the vendors were required to start closing down.

In talking to each and every vendor, I hope, and many participants, all liked the way the event was set up. Now the Chamber needs to concentrate on growing this event.

I tried to talk to the vendors and local businesses to see how they did as a business. Depending upon the business some did really well, some just ok and some not so well. It was a mixed bag.

We met our goals of a safe walk-able event with over 50 vendors participating at the Santa Fe Trail Days downtown event. This year, with live music by Jeff Broer and friends, karate demonstrations, the Assembly of God's variety of entertainment, car show, trick roping by Joan Wells, and many others I would call this a success that can be built upon year after year.

In other news, I have been working to bring in a new Agricultural Manufacturing, Supply and Retail Business to Pawnee County and Larned. On Monday May 2nd the business Heartland Irrigation presented a proposal, to the City of Larned, for the purchase of the Armory for \$264,000, which is \$14,000 over asking price.

Heartland Irrigation is a subsurface drip irrigation provider to our agricultural community. Headquartered in Moundridge Kansas and a supplier of Netafim products Heartland Irrigation has been servicing Pawnee County and the surrounding counties where their successful grow requires expansion of their business.

If you have questions, please call the Chamber at 620-285-6916.

Courtland Holman

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 Yard	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 Services	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

Someone Reading this or someone you know may be interested in purchasing or starting up an existing Franchise. If so please read or pass this bit of information along.

BUYING A FRANCHISE?

The SBA has a streamlined loan application process for franchises listed on the Franchise Registry.

[Click here to go to the Registry](#)

If your franchisor is listed, you should obtain a "Certificate of No Change or Non-Material Change" from the franchisor. Provide this to the bank where you are seeking an SBA loan. This will eliminate the need to review all the franchise documents for SBA eligibility.

The Franchise Registry lists names of franchise systems whose franchisees enjoy the benefits of a streamlined review process for U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) financings. Loan applications for franchises on the Franchise Registry can be reviewed and processed more efficiently and quickly by SBA and its lenders because the respective franchise agreements do not need to be reviewed in each individual franchisee situation.

This is because, through the Registry process, the SBA has already reviewed the franchise agreement and has determined that there are no unacceptable control provisions by the franchisor over its franchisees. Unacceptable control provisions could result in affiliation with a franchisor that is considered to be other than small; that would mean that a franchisee would not be considered to be a small business eligible for SBA financing.

A franchisor's participation in the Franchise Registry is voluntary. If a franchisor decides not to be listed, the SBA or its participating lenders will have to review and evaluate the franchise agreement when a franchisee or potential franchisee in that system seeks SBA financial assistance. This takes time. (You should not construe a franchise system's presence on or an absence from the Registry as either an endorsement by SBA or an indication of the franchise system's quality or profitability.)

Note: Listing on the Registry means that the franchise agreement does not impose unacceptable control provisions on a franchisee or potential franchisee (which could result in affiliation with a franchisor). The lender and/or SBA must still consider and evaluate, with respect to each application for SBA financing, factors such as general eligibility, conflicts of interest, creditworthiness, use of proceeds, and discrimination. It is important to be aware that SBA does not finance operations covered by a development agreement, and no development agreement may be listed on the Franchise Registry.

SBA Lenders [GO HERE](#).



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From the desk of Senator Allen Schmidt

36th Kansas Senate District

I invite your comments and questions.

Allen.Schmidt@Senate.Ks.Gov 785-296-7366 May 6, 2011

The 2011 veto session continues to progress at a snail's pace. As week two comes to a close, legislators continue to meet in their respective conference committees. These committees must find compromises on a number of important issues before the session can adjourn. With 84 days of the 90 day session already used, legislators are very aware that time is limited. If we are not able to finish our work this weekend, legislators may choose to forfeit some of their pay to extend the session into next week.

When the session closes, I will continue visiting communities in our ten-county district. Listening to your concerns and ideas on how to solve some of the problems in our state is one of my most important tasks as a legislator and as your representative. I represented the largest milk cooperative in the nation on the corporate resolutions committee while president of the Kansas Dairy Association, and had to continually remind some of the management staff that they needed to listen to the dairy farmers first to really understand the problems and develop solutions.

Below are some questions that have been raised and may need answers to justify spending next session:

How far do we go with consolidation of schools in Rural Kansas?

What are the real costs to operate rural schools compared to urban?

What are the most important services we must continue and need to justify?

for the elderly,

the disabled,

the mentally ill,

pre-school children,

other services/groups

How can we slow or turn around population loss in our counties?

I look forward to discussing these issues and others with you as I continue to learn the fascinating stories inside your communities and the entrepreneurial spirit that thrives.

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

You are invited to a
Hometown Celebration

Farmers Bank & Trust

*Welcome
Friends, Family & Guests*

Wednesday, May 18th, 2011

11:00 - 1:00 pm

102 W 6th St., Larned

Local High School Performances

Free Lunch cooked by LHS Golf Team

Stop by all day, prizes given away hourly!



Someone will win a Chevy 2011 Cruze!
Register to become an instant finalist. Drawing at 4:00 pm.



ALL WELCOME

LARNED HEALTHCARE CENTER

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MAY 14TH @ 4PM

**THERE WILL BE FOOD, DRINKS,
GAMES AND PRIZES!!**

FREE OF CHARGE!!

COME JOIN THE FUN

Call 620-285-6914 for more information!

MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

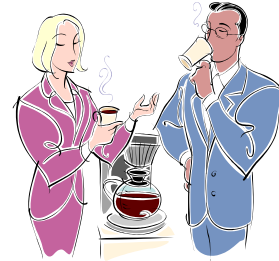
If you have an event that you would like to have added to the Chamber Calendar, please contact the Chamber office before the 20th of the preceding month.

- 5 Coffee Hour
- 10 Chamber Board Meeting at 11:45AM
- 12 Coffee Hour
- 11 Pawnee County Economic Development Board Meeting,
5:30 PM Chamber Office
- 19 Coffee Hour

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May Coffee Hours

9:30-10:30

**May 5:
Coffee Hour for ADA at City Hall**

**May 12:
Coffee hour at Zebulon Pikes Plaza for
National Tourism Day**

**May 19:
Coffee hour at Al Hanken Motors for
Tomboy Tools**

**May 26
No scheduled coffee hour yet!**

