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## Joint Planning Commission to Hold Public Hearing

### Conditional Use Permits for Kinsley Solar, LLC and Kinsley Storage

The Pawnee County Joint Planning Commission will meet Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at 7:00pm in the Pawnee County Courthouse Lounge to consider the Conditional Use Permit Applications of Kinsley Solar, LLC and Kinsley Storage Project, LLC.

The hearing is to consider the operation of a Commercial Solar Energy System on some Pawnee County land, near Edwards County. It would encompass 2483.68 acres located in Sections 27, 28, 29, 33 and 34, Township 222 South, Range 19 West of the 6th Principal Meridian. The land is currently zoned Agricultural Use.

In addition, the Application for Conditional Use Permit of Kinsley Storage Project, LLC for approximately 20 acres located in the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 22 South, Range 19 West of the 6th Principal Meridian to operate a Commercial Battery Energy Storage System on property zoned Agricultural Use will be considered.

The Commission encourages public input. If one wishes to provide comments in writing instead of in person, written comments must be received by the Pawnee County Attorney's Office no later than noon, Monday, August 4, 2025.

## British Cyclist Visits Larned, Captured By Grandmas

By JUDI TABLER

One never knows who they will run into while drinking coffee downtown on a Friday morning. But this past week, the "Gramma Group, which regularly meets for coffee and chatter at Scraps, met a tall young stranger at the counter.

George Wilson stopped at Scraps to grab a cup of coffee before preparing to "hit the road" as he headed west to continue his trek. We asked him if he was a biker, and that's where the conversation began. The minute he began to converse with us, we heard his familiar accent and guessed his origin. Sure enough, he was British. George is 27 years old, and his home is in Colchester, England, northeast of London, about an hour's drive from Cambridge.

He had spent the night camped in Schnack Park, as he carried all the necessary equipment on his bike to set up a tent, visited Redux the evening before, and eaten breakfast at "The Diner." Seems he had already gotten a good overview of Larned.

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COFFEE GROUP AND GEORGE WILSON - left to right: Judi Tabler, George Wilson, Carolyn Haas, Nancy Adams, Bev Fenwick, Sandy Haun; seated: Marilyn Bell and Meribeth Busenbark. Pictured below: George Wilson.



## Larned Summer Food Program Serving the Community and Hungry Tummies

By JUDI TABLER

"It takes a village to raise a child." (African Proverb)

We've heard this quote before, and it is undoubtedly true. John F. Kennedy said, "Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future." There is a strong, united calling to take care of our children, and Larned is meeting that need in many ways.

### Have you heard about the Larned Summer Food Service Program?

Every day, Monday through Friday, during June and July, the Larned Summer Food Service Program prepares and distributes 150-200 breakfast and lunch meals to children in the community from the Methodist Church location in Larned. From 11:30 to 12:30, the place is humming with cars and kids as they arrive,



Pictured, left to right, Patty Smith, Row Shepherd, Dava Keith, Debbie Makings, and Sheila Converse.

pick up their lunch and next day's breakfast, and head out to wherever.

The Larned Summer Food Service started 10 years ago when Debbie and husband, Eli, heard about the need in church and decided to take action. "This church is a great location. Although it's not a Methodist Church project, we

are utilizing the facility. The space, the kitchen, and the central location are perfect for our needs."

"This is how it works. We make a menu each month in advance. There are certain criteria to follow: meat, grains, fruits, vegetables, and milk. Breakfast must have a grain,

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## Pawnee County Fair is Underway

By: C. TABLER

The Pawnee County Fair got underway Monday, July 14 with the Open Family Trap shoot and on Tuesday with the judging of the Fashion Style Revue. Things will kick into high gear on Saturday, July 19th with the Community Dog Show at 5 and 6 pm.

On Sunday, at 5pm, everyone moves in and sets up for the week and then the week gets hectic for all participants with the Rabbit & Poultry Show Monday morning and the Cat and Hand Pet show at 4pm.

A popular event, the 4-H Horse show gets underway at 6:30pm on Wednesday. Don't miss the Frog and Turtle races at 5pm Friday at the Livestock Center. A feature Friday is the Logan Mize Concert at 9pm. The Beer Garden opens at 6pm.

Saturday, July 26, is a full schedule of fun events from morning to night with the Beer Garden open in the evening and DJ music by Tim Tunes. Sunday is cleanup day and on Tuesday evening, July 29th at 8pm, a celebratory 4-H Swim party will take place at 8pm at the Larned Swimming Pool.

The Pawnee County Fair is a celebration not just for 4-H and the 4-H families, it is a celebration for everyone and a great time to see old friends, check on what the youth in Pawnee County are doing and participate in viewing, tasting and applauding the creations of others!

Don't miss the Pawnee County Fair!



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