

UPCOMING EVENTS

If you have a **free event** that is open to the public, let us know before Tuesday, 10 a.m., and it will be added to this column. Send to [lswyman@hotmail.com](mailto:lswyman@hotmail.com) or [janet@mainstreetmedia.us](mailto:janet@mainstreetmedia.us), or call 620-285-3111 (by Monday, 12 noon).

Thursday, July 17

Central Kansas Respiratory Coffee Hour and Ribbon Cutting, 9:30 a.m., 902 Broadway

Friday, July 18

Coffee and Donut Hour at the Burdett Seniors from 9:30 to 11 a.m., sponsored by South West Kansas Area Agency on Aging

Sunday, July 20

Taco Bar with dessert and drinks Sunday, July 20, at the Welcome Inn, 113 W. 4th St., from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Free Will Donation

Food Pantry from 1 to 2 at Valley Community Church Educational Building, Burdett

Thursday, July 24

Larned Area Chamber Legislative Coffee, 9:30 a.m., Pawnee County Fair, JA Haas Building, 400 East 18th Street

It's STUFF THE BUS time! Larned, July 24, 4:00-6:00 p.m., at Dillons and Dollar General. United Way of Central Kansas is collecting school supplies and essential items for students and families across Barton and Pawnee Counties - and we invite you to join us in giving local kids a strong start to the school year

Sunday, July 27

WET/DRY ROUTES CHAPTER: The public is invited to the summer ice cream social of the local chapter of the Santa Fe Trail Association at 1:30 p.m., on July 27 in the fellowship hall (using the northwest back door) of the First Presbyterian Church, 8th and Morris, Larned. Ice cream and cookies will be provided by the chapter followed by a short business. The program by Dr. Leo Oliva, renowned historian, will be "The First Documented Free African-American Woman on the Santa Fe Trail." For additional information call George Elmore, chief ranger at Fort Larned National Historic Site, president of the chapter. No reservations required.

Monday, July 28

TEFAP COMMODITIES Distribution, Pawnee County Food Pantry, 501 Main, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Income Based/while supplies last

Tuesday, July 29-Friday, August 1

Santa Fe Trail Center Summer Day Camp "Homesteading Along the Santa Fe Trail". Questions or to Register: 620-285-2054

Tuesday, July 29

Caring Hands Daycare Center After Hours Coffee, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., 302 Hillcrest Drive

WORD OF THE WEEK

By JUDI TABLER

Gubbins (noun)

Gadgets or any bits and pieces

"Gubbins" might be more familiar to British English speakers. For example, across the pond, someone with a fancy new car might describe it as having "all the gubbins." That mystery drawer in the kitchen could also be "full of gubbins." The word, meaning "fragments" or "gadgets," has been in use since the 16th century, but the definition of "miscellany" dates to the early 20th century.

"I can't find anything in my purse because it's full of gubbins."

Local students complete degrees at Wichita State University

WICHITA - More than 1,950 students completed a total of 2,122 degrees and certificates at Wichita State University in spring 2025.

The breakdown of degrees and certificates granted includes:

Undergraduate: 1,430 degrees and certificates for 1,340 undergraduate students

Graduate: 692 degrees and certificates for 611 graduate students

For bachelor's degrees, honors were conferred to the following:

Summa cum laude: 108 students

Magna cum laude: 425 students

Cum laude: 336 students

Undergraduate students who have attained a grade point average of 3.9 out of a possible 4.0 received the summa cum laude award; those with an average of 3.55 received the magna cum laude award; and those with an average of 3.25 received the cum laude.

Area students include:

Larned

Courtney M Detherage, Graduate Certificate, Instr Design in Prof Practice

Courtney M Detherage, Master of Education, Learning & Instr Design

Jami J Dryden, Graduate Certificate, Instr Design in Prof Practice

Jami J Dryden, Master of Education, Learning & Instr Design

Local students named to Dean's Honor Roll at Wichita State University

WICHITA - Wichita State University has announced the names of 3,710 students who were on the WSU Dean's Honor Roll for spring 2025.

To be included on the dean's honor roll, a student must be enrolled full time (at least 12 credit hours) and earn at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Area students include:

Larned

MacKenzie L Saylor

"Sunset in July along the western sky, the glow becomes richer and deeper as the sun goes down to his rest." --Eliza Cook



Trail Talk

New Audio Tour Now Available on Geotourist App

By Katy Norman,

Executive Director, SFTC

The Santa Fe Trail Center Museum is excited to announce that our outdoor audio tour is now live on the Geotourist app—a free platform that hosts location-based audio experiences around the world.

While we didn't create or own the app, Geotourist allows museums, parks, and heritage sites to share stories in a whole new way. Users can explore locations through their smartphones, listening to guided content that plays as they move through a site. It's like having a personal tour guide in your pocket!

At the Santa Fe Trail Center, our tour focuses on the historic outdoor buildings across our museum grounds. What makes this project especially meaningful is that all of the recordings feature local voices—from community members to educators—sharing stories, facts, and reflections about each building.

To make the experience fun for everyone, we've included two versions of most recordings: one designed for adults and

another just for kids. Whether you're curious about pioneer life or looking for something engaging for younger visitors, there's something for everyone.

We invite you to plan your visit soon and see TRAIL page 4

Death Notice

Marji B. Murphy and

Michael A. Murphy

Marji B. Murphy passed away April 26, 2020, at the home of her son, Michael Murphy in New Carrollton, Maryland.

Michael A. Murphy passed away March 15, 2025 in New Carrollton, Maryland.

Cremations have taken place, and a Graveside Service will be held on July 21, 2025 – 1:30 p.m., at the Larned Cemetery.

Friends are invited to join the family following for visitation at the First Christian Church Annex, 716 Broadway, Larned.

Family members include Helen Collins, Brad Collins, Trae Collins and Autumn Shepherd.

Episcopal Church Youth is selling fresh, delicious, skinned potatoes in 20 lb bags for only \$30.

Grown locally by Kansas Potatoes, Ltd.

Potatoes can be delivered to you or to a local food pantry if you prefer.

Contact Jillian Doyle at 620-617-0264

Thanks for your support of our Youth Programs.

Things You Did Not Know (But Now You Do)

By JUDI TABLER

What? It's Against the Law?

It is illegal to own a hedgehog as a pet in California, Georgia, Hawaii, Pennsylvania, and Washington. These states all have laws banning these animals due to their propensity to carry salmonella and are vulnerable to foot and mouth disease, along with other viral and fungal infections.

It is illegal to drive a vehicle with muddy or debris-covered tires. Anything that tracks "mud, dirt, sticky, substances, litter, or other material onto public roads is a violation under the public nuisance ordinance.

Mounting your GPS or phone on the windshield may be the default way to navigate these days, but windshield mounts are banned outright in states including Illinois, Louisiana, and New York.

Indoor furniture on outdoor porches are illegal in places such as Columbia, South Carolina, and Columbus, Ohio. Upholstered sofas, recliners, mattresses, and such are also banned. They are not only flammable, but also can attract rodents and appear unsightly.

Pumping your own gas is illegal in New Jersey, the only U.S. state where it is illegal to fill your own vehicle at the pump. The law is a holdover from a Safety Dispensing Act stating that "No person shall dispense fuel at a gasoline station unless the person is an attendant who has received instructions regarding the dispensing of fuel." Drivers caught doing so risk fines of up to \$250 for the first offense and \$500 for the repeat, and can be sued by the state.

DID YOU KNOW.....That in the park across from the swimming pool there used to be a Croquet court where the fountain is located? Next to it was a small hamburger and treats stand operated by the Smith family.

Jennifer Mick Graduates from Emporia State University

EMPORIA - Jennifer Nicole Mick of Larned, Kansas, was one of over 500 students who graduated from Emporia State University in May 2025.

Mick graduated with a Education Specialist in School Psychology.

Tiller & Toiler 115 W. 5th Larned

Deadline for Advertising, Legals, and Articles - 2:00 PM Tuesday for Thursday's paper

WELCOME INN MENU

113 W. 4th, Larned • 620-285-3504

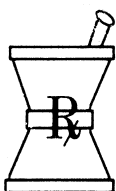
The facility is available to rent for public meetings or parties. Please call 620-285-3504

July 21 - 25

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Chicken Cordon Bleu Wild Rice Green Beans Dinner Roll Yogurt Cup	Sliced Ham Scalloped Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Pudding Dinner Roll	Deli Sandwich Cucumber/Onion Salad Chips Cookie

THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Green Peas Poke Cake Dinner Roll	Shredded BBQ Pork Sandwich Baked Beans Garlic Green Beans Peaches & Yogurt

We have home-bound meals for those unable to get out



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