

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 or janet@mainstreetmedia.us, or call 620-285-3111 (by Monday, 12 noon).

Thursday, August 7

Chamber Coffee Golden Belt Community Foundation, 502 Broadway, 9:30 a.m.

BINGO Larned Civic Pride. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Games begin at 7:00 p.m. JA Haas Building 400 East 18th St

Saturday, August 9

2025 Pawnee County Toy Run, 11:00 a.m., Carr Auction, 909 Auction Avenue

First Southern Baptist Church of Larned Block Party, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., 1224 Corse

Sunday, August 10

Pawnee County Humane Society Dog Swim, Larned City Pool, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 13

Golden Belt Telephone Ribbon Cutting at 12:00 noon. Open House 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. 122 West 5th

Friday, August 15

Coffee and Donut Hour at the Burdett Seniors from 9:30 to 11 a.m., sponsored by MAP Inc

Red Cross Blood Drive Knights of Columbus, 12:00 to 6:00 p.m., 1216 M Road. Walk-ins welcome

Sunday, August 17

Food Pantry – 1 to 2 @ Valley Community Church Educational Bldg, Burdett

The Point From Which Larned Began:

Digging Up Larned’s History

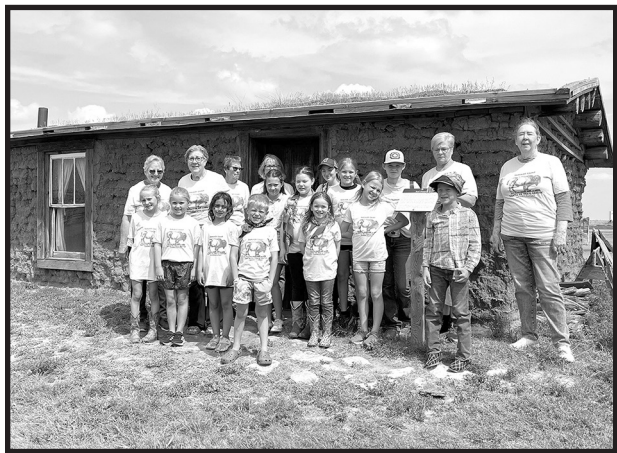
By Carol Jenkner, SFTC

This particular modern-day saga began with the discovery of an article in The Larned Chronoscope dated September 25, 1919. Larned’s new courthouse, built in 1917-1919, was just completed, and workers were just moving into the new building. Two days previous, on September 23, Mr. S. S. Dickinson celebrated his 83rd birthday by inviting one or two old friends over to the old courthouse at the corner of Main and 5th Streets. To their surprise, he borrowed a shovel and began to dig. Presently, he hit something hard and continued working to clear away the dirt, revealing a white stone through which an iron bar protruded. His onlookers were disappointed, expecting a treasure. Instead, he proudly explained that the stone marked the original corner from which the town of Larned was laid out. These survey markers were also called survey monuments.

In 1884, when this very courthouse was being built, Mr. Dickinson was county surveyor. He found the original stake from which the survey of Larned was made. The stake was set by the Santa Fe engineers in 1873. It was a small iron stake and the commissioners in 1919 ordered something more permanent for this important site. Mr. Dickinson was given the responsibility for achieving this. An axle of a government wagon was used for the stake; it was 30 inches long. He had it set between two limestone blocks. It was the starting point for the laying out of all streets and alleys see DIGGING page 6



Trail Talk



Young Pioneers Experience Homesteading Life at Museum Day Camp

By Katie Norman, Executive Director

The Santa Fe Trail Center recently wrapped up its annual summer day camp, welcoming students in grades 2–5 for a week of hands-on history and homesteading fun. This year’s theme, “Homesteading Along the Santa Fe Trail,” offered campers a chance to step back in time and experience what life might have been like for early settlers on the Kansas plains.

Throughout the week, campers explored the challenges and routines of pioneer life. They learned about the differences between dugout homes and sod houses, tried their hand at life in a one-room school-house, and even claimed their own “plots of land” to build miniature sod houses.

In addition to their homesteading skills, campers also got to experience a bit of pioneer cooking. They churned their own butter and baked cornbread from scratch—both of which were shared with family members at a Friday closing lunch, complete with ham and beans.

The camp also included a variety of traditional games that children might have played while traveling the Santa Fe Trail or after settling in a new home.

From start to finish, the week blended learning with laughter and offered a unique opportunity to engage with the region’s rich history. The camp is designed to make history come alive in a fun, memorable, and meaningful way—and this year’s campers brought plenty of creativity and enthusiasm to every activity.

The museum extends its thanks to all participating families and looks forward to welcoming another group of young historians next summer.

DID YOU KNOW.....That Larned High School’s longest-tenured football coach served 16 years? John Buller coached the Indians from 1929 through 1944 and won 60 games with an amazing 23 ties!

Tiller & Toiler
115 W. 5th, Larned
Deadline for Advertising, Legals, and Articles -
2:00 PM
Tuesday
for Thursday’s paper

2025 Price-Riggs-Williams Reunion

The 63rd annual Price Riggs Williams Reunion was held July 12, 2025, at the Center Township Hall in Rush Center, Kansas.

Frank O’Brien, 95, was the oldest direct descendant present, and the youngest was Judah Connell, 4 years old. Frank O’Brien, Bill Price, Kenneth Meier, and Rhonda Tillberg were the third generation cousins present.

The family enjoyed the traditional fried chicken buffet including salads and desserts; Sheila O’Brien’s homemade ice cream; and an afternoon filled with visiting and picture taking.

The 37 family members and guests who attended are listed in family groups as follows:

- Family of Frank & Eva Mae Price O’Brien**
Frank O’Brien and Patricia O’Brien, Lewis; Elizabeth O’Brien and Sheila O’Brien, Wichita; Greta O’Brien, Derby; Aidan O’Brien, Miami, FL; Ramona Koerner and Randy Koerner, Lakewood, CO; Leo Brack, Littleton, CO; Mackenzie O’Brien, Wamego; and Chris O’Brien, St. George
- Family of Clovis & Mabel Price**
Bill & Lois Price, Rozel; Ron & Dianna Price, Rozel; Ruth Price, Larned; Kevin Price, Meade; and guests Alvin & Nancy Folkerts, Dodge City
- Family of John & Amanda Price**
Janet Downing, Salina; and Shirley Price; Tonya Burton; Gene & Sharon Price; Joseph Price; Michael Price; and Matt, Anna, Ethan, Zoey, & Judah Connell, all of Larned
- Family of Frank & Ola Price Wolter**
Elaine Wolter, Moore Haven, FL; Dennis Wolter, Phoenix, AZ; and guest Darlene Misegadis, Hays
- Family of Emil & Opal Price Meier**
Kenneth & Cheryll Meier, La Crosse; and Rhonda Tillberg, Newton
- The 64th Annual Price-Riggs-Williams Reunion is planned for July 11, 2026, at the Center Township Hall in Rush Center, Kansas.

WORD OF THE WEEK

By JUDI TABLER

Hanged and Hung

The words “hanged” and “hung” are both past tense forms of the verb “to hang”. However, “hung” is generally used when referring to the suspension of objects.

“I hung my coat in the closet instead of throwing it on a chair.”
“She hung the clothes on the line.”

“Hanged” is used when referring to the execution of a person by hanging. You do not say, “The penal system HUNG a convicted murderer.” “Hanged” is the preferred and more formal (tasteful) term when referring to execution.

“The outlaw was hanged at dawn.”
“The punishment was to be hanged immediately.”

“August is the slow, gentle month that stretches out the longest across the span of a year. It yawns and lingers on with the light in its palms.”

--Victoria Erickson

ALL SCHOOL REUNION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
Santa Fe Trail Center and Fort Larned will be open all weekend with free admission!

Friday, September 19, 2025
3:00 pm - LHS Homecoming Parade
5:00 pm - **LHS Tailgate at LHS ~ LHS Booster Club
6:20 pm - LHS Crowning of Homecoming King/Queen
7:00 pm - LHS Homecoming game (LHS Indians v Pratt Greenbacks) Splatt Pratt!
After the game: Dragging the Gut! Meet at Moffett Stadium to start.
9:00 pm ~ 1:00 am - Beer Garden (Knights of Columbus) Reconnect with everyone, have a drink or not, snacks and enjoy some music from a Larned alumni DJ Don Hawes)

Saturday, September 20, 2025
9:00 am - 12:00 pm - Registration at LMS (904 Corse) Feel free to meet up and visit if you like before the meal or check out the High School to see how much it has changed.
LOVEKANSAS will be at LHS giving tours and selling the Small Town tee shirts! We are so glad to have them help this year. Please contact the Chamber at 620.285.6916 or email larnedcofc@gbta.net to order tee shirts to be picked up.
12:30 pm - Lunch served at LMS (BBQ brisket, green beans, cheesy hash browns, dessert)
1:45 pmish - Group photo taken by Janet Fleske
3:00 pm - Bingo at Haas Building Jordaan Park by fairgrounds (Sponsored by Civic Pride)
4:30 pm - **Cornhole at Old 4H Building Schnack Park (Donnie Clark Sponsor)
8:00 pm ~ 1:00 am - Beer Garden at Knights of Columbus (Cash bar) (reconnect have a drink or not, midnight breakfast (\$10.00 cash) and Larned alumni DJ Derek Bowman)

Sunday, September 21, 2025
10:00 am - Brunch at Larned Community Center~tables and chairs will be set up in community center (Food trucks available)

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

August 11 - 15

MONDAY Meatball w/gravy Buttered Pasta Toss Salad w/Dressing Cinnamon Roll	TUESDAY Beef Lombardi Casserole Corn Breadstick Pudding	WEDNESDAY Shredded BBQ Pork on Bun Baked Beans Garlic Green Beans Peaches & Yogurt Dinner Roll
THURSDAY Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Peas Dinner Roll	FRIDAY Hamburger w/Bun Lettuce & Tomato Chips Pasta Salad Ice Cream	

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

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