

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).

Saturday, November 29

Shop Small Business Saturday

Lighting the Garfield Gazebo and visit Santa. Hot chocolate & cookies, 6:00 p.m., Highway 56, Garfield

Monday, December 1

Salvation Army fund drive runs through December 20. Watch for Red Kettles and Bell Ringers Questions contact 620-285-3449 or a church pastor

Thursday, December 4

Farmers Bank & Trust Coffee Hour, 9:30–10:30 a.m., 102 West 6th St

Friday, December 5

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

Red Cross Blood Drive, 12:00 to 6:00 p.m., Sacred Heart Parish Center. Walk-ins welcome

Friday, December 5

Saturday, December 6

Orphan Grain Train Indoor Garage Sale, Friday 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 501 Broadway (South door)

Saturday, December 6

Craft at the Library, Jordaan Memorial Library 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Kids come build ornaments or gingerbread houses. 724 Broadway

Christmas 8th Year Craft Fair, free admission, Saturday, December 6, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Pawnee County Courthouse, first floor, 715 Broadway, Larned. Featuring unique handcrafted items from local crafters and homemade holiday treats

Rozel Fire Department Annual Taco Lunch Fundraise, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Rozel Community Building

Kiddy Day, Chamber Ambassadors present "Polar Express", 2:00 p.m., State Theatre

"O Holy Night" 105th Annual Christmas Parade Downtown Larned, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 9

Larned Music Club's Annual Caroling at Country Living will start promptly at 6:00 pm. Friends are welcome to join us! Business meeting and refreshments follow at the Jordaan Room.

WORD OF THE WEEK

By JUDI TABLER

Playwright Noun:

A person who writes plays.

Famous playwrights such as William Shakespeare are best known for doing just that: writing plays. So why, then, isn't it spelled "playwrite"? The use of "wright" is no accident — it's been spelled this way since the term was coined in Middle English. It refers to "a worker skilled in the manufacture, especially of wooden objects," such as a "shipwright."

In Middle English, "wright" also meant "builder" or "architect," not just a woodworker. It comes from the Old English wryhta or wryhta, meaning "worker" or "maker." So, a playwright is literally a builder of plays. The term emphasizes the craftsmanship, not just the act of writing.

Fluorescent Adjective:

Bright and glowing as a result of fluorescence; very bright in color.

"Fluorescent" is an adjective describing something that emits light brightly, such as the fluorescent lights in a shopping mall. It derives from the noun "fluorescence," coined in the 19th century by physicist Sir George G. Stokes, who first observed the glowing phenomenon in the mineral fluorite.

While a more common English spelling pattern would pair the vowels as "ou" instead of "uo," the mineral, sometimes called "fluorspar," was named after the Latin fluor, meaning "a flow," from fluere, meaning "to flow."



Dad Jokes for Thanksgiving

- Q. What did the mother turkey say to her naughty son?
A. If your father could see you now, he'd turn over in his grave!
- Q. What sound does a limping turkey make?
A. "Wobble, wobble!"
- Q. If the first Pilgrims were alive today, what would they be known for?
A: Their age.
- Q: What do you get when you cross a turkey with a centipede?
A: Drumsticks for everyone on Thanksgiving!
- Q. What do you get when you cross a turkey with a ghost?
A. A poultrygeist!
- Q. Why didn't the Thanksgiving turkey want dessert?
A. Because he was stuffed!
- Q. Who is never hungry at Christmas?
A. The turkey — he's always stuffed.
- Q. Why didn't the Thanksgiving turkey want dessert?
A. Because he was stuffed!
- Q. How does a turkey drink wine?
A. From a gobble-let.
- Q. Why didn't the Thanksgiving turkey play in the marching band?
A. Because someone had taken his drumsticks.
- Q. What are turkeys thankful for on Thanksgiving?
A. Vegetarians.

Mom: After you take the turkey out of the oven, how long do you let it rest?
Dad: Well, it depends on how tired it is.
Q. What smells the best at a Thanksgiving dinner?
A. Your nose.
My family told me to stop telling Thanksgiving jokes, but I told them I couldn't quit "cold turkey."

DID YOU KNOW That for many years, in Larned, Thanksgiving evening was celebrated with The Firemen's Ball? A dance band serenaded those in attendance as they were dancing the evening away, dressed in formal attire. The Ball was held at the Larned City Auditorium. Many would slip across the alley to purchase "adult beverages" which were not available at the Auditorium!

Tiller & Toiler
115 W. 5th, Larned
Deadline for Advertising, Legals, and Articles -
2:00 PM
Tuesday
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Trail Talk

Celebrate "Christmas on the Prairie" at the Santa Fe Trail Center!

By Katie Norman, Executive Director

The holiday season is just around the corner, and the Santa Fe Trail Center is excited to kick off one of our favorite traditions—Christmas on the Prairie, happening December 13–24! This year's celebration is shaping up to be our most engaging yet, filled with hands-on fun, festive creativity, and a warm holiday atmosphere for visitors of all ages. (Please note: the museum will close early on December 24.)

Beginning December 13, guests can look forward to a new activity every single day. From classic Christmas crafts to cookie decorating, simple make-and-take projects, and cheerful surprises sprinkled throughout, each visit offers something different. Whether you're stopping by with family, bringing out-of-town guests, or making the Trail Center part of your holiday tradition, you'll find plenty of reasons to come back more than once.

We'll be releasing our full activity schedule soon, so be sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok to keep up with daily features and announcements.

Admission to Christmas on the Prairie activities is free for all current members. For non-members, participation is just \$5 per day. Not a member yet? If you join now for 2026, you're welcome to enjoy all Christmas on the Prairie activities as part of your new membership—our gift to you!

We're also looking for a few cheerful, community-minded volunteers to help make the event run smoothly. If you'd like to assist with half-day shifts—whether helping with activities or supporting at the admissions desk and Trail Shop—we'd love to have you join our holiday team.

Make plans to celebrate the season with us. Christmas on the Prairie is the perfect way to experience a little magic, a little history, and a whole lot of festive fun right here in Pawnee County.

DID YOU KNOW That the first Thanksgiving celebrated at Fort Larned was in 1859? The fledgling fort had a small military force and celebrated with time out from their duties as the United States was edging closer to civil war.

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Things You Did Not Know (But Now You Do)

By JUDI TABLER

Rabbits hop and horses gallop, but what do deer and gazelles do? They "prong" — a term borrowed from the Afrikaans language, in which it means "to show off." Pronking is when a deer, gazelle, or other quadruped jumps into the air with straight legs and an arched back.

Wyoming, the 44th state, is the largest state by land area in the continental United States, with almost 97,813 square miles. Alaska, our 49th state, is six times larger than Wyoming; however, it is over 570,641 square miles

Jimmy Carter, in addition to being the longest-living U.S. President, was also the first U.S. President born in a hospital. He was born on October 1, 1924, in Plains, Georgia, and his mother, a nurse, worked at the hospital, where an available room happened to be available that night.

Montana has about three times as many cows as it has people.

Spend too much on drinks when you eat out? A small town in Italy actually has a fountain that serves free wine.

Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter were married, the longest of any first couple....77 years.

Kyle Grant Speaks to Garden Club

The Larned Garden Club met on Friday, November 21, at the Jordaan Club Room. Kyle Grant, the Agricultural and Natural Resources Agent for Pawnee County, gave an informative talk on the 4-H program and the upcoming events for cattle ranchers and grain producers in the county. There was a discussion on the maintenance of the Rose Garden and a future fundraising activity. Barbara Earegood held a raffle to provide some of her craft work to members. Funds were collected for dues and for the luncheon on December 5. The hostesses were Dr. Christina Frick and Karen Frick. The January meeting will be at the Jordaan Room on January 23 at 2:00 pm. Anyone interested in Garden Club activities is welcome to attend.
Sandy Haun, Reporter

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

December 1 - 5

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Tator Tot Casserole Peas Dinner Roll Mixed Fruit	Pork Loin w/Potatoes, Celery, Carrots & Onion Cinnamon Apple Slices Dinner Roll	Spaghetti & Meat Sauce 5-Way Vegetables Vanilla Pudding Garlic Bread
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Breakfast Bowl - Egg, Sausage, Diced Potato, Cheese Fruit Cocktail Blueberry Muffin	Unstuffed Cabbage Roll Mixed Vegetables Cake w/Frosting Dinner Roll	

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