

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

YOU'RE INVITED:

The stockings are hung; the trees are lit—now all we need is you! Bring your family and enjoy our Christmas Village. Snap a picture or two, hot chocolate and goodies are on us or bring the kids and visit Santa. Come celebrate the most wonderful time of the year. Let's enjoy our community, making connections, make memories and share the Christmas joy with our residents. **Details:** The Christmas Village display is available for family pictures any time in December, no appointment necessary; **Santa** will be here for pictures on Monday, Dec. 22, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Photography is not provided. Hot chocolate and goodies will be available. Admission, FREE

Saturday, December 13

Burdett Community Christmas Party, sponsored by Burdett American Legion, Sons of American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary. Registration for hams, turkeys and Dillons gift certificates begins at 9 a.m. – MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN. Lunch served by Auxiliary beginning at 11 a.m. Parade will begin forming at approximately 1 p.m., in front of the former Foos Shop

Monday, December 15

Youth International Club meeting, "Christmas Around the World" ages 10-18, December 15 at Glory Be, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. For more information contact Shauna at 620- 804-0250

Tuesday, December 18

United Way of Central KS Christmas Basket Coffee Hour, Carr Auction & Real Estate, 9:30 -10:30 a.m., 900 Auction Avenue

Friday, December 19

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

Ash Valley Community Center Christmas Program, 7:00 p.m, Ash Valley

Sunday, December 21

Food Pantry, 1 to 2 p.m., Valley Community Church Educational Building, Burdett

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Service, 5 p.m., Valley Community Church, Burdett

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Thursday, Dec. 11-LMS Basketball @Hoisington. LHS Basketball Keady Classic
 Friday, Dec. 12-LHS Girls Wrestling @ Great Bend. LHS Basketball Keady Classic
 Saturday, Dec. 13-LHS Girls Wrestling @ Great Bend. LHS Basketball Keady Classic Finals
 Monday, Dec. 15-LES "Supper With Santa" 6pm
 Tuesday, Dec. 16-LHS Basketball @ St. John. LMS Winter Music Concert @ Community Center 7pm
 Thursday, Dec. 18-LHS Winter Music Concert @ Community Center 7pm

PAWNEE HEIGHTS

Thursday, Dec. 11-JH Basketball @ Jetmore. Barton CC Visit @ Rozel
 Friday, Dec. 12- HS Basketball @ Castle Rock Classic
 Saturday, Dec. 13- HS Basketball @ Castle Rock Classic
 Monday, Dec. 15-HS Scholars Bowl @ Spearville. All School Music Program 7pm
 Tuesday, Dec. 16-HS Basketball vs. Western Plains @ Rozel
 Thursday, Dec. 18-JH Basketball @ Ingalls

CITY OF LARNED
HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST
 DEADLINE TO ENTER
DECEMBER 12TH
 JUDGING TO TAKE PLACE
DECEMBER 15TH

PRIZES
 (credited toward City utility bill)
1st Place: \$100
2nd Place: \$50
3rd Place: \$25
TO ENTER / CONTACT
CITY HALL AT 620-285-8500
 OPEN TO ALL CITY OF LARNED CUSTOMERS

Things You Did Not Know (But Now You Do)

By JUDI TABLER

Myths About the Human Body

Once popular "facts" that have been debunked by science.

WE ONLY USE 10% OF OUR BRAINS.

Truth: Brain scans show that most areas of the brain are active even during simple tasks. All parts of the brain have specific roles.

DIGESTING GUM. Swallowed gum stays in your stomach for seven years.

Truth: Gum passes through your digestive system just like any other non-digestible materials. While it is true that it cannot be broken down, it will simply exit your body within a few days, along with waste.

CRACKING KNUCKLES CAUSES ARTHRITIS

Truth: Studies show no link between knuckle cracking and arthritis. The sound it makes comes from minuscule gas bubbles collapsing in joint fluid, not bone damage. In fact, knuckle cracking indicates normal joint function, whereas arthritis is caused by factors such as age, genetics, and injuries.

SHAVING MAKES HAIR GROW BACK THICKER.

Truth: Shaving can make hair appear thicker because unshaven hair ends in fine points, while shaving cuts it at the surface, leaving a blunt edge that feels coarser.

BLOOD IS BLUE IN YOUR VEINS AND RED WHEN EXPOSED TO AIR

Truth: Blood is always red, though it can appear blue under the skin due to an optical effect caused by light diffraction. The oxygen level in blood can affect its hue; however, it ranges from bright red (oxygen-rich) to darker red (oxygen-poor).

LOSING HEAT FROM YOUR HEAD

Truth: Mothers may cringe at this, but no, the head is not the heat sink many believe it to be. Heat loss simply depends on the exposed area. If your head is uncovered while the rest of your body is insulated, it might feel like most heat escapes from your head, but it is not necessarily the primary heat-loss site.

WORD OF THE WEEK

By JUDI TABLER

ul·tra·crep·i·dar·i·an
 (noun)

A person who expresses opinions on matters outside the scope of their knowledge or expertise.

"Most patients are ultracrepidarians when it comes to medicine."

(adjective)

Expressing opinions on matters outside the scope of one's knowledge or expertise.

"My ultracrepidarian uncle will be spending two weeks with us."

"God gave us memory so that we might have roses in December."
 --James M. Barrie

EARLY DEADLINE for Weeks of Dec. 21 & Dec. 28:

Deadline for ads, legals & articles will be MONDAY, Dec. 22 & MONDAY, Dec. 29 at 2:00 PM!

The Tiller & Toiler office will be closed Thursday, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.



Trail Talk

Step into a Night of Living History at the Santa Fe Trail Center

The Santa Fe Trail Center is excited to kick off the new year with a special after-hours event that promises history, fun, and a bit of magic. On Friday, January 3, beginning at 7:00 p.m., visitors are invited to experience Night at the Museum, an immersive evening where the past comes to life—literally.

Guests will take part in guided tours offered every 15 minutes, with the final tour beginning at 9:00 p.m. As groups make their way through the galleries, they'll encounter costumed museum characters who "wake up" to share stories, insights, and experiences from the eras they represent. From pioneers to traders to trail-side personalities, each character brings a unique piece of history to the evening.

This special program is being coordinated and performed by two Pawnee County 4-H clubs: the Pawnee Peppers and the Western Wranglers. The event will also serve as a fundraiser for the Santa Fe Trail Center, with admission offered by free-will donation.

While the event is designed to be fun and accessible for families and community members, space is limited due to tour size. RSVPs are required. Those wishing to attend should call 620-285-2054 to reserve a tour time.

Whether you're a local history buff, a family looking for a unique evening activity, or someone who simply loves a good story, Night at the Museum is the perfect way to start 2026. Join us for a night where history steps off the pages—and walks right beside you.

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

December 15 - 19

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Pork Riblet Sandwich Scalloped Potato Veg. Blend - Wheat Berry, White Bean, & Spinach Cake w/Frosting	Mexican Lasagna Refried Beans Tortilla Chips Pudding	Frito Chili Pie Veg. Blend - Caul/Broc Cinnamon Roll Mixed Fruit
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Christmas Dinner Ham & Dressing, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Sweet Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Pie	Hamburger w/Lettuce & Tomato Chips Baked Beans Cookie	

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



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