

The Tiller & Toiler keeping up with the times

Since the start of 2007, The Tiller & Toiler has become a major part of Star Communications' "Hi Neighbor" newspapers. The group of publications includes The Tiller & Toiler, The Ellinwood Leader, The Hoisington Dispatch, The Lyons News, and The Central Kansas Rocket. And see our website at www.midksnews.com, for all of our publications.

An interest in the "hometown" paper approach has always been implemented in the publications. The Tiller & Toiler - along with its

sister publications and The Rocket - offers area advertisers a way to reach over 30,000 readers on a weekly basis throughout our part of Central Kansas.

The readers of The Tiller & Toiler have been fairly vocal about many of the changes our paper has gone through over the past couple of years. Some of the changes have been well received and are good. Some of the changes were not as well received, and have been corrected. Change is constant in our world, though,

and change is inevitable.

We will continue to work at The Tiller & Toiler, and hope to effect many of the positive changes you, as our readers, are more comfortable with. We publish area news, club notes, and sports. The Tiller has Sudoku puzzles, and has kept the ever popular crossword puzzles. A favorite read is our "Hi Neighbor!" space on the front page. And we are always looking for items of interest about area residents. Remember - we welcome suggestions.

In the same respect, we have offered the Panorama of Progress annually to mirror change and growth in our area's business climate. We know this year's edition will offer some insight into what is happening in our county. We thank the advertisers who have taken part in this publication. Their interest in extending a hand in friendship to our readers is appreciated. This is one way you get to know them. This is positive proof that they take pride and an interest in the business climate of

Pawnee County.

We hope to add even more businesses - new and existing - in next year's issue. They, too, will see the value of a cohesive chronicle of Pawnee County's progress. We welcome any business which adds a positive light to the commerce of our communities.

Again, we thank our advertisers and you, our readers. We look forward to a long and friendly relationship with each and every one of you.

If you would wish to subscribe to The Tiller & Toiler, stop by our offices

at 115 West 5th Street in Larned. You may phone us at 620-285-3111. Subscriptions are available for six months or one year, and Master Card and Visa are accepted.

If you have an article of interest, a story, or a news release you feel may add to our readers' interest, please feel free to submit to tiller@star.kscoxmail.com; mail to us at 115 West 5th Street, Larned, KS 67550; or stop by during regular business hours. We're here from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Friday.

Jordaan Library more than just books

Jordaan Library serves the residents of Larned, and Pawnee County. We have a wonderful collection of fiction and non-fiction books, large print materials, movies, great offerings for children and young adults, audiobooks, e-books, and more! In a world driven by technology, Jordaan Library provides patrons 24 hour a day, 7 days a week access to e-books, audiobooks, movies and music through both the Sunflower e-library, and also the statewide Digital

Books eLending program through the State Library of Kansas. Patrons can access eBooks through Freeding and the 3M Cloud Library, or Audiobooks through OneClick-digital, and all are available for download direct to your computer or mobile device. Our library also provides read aloud or read

along picture ebooks for kids through the Tumble-Books for Kids program. Need access to numer-

ous online databases for research or pleasure? Through our website you can access the Student

Research Center to gather information on a wide variety of topics from current events to math, you can use Mango to study over 40 foreign languages with lessons from beginner through advanced, read the latest findings from Consumer Reports, or browse authors and book recommendations through

NoveList. Interested in researching your family history? Try the online Heritage Quest or Genealogy Connect databases for hours of fun and informational resources. The library also has made the local newspaper, The Tiller and Toiler available online from 2006-2012.

Jordaan Library provides many programming opportunities for the children of our community with early literacy Story Babies, Story Tots, and Story Friends programs, Story Hours, great Summer Reading opportunities, the Summer Assets program for children desiring to maintain their reading skills over the summer months, and a Reading Street Early Out Program for the school districts early release dates while teachers attend staff development programs.

Looking for an entertaining or informational program? Join our Lunch Bites group and attend special programs on a variety of topics, and enjoy a delicious lunch at the same time. Interested in attending a book discussion group? We have an adult book club meeting at the library the third Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m. Each attendee is free to discuss the books they are currently reading, or listen to the books presented by others. The conversation is always lively and engaging, and you may discover an author you didn't know you would enjoy reading!

Jordaan Library also provides classes for developing computer skills, learning about iPads and varying devices, or learning a new craft! We can help you continue your education through distance education classes, assist in the proctoring of online tests, help you search for jobs online, or complete online job applications.

Jordaan Library is the meeting place for community groups, games, and organizations. We have a relaxing atmosphere, a wonderful coffee bar, and a great newsstand with the latest in periodical literature including magazines and regional newspapers. Jordaan library has something for everyone! Stop by today and see everything we offer our community, and tell us what you'd like to see. We're here to serve you!



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- Court Reports
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- Births, Deaths
- Engagements, Weddings
- Local Elections
- Local Opinion ...and more!

"A local newspaper is as vital to a small community as the infrastructure of that community.

Citizens need to be aware of that importance."

~ Elaine Page, Director of Rural Communities

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