

Chamber and PCEDC working to update, develop new goals, strategies for 2016

The Larned Area Chamber of Commerce and Pawnee County Economic Development Commission were organized for the purpose of advancing the commercial, industrial, and civic interests of Pawnee County and the surrounding areas. This year, both organizations are working to update and develop new goals and strategies for 2016 and beyond.

The Larned Area Chamber of Commerce

has so far identified and implemented action plans for the following areas: public relations, shopping local, and business networking. At the Chamber, we recognize the importance of effectively communicating with residents, businesses, and tourists. To improve our communications, we continually update and improve upon the design of our website, schedule and update and improve upon our social media

presence, and continually improve the way we transmit information to the public. This renovated foundation has spilled over into a monthly business roundtable discussion among business owners, organizations, and community members. We are confident these actions have been effective and will only continue to grow in the future. Our sister organization, the Pawnee County Economic Development

Commission, understands the importance of staying connected as a county and region. As a result, the board has transformed into an organization that represents and promotes Pawnee County as a whole. In 2014 and 2015, we saw Taco Bell expand to Larned, the miniature golf course in Burdett gain nationwide recognition, and Rozel adopt a wellness initiative by opening a fitness center. Pawnee County also

received E-Community status through Network Kansas. This status is vital to our community, because we received \$90,000 to be used towards marketing and supporting entrepreneurship. Our role in the community would not be effective if not for the individuals, organizations, and businesses we advocate for. Pawnee County is a place that when faced with adversity, only continues

to become stronger. If you are looking for information regarding employment, housing, tourism, entrepreneurship, community events, or pretty much anything, please contact us at the Larned Area Chamber of Commerce. We can be reached at 502 Broadway (Larned), 620-285-6916, larnedcofc@gta.net, www.larnedks.org, and our social media sites (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Pinterest).

Larned Recycling Center - making our world a cleaner place

The Larned Recycling Center has become a part of the environmental movement to make our world a cleaner place. The center opened July 31, 1998 and is located at 1423 105th Ave. in the industrial park on the east edge of town. The city collects, sorts, and bales the recycled material, and then ships the recyclables to processing centers.

The Collection Center hours are from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday year round; and from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturdays year-round.

The City has received several KDHE grants over the years which have helped to fund the building, concrete apron,

outdoor bins, glass crushers, baler, skid loader and trailer.

The following is a composite of what can be taken to the recycling center:

- **Aluminum Cans:** No foreign materials, please. Cans may or may not be crushed.
- **Tin Cans:** Soup cans or vegetable cans. Please rinse or wash out. Cans do not have to be flattened, and the labels may be left on. Lids can be recycled with tin cans. No aerosol or paint cans, or cans containing hazardous materials, such as paint thinner, cleaning agents, etc.;
- **Glass:** green, brown, blue, yellow, and clear.

Please rinse or wash out. Metal lids should be removed. Recyclable glass is almost all food or beverage containers: green glass, wine bottles, juice jars, brown glass, beer bottles, syrup bottles, clear glass, and ketchup bottles;

• **Plastics (but no plastic bags):** No. 1 pop, juice bottles accepted; No. 2 milk, juice jugs accepted; #2 solid color plastic, soap, etc. Please rinse out. Remove and throw away plastic lids. The triangle and number designations are on the bottom of all plastic containers. Only containers designated No. 1 or No. 2 will be accepted, although not all No. 2's

are accepted. Examples are butter tubs and microwave food trays;

• **Newspaper:** All newsprint and paper must be dried and separated from other items and may or may not be bundled. Magazines (a separate recycle item) and slick paper are accepted. Also accepted are computer paper; white office paper; and bagged, shredded office paper. The magazines, catalogs, and inserts must be separated from newspapers;

• **Cardboard:** Cardboard must be dry and separated from other items and may or may not be bundled;

• **Other:** Telephone books, hardback and paperback books, calendars, paperboard cartons, for

example, cereal boxes.

Tips for the environmentally aware consumer:

- Buy reusable products and avoid disposable;
- Buy, maintain, and repair durable and fixable products;
- Reuse bags, containers, paper, boxes, and other items;
- Select products with the most purposeful, least wasteful packaging;
- Buy concentrates, larger sized containers, or products in bulk;
- Buy products that can be recycled and make sure to recycle them;
- Buy products made of recycled materials;
- Buy non-hazardous products for use around the house;
- Compost food and

yard wastes;

- Borrow or rent things you use infrequently;
- Buy, sell, or donate used and secondary goods such as clothes, furniture, and appliance.;
- Make your preferences known to merchants and politicians;
- Be creative - look for opportunities to practice source reduction.

Recycling saves tax dollars by diverting a significant amount of material from the county transfer station. By recycling, the county does not have to spend money to haul recyclable material to the Barton County landfill and pay their fees. In addition, the material doesn't get buried in the landfill, thus prolonging the life of the landfill.

LARNED AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE






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ABOUT US

In 1958, the Larned Area Chamber of Commerce was organized for the purpose of advancing the commercial, industrial, and civic interests of the City of Larned and vicinity, including Rozel, Burdett, and Garfield. In its years of existence as an advocate for the area businesses, the Chamber has seen and encouraged the community's development.

The Chamber is working creatively to find innovative ways to improve the business atmosphere in Larned and the surrounding areas.

Growth And Development

The Larned Area Chamber of Commerce creates an interactive partnership to assist in the growth of existing businesses and encourage the development of new businesses in both Larned and Pawnee County.

Quality of Life





The Larned Area Chamber of Commerce works to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Pawnee County, making it a better place to live, work and play.

Information Resource

The Larned Area Chamber of Commerce serves as an information resource center for both businesses and the community.

PAWNEE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Our mission is to facilitate the sustainability and growth of Pawnee County by focusing on:

-  the retention, expansion, and prosperity of our agricultural industry, the state entities at the Larned State Hospital complex, and new and existing businesses in our community.
-  Our aim is to make Pawnee County a better place to Live, Work, and Play.
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In collaboration with the community, we envision 2016 will encompass the expansion of the community through a public relations strategy and business roundtables.

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Knights of Columbus

The Larned Sacred Heart Council No. 3273 was chartered Nov.

11, 1949. Father (later Msgr.) A.F. Preisner, pastor, called an organization meeting on Sept. 8, 1949, for the purpose of forming a council in the parish. Thirty members of Sacred Heart Parish and St. Bernard, Belpre, attended the meeting.

The first degree was exemplified on Oct. 27 and Nov. 25. The Council was instituted on November 27, 1949, with the exemplification of the second and third degrees to a charter class of 33 candidates. The Council was incorporated at Co-


lumbus Club of Larned, Inc., on May 2, 1950.

The Knights purchased Shady Grove, along Pawnee Creek, as their clubhouse in 1950. This facility served the council for more than 16 years. On Columbus Day 1966 the Knights had a groundbreaking ceremony to construct a new clubhouse at Shady Grove. The cost of the building was \$29,000. It measures 40 feet by 120 feet and is constructed of cement block and frame roof with asphalt shingles. It has a large meeting room for socials, lodge and civic functions, and a smaller

lodge room for council meetings. There are also rooms for Boy and Girl Scout troop meetings, storage areas, restrooms and a complete kitchen. A mortgage burning ceremony for the facility was held on Oct. 12, 1980. Dances, stags, lunches, soup suppers, and card parties are just some of the activities held in the clubhouse throughout the years.

The Knights assist at weekend Masses as ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers and song leaders. They also help with religious education classes. The Council participates in the annual community Blood Drive, Tootsie Roll Drive, a baby shower for Pro-Life and the Free-Throw Contest for youth. The Council has hosted an annual Pancake and Sausage Supper on the first Thursday in February since 1969. The Council also hosts Fish Fries during Lent, and caters meals for local organizations and class reunions. The annual Memorial Mass for deceased members is held in February.

Other noteworthy items included a \$1,500.00 pledge for the construction of St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in 1951 and put in sidewalks along the south side of the hospital in 1954. Family activities include a parish picnic, swim party, watermelon feed and potluck dinners.



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