

# CinemaVision is now available with PVCH's MRI

Imagine being able to watch your favorite movie during an MRI.

This is a reality for patients at Pawnee Valley Community Hospital with the new CinemaVision technology.

Innovative "goggles," accompanied with MRI-safe headphones, immerse patients in a movie of their choice and ultimately help them remain calm during the noisy MRI scan. This will also allow technicians to obtain better imaging results without the use of sedation or anesthesia.

"Our hope is that this technology will decrease the anxiety of our patients that getting an MRI can cause," said Shelly Stanton, PVCH imaging director. "If you have ever had the pleasure of having

an MRI, you have experienced the strain of having to lie perfectly still for about 40 minutes, while you hear the constant ping of the MRI during your testing. An MRI is a very important diagnostic tool for many medical conditions, but people do have trouble taking the test, especially if they are a least bit claustrophobic. The loud noise and long period of lying absolutely still can also lead to serious anxiety."

The CinemaVision goggles produce an image similar to what a person would experience from a five-foot display set while standing 10 feet away. So, the image will appear as if it is being projected from a distance to prevent any feelings of claustrophobia.

Patients have the option of viewing a pre-selected video or bring a favorite DVD from home to watch, or can listen to their favorite CD.

The CinemaVision system was funded through the Pawnee Valley Community Hospital Foundation as a way to improve a patient's MRI experi-

## PVCH Auxiliary donated Tango System

Pawnee Valley Community Hospital Auxiliary members recently donated the funding to the PVCH Foundation for a new Tango System in PVCH's Cardiopulmonary Department.

"The Auxiliary felt that since so many of our citi-

zens return to PVCH for their cardiac rehab, that the Tango System would greatly benefit these patients in their rehab process," said PVCH Auxiliary president Barbara Hammond.

The technology of this system is specifically engineered for the cardiac stress testing environment by integrating with the rehab treadmill system to take blood pressure readings while the patient is in motion on the treadmill for a cardiac test.

The system is set up and timed to do blood pressure checks as needed with great accuracy. The automated blood pressure monitor allows a staff member to focus on the patient rather than spending valuable time taking manual measurements.

"At times it is difficult to obtain a blood pressure on a patient when we have the noise of the treadmill and other noises in the room," said Kathy Weaver, cardiopulmonary director. "This system allows us to give better and more precise care for our patients receiving treadmill testing. It also frees up the therapist to assist with other duties during the treadmill test if needed."

dresser specific needs for their employees and their families. I ended up traveling the state training other Farm Bureau agents how to offer this same value to business owners in their own counties. I loved it."

After about 12 years away from the insurance industry, Leigh Anne came back in July 2013 in an Aflac District Sales Coordinator role. In late October 2015, she was promoted to Regional Sales Coordinator overseeing 25 counties in the Southwest corner of the state. In her spare time you will find her enjoying time with her family; Tyler Stelter who is a Freshman at K-State, Megan Stelter, sophomore and Jack Stelter, 7th grader.

The Larned Regional Aflac office was pleased to announce the addition of Rhonda Vratil to the office staff in November, 2016. She serves as Regional Recruiting Administrator.

Aflac specializes in an employee benefits program at no cost to the employer. They also offer policies such as cancer and accident insurance on an individual basis. In addition, they are looking to acquire new talent and currently have sales positions available. For more information, call or stop by 820 Broadway, Larned, 620-264-5030.



**Kevyn Soupiset, DPT**



**Ashley Peintner, DPT**

## Progressive Therapy & Sports Medicine dedicated to highly expert care

Progressive Therapy & Sports Medicine, PTSM, has been an integral part of the Larned, Kansas community since opening its doors in April 2008. Kevyn Soupiset, DPT has led Larned's physical therapy team ever since the business opened. Ashley Peintner, DPT, Shawn Jecha, PTA, Carrie Hildebrand, PT and Vickie Wilson are all very eager to serve your needs.

The PTSM staff is dedicated to highly expert care in a friendly and caring environment. PTSM has grown from initially 2 staff members in 2008 to currently 5 employees. They were very honored to have received the Larned Area Chamber of Commerce's Small Business of the year in 2015.

Progressive Therapy & Sports Medicine specializes in Orthopedic Rehabilitation and all musculoskeletal dysfunctions including Low Back Pain, Neck & Shoulder Pain, Sports Injuries, Foot Orthotics, Total Joint Rehab, Foot & Ankle Pain, Work Injuries, Fall Risk Screening, Balance Rehab, Shoulder Rehab, manual therapy techniques for soft tissue and manipulation of the spine and extremities, spinal decompression, ASTYM Therapy, and women's health.

Progressive Therapy is a part of an area wide consortium of therapy clinics with offices in Great Bend, Larned, & Hays. "Come see us to get YOUR life back"!



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## Aflac specializes in an employee benefits program

Leigh Anne Stelter has made Larned her home since 1994. That is not including the time she spent here in the early '70s. Born but not raised in Larned, she moved with her family in 1973 to Leoti and then Hill City. She is the daughter of Jack and Lois Smades, Larned. After graduating from Kansas State University and living in Kansas City for a time, Leigh Anne found herself moving back to Larned to join her father in the insurance business. Jack Smades was a barber in Larned in the 1960s and '70s. When given the

opportunity to move back to Larned in 1988, Jack and Lois jumped at the chance. Now being in the insurance industry with Farm Bureau, Jack hired Leigh Anne as an agent in his agency. Leigh Anne enjoyed a career with Farm Bureau for several years. During the last 2-3 years she was with Farm Bureau, the company created a partnership with Aflac in which Leigh Anne pursued wholeheartedly. "Farm Bureau's partnership with Aflac allowed me to work with business owners as a benefits consultant; ad-

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## Smith Dental Clinic began in 1968

Smith Dental Clinic has been a dental provider for the Larned Community since July 11, 1968. The practice began with Dr. Terry Smith at an office on Broadway.

In 1995, Dr. Terry moved his practice to our current location at 706 Fort Larned Avenue. Dr. Terry is married to Jill Christensen-Smith, an accomplished Christian musician, and they are both very active in their local church. Both Dr.

Terry and his wife are big supporters of many Larned Indian activities and sports.

Our practice is unique in that it is a father and son team. Dr. Trent Smith joined his father as a partner in the practice in 1998. As well as practicing in our office, Dr. Trent is licensed to do dentistry under sedation at Pawnee Valley Community Hospital. We frequently have patients come to our office that are extremely nervous, both children and adults, and sometimes the best way to get their dental work done is by having them under sedation so they do not have a bad visit to remember at the dentist office. This has been an awesome addition to our community. Dr. Trent is married to Julie Smith who works as a pharmacist at Pawnee Valley Community Hospital. They have three children in our school system; Tristan and Sierra are at the high school and their youngest, Ty is at Northside. Both Drs are currently accepting new patients, and do accept most insurance. Our hours are Monday through Thursday 8-5 and our phone number is 620-285-6531. Please call us for all of your family's dental needs.



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