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EMS to celebrate 41st anniversary

Whenever an accident or emergency situation arises, one of the first to respond is the local Emergency Medical Service. Their swift response can sometimes mean the difference between life and death.

The Emergency Medical Service that serves Larned and parts of Pawnee County celebrates EMS Week each May. The EMS will celebrate its 41st anniversary this year, as its professionals dedicate their lives to saving the lives of others.

The emergency services network includes Larned EMS, Larned Fire/Rescue, Pawnee Valley Medical Staff, Garfield Fire Department, Larned Police Department and the Pawnee County Sheriff. Larned EMS is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to respond to any emergency situation in our community. They are highly qualified and professional.

Since its inception in 1975, the services of

the EMS grew steadily in Larned and Pawnee County. New therapies, equipment, and technology accommodate the EMS Ambulances that respond to emergency calls.

One lifesaving emergency health care apparatus for the Larned EMS crew is the EZ-IO Intraosseous Vascular Access System, which makes IV access quick and easy in the pre-hospital setting.

Larned EMS along with Pawnee Valley Community Hospital has recently hosted an Advanced Cardiac Life Support class, which gives the EMS and hospital staff advanced skills in acute cardiac emergencies. Larned EMS has grown to fully staffed type IIA ALS service.

EMS has received many donations and grants. The department has applied for a \$51,000 grant from the Board of EMS. For many years the EMS was housed in the back of the Larned City Offices. The new Larned EMS building, which is just north of

the Larned Volunteer Fire Station, was completed during the 1999-2000 year. It was built through the generosity of the Jordaan Foundation; the George Hansmann Estate, and numerous donations from individuals and service organizations. The EMS moved into its building in May 2000.

The EMS crews respond to all types of emergencies from medical emergencies and car accidents, a fire, to poisonings and household emergencies. The EMS crew also do several public services such as teach CPR classes with three CPR instructors, school demonstrations, and stand-by at several sporting events around Larned.

The full time and part time staff provides coverage 24 hours per day, seven days per week. The dedicated staff are members of the Larned community who are certified EMT's, AEMT's, and Paramedics.

Santa Fe Trail Center Museum and Research Library

The Santa Fe Trail Center Museum and Research Library is a regional museum dedicated to the historic Santa Fe Trail and the settlement era of central Kansas.

Located on 10 acres, the museum complex consists of the main museum, four historic structures, three reproduction homes, and two large exhibition buildings that house antique agricultural implements and automobiles. The Trail Center's collections include 15,000 three-dimensional objects, 6,000 historic photographs, and a large archival collection.

The archival documents at the museum include historic Pawnee County records such as marriage licenses, election records, school records, court cases, and personal property tax records. In addition, the Trail Center houses archival documents about local businesses and organizations, Pawnee County events, family history files, and much more. The library and archives are open to the public. Researchers interested in using the available resources are advised to call ahead and make an appointment

to ensure someone is available to help.

The Santa Fe Trail began in 1821 when Mexico gained independence from Spain, opening up trade opportunities for American and Mexican merchants. Freight wagons pulled by oxen and long trains of pack mules transported goods up and down the trail until 1880, when the railroad neared Santa Fe. Exhibits in the main museum depict the story of the trail and the people who traveled on it.

As the era of the historic trade route was ending a new one was beginning; settlement of the Plains. Pioneers from the East established homes, farms and large ranches along the ruts of the old trail.

In addition to exhibits in the main building that illustrate what life was like on the plains in the early 1900s -- there is a sod house, dugout home and, mini log cabin on the grounds of the Trail Center. Historic structures include a 1910 railroad depot, 1906 church, 1880's limestone cooling house, and early 1900's one-room schoolhouse.

Other exhibits in the

main museum include a full-sized mounted buffalo, Wichita Indian grass lodge, and numerous American Indian artifacts. These exhibits tell the story of the Plains Indians who inhabited this region before the arrival of the white man.

Two large exhibition buildings - the Dale & Melba Woods Farm Museum and the Dale & Melba Woods Automobile Museum - house a large collection of antique agricultural equipment and automobiles.

Each year the museum holds many successful events that appeal to a broad range of people. Some of the many fun events scheduled in 2016 at the Santa Fe Trail Center include the Family Fun Kite Fly in May, Sizzlin' Summer Shindig in August, Rendezvous history conference in September, the Santa Fe Trail Tired Iron Show in October, and more.

The museum offers facility rentals for meetings, workshops, and parties. A digital projector and screen are available for use. In addition, the

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