

High Plains Farm Credit

High Plains Farm Credit at 605 Main in Larned is stockholder owned, locally managed, and your home for agricultural financing, including production, cattle, machinery, and rural real estate loans. We also offer related services of leasing, crop and life insurance and appraisals. Our local staff - Doug Thurman, Matt Watkins, Cory Johnson, Angie Murray, Brenda Gross, Jenni Mead, Cami Long, Cheyenne Holmes and Dawn Horyna - are highly qualified and trained to provide the quality service that fits your needs. In 2000, a merger of Production Credit Association and Federal Land Bank of Hays created High Plains Farm Credit with offices in Pratt, Hays, Dodge City, Phillipsburg and the main office located in Larned.

At High Plains Farm

Credit we believe that agricultural financing is a vital part of our rural economy. High Plains Farm Credit is a \$725 million association serving more than 1,000 customers in our region. We believe in providing the kind of agricultural expertise and service that our clients deserve. Our customers are also our stockholders and they are involved in governance through elected directors. Stockholders also benefit from the success of the organization as they have received a dividend the last several years.

As part of the Farm Credit System, we're the largest single provider of agricultural credit in America. We have a network of locally managed offices, and a unique understanding of your agri-business challenges and opportunities. Farm Credit is a farmer-owned cooperative that was

established in 1916 as an alternative source of credit for rural producers.

Our customers range from large agribusinesses to small part-time farmers. Our unique understanding of agriculture and diversity of interest rate products gives us the ability to tailor a financing package for each operation's needs. We are also committed to working with young, beginning, and small farmers in order to insure there will be a future generation in agriculture.

Our credit staff in Larned, Matt Watkins, Cory Johnson and Dawn Horyna are ready to serve your agricultural needs. You can reach the staff of High Plains Farm Credit in Larned at 620-285-6978; toll free at 800-864-4458; or on the web at: www.highplainsfarmcredit.com.

History of Garfield



Garfield's first settlers arrived in 1873

In the late summer of 1872, Camp Criley was established as a supply station for workmen building the Santa Fe railroad. As Captain J.D. Criley was superintendent of construction, the camp was named for him.

At Geneva, Ohio, an association of Union War veterans adopted a constitution and formed a company known as "The Volunteer Free Homestead Colony." Its object was to locate a colony under the existing Homestead Act. A committee of three examined prospective sites in Kansas and Nebraska, and agreed that Camp Criley was the most promising.

First settlers, led by Col. H.P. Wolcott, arrived at the old campsite on March 15, 1873. They were followed by homeseekers from Ohio's Nineteenth Congressional district and they changed the name of the town to honor their representative, and later president, James A. Garfield.

When Garfield was informed of this honor, he wrote that he would present a bell to the first church erected in the town. The bell hung

in the Congregational Church from 1875 to 1959 and is now part of a monument in the City Park. Methodists of the community organized in 1878. The church building was erected the following year, and the enlarged and modernized structure is still used. The Swedish Evangelical Church was organized in 1879. When the present edifice was built in 1910, the white frame school building that had been used by the congregation was purchased by Charlie Peterson and is now used for storage. The Lutheran Church records were kept in Swedish until 1918.

Elmer Steven of Aurora, Ill., came to the town and established a weekly newspaper, The Garfield Letter. In July, 1885, news of the death of U.S. Grant was flashed over the wires and Steven stopped the press to put this in the first edition of the paper. In another of the early issues, the paper announced that a colony of 65 Swedish families had purchased land in the neighborhood and were coming to Garfield. Many of these same homesteads are still owned by the descendants of these families.

Prairie grass was the only thing visible for miles and miles. Emil Abrahamson once recalled that there was only one cottonwood tree between Kinsley and Garfield, and that was on a sandbar in the river. Coon Creek used to be called Clear Creek and it was fed by springs; you could see them bubbling on the bottom of the creek.

In 1895, when the population was 420, the town exported 100 train carloads of flour, 200 cars of livestock, and 450 cars of wheat. The first general store in town was the Pitt's General Store. Mr. Erickson started a general store with his partner, Alfred Polson, and he also helped build the first flourmill. Polson's Mercantile Store was a great boon to the town until it burned on Easter Sunday in 1921. The Rains Family had a grocery store in the community for many years. Mr. Hitler was the proprietor of the first hotel. N.O. Waymire built a hardware store just west of the present city building.

Garfield is a quiet village with sparkling clear air and dear to the hearts of all her children.

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