

## LACC and PCEDC advancing the commercial, industrial, and civic interests of Pawnee County and the surrounding areas

The Larned Area Chamber of Commerce (LACC) and Pawnee County Economic Development Commission (PCEDC) 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 together to strengthen the relationships, businesses and communities within our county.

In efforts to further Pawnee County, the two boards have merged into one Executive Board to jointly oversee for the LACC and PCEDC. By coming together as one board, the groups are able to combine efforts to achieve the same goal, to better the community and business atmosphere of Pawnee County.

This year, we're also striving to bring more involvement and development initiatives to our community. We're focusing our efforts to seek new opportunities to expand and grow our businesses, offer more professional development workshops, create a Pawnee County young professional's organization and more!

The LACC and PCEDC aim to create strong and vibrant communities throughout Pawnee County, where businesses thrive because of community support by the creation of new commerce and jobs, growth of community life, retention, expansion, and prosperity of agricultural production, and agri-business, and the retention, expansion, and prosperity of businesses and institutions existing in the county and the State Complex.

We depend on the individuals, organizations, and businesses in order for our organizations to be effective. Pawnee County is a place that continues to grow stronger, even when faced with adversity.

Please contact us at the Larned Area Chamber of Commerce if you're looking for information regarding employment, housing, business retention and expansion, tourism, entrepreneurship, community events, and more. Visit us at 502 Broadway (Larned), contact us at 620-285-6916, larnedcofc@gbta.net, and www.larnedks.org, and connect with us on social media!

# Jordaan Library serves the residents of Larned and Pawnee County

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 Freading 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 TumbleBooks for Kids program. Need access to numerous 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!

## The Welcome Inn, a focal point where older adults come together for services and activities

The Welcome Inn Leisure Center is located at 113 West Fourth St. in Larned and its mission is to provide a community focal point where older adults come together for services and activities.

The Welcome Inn is the designated place for Friendship Meals served to seniors as well as anyone who desires a noon meal. Seniors 60 and older are asked for a donation of \$3.50 and other participants are asked to pay \$5.50. The meals are served Monday through Friday at

12 p.m. There are also homebound meals for seniors who are unable to shop or go to the senior center. Frozen meals are also available to cover the weekends.

Activities at the Welcome Inn include senior yoga and exercise classes for interested individuals. Yoga classes are held every Monday and Thursday at 11 a.m.. There is also a bicycle, treadmill and several balance balls that are available for seniors' use.

Every Tuesday from 9:30 to 10:30 we have

Coffee Time. Treats are always available. A Pot Luck dinner is held on the second Sunday of each month. There is a Hearing Aid representative who checks for hearing problems, also Pawnee County Health Office personnel check blood pressures every month and it is all free. Every three months an attorney is available by request.

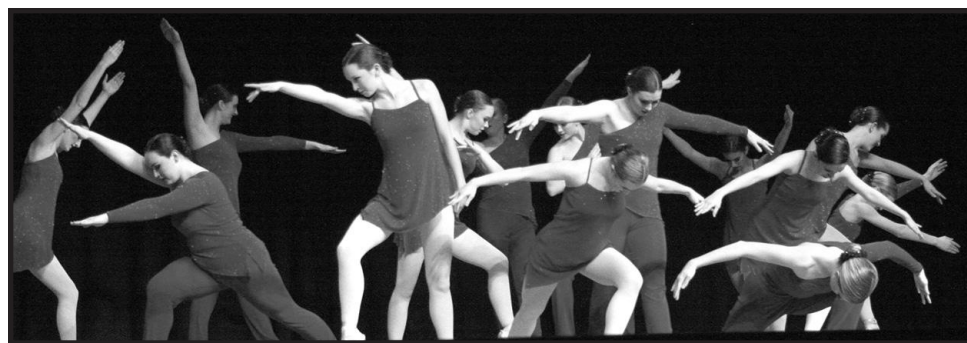
The Welcome Inn schedules the general public transportation bus for doctor's appointments and grocery shopping. The time to call is between 10:00 and 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, preferably 48 hours in advance.

Throughout the year there are special programs offered i.e. Valentines Day, St. Patrick's Day, Halloween and Christmas. A special Memorial service is held for those we have lost each year and Veterans are recognized in November as well as by everyone wearing something every Friday.

There are many free books and magazines available for your enjoyment. Our motto is "Food, Fun and Fellowship"—the coffee pot is always on. Come join us.



**CHRISTMAS SPIRIT** - The Kansas Dance Academy wowed a near-capacity audience at the Larned Community Center Sunday afternoon. The KDA's hour-long performance went from traditional to modern and from first Christmas to the one coming up in all styles of dance. Even Frosty the Snowman made a lively appearance, as presented by KDH member Ze'ev Barmor. The program was sponsored by the Larned Music Club, as its annual scholarship fundraiser. (photos by Mike Gilmore) (Reprinted from Dec. 12, 2017 issue of The Tiller & Toiler)



## Sunflower Diversified maintains local recycling service

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Hi, Neighbor!  
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Recycling in the City of Larned is a self-serve operation managed by Sunflower Diversified Services in Great Bend.

Sunflower Diversified is a non-profit organization serving infants, toddlers and adults with developmental disabilities in Baron, Pawnee, Rice, Rush and Stafford Counties. The recycling

program is just one of its business ventures.

Sunflower maintains bins in the Larned Industrial Park located at 1423 105th Ave. on the eastern outskirts of the community. Patrons are responsible for sorting and depositing recyclable materials. The bins are available 24 hours a day, seven days per week.

Items accepted include: miscellaneous paper, including office paper and carbonless

forms; non-corrugated construction paper and corrugated cardboard; plastic pop, juice and milk bottles; aluminum cans, plates and foil; and steel or tin cans.

Non-acceptable items include: carbon paper; wax paper, plastic food containers; motor oil or chemical containers; window glass, batteries, or Styrofoam.

Questions about recyclables may be directed to (620) 792-1321.

**Welcome Inn  
Leisure Center**

Meals serving at 12 Noon M-F  
Carry Out - call ahead by 10:30 a.m. -  
**285-3504**

**113 W. 4th - Larned**

**Public  
Transportation**

Scheduled  
out of  
Welcome Inn  
**285-3504**

Call between 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

