COMMUNITY

UPCOMING EVENTS

If you have a **free event** that is open to the public, let us know before Tuesday, 10 a.m., and it will be added to this column. Send to lswyman@hotmail.com or janet@mainstreetmedia.us, or call 620-285-3111 (by Monday, 12 noon).

Friday, July 4

Larned Civic PRIDE's 4th of July Run, Friday, July 4, at Schnack Park. Registration opens at 6:30 a.m. and race begins at 7:30 a.m. It includes a triathlon, 2 mile run, 10k run, and 2 mile walk

Larned's 4th of July Fireworks Celebration. Pre-show events begin at 7:00 p.m. Jordaan Park, 1500 Toles

Thursday, July 10

Humane Society Coffee Hour and Ribbon Cutting, 9:30 a.m., 1406 M5 Road

Wednesday, July 16

State Theatre Summer Matinees, "Inside Out", 1:00 p.m. Sponsor: High Plains Farm Credit. Free admission, free small pop & popcorn. Every OTHER Wednesday through July 30

Thursday, July 17

Central Kansas Respertory Coffee Hour and Ribbon Cutting, 9:30 a.m., 902 Broadway

Things You Did Not Know (But Now You Do)

By Judi Tabler

How will you be celebrating this Independence Day?

I hope wherever you are that you are having a memorable time with family and friends. I encourage you to reflect for a moment on the meaning of the celebration, remembering that 239 years ago this Saturday, a pivotal moment in our history took place. The Declaration of Independence set into motion the birth of



a nation, our nation, and it is a land filled with liberty and opportunity unequaled anywhere in the world. It is America's story. It is your story. Happy Fourth of July!

Here are some fun facts that many people do not know about the Fourth of July:

Betsy Ross sewed the first American flag in May or June of 1776, after three members (George Washington, Robert Morris, and George Ross) of a secret committee from the Continental Congress met with her in her home

•The stars on the original American flag were in a circle so all the colonies would appear equal.

Thomas Jefferson was the strongest and most eloquent writer and was charged with putting together the original draft for the Declaration of Independence. There were a total of 86 changes that were made to the original draft, and the Continental Congress officially adopted the final version on July 4, 1776.

•The Liberty Bell rang from the tower of Independence Hall on July 8, 1776, and citizens gathered for the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence by Colonel John Nixon.

Presidents John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe all died on the Fourth. Adams and Jefferson died on the same day within hours of each other in 1826.

The 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence did not sign at the same time, nor did they sign on July 4, 1776. The official signing was on August 3, 1776, when 50 men signed it.

'The names of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were withheld from the public for more than six months to protect the signers. If independence had not been achieved, the treasonable act of the signers would have, by law, resulted in their deaths.

•The origin of Uncle Sam probably began in 1812, when Samuel Wilson, a meat packer who provided meat to the U.S. Army, stamped the meat shipments with the initials U.S. Someone joked that the initials stood for "Uncle Sam." This joke eventually led to the idea of Uncle Sam symbolizing the United States government.

•The song "Yankee Doodle," was sung originally by British officers making fun of backwoods Americans.
•In 1776, there were 2.5 million people living in the

new nation. Today there are over 318 million.

There are more than 30 towns nationwide that have the word "Liberty" in their names.

·Approximately 150 million hotdogs are consumed on the Fourth of July.

·Around \$675 million will be spent by consumers on fireworks on the Fourth of July.

DID YOU KNOW......That the first Independence Day celebrations in Larned were in 1876? Parades, picnics and political speeches were the order of the day in the little community that was just two years old.

Obituaries



Barbara Jean Tanner 1938 - 2025

Barbara Jean Tanner, lovingly known as Jean, age 87, of Larned, Kansas, passed away on Saturday, June 28, 2025, at Country Living Senior Living Center in Larned. Her warmth, energy, and devotion to her family and friends will be cherished forever.

Born on April 13, 1938, in Paxico, Kansas, Jean was the daughter of August "Lee" Berroth and Selena "Lena" Schmitt Berroth. She grew up in Paxico, Kansas where she attended local schools and graduated with the Paxico High School Class of 1956.

Jean's heart was always with her family and close friends. She was the glue that kept everyone together, never missing a birthday, milestone, or family get together. Whether it was a phone call to check in, a Facebook message to share a laugh, porch-sitting conversations with neighbors or a seat in the bleachers, Jean was always present. She loved sports and was her four sons' biggest fan, and that enthusiasm extended to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. From basketball and baseball to football, golf, soccer, dance and gymnastics, Jean's support was unwavering and joyful. She was also a faithful supporter of Larned's middle and high school teams, rarely missing a game, especially when accompanied by her dear friends Barbara Bennett and Marlene Carr, together known as the "three musketeers".

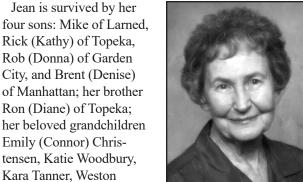
On August 10, 1957, Jean married the love of her life, Darrell Dean Tanner, in Newbury. Together, they built a wonderful life, starting on the Tanner family farm near Wamego and then moving to Dodge City in the early 1960's, then to Damar and Belleville, and eventually settling in Larned in 1975. Jean worked for over 35 years at Smith Dental Clinic, before retiring. She was a proud member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in

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Tuesday

Thursday's



Tanner, Kaycee Tanner,

Parker (Tianna) Tanner,

Carson Tanner, Whitney

Tanner; and six great-

grandchildren Kenlee,

nieces and nephews.

Kamree, Charlie, Kaden,

Brody and Layton along

She was preceded in

Darrell, her parents, and

her siblings Art Berroth,

Larry Berroth, Joe Ber-

roth, Brad Berroth, Sue

Schuetz, daughter-in-law

Kathy Knuckolls Tan-

ner and infant grandson

David Michael Tanner.

2:00 p.m. Friday, July

Catholic Church with

11, 2025 at Sacred Heart

Father Warren Stecklein

presiding. Visitation will

be 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday at Beckwith

Mortuary with family

present from 6:00 p.m.

to 7:00 p.m. Rosary and

Vigil will be at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday at the mortuary.

Memorials may be

given to Sacred Heart

Catholic Church in care

of Beckwith Mortuary,

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www.beckwithmortuary.

P.O. Box 477, Larned, KS

Memorial Mass will be

Anderson, and Betty

death by her husband

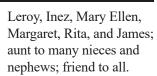
with many special cousins,

Tanner (Cole), and Cooper

LARNED - Maxine K. Herman, passed away peacefully December 12, 2024, at the age of 90, daughter of late Joseph Hammeke and Katherine Schwamborn; dear mother of Chris (Jeanne Martin), Andrea (Gerald Dapkus), Eric (Donna Hennessy), and Jennifer (Dan Cook); wonderful grandma of Sarah, Paul, Elizabeth "Elsie", Nathan and Roman; great-grandma of Leo, Margaret "Greta", Benedict, Matilda, Rory, Finley and Iris; sister to

late siblings of Melvin,

Maxine K. Herman



Maxine was born in Larned, Kansas and formerly married to the late William J. Herman, the father of her children and a military officer in the Air Force. Maxine worked in the health-care field at Patton State Hospital in California and Larned State Hospital in Kansas. She volunteered at several organizations. Her smile and wit will be missed.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 11, 2025 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Larned with Father Patrick Otor, MSP presiding. Inurnment will be in Larned Cemetery.

Arrangements in care of Beckwith Mortuary, PO Box 477, Larned, Kansas 67550. Personal condolences may be left at www.beckwithmortuary. com.

Washburn Announces Emma Thompson is a Spring 2025 President's List Honoree

TOPEKA - Washburn University is pleased to announce its President's List honorees for the spring 2025 semester. To qualify for the President's List, a student must complete at least 12 hours of graded credits and earn a semester grade point average of 4.0. Students on the President's List include Emma

Thompson from Larned.

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Almost 700 students qualified for the President's List.

"These students have excelled in the classroom through tremendous hard work and dedication. We congratulate them for attaining this milestone, earning a place among the best and brightest at Washburn," said Dr. JuliAnn Mazachek, president, Washburn University.

DID YOU KNOW......That for many years, one of the favorite places for the kids of Larned to buy fireworks was at "Smooey" Smith's place, just across the bridge heading out of town towards Garfield? "Smooey" and his family had the porches of their home full of the most tantalizing of fireworks!

