

# New devices to help winter drivers

When travelers take to the road this winter in Kansas, they will have the benefit of new and improved traveler information resources to assist them in safely reaching their destinations, thanks to *New Intelligent Transportation System (ITS)* devices across Kansas.

Twenty-five new cameras have been installed along I-70 between Goodland and Topeka; I-135 near Salina; and on US-75 in North Topeka. These are in addition to the existing eight camera views that are updated every 15 minutes and shown on the 511 Web site.

A series of six new snow gates on I-70 at Russell, Hays, WaKeeney, Oakley, Colby and Goodland have also been installed. Resembling railroad crossing gates, the new gates will support Kansas Department of Transportation's efforts to control traffic access to westbound I-70 in western Kansas, and will be used to close I-70 to westbound travelers when conditions dictate.

In early 2009, travelers on I-70 will be informed of road conditions and road closings by 15 new

*Dynamic Message Signs (DMS)*, extending from Topeka to Goodland. There are also 10 additional new *Dynamic Message Signs* in the northcentral region of Kansas, including six on I-70 between Ellsworth and Junction City; two on northbound I-135, located at interchanges south of Salina; and two on southbound US-81 north of Salina.

In late August, an expansion project for Kansas City Scout was completed on a four-mile stretch of I-635 that serves as a link between I-35 and I-70 over the Kansas River. Besides roadway sensors, 12 cameras and two *Dynamic Message Signs* were added and signaled Scout's expansion into Wyandotte County, the northwest component on the Kansas side of the Kansas City metro area.

An additional nine cameras were also installed in outlying areas of the KC Scout system this summer.

For more information, visit the Web site at [www.kcscout.org](http://www.kcscout.org).

The 511 Web site <http://511.kso.com> has been enhanced:

**New map** — Microsoft Virtual Earth is now used as the background road map. Kansas Department of Transportation adds its road conditions and construction information on top of Microsoft's map. The Virtual Earth map provides two views: 1) a road view (default view) that shows all highways and even county roads and city streets as users zoom in on the map, and 2) an aerial view, with or without labels, for roads and cities is provided; however, it does not provide a live, real-time image.

**Improved navigation features** — The State view is the default setting for the map view, but users can select map views by Region, Metro Area, County, City or Route. Also, map navigation tools (zoom tools) are now more precise and easier to use.

**Multiple browsers** — As of Oct. 1, 2008, the Web site map can be viewed on the following most commonly used browsers: Internet Explorer, Versions 6.0 and 7.0; Firefox, Version 3.0; and Safari, Version 3.1.

**New camera and DMS views**

— In early 2009, views of traffic and road conditions from the new cameras and *Dynamic Message Signs* will be available to the public by selecting the camera icon at the top of the Web site. This will take them to a map that shows locations for cameras and signs and when selected, users can view the cameras or signs.

**Kansas 511 phone system enhancements** — The Kansas 511 Phone System, which received its two millionth call on Nov. 11, 2008, has also been enhanced over the past year, including:

**Direction of travel** — Callers may now hear reports given in their direction of travel **Landmark descriptions** — New landmark descriptions should make route descriptions easier for callers to understand or locate on a map.

**Expanded menu** — Callers now select "7" for information for Nebraska or other neighboring states. Motor carrier information has also been added by selecting "4."

**AMBER Alerts** — are automated to provide more real-time information when they occur.

# Phone system will aid Goodland schools

If you get a phone call and hear an automated voice on your phone maybe you should listen a few seconds before hanging up.

The Sherman County Sheriff's Department and the Goodland School District are both using different automated phone systems to notify people of weather closings and missing people.

The Goodland School District is using SchoolConnects to notify parents when school has been canceled because of bad weather, said Superintendent Shelly Angelos. Eventually it will be set up in each building to call when students haven't shown up for the day or are late.

The Sherman County Sheriff's Department joined A Child is Missing Alert system in October said Sheriff Kevin Butts.

The non-profit private system uses a neighborhood calling program that can generate 1,000 calls in 60 seconds near the lo-

cation where a person has been reported missing. The numbers included in the data base are listed numbers and do not include cell phone numbers, unlisted numbers, broadband or voice-over internet numbers and assisted telephone devices for the blind or deaf.

A Child is Missing Alert is not limited to children but assists in all missing cases Butts said besides stranger abduction of children the program includes other abductions, lost, wander-offs or run-aways plus elderly, mentally challenged, college students or disabled people. The system can cross jurisdiction lines to go nationwide if necessary.

"It costs the sheriff's department nothing," said Sheriff Butts. "All we had to do was write a letter requesting to join the program."

To get a child listed on the Amber Alert the Kansas Bureau of Investigation makes the decision on who gets listed, the sheriff said.

On the A Child is Missing Alert system the sheriff deputy investigating a case makes the call to the groups' center at Fort Lauderdale, Fla. They use a satellite mapping program to locate the area and any water or wooded areas.

Information included is the person's name, age, sex, race, height, hair and eye color, clothing the person was wearing and where the person went missing.

The first two or three hours are critical when someone is missing Butts said.

The organization keeps the reporting officer's cell phone number. After the recovery of the person the officers calls to stop the search.

The group faxes a form to the sheriff's department to fill out and send back. That documentation enables them to get funding to continue. Most of their funding is from grants and donations.

If you would like to add your

number to their data base visit the website at [www.achildismissing.org](http://www.achildismissing.org) and click on "add your name" to enter your name, number and address.

"It's a fabulous program," said Sheriff Butts. "Wichita used it to find a little boy in a bad part of town."

"We need the public's eyes and ears to find someone missing."

He said when a call goes out the people in the area will receive phone calls that alerts them to keep any eye out for the missing person, and Butts hopes people receiving the calls will listen long enough to know this is not a scam phone call or a telemarketer.

"We depend on the eyes of the people to help us find the missing people in these cases," he said.

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### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MILDRED LUCILLE MILLER, DECEASED

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on November 14, 2008, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary was filed in this Court by Jerry A. Miller, an heir, devisee and legatee, and executor named in the Last Will and Testament of Mildred Lucille Miller, also known as Mildred L. Miller, Deceased. All creditors of the above named decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four (4) months from the date of first publication of this notice, as provided

by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred. Your written defenses thereto on or before December 10, 2008, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. of said day in said Court, in the City of Norton, in Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.  
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Petitioner

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### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MAURICE LEROY WILLIAMS, Deceased

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS**

In the Matter of the Estate of MAURICE LEROY WILLIAMS, Deceased

Case No. 2008-PR-57  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
STATE OF KANSAS )  
)ss.

COUNTY OF NORTON )  
You are hereby notified that on November 19th, 2008, a Petition For Determination Of Descent was filed in this Court by Dwight M. Williams, as Executor of the Estate of Maurice Leroy Williams, deceased, praying for the Determination Of Descent Of

Maurice Leroy Williams, deceased and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 17th day of December, 2008, at 1:30 o'clock p.m. of said day, in said court, in the City of Norton, in Norton County, Kansas at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Dwight M. Williams  
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### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GERALD M. SLOAN, DECEASED

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**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a petition has been filed in this Court by Jon D. Sloan, as son and one of the heirs of Gerald M. Sloan, Deceased, praying for the determination of the descent of the following described real estate: An undivided One-Half (1/2) interest in and to Lots Thirteen (13) and fourteen (14), block Fifteen (15) of Hillside Addition to the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas; and all other property, real and personal, or interest therein owned by the decedent at the time of death;

and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before Wednesday, December 17, 2008, at 11:30 o'clock A.M. of said day in said Court, in the City of Norton, in Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.  
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### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID JAMES MELROY, JR

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID JAMES MELROY, JR. Deceased.

Case No. 2008 PR 54  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a petition has been filed in this Court by David J. Melroy, III, as son and one of the heirs of David James Melroy, Jr., Deceased, praying for the determination of the descent of the following described real estate: An undivided One-third (1/3) interest in and to the Northwest Quarter (NW/4 of Section Thirty-four (34), Township One (1) South,

Range Twenty-three (23) West of the Sixth P.M. in Norton County, Kansas;

and all other property, real and personal, or interest therein owned by the decedent at the time of death; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 10, 2008, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. of said day in said Court, in the City of Norton, in Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.  
David J. Melroy, III,  
Petitioner

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