

Kansas Sampler deadline nears

Registration deadline is nearing for exhibitors wanting to participate in the 25th Annual Kansas Sampler Festival, May 3 and 4, 2014, in Wamego.

The community of Wamego, population 4,485, located in Pottawatomie County, is going all out to host the 25th annual Kansas Sampler Festival. The festival will be held Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4 in Wamego City Park.

For exhibitors to be assured a spot in the festival and in the official program guide they must register by Friday, Jan. 31. Registration and general festival information can be found at www.kansassamplerfestival.com.

The primary purpose of the Kansas Sampler Festival is to provide the public a sample of what there is to see, do, hear, taste, buy, and learn in the state.

The reason for rotating the festival is to give exhibitors

statewide exposure, offer the public in every part of the state a chance to experience the festival, and a chance for the host city to showcase themselves to a statewide audience.

The festival, a project of the Kansas Sampler Foundation, was designed to bring communities and attractions from all over the state together to make it easy for the public to discover day trip possibilities. Whether they are looking for hiking trails, historic sites, natural landmarks, unique restaurants, off-the-beaten track eateries, architectural gems, hole-in-the-wall performing centers, artists-at-work, specialty shops, or have-to-be-there Kansas events, this festival is for everyone interested in getting to know the state.

Julie Roller, development associate at Pottawatomie County Economic Development Corpo-

ration, and the local host director for the festival said, "The City of Wamego and regional partners are excited to meet and welcome all the exhibitors and visitors to our community. Even though we are the smallest community to have the festival, we are no stranger to hosting large events including our annual 4th of July celebration. We are grateful to have the opportunity to showcase what Kansas has to offer in the beautiful backdrop of our city park and friendly community."

Registration numbers are nearing the 200 mark and the excitement is building throughout the state. Communities of all sizes will be represented as well as Kansas products, entertainers, historic performers, cultural heritage demonstrations, wineries/microbreweries and food booths.

Conserving for the future...



The 68th annual Norton County Conservation District Meeting and Awards Dinner was held Saturday night at the American Legion. (Left to right) Rodney and Tonda Ross were the 2013 Water Quality Award winners and Sally and Robert Clydesdale were the Windbreak Award winners.

—Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

Email scam targets energy customers

Several Midwest Energy customers have reported an e-mail scam, where an e-mail with the subject line "Energy Statement" arrives in their inbox. Though the body of the E-mail reads "PG&E Energy Statement," the letters PG&E are difficult to read.

The 'statement' shows a large account balance, and urges the reader to "click here" to see their most recent statement. But the link takes the user to a page

that is set up to install a variant of the Kuloz malware, a Trojan that's designed to download additional threats onto infected computers, and opens their computer to other malware.

Pacific Gas and Electric, which serves customers in California, has alerted its customers to the scam on its webpage; however, it has spread to computers nationwide from the e-mail contacts list in infected computers.

"We urge anyone who gets an e-mail like this to delete it, without opening any links or attachments," said Michael Sadeghi, Midwest Energy's Director of Customer Service. "If you ever receive a call or e-mail from someone claiming to represent Midwest Energy, feel free to call us at (800) 222-3121 to verify the person's identity," he said.

Exporter nomination deadline extended

The nomination deadline for Governor's Exporter of the Year Award has been extended.

Nominations will now be accepted through Jan. 31 on behalf of any Kansas business for success in international trade.

The Kansas Department of Commerce has extended the nomination deadline for the 2014 Governor's Exporter of the Year Award, which is presented to a single Kansas business for excellence in international trade and marketing. Nominations for the award will now be accepted through Jan. 31. The winner of the 26th annual installment of the award will be announced in June of 2014 during Business Appreciation Month.

Nominated companies will be

evaluated on the totality of their international efforts. Qualifications include:

- Number and/or percentage increase in jobs due to international activities
- Innovations in global marketing
- Number of countries exported to
- Effective use of international distributors
- Long-range international strategies and prospects for future growth
- Commitment to the state and local community
- Foreign language promotional materials and general promotional activities
- Trade shows and/or international expositions

Businesses can nominate themselves or be nominated by any other organization or individual. Visit KansasCommerce.com/Exporter to learn more about the Governor's Exporter of the Year Award and to download nomination forms. The nomination deadline is Friday, Jan. 31, 2014.

Nominations can be emailed to April Chiang at achiang@kansasccommerce.com or mailed or faxed to:

Kansas International Trade Coordinating Council
c/o Kansas Department of Commerce, April Chiang
1000 S.W. Jackson St., Suite 100
Topeka, KS 66612-1354
Fax: (785) 296-3490

KanCare is primed for February 1 implementation of new services

The federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the State of Kansas are making substantial progress in discussions that would allow the state to move forward in including long-term services and supports for Kansans with intellectual or developmental disabilities in KanCare, the state's integrated Medicaid managed care program, starting Feb. 1.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment had proposed the Section 1115 amendment would take effect Jan. 1, but federal and state officials agreed to take additional time to resolve issues related to the existing 1915(c) waiver for intellectual or developmental disabilities members, and to review and fully consider public comments offered during the federal comment period, which ran through Dec. 24, 2013.

The result is a framework designed to ensure KanCare will provide members with the comprehensive care and services they need to thrive in their

homes and communities. The terms of the agreement are being completed.

"We appreciate the detailed discussions and partnership with centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that have produced a plan of action to allow KanCare to start working as a comprehensive, integrated plan for all its members," Lt. Gov. Jeff Colyer, MD, said.

As the Feb. 1 date approaches and before completion of the final agreement, the State also scheduled a special stakeholder listening session for Wednesday, Jan. 22, that allowed consumers, their families and caregivers, and other stakeholders an opportunity to learn about some of the key protections that have been put in place for the transition, and to offer their suggestions and advice for a successful implementation. Medicare and Medicaid service officials also participated in that call.

The two-hour conference call was divided into two sections. The first hour, from 8:30-9:30

a.m., will be devoted to consumer and family issues, starting with a discussion of how targeted case managers will interact with managed care organization care coordinators in the KanCare model. The second hour, from 9:30-10:30 a.m., was for providers and other stakeholders and began with a discussion of billing and administrative protections in place for the transition. Time was available in each portion of the call for other comments and discussion.

The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services will also provide written notification to consumers of the impending transition by letter.

"We appreciate the feedback stakeholders have provided so far, and look forward to continuing to work with them to ensure that KanCare makes a positive difference for its members," Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Secretary Shawn Sullivan said.

Senate

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consideration the relative harms to mailers, would simply invite the PRC into regulating the advertising marketplace. It is not enough. Our industry needs tighter rules on NSAs.

ACTIONS:

Sen. Tammy Baldwin, D-WI, is prepared to introduce an amendment to strike the rates section, Section 310, and leave the current law as is. If you have senators on the committee, please ask them to join her. But even if your senators are not on the committee, please contact them NOW and tell them:

1. The Postal Service remains a powerful government monopoly that must not be deregulated to this degree.
2. Setting a price cap at the total-mail level, rather than upon each mail class, invites price manipulation by USPS.
3. The Postal Service badly needs some other provisions in this bill, such as one to recalculate crippling burdens from

employee benefit programs imposed by Congress in 2006. But while Section 310 remains, many who otherwise support postal reform, cannot promote the Carper-Coburn bill.

4. The Postal Service should not engage in NSAs for advertising. Its monopoly pricing powers distort the market and improperly put the Board of Governors and PRC into a role of advertising regulators.

Also, please join NNA on March 13 in Washington when publishers take their case to Capitol Hill. NNA is the voice in Washington for Community Newspapers. Postal Reform legislation is needed. Once completed, it will be in effect for years to come. Act now to protect your industry.

For more information contact NNA's Postal and Government Relations Committees: Max Heath, maxheath@lcnj.com; Deb McCaslin, dmccaslin@kdsi.net; OR Tonda Rush, NNA CEO, tonda@nna.org.

Public Notices

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NOTICE OF SALE

TAKE NOTICE, that the undersigned, Troy M. Thomson, Sheriff of Norton County, Kansas, will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following described motor vehicle:

Description: 2000 Oldsmobile Alero VIN: 1G3NL52T1YC323212
Owner(s): Ambree Rebecca North and Ronda Hueneke

The sale will take place at the West door of the Norton County Courthouse, Norton, Kansas, on the 06 day of February, 2014, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. of said day, if the owner does not make claim to the vehicle and pay the removal, storage, and publication costs incurred by the Norton County Sheriff within ten (10) days from the second publication of this notice.

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Description: 1984 Chrysler VIN: 1C3BA54E4EG283384
Owner(s): Tamatha Beal, Patricia Mullet, Jean Marie Salien, Alisha Montgomery

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Description: 2001 Chevrolet Monte Carlo VIN: 2G1WX15K719267240
Owner(s): Clayton Weve

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

SONYA MONTGOMERY, Plaintiff) Case No.
vs.) 2013-LM-56
KYLE C. BURGE, Defendant)

NOTICE OF SALE

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS AND TO ALL PERSONS WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED:

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me out of the District Court in the above entitled action, I will on the 6th day of February, 2014 at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A.M. of said day at the South parking lot, Norton County Courthouse, 105 South Kansas, in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, offer at public sale and sell to the highest and best bidder(s) for cash in hand, the following described personal property, to-wit:

1998 Chevrolet Tahoe, VIN: 1GNEK13R1WJ368343
1995 Bombardier Hull Jet Ski, VIN: ZZN69558B595; and
1996 Bombardier Hull Jet Ski, VIN: ZZN811561697

The above described personal property is being sold as the property of the defendant, and is directed by said Order of Sale to be sold, and will be sold without appraisal to satisfy said Order of Sale.

Troy M. Thomson
Sheriff of Norton County, Kansas

WANTED News Editor/Reporter

If you feel you have the tools necessary to write about a variety of topics, and are handy with a camera, then give me a call!

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