

Governor proclaims January as Kansas Radon Action Month

Kansas Governor Sam Brownback and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) have proclaimed January "Kansas Radon Action Month" to help educate Kansans about the dangers of radon exposure and encourage actions to identify and address radon problems in the home. Radon is a tasteless, odorless, colorless, naturally occurring radioactive gas found in nearly all soils which comes from the breakdown of uranium. Outdoors, radon is diluted to low concentrations, but once inside

an enclosed space, radon can accumulate to significant levels. For Kansas Radon Action Month, KDHE will offer free home test kits at over 80 locations across the state. For locations, go to www.kdheks.gov and follow the Radon Action Month link. "Make your family's health part of your New Year's resolution by testing the radon levels in your home," said Governor Brownback. "You can start by getting a free test kit from one of the participating distribution sites during the month of January."

About one out of every three radon measurements performed in Kansas are elevated, being above 4 pCi/l (picoCuries per liter). Some areas have higher levels than others, though elevated levels of radon have been detected in every county in the state. As many as one in 15 homes across the U.S. has elevated radon levels that often go undetected. "Radon is the first leading cause of lung cancer in people who have never smoked and is estimated to cause over 200

lung cancer deaths in Kansas every year," said Robert Moser, M.D., KDHE Secretary and State Health Officer. "Radon is going undetected in homes across our state. All Kansans should test their homes, fix any homes with elevated radon levels and build new homes using radon-resistant methods." Topeka, Manhattan, Lawrence and Salina building codes require new homes to be built using radon-resistant techniques, and additional cities in Kansas are considering this modification to their building

codes. Inexpensive radon test kits are available year round at local hardware and builder's supply stores and at your Kansas county extension office. Those tests that reveal high levels can be fixed with simple venting techniques completed by a licensed professional. Homeowners should talk with a certified radon contractor if levels of 4 pCi/l or above are detected. "Unfortunately, the reality is that radon is everywhere, and the only way to know the radon concentration anywhere,

is to test," said Bruce Snead, Director of Engineering Extension at Kansas State University. "Kansas Radon Action Month is an ideal time to take action to identify your risk by testing your home." A list of certified radon contractors is available by calling the Kansas Radon Hotline at 800-693-KDHE (800-693-5343). Additional information about radon can be obtained at www.kansasradonprogram.org and at www.epa.gov/radon.

SHERIFF'S LOG

Nov. 6
(3) Registration/offender/updates
Incident
Reckless driver
Scam-phone/mail
Nov. 7
Traffic stop
Disturbance-fight
Cattle out
Finger prints
VIN inspection
Traffic control
Motor accident
Nov. 8
Warrant service (FTA only)
Attempt to locate
Motor vehicle accident
Finger prints
Registration/offender/update
VIN inspection
Nov. 9
Motor vehicle accident with animal
Incident
Nov. 10
(2) Motor vehicle accidents with animals
Assist-other (not MV)
Welfare check
Contact with public
Traffic stop
Hitchhiker
Nov. 11
(2) Contacts with public
Cattle out
Animal call
Nov. 12
Finger prints
(4) VIN inspections
(2) Registration/offender/update
Cattle out
Motor vehicle accident with animal
Traffic stop
Nov. 13
Creating a hazard
Illegal hunting
Traffic stop
(2) Contacts with public
Nov. 14
Traffic stop
Motor vehicle accident
Motor vehicle accident with animal
Stolen property
Intoxicated subject
VIN inspections
Nov. 15
(3) VIN inspections
Nov. 16
Extra patrol
Creating a hazard
Nov. 17
Cattle out
Fire
Reckless driver
Motor vehicle accident with animal
Welfare
Nov. 18
Unknown trouble
Motor vehicle accident
VIN inspection
Nov. 19
Reckless driver
VIN inspection
Inmate appointment
Motor vehicle accident with animal
Contact with public
Animal call
Motor vehicle accident-personal injury
Nov. 20
Traffic stop
Registration/offender/update
(3) Motor vehicle accidents with animals
Animal call
Cattle out
Traffic control
Nov. 21
Intoxicated subject
VIN inspections
Contact with public
Nov. 22
Traffic/driving complaint
Document service
Cattle out
(3) VIN inspections
Document service
Registration/offender/update

(2) Traffic stops
Finger prints
Nov. 23
Cattle out
Intoxicated subject
Nov. 24
Motor vehicle accident with animal
Nov. 25
(4) VIN inspections
Finger prints
Disabled vehicle
(3) Traffic stops
Nov. 26
(2) VIN inspections
(2) Disturbance-fights
Stolen property
Animal call
Unknown trouble
Nov. 27
Parking complaint
Traffic control
(4) VIN inspections
Criminal damage to property
Motor vehicle accident with animal
(2) Traffic stops
Nov. 28
Motor vehicle accident with animal
Nov. 29
Welfare check
Motor vehicle accident
Credit card violations
Nov. 30
Suspicious activity
Cattle out
Theft
Warrant service (FTA only)
Motor vehicle accident
Registration/offender/update
Motor vehicle accident with animal
(4) VIN inspections
Creating a hazard
Suspicious person
Abandoned vehicle
Dec. 3
Motor vehicle accident with

animal
Reckless driver
Animal call
Criminal damage to property
(2) VIN inspections
Traffic control
911 hangup call
Dec. 4
Motor vehicle accident
(3) VIN inspections
Traffic control
Finger prints
Suspicious activity
Assault
Dec. 5
Ambulance run
Motor vehicle accident with animal
Registration/offender/update
Traffic stop
Dec. 6
Funeral escort
(2) Vehicle assists
(2) VIN inspections
Traffic stop
Criminal trespass
Dec. 7
Weapon-possession, transport
Dec. 8
Motor vehicle accident
Disabled vehicle
Contact with public
Dec. 9
(2) VIN inspections
Animal call
(2) Hitchhikers
Contact with public
Criminal trespass
Motor vehicle accident with animal
Dec. 10
Motor vehicle accident
Contact with public
Dec. 11
VIN inspections
Traffic stop
911 hangup call
Motor vehicle accident
(2) Motor vehicle accidents

Changes coming to school lunches

U.S. Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) recently announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has agreed to enact permanent changes to the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program requirements in response to a request he submitted along with several of his Senate colleagues including U.S. Senator Pat Roberts (R-Kan.). In December 2012, the Department of Agriculture made temporary changes to the School Lunch Program in response to a letter sent by the senators. Senators Moran and Roberts also sponsored the Sensible School Lunch Act, legislation likely to pass this month to make the changes permanent. In response to this legislation, the Department will now make the changes administratively. "I don't think there is any question that all of us want our children to eat nutritious foods, but the USDA rule contains impractical and unrealistic standards that leave students hungry and are cost-prohibitive for schools to comply with," Sen. Moran said. "School lunch program decisions should be made in schools at the local level - not mandated by the government in Washington, D.C. This decision is good news for parents, school

budgets and food suppliers. Unfunded mandates like this one were making it even harder for schools to provide healthy meals to our kids." The Department of Agriculture plans to publish a final rule today in the Federal Register on Certification of Compliance with Meal Requirements for the National School Lunch Program under the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. The final rule includes a provision to make permanent the grain and meat/meat-alternate flexibility that the Department has used on account of the senators' efforts over the past year. Under the final rule, schools will be considered compliant with the new meal requirements if they meet the weekly minimums for grain and meat/meat-alternates, as well as the total calorie ranges. The senators' effort to change the rule was prompted by parents, school board members, superintendents, and other concerned community members expressing their frustration as the new rule was rolled out. The rule became effective in March 2012 and was implemented for the 2013 school year. Prior to today's decision, the Department lifted its strict limitations on caloric intake of grains and

starches, as well as protein, but only for the 2012-2013 school year. The move gave significantly more flexibility to schools and students, especially athletes.

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•PUBLIC NOTICE• ORDINANCE NO. 1652 and NO. 1653

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City of Norton Ordinance No. 1652: On January 2nd, 2014, the City of Norton, Kansas, adopted Ordinance No. 1652, an Ordinance regarding grave openings, the fees, and the scheduling of burials, within the City of Norton. A complete copy of this ordinance is available at: <http://www.discovernorton.com/NortonLife/CityInformation/NortonNewsAnnouncements.aspx> or at City Hall at 301 E. Washington, Norton, KS 67654. This summary certified by Karen L. Griffiths, City Attorney.

City of Norton Ordinance No. 1653: On January 2nd, 2014, the City of Norton, Kansas, adopted Ordinance No. 1653, an Ordinance regarding dogs and cats running at large within the City and the fines associated with such offenses. A complete copy of this ordinance is available at: <http://www.discovernorton.com/NortonLife/CityInformation/NortonNewsAnnouncements.aspx> or at City Hall at 301 E. Washington, Norton, KS 67654. This summary certified by Karen L. Griffiths, City Attorney.

•PUBLIC NOTICE• NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
CIVIL COURT DEPARTMENT**
CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.)
ELAINE A. COX, et al.,)
Defendants.)
Case No. 13 CV 20
Title to Real Estate
Involved

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Norton County, Kansas, in the case above numbered, wherein the parties above named were respectively plaintiff and Defendant, and to me, the undersigned Sheriff of Norton County, Kansas, directed, I will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand in the lobby of the Norton County Courthouse, 101 S. Kansas St. in Norton, Kansas on January 29, 2014, at 10:00 A.M. of said day, the following described real estate situated in the County of Norton, State of Kansas, to-wit:
LOT TWELVE (12) IN BLOCK THREE (3) OF NORTH ADDITION TO THE CITY OF NORTON IN NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS ("Property")
said real property is levied upon as the property of Defendant Elaine A. Cox and all other alleged owners and will be sold without appraisal to satisfy said Order of Sale.
NORTON COUNTY SHERIFF
Submitted by:
MARTIN, LEIGH, LAWS & FRITZLEN, P.C.
Beverly M. Weber KS #20570
Dustin J. Stiles KS #25152
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
MARTIN, LEIGH, LAWS & FRITZLEN, P.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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