

Stovall offers suggestions when giving to Sept. 11 relief efforts

Dear Kansas Consumers:
The tragic events of Sept. 11 have provided many opportunities for the public to give to charitable organizations.



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• From the Attorney General

The majority of us are unable to personally make visits to the sites, and the monetary needs of those who lost loved ones and those involved at "ground zero" are great.
Therefore, Americans feel they can meet a need by contributing.
I have provided some suggestions

below on how you can make a wise choice when giving to a charitable organization which claims to be giving assistance to those affected by the New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania attacks. Everyone wants to know that

their money is going directly to address the needs, but to find out later that none, or only a small percentage, of the money made it to those who were victimized would be very disappointing.
Please take the time to look over

these suggestions to help you determine where you might want to give your money.

1. Take time to research an organization. Do not feel you must contribute the very day a solicitor asks for a donation.
2. Carefully check the names of those soliciting aid.
Some bogus charities switch around words, add words, or change a spelling in a name in order to sound like a well-known reputable charity.
3. Ask for financial statements. One thing to check is how much money the organization spends on expenses such as salaries, fundraising, and day-to-day operations.
4. Ask if the organization is registered with the Kansas Secretary of State's office.

This is the minimal qualification for a bona fide fundraiser or bona fide

charitable organization which solicits funds.
However, even if the organization is registered that does not mean it is approved or endorsed by the state. It merely means the organization has filed the required documents to solicit funds in Kansas.
5. Some charities send unsolicited merchandise along with their request for a donation.
Common token gifts include return address labels, greeting cards, calendars, or key chains.
Under Kansas law, these are deemed unconditional gifts to the recipients and you are under no obligation to pay for or return unordered merchandise.
You may also want to contact your local Better Business Bureau for information on specific charities.

Depression screenings offered at health center on Thursday

In conjunction with October's Mental Illness Awareness week and National Depression Screening day, one local agency is offering testing.
Screenings will be conducted from 2-4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, at the Thomas County Health Department in Colby.

adults may experience depression at some point in their lives."
Common symptoms of depression include feelings of sadness, loss of pleasure in usual activities, feelings of hopelessness, helplessness, and worthlessness, changes in sleep and appetite, loss of energy, restlessness, and thoughts of death or suicide.

Officials said that between 17 and 20 million Americans each year develop some form of depression. If you, a loved one, a family member or friend suffers from depression, then find out more by attending a free depression screening.

Unfortunately, fewer than half of those suffering from this disorder actually receive treatment, even though depression is one of the most treatable of illnesses, with the vast majority of sufferers showing improvement in as little as eight weeks.

The testing is a joint effort with High Plains Mental Health Center, and other local public health departments and health facilities throughout Northwest Kansas.

Other area screenings will be conducted from 10 a.m.-noon, Thursday, Oct. 11, at the Decatur County Health Department in Oberlin, the Sheridan County Health Complex in Hoxie, and the Sherman County Health Department (MDT) in Goodland.

"Those who suffer from depression often feel alone, not realizing that depression affects many people," said one health official.
"In fact, one out of every five

Dodge City to recognize its ties to English family

DODGE CITY (AP)—Liberal has Olney. Now Dodge City has Stockport. A relationship between Kansas and England was fostered more than 50 years ago, when Liberal began a friendly rivalry with Olney, England, with the annual Shrove Tuesday pancake race — where contestants sprint 415 yards while carrying a frying pan and a pancake.

Dodge City and sign the charter. Sister cities normally are about the same size, and they generally share economic interests. But Stockport is much larger than Dodge City, and its economy is based on industry rather than agriculture.

Now, Dodge City and Stockport, England, plan to commemorate a different type of relationship, one forged by ties of an old English family named the Dodges.

However, the two cities are proud of what they do share — the Dodges. It was a fact that surprised Dodge City leaders when Stockport officials approached them about the charter 18 months ago.

Members of the original Dodge family emigrated from England to America beginning in the 17th century. One of their descendants later founded Fort Dodge and another the Dodge Motor Company.

"We checked it out to make sure everything was legitimate, and we thought it would be a good link between the two cities," said Dodge City Commissioner Gerald Schmitt. "We had no idea that the Dodge ancestors came from Stockport, England."

To recognize the link between Dodge City and Stockport, the two cities plan to establish a friendship charter, similar to a sister city arrangement. It will be finalized next spring, when representatives from Stockport visit

To prepare the charter, Schmitt and another commissioner, Tom Martin, traveled to Stockport last month. They returned enthused about the arrangement. The two cities plan to help each other with economic, business and other issues.

Death

Melvin Lester Barrett

Melvin Lester Barrett, 82, a lifelong resident of Colby and an area farmer, died on Oct. 6, 2001 at Hays Medical Center in Hays.

He was born on Dec. 19, 1918 in Dodge City. He was a member of Rotary Club in Colby.

Survivors include his spouse, Clara Barrett, Colby; daughters Jeanene

Brown and Sheryl Barrett, both of Colby; Nancy Walker, Valley Center, Beverly Jensen, Plymouth, Minn.; and eight grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2001 at 11 a.m. at the Colby United Methodist Church in Colby with Pastor James Mardock presiding.

Burial of cremains will be in Beulah

Cemetery, Colby, at a later date.

Friends and family are welcome to sign the memorial book at Harrison Chapel on Friday, Oct. 12, 2001 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Donations may be made to either Citizens Medical Center/Citizens Foundation, Colby or the Colby United Methodist Church and may be left at any Colby bank or Harrison Chapel.

Club News

High Plains Lions

High Plains Lions met for their first October meeting. Vice President Lion Frances Britton presided in the absence of Lion President, Larry Koon. visiting Lions were Larry and Sherrie Brenn who are transferring into the club from Hugoton.

Lions with guests were Lion Lacey Moore who introduced Paul Gilbert and Kassie Juenemann. Lion Roger Hale introduced Mike Thompson.

In the business meeting, Lion Virgil Jones, candy day chairman, reported that we collected over \$300 selling candy rolls at the Colby football game. The club voted to donate all of it to the

Ku Medical Sight Foundation. The club also elected to donate money to the Kansas Lions Band Foundation and Sight Foundation.

Upcoming dates for the club to remember are: Oct. 13: a cornea transplant benefactor for the community person will be held at Theron and Jane Johnson's farm. A meal will be served and entertainment by the Wagoner family and McLemore family will be provided. The event will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 20: 3:00 p.m. is district meeting at Oberlin.

Dec. 1: Annual Pancake Feed at the community building

Mike Thompson, director of the

Criminal Justice program at Colby Community College, gave the program. Mike talked about his past experience in Oklahoma. He said that he had come to Colby College because it has a well established program and it is where it should be - we educate students and let the police academy train them. He indicated that the program is growing and the students have more motivation than he expected, he talked about the job market in the criminal justice program. "The job market in this area is wide open. It was before Sept. 11 and it is even more so now," he said.

The next regular meeting will be Oct. 22.

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"The Kready Bunch"

A family barbershop quartet show
Colby, Kansas chapter of SPEBSQSA, Inc.

2:00 p.m.
Quinter High School
Quinter, KS

Saturday,
October 27

7:30 p.m.
Colby High School
Colby, KS

FEATURED QUARTETS

- Dad Don Kready's Lasting Impressions - Colby Chapter's best kept secret (there's a reason for secrecy)
- Pat (Kready) Walz's Very Light Opera Company - 1999 "Best Comedy Quartet" and "Most Entertaining Quartet" @ Aspen, CO
- Queen Donna Kready's Classic Edition - 1998 International Sweet Adeline Queens of Harmony
- Son Rick Kready's Special Touch - Past Central States District Championship Quartet
- Grandson Jeff Kready's Out of Class - 10th Place International Finalist Collegiate Barbershop Quartet

Tumbleweed Barbershop Chorus

Hi-Plains Harmony Sweet Adelines

Tickets are \$8.00 and can be purchased by contacting Don Kready, 785-462-3004; James Edmundson or First National Bank.

GOT BLOOD?

Give it at the
CCC Blood Drive
Tuesday,
October 16
Student Union

Hays Medical Center 100% gdn: ask Bill 5x3