

# Looking for love? Watch for headaches

**Dear Attorney General Kline:**  
I am interested to join a dating service, however, I become more confused with each one I consider. What are some things I should take into consideration in order to maximize my chances of finding a good match?

**Phill Kline**

## • Consumer Corner

Dear Kansas Consumer:  
Dating services are growing in popularity due to the busy lifestyles of many of today's singles. Online dating, and introductory dating services are just a few avenues singles may choose from when looking for "Mr." or "Ms. Right."

Online dating services offer individuals the ability to search profiles from the security and convenience of their own home. After perusing the different member "profiles," individuals may then contact the member of interest via e-mail.

It is important to consider the options of such services before signing a membership contract. If you are considering joining such a site, it is important to ask the following questions to help ensure you are getting the most out of the experience.

- Do you provide help in writing profiles? Your profile is the window to your soul on an online dating service site. Many online dating services offer help with this service but at a price. Before signing up for this service request examples of profiles the service has provided for other members.
- How many members are in my

geographic and demographic area? Ask if you can browse through the most recent profiles on the site before joining. This will give you an idea of what type of other singles are available through the service, and whether there is a balance of genders.

- Is it easy to search and browse other profiles? Convenience and accessibility are two main reasons singles choose online dating. Ask pertinent questions in order to feel comfortable that the site is going to offer you just that.
- How well will my privacy be protected? Identity theft and personal security should be of utmost concern when posting or exchanging personal information online. Make sure that the site will not reveal your real name, address, or any other identifying information that would jeopardize your financial or personal security.
- How does the service screen out Mr. or Ms. Very Wrong? If you were not asked questions regarding your criminal history, the service may not have asked other members either.

Introductory dating services may offer a more personal touch to the

matchmaking experience. Services may include member portfolios and "mixers" for singles to meet. It is important to realize, however, that though these services are more personable, more time and money is often required, as well.

Should an introductory dating service interest you, it is important to follow the below tips to ensure the service is investing as much time in you as you are in them.

- Research the company. Contact the local Better Business Bureau to inquire on any complaints that may have been made against the dating service. Contact Attorney General Phill Kline's Consumer Protection Division, at 1(800) 432-2310 regarding whether they have taken any enforcement action against the dating service. Ask for names and contact information of satisfied customers, then verify this information.
- Understand the manner in which potential matches are introduced.

Does the company provide interested individuals with your contact information, or would you meet at

the dating services office?

- Get everything in writing. Remember, even if an employee gives you a verbal promise, it may not be binding unless you have it in writing. And make sure that you know if you have any recourse if you are dissatisfied with the service.

Dating through conventional or unconventional means can be an exciting time for singles. Take time to explore a variety of different dating services before entering into a business relationship just as you would before entering a personal relationship.

*Editor's note: Attorney General Phill Kline offers this public service to help others avoid becoming victims of consumer fraud. Although some of the details have been changed, the cases appearing in this column are based on actual complaints.*

For information or to file a complaint, write Attorney General Phill Kline, Consumer Protection Division, 120 SW 10th Ave, 2nd Floor, Topeka, Kansas 66612 or call the toll-free Consumer Hotline, 1-800-432-2310.

## Honor roll released from Golden Plains schools

The following students in the third quarter at Golden Plains Junior-Senior High School earned a place on the Principal's honor roll (3.0-3.9): Alyssa Babcock, Michelle Becker, Erika Best, Jessica Bieker, Jenna Bruggeman, Drake Moss, Dylan Moss, Michael Roehl, Jordan Spresser, Aisha Walter.

Seventh graders: Oriana Beltran, Tate Bruggeman, Maria Garcia, Nicholas Henry, Tracer Hudson, Kelton Jones, Tanner Moss, Ivonn Vargas.

Eighth graders: Ameree Fringer, Brandy Ginther, Tiffany Kyle, Dan Rogers, Victoria Schwartz, Jennie Staats.

Ninth grade: Ryan Brantley, Alan Bruggeman, Ashlee Hudson, Maranda Mier, Clay Phillips, Amanda Rall, Brett Spresser, Katelyn Spresser, Elizabeth Staats, Drew Stevenson, Jacob Unger, Jami Wark.

Tenth grade: Ashley Albers, Jennifer Eatherly, Scott Johnston, Mark Juenemann, Sean McCurdy, Samuel Meserve, Lukas Peters, Michael Wilson.

Eleventh grade: Brett Dible, Jesse Miller, Darcie Spresser, Kristin Wark.

Twelfth grade: Courtney Albers, Jesse Colson, Mathew Giesenhagen, Samantha Juenemann, Casey Lewis, Abbie Miller, Brent Moss, David Purcell, Adam Sabatka, Dusty Spresser, Kelsey Spresser, Randi Stevenson.

The following students made the Superintendent's Honor Roll:

Sixth grade: Isaac Broeckelman, Jonathan Broeckelman, Shaun Gilbert.

Seventh grade: Kendra Spresser, Briana Taylor, Candee VonLehe.

Eighth grade: Andrew Broeckelman, Caitlyn Moss.

Ninth grade: Megan Juenemann, Stephanie Juenemann.

Tenth grade: Valerie Broeckelman, Jessica Shaw.

## Area students to be honored in Nebraska

Matthew Lane Murray of Colby and Tiffany Elisse Schwasinger of Goodland will be among the students recognized during an honors convocation at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on Sunday.

Murray is a sophomore in the College of Education and Human Sciences.

Schwasinger is a sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences.

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Eleventh grade: Nichole Spresser.

Twelfth grade: Dana Broeckelman, Landon Truetken.

## Public Notice

### LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to L. 1991, ch 279, 2.

Results of the Market Study Analysis for Thomas County for Assessment Year 2004.

A study of the residential real estate market indicates there is an upward trend in some areas, and stable market in other areas, based on price range of houses on the market. A study of residential and commercial vacant land indicates there is an upward trend. A study of the commercial real estate market indicated there is an upward trend downtown and an upward trend at the interstate area and industrial area.

Values on specific properties may change because of changes in the property, correction of descriptive information of calibration of values based on sales of similar properties in the area.

In accordance with the provisions in KSA 79-1476, the Division of Property Valuation is required to annually furnish each county the results of its study relating to changes, if any, of the Use Value of agricultural land. Changes that can and do occur as a result of several factors include cropping practices, commodity prices and production costs.

The Study relating to Use Value of agricultural land completed by the Division of Property Valuation indicated the following changes compared to the prior year:

All Grassland: Decreased in value on certain soil types from the study relating to use value of agricultural land completed by the Division of Property Valuation.

Dry Cropland: Decreased in value depending on certain soil types from the study relating to use value of agricultural land completed by the Division of Property Valuation.

Irrigated Cropland:

Flood: Values will decrease or increase depending on the well depths and, Gallons per minute, and soil types. These values are from the study relating to use value of agricultural land completed by the Division of Property Valuation.

Sprinkler: Values will decrease or increase depending on the well depths and gallons per minute, and soil types. These values are from the study relating to use value of agricultural land completed by the Division of Property Valuation.

Beginning April 1, 2004, the Thomas County Appraiser's Office will begin notifying property owners of their property's current appraised value. Property owners of record will be receiving a Change of Value Notice in their mail.

THE CHANGE OF VALUE NOTICE IS NOT A TAX BILL. It serves only as the property owner's official notification of the county appraiser's estimate of value for their property.

Each Change of Value Notice will include the current appraised and assessed values of the land and improvements of each class of property on the parcel, a brief explanation of the notice, who to contact about questions, and a condensed outline of the appeal procedures that property owners must follow if they disagree with the values.

If property owners have questions or wish to appeal the classification or appraised value of their property, they must call the taxpayer service number listed on the Change of Value Notice within 30 days of the mailing of the notice.

Property owners must attend an informal meeting with the county appraiser as a prerequisite to formally appealing the change in their property's value.

In the Spring of 2004, farm properties and small towns will be physically reinspected by the appraiser's office to meet the requirement that one-sixth of the properties in the county be reinspected each year.

If anyone has questions relating to the Change of Value Notice, please call 462-4525 or visit the Thomas County Appraiser's Office between the hours of 8 AM-5 PM.

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