

# Be cautious of door-to-door sales

This time of year, our office receives many complaints from consumers regarding door-to-door sales. Lately, we've seen an increase in these complaints, especially those regarding the sale of meat and security systems. So, here are a few tips to help keep you safe from high-pressure sales, which may even be outright scams.

**Know your rights.** Kansas law guarantees you three days to cancel any purchase of \$25 or more made in your home or at a location that is not the permanent place of business or local address of the seller. This is often referred to as the "Cooling-Off Rule." The salesperson must verbally inform you of your cancellation rights at the time of sale. You also must be given two copies of a cancellation form and a copy of your contract or receipt.

The contract or receipt must be dated, show the name and address of the seller, be in a large legible font and explain your right to cancel. The contract or receipt must be in the same language used in the sales presentation.

If you wish to cancel and did not receive two copies of the cancellation policy, for your records, be sure to copy the signed and dated policy that you are mailing to the company. It is also suggested you send this cancellation by certified mail so you can track it.

Companies are then required to refund the customer's money within 10 days of receiving the cancellation. Under this Cooling-Off Rule, it is also against Kansas law for the salespersons or the company to cash your check within this three-day period.

## Meat Sales

**Ask for documentation.** Ask for written information on the company and dealer and take plenty of time to read it. If you lack the time to check into the distribution practices of the company, consider not purchasing at that time. Once you have read the information and



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researched the company, you can contact them to come back and make a purchase then.

Reputable companies will have a local sales office with a published price list that includes the address and phone number of the company. Along with the price list, the company may offer recipes and nutritional information about its products. You can also check the company online through the Better Business Bureau at [www.bbb.com](http://www.bbb.com).

**Look at the label.** U.S. Department of Agriculture- and state-inspected products are required to have the inspection legend or "bug" and give information about the product on the label. On raw products, species, cut, net weight, ingredients and safe handling instructions are required. No ingredient, including marinades or other flavorings, may be added to fresh meat or poultry unless the ingredient is listed on the label.

Beware of any dealer who wants you to purchase bulk quantities of meat and poultry that are not properly labeled. Always ask the dealer to leave the box or labeling information if individual products are not labeled.

If a product is labeled with a term such as "restaurant quality," ask the company which USDA grade is comparable. For additional information contact the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at (888) 674-6854 or [www.fsis.usda.gov](http://www.fsis.usda.gov).

**Ask to see a retail food permit.** In Kansas, door-to-door meat salespersons are required to

have a state license or permit to sell meat, just like a regular retailer. Ask to see the salesperson's license to sell.

Contact the Kansas Department of Agriculture at (785) 296-5600 to see if the company is licensed. State or federal inspections are mandatory for meat and poultry being transported and sold within Kansas. The state inspection programs must enforce requirements at least equal to those of federal inspection laws.

**Compare the price.** Meat is required to be priced by the pound so you can comparison shop.

## Security Alarm Companies

**Do your research.** Some cities require security alarm companies to have a license, including Topeka and Wichita. Some even require each technician installing an alarm to be licensed.

Make sure you know what your city requires by calling your city hall, and ask any technicians who come to your door to show you the appropriate license. Before you install an alarm system, check the company through the Better Business Bureau website at [www.bbb.com](http://www.bbb.com).

**Check your contracts.** If you have a current alarm and they want to replace your old system, make sure you are not still obligated through a contractual agreement with your current security company.

Remember, it's always best to control your own transactions, rather than giving in to a high-pressure salesperson standing at your doorstep. If you experience any problems with door-to-door sales, please call our Consumer Protection Division at (800) 432-2310 or go online to [www.ag.ks.gov](http://www.ag.ks.gov) to file a complaint. It's our job to make sure Kansans' rights as consumers are observed and protected.

## Senior Progress Center

A board meeting will follow lunch Tuesday at the Senior Progress Center.

Activities for the week: **Monday:** 10:30 a.m. Skip Bo. **Tuesday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 11 a.m. health department; board meeting after lunch. **Wednesday:** sno cones. **Thursday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. pinochle game. **Friday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. Wii bowling.

Menus for the week: **Monday:** Salisbury steak, au gratin potatoes, peas, apricots. **Tuesday:** crispy chicken salad, cantaloupe, bread sticks, fruit cobbler. **Wednesday:** pork cutlet, parslies potatoes, green bean casserole, ambrosia fruit salad. **Thursday:** hamburger, potato salad, cook's choice fruit, pudding. **Friday:** chicken-dressing casserole, mashed potatoes, gravy, mexicali corn, gelatin with fruit.

The Thomas County Nutrition Center invites anyone 60 and older and guests to lunch Monday through Friday at the senior center. Home delivery is available, as is pick-up service. A contribution of \$3 per meal is suggested for seniors, \$5.25 for others. For anyone under 60, home delivery is \$5.75. Make reservations at (785) 460-2901 by noon the day before.

## Red Barn

Activities for the week: **Monday:** 2 p.m. Barnswallows. **Wednesday:** 10 a.m. ladies' Bible study; 7 p.m. public hearing for City of Rexford 2013 budget, City Building. **Thursday:** 2 p.m. Com On Down. **Friday:** 9:30 a.m. Koffee Klatch; 1:30 p.m. Red Barn Gang practice; 2:30 p.m. Stitch and Chatter.

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# Crafts fair in Logan has something for all

With crafters from Kansas and surrounding states, family and friends rally together for the annual crafts fair sponsored by the Dane G. Hansen Museum Saturday, Sept. 15, on the Hansen Plaza Square in Logan. There is no admission charge.

Crafters check in at pre-dawn in preparation for the 10 a.m. opening. Food booths, including hamburgers, brauts, turkey and noodles, sloppy joes, homemade pies, homemade ice cream, barbecue, bierocks and sno-cones, line two sides of the square.

A chain saw artist, Blair Smith, from Iowa, will be on the grounds giving demonstrations of his chain saw artistry throughout the day. He will complete several projects. Drawings will be held for two of his carvings.

A survey ride is running from

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Other crafts for sale around the plaza include demonstrations given by artisans throughout the day.

A jump slide, battle beam and obstacle course will open at 11 a.m. and be available to entertain children through 4 p.m. Games and races will include turtle races, a sand pile treasure hunt and an egg toss. Bring your own turtle and kids.

In the kid's tent will be face painting and helium balloons.

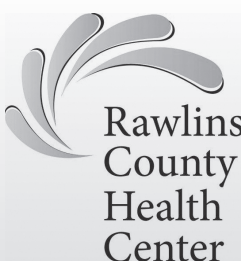
Live entertainment includes Stanton Nelson, a young musician from Long Island, featuring his violin music on stage and strolling the sidewalks with his music in the afternoon. One-man-band Mark Nebel from Hays will be performing at 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.

Bob Jones, antiques appraiser from Jennings, will be available in the Community Room of Hansen Plaza for a free verbal approximation of value for antiques. Registration forms to schedule a time

for the appraisal are available through Hansen Museum.

The highlight of the day will be the selection of 12 new winners (and two alternates) of the "Artist of the Month" award. This year's crafters will be judged by John Thorns, Hays, for their uniqueness, quality of craft and display.

For information, crafter registration forms or antique appraisal forms, contact Shirley Henrickson at (785) 689-4846 or go to [www.hansenmuseum.org](http://www.hansenmuseum.org).



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5	6 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	7 Dr. Frederick C. Miller Cardiology	8 Dr. Frankum Surgery	9 Dr. Reeves Podiatry	10 Dr. Reeves Podiatry	11
12	13 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	14 Dr. Frederick C. Miller Cardiology	15 Dr. Curtis Cardiology	16 Dietitian	17 Nuclear Medicine Cardiac Rehab MRI's	18
19	20 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	21 Dr. Frederick C. Miller Cardiology	22 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab Diabetic Clinic	23	24 Cardiac Rehab MRI'S	25
26	27 Dr. Rubinowitz Oncology	28	29 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab Diabetic Clinic	30	31 Nuclear Medicine Cardiac Rehab MRI'S	

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