

Identifying fake identification made easier

The Regional Prevention Centers of northwest Kansas offered a Responsible Alcohol Service Workshop for retailer's of northwest Kansas. This workshop took place in Colby.

There was a lot to learn about at this workshop, but the most interesting information to me was the subject of fake identification. This was presented by Alan Honeyman, revenue enforcement agent.

He allowed us to look at some fake identifications which he had confiscated in the past.

Some of them looked very real and convincing. Others looked so fake it was obvious, such as one which had the picture upside down!

The worse thing of all was that each of these had already been used to purchase alcohol, tobacco and to enter places in which you have to be a legal age to be in!

It's not always easy to tell if someone is legally old enough to purchase alcohol beverages. That's why it's important to always ask for identification, if you are unsure. But don't just stop there.

Take a few extra moments to check the authenticity of the identification. Phony or altered driver's licenses are illegal, and cause real problems for those of you who serve and sell alcohol beverages. So join the fight against illegal underage drinking. Always ask for an identification and check it carefully.



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The following guidelines and tips have been provided by the Wisconsin State Dept. of Revenue, Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement Section which can help you verify the authenticity of a driver's license.

What to look for

- The card's expiration date. Do not accept the license if the date is expired.
- The word "duplicate" on the card. Someone else may have the original card.
- Glue lines or bumpy surfaces by the picture or birth date. Uneven surfaces often indicate tampering.
- Consistency of numbers. The typeset for the birth date and expiration date should match the lettering used on the rest of the license. Also look for any tiny pieces of paper with modified dates placed over the original numbers.
- The state logo. A state seal or logo that is partially missing or appears altered is another clue to a fake card.
- Pin holes on the surface. Bleach may have been inserted to "white out" certain aspects of a date.
- The card's reverse-side lettering.

lettering, thickness and corners. Compare the questionable identification against a "standard" - your own.

- Someone else's card. Make sure the photo, height and weight on the card match the person in front of you.
- If it is an out-of-state license, or for any reason looks unfamiliar to you, use an identification checking guide. This is especially important in college and tourist communities.

What to ask for if you spot any of these problems

- Ask for a second piece of identification. People with fake identification rarely carry back-up identification.
- Quiz the card holder about basic information on the card, such as birth date, middle initial, zip code, etc.

Bottom Line

If you are not absolutely convinced that the card is authentic, do not serve the customer. I would like to thank Mr. Kamper from Kamper Retail Liquor for attending this workshop and taking the time and effort to prevent the sale of alcohol/liquor to minors.

Reducing food contamination isn't all that hard to do at home

Millions of people are sickened each year and thousands of them die unnecessarily from food borne illness that could have been prevented.

Food safety is not a new issue, but it is an important one.

To help consumers learn more about life-saving food safety steps, the International Food Safety Council has designated September as national food safety month. This year the emphasis is on "Be Smart, Keep Foods Apart - Don't Cross Contaminate."

Cross contamination is the transfer of harmful bacteria from one food to another or from equipment or hands to food. It is one of the most common food safety mistakes. It can occur when two foods come in contact with each other; when a knife that has been used to cut raw meat is used to chop raw vegetables for a salad or when food is touched with unclean hands.

Practicing food safety habits can save thousands of dollars on medical bills. It can also save your life.

Wash your hands before and after



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handling raw foods and before and after eating. Remember also to wash your hands during food preparation, especially after handling raw meats, poultry, fish and eggs and before handling foods that will be eaten raw. To wash lather for 20 seconds and rinse in warm water. To dry, use a paper towel or hand towel that can be sanitized in the wash, rather than a dish towel.

One of the newest food safety concerns focuses on produce. Produce in supermarkets may have been grown a continent away, under differing agricultural conditions and regulations. And, produce often is touched by many people. To be safe, wash fresh produce

well before cooking and eating.

Keep the kitchen clean; rinse dishes well or wash them promptly, rather than allow partially soiled dishes to stand on the counter

or in the sink where then can attract bacteria. Cook foods like meats and poultry to safe internal temperature. Use a meat thermometer to make sure they have reached the proper temperature.

Store foods safely. Place meat, poultry, fish or other foods that may be juicy in a leak-proof wrapping or covered dish. Store these items on a lower shelf where they will be less likely to drip on other foods.

Cover and store leftovers promptly. Practicing food safety steps in the home isn't costly or particularly time consuming, but it can significantly reduce risks of illness that sometimes can be fatal.

Welfare plan focuses on accountability

By Carl Manning

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TOPEKA — The top two Democratic legislators offered a plan Tuesday to improve the state's child welfare system that includes an independent oversight commission.

The plan also called for paying what Democrats say is owed to providers of foster care and adoption services and enacting the proposed Child Welfare Reform Act that died in the 1999 Legislature.

House Minority Leader Jim Garner and Senate Minority Chairman Hensley told reporters the proposal was a starting point. They invited suggestions from Republicans, including Gov. Bill Graves.

"The only unacceptable response to our proposal is to ignore the problem

and say we need to do nothing," said Garner, D-Coffeyville.

Hensley, D-Topeka, called the proposal "a starting place to open the dialogue and work in a bipartisan" manner to resolve some of the problems.

Graves said his administration "works hard every day to improve the lives and of Kansas children."

But, he added: "To the extent that this or any other legislative proposal might further that effort, we are willing to listen."

Social and Rehabilitation Services Secretary Janet Schallansky didn't rule out forming such a commission, but said she must be convinced it doesn't duplicate work already being done.

"We really would have to look closely at what would be different about this group," she said.

In 1996, the department turned over foster care and adoption services to private nonprofit groups. Garner and Hensley said their proposal wouldn't change that.

The subject became a volatile political issue after legislators learned last month that Lutheran Social Services, which provides some adoption services to the state, is in financial trouble.

"The glaring problem is there's no accountability in the system," Garner said.

The Democrats proposed the Children's Protective Services Commission, with four members appointed by legislative leaders and a chairman named by the governor. Hensley and Garner offered no cost estimates for maintaining such a commission and staff.

Rep. Melvin Neufeld, R-Ingalls, noted the Legislature already has a Joint Committee on Children's Issues and an the department Transition Oversight Committee.

"Adding another one is not productive," he said.

Among other things, the commission would provide independent oversight and budget recommendations for the administration and Legislature to consider.

"The lack of confidence is in the department — they are in propaganda mode," Garner said. "Somebody needs to be watching the system."

Hensley said the commission would be created by legislation and the law must be changed to give it access to confidential information regarding foster care and adoption cases.

Asked if Democrats would support a tax increase to pay for the commission, Garner said, "We can do it within current revenue."

The Democrats said the state is obligated to pay what it owes to the providers, including Lutheran.

But Neufeld and Sen. Dave Kerr, R-Hutchinson, chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, said the state not only honored contracts but paid more than originally required.

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Goodland Accidents

Aug. 21 — At 4:50 p.m., an unknown vehicle made an abrupt halt before turning north on Caldwell from 17th. Ladonna R. Durham, driving an '86 Chevrolet truck, stopped immediately to avoid hitting it. Katy L. Hillmer, driving a '98 Chevrolet, attempted to stop also, but hit Durham's vehicle. The unknown vehicle left the scene.

Aug. 21 — At 9:20 p.m., Linda J. Smith, driving an '87 Chrysler, was headed south on K-27 and was hit by James M. Miller, driving an '89 Chevrolet, who was exiting I-70. Miller said he didn't see Smith's vehicle due to other vehicles and lights in the area.

Aug. 21 — At 11:26 p.m., Bruce E. Hampton, driving a 2000 Peterbilt semi, was turning right onto K-27 from the eastbound off ramp of I-70 and hit a cement barricade in a construction zone.

Aug. 22 — At 12:49 a.m., John R. McClain, driving a 2000 Freightliner semi, was turning right onto K-27 from the eastbound off ramp of I-70 and hit a cement barricade in a construction zone.

Aug. 22 — At 1:02 a.m., John A. Westbrook, driving a '98 International semi, was turning right from an off ramp at exit 17 of I-70 onto K-27 and hit a cement barricade. in a construction zone.

Aug. 22 — At 1:19 a.m., Rex A. Weltch, driving a '99 Kenworth semi, was turning right onto K-27 from the eastbound off ramp of I-70 and hit a cement barricade in a construction zone.

Aug. 22 — At 4:49 a.m., New Trail Travel Plaza, 2721 Enterprise Road, reported that a blue Peterbilt semi hit a utility pole in the parking lot and left the scene.

Aug. 22 — At 3:08 p.m., Sonya L. Barham, driving an '86 Ford van, was backing up in the parking lot at Wal-Mart and hit a parked '99 Mercury, owned by Donna Ruddell.

Aug. 23 — At 8:37 a.m., Michael F. Middleton, driving an '83 Toyota pickup, was going south on Main. He turned left and was going east on 10th, when he hit a parked '88 Ford pickup, owned by Larry L. Ketler.

Aug. 24 — At 11:48 a.m., Kamilla Pianalto, driving a '97 Ford pickup, was backing from a parking space in the 1000 block of Main. She didn't see a '90 Mazda, driven by Michael W. Steiner, which was southbound on Main and hit it.

Sherman County Traffic

Aug. 22 — Ricky D. Terry, 45, Crowder, Mass., 6600 overweight, \$516.

Aug. 23 — Nicole E. Andreae, 17, Indian Hills, Colo., speeding in construction zone 76/60, \$98.

James F. Hill, 29, Knoxville, Tenn., speeding 100/70, \$114.

Charlie Law, 43, Rowlett, Texas, speeding in construction zone 70/60, \$74.

Emily J. Wagner, 25, Phillipsburg, Pa., speeding in construction zone 71/60, \$78.

Dennis W. Grotheer, 41, Pittsburg, speeding 86/70, \$76.

Pavel A. Shkarovskiy, 17, Camas, Wash., speeding 95/70, \$99.

Tammie R. Cooper, 28, Oklahoma City, speeding 97/70, \$105.

Hussain B. Muhammad, 38, Houston, Texas, speeding 89/70, \$54.

Aug. 24 — Thomas J. Oleary, 57, Englewood, Colo., speeding 86/70, \$76.

Charles B. Irby, 21, Powder Springs, Ga., speeding 88/70, \$80.

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Card of Appreciation

Willard and Joan Hartley thank their families and friends, for the joyous celebration, on their 60th Wedding Anniversary, August 26, 2000.

Thanks for your presence, presents, cards, and flowers.