

# Information line's topics can help consumers avoid fraud

*Dear Attorney General Kline: I try to be an informed consumer but sometimes I just need help in locating basic information. Is there a convenient way to access a variety of consumer information?*

Dear Kansas Consumer: My office receives hundreds of calls each week from consumers who are unhappy with their purchase of a product or service, are concerned about being victimized by a potential scam or have otherwise been ripped-off. It is certainly much easier and more effective to prevent people from becoming victims of financial crimes than to make them financially whole again. One such tool is the 24-Hour Consumer Information Line which is maintained by my Consumer Protection Division. Kansans have access to valuable consumer information by simply making a telephone call and following steps to learn



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about scams, how to make a wise vehicle purchase and preventing unwanted telephone solicitations. The number is 785-296-2424.

Here is the list of topics available on the Consumer Information Line:

1. Common Scams — Scam artists target potential victims in a variety of ways. Category 1 includes valuable information for individuals who fear they may have been targeted or would like information regarding the most common scams occurring in the United States. Information is included about mail, phone, Internet, door-to-door and

home repair scams. 2. Communicating with the Consumer Protection Division — A major function of the Consumer Protection and Antitrust Division is to review each complaint received, which amounts to more than 7,500 written complaints each year. By selecting Category 2, you'll hear information on how to file a complaint, requesting a speaker and/or educational material from the office, information about the Vulnerable Adults Task Force and how to contact the Communications Office. 3. Billing Issues — Consumers receive more bills today than ever, and many are neither short nor simple. Category 3 contains a vast amount of information regarding billing issues including tips to follow when you are billed for mer-

chandise returned or never received, what you should know about phone solicitations for "free" or "special" deals, protections you may be offered under the Fair Debt Collection Practice Act, information about telephone cramming and Internet service. 4. Vehicle Purchases — Buying or leasing a vehicle is an exciting time for many consumers. It is important that consumers make an informed decision before signing a contract. Category 4 contains information designed to inform and educate consumers on a variety of issues relating to buying, leasing and owning a vehicle. 5. Unwanted Phone Calls — The Kansas No-Call Act allows Kansas residents to make their phone numbers "off limits" to certain types of sales calls. By choosing Category 5, you will learn how to register your telephone numbers, be briefed on

laws regulating the faxing or commercial advertisements and hear tips to reduce unwanted e-mail. 6. Consumer Laws — Although our office is prohibited by law from giving private legal advice, Kansans may find Category 6 helpful in understanding several consumer laws including the Three-day Right to Cancel, Door-to-Door sales, Credit Repair and the Kansas Lemon Law. 7. Problem Solving Advice — Many problems in the marketplace can be handled without contacting an outside agency for assistance. Category 7 documents steps which should be considered when attempting to resolve a consumer complaint. 8. Commonly Asked Questions — The Consumer Protection Division receives about 1,000 calls each week from consumers seeking information on a variety of issues. Category 8 contains answers to fre-

quently asked questions. The topics in this category and those in Category 1 are changed as needed.

Kansas consumers can access the Consumer Information Line by dialing 785-296-2424, and then choosing the category that interests them by pressing a number, 1 through 8, and then choosing the specific message that interests them, also by pressing 1 through 8.

*Attorney General Phill Kline offers this public service to help you avoid becoming a victim of consumer fraud. Although some of the details have been changed, the cases appearing in this column are based on actual complaints or questions.*

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

## Kanorado growing, said store manager

By Evelyn Ward

*Sherman County Historical Society*  
**December 30, 1905:** Walter E. Winn, manager of the Winn general merchandise store at Kanorado, was in Goodland on business.

"Kanorado is experiencing a very satisfactory growth," said Mr. Winn. "While it is a small town, there is a great deal of business done there. At present there are two very good residences being built, and the Foster Lumber company is building sheds and office and otherwise putting things in shape to handle a good business."

**December 31, 1905:** AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS — Northfield News — Mrs. John Fiechter was in Bird City a few days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson. Her sister, Lyda, brought her home Saturday.

Bird City News — A crowd of about 50 young people gathered at Mr. Boyington's last Friday evening, and a fine time is reported. — The new passenger train that has been put on this railroad gives us much better mail service than the freight did. — The telephone men were in town and put each one on a separate line and also run the bar wire line into the Wray central office.

Ruleton News — Where is the telephone man, and why does he leave Ruleton out of his line. We are still alive here and know how to use the 'phones, and we will buy them. — Mrs. Harper was around soliciting funds last week for the Christmas entertainment. We certainly had the grandest Christmas tree here that we ever had. The activities were

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enjoyed by all.

Brewster News — Amel Sunday has finished his blacksmith shop and will put in a gasoline engine. — A meeting has been called by the president of the Brewster skimming station for the purpose of organizing a company to build and operate a butcher shop. The probable plan will be to dispose of the skimming plant, disburse the proceeds among the stockholders and then issue new stock and organize an independent company. A great many people are interested in the scheme, and the meeting promises to be well attended.

Muldrow News — Harve Chambers and Orvil Jones were extending the telephone line to E.W. Albright's place. Mr. Albright has put in a telephone at his residence in town and will have direct connection with his ranch. — A party of 35 land seekers from Iowa arrived at Brewster in a Pullman coach. The next day the party, in a procession of 12 vehicles, made a trip through this neighborhood looking at the sights.

Goodland — At the opera house, Jan. 1, 1906, New Year's night, there is where you will get your money's worth of pleasure and also assist the band boys in making a fine appearance next summer in new uniforms. Make your arrangements to attend.

*From weekly issues of The Goodland News, provided by the Sherman County Historical Society. Since the paper was published weekly, some items were arbitrarily assigned a date.*

## Coyote-calling event to be in St. Francis

By Karen Krien

*The St. Francis Herald*  
FoxPro's Midwest Coyote Calling Event has been set for Jan. 7 and 8 in St. Francis.

Organizer Brent Rueb reports that the St. Francis contest should be the biggest contest in the nation, with a full slate of 115 two-man teams.

There will be 65 Midwest teams and 50 Sportsman's teams. The Midwest teams are made up of more experienced hunters, while the Sportsman division is for novice hunters.

"Coyote calling is the fastest growing shooting sport in the nation," Rueb said, adding that the "Sportsman's Warehouse class" is designed to compliment the Midwest Coyote Calling Event.

"It has no skill level requirements and is open to any and all callers," he said "The event has a lower en-

try fee and thus a lower payback return than the Midwest event.

"This class is intended to help promote the sport of coyote calling and get more hunters introduced to the popular sport of predator calling."

The entry fee is \$200 per team for the Midwest class and \$40 for the Sportsman Warehouse class. There is a 100 percent payback of all entry fees. On top of the payback, there are numerous prizes. Last year, participants won about \$30,000 in prizes.

Because the event is so popular and the contest is limited to 115 teams, hunters are encouraged to sign up as quickly as possible. Rueb said the contest is already filling but also noted that the event is only a week away. The deadline for entering is Monday.

Call him at (785) 332-3402 or go to the web for information and results at [www.predatorsniperstyx.com](http://www.predatorsniperstyx.com).

## matters of record

### District Traffic

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court: **Nov. 12** — Donald R. Ems was fined \$126 for speeding.

Payyampate I. Johnson was fined \$120 for speeding.

Anthony S. Marion was fined \$126 for improper parking.

William C. Price was fined \$144 for speeding.

**Nov. 13** — Wilton B. Aleman-Garay was fined \$132 for speeding, \$10 for not wearing a seat belt and \$20 for not using a restraining system and seat belts on a child.

Richard B. Dreiling was fined \$150 for speeding.

Danny B. Freeland was fined

\$138 for speeding.

Craig E. Meads was fined \$270 for speeding.

Deborah M. Sheehan was fined \$150 for improper parking.

Billy Dewayne Taylor was fined \$190 for over weight on wheels and axles.

Reggie S. Whatley was fined \$119 for speeding.

**Nov. 16** — James Aragon was fined \$120 for speeding.

Sarah J. Pomeranke was fined \$120 for speeding.

John Ruiz was fined \$140 for over weight limits on wheels and axles.

**Nov. 18** — Diahanne M. Fuller was fined \$108 for improper parking

## Worship warms the heart

**Calvary Gospel Church**  
**Pastor:** Steve Rains, Ben Coats, youth pastor  
Fourth & College • 890-3605  
**Sunday:** Kid's Church: 10:30 am  
Morning Service: 10:30 am  
Evening Service: 5:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Adult mid-week service: 7:00 p.m.  
Youth @ the Rock House: 7:00 p.m.  
Small Group Ministries meets through out the week.  
[www.calvarygospel.net](http://www.calvarygospel.net)

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help**  
**Pastor:** Father Norbert Dlabal  
307 W. 13th • 890-7205  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
4:30-5 pm Saturday or by appointment  
**Mass Schedule:**  
Saturday: 6 pm, Sunday: 10:30 am  
**Spanish Mass:**  
Sunday: 4 pm

**Sonrise Christian Church**  
Ninth & Caldwell • 899-5398  
**Minister:** Charles E. Kerr, Jr.  
**Sunday:** Worship Service: 9:30 am  
Sunday School: 10:45 am  
Team Puppeteers: 6 pm  
**Wednesday:**  
Junior/Senior High Meeting: 7 pm  
Adult & Children's Classes: 7 pm  
Jets, 4th grade and under: 3:30 - 4:30

**Word of Life  
Joursquare Church**  
10th & Clark • 899-5250  
**Pastor:** John Coumerilh  
**Service Schedule:**  
**Sunday:** Worship Celebration  
and Kids' Church: 10:30 am  
First Wednesday: K.W.A.M.!  
Grades 1 through 5: 7 p.m.

**Pleasant Home Church**  
**Serving the rural community  
for over 100 years**  
Rt. 1, Box 180 • 694-2807 • 3190 Road 70  
**Pastor:** Charlie Busch  
694-2242  
**Sunday:** Worship Service: 9 am  
Sunday School: 10 am  
Evening Service: 6 pm

**Bible Baptist Church**  
**Pastor:** Michael Estep  
Fifth & Broadway  
890-7368  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9 am  
Morning Service: 10 am  
Evening Service: 6:30 pm  
**Wednesday:** Evening Bible Study: 7 pm

**Church of Jesus Christ  
of Latter-Day Saints**  
1200 15th Street • Burlington, CO  
(719) 346-7984  
**Sacrament Meeting:** 10 am  
**Sunday School:** 11:15 am  
**Priesthood/Relief Society:** 12 am

**Iglesia Del Dios Vivo**  
La Luz Del Mundo  
Spanish Speaking Church  
**Minister:** Esteban Ortiz B.  
1601 Texas • 899-5275  
**Daily Prayer:** Sunday thru  
Saturday: 5 am & 6 pm  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 10 am

**United Methodist Church  
Brewster:**  
**Pastor:**  
Worship Service: 10:45 am CST  
Sunday School: 9:45 am CST  
**Winona:**  
**Minister:** Rev. Bob Winters  
Worship Service: 9 am CST  
Sunday School: 10:15 am CST

**First Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)**  
**Pastor: Rev. Ted Amos**  
Eighth & Arcade • 890-5233  
**Sunday:** Worship Service: 10:30 am  
**Sunday School:** 9:15 a.m.  
**Activities:** Junior High & High School Youth Groups,  
Adult Bible Study, Choir, Men's and Women's Groups,  
Devotions Study, Monthly Fellowship  
**Special Notice:** Handicap Accessible, Hearing  
Assistance Equipment and Infant and Toddler  
Nurseries Available

**Kanorado  
United Methodist  
Church**  
**Pastor:** Leonard Cox  
399-2468  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9 am  
Worship Service: 10:15 am

**Church of the Nazarene**  
**Pastor:** Bob Willis  
Third & Caldwell  
899-2080 or 899-3797  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9:45 am  
Worship Service: 10:50 am  
Evening Service: 6 pm  
**Wednesday:** Evening Service: 7 pm

**First United Methodist Church**  
1116 Sherman  
899-3631  
**Pastor:** Rev. Janet Hernandez  
**Saturday:** Informal Worship: 5:30 pm  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9:15 am  
Worship Service: 10:30 am

**Goodland Bible Church**  
109 Willow Road • 899-6400  
**Pastor:** Chad DeJong  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9:30 am  
Morning Worship: 10:45 am  
Evening Worship: 6 pm  
**Wednesday:** AWANA (Winter)  
and prayer: 7 p.m.

**First Baptist Church**  
**Pastor:** Travis Blake  
Fifth & Center • 890-3450  
**Sunday:** Sunday School for all ages:  
9:15 am (Child care provided)  
Morning Worship: 10:30 am  
**Wednesday:** Bible study 7 p.m.  
Call church for information  
**Thursday:** Bible study 9:30 a.m.  
Wheatridge Center

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**  
13th & Center  
Church 890-2115 or Rectory 890-6969  
**Priest:** Father Hal Lycett  
**Holy Eucharist:** 10:00 a.m. Sunday  
10:00 a.m. Thursday  
**Morning Prayer:** 8:00 a.m. Wed. - Sun.  
For emergencies Wed. - Sun. 890-6969  
Sr. Warden for emergencies  
Mon. and Tues. 890-3320

**Harvest Evangelical  
Free Church**  
104 E. Hwy. 24 • 890-7918  
**Pastor:** Brian Fugleberg  
**Sunday:** Worship: 9:30 am  
Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.  
**Wednesday:** Youth group  
meets at 7 p.m.  
at Scherlings', 827 Caldwell.

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**  
13th & Sherman • 890-6161  
**Pastor:** Scott Grimshaw  
**Sunday:** Christian eduction/fellowship:  
10:15 a.m.  
Worship Service: 9 am  
**Wednesday:** Confirmation: 6 pm

**Church of Christ**  
401 Caldwell  
890-6185  
**Sunday:** Bible Study: 9:45 am  
Worship Service: 10:45 am  
**Wednesday:** Bible Study: 7 pm

## The following sponsors urge YOU to attend your chosen House of Worship this Sabbath:

**Short & Son Trucking**  
Hwy. 24

**Koons Funeral Chapel**  
North Main

**Good Samaritan Center**  
208 W. 2nd

**KLOE/KKEG/KWGB**  
3023 W. 31

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