

NEWS

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Kingman Police to Take Part in Click It or Ticket

PRESS RELEASE

Memorial Day is one of the busiest travel holidays in the nation and the Kingman Police Department is urging all drivers and passengers to buckle up.

During Click It or Ticket, drivers will be met with extra enforcement by the

agency. Officers will be on the lookout for unrestrained drivers, passengers, and children traveling our roads.

Your seat belt could be what saves you and those riding with you. Insist that everyone in the vehicle is retrained before you start.

In the interest of saving lives, the Kingman Police Department is committed to ticketing and educating the violators of adult seat belt and child safety laws, as well as other traffic infractions to ensure you are as safe as possible on your travels.

Free Legal Answers Marks One-Year Anniversary

PRESS RELEASE

TOPEKA — The Kansas Bar Association will celebrate the first anniversary of Kansas Free Legal Answers (<https://kansas.freelegalanswers.org>) on Law Day, May 1. This virtual legal advice clinic, hosted by the American Bar Association and funded by the Kansas Bar Foundation, allows income-eligible Kansans to submit legal questions for volunteer attorneys to answer. Kansas is among 42 states participating in this national program.

In its first ten months, 550 individuals submitted 564 questions across various legal topics including family law, housing, consumer rights, employment/unemployment, and civil rights. Family law issues dominated at 30 percent of inquiries, followed by housing concerns at 14 percent.

“Free Legal Answers provides a frictionless opportunity for Kansas residents to get access to legal advice,” said Mitch Biebighauser, KBA Access to Justice Committee member. “Breaking

down barriers between individuals and their rights is crucial to operating a society governed by the rule of law.”

Law Day was selected as the launch date of Kansas Free Legal Answers in 2024 to introduce the program and to generate interest for attorneys looking for pro bono opportunities.

“The program offers attorneys flexible pro bono opportunities with a 24/7 platform and customizable time commitments,” says Martha Coffman, Chair of the KBA’s Access to Justice Commit-

tee. Coffman also expressed gratitude to the Kansas Bar Foundation for IOLTA grant that funded the first two years of the program’s operation.

Law Day was established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1958. The 2025 theme, ‘The Constitution’s Promise: Out of Many, One,’ focuses on our shared responsibilities under the Constitution and celebrates how the Constitution bridges our differences and fosters unity through civic duties like government service and community programs.

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commission gets a chance to provide feedback at a public meeting. That’s because that commission does not have a meeting scheduled until July.

In another matter, Stucky told the county commissioners that the planning and zoning commission approved on a 5-4 vote allowing a couple a special use permit to utilize

a barn to host weddings and other activities.

Mark Hickman and Montana Sauderberg had previously visited with the planning and zoning commission to seek a zoning change for their land, but that commission voted not to recommend the change and the county commissioners followed suit.

However, the county commissioners asked that the couple look into a special

use permit instead. That permit came before the planning and zoning commission at its meeting last week.

Stucky said that the planning and zoning commission placed a number of conditions on the permit, to include limits on how long an event may last, securing the premises and making sure people park on their property and not on the road or another person’s property.

There were several residents who attended the meeting to state their opposition. County Commissioner Pat Elpers, who attended the planning and zoning meeting, said that several people approached him after the meeting and he told them that, if there are any issues, to document them.

Stucky said the permit is good for one year, then it will be reviewed.

GRANTS

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Jaime Tilton, kindergarten through sixth grade, \$10,980.

Engineering Application Equipment - Micah Dehning, ninth through 12th grades, \$5,200.

Norwich innovative grant

recipients were:

Norwich Esports Program - Richard Sanders, sixth through 12th grades, \$7,055.

Animal Science Enhancement - Lacie Harshbarger, 10th through 12th grades, \$3,200.

Unlocking Literacy: Lit Lab Resources - Brandi Schroder, kindergarten

through fifth grades, \$632.

Pages for ALL – One School, One Book - Brandi Schroeder, kindergarten through 12th grades, \$5,384.

Hands-On Science: Engaging Experiments - Adria Kasel, seventh through 12th grades, \$1,939.

Engaging Students

Through Science Themed Board Games - Adria Kasel, seventh through 12th grades, \$1,790.

For more information about the Kingman/Norwich Innovative Fund, visit www.sccfks.org or contact the Foundation at (620) 672.7929 or email holly@sccfks.org.

OBITUARIES

MARY MARGARET BAK

Mary Margaret Bak of Simpsonville, SC., a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and sister, passed away peacefully on April 26, 2025, at the age of 73.

She was born on June 26, 1951, in Nashville, a daughter of the late Wilfred and Carletta Bock Hageman.

Mary was a 1969 graduate of Kingman High School. She later graduated from St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing in Wichita. Following her career as a registered nurse, Mary was a stay at home mom who was active in her children's activities and could often be found volunteering at the school. She embodied the best of qualities: unconditional love, strength of spirit, and an unending generosity that could be seen in her care for her family and friends.

As a founding member of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, Mary was deeply embedded in her community, sharing her faith and love with others. She cherished the connections she made within the church, finding strength and solace in her spiritual family.

Mary enjoyed the outdoors and was an avid gardener, often expressing her love for flowers through her vibrant and blooming garden, a reflection of her nurturing spirit. Her home was not just a place of comfort but a sanctuary of beauty, which she lovingly tended throughout the years.

Mary leaves behind her beloved husband, John Bak, with whom she shared 52 wonderful years of marriage, as well as her son, Jason Bak (Leslie); her daughter, Jennifer Gonzales (Manuel); her cherished grandchildren, Joshua and Jayce, all of South Carolina. Her siblings are, Patricia Beebe (Scott), Joseph Hageman (Shirley), Irene Arensdorf (Mark), Loretta Clouse (Peter) Nancy Dodge (Lial), Larry Hageman (Barbara), Betty Smith (Garry), Jerry Hageman (Laura) and Donald Hageman (Jacquelyn) and many nieces and nephews. Each of them carries a piece of her generous heart and vibrant spirit.

The funeral mass will be held on Friday, May 16 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, with inurnment following in the Columbarium Garden.

In these moments of remembrance, we honor a woman who was full of love, grace, and compassion. Mary Bak will be deeply missed but never forgotten, as her legacy will continue to bloom in the hearts of all who had the privilege to know her.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Cheryl Ann Tidwell sentenced July 5th, 1989 for insufficient funds check in Kingman County, Kansas, has applied for executive (pardon) clemency. Persons wishing to comment should send information in writing to the above address within fifteen (15) days after the date of publication.

News Briefs

USD 331 SETS SUPT. FINALIST MEET-AND-GREETS

The USD 331 Board of Education has scheduled public meet-and-greet sessions for the three school superintendent finalists next week. One will be held Tuesday, May 13, a second will be held Wednesday, May 14 and a third will be held Thursday, May 15. All will be held from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at Kingman Middle-High School. People will have a chance to visit with each of the finalists. The finalists will be announced each morning of the meet-and-greet sessions.



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