



The sixty-first annual Kiwanis Auction has lots of goodies for the buyers to browse Friday and Saturday at the fairgrounds. Sellers and buyers are already looking forward to next year.

Social Security Matters

by Russell Gloor, National Social Security Advisor at the AMAC Foundation, the non-profit arm of the Association of Mature American Citizens

Ask Rusty – Am I Entitled to More Social Security as a Veteran?

Dear Rusty: I served in the U.S. Army from July 1964 to July 1967. Am I eligible for a higher Social Security payment? Thank you. **Signed: Vietnam Era Army Vet**

Dear Army Vet: Please accept my sincere thanks for your military service. I believe you are referring to the "Special Extra Credit for Military Service" which has been the subject of many published articles. That refers to a special Social Security accommodation available only to those who served in the military during specific periods of time - but it does not add to your monthly Social Security payment. Rather, it adds to your military earnings record for the years you served, which may (or may not) result in a higher Social Security benefit when you later claim Social Security.

Here's how it works in your case:

Serving between 1964 and 1967, if you told Social Security of your military service

when you applied for Social Security benefits (or gave them a copy of your DD-214), they would have added up to \$1,200 per year to your military pay record (FYI, those who served after 1966 were automatically given earnings credit for their military service years). However, whether those special extra credits would affect your monthly Social Security benefit depends on your lifetime earnings record when you later claimed Social Security.

When you applied for benefits, Social Security reviewed your lifetime earnings and used the highest earning 35 years of earnings over your lifetime (adjusted for inflation) to calculate your "Primary Insurance Amount" (or "PIA," which is what you get if you claim benefits to start at your Social Security full retirement age). If, after your military



Rusty Gloor

service, you had 35 or more years of earnings which were higher than your earnings while serving in the military, Social Security would have used your later higher earning years to calculate your benefit, and your military earnings would not have had an effect on your Social Security benefit. However, if any of your military earnings (including the "special extra credits") were among the highest over your lifetime, then those higher military earnings would be included when calculating your Social Security benefit.

So, whether you would benefit from these "special extra credits for military service" depends largely on your earnings history after you were discharged from active duty. If your military earnings were among the highest earning years over your lifetime, and you provided SSA with a copy of your DD-214 when you applied for Social Security, then your current SS benefit already includes consideration of your military service (FYI, Social Security should have asked about your military service when you applied for Social Security, then you

applied for Social Security, or if you aren't sure, you should contact the SSA at 1.800.772.1213 and ask if you were given those "special extra credits for military service" for your 1960s military service years when you applied for Social Security. But if you had at least 35 years of higher earnings after you left military service, your current SS benefit is already based on those later higher earning years, and you will not get any additional /Social Security benefit because of the "special extra credits" for your military service years.

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Chamber Chatter

By Tina Fernandez, Executive Director of the Hugoton Area Chamber of Commerce

Legislative Coffee Saturday, April 18

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Enjoy coffee and donuts at the Senior Center and listen to State Representative Marty Long as he updates you on what is happening at the Kansas State Capitol. The event is sponsored by the Hugoton Chamber of Commerce, Stevens County Farm Bureau, Crispy Ring Donuts and Stevens County Economic Development.

Annual Chamber Banquet April 18, 2026

Chamber Banquet preparations are well underway! We still have a limited number of tables available for sponsorship. This is a great opportunity to showcase your business and be part of a wonderful community event.

If you're interested in sponsoring a table, please contact Tina at 620-544-4305 or email hugotonchamber@gmail.com for more information.

Kobach urges Kansans to wear blue April 10 for Child Abuse Prevention Month

Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach and the Kansas State Child Death Review Board are encouraging Kansans to wear blue Friday, April 10, to increase awareness of child abuse. The effort is part of April's observance of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The State Child Death Review Board indicates that child abuse and neglect can take many forms and often occur behind closed doors, making awareness and prevention efforts critical. While physical abuse may be the most visible, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect can have equally serious and lasting impacts on a child's health, development, and well-being. Recognizing the signs and taking action to support families and report concerns are essential steps in preventing abuse and helping ensure children across Kansas grow

up in safe and supportive environments.

"Child abuse prevention requires a collective effort from communities across Kansas," said Sara Hortensine, Youth Services Division Chief. "Wearing blue helps raise awareness and reminds us all that we share a responsibility to support families, recognize the signs of abuse and neglect, and report concerns. Speaking up can make a critical difference in protecting children and preventing tragedy."

For additional information on child abuse and neglect, visit www.ag.ks.gov, or call (785) 296-7970. The Kansas Department for Children and Families maintains the state's Protection Report Center. Residents who suspect a case of child abuse or neglect may report it at (800) 922-5330. In cases in which the child may be in imminent danger, call 911.

HOMES FOR SALE

601 West City Limits-acreage, 306 S Lincoln
1102 S Jefferson, 1107 S Jefferson, 1109 S Jefferson
2353 Road Q-acreage, 2655 Blvd L, Rolla-acreage
1155 Road 25, Rolla-acreage, 804 Adams, Rolla

PENDING

601 Madison, Rolla
902 S Harrison, 954 Trim, Elkhart


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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HOWARD ANDREW DUNN a/k/a HOWARD DUNN, deceased.

CASE NO. 23-PR-300001

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in said Court by Don R. Dunn and Verda Mae Allen Co-Administrators of the estate of Howard Andrew Dunn, also known as Howard Dunn, deceased, praying for a final settlement of the estate, approval of their acts, proceedings and accounts as Co-

Administrators, approval of demands and expenses, allowance for attorneys' fees and expenses, determination of the heirs entitled to the estate, which includes real estate, and assignment to them in accordance with the laws of the State of Kansas. You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before April 22, 2026 at 9:30 o'clock a.m., of said day, in said Court, in the City of Elkhart, in Morton County, Kansas at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

Don R. Dunn, Petitioner
Verda Mae Allen, Petitioner

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF STEVENS COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM HOWARD ISAACS, a/k/a WILLIAM H. ISAACS, DECEASED

Case No. SV-2026-PR-000006

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed by Alleta Isaacs Emberland, an heir of William Howard Isaacs, requesting that the foreign will of William Howard Isaacs, also known as William H. Isaacs, deceased, dated September 26, 2024 be admitted to probate and record in this court; no administration of the estate is necessary; the will be construed, and the Kansas real estate

owned by the decedent, situated in Stevens County, Kansas and described in the Petition and all other property located in the State of Kansas be assigned in accordance with the terms of the Will as set forth in the Petition.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before April 20, 2026 at 9:30 o'clock a.m. in the District Court in the city of Hugoton, Stevens County, Kansas at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Alleta Isaacs Emberland, Petitioner

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Stevens County Hospital Specialty Clinics Scheduled for April 2026

Open Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Closed for lunch and holidays

Dr. Freund	Cardiology	Thurs.	4/2
HPM	Pain Management	Mon.	4/6
Tele Health	Cardiology	Tues.	4/7
Dr. Brown	Podiatry	Thurs.	4/9
Dr. Frankum	General Surgeon	Fri.	4/10
	Orthopedics	Thurs.	4/16
HPM	Pain Management	Mon.	4/20
Tele Health	Cardiology	Tues.	4/21
Dr. Frankum	General Surgeon	Fri.	4/30

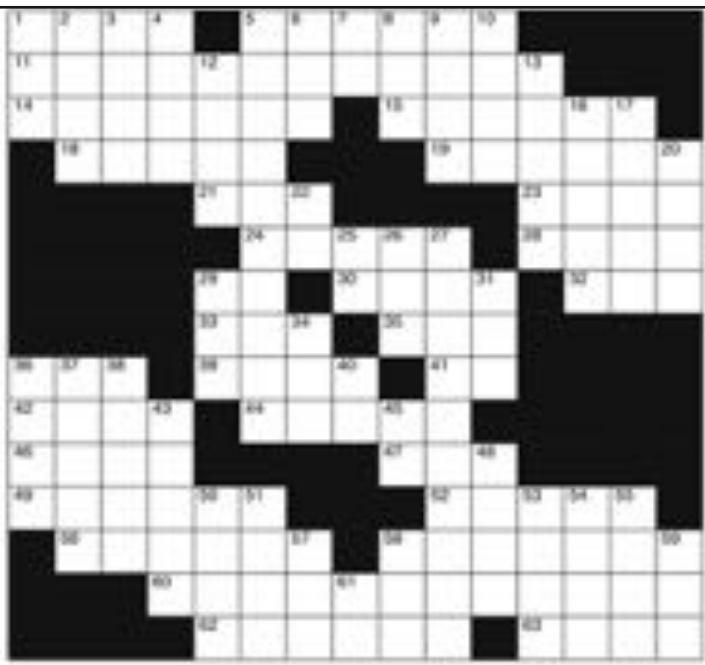
Dr. Freund. For appointments, please contact his office at 620-272-2430.

Tele health visits with Dr. Farhoud will be available the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 1-4 pm. All visits will be scheduled through his office.

For appointments with:

Dr. Brown, David Aranda, Dr. Frankum, Holistic Pain Management call 620-544-8339
Dr. Kawtharani 620-624-0732

If you need more information, please call 620-544-8339.



CLUES ACROSS

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| 1. Absence of difficulty | 36. Drivers' licenses and passports are |
| 5. Preserve a dead body | two |
| 11. Gratitude | 39. Snake-like fishes |
| 14. The act of coming together again | 41. Air Force |
| 15. More zesty | 42. Popular personal computers |
| 18. Visionaries | 44. Stages in ecological succession |
| 19. Large fish-eating bird | 46. Wings |
| 21. Indicates near | 47. In the center |
| 23. Former CIA and CIA critic | 49. Pleasantly smooth |
| 24. Icelandic poems | 52. Jeweled headress |
| 28. Pop | 56. In slow tempo |
| 29. Hammer in one | 58. ... Falls |
| 30. Self | 60. Reiterations |
| 32. Thyroid-stimulating hormone | 62. Era |
| 33. Nowhere to be found | 63. Hyphen |
| 35. Electronic data processing | |

CLUES DOWN

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| 1. Body part | 31. Sunscreen rating |
| 2. Mimic | 34. Brew |
| 3. Eject or eject (variant up) | 36. Leader |
| 4. Sea eagle | 37. Indigo bush genus |
| 5. Taxonomic category | 38. Burn with a hot liquid |
| 6. Chinese languages | 40. Junco's father |
| 7. Mr. T's "A-Team" character | 43. Mackerel genus |
| 8. Consumed | 45. Morning |
| 9. Chinese dynasty | 48. Straight line from side to side (abbr.) |
| 10. NFL legend Randy | 50. Type of mending |
| 12. Inland | 51. Small, thin or twisted branch |
| 13. Palm trees with creeping roots | 53. Swell by exposure to the weather |
| 16. Fungal disease | 54. Mars crater |
| 17. Tall, slender-leaved plants | 55. Humanities |
| 20. Affirmative! (slang) | 57. Relating to the ears |
| 22. It says who you are | 58. "To the ... degree" |
| 25. Atlantic coast state | 59. Residue when something is burned |
| 26. Grows older | 61. It cools a home |
| 27. Associations | |
| 29. Woman (French) | |