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KanDrive, 511 see significant increases in usage

The Kansas Department of Transportation's website, Kandrive.org, has been relied on for years to provide current highway condition information across the state. Now, the number of people taking advantage of the new KanDrive App and the Kansas 511 phone system is soaring.

From November through December 2022, KanDrive App sessions went from 6,919 to 44,118 - a 538% increase. During that same two-month timeframe, the number of 511 calls

received expanded 368% - from 3,356 up to 15.723.

Several factors contributed to the dramatic increase. In October 2022, the KanDrive App became available, and the 511 phone system was updated. Then the Christmas holiday storm that brought record low temperatures and wind chills encouraged people to give the new App and improved 511 a try.

"Impacts to traffic - whether snow, ice, flood-



OBITUARY

Doris Iola (Dugger) Clark



Loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Doris Iola (Dugger) Clark, passed away at her home on Thursday, January 5, 2023, at age 85. She was surrounded by many loving family members when she went home to be with our Lord.

Doris was born to Harold and Myrtle (Pippin) Dugger, on January 21, 1937 in Hartshorne, Oklahoma.

After graduation, she moved to the Kansas City area, where she met the love of her life, Gary Clark, in 1958 while working at Kansas City Life Insurance Company. Gary and Doris were married on September 6, 1959, in Mission, Kansas. They celebrated 63 years of loving marriage in 2022.

Residing mainly in Kansas (in between Gary's stops during his military service), Doris and Gary established long-time roots in Kansas City, Kansas, raising three children: daughters Michele Lynette, Denise Renee; and son Randall Wayne.

Doris loved the Lord and was an integral part of several churches, spending many years especially as a member of Grace Baptist Temple in Kansas City, Kansas. She and Gary spent a number of years in Ottumwa, Iowa after moving there for Gary's job with Amoco Oil. They were members of Calvary Baptist Church while in Ottumwa. Now that Doris has passed into the arms of our Lord, we are reminded that while this is the end of Doris' physical life on Earth, it's the beginning of an eternal and beautiful journey for her.

Doris was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Harold Dean (Dug) Dugger, Frank Dugger; and sister Yovanna Davidson. She is survived by many loving family members, including her husband, Gary; daughters Lynette Lading and Denise Wakefield (John); son Randy (Shelli); sisters Nelda Dugger, Darlene Schmit (Dave); and brothers Ronnie Dugger, Bob Dugger (Shirley).

Doris also leaves behind many children who brought her tremendous joy: eight grandchildren (four boys and four girls); as well as twelve great-grandchildren (four boys and eight girls) and a thirteenth due in July.

ing, construction activities or a major crash—are updated around the clock on KanDrive to assist the public in making informed travel decisions," said Kevin Hennes, DOT Administrator for KanDrive. "Providing options to receive this timely information is a huge benefit for motorists."

The KanDrive App contains all account features on the KanDrive website, but also includes a hands-free/eye-free feature that announces upcoming traffic events while traveling. The 511 system's voice quality and speech recognition features have been improved, allowing motorists to ask for reports on a specific route, in a city or between two cities.

The main connection of these systems is the KanDrive road condition website, created by KDOT in 2009. It has been upgraded several times to include additional features, such as real-time streaming of camera views along state roadways, a truckers' mode for commercial vehicle operators, traffic speeds, reports, incidents alerts and more. The upgrades also connected KanDrive to traffic management systems in the Wichita (WICHway) and Kansas City (KC Scout) metro areas.

KanDrive website usage decreases in the summer and greatly increases in the winter, with motorists using it to learn how much and how long storms are impacting highways. In 2022, traffic to the website averaged more than 141,000 site hits a month. But from November to December, traffic to the KanDrive website escalated from 65,674 to 407,398 - a 520% increase.

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Governor Kelly Announces Fiscal Year 2024 Budget

Budget Is Balanced, Responsibly Cuts Taxes, Fully Funds Schools

Governor Kelly announced her annual budget, outlining her common-sense, fiscally responsible plan to provide tax relief for Kansans, fully fund schools for the fifth year in a row, and make one-time investments that will pay off debts and expand healthcare.

"My budget reflects my plan to responsibly cut taxes, continue growing our economy, fully fund education, and strengthen our infrastructure and workforce," Governor Laura Kelly said. "We're building a better Kansas for working families and retirees -- all while maintaining a balanced budget."

The budget:

• Provides responsible tax relief: Governor Kelly's "Axing Your Taxes" plan will save Kansans more than \$500 million in tax cuts over the next three years. The plan includes a proposal to completely axe the state sales tax on groceries, diapers, and feminine hygiene products by April 1, 2023. The second proposal

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adds a four-day back-to-school sales tax holiday, and the third increases the exemption on Social Security income tax to provide tax relief for retirees.

"Let's pass tax cuts that we can afford and help working families and seniors – while allowing us to continue the progress we've made on education," said Governor Kelly.

• Fully funds schools for the fifth year in a row: The Governor's budget fully funds K-12 schools for the fifth consecutive year and puts Kansas on the path to fully fund special education. The budget also invests nearly \$110 million in higher education, allowing schools to continue the recent trend of low-to-no tuition increases and expand financial aid.

"The special education funding gap impacts every student because schools end up diverting funds away from other areas to provide these services," said Governor Kelly. "I fully recognize that Congress hasn't done its part to deliver the federal funding it promised for special education services, and I'll continue to work with our congressional delegation to push the federal government to hold up it is end of the bargain. But in the meantime, Kansas families need solutions."

- Prepares Kansas for the future: The Governor's budget adds \$500 million to the Rainy Day Fund, putting the balance at \$1.5 billion. When Governor Kelly first came into office, the Rainy Day Fund was empty. Now Kansas is in a much better position to weather future storms.
- Invests in stronger infrastructure: The Governor's Budget keeps the 'Bank of KDOT' closed for the second year in a row and adds \$220 million to the state's "Infrastructure Leveraging Fund" so that local communities can have the state and local matching funds they need to access federal funding for transportation, broadband, and water infrastructure upgrades.
- Saves taxpayers money by paying off debt: By paying off the remaining \$53 million for reservoir debts at Milford and Perry Lakes,



Governor Kelly's budget will save taxpayers nearly \$30 million in future interest payments. The budget also pays in cash for the state's share of the proposed new veterans home in Topeka – saving close to \$10 million in interest.

• Invests in Kansas workers: The Governor's budget ramps up funding for the recently formed Office of Registered Apprenticeship and invests in a college internship program to encourage the next generation of Kansans to stay in the state post-graduation.

"As Kansas aims to continue shattering economic records, there's one thing in our way: There aren't enough skilled workers for all the jobs we're creating. Our labor shortages are driving up prices and stunting our economic growth," said Governor Kelly. "These investments will help create a strong pipeline of talent that has abundant educational and economic opportunities right here at home."

- Continues to repair Kansas' foster care system: The Governor's budget invests over \$5 million to increase placement rates for foster homes and support foster kids transitioning to adulthood.
- Expands mental and physical healthcare and saves Kansas hospitals: The Governor's budget directs over \$12 million to the current KanCare program to eliminate disparities in service for KanCare program recipients, enhances the ability to secure providers, and ex-

pands network capacity. The budget also shows why Kansas must expand Medicaid. Kansas will receive an estimated \$370-\$450 million in additional federal funding over the next two years when we expand Medicaid – which would cover the state's share of expansion for eight years.

"By far, the most impactful thing we could do to improve Kansans' health, keep our healthcare workers, and save rural hospitals is expand Medicaid and draw down billions of dollars – our own tax dollars – waiting for us in Washington, D.C.," said Governor Kelly.

- Increases state employee pay by 5%: The Governor's budget works to recruit and retain state workers by increasing pay and maintaining the Career Progression Plan for Kansas Highway Patrol officers that was provided in last year's budget.
- Makes investments in housing and childcare: The Governor's budget invests in early childhood education and care, giving local communities the ability to implement solutions tailored to their needs. It also provides \$20 million to the Housing Revolving Loan Program to help expand housing stock across the state, especially in rural Kansas.
- Invests in IT infrastructure and cybersecurity: The Governor's budget works to modernize and protect IT systems across state government and provide additional IT support and cybersecurity measures at state agencies.

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By Sharon Hoover

fter all the ranting and raving I did last week about mail delivery (the lack of it), I received mail every day this week. Granted, it took some time to get to my house (including two back issues of this publication), I was pleased that I did not receive anyone else's. It's bad enough

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when your house number is the same as five others and you get their mail by mistake. I just put it out for the mailperson to pick up. Enough of this.

Today's weather is a balmy 35 degrees with temperatures rising to the fifties for the weekend. I still think we are in for frigid temps in January and February so I will pass this info on. The Severe Cold Weather Overnight Shelter program will kick in when temps reach 25 degrees or below. The program continues until March 31, 2023. Located at 550 State Avenue with hours of 4:30 pm - 9:00am. Guests can be onsite from 6:00pm-7:00am. If you see or know someone who may need shelter, please pass this info on.

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The Main Branch of the KCK Public Library is restarting its In-Person Working Wednesday. This program provides help in writing cover letters or resumes, searching and applying for job postings. Hours are from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm.

Since 2009, I have been following the madcap adventures of Stephanie Plum, bail bonds retriever of persons who skipped bail hearings. She is the character in 29 novels by Janet Evanovich. She has not aged, her side kick is as wacky as ever, her boyfriend is still handsome, her grandmother is still on the lookout for a man, and she has destroyed more cars than I care to imagine. One does not have to start at the beginning of the series because all is explained in each book. Nothing can be taken seriously.

I just received the sequel to "The 100 Year Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared". I can hardly wait to see what he is up to next.

Until next time, stay safe and be kind to those around you. Continue to pray for the brave Ukrainians fighting for the right to remain free.



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IRS sets Jan. 23 as official start to 2023 tax filing season

WASHINGTON – The Internal Revenue Service today announced Monday, Jan. 23, 2023, as the beginning of the nation's 2023 tax season when the agency will begin accepting and processing 2022 tax vear returns.

More than 168 million individual tax returns are expected to be filed, with the vast majority of those coming before the April 18 tax deadline. People have three extra days to file this year due to the calendar.

With the three previous tax seasons dramatically impacted by the pandemic, the IRS has taken additional steps for 2023 to improve service for taxpayers. As part of the duction Act, the IRS has hired more than 5,000 new telephone assistors and added more in-person staff to help support taxpayers.

"This filing season is the first to benefit the IRS and our nation's tax system from multi-year funding in the Inflation Reduction Act," said Acting IRS Commissioner Doug O'Donnell. "With these new additional resources, taxpayers and tax professionals will see improvements in many areas of the agency this year. We've trained thousands of new employees to answer phones and help people. While much work remains after several difficult years,

August passage of the Inflation Re- we expect people to experience improvements this tax season. That's just the start as we work to add new long-term transformation efforts that will make things even smoother in future years. We are very excited to begin to deliver what taxpayers want and our employees know we could do with this funding."

These steps took place as the IRS worked for months to prepare for the 2023 tax season. The Jan. 23 start date for individual tax return filers allows the IRS time to perform annual updates and readiness work that are critical to ensuring IRS systems run smoothly. This is the date IRS systems officially begin accepting tax returns. Many software providers and tax professionals are already accepting tax returns; they will transmit those returns to the IRS

when the agency begins accepting tax returns on Jan. 23.

The IRS urges people to have all the information they need before they file a tax return. Filing a complete and accurate tax return can avoid extensive processing and refund delays as well as avoid the possibility of needing to file an amended tax return.

In addition, the IRS encourages people to carefully review their tax situation to make sure they don't overlook important tax credits they may be eligible for, like the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). The IRS has set a special day on Jan. 27 to encourage people to make sure they understand the important benefits of the EITC, a credit that can help

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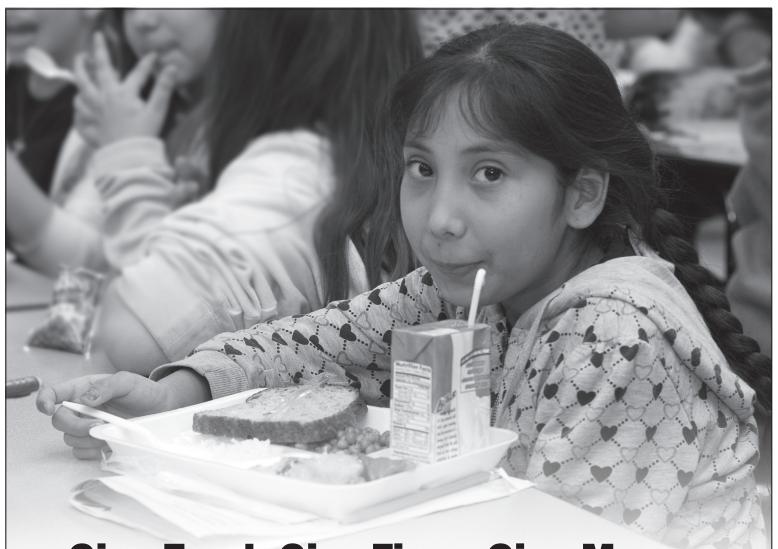
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low- and moderate-income workers and families.

The IRS has a variety of free services available to help people. The IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly programs also offer free basic tax return preparation to qualified individuals. People can also get help from trusted tax professionals, commercially available tax software as well as IRS Free File, which provides free electronic filing of tax returns.

April 18 tax filing deadline in 2023 The filing deadline to submit 2022 tax returns or an extension to file and pay tax owed is Tuesday, April 18, 2023, for most taxpayers. By law, Washington, D.C., holidays impact tax deadlines for everyone in the same way as federal holidays. The due date is April 18, instead of April 15, because of the weekend and the District of Columbia's Emancipation Day holiday, which falls on Monday, April 17.

Taxpayers requesting an extension will have until Monday, Oct. 16, 2023, to file.

Tips to help people with the 2023 tax season

The IRS recommends several things for people to keep in mind for a smooth filing experience this year:

Have the right information before filing. The IRS encourages individuals to have all the information they need before filing a complete and accurate return. Organize and gather 2022 tax records including Social Security numbers, Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers, Adoption Taxpayer Identification Numbers and this year's Identity Protection Personal Identification Numbers valid for calendar year 2023.

Filing an accurate tax return can help taxpayers avoid delays or later IRS notices. Sometimes this means waiting to make sure individuals have accounted for all their income and the related documents. This is especially important for people who may receive one of the various Forms 1099 from banks or other payers reporting unemployment compensa-

tion, dividends, pension, annuity or retirement plan distributions.

People should also remember that most income is taxable, including unemployment income, interest received or money earned from the gig economy or digital assets. Individuals should make sure they report the correct amount on their tax return to avoid processing delays.

Visit IRS.gov first for questions. The IRS reminds people to visit IRS. gov first for common questions and also to check on the status of their refunds. IRS.gov has much of the same information that IRS phone assistors have.

The IRS anticipates making significant improvements to phone service this year for taxpayers and tax professionals as more training for new phone assistors is completed in the weeks ahead. However, the IRS emphasizes it's important to note that call volumes remain at historically high levels. The IRS urges people to visit IRS.gov for the information they need.

"Our phone volumes remain at very high levels," O'Donnell said. "For faster access to information, we urge people to start with IRS.gov. From there, taxpayers can quickly access the variety of free resources available to help taxpayers anytime, day or night."

Speed refunds by filing electronically and choosing direct deposit. There are important steps people can take to help ensure their tax return and refund are processed without delays. The most important is to file electronically with direct deposit. This is still the fastest and easiest way to file and receive a refund. To avoid delays in processing, people should avoid filing paper returns wherever possible.

To speed refunds, the IRS urges people to file electronically with direct deposit information as soon as they have everything needed to file an accurate return. Individuals can use a bank account, prepaid debit card or mobile app to use direct deposit and will need to provide routing and account numbers with their return. Learn how to open an account at an FDIC-insured bank or through the National Credit Union Locator Tool.

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