

Make Safety a Tradition This Holiday Season

Safe Kids Kansas and the Office of the State Fire Marshal offer tips for holiday home safety

TOPEKA – The holidays are a time when many families deck the halls with lights and special decorations. But the winter holiday season also brings an increased risk of home fires and other injuries. Safe Kids Kansas and the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) remind families to take a few extra precautions and make safety a tradition when decorating for Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and other winter festivities.

December is the peak month for home fires, and holiday decorations contribute to this risk. Candles, live Christmas trees, lights, fireplaces and cooking should all be handled carefully. In addition, heat sources, like space heaters, can also ignite a fire.

“Prevention is the most effective way to avoid a home fire,” Doug Jorgensen, State Fire Marshal, said. “The winter months and the holiday season create many unintended fire hazards that can have devastating consequences. We want to ensure that Kansans stay safe this season by providing some easy tips to follow.”

Keep your family safe with these tips:



- Consider using flameless candles, which look like real candles but will keep children safe from burns.

- When cooking, keep your counter space free from anything that can catch fire, set a timer and check your cooking and baking regularly, and create a “kid-free zone” at least three feet around the stove.

- Inspect Christmas lights for exposed or frayed wires, loose connections and broken sockets.

- Make sure a natural/live tree is fresh and kept watered and keep tree at least three feet away from fireplace, space heater, radiator or heat vent.

- Supervise children around fireplaces or use a fireplace screen or gate to keep children away.

- Position space heaters with care. Place them level on the floor at least three feet from anything flammable, and never leave them on unattended.

- Have furnaces inspected annually.

- Install and regularly test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors on every level of your home and in every sleeping area. Create and practice your home fire escape plan and determine a safe meeting place outside.

“Despite efforts to prevent fires and burns, if you have an emergency it’s important for first responders to quickly find your location,” said Cherie Sage, Safe Kids Kansas. “Make sure your house numbers are clearly visible from the street, on your house, mailbox or curb.”

Governor Laura Kelly Issues Executive Order Requiring COVID-19 Testing in Adult Care Homes

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly today announced she has signed Executive Order #20-69, requiring COVID-19 testing in certain adult care homes, to enhance efforts to keep COVID-19 from entering and spreading through nursing homes.

“By implementing uniform testing guidelines for nursing facilities statewide, we create clarity on the testing practices that will protect adult care home workers, residents, and communities from the spread of COVID-19,” Governor Laura Kelly said.

The order will require facilities to test residents and staff based on parameters and a frequency set forth by the executive order. The order requires testing of staff and residents in state-licensed facilities that are classified as adult care homes under K.S.A. 39-923(a). The order does not apply to facilities that are regulated by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services because those facilities are already subject to similar testing requirements.

The Executive Order outlines the routine testing requirements for adult care home staff based upon county positivity rates, monitoring and adjusting every other week, reported by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The minimum testing interval based on the county positivity rates are as follows:

- Low (<5% positive test result rate) or Green – Once a month
- Medium (5% – 10% positive test result rate) or Yellow – Once a week
- High (>10% positive test result rate) or Red – Twice a Week

The guidance above represents the minimum testing expected. Facilities may consider other factors, such as the positivity rate in an adjacent county to test at a higher frequency than required.

“We thank Governor Kelly for her continued support via this executive order to prioritize adult care home staff and residents in the state’s COVID-19 testing strategy,” KDADS Secretary Laura Howard said. “This action gives us an opportunity to ensure our most vulnerable citizens and the staff critical to their hands-on care are afforded every protection needed to slow down or stop the entrance of this virus into our facilities.”

Facilities can meet the testing requirements by using rapid point-of-care (POC) diagnostic testing devices or through an arrangement with an offsite laboratory. For a facility to conduct these tests with their own staff and equipment (including POC devices provided by the Department of Health and Human Services), the facility must have a CLIA Certificate of Waiver.

Facilities without the ability to conduct COVID-19 POC testing should have arrangements with a laboratory to conduct tests to meet these requirements. Laboratories that can quickly process large numbers of tests with rapid reporting of results should be selected to rapidly inform infection prevention initiatives to prevent and limit transmission. Facilities have access to laboratories contracted with the State of Kansas through the “It’s Up to Us, Kansas” testing strategy. This access is established through December 30, 2020.

The order states that, regardless of the frequency of testing being performed or the facility’s COVID-19 status, the facility should continue to regularly screen all staff, each resident, and all persons entering the facility, such as vendors, volunteers, and visitors, for signs and symptoms of COVID-19.

The Executive Order further outlines guidelines for testing staff and residents with COVID-19 symptoms or signs, responding to an outbreak, refusal of testing, conducting tests, and reporting and documenting results.

Executive Order #20-69 becomes effective on Monday, December 14, 2020, and remains in force until rescinded or until the statewide State of Disaster Emergency expires, whichever is earlier.

Sue's Sudsy Soapbox By: Sue Reich



Another day to put on our masks and go do our deeds for the day. Went to the store and picked up some odds and ends. How about those masks. To tell you the truth, every time I wear one, my nose runs. I switch them around and wash the cloth ones and the paper ones I wear more often. Sure glad they got that vaccine. Don't know when they will get around to us, but as long as it works, who cares? My son John will probably get one because he is an RN as my neighbor is too. My grandkids have been homeschooled for quite some time before this pandemic hit. So, they are used to being in and it really doesn't bother them.

Went to see Santa the other night at TRC. I told Mr. Ed they will probably have a drive-up Santa event and sure enough, they did. I took some pictures, hopefully they come out in *The Record* ok. Events sure have changed. Restaurants too. Everything has. When something does open, it doesn't stay open very long. You don't know what it is going to be and what isn't. I don't talk to our customers like I used to. Sure do miss that. Just put the papers in and out I go. It makes my day a bit shorter. At least I am saving on make-up. Just the top half of my face. lol. Hair doesn't matter either. I noticed a lot of newsmen on tv are having beards and longer hair. Did you see Drew Carey? He is grayer and has a beard. Looks funny the way they play the daytime game shows. They stand far apart, use devices to spin the Wheel of Fortune, Price is Right is different too. They come out from behind a curtain, so you know they are pre-picked, they don't jump all over the host anymore, but keep their distance. Weird to go to the store and just stay on your

dot until they move to the next register clerk.

Say, speaking of going to the store or any business place that uses money, be sure and wash/ sanitize your hands. A lot of people don't think about all the hands that handle that money. Please make sure you take every precaution you can. K? We don't go to many places unless it is absolutely necessary. I haven't tried that grocery store delivery system yet. I do most of the cooking here at home instead of going out. See school buses go by occasionally, but I don't ever see any students in them. Well, dear readers, guess I will sign off and get my weary self to beddiebye. Been a long day. Mr. Ed and I did a bit more than usual and this ol' gal is ready to hit the sack. Y'all take care and mind your p's and q's. Lvy a all, really, I do. Your little buddy from Argentine, Sue.

"When the news is all bad and the sky is all gray, the chocolate is all gone, it's good to remember, I've got a friend like you." "One of the secrets of life is keeping your friends hugging distance." These are quotes from *At the Heart of Friendship*

Remember When?

By: Sue Reich

Remember when we used to Trick or Treat and go from house to house to get our treats? Remember when we used to have Halloween parties? The only masks we wore were scary ones. Remember when Thanksgiving came, and we all gathered together at Grandma's house for a wonderful turkey dinner? Remember when Christmas came, and we got to shop shoulder to shoulder and go to Christmas parties and share cookies and goodies? Remember when we used to sit on Santa's lap and even got a candy cane from him? Remember Christmas Day when again the families would get together, exchange gifts and shared another Christmas meal? Remember Valentine Day when school's had parties and shared homemade treats and traded Valentine cards and candy? Remember Easter when we would go to church and later hunt Eas-

ter Eggs? Remember school, church, family gatherings? I remember, I look back and sigh. Yes, I remember.

Kobe Bryant

By: Sue Reich

I watched a narrative on TV the other night about Kobe Bryant and I must say it was quite interesting. As you know, he and his daughter were killed among others aboard a helicopter when it crashed, in May of this year. He was quite a basketball player and his whole life was based on his love for the game. I didn't realize that basketball had such a rigorous exercise regime that the players went through. Kobe himself narrated the film and

it didn't dwell on the cause of his death but the golden days of his life. Wow, what a guy he was. All he wanted to do was shoot that ball and used to spend hours and hours in the gym just shooting and trying out different ways to get that ball in that net. I bet he could have done it with his eyes closed.

He talked about his younger days as a child, how he got into basketball, how he met his wife and the birth of his two daughters. His oldest daughter was with him in the helicopter crash and it must have been quite a loss for his wife and younger daughter.

When I worked at Harmon with Kathryn Kobe, she had posters of him all over our

room. I just thought because her last name was Kobe. Which I am sure that is why. But anyway, he is no longer with us or the Lakers, but he made quite an impression on the youth that are playing basketball now. Bless Kobe Bryant and his daughter, she was her daddy's girl and went almost everywhere with him. So when you watch KU or Jayhawks, think of Kobe and the hours and hours of working out, practicing shots, footwork and all the things they go thru just to please their spectators and their college or friends and family. I have more respect for basketball players now than I did before. They really are something.



Clockwise:
This is when we could actually touch ol' St. Nick.

Santa greeting a visitor at TRC

Santa waiting for the next visitors.

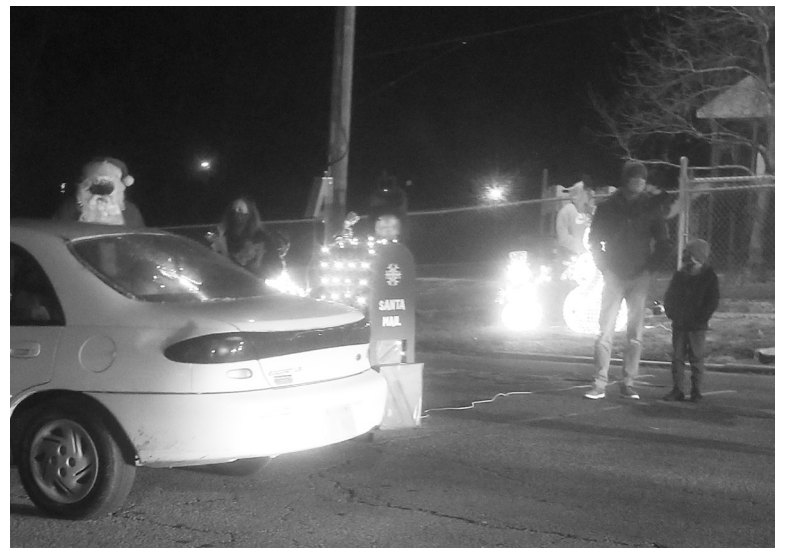
Christmas decorations adorns the new fence around Community gardens building on 55th. Street.



Passings...

By Sue Reich

Patricia "Pat" Hamilton, age 80, passed away November 22, 2020. 1957 graduate from Ward



Comin' & Goin' Turner Style



By Sharon Hoover

Another local free event is coming up soon—The Rozarks Luminary Hike which will benefit the Rosedale Development Association. This individually-led activity will take place at dusk on December 15-19, 2020. The Luminary Hike will start at the Rozarks Trail that begins in Fisher Park, 3900 Fisher, KCK 66103. The trail will be lit with luminaries along the path for all to enjoy. Participants are encouraged to explore only with members of their household, masks are required, and flashlights

highly recommended. Donations will be accepted to help sustain the Rosedale Development Association's mission.

I also noted RDA has openings for their AmeriCorps team. This is an opportunity to learn about community engagement and programming for those interested in leading special projects. Check out the position description and how to apply at the Rosedale Job Board. In the past, the garden has worked with AmeriCorps members from various agencies and have always been impressed with their work.

I just finished reading Tana French's new mystery novel "The Searcher". Miss French is an Irish writer and I first ran across her in 2012. From 2007 until 2016 she wrote a series of books based on a group of Irish detectives and got me hooked. In 2019, a completely different mystery "The Witch Elm" came out and now this one. Her books are worth waiting for and she does not

disappoint. The searcher is a retired Chicago police detective who relocates to a small town in Ireland wanting to get away from it all. He finds himself embroiled in a culture so different from his when asked to look for a missing teen. This book only came out in October and is already on Barnes & Noble's Best Fiction List of 2020.

If you're up for a little humor with your mystery, Janet Evanovich is out with a new Stephanie Plum novel "Fortune and Glory" (twenty-seven in the series). You don't need to read any of the former books to enjoy the shenanigans of this bounty hunter and her sidekick Lula. A new female character is introduced: a take-no-holds-bar kind of gal with expensive tastes named Gabriela Rose, a treasure hunter by trade. I feel a new series is about to begin.

Until next time please be kind, wash your hands, practice social distancing, wear a mask and get a flu shot.

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Keep Your Pets Safe This Holiday Season



The Humane Society of Missouri's Animal Medical Center of Mid-America shares important safety tips to keep pets healthy and happy this holiday season

While the holidays certainly look a bit different this year, local veterinarians at the Humane Society of Missouri's Animal Medical Center of Mid-America (AMCMA) want to ensure all celebrations are fun and safe for four-legged friends. Here are a few tips:

Be Careful with Festive Foods

Food and drinks are a highlight of the holiday season, but they can pose dangers

to your pet.

- Avoid feeding your pet anything they are not used to eating. Otherwise they could end up with an upset stomach.

- Fatty and spicy foods, chocolate, and other sweets, which can cause severe stomach issues, should be off-limits to pets.

- Don't give turkey, chicken, or ham bones to your pet. Bones can easily break and splinter, causing mouth injuries and intestinal blockage.

- Move cocktails out of your pet's reach. Even though the impact of alcohol is often mild, call your veterinarian

if your pet gets a hold of an alcoholic beverage. Be on the lookout for warning signs such as lethargy, drooling, vomiting, or collapse.

Keep Seasonal Plants and Decorations Out of Reach

Ingesting any plant or decoration has the potential to cause vomiting, diarrhea, or gastrointestinal irritation. But some can be toxic to pets, so it is important to keep pets away from all decorations.

- Plants such as mistletoe, rosemary, and holly berries can result in severe gastrointestinal upset if eaten.

- Christmas trees and other festive decorations can be dangerous to pets. If your pet chews on the lights or cords, they could be electrocuted. If ingested, decorations and tinsel could cause gastrointestinal problems or obstruction. Glass ornaments could pose an additional danger if your pet knocks them off the tree and the ornaments shatter.

- Live Christmas trees come with even more concerns. The oils from trees and tree needles can cause gastrointestinal trouble, and if pets eat the needles, those

needles could puncture their intestinal lining. But the most dangerous part of the live tree is the water in the tree's base. The pine sap, preservatives, and fire retardant in the water are harmful to dogs and cats.

Travel Safely and Secure Your Pet

If your holiday plans include driving, whether across the country or just across town to visit the dog park, your pet should be properly secured in the vehicle at all times. If there were to be an

accident and your pet isn't secure, they could suffer severe or life-threatening injuries.

- Small pets should be placed in a pet carrier during car rides, and the carrier needs to be securely fastened.

- Dogs should use a pet travel safety harness that attaches to your car's seat belt.

- Make sure your pet is always wearing their collar and identification tags, and if your pet is microchipped, verify that your contact information is current.

Gina Conde to Serve as Wyandotte County Extension Agent

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – Gina Conde will join the staff of K-State Research and Extension – Wyandotte County as an Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) Extension Agent, effective December 13, 2020. The Wyandotte County office is located at 1216 N 79th St., Kansas City, KS 66112.

She earned her bachelor's degree in Nutrition and Dietetics from Kansas State University and her master's degree in Human Development and Family Studies from the University of Missouri.

Conde has most recently been employed as a Public Health Specialist for the City of Independence, MO.

EFNEP (Expanded Food Nutrition and Education Program) agents develop and deliver educational programming to support successful families and community systems. Programs may include, but are not limited to: food preparation, nutrition, food safety, food resource management, household food security, and physical activity.

Local extension faculty are jointly employed in a partnership between K-State Research and Extension, headquartered on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan, and the local Extension board.

The role of K-State Research and Extension is to encourage the adoption of research-based information to improve the quality of life for Kansans. K-State Research and Extension is the short name for the Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service.

More information about Wyandotte County K-State Research and Extension is available by calling (913) 299-9300 or on the Web: <https://www.wyandotte.k-state.edu/>. Gina can be contacted at via email at: gina61@ksu.edu.

Neighborhood Resource Center Closed for In-Person Service Until Monday, January 4

Temporary closure due to staffing shortages caused by COVID-19

The Unified Government's Neighborhood Resource Center (NRC) will close to in-person customer service at its 4953 State Avenue location from Thursday, December 10, 2020, to Monday, January 4, 2021.

The closure is due to staffing shortages resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The temporary office closure will allow the Center's limited staff time to respond to a backlog of voicemails and emails. In the meantime, please allow up to 48 hours for a response to your request or inquiry via phone or email.

The Center staff asks the public to leave only one voicemail or email about any particular issue. Multiple messages about the same issue will only slow the overall response time for all inquiries.

First opened in 1999, the Neighborhood Resource Center provides building inspec-

tions and building permits, as well as property maintenance compliance services. The concept of the NRC was to create a focal point for residents to address issues facing their neighborhoods, as well as to provide easy access to all Unified Government neighborhood services and initiatives.

To contact the NRC, call (913) 573-8600. To contact a division about a specific service, use the following information:

Building Inspection (Building Permits, Demolition Permits, Safe to Restore, Gas Pressure Tests)

- BuildingInspection@wycokck.org

- (913) 573-8620

Business License & Occupation Tax

- BusinessLicense@wycokck.org

- (913) 573-8780

Property Maintenance & Code Enforcement

(Administrative Citations, Boarding Permits, Abatement Issues, Property Access)

- CodeEnforcement@wycokck.org

- (913) 573-8600

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- RentalLicensing@wycokck.org

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- Planninginfo@wycokck.org

- (913) 573-5750

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- edr@wycokck.org

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For more information about COVID-19 in Wyandotte County, visit wycokck.org/ COVID-19 or call 3-1-1.

AG Derek Schmidt Joins Multistate Lawsuit Seeking To End Facebook's Illegal Monopoly

TOPEKA – (December 9, 2020) – Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt today joined a bipartisan coalition of attorneys general in filing a lawsuit against Facebook Inc., alleging the company is engaging in business activities that stifle competition to protect its monopoly while at the same time reducing user privacy and online options.

Schmidt joined a lawsuit filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia alleging that Facebook violated Section 2 of the Sherman Act, in addition to multiple violations of Section 7 of the Clayton Act. Both federal acts

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Guest Editorial

Happy Thoughts All About Christmas!!!

By: Tom Valverde

“Christmas is here!!! Merry old Christmas, Gift-bearing, Heart-touching, Joy-bringing, Day of Grand memories, King of the Year!”

Washington Irving

“Maybe Christmas, he thought, doesn’t come from a store, maybe Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more!”

Dr. Seuss “The Grinch Who Stole Christmas”

“Christmas Eve will find me where the love light gleams, I’ll be home for Christmas, if only in my Dreams.”

Kim Gannon, lyrics Walter Kent, music

“When being together is more important than what you do, you are with a friend! Christmas time is a time for friends.”

Connie McMartin

A lady friend told me of the loss of her Nephew at only 41 years of age to COVID. I tell her to celebrate this Christmas in his honor.

“My Nephew would never want Christmas to be a time of sadness, he was a great Nephew!”

I was happy to see that she and her family will have a good Christmas, in spite of their loss. Hoping that All Others in a similar situation of having to cope with grief will also be graced by a good Christmas!

At Christmas we all return again to being children and recall with great pleasure a nice, cozy home and happy times spent with family and friends. Those snowy days of Christmases long ago with meaningful traditions that keep us eagerly waiting for again this year! A Merry Christmas to everyone.

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Request for Proposal Advertisement

Turner Unified School District No. 202 is seeking Bid Proposals for the purchase of a Forklift and Racking System at Turner Middle School.

Documents pertaining to this Request for Proposal will be provided to any qualified contractor free of charge by email request sent to crockettc@turnerusd202.org

Turner USD 202 Facility Supervisor, Chris Crockett will host the blind bid opening on Wednesday January 6, 2021 at 12:30 pm. The location of the bid opening will be the Facility and Grounds Building located at 5800 Metropolitan, Kansas City, KS 66106. Turner USD 202 will announce the vendor that is awarded the bid January 20, 2021.

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Turner Unified School District No. 202 is seeking Bid Proposals for Turner High School Exterior Building Repairs .

Documents pertaining to this Request for Proposal will be provided to any qualified contractor free of charge by email request sent to crockettc@turnerusd202.org

Turner USD 202 Facility Supervisor, Chris Crockett will host the blind bid opening on Wednesday January 13, 2021 at 1:00 pm. The location of the bid opening will be the Facility and Grounds Building located at 5800 Metropolitan, Kansas City, KS 66106. Turner USD 202 will announce the vendor that is awarded the bid January 20, 2021.

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Tom’s Tasty Treats

By: Tom Valverde

Everyone can use a short cut during the busy Christmas Holidays, and this week’s tasty treat takes advantage of using store-bought sugar cookie dough to create something that looks and tastes all homemade! And they are a great addition to your plate of assorted cookies for Christmas Eve, or anytime during December! Please try,

Tom’s Italian Styled Sugar Cookie Bars

Ingredients:

- 1 roll Refrigerated Sugar Cookie dough
- 2 Tbsp Red, White, Green* Candy Sprinkles

Frosting:

- 3 c Powdered Sugar
- 1/2 c Butter
- 3-4 T Milk
- 1/4-1/2 t Almond extract
- 1/2 t Salt

* These are the colors of the Italian flag, and also of Christmas!

Directions:

Set oven to 350°.

Spray or butter a 9x13” pan.

Take the roll of cookie dough and crumble it up into a bowl. Add the 2 T sprinkles and knead in to evenly distribute them. Press the dough evenly into the pan.

Bake at 350° for 15-17 minutes. The edges should be a light golden brown. Place the pan on a rack to let cool completely.

Icing:

In a mixing bowl, combine the powdered sugar and the butter. Add 3 tablespoons milk, the almond extract and salt. Beat until creamy and smooth. Add another tablespoon of milk, if still too thick.

Spread the frosting on the Cooled cookie base, and top with more red, white and green sprinkles.

Cut into bars as you like, try 4 rows length wise and 8 rows wide.

It’s the sprinkles and the almond extract that make these Italian. In lieu of adding more sprinkles on the icing, sprinkle it with sliced almonds. Easy and good!

Use this for other holidays also. Pastel sprinkles for Easter; Red, White, and Blue for the 4th of July! Enjoy! Have a Merry Christmas!

Tom’s Tasty Treats

By: Tom Valverde

I came across this recipe for a frosting that would look and taste great for almost any Christmas time baking. The frosting has an unusual ingredient that can enhance even a plain cookie and be used to sandwich two cookies together or to frost a special Christmas cake! Kids of all ages will love:

Marshmallow Crème Frosting

Ingredients:

- 1 c Butter
- 1 7oz. jar Marshmallow Creme
- 1 c Powdered Sugar
- 1/4 t Salt
- 1 t Vanilla

Directions:

In a mixer, beat the butter until it’s creamy. Add the marshmallow creme and beat until well blended. Add the powdered sugar, salt, and vanilla. Beat the mixture until fluffy.

Try this frosting on a Bundt cake, using it to top the cake and having it go up and down all along the side of the cake. Top with color sprinkles or tiny Christmas shapes.

As with any frosting, add a teaspoon of milk if too stiff for use. This frosting would be tasty to sandwich two small sugar cookies, or two peanut butter cookies or to frost a chocolate sheet cake!

Plan to use it, this Christmas. Everyone will be glad that you did. Merry Christmas!

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govern business practices as they relate to antitrust and monopolies. The lawsuit alleges that, over the past decade, Facebook has illegally acquired competitors in a predatory manner and cut services to smaller threats, depriving users from the benefits of competition and reducing privacy protections and services along the way.

“Unfettered by the check-and-balance of competition, Facebook’s unlawful monopoly gives it tremendous power to impose terms and conditions for how its users’ private information is collected, maintained and used to further its business interests,” Schmidt said.

The coalition of attorneys general of 48 states, territories and the District of Columbia is asking the court to halt Facebook’s anticompetitive conduct and block the company from continuing the behavior in the future. The coalition also asks the court to restrain Facebook from making acquisitions in excess of \$10 million without advance notice to the plaintiff states. The court is also asked to provide any additional relief it determines is appropriate, including divestiture or restructuring of illegally acquired companies or current Facebook assets or business lines.

Separately, but in coordination with the multistate coalition, the Federal Trade Commission also today filed a complaint against Facebook in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.



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