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# Governor Kelly Proclaims November 14, 2023 as Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day in Kansas

Representative Mari-Lynn Poskin and Stacey Knoell, Executive Director of the KS African American Affairs Commission are pleased to announce that Governor Kelly has proclaimed November 14, 2023, the first annual Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day in Kansas. Join students across the country who are continuing the movement to end racism and unify our communities. Sign up your school, your family, or your community group, and pledge your commitment: https://rubybridges.foundation/#sign-up

Next year marks the 70th anniversary of Brown v. Topeka Board of Education. Kansas was at the epicenter of the landmark Supreme Court case, a unanimous decision declaring that racially segregated public schools are in violation of the 14th amendment. Ruby Bridges stepped into the history books in 1960 when she integrated William Frantz Elementary School

in New Orleans. She became a national icon for the civil rights movement, immortalized in Norman Rockwell's 1964 painting, The Problem We All Live With. Today her story continues to inspire the next generation of leaders to endracism together one step at a time. "Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day" was established to do just that.

A dozen years after Ruby Bridges was escorted to school by federal marshals, Representative Poskin had front desk 2nd and 3rd grade seats in Montgomery, AL during desegregation bussing under a defiant Governor Wallace, and has carried that lived experience with her into public service. She's the daughter of a librarian and when she learned

that an opponent had started a local chapter of a national group that attempted to ban Ruby's book from schools in Tennessee, she vowed that would not happen in Kansas, partnering with Knoell and the "Education Governor" to make today's proclamation a reality. Poskin will be walking with a Girl Scout Troop from Mission Trail Elementary School in Leawood on November 14th.

"Storytime Village is honored to participate in the inaugural Kansas Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day. We look forward to joining schools statewide in this historic walk. On this special day, we will fulfill our mission by sharing books and reading the Ruby Bridges story, inspiring the many underserved students we serve," says Prisca Barnes, Founder and CEO, Storytime Village, Inc. in Wichita.

Dr. Valdenia Winn, who has decades of service to her community, schools, and the legislature,

holds a PhD in History from the University of Kansas and champions the important role of teaching true history to achieve America's aspirational goals of inclusion, acceptance, and equality for all. "I was honored that the Kansas City Kansas Public School Board quickly adopted the resolution to engage the entire district in Kansas' first Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day. I'm looking forward to seeing the creativity and sense of community her story galvanizes in our USD 500 children!"

Social media posts with the hashtag #Ruby-BridgesKS will be collected and sent to Ruby Bridges. Dr. Winn hopes they inspire her to visit Kansas' Brown V. Topeka Board of Education National Park next year for 70th anniversary recognition events and that she can show off the Brown v. Board mural in the capitol, commissioned by the 2011passage of SB 54, which was spearheaded by Dr. Winn herself.



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By Sharon Hoover

Remember the lyrics "What a difference a day makes, twenty-four little hours"? A 30 degree drop in temperature. I don't know why; it seems every year just before Halloween we get crummy weather and trick or treaters have to wear their coats over their costumes. I'm glad there are so many Halloween events before the actual day that encourage wearing imaginative costumes that can be seen.



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Giving Hope at 6640 State Ave. is holding an 8th District Townhall on Infrastructure on Wednesday, November 8 from 5:30 pm—7:30 pm. Speakers will be Commissioner Davis and UG Public Works representatives. Dinner will be provided.

Wyandotte West Library is showing a Thanksgiving Holiday Double Feature on Saturday, November 11. At 11:00 am, the hilarious "Planes, Trains & Automobiles will be shown. At 2:00 pm, the

"Son-in-Law". Enjoy festive treats and receive information regarding holiday travel, and surviving family festivities.

I may be getting ahead of myself, but the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting Festival will be on November 17 from 4:00 pm-9:00 pm at Memorial Hall 600 N 7<sup>th</sup>. Visit with Santa beginning at 4:00 pm with the tree lighting at 8:00 pm. Enjoy games, hot chocolate, the gallery of gingerbread houses and more. They still may be looking for volunteers, entertainment, games, food trucks, and vendors. Contact <a href="mailto:chgreen@wycokck.org">chgreen@wycokck.org</a>.

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### Mt. Calvary Cemetery, KCK, to observe 'Día de los Muertos' with Spanish Mass

For this year's observance of All Souls Day, Catholic Cemeteries of Northeast Kansas plans to incorporate special features of the Mexican celebration of Día de los Muertos, the Day of the Dead.

On Thursday, Nov. 2 at 10 a.m. in the mausoleum chapel at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, 38th and State Avenue, Kansas City, Kan., Father Peter Jaramillo, SSA, will celebrate an indoor Mass in Spanish for the deceased. Father Peter is pastor of All Saints Parish and St. Mary-St. Anthony Parish, Kansas City, Kan. Persons of all cultures and ethnicities are invited to bring photographs of their deceased loved ones and flowers—items customary to the observance—to place on a nearby altar.

Both All Souls Day and Día de los Muertos remember the dead. The traditional All Souls Day observance encourages Catholics to pray for family members, friends and others who are deceased and

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### New investment scam combines AI and cryptocurrency



The Office of the Kansas Securities Commissioner, a division of the Kansas Insurance Department, warns investors to be aware of a new type of scam involving the purchase of artificial intelligence (AI) algorithms by investors for the purpose of trading cryptocurrencies promising abnormally high returns.

"New technology can often bring with it new scams," Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt said. "While the potential exists for AI algorithms to create positive returns on an investment, Kansans should do their own research before

investing in any AI or cryptocurrency related offering."

These scams work by offering investors the opportunity to invest in an AI platform that uses automation to trade cryptocurrency. They often contain a multi-level marketing element that promises additional returns for every additional investor brought to the offering. In some cases, these schemes will also offer a secondary investment called an initial coin offering (ICO), which comes with a narrow window of investment opportunity. These ICO's will offer the same crypto-

currency token listed in the ICO as the interest payment source to investors or higher returns if the investor purchases both the AI trading algorithm with the ICO. All these elements combine into a fraud that promises incredibly high returns

with little effort—both hallmarks of fraud.

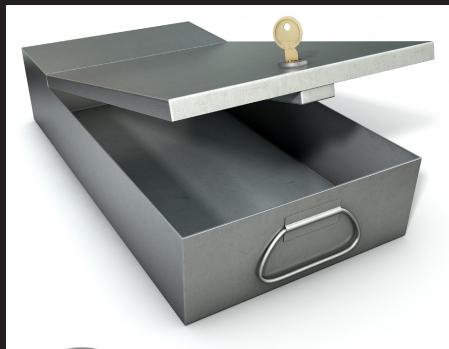
Be on the lookout for these red flags:

- \* Unsolicited social media messages offering a high return for a small investment in cryptocurrency trading or an AI
- \* Claims of an easy withdrawal process combined with a guarantee that investor funds are always available on the platform.
- \* Advertisement of a limited time offer.
  - \* Offering of both an AI crypto

trading algorithm and an ICO on the same website.

If you would like to report a suspicious investment offering or suspect you have been a victim of securities fraud, please contact the Office of the Kansas Securities Commissioner at 785-296-3071 or file a complaint online at https://insurance.ks.gov/department/ksc/complaint/ksc-complaint.php. All investments carry risk, so visit SmartInvestKS.com to learn more about different types of investments and how to avoid fraud.

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A representative of the board shall present the board's proposal for the policy, and the board shall hear testimony regarding the proposed policy.

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### Safety first in vehicles: Buckle up, phone down

Put safety first when getting into a vehicle and participate in Buckle Up Phone Down (BUPD) Day, recognized across the country on Oct. 25. The Kansas Department of Transportation and the Drive To Zero (DTZ) Coalition challenge all travelers to ditch distractions and focus on safety.

Drivers will see increased enforcement of occupant protection and texting laws across the state as law enforcement officials are partnering in this effort. The goal is to bring awareness to these two simple actions—buckling up and putting the phone down—to help reduce traffic fatalities.

"Kansans, please join me in this easy, but critically important lifesaving challenge today and every day," said KDOT Transportation Secretary Calvin Reed. "Buckle up, put the phone down. Every trip. Every time."

Across the U.S., more than 42,500 people died in crashes in 2022, and about 50% of those killed in a passenger motor vehicle were not belted or restrained. In Kansas, 410 people died in traffic crashes last year. According to KDOT stats, 156 of those people were reported unbuckled.

"Too many adults are still not buckling up and many kids are not properly restrained in car seats," said Secretary Reed. "Being properly restrained reduces the risk of death or serious injury when in a crash. Crashes happen in an instant, and then it's too late to react – the damage is done."

Driving distracted is a big concern as well. Last year, more than 13,000 crashes occurred across Kansas because drivers were inattentive or were sidetracked by cell phones, other electronic devices, eating, reading, applying makeup or people in the vehicle. Those crashes resulted in 98 fatalities and more than 4,700 injuries.

The DTZ Coalition and KDOT take part in safety education campaigns throughout the year to encourage everyone to actively support these lifesaving messages. Follow KDOT social media and join the BUPD promotion by using hashtags #BUPD and #BUPDDay.

This information can be made available in alternative accessible formats upon request. For information about obtaining an alternative format, contact the KDOT Division of Communications, 700 SW Harrison St., 2nd Fl West, Topeka, KS 66603-3745 or phone 785-296-3585 (Voice)/Hearing Impaired -711.

### Spanish Mass...

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for those who may be in purgatory, awaiting transition to eternal life in heaven. Church teaching holds that prayers of the living support this transition.

Beyond praying for the deceased, Día de los Muertos welcomes the departed for an annual visit to celebrate their living memory. Families gather at the gravesites of loved ones for a reunion of sorts. "Ofrendas" (offerings) on home altars remember and rejoice over the deceased with photographs, candles, their favorite foods and marigold flowers. Skulls and skeletons are prominent symbols of the Day of the Dead to remind that life is short.

An article in U.S. Catholic concludes, "Families and the larger family of faith gather around altars and places where the deceased rest to affirm life in the midst of death and joy in sorrow. A memory celebrated becomes a living hope for eternal life" ("Is Día de los Muertos the same as All Souls Day?" by

Joel Schorn, U.S. Catholic, reprinted Nov. 4, 2011).

For more information, call or email Catholic Cemeteries at 913-371-4040 or information@cathcemks.org.

# Commissioner Vicki Schmidt releases 2024 Overview of the Kansas Health Insurance Market

Topeka, Kan. – Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt, today, released the annual "Overview of the Health Insurance Market in Kansas." This report details the 2024 Kansas Health Insurance Market (Marketplace). The report can be found here.

Open enrollment is an opportunity for Kansans to make decisions about their health insurance coverage. They can stay on their current policy, if available, or enroll in a different policy from the same company or a different company.

"It is important for Kansans to make informed decisions when deciding which coverage is best for them and their families," Schmidt said. "The Kansas Insurance Department is here to provide information and assist."

The open enrollment period for Kansans will be from November 1 until January 15. Kansans who would like to start their health insurance coverage effective January 1 must enroll by December 15. Health insurance purchased on the Marketplace between December 16 and January 15 will not begin coverage until February 1.

For additional information on the 2024 Kansas Health Insurance Marketplace and open enrollment, please visit the Kansas Insurance Department's website at insurance.kansas.gov/health-life.

The Kansas Legislature established the Kansas Insurance Department in 1871, currently led by Commissioner Vicki Schmidt. The mission of the Department is to regulate companies that sell policies in Kansas to ensure solvency and compliance with state law, educate consumers about all things insurance and securities, and advocate for a strong and competitive market to give Kansans choices when shopping for products that meet their needs.

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