WYANDOTTE COUNTY COOLING CENTERS

The following agencies are available as Cooling Centers during operating hours when the National Weather Service issues Excessive Heat Advisories and Excessive Heat Warnings for Wyandotte County. The criteria for heat watches, advisories and warnings are:

An **Excessive Heat Watch** will be issued if it appears warning criteria may be met in the near future. The 4 consecutive day criteria takes into account the duration of an event which can be just as dangerous as a single very hot day.

An **Excessive Heat Advisory** is issued when the high is expected to reach 105°F, or the high will range from 100° to 104° for at least 4 consecutive days.

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LOS CENTROS REFRESCANTES DEL CONDADO DE WYANDOTTE

Las agencias/departamentos siguientes están disponibles como los Centros Refrescantes durante horas de servicio cuando el servicio meteorológico nacional publica Notificaciones de Calor Excesivo y Advertencias de Calor Excesivo para el Condado de Wyandotte. Los criterios para las vigilancias, notificaciones y advertencias de calor excesivo son:

- La vigilancia para calor excesivo será publicado si parece que los criterios pueden presentarse en el futuro inmediato. La criteria de los cuatro días consecutivos se toma en cuenta cuando la duración de un acontecimiento que puede ser igualmente peligroso como un solo día muy caliente.

- Una notificacion de calor excesivo es publicada cuando la temperatura puede alcanzar mas de 105° F, o la temperatura va a estar entre 100° a 104° para por lo menos cuatro días consecutivos.

- Una advertencia de calor excesivo es publicada cuando la temperatura se espera que suba mas de 110°F por dos días consecutivos o estara alrededor de 105°F para por lo menos cuatro días consecutivos.

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THE NEW KANSAS VOTING LAW

On April 18, 2011, Kansas Governor Sam Brownback signed the Kansas Secure and Fair Elections (S.A.F.E.) Act into law. Sponsored by the Office of the Kansas Secretary of State, this website contains information every voter should know about changes impacting elections under the S.A.F.E. law.

Starting January 1, 2012:
1. Kansas voters must show photographic identification when casting a vote in person; and
2. Kansas voters must have their signature verified and include a copy of an acceptable form of photographic identification or provide a full Kansas driver’s license or non-driver ID number when voting by mail.

If you’re a registered voter, bring one of these to the polls: Driver’s License, Non-Driver ID Card, Concealed Carry Handgun License, U.S. Passport, Government Employee ID, U.S. Military ID, Kansas College ID, Government Public Assistance ID or Indian Tribe ID. (See for more detailed descriptions.)

Starting January 1, 2013:
Persons registering to vote for the first time in Kansas must prove U.S. citizenship.

HAVE YOU EVER VISITED THE WYANDOTTE COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM?

The Wyandotte/Leavenworth Area Agency on Aging will be sponsoring a trip to the Wyandotte County Historical Museum. Two trips to the museum are scheduled for Friday, July 27, 2012 at 9:30am and 2:00pm. Transportation will be provided from the Wyandotte/Leavenworth Area Agency on Aging office.

The tour will feature a temporary exhibit titled, “61 Years After the 1951 Flood”, a large scale photography exhibition. Museum staff will lead the tours.

Please contact Linda Ramirez at 913-573-8543 for a reservation. There is no cost to the senior and limited spaces are available.

SENIORFIT PROGRAM SPONSORS FIFTY-FIVE SENIORS TO KCKCC WELLNESS CENTER

The Wyandotte/Leavenworth Area Agency on Aging sponsored 55 seniors for the summer session at the Kansas City Kansas Community College Wellness Center. Each participant is required to pay 50% of the cost and attend pre- and post-screenings as part of the program requirement.

A limited number of scholarships will be awarded for the Fall session that will run from August 20, 2012 through December 11, 2012. Applications for the Fall Session will be accepted July 23 - 27, 2012. Applications should be made in the office of the Wyandotte/Leavenworth Area Agency on Aging. Participants will again be required to complete pre and post screenings and pay 50% of the cost of tuition.

If you any questions regarding the scholarships, please feel free to contact the Area Agency on Aging at 913-573-8531.
Appreciation is extended to the following who have contributed toward the cost of this newsletter.

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Does Email Work for You?
The Communicator is now available through email. If you would like to help us cut costs by receiving the newsletter by email, please contact the Area Agency on Aging at 913-573-8531 or email your request to 60Plus@wycokck.org.

Wyandotte/Leavenworth Area Agency on Aging
“60 xyoo rov sau? Hu rua peb!”

ZEEMMUAG
Lub zeemmuag ntawm koomhum qhov chaws rua cov laug nyob huv Wyandotte/Leavenworth yog lug ua dlejnum paab rua tej tug tuabneeg nkaag lug, vim ib tug laug twg muaj feem lug rua koom-hum muaj noob nyooog kev ua dlejnum hab dlhau moog txais qhov kev paab kws yog pub puab muaj kev txavtxim sab rua puab tug kheej nrug rua kev txavtxim sab ua lawle puab txuj kev ntshaw nyob rua huv puab tsev hab huv lub zejzog.

Xaav tau kev paab lug ntawm Area Agency on Aging hu Fuab Xyooj (913) 573-8536.

The Wyandotte/Leavenworth Area Agency on Aging has on staff a Hmong Case Manager. If you are in need of assistance, please contact Fuab Xiong at 913-573-8536.

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Are you turning 65 this year?
Are you already receiving Medicare Benefits?
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THEN...you need to apply for Extra Help from Medicare. Medicare, not you, may pay for your premiums, copays, & deductibles!

For help by appointment in our office call the local SHICK office at the Wyandotte/Leavenworth Area Agency on Aging at 913-373-8531 or 1-888-661-1444.

APPLY for extra help with the Social Security Administration online at www.socialsecurity.gov, OR by phone at 1-800-772-1213.
Back by popular demand, the Wyandotte/Leavenworth Area Agency on Aging sponsored the 2nd Annual Sock Hop on May 17, 2012. As part of the Older Americans’ Month celebration, 400+ guests enjoyed health screenings, games, food, dance contest and the newly added karaoke. Below, you will find a list of our sponsors and pictures from the event.

**PLATINUM SPONSORS**
- Access Medical LLC
- Coalition for Independence
- Guardian Angels HHC
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- Sacred Heart Home Health
- The Dream Works

**GOLD SPONSORS**
- Adult Services
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- LifeCare of Kansas City
- Providence Medical Center/Saint John’s Hospital
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- Tonganoxie Nursing Center
- Village Home Health

**SILVER SPONSORS**
- Another Day, Inc.
- AAA/SMP Project
- Bonner Springs Nursing & Rehab Center
- Garden Terrace
- Golden Living Centers
- Home Buddy
- Human
- Kendallwood Hospice
- Office of Kansas Securities Commissioner
- Presbyterian Manor
- Providence Place
- Select Specialty Hospital
- SouthernCare Hospice
- Walgreens
- Windsor Place Telehealth

**HEALTH SCREENINGS**
- Assisted Services
- Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation

Martha Williams, Lift Chair Winner
The lift chair was donated by ACCESS MEDICAL, LLC
Pictured above, left to right are our winners of the dance contest. 1st Place, Gracine Wright; 2nd Place, Cheryl Shelmire and 3rd Place, Henry Lee Fair.

Volunteers and Staff of the Wyandotte/Leavenworth Area Agency on Aging pose for the camera.
DRESS FOR SUCCESS!
Back To School Uniform Project

ARE YOU A GRANDPARENT RAISING YOUR GRANDCHILD?

The DRESS FOR SUCCESS Project will be offering school uniforms to qualified grandparents raising their grandchildren.

To qualify, the grandparent (age 55 or older) must:

- Live with the child;
- Act as the primary caregiver for the child because the parents are unable or unwilling to act as the primary caregiver;
- Is responsible for raising the child

If you are a grandparent caring for your grandchildren, contact the Wyandotte/Leavenworth Area Agency on Aging at 913-573-8531.

DEADLINE is August 1, 2012

Funding is provided through the Kansas Department on Aging, Older Americans Act and the Family Caregiver Support Program.

THE ADULT RESOURCE PANEL OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY SAYS, “THANK YOU!”

The Adult Resource Panel of Wyandotte County would like to thank the following individuals and organizations who assisted our community project. The project provided 109 residents at CrossLines Towers located at 1021 North 7th Street with items such as toilet paper, soap, wash cloths, toothbrushes/toothpaste, gift cards to the local YMCA, dry shampoo, knitted hats, etc. Your act of kindness is very much appreciated.

Betty Townsend
Cancer Action
Catholic Community Hospice
Continua Home Health
Healthways - Silver Sneaker Fitness Program
Home Buddy
Sunflower Adult Daycare
Sun Fresh
Wal-Mart

GOVERNOR SIGNS NEW KANSAS GRANDPARENTS RIGHTS BILL INTO LAW

Governor Sam Brownback signed a new Kansas grandparents rights bill into law in an effort to give grandparents more rights in child-in-need-of-care cases.

The House Substitute for Senate Bill 23, which expands grandparents rights to take over parenting when their children are deemed unfit parents, was signed by Brownback in May 2012. The bill gives grandparents automatic standing in court in child-in-need-of-care cases.

Without automatic standing as interested parties, grandparents are not necessarily sent notice of proceedings involving their grandchildren, resulting in the children being placed in institutions or foster care. Many grandparents testified in the legislative proceedings that the lack of automatic standing had led to their children being placed.

The bill was the top priority of the Kansas “Silver Haired Legislature,” a group elected by seniors across the state to recommend bills and help guide state policies on the elderly including grandparents rights.

For more detailed information about current legislative issues regarding seniors, you may contact the Kansas Silver Haired Legislature at 9785-368-7326.

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Protecting your personal information is the best line of defense in the fight against healthcare fraud and abuse. Every day, consumers get ripped off by scam artists. Medicare and Medicaid lose billions of dollars each year. You can make a difference! Here are some ways to take an active role in protecting your healthcare benefits.

1. Treat your Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security numbers like a credit card number. **NEVER give these numbers to a stranger.**
2. Remember, Medicare doesn’t call or visit to sell you anything. Never give these numbers to a stranger.
3. Don’t carry your Medicare or Medicaid card unless you will need it. Only take it to doctor’s appointments, visits to your hospital or clinic, or trips to the pharmacy.
4. Record doctor visits, tests and procedures in your personal health care journal or calendar.
5. Save Medicare Summary Notices and Part D Explanation of Benefits. Shred the documents when they are no longer useful.

Learn to detect potential errors, fraud, and abuse, and if you suspect that you have been a target of errors, fraud, and abuse....report it immediately by calling 1-877-808-2468.

**SUMMER FUN!**
Find and circle all the words hidden in the grid.

- AMERICA
- APPLE PIE
- BARBECUE
- BETSY ROSS
- DISPLAY
- FIREWORKS
- HOTDOGS
- INDEPENDENCE
- LEMONADE
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- SWIMMING
- VACATION

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- FLAG
- ICED TEA
- KITE
- LIBERTY BELL
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- POPSICLES
- SNOW CONES
- STARS
- SUMMERTIME
- UNCLE SAM
- WATERMELON

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**Gift Card Giveaway!**

Enter the drawing for a $25 gift card to Price Chopper. All you have to do is name three ways to keep cool in the summer months!

1. ____________________________________________
2. ____________________________________________
3. ____________________________________________

Name: ________________________________
Address: ______________________________
Phone: ________________________________

Return completed form to: Wyandotte/Leavenworth Area Agency on Aging, 1500 North 78th Street, Suite 100, Kansas City, KS 66112

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 31, 2012

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