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Fire Department Helps Citizens to “Get Alarmed”—The Robinson Fire Department will again participate in the statewide “Get Alarmed Kansas” program, which provides citizens with free smoke alarms through the Kansas State Fire Marshall’s office. Fireman Matt Tietjens said that the RFD has installed over 20 free smoke alarms since the program’s inception in 2014. For questions, information, or to get an alarm, email robinsonfiredepartment@gmail.com or call Fire Chief Dennis Tietjens directly at the firehouse at 544-7000.



Since 2014, the Office of the State Fire Marshal has been providing free smoke alarms to Kansas fire departments participating in our **Get Alarmed Kansas** program.

Our Goal: *All Kansans protected by working smoke alarms in their homes*

Simple Steps Toward a Safer Kansas

- 1.**
 - A. Contact your local Kansas fire department to inquire how to obtain free smoke/CO combo alarms and have them installed in your home.
 - B. It varies by department how to proceed. Some will arrange it by phone, email or an online form.
- 2.**
 - A. Any Kansas homeowner is eligible to receive a smoke alarm at **no cost**. They must have: **NO** alarm present, **NO** working alarm or have a manufacturing date that is **10 years** or older.
 - B. Renters or landlords are not eligible (landlords are required by Kansas statute to provide working smoke alarms for their tenants). *An exception to this rule is for residents who are deaf or hard-of-hearing requesting specialized alarms.* You may find an order form on www.GetAlarmedKS.org under the “For Residents” section.
- 3.**
 - A. The fire department will arrange to personally deliver and install the smoke alarms at the resident’s home.
 - B. Together, the installer and resident will complete the Installation Form that the fire department brings when they install the smoke alarms.
 - C. Installers should be sure to test the smoke alarm to ensure it is functioning properly.

Local Easter Egg Hunts Planned

- The Hiawatha Chamber & Visitors Bureau Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 20th at 10:00 a.m. The courthouse square will be divided by age groups. Enjoy games, music, and photo ops with the Easter Bunny.
- The Horton Chamber of Commerce Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 20th at 10:00 a.m. Ages 12 and under are invited to hunt eggs on the Horton soccer field.

Town Hall Meetings planned—

Hiawatha Community Hospital will be in Robinson on April 16th at 10:00am and again on April 18th at 6:00 pm to give a presentation and to answer questions regarding the .5 percent sales tax increase that will be on the May 21 ballot. The meetings will be held at The Birdcage Theatre.

April 7, First Sunday Dinner—Community dinners are held the first Sunday of each month at the Robinson City Hall Community Center. Free-will donations support community projects. Serving from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Note from the coordinator: “We work at serving local and quality food. Bring a friend to Sunday dinner and meet your neighbors”—striving to support our rural communities.



Robinson United Methodist Church—
Morning worship—9:30 a.m. each Sunday

Zion United Methodist Church—
Regular Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m., followed by worship service at 10:45 a.m.

Upper Wolf Lutheran Church—
Upper Wolf is 4½ miles southeast of Robinson. For church information, the contact person is Denise at (785) 741-3142

Regular Sunday worship is at 9:00 a.m. with Holy Communion the first Sunday of each month
Donut Sunday—2nd Sunday of each month
Bible Study—9:15 a.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the church

Quilt Tying—8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on the first, second, and fourth Wednesday of each month at the church. For confirmation of the schedule, you may call Denise at 785-741-3142.

Maundy Thursday Worship Service—Thursday, April 18
7:00 p.m.

Bellevue United Methodist Church—

Reminders

- **April 1**— Robinson City Council meets at 7:00 p.m.
- **April 6**—RCBA board meets at 8:30 a.m. at the store.

Information for this article provided to the editors of the Robinson Voice with appreciation of the RCBA for distributing the information with the Voice.

Robinson Community Store Enjoys Rich History Within the Community—

The Robinson Community Store first opened for business on July 9, 2001, with a grand opening celebration following on July 20. The store's existence was the culmination of several years of effort that began with a series of meetings and committee work to consider economic development in the community. Residents identified several needs including a desire for a convenience store, for zoning, for general cleanup, and for a community newsletter.

The first visible result of those efforts was publishing the first issue of *The Robinson Voice* in January of 1997. Later that year, the space that is now the store was acquired and the Robinson Community Building Association (RCBA) was formed as a non-profit association charged with the care of the community building (store) and with continuing to build community in Robinson.

On November 2 of 1997 the first First Sunday Dinner was held as a means of raising funds to help renovate the building. This fund raiser was so successful that it was decided to continue to have community dinners the first Sunday of each month with the proceeds being made available to RCBA for the maintenance and completion of their projects.

So many members of the community have volunteered that any attempt to list them would fail to give credit to all who have participated. In addition to the volunteers seen clerking the store, there have been many, many donations of time, labor, money, appliances, food for Sunday dinners, items for prizes at drawings, and so on and on. Volunteers have raised funds, renovated the building, helped with management tasks, monitored inventory, ordered and picked up stock, and so on.

Several volunteers are recognized for being especially helpful. Barbara Babcock was instrumental in envisioning the store, in negotiating and purchasing the building, organizing the RCBA, and in motivating members of the community. Jack Allen, who was hired as store manager, completed the much-needed arrangements for vendors, for dealing with regulations,

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for training volunteers to clerk and stock the store, and for promoting the store in the community. Elden BeDunnah and Gertrude Erdley were tireless in keeping the store open each weekday morning and in scheduling volunteers. Later, Linda Perkins faithfully put in many hours at this task.

An incomplete attempt to count volunteers and donations over the years identified more than 90 names – these volunteers and donations making it truly Robinson's **Community Store!**

Those interested in volunteering at the store or First Sunday Dinner can contact a RCBA member or leave a message at 544-6506.

RCBA Receives Donations—Board members of the RCBA would like to say “Thank You” for the recent donations received. The Boys of Brown County donated a wifi router to improve internet speed, and John Severin contributed a monitor for the computer the Boys had previously donated. Also a donation was made to help with the purchase of a new vacuum for the store. These donors wish to remain anonymous.

Milestones—

Deaths:

Iola Leafy
September 29, 1931—March 9, 2019
Mother of Terry Leafy

Kenneth Allen Guy, Sr.
June 10, 1937—March 11, 2019
Husband of Elsie Miller Guy

Betty (Craig) Hastings January 2019
Stanley Hastings August 2018
Sister & Brother-in-Law of Alice Tryon



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