It's time to spring forward with smoke alarms at least once a year

The National Fire Protection not use an open-flame device to

do smoke alarms fail? Most often near your bed, in the kitchen, base-

smoke alarms so that when one routes. Identify at least two differ-

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• Install a new battery in all them with the entire family.

Here are some tips for installing storms or power outages.

test the alarm.

help in some cases.

The practice of making sure

quarter of the reported fires in

homes equipped with smoke

alarms, the devices did not work.

Households with non-working

smoke alarms now outnumber

those with no smoke alarms. Why

because of missing, disconnected

or dead batteries. It is also impor-

tant that smoke alarms be replaced

and maintaining your smoke

bears the label of a recognized test-

level of the home and outside all

sleeping areas and for added

safety, install smoke alarms in ev-

• Have a qualified electrician

install hard-wired, interconnected

ery room where people sleep.

sounds, they all sound.

• Choose a smoke alarm that

• Install smoke alarms on every

every 10 years.

ing laboratory.

ately if an alarm "chirps" to indi-

when the alarm "chirps" or fails to

respond to periodic testing. The

batteries in these units cannot be

when they are 10 years old.

Replace all smoke alarms

• Test smoke alarms every

approved smoke substitute, and

clean the units, according to

manufacturer's instructions. Do

Special smoke alarms are made

for people who are deaf or hard of

hearing. These alarms use strobe

lights. Vibrating devices may also

Some other fire safety tips are:

Check flashlight batteries. Al-

ways keep a working flashlight

ment, and family room. Not only

will this help you signal for help in

the event of a fire but can be used

during other emergencies such as

near your kitchen and know how

and understand fire safety. Chil-

dren are at double the risk of dy-

ing in a home fire, because they

often become scared and confused during fires. Show your children

where smoke alarms are located

and that they recognize the sound.

ent escapes routes and practice

Plan and practice your escapes

• Install fire extinguishers in or

Make sure your children know

 Replace smoke alarms that use extended-life, lithium batteries

cate a low battery.



Pflieger, (above) check some of the inventory in their new counter in the new florist shop. store, Garden Gate Florals, Etc., on US 36. Mrs. Pflieger

Lynn Ward, at the cash register, and her mother, Ruby $\,$ puts candy in one of the bins in the antique candy

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

Shop brings new variety to Norton

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

When you step through the door at Garden Gate Florals, Etc., you step into Norton's newest flower

The mother/daughter team of Ruby Pflieger and Lynn Ward have teamed up to open a store that suits them and their many interests. They said they have talked for years about doing something together.

Mrs. Ward said, "Mom and I are both gardeners and we really like to hang out together. This kind of a store seemed to fit."

Both women agreed they would be providing their customers with unique items. They promise to have things no one else in town will have. Mrs. Pflieger said, "The Etc. part of our name covers the antiques and gift lines we'll be carrying.' Etc. might also cover the stained glass, gourmet

coffees, Bridgewater Candles, framed fine art prints, glassware, balloons, Jelly Belly jelly beans, and candy by the scoop. Mrs. Ward said they intend to add more items all the time.

The Garden Gate Floral side will include silk flowers, fresh flowers and special arrangements. Mrs. Pflieger said she has always done her own floral arrangements and it's something she enjoys.

She moved back to Norton from Hutchinson after the death of her husband, Delmar Pflieger, in 2003. With her past business experience she and her daughter looked for something they could do together.

Mrs. Ward also works as a part-time mail carrier in Oberlin. She and her husband, Les, live on their farm just east of Norcatur. They have two children,

Kaley Ward, Lenora, and Keith Ward, Norton. Garden Gate Florals, Etc., 411 W. Holme, will



To talk to Mrs. Pflieger or Mrs. Ward call toll-free

866-873-2252 or locally 874-5125.

tors per year. Kansas allows visa Kansas Department of Health and

waivers for 15 primary care phy- Environment. "The J-1 visa

care physicians include general communities that have been un-

ily practice, general pediatrics, ested in these opportunities. When

U.S. and foreign physicians to troduced in the Senate by Senators

said Howard Rodenberg, Director Kent Conrad (D-ND).

sicians and 15 specialists. Primary

medicine, internal medicine, fam-

obstetrics/gynecology, emer-

"The state of Kansas has come

gency medicine and psychiatry.

to rely on the willingness of both

practice in underserved areas,"

open Monday. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday. The owners encourage customers to ask if they have special requests. They will do their best

waiver program is a big plus for

able to find a U.S. physician inter-

access to medical care improves

for underserved Kansas commu-

Similar legislation has been in-

Sam Brownback (R-Kan.) and

nities, it is a good trade."

to accommodate any wishes. Credit cards will be ac-

Legislation brings needed physicians

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Conallowed to sponsor up to 30 doc-of the Division of Health at the gressmen Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) and Earl Pomeroy (D-N.D.) recently introduced legislation to permanently reauthorize a program to recruit physicians to practice in underserved areas. The J-1 visa waiver program, set to expire on June 1, 2006, allows foreignborn, U.S.-educated physicians to serve in areas that have a shortage of physicians.

"For many rural hospitals and clinics across the country, this program is the only way patients are able to have access to an experienced, qualified doctor," Moran said. "This waiver program has been successful not only in Kansas, but across the country. Reauthorization would allow us to continue improving access to health care."

The J-1 visa waiver program allows international medical graduates to stay in the U.S. in exchange for three years of practicing in areas experiencing a shortage of doctors. Since 1994, 115 foreign doctors have served in Kansas communities through this program, and 67 physicians, or 58 percent, have remained in practice in the state following the completion of their three-year service obligation.

"Physician recruitment is always a challenge, even more so in rural communities," said Myron Applequist, Director of Medical Staff Development at Hays Medical Center. "The J-1 visa waiver program has helped us level the playing field and recruit some outstanding physicians to our com-

munity.'

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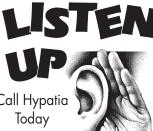
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