

Drunk driving curbed by law

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) urges lawmakers to advance HB 2479 calling for the removal of a sunset clause that was included in the state's all-offender ignition interlock law when it went into effect in July 2011. On March 14 the House passed a version of HB 2479 that extends the sunset date of the interlock law in Kansas to 2020. While the addition of five years will protect the public, MADD is asking the Senate to pass H 2479 and for House to concur.

"Our progress in the fight to eliminate drunk driving in Kansas is significant," said Chris Mann, MADD Kansas Advisory Board Chair. "Through MADD's work with lawmakers and law enforcement, we are making Kansas roads safer for everyone. MADD is calling on the House and Senate to concur and eliminate the sunset clause in this lifesaving law."

Kansas is among 20 states that have passed all-offender ignition interlock legislation. Since the passage of its all-offender interlock law, Kansas has seen a reduction in the number of drunk driving deaths by over

30 percent (138 in 2010 to 94 in 2012).

Throughout the nation, all-offender interlock laws have proven to be instrumental in cutting the number of drunk driving crashes, injuries and fatalities. Research indicates that requiring an ignition interlock for all drunk driving offenders reduces repeat offenses by two-thirds and significantly cuts the number of drunk driving deaths. The law requires a DUI offender to install an ignition interlock, or in-car breathalyzer device. The driver must blow into the device to prove he/she is sober before the car will start.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), ignition interlocks laws are found to reduce repeat offenses by 67 percent. States with similar laws have reduced drunk driving fatalities by 38 percent in New Mexico, 35 percent in Louisiana, 43 percent in Arizona and 42 percent in Oregon.

"Kansas is an excellent example of how high-visibility law enforcement activities, coupled with laws requiring ignition interlocks for all convicted drunk

drivers, are saving lives. An all-offender ignition interlock mandate keeps Kansas streets, roads and highways safer for law-abiding citizens," said Jan Withers, MADD National President. "Lawmakers must allow more lives to be saved by voting for HB 2479 to eliminate the sunset clause of this lifesaving interlock law."

MADD is also asking lawmakers to vote against HB2662 that will decrease expungement periods for DUIs. Lawmakers have argued the decrease in expungement periods will keep minor indiscretions from harming future job prospects.

"What legislators do not realize is that due to the liberal use of diversion for first time offenders, an expungement is typically required only after an offender's second conviction," says Mann. "The decrease in the expungement period takes a step backwards from the outstanding work our lawmakers have done over the past several years."

For more information about ignition interlocks, please visit <http://www.madd.org/interlock>.

Leadership Award Winners!



Northern Valley Elementary School's Leadership Award Winners for March are (from left to right) Graciana Kenney, Gavin Shearer, Bailey Sides, Austyn Cox and Wendy Adams.

-Photo courtesy of Amy McKinney

March Northern Valley Elementary School Leadership Award Winners

Kindergarten - Graciana Kenney

Graciana Kenney is the Kindergarten leadership award winner for March. Graciana is kind to others and treats her classmates with respect. Graciana also models good listening skills in the classroom, which helps her grow in her reading and math skills. Graciana also shows others how to walk in an orderly fashion when transitioning to lunch, music, and recess. -Michael Thompson

1st Grade - Wendy Adams

Wendy Adams is the first grade leadership winner for March. Wendy had a great work ethic. She always tries her hardest. She never gives up. Wendy is very polite to her classmates and teachers. She participates in class discussions and waits for her

turn to talk. She demonstrates good citizenship by obeying classroom and school rules and respects adults and his peers. -Tammy Vincent

2nd Grade - Austyn Cox

Austyn Cox is the second grade leadership award winner for the month of March. Austyn inspires her classmates by modeling good behavior on a daily basis both within and outside the classroom. She is cooperative and helpful to peers and adults. Austyn is a good listener and a hard worker. She always remains positive. Her smile brightens each day. Austyn is a valuable asset to our school family. -Julie Thompson

3rd Grade - Gavin Shearer

Gavin is the 3rd Grade Leader for the month of March. He has shown great maturity and intelligence. Gavin always has his planner signed and comes prepared for class. He is eager to work hard toward a goal.

He has a positive attitude and LOVES accelerated math. He thinks of others as a leader before himself. Gavin has proven to be a great leader. -Jill Gebhard

4th Grade - Bailey Sides

Bailey Sides is the 4th grade Leadership winner for the month of March. Baily follows the rules and is very respectful to his peers and to all adults. He always turns his work in completed and on time. Bailey is a very good role model and is always willing to lend a hand to younger students. He is the first to volunteer and never complains about having to work. He is always in a good mood and is friendly to all his classmates. He is working very hard to achieve his AR goal for the year. Congratulations Bailey! -Monica Wilson

Leadership award winners receive a certificate and husky bag.

Not all hang-ups are a hindrance

By Ron Wilson

Huck Boyd Institute

Do you have hang-ups? No, I'm not talking about your pet peeves. I'm referring to a type of hardware called a hang-up which is useful in hanging items from acoustical ceilings. That's one example of an item produced by an innovative company which now manufactures carts and other products for the workplace.

Scott Halsey is president of Adapa USA, the innovative company which produces hang-ups, shop carts, and more. This is truly a family business, started by Scott's father Paul Halsey in 1964.

After working in the aviation industry, Paul Halsey started a construction company in Wichita with a partner named Dan Tevis. They looked for ways to help their workers and improve their efficiency.

At contractor conventions, Paul Halsey's peers would ask him why he was winning so many competitive bids. He explained it was because his labor costs were lower due to his labor-saving devices. His friends wanted some of those devices as well.

In 1964 Paul started producing and marketing these items as a sideline to his construction business. His company got the bid to do the interior work at White Lakes Shopping Center in Topeka so he relocated his family there.

He continued to look for innovative pieces of equipment to help his workers. One of the first products was called a "hang-up." It looked like an up-

side down coat hanger with wire clips which are useful when used with acoustical tile. Those kinds of custom-made products may be simple but can be invaluable for a particular task.

Paul Halsey's whole family was involved in the business. "The wire company would ship us a big clump of those clips and my brothers and sister and I would sit around the table, separating them and counting them out," Scott Halsey said.

By 1980, the demand for Adapa products became so strong that it became a fulltime business based in Topeka. Scott graduated from Washburn and joined the family business himself, eventually becoming president of the company. Over time, older products such as hang-ups were phased out and others were developed to join the product line.

The company is named Adapa Incorporated. Why Adapa? "The name comes from 'adaptable products for increased productivity,'" Scott said. "But I've also heard that the name comes from the first two letters of the founder's names - Dan and Paul."

Either way, the company's products definitely do enhance productivity in the workplace. "You see a problem on a construction site, you try to solve it and make life easier for the workers," Scott said.

Many of these products involve handling materials. "When Dad worked at Boeing, he saw them use these rubber clamps," Scott said. "He figured out a way to use those in his business and it really helped the

workers."

Another company specialty became carts of various kinds, from drywall to residential, all terrain, trash carts, door carts, tree carts, and more. These are especially useful for drywall stockers and construction workers.

The company's shop carts became so popular that the Halseys created a sister company called Shopcarts USA. These carts are especially useful for woodworkers.

Adapa and Shopcarts are selling their products all across the U.S. and Canada. "Our products and our designs lead the industry," Scott said. "But we started as a family business and we're still a family business. Mom still works here."

Paul Halsey passed away in 2010. One of his ingenious designs was a side-loading trash cart. "This was modeled after a grain cart that he saw unloading feed for dairy cows on farms where he worked," Scott said. Paul grew up working on farms near the rural community of Viola, Kan., population 212 people. Now, that's rural.

For more information, go to www.adapausa.com or www.shopcartsusa.com.

Do you have hang-ups? Those wire hangers were one of the first products produced by Adapa, which is now a leader in the shopcart and materials handling industry. We commend Scott Halsey and all those involved with Adapa and Shopcarts USA for making a difference with innovation and entrepreneurship. With that, I guess I'll hang up.

HONOR ROLL

Norton Community High School

2013-2014 3rd 9 weeks

Honor Roll
Highest Honors 4.00

7th Grade
Leah David

Anastasia (Stacie) Elliott

Allison Engelbert

Hadley Hauser

Taryn Kuhn

Raelynn Slipke

James Sturgill

Hayden Wiltfong

8th Grade
Mariah Addington

Cale Patterson

Callie Uehlin

Honor Roll I 3.50-3.99

7th Grade
Sylence Auker

Emily Estes
Matthew Gordon
Tucker Gosselin
Emily Henderon
Austin Koeperich
Reagan Musquiz
Shelby Tanner
Emily Woodyard
8th Grade
Jessica Ambrosier
Anna Burge
Kara Frack
Dustin Harting
Weston Harting
Ryan Johnson
Seth Otter
Justis Posson
Jace Ruder
Nicole Thraillkill
Honor Roll II 3.00-3.49
7th Grade

Katianna Burge
Eden Combs
Nicholas Davis
Kailey Gill
Miles Harrington
Ashley Karnopp
Amy Leroux
Ryan Lively
Zachary Rowh
Lena Shelton
Brady Sumner
8th Grade
Collyn Auker
Jessie Dawley
Kiana Estes
Dallas Gosselin
Dalaina Karnes
Tevin Petrie
Emily Riley
Jace Smothers
Nicole Vahling (Rumback)

FYI

Norton Community High School's Junior-Senior prom will be held on Saturday, April 5. Promenade will start at 6:30 p.m. followed by the banquet and dance with coronation at 10:15 p.m. Public viewing will be open from 1 - 4 p.m. on April 5.

Scouts signup night for kindergarten through fourth grade will be April 4 in the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 7 p.m.

CORRECTION

The story on the front page of Friday, March 28 titled, "Fund named for former Norton native" said William M. Kirk was a native of Norton but was actually a native of Clayton in Norton County.

The Norton Telegram will correct or clarify any mistake or misunderstanding in a news story. Please call our office at 877-3361 to report errors.

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Scout Signup Night
Kindergarten through Fourth Grade
United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
7:00 P.M.
Tuesday, April 4

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 - Rural USD #211
 - Courthouse Lobby
- City of Lenora Highland #1
 - USD 211 Voters
- Lenora Community Center (Normal Voting Location)