

National window safety week

April 7-13 is National Window Safety Week.

Nothing says spring and summer like opening the windows, setting the table and chairs out on the porch, or planting flowers to adorn your deck. Keeping windows and doors open provides fresh air throughout the home, but it also creates a hidden danger in your home if you have little ones.

Window falls increase dramatically during the spring and summer months; however, they can be prevented. It takes supervision and a device called a window guard. "A screen is not a safety device," says Cherie Sage, Safe Kids Kansas. "It's designed to keep insects out, not to keep children in." Window guards should be installed to prevent little ones from being able to fall outside. Window guards are easy to install and should have a release mechanism in the event of an emergency or the need to move it to another window.

"Also, remember that no device replaces active supervision," said Sage. "It's the key to ensuring your child doesn't have access to open windows or doors around the home."

Window safety tips from Safe Kids Kansas:

Install window guards to prevent children from falling out of windows. For windows above the first floor, install window

guards with an emergency release device in case of fire.

Install window stops so that windows open no more than four inches.

Keep windows locked and closed when they are not being used.

Keep furniture away from windows so kids cannot climb to the ledge.

If you have double-hung windows the kind that can open down from the top as well as up from the bottom it is generally safer to open the top pane, but growing kids may have enough strength, dexterity and curiosity to open the bottom pane.

Do not rely on window screens to prevent falls.

Keep windows locked when they are closed.

Supervise children at all times, especially around open windows.

Never try to move a child who appears to be seriously injured after a fall. Call 911 and let trained medical personnel move the child with proper precautions.

Check all Roman Blinds and roll up shades in your home. Kids have been strangled while playing with dangling cords. If you have looped pull cords, exposed inner cords or exposed lifting loops, then replace the blinds or shades with products that do not have exposed pull cords or inner cords.

For more information about

window safety and falls, call Safe Kids Kansas at 785-296-0351 or visit <http://www.safekids.org>www.safekids.org. National Window Safety Week is an annual program of the National Safety Council. For more information, visit <http://www.nsc.org>www.nsc.org.

Safe Kids Kansas, Inc. is a nonprofit Coalition of over 70 statewide organizations and businesses dedicated to preventing accidental injuries to Kansas children ages 0-14. Safe Kids Kansas has a network of 28 local coalitions across Kansas. Safe Kids Kansas is a member of Safe Kids Worldwide, a global network of organizations whose mission is to prevent accidental childhood injury. The lead agency for Safe Kids Kansas is the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

This information can be made available in alternative accessible formats upon request. For more information about obtaining an alternative format, you may contact Safe Kids Kansas at 785-296-1223, or csage@kdheks.gov. Both speech/hearing disabled and hearing Kansans can access the Kansas Relay Center by calling toll-free 1-800-766-3777. Callers should inform the relay operator of the number they wish to call and the type of call they are making direct, credit card, collect, person-to-person, etc.

Run... Sun... Fun...



Track season is underway. A large crowd turned out for the Norton Junior High School Invitational Track Meet held at Travis Field on Thursday. Family, friends and competitors enjoyed the competition under a bright sunny sky and comfortable temperatures.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

Saturday services now being held

On March 9 at 7 p.m. the Norton Christian Church began to offer a Saturday night service. Realizing the need of many that are forced to work on Sundays, the church board has determined to experiment with this for the next six months to see if this will fill a need in our community. Larry Lyles, minister at the Norton Christian Church, was asked "Why are you going to start a Saturday night service?"

Lyles responded, "There are so many people today that are forced to work on Sundays. Whether

it is people that are first responders like our law enforcement, emergency medical responders or round the clock health care providers, Sunday is a day when so many have to work. In our local church there are a number of individuals that work at the Norton Corrections or in food services, that it just seems reasonable to provide such a service to the community." If you have any questions about the services, call the Norton Christian Church for more details.

Department of Agriculture taking applications for rural energy

USDA Rural Development State Director Patty Clark announced that USDA is seeking applications to provide assistance to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. Funding is available from USDA's Rural Energy for America Program (REAP). USDA remains focused on carrying out its mission, despite a time of significant budget uncertainty. Today's announcement is one part of the Department's efforts to strengthen the rural economy.

REAP, authorized by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, (Farm Bill) is designed to help agricultural producers and rural small businesses reduce energy costs and consumption and help meet the Nation's critical energy needs. USDA is accepting the following applications:

Renewable energy system and energy efficiency improvement grant applications and combination grant and guaranteed loan applications until April 30, 2013;

Renewable energy system and energy efficiency improvement guaranteed loan only applications until July 15,

2013; Renewable energy system feasibility study grant applications through April 30, 2013.

Since the passage of the 2008 Farm Bill and through the end of Fiscal Year 2012, REAP has funded nationwide over 6,800 renewable energy and energy efficiency projects, feasibility studies, energy audits, and renewable energy development assistance projects.

For information on how to apply for REAP funding, contact a USDA Rural Development Business Program Specialist: Doug Bruggeman, Hays

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This funding is an example of the many ways that USDA is helping revitalize rural economies to create opportunities for growth and prosperity, support innovative technologies, identify new markets for agricultural producers, and better utilization

of our nation's natural resources.

USDA has made a concerted effort to deliver results for the American people, even as USDA implements sequestration - the across-the-board budget reductions mandated under terms of the Budget Control Act. USDA has already undertaken historic efforts since 2009 to save more than

\$700 million in taxpayer funds through targeted, common-sense budget reductions. These reductions have put USDA in a better position to carry out its mission, while implementing sequester budget reductions in a fair manner that causes as little disruption as possible.

Tax deadlines still affecting Kansas

Changes to various federal government tax deadlines continue to impact Kansas revenue receipts, although the state is still meeting projections for the fiscal year in numbers released Friday by the Kansas Department of Revenue.

Revenue receipts for March were \$56.5 million short of projections, but the state has collected \$8.6 million more than anticipated since the July 1 start of the fiscal year. The state also has collected \$136 million more than it did during the same fiscal period last year.

Some of the state's shortfalls appear to be following a national trend. The Federation of Tax Administrators reported that

sales tax collections in February were down significantly in several states, and Kansas mirrored that with sales tax revenue receipts missing their mark by \$11.7 million. March sales tax receipts reflect sales activity in February, when multiple major winter storms hit the state.

"This is a good example of why we should show fiscal restraint with the state's spending. Sometimes actions beyond our control can have negative impacts on our state revenue receipts and we must be in a position to absorb the impact," said Revenue Secretary Nick Jordan.

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19 Char heifers, Hill City	661	134.50
28 blk heifers, Norton	763	126.00
144 blk heifers, Kirwin	782	126.85
128 heifers, Jetmore	769	126.00
78 blk heifers, Norton	778	125.00
37 blk heifers, Beaver City	809	124.50
67 mix heifers, Oakley	803	122.50
STEERS:		
28 mix steers, Norton	490	184.00
63 mix steers, Norton	571	174.25
8 blk steers, Prairie View	468	172.50
22 Char x steers, Logan	690	143.50
39 mix steers, Logan	786	136.00
42 Char steers, Hill City	830	133.25
55 blk steers, Norton	853	132.00
117 blk steers, Hanston	863	130.10
46 Char x steers, Selden	912	124.75
50 blk steers, Quinter	942	123.50

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