

Practicing fire safety

The summer months are a time when families enjoy doing many activities outdoors. It's also when barbecue grills and fireworks can cause devastating home fires and serious injuries to children. Safe Kids Kansas reminds everyone to keep fire safety in mind to ensure your family has a fun, safe summer.

It's easy to understand why the sparkles and booms of fireworks are alluring to so many, but it's also important to realize that fireworks can be dangerous. Ninety-three Kansas children ages 0-18 were injured by fireworks last year, according to the Kansas State Fire Marshal's Office, and many fireworks injuries are not even reported. "It's important to remember that fireworks are explosives," said Cherie Sage, Safe Kids Kansas. "Even when they are handled correctly, fireworks can sometimes be defective or simply unpredictable." Even sparklers, which are typically viewed by parents as relatively harmless fireworks for children, cause serious burn injuries, accounting for one-third of the injuries to children under five in the U.S.

Grilling is considered to be a national summer pastime. But

before you light up the grill, you need to know the facts and keep safety in mind. Gas grills were involved in an average of 7,100 home fires every year from 2006-2010 in the U.S., while charcoal or other solid-fueled grills were involved in an annual average of 1,200 home fires, according to the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA). Grill fires at home are estimated to cause an average of 10 deaths, 100 injuries, and \$37 million in property loss each year in the U.S.

Safe Kids Kansas urges parents to practice these safety tips to reduce the risk of a home fire or a trip to the emergency room and ensure this summer is a safe one for your family.

Grilling Safety

Only use the grill outdoors; position the grill well away from siding, deck railings, out from under eaves and overhanging branches and a safe distance from lawn games, play areas, and foot traffic.

Keep children and pets away from the grill area by declaring a 3-foot "kid-free zone" around the grill. Supervise children outside around grills.

Be careful when using lighter fluid. Do not add fluid to an al-

ready lit fire because flames can flashback up into the container and explode.

Never use gas to start a fire.

Do not wear loose clothing while cooking at a grill.

When cooking food, use long-handled grilling tools to give plenty of clearance away from heat and flames. Regularly remove grease or fat buildup in trays below the grill so it can't ignite when the grill is hot.

Keep all matches and lighters away from children. Teach your children that lighters are not toys.

Dispose of hot coals by dousing them with plenty of water, and stir them to ensure that the fire is out. Never place them in plastic, paper or wooden containers.

If you smell gas while cooking on a propane gas grill, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not attempt to move the grill.

Never store propane cylinders in buildings or garages. If you store a gas grill inside during the winter, disconnect the cylinder and leave it outside.

Catch of the day...



The Mr. Bass Tournament, sponsored by the Nebraska BASS Nation, had 21 participants from clubs throughout the region. (Pictured) Russ Seaman assists Joe Citta, Nebraska BASS Nation President, with the weighing process at Sebelius Reservoir. First place went to Dennis Kotas of the Milligan Bass Club.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

PUBLIC RECORD

District Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filing in the offices of the District Court clerk at the Norton County Courthouse.

Traffic and wildlife and Parks cases are given to the paper when the fines are paid.

July 12

June 21-Wesley C. Poore, Stockton; Charge: Vehicles; liability insurance coverage required; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$300.

June 5-Rick Robison, Norton; Charge: Vehicles; unlawful acts; e.g., operating an unregistered vehicle with expired tags; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$171.

June 30-Arthur F. Roth, Prescott, Ariz.; Charge: Speeding 78 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$161.

April 29-William Seth Stalvey, Kearney, Neb.; Charge: Failure to wear seat belt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

July 7-Robert Allyn Wake, Grant City, Mo.; Charge: Failure to wear seat belt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

June 7-Roger Ervin Woller, Mankato, Minn.; Charge: Speeding 65 in 55; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$141.

July 18

July 9-Aubrea D. Anderson, Trenton, Neb.; Charge: Trailer expired; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$171.

June 8-Ognjen Blazeovic, Davenport, Iowa; Charge: Speeding 78 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$161.

May 30-Glenn Michael, Port Richey, Fla.; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

May 14-Sandra Gale Brocar, Almena; Charge: Improper stop lamp or turn signal; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$141.

May 29, Chad Hartley Compton, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Charge: Speeding 81 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$177.

June 14-Edward F. Glenemeier, Norton; Charge: Fail-

ure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

June 29-Andrew Mark Gunion, Vail, Colo.; Charge: Speeding 76 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$222.

June 29-Andrew Mark Gunion, Vail, Colo.; Charge: Registration expired; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$0.

July 8-Russell Adair Hearting, WaKeeney; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

July 1-Kyle Christopher Nichols, Hays; Charge: Speeding 78 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$159.

July 6-Cody Harper Riggins, Thedford, Neb.; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

June 18-Kip Russell Stout, Cedar Vale; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

June 29-Terry D. Wilson, Greenfield, Ohio; Charge: Speeding 82 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$185.

July 25

July 10-Mario E. Alfaro, Liberal; Charge: Speeding 78 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$159.

June 30-Lane Shelton Archer, Norton; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

July 4-William Randell Cochran, Larned; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

June 20-James Harvey Day III, Phoenix, Ariz.; Charge: Speeding 78 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$159.

July 9-Wesley Scott Dreyer, Macomb, Mich.; Charge: Speeding 62 in 45; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$183.

June 10-J. Chris Eckenroad, Oakland, Calif.; Charge: Speeding 76 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$147.

June 29-Johannes Jacobus Enbelbrecht, Lenora; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

June 20-Patricia Annette

Hall, Jennings; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

July 10-Shane Leon Jarvis, Phillipsburg; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

July 11-Edwin Johnson, Lenora; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

June 13-Cruise Britt Parker, Phillipsburg; Charge: Speeding 67 in 55; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$165.

June 14-Carissa Marie Ride-nour, Norton; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

June 20-Daniel Dale Sawyer, Bacliff, Texas; Charge: Speeding 81 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$177.

June 19-German Rodolfo Sorto, Garden City; Charge: Gross weight limits for vehicles; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$201.

July 22-Anthony Ray Thomas, Prairie View; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

June 14-Wilson E. Valencia-Albarran, Dodge City; Charge: Vehicles; unlawful acts; e.g., registration; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$240.

June 14-Wilson E. Valencia-Albarran, Dodge City; Charge: Speeding 79 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$0.

June 9-Charles H. Witzel, Norfolk, Neb.; Charge: Speeding 74 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$161.

Aug. 1 Dec. 22-Michael Jerome Bailey, Worthington, Minn.; Charge: Defective brakes; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$143.

June 27-William H. Bailey, Wichita; Charge: Speeding 74 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$153.

June 27-Earl Cheney Jr., Pittsburg; Charge: Speeding 77 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$155.

Huelskamp applauds USDA

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that it will allow emergency haying through August 31, and grazing through September 30, on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage in Kansas. Congressman Tim Huelskamp (KS-01), along with Kansas Senators Pat Roberts and Jerry Moran, asked Secretary of Ag-

riculture Tom Vilsack to allow the use of CRP land to support livestock production in areas hit by drought.

Huelskamp released the following statement about the announcement:

"I am pleased the USDA has granted the request to open up CRP land to haying and grazing. In the face of one of the most

extreme droughts in recent history, the USDA's decision will help farmers and ranchers get through this difficult time. As a farmer myself, I know the difficulties that farmers and ranchers face at this time. I will continue to do all I can in Washington to help Kansas remain the leader in agriculture."

Film Festival set for next year

Colby Community College instructor Ryan Hale has announced the college will host the first Reel Flatland Film Festival in April 2014. The Festival will celebrate creative video works of local high school and college students as well as community members.

"The productions may be any length and genre including political, cultural, sports, documentary, drama, informative, travel and tourism, seasonal, or

other material," said Hale.

Submitted films must be original works and include appropriate credit to those appearing or contributing to the production. Films may be submitted electronically or on USB or DVD (no reel-to-reel or VHS).

Films will be judged for viewing selection and appearance in the Festival by a panel of Colby Community College instructors and community members. Cash prizes will be awarded for

Best Film, Audience Choice and Runner Up.

There is no charge to submit films. All productions must be submitted by March 1, 2014 for consideration.

For more information, contact Hale at (970) 215-4030 or 460-5544.

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