

# 'Fun Day' brings excitement to the last day of school

Sack races, limbo, steal-the-treasurer, kick ball, tire tug-o-war, beach ball volleyball and golf tube relays were just some of the activities on the agenda for the students of Eisenhower Elementary's last full day of school Wednesday.

Activity stations were placed all around and throughout the school for the students to enjoy. Each class, from kindergarten to sixth grade, got to participate in five of the 19 activities. They also got to spend one 20-minute session eating ice cream sundaes from McDonald's.

The Norton County Emergency Medical Service was on hand with an ambulance for the students to tour. They also acted as the "official first-aid station".

Each station was run by parent volunteers or Eisenhower staff. Kansasland Tire Co. provided the inner tubes for tire tug-

o-war. Eisenhower Elementary Fun Day. This was the ninth annual Day.



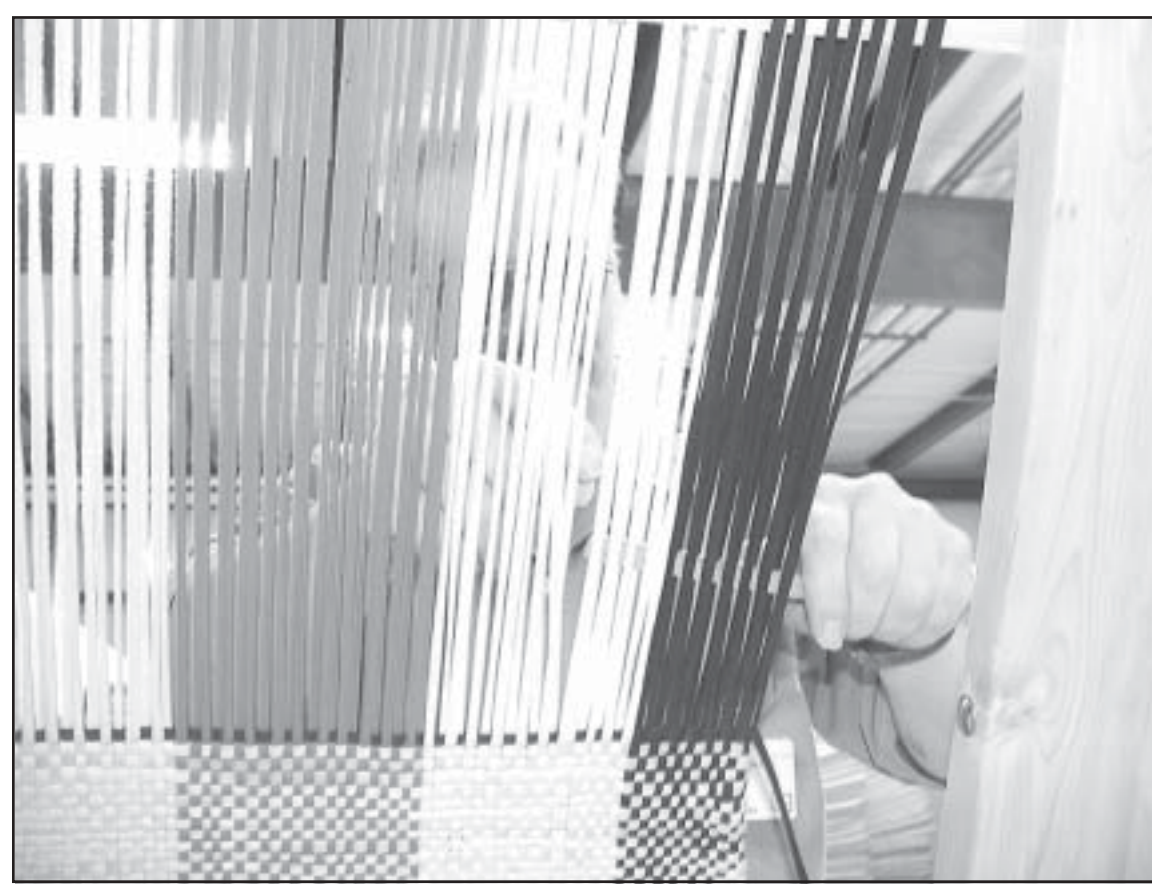
The students of Eisenhower Elementary got to enjoy all sorts of fun activities like Tire Tug-O-War (bottom photo) and Rope Tug-O-War (top photo) Wednesday afternoon as a part of the annual Fun Day, which is held on the last full day of school before summer vacation. — Telegram photos by Veronica Monier

# City lets county administer airport project

(Continued from Page 1) to and will have the specifications, performance and statutory bonds and insurance certificates. The state is paying 90 percent of the project with a maximum of \$225,000. Approximately \$12,500 will come from both the city and the county.

set to begin around Aug. 1 and would take about 60 working days, or three months, to complete. The council accepted the low bid on the base project and agreed to have the county administer it. They also approved change orders for the additive alternates with the city paying 5 percent of the cost and the private airport hangar

owners paying for their share of the cost to their hanger entrances. Mr. Hawks said since these are private hangars, it seems only right that they would pay for their own improvements. He said Ivan Kingham, airport board president already agreed to pay for his share of his entrance.



Inmate Hunter weaves the handmade shuttle through the strips of material on the loom at Norton Correctional Facility as he works on one of the rag rugs produced in the Inmate Clothing Project. Mr. Hunter says the project is worthwhile and that he derives satisfaction from knowing that he is helping someone. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

# Inmates do what they can to help

(Continued from Page 1) Plus in Oberlin and The Thrift Shop in Norton to supply their unsold clothing.

United Methodist churches in LaCrosse, Jennings, Hoxie and Norcatur have agreed to turn over surplus clothing from their rummage sales for Mr. Strevey to take to the prison. Private donations are also accepted.

The Hays District Council Ministries of the United Methodist Church underwrites the cost of transporting and gathering the clothes. The prison provides storage space, a work area and inmate labor.

One inmate who has been involved in the project since it began said, "I've watched it grow from a little section to the storage

units we have now." Mr. Strevey and another volunteer, Anthony Knoll, operate the project five days a week from 1-3 p.m.

When a shipment of clothing arrives at the prison, inmates sort the usable stuff from the tattered and torn garments and box it for shipment to United Methodist Church support.

The support group then distributes the clothing to underprivileged families.

Clothing that is not wearable is torn into rags and woven into colorful rugs by the inmates on handmade looms. The rugs are donated to charities and to Mexican/American Ministries.

One inmate said, "I've been locked up a lot of years and it helps

me, mentally, to see that something I'm doing helps other people."

In the first eight months of the program, inmates boxed and shipped 20,000 pieces of clothing. Shipments of 200 pieces each are made three or four times each week when Mr. Strevey hauls the boxes to Garden City or Wichita.

Six inmates are authorized to work in the program.

Another inmate said, "This is worthwhile. 'Cause I've been in situations where I could have used some help like that."

To donate clothing to The Inmate Clothing Project or to learn more about becoming a volunteer, contact Mr. Strevey at (785) 693-4597.

# Safety can make gardening fun

Garden activities have their risks — especially with children. Any time you are working outdoors with tools and youngsters you are assuming some degree of risk of injuries, insect bites and stings and allergic reactions.

Home ed  
Tranda Watts,  
Extension  
specialist



- Clearly label all pesticides, chemicals and other hazardous materials and keep them in a locked cabinet. Never allow young people to handle.

- One of the responsibilities that goes along with gardening is properly taking the time to put away tools in a storage shed or building near the garden every time after using them.

- Encourage youth to wear cotton or leather gloves while working in the garden. When you do repetitive work like pulling weeds, it is easy to get blisters.

Now is a good time to review some safety tips.

- Maintain all equipment in good condition. Review with the youngsters how to safely use all tools and equipment.

# City council agrees to fix street name

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She said she talked with Postmaster JaNan O'Brien to see how difficult it would be to change it. The post office will just have to make a change in the national data base, which shouldn't be too difficult, she said.

The maps and plats show the correct spelling of Boddy. The council said they would have it fixed, although it might take some time to get a new sign.

- Delayed the third reading of Ordinance No. 1529, which restricts parking during certain times of the day on the north side of Woods Drive in Norton, from Brown Street to Valley Vista. The ordinance was taken back to committee for further study.

- Heard from Officer Kuhn that the police department was awarded a \$4,000 grant to use May 24 to June 6 for the "Click It or Ticket" program. He said during that period, they will have extra law enforcement on duty to focus on speeding, driving under the influence, child safety restraints and seat belt violations.

He said the overtime is going to be very high during that time, but told the council not to worry because the city would be reimbursed. Any leftover money can be used for the mobilization in September.

City Administrator Rob Lawson said the police department has done a good job about controlling their overtime, even though they are one man short.

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