

# Protect children from hot cars

The National Weather Service, partnering with other agencies, is highlighting the danger of heat stroke when leaving a child unattended in a vehicle. There is a neat video on the National Weather Service heat safety web site showing the dramatic temperature rise in a parked vehicle.

Temperatures inside vehicles can rapidly heat to lethal levels during any season. NOAA's National Weather Service is seeking assistance from the media to help educate the public about the danger of leaving children unattended in vehicles.

The start of the heat season for most of the country is about a month away, but it is not too early to be concerned about the danger of leaving children or pets unattended in vehicles. In fact, studies show that heatstroke can occur on days with relatively mild temperatures, about 70 degrees.

This year, National Weather Service is partnering with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to heighten child vehicular heatstroke awareness and prevention.

Heatstroke in vehicles is the leading cause of all non-crash-related fatalities involving chil-

dren 14 and younger (61 percent). Each year children die from excessive heat as a result of being left enclosed in parked vehicles, sometimes intentionally but most times unintentionally. Since 1998, an average of 38 children per year, or about one every 10 days, have died in automobiles as a result of heatstroke.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and National Weather Service offer the following safety guidelines to help avoid tragic deaths of babies and young children:

1. Never leave a child or young children unattended in a vehicle, not even for a minute.
2. If you see a child unattended in a vehicle, call 9-1-1.
3. Check to make sure seating surfaces and equipment (child safety seat and safety belt buckles) aren't hot when securing your child in a safety restraint system in a car that has been parked in the heat.
4. Be sure that all occupants leave the vehicle when unloading. Don't overlook sleeping babies or pets.
5. Always lock your car and ensure children do not have access to keys or remote entry devices. If a child is missing,

always check the car first, including the trunk. Teach your children that vehicles are never to be used as a play area.

6. As a visual reminder, keep a stuffed animal in the car seat, and, when the child is placed in the seat, place the animal in the front with the driver.

7. Place your purse or briefcase in the back seat as a reminder that you have your child in the car.

8. Have a plan that your childcare provider will call you if your child does not show up for childcare.

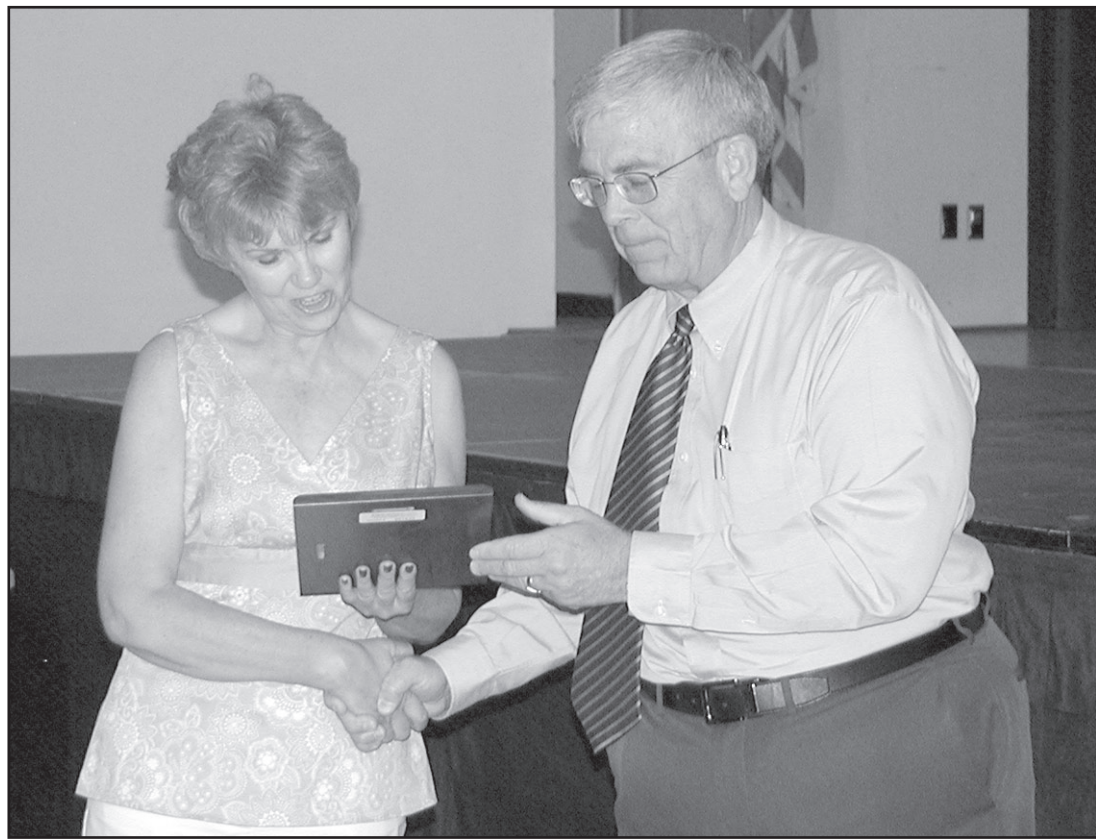
9. Use the slogan "Beat the Heat, Check the Backseat," or "Where's Baby? Look Before You Lock," to educate the public.

Remember, never leave a child in an unattended vehicle.

Children are much more sensitive to rising temperatures than adults so pay close attention to the above tips during ALL seasons.

Check out these web sites for more information: [www.safercar.gov/parents/heat-involved.htm](http://www.safercar.gov/parents/heat-involved.htm) or [www.NationalWeatherService.noaa.gov/heat/index.shtml](http://www.NationalWeatherService.noaa.gov/heat/index.shtml).

# Well deserved



The U.S.D. 211 Recognition of Retirement ceremony was held on Thursday at the East Campus Auditorium for Kevin Jilka and Marlene Sumner. (Pictured) Sumner receives her award from Superintendent Greg Mann for her 25 years of service to U.S.D. 211. Jilka is retiring after 35 years. Also leaving the employ of U.S.D. 211 at the end of the school year are Melodie Bock, Ali Gordon, Jordan Kinsey, Traci Jilka and Robin Sides.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

# Moran accepting academy applications

Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) recently announced that he is accepting applications for nominations to the United States Service Academies. The academies include the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y.; the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.; the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.; and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y. Those selected will enter the academies in June 2014.

Selections are based on SAT or ACT test scores, class rank, grade point average, school records, extracurricular activities,

leadership potential, motivation, recommendations and interview evaluations. Applicants must meet the individual admission requirements of each academy in order to receive Sen. Moran's nomination: applicants must be legal residents of the state of Kansas, at least 17 years of age but not past their 23rd birthday on July 1 of the year of admission, citizens of the United States, unmarried, not pregnant and without legal obligation to support children or other dependents.

The application deadline is Sept. 6, 2013. Applicants will

be required to interview with Sen. Moran's Service Academy Selection Board on Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013 at the Eisenhower Presidential Library in Abilene. Academies will make the final decision on who will receive an appointment of admission in early 2014.

Interested applicants can request application materials on Sen. Moran's website at [www.moran.senate.gov](http://www.moran.senate.gov) under the "Services" menu, or by calling Sen. Moran's Olathe office at 913-393-0711. Additional information is also available online at [www.moran.senate.gov](http://www.moran.senate.gov).

# NORTON LIBRARY

Randy's Music Jam at the Norton Public Library

Randy Sauer is from Hays and grew up in Norton. Randy is an educator and has been teaching for 18 years. He earned his B.S. in Music Education and Master's Degree from Fort Hays State University. Randy is active in teaching, doing elementary music workshops, performing for library events and festivals. Randy will present entertaining and interactive music for children of all ages at the Nor-

ton Public Library on Thursday, May 30, at 10:30 a.m., as part of the library's "Dig Into Reading" summer reading program. Come enjoy his wonderfully, fun program brought to you by the Norton Public Library, Friends of the Library and the Hemsworth Foundation.

There will not be an afternoon program at the Library that day.

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# Asparagus, a true perennial

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There is always one thing we can bank on in early spring, and that would be those succulent stalks of asparagus! The first stems of the season generally begin peaking out of their bed in March and we can depend on good production until the end of June.

But, alas, this winter refused to take a hike, and the first efforts of the asparagus patch were lost to temperatures down into the teens. But no never mind. Production seems to have caught up to normal during warmer days and nights.

You know, asparagus is not difficult to grow. It thrives best in full sun in well-drained soil. But varietal choices have notoriously changed in just the last decade, making it even easier to assure yourself of a reliable crop for many years to come.

When I was a kid back in the dark ages, a variety known as Martha Washington was about the only choice you had, and it was a very reliable producer. It's still available just about everywhere. But the extremely talented and hard-working plant scientists at Rutgers University made asparagus growing much more enjoyable with the creation of the "Jersey" line of hybrid varieties, and asparagus growing was fun again. The Jersey named crowns of asparagus are all male plants and are much more productive because they don't have to invest energy in making seed.

With an all-male variety such as Jersey Giant, Jersey Knight or the newest of the lot called Jersey Supreme, 25 plants, or

crowns, are usually adequate for a family of four. You would need to plant twice as many Martha Washington or other standard varieties to accomplish the same purpose. Planting seed to grow your own crowns isn't recommended anymore because buying crowns simply makes more sense. You can buy either one year old crowns or two year crowns. Many gardeners believe the one year old crowns are the smartest buy for a couple of reasons. Number one, the one year old plants are cheaper at the store, and number two, the two year old crowns tend to suffer from transplant shock more readily than their little brothers.

Asparagus beds can be successfully started just about anywhere. It must be planted in areas where the ground freezes in the winter and where dry seasons prevail. Those reasons make it a cinch here in the High Plains. The high country of California grows 70 percent of the commercially grown asparagus in the nation. That alone is reason enough to start your own bed because when fresh vegetables are shipped here from California, they just aren't very fresh anymore.

But here's the best reason to grow your own. An asparagus bed started in your garden will produce a crop for 20 years or more. That is truly perennial! Search out some of those fresh, healthy asparagus crowns that are adorned with roots that resemble the tentacles of an octopus. Follow directions carefully for planting. It could prove to be the most enjoyable new creation in your garden this year!

**The Harlan County Dam Playhouse will kick-off its first production of the season at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 1 in Republican City**

The show, titled, "Taming the Wild, Wild West in a Dress, or... Let's Give the Villain the Slip", is a Mellerdrama which is a comedy western full of fun and puns!

*Come boo or hiss at the villain, and cheer for the hero and heroine. Each paid admission receives a free bag of throwing popcorn to throw at the villains during the show!*

**THE SHOW WILL RUN FOR THREE WEEKENDS. SATURDAYS AT 7:30 AND SUNDAYS AT 3:00. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 308-991-3093.**

## May Community Calendar

**Monday, May 27**  
 Memorial Day services will be held at the Norton Cemetery, 10:30 a.m.  
 Norton Telegram and city offices will be closed for Memorial Day.  
 Closed Alcoholics Anonymous, VFW Hall-north Highway 283, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 28**  
 Open God Squad, VFW Hall-north Highway 283, noon-1 p.m.  
 Open Alcoholics Anonymous, VFW Hall-north Highway 283, 8:30-9:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 29**  
 Open Alcoholics Anonymous, VFW Hall-north Highway 283, noon-1 p.m.  
 Open Al-Anon, VFW Hall-north Highway 283, 7-8 p.m.  
 Open Alcoholics Anonymous, VFW Hall-north Highway 283, 8:30-9:30 p.m.

**Thursday, May 30**  
 Preschool Story Hour, Norton Public Library, 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
 Open Alcoholics Anonymous, VFW Hall-north Highway 283, noon-1 p.m.  
 Open Alcoholics Anonymous, VFW Hall-north Highway 283, 8-9 p.m.

**Friday, May 31**  
 2-Man Shootout, Prairie Dog Golf Club (\$180/team), contact Dave Schlegel, 785-871-1508, or Bruce Rushton, 785-871-0470.  
 Norton County Commission, Norton County Courthouse-2nd Floor, 9 a.m.-noon  
 Open Alcoholics Anonymous, VFW Hall-north Highway 283, noon-1 p.m.  
 Open Alcoholics Anonymous, VFW Hall-north Highway 283, 7-8 p.m.  
 Open Al-Anon, VFW Hall-north Highway 283, 7-8 p.m.  
 7th, 8th and 9th Graders at The Rock, corner of Main and State streets, 7-10 p.m.

**Saturday, June 1**  
 OK Kids Day, Prairie Dog State Park, for information call 785-877-2953  
 2-Man Shootout, Prairie Dog Golf Club (\$180/team), contact Dave Schlegel, 785-871-1508, or Bruce Rushton, 785-871-0470.  
 Open Alcoholics Anonymous, VFW Hall-north Highway 283, 1-2 p.m.  
 Open Narcotics Anonymous, Norton United Methodist Church-805 W. Wilberforce, 8-9 p.m.

**Sunday, June 2**  
 2-Man Shootout, Prairie Dog Golf Club (\$180/team), contact Dave Schlegel, 785-871-1508, or Bruce Rushton, 785-871-0470.  
 Norton Archery Club 3-D Shoot, northwest corner of Prairie Dog State Park, trickle start 9-10 a.m., call for information John Baker, 785-877-3253 or Randy West, 877-5279.  
 God's Pantry, Trinity Episcopal Church-102 E. Waverly, 3-4 p.m.  
 Open Narcotics Anonymous, Norton United Methodist Church-805 W. Wilberforce, 7 p.m.

**Monday, June 3**  
 Norton County Commission, Norton County Courthouse-2nd Floor, 9 a.m.-noon  
 Rotary, Town & Country Kitchen, noon-1 p.m.  
 Chess Club, Norton Public Library, 4-5 p.m.  
 TOPS, Lenora United Parish Church, 5-6 p.m.  
 Closed Alcoholics Anonymous, VFW Hall-north Highway 283, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
 Almena City Council, Almena City Office, 7-8 p.m.

**Twentieth Annual Selden Antique Tractor and Classic Car Show**  
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 1:00 pm—Kiddie Tractor Pull (ages 5-6, 7-8, 9-10)  
 2:00 pm—Barrel Roll Competition  
 —Washer Drop Competition  
 3:30 pm—Parade  
 Children's Raffle and Coin Tink

Parade at 3:00 pm  
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