

# Firework safety is vital

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The Fourth of July is around the corner. Summer also means an increase in injuries from backyard grills, bonfires, and fireworks. In 2006 an estimated 9,200 people were treated in emergency rooms for fireworks related injuries, 36 percent of whom were under 15 years old.

Children between the ages of 10 and 14 were at three times the risk of fireworks injuries than the general public. About a third of the injuries were from small firecrackers, 21 percent from bottle rockets and 20 percent from sparklers.

The Safety and Health Council advises that the best way to safely enjoy this Fourth of July is to follow the following safety tips:

- Never allow children to handle fireworks.
- Older children should use fireworks only under close supervision.
- Light fireworks outdoors in a

clear area away from onlookers, houses and flammable materials.

- Light one device at a time; maintain a safe distance after lighting.
  - Do not allow any running or horseplay while fireworks are being used.
  - Never ignite devices in a container.
  - Do not try re-lighting or handling malfunctioning fireworks, dousing and soaking them with water and discard them safely.
  - Keep a bucket of water nearby to fully extinguish fireworks that don't go off in case of a fire.
- Burns were the leading type of fireworks injury. The hands, head, or eyes are involved in nearly 83 percent of all injuries. One third of all eye injuries result in permanent blindness.
- Injuries are most commonly associated with firecrackers 21 percent, sparklers 20 percent and roman candles 14 percent. Sparklers reach temperatures greater than



PHARMACIST INTERN Kayleigh Brooks works with Dr. Kody Krien, pharmacist, at Krien Pharmacy, St. Francis.

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## New farm program named

Agriculture Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan has announced the Transition Incentives Program (TIP) - a new program under the Conservation Title of the 2008 Farm Bill - to encourage retired or retiring owners or operators to transition their land to beginning or socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers.

"Ensuring that our nation's land is returned to production using sustainable methods is critical not only for our future food supply, but also for the economic future of our rural communities," said Ms. Merrigan. "Access to land is one of the greatest challenges faced by new farmers. The Transition Incentives Program is one more tool in the U.S. Department of Agriculture toolkit to protect family farms and support beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers."

Producers who wanted to apply for the Transition Incentives Program could start signing up on Monday, May 17. If all program requirements are met, the program provides annual rental payments to the retiring farmer for up to two additional years after the date of the expiration of the Conservation Reserve Program contract, provided the transition is not to a family member. To learn more about program, producers interested in applying and participating in it should visit their Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office or www.fsa.usda.gov.

To be eligible, Transition Incentives Program requires that the retired or retiring farmer or rancher: Have land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) that is in the last year of the contract.

Agree to allow the beginning or socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher make conservation and land improvements.

Agree to sell, or have a contract to sell, or agree to long-term lease (a minimum of 5 years) the land under Conservation Reserve Program contract to a beginning or socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher by Oct. 1 of the year the conservation contract expires.

Supporting local economies and providing opportunities for beginning or socially disadvantaged Americans with a desire to farm or ranch is one of the many ways the Obama Administration and Department of Agriculture are working to rebuild and revitalize rural America.

## Intern works during June with St. Francis pharmacist

By Karen Krien

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Kayleigh Brooks has spent the past month at Krien Pharmacy as a pharmacist intern. She arrived June 1 and left June 26.

She said she enjoyed working with Kody (Krien) and Toni (Keller).

"I learned a lot and found the

people were really nice," she said.

Kayleigh said she had originally wanted to be a veterinarian but, that, she said, didn't work out.

Instead, she switched to working at the pharmacy at Pamida in Norton and has spent many hours working there in the last four years.

She graduated from Norton High School in 2007 and is attending Kansas University School of Medicine. She plans to graduate in 2013.

Kayleigh will do well as a pharmacist, Dr. Krien, owner of Krien Pharmacy, said. She has been one of the more experienced interns working here.



FOOTBALL CAMP was held last week for fourth through seventh graders. Coach Nate Smith helps one of the future player. While it may seem early for camp, it is just a little over a month before the first day of practice will begin.

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