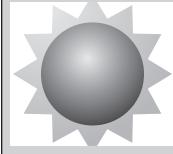
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Weather Corner



National Weather Service Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 35. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 71. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 37. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest.

Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 60. North wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29. Thursday: Mostly sunny, with

a high near 59. Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 31. Friday: Mostly sunny, with a

high near 65. Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 34.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 65.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 33.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 63.

Friday: High, 50; Low 13	
Saturday: High, 58; Low 16	
Sunday: High, 67; Low 23	
Precip: Friday	0.00 inches
Saturday	0.00 inches
Sunday	0.00 inches
Month:	0.00 inches
Year:	0.64 inches
Normal:	2.15 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)	

Vaccine requirements boosted for Kansas schools next fall

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LAWRENCE (AP) - Kansas students will be getting more shots before going back to school next fall after the state Health Department increased immunization requirements.

Students in sixth through ninth grades will see the biggest changes this year, including three doses of hepatitis B vaccine that previously were required only for pupils in kindergarten through fifth grade. All students will be required to have those vaccinations for the 2010-2011 school year.

"The need for vaccination coverage, based on the disease outbreaks that we've had, overrode the need to gradually phase in requirements," said Sue Bowden, director of the Department of Health and Environment's immunization program.

Also next year, kindergartners will need two doses of the varicella, or chickenpox, vaccine, one more than has been required. Students in grades six through nine of the vaccine, previously required a challenge, officials said.

Accident takes child's life

only through fifth grade.

All students will have to get two doses of chickenpox vaccine in 2010-2011.

"We are motivated to get children protected against the disease," Bowden said. "We have had varicella outbreaks across the state."

She said too many students with only one dose of the vaccine were getting chickenpox at an older age, so a second dose is necessary.

"The older the kids get, if they don't have protection against the disease and they come down with it, they become much more ill than younger students," Bowden said.

The requirements, while new for students to attend school, have been recommended for years by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Most doctors and health professionals already have been following them.

But proving that students - especially in junior high and later got the required vaccinations will have to have at least one dose when they were younger could be

He said he wasn't sure why the

child, whose father works at the

dairy, was at the farm.

"It's one of those things parents keep track of when their kids are little because they are going to the doctor a lot, but then after they stop, a lot of people are like, 'We can't even find their vaccination records. We don't know when it was," said Sonja Gaumer, nursing services facilitator for Lawrence schools.

For students who don't have insurance and don't qualify for programs that pay for the shots, the vaccinations aren't cheap. At the Douglas County Health Department, they cost \$29 for hepatitis B and \$96 for varicella.

Cat sticks with sofa

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) Village, where she bought the - The mysterious mewing in Vickie Mendenhall's home started about the time she bought a used couch for \$27.

After days of searching for the source of the noise, she found a very hungry calico cat living in her sofa.

Her boyfriend, Chris Lund, was watching TV on Tuesday night and felt something move inside the couch. He pulled it away from the wall, lifted it up and there was the cat, which apparently crawled through a small hole on the underside.

couch, but the store had no information on who donated it. So she took the cat to SpokAnimal CARE, the animal shelter where she works, so it could recover, and contacted media outlets in hopes of finding the owner.

Sure enough, Bob Killion of Spokane showed up to claim the cat on Thursday after an acquaintance alerted him to a TV story about it. Killion had donated a couch on Feb. 19, and his 9-year-old cat, Callie, disappeared at about the same time.

Mendenhall contacted Value

Library faces state budget cuts

By Marge Brown

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The state Library of Kansas is facing a budget reduction for the current fiscal year that will result in an 8.5 percent decrease in state aid, but Colby librarian Melanie Wilks says this will cause only a minor problem for the Pioneer Memorial Library here.

'Most of our money comes from the county levy for property

one pays their taxes, we should be of fun. fine. Wilks said they receive money

from several other sources during the year and that helps with expenses.

'We have a good list of donors who contribute as members of our Friends of the Library group," she said, "and we always make money with our Murder Mystery Night. "We don't have a lot of room, so

we can't have too many at the Murder Mystery Night, but we altaxes," Wilks said, "so if every- ways have a full house and a lot

"We also make money from our used book sales that we have in October and February, and we will be having more in May and at the end of July."

Then, of course, there is money coming in for fines, she said, and the library tries to be as economical as possible.

"When I go out of town to a meeting," she said, "if I am going for other things too, I don't charge mileage.

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"So we should be fine."

Sheriff Rod Taylor said the driver, Luis M. Madrid Robles, was an employee of the dairy. He was driving a company truck. The call about the accident

resa Lugo of Rexford.

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came in about 3:50 p.m., Taylor said. Deputies and an ambulance responded.

Lugo Jr., son of Victor and The-

The driver told officers he was looking north and the boy was going north to the right side of the front of the truck, Taylor said. He said the man never saw the child. The sheriff added that no charg-

es would be filed in the incident.

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Internet stimulus scams latest in identity theft

Attorney General Steve Six has ly unaware that they are enrolled issued a warning about economic in the membership program until stimulus scams coming off the In- the charges appear on their credit ternet.

These scams seek to convince steal money from your bank accounts or to steal your identity. The scams operate in various ways. Some are pop-up ads on popular sites such as Google and Facebook. These ads claim that individuals may qualify for grants of up to \$25,000. When people click on the ad, they are directed to scam websites such as www. presidentobamagrants.com or www.jessicasmoneyblog.com. Consumers are told that they funds for a small fee by credit card. The consumers are then enrolled in a "trial membership" time. Often, people are complete- ftc.gov.

card statement.

Another form of the scam may consumers that they have qualified appear in e-mail messages. Confor a share of President Obama's sumers get an e-mail claiming that economic stimulus package. In they have qualified for a grant. reality, they are attempts to either The victim is told to provide their bank account information so that the grant may be deposited directly into the account. The scammers will then drain money out of the victim's account or they may use the victim's personal information to commit identity theft. To avoid becoming a victim, Attorney General Six recommends that people not open unidentified e-mails or click on links promising free money. If a consumer believes they are a victim of the can get information on stimulus stimulus scam, they should contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at (800) 432-2310 or report the scam to and then later billed for hundreds, the Federal Trade Commission at sometimes thousands of dollars if (877) 382-4357. Consumers may they don't cancel within a certain visit the FTC's website at www.

Take care with prescribed burn

Rangeland and Pasture Management specialist.

"Fire guards can either be mowed to a width of 20 to 30 feet or disked," Fick said. "If the fire of escape except flight." guard is disked, producers may have to go over the area more than once to make sure the residue is all below ground."

Farmers must notify the fire decounty before burning, and obtain any necessary permits, he added.

"They need to be careful not to allow smoke to drift over highways or airports so as to cause visibility problems," he said, "and they must make extra sure the fire is out before leaving.3

The two most common methods of conducting prescribed burns on Conservation Reserve ground are a ring fire or a flank fire, he said.

"With a ring fire, the entire perimeter of the field, within the fire guard, is lighted," the agronomist said. "Starting on the downwind side, backfires are started. The burned area is gradually widened. Eventually, the entire perimeter is

MANHATTAN-When burning lighted and the fire then burns in Conservation Reserve Program toward the center from all sides. (CRP) ground, building good fire- This results in a single large plume guards is essential, said Walt Fick, of smoke in the middle of the K-State Research and Extension field. The advantages of a ring fire are that it requires less manpower than other methods, and is quicker. The disadvantage is that it can trap wildlife in the field with no means

If producers want to avoid trapping and possibly killing animals in the fire, the flank fire is a good alternative, Fick said.

"In this method," he said, "a partment or dispatch office in their series of parallel strips of fire are lighted into the wind, creating a slow-moving series of backfires. Backfires are hotter than headfires at ground level, and provide a more complete burn of mulch. This also allows plenty of escape routes for wildlife in the field.

> "The disadvantages of the flank fire method are that it takes longer to complete, and requires more people to conduct and control the burn. Backfires are also generally less effective at controlling woody plants.'

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