Farm safety matters to kids

live in rural areas and these kids are at greater risk of unintentional injury-related death than children living in urban areas.

Topeka — Safe Kids Kansas ages 6 to 12 are more likely to farm equipment safely." makes rural injury prevention a sustain injuries from farm equiptop priority during National Farm ment due to attempting tasks that Safety and Health Week, Sunday are not age-appropriate while tracthrough Saturday, 26. In Kansas, tors, large animals, and falls are approximately 158,598 children the primary cause for injuries on the farm for children ages 6 and under.

"Kids need to be supervised while doing farm work," says The environment on a farm al- Cherie Sage, State Director for lows a child to be exposed to an Safe Kids Kansas. "Kids should array of hazards. Each year in the not try to do the work of an adult. U.S. approximately 70 children It takes physical strength and ages 14 and under die from inju- development, as well as mature ries occurring on a farm. Children judgment, to operate mechanical

Safe Kids Kansas recommends that children under 16 never drive or ride ATVs (including youthsized ATVs), snowmobiles or tractors. Mowers, tractors and minibikes that are built to only hold one person and should never carry additional passengers of any

Children should also be supervised near irrigation ditches, ponds and other bodies of water. "A small child can drown in just a few inches of water," says Sage. "In reality, drowning doesn't happen like it does in the movies. A drowning child usually cannot cry or call for help-it happens quickly and silently.'

Motor vehicle traffic incidents are the number one cause of injury fatality for children ages 1 to 14. Almost half of all fatal crashes occur in rural areas. "Never, ever let a child ride in the bed of a pickup truck," says Sage. "In a crash, the child would almost certainly be ejected and killed or suffer a permanent, life-changing injury." Kansas also prohibits children under age 14 from riding in any part of the vehicle not intended for passengers, including in the bed of a pickup truck.

Now where did I drop that bucket?



An unidentified horse looked for one more bite as its feed bucket rested underneath the trailer this morning. Things were gearing up for the Colby Community College rodeo tonight through Sunday.

EXECUTIVE MATER

Early diagnosis helps with cancer treatment

leading cause of cancer death in women in the United States.

for Disease Control and Preven-19,842 women were diagnosed cer can be very effective." with ovarian cancer, and 14,787 diagnosed and 148 women died.

Ovarian cancer signs and symptoms include pain in the pelvic or abdominal area, back pain, being tired all the time, bloating, freupset stomach or heartburn or abnormal vaginal discharge, including bleeding.

"These symptoms may have consult their health care profes- kansas.org.

Ovarian cancer is the eighth sional if any of these symptoms most common cancer and the fifth worsen or last for two weeks or longer," said Dr. Jason Eberhart-Phillips, state health officer and According to the federal Centers director of health for the Kansas Department of Health and Envition, in 2005 (the most recent year ronment. "When found in its early for which statistics are available), stages, treatment for ovarian can-

An estimated \$2.2 billion is died. In Kansas, 171 cases were spent on treatment of ovarian cancer each year in the U.S. There is no known way to prevent the disease, but some things may lower a woman's chance of getting it: having used birth control pills for quency or urgency of urination, more than five years, having had a tubal ligation, both ovaries removed, or a hysterectomy, or having given birth.

For Kansas cancer information other causes, but women should and resources, visit www.cancer-

Immunization high in Kansas

Kansas children are being im- of the steps we have taken," said munized at or above the national Governor Mark Parkinson. average according to a national report released today by the Cenvention. The report also identifies Kansas as being in the upper half of states for immunization rates in 2008. The annual National Immunization Survey provides statelevel estimates of immunization coverage among 19 to 35-monthold children.

one of the goals of the Healthy Kansas initiative. I'm pleased made over the past few years, and a healthier start on life because age increase was 1.2 percent.

The 2008 rates for the 4:3:1:3:3:1 series (four doses of DTaP vacters for Disease Control and Pre-cine, three doses of polio vaccine, one of measles-mumps-rubella vaccine, three of haemophilus influenzae type b vaccine, three of hepatitis B vaccine, and one of varicella vaccine) were at 76.7 percent in 2008, compared to a national average of 76.1 percent.

Earlier this year, Kansas re-"Immunizations are a critical ceived an award at the National

component of preventative care, Immunization Conference for having the second highest inwith the progress the state has a three-year period of time (2004-

crease in immunization rates over 2007). Over that time period, the while still room for improvement, state saw an 11.3 percent increase many Kansas children will have in coverage. Nationally, the aver-



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2005 Chev TrailBlazer LS	83,000	\$10,995
2005 Ford Expedition - White	NICE	\$15,495
2005 Pont Sunfire	60,000	\$74,500
2005 Pont Vibe - Silver	44,500	\$9,499
2007 Chev Impala LT	48,500	\$12.995
2007 Chev Siverado - Grey	38,223	\$24,050
2007 Dodge Caliber SE - Black	38,400	\$10,200
2008 Buick Lacrosse C	24,500	\$18,660
2008 Chev Silverado Reg Cab	2,900	\$22,500
2008 Chrysler Sebring LX 4 DR	46,500	\$11,495
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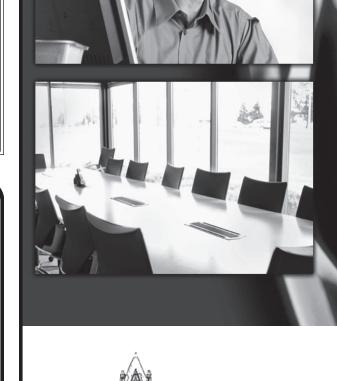
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