#### Weather Corner



National Weather Service **Tonight:** Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. Areas of fog after midnight. Lows in the upper 20s. Light winds.

Tuesday: Mostly cloudy. Colder. Areas of fog in the morning. Slight chance of drizzle in afternoon. Highs in lower 40s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Cloudy. A slight chance of light freezing drizzle or light snow in the evening, then a chance of light freezing drizzle or light snow after midnight. Lows in the mid 20s. Southeast winds around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 30

Wednesday: Cloudy. A 20 percent chance of light freezing drizzle and light snow in the morning. Highs in upper 30s. Northeast winds around 10 mph. Wednesday Night: Mostly

cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s. Thursday: Partly sunny.

Highs in the upper 30s. Thursday Night and Friday: Mostly cloudy. A slight chance of drizzle or light freezing drizzle. Lows in the upper 20s. Highs in

the upper 40s. Friday Night: Mostly cloudy. Chance of light rain in the evening, chance of rain and snow after midnight. Lows in the lower 30s. Chance of precipitation 30 percent.

0.00 inches Precip: Friday 0.00 inches Saturday 0.00 inches Sunday Month: 0.00 inches Year: 00.00 inches Normal: 0.45 inches (K-State Experiment Station)

**Sunrise and Sunset** 8:01 a.m. 5:50 p.m. Wednesday 8:00 a.m. 5:51 p.m.

(U.S. Naval Observatory)

working in the back room. The

front door is open, but Fifth Street

is closed. Parking is available on

Chick or Franklin. Come to the front door, come on in, turn left

and you'll find the "front desk."

# Fire destroys shop at Rexford dairy

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cleaning chemicals, calf grain and various other equipment used to run the large operation.

Judy McCarty, one of the owners, said they lost seven tractors, two mixer wagons, three small skid-steer loaders, two new "sand shooters" for the free-stall barn, livestock minerals, cleaning chemicals, eight tons of calf feed and smaller equipment and tools.

She said they were able to save one rubber-tired loader, two tractors and a manure spreader.

McCarty, her husband Tom and two of their sons, Clay and Ken, run the Rexford dairy. Ken is getting married Saturday. Their son Mike runs a similar operation owned by the family near Bird City and son David manages a dairy in Hamilton County, near Syracuse.

McCarty praised the Rexford firefighters. When it looked like the tree line behind the shop and the dry grass around their home would catch fire, she said, the firemen knew exactly what to do and did a fantastic job of keeping the fire out of the trees and grass.

The family said they wanted to thank the Menlo and Colby fire have no dollar estimate for the crews, who covered the front of loss. They've been told they can't the building, and all who came to

Ken McCarty said as it got nearer to feeding time, and there was no equipment to feed with, they started making phone calls to Cappell Sales in McCook to see if they had any equipment they they can move on.

could use. He said they kept calling the cell phone number they had, and leaving messages, and when no one picked up to answer, they finally got a number from Information to call the store owners' son at home.

Cappell told them he would get equipment there as soon as he could, adding that he would "road" it to the dairy rather than wait to load it on trucks Foley Caterpillar in Colby responded with a loader and skid steer.

"And by 6 a.m., we were rolling with the feed trucks," Clay said.

"In the mean time," Ken said, "we learned that the cell phone number we had been calling for at least 25 times, was a wrong number, because some guy called us back and said, 'Hey, your message isn't getting through to the right place, but it sounds like you guys are having one helluva bad night... I don't even know who you are, but is there anything I can do?' And this guy was in Nebraska."

Clay said in times like this, you can really count on friends.

"We must have a the best neighbors and employees in the world,"

The family said as yet they move anything or begin clean up until an insurance adjuster has been there to make an estimate. The adjuster was supposed to arrive on Sunday.

Tom McCarty said he just wanted to get it all cleaned up quick so

### Two area districts to consolidate soon

west Kansas school districts are 700. beginning the work of merging their operations.

This past week, the state Board of Education approved a merger ley already had been sending its request from the Norton Community and West Solomon Valley districts. Both districts are in Norton County near the Nebraska border.

West Solomon Valley in Lenora has fewer than 20 students, while

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TOPEKA (AP) — Two north- Norton Community has more than

Issues left to resolve include where grade school students will attend classes. West Solomon Valseventh- through 12th-grade students to Norton under a contract.

All the merger decisions must be made by July 1, when the West Solomon Valley district dissolves.

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# Orange and Black this weekend

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gles took second in the tournament. They crushed Ulysses 62-35, beat Scott City 49-40 and lost to Liberal 55-41 in the championship.

Thursday at the Community Building. They will

play again on Friday against the winner or loser of a game between Wichita West and Scott City. If they win, they will play at the Community Building; if they lose, they'll be at the high school.

The girls championship game will be at 6 p.m. They will play against Ulysses at 8:15 p.m. Saturday at the Community Building and the boys game will start at 8:15 p.m.

## Governor's budget shifts priorities

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ilies and businesses.

"It's an allocation of pain, no matter how you look at it," said House Appropriations Committee Chairman Kevin Yoder, and Overland Park Republican. "The best thing we could do is try to figure out how we can spend taxpayer

dollars more efficiently." Parkinson wants to increase the sales tax from 5.3 percent to 6.3 percent for three years, starting in July. The cigarette tax would jump 55 cents a pack, to \$1.34; the tax on other tobacco projects would quadruple, to 40 percent.

Those changes would allow Kansas to spend \$5.8 billion in general tax revenues on its state government in fiscal year 2011, which begins July 1.

The state spent \$6.06 billion in

general revenues in fiscal 2009, only to see the expected amount decline to \$5.45 billion for the current budget. Parkinson's figure for 2011 is 7 percent above that 2010 low point.

But state government must boost revenues just to keep pro-

Kansas offset some revenue losses in 2010 with federal stimulus dollars — most of it money from Washington that doesn't come again in 2011. The state also skipped bond payments and pension costs in 2010 that it legally can't avoid in 2011. Federally mandated social services will cost

gap between anticipated revenues money than promised for water and the state's existing budget obligations for fiscal 2011.

"It is simply trying to fill that \$400 million gap — that's it," said House Minority Leader Paul Davis, a Lawrence Democrat.

But Parkinson also wants to increase general aid to public schools by \$50 a student and reverse a 10 percent cut he imposed grams where they bottomed out in in payments to health care providers who serve the needy under the Medicaid program. He also wants to help the Kansas Bureau of Investigation deal with a backlog of DNA samples submitted to its lab by law enforcement agencies.

He would divert \$136 million from highway projects and eliminate \$54 million in aid for cities and counties. Universities would lose funds promised for building Those items create a projected maintenance, and there'd be less projects.

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