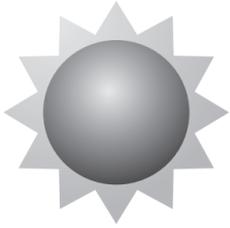


Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 34. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 64. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 36. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 61. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 31.
Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 61.
Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of rain. Partly cloudy, with a low around 33.
Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 53.
Tuesday Night: A slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 32. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.
Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 48.
Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 48.

 Thursday: High, 37; Low 28
 Precip: Thursday 0.00 inches
 Month: 2.35 inches
 Year: 24.43 inches
 Normal: 19.19 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
 Saturday 8:04 a.m. 6:52 p.m.
 Sunday 8:05 a.m. 6:51 p.m.
 Monday 8:06 a.m. 6:50 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Kansas, Oklahoma conduct livestock disease drill

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ease wherever it is."
 The U.S. Department of Agriculture said 19.5 million head of livestock were moved across state lines in 2008 for feeding and breeding.
 In the event of an actual outbreak, livestock haulers would be stopped, turned back to their originating location or the livestock held for inspection.
 The traffic stops at Sitka went smoothly and drivers were cooperating, said Kansas Highway Patrol Trooper Edna Buttler. Ve-

hicles on U.S. 183 were pulled over to a Department of Transportation lot alongside the road for inspection. One truck had to be decontaminated, based on the scenario, requiring that the tires be washed.
 Kansas has been developing its plans for responding to a foreign animal disease outbreak, such as the intentional introduction of foot-and-mouth or mad cow disease, since 1998, Teagarden said.
 Critics of the planned biothreat lab have suggested that locating it in the continental U.S. makes an accidental release of a pathogen such as foot-and-mouth more likely.

Sen. Pat Roberts, a Kansas Republican and defender of the project, said the state has worked to protect U.S. agriculture and the lab is another piece of that effort.
 There's been no reported case of foot-and-mouth disease in livestock in the U.S. since 1929. Because of that, Teagarden believes the biggest threat for an outbreak involves terrorists intentionally introducing it into an area to harm the U.S. economy.
 "It's a disease that doesn't affect humans, so they could play with it without endangering themselves," he said.
 Teagarden said the FBI participated in

Thursday's exercise and would investigate any real case.
 There's also the question of whether foot-and-mouth could be accidentally brought to the U.S. by someone who's traveled to another nation. Teagarden and other officials find that unlikely, but Mark Shearer, coordinator for the Multi-State Partnership for Security in Agriculture, doesn't discount it.
 "It's as easy as stepping in a pile of cow poo," Shearer said, "and presto, you bring the thing back."

New kids and low property values may put state schools out \$70 million

TOPEKA (AP) — New students in Kansas' public schools and declining property values have punched what could become a \$70 million hole in the state's already shaky budget, a top education official confirmed Friday.
 Deputy Education Commissioner Dale Dennis said Kansas faces being short in its ability to meet its legal obligations for providing aid to its 293 school districts during their current academic year. That's true even though the state already has reduced its per-pupil aid by 4.8 percent this year.
 It's more bad news for state officials, who already must deal with lower-than-anticipated tax collections in July, August and September. They face lowering per-pupil aid to schools further, making cuts in other parts of the budget or even raising taxes.
 "The total could be \$70 million," Dennis said during an interview with The Associated Press.

The state distributes nearly \$3 billion in aid to its public schools based on their enrollments. Kansas has a statewide property tax levy, but the bulk of the aid is covered by general tax revenues.
 Kansas has seen four rounds of budget cuts and other adjustments this year to keep the state budget balanced through June 30, 2010. Schools lost \$130 million and saw their base aid drop \$215 per student.
 Because of the economy, the taxable value of homes and commercial property declined about \$500 million for 2009, or 1.7 percent, Dennis said. Tax bills this fall are based on those values.
 Meanwhile, he said, the state saw enrollments rise at its schools this fall. There are about 2,500 new students, in addition to the 450,000 students schools already had, growth of about 0.6 percent.

Police warn of scams from e-mails, calls

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originates in Canada, but that the caller knew there is a Western Union location in Dillons that could be used to wire the money. Detectives in Canada are looking for the scammers, he said.
 Jones said that before you send any money, you should always check with either the person who supposedly sent the e-mail, or someone you know personally who would know if

the relative or friend really is in trouble. You can also contact the police, he said, however they are limited in what they can do because many of these scams originate in other jurisdictions, often outside the country.
 Barrett said anyone receiving one of these calls should resist the pressure to act quickly, and instead take time to verify their claims. Be cautious of any unsolicited e-mails, calls or mail asking for money.

Balloon Boy's parents may be in trouble with Feds

DENVER (AP) — The parents who reported last week that their 6-year-old son may have been on board a giant, runaway balloon could potentially be in more trouble with the Federal Aviation Administration for making a phone call than for setting loose the saucer-shaped craft, aviation experts say.
 Most FAA rules on the release of unmanned balloons, rockets and kites don't take effect until aircraft or property are put in danger or the craft enters restricted airspace. Hobbyists don't even need a pilot's license to fly an engine-less craft weighing less than 155 pounds.
 Most likely, analysts say, the FAA is focusing on a phone call

it received from the boy's father, Richard Heene, who reported the out-of-control aircraft was loose.
 "That's what they're going to be looking at, that call," said Joseph Gutheinz Jr., a retired Army pilot and former FAA and U.S. Department of Transportation inspector. "If this guy was calling the FAA reporting a false emergency, and that disrupted other air traffic, that would be the bigger issue here."
 Richard and Mayumi Heene (HEE-nee) reported last week that their son Falcon was in the escaped balloon hurtling through the air as millions watched on live TV. The boy was later found safe at the family's Fort Collins home, and authorities say they believe the balloon scare was a hoax. The

FAA is saying little about what it is investigating.
 The balloon episode caused a brief disruption at Denver International Airport last week, with some planes sent to different runways as a precaution, but no flights were grounded.
 If authorities determine the phone call was a hoax, the U.S. Department of Transportation could pursue a federal criminal case.
 Mary Schiavo, a former inspector general for the Transportation Department, said she suspects the FAA will wait for local law enforcement to figure out whether the Heenes' reports were intentionally false.
 "They have to prove intent for a

criminal case," Schiavo said.
 Larimer County Sheriff Jim Alderden said he expects to recommend charges including conspiracy, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, making a false report to authorities, and attempting to influence a public servant. The most serious charges are felonies and carry a maximum sentence of six years in prison.
 Alderden said authorities also would seek restitution for the costs of the balloon chase, though he didn't provide a figure.
 FAA Spokeswoman Laura Brown said violating federal balloon rules could result in penalties that "could be anything from a warning letter to a civil penalty."
 "There's not a lot more we can

say about the investigation right now," she said.
 Brown wouldn't say how long the investigation could take or what possible fines would be. The FAA typically levies large fines only against commercial airlines that break federal safety rules. Its largest fine ever was \$10.2 million against Southwest Airlines last year for flying planes that had missed critical safety checks, though that fine was later reduced to \$7.5 million.
 Gutheinz said he doubts the FAA knows what to make of the alleged Heene hoax. Agency investigators spend most of their time reviewing large operations, not investigating kooky episodes that grab the public's attention.



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