Weather Corner



National Weather Service Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 62. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 95. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. North wind around 15 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 92. North wind 10 to 15 mph becoming east.

Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 91.

Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 93.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 62.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 86.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy,

with a low around 60. Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with

a high near 84. Monday: High, 80; Low 55

Tuesday: High, 87; Low 48 Precip: Monday None Tuesday None Month: 0.15 inches 5.32 inches Year: Normal: 9.84 inches

(K-State Experiment Station) **Sunrise and Sunset** Thursday 6:17 a.m. 9:13 p.m. (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Colby Water Use

Weekend ave. 2,312,000 gal. 2,486,000 gal. 2,819,000 gal. (Colby Public Works)

State board examines budget

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several years would be left out of the 2012 budget request. However, he isn't likely to back off seeking full funding of the base state aid per pupil requirement. That item alone would cost the state an additional \$474 million for the 2012-13 school year.

"That's a big-ticket item. If we're not going to advocate for the kids in the state, who is," Dennis

Board member Walt Chappell of Wichita, however, said the 10-member board should be practical in its request for more money.

"My concern is we have a number of items that we have to decide. Is there a more realistic way to put together the budget," Chappell said. "If it's dead on arrival, they ignore it."

teacher retirements and reductions have increased tenure.

over the past two years. According to data reported to the state department, more than 1,500 teachers retired in the 2010-11 school year. The number had ranged between 1,000 and 1,100 over the past four

At the same time, reductions in teacher staffing totaled 350 in 2010-11 and 260 in 2009-10. That compared with reductions of 7, 21 and 49 in the three previous years.

State officials said the retirement figure reflected an aging teacher force that was hitting retirement age, as well as some teachers who could retire early choosing to do so when districts were forced to cut staff positions.

Deputy Education Commissioner Dale Dennis said veteran teachers were making the latter decision in order to help districts manage reduced funds and Earlier Tuesday, the board learned that the pace of avoid cutting a younger teacher who may not have

Seven die in accidents on Kansas roads

TOPEKA (AP) – A pickup truck collided with a tractor pulling onto a western Kansas highway, killing three of the truck's passengers and sending both drivers to the hospital with injuries.

The accident on K-4 in Rush County was one of four fatal accidents throughout the state Tuesday in which a total of seven people were killed, two of them children.

The Rush County collision occurred when the pickup struck the tractor while it was turning off the highway into a field, The Kansas Highway Patrol said.

Those who died at the scene were Jose R. Villarreal Jr., 47, of Ellis; Ricky Dale Hernandez, 35, of Ellis, and David Scott Florian, patrol said. 36, of Hays.

A father and son were killed about six miles east of Meriden, in Jefferson County, when they were thrown from a skid loader that tipped forward then rolled over. Michael A. Fawl, 28, and Michael H. Fawl, 5, died at the scene, the Interstate 35 in Overland Park. patrol said.

None of those killed in the two scene. Her parents were hospiaccidents was wearing a seat belt, talized. The father and daughter The Topeka Capital-Journal re-

In Crawford County, a head-on collision between two vehicles on Kansas 47 about 2 miles west of Girard killed 28-year-old Jaime Rebecca Hallacy. Seventeenmonth-old Kylie Jean Hallacy was taken to Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Mo., and the other driver was taken to Girard Regional Medical Center. The patrol said the Hallacys lived in Walnut, but it did not specify how they are related.

All three people in the accident were wearing their seat belts, the

And a one-vehicle rollover crash Tuesday morning in Johnson County killed a 15-year-old girl, the patrol said.

Raina Esparza, of Kansas City, Kan., died when the vehicle her father was driving rolled over on She was pronounced dead at the

Online auction extended for Colorado boy's famous balloon

told authorities their son floated say they're re-opening the auction for the balloon because of low and fraudulent bids.

The Heenes announced the auc-\$1 million. Their attorney says all denton, Fla.

The delay was reported in The

Authorities chased the UFO-

shaped balloon in October 2009 but the 6-year-old boy wasn't inside. He was later found at home and authorities accused the Heenes of staging a hoax to promote possible reality TV shows.

Both parents served time in jail tion June 1 and suggested a bid of and the family later moved to Bra-

Interstate project to begin Monday

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Venture Corp will be milling the existing asphalt in the westbound driving lane as early as process along that same section project starts next spring. of the project.

After the patching is complete, contractors will apply a bonded asphalt surface on the westbound driving lane. The roadway between Exits 12 and 17 will also receive the overlay on the driving lanes, while the shoulders will get an asphalt

While the roadway is being repaved, I-70 traffic will be reduced to one lane both day and night. Work should be complet-

ed by the first part of August.

The project, another in the T-WORKS plan, will cost \$1.13 million. This job abuts a \$46 million project to reconstruct Thursday between Exits 17 and I-70 from the Colorado/Kansas 19. Next week, the company state line to Exit 12 – managed will begin a concrete patching by Koss Construction. That

> For information, contact Area Two Construction Engineer Mathew Withington at (785) 626-3258 or matheww@ ksdot.org in Atwood; or Kristen Brands, northwest Kansas public affairs manager, at (785) 877-3315 or kristenb@ ksdot.org in Norton. Road construction projects may also be viewed at the newly launched website for T-WORKS at www. ksdot.org/tworks.

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weren't wearing seat belts but the

mother was, the patrol said.



FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) - proceeds would benefit earthquake The former Colorado couple who and tsunami recovery in Japan. away in a silver helium balloon Fort Collins Coloradoan.

The auction website says Monday that Richard and Mayumi Heene are extending the auction until Friday.

Thursday Evening June 16, 2011 8:00 8:30 9:00 9:30 10:30 11:00 11:30 7:00 CSI: Crime Scene KBSL/CBS Big Bang ate Show Letterman Late Office Community 30 Rock Love Bites Tonight Show w/Leno Late KSAS/FOX So You Think able Channels The First 48 First 48: Missing atal Attractions Confessions Confessions atal Attractions Housewives/NYC Housewives/NYC Housewives/NYC Happens Housewives/NYC The Rookie The Dukes of Hazzard Smarter Smarter Piers Morgan Tonight Anderson Cooper 360 In the Arena Piers Morgan Tonight South Pk Futurama Futurama Futurama South Pk South Pk Tosh.0 Tosh.0 Deadliest Catch Deadliest Catch Swords: Life The Suite Life Movie Wizards Wizards Good Luck Shake It Good Luck Deck Sex and t Sex/City Sex and t Kardas Chelsea Chelsea U.S. Open Golf Baseball Tonight SportsCenter NASCAR NFL Live ESPN2 MLL Lacrosse Baseball Tonight SportsCenter Meet the Parents Along Came Polly The 700 Club Whose? Whose? Snacks Unwrapped 24 Hour Rest. Battle Iron Chef America Rescue Me Two Men Two Men Two Men Two Men Definitely, Maybe Hunters Hunters Selling First Selling Swamp People Modern Marvels Swamp People Swamp People Mounted Mounted Unsolved Mysteries How I Met How I Met Unsolved Mysteries Unsolved Mysteries 16 and Pregnant 16 and Pregnant Teen Wolf The Truth Below The Nanny The Nanny The Nanny The Nanny Lopez '70s Show '70s Show Ninja Warrior Ninja Warrior Ninja Warrior Ninja Warrior Ninja Warrior iMPACT Wrestling Damage Fam. Guy Fam. Guy Conan Lopez Tonight American Pie 2 Attack of the 50-Foot Woman Village of the Giants Queen of Outer Space Mars King/Hill Amer. Dad Amer. Dad Fam. Guy Childrens Aqua Teen Regular King/Hill Fam. Guy Man, Food Man, F TV LAND Raymond Raymond Raymond Everybody-Raymond AllFamily Covert Affairs SNL Presiden 40 Greatest Pranks 2 Mob Wives Mob Wives How I Met How I Met WGN News at Nine South Pk South Pk Scrubs Our Family Wedding Treme Vampires Suck Drag Me Predators SHOW Kubrick The Times of Harvey Milk Nurse Tara The Real I Word The War Bovs

Friday Evening June 17, 2011 10:30 11:00 11:30 7:00 KBSL/CBS Flashpoint Blue Bloods CSI: NY Late Show Letterman Late KSNK/NBC Friday Night Lights Dateline NBC Tonight Show w/Leno Late KSAS/FOX Bones House Local Cable Channels A&F Criminal Minds Criminal Minds The Glades Criminal Minds addyshack Caddyshack II Crow: Angels Whale Wars Whale Wars Whale Wars Finding Bigfoot Finding Bigfoot Next Friday America's Next Model Next Friday CMT The Singing Bee The Singing Bee The Singing Bee The Singing Bee Police Academy Piers Morgan Tonight Anderson Cooper 360 Piers Morgan Tonight In the Arena COMEDY osh.0 Nick Swardson Harold & Kuma Dual Survival Dual Surviva Swamp Loggers Dual Surviva Dual Survival ANT Farm Good Luck Shake It Good Luck Wizards Shake It Wizards Shake It The Soup Fashion Chelsea E! News Because I Said So U.S. Open Golf SportsCenter Baseball NFL Live MMA Live NASCAR SportsCenter unniest Home Videos Funniest Home Videos Funniest Home Videos The 700 Club Whose? Jnwrapped Unwrapped Diners Diners Food The Best Diners Behind Enemy Lines

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