

Mail

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an extra \$500 million this year on gas alone, as it has one of the largest transportation fleets in the country.

The demand and volume of mail has been reduced, he said, but the Postal Service still has the manpower and equipment to process the larger volume, and so it has to make reductions.

He said in addition to the Hays and Colby centers, consolidation proposals are in the works for the mail processing centers in Lincoln, Neb., Hutchinson and Independence.

"It's the same thing that's happening across the country," he

said.

Pivovar said the Postal Service already consolidates Saturday mail sorting in smaller facilities to larger ones in eastern Kansas, and has done so for some time.

"We're already doing a lot of that," he said. "It's making us more efficient."

He said he has also been reviewing post offices with nine carrier routes or less that have another office within 10 miles to see if the carrier routes can be combined. He said he just finished 23 public meetings in towns where the service plans to close offices that have had vacant postmaster positions.

"What I've been telling my

employees is everything potentially is on the table for review," he said.

James Foster, rural development representative with the Kansas Department of Commerce, asked if the Salina processing facility will need to be upgraded to handle mail from Colby and Hays. Pivovar said part of the reason the service chose Salina is because it already has enough capacity. The service will have to add more man-hours in Salina to process the mail, however.

Foster also asked how many of these studies are not implemented. Pivovar said several consolidation proposals, such as some for Saturday deliveries, have not been

approved, while others take years before they are implemented.

Colby City Manager Carolyn Armstrong said the change will require her employees to have their work done earlier so their outgoing mail can make it to the post office on time.

Steve Haynes, president of Nor'West Newspapers, owner of the *Colby Free Press*, said the changed time will affect the printing and mailing schedules at small businesses, especially newspapers. He asked if the service had studied the economic impact of the plan, and Pivovar said it had not.

Pivovar, while defending the change, said he recognizes that for anyone whose service will be downgraded, the change will be important.

"To that one customer, that's 100 percent of their mail, we do recognize that," he said. "That's something we are weighing."

Colby City Councilman Dave Voss said the local impact of closing the Colby sorting facility on the town would be greater than its national impact, which would be a drop in the bucket compared to the service's financial problems. Employees here spend money in town and their families attend our schools, he said.

"I think that you guys should look for bigger fish to fry," Voss said.

"\$99,000 doesn't sound like much," Pivovar said, "but we're looking at a hundred of these AMP studies. Some are 500-person facilities."

Sandy Wilks, who works at the Colby High School library, asked Pivovar if the Postal Service had ever studied the local impact. Pivovar said it had not. Wilks also asked Pivovar to consider moving more equipment to Colby and expanding services, rather than cutting back.

Larry Barrett asked if the Postal Service had ever looked at a north-south consolidation instead of

east-west. Pivovar said the service has already consolidated sorting in Garden City with Hutchinson, but was not considering a north-south consolidation at this time.

Holly Whitaker, executive director of the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce, said she wanted the record to state that local businesses and citizens preferred local mail processing.

"We like local hands and familiar faces that we can trust with our most important mail," she said.

Pivovar said his office has done its initial review of the proposal. The Office of the Inspector General has also done an audit, he said,

and found the overall scheme to be financially sound. Notes from the community meetings, as well as any concerns or suggestions sent in by mail, would go into the official records submitted to the regional office in Denver and then to the national office, he said.

If the plan is approved, the public will be notified and the service then has 60 days to make the change.

Pivovar said anyone who has further comments to mail them to Consumer Affairs Manager, Central Plains District, Box 19904, Omaha, Neb., 68119.

Clean-up for cash



The Lady Thunder girls traveling softball team held a car wash and bake sale Saturday. They were raising money for all of their summer travels. - Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

LYLE NEWS

By VEDA WOODS

On May 13, I rode with John and Carol Moye to the home of Kelly and Tracey Pershing of Douglas, Wyo. The main purpose of our trip was to see Tracey's daughter, Brooke Glosser, graduate from high school. After the graduation on Sunday, Tracey and Kelly hosted a reception at their home. We had a wonderful time in spite of cold, blustery winds. After we left for home, Tracey sent pictures of the snow they received. Tielia High and children; Mariah, Garrett, Grant and Aubrey also made the trip.

Predictions by a certain preacher about the end of the world did not materialize, for which we thank our Good Lord. We didn't believe it would happen, as the Bible says no one will know the day or the hour, but it will come as a thief in the night.

The next big happening will be Memorial Day. The

American Legion and VFW men from Lebanon, Nebraska will perform the honors at the Lyle Cemetery on Sunday, May 29 at 11 a.m. Following this will be a potluck dinner at the Lyle Community Building. We try to have dinner early enough for people who want to go to Norcatur for their service.

Lebanon, Neb. will honor their Veterans on Monday, May 30 at 11 a.m. and the VFW Auxiliary will serve dinner at the VFW Hall.

June Jolly has been busy, going to her KT Club, and getting a new quilt in her frames.

Last Friday was Eleanor Jensen's turn to have a birthday lunch, which was a surprise to her. Others eating lunch with her at the Norcatur Bar and Grill were Joyce Sumner, Jackie Porter, Kathy Van Meter, Toots Magers, and Veda Wood. The group then went to the Educational Building for cards.

JENNINGS NEWS

A community covered dish dinner will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Memorial Sunday, May 29, at the Sunflower Senior Center. Everyone is welcome to come. Please bring your own table service. Beverages will be furnished.

Jennings United Methodist Women will host a party at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin on June 1. If you would like to go, we will meet at the Jennings church at 1:30 p.m. and travel to Oberlin as a group.

Children's Vacation Bible School will be held at the United Methodist Church in Jennings from Wednesday, June 1, through June 4, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Children ages 3 years old to 12 years old are welcome to attend. The program will be Sunday, June 5, at 11 a.m.

Jennings Book Club sponsored a drive that collected 352 books. The books have been delivered to Norton Corrections. Thanks to everyone who participated.

The Jennings City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. on the second Thursday, June 9. Meetings are held in the Senior Center and anyone is welcome to attend.

The May meeting of the Czech Museum Board was held on May 5. President, Neoma Tacha, conducted the meeting with directors Mike Tacha, Dean Gawith, Bob Tacha, Doyle Brown, Lila Jennings, Alice Mizer, and Mary Wahlmeier present. The sections of the back fence that the recent strong wind blew down will be repaired soon. The furnaces and air

conditioners have been checked.

A work day will be scheduled soon for some needed painting on the windows and doors of the museum buildings.

The museum will be open on Saturday, May 28, from 2 to 5 p.m. A work schedule was set up for that day. The Class of 1951 has reserved the Royal Neighbor Hall for their 60th class reunion on Saturday, and they invite their former classmates and friends to stop in that afternoon. Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 2 at 2 p.m.

The Jennings American Legion Auxiliary Post met at the Royal Neighbor Hall of the Jennings Museum on May 3. President Neoma Tacha conducted the meeting. Chaplain Rachel Carter read the prayer and the group said the flag salute. The meeting was shortened as the poppy work day had to be reset for May. 10. Those working then were Rachel Carter, Violet Foster, Alice Mizer, Marge Hartzog, Lila Jennings, Kathy Nauer, and Neoma Tacha. Smokey and Pat Robertson of New Mexico were visitors.

The Jennings Lions Club is happy to announce the selection of Marcus McKenna as the 2011-2012 Mac Harris Memorial Scholarship recipient. He has been accepted into the Physician Assistant program at Wichita State University. The program will begin in early June.

The Jennings Lions Club held elections for the upcoming year. Officers elected include Presi-

dent, Duwayne Metz; Secretary, Doyle Brown; Treasurer, Jeff Wahlmeier; First Vice President/Membership Chairman: Harold "Bob" Tacha

The Jennings Lions Club expresses appreciation to the community members for supporting their Mother's Day meal. Donations received are utilized in funding the Lions annual community projects.

Come Celebrate Alumni and Memorial Weekend with Us

Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.
Karaoke Explosion

5:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Friday - Pizza
Saturday - Prime Rib and Crab Legs
Saturday Noon - Food Buffet-\$8.95
No Regular Menu Items
• Sunday - Grand Opening •
Summer Sunday Brunch
9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Featuring Regular Menu Items



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MEMORIAL DAY

5-30-11

There will be **NO** paper on
Monday, May 30 or
Tuesday, May 31

This is due to the holiday weekend and the office being closed on Monday, May 30. The Monday EXTRA and Tuesday's paper will be combined and distributed Wednesday, June 1 just as the regular Monday EXTRA would be, free to everyone in Norton

Ad Deadline for Memorial Day

With no paper on Monday, May 30, we will need ads for the Wednesday, June 1 paper no later than **Thursday noon on May 26.**
THIS PAPER GOES FREE TO EVERYONE IN NORTON, SO NOW IS THE TIME TO ADVERTISE!!

THE NORTON TELEGRAM

CONTACT DANA PAXTON FOR YOUR ADVERTISING NEEDS
dpaxton@nwkansas.com
215 South Kansas Avenue, Norton - Phone 785-877-3361

COLBY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Outreach Classes in Norton

There will be **NO** sign-up night for summer courses
Enrollment is the **FIRST** night of class

If you have any questions please contact Angela Melvin, 785-877-3518

NO.	COURSE	CR.	INSTRUCTOR	LOCATION	START	END	TIME
EN176	English Comp I	3	B. Gay	NJHS	June 1	July 13 M, W	6 p.m.-9 p.m.
EN177	English Comp II	3	B. Gay	NJHS	June 2	July 14 T, Th	6 p.m.-9 p.m.
MA178	College Algebra	3	S. Vance	NCHS	June 2	July 13 T, Th	6 p.m.-9 p.m.
SP176	Public Speaking	3	T. Fulton	NJHS	June 6	July 13 M, W	6 p.m.-9 p.m.
AL101	Basic Nutrition	3	L. Killman	Hospital	June 1	June 24 M, W, Th, F	5 p.m.-8 .m.
PH 103	Earth Science w/Lab	5	G. Rossi	NJHS	June 8	July 27 W	6 p.m.-9 p.m.
MA205	Elements of Statistics	3	L. Bailey	NCHS	May 31	TBA/TBA	8 p.m.-TBA
CH177	Chemistry w/Lab	5	J. Green	NCHS	June 6	July 22 M, W, F	1 p.m.-5 p.m.
BI177	Biology w/Lab	5	J. Green	NCHS	June 6	July 22 M, W, F	8 a.m.-noon
American Government		3	T. Fiscus	NJHS	June 6	July 13 M, W	6 p.m.-9 p.m.
PS176	Gen Psychology	3	TBA	Hospital (ITV)	June 1	June 24 Tuesday	6 p.m.-9 p.m.
AL102	Med Term	1	J. Zygart	Hospital (ITV)	June 6/13	June 9/15 Everyday	12:30-2:30 p.m.

*Requirements for English Comp 1: ACT score of 18 or above in English and Reading OR COMPASS Test passed.

*Requirements for College Algebra: ACT score of 20 or above in math or COMPASS test passed

Please fax ACT scores to Colby Community College or have a copy of scores the first night of class.