

Weather Corner



National Weather Service  
**Tonight:** A slight chance of showers. Mostly cloudy; low around 39. Windy; north wind between 20 and 30 mph, gusts as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 65. Breezy, with a north wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Friday Night:** Mostly clear; low around 39. Breezy, with a north wind around 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 63. Breezy, with a north wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

**Saturday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers after 1 a.m. Partly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 40.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 63.

**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 40.

**Monday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 67.

**Monday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 44.

**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny and breezy, with a high near 68.

**Tuesday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 47.

**Wednesday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny and breezy, with a high near 66.

Wednesday: High, 72; Low 47  
 Precip: Wed. 0.12 inches  
 Month: 0.12 inches  
 Year: 3.00 inches  
 Normal: 7.21 inches

(K-State Experiment Station)

**Sunrise and Sunset**

Friday 6:33 a.m. 8:49 p.m.  
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Post office proposal may alter pickup times

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ing agreements in the contracts with the American Postal Workers Union, which represents mail clerks. A new contract is being voted on now, he said, so he's not sure what the rules will be. Employees can request transfers, however, and Pivovar said has a limited ability to transfer excess work between facilities.

The Postal Service is in what Pivovar called an "acute financial crisis." Electronic communication, the recession and changes in the makeup of the mail have resulted in a 42 percent decline in first class mail since 2001. The service lost about \$8.5 million last year, and Pivovar estimated it would have to spend 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.

Pivovar said the Postal Service already consolidates Saturday mail sorting from Colby to Wichita, and has done so for some time.

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

Pivovar emphasized several times that the Postal Service is not closing the Colby post office,

but rather moving part of the mail processing work. However, the service has been closing smaller post offices around the country.

He said he has 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 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.

Longtime doctor dies here at age 91

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two great-grandchildren, Christina Saddler; and Brody Saddler.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, May 16, 2011, at the First Presbyterian Church in Colby, with the Rev. Charles Ayers of Leoti officiating. A private family graveside service will be

held before the service at Beulah Cemetery in Colby.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Harrison Chapel in Colby.

The family suggests memorials to either the museum or the church in care of any Colby bank or the funeral chapel, Box 634, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Budget deal reached

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tizing core functions of government and sets the stage for a return to private sector growth," Brownback said. "It's a victory for Kansas."

Much of the total reductions in the 2012 budget, between \$770 million and \$870 million, will reflect the disappearance of federal economic stimulus funds.

Senate Ways and Means Committee Chairwoman Carolyn McGinn said the cuts will be felt in social services and education, but that the changes may encourage efficiencies in government.

Legislators can't end their session until they've passed a budget, likely on Friday evening at the earliest. Wednesday was their 89th day in session, out of 90 scheduled. Leaders predicted the bill would pass, though House Speaker Mike O'Neal said it may be only Republicans support it in his chamber.

"There will be people who vote no because there are too many cuts. There will be those because there aren't enough," said O'Neal, a Hutchinson Republican. "What this bill is for is the middle. I think that's the majority of the caucus."

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Saturday Evening											May 14, 2011	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
KAKE/ABC	Pirates-Worlds						Local					
KBSL/CBS	CSI: Crime Scene		The Mentalist		48 Hours Mystery		Local					
KSNK/NBC	Chase		Law & Order: LA		Law & Order: SVU		Local	Saturday Night Live				
KSAS/FOX	MLB Baseball				Local		Fringe		30S	Local		
<b>Cable Channels</b>												
A & E	Parking	Parking	Storage	Storage	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking		
AMC	Flight-Phoenix						Hidalgo					
ANIM	It's Me or the Dog		My Cat From Hell		Must Love Cats		It's Me or the Dog		My Cat From Hell			
BRAVO	House		House		House		House		House			
CMT	Ron White: Fix		Ron White's Celebrity		True Blue: Ten Years		Blue/TV		Blue/TV		Blue/TV	
CNN	CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight		Newsroom		CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight			
COMEDY	Harold & Kumar		Daniel Tosh: Serious		Dave Chappelle		Wyatt Cenac		Daniel Tosh: Serious			
DISC	American Chopper		American Chopper		American Chopper		American Chopper		American Chopper			
DISN	Phineas & Deck		Fish Hook	Good Luck	Good Luck	Good Luck	Good Luck	Deck	Deck	Deck		
E!	Speed						E Special	The Soup	Chelsea	After Lat	Sex and t	
ESPN	College Softball					Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter	NBA	Baseball		
ESPN2	NHRA Drag Racing			Auto Racing				MLS Soccer				
FAM	Monsters, Inc.				Matilda					Richie Rich		
FOOD	Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Iron Chef America		Restaurant: Im.			
FX	Earth Stood		Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Wilde	Sons of Anarchy	Anarchy			
HGTV	Summer	Block	Secrets	Antonio	House	House	Hunters	Hunters	Secrets	Antonio		
<b>American Profile</b>												
We Celebrate Hometown Life												
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HIST	True Pirates				Megaquake 10.0				True Pirates			
LIFE	Craiglist Killer		Justice for Natalee				Justice for Natalee					
MTV	Bring It On Again				Bring It On				America's Best Dance			
NICK	Victorou	Ninjas	Victorou	iCarly	My Wife	My Wife	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny		
SCI	Roadkill		The Messengers				Messengers 2					
SPIKE	Jail	Jail	Jail	Jail	Jail	Jail	Jail	Jail	Jail	Jail		
TBS	Hitch				Hitch							
TCM	East of Eden					Carson City				Seven Angry Men		
TLC	Police Women		Off the Rez				Police Women		Off the Rez			
TNT	The Bucket List				The Bucket List				Off the Rez			
TOON	Open Season		King-Hill	King-Hill	Venture	Fam. Guy	Boondocks	Boondocks	Bleach	Kekkaishi		
TRAV	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures			
TV LAND	AllFamily	AllFamily	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Roseanne		
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		In Plain Sight		Law & Order: SVU			
VH1	40 Funniest Fails		Mob Wives		Mob Wives		Behind the Music		Behind the Music			
WGN	Bones		Funniest Home Videos		News/Nine	News	Scrubs	How I Met	South Pk	South Pk		
<b>Premium Channels</b>												
HBO	Train Dragon				The Book of Eli							
MAX	Basic		Cradle 2 the Grave				Predators					
SHOW	Nurse	Tara	Nick Cannon		Boxing					NASCAR		

Sunday Evening											May 15, 2011	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
KAKE/ABC	Extreme Makeover		Desperate Housewives				Local					
KBSL/CBS	Survivor: Redemption				Survivor: Redemption		Local					
KSNK/NBC	Minute to Win It		Celebrity Apprentice				Local		Dateline NBC			
KSAS/FOX	Simpsons	Burgers	Fam. Guy	Cleveland	Local							
<b>Cable Channels</b>												
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Breakout Kings		Breakout Kings		Criminal Minds			
AMC	Lost World:Jurassic				The Killing		The Killing		Breaking Bad			
ANIM	River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters			
BRAVO	Housewives/OC		Housewives/OC		Housewives/OC		Happens	Housewives/OC	Happens			
CMT	Ron White's Celebrity			Police Academy					Fried	Fried		
CNN	Education in America		Piers Morgan Tonight		Newsroom		Education in America		Piers Morgan Tonight			
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Work.	South Pk	Macdonald	Futurama		
DISC	Wild Animal Repo		Hogs Gone Wild		Killing bin Laden		Wild Animal Repo		Hogs Gone Wild			
DISN	Good Luck	Wizards	Deck	Deck	Deck	Good Luck	Good Luck	Good Luck	Hannah	Hannah		
E!	Khloe	Khloe	Khloe	Khloe	Khloe	The Dance	Fashion	Chelsea	Khloe	The Dance		
ESPN	MLB Baseball						SportsCenter			SportsCtr		
ESPN2	NHRA Drag Racing				2010 Poker				2010 Poker			
FAM	Pirates-Carib.						Funniest Home Videos		J. Osteen	Ed Young		
FOOD	Challenge		Best in Smoke		Iron Chef America		Cupcake Wars		Best in Smoke			
FX	Death Race		The Italian Job				Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men		
HGTV	Holmes	Holmes	Holmes Inspection		House	Hunters	Income	Income	Holmes Inspection			
HIST	Swamp People		Swamp People		Inspector America		Modern Marvels		Swamp People			
LIFE	Justice for Natalee		Army Wives		Coming Home		Army Wives		Coming Home			
MTV	Bring It On				16 and Pregnant		America's Best Dance		True Life			
NICK	The Nutty Professor				Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny		
SCI	Terminator 3				Total Recall				Eyeborgs			
SPIKE	Coal		Man on Fire						The Exorcist			
TBS	Get Married?				Get Married?							
TCM	Rasputin-Empr.					Rasputin-Monk				Garden		
TLC	Hoard-Buried		Sister	Extreme C	Strange	Strange	Sister	Extreme C	Strange	Strange		
TNT	Meet the Fockers						Meet the Fockers					
TOON	Gumball	Looney	God Devil	King-Hill	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Robot Chicken				
TRAV	Conqueror	Conqueror	Extreme Waterparks		Extreme Terror Rides		Extreme Terror Rides		Extreme Waterparks			
TV LAND	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	3's Co.		
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI		In Plain Sight		Burn Notice		Law Order: CI			
VH1	Mob Wives		Audrina	Saddle	Mob Wives		Audrina	Saddle	Mob Wives			
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	News/Nine	Replay	Monk		Monk			
<b>Premium Channels</b>												
HBO	True Blood		Game of Thrones		Treme		Game of Thrones		Treme			
MAX	Predators				The Wolfman							
SHOW	The Borgias		Nurse	Tara	The Borgias		The Borgias		Nurse	Tara		

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