

Weather



National Weather Service

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28. Blustery, with a south wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a temperature falling to around 28 by 8 a.m. Breezy, with a north wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 12. North wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 35. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: A 40 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 23.

Saturday: Snow likely. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 31. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 9.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 27.

Monday: High, 68; Low 26
 Tuesday: High, 51; Low 20
 Precip: Monday None
 Tuesday None
 Month: 0.25 inches
 Year: 19.63 inches
 Normal: 20.03 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Thursday 7:45 a.m. 5:21 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 43 percent
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Colby mail processing may move again

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The last change moved up truck departure times from Colby to 3:30 p.m. and those of outlying post offices even earlier. Some businesses, including the *Colby Free Press* and other area newspapers, have had to adjust their schedules to meet the new deadline. If the Postal Service makes this change, the trucks will have to go 230 miles instead of 200 to get to the pro-

cessing facility, which may necessitate moving truck departure times up even more.

Trucks from some northwest and north central counties that previously went to Hays had their truck departure times moved up by a half hour or more when processing was moved to Salina. The Norton Post Office moved its departure time up from 4 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. If Salina processing is moved, the trucks would have to go about

86 more miles to get to Wichita. The Hays public meeting was held Tuesday.

These moves have concerned businesses that send out large quantities of mail.

"I fear the Postal Service has embarked on a course that will drive the remaining First Class mail out of its system," said Steve Haynes, owner of Haynes Publishing. "I know that our customers are not going to be pleased if their papers are delayed by two to three days. We may have to look elsewhere for answers."

Haynes Publishing, which owns the *Colby Free Press* and five other area newspapers, sends out 20,363 newspapers a week in addition to other mail.

Mail processing isn't the only area where cuts are being made. In what it calls an "Expanded Access Study," the service is also looking at closing 3,700 post offices nationwide, including many in Kansas. On the chopping block in northwest Kansas are Edson, Kanorado, Long Island and Norcatur. Public meetings have been held in

each of these towns, but no announcements have been made.

Kansas Sen. Jerry Moran introduced an amendment to the 21st Century Postal Service Act, which would halt the closure of any post offices until the Postal Service develops "standards of service." These standards would require the service to look at the time customers have to travel to get to a post office, population density, age demographics and distance to other post offices. It would also require the service to serve remote or difficult to reach areas.

The Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee announced Nov. 2 that it was supporting the bill. Among other things, the bill commits the post office to keeping six-day delivery for at least two years, refunds a \$7 billion overpayment from the Federal Employee Retirement Health System and reforms worker compensation benefits. Moran's amendment was adopted by on Nov. 9, but the bill has not yet made it onto the Senate floor.



EVAN BARNUM / Colby Free Press

One of the many nativities to be displayed at the Presbyterian Church Nativ-Tea Saturday and Sunday will be this "Tree Bark" set.

Presbyterian church plans nativity display

The Colby Presbyterian Church, 515 W. Fourth Street, invites everyone to stop in from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday for the annual Nativ-Tea. On display will be hundreds of nativity scenes that church members, as well as others from the area, have collected through the years. Many are crafted by hand, and come from around the world, including Mexico, Bangladesh, Congo, Ecuador, Ghana, Peru, Israel, Macao, the West

Bank, as well as Appalachia, Kansas and the Amana Colonies in the United States.

There will even be a "kid friendly" area where youngsters will be able to touch and play.

This is a chance to stop by, even if only for a moment, and reflect on the true meaning of the Christmas season at this one-of-a-kind event.

There is no charge, and light refreshments will be served.

College board votes to sell land

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tober/November cash flow is as expected and there is an acceptable solution in process for December's cash flow. He also said the tax levy increase did make its way through the system and they received the official notice from the county on Oct. 27.

"The assessment went up right at 5.5 mills," Waites said. "The board asked for 6 mills, it turned out to be 5.5 because of the assessment valuation increase."

He finished his report by saying that spring enrollment should be the only significant revenue variable for the rest of the year.

Leiker asked why there has been a significant increase in academic expenditures from last year to this year.

Waites said it's the timing and processing of some expenditures because some of them were processed in November and December last year, but they are trying to get some of them through the system earlier this year

to stay on top of things. He said that's why his summary of expenditures is annualized so that the fees are normalized and he can make sure the entire budget is still on track.

- Postponed an executive session to discuss a personnel matter until the December board meeting because one of the people involved is ill in the hospital.

- Moved the December board meeting from 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 19, to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 14, so that the meeting will be accessible to the college's faculty and staff.

- Approved the sale of radio equipment. Dr. Stephen Vacik, college president, said the equipment has become outdated and the college already had someone who expressed interest in purchasing it.

- Approved the resignation of Michael McVay, behavioral science instructor, under early retirement based on terms of the master agreement since he has met all of the criteria.

Briefly

Legion group plans to send care packages

The Colby American Legion Auxiliary is taking donations for the Christmas Care Package Drive. The Auxiliary will be sending holiday care packages to soldiers serving overseas. To make a donation or have a soldier added to the list, call Megan Quenzer at 443-3611 or Abby Barnett at (785) 694-1626. All names and donations must be in by Thursday.

Kiwanis Club looking for toys for local kids

The Colby Kiwanis Club is operating a toy drive for local kids. Participants can go to Dollar General and pick up an ornament from the tree, which will have a type of toy to buy. Toys must be left at Dollar General by Thursday. The KFNF radio station is also holding a toy drive for Kiwanis at Walmart on Thursday. The toys will go to Genesis-Thomas County for distribution on Saturday, Dec. 10.

Women's league plans meal to raise money

The Colby Women's League will hold a Christmas brunch from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday at the Meadow Lake Golf Club. Donations will be accepted to go to local groups and charities. For information, call 460-6443.

Enter parade now

Registration is open for the Colby Christmas Light Parade. Forms are available at the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce office at 350 S. Range. The parade is scheduled to begin at 5:45 p.m. Sunday at Second Street. It will go down Franklin Avenue to Fike Park and then to Santa City. Forms are due by Friday. For information, call 460-3401.

Dance the night away Saturday at the golf club

A Single's and Couple's Dance will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday at the Meadow Lake Golf Club. Gary Phipps will be the musician. For information, call Lue Duffey at (785) 269-7057.

Come to the workshop on Saturday, Dec. 3

The Thomas County Community Foundation will operate Santa's Workshop from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the Thomas County Office Complex. The workshop is for children in preschool through fourth grade. Volunteer elves will help them shop for gifts for their family. For information, call 460-9152.

Prairie orchestra to play this Sunday

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra will present "A Cozy Christmas with the POP" concert at 3:30 p.m. Sunday in the Cultural Arts Center at Colby Community College. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$3 for students.

Southwind Plaza

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, Dec. 3rd * 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. **Santa Claus will also be around to visit!!**

Children's Carnival • Refreshments Provided

For every \$10 purchase at these participating stores, receive 1 ticket for our Grand Prize Drawings of Gas Cards & Meat Bundles.

Colby Dodge • Kansas Country Store • Colby Bumper to Bumper • Southwind Antique Mall • Bee Thrifty • Fastenal • Thunder Chord Guitars • Last Horse Thief • Famous Footwear • Southwind Realty • Amy's Fashoins • Marie Lane Clothing Boutique • Colby Sew & Vac

• Store Specials Throughout Under the Red Roofs
 • Tasting Fair in Kansas Country Store Exit 53 I-70 Colby, KS

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LOCAL TV Listings

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Thursday Evening December 1, 2011										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Santa Claus, Town	CMA-Christmas					Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Big Bang	Rules	Person of Interest	The Mentalist			Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	Community	Parks	Office	Whitney	Prime Suspect		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	The X Factor		Bones	Local						
Cable Channels										
A & E	The First 48	The First 48	I Love You to Death	The First 48	The First 48					
AMC	The Fugitive			The Fugitive						
ANIM	Finding Bigfoot	Ned Bruha	Ned Bruha	Wildman	Wildman	Ned Bruha	Ned Bruha	Wildman	Wildman	
BRAVO	Matchmaker	Matchmaker		Housewives/Atl.	Real Housewives	Matchmaker				
CMT	Kitchen Nightmares	Top Secret Recipe		Trick My What?	Trick My What?	Top Secret Recipe				
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan Tonight				
COMEDY	Futurama	Futurama		Ron White: Behav.	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0		
DISC	Gold Rush	Gold Rush		Weed Wars	Gold Rush	Weed Wars				
DISN	Wizards	Santa Buddies		Good Luck	Good Luck	Wizards	Wizards			
E!	Sex-City	Sex-City		Kendra	Chelse	E! News	Chelse			
ESPN	College Football			SportsCenter		SportsCenter				
ESPN2	College Basketball	College Basketball		CrossFit	NFL Live					
FAM	The Santa Clause	The Santa Clause		The 700 Club	Mickey	Winnie				
FOOD	Chopped	Chopped		Chef Hunter	Chef Hunter	Chopped				
FX	Two Men	Two Men		Sunny	Sunny	League	Sunny			
HGTV	First	First		House	Hunters	Selling L	Selling	Hunters	Hunters	
HIST	Big Shrimpin'	Swamp People		Big Shrimpin'	Hairy Bik	Hairy Bik	Big Shrimpin'			
LIFE	Project Accessory	Project Accessory		Project Accessory	Will	Will	Project Accessory			
MTV	The Real World	Ridic.		Beavis	Beavis	Beavis	Good Vibe	Good Vibe	Beavis	Beavis
NICK	My Wife	My Wife		'70s Show	'70s Show	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Troy	Nat'l Treasure				The Rocketeer				
SPIKE	Jail	Jail		iMPACT Wrestling		MANswers	MANswers	MANswers		
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy		Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Office	Office		
TCM	Jewel Robbery			The Kennel Murder Case		The Ex-Mrs. Bradford		Hoodlum		
TLC	Cellblock 6	D.U.I.	D.U.I.	Cellblock 6	D.U.I.	D.U.I.	Cellblock 6			
TNT	CSI: NY	CSI: NY		CSI: NY	CSI: NY	CSI: NY	CSI: NY			
TOON	Regular	MAD	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Childrens	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Bizarre Foods	Bizarre Foods		No Reservation		The Layover		Bizarre Foods		
TV LAND	Roseanne	Roseanne	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King	
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU		Burn Notice	Covert Affairs	NCIS				
VH1	Basketball Wives LA	Basketball Wives LA		Love & Hip Hop	Behind the Music	Behind the Music				
WGN	How I Met	How I Met		How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny
Premium Channels										
HBO	Predators			Bored	Hung	Cathouse	K. Morgan	Enlighten	The Town	
MAX	Bad Boys II			Date Night			Machete			
SHOW	Tapestries of Hope	Keep a Child Alive		Sex in an Epidemic			Gigolos			

We Celebrate Hometown Life

Stories from hometowns just like yours. Look for us each week in this paper.

Friday Evening December 2, 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	Extreme Makeover			20/20		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	A Gifted Man	CSI: NY			Blue Bloods		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	Game of Your Life				Dateline NBC		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	College Football							Local		
Cable Channels										
A & E	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds			Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	
AMC	Addams Family Values				The Walking Dead		The Walking Dead	Cujo		
ANIM	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions			Animal Phobia		Animal Phobia	Fatal Attractions		
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.	Atlanta	Next Friday			Next Friday				
CMT	Sweet Home Alabama	Sweet Home Alabama			Cowboys Cheerleaders	Sweet Home Alabama	Cowboys Cheerleaders			
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Tonight			Anderson Cooper 360	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan Tonight			
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0			Jeff Dunham: Arguing	Carlos Mencia	Chris Rock/Scared	Chappelle	Chappelle	
DISC	Gold Rush	Gold Rush			Flying Wild Alaska	Gold Rush	Flying Wild Alaska			
DISN	Good Luck Charlie		Austin		Random	Good Luck	Good Luck	Jessie	Jessie	
E!	Scouted	Kourtney and Kim			The Soup	Fashion	Chelse	E! News	Chelse	
ESPN	College Basketball	College Basketball					SportsCenter	SportsCenter		
ESPN2	College Football				Score	NFL Kickoff	NFL Live	Kickoff		
FAM	Dr. Seuss'					Dr. Seuss'				
FOOD	Diners	Diners			Diners	Diners	Diners	Crave	Diners	Diners
FX	Ice Age: Dawn				The Waterboy		The Waterboy			
HGTV	Hunters	Hunters			Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters
American Profile										
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Real Deal	Real Deal	Hairy Bik	Hairy Bik	IRT Deadliest Roads	Pawn	Pawn	
LIFE	Unsolved Mysteries	Amer. Most Wanted			Starving Secrets		Casey Anthony	Unsolved Mysteries		
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Starky & Hutch		Starky & Hutch			
NICK	SpongeBob	Kung Fu	'70s Show	'70s Show	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	WWE SmackDown!				Sanctuary		Fact or Faked	Sanctuary		
SPIKE	Gangland		Gangland		Gangland		Gangland		Fast Time	
TBS	Payne	Payne			Payne		Worse	Worse	Surviving Christmas	
TCM	Knute Rockne				Boy Meets Girl			Don't Trust Your Husband		
TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Brides	Cupcake	Say Yes	Say Yes	Brides	Cupcake
TNT	Terminator Salvation						Terminator Salvation			
TOON	Star Wars	Thundr.	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures			The Dead Files		Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures		
TV LAND	Roseanne	Roseanne	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King	
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene		
VH1	Baseball Wives		40 Funniest Fails 2				National-Van Wilder			
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny	
Premium Channels										
HBO	24/7	24/7	24/7	Bored	Unknown			Hung	Preview	
MAX	The A-Team				Strike Back		Lingerie	Life-Top	Strike Back	
SHOW	The Ghost Writer		Fair Game				Boxing			