

Weather



National Weather Service

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 38. Windy, with a north wind 25 to 30 mph decreasing to between 5 and 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 65. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 42. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 59. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

Monday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 70.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 54.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 80.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 55.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 78.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 53.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 76.

Thursday: High, 75; Low 55
Precip: Thursday 0.13 inches
Month: 2.43 inches
Year: 4.10 inches
Normal: 3.98 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Saturday 6:49 a.m. 8:35 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 43 percent
Sunday 6:47 a.m. 8:36 p.m.
First quarter Moon at 4:57 a.m.
Monday 6:46 a.m. 8:37 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 64 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Senate bill could save overnight mail delivery

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May 15. Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe put pressure on Congress last year when he announced the Postal Service was facing a financial crisis and began taking measures he felt were required to keep the agency operating. Among his proposals were closing of about 3,700 post offices across the country and about 250 mail processing centers – half the total – plus delaying first class mail delivery by a day or two and dropping Saturday delivery.

Sen. Moran is a member of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs, which includes the Postal Service. He has been working on the bill and authored several amendments to help save rural Kansas post offices, including those in Norcatur, Herndon, Kanorado and Edson.

"The postal reform bill will provide USPS with flexibility to restructure and save billions of dollars – while preventing taxpayer dollars from being used for a bailout," Sen. Moran said. "I am pleased the bill passed by the Senate expands on critical language I had adopted in committee to provide an answer to the question so many Kansans have been asking: 'What do we have to do to save our post office?'"

"Once passed by the House and signed into law, the language will help protect rural post offices by defining a structure for what the Postal Service must consider as it conducts the

individual post office feasibility studies – and stops the closure of any post offices until that happens. I am hopeful the House will consider this bill in a timely fashion."

Debate Monday and Tuesday covered 39 amendments. One of the first amendments was by Sen. John McCain of Arizona, who suggested the whole Postal Service question be turned over to a special commission tasked with making recommendations for closing post offices or processing centers. The program would have been similar to the military base closing commissions of recent years for determining which excess or unneeded military bases should close.

The McCain amendment was defeated on a 69-30 roll call, with Sens. Moran and Roberts both voting against.

The Senate approved eight amendments on Tuesday, some on voice votes. Those include an amendment by Sen. Tom Coburn (R-Okla.) to require the Postal Service to take money-saving steps like cutting counter hours before closing an office. An amendment introduced by Sen. Olympia Snowe (R-Maine) requires the Postal Rate Commission to consider methodology and costs of mail processing reports before any changes to postal facilities.

An amendment introduced by Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) "prohibits" the postal service from cutting the workforce or all together closing certain postal offices. Similarly, an amendment by Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.), approved by voice vote,

introduces a limit on how many postal offices in rural areas can be closed without meeting certain requirements.

Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) introduced an amendment meant to exclude closing postal offices or making changes to postal services that would change the outcome of elections through affecting votes made through the mail.

National Newspaper Association President Reed Anfinson, publisher of the *Swift County Monitor-News* in Benson, Minn., hailed the Senate's vote as a critical step toward restoring the Postal Service to soundness.

"A new postal reform law is still far from reality," Anfinson said, "but the work done in the Senate this week and last week represents a new commitment by our nation's leaders to maintaining universal service while undertaking much needed repairs on our nation's postal system. The two week debate required to get this far demonstrates how challenging it is to find the right solutions. But we are on the way, at long last."

The House has its own version of a postal reform bill with is far different from the Senate version. Chairman Darrell Issa, R-Calif., of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform has said he has no plans to move his bill before the fall elections. However, observers say passage of the Senate bill could put pressure on the House to do something before the Postal Service runs out of cash, which could happen this fall.

Woman gets 13-year term for chase, shooting at trooper

From "CHASE," Page 1

the Edson and Brewster exits. The car hit the sticks at Edson but kept going at a slower speed. It lost a tire, which cut the speed down to about 40 mph.

Patrick and Stout-Briese pulled off I-70 at Brewster and headed north past the city on County Road 2 with three troopers, three Sherman County patrol cars and at least one Thomas County deputy in pursuit. At that

point, troopers were authorized to use "intervention tactics" and "deadly force" if needed.

Frey fired shots at the car, which then stopped about two miles north of Brewster. Both occupants were arrested. Patrick had been hit in the upper left back. A Sherman County ambulance which was on standby was sent to take him to the Goodland Regional Medical Center. Stout-Briese was taken to the Sherman County Bastille by the sheriff's

department; she has remained in custody since.

The 30-mile chase lasted about 20 minutes, troopers said. Two Highway Patrol cars were hit by bullets fired by Stout-Briese.

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation was brought in to investigate the shooting. The Colorado Bureau of Investigation interviewed Patrick after he had been taken to Swedish Medical Center in Denver to have the bullet removed.

Patrick and Stout-Briese were tried separately. Patrick pleaded guilty to two counts of attempted second-degree homicide. He also received 161 months in prison at a hearing Aug. 22.

New map leaves 40th District stretching out into eastern Kansas

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eastern edge in Jewell County along the Nebraska border.

"You can walk your district in a day," Ostmeyer said. "I think this is wrong."

Legislators are facing a May 10 deadline to approve the new maps, which reflect population changes in the 2010 census. If the deadline is missed, it is likely the June candidate filing deadline and August primary dates will have to be moved back.

Chairman Tim Owens, an Overland Park Republican, said the committee would work on finishing a proposal for redrawing the state's four U.S. House districts next week.

The Senate needs to approve a plan for adjusting the lines of

House passed its new districts.

Senators are hoping O'Neal and the House honor the tradition that each chamber defers to the other on their respective maps.

"That's the way it has always been done," said Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, a Topeka Democrat and member of the redistricting committee.

Owens said he understood Ostmeyer's objections about the district size, but that the only alternative would have been to merge a district in south-central Kansas that would have pitted two Republican incumbents in the August primary.

"I do appreciate your concerns," Owens said. "We're not going to please everybody. I wish we could."

Spring cleanup coming here May 7 to 11

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electronics may be disposed of every Wednesday at the E-Waste Collection Center, 1190 S. Country Club Drive.

Appliances, furniture and other large objects cluttering yards can be picked up, but any appliance which has contained a refrigerant must have proof that a certified technician removed the refrigerant or the owner must pay a \$29 fee before it is removed by the

city. There is no charge for pickups. The city will haul tires, but regular disposal fees must be paid first. The city has a list of tire fees.

Strange asked that people remember to always remove tipper cans from the street or sidewalk after trash has been picked up.

"Let's make Colby look the best it can be!" she said.

Dutch judge upholds ban on buying pot

by introducing a "weed pass" available only to residents.

The new regulation reins in one of the country's most cherished symbols of tolerance – its laissez-faire attitude to soft drugs – and reflects the drift away from a long-held view of the Netherlands as a free-wheeling utopia.

sterdam the image endures – and smoking a joint in a canal-side coffee shop ranks high on their to-do lists along with visiting cultural highlights like the Van Gogh Museum.

The city's left-leaning Mayor Eberhard van der Laan is hoping to hammer out a compromise with the national government.

Briefly

Dennen Field reserved seats up for renewal

The Colby Booster Club reminds Dennen Field reserved-seat holders who want to renew their seats for the next three years to do so by Monday. On May 7, said club member Lisa Wilson, any seats not reserved become available to the public. Please mail your check for \$50 per seat to CHS All Sports Booster Club, Box 136, Colby, Kan., 67701. For questions, e-mail chsallsportsboosters@colbyeagles.org.

International students to talk homelands

Members of the Colby Community College International Students and Friends Organization will talk about the traditions and culture of their homelands at 7 p.m. Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church, 515 W. Fourth St. A potluck supper will begin at 6 p.m., or come for dessert at 7. For information, call Connie Davis, club sponsor, at 460-5483.

Meeting Sunday for pool workers, officials

The Colby Recreation Department will hold a meeting for all new and returning lifeguards, concessions and front desk workers and anyone interested in working at the Colby Aquatic Park this summer at 5 p.m. Sunday at the Community Building. At 6:30 p.m., a staff meeting will be held for scorekeepers, umpires and concession staff for summer activities. For information, call Recreation Director Stacy Lee at 460-4440.

Brewster schools plan potluck, awards

The Brewster School District will hold its annual awards program for junior high and high school students Monday. The evening will begin with a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m.; the program will start at 7. Everyone is welcome. For information, call Janci Mills at (785) 694-2236.

College spring concert set for Tuesday

The Colby Community College music department will hold its free Spring Concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Northwest Kansas Cultural Arts Center on campus. It will include the Concert Choir and Sunflower Singers directed by Dr. Philip Shuman and the Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble directed by Tony Schroer. Pat Ziegelmeier will accompany the vocalists. This is the final performance for Dr. Shuman, a long-time instructor who plans to retire at the end of the year. Everyone is invited.

Vehicle, license offices to be down Tuesday

Driver's license about to expire? It won't be possible to get a Kansas vehicle license, title, driver's license or identification card from Tuesday through Tuesday, May 8, while the computer system at the Kansas Department of Revenue in Topeka is shut down for upgrades. Anyone needing a license, title or renewal should obtain it from a state or county office by Monday. For information, call Thomas County Treasurer Donita Applebury at 460-4520.

Area churches planning for Day of Prayer

Colby churches will observe the 61st National Day of Prayer with a service near the flagpole outside the Thomas County Courthouse from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. Thursday sponsored by the Thomas County Ministerial Association. For information, call Pastor Tom Peyton at (785) 462-2930.

Fourth, fifth grades to give concert at school

Colby Grade School fourth graders will play their recorders and the fifth-grade band will play at a free concert at 2:30 and 7 p.m. Thursday in the Colby Grade School Auditorium. For information, call Jennifer Koel at 460-5100.

Church women to have Friendship Day

Church Women United's May Friendship Day will be next Friday at the Colby First Presbyterian Church, beginning at noon with a salad luncheon in the fellowship hall. This year's theme, about Naomi and Ruth, is "Listening to My Sisters." It looks at the mission of listening, caring and accepting new members of the community. For information, call Joyce Gatlin at (785) 460-3656.

Pride of Prairie to give Salvador concert

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra will present "Science and Nature" conducted by Andrew Salvador at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 6, in the Frahm Theatre of the Cultural Arts Center on the Colby Community College campus. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$3 for students. For information, call Janet Hopson at 462-5102.

Kansas basketball stars coming to Colby

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thomas County is sponsoring an appearance by the Kansas Barnstormers basketball team, featuring graduating seniors from the University of Kansas, at 5 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at the Community Building. Tickets at \$10 per person may be purchased at Palace Drug Store, F&M Bank at Dillons, J&B Meat Market, the Sports Shoppe and People's State Bank in Colby and Farmers Bank and Trust in Brewster. For information, call Doug Finley at Big Brothers Big Sisters, 460-9125.

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Monday Evening										April 30, 2012		
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
KAKE/ABC	Dancing With Stars				Castle		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
KBSL/CBS	How I Met	2 Broke G	Two Men	Mike	Hawaii Five-0		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late			
KSNK/NBC	The Voice				Smash		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late			
KSAS/FOX	Bones		House		Local							
Cable Channels												
A & E	Beyond Scared Straig	Beyond Scared Straig	Beyond Scared Straig	Beyond Scared Straig	Beyond Scared Straig	Beyond Scared Straig	Beyond Scared Straig	Beyond Scared Straig	Beyond Scared Straig	Beyond Scared Straig	Beyond Scared Straig	Beyond Scared Straig
AMC	CSI: Miami	The Pitch	The Pitch	The Pitch	The Pitch	The Pitch	Mad Men	The Killing	The Killing	The Killing	The Killing	The Killing
ANIM	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters
BRAVO	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ
CMT	The Singing Bee	The Singing Bee	The Singing Bee	The Singing Bee	The Singing Bee	The Singing Bee	The Singing Bee	The Singing Bee	The Singing Bee	The Singing Bee	The Singing Bee	The Singing Bee
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Tonight	Piers Morgan Tonight	Piers Morgan Tonight	Piers Morgan Tonight	Piers Morgan Tonight	Piers Morgan Tonight	Piers Morgan Tonight	Piers Morgan Tonight	Piers Morgan Tonight	Piers Morgan Tonight	Piers Morgan Tonight
COMEDY	Futurama	South Pk	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk
DISC	American Chopper	American Chopper	American Chopper	American Chopper	American Chopper	American Chopper	American Chopper	American Chopper	American Chopper	American Chopper	American Chopper	American Chopper
DISN	Jessie	Radio Rebel			Austin	ANT Farm		Good Luck	Shake It	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards
E!	Sex-City	Sex-City	E! Special		Scouted		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Chelsea	Chelsea	Chelsea
ESPN	MLB Baseball				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter
ESPN2	SportsCenter				NFL Live		SportsNation		Baseball Tonight	Baseball Tonight	Baseball Tonight	Baseball Tonight
FAM	Secret-Teen		Make It or Break It		Secret-Teen		The 700 Club		Prince	Prince	Prince	Prince
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Meat Men	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
FX	Mr. & Mrs. Smith				Mr. & Mrs. Smith							
HGTV	Love It or List It	Property	Property	Hunters	Hunt Intl		Love It or List It		Property	Property	Property	Property
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn		American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn
LIFE	August Rush				Memory Keeper				August Rush	August Rush	August Rush	August Rush
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Strangers	Ridic.	Strangers	Punk'd	Punk'd	Punk'd	Punk'd
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	70s Show	70s Show	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Eureka		Eureka		Lost Girl		Eureka		Lost Girl	Lost Girl	Lost Girl	Lost Girl
SPIKE	Lethal Weapon 4	A Bronx Tale							Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die
TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy			Family Guy		Conan		The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office
TCM	Nobody Lives Forever				The Conspirators				Daddy Long Legs	Daddy Long Legs	Daddy Long Legs	Daddy Long Legs
TLC	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss
TNT	NBA Basketball				NBA Basketball				Inside the NBA	Inside the NBA	Inside the NBA	Inside the NBA
TOON	Regular	IMAD	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Boondocks	Boondocks	Boondocks
TRAV	No Reservation		No Reservation		Hotel Impossible		Last Resorts III		No Reservation	No Reservation	No Reservation	No Reservation
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Everybody-Impossible		King	King	King	King	King	King
USA	NCIS		WWE Monday Night RAW				Fast & Furious					
VH1	Basketball Wives	La La	By June	By June	Basketball Wives		La La	By June	Basketball Wives	Basketball Wives	Basketball Wives	Basketball Wives
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	Death
Premium Channels												
HBO	Real Time/Bill Maher		Horrible Bosses				Gervais	Speaking	Boxing			
MAX	Death-Her	Diggstown			The Tree of Life							Cancun 3
SHOW	Weeds	Weeds	The Borgias		Nurse	The Big C	The Borgias		Nurse			The Big C