Weather

National Weather Service

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 30. North wind 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 52. North wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southeast in the afternoon.

Thursday Night: Clear, with a low around 26. South wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to 10 to 15 mph after midnight.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 55. Windy, with a south wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to 25 to 30 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 34. Breezy.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of rain. Partly sunny, with a high near 51.

Saturday Night: A chance of rain and snow. Some thunder is also possible. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

Sunday: Areas of blowing snow and a chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 36. Breezy. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

Sunday Night: Areas of blowing snow and a slight chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 20. Blustery. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly sunny, with a high near 32.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 15.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 40.

Monday: High, 58; Low 22
Tuesday: High, 58; Low 25
Precip: Monday None
Tuesday None
Month: None
Year: 0.16 inches
Normal: 0.51 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
Thursday 7:45 a.m. 6:12 p.m.
Moon: waning, 9 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Postal Service meetings will discuss reduced hours

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he said, citizens said they would rather keep their post offices at reduced hours than see them close.

"So we plan to realign hours," he said, "by two to six hours depending on workload at each office."

More than 13,000 offices are being reviewed, he said. The list includes Bird City, Edson, Gove, Grainfield, Grinnell, Herndon, Kanorado, Weskan, Jennings, Lenora, McDonald and Winona in this area.

Sperry said residents in these towns will get a survey where they choose one of four options: reduce the office's hours, close the office completely and provide curbside delivery, contract with a business to offer some postal services or close the office and provide box service at a nearby post office.

The survey will be due two weeks before each meeting. At the public meetings, a Postal Service manager will share the survey results and take questions and comments.

Sperry said unless more than 60 percent of a community favors one of the four options, the office will just get the reduced hours. There will be a spot on the survey for residents to fill in their preference for when those hours will fall during the week. Saturday hours, already minimal, won't change, he said.

The service will announce its decision one week after each meeting with a notice posted at each post office. The changes will be implemented within 30 days.

Sperry described the new plan as a way to preserve rural post offices while cutting costs. Once fully implemented next year, he said, the savings are projected at $500 million a year.

The service also is consolidating its mail processing facilities. More than 100 processing facilities are scheduled for closure by July.

Processing had been done in Colby until a previous round of consolidation, when it was moved to Salina. That facility is being closed and processing there moved to Wichita. Incoming mail processing is still being done in Colby, but is moving to North Platte, Neb. Sperry said the target date for that move is Tuesday, Feb. 26. Colby will still serve as a transportation hub and a regular post office. Sperry said mail collection times will be unchanged.

The processing changes will save about $1.2 billion a year, Sperry said, and the service has its eye on several other changes that will require acts of Congress. The service has been asking for several years to get rid of Saturday delivery, and since 2006 is has been required by law to prepay retiree health benefits, which cost about $5.5 billion a year.

"We are asking Congress to resolve that," Sperry said. "We will still pay retiree benefits, but we're asking Congress to make it more manageable."

Congress has yet to act on either issue. A postal reform bill died in the last Congress and no action has been taken yet this year to get the effort going again.

The Postal Service announced today that it plans to stop delivering and collecting letters, including first-class mail, on Saturdays beginning Aug. 5. Packages will continue to be delivered, however.

This change is expected to save the service $2 billion a year.

City decides against routes

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"That just gets put back in the budget each year for sidewalk projects, and I suppose trail projects," he said.

Mallory and Councilman Tim Hutfles both asked how many of the planned sidewalks were compete and where the money in the budget was supposed to go. Hutfles asked whether it was earmarked specifically for sidewalks.

Evans pointed out that the money through the program cannot be used to pay for projects such as adding sidewalks, that would normally be paid for locally.

"It cannot be for sidewalk projects, it says that in bold black and white," Evans said.

She also said that the plan could not call for a bike lane to be painted onto the road. The city would have to agree to the project after the application was submitted, she added.

"I'm uncomfortable committing any of the city fund right now," Hutfles said. "Too many gray areas."

McGreer said the city has other money in the budget, but some of that is for street maintenance. Mallory pointed out some of that money was used for things like filling in potholes.

Councilman Dave Voss said that he wants to see the trail project done some day.

"There's just not a big slush fund to dig into the budget," he said.

Hutfles asked if former City Manager Carolyn Armstrong had come up with a similar plan. Evans said that Wayne Horlacher, who was also at the meeting, had worked on plans for a bike trail 30 years ago.

She said she is not sure if money for the program will be available next year.

Postal Service to cut Saturday mail

WASHINGTON (AP) – The financially struggling U.S. Postal Service said today it will stop delivering mail on Saturdays but continue to disburse packages six days a week, an apparent end-run around an unaccommodating Congress.

The service expects the Saturday cutback to begin the week of Aug. 5 and to save about $2 billion annually, said Postmaster General Patrick R. Donahoe.

The move accentuates one of the agency's strong points – package delivery has increased by 14 percent since 2010, officials say, while the delivery of letters and other mail has plunged with the increasing use of e-mail and other Internet services.

Under the new plan, mail would be delivered to homes and businesses only from Monday through Friday, but would still be delivered to post office boxes on Saturdays. Post offices now open on Saturdays would remain open on Saturdays.

Over the past several years, the Postal Service has advocated shifting to a five-day delivery schedule for mail and packages – and it repeatedly but unsuccessfully appealed to Congress to approve the move.

As an "independent" agency, the service gets no tax dollars for its day-to-day operations but is subject to congressional control.

Briefly

Museum plans open house for exhibit

The Prairie Museum of Art and History is inviting everyone to an open house and reception to mark the opening of an exhibit, "Way We Worked," from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday in the Garvey Educational Room at the museum, 1905 S. Franklin. The come-and-go opening will have light hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served. For information, call Director Sue Taylor at 460-4590.

Massage clinics offered by college program

Physical Therapist Assistant students at Colby Community College are offering two massage clinics in February, from 5 to 8:30 p.m. today and Tuesday. All clinics will be in the Allied Health Building on campus. Options are a 30-minute massage for $15 and a one-hour massage for $25. Walk-ins are accepted for the 30-minute massage as available. For information, call Marie Wolkomir at 460-4797.

Program needs volunteer to provide tax help

The American Association of Retired Persons program to provide free tax help in Colby needs a volunteer who understands basic taxes and is willing to commit about four hours a week to help senior citizens. Regional Director Cathy Eddleman said she would provide a day of training in Colby. The tax service is for people with limited income. Volunteers usually work in the Pioneer Memorial Library meeting room on scheduled days. For information or to volunteer, call Eddleman at (785) 821-1827.

Colby Schools will have book fair this week

Colby Public Schools are holding spring Scholastic Book fairs through Thursday. Hours will be 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday in the Colby Grade School library and during school hours and parent/teacher conferences in the Middle School library. For information, call Media Clerk Kelly Draper at the middle school, 460-5200.

Kiwanis to serve spaghetti during games

All-you-can-eat spaghetti, along with garlic toast, green beans and ice cream, will be on the menu for the Kiwanis Spaghetti Supper from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday in the Little Theater of the Colby Community Building during the Colby High basketball games with Holcomb. Donations will go for community projects such as toys for children at Christmas and Fourth of July fireworks. For information, call Kassie Carney at 462-6692.

Evangelist will lead meetings on marriage

Evangelist Matt Pringle will lead a series of meetings on marriage and the family at 7 p.m. through Friday and at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday at the Colby Independent Baptist Church, 730 E. Second St. Everyone is invited. For information, call Pastor Bernard Heinz at 460-0313.

Sacred Heart Church commission plans walk

The Family Life Commission of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby invites everyone to take part in the annual Walk for a Grieving Heart at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Sacred Heart School gym. People may walk inside or out. Everyone who totals $50 in donations will receive a T-shirt. Refreshments and door prizes will be available. All money will help Rachel's Vineyard put on retreat for women, men and families affected by abortion. To register, contact Laura Krejci at 443-3354.

Once-a-Month Lunch coming up on Saturday

Once-a-Month Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday in the basement of the Colby Presbyterian Church, 515 W. Fourth St. No reservation is needed, and the free meal the second Saturday of each month is for everyone. For questions, call the church office, 462-6342.

Equestrian team sponsors safety course

The Colby Community College Equestrian team will offer a free Women's Safety Course at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Union, Room 106. The class will be taught by Trooper Tod Hileman of the Kansas Highway Patrol. Refreshments and door prizes will be provided by the Thomas County Farm Bureau Association. For information, contact Shanda Mattix at 460-5464 or e-mail shanda.mattix@colbycc.edu.

Library to hold Chocolate and All That Jazz

The Pioneer Memorial Library will feature "Chocolate and All That Jazz" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, for Valentines Day. The Colby Community Community Jazz band and Sunflower Singers will perform while their audience snacks on desserts and such. The event is free to all and no tickets are required. For information, call Librarian Melany Wilks at 460-4470.

Local TV Listings

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Thursday Evening — February 7, 2013

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Shark Tank		Grey's Anatomy		Scandal		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live		Nightline
KBSL/CBS	Big Bang	Two Men	Person of Interest		Elementary		Local	Late Show Letterman		Ferguson
KSNK/NBC	Community	Parks	Office	1600 Penn	Do No Harm		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno		J. Fallon
KSAS/FOX	American Idol		Glee		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	The First 48		First 48: Missing		Beyond Scared Straight			First 48	The First 48	
AMC	Demolition Man					Constantine				
ANIM	North Woods		North Woods Law		North Woods Law		North Woods Law		North Woods Law	
BRAVO	Shahs of Sunset		Shahs of Sunset		Kathy		Happens	Housewives/Atl.		Shahs
CMT	Reba	Reba	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Redneck Vacation		Redneck Vacation	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Sunny	Sunny	Work.	Tosh.0	Sunny	Sunny	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0
DISC	Moonshiners		Property	Property	Property	Property	Property	Property	Property	Property
DISN	Cars				Gravity	Good Luck	Gravity	Shake It	Wizards	Wizards
E!	The Soup	Love You	Fashion Police		Kourtney-Kim		Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea
ESPN	College Basketball		College Basketball				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	College Basketball		College Basketball				College Basketball			
FAM	Ramona and Beezus		Matilda				The 700 Club		Prince	Prince
FOOD	Restaurant Stakeout		Anne Burrell		Anne Burrell		Rachael v. Guy		Anne Burrell	
FX	Tron: Legacy		Anger	Anger	Archer	Legit	Biased	BrandX With		Archer
HGTV	Hawaii	Hawaii	Extreme Homes		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Extreme Homes	
HIST	Swamp People		Swamp People		Swamp People		Larry the Cable Guy		Swamp People	
LIFE	Project Runway		Project Runway			Double	Double	Double	Project Runway	
MTV	Buckwild		BUCKWILD		BUCKWILD		Buckwild	BUCKWILD		Buckwild
NICK	House of Anubis		Full H'se	Full H'se	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	The Dead		The Hills Have Eyes					The Hills Have Eyes 2		
SPIKE	iMPACT Wrestling				Bellator MMA Live				Bellator MMA Live	
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	King of the Nerds		Conan		King of the Nerds	
TCM	Anne-Thousand						The Sting			
TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	What Not to Wear		Say Yes	Say Yes	What Not to Wear	
TNT	NBA Basketball					NBA Basketball				
TOON	Incredibl	Regular	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Newsread	Delocated
TRAV	Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum	
TV LAND	Cosby	Cosby	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	Hot in Cleveland	
USA	NCIS		NCIS		Suits		Necessary Roughness		Law & Order: SVU	
VH1	Beverly Hills Cop					Beverly Hills Cop II				Uprising
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		Funniest Home Videos		Rules	Rules
Premium Channels										
HBO	X-Men	Chronicle			Girls	Enlighten	Cathouse: Menage		Banshee	
MAX	Taking	The Running Man			Die Hard 2				Birthday Sex	
SHOW	Die	I Will Follow			Chocolate Sundaes		Gigolos	Gigolos	60 Minutes Sports	

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Friday Evening — February 8, 2013

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Last Man	Malibu	Shark Tank		20/20		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live		Nightline
KBSL/CBS	The Job		CSI: NY		Blue Bloods		Local	Late Show Letterman		Ferguson
KSNK/NBC	Dateline NBC				Rock Center		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno		J. Fallon
KSAS/FOX	Touch				Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Southie	Southie	Southie	Southie	Duck D.	Duck D.
AMC	Anaconda				Anaconda				From Dusk Till Dawn	
ANIM	Fatal Attractions		Infested!		Fatal Attractions		Infested!		Fatal Attractions	
BRAVO	Matchmaker		Matchmaker		Matchmaker		Matchmaker		As Good as It Gets	
CMT	Reba	Reba	Blazing Saddles					National-European		
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Kroll	The Burn	Work.	Tosh.0	South Pk	Aziz Ansari		D. Tosh
DISC	Gold Rush		Gold Rush		Bering Sea Gold		Gold Rush		Bering Sea Gold	
DISN	The Game Plan				Dog	Good Luck	ANT Farm	Jessie	Phineas	ANT Farm
E!	Kourtney-Kim		Kourtney-Kim		Fashion Police		Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea
ESPN	NBA Basketball					NBA Basketball				
ESPN2	Pacquiao 4		Boxing				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
FAM	A Walk to Remember		The Last Song				The 700 Club		Prince	Prince
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Mystery D	Mystery D	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
FX	Tron: Legacy				The Following		The Following		The Following	
HGTV	Cool Pools		Cool Pools		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Cool Pools	
HIST	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers	
LIFE	Hoarders		Hoarders		Teen Trouble		Teen Trouble		Hoarders	
MTV	BUCKWILD		BUCKWILD		Nacho Libre				BUCKWILD	
NICK	Fred 2: Night		See Dad	Full H'se	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	WWE SmackDown!				Merlin		Being Human		Merlin	
SPIKE	The Punisher					Fighting				
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Valentine's Day					Are We Th	Are We Th	Are We Th
TCM	Wilson						The Grapes of Wrath			
TLC	Four Weddings		Say Yes	Say Yes	Borrowed	Borrowed	Say Yes	Say Yes	Borrowed	Borrowed
TNT	The Bourne Identity					Dallas		Monday	Assault-Precnct	
TOON	Cartoon Planet		King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		The Dead Files		The Dead Files		Ghost Adventures	
TV LAND	Cosby	Cosby	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	Hot in Cleveland	
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Suits		CSI: Crime Scene	
VH1	(500) Days of Summer				Best Week	Jenny	Best Week	Jenny	The Women of SNL	
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		Funniest Home Videos		Rules	Rules
Premium Channels										
HBO	Wrath of the Titans				Real Time/Bill Maher		Real Time/Bill Maher		Girls	Sitter
MAX	Change	Alien vs. Predator			Banshee		Girls Bed	Banshee		Sin City
SHOW	Big Easy Express			Mumford & Sons: Road		Shaquille				

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