

Weather Corner



Cooler temps Wednesday

Tonight...Clear. Low around 60. Calm wind becoming south between 7 to 10 mph. **Tuesday...**Sunny. High in the mid 90s. Southwest wind 7 to 10 mph increasing to 17 to 20 mph. Winds could gust up to 30 mph. **Tuesday night...**A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 7 p.m. Partly cloudy with a low in the mid 50s. Northwest wind 7 to 10 mph increasing to 20-25 mph. **Wednesday...**Partly cloudy with a highs in the upper 70s. Northeast wind 19 to 22 mph.

Temperatures
Sunday's high, 90
Low this morning, 57
Records for this date, 102 in 1947 and 39 in 1911
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.11
August's precipitation, 3.03
Soil temperature, 73
Water Terms
•WaterWatch — Demand for 3 consecutive days exceeds 3.5 million gallons per day.
•WaterWarning — Demand for 3 consecutive days exceeds 4.0 million gallons per day. City will begin conservation efforts.

•WaterEmergency — Demand for 3 consecutive days exceeds 4.5 million gallons per day. No outdoor watering allowed along with other conservation efforts.

Water Use
Aug. 26 = 1,666,000 gallons

The sources:
A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.

Sheriff's office makes arrests in Brewster

By Jan Katz Ackerman

Colby Free Press

BREWSTER — Multiple calls to the law enforcement center in Colby took sheriff's deputies to Brewster the past few days.

On Thursday, Aug. 25, Martha Yefenia Marcado, 27, was arrested as an illegal alien when she was located near Levant.

"I don't know the underlying charges of why she was deported, but she was taken in and turned over to the Immigration and Naturalization Service on Friday," said Sheriff Mike Baughn this morning.

Other activity taking deputies to Brewster included one case of a man giving alcohol to minors, a case of battery and damage to a Colby man's car.

On Friday, Aug. 26, at 10:40 p.m., Michael W. Kline, 28, was ticketed for furnishing alcohol to minors, Baughn said. No court date has been set yet for Kline.

Baughn said at 10:28 p.m. on Saturday, a 44-year-old male called authorities and reported he'd been beaten at his home.

"It's a battery case," Baughn said. "We couldn't find the suspect at the time, but charges are pending."

Also on Saturday, Donald Headley, Colby, called authorities to investigate damage to his car which had been parked in a friend's driveway in Brewster.

Baughn said Headley's car had its windshield shattered and all the other windows completely broken out of it. In addition, the car's roof was caved in and its gas cap stolen.

"We have a suspect located and charges of criminal damage to property have been sent to the county attorney," Baughn said.



Briefly

Auditions begin tonight

The drama department at Colby Community College will conduct auditions for the fall production on Monday and Tuesday from 7-9:30 p.m. in the Cultural Arts Center located on the college campus. Deb Bickner, drama instructor at Colby College, will be directing the production. "The fall play will be a comedy," said Bickner. "Auditions are open to anyone high school age or older. No advance preparation is needed." Rehearsals will begin Monday, Sept. 19. The fall production is scheduled for Nov. 3-5. For more information, contact Bickner at the college.

School night for scouting Tuesday

An information/registration night for potential Cub Scouts is scheduled Tuesday, Aug. 30, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Colby Grade School cafeteria. "This is an opportunity for people to come and ask questions about Cub Scouts and sign up for years of fun and personal growth," said Jan Barnum, one of the organizers. Cub scouting is for boys in the first through fifth grades. For questions prior to the meeting, call Barnum at 462-6503.

County offices closed Monday

The Thomas County courts, all county offices to include

the landfill and health department will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5, for the Labor Day weekend, said Shelly Harms, clerk.

Commissioners meet Wednesday

The Thomas County Commissioners will hold their end-of-month meeting at 9 a.m. Wednesday at the courthouse. Items on the agenda include a monthly report on Thomas County Emergency Medical Services by Kathi Wright and Martin Rinehart; a proposal from county department heads for a future Web page; approval of the Aug. 15 minutes and second half of accounts payable for the month; household and hazardous waste report and permit renewal; proposal from Commercial Sign to paint windows. The meeting is open to the public.

Page City reunion scheduled

The Page City Alumni School Reunion will be held on Friday, Sept. 2 and Saturday, Sept. 3 at the Colby Community Building. Activities begin Friday at 7 p.m. with a time for visiting and snacks. On Saturday, events start at 11:30 a.m. with a potluck at noon and a program following the meal. Most activities will conclude by 5 p.m. Drinks and table service will be provided at the potluck. All Page City graduates, attendees, and any one in the community is encouraged to

attend. All are welcome. For questions, call Sharon Stramel, (785) 460-3706.

Deer permits available online

The Thomas County Clerk's office has not received deer permits as yet; however, an alternative is available until the county is online with the new system, said Shelly Harms, clerk. The new system, known as, Kansas Outdoor Automated License system (KOAL), with the Kansas Department of Wildlife will be up and running soon, she said. In the meantime, those wanting to get a deer permit may go online to: www.KDWP.STATE.KS.US. Harms said that when the county is online with the new system, her office will advise the public. For questions, call 460-4500.

Pre-plant wheat school scheduled

A pre-plant wheat school, sponsored by the Thomas County Extension Office and Sunflower Extension Office in Goodland, is scheduled at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 30, in the Brewster Community Church. Agronomists, fertility specialists and a plant pathologist will talk on related topics involving wheat, and free hamburgers will be served during their talk. For questions, call either extension office. In Thomas County, call 460-4582 and in Sherman County, call 899-4880.

Colby woman's furniture is being held 'hostage'

By Jan Katz Ackerman

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A dispute between a Colby woman and a moving company she believes is holding her furniture hostage may be headed to court.

When Barbara Young, 71, married Ben Duell, 74, they decided to sell her home in Oberlin and his near Ruralton and move to Colby. But a move Young-Duell thought would cost her less than \$3,000 could end up costing her between \$11,000 and \$15,000.

Young-Duell contacted the move of her four bedroom with basement household to Wilson Moving Company in Hays. But shortly before the June 6 packing date, the company went out of business. Wilson Moving subcontracted the job to Wegele & Wegele Vanlines, Inc., Pratt.

"I talked to Mrs. Wegele on the phone and she told me they needed cash to deliver my furniture," Young-Duell said.

"I told her I'd pay cash and I'd get about \$2,600. She told me that would probably be enough."

The dispute started when Blaze Wegele and his crew tried to deliver Young-Duell's furniture at the house in Colby.

"Blaze came in and started figuring my bill and he said I needed \$8,880 in cash. I just couldn't believe it. He said he hauled 16,000 pounds," she said.

Young-Duell said when she disputed the cost, Wegele reload some of the 3,000 pound he'd already unloaded and left for Pratt. She said Wegele left her a kitchen table, three mattresses, a card table and chairs, a few clothes and odds and ends of boxes.

"Basically (Wegele) is holding my stuff hostage. I'm paying \$300 a month for storage fees and it's going into the third month," Young-Duell said.

According to paperwork Young-Duell received from the Wegele's, she can go to Pratt and pick up her belongings for \$11,088, or have them delivered for \$14,065.

Young-Duell has filed a complaint with the Thomas County Sheriff's office and the Kansas Attorney General's Office.

Thomas County Sheriff Mike Baughn said he gave Wegele an opportunity to file a written statement about the situation, but he declined to do so.

Late last week, Baughn filed paperwork with Thomas County Attorney Andrea Wyrick charging Blaze Wegele with criminal depri-



JAN KATZ ACKERMAN/Colby Free Press

Barbara "Bobbie" Young-Duell stood in an almost empty livingroom in her home in Colby last week. She has sought criminal action against the movers she believes are responsible for this problem.

vation of property, a class A misdemeanor. The charge carries a prison sentence between 30 and 365 days, and a fine of not less than \$100.

"We are looking at the intent. The intent of theft is to permanently deprive, whereas the intent of criminal deprivation is to temporarily deprive."

The basis of my case is information from the victim," Baughn said. Young-Duell said everything was done verbally, not in writing.

However, Dena Wegele said paperwork she received from Wilson Moving Company showed a written estimate of \$1,631 for the 50 mile move from Oberlin to Colby was given to Young-Duell. She also said what actually took place was outside Wilson's estimate and included packing the household.

"When Barbara did the order with Wilson Moving she did it correctly."

"But when she called back, she wanted more packing done," Dena Wegele said.

"I totally understand Barbara's frustration, but when you pack twice the estimated weight and a full-pack, it costs more."

Tom Whitaker, an officer with the Kansas Motor Carriers Association, said the Wegele's are members of

the Kansas Motor Carriers Association and use the current tariff, a cost rate plan, governing all Kansas movers.

"To my knowledge the Wegele's have never been out of compliance," Whitaker said.

Mike Hoeme, an officer with the Kansas Corporation Commission, is aware of the dispute between Young-Duell and Wegele & Wegele.

"Every carrier that is a (Kansas Motor Carrier Association) member charges the same prices and they all follow the same guidelines," he said.

Hoeme said moving companies which are not members of the association can only charge different rates if they file a tariff exception with the Kansas Corporation Commission.

Whether Wilson Moving Company was a member of the association could not be determined.

"The initial move was for furniture only, and then (Young-Duell) decided to have a full move. The (full move) prices would have been the same from both companies working under state guidelines," Hoeme said.



After brief meeting 52 years ago, couple find each other

By Jan Katz Ackerman

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A momentary encounter 52 years ago has developed into a marriage for an Oberlin woman and a Ruralton man.

Barbara "Bobbie" Young's fiancé had just drowned in a boating accident when she was introduced to Ben Duell. She said although Duell asked her out on a date, she was "still healing and not interested."

Both married other people, and Barbara's husband, Chuck Young, died 17 years ago, leaving her alone.

"He was a quite a supporter of wrestling at Colby Community College," she said of her late husband.

Duell's wife, Evelyn, who taught school at Burlington, Colo., died about a year ago.

While very content as a single woman, Young-Duell relied on her faith in God to lead her in life.

"I said, 'God, if there's somebody out there, you'll just have to throw him at me,'" Young-Duell joked remembering a prayer she'd said.

"Ben and I met at a Gaither concert," Young-Duell said. "My daughter-in-law, Holly Young, and son, Kirk Young, wanted me to attend a concert with them and Rich and Judy Epp. I thought if



Ben and Barbara Duell

they drove all the way to Denver for a concert, I better attend."

It was at that concert that the couple became reacquainted.

"He called me by my maiden name, Jeffus, and said, 'Wow, you look good, I'll be in touch,'" she said.

Barbara "Bobbie" Young and Ben Duell were married on May 29, and they plan to reside in Colby.

"We decided since I lived in Oberlin and he lived close to Goodland we'd sell our homes and buy one in Colby which is half way. Besides, I have kids here in Colby," Young-Duell said.

Together, the couple has 19 children, Duell having 15 children from his first marriage and Young-Duell having four from hers.

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