



Beulah Cemetery hit by vandalism

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Sometime Monday night or early Tuesday, vandals knocked over hundreds of headstones at Beulah Cemetery on Country Club Drive. Dale Deaver, chairman of the cemetery board, said 168 headstones had been pushed over or damaged. Most were two-piece stones with a base and a separate, upright marker. Deaver said vases on some headstones had been taken and thrown against the stone.

"It's real bad that we have this beautiful place out here and we have people who come along and destroy it," he said.

Police Chief Randy Jones said most of the stones had simply been kicked over. Police found shoe prints on the tops of the stones. Jones said since many stones are only glued down, it wouldn't take much force to topple one.

The vandals also took flowers out of the vases and threw them on the ground and damaged the directory, kept in a kiosk in the center of the cemetery.

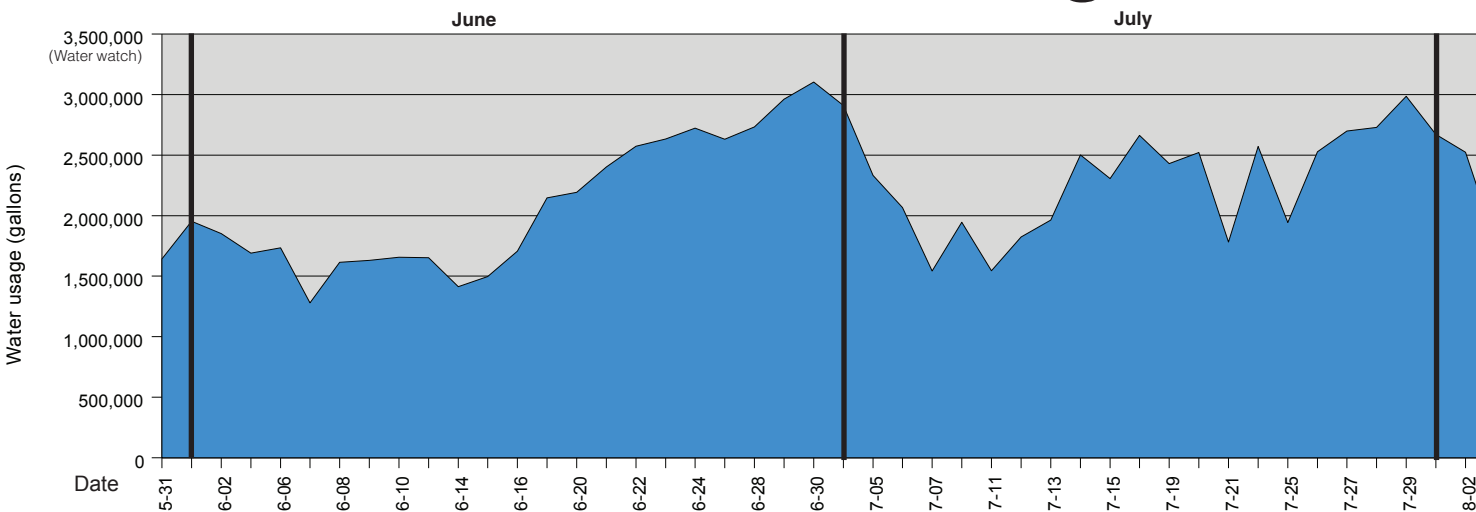
Deaver and the cemetery crew was surveying the damage Tuesday along with a steady stream of citizens checking their family headstones. The Police Department is investigating. Officers were at the cemetery throughout



Police Chief Randy Jones surveyed the damage at Beulah Cemetery on Tuesday. The cemetery board found 168 headstones that had been knocked over or damaged sometime Monday night or early Tuesday.

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Summer Water Usage



City water use stays below 'watch' level

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It's been a long, hot summer, but with plenty of rain, Colby residents haven't had to go on water rationing. In fact, it's been four to five years since that happened.

The city's Public Works Department monitors the total water use across the city during the summer, and although demand has spiked

several times, the city has not needed to impose water rationing or conservation. Water use rose steadily in late June, with a peak of 3.1 million gallons reported on June 30. The high temperature that day was 93 degrees. Use fell off after that, reaching a season-low 1.5 million gallons on July 7, before rising again to about 3 million gallons on July 29. The temperature reached 92 that day.

Public Works Director Chris Bieker said the rain has helped the city keep water use

down. "All these little bitty rains make all the difference," he said. "Then folks don't have to water their lawns."

At the end of July, the Colby area was more than an inch over the normal amount of rainfall. The Kansas State University Experiment Station recorded 14.39 inches of rain for the year on July 30. The

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College plans Welcome Week

The population of Colby will increase considerably beginning Sunday as Colby Community College students return to campus.

On-campus students will be moving into the dorms beginning at 10 a.m. that day. Financial aid, student accounts and the admissions offices will be open until 3 p.m. The campus bookstore also will be open for business.

Several activities have been planned for students, faculty, staff and community members during the first week.

A free barbecue for all students will begin at 5 p.m. on Sunday. New-student orientation is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. next Monday, with final registration beginning at 9 a.m. that day.

Students have two activities that evening, including a movie at Colby Cinema set for 7 p.m., followed by "extreme bowling" at the Colby Bowl until midnight.

Fall classes begin Tuesday, Aug. 17. The Colby Chamber of Commerce plans its annual Block

Party at 5:30 p.m. that day on the lawn north of the Student Union. Colby businesses, churches and organizations will have booths and information available. Dr. Max Pickerill, professor emeritus of chemistry, who retired last year after a 36-year career at the college, will be honored for his 85th birthday.

Mud volleyball competition will begin at 7 p.m. near the baseball field. The Wednesday, Aug. 18, welcome activity is an "Amazing Race" beginning in the union at 7 p.m. An ice cream social will follow.

The final activity of the week begins at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 19, with "Hometown Pride" at the union. Casino and "Minute to Win It" games are planned. Students are asked to wear something representing their home towns.

All Welcome Week activities are sponsored by the Student Senate.

Unknown Democrat challenges Rep. Moran in Senate race

By John Hanna
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LAWRENCE - Lisa Johnston is still enough of a mystery a week after winning Kansas' Democratic primary for the U.S. Senate that one prominent Republican activist couldn't come up with her name on

Tuesday. And U.S. Rep. Jerry Moran, the GOP nominee who's favored to win the Nov. 2 general election, has acknowledged that he doesn't know much about the 39-year-old college administrator who's opposing him.

Johnston, on leave from Baker Univer-

sity, agrees she's on an unconventional path for the U.S. Senate, having never run for office before. She entered the race long after Moran, using her home as a campaign office, while he spent \$4.5 million-plus to win a tough GOP primary.

She's an educator trained in psychology, and Moran is a lawyer, 17 years her

senior, with two decades in politics. He's emphasized a conservative voting record, while she says she admires President John F. Kennedy and Hillary Rodham Clinton's work as U.S. secretary of state.

Johnston is running in a GOP-leaning state that hasn't elected a Democrat to the Senate since 1932. Republicans expect to

do well this year because of voter frustration with President Barack Obama and fellow Democrats.

Yet Johnston believes she can make the race competitive because a new face will appeal to voters. She doubts the nation's

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Briefly

Coalition to meet for lunch
Join the Thomas County Coalition at El Dos Del Oros restaurant at noon Thursday for a chance to win a meal and become a partner in building a healthy community. For information, call Paige Campbell at 460-8177.

Colby High yearbooks available
Graduates may pick up their 2010 yearbooks from 10 a.m. to noon Friday at the Colby High School office. Students and others should pick them up during enrollment, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday in the high school commons. Extra yearbooks will be available for \$50. For information, call sponsor Donna Henry at 460-5300.

Vets may form chapter here
The Hays Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America will sponsor a meeting for Vietnam-era veterans at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, 220 N. Lake Ave, to discuss forming a Colby chapter. For information, call Jack Duncan at (785) 846-7678.

Volunteers needed for Relay
Relay for Life, an annual fund raiser for the American Cancer Society, needs teams and team captains for the relay, which is on for 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, at Fike Park. For information or to sign up, call Denise Stupka at 462-2122. The event has not been cancelled, she said.

Soccer signup closes Friday
Registration for American Youth Soccer Organization teams is open through Friday for anyone ages 4 1/2 to 19. Games begin Saturday, Aug. 21. For information, call Emily Griffin at 460-0647.

Heartland seeks young students
Heartland Christian School is accepting enrollment applications for preschool and kindergarten classes. Call (785) 460-6419 for information on the 2010-11 school year. The school is at 1995 W. Fourth Street in Colby.

Church plans carnival, picnic
The Colby Wesleyan Church will hold a free Kids' Carnival and Family Picnic with games, prizes and free supper from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 22, at the church, 320 W. Pine. Everyone is invited. Free

Tennis team to meet Friday
The Colby High School tennis team will have a parent and player meeting at 6 p.m. Friday in the high school commons. For information, call Jennifer Rall at 462-0320.

Sacred Heart enrollment Tuesday
Sacred Heart School enrollment will be from 8

