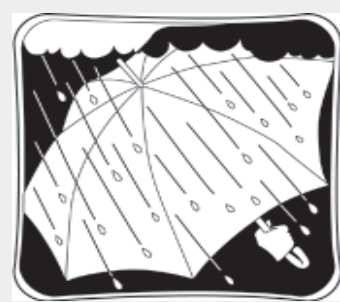


Weather Corner



More rain in the forecast

Tonight — Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy with a low around 51. Breezy with a north wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Saturday — Partly cloudy with a high near 71. North wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday night — Mostly clear with a low around 71. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday — Mostly sunny with a high near 74. West wind around 5 mph becoming south-east.

Sunday night — Partly cloudy with a low around 50.

Labor Day — Partly cloudy with a high near 77.

Monday night — Mostly clear with a low around 51.

Tuesday — Mostly sunny with a high near 79.

Temperatures
Thursday's high, 88
Low this morning, 59
Records for this date, 105 in 1911, 40 in 1908

Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00

September's precipitation, 0.32

Water Use Report
Thursday, Aug. 31
• 2,263,300 gallons
3.5 million = Water Watch.
4 million = Water Warning
4.5 million = Water Emergency

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

Briefly

Youth group's fruit orders arrive

The Sacred Heart CYO is delivering fruit orders today from 4 to 8 p.m. and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday in the parking lot of the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range Ave. All pre-orders are ready and some walk-ins can be accommodated for the Freestone peaches, Bartlett pears and Gala apples available.

School board meets Tuesday

The Colby School Board will meet at 7 p.m., Tuesday, at the administration building, 600 W. Third St. Items on the agenda include reports from all building supervisors and administration; continuing contract law; 2006-07 fundraising activities and out-of-district field trip requests.

Israel presentation planned

Two Colby residents, Gerry Anschutz and Joyce Hansen, recently returned from a trip to Israel and plan to hold a question and answer forum at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 27, at the First Presbyterian Church, 515 W. Fourth St.

Hansen and Anchutz were part of a Volunteers in Mission group that visited Beit Sahour in the West Bank and did some maintenance work at a school in Ibillin. For questions, call 462-6342.

Fans available for those in need

The Thomas County Sheriff's office and Thomas County Health Department in association with the Salvation Army have fans available for those in need. For questions on receiving fans, call Deputy Jane McDougal, 460-4570 or Kathy Ryan at 460-4596

Marathon bridge fundraiser nears

The American Association of University Women is once again sponsoring its Marathon Bridge Tournament from September through May as a fundraising event to help pay educational scholarships for Thomas County girls. Anyone interested in playing for this cause, said Sharon Kriss, one of the organizers, can call 460-2800 for details. In the 30 years the group has been sponsoring the marathon,

Kriss said more than \$20,000 has been raised.

School to start one hour late

Colby Public Schools will begin classes one hour late Tuesday, Sept. 5, said Superintendent Kirk Nielsen. The delayed start will allow staff time to work on their building level school improvement plans.

The next late start is Wednesday, Oct. 28. Parents may contact any school office at the following numbers: Colby Grade School, 460-5100; Colby Middle School, 460-5200; or Colby High School, 460-5300. The buses will run their normal routes only one hour later.

County closing for holiday

The Thomas County Courthouse and courts will be closed Monday for the Labor Day holiday. The county landfill will be open Saturday at its regular time and be closed Sunday and Monday.

The courthouse and landfill will open at its regular time Tuesday, Sept. 5.

Deadline nears for Colby College railroad tour

Colby Community College is offering a fall Colorado scenic railroad tour Sept. 17-23. Long-time Colby College instructor Roger Hale will be the tour director for the study expedition which leaves Sunday, Sept. 17, from the college campus.

Trip participants can earn one college credit while enjoying three railroad rides in the scenic fall foliage of Colorado.

The trip features a visit to Mesa

Verde, Great Sand Dunes National Monument, a trip through the Garden of Gods and a view of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison on day one.

The second day of the tour will include boarding the Royal Gorge Route Railroad for a 24-mile journey following the Arkansas River and Royal Gorge.

Day three will include a ride on the narrow gauge steam train on the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Rail-

road founded in 1880.

The third train ride will be on the famous Durango and Silverton narrow gauge railroad which follows the Lost Souls Canyon.

The tour will also include a trip to the Mesa Verde National Park, the visitor center at the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and a trip across the Uncompagne Plateau. The group will travel on a 45-passenger Prevost tour bus recently purchased by Colby College.

The bus includes tour seating, air conditioning and restroom facilities.

Cost for the study expedition is \$750 which includes the tuition and fees for the one credit-hour class. Participants must enroll in at least one credit hour of instruction. Students have the option of a letter grade or pass/fail grade.

Thomas County residents who are 65 and over qualify for the Senior Citizen Tuition Grant. Cost for

those students will be \$680.

The cost is based on double occupancy of two beds/two people to a room.

The tour cost is based on at least 30 paid students. It also includes all fees for the railroads, national parks and museums.

Six continental breakfasts, one lunch, two dished dinners and four buffet dinners are included in the fee.

For questions, call 460-2838.

Burglary suspect charged

By Jan Katz Ackerman
Colby Free Press

A Holcomb man has been charged with the April burglary of a Colby home.

Dusty Fief, 18, has been charged with breaking in to a home in the 400 block of South School sometime between 3:30 p.m. and 7:40 p.m. April 25.

Fief has also been charged with possession of stolen property valued at less than \$1,000 for allegedly having taken a Ruger 9mm handgun and a Norinco SKS rifle he knew had previously been stolen from Tracey Griffin, according to court records.

In addition, Fief is charged with criminal damage to property for an estimated value less than \$500 to the house during the break-in.

If convicted and, depending on

Fief's criminal history, the burglary charge is a severity level seven felony punishable by 11 to 34 months in prison and a fine up to \$100,000.

Possession of stolen property is a Class A nonperson misdemeanor punishable by one year in the county jail and a fine up to \$2,500. The criminal damage to property charge is a Class B nonperson misdemeanor punishable by six months in the county jail and a fine up to \$1,000.

Out of jail on a recognizance bond, Fief was scheduled to have a hearing today, but that has been continued with no date being set.

Colby man charged in sex crimes

By Jan Katz Ackerman
Colby Free Press

A Colby man has been charged in Thomas County District Court with two sex crimes committed against a woman unable to defend herself.

George H. Gentry, 79, has been charged with the alleged aggravated criminal sodomy of a woman physically powerless to protect herself, according to court records.

The attack is alleged to have

started at 6:30 p.m. July 30 while the victim was sleeping.

An investigation conducted by the Colby Police Department culminated with formal charges filed Aug. 22.

Gentry arrested Aug. 23 at an apartment in the 1100 block of South Franklin Avenue in Colby.

Aggravated criminal sodomy is a severity level two person felony punishable by a prison term between nine and 41 years and a fine up to \$300,000.

Gentry is also charged with ag-

gravated sexual battery of the same woman who is 16-years-old or older.

The second charge is also alleged to have been initiated while the woman was asleep.

Aggravated sexual battery is a severity level five person felony punishable by 31 months to 12 years in prison and a fine up to \$300,000. Gentry is in custody at the Thomas County jail. He is scheduled to appear in court for a preliminary hearing at 10 a.m., Tuesday.

Three youth alleged to have burglarized home

By Jan Katz Ackerman
Colby Free Press

Three 20-year-old men have been charged with the August break-in of a Colby home.

Theodore Juenemann, Kyle Jenkins and Stephen Mardock have been charged in Thomas County District Court for allegedly breaking into of a home owned by Cheryl Schwarz.

All three men, according to court documents, have been charged with burglary, a level seven person felony punishable by 11 to 34 months in prison and a fine up to \$100,000.

They have also been charged with the theft of a self-propelled push mower valued at less than \$1,000. Theft, a Class A nonperson misdemeanor, is punishable by one year in the county jail and a fine up to \$2,500.

All three are charged with one

count of possession of marijuana and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia, which are both Class A nonperson misdemeanors.

If convicted, and depending on their criminal history backgrounds, Juenemann, Jenkins and Mardock face the same sentence as the theft charge.

All three men were also charged with purchase or consumption of an alcoholic beverage by a minor, a Class C misdemeanor, carrying a sentence of one month in the county jail and a fine up to \$500.

Juenemann is out of jail on a supervised cash bond and is scheduled for a preliminary hearing Sept. 27.

Jenkins is out of jail on a supervised cash bond and is scheduled for a preliminary hearing Oct. 4.

Mardock is out of jail on a supervised cash bond and was scheduled for a preliminary hearing today, but that hearing has been continued with no date being set.

Teenager victim of crime

By Jan Katz Ackerman
Colby Free Press

A 24-year-old man has been charged with a sex crime committed toward a Colby teenager.

Lyle R. Herrman, residence unknown, according to court records, has been charged in Thomas County District Court with one count of indecent liberties with a child.

Herrman is alleged to have engaged in sex with a 14-year-old child on Aug. 20, and charges were filed against him Aug. 22.

If convicted, and depending on Herrman's criminal history, he faces between 31 and 136 months in prison and a fine up to \$300,000.

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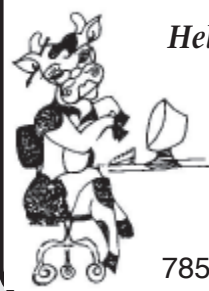
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