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while on Satur-

What is the old saying — "Situation normal, all fouled up?" I typed up a full page of news, went to print it, and the printer is on the fritz, so now I have to do it from memory.

If I tried to save all my articles and letters, I would be on my 10th computer now instead of my third one. So, if by chance you gave me some news that I haven't gotten in the column, I will apologize in ad-

One thing I do remember writing about is this gorgeous weather and beautiful rain we have been having. It is so wonderful to see puddles and green pastures, and all the animals just seeming to be so much happier, as well as the people. It is a real blessing to know that it can still rain.

The crops may not be relieved



subsoil moisture will benefit next day and Sunday, and although he year's crop. So it is good to hear the didn't make it to church on Sunday, rain is still in the forecast for later he did get to partake in the dinner afthis week and on into next week.

We made it to Wilson Lake on Sunday the 13th, planing on staying wanted to be able to enjoy the feluntil the 17th. After the wind and lowship. Following lunch, he was storm that went through on Monday night, the 14th, we decided that maybe we'd better head for home on Tuesday.

word that LaVelle had been taken much, or at least the wheat, but the back to the hospital. We thank at that, the decorations looked so



terwards.

Since it was Father's Day, he taken back to the hospital, where he is still recuperating. So, it was a busy week for the Michaels.

Didn't the cemetery look nice for It is good that we did because Memorial Day with all the flags, while we were on the road, we got crosses and flowers? I know the weather didn't cooperate, but even

for taking him out of their way to make sure things were as neat as they were.

> were able to get the flags and such up, and the folks that put up the crosses and all who decorated made a big difference on the appearance so that we could enjoy being there.

> Sometimes we forget that these places and events don't just happen; there are those who take the time to help make them go right, and those are the ones who volunteer their time and effort.

> Many thanks to each one of you folks who are so helpful in making our lives better.

On May 31, there was a grandson born to Bonnie and Shane Holm, a great-grandson to Joyce and Willis Crabtree. He is the son of Shanda and Rodney Solze of Utica.

The little fellow with all the rela-

and he weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces. He was welcomed by a big sister, Coleen and Marion Crumrine Tia Jo, who is about two years old. I got a peek at him yesterday, and he looks like a "keeper," and for sure, his great aunt Tanya thought so. Congratulations to the new parents.

> Clarice Blakely enjoyed the celebration for her 95th birthday on Saturday, June 19, at the Quality Inn in Colby. There were more than 75 family members present at the dinner in her honor.

Of her immediate descendants, all but three great-grandchildren fourth of July weekend, and I am were in attendance. They came from as far away as Pennsylvania, Texas, Montana and Wisconsin, as well as Kansas and Colorado. It is certain that Clarice will hold this day as one of her favorite memories.

On Sunday afternoon, Don and Wilma Horney were glad to have time.

Zelma Kinkade stately, and we know the folks went tives is named Trey Willis Solze, her nephew Jerry and wife Reva Bauman of Goodland as guests. Later, Pam and Jennifer Horney of Brewster and Jackie Sue Harmon (Pam's twin sister) stopped in to say "Hi.'

> The Mayer family had a reunion in Branson, Mo., during the weekend of the 19th, and several of the ones who attended stopped in Brewster for a short tour before heading home. There were about 75 family members on hand for this reunion also.

> This coming weekend will be the certain there will be other reunions. We pray they will be safe and that all who celebrate the Independence of this country will remember the sacrifices for our freedoms.

> Fly the American Flag proudly, and stay safe. We'll see you next

## 95-year-old woman helps foil jewelry store robbery in Colby

#### By Patty Decker

Free Press Editor Without the help of 95-year-old Sada Munkres, the co-owner of Donelan Jewelry, Bonnie Dinkel, said she wouldn't have been able to foil a robbery attempt at her store last Friday.

In fact, had the woman escaped. police said she would have gotten away with jewelry valued at \$3.500.

"It was a classic," Dinkel said today, as she and Munkres both struggled to stop a 30-year-old woman from leaving the store with

The theft occurred around 10 a.m., Friday, when a woman iden-Colby, walked into the jewelry store on Franklin, looking at some diamond rings, said Gary Shull, police department investigator.

Munkres, who was also in the store at that time, said she was in the said that when she called 911, she back area looking at some ring jackets as Horacek looked at the rings.

After a short time, Horacek appeared to have finished looking at

diately yelled to Horacek to give the rings back.

"I asked Sada to call 911," Dinkel tified as Teresa Ann Horacek, of said as she tried to hold the woman back from leaving. "Then Sada came back with her walking cane, dropped the cane and starting holding on to the woman too."

In all the commotion, Munkres didn't even think to grab her cane at that time, but instead just ran as fast as she could to telephone police.

"Bonnie and I held her back, but the diamonds and headed for the she still got outside," Munkres said. door, but it was Dinkel who noticed The two women continued to merchandise the woman hadn't two rings were missing and imme-struggle with Horacek once she got

outside, but within minutes police, other store owners and pedestrians were there to help out.

Although Munkres is okay today, she did say she injured her index finger on the left hand and her right hand hurt too.

"I don't know how I hurt the right hand, but I would guess it was from holding the lady," Munkres said.

"I guess I am okay as much as a 95-year-old lady can be," she said. "Of course, Friday night I didn't sleep a wink and Sunday I was too weak to go to church," which Munkres said is not something she misses very often.

Lightheartedly, Munkres also lance.<sup>3</sup> said she hadn't felt a burst of energy quite like that in a long time nor Dinkel and Munkres were okay. As would she have ever suspected she could run without her cane.

The Thomas County Emergency Medical Services responded; however, Shull said Munkres refused to be transported, but instead was taken by private vehicle to the medical clinic of her choice.

"I wanted to see Dr. (Victor) Hildyard and have him check my blood pressure and other injuries," she said, "but I can't see him at the hospital so I didn't take the ambu-

Other than a few scratches, both for her blood pressure, Munkres said today it was fine after the struggle with Horacek.

As for Horacek, Shull said she is being held in the Thomas County jail on suspicion of aggravated robbery (theft from a person by force and causing injury); two counts of battery and disorderly conduct.

The case is now with the Thomas County Attorney, who will consider filing formal charges against Horacek.

## Barn fire in Thomas County may have been electrical

#### By TISHA COX

Colby Free Press The suspected cause of a fire that destroyed a barn at Larry Maxwell's farm southwest of Colby on Wednesday night was probably due to an electrical problem of some sort, said Colby Fire Chief Bob McLemore.

"It could have been electrical," he said. "That's our best guess. Sometimes you don't know."

He said reports indicated the fire started on the side of the building which housed a stable area and the only sources there would have been light bulbs and an electric fence charger.

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got the call at 9:23 p.m. Wednesday. When they arrived, the barn was already in flames.

He said they had to get a loader to pull down the walls to try to con-help. tain the fire, which was accelerated by hay inside the barn.

knocked down," McLemore said, adding once they got the walls down, they had to get the hay out of the barn and spread it to try to extinguish it.

By 1:30 a.m., the hay was spread and the fire contained, although members of the department stayed all night to put out hot spots, which

McLemore said the department were still smoldering late Thursday morning.

> He said the investigation was completed by noon Thursday and the state fire marshal came out to

baler, as well as a horse in the barn.

The firefighters also received a little help during the fire. Betty Ryan, the office assistant at the Thomas County chapter of the American Red Cross, said the chapter's emergency response vehicle was McLemore said he wasn't sure of used during the fire to serve coffee the estimated value of the loss yet and to offer support to the "It took a long time to get the fire but the Maxwells lost a tractor and firefighters and the family affected by the fire.

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