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County employees warned about viewing porn at work

By DAVIE BROWDER
Managing Editor

Castro County Commissioners on Monday approved a strongly worded statement that will be posted in every office in the courthouse and sent out with each paycheck this

Commissioners approve \$1,500 to feed inmates

month. "We've had a router put in my office, which allows the court to see what employees are doing on county computers," said County Judge Bill Sava. "The stuff I found - and

I found a lot of it - is explicitly pornographic. And it's been an on-going problem. It's just uncalled for. If someone gets on one of the county computers and sees some of this material, we

could be subject to a lawsuit."

The letter reads in part: "Router records indicate employees have been using computers to download games, listen to music and

visit numerous other non-work related sites, including some that are sexually oriented and/or explicitly pornographic. Use of county equipment for such purposes is unacceptable and will not

be tolerated." According to the county's Employee Handbook, there are several unacceptable uses of electronic equipment listed. Those include: uses for purposes not directly related to the duties or

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The rains came - not enough, but still welcome

Depending on where you live in Castro County, you got rain last week - with as much as 2.38 reported at KDHN Radio. Elsewhere in the county, rainfalls ranging from .9 of an inch to better than an inch were reported. Above, Brian Ramaekers stands beside his no-till drill, which can be used for planting anything from wheat to milo. His machine was idle on this day due to the wet conditions, but he said he didn't mind having to take a day or too off for the rain. "I'll do it again if we get the rain we need," Ramaekers said. "I don't mind sitting still for that." And although the rain was welcome, farmers say they'll need eight or nine inches to get the soil thoroughly wet. At left, ominous clouds move through the area. On some days we just got thunder, but others, we got that badly needed rain.



Commissioners temporarily lift burn ban

The Castro County Commissioners Court on Monday lifted the burn ban for 72 hours, which means it expires at noon on Thursday, June 29. However, the court is set to meet again at 1 p.m. on Thursday to consider lifting it for a longer period, or if enough rain has fallen, to lift it permanently.

What this means is that until noon on Thursday, controlled burning of trash is permitted in areas where such burning is not prohibited by city ordinances, although open field burning continues to be banned. Welding restrictions are suspended for the same period of time. Outdoor cooking is not restricted.

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'Gathering on the Square' set for noon Monday

The public is invited to a "Gathering on the Square," at noon, July 3, Monday. Please come and help us as a community say "Thank You" to our Volunteer Firemen for the great job they are doing in protecting our community.

Don't get too carried away July Fourth or you'll wind up facing jail or a fine

By Davie Ann Browder
Managing Editor

The Castro County Commissioners Court is warning the public that while it can't ban the use of ALL fireworks, it has issued the most broad-based ban possible.

The county has said that no person can sell, detonate, ignite or in any way use fireworks classified under 49 CFR as "skyrockets with sticks" and "missiles with fins" in any portion of the unincorporated area of the county.

Anyone who violates the prohibition is committing a Class C misdemeanor.

At Monday's meeting, County Judge Bill Sava and the commissioners said

they want to discourage the use of fireworks because it is hazardous.

"If you go out in the countryside and into someone's field or pasture without their permission, you're trespassing," Sava said.

"If the owner asks you to leave and your refuse, it becomes criminal trespass. And if you stop and shoot off fireworks in the middle of the road, you're obstructing the roadway and that's against the law.

"People need to remember that we have a lot of fields that would burn easily and there are cows in some of those fields."



Gavel changes hands for Dimmitt Lions

Left to right: new officers: Rena London, treasurer; Kay Gfeller, secretary; Doricell Davis, vice-president; Lacey Acker, sweetheart; Frank Mendoza, new president; Marsha Cobb, out-going president and her daughter, Taylor.

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responsibilities of the county before, during or after normal duty hours and use of computers in a manner that is likely to cause network congestion or significantly hamper the ability of others to access and use the services and equipment.

"Now that it is possible for County Officials to review electronic files to ensure that electronic equipment is being used in compliance with the law and policy," the letter said, "employees are cautioned that periodic checks will be made. Employees who violate the county policies in the Personnel Policy Manual will be subject to discipline."

According to Sava, "depending on the severity of the situation, discipline may range from informal counseling up to an including immediate dismissal."

In other action, the commissioners were once again asked to approve more money for food expenses for the jail - a \$1,555 line item for prisoners meals. At their previous meeting, the commissioners approved more than \$2,000 for the same reason and the Sheriff's Department is over budget for the year.

"This has just become a game for the people in the Sheriff's Office," Sava said. "Now they say if we want them to cook, they need utensils - I asked how they cooked the more than \$30 worth of bacon and sausage they bought last month. They need to be serving sandwiches - and maybe buy a crockpot and cook beans and cornbread."

Also, Sava told commissioners that he had a list of people who have volunteered to serve on the Rail Board, but was told by Mayor Wayne Collins to hold off on appointments for now.

"I didn't want us to get into a position where we were told we were holding up the ethanol plant by not appointing rail board members," Sava said. "But it really is with the city, so if they tell us to hold up, I guess that's what we should do."

BURN

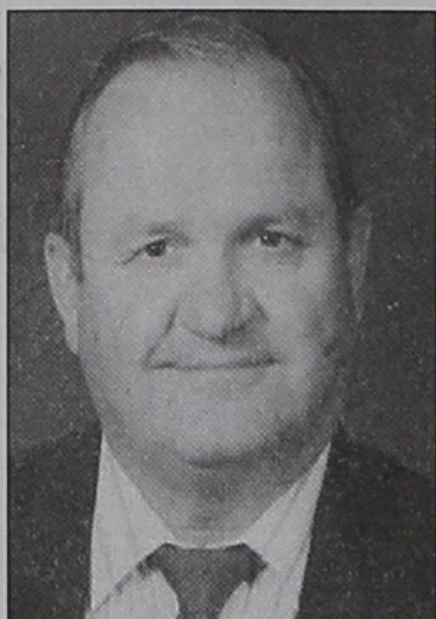
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However, commissioners urge those burning or welding to use safe practices and common sense.

Future modifications will be made as conditions allow. Contact County Judge Bill Sava's office at 647-4451 after noon Thursday to find out what action, if any, the commissioners take at the 1 p.m. meeting that day. If they don't lift the burn ban again, it will be back in place at noon Thursday with individuals who violate it subject to stiff fines.

Forum

Schools not keeping up with global changes



Digger Elam

According to the June edition of *School News*, the schools in our nation are not keeping up with global changes.

This edition calls for every school in America to strive to prepare its graduates to thrive in the 21st century.

Student studies must encompass not just mastery of core academic subjects, but also mastery of skills needed to compete in the 21st century.

Sounds great to me but just like all education specialist this group seems a bit short on how to

accomplish this goal.

In order to prepare our future graduates to compete in the 21st century, we must do a much better job as educators preparing our students to be problem solvers.

To be problem solvers, students must be taught at an early age to master the art of critical thinking.

This can't be done by continually giving multiple choice tests.

Our nation's schools must do a better job in preparing future graduates with the ability to communicate effectively.

Effective communication requires critical thinking and how to solve problems.

I propose that educators, teachers, and any persons working with students concentrate on skills required for the 21st century. Educators spend far too much time with the past.

I agree the past will tell you where you've been but we must continue to look ahead to the future where we are going.

I am convinced our future graduates will be able to compete and do well globally in the 21st century.

Kelo anniversary reminds us much work left to be done

BY BILL PEACOCK

Susette Kelo has lost the battle. And her home.

While there will be an outpouring of support for private property rights as the first anniversary of the Supreme Court's Kelo v. New London decision passes by, it will not help Ms. Kelo. The city council in New London, Ct., recently voted to evict her from her property. This is the last step

in the process to make way for a new master-planned community designed to boost tourism, commerce and tax revenue for the City of New London. It could feature amenities such as high-end condominiums, upscale restaurants and stylish retail outlets. It is not likely to feature Ms. Kelo, however. It is doubtful that she'll receive enough compensation for her home to afford one of the new

residences — perhaps even occupying her old lot — in these fashionable environs. Here in Texas, the same is probably true for many residents and small business owners in downtown El Paso. The City of El Paso recently unveiled its redevelopment plan for

downtown. With its stated goal "to become a leading American city," this is the Texas version of similar plans across the country including the one in New London. It portrays a vibrant renewed downtown El Paso as "the destination for new residential housing

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Fund set up for Pybus

A medical fund for Cheryl Pybus has been set up at First Bank of Muleshoe - Dimmitt.

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We Thank you so much for all your prayers, food, visits, cards, flowers and most of all for caring during Troy's surgeries. It is only through the answered prayers that each of you prayed for him that Troy lived and is doing very well. We consider that a Miracle. As a family we realize that we are very blessed to live in this community of people. Several of you prayed for miles around. God Bless Each and Everyone of You!

Troy & Billie Kirby & Family

Thank each and everyone of you for all the wonderful 60th Anniversary Cards we have received!!!

We have selections for the following showers:

Jade Vick
bride elect of Bryan Portwood

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July 8

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July 8

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ACROSS

- popular teen shoe
- TXism: "hot as ___ of mesquite coals"
- ex-Cowboy "shark-dancer" DB
- TXism: "ain't ___ hill for a stepper"
- TXn born between July 23 & Aug. 22
- civil rights org. in TX and elsewhere
- in Falls Co. on 77
- carrying concealed handguns has been ___ in TX
- TXism: "have to stand up twice to cast ___" (skinny)
- TX red ant (2 wds.)
- TXism: "that's a ___ lie"
- bluejeans brand
- Valley oranges grow on 'em
- Mavs were accustomed to this in '97-'98
- mission used as a fort by Col. Fannin
- boot width
- famous question about TV series "Dallas"
- TX Perot's old co.: Electronic ___ Systems
- TXism: "beats ___ thing I ever saw"
- TXism: "don't ___ big for your britches"
- this broke out in '93 Cowboys parade
- TXism: "table grazed"

DOWN

- TXism: "two-bit ___"
- ex-TCU coach Moe
- 1st name of 6-across
- a 6'9" ex-Cowboy
- TXism: "finished out of the money"
- once a common TX newspaper name (hyphenated words)
- TX Greg Abbott
- Coleman h.s. class
- the woman who loved Gus in "Lonesome Dove"
- TXism: "lead ___ cinch"

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ACROSS

- reaction to act of TX Steve Martin
- very small town near Beaumont
- last letter in alphabet
- state pride is the ___ of a true TXn
- Cowboy Bob Lilly's old position (abbr.)
- TXism: "sweet thang"
- state where Jimmy now lives (abbr.)
- TXism: "give me the ___ down"
- TX cosmetics queen Mary Kay
- Gene Autry birth-place in Grayson Co.

DOWN

- beginnings
- Yugoslavia leader in WWII
- "All ___ the mighty state!"
- TXism: "a sight for sore ___"
- fifth quarter in a Cowboy game (abbr.)
- TXism: "___ the mark"
- Antonio Lopez de Santa ___
- TXism: "hungry enough to ___ horse"
- TXism: "he's ___ to ride the river with"
- Hilton's 1st TX hotel: "a cross between a gold ___ a flophouse"
- TX moonwalker Bean
- "Pistol Packin' Mama" singer Dexter

WEATHER

	High	Low	Prec.	Snow
Tuesday	100	64		
Wednesday	99	62	.11	
Thursday	91	57	.99	
Friday	83	58	Trace	
Saturday	86	48	.36	
Sunday	85	57	.92	
Monday	77	54		

June Rainfall 4.08
2006 Rainfall 6.72
2006 Snow 1.00
Readings taken every day at 7 a.m. at KDHN, official National Weather Service recording station for Dimmitt.

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Hispanic Voice

with Angie Arguijo, 647-0106

Hola, como estan todos? Hello, how is everyone. Baby and I are doing great, he's stretching and kicking all over the place. It really is amazing to feel all those little movements inside of you. So, what does everyone think of the rain we've been getting? Let keep it comin' is all I can say. It sure has left behind some beautiful rainbows in the sky. Well, again, I didn't get any info for the column. No se les olvide que no puedo escribir the Hispanic Voice sin sus noticias. Don't forget that I can't write the Hispanic Voice without your news.

For all the coffee drinkers at Town & Country wondering how Robert Arguijo is doing, he's hangin' in there. He's been staying with his daughter Debbie and her husband Ray Sanchez in Hereford during his recovery. He's healing up slowly and can't wait to get back into his car and hit the streets. Please keep him in your prayers for a speedy recovery. Ya anda desesperado por venir a tomar cafe con todos sus amigos. He's anxious to come have a cup of coffee with all of his buddies.

I'd like to remind everyone to have a safe and fun Fourth of July. Remember, it's still pretty dry out there, so be very cautious. I don't think the burn ban has changed any due to the rain, but play it safe and call the Sheriff's Office at 647-3311 before lighting anything up.

I'm still waiting to hear about this year's ICC Jamaica. It's always a huge success and I'd love to help spread the word.

Que esta pasando amigos? What's going on friends? I need news for the column. I'd love to help you get your birthday and anniversary wishes out in a special way. Or, let me help you share all the fun details of your vacation with the community. Encourage your friends to send their info too. As always, keep the info coming to angie79027@hotmail.com, 647-0106 or 346-3882. Espero oír de ustedes muy pronto. I hope to hear from you soon.

Naz News

with Vergie Gerber, 945-2669

What a busy weekend again! The Home Mercantile Steak Supper and Benefit Raffle was held Saturday evening at 6 with a good crowd of people attending. The evening was great, cool and windless for the free concert in the Nazareth Family Park, given by Buddy and Tina Wright's band. Very enjoyable!

were: 1st - a couple's evening at the Olde Hotel in Dimmitt and massage went to Dana and Karen Gerber; second, Kenneth Wyatt Painting went to Dorothy Kleman and third: a meat Lover's Delight package went to Kim Dobmeier Hall of Canyon.

Florene Schulte was honored on her 75th birthday

Sunday with an "open house" at the Senior Citizens Center from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The party was hosted by her family: Greg and Karen Schulte, Stanley and Shelly Schulte and Rocky and Dianne Wilhelm.

A bridal shower, honoring Stacy Singleton, bride-elect of Jayson Burnam, was held Sunday afternoon at the

Home Merc from 1 to 3 p.m. Special guests were Stacy's mother, Tina Singleton of Bushland; and Jayson's Mother, Elaine Kern of Nazareth. Also, grandmothers Rita Kern of Nazareth and Ovella Post of Amarillo. Also a couples shower was held in Bushland Saturday evening at the home of Tina Singleton. Jayson and Stacy will marry Aug. 19 at Holy Family Church in Nazareth.

A bridal shower brunch, honoring Karen Wilhelm, bride-elect of John David Wanjura of Lubbock, was held June 3 at the home of Nancy Heinrich in Lubbock. Another shower was held in Tulia at the home of Anne Crooks. Karen is the daughter of Tim and Monica Wilhelm of Nazareth.

Mary Lou Schmucker recently returned from McKinney, where she spent a great week with her daughter, Natalie Kleman and family. Natalie and Chris are the proud parents of a son, Samuel Christopher, born June 8. He weighed 6-pounds and 10½-ounces. Sam has two proud big sisters, Maggie and Mollie. Grandparents are Dorothy Kleman and the late Alvin Kleman and Ray and Mary Lou Schmucker. Great-grandmother is Christina Hoelting.

Rosena Albracht of Amarillo was honored on her 90th birthday Saturday afternoon at the home of her grandchildren, Jackie and Charles Curl. Visiting took up most of the afternoon and then we were served delicious grilled hamburgers, homemade ice-cream and delicious birthday cake. Donnie Richardson entertained with his guitar and singing joined in by all. We later enjoyed watching a video of pictures of the Math Albracht families shown on a big-screen T.V. with many old songs of yesteryears!

Attending from Nazareth were Regina Hoelting, Mary Gerber, Tinie Hoelting, Mary Lou Schmucker and Alvina Gerber. Frances Gerber and Jerri Gerber also attended from Umbarger and Virginia and Debbie Gerber of Amarillo.

Sandeel Hoelting, Brenda See NAZ, Page 10

On The Go

with Susie Oliver, 647-5549

looking forward to having another big year of football especially with this being his senior year.

Jim & Ina Cleavinger went to Nolan, Texas on July 18 for Ina's "Lewis family reunion". There were 11 first cousins present, including the oldest cousin, who was born in 1918, while her father was stationed in France during WW1. A day of visiting was enjoyed by the group of 43 who met in the Divide-Nolan Community Center, which was the school where 20 of the cousins graduated between 1936 through 1970.

The big news around Nolan is the 400 wind turbines that have been put up this year by Florida Power & Light Co. The power generated by these turbines will go to the Dallas-Ft. Worth area. The turbines are 260 feet tall and the blades are 90 feet long. Quite a sight to see up close. It will be a great financial boost to this small farming community.

Just a reminder note about the Jamaica Event planned at the Dimmitt City Park on July 23, 2006 by the Catholic Church. You can buy \$5.00 Donation tickets from any of the Catholic Church members for the 4 prizes to be given away on that day. The Jamaica starts at 11:00am till closing and will be an old fashioned carnival of booths promising lots of fun for all ages. Bring out the entire family for a fun pack day of events and entertainment. The Donation ticket prizes are as follows: 1st - Backyard Playground Set, 2nd - Large BBQ Grill, 3rd - Refrigerated 1 room air conditioner and 4th - \$150.00 Home Interior Gift Certificate. Make sure to mark this on your calendar to attend.

Fred & Joyce Bolton have great news in their family. This last May a new addition to their family arrived by special delivery of adoption. He is their great-nephew born weighing in at 2 pounds. He has been named Seth Thomas Rochelle and was born in Austin, Texas and now weighs approximately 4 pounds and is holding his on temperature and is off of the respirator. What a blessing a new baby is

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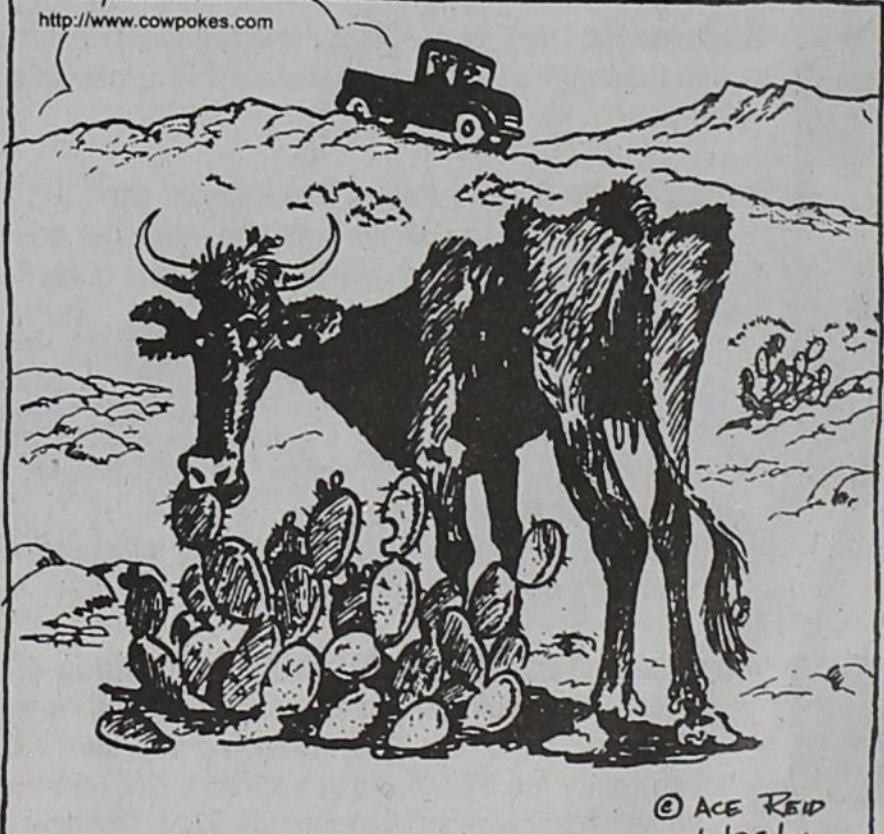
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College News

Lyndee Inez Behrends (DHS class of 2002), daughter of Earl and Donita Behrends of Muleshoe, graduated from Texas A&M University on May 13, 2006 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedical Science. She is currently working in the small animal clinic at Texas A&M University.

Three area students were named to the Honor Roll for the spring at Amarillo College. They were: Joe M. Aleman and Danny G. George of Dimmitt and Jeremy L. Acker of Nazareth.

Kelly Summers, wife of Curt Summers, formerly of

Dimmitt, was awarded the Most Outstanding Special Education Student at College of the Southwest in Hobbs, N.M. She was also nominated to Who's Who Among College Students and was on the President's List with a 4.0 GPA. She is a special education major and will teach in the fall and graduate in December of 2006. A resident of Seminole, she commutes to college.

Tanya Herring of Nazareth has been awarded the Cerestar U.S.A Inc. scholarship for the year 2006-2007. Tanya is currently a junior at West Texas A. M.U.

Amarillo College nurses conducted ceremonies recently pinning 74 program graduates. Graduating from Dimmitt with a GPA of 3.0 or higher is Angelita Silva Sandoval. Also from Dimmitt graduating from the program is Crystal Angelina Ontiveros.

Who's New

Cody and Anessa Myrick of Hart are the parents of a new baby girl, Summer Clementine, born on Monday, June 19, 2006, at 9:10 p.m. at Lakeside Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. She weighed 7-pounds and measured 20.25 inches long. She was born on the same date as her big sister, Caroline Kate, who celebrated her second birthday Monday, June 19, 2006. Grandparents are JD. And Freddie Sue Myrick of Hart and Ben and Mollie Scott of Dimmitt. Nola Myrick of Friona is a great-grandmother.

DMS Awards

Dimmitt Middle School Awards and Honors
 A/B Honor Roll Second Semester:
 Fifth grade: Gabriela Aguilar, Selena Aguilar, Anthony Almanza, Clarissa Anes, Francheska Birdwell, Liliana Castillo, Carolyn Collins, Arielle Correa, Maegan Davis, Nicole Espenson, Cinthia Fuentes, Ivan Fuentes, Gabrielle Galvan, Alyssa Hernandez, Kelly Jackson, Mabel Lujan, Jeraldo Lule, Vannesa Marquez, Don Martinez, Luis Martinez, Raul Martinez, Roxana Medina, Seth Merriman, Cristobal Moran, Isidro Ortega, Veronica Porras, Adam Quiroz, Gabriel Ramirez, Alonso Sanchez, Kristarae Silva, Shekana Thomas, Kolton Timms, Erika Velasquez, Arthur Villarreal, Christine Wait, Tohme Woolbright.
 Sixth grade: Jessica Bradley, Ignacio DeLaCruz, Johnny Ray Dones, Karina Dozal, Gustavo Garcia, Meranda Garcia, Tanner Gilbreath, Eduardo Grado, Juan Hernandez, Marissa Jackson, Andrew McCay, Alma Melendez, Adam Reinart, Diego Rivera, Juan Rosalez, Nallely Salas, Caitlan Tackett, Josslene Torres, Mario Velasquez, Ryan Wilcox, Nathan Willian.
 Seventh grade: Brianda Aguero, Javier Ayala, Jonathon Casas, Ana Castillo, Melinda Chaparro, Oscar Chavez, Cody Collins, Larissa Corral, Carrie Gilly, Melissa Gomez, Guillermo Gonzales, Devin Hernandez, Victoria Hinojosa, Phylissa Kinser, Alexandra Lara, Juan Martinez, Rodolfo Martinez, Anahi Mendoza, Jesse Miller, Gracie Ortega, Monica Paz, Josue Quiroz, Liset Soto, Maria Stillman, Luis Velasquez.
 Eighth grade: Clarissa Acevedo, Nicolas Aguilar, Ivonne Alvarado, Jeffrey Bishop, Travis Culver, Eric Fuentes, Dustin Gilbreath, Nuria Marquez, Marissa Martinez, Valerie Martinez, Irashema Medrano, April Munoz, Yareli Olmos, Adolfo Perez, Valeria Quiroz, Brenda Salas, Keila Schilling, Miguel Zepeda.
 A Honor Roll Final 2005-06
 Fifth Grade: Elida Bonilla, Lauren Carpenter, Carolyn Collins, Carley Gilbreath, Devin Gunstream, Lenzie Loudder, Shelby Reed, Gino Saucedo, Kathryn Taylor, Melissa Welch.
 Sixth Grade: Manuel Acevedo, Monique Aleman, Katy Aljoe, Haley Bonilla, Brittany Enriquez, Lucero Galvan, Juana Garcia, Carter Hill, Brittany Lindley, Brennan Lytle, Candace Munoz, Kelsey Schilling, Jesslyn Smith, Carsyn Steffens, MorgAnne Thompson, Ryan Wilcox.
 Seventh grade: Karina Abrego, Heloise Cillie, John Hazel, Terence Hernandez, Nikki Lara, Shea Myatt, Kade Riddle, Geena Steffens, David Underwood.
 Eighth grade: Cailee Gilbreath, Jill Miller, Caleb Penney, Martin Puga, Kassi Riddle, Alisha Whitaker.
 Fifth grade, Miss Perkins: Outstanding Achievement: Arthus Villarreal, Lenzie Loudder. Third-place Science Fair Projects: Devin Gunstream, Lenzie Loudder, Clarissa Anes; Second-place Science Fair Projects: Mayra Hernandez, Roxana Medina, Kristarae Silva. First-place Science Fair Projects: Carolyn Collins, Erika Velasquez, Katy Taylor.
 Fifth-Grade social studies: Adam Quiroz, Katy Taylor.
 Citizenship: Jose Rodriguez, Carly Gilbreath.
 Fifth-grade math awards for high achievement: Lauren Carpenter, Melissa Welch, Luis Martinez.
 Fifth-grade English Writing Excellence: April Rivera, Ivan Fuentes, Israel Machado
 Fifth-Grade spelling excellence: Armando Ortega, Carolyn Collins
 Fifth-Grade reading: Top Fifth-Grade Girl: Devin Gunstream
 Top Fifth-Grade Boy: Gino Saucedo
 Reading Excellence: Shelby Reed, Elida Bonilla, Seth Merriman
 Sixth-Grade Awards
 English: Top ELA students
 First period: Nallely Salas; Second period: Alma Melendez; Third period, Caitlan Tackett; Fourth period: Nacho DeLaCruz; Fifth period: Jessica Bradley; Sixth period: Kelsey Schilling.
 Best Writer: Brittany Enriquez;
 Best Speller: Hany Lindley
 Most Improved: Abby Olivero
 Sixth-Grade Math
 UIL Math Contest: Nacho DeLaCruz, Jesslyn Smith, Monique Aleman (sixth place), Brittany Enriquez.
 Number Sense: Kelsey Schilling, MorgAnne Thompson, Katy Aljoe, Haley Bonilla.
 Sixth-grade math hardest worker: Tanner Gilbreath, Jessica Bradley, Josselene Torres.
 Sixth-grade Top Math: MorgAnne Thompson, Brittany Enriquez, Gus Garcia, Juan Hernandez, Carsyn Steffens, Alma Melendez, Nallely Salas
 Sixth-grade science: Manuel Acevedo, Lucero Galvan
 Top sixth grade scholars: Jesslyn Smith, Katy Aljoe
 Sixth-grade hardest workers: Josselene Torres, Juan Hernandez
 Sixth-grade reading awards:
 Highest average: Jesslyn Smith

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- 3rd Annual Strong Arm Wrestling Competition** - This year's contest begins at approximately noon and features 4 divisions: Junior Div. 9-12 (entry fee \$5), Junior Div. 13-15 (entry fee \$7.50), Adult Women's Div. (entry fee \$20) and Adult Men's Div. (entry fee \$20). Trophies will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place in each junior division and all participants will receive a participation medallion in the junior division. Trophies and monogrammed t-shirts for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded in the adult divisions. All participants in the adult divisions will receive a free t-shirt with an arm wrestling logo on it. Deadline to enter either junior division competition is Monday, July 3, at 5 pm. Deadline to enter either adult division is Tuesday, July 4, at 10 am. All money raised will be used to erect a memorial to honor the memory of Noe Anzaldua.
- Barnwood Decor by David Talley of Slaton** - Carolyn's is excited to introduce a new artist this July 4th. David takes wood from old barns and turns it into wonderful western/Texas decor — benches, lamps, candle holders, etc. — all with a rustic, deep wood charm!
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CHURCH NEWS

Freedom

Freedom is the foundation of our nation, it's the reason behind the patriotism and pride we have in our country. God has given us this freedom.

We are free to live as we wish in accordance with the laws of the land. Our government is run by the people, who we put into power, through the voting system. The public has a great impact upon who is chosen to run the nation. I say all this to bring out the fact that we are a free nation. Our nation is all about "freedom."

Today I want to discuss the Christian and their freedom. Just how "free" are we as Christians? Can we jump in with society and do as we please? We all have asked these questions in some form or another as we live in the "free world."

I want to challenge you to think about your freedom and how you live. There are times in our lives when we get caught up in the winds of freedom and begin to abuse it as a Christian should not do. We are told to live as free men, yet not to abuse it. It is not to be used as a

cover up for evil (1 Peter 2:16). Meaning that our freedom is not to be used for our fleshly wants and desires, but rather for service to God.

Our submission to civil authority is not to live in fear, but rather obey the laws of the land for the Lord's sake.

We will comply with the laws of the land because we are servants of the Lord, not mere slaves of men.

The only true freedom for mankind is being a servant of God. Other so called freedoms are only temporal and will in time fall. (Kelcy, pg. 57)

What is the meaning of all this? We are a blessed people, a blessed nation. Let's be thankful for the "freedom" we have in Christ and live out our Christian lives in "respect" to our nation.

Our purpose is to serve the Almighty God, as we live in a free nation. Freedom is yours my friends!

Trent Tanaro is the Youth Minister at Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ, Dimmitt.

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Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

THE PROPHETS AND POLITICS!

DURING THE YEARS OF THE DIVIDED KINGDOMS, JUDAH AND ISRAEL, THEIR DAYS OF GLORY OVER, WERE HEAVED IN BY ENEMY STATES ON ALL SIDES! THE KINGS, EACH IN HIS TURN, APPEALED TO PROPHETS FOR HELP. BEING A PROPHET IN THOSE DAYS ENTAILED MORE THAN JUST A PASSING KNOWLEDGE OF CURRENT POLITICS! WAS SYRIA AT ODDS WITH EGYPT? DID BABYLON HAVE ITS EYE ON ASSYRIAN TERRITORY? WERE THE MEDES LIKELY TO FORM ALLIANCE WITH MOAB? THESE QUESTIONS HAD TO BE WEIGHED CAREFULLY, FOR JUDAH AND ISRAEL WERE SQUEEZED BETWEEN POWERFUL STATES....

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Obituaries

WORTH JONES

Services for Worth Jones, 92, of Amarillo, and formerly of Dimmitt, were at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 24, 2006, at Grace United Methodist Church in Plainview with the Rev. Rusty Dickerson of Amarillo officiating. Burial was a Plainview Memorial Park in Plainview.

Mr. Jones was born Sept. 25, 1913, in Clarendon. He married Othella Rousser on July 13, 1935, in Plainview. She preceded him in death on Dec. 2, 2000. Survivors include two daughters, San Rhodes of Amarillo and Jeton Edge of Denver, Colo.; one son, Weldon Jones of Hart; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one sister, Hazle Fields of Jacksonville. He was preceded in death by his wife; and his parents, C.B. and Rudy Jones.

Mr. Jones was a long-time member of the Methodist Church in Hart, where he was a board member; Tulia, and Dimmitt. He farmed and raised cattle at Hart from 1945-1976, where he also owned and operated a farm supply store.

In early 1976, he moved to Tulia, where he continued to farm and raise Angus cattle until retiring in 1996.

After retiring, he moved to Dimmitt, where he lived until moving to Amarillo several years ago.

He was a board member and trustee in the National Farmers Organization; served as president of the Greater West Texas Angus Association; a member of the American Angus Association; and the Texas Farm Bureau.

He also served as a director of the Texas Grain Sorghum Producers Board and he was a member of the Lions Club.

The family suggests memorials be made to: BSA Hospice; P.O. Box 950; Amarillo, TX. 79276 or you local United Methodist Church.

Summertime tax tips

DALLAS — Summertime may be get-away time, but you can't get away from the tax implications that accompany most financial matters. Being aware of the tax issues — and preparing yourself for some tax breaks — sure beats putting your head in the sand, even if you are at the beach. So check out these tips for newlyweds, working students, parents with children at day camp, and moving ... and have a great summer!

Advice for Newlyweds

It may not be high on the list of wedding planning activities, but there are a few, simple steps that can help keep tax issues from interrupting newly-wedded bliss. There are some practical things to attend to when the honeymoon's over and you get your feet back on the ground.

* Report any name change to the Social Security Administration, so your name and social security number will match when you file your next tax return.

* Report any address change to the U.S. Postal Service — they'll forward your mail and let IRS know. You may also notify the IRS directly by filing Form 8822, Change of Address.

* Report any name and address changes to your employer to ensure receipt of your paychecks and Form W-2 during tax season.

* Check your withholding status using the automated "IRS Withholding Calculator" available on the "Individuals" page at IRS.gov Web site.

* Consider whether you'll file joint or separate tax returns.

* If you're buying a home, find out which expenses may be deductible and which are not.

Tips for Working Students

All employees have income tax withheld from their pay, right? Not necessarily. You may be exempt from withholding if:

* you can be claimed as a dependent (usually on a parent's return),

* your total 2006 income will not be over \$5,150,

* your unearned income (interest, dividends, etc.) will not exceed \$300, and

* you had no income tax owed for 2005.

You'll still have to pay Social Security and Medicare taxes, but skipping unnecessary income tax withholding will put more money in your pocket now. Read Form W-4 carefully before filling it out for your employer.

If customers tip you, those tips are taxable. You must keep track of the amounts, include them on your tax return, and — if they total \$20 or more in a month — report them to your

employer by the middle of the next month.

Check-out IRS Publication 531, Reporting Tip Income, IRS Publication 1872, Tips on Tips (for food or beverage industry workers), and Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate (with worksheets to figure how many allowances to claim).

Summer Day Camp

Many working parents must arrange for care of their younger children under 13 years of age during the school vacation period.

A popular solution — with favorable tax consequences — is a day camp program. Unlike overnight camps, the cost of day camp counts as an expense towards the child and dependent care credit. Of course, even if your childcare provider is a sitter at your home, you'll get some tax benefit if you qualify for the credit. Check-out IRS Publication 503, Child and Dependent Care Expenses.

Job-Related Move

Moving expenses may be deductible if your move is job-related and you meet certain tests. If your employer reimburses you for moving expenses, that amount may be taxable income.

Generally, up to \$250,000 of gain (\$500,000 filing jointly) from the sale of your home is not taxable. New homeowners, be aware that mortgage interest, points and real estate taxes may be deductible.

For more details and information see IRS Publication 523, Selling Your Home, and IRS Publication 521, Moving Expenses.

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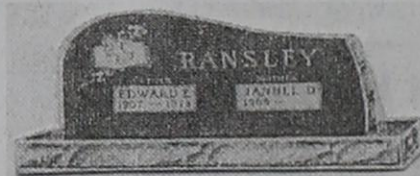
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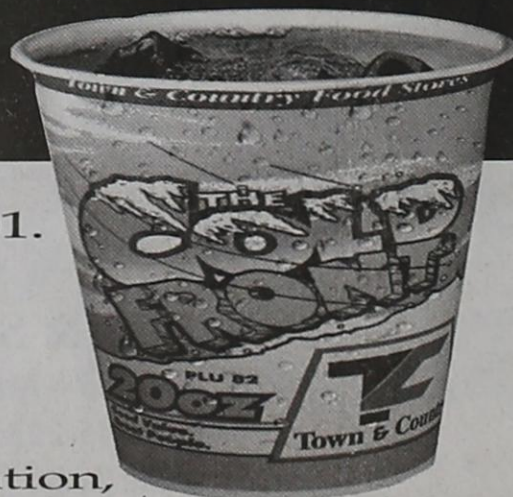
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What's the Law

Q. I have five brothers and sisters. Some of us are on better terms with our father than others. Our mother passed away last year and left everything to our father. I have been told that if my dad dies, the law requires my father's estate be divided equally between all the children. Is this true?

A. If your father dies without a will, his estate will be divided between all of his children. With a will, however, he has the right to dispose of his property any way he wants. For example, he can leave all of his property to his children in unequal shares, or can leave some of the children all the property and others none. In fact, the law does not require he leave any of his property to his children. The bottom line is that under Texas law, a person has the right to leave property to whomever he or she wants. The important thing is to have a will clearly spelling out how you want your property distributed after your death.

Q. My brother helps my mother with her finances. Do I have any right to know how she is spending her money?

A. As long as your mother is competent, she can spend her money what ever way she wants. She also has the right to have your brother assist her, and neither she nor your brother has any obligation to tell you how the money is spent. It may make sense for families to talk about financial matters, but there is no obligation to do so.

Q. My father and his second wife live in my father's house. Can he leave the house to me in his will, or must he give a part of it to his wife?

A. Assuming that the house was owned before he remarried, it is your father's separate property and he may leave it to whomever he wants. If he leaves the house to you, however, his wife has the right to live there as long as she wants. Basically, you will own the house, but she has the right to remain there.

Q. How is child support computed? Does the court

look at things like overtime pay, and "extra" income?

A. **Child support is computed from all "net resources."** This basically includes any income received from any source. It includes overtime pay, and any other income from any source, including things like rent, interest, dividends and even gifts and prizes. The amount is reduced, however, by any taxes or social security that is paid.

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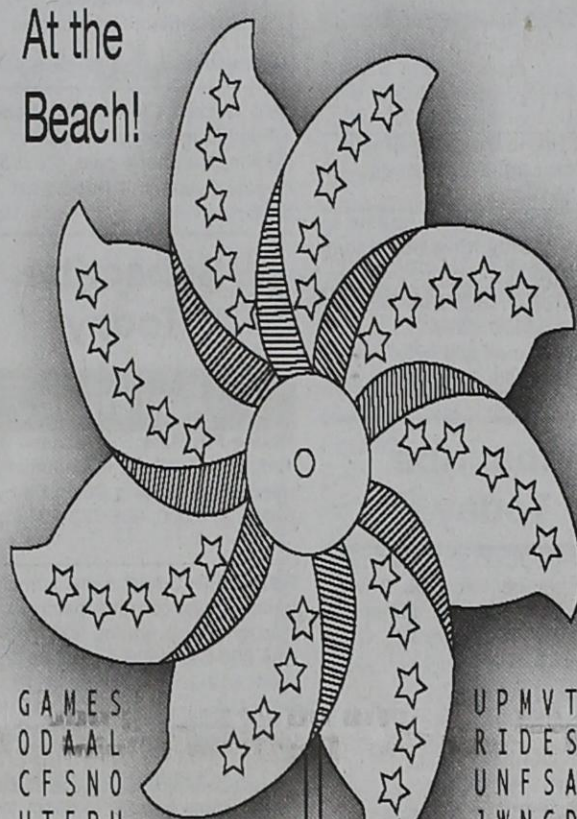
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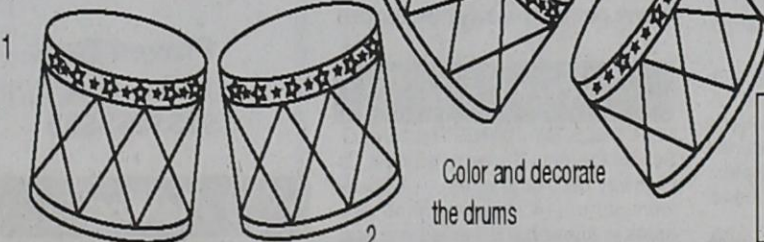
Can you find and circle all the words that describe the fun at the beach?

games
 pinwheels
 Uncle Sam

flags
 concert
 hotdogs

cheers
 bonfires
 fireworks

Help find Forest's drum for the parade. Three of the drums belong to his school and are exactly alike. Can you study the drums and find one that is different?



Color and decorate the drums

How are Americans celebrating the Fourth of July? What are you doing? Can you fill in the crossword puzzle with the first word of each clue below to find out some ways in which we are celebrating?

At Home!

Can you find and circle at least 10 words that end with the letter "y"?

reading	riding
swimming	marching
singing	hanging
watching	picnicking
entering	raising
listening	visiting

- _____ to speeches of freedom
- _____ to cool off
- red, white and blue bunting from buildings
- _____ the Declaration of Independence
- _____ a pie eating contest
- _____ decorated bicycles
- _____ places, battlefields and buildings where people fought for liberty
- _____ in the parade
- _____ fireworks light up the sky
- _____ patriotic songs
- _____ our country's flag
- _____ with our family and friends

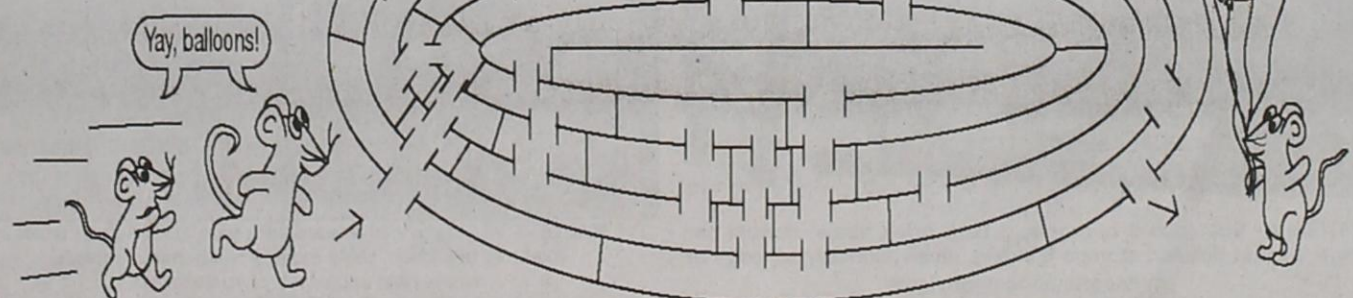
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shopping, night-life, families and visitors [and] a culturally important place with an area dedicated specifically for U.S./Mexico art." In order to make room for the "new" El Paso, the plan calls for the demolition of many buildings within a 127.5 acre tract.

The problem is that most of the El Pasoans who live, work and own property in the area were not asked if they thought this was a good idea. The plan relies heavily on amassing an inventory of tracts of various sizes that can be used to attract developers and retailers to the area. The proponents of the plan need the land, whether or not the current owners and residents are interested in selling. In a free market, this wouldn't be a problem. Either the buyers and sellers would negotiate a price that satisfies everyone, or the developers would devise plans to work around the properties of those owners who didn't want to sell. But in the case of this plan, just like New London's, the city of El Paso will be able to exercise the right of eminent domain to seize the property of those who do not wish to sell and relocate. These might include the owner and residents of the Pablo Bay apartments, where the first novel of the Mexican Revolution was published in 1915. Or the owners of Starr Western Wear and the Juarez Boot store. Or apartment residents in the historic Segundo Barrio. These buildings are all in the demolition zone, even though they currently provide affordable housing and space for

thriving businesses. It is just that they are not exactly the type of housing or businesses that the city and the Paso del Norte Group — the plan's private sector backer — are looking for. In response to the Kelo decision, various committees of the Texas Legislature are studying how to restore the private property rights of Texans stripped out of the U.S. Constitution by the Supreme Court.

While there are many abuses of eminent domain to be addressed, there would be no better place for Texas policy makers to start than by eliminating the practice at the core of urban redevelopment plans like those in New London and El Paso. It is simply wrong to take private property from one person and give it to another who is politically connected, on the promise they will generate increased tax revenues to fill the cities' coffers.

By stopping this practice, the property rights movement Ms. Kelo awakened during her courageous fight could still prove victorious for men and women in downtown El Paso and across Texas.

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DMS

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Highest average: Carter Hill
 Highest reading lab average: Kelsey Schilling
 Most Improved reading techniques: Albert Martinez, Jorge Agüero
 Hardest TAKS workers: Josslene Torres, Juan Hernandez
 Most Creative reader and play actor: Katy Aljoe
 UIL Ready Writers: fourth place: Brennan Lytle; fifth place, Candance Munoz; participant, Marissa Jackson
 UIL Spelling: Fourth-place district team: Andres Rodriguez, Michael Oliviero, Brittany Lindley, Brittany Enriquez
 Social Studies awards: Most Outstanding: Carter Hill
 Most Improved: Ignacio DeLaCruz
 Choir Awards:
 Sixth Grade: Katy Aljoe, Josh Garcia, Juan Hernandez, Brennan Lytle, Andrew McCay, MorgAnne Thompson, Nathan William
 Seventh-Grade: Melissa Gomez, Crissa Gargis, Alex Lara, Nikki Lara, Daniella Oliviero, Monica Paz, Katrice Perez, Angel Ramirez, Stephanie Reyes, Emily Rodriguez, Ysela Trevino.
 Eighth-Grade: Gilbert Bautista, Uannin Marquez, April Munoz, Valeria Quiroz, Virginia Reyes, Courtney Spencer.
 Seventh-grade awards
 Commended in English: Karina Abrego, Anthony Fernandez, Carrie Gilly, John Hazel, Alex Lara, Juna Martinez, Rudy Martinez, Shea Myatt, Kade Riddle, Geena Steffens, Ysela Trevino.
 Outstanding Young Man of the Year: Kade Riddle
 Outstanding Young Woman of the Year: Geena Steffens
 UIL Spelling: seventh grade: Geena Steffens, first; Karina Abrego, sixth.
 General Mechanics - Most Outstanding
 Seventh Grade: Kade Riddle, David Underwood, Rudy Martinez, Gary Gil.
 Eighth Grade: Caleb Penney, Travis Culver, Jeffrey Bishop, John Lopez
 Seventh-grade math: Hardest worker: Joseph Barrios
 Outstanding Students: Shea Myatt, John Hazel, Oscar Chavez, Brianna Agüero, Rudy Martinez, David Underwood, Tori Hinojosa

Seventh-grade reading awards:
 Hardest Workers: Jessica Martinez, Daniel Ramos, Elida Favela
 Commended on Test: Karina Abrego, Jonathon Casas, Heloise Cillie, Carrie Gilly, John Hazel, Shea Myatt.
 Seventh grade science awards: Highest Average: John Hazel, Geena Steffens, Kade Riddle, David Underwood, Shea Myatt, Karina Abrego, Heloise Cillie.
 UIL Science: Seventh-grade team placed second: David Underwood, first; John Hazel, Jonathan Casas, Kade Riddle
 Hardest Worker: Maria Esqueda
 UIL Maps, Charts and Graphs: Kade Riddle, first place; Heloise Cillie, fourth place; and David Underwood. The seventh grade team took first place.
 Outstanding Texas History student: Geena Steffens.
 Eighth-grade:
 UIL Dictionary Skills: Caleb Penney, second place; UIL Team, second place: Caleb Penney, Kassi Riddle, Travis Culver, Cailee Gilbreath.
 Reading: Hardest worker: Irashenic Medrano; Most Improved: Jackie Ramirez; Reading Lab: Cailee Gilbreath
 Eighth-grade English awards:
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 Hardest Workers: Clarissa Acevedo, Ashley Almanza, Travis Culver, Eric Fuentes, Elizabeth Jackson, Cruz Maldonado, Irashema Medrano, Yareli Olmos, Keila Schilling, Miguel Zepeda.
 UIL Awards: Ready Writing: Keila Schilling, Jill Miller, Caleb Penney, Miguel Zepeda.
 Impromptu Speaking: Keila Schilling, sixth-place; Jill Miller and Cailee Gilbreath.
 Modern Oratory: Jill Miller, second.
 UIL Maps, Charts and Graphs: Jill Miller, Travis Culver, Reba Fowler, Jeff Bishop
 Outstanding History students: Jill Miller, Caleb Penney, Eric Fuentes.

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Community Calendar

Photography exhibit at Annual German Festival

The photography exhibit "Where the Spirit Left" will debut during the 34th Annual German Festival in Nazareth, on July 8. The show, by Lubbock based poet-photographer Melinda Green Harvey, features digitally-manipulated images of roadside crosses or shrines, and poems relating to the images. The show will be in the Home Mercantile Building in Nazareth, and will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 8. There is no charge for admission. Exhibit coordinator Darryl Birkenfeld says, "Melinda has taken objects that most of us barely notice — roadside crosses — and given us powerful images that will forever change how we think about these memorials." Regarding her work, Ms. Harvey says she believes a seed of the project was planted during a childhood trip to Mexico, when she visited a roadside shrine and was captivated by what she saw. She began photographing roadside crosses in 1998. "Until early 2005, I wasn't even sure why I was stopping when I saw

a roadside cross," she explains. "I didn't know where the crosses were leading me. This project — photos and poems — is what emerged." Information on Ms. Harvey's work can be found at www.wherethespiritleft.com. The show will be in place through Sept. 4. The Home Mercantile will be open on Mondays and Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. It can be open by appointment by phoning 806-945-2211. For more information contact Darryl Birkenfeld at 806-938-2529 or Melinda Harvey at 806-535-3860.

Springlake Fourth of July Celebration

The Springlake Fourth of July Celebration begins at 6 p.m. on Hwy 385. Lineup will begin at 5:15 p.m. The public is invited to bring bicycles, floats, antique tractors and antique cars and participate in the parade. Immediately following the parade there will be activities at the park on Hwy. 70 West including: parade awards, pioneer dinner, cake auction to benefit the Springlake Volunteer Fire Department, quilt to be auctioned and various other items, Guyle Roberson Band will provide the music; hamburger-hot dog supper served on a donation basis to benefit the Springlake Volunteer Fire Department and a fireworks display at dark - no personal fireworks will be allowed. All freezers of homemade ice cream and desserts welcomed. Bring you lawn chair and enjoy the Fourth of July.

Fourth of July in Muleshoe

This year's Independence Day celebration in Muleshoe just keeps getting bigger and bigger thanks to the addition of new events such as cow patty bingo, a hot dog and hot wing eating contest and Mexican-farmer rodeo. "There will truly be something for everyone in Muleshoe on the Fourth," said chamber board vice-president Leah Bell. "No one is getting left out of the fun!" Caprock Dairy and Scott's Car Wash have made cow patty bingo a reality this year. The event is a fund raiser for the chamber building loan. At the city park, 2,500 squares will be marked off in a grid pattern, each with a specific letter designation. Each square will be sold for \$10 prior to 6 PM on the Fourth. Once 6 p.m. hits, "Milley" the cow will be allowed to graze within the limits of the grid. Her job is simple — do what comes naturally, provide the "patty," and in doing so decide who wins the possible \$5,000 first prize award. "Milley" will also choose the \$1,000 and \$500 second and third place prizes in the same manner. A judge will be on hand to settle any dispute about possible ties.

His or her word will be final. If for some reason, "Milley" can't produce under pressure, after the 8 p.m. time limit, all names of donors will be placed into a box and the winners will be picked by hand. "The prize amounts depend on the number of tickets sold," said Bell. "We want to award the full amount, but need every ticket to sell." If all tickets are not sold, the first place prize will be 20 percent of the total amount collected, with second and third being four and two percent respectively. Tickets for Cow Patty Bingo can be purchased from the chamber office at 115 E. American Blvd. and will be

available (if not pre-sold) at the park on the Fourth. Also new this year will be the Mexican-Farmer Rodeo being put on by Allen Scott at David Allen Arena, 3 miles east of Muleshoe on Hwy. 84. At 2 p.m., everyone is invited to participate in the "Fastest Farmer on a 4-Wheeler" contest. Entry fee is \$10 which gets you entered into one go round and a short go races. Winner will receive \$100. At 3 p.m., kids eight and under can enter the Greased Pig Contest for free. Winners will get the pig they catch. At 4 p.m., those 12 and under will be participating in a Calf Scramble. There is no entry fee and the winner will receive \$50. At 5 p.m., ages 12 and over can enter the Buffalo Stampede for only \$5. Winner will receive \$100. At 3:30, 4:30 and 5:30 p.m., all ages are invited to join the "Tail the Bull" contest. Admission to the rodeo is \$5 for everyone 13 and over, 12 and under will be admitted free of charge. Call 965-2639 (Spanish) or 946-6900 with questions about this event. Also new to the July 4th lineup this year are the hot dog eating contest and hot wing eating contest. In the hot dog eating contest, there are four age divisions, 12-19, 20-30, 31-49 and 50 and up, competing for first place trophies. The hot wing eating contest, sponsored by Pizza Hut, will award first, second and third place prizes in one division encompassing all ages. The entry eating the most hot wings in a 15-minute time period will win a 13" TV/DVD combo valued at \$119 and sponsored by The Connection Warehouse/RadioShack. Second place will win a \$50 gift card from Williams General Store, and third place will win a \$25 Family Meal Deal from Pizza Hut. There is no entry fee for either event and the event will take place at 1 p.m. on the chamber deck, 115 E. American Blvd. "It's a chance to get a few free hot dogs and wings," jokes Bell. The entry deadline for the hot dog eating contest is Friday, June 30, at 5 p.m. Folks entering the hot wings eating contest may do so the day of the event. "I need people to enter early so I can have enough hot dogs and drinks to go around," said Bell. Enter the hot dog contest by stopping by the Muleshoe Journal office at 201 W. Ave. C, or the chamber office. Call Bell weekdays at 272-4536 for more details. Enter the hot wing eating contest by calling the chamber or Danny Rainey at Pizza Hut, 272-4213.

Class of 1976 reunion

The Class of 1976 is planning their 30th class reunion July 21-22. Anyone interested in attending or who would like more information about the reunion, contact one of the following: Albert Acevedo, 346-4635; Mark Cluck, 240-0401; Dora Espinosa, 945-9504; Layne Myatt, 647-2145; of Karron Smith, 647-1066. To kick off the weekend, the class of 1976 will be having a social time at the Dimmitt Country Club at 7 p.m., Friday, July 2, for the class of 1976 and any other class that wishes to attend.

Garcia fund established

A medical fund has been established at Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union, Dimmitt Branch, for Peola Garcia.

ON THE GO

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to all families especially when they come in such small packages with such special care. They are expecting Seth to get to go home in about 2 weeks. Praise the Lord!

Mary Coffman has been at Plains Memorial Hospital very ill this last week, but is expected to get to go home in a few days. I am sure she would enjoy receiving cards, which can be mailed to her at: 607 W. Bedford St., Dimmitt, TX. 79027.

The Methodists welcomed their new preacher Sunday by honoring him and his family with a brisket dinner and all of the trimmings. There were approximately 200 membs and guests in attendance for this welcoming event for the Rev. Darrell Evins and his family.

Summers are certainly a time for fun and family. Dylan Grusing of Amarillo is in Dimmitt visiting his grandparents, Elbert and Francis Smith. Dylan is 9 years old and the son of Chad and Denise (Smith) Grusing. Dyland and his grandparents are certainly having a grand time together during these wonderful summer days.

On a final note, please remember to pray for our President, our country and all the service men and women serving all over the world, protecting our freedom. As we celebrate this Fourth of July, take time to remember all the great and wonderful events of your life as an American. As for myself, I will give praise for having been born in America and reflect on my great-grandparents, grandparents and parents and my own children and grandchildren. I have been fortunate enough to experience in my lifetime a knowledge base of seven generations of family, from a small girl to a middle-aged woman now. Be thankful for what you have, not what you do not have. Also think about our forefathers and what a glorious event to have been writing the Declaration of Independence. They are truly American heroes of mine.

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Schulte and Jake Hoelting drove to Tyler where they visited Tyler Junior College. Jake will be attending this college in the fall and playing tennis for them. From Tyler, they drove to Little Elm, north of Dallas, to visit Bryan Charanza and see the home he has bought in Little Elm. Bryan works for T. Mobile Communications in Frisco. Also visiting with Bryan were Jamie Birkenfeld and Megan Schulte, who attend Christ for the Nations in Dallas. Donna Charanza also spent a week with Bryan helping him decide on furniture and all the things it takes to put a home together.

On the way home Sunday, they all stopped in Henrietta and visited with Kevin and Traci Schulte and their family.

We enjoying having Rich and Robbie Gerber from Austin here this weekend visiting Rich's families here in Nazareth and Robbie's Dad in Hereford.

Dorothy Kleman is happy to be back home after having an unexpected double by-pass surgery at BSA Hospital in Amarillo last week. Her daughter Lynette and son from Raleigh, N.C., are staying here with her while she recuperates.

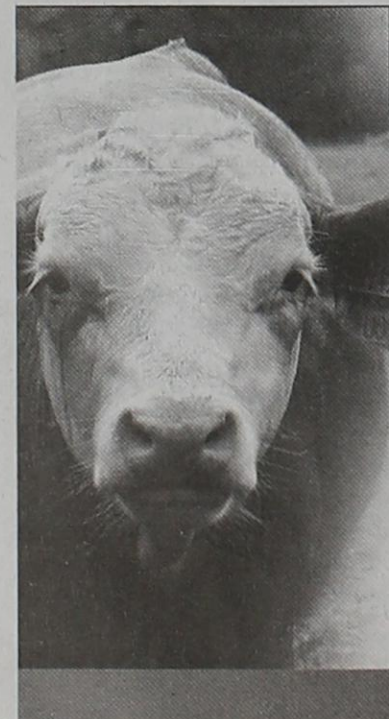
Please remember to pray for all of our sick people, those who are serving in our Armed Forces and our Seminarian Nicholas Gerber. Joshua Fetsch will have leg surgery today, June 26, at the Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas. He will be there six weeks (until Aug. 11). If you would like to send cards, etc., you may leave them at the Naz Stop. Someone will pick them up and mail them to him or you can send it to: Scottish Rite Hospital - Joshua Fetsch - 2222 Welborn, Dallas, TX. 75219. Anne Acker is a patient at BSA Hospital in Amarillo, where she had knee surgery. We hope she will be home soon and will recuperate quickly.

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Cotton News

Bearish options activity kicked off an outbreak of speculative selling Thursday, pushing cotton futures on the New York Board of Trade down to levels last seen one month ago. A weak technical picture, forecasts for rain in drought-ridden portions of the Cotton Belt, and a lack of major buying interest also affected the market.

Weather reports continue to be a major focus of the cotton market, and sporadic

precipitation over most of Texas impacted the market this week. Despite the precipitation, some industry observers anticipate the abandonment in Texas this season to reach as much as 25 to 35 percent as the crop continues to suffer from drought conditions, excessive heat, and gusty winds.

"Recent rains on the Texas High Plains were not enough to totally rescue the crop, but they were

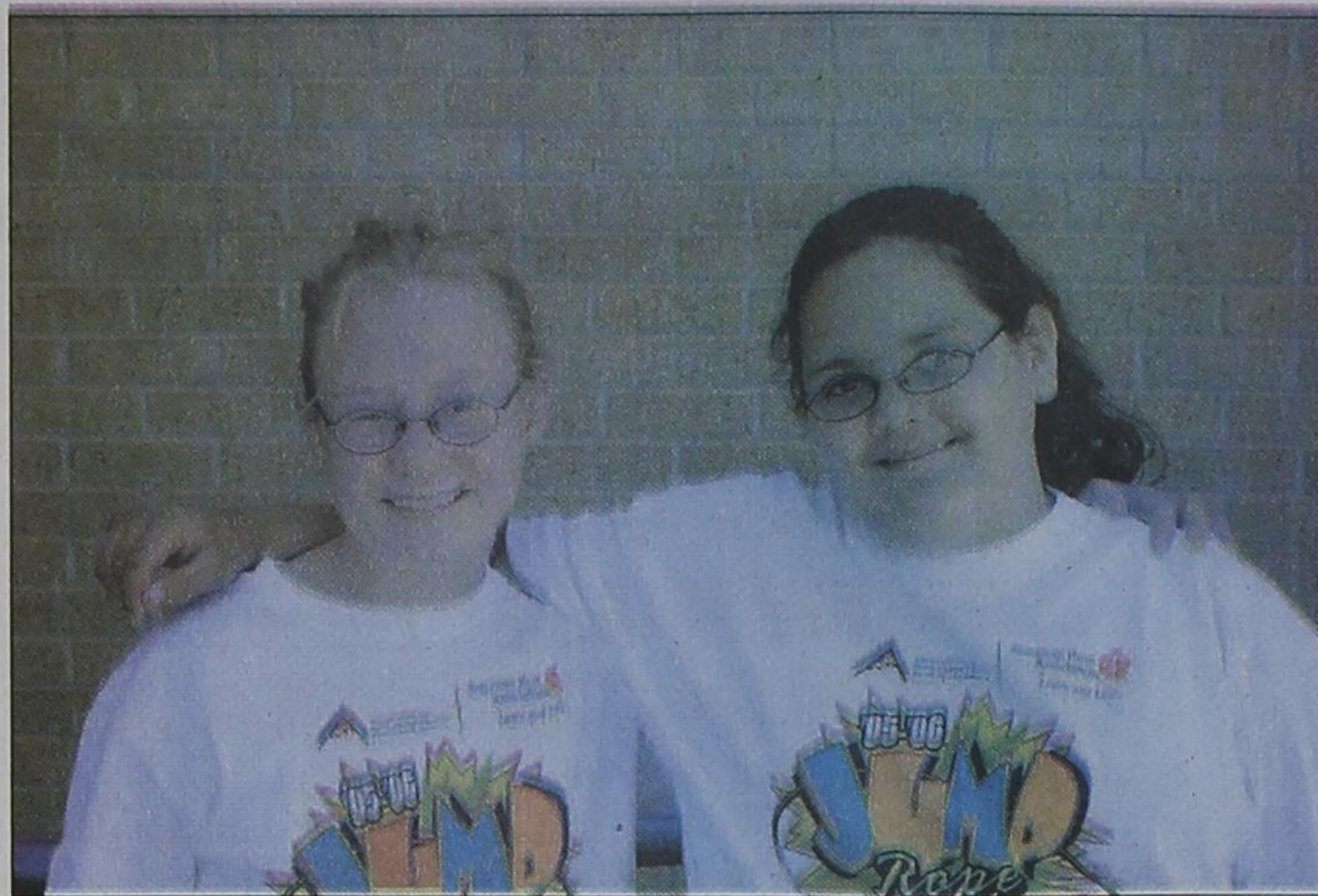
psychologically important to the market," a trader said. "Although the intense heat might have evaporated most of the rain that fell, the psychological advantage of the precipitation was likely far greater than the actual benefit the crop may have derived from the moisture," he explained.

According to USDA's Drought Monitor map for the week ended June 20, a moderate drought persists across the Texas plains. Despite fairly broad areas of moisture improvement across Florida from Tropical Storm Alberto and in Missouri from drenching thunderstorms, dryness and drought generally expanded and intensified across the U.S. Cotton Belt during the department's reporting period.

In other news, the National Cotton Council (NCC) announced U.S. textile mills used cotton on a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of 5.55 million bales in May 2006, down from the 6.43 million-bale figure at the same time one year ago. The NCC also adjusted its April 2006 figure to 5.67 million bales.

Meanwhile, USDA reported net export sales of U.S. cotton totaled 184,800 bales for the week ended June 15, 60 percent more than the previous week and 20 percent less than the four-week average. Major buyers were China, Turkey, Mexico, and Hong Kong. Net sales of 38,200 bales for delivery in 2006-07 were mainly for Mexico.

Export shipments of 394,600 bales were 10 percent less than the previous week, but five percent more than the four-week average.



Jump Rope Standouts

The fifth and sixth-grade students at Dimmitt Middle School raised \$700 for the American Heart Association with their Jump Rope for Heart event. Top money raisers were Gabrielle Galvin (not pictured), Carolyn Collins and Shelby Reed.

Cotton market bottoms out in late May

BY DAVID BENNETT
Farm Press Editorial Staff

DELTA FARM PRESS - After three months of fighting a bear market with bullish fundamentals, the cotton market finally bottomed on May 22. Between then and mid-June, December had rallied 565 points. "It's obvious the market is trying to plug in some weather premiums," said Mike Stevens, an analyst with Swiss Financial Services, during the Ag Market Network conference call on June 13 (to listen, visit: <http://www.agmarketnetwork.net>) "We may be starting to get stretched out. July, which rallied 485 points in the same period, has its own set of problem. And this is with the July delivery just nine sessions away on June 26. "The daily volume has been "breathtaking." On June 12, some 50,000 contracts went through. Several weeks earlier, when the Rogers Fund rolled July to October, the exchange set an all-time record of 55,000. "That day, the October contract quadrupled its open interest in the last five minutes. Cotton is used to having an open interest - normally around 100,000 contracts. I continue to think things can't go on like this forever." Speculators are getting bullish in the market for good reason. December began showing signs of recovery before

July did. "For all practical purposes, December has detached itself. Yesterday, it seems July either held December back or December held July up - I'm not sure which." Normally the carrying charges from July to December are about 400 points (80 points per month). "However, because of (ample) penalty cotton - and (Memphis-based cotton merchant) Billy Dunavant owns about 80 percent of the certificated stocks - some think it could take as much as 120 points to 600 points to carry this cotton from July to December." West Texas weather and the May supply demand report have furnished fundamentals. Once the technical pattern improved buyers showed up. "That big dryland area south of Lubbock - with a (planting) cut-off date of June 5 for Lubbock and June 10 for most of the other areas (there) - is the fundamental. There's a 16-day window for crops to germinate and make a stand. Otherwise, the acreage will have failed and crop insurance will take over." Producers must wait 16 days after their final planting date before requesting an appraisal based on non-emerged seed. Plains cotton growers are estimating 1.7 million acres of dry land cotton at risk with a third in fair shape. Another third had just enough moisture to get started with nothing to sustain it.

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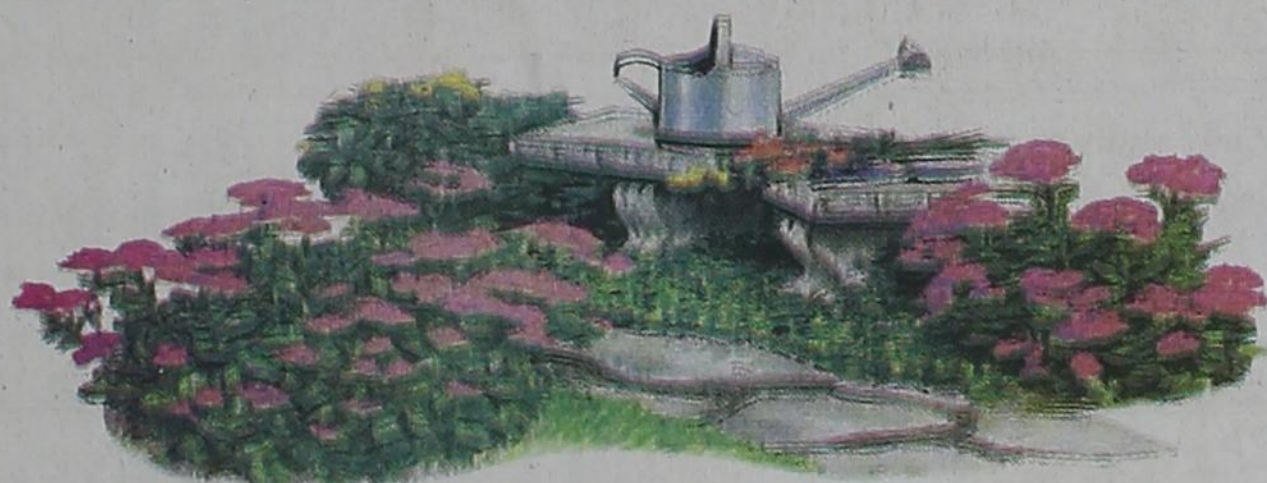
It will be held in Lubbock, Texas. Check the message board at www.classmates.com for more information concerning the reunion, or call

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Draft and adoption

On June 11, 1776, a committee consisting of John Adams of Massachusetts, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, Robert R. Livingston of New York, and Roger Sherman of Connecticut (the "Committee of Five"), was formed to draft a suitable declaration to frame this resolution. The committee decided that Jefferson would write the draft, which he showed to Franklin and Adams, who made several minor corrections. Jefferson then produced another copy incorporating these changes,

and the committee presented this copy to the Continental Congress on June 28, 1776. Independence was declared on July 2, 1776, pursuant to the "Lee Resolution" presented to the Continental Congress by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia on June 7, 1776, which read (in part): "Resolved: That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved."

The full Declaration was rewritten somewhat in general session prior to its adoption by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, at the Pennsylvania State House. Word of the declaration reached London on August 10.

Signers

The first and most famous signature on the engrossed copy was that of John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress. Two future presidents, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, were among the signatories. Edward Rutledge (age 26), was the youngest signer, and Benjamin Franklin (age 70) was the oldest signer.



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