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Commissioners get report on cutting food prices in jail **Burn ban is lifted - at least temporarily By DAVIE BROWDER** Editor

County commissioners heard some good news on Monday. Chief Deputy Glen Snitker presented the Court with a new budget, which takes the cost of food for inmates from approximately \$6.83 a day to \$3.51 a day, a cut of more than 51 percent.

That comes out to about \$14,000 a year - a far cry

from the more than \$23,000 already spent this fiscal year on food.

With Sheriff CD Fitzgearald out due to sur- their satisfaction with the gery, it's been up to Snitker to apparent progress as Snitker come before commissioners to ask for more money for some of the money-saving inmates' food.

here every month asking for chasing individual TV din-

more money," Snitker said. "And with all due respect, this isn't a game to me."

Commissioners expressed said they'd already started measures - like buying in "I didn't like coming in volume, rather than pur-

ners. Also, sandwiches and red beans and cornbread are on the new menus Snitker presented.

"I understand we have certain criteria we have to go by," said County Judge Bill Sava. "But this is a great improvement over what we've seen before. Up until now, no one seemed to pay

much attention to this matter. for. "We're barely under it," But what we've seen today looks very good. It's a encouraging everyone to be drastic cut and I appreciate the work that's gone into it."

Snitker said.

In other action, commissioners have dropped the burn ban - at least for now.

Castro County is rated at 495 on the danger index - at 500, burn bans are called Sava said. "And we're still extremely careful because we still have areas where Trustees will be doing fires could start. If we do go what cooking there is to do, over the danger index, I'll have to issue an executive order putting the ban back in place, but for now, it's lifted.

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Council hears Cargill update; forms city



Here they come and there they go

Eighty-three riders signed up and participated in the Lions Club First Annual Bike Ride, held Saturday with Dimmitt High School as the starting point for rides of varying distances. Part of the Proceeds will go to Child Protective Services. Above, the full pack of riders come down the street from the high school to Bedford. Bottom left, Lisa and Chaun Gunstream are on a bicycle built for two and below right, the riders head for Springlake-Earth and points in between as a helicopter hovers above them.



Fourth annual garden tour is a 'labor of love'

By DAVIE ANN BROWDER Editor

For Judy Welch, the Annual Garden Gate tour is a labor tour. of love. A member of the board of Hereford Day Care, Welch has seen her own children, and now her adopted granddaughter go through the program.

And she knows it's a good one.

"The state ranks day care centers and ours is a four-star,"

four years ago, we started the garden tour to raise money to help out. This is our third year to have Dimmitt homes on the

"Frankly, without the money the tour made last year, we'd have gone in the red, so it's an invaluable source for us. And children from throughout the area - Dimmitt - Friona - all over come to our center."

Hereford Day Care is a non-profit organization, so the

development corporation

By DAVIE BROWDER

Editor

The Dimmitt City Council on Monday formed a Dimmitt Development Corporation for the purpose of receiving the Cargill plant and handing it off to the people who plan on making it an ethanol plant.

As explained by several councilmen, this is just another step in getting the plant from Cargill and into the hands of people who can get an ethanol plant in Dimmitt. During discussion of the measure, Mayor Wayne Collins recused himself and left the chamber.

The Development Corporation will have three to five board members, appointed by the city and serving at the will of the city for no longer than six years per term. A majority of the board must live in the city of Dimmitt.

Later, Lance Duncan, one of the principals of Dimmitt Ethanol told the council that his group has received three proposals to date for converting the plant to an ethanol facility and are expecting a fourth one this week.

"Once we get it, we'll evaluate them and make a recommendation," he said. "We think it would be wise to narrow it to two proposals and then make the final decision."

All the environmental studies have been done, Duncan said.

"We've made a lot of progress in the past few weeks," he said. "One word of caution - in today's environment, I think the best-case scenario is you'll see the plant up and running See CITY, Page 2



Photo by Carter Townsena

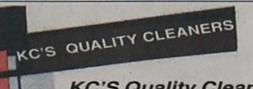
One of the best parts of Nazareth's German Fest is the meal served at midday. Above, Karen Gerber and her

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she said. "It's been around for 37 years, but about five years ago the state started cutting funding for day-care centers. So cost of tour tickets, \$10 is tax deductable. And this year, you See TOUR, Page 7 grandson Slade prepare to dig in and enjoy the meal.

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NEW flexes its muscles for the President

By DIGGER ELAM

The N.E.A. (National Education Association) recently flexed its muscles for President George W. Bush and Director of Education Margaret Spellings.

This organization supports labor unions and other organizations that will fight for pay raises for teachers.

This organization held its annual meeting last month. From this meeting came many interesting things the NEA recommends.

Here is a list of these things.

* 40 thousand dollar pay base for all teachers in our nation

* No more than 20 students in any class room * Do away with national demands for standardized testing and leave it to each state to do their own testing * A push for school vouchers for all student at

state expense. These recommendations caused Rush Limbaugh to make the following statements in one of his radio shows. "Why does the NEA want more money from the federal government and less accountability?"

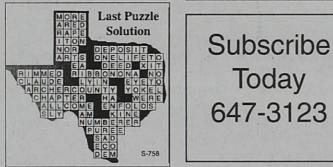
Personally for me, I don't care much for the NEA.

This is a organization spends too much money in areas that is not connected to education.

Go to their website and check this out.

I certainly think testing is way over board in Texas. The education system in

Texas has turned into a





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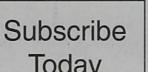
testing machine. Our Texas teachers need to teach our children things that will prepare them to be successful out in the world. Our teachers have to spend too much time working on test, test taking strategies, and remediation. Our teachers need more

time to teach content and social values!

Elam recently retired as the superintendent of the Hart Independent School District.

Fund set up for **Pybus**

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



Forum **Community Calendar**

FSA County Committee Elections

Aug. 1 is the deadline to get your name on the FSA county committee election ballot. Visit your local FSA office or USDA Service Center to learn how you can have a voice and take a seat on your area Farm Service Committee or go online at www.fsa.usda.gov for nomination forms and more information.

Harvest Days Fair set for Sept. 7-9

The Castro County Fair Association has begun renting out booth space and preparing for a great fair this year, which is scheduled to begin Sept. 7 and run through Sept. 9. Registration for the Junior Tractor Pull will be Thursday, July 7 at 4:45 p.m. at the Castro County Expo; registration for the Pet Show will be the same day at 5 p.m. Friday, starting at noon, registration for fair exhibits will begin and end at 6 p.m. at the Expo Center. The Castro County Fair Parade will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 9. The theme this year will be "A Heart for Country Living." Let's make this a year to remember our parade with lots of floats and participants. Don't forget to nominate an individual for Parade Grand Marshal. It should be someone who has contributed and supported our community. Stop by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce to pick up a nomination form. The Chamber is planning on having a Street Dance this year on Saturday evening.

For more information on booths, either inside or outside the Expos, call (806) 647-2524.

Hart Days coming up

Activities for the annual Hart Days, include a Band Booster Dinner on Friday, July 28, to be held at the Methodist Church, along with an ice cream contest, sponsored by the Hart Days committee The Miss Hart Pageant, with Ramona Neudorf as coordinator, will be at the Centennial Pavilion that Friday evening

On Saturday, the parade will get under way at 10 a.m. with lineup to begin at 9 a.m. north of Hart in the vacant lot east of FM 168. Following the parade, the Pentecostal Church and the Lions Club will serve food near the fire station. Also, there will be arts and crafts vendors set up in the fire station. Local artists and craftspersons interested in setting up a booth for \$25 should contact Neoma Williams. Kids games are planned by various groups. New Hart coaches, Jason and Casey Botos, will be coordinating the 3-on-3 basketball tournament at the basketball court and a punt, pass and kick contest at the City Park, south of the fire station.

To enter or for more information, contact the Botoses at 938-2554.

Contact Aaron Lee about tents which will be available for a fee.

Photography exhibit in Nazareth

The photography exhibit "Where the Spirit Left" debuted during the 34th Annual German Festival in Nazareth. 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. 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 or Ms. Harvey's work can be found a www.wherethespiritleft.com. The show will be in place through Sept. 4. The Home Mercantile will be open or Mondays and Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and or 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.

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 21, 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 Paola Garcia.

Roxy Singer Showcase set

The Roxy Theater's Singer Showcase Preliminaries wil be held Saturday, July 29, 2006 at 6 p.m.

There will be 3 divisions. The Top five singers in each division will advance to the Final Round Competition or Aug. 5, 2006 inconjunction with Sandhills Celebration Trophies and money will be awarded to the top three singers in each division at the final competition. Division 1 - (3-12) Division 2 (13-17) Division 3 (18 and up). Ist place trophy and \$300.00 2nd place trophy and \$200.00 and 3rc place \$100.00.

Entry Fee is \$15.00. Deadline to enter is Wednesday, July 23, 2006. All entry fees and name, and age as of July 23 2006 must be mailed to the City of Olton P.O. Box 1087 Olton, Texas 79064

For more information call (806) 285-2611.

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in 14-to-16 months."

In other action, the council voted to apply for a grant fo funding to renovate the East Ground Storage Tank.

"Two years ago we had underwater drivers go do and lool it over and they said then it needed some work," said Cit Manager David Denman.

Denman also said that the city attorney had looked into the Blue Moon proposal to bring WIFI to Dimmitt.

"It's his legal option that a municipality can join with private business," he said. "And it looks like a good deal fo the city. Blue Moon is just awaiting action on your part."

The WIFI proposal would bring broad-band telephone computer, television access to Dimmitt - in one package - fo approximately \$100 per home. That means free long distance, wireless Internet and a large package of television programs to choose from. Denman also told the council that the city's shredder ha broken down, but is being repaired. Cost for parts wer approximately \$1,300, he said.

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with Angie Arguijo, 647-0106

Hola, como estan todos? Hello, how is everyone? I can't believe it's already the middle of July. Time is just zipping by way too fast. I'm glad to say that once again, I received info for the Hispanic Voice, so I'll get with 1t.

Gina M. Oltivero and her mom, Maria Triana would like to sincerely thank the community for the support and help that was offered to them during a recent benefit dinner that was held for Maria. The dinner was a huge success. Thanks to lots of friends and family, many were served a wonderful meal. Gina and her mom would especially like to thank the ICC Catholic Church and Father Lupe for allowing them to use the church for the dinner.

Thanks also to everyone who helped by cooking, donating their hard work and also to everyone who purchased plates. Gina would like to thank her cousins Anita, Norma, Olivia, Felicia, Tiffany and her friends Sabrina, Corina, and Mr. and Mrs. Balderas for all their help.

Thanks also to all the folks from Muleshoe, the boys from Higginbotham, her aunt Dora Triana, her godmother Anita Flores and her mother-in-law Rosa Oltivero. Gina would especially like to thank her husband Santos Oltivero Jr. She is very thankful to him

What a beautiful day we

had for the 34th Annual

Nazareth German Festival

and Suds in Sound, held,

Saturday, July 8. The long line never seemed to end at

dinner.

for being so supportive through everything, thanks also to her in-laws Rosa and Santos for helping her prepare the meal and for watching the children while Gina takes her mom to Dr. appointments. Gina would also like to remind everyone that a benefit dance will be held on Sat. July 15 at La Estrellita. With Gods blessings, hopefully this too will be a big success. Thanks again to everyone and may God Bless you all.

Sammy and Jessica Ramirez would like to welcome back Sammy's sisters Dora and Esmer Ramirez. The two girls recently got back from a trip to California where Dora picked Esmer up and the two made their way back home to Dimmitt. Everyone is glad the two made it back home safe in time for 4th of July.

Sammy and Jessica would also like to wish Jessie and Cynthia a very Happy Anniversary. May the two of you have many more years together.

A big thank you goes out on behalf of the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Department to the First United Bank, Chamber of Commerce, Eva Mullins, Roger Malone, Tammy Griffitt and Judge Bill Sava for the wonderful celebration they put together in honor of the VFD.

The food was great and the music was wonderful. It's good to know the men are appreciated.

Thanks to all who helped put the event together and also thanks to everyone who attended.

Happy Anniversary to a very special couple. Larr and Suzie Gonzalez will be celebrating their anniversary on July 18.

Que Dios los bendiga y les de muchos ano mas juntos. May God Bless you and give you many more years together.

Happy, happy birthday to Matthew Gil, son of Debbie Gil. Matthew celebrated hisb-day on July 8th. Sorry I'm late, but we all know it's the thought that counts.

Happy Birthday to Anita Sabedra. She celebrates her big day on July 12. Hope you have a wonderful day.

No tengo mas que contarles. I have nothing else to share. I love it when I get good info like this to share with everyone. It's really satisfying to share the communities happenings with everyone. I hope things stay this way. As always, your info to send angie79027@hotmail.com, 647-0106 or 346-3882 Hasta la proxima semana.

Stan & Rita McDaniel recently had their son, Stace and his new bride Kaley home in Dimmitt for a great fun packed weekend of family gathering and entertaining with friends. Stace and Kaley McDaniel were united in marriage June, 2006. Stan & Rita hosted a great backyard fiesta dinner honoring the newlyweds "Meet & Greet" Stace & Kaley McDaniel on Saturday, July 8, 2006 in the evening. Stace & Kaley live in Dallas, Texas. The couple flew in on Thursday and returned back to their home on Sunday in Dallas, TX where they are both employed. Rita said there was a very large crowd that attendee and were served beef and chicken fajaitas with all the trimmings. There were guest from as far away as Dallas, Dalhart, Panhandle and Guymon, Oklahoma. Stace got to see a lot of people he had not seen in a long time. All in all it was a lovely evening for the

gathering and renewing of friends and family. We wish the young couple many years of happiness and life

together.

"Corky" L Robert Northrup came to visit his sister and brother-in-law Peggy and Gene Broadstreet over the 4th of July. He had made his first stop in Guymon, Oklahoma to celebrate his 50th class reunion. It was so funny this year was my 30th and my

with Susie Oliver, 647-5549

generations of family and on memorable years to celebrate our class graduations, but Uncle Corky will always be older than we will! Well Jilliann and I will not forget that Uncle Corky graduated 50 years before her and only 20 years before me. It is always fun to be the younger ones, but not always the wiser. We certainly had a great time of fun and laughter. He tells such wonderful stories having lived in Los Angeles, CA for 40+ years, make his stories seem so unreal. He is a retired Pharmacist from Eli Lilly of 45 years. You know who we turn to when we do not understand our medications. You got it!

Troy Kirby is still recovering very well. It is such a blessing to all of us to know that miracles are going on

from GHS this year. Three around us each day. Prayer's are always answered and you are still in our prayers Troy & Billie Kirby.

> Remember to pray for our community and those who are in leadership positions as well as all of those that are sick. Remember Marie Powers and her family in prayer and support that they may be needing right know.

> Please e-mail me with any of your family, friends or local events going on to be, included in the On The Go section. I would certainly appreciate all of your stories. A paragraph, just a short note, anything of human interest to our community and friends. It is because of you that makes this column fun, interesting and entertaining to read. Thank you. My e-mail address

ads@castrocountynews.com.

We have selections for the following showers: BOB OB OB OB OB Jade Vick bride elect of Bryan Portwood Wedding - July 15 Heidi Weaver bride elect of Scott Schlemmer July 22



daughter also graduated

with Vergie Gerber, 945-2669

days: Don Acker, LeRoy Pohlmeier, Ethel Schmucker and Kenneth Heard. We had two guests: Floyd and

Dorothy Schulte. We hope much that they will join us in a state of July 2 evening at they enjoyed the evening so the future!

The Schmucker family See NAZ, Page 9

Detten's Carpet Care the hall for hungry people to enjoy a delicious sausage The day began at 10 a.m. with an Arts and Crafts Bazaar in the Band Hall by the Naz Art Club; Pioneer Days at the Museum; Sausage Cook-off; Presentation video at the Senior Citizens Center by Dr. Mark Cichock on "Texas Rural Catholic Churches," art exhibit at the Home Mer; Tour of Holy Family Church and cemetery; barrel rides; and two inflatable water slides for the kids as musicians from surrounding areas performed through the afternoon on the

City Hall yard. The Suds N Sounds Outdoor Concert began at 6:30 p.m. at the ballpark. Proceeds from the concert will benefit the Knights of Columbus charities and the Community Hall.

Prayers are asked for our 28 teenagers who will be traveling to Arizona this week with six sponsors for a weekend "Life 'Teen" Retreat.

The class of 2001 met at Joel and Mary Beth Gerber's for a five-year class reunion on Friday evening. Several of the classmates attended and enjoyed an evening of catching up and reminiscing. Those who attended were: Sage Annen, Lindsey Brockman, Shawna Gerber, Lindsie Gerber, Whitney Hoelting, Jason Huseman, Nichole Kirby, Tara Kleman and Adam Schulte. The group hopes to see the rest of their classmates at the 10year reunion!





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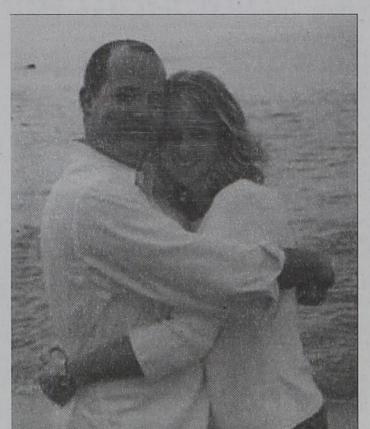
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The Nazareth Senior Citizens gathered at the Center on Sunday evening for fellowship, dinner, a short meeting and cards or dominoes of your choice. Happy Birthday was sun to our members having July birth-



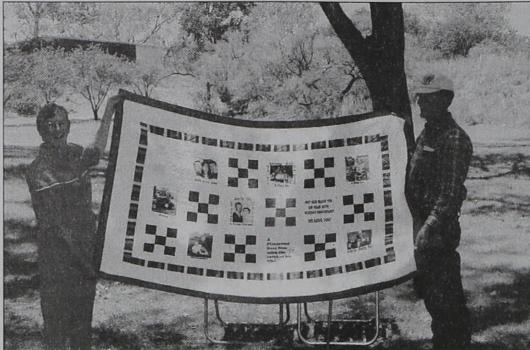


Scott Matthew Schlemmer and Heidi Alyssa Weaver Schlemmer-Weaver

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Weaver have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Heidi Alyssa Weaver, to Scott Matthew Schlemmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Schlemmer. The wedding is set for Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006, at 6 p.m. at Chandor Gardens in Weatherford.

Cotton News

The cotton market continued its four month old pace of doing little more than treading water. The market is mired in the thick quagmire of unprecedented certificated stocks, the weight of a 51 million bale carry over, and concerns of the continued growth in world (Chinese) consumption. As stated the past couple of weeks, a break out to higher prices awaits the market's decision to begin to focus on the declining size of the 2006 U.S. crop as well as a better definition of the size of the world crop. Short term, the quagmire will dominate, however, longer term price action will prove to be more positive. The New York Board of Trade hosted its seventh annual Cotton Forum at the Exchange this week and speakers were in full agreement of higher prices longer term, but disagreed as to when the price rally would begin. Too, they all agreed that the very short term price scenario was neutral to bearish. While all felt that they would rather be long cotton futures, than short futures, some felt the market may not mover higher until well into 2007. Generally, there was agreement that December futures could trade to a low of near 50 cents or to a high of about 65 cents prior to expiration. The lower end of the price range was based an improved idea of world production while the high end of the range, if realized, would come from declining prospects for world production. While 2006-07 world production will likely fall some four to five million bales below consumption, the consensus was that December would have difficulty penetrating 60-62 cents unless the production-consumption spread exceeded 4.5



Ackers celebrate 50th anniversary

The Acker family celebrated the 50th wedding anniversary of Luke and Mona Acker at the lake house on Greenbelt Lake. The couple spent three days at the lake with family and grandchildren. They were given a hand-made quilted tablecloth featuring all the family members.

What's the Law?

Q. I owe a company money from about ten years ago. I have not heard anything for about five years, but now a debt collector is calling me day and night. He also is calling my sister. I tell him I don't have the money and can't afford to pay, but he will not stop harassing me. What can I do?

A. First, if the debt is that old, there may not be any legal action the debt collector can take. After four years, most debts are barred by what is called the "statute of limitations." This means if a lawsuit is filed, you could have it dismissed.

There is no law, however, that prevents a debt collector from asking you to pay a debt, even if legal collection of the debt is barred. You can stop the debt collector from continuing to harass you in several ways.

First, under federal law, if you send the debt collector written notice demanding he stop all further communication with you, he must stop. He still has the right to sue, but in your case, that alternative is barred by the statute of limitations.

Another way to stop a debt collector is to make it clear that you do not intend to pay, and that his calls are just a waste of time. For example, if you get very upset every time a debt collector calls, the debt collector begins to think that you will pay, to avoid being harassed. Your conduct almost encourages more bad conduct by the debt collector. On the other hand, if you are polite and calm, and slowly and carefully explain that you recognize that you owe the debt, but cannot afford to pay and believe that it is barred by limitations, the debt collectors make money by collecting money. A debt collector cannot afford to

Shower for Hill, Mayhall

Jamie Mayhall and Beau Hill were honored with a wedding shower Saturday, July 8, 2006, in the home of Joyce Wright.

Out-of-town guests were Cathy Mayhall, mother of the bride; Jennifer and Jill Mayhall, sisters of the bride; and friends Karen and Katy Stevens.

Evelyn Hill of Lubbock, grandmother of the groom, was also in attendance.

The hostesses honored the couple with new bedding for their home.

spend a lot of time on the phone with someone they know is no going to pay.

Finally, I should point out that under the law, a debt collector never has the right to harass, threaten, or otherwise abuse you. If that happens, let the debt collector know you know your legal rights and you expect he wills top. If he does not, consider speaking with an attorney or a filing a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission.

Q. The other day, a friend came to see me at work. After he left, my employer asked how I knew him. I said he was an old friend. The next day I was fired. My employer told me he had "problems" in the past with my friend, and did not want me working in the store. Is this legal?

A. As far as the law is concerned, your employer doesn't even need a reason to fire you. Unless you have an employment contract for a set period of time, Texas law treats you as an employee at will. This basically means you may be fired, or quit, at any time, for any or no reason.

Q. If a guardian is appointed for an incapacitated person, what is the authority of a second person

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Richardson Elementary Registration August 4, 2006 9:00am - 4:00pm at Richardson Library All Students must come to Registration to update information. Please bring original birth certificate, Social Security Card and Shot record.



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holding a durable power of attorney. Is the power of attorney automatically revoked? If not, can the new guardian revoke the power of attorney?

A. The appointment of a guardian automatically terminates any grant of authority given under a power of attorney.

Q. We are being sued. We just want to be prepared for the worst. If we lose and the person suing gets a judgment against us, what assets can he take? After appropriate papers are filed can the sheriff come in and load up everything? Can he take things like our furniture, clothing, or car?

A. If you are sued and lose, the creditor may obtain what is called a "writ of execution," which allows the constable to take only "non-exempt" property to satisfy the judgment. In Texas, a person's home and wages are "exempt." Personal property, such as home furnishing, wearing apparel, and your car are all "exempt" if their combined value is under \$30,000 for an individual, or \$60,000 for a family. This means the creditor may take your furniture, clothing or car only if the value exceeds the statutory limits.

The Castro County News invites your news of weddings, engagements, showers, anniversaries and births. However, in order to be fair to everyone, we must limit the amount of space for certain events. For weddings and quinceaneras 25 column inches, which includes a photo if desired, will be the limit. If the photo and announcement run longer, we reserve the right to eliminate parts of the story or the person placing the article may indicate which portions may be left out. However, if a longer write-up is desired; it may be purchased in the form of an ad. For anniversaries, if two photos are included, the limit will be 25 inches. It will be 15 inches if only one photo is used. That space will be free for anniversaries of 50 years or more. Other anniversaries may be charged for. Birth announcements with one column photos are run free of charge with names of immediate family, including grandparents and great-grandparents. Small stories describing showers, both wedding and baby, are run free of charge after the fact and include the names of the principals, items served at the showers, a brief description of the decor and names of special or out-of-town guests.

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Do you ever find yourself energy to do it all. running out of energy when you have so much to accomplish?

Life can become an endless importance. energy drainingcycle if we are not careful. I want to spend some time talking about "where" we put our time and yet need to be done. energy.

house chores, church activities to attend, and I must go to 6:12). This reminds me church also.

Where on earth do I find the I must stop and see if it is energy to do all these things constructive or useful. So and enjoy them as I do them?

My friends what is all comes down to is how you prioritize these things on your to do lists seems to run out before or however you list them.I want to share with you some things that help me as my lifestyle becomes a race to get god does not grow tired, and Bedford Church of things done with not enough my God does not grow

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the idea of setting things in the right order of their

There are things that daily. are important and others that are not so important, "Everything is permis-I have work, sport events, sible, but noteverything is beneficial" (I Corinthians that I can do as I wish, but take time to look ahead and think about what your getting into.Our energy we can get anything done. I try to refer myself back , Trent Tanaro is the to Isaiah 40:28-31. My

weary, my god gives me As I mentioned before, strength, power, and the ability to keep going. If I put my hope in Him, He will renew my strength

Whether it be crawling, walking, running or soaring like the eagle, He will give us strength. Pray for strength as you go from day to day. Rest when needed.

When under the extreme energy consuming stress, He will sustain you as you go. Your energy will be where your priorities are my friends.Tired? Look Up!

Youth Minister at Fourth Christ, Dimmitt.



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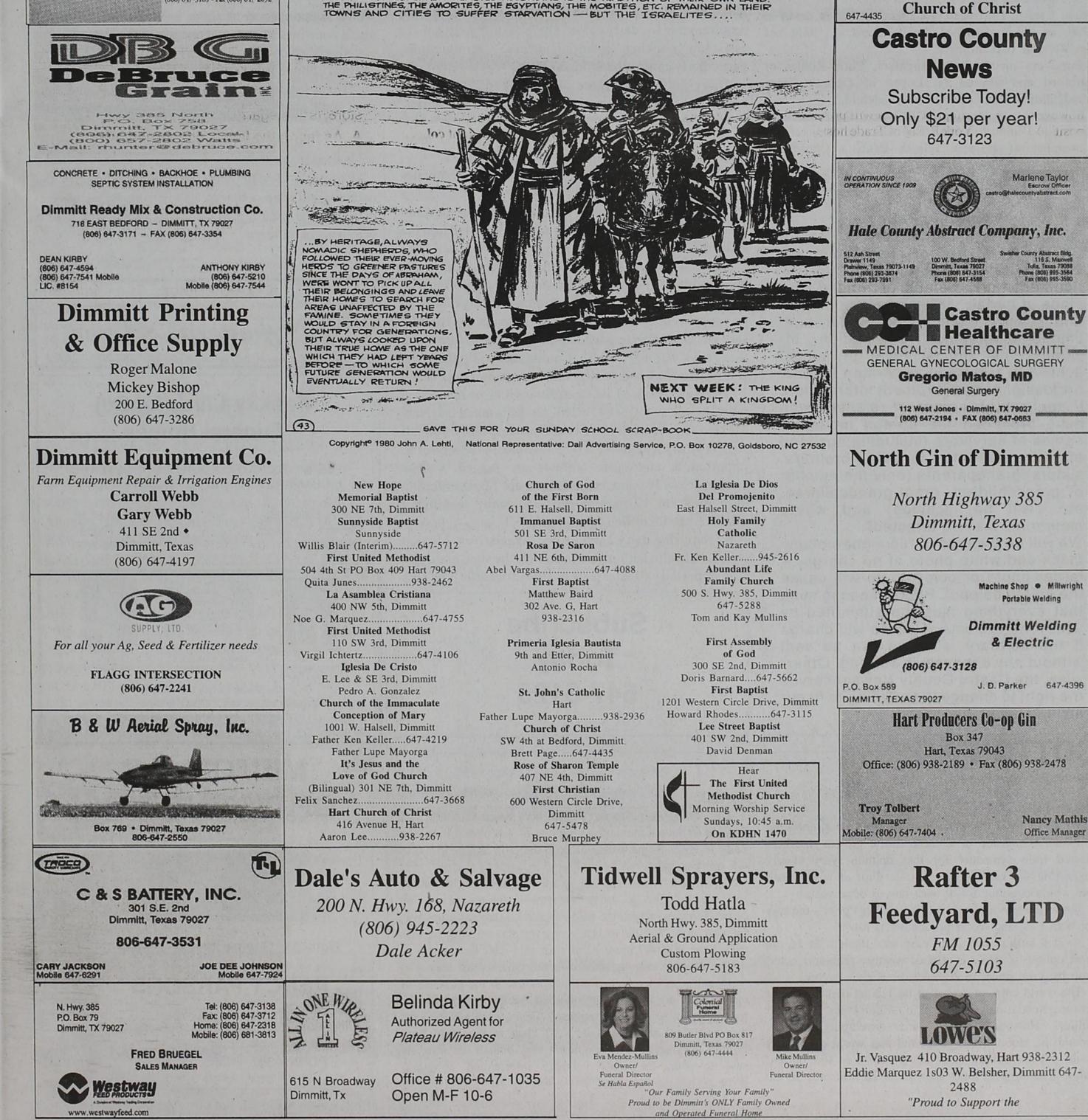
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Lee Robert Gollehon

A graveside service for Lee Robert Gollehon, 36, will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, July 15, 2006, at Castro Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Gollehon died Friday, June 16, 2006, in Baytown.

He was born Aug. 15, 1969 in Hereford to Ben and Virginia Gollehon of Dimmitt and Houston.

He lived in Baytown during his younger years and graduated from Sterling High School.

Survivors include his parents; his older brother John and his wife Sharon; his sister, Julanne Abernethy and her husband Pat and their two sons, Ben and Paul; his maternal grandfather, J.D. Owen; and his paternal

Remedios Padilla

Services for Remedios Padilla, 92, of McKinney, daughters, Sylvia Flores formerly of Dimmitt, will be of Dimmitt and Gloria at 3 p.m., Thursday, July Sanchez of Fort Worth; a 13, 2006, at Immaculate son, Octaviano Padilla Conception Church of Mary in Dimmitt dren; and seven greatwith Father Lupe Mayorga grandchildren. officiating.

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and vigil at 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 12, at Colonial in 1998; and nine broth-Funeral Home in Dimmitt.

Mrs. Padilla died Monday, July 10, 2006, in McKinney. He was born Aug. 23, 1913, in Chihuahua, Mex., to Jose and Petra Gutierrez. She was a homemaker most of her life.

She is survived by two Catholic of El Paso; 13 grandchil-

Mrs. Padilla was pre-A rosary will be at 6 p.m. ceded in death by her husband, Manual Padilla, ers and sisters.



Riding the Wild Rapids

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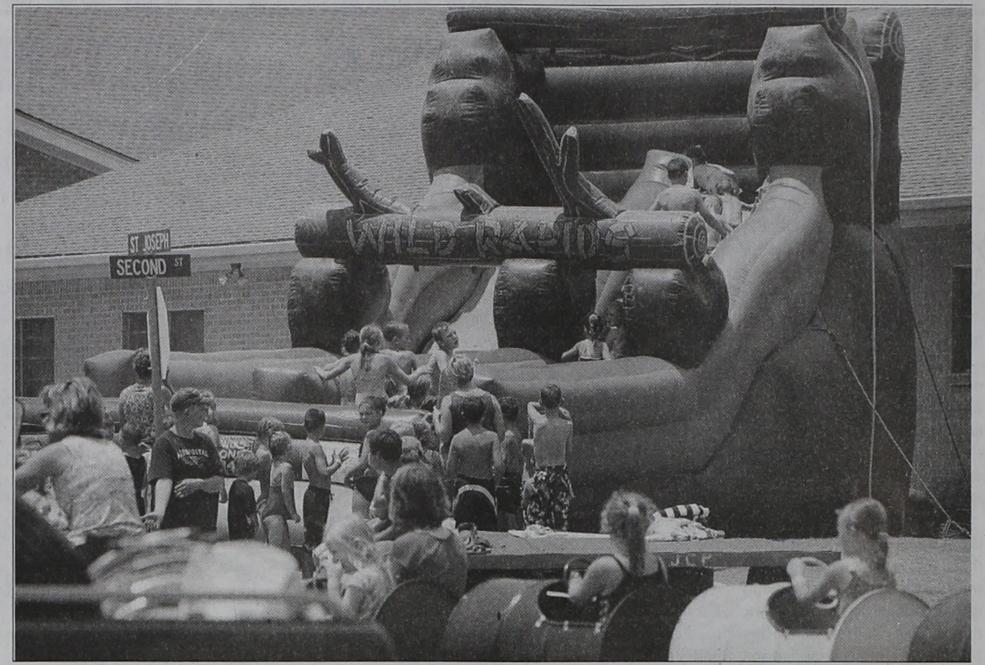


Photo by Carter Townsend There was something for everyone at the 34th annual German Fest in Nazareth over the weekend. Above, the kids stayed cool on the wild rapids ride.

Shipping dairy calves to New Mexico? Don't forget their 'identification'

New Mexico livestock health officials have imple-

Sara Lara

Services for Sara Lara, 81, of Dimmitt, were at 2 p.m., Friday, July 7, 2006, in Ivey Chapel of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home with the Rev. Ernest Rodriguez, pastor of Iglesia Bautista Fundamental in Hereford, officiating. Burial was at Hart Cemetery.

Mrs. Lara died Wednesday, July 5, 2006, in Dimmitt. She was born May 10, 1925, in Mexico. She married Bruno Lara in Harlingen. He preceded her in death in 1980, as did a daughter, Rachel Lara in 1985; her parents; and two brothers.

Survivors include two daughters, Elida Robles of Hereford and Crystal N. Lopez of Dimmitt; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She moved to Hart in 1970, where she lived until moving to Dimmitt in 1983. She was a homemaker and a member of Primera Iglesia Bautista Church in Dimmitt.

Obituary Policy

Obituaries are printed in the Castro County News free of charge and will contain the following types of information: date and details of funeral and place of burial; date and place of birth and parents' names; date of marriage; limited biographical information, including the highest level of school achieved, service in the Armed Forces, profession (and retirement information, if applicable); names of relatives who have preceded the person in death; names of survivors (including husband or wife, parents, in-laws, brothers, sisters, grandparents (only the number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, etc., will be included) and where memorials may be directed).

We will be pleased to run a one-column black and white photo at no charge. A larger photo or color photo will cause the obit to be paid. Please keep in mind that everything must be submitted by your funeral home. Also we will charge if the obituary is to be run as sent without any changes in wording. Otherwise, the Castro County News reserves the right to change the wording to fit our style.

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million bales.

While some in the trade have recently questioned the continued expansion in Chinese textile growth, speakers offered little sympathy for that opinion, very clearly suggesting the current near double digit annual growth

mented and are enforcing animal identification requirements for dairy calves shipped into their state to assist in tracking potential disease introductions, particularly cattle tuberculosis (TB).

Dairy cattle are no more susceptible to TB than beef cattle, but in confinement operations, such as dairies, infected animals may transmit the disease more readily.

Commercially produced milk is pasteurized, or heattreated, to kill bacteria and ensure product safety.

"New Mexico requires dairy calves to be individually identified with an official USDA ear tag, or a commercially produced ear tag that shows the state and premises of origin, if the calves are not imported into the state as part of a cow/calf pair.

"If commercial tags are used, the original owner's name, address and an individual animal number must be imprinted on the tag, and the commercial tags must be pre-approved by the New Mexico Livestock Board," said Dr. Dee Ellis, head of animal health programs with the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency.

The New Mexico Livestock Board may be reached in Albuquerque at (505) 841-6161. Dr. Ellis noted that New Mexico requires dairy and beef cows and bulls from all states to have a negative TB test within 30 days prior to importation, and these animals are tagged. Calves entering New Mexico, however, are not TB test-eligible until they are 12 months old, and many would not otherwise be identified.

By requiring dairy calves to be tagged, New Mexico livestock health authorities can notify the state of origin, if an imported calf later tests positive for cattle TB. This

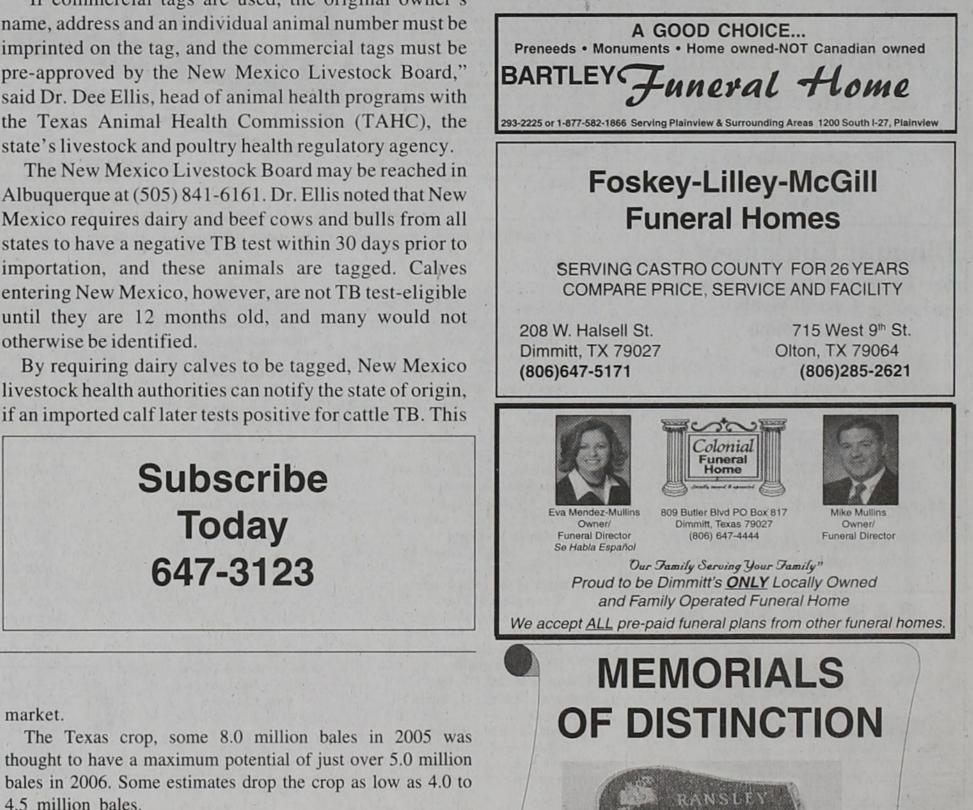
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action may also protect New Mexico's TB-free status which was regained in 2005, with the exception of a small zone in the southeast portion of the state.

"New Mexico is working to protect its cattle TB-free rating," commented Dr. Ellis.

"Texas lost cattle TB-free status in 2002, and since then, more than 500,000 cattle in Texas have been tested The U.S. Department of Agriculture may reinstate Texas' as TB-free later this year, and like New Mexico we also will guard that hard-earned status.

"Currently, TAHC entry requirements specify tha each sexually intact dairy calf entering Texas have ar official USDA ear tag, but identification to the herd o origin is not required."



Certainly a Texas crop below 5.0 will both fundamentally

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rate would continue for at least one to three years.

Just as the bias in the market is for higher prices, the bias for both U.S. and world production is lower.

A 21.6 million bale U.S. crop was thought to be the most optimistic while continued weather problems could drop the crop down to 20 bales, or slightly below.

The world crop, projected to be 115 million bales, has upside potential only another five million bales, up to 120 million. However, given some developing patterns around the globe it was suggested that world production could fall ten million bales lower, down to 105 million bales, generating as much as a 15 to 20 cent rally in the

and psychologically move December futures above 60 cents. The size of both the Midsouth and Southeast crops was forecast to be similar to last year even though both regions each have 300,000 more acres than they had last year. The Western crop appears to be the same as last season as well, but with increased pima production at the expense of upland. The big rally, given a normal weather pattern for the remainder of the growing season, is likely six to seven to ten months away, but was made very clear at the New York Forum; the market is developing a very bullish scenario. Be sure to look for other valuable information at http:// www.cottonexperts.com.



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can buy extra tickets for the door prizes.

Extra tickets sell for \$10 and three more chances at the door prizes, which include a wreath from Seale Florist, an indoor/outdoor shelf from Dimmitt Pharmacy; a Weldon Jones birdhouse from Antiques Plus, two gardening Tshirts from Texas Threads, a gardening decorative flag with pole from Wishes, a flower garden stake form Sherry's Hallmark; two garden pillows from Dorothy's Decorating; a multi-trunk tree from Lone Star Home and Garden; a glazed patio pot with fresh flower arrangement from Pete's Greenhouse; and a wrought-iron bar with stools from Terry's Floral and Design.

The tour is set for Sunday, July 16, July 23 set as an alternate date should bad weather arise. It will be from 1 to 5 p.m. and feature the homes of Tommy and Diana Cleavinger, W.J. and Sara Hill and Stan and Rita McDaniel. The kickoff point in Dimmitt is Antique's Plus at 105 E. Bedford. Advance tickets can be purchased at Dimmitt Pharmacy, Antique's Plus and Seale Florist. On the day of the tour, tickets will be available at Antique's Plus. And one feature of the door prizes - you don't have to be present to win. So, Welch is encouraging everyone who realizes the importance of daycare for children to open their hearts and their wallets and buy tour tickets and extra tickets for door prizes. You get one chance for a door prize with your ticket purchase. But that extra \$10 or \$20 could buy you three, six, however many more chances you'd like - and again, it's all tax deductible.

"All the three homes in Dimmitt offer different kinds of garden looks," Welch said. "W.J. and Sara have a very elegant yard with a three-tiered water fountain. It's very



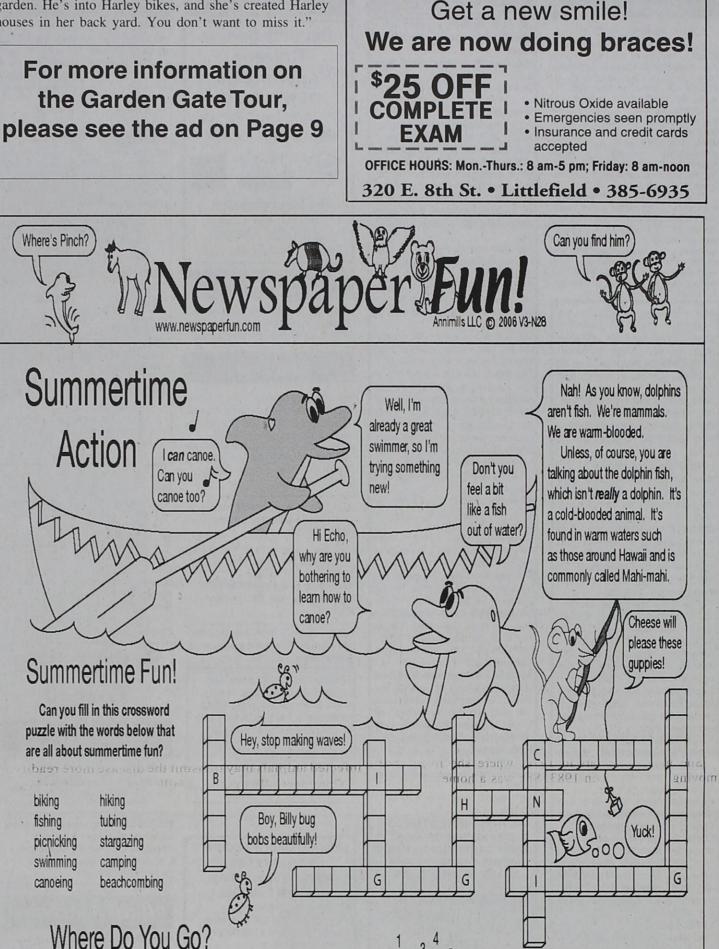
PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF DIMMITT TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM The City of Dimmitt is giving notice of the City's intent to submi Community Development Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Program. The gran application request is \$250,000 for water system improvements in the City of Dimmitt. The application is available for review a City Hall during regular business hours.

serene and has a cozy feeling.

"Tommy and Diana have a unique look. There's some history in their yard. The rocks that line the beds are from the family ranch - they contain fossils and she's got a fabulous greenhouse and vegetable garden, too.

"Rita and Stan McDaniel have a rather whimsical garden. He's into Harley bikes, and she's created Harley houses in her back yard. You don't want to miss it."

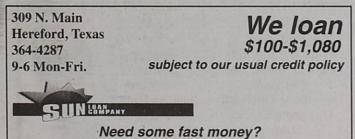


Legal Notice **Notice to Bidders**

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Legal Notice

The Dimmitt ISD will receive bids for janitorial products. All proposals must be submitted to the attention of Vicki Eaton, Business Manager at 608 Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027 no later than 3:3:00pm on August 1, 2006



We are now starting tax season! Come by 309 N. Main and visit with one of our staff or give us a call at 364-4287.

There is lots to do during the summer months! Where would you go to see or do each of these fun activities? Match the summer activities to the spots you have to visit to do them:

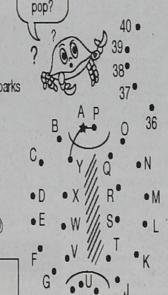
1. town fairs 2. baseball games 3. running races 4. nature hikes 5. funhouses, rides 6. ship cruises 7. tennis tournaments 8. yard sales 9. outdoor concerts

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B. two words that rhyme with "know" C. 4 words that rhyme with "you" and D. 2 words that rhyme with "lots?"

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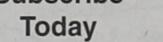


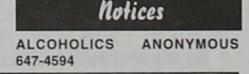
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the Salado Inn Chapel in Salado, to attend the wedding services for Rob Schmucker, son of Jim and Bobbie Schmucker of Nazareth and Sheena Maples, daughter of W.B. and Lori Maples of Copperas Cove. A reception, dinner and dance followed at the Salado Inn. Both Rob and Sheena are coaches at the Lockney school system.

Lonnie, Traci, Logan, Payton and Hattie Robb and Grandma Jean Robb went to South Padre Island for Cheryl Robb's wedding. The wedding was beautiful set by the bay. Everyone had a great time. The kids enjoying boogie boarding the ocean waves and spent one day at Schlitterbaum. The older crew went bay fishing. Trinity caught the most with Mike catching a stingray. Of course Lonnie had the biggest fish story! Was it an eight-foot or a 13-foot fish with a big fin he swam with in the water? Of course, no one else saw it!

Several relatives from Nazareth attended the 60th wedding anniversary celebration for Ben and Theresa Arens in Yankton, S.D. Ben married the former Theresa Brand in 1946 at St. Helena, Neb. Traveling from Nazareth were Gerald and Mary Braddock, Lawrence Schmucker, Alvina Gerber, Mark Gerber, Joel and Mary Beth Gerber and Fritz and Connie Backus of Hereford. Louise Braddock was unable to attend because of illness.

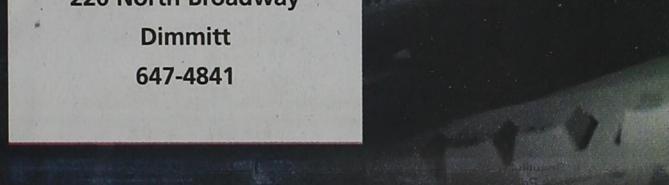
The family visited the home where they lived in St. Helena, Neb., before moving to Texas in 1933. They still have Brand cousins living in the same house. The farm has been in the Brand family for about 120 years.

There is still an Artesian well running in the bottom land on the farm next to the Missouri River. They also visited Schmucker relatives in St. Helena, Hartington and Yankton. Some visited with the Schultes in Bow Valley. It was a very enjoyable trip; the country is beautiful and green.

A 10-year class reunion was held for the class of 1996 on Friday, July 7, at the home of Tom and Teresa Wethington. Attending were: Carie Wethington of Baltimore, Md. She is a flight attendant for Southwest Airlines. She is currently working on a degree in food nutrition. Courtney Hoelting and her friend Jack Armstrong also attended. Courtney is a pharmacist and is in the process of moving to Hawaii. Jamie (Bingham) Foot and her husband Brian attended. Jamie is a nurse at Baptist St. Anthony Hospital. They live in Amarillo and have one son, Cade. Allyn Garza Morgan and her husband Steven attended. They have three children, daughter, Alex and twin sons, Cameron and Kayden. They live in Fort Worth. Casey Hoelting and wife Jayme were also there. Casey is assistant manager of Jason's Deli and is in school to work for Bell Helicopter. They live in Amarillo and have one son, Ty. Quentin Dobmeier, who is a firefighter and paramedic and lives in Amarillo, also attended, as did Gaylon Schilling, who is a Cad Tech Technician and lives in Dallas. Special guest was Woody Rickert, who went from the sixth to the ninth grade at Nazareth school with the Class of 1996. Leroy Birkenfeld and wife Asia. Leroy is employed at Dimmitt Ready Mix and they live in Dimmitt. They have four children, Tyler, Abbygale, Memmarae and Travin.

Unable to attend were Robbie Schmucker and wife Sheena, who are both basketball coaches at Lockney.

Robin Schulte Straley and husband Todd have two children, Alesha and Payton. Robin teaches fifth grade science at Frenship and they live in Lubbock. Kelly (Jones) Furr and husband Shane also have two children, Berklie and Sidney. Kelly is an RN and they live in Springlake. Melinda Schmucker Pharies and husband Chet. Melinda is employed by Texas Tech. They have two children, Presley and Chad and another one soon. They live in Lubbock. Heather Duerr and husband Brian have one daughter and live in Dallas.



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Joe and Imogene Drerup and Tyler Ramsey attended the wedding of their nephew, Brent Ringo, in Dallas and then spent several days with their son Wade and family in Midlothian. While there, they helped Hailey celebrate her ninth birthday. Tyler got to attend a soccer camp with Hailey.

Joe and Imogene Drerup attended a party held for Ryan Huseman who is home on leave and his sister, Mindi's birthday, held by their parents, Dwayne and Teri Huseman.

Ryan, who is serving in the Army infantry is being deployed to Iraq the end of July. Please keep him in your prayers.

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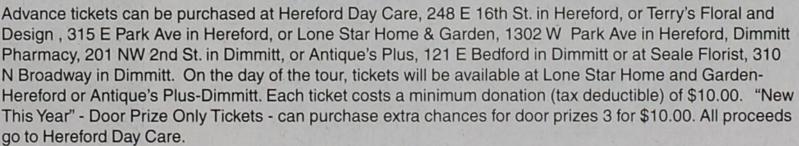
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