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## Schools dazed

### Perry's veto of school funding, special session leaves districts in the lurch

By DAVIE ANN BROWDER  
Managing Editor

Every school in the state has been left wondering how much to budget for the coming school year and where that money will come from with the veto Saturday of the state's \$35.3 billion public education budget. At the time he issued the veto, Gov. Rick Perry also ordered a special session of the Legislature to deal with the problem of funding education. This will be the fourth time in three years, including one special session called by Perry, to solve the problem of school financing. The state is also under a judge's order

to restructure the way schools are funded.

"Right now, what we're going to do is continue building our budget," said DISD Superintendent Les Miller. "All we can do is build the expenditure side. We don't have any projections as to the revenue part.

"Legislators are going to have to pass a state funding bill of some sort and then they'll have to determine how they'll get their revenue. Right now, they've put a stop to textbooks - no money is appropriated for them. We're going to have to play wait and see and see how quickly they can do

**"I just hope they get there and work together for the benefit of the schools and the students."**

**- Digger Elam,  
HISD Superintendent**

things."

Miller said some of his information indicates a quick session, but he'll have to see it to believe it.

School districts in the state have

the next 60 days to set their budgets and adopt tax rates.

Of course federal money will still be coming to schools, but that's only 15 to 20 percent of the amount of money the schools need, he said. The veto affected not only state money coming to the schools, but how taxes will be assessed locally for schools.

Digger Elam, superintendent at Hart ISD said the situation should never have been allowed to get this far off track.

"It should have been handled with an equitable finance plan during the regular session, but I wasn't surprised they didn't come

up with a new finance plan," Elam said. "Somewhere I read school funding has always been settled in court since 1948, that's when Gilmer-Aikens was adopted."

Elam said he believes state lawmakers want to close up all the small school districts.

And he doesn't see much relief for property owners.

"Any money they cut from property taxes has to come from somewhere else," he said. "We have to have a budget in the Hart ISD, so we'll work with the old amount they gave us last year and go from there. When we looked at

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## Hutson's newest role saves city money

By DAVIE BROWDER  
Managing Editor

She's not Josephine the plumber, so don't remind her of that old TV ad. In fact, Karen Hutson, the code enforcement officer for the city, has a new duty - inspecting plumbing for Dimmitt.

She has been working toward her plumbing inspection license since she was named code enforcement officer about 19 months ago.

"I was told it would probably take me three years to get it, but I just studied hard and took the test on April 13," Hutson said. "I was proud to have passed the first time. Some of the others in the class didn't."

Aside from book instruction, Hutson had to spend 200 hours of on-the-job training riding with a plumbing inspector in Amarillo.

But for the city, it's paying off big time. At a time when the city is tightening its belt with the loss of water revenue (about \$30,000 a month) and a decrease in the property tax, both of which came with the closing of Cargill, Hutson is helping out with those inspections.

Until she got her license, the city had contracted with an inspector in Hereford at a



**KAREN HUTSON**, the city's code enforcement officer, checks out the pressure valves for some of the plumbing inside the new, state-of-the-art Pioneer Dairy Lab.

## Nazareth German Fest set for July 9

**NAZARETH** - In 1902, German-speaking families from the American Midwest began settling in this community. One hundred years later, enduring features of German culture in Nazareth will be on display at the 33rd Annual Nazareth German Festival on Saturday, July 9.

Folks who line up at the Community Hall for the German sausage meal from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. will receive a

brochure, listing all the activities, plus a map with locations and times for all events. Tickets for adults will be \$7; children will be \$5. Frozen sausage will be available at 2 pounds for \$6 at the meal.

Pioneer Day at the Nazareth Museum will be a main attraction from 12:30-3:30 p.m. There will be demonstrations of lye soap making, sausage making,

corn shelling, hand-kneaded bread making and washboard laundry butter churning at the Museum and Annex. Antique tractors and a row binder demonstration will also be on display along St. Mary's Street. In addition to an Arts & Crafts Show at the Band Hall starting at 10 a.m., the Home Mercantile Building will open a Community Art Exhibit along with Espresso Etc.,

selling delicious Italian sodas, smoothies, and ice coffees. Local author Jim Steiert will also be on hand to sign copies of his new book, *Country Turnrows*. Over at the Senior Citizen Center, there will be old German card games like Pitch and Solo, plus a place to find a dessert called Streudel.

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## City turns down annexation of land meant for RV park

By DAVIE ANN BROWDER  
Managing Editor

The city council derailed a plan by Frank Mendoza to put an RV park on the south side of Ruskin Circle. By a vote of 4-2 the council voted to turn down Mendoza's request to hold hearings annexing the land he recently bought at Ruskin Circle.

"We don't even have a definition of an RV in our city code," said city councilman Roger Malone. "Right now, we have a zoning law that says mobile homes can't be west of 6th Street. Right now we don't have a definition for an RV in our zoning codes. We need to have that first."

After the meeting, Malone said his intent is not to keep an RV park, per se out, it's just to define what an RV is and then set up zoning for that particular class of vehicle."

Two homeowners, one from Ruskin Circle and one from Butler Boulevard came to express their displeasure with the idea of an RV park in the neighborhood.

Mendoza and his wife Jamie, said they'd gotten a majority of the people who live on Ruskin Circle to sign a petition approving the idea. And he stressed that he plans to make the RV park on Ruskin the same quality as the one behind his business on Broadway.

"It would be an important asset to the community," Mendoza said. "Travelers looking for a place to stay come by at least weekly and I'm full and have to turn them away. I want to put my long-term tenants out in the Ruskin Circle area, so my park on Broadway can accommodate the short-term travelers. If they don't stay here, we're sending money away from Dimmitt to other nearby towns."

On Tuesday, Mayor Wayne Collins said RVs and trailer

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## Tour of two dairies planned for Saturday

By DAVIE A. BROWDER  
Managing Editor

If you're never been to a working dairy, you have a chance to tour one, actually two, dairies, on Saturday, June 25.

The Dairy Tour, which will include tours at Spandet Dairy south of Dimmitt and E&M Dairy, west of Dimmitt, will be from 2-5 p.m. Buses will be at the town square at 2 p.m. to ferry people out to the dairy operations.

"People will be able to tour the facilities," said Angie Osterkamp of Osterkamp Dairy. "They'll see the cows being milked and the different machinery that's being used."

Spandet Dairy, owned by Laurens and Ilona Schilderink, milks approximately 3,500 cows three times a day using a carousel. If you haven't seen one in operation, it's really interesting. The cows file into the milking barn and step onto the rotating carousel where they're hooked up to the milking machines. When they're finished, they're unhooked and step off to make room for others. It only takes a couple of times before the cows become accustomed to the procedure, according to dairymen.

E&M Dairy, owned by Evert and Maria Dyksterhuis uses a parallel system of

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# Forum

## Summer fun in the pool begins with precautions

Take one hot summer day. Add an inviting swimming pool. Fill with children and adults eager to cool off and you have a recipe for a relaxing day in sunny Texas. "Or you may have all the ingredients for a tragedy," said Kathleen Moore with the recreational sanitation pool program at the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). "Each year, people have to deal with the unintended tragedy of a friend or family member who is injured or killed."

In 2003, the last year for which figures are avail-

able, 311 people in Texas died from accidental drowning. Of these, 61 were children under 5.

Swimming pools generally are safer for recreation than natural bodies of water. "But it is taking specific safety precautions that make the real difference," Moore said.

At the top of the list: Never swim alone. "No matter what your age or skill level you should always take a buddy with you when you swim, even if a lifeguard is on duty," she said.

Second: Never take your eyes off a child in and around the pool. "Always supervise children in any swimming pool, wading pool or hot tub no matter how shallow the water," Moore said. "Anyone can drown in a matter of minutes."

In large groups or at parties, name a designated watcher to keep an eye on the children.

Other safety suggestions:

- \* Don't depend on inflatable arm bands or rings to keep children safe in water. Small air-filled swimming aids slip off children's arms or over their heads and are not intended to be used to prevent drowning.

- \* Take CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and first-aid training.

- \* If you do not know how to swim, do yourself and your children a favor — take swimming lessons. And have your children take lessons as well. But continue to watch children closely, even if they have had swimming lessons.

- \* Don't use a swimming pool as a babysitter. Be sure your children understand that they are not allowed in

or near a pool without a responsible adult present.

\* Obey lifeguards. They are there to prevent a drowning.

"Safety equipment at public pools is required for a reason," Moore said. "The ring buoy and the shepherd's crook are to be used only as rescue devices. Be sure no one plays with the ring buoys in the pool or removes them from the pool area. These devices can save lives."

Prevent children from having direct access to a home swimming pool.

"Install a four-sided, isolation fence with self-closing and self-latching gates around the pool," Moore said. The fence should be at least 4 feet tall and should completely separate the pool from the house and yard or play area.

"Keep tables and chairs away from the pool fence to prevent children from climbing into the pool area," she said. "And remove steps to above-ground pools when not in use. Equip the pool with lifesaving devices including a shepherd's crook or lightweight pole and a float with an attached line."

"Don't depend on chlorination alone to protect health," Moore said. "Sanitation precautions also are important."


Teach youngsters to practice good hygiene. Shower before swimming. Take children on bathroom breaks or change diapers often. Wash your hands after using the toilet or changing diapers. And teach children to keep pool water out of their mouths.

"Consistently taking simple precautions will greatly increase the chances that parents and children will enjoy a fun, safe time at the pool," Moore said.

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### NAZ NEWS

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Leavitt, Lexi Rowland, Mackenzie Gerber and Madison Hoelting of Tulia. Caitlin Husemen in the older division and Andi Rose were selected for the All-Star game, which was very special for them.

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Please, remember to pray for all of our sick people, especially those in the military and serving in Iraq and this week we add Mark Brockman, Gary Book, Vera Ramaekers and Brianna Yosten.

### HISPANIC VOICE

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The boys hadn't been together in more than two years, so they had a lot of catching up to do. Sisters Joanne and Darlene were

also in on the action.

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Prayers are asked for Teodoro Tijerina and his family. Mr. Tijerina or Don Tijerina as we all know him, has been and continues to be, very ill. After a hospitalization in Amarillo, Mr. Tijerina is home resting.

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Bueno, esto es todo para ahora. Well, that's all for now. No se les olvide mandrem todo el chisma for now. Don't forget to send me all of your gossip to [angie79027@hotmail.com](mailto:angie79027@hotmail.com) or 647-0106 or 346-3882. Hasta luego.

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### TOUR

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milking cows, where the cows are in parallel rows to be hooked up to the milking machines.

"With more and more dairies moving into the area, we want the people here to be more aware of the dairy industry," Osterkamp said. "We want them to see what we do and be acquainted with our methods."

"People in Castro County have been very welcoming to those of us moving into the area and this is a way to say thank you and show them just what our operations are about."

"Our dairies operate 24-hours a day, seven days a week and most of us come from families with that background, and whether we have people we hire to help us or are small enough to do it alone, the dairy families, including our children, are involved in most aspects of the operation."

### NAZ

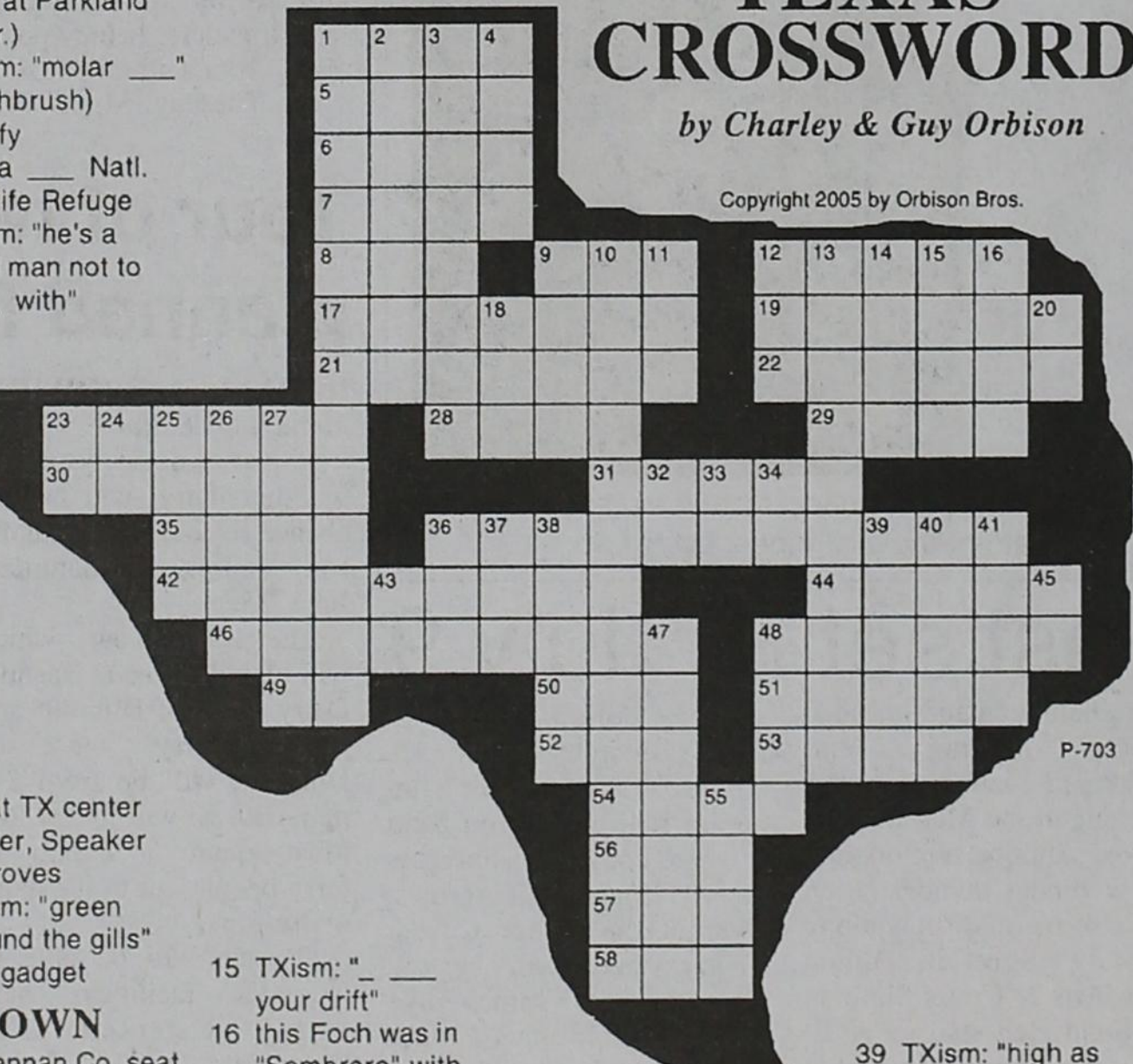
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There will be Children's Waterslides and Barrel Rides on the lawn by City Hall, and Live Music Stage on the lawn near the Museum. Tours can also be taken in the Holy Family Catholic Church and the Nazareth Family Park. Armbands can be purchased for \$7 at the Community Hall.

A new event this year will be the "Best of the Worst" Sausage Cook-off at 3 p.m. Anyone interested can buy tickets to sample the cuisine, and cast a vote for the best German sausage of the day. Teams interested in entering the contest can call Dwight Acker at (806) 945-2291.

Festivities will be capped off by the Suds n' Sounds Concert at the Nazareth Community Ballpark. Gates open at 5 p.m., and the live bands perform at 6:30 p.m. - 1a.m. Headline act for the concert is Reckless Kelly. Proceeds from the day's events benefit the Knights of Columbus Charities and the Nazareth Community Hall. Admission is \$20 per person. For more information, call Joe Hochstein at (806) 945-2419.

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**ACROSS**

- TXism: "close enough for government"
- Bowie's Alamo bed (2 wds.)
- in Hopkins Co. on hwy. 11
- TXism: "fits like ugly \_\_\_ ape"
- this Margret was character "Dallas" in "Stagecoach"
- Reagan's missile defense (abbr.)
- TX Crowell wrote "Till \_\_\_ Control Again"
- pitching injury: \_\_\_ cuff
- TX Gale series: "My Little \_\_\_"
- Bartlett newspaper \_\_\_-Progress
- go to UT
- TX co. that sells pest-eating insects
- TXism: "not a red \_\_\_" (broke)
- "this" south of the border
- respect
- TXism: "hot as a bed of mesquite"
- TXism: "wouldn't touch that with \_\_\_-foot pole"
- in Austin: "Martin Luther King \_\_\_"
- TXism: "first \_\_\_ of the box"
- similar to 7-11's "Slurpee"
- fruity frozen desserts
- works hard

**DOWN**

- urgent treatment area at Parkland (abbr.)
- TXism: "molar \_\_\_" (toothbrush)
- modify
- Santa \_\_\_ Natl. Wildlife Refuge
- TXism: "he's a good man not to \_\_\_ with"
- great TX center fielder, Speaker
- approves
- TXism: "green around the gills"
- golf gadget
- TXism: " \_\_\_ your drift"
- this Foch was in "Sombbrero" with TX Cyd Charisse
- "Honest \_\_\_"
- TV horse "Mr. \_\_\_"
- UNT degree
- TXism: " \_\_\_ have to get better to die"
- this Sharif was in "Mackenna's Gold" with TX Cassidy
- TXism: " \_\_\_ a fiddle"
- TXism: "the bigger they \_\_\_ harder they fall"
- TXism: "high as \_\_\_ back" (costly)
- former TX fashion model Wendy Russel \_\_\_
- White \_\_\_\_, TX
- former TCU coach \_\_\_ "Dutch" Meyer
- Ranger Michael Young position (abbr.)
- light flash
- discounter found in TX: " \_\_\_ Club"
- Galveston, e.g.

**WEATHER**

	Low	High	Prec.	Snow
Tuesday	91	62		
Wednesday	92	64		
Thursday	91	65		
Friday	86	65		
Saturday	87	62		
Sunday	86	50		
Monday	87	52		

June Rainfall	2.83
2005 Rainfall	9.54
2005 Snow	3.90 inches

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# On the Go

with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

The Dimmitt High School graduating class of 1975 held its 30<sup>th</sup> class reunion the weekend of June 10-11, 2005. The group met for a catered meal and visitation at the Dimmitt Country Club on Friday night. The group met again at Inside Four Bar K in Lubbock on Saturday evening for dinner, dancing, and talking. Of the 88 member class, there were 31 in attendance for the weekend. Deanne Clark Sowder attended a Republican Party fundraising event held at Inside Four Bar K the same evening. She visited with the class as her daughter, Tonya Clark, from Plano, was a member of the class of 75 and was attending the event.

The class elected to meet again for a 35<sup>th</sup> reunion in 2010 according to Lance Loudder, class president.

The Class of 1975 won the state basketball tournament and ended their senior football season with a 9-1 record. The 440 boys relay team placed in the state meet, and the band was awarded a sweepstakes rating in both marching and concert competition.

Some of those who came were Teresa and Andy Kemp of Fort Worth; Tonya Clark, Plano; Bobbie Wooten, Lubbock; Melony Dowell Fant and her husband, John, of Dallas; Kim Miller Hays, Harold Love, Sharron Truelock, Joe Barrios, Liza Ortiz and Rocky of Rockwall; Lindsae Snider,

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DHS Class of 1975 Reunion

## Hispanic Voice

with Angie Arguijo, 647-0106

Holo todos! Como les gusta el calor? How do you like all the heat? It's getting a little too hot for my liking. Especially when it's humid. I'll get right to this week's news.

First of all, I'd like to remind everyone to be on the lookout for bike riders. Especially when driving down residential streets. Kids on bikes and motor scooters are out in full force and are often having too much fun to think about safety. Parents, remember to apply reflective strips to bikes and protective gear. Let's all work to keep bicycle accidents to zero.

A reminder to everyone, "ya casies tiempo para la Jamaica!" It's almost time for the annual Jamaica. The Jamaica is scheduled for July 24. If you haven't already, make plans to go. It really is the biggest Hispanic influenced event of the year. Of course, the entire community is invited. There is always a huge variety of food items, such as fajitas, gorditas, barbacoa, tamales. I could go on and on. Se me hace aqua la boca. Makes my mouth water. There will also be great games like loteria (Mexican bingo), cake walk and contests. Oh, and don't forget the entertainment. Every year local bands put on a great show. So, if you are interested in participating, you can contact members of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at 647-0101.

Feizilades a Ramon y Connie Hernandez. Ramon and Connie are the proud parents of a gorgeous baby boy. Ramon Hernandez III was born June 8 in Plainview. He weighed in at 6-pounds, 15.6 ounces. Ramon has two sisters, Sessly Pearl Gallegos and Angelita Oriana Hernandez and two brothers, Nick Fuentes III and A.J. Bermea. His grandparents are Ramon and Angelita Hernandez of Hereford, John B. Castaneda, Murillo Rodriguez and Flossie Castaneda.

A few of the Arguijo men got together on Father's Day at the home of Rey and Joanne Oltivero. Brothers, Louie, Armando, Marcello and Jessie and cousins or "primos" David and Josh Arguijo, all got together for a few laughs.

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Happy Fathers Day to all of our dad whose special day was celebrated on Sunday in one way or another! As fathers left church Saturday evening and Sunday morning, each was given a special moments to read and use.

The Dan and Karen Gerber family hosted a cookout for the Gerber families and Gilbert and Dolly Schulte. A special guest this year was Father Ken Keller, also Steve and Sheryl Albracht and family and Kane Fielding of Amarillo (Donna's grandson). Everyone loves going out to Dan and Karen's - a nice, big swimming pool, a beautiful yard and a place to throw horseshoes!

A large gathering of family and friends attended the wedding of Justin Bingham and Mandy Birkenfeld on Saturday at Holy Family Church with the Rev. Ken Keller officiating and Deacon Jerome Brockman assisting. The reception, dinner and dance followed at the Nazareth Community Hall.

The Nazareth Swifts participated in a boys varsity

teen camp at Eastern New Mexico in Portales on Sunday through Wednesday in a big school division. The Swifts played as many as eight games in one day, won some and lost some but they ended up playing in the final game on Wednesday against Roswell, N.M. The Swifts lost but played an impressive game. A big thanks to Coach Foster of Littlefield who coached them.

Anni Scholl and three of her friends from Henrietta spent the week here with Anni's grandparents, Charley and Bev Hill. Each morning they took the girls to Canyon to Joe Lombard's basketball camp. They were in the 9-10 year old division. Friday morning, Traci Hill and sons Ethan and

Charlie, Sandee Hoelting, Kim Hoelting and Vergie Gerber attended the last day of the camp in Canyon with Charley and Bev.

There were 280 participants total in all the divisions in different age groups. Sandy Heiman was the director of the 9-10 age group. Her helpers were Sharon Hampton, Sierra Wilcox, Jordan Hampton,

Babs Lombard, Leslie Stoer and Katherine McMenemy. They all did a great job. There were 90 little girls in this division and I've never seen such discipline and immediate action when a whistle was blown. Every girl was given an award by Coach Joe Lombard!

Others going to the camp from Naz were Hannah

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## Naz News

with Vergie Gerber, 945-2669

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# People



Mrs. Justin James Bingham  
nee Amanda Gail Birkenfeld

## Birkenfeld-Bingham

Amanda Gail Birkenfeld and Justin James Bingham were wed Saturday, June 18, 2005, in a double-ring ceremony at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth with Father Ken Keller officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Gerald and Becky Birkenfeld of Nazareth. The groom is the son of Chris and Twila Williams of Nazareth.

The bride wore a white gown and carried a bouquet

of roses and Casablanca lilies.

Maid of honor was Kira Ball of Lubbock. Bridesmaids were Jaimye Foote of Amarillo, sister of the groom; Heather Schilling of Canyon; Jayme Hoelting of Austin; and Misti Ball and Tiffany Schmucker, both of Lubbock.

Best man was Trampas Ball of Lubbock, cousin of the groom.

Groomsmen were Brian Foote of Amarillo, brother-

in-law of the groom; Leon Birkenfeld of Nazareth, brother of the bride; Casey Hoelting of Austin, Billy Cannon of Burleson; and Gaylan Schilling of Schilling.

Candlelighters were Tara Kleman of Nazareth and Jessica Monroe, of Amarillo, a cousin of the bride.

The ring bearer was Haegan Albracht of Lubbock, son of Dale and Tami Albracht. Flower girl was Kari Schulte of Nazareth, daughter of Heath and Nicole Schulte.

Ushers were: Kyle Ball of Nazareth, uncle of the groom; James Wilhite of Lubbock, Travis Schulte of Pampa and Morgan Heck of Dumas.

The church was decorated in colors of white and periwinkle with roses and Casablanca lilies.

Greg and Glenda Birkenfeld and family sang and played and were accompanied by Courtney Hoelting on the piano.

The bridesmaids wore periwinkle-colored gowns and carried bouquets of lilies.

After a reception dinner and dance at Nazareth Community Hall, the couple took a wedding trip to Riviera Maya in Mexico.

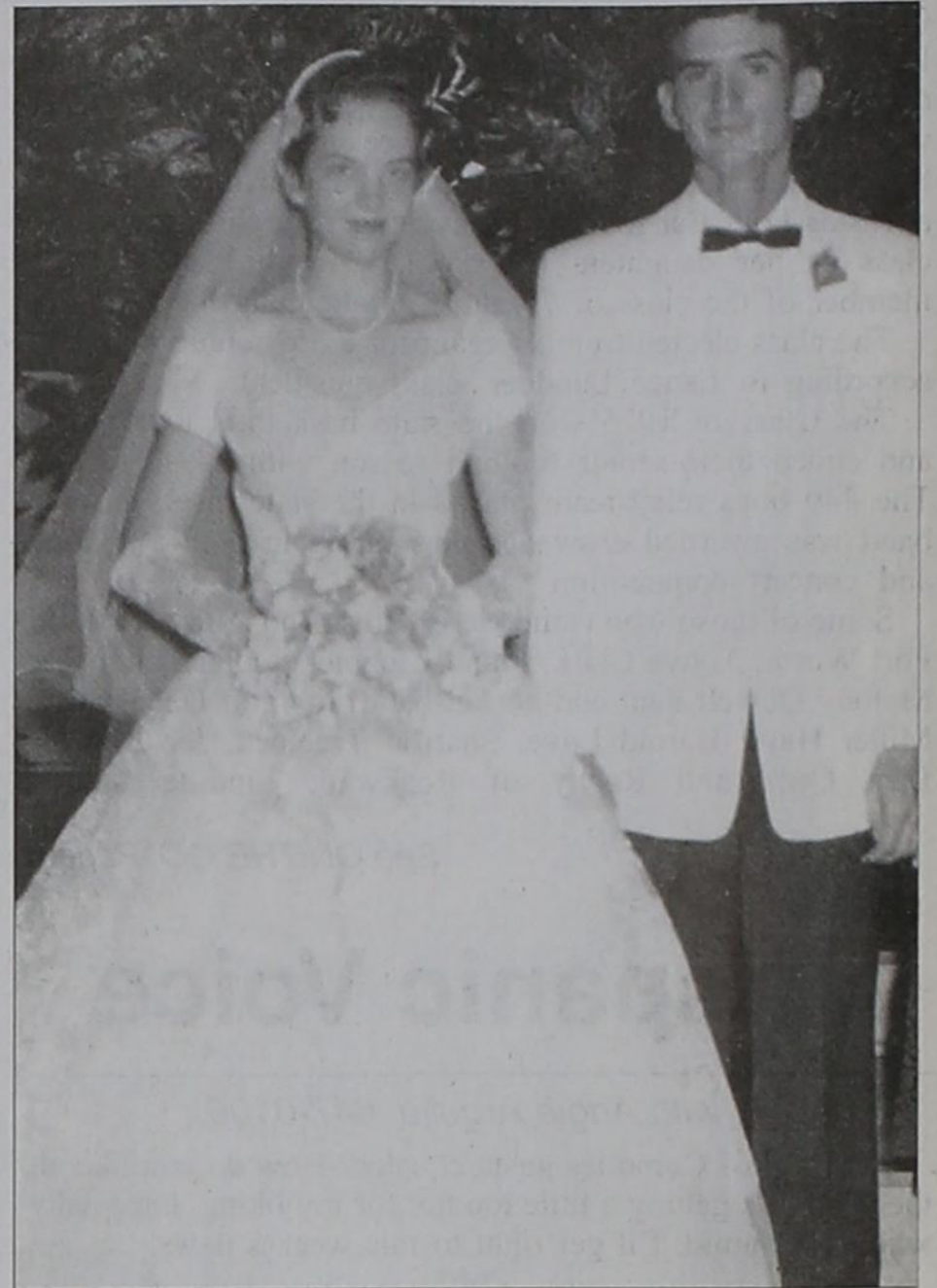
They will live in Amarillo. The bride is a radiologic technologist and the groom is an information system specialist employed at Anderson Merchandisers.

## Local VFW Post ranked in state's Top 10

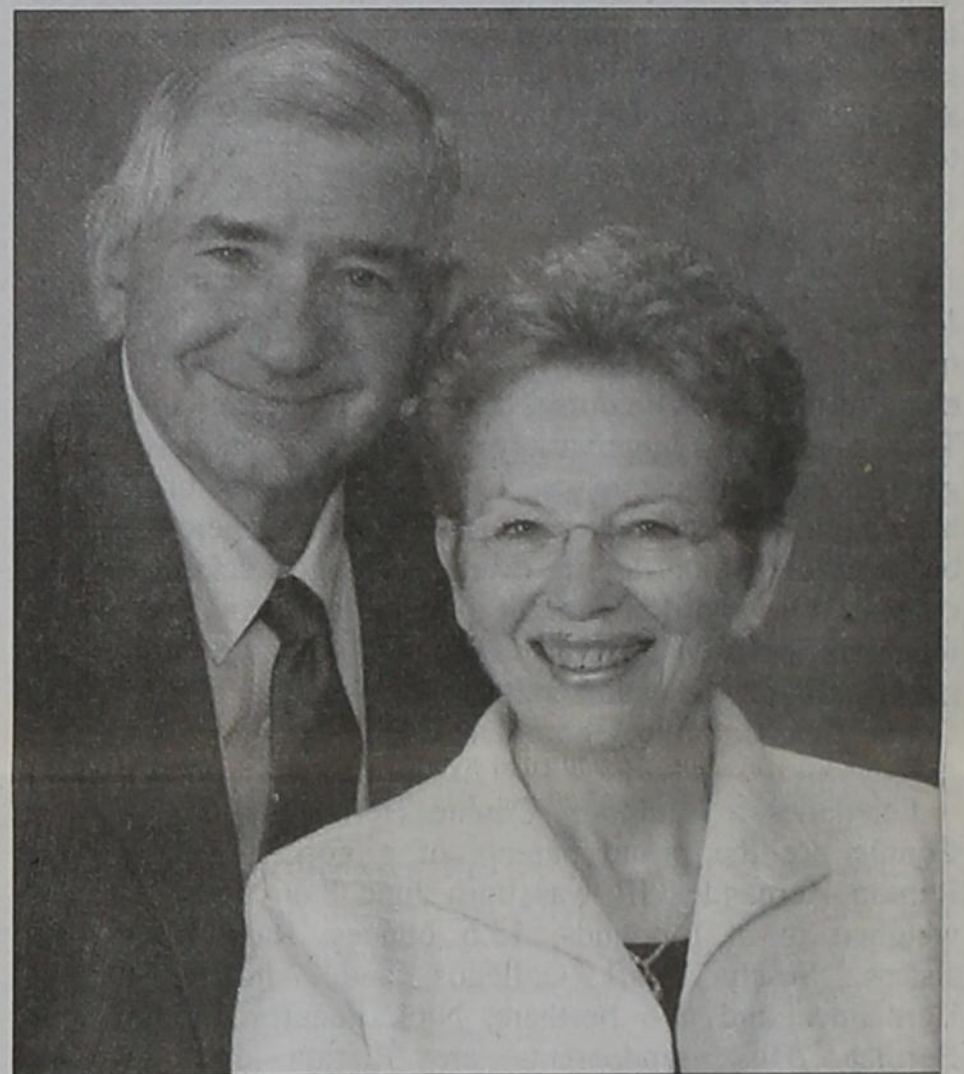
VFW Post No. 8056 has been cited by the State VFW in Austin and the National VFW office as being ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in the state out of 2,610 VFW posts.

The Post also received citations in Patriot's Pen Award, which provides an opportunity for seventh- and eighth-grade students to think, write and express their Patriotic opinion; Buddy Poppy Award in aiding the disabled and needy veterans; membership award for achieving 116 percent of member recruitment for the Post; and the National Recognition Award from the VFW Commander-In-Chief for the outstanding contributions made to the public through sponsorship and promotions of local community program activities.

This makes the VFW Post and Honor Roll Post for 2005. Commander Jay Touchstone also received his state credentials to be a voting member of the Department Convention to be held June 29-July 3, in Corpus Christi.



Above: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wales in 1955  
Below: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wales today



## Wales celebrate 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wales recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a trip to the country of Wales and a family dinner at Randys of Wildorado. Their children served as hosts for the dinner.

They are the parents of Kurt and Tara Wales of Dimmitt; Kathy and Davy Carthel of Friona; Lisa and Darryl Nelson of Dallas; and Tim and Tawnya Wales, also of Dimmitt.

Charles Wales and the former Lois Cleavinger were married June 14, 1955, in Dimmitt.

They have nine grandchildren.

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### NOTICE

The Castro County News invites your news of weddings, engagements, showers, anniversaries and births. 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 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.

A deadline of six months after an event will be the rule. Drop by for a form or send the information via e-mail to editor@castrocountynews.com. Deadline is Monday noon.

**Bridal Shower**  
honoring  
**Becca Whittle**  
bride-elect of **James Wilhite**  
Saturday, June 25, 2005  
10:00 to 11:30 a.m.  
home of  
**Sara Hill**  
1011 Pine Street  
Selections: **Seales Florist, Susan B's and Dimmitt Pharmacy**

**We have the following shower selections:**

June 25  
**Becca Whittle**  
bride-elect of **James Wilhite**

June 25  
**Sarah Ellison**  
bride-elect of **Brad Wethington**

June 25  
**Whitni Zimmerman**  
bride-elect of **Derek Buckley1**

July 24  
**Pattie Waggoner**  
bride-elect of **Chris Hatton**

**Susan B's**  
204 W. Bedford · Dimmitt, Texas  
(806) 647-2650

**Bridal Shower**  
**Whitni Zimmerman**  
bride-elect of **Derek Buckley**  
Saturday June 25, 2005  
10:00-11:30 a.m.  
home of  
**Niki Riddle**  
1155 FM 2392 West  
Dimmitt, Texas  
Selections at:  
**Susan B's**  
**Seale Florist**  
**Dimmitt Pharmacy**  
**Flays**

**Bridal Shower**  
honoring  
**Kaci Schulte**  
Saturday, June 25, 2005  
10:30 a.m. to Noon  
Home of  
**Barbara Bain**  
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Selections:  
**Seales Florist, Dimmitt Pharmacy, and Susan B's**



# CHURCH NEWS



## About being a dad

Okay, how do kids spell love?

They spell it T-I-M-E. Kids understand that dad needs to work and has obligations that sometimes interfere with attending their games or recitals.

What they want to know is what's really important to you.

Do you spend your free time glued to the television set?

With friends?

On the golf course?

Spout all the platitudes you want about how much you love your family, but your kids will decide for themselves what's really important to you by the way

you spend your free time. *"The Lord is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him" (Psalm 103:13).*

Several years ago, I was heading out the door for work, feeling pushed for time and preoccupied.

My son asked if I was coming to visit his class that day for the hour when parents were invited.

I started to snap "no" but I told him I'd be there.



**Brett Page**

When I arrived at his class, all but two or three children had parents there. His face lit up. For the next half-hour he sat with me as we joined in the activities. We were each to draw a picture - not a task I enjoy, being unable to draw a straight line. I looked at his picture: clouds, the sun, one tree and what looked like Barney the dinosaur with a human face. Underneath his

picture my son had a caption: "I'm thankful for God, my dad and trees." I felt good about the sequence. When it was time for the parents to leave, he grabbed me and said, "Take me with you." After a long explanation of the benefits of a good education, I convinced him to stay.

What if I hadn't come? What if he'd sat all alone while other kids were surrounded by their parents? How long will I carry in my heart that picture that says, "I'm thankful for God, my dad and trees?" Am I too preoccupied to really hear what my children are asking of me? Kevin Leman said, "Quality moments with your children come out of spending as much time with them as you can." \*\*\*

*Brett Page is the preacher at Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ, Dimmitt.*

## 4-H Clubs elect officers

The Dimmitt-Bethel and Nazareth 4-H Clubs have selected their officers for 2005-2006.

For Dimmitt-Bethel, they are: Stephanie Castro, president; Jeff Bishop, first vice-president; Adam Reinart, second vice-president; Carter Hill, third vice-president; Liz Hill, council delegate; Jill Miller, secretary; Tyler Seward, treasurer; Ivan Fuentes, reporter; and Anna Brockman, parliamentarian.

Officers for the Nazareth Club are: Beth Horn, president; first vice-president, Dusty Horn; Brian Acker, second vice-president; Brandi Kern, secretary/treasurer; George Acker, reporter; and Evan Murray, parliamentarian.

Hear  
**The First United Methodist Church**  
 Morning Worship Service  
 Sundays, 10:45 a.m.  
 On KDHN 1470

## The End of Days

The Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ Sunday a.m. adult Bible study class is studying the book of Revelation led by preacher, Brett Page. Come and enjoy the study and the fellowship each Sunday morning at 9:30. Church at 10:30. Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m.

**Everyone Welcome!**

Sunday Morning Bible Study-9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship Service-10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Evening Worship Service-6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday Evening Bible Study-7:00 p.m.

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 647-4435

## Vacation Bible School

### Jerusalem Marketplace

June 26, Sunday 1-6 p.m.  
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**First United Methodist Church**  
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 647-4106

## Kids Crusade

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Special service with Rev. Allen Sunday, June 26  
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The organization receiving the FREE ice cream should be an organized children's group-Boy and Girl Scouts, Sports teams, Kids, Inc., Church groups, etc.

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# Church Directory

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 Tom Long.....938-2462

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 Father Ken Keller.....647-4219

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*Praise to thee, my Lord, for all thy creatures.*

—St. Francis of Assisi

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 Brett Page..... 647-4435

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**Immanuel Baptist**  
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 Abel Vargas.....647-4088

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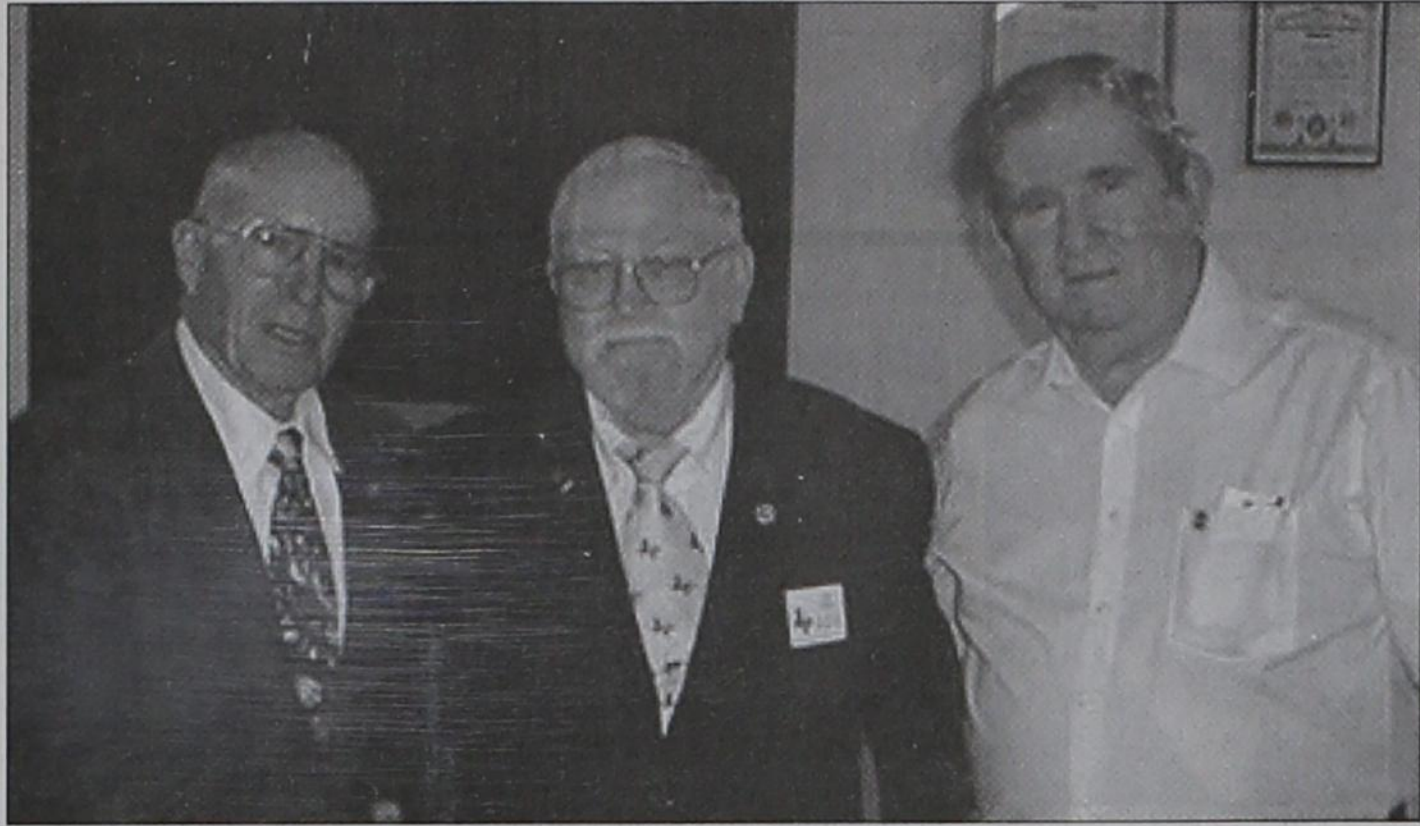
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**Two Masons get 50 year pins**

William Paul Dannevik, left, and Horace Hinsley Jr. of Bastrop are congratulated by District Deputy Grand Master Bill Shore of Hereford after the two received their 50-year pins from the local lodge. Dannevik was Past Master at the Dimmitt lodge, Castro Lodge No. 879, in 1971-72.

**ON THE GO**

*Continued from Page 3*

Lubbock; Lance and Terri Louder, Dimmitt; Leta Dodd Dennis, Jerry and Debbie Annen, Daniel Hauf of Alabama, Mary Hamilton, Oklahoma; Cliff Parker of Fort Worth; Mark Cluck, Layne Myatt, Gary Nutt and Steve Myatt of Clarendon dropped by for a visit.

Lance and Terri Louder helped to get this event together along with Jerry and Debbie Annen, Sharon Miller, Cliff Parker and Lindsay Snider helped a lot. \*\*\*

Nine people have just returned from Essen, Germany, where they've been guests of the Essen Baptist Church. The group worked on their basketball prowess, donated many basketballs and did everything the group knew to do to teach the German children how to play basketball ala Dimmitt style and share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Going as missionaries and basketball instructors were the Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor of FBC, Dimmitt, Elaine Hazel, John

Hazel, Katrina and Kelly Howell, Michael Rator, Keisha Smith, Darcy Fisher and Dr. Charles Vandivder.

This group was invited to come to Germany, live with the people of the Essen Baptist Church and share Christ with those they met.

They learned that the people of Essen were very courteous, warm and wonderful hosts. They began the basketball camps and averaged about 50 school-age children a day. They enrolled about 80 total. Each participant received a basketball to keep on completing the workouts.

Howard was the guest of the pastor of the church, Lars Heinrich. Howard said the pastor was a very warm gentleman and a great host.

The group learned that Germany is in a near economic depression with 30 to 40 percent unemployment. The country is very beautiful, the food was out of this world - especially the chocolate. \*\*\*

Judy Welch was very

pleased with the response to the Dimmitt and Hereford 2005 Garden Gate Tour. She reports that there were about 300 tickets sold. It is always such a pleasing experience to see the beautiful yards that are often hidden behind garden walls until the annual tour.

The beautiful ads in the Castro County News got good results. Attendance was good, even if the host families were faced with hail damage from the night before. There was little evidence of hail because the gardeners quickly removed the damage and the yards were gorgeous!

There were people from Olton, Friona and Amarillo, plus those from Dimmitt and Hereford, who won the prizes that ticket holders were eligible for. \*\*\*

Tennis friends of Linda Langford gathered at Kay Kellar's home Monday night to bid her farewell. Gary and Linda are soon to move to Mount Pleasant, where Gary is working for Pilgrim's Pride.

Janet Hand Smith and Jane O'Kelly, both of Amarillo; Paralyn Moore, Canyon; Deanne Clark, Lubbock; and Doricell Davis and Sharon Steffey shared salads and presented a gift to Linda. \*\*\*

Milton and Sandra Bagwell recently went to watch their grandson, Eric, graduate from high school in Kellar. He is the son of Steve and Anita Bagwell. From there, they flew to Atlanta, Ga., to visit Sandra's sister, Nancy Coyte and her husband, Don, who received many prayers from Dimmitt people during his bout with cancer. He is doing well and realizes how

**Steer livestock validation is June 23**

Livestock validation time is here once again for Castro County steer exhibitors. All county steer exhibitors, regardless if they are 4-H or FFA members, will need to have their steers validated on Thursday, June 23, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the FFA stock farm in Dimmitt.

Exhibitors will be required to have a parent with them for signature purposes

for required forms. A fee of \$10 per animal will be charged, which will be for validation tags and supplies, to be paid validation day.

Animals must be validated in order to participate in the county stock show in January or any of the major shows. For more information or questions, call the Castro County Extension office at 647-4115.

**Relay for Life rescheduled for Aug. 20**

The 2005 Castro County American Cancer Society Relay For Life has been moved from Friday, August 5 to Saturday, August 20 due to many scheduling conflicts, including the tax-free holiday weekend. The theme for the upcoming event will be

Survivor II, a follow-up of last year's canceled event, and will allow teams to use decorations left from last year. A costume and tent decorating contest will be held again this year with prizes being awarded to the winners.

The featured entertainment for the event

will be karaoke, with local performers as well.

Many games are being planned for the event, including horseshoes, basketball throws, rock climbing and possibly a bicycle race.

Teams are still being sought. All team rosters are due by July 22.

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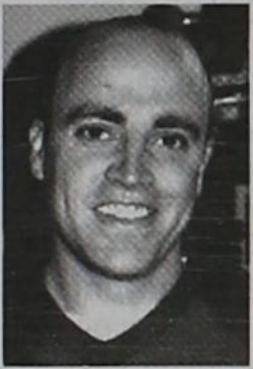
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**ELISE COBB**, 5-year-old granddaughter of James and Bonnie Cobb of Dimmitt and daughter of Tom and Camille Cobb of Paradise, had her first ballet recital in a performance of "Alice in Wonderland" at the Decatur Civic Center on June 4. She is a creative dance student with the Wise Performing Arts Guild in Decatur.

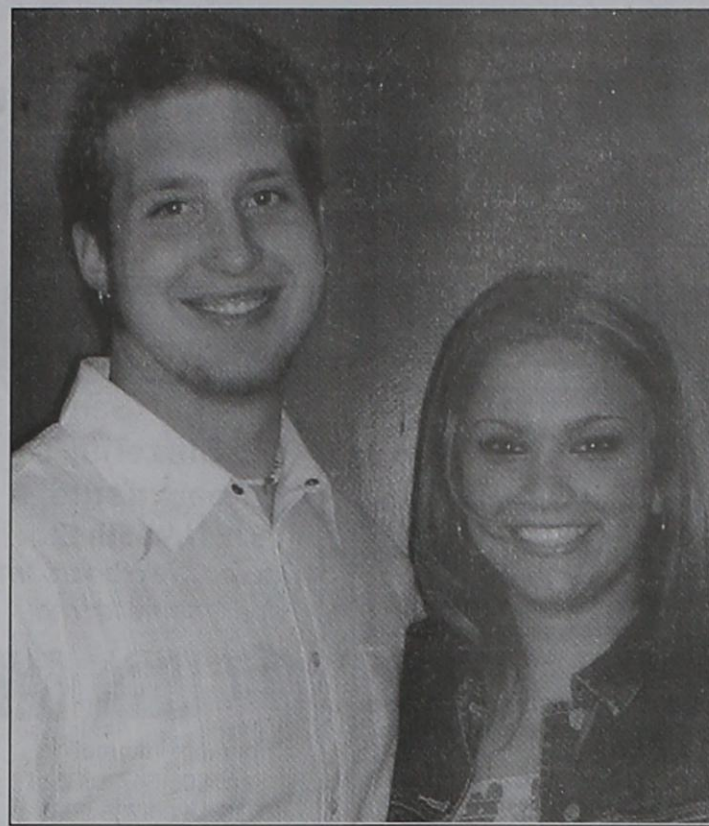
### Misconceptions and facts on pre-need plans at funeral homes

Misconceptions often occur when funeral homes change from once being locally owned to now becoming corporately owned. Large companies from out of state and many times from companies out of the United States purchase funeral homes in hopes of large returns.

During this time, those funeral homes often keep the same familiar name, even though there is no local ownership within that funeral home.

Another misconception is when an individual has purchased a pre-paid funeral plan or burial policy from another funeral home, that individual policy is 100 percent transferrable to the funeral home of your choice or your family's choice. Colonial Funeral Home accepts and honors all pre-paid funeral plans or burial policies from all other funeral homes.

We encourage you to come by and visit Colonial Funeral Home at 800 W. Butler and compare our facilities, prices and service, or simply just give us a call at 647-4444.



**Lance Louder & Hannah Bryant**

## Louder-Bryant

The parents of Hannah Joelle Bryant and Jacob Ethan Louder have announced the couple's engagement and approaching marriage.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Bobby and Ruby Bryant of San Marcos. She is a 2004 graduate of San Marcos Baptist Academy.

The prospective groom is the son of Lance and Terri Louder of Dimmitt. He is a 2002 graduate of Lazbuddie High School.

No date has been set for the wedding.

### ON TO NATIONALS

A South Plains College Skills USA team will compete Monday through Saturday (June 20-25) in opening and closing ceremonies leadership competition at the National Skills USA Championships in Kansas City, Mo. They won gold medals in opening and closing ceremonies earlier this spring at the state meet to advance to the national meet. From left on the front row are Rebecca Henderson from Littlefield, Travis Gregory from Springfield, Colo. From left on the middle row are Brandy Diaz from Brownfield and Miguel Mora from Levelland. From left on the top row are Ronnie Ledbetter from Lubbock and **CHAD MOTE** from Nazareth. Not pictured is, and Jerred Bentley from Lubbock.



(SPC Photo)

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**Card of Thanks**

From the family of *Teddy Jackson*

*Words can not express the thanks we owe to Mike and Eva Mullins of Colonial Funeral Home. There was never a time that we worried about any part of the funeral because everything was taken care of.*

*Thanks you from our family to yours for the food, cards, prayers and most of all the love shown to us.*

*Mike and Eva, thanks for your loving support.*

*May God bless and keep you in your new endeavor.*

*Gary, Linda and Tara Grand  
Linda Jackson  
Dennis Jackson  
Steve Jackson  
Rosie Hood*

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**Card of Thanks**

We appreciate the many acts of kindness shown to our family since the loss of our beloved Don. Thank you for the delicious meal, phone calls, cards, flowers and visits. Your attendance at the graveside service helped to lessen our pain. All of our Dimmitt friends are such a blessing to us. We ask for your continued prayers.

God Bless!  
The family of Don Gregory  
Ellen, Keith, Linda, Taylor, Taryn and Tate  
Rebecca  
Bill and Dalia

<p><b>CITATION BY PUBLICATION- EITHER COURT CLERK OF THE COURT</b> Joyce M. Thomas 100 E. Bedford Dimmitt, TX. 79027</p>	<p><b>PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY OR PETITIONER</b> The State of Texas 100 E. Bedford Dimmitt, TX 79027</p>
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**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after the date of issuance of this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

To La Herradura, Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's original notice of seizure & intended forfeiture Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two (42) days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, A.D., 2005 before the Honorable 242<sup>nd</sup> District Court of Castro County, Texas at the Court House of said County in Dimmitt, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2003, in this case, numbered B8037-0302 on the docket of said court, and styled, The State of Texas Plaintiff, vs. 1989 Chamberlin Semi-Trailer, OK Tag (fictitious) 1058 CM VIN# 1C1MAFZD2AB213056 Defendant.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows:  
The State of Texas Plaintiffs and Ismael Flores, Cecilio Ontiveros, Eagle Trailer Rental and Leasing and La Herradura are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: \*  
Suit to forfeit the 1989 Chamberlin Semi-Trailer, identified above as contraband as provided by Texas Code Criminal Pro. Ch. 59. as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Dimmitt, Texas, this is the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D. 2005.

Attest

Joyce M. Thomas Clerk  
District Court, Castro County, Texas  
By Carlene Long, Deputy

<p><b>CITATION BY PUBLICATION- EITHER COURT CLERK OF THE COURT</b> Joyce M. Thomas 100 E. Bedford Dimmitt, TX. 79027</p>	<p><b>PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY OR PETITIONER</b> The State of Texas 100 E. Bedford Dimmitt, TX 79027</p>
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**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after the date of issuance of this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

To Eagle Trailer Rental and Leasing, Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's original notice of seizure & intended forfeiture Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two (42) days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, A.D., 2005 before the Honorable 242<sup>nd</sup> District Court of Castro County, Texas at the Court House of said County in Dimmitt, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2003, in this case, numbered B8037-0302 on the docket of said court, and styled, The State of Texas Plaintiff, vs. 1989 Chamberlin Semi-Trailer, OK Tag (fictitious) 1058 CM VIN# 1C1MAFZD2AB213056 Defendant.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows:  
The State of Texas Plaintiffs and Ismael Flores, Cecilio Ontiveros, Eagle Trailer Rental and Leasing and La Herradura are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: \*  
Suit to forfeit the 1989 Chamberlin Semi-Trailer, identified above as contraband as provided by Texas Code Criminal Pro. Ch. 59. as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Dimmitt, Texas, this is the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D. 2005.

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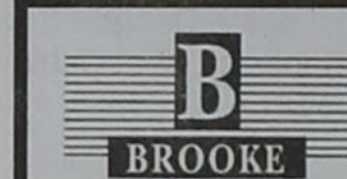
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# OBITUARIES

## NANNIE LOU CLINE ABLES

Funeral services for Nannie Lou Cline Ables, 89, were held Saturday, June 18, 2005 at Cleburne's Crosier-Pearson-Mayfield Funeral Home with Rev. Charles Payne officiating. Burial was on Monday, June 20, 2005, at Castro Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Ables, a homemaker, passed away on Wednesday, June 15, 2005 in Cleburne. She was born June 5, 1916 in Ennis, Texas.

She moved to Cleburne in 2000 from Dimmitt. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Curby Ables, Dec. 20, 1992.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, John Cline, April 28, 2003 and Virgil Cline, Nov. 29, 2004.



**Nannie Lou Cline Ables**

She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

She is survived by one son, Milas Cline, of Dimmitt; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.



### 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 schooling 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 and wife, parents, in-laws, brothers, sisters, grandparents (only the number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-grandchildren will be in-

## ROXIE JEAN LOUDDER

Services for Roxie Jean Loudder, 67, of Dimmitt, were Friday, June 10, 2005, at First Baptist Church, Dimmitt, with the Rev. Jason Stone, youth minister at First Baptist Church, Dimmitt, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Vergil Ichtertz, pastor of First United Methodist Church.

Burial was at Westlawn Memorial Park, Dimmitt. Mrs. Loudder died June 8, 2005, in Dimmitt. She was born Aug. 21, 1937, in Brownfield.

She married Dwayne Loudder on Sept. 24, 1955, in Earth. She graduated from Springlake-Earth High School. Mrs. Loudder retired in November, 2003, after 33 years with the Dimmitt Independent School district.

She was a member of First Baptist Church and Unity Sunday School Class.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dwayne Loudder, on Dec. 27, 1989; her parents, Wayne and Zella Mae Rutherford; and her sister, Wayna Mae Wilson.

Survivors include two sons, Lance Loudder of Dimmitt and Lane Loudder of Pflugerville; a sister, Glenna Fern Fuller of Albuquerque; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Cares, 112 W. Jones St., Dimmitt, TX. 79027 or Southwest Cancer Center, 692 Indiana Ave., Lubbock, TX. 79408.

## JOSE ALFREDO COBOS SR.

Services for Jose Alfredo Cobos Sr., 45, of Hereford will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, June 23, 2005, at Rix Funeral Chapel with Pastor Isreal Olivo officiating. Burial will be at Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Cobos died Monday, June 20, 2005, at his residence. He was born March 29, 1960, in Chihuahua, Mex., to Tomas Cobos and Manuela Casas Cobos.

He attended schools in Juarez, Mex., and moved to Hereford in 1978.

He had worked as a truck driver, remodel carpenter and had been self-employed.

He married Alicia Alejandre on Feb. 5, 1982, in Hereford.

Survivors include his wife, Alicia Cobos of Hereford; three sons, Jose Alfredo Cobos Jr. and Ricardo Cobos, both of Amarillo and Miguel Angel Cobos Alejandre of Hereford; his parents, Tomas Cobos of Chicago and Manuela Cobos of Dimmitt; three sisters, Hilda Cobos and Laucia Cobos, both of Juarez, Mex., and Melva DeLaCruz of Dimmitt; and three brothers, Mario T. Cobos of Plainview and Marco A. Cobos and Sergio Cobos, both of Juarez, Mex.

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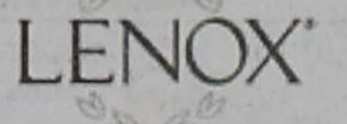
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# Ten easy ways to ID proud grandparents

By **DIGGER ELAM**  
HISD Superintendent

I am tired of writing about the lack of a school finance system in place for the 2005-2006 school year which causes superintendents to use the old system that guarantees less money.

I thought I would write a tribute to grandparents who play a vital role in the rearing of the young people in the U.S. Without grandparents, where would the world be? I tell you, the word would be in sad shape! Here are 10 ways that tell you that you are a great grandparents:

- \* Grandpa carries many pictures in his wallet but no cash
- \* Grandma expresses real love by letting the grandchildren pick their ice cream flavors

- \* Grandpa is able to pull a nickel from his grandchild's ear

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- \* Grandpa may have more grandchildren than he can name but never more than he can love

- \* Grandma is a baby-sitter who watches grandkids, not the television

- \* Grandpa knows that being a grandparent isn't for sissies

- \* Grandma is quick on the draw when pulling out pictures to show

- \* There you have it! Special "kudos" to all grandparents!

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homes have always been controversial.

"I think if we lump RVs with mobile homes, we'd preclude Frank putting an RV park out at Ruskin," Collins said. "We have attempted to expand the area where mobile homes could be parked, but it wasn't successful because of the opposition of many citizens."

"I really support Frank putting an RV park on Ruskin, but I'm not very optimistic about it."

At one time, Mendoza had said he would put the RV park on the land whether the zoning was granted or the land remained in the county domain. However, on Monday night, he backed away from that stance and said he just didn't know what he'd do. "Whatever I do, I'm still going to keep the storage area and the land out there clean and neat," Mendoza said. "I plan to be a good neighbor."

In other business, the council:

- \* Had a second hearing on annexation of property along East Highway 86, belonging to Don Carpenter and Jason Nelson. With no comment, the annexation process goes to the third and final hearing at the next council meeting.

- \* Approved a proposal from the city manager to charge \$50 to anyone wanted a building code variance. The \$50 would just about cover the out-of-pocket expenses the city has when such a variance is requested.

- \* Held the third and final hearing on the annexation of City Farm on East Highway 86 and it was approved.

*The Sifuentz families invite their friends to a dance at La Estrellita on June 25, 2005 from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.*

*Conjunto Inolvidable from Amarillo will provide the entertainment*

## Birkenfeld named head women's basketball coach at Johnson State

This week Johnson State College assigned the head women's basketball coaching duties to Cassie Birkenfeld. She takes over the program immediately, replacing Belinda Emerson, who guided the Badgers through the 2004-2005 season.

Birkenfeld turns to her playing experience and extensive basketball knowledge to lead the Badgers through a successful season. She has been involved in the game for numerous years at tradition-rich accredited institutions. Birkenfeld will take on a head-coaching role for the first time at Johnson State.

Her playing career stemmed from a nationally recognized High School in Texas. At Nazareth High School, she captained her team to the school's 14<sup>th</sup> class 1A Girls State Basketball Championship, a national record. She was honored as the Texas High School 1A Player of the year along with further notable awards for her performances on and off the court.

After high school she attended Wayland Baptist University, a private institution in Texas, where she gained an exceptional understanding of college athletics and academics. There she was named to the Sooner Athletic Conference All-Conference Team twice, the Academic All-Conference Team, and currently ranks 19<sup>th</sup> in all-time scoring after three seasons playing for Wayland Baptist University. After a season-ending knee injury her senior year, she filled in as a player-coach for the Flying Queens. Also at WBU, she coached and counseled hundreds of young women for five consecutive summers at the Flying Queens Basketball Camps.

For the past year, Birkenfeld has been working as a graduate assistant in the Athletics Department for Johnson State College. In addition to working with all ten sports, she is at the midpoint of her graduate academic career in the counseling program at JSC.

## HUTSON

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charge of \$38.50 per inspection. When he was not available, the price went up to \$50.

"Some weeks I do 15 or 20 inspections and some weeks I just do a couple, but there is always some kind of plumbing inspection," Hutson said. "Plus all the paper work, that takes a lot of time."

When named code en-

forcement officer, Hutson already had water, waste water and landfill licenses.

And she said that in most of her inspections, people have been very cordial.

Mayor Wayne Collins said Hutson's competence and attitude have played a major role in the reception she's gotten.

"It's unique that a woman has done this," Collins said.

"Karen has worked real hard and attended a lot of schools. She's going to save the city a lot of money."

"She's a long-time city employee and is very dedicated to the city and the citizens of Dimmitt. Karen is a person who strives to do the right thing for the city and the individuals she works with who need to get permits. She's willing to go

the extra mile to help people who have a problem and who need to get permits. She works with them to get them in compliance to get them protected and the citizens who go into their business protected as well."

Hutson recently returned from a convention of the Texas State Association of Plumbing Inspectors in Amarillo, where she attended a number of workshops. She was also elected Sergeant At-Arms of the group at the meeting.

She and her husband David, will have been married 38 years on July 17.

## SCHOOLS

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HB 2 and 3, it was only about a \$75,000 in funding increase.

"I just hope they get there and work together for the benefit of the schools and students. We must have an equitable finance plan. Adequacy won't help the small schools because we have the No Child Left Behind mandates. If they want to spend \$17,000 a student, it has to be for every student. It can't be \$17,000 for Highland Park. Every school has the same mandate, which means we should all have the same money. Robin Hood will probably not be done away with."

But Elam said a state property tax would be more equitable.

"Instead of doing it locally or sending it to TEA which distributes Robin Hood, we should have a state property tax that was

collected and then given out," he said. "To me, if I were a school board member, I wouldn't care if the state assessed the taxes and did it."

In the end, Elam was pessimistic about the special session.

"I don't look for a special session to solve it," he said. "I don't see any breakthroughs and I still think the courts will settle it. It's just a wasted 30 days."

State Rep. Warren Chisum was enroute to Austin when contacted by The Castro County News and he was optimistic about the session.

"Hopefully, we'll get a school bill out and a tax relief bill," he said. "That's our intent. Although I haven't talked to either the Speaker or the Lieutenant Governor, they've resolved their differences and will give us a chance to move

forward. If you'd have left it up to the members, you'd have gotten a bill out."

The biggest issue, of course, is where to get the money.

"If we have property tax reduction it'll be significant," he said. "Most of us won't vote for what we don't need. The money would come from closing the corporate loophole for Delaware subs and limited partnerships, which now don't pay taxes. That would be our intent. Have them start paying something similar to the franchise tax. There's no question about making sure businesses pay their fair share. They benefit more than anyone from having an educated workforce."

Although State Sen. Robert Duncan didn't return phone calls, his office e-mailed his reaction to the special session.

"During the legislative session, we drew very close to a good plan for school finance. We simply ran out of time," Duncan said. "This special session gives the Legislature an opportunity to renew our efforts and develop a solid plan that brings both equity and excellence to our public

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