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Mike Giesenhagen raced around the Thomas County Raceway track Sunday. He won the stock car race.

Colby drivers place at speedway

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Thomas County Raceway

It was a beautiful Father’s Day evening Sunday at the Thomas County Speedway after some much needed rain.

A very fast multi-groove track greeted the racers and the fans for the fourth race of the season.

Modifieds

Darrin DeLoach completed a clean sweep, winning heat #1, the cash dash, and the main event.

DeLoach used the bottom groove to come from the sixth starting position for the win.

Dustin Daniels also used the bottom groove to come all the way from the 12th starting position for a second place finish.

Mark Zorn had the lead early, but had to settle for third place. Brady Coen finished fourth and Doug Holzmeister had a problem free night and found a fifth place finish. Jeremy Zorn also came up

through the field for a sixth place finish. Nick Tubbs placed seventh, Wayne Dechant placed eighth, Jeff Tubbs placed ninth and Chris Remetes rounded out the top ten. Nineteen cars started the main event.

Stock Cars

Mike Giesenhagen led from the drop of the green flag to the finish in the main event.

It was a great battle for the win with Mike Meyer and Jason Rogers getting second and third. Travis Towns and Randy Tipton also battled throughout the entire race and came in fourth and fifth.

Eight cars started the main event.

Bombers

Travis Branum got his second main event win in a row in a close finish with Jake Haines finishing second.

Raymond Dechant edged out Jeremy Blackwill for third and fourth respectively.

Brent Moss was fifth, Bruce

Plumisto and Alan Kurth finished sixth and seventh. Kurth ran his first race of the season on this evening.

Ron Haremza was running second, but lost an engine and had to settle for an 11th place finish.

Matt Giesenhagen also had some bad luck and lost a right rear tire in both his heat and the feature and finished 12th.

Twelve cars started the main event.

Econos

The econo class main event was dominated by the Jeff Doty, with Alex West coming in second. Josh Colby finished third.

Justin Colby was the last car in the race after several cars had problems and dropped out of the race. Twelve cars started the main event.

The next races are scheduled for 7 p.m., Sunday, July 9.

Check out www.thomascountyspeedway.com for Schedule, Rules, Points and more information.

Wildfires, drought pushing more cattle to market

DIGHTON (AP) — A lingering drought in the Southern Plains and wildfires that destroyed thousands of miles of fencing are forcing ranchers to send more cattle to the slaughterhouse.

Drought conditions in Texas, the nation’s biggest cattle-producing state, are enough to drive the higher cattle slaughter numbers, said James Mintert, an agriculture economist at Kansas State University. But drought in other key cow states such as Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska and parts of Missouri also is fueling the higher kill rates.

Federally inspected beef cow slaughter in April was up 17 percent from the same month a year ago, coming on the heels of a 13 percent jump in March. May beef cow slaughter is estimated to be up 9.4 percent, Mintert said.

Total cow slaughter is up 3.7 percent so far this year, Mintert said. But since dairy cow slaughter is down 2 percent, the increase is coming from the beef sector. Beef cattle slaughter through the end of June 3 this year has been running 9 percent above last year.

At his cattle ranch outside Dighton in west-central Kansas, Don Hineman checked his cattle herd as the sky darkened with an approaching thunderstorm. The rain was a welcome respite from the long drought, but it will take more than one downpour to break its grip.

For the past four years, Hineman has culled his herd more heavily than usual each spring because of drought conditions.

“I sold 20 pairs this spring that I would have liked to keep,” he said as he drove his truck over the rough, parched pasture where the herd now grazes.

To feed his remaining herd on the poor grazing, Hineman has had to rent more acres and reduce his

stocking rate by 50 percent. He uses rotational grazing to rest parched pastures.

In these parts of arid western Kansas, ranchers are used to stocking pastures at the rate of 10 acres for each cow and her calf. This year he’ll need at least 15 acres for each pair — and then hope it rains enough through the summer to keep enough grass growing to feed them.

The extra acreage drives his expenses up 50 percent. He is also burning more fuel because he has to check on the herd over greater expanses. The grazing shortage has also prompted him to wear earlier than usual, further driving up costs.

To help livestock producers struggling with the ongoing drought, the Agriculture Department last week approved emergency cattle grazing on conservation reserve land in 31 Kansas counties.

But Hineman says the newly opened CRP grazing is not practical because of the restrictions on its use. Landowners would have to take a \$10-per-acre reduction in the amount of government money they get for keeping their land out of production, he said. That’s comparable to the going rate for rented acreage in the area, but the quality of CRP grazing is inferior because of all the dead grasses in it, he said.

Ranchers also would have the expense of fencing and hauling water to cattle grazing on CRP land, Hineman added.

“I don’t think much of it will get used — unless someone is really desperate,” Hineman said.

Texas cattlemen have been struggling with the shortage of grazing for months now, but worries are growing in places like Kansas, where summers are typically hot with little rain.

“If we stay dry, this is going to

turn into an issue in July,” Mintert said.

On Monday, Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service rated range and pasture conditions across the state as 39 percent poor to very poor. Thirty-five percent was rated as fair, with only 26 percent in good and 2 percent in excellent condition.

From his ranch in southern Kansas, cattleman Henry Gardiner has watched the drought force more cattle to market. Gardiner is a seed stock producer, meaning he raises the cattle that sire and breed the cattle that go to the slaughterhouses.

In the past seven months, his ranch has gotten less than 2 inches of rain. In a normal year, he would get 9 to 10 inches. But he’s luckier than most because he leases land along the Cimarron River where the water table is high enough to sub-irrigate some pastures.

Gardiner has seen a leveling off of prices as the drought deepens.

Texas wildfires have destroyed about 25,000 miles of fence, said Gardiner, adding that it costs about \$5,000 a mile to build a good fence.

It’s unclear whether the recent rise in slaughter rates signals an approaching large-scale liquidation of the nation’s cattle herd. The usual indicator of cattle herd expansion plans is heifer slaughter rates, which have been flat so far this year.

That would usually suggest ranchers are keeping their young females to expand their herd in the future, but this year those figures are skewed because of the Canadian cattle now coming into the U.S. that were not included in statistics from last year, when the border was closed.

But Hineman is hedging his bets the drought will break soon by retaining enough breeding-age females: “I’m keeping some in reserve,” he said, “just in case.”

Colorado governor bans fireworks

SEDONA, Ariz. (AP) — A 2,585-acre fire approached a popular state park in northern Arizona, and Colorado’s governor banned open burning and fireworks as a wildfire there grew to nearly 12,000 acres.

Hundreds of firefighters struggled Wednesday to prevent flames from jumping a highway in Arizona’s scenic Oak Creek Canyon and threatening an area of evacuated homes and resorts. The blaze was only 7 percent contained in the steep, rugged terrain.

Flames had neared the two-lane highway that runs through the middle of the canyon, but crews were able to burn away fuel in its path, officials said. The fire also approached the area of Slide Rock State Park, a popular recreation spot.

The blaze started Sunday in a camp used by transients and spread quickly, forcing the evacuation of about 460 homes and businesses in the canyon more than 90 miles north of Phoenix. The Forest Service is offering a reward up to \$5,000 for

information leading to a conviction of those responsible for the fire.

Mike Yeager has a home in the forested canyon, whose walls are tinted crimson by iron oxide.

“It makes me so mad. I just want to spit,” he said. “These people started a fire in the most beautiful place in the world.”

Gov. Janet Napolitano declared a state of emergency Monday to activate the state’s 211 phone system, which provides people with information about natural disasters and other emergencies.

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SATURDAY

JUNE 24

	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KLBY/ABC 4 (6)	La Gente	Busines-sWeek	Good Morning America (CC)		Lilo & Stitch PJ	Emperor New	Proud Family	World Cup Soccer: Round of 16 -- Teams TBA.				
KSNK/NBC 5 (8)	Today (CC)				Paid Program	Paid Program	Kenny-Shark	Time Warp	Trading Spaces	Darcy's Wild Life	Flight 29 Down	Endurance (E!)
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	Saturday Early Show (CC)				News				Little Bill (E!) (CC)	Blue's Clues	Paid Program	Paid Program
K15CG (2)	Busi-ness	Market-Market	Thomas-Friends	Jay Jay the Jet	Bob the Builder	Real Wheels	Dragon-flyTV	Hand-Crafts	Family Kitchen	Food	For Your Home	Victory Garden
ESPN (28)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (Live) (CC)						Paintball: U.S. Championships.	
USA (37)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Monk Crime-filled weekend for Monk.		Coach (CC)	Movie: Honey ★★ (2003) A dancer/choreographer raises money for a studio.			Movie: You Got	
TBS (38)	Becker (CC)	Becker The Job	Movie: Big Bully (1996) A teacher meets again the bully he squealed on as a child.				Movie: Angels in the Outfield ★★½ (1994, Fantasy) Danny Glover. (CC)				Movie: D2: The Mighty Ducks ★½	
WGN (39)	Enter-prise	People-People	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Freedom Movie Our Father	
TNT (40)	(5:00) Movie: Gossip ★★ (2000)		Movie: The Gift (2000) A psychic attempts to solve a murder case in the Deep South.				Movie: The General's Daughter ★★½ (1999) Army investigators probe an officer's brutal slaying. (CC)				Movie:	
DSC (42)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Material Witness (Part 1 of 2) (CC)		Material Witness (Part 2 of 2) (CC)		I Shouldn't Be Alive Jaws of Death		I Shouldn't Be Alive (CC)	
A&E (47)	Murder, She Wrote (CC)		Biography Christina Onassis (CC)		Ask This Old	Ask This Old	Old House	Old House	Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Criss Angel	
HIST (48)	Automobiles Jeep (CC)		Heavy Metal Mosquito Attack		Band of Brothers (CC)		Tales of the Gun		Mail Call (CC)	Blue-print	Modern Marvels Extreme Aircraft	
NICK (55)	Grown Up	OddPar-ents	Jimmy Neutron	Jimmy Neutron	Spon-geBob	Spon-geBob	OddPar-ents	OddPar-ents	The X's (CC)	Danny Phantom	Danny Phantom	Cate-crach
DISN (56)	JoJo's Circus	Higgly-town	Ein-steins	Ein-steins	Mickey Mouse	Mickey Mouse	Doodle-bops	Doodle-bops	Charlie & Lola	Koala Brothers	Lilo & Stitch	Emperor New
FAM (58)	Digimon-Digital	Dragon Booster	NASCAR Racers	A.T.O.M. (CC)	Get Ed (CC)	Kong-Series	Power Rangers	Star-Racers	Power Rangers	W.I.T.C.H. (CC)	Full House	Full House
HALL (60)	Little House on the Prairie The Award		Movie: That Darn Cat ★★★ (1965) A Siamese cat helps an investigator collar kidnappers. Hayley Mills.				Movie: A Simple Twist of Fate ★★½ (1994, Drama) A lonely man becomes an illegitimate child's guardian.					

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	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KLBY/ABC 4 (6)	Paid Program	That's-Raven	Zack & Cody	Phil of Future	PGA Golf: Booz Allen Classic -- Third Round. From Potomac, Md. (Live) (CC)						Paid Program	ABC Wid News
KSNK/NBC 5 (8)	Jeop-ardy!	Paid Program	Paid Program	World of (N) (CC)	Adventure Sports		Action Sports	Louisville, Ky. (Live) (CC)			Paid Program	NBC News
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Intercontinental Poker Championship Las Vegas.			Paid Program	CBS News
K15CG (2)	Yankee Shop	This Old House	Ask This Old	Home-time	Wood-wright	Real Simple	Scrap-book	School-Fine Art	Love of Quilting	Piano Guy	Cabin Country	Rare Visions
ESPN (28)	Paintball: U.S. Championships.	Paintball: U.S. Championships.			World Cup Soccer: Round of 16 -- Teams TBA. Leipzig, Germany. (Live)				SportsCenter (Live) (CC)			
USA (37)	(11:30) Movie: You Got Served ★★ (2004, Drama) (CC)		Movie: Patriot Games ★★★ (1992, Suspense) A former CIA agent is stalked by a vengeful IRA terrorist.						Movie: Face/Off ★★★ (1997) An FBI agent and a violent terrorist switch identities. (CC)			
TBS (38)	(11:10) Movie: D2: The Mighty Ducks ★½ (1994, Comedy)		Movie: Overboard ★★½ (1987) An amnesiac millionaire is duped by a cunning carpenter. (CC)						Movie: Cheaper by the Dozen ★★½ (2003, Comedy) Steve Martin.			
WGN (39)	Cosby Show	Moesha (CC)	Soul Train Flipsyde.		Movie: Senseless ★★ (1998, Comedy) Marlon Wayans, David Spade. (CC)			Farscape The Locket (CC)			That's Just Wrong (CC)	
TNT (40)	(11:30) Movie: Runaway Jury ★★★ (2003) A man tries to manipulate an explosive trial.				Movie: Unfaithful ★★★ (2002, Drama) A housewife has an affair with a charming stranger. Richard Gere.				Movie: Stepmom ★★ (1998, Drama) Julia Roberts.			
DSC (42)	I Shouldn't Be Alive (CC)		Krakatoa: Volcano of Destruction		MythBusters Confederate Rocket		MythBusters Cooling a Six-Pack		MythBusters (CC)			
A&E (47)	Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Movie: Romy and Michele's High School Reunion ★★½ (1997) Mira Sorvino. (CC)		Movie: Touch the Top of the World (2006, Docudrama) Peter Facinelli. (CC)		American Justice Jeff Zack. (CC)					
HIST (48)	Modern Marvels Shovels (CC)		Modern Marvels Drilling (CC)		Modern Marvels Metals. (CC)		Modern Marvels Engines. (CC)		Ottoman Empire: The War Machine Mehmed and Suleyman. (CC)			
NICK (55)	Avatar-Last Air	Avatar-Last Air	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Just for Kicks	Drake & Josh	Ned's School	Zoey 101 (CC)
DISN (56)	Movie: Johnny Tsunami ★★½ (1999, Drama) Brandon Baker. (CC)		Kim Possible	Ameri-can Drgn	Proud Family	Emperor New	Even Stevens	Natural-Sadie	Life With Derek	Zack & Cody		
FAM (58)	Movie: Can't Buy Me Love ★★½ (1987, Comedy) Patrick Dempsey. (CC)		Movie: Ghost ★★★ (1990, Fantasy) A murder victim returns to save his beloved fiancée. Patrick Swayze.					Movie: Grease ★★★ (1978, Musical) John Travolta. (CC)				
HALL (60)	Movie: Journey to the Center of the Earth (1999, Science Fiction) Based on Jules Verne's tale of a trip to the Earth's core. Treat Williams, Jeremy London. (CC)							Movie: Blackbeard (2006) A fearsome English pirate tries to control the high seas.				

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KLBY/ABC 4 (6)	News (CC)	The Insider	Movie: A Bug's Life (1998) Animated. A misfit ant seeks to save his colony. (CC)				The Evidence Stringers (N) (CC)		News (CC)	The Insider	Entertainment Tonight (N) (CC)	
KSNK/NBC 5 (8)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Dateline NBC (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		News	Saturday Night Live Kevin Spacey; Nelly Travalta. (CC)		
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	News (CC)	Paid Program	Cold Case Strange Fire (CC)		CSI: Miami Dead Air (TV) (CC)		48 Hours Mystery Back From the Dead		News (CC)	Drew Carey	Alias Truth Takes Time (CC)	
K15CG (2)	Sun-flower	Kansas Spotlight	Keeping Up	As Time Goes By	The Lawrence Welk Show		Red Green	Austin City Limits (CC)		Soundstage America performs.	Monty Python	
ESPN (28)	College Baseball: NCAA World Series Championship Game 1 -- Teams TBA. Omaha, Neb. (Live) (CC)						Baseball Tonight (Live)		SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		World Cup Live	Baseball Tonight
USA (37)	(4:00) Movie: Face/Off ★★★ (1997)		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Action Sports Louisville, Ky.	
TBS (38)	MLB Baseball: Atlanta Braves at Tampa Bay Devil Rays.						Movie: Tommy Boy ★★ (1995, Comedy) An heir tries to save his father's business.				Movie: Cool Runnings (1993)	
WGN (39)	MLB Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Minnesota Twins. Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome. (Live) (CC)						WGN News at Nine (CC)		Sex and the City	Becker The Job	Home Improve.	Movie:
TNT (40)	(4:30) Movie: Stepmom (1998)		Movie: Forrest Gump ★★½ (1994, Drama) A slow-witted Southerner experiences 30 years of history. Tom Hanks. (CC)						Movie: Runaway Jury ★★★ (2003) A man tries to manipulate an explosive trial. (CC)			
DSC (42)	MythBusters Exploding Pants		MythBusters Deadly bullets. (CC)		Guests of the Ayatollah (N)		Addicted to Oil		Futureweapons High-tech weapons.		MythBusters Deadly bullets. (CC)	
A&E (47)	City Confidential (CC)		Movie: Windtalkers ★★ (2002, War) A Marine protects a Navajo code transmitter in World War II. Nicolas Cage. (CC)						American Justice Daughter Dearest		Movie: Windtalkers ★★ (2002) (CC)	
HIST (48)	Modern Marvels (CC)		The True Story of Alexander the Great The young conqueror creates a vast empire. (CC)						Mega Movers Tower Crane (CC)		Alexander the Great	
NICK (55)	OddPar-ents	Spon-geBob	Movie: Kangaroo Jack ★ (2003) Jerry O'Connell.		Spon-geBob		Movie: Kangaroo Jack (2003) A kangaroo hops away with a jacket full of cash.				Cosby Show	Cosby Show
DISN (56)	Hannah Montana	That's-Raven	That's-Raven	Phil of Future	Ameri-can Drgn	Emperor New	Phil of Future	Life With Derek	Zack & Cody	That's-Raven	Hannah Montana	Emperor New
FAM (58)	(4:30) Movie: Grease ★★★ (1978)		Movie: Grease ★★★ (1978) Disparate summer lovers meet again as high-school seniors. John Travolta.						Movie: Grease 2 ★★ (1982) A British exchange student falls for a female gang leader. (CC)			
HALL (60)	(4:00) Movie: Blackbeard (2006)		Movie: Jules Verne's Mysterious Island ★½ (2005) Civil War refugees encounter Captain Nemo. Kyle MacLachlan. (CC)						M'A'S'H (CC)	M'A'S'H (CC)	M'A'S'H (CC)	M'A'S'H (CC)



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