







# People



Robert and Mary Verkamp

## Verkamps mark 40th anniversary with mass

Robert and Mary Verkamp of Nazareth were honored on their 40th wedding anniversary with a special mass Sunday, April 8, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth, and a family barbecue.

The celebration was coordinated by the couple's children and grandchildren.

The couple were married on April 5, 1961, in Holy Family Church in Nazareth. She is the former Mary

Ruth Backus.

The couple's children and in-laws are Walter and Jenny Verkamp of Idalou; Paul and Dru Ann Verkamp of Slaton; Gerry and Connie Verkamp, Leon Verkamp and David Verkamp, all of Lubbock; Harold and Kirsten Verkamp of Ramstein, Germany; Elaine and Mackie Iiron of Abilene; and Theresa and Vinnie Montes of Deltona, Fla. The couple has nine grandchildren.

## ACS Relay for Life seeks team members

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Dimmitt has been slated for June 8, with activities scheduled from 12 noon until 12 midnight, according to Relay Co-Chairmen Beth Buckley and Lori Wilhite.

Those interested in forming a team to walk during the relay may contact Eddie Sutton, team chairman, for a team packet. Teams are asked to raise money through donations in the amount of at least \$50 per team member. There must be at least one member of each team walking

around the track during the six hours of the relay. Sutton can be contacted at 647-2145.

Awards and recognition will be given for best banners, best costumes, best theme, most money raised, most laps walked and lots more.

Individuals wanting to participate may form a team of their own or ask to be placed on a team that is already formed. Businesses, families and organizations are all encouraged to form teams that will participate.

## Cancer survivors urged to enlist for Survivors' Lap at Relay for Life

Anyone who has battled with cancer and survived the fight deserves special recognition, according to the organizers of the Relay for Life event that will be held in Dimmitt June 8.

Cancer survivors are being urged to sign up now to participate in the Cancer Survivors' Lap of the relay, also known as "the winners' lap."

"We would like to extend a special invitation for you to participate in this inspiring event by walking in the first lap of the relay," said survivors' co-chairmen Doris Flynt and Jayne Vaughan.

Sign-up forms are available at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office, 115 W. Bedford, or by calling Flynt at 647-3473 or Vaughan at 647-5213. There is no charge to participate, and each survivor will receive a Relay for Life t-shirt.

Survivors are requested to arrive at the Dimmitt High School stadium by 5 p.m. on June 8 to pick up their t-shirts and pose for an individual photo. They also will be included in a group photo of all team participants in the relay.

The Survivors' Lap will begin at 6 p.m., to start off the relay portion of the event.

Another way in which survivors may be honored is through the purchase of luminarias.

Karron Smith is the chairman of the luminarias for the Relay for Life. She said that the special paper bags will be sold again this year for \$5 each.

Those purchasing the luminarias may designate them for a cancer survivor or a cancer victim, or someone who is still battling with the disease. The bags may be decorated before they are turned back in, and the night of the relay they will be placed around the high school track and a votive candle will be placed in each. They will be lit at dusk and the names of those who are being honored will be called out during the relay.

The luminaria kits will be available at selected businesses around town or at the Chamber office.

*Nicolaus Copernicus, the Polish astronomer, was also a doctor, a lawyer, and a church official.*

*The first commercially successful steamboat was Robert Fulton's Clermont, built in 1807.*



ELMER AND FLORENE SCHULTE ... On wedding day in 1951 and today

## Schultes will celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Elmer and Florene Schulte of Nazareth will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a special

mass and reception Saturday evening in Nazareth.

The mass will be read at Holy Family Church at 6 p.m., and will be followed by a reception at the Nazareth Community Hall.

Elmer Schulte married the former Florene Huseman on April 3, 1951, in Nazareth. The couple have lived in Nazareth all of their lives.

The Schultes have three children, Greg Schulte, Dianne Wilhelm and Stan Schulte, all of Nazareth. They have 10 grandchildren.

## Quilters selling chances on quilts

The Friendship Quilters' Guild is selling chances on the three quilts that were made of blocks with the names of cancer victims or survivors from last year's Relay for Life.

The proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society. Chances are \$1 each or six for \$5. Tickets may be purchased from Joyce Davis at 647-5362 or from any guild member.

## Shower fetes Kenworthy

Shawna Kenworthy, bride-elect of Travis Schulte, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday in the home of Jan Baca.

Kenworthy is the daughter of Tommy and Sherri Kenworthy, and the prospective groom is the son of Greg and Karen Schulte.

Special guests included the bride-elect's grandmothers Katy Wright and Janice Burke; and the prospective groom's grandmothers Florene Schulte and Dorothy Pohlmeier.

Out-of-town guests included Janet Claborn of Muleshoe, Virginia and Heidi Weaver of Canyon, Lisa Wales of Dallas, and Mary Nell King of Seminole.

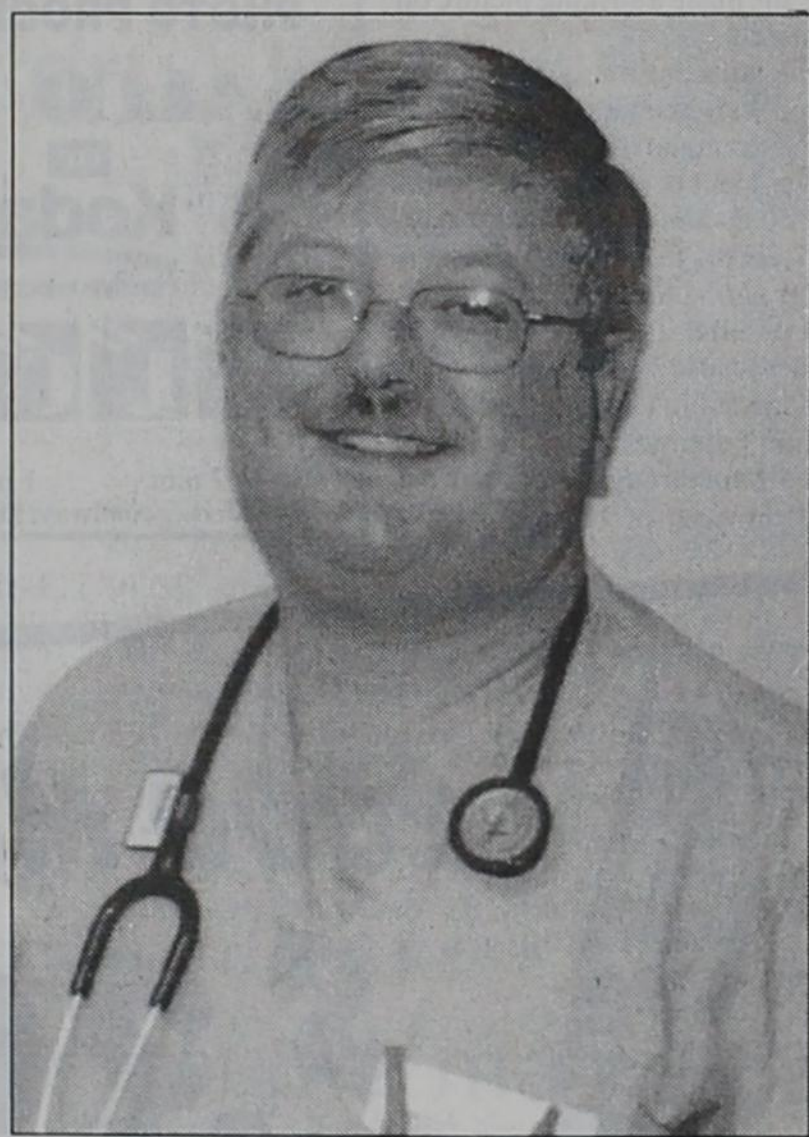
The glass-topped serving table was brightened with a mirror, which held assorted sizes of crystal rocks that added to the reflections of light. The centerpiece was an arrangement of fresh flowers, including tulips, lilies, larkspur, eucalyptus, and various fillers in a round crystal bowl.

The serving pieces were crystal and silver platters and punch bowl. The platters held an assortment of muffins and ham and cheese skewers. Also, fresh fruit was served in bowls cut from halved pineapples.

The hostesses presented the couple with their selected dishes.

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## Dr. Gary R. Hardee

Dr. Gary Hardee is one of the most familiar faces in the local medical community. He practices family medicine at the Medical Center of Dimmitt and Plains Memorial Hospital.

Born and raised at Sweetwater, Dr. Hardee attended Texas Tech, where he earned a BS degree in zoology in 1973. He attended the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, receiving his M.D. degree in 1978.

He joined the US Air Force and served his internship and residency in family practice at Carswell AFB Regional Hospital and John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth.

He later served as a family physician and chief of the Family Practice Clinic at Altus AFB Regional Hospital in Oklahoma.

He was honorably discharged from active duty with the rank of major in 1985. That's when he and his family came to Dimmitt.

For almost 13 years, Dr. Hardee

owned and operated the Hardee Family Medicine Clinic in Dimmitt. In the meantime, he and his wife, Cenci, raised their two children, Ryan and Michelle, here.

He is a fellow in the American Academy of Family Physicians, a diplomate on the American Board of Family Practice, and a member of the Texas Medical Association, Tierra Blanca Medical Society and American Academy of Family Physicians.

At the Medical Center of Dimmitt, he teams with Dr. Leon Joplin, Dr. Bill D. Murphy, Dr. Donald McGroery, Dr. Dhiraj S. Patel and Nurse Practitioner Kim Sava to provide conscientious family medical care to the people of Castro County.



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## Recent rains have improved soil moisture conditions

Significant rainfall received during the winter and spring across the 15-county High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 has prompted many questions from producers about current soil moisture conditions.

In response, the district and Natural Resource Conservation Service personnel randomly took soil moisture measurements in late March at some of the same sites previously measured for the 2001 pre-plant soil moisture survey in November and

December.

More than 400 rain gauges in the Water District were read in early April, and they indicated that most of the area has received more than three inches of rainfall since Jan. 1. Many areas in the district received between four and five inches of rain during this time.

Based upon random sampling in March, there was generally a gain in soil moisture; however, the amount of additional soil moisture is probably not as much as some might expect, said USDA-NRCS Soil Scientist Gerald Crenwelge.

"Since the resampling locations were at random, there was variability in the type of soil, crop grown last year, soil moisture present in November or December, and whether or not the soil surface was plowed, bedded or furrow diked then and now. Each of these variables greatly impacted the amount of rain that the soil was able to absorb and hold," Crenwelge said.

On the average, there was about 3.5 inches of rain across the area which resulted in an average gain of 1.2 inches of moisture in the soil. Generally, less than one-half of the rainfall was stored by the soil.

The variability of the sampling is illustrated by the fact that the location of one soil moisture monitoring site received 3.5 inches of rain since Jan. 1, but the field showed no increase in soil moisture since the end of the pre-plant soil moisture survey in December 2000. In contrast, one field received 3.3 inches of rainfall and still has 2.2 inches of this moisture stored in the soil.

This indicates the importance of having soils in the proper condition to capture rainfall whenever it occurs. The general rains received this winter across the Water District service area have been very beneficial, yet some fields were in a better condition to receive the benefits of this precipitation than others.

Producers can make sure their fields will accept future rainfall through the use of practices such as contour farming, minimum tillage and furrow diking. In one instance, a producer maintained furrow dikes in the field during the winter and

increased the soil moisture as a result. The recheck seemed to indicate that farmers who utilize contour rows in their fields store more soil moisture than those who do not contour farm.

As we near the 2001 crop planting season, it is important for producers to check soil moisture conditions in their individual fields. This can be accomplished by probing the soil and examining moisture conditions at different depths.

An illustrated step-by-step procedure to assess soil moisture conditions is found in the Water District's water management note, *Estimating Soil Moisture by Feel and*

*Appearance.* This publication is free of charge to residents within the Water District. Copies are available by contacting the district's information/education section at (806) 762-0181 or by e-mail at [info@hpwd.com](mailto:info@hpwd.com).

The cost of irrigation has impacted agricultural producers in the region. Maintaining the moisture currently stored in the soil profile and leaving the soil surface in a condition to accept future rainfall is an important aspect of the soil's capability to provide moisture to crops later in the growing season. Increasing soil moisture storage now should result in reduced irrigation needs later this year.

## Private applicators' training is scheduled

A training session for first time private applicators will be held Tuesday at the Castro County Extension Office, 205 N. Broadway in Dimmitt.

The training is for the purpose of obtaining a private applicator's license. It is not intended for receiving additional continuing education units, according to Rick Auckerman,

CEA-Ag.

The training will begin at 9 a.m. and should be finished around 11:45 a.m. After the training, testing will begin at about noon and there will not be a break for lunch.

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## Quick TASP to be given here

Amarillo College will be administering the Quick TASP in Dimmitt next Thursday (April 26) in the Dimmitt High School library.

Testing will start at 12:30 p.m., and will cost \$29 per person.

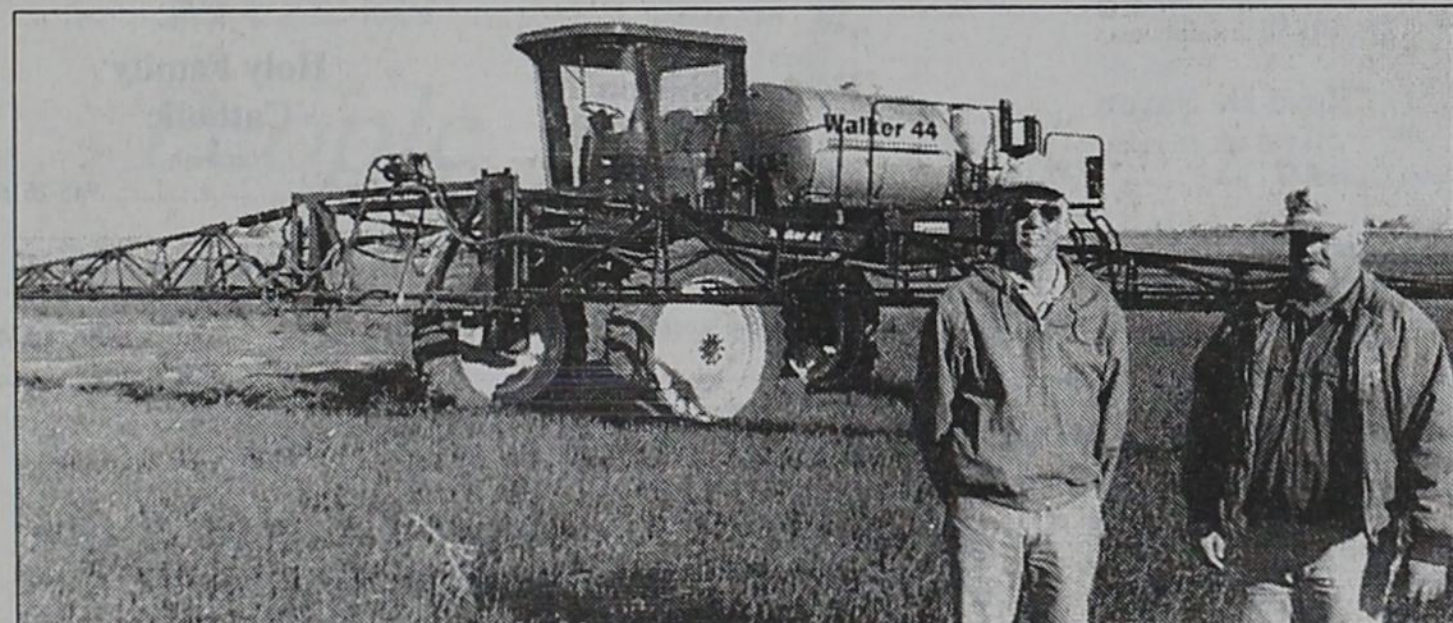
Reservations are required and must be made by Tuesday. Those interested may call Sue Summers at 647-3105.

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TEARS OF HAPPINESS AFTER QUALIFYING FOR REGIONAL ... Crystal Nino anchored Dimmitt's varsity girls' 1,600m relay team

From District 2-AAA track meet

# Soler, Sanders, Fabela, girls' mile relay advance

L.J. Soler, Matthew Sanders, Rachel Fabela and the Dimmitt Bobbies' mile relay team will compete in the Region 1-AAA track meet in Odessa this month after placing either first or second at the district meet.

Dimmitt hosted the 2-AAA track meet last Thursday at Bobcat Stadium, and athletes performing enjoyed great weather as they vied for berths in the regional meet.

Mulshoe won the boys' district team title with 172 points while Littlefield was second with 95. Shallowater finished third with 93 points, Lubbock Roosevelt was fourth with 89, Dimmitt was fifth

with 68 points and Lubbock Cooper was sixth with 34.

In the girls' division, Mulshoe ran away with the team crown, scoring a whopping 263 points, compared with the 117 scored by second-place Shallowater. Lubbock Cooper was third with 90, the Bobbies finished fourth with 70, Littlefield was fifth with 21 and Lubbock Roosevelt was sixth with 17.

Soler won the long jump and 300-meter hurdles to qualify for regional in two events. He posted a time of 41.39 in the hurdles, nosing out Tidwell from Littlefield, who was second in 41.58. Soler had stiff competition in the long jump, too, jumping 20 feet, three-fourths of an inch. That was only three-fourths of an inch better than Ramirez of Mulshoe.

Sanders is the district champion in the discus after his throw of 131 feet and three-fourths of an inch topped throws by all competitors. His throw was almost six feet better than runner-up Shepard of Lubbock Cooper.

Fabela finished second in the shot put and the girls' 1,600-meter relay team also earned runner-up honors. Relay team members include Ashley Irons, Sadra Daniels, Cassandra Casas and Crystal Nino.

Fabela hurled the shot 31 feet to advance while the mile relay team posted the second-best time of 4:21.25.

Several other Dimmitt athletes just missed out on a regional berth after placing third in the district meet.

Soler finished third in the triple jump with a jump of 39 feet, 7 1/2 inches.

Julian Velo finished third in the

shot put with a throw of 43 feet.

In the 3,200-meter run, Matthew Wright was clocked at 10:52.41, just seven seconds off of the regional qualifying pace.

Salvador Diaz was a second slower than Mannin of Shallowater in the 400 and had to settle for third place with a time of 53.02.

The Bobcats' mile relay team including Diaz, Wright, Emanuel Jaramillo and Mitchell Gentry, finished third in 3:37.42.

Casas posted the third-best time in the 100- and 200-meter dashes, running the first in 13.23 and the second in 27.77.

Nino was third in the 400-meters with a time of 1:04.68.

Other Bobbies placing at district were Lauren Waggoner, fifth in the shot put, 29-2 1/2; Daniels, fifth in the 400, 65.77; girls' 400 relay (Irons, Heard, Nino and Daniels), fourth, 54.44; Jessica Salinas, sixth in the discus, 79-5 1/4; Casas in the long jump, 14-5 1/2; Irons and Casas in the triple jump, fifth and sixth, respectively, 32-5 and 31-8 1/2.; and Kelsey Welch in the 3,200, fifth, 14:02.52.

The Bobcats' 400 relay finished sixth with a time of 46.59. Team members included Soler, Diaz, Gentry and Jaime Rios.



Charley Nutt

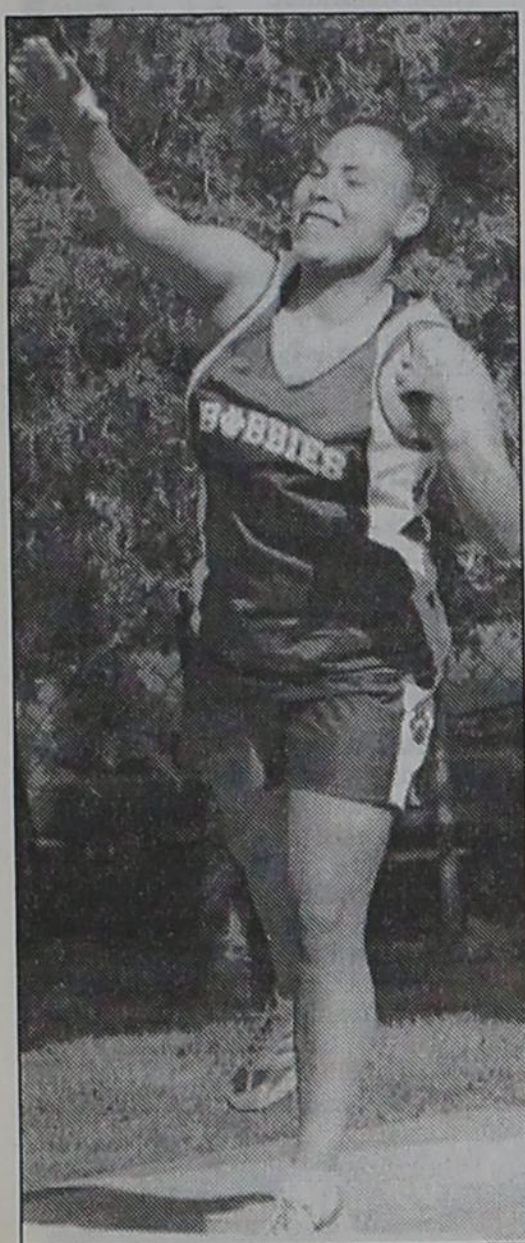
## Nutt putts way to regional meet

Charley Nutt of Dimmitt tied for fifth-place individual honors in the District 2-AAA golf tournament, and she will be competing in the Region 1-AAA meet in Odessa this week.

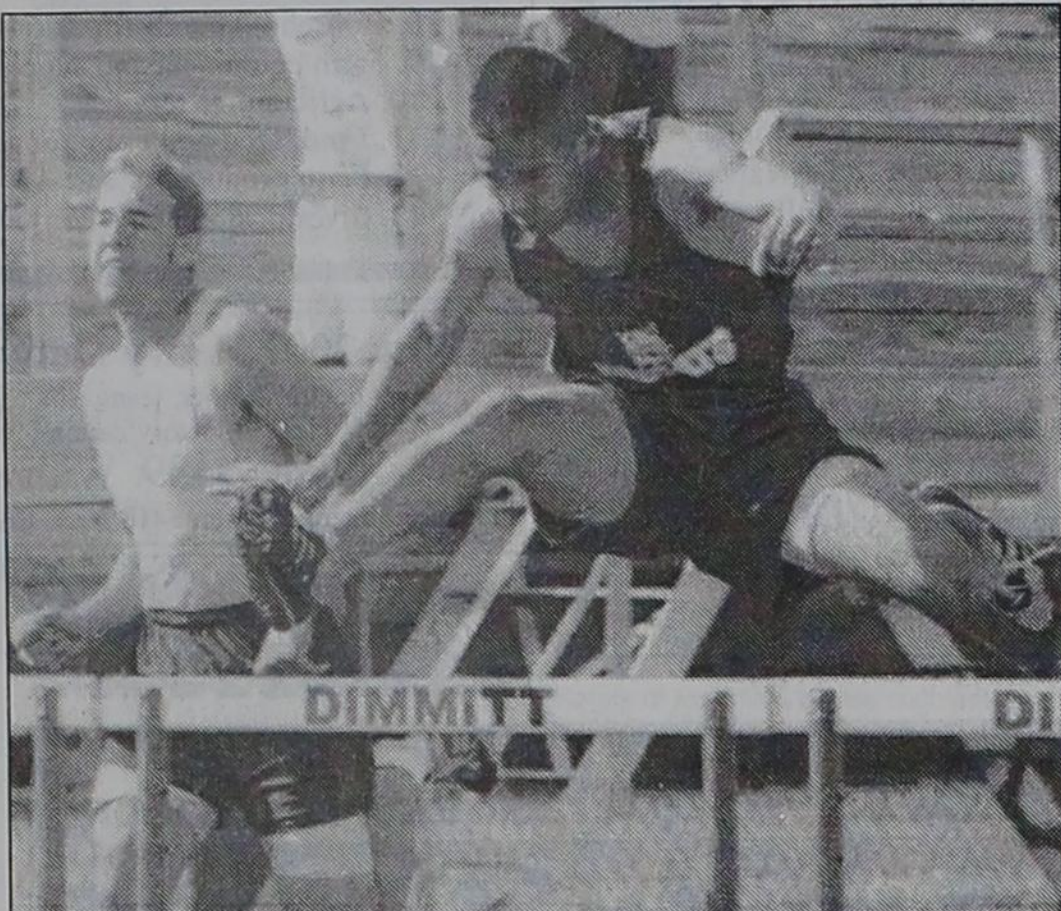
Nutt fired a 316 over the three-round tournament, scoring 102 on the first 18 holes, and 107 over the second and third rounds, respectively, to tie for fifth with Mulshoe's Kristin Magby.

Nutt was one of two Dimmitt girls to compete in the district golf tournament.

Lyndee Behrends also played as an individual.



RACHEL FABELA ... District runner-up in shot put



DIMMITT'S L. J. SOLER SAILS OVER A HURDLE FRIDAY ... He qualified for regional in 300m hurdles and long jump



MATTHEW SANDERS ... Discus champion

## DHS places three on A-J All-South Plains

Dimmitt Bobbies' coach Tim Gilliland is the Class AAA All-South Plains Coach of the Year while Heather Black and Dee Norman earned mention to the honor squad.

Gilliland's Bobbies peaked at the right time this year, playing their best basketball when it counted—in district and in the playoffs.

Dimmitt advanced to the regional quarterfinals under Gilliland's guidance, falling to Perryton in overtime. Dimmitt finished the season with an 11-20 mark.

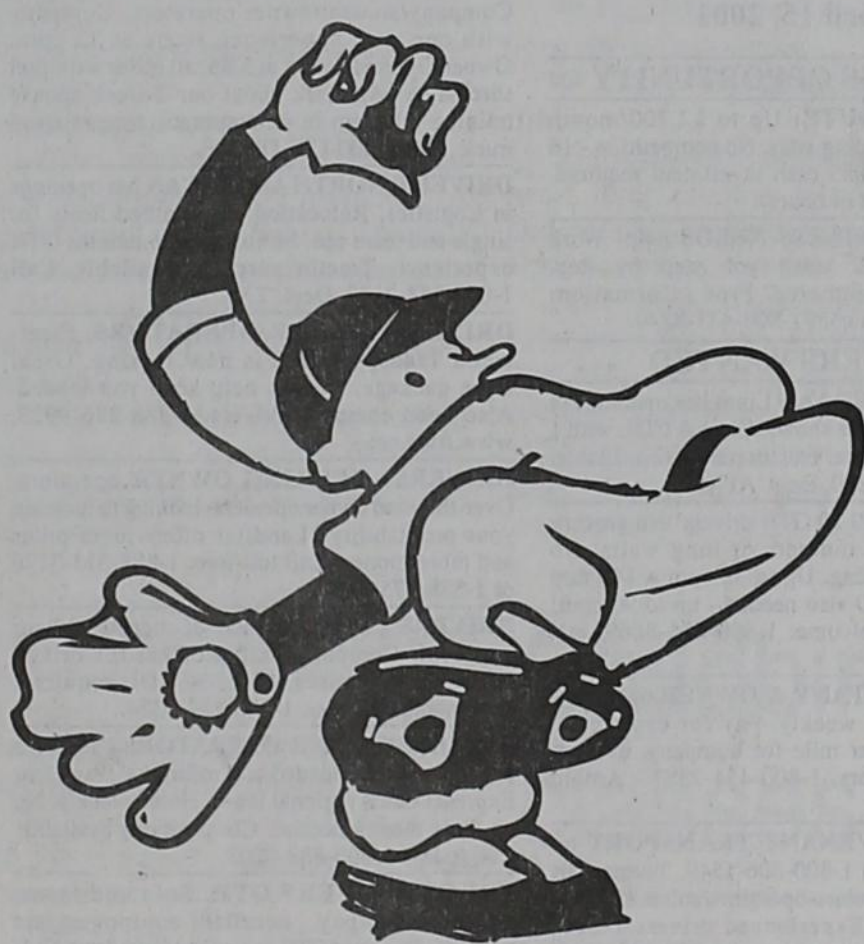
Black was the leading scorer on the Bobbies' team this season, leading the team in scoring with an average of 16 points per game. The 5-8 senior guard also contributed 4.9 rebounds, 2.3 assists and three steals per game while converting 79.2% of her free throw attempts. During the playoffs Black averaged 17 points and five rebounds per game.

Norman was the District 2-AAA MVP after averaging 19 points and eight rebounds per game for the Bobcats. Norman led his team to the 2-AAA championship and a berth in the Class AAA state tournament. A 6-3 forward, Norman was a scoring threat from inside the paint and from the three-point stripe.

# LET'S PLAY BALL!

## Good Luck, Bobcats

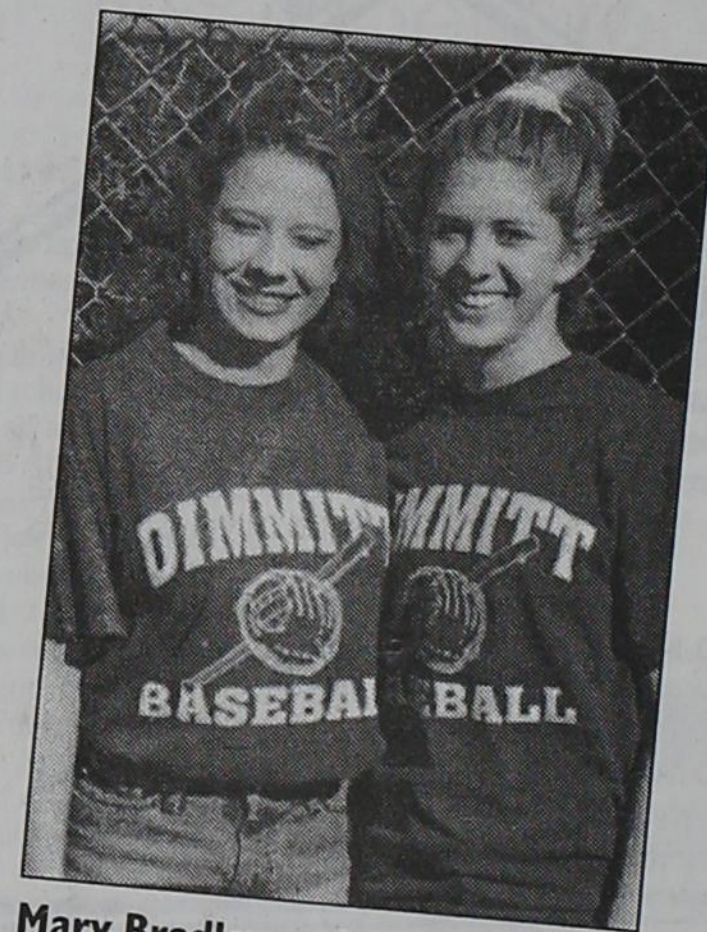
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Littlefield, Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Here  
Lubbock Roosevelt, Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. Here



### Schedule and Scores

- 12, Tulia 10
- 11, Friona 12
- 5, New Deal 7
- 6, Friona 9
- 3, \*Shallowater 4
- 12, \*Mulshoe 12
- 4, \*Lubbock Cooper 14
- 4, \*Littlefield 7
- 0, \*Lubbock Roosevelt 11
- 7, \*Shallowater 11
- 6, \*Mulshoe 16
- 2, \*Lubbock Cooper 26
- April 19—\*Littlefield, Here, 5:30
- April 24—\*Roosevelt, Here, 5:30
- \* District Game

Season Record: 1-10  
District Record: 0-7-1



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## Huseman lands top job in Littlefield athletics

Bryan Huseman has been named the head football coach and athletic director in the Littlefield public schools.

Huseman, son of Arnold and Catherine Huseman of Nazareth, has been Littlefield High School's head boys' basketball coach and freshman football coach since 1991.

He is assuming his new duties this spring, succeeding Lewis Boomer, who is retiring after 30 years in the Littlefield athletic programs.

Huseman was recommended for his new posts by Boomer and by Supt. Jerry Blakely, both of whom held the same positions.

"Bryan has done an outstanding job for us here," Boomer said. "He is a supporter of all programs, and I think that was a major point. He's an extremely hard worker and realizes what it takes to continue the tradition that we have here at Littlefield."

He added, "Bryan has an unbelievable record as a freshman coach. His football team was 9-0-1 last season."

"Following two great coaches in Jerry Blakely and Lewis Boomer, I have some big shoes to fill," Huseman said.

Littlefield has had a reputation as a football power since the 1940s, when Jay Fikes guided the Wildcats to a state championship. Also among the alumnae of Littlefield football coaches is Gene Mayfield, who later coached at West Texas A&M.

During the last decade, Littlefield High became a respected power in boys' basketball as well under



Bryan Huseman

Huseman's guidance. He took four Wildcat teams into the playoffs, including appearances in the regional tournaments in 1994 and '98 and the state tournament in '98.

While growing up at Nazareth, Huseman was all-district three years in football and two years in basketball, and was named to the All-South Plains Basketball Team as a senior. He graduated from Nazareth High School in 1981.

Huseman earned a BS degree in education from Lubbock Christian University, where he played football.

He was the head girls' basketball at Idalou High School three years before moving to Littlefield in 1991.

### More about

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that person experience many of life's joys..."

It was Ignacio Guerrero, 46, who eventually received Paul Storbeck's eyeglasses.

Ignacio lives with his wife and several family members in Santiago, Guadalupe, located in western Mexico. It is a light industrial area, known mainly for its shoe and hat factories.

Ignacio and his wife have five children—three daughters and two sons. Two of their children are married and three are still in school. They are a close-knit family that lives together in a two-room house that provides only basic shelter.

Ignacio works full-time for one of the local factories, making products for the American market. So why can't he pay for his own eyeglasses?



CASSANDRA CASAS of Dimmitt races across the finish line in the varsity girls' 200-meter dash in the District 2-AAA Track and Field Meet here Friday. Casas placed third in the event with a time of 27.7 seconds. She also placed in the 100-meter dash, long jump and triple jump to complete a full day's work. Photo by Don Nelson

### District Standings

DISTRICT 2-A		
	Overall	District
Nazareth	7-0	6-0
Crosbyton	5-5	4-1
Cotton Center	4-5	4-1
Smyer	4-5	2-3
Amherst	0-7	0-5
Kress	0-9	0-6

DISTRICT 2-AAA		
	Overall	District
x-Lub. Cooper	22-6	8-0
x-Shallowater	9-9	6-2
x-Mulshoe	7-7-1	5-2-1
Littlefield	11-11	3-5
Lub. Roosevelt	7-13	1-7
Dimmitt	1-10-1	0-7-1

x-Clinched playoff berth

## Obituaries

### Clodell Aven

Funeral services for Clodell W. Aven, 90, of Hart, were held Tuesday afternoon at First United Methodist Church of Hart with Rev. Tom Long officiating.

Burial followed in Hart Cemetery under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home of Plainview.

Mrs. Aven died April 13.

She was born May 8, 1910, in Steamboat Springs, Colo., and grew up near Tahoka, attending schools at Redwine and Draw. She moved to Hart in 1931, where she met M.L. "Buster" Aven. They got married on July 25, 1931, in Clovis, N.M. The Avens were involved in farming and bought a home in Hart in 1966. In 1967, Mrs. Aven opened an eating place in the building on the west side of their property south of Hart High School and called it the "Burger Bar." She ran it for 12 years.

Mrs. Aven was a member of the Good Neighbor Club, the Ladies Luncheon Club, a charter member of the Hart Golden Group, and the oldest member of First United Methodist Church of Hart, where she had taught Sunday School, served as Sunday School superintendent, and was the head of communion.

She and her husband were the 1989 "Hart Days" Pioneer Couple, and she was a volunteer at Girlstown USA in Whiteface.

She was preceded in death by her husband in September of 1989; and also by a daughter, Patricia Ann, and two sons, Dudley and Jerry Lynn.

Survivors include a son, Melvin Larry Aven of Plainview; two sisters, Lois Young of Dallas and Joyce Pebsworth of Tahoka; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to First United Methodist Church of Hart or the Hart Cemetery Association.

### Patsy Jean Harper

Patsy Jean Harper, 71, of Borger, former Hart resident, died last Thursday, April 12.

Services were held Monday at the First Baptist Church in Borger with the Rev. Greg Simmons, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Harper graduated from Hart High School in 1948. She attended North Texas State University. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, J.W. "Slim" Harper; a son, Kenny Ross Harper of Baytown; a daughter, Kathy Elaine Howell of Borger; a brother, Tony Smitherman of McLean; two sisters, Polly Simpson of Dimmitt and Rue Brally of Amarillo; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

### Game night set Friday at Senior Center

The Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center will host a game night on Friday, starting at 6 p.m.

All members of the center are encouraged to attend, and those interested in joining the Senior Citizens also are invited.

Membership is open to all who are age 55 or older, and the membership fee is only \$15 per year.

For more information, call the center at 647-2654, or Joyce Davis at 647-5362 or Rayphard Smithson at 647-4519.

### Sr. Mary

### Michael Lange

Mass of Christian burial for Nazareth native Sister Mary Michael Lange, O.S.B., 88, of Jonesboro, Ark., was held in Holy Angels Convent Chapel in Jonesboro.

Burial was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Jonesboro.

Sister Lange died April 2 in Jonesboro.

She was born Nov. 2, 1912, in Nazareth to Joseph and Olive Lange. She entered the Olivetan Benedictine Convent in Jonesboro, and celebrated her Diamond Jubilee with them on July 11, 1991. She received a bachelor of arts degree in math, education and history and a master's degree in math from Louisiana State University. She taught school for 50 years and served as administrator of Eureka Springs Hospital in Arkansas.

Survivors include three sisters, Edith Irlbeck, Mary Johnson and Imelda Wesley, all of Tulsa; and numerous nieces and nephews.

### B.J. "Doc" Weaver

Funeral services for B.J. "Doc" Weaver, 76, of Hereford, father of a Dimmitt man, were held Tuesday morning in the Rose Chapel of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home in Hereford. Jim Wood, pastor of the Northside Church of Christ in Clovis, N.M., officiated. Burial followed at Restlawn Memorial Park in Hereford under the direction of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Weaver died last Thursday, April 12, in Hereford.

He was a veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge #849 and was a lifetime member of VFW Post 4817.

Survivors include four sons, Billy Jack Weaver Jr., of Clovis, N.M., Bobby Weaver of Dimmitt, Tommy Weaver of Grand Prairie and Terry Kearns of Hereford; a sister, Patsy Ruth Rush of Poteau, Okla.; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hospice Care in Dimmitt.

Healing is a matter of time, but it is sometimes also a matter of opportunity. -Hippocrates



ASHLEY IRONS of Dimmitt sails 32 ft., 5 ins. in the triple jump for fifth place in the District 2-AAA Track and Field Meet here Friday. Irons also ran the first lap in the 1,600-meter relay, in which the Bobbies qualified for regional with a second-place finish, and was a member of the 400-meter relay team that placed fourth. Photo by Don Nelson

## Drop Everything and Read RIF event set April 26

"Drop Everything and Read" will be the theme for the second Reading Is Fundamental book give-away, set for next Thursday (April 26) at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt.

Allotted times will be set throughout the day for all elementary students to pick out free books of their choice. Then from 2:45 to 3:15 p.m. all students and faculty at the school will drop everything and read.

"Everyone in the community is encouraged to drop everything and read during this time, as well," said a school spokesperson. "Anyone's participation is appreciated."

RES has been designated to receive \$3,412 in RIF money, with the funds being used to purchase more than 1,700 books and giving away at least three books per child.

This is the seventh year that RES has participated in the RIF program.

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