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By Don Nelson

Eyesight is a precious thing, and can make a life-changing difference to anyone who doesn't have it.

That's why Lions Clubs in Castro County and all around the world are big on "sight conservation" - projects that will help others to see and

People who are irreversibly blind need ways to cope with the world or make a living. So Lions Clubs help pay for the training of seeing-eye dogs, and help sell the brooms and mops made by blind people who work in Lighthouse Industries.

To help those whose blindness might be reversed, Lions pledge to donate their eyes, they sign up others to do so, and in many remote areas they put the pedal to the metal to transport donated eyes to the nearest major medical center or airport. (A single donated eye can be used in quite a few types of eye surgery.)

Just the luxury of being able to focus one's eyes can have a major impact on a person's life. But many people in the world—and in our own county-can't afford the luxury of eyeglasses. So the Lions in Dimmitt, Easter, Hart, Nazareth and elsewhere help pay to put eyeglasses on underprivileged students.

They also collect people's used eyeglasses and recycle them all over the world. You've probably seen the blue-and-white collection boxes around town.

It's that used-eyeglasses project that led to a fascinating article in the current issue of The Lion magazine.

Paul Starbeck was born in Germany in 1927 and raised by his aunt and uncle in Wisconsin.

He needed eyeglasses nearly all of his life. His eyeglasses helped him to play baseball and build model airplanes as a boy, get an education, earn a master's degree and read all the books required to make him a respected high-school history teacher in a career that spanned more than five decades in Libertyville, Ill. His eyeglasses also allowed him to read the recipe books that helped him become a master cook, and helped him become a good golfer.

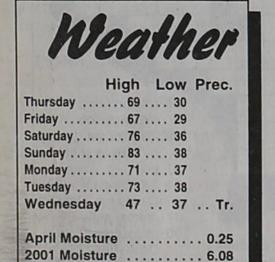
One of Paul's three daughters, Janet, eventually became an employee at the Lions International headquarters in Oak Brook, Ill. She helped develop the Lions Recycle for Life program, and managed it for several years.

When Paul died two years ago, Janet was given his eyeglasses to donate for recycling, just as he had always done.

She decided to trace this particular pair of eyeglasses and see just where they went and who wound up with them.

"It was a crisp, rainy, autumn day when we finally donated my father's glasses," Janet wrote. "Unlike most pairs, they were on a fast track: They were immediately taken to the Indiana Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Muncie, and destined for a mission to Mexico the following week.

"At the center, my father's glasses went through the same recycling process that millions of donated pairs go through each year: The lens prescription was read, the glasses were cleaned and then packaged for distribution. . . . Unlike most pairs, instead of being boxed and stored in the warehouse until requested for a mission, they were immediately prepared for the upcoming mission to Mexico. My father's glasses would soon have a new owner, and help (Continued on Page 12)



Readings taken every day at 7 a.m. at KDHN, official National Weather Service recording station for Dimmitt.



ONE INJURED—Lindsey Martinez, 17, of Hart was injured in a one-vehicle roll-over April 11 when a sudden gust of wind blew her 1996 Jeep Cherokee off

the shoulder of State Highway 194 and she lost control when she overcorrected, according to DPS reports. She received a ticket for no driver's license.

Photo by Joyce Nelson

Lindsey Martinez hurt in one-vehicle roll-over

Highway 194 about 2.3 miles south- shoulder of the roadway. east of Dimmitt.

stated that she had been driving a 1996 Jeep Cherokee west on 194 when she came across a strong gust age. of wind that caused her to drive off the shoulder of the road.

Martinez was listed with an inca-Dept. of Public Safety reports pacitating injury and was taken to Plains Memorial Hospital by ambulance. The vehicle had heavy dam-

Martinez said she was admitted to The DPS reported that she the hospital on April 11 and was driver's license.

school today (Thursday) at Hart High School, where she is a senior.

She said she had been wearing her

"It was what kept me in," Martinez said. She credited it with saving her from more serious injury.

Martinez was given a ticket for no

Lindsey Martinez, 17, of Hart, overcorrected and lost control of her dismissed Friday. She said she had was injured in a one-vehicle crash vehicle, which rolled once and ended bruising on her right leg and left arm. April 11 at about 1:33 p.m. on State up facing northeast on the east bound She said she planned to return to

seatbelt.

Brockman family supporters of Organ Donor Awareness Week

By LINDA MAXWELL

The Virgil Brockman family of Dimmitt is gladly counted among those who give a big breath of support for National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week, April 15-

Virgil was the recipient of a lung transplant on April 1 at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas. He and his wife, Shirley, hope he will be released from the hospital by the end of this week.

That doesn't mean he will get to come home, however. Shirley said it will mean that he gets to move into the apartment she has at Twice Blessed House in Dallas, a residence established for medical patients and their families.

"Virgil is still taking medications by IV and he has a couple of chest tubes still in," Shirley said. "Once he gets those out we'll be really on the road. They will start weaning him off the IV's and he will take his medica-

tions orally." Shirley said Virgil will stay in Dallas for 12 weeks of pulmonary rehabilitation. In addition, the hospital will monitor him for any signs of rejection of the transplant.

After he comes home, he will return to Dallas once a month for a checkup for the rest of the year. Then he will be allowed to come only once a year. He will be on immunosuppressant medications for the rest of his life.

Shirley said Virgil is still learning to use his new lungs. She said he had gotten used to shallow breathing for so long that he is having to learn deep breathing.

'He has been amazed that he doesn't have to struggle to breathe," Shirley said. "The new lungs are working fine. Now he just has to get the rest of his body adjusted to them."

She said she used to just have to listen to see if Virgil was breathing. Now she has to watch and see if his chest is moving.

Shirley said Virgil has been walking two laps around the hospital ward's circular hallway twice a day. "Everyone is amazed at the prog-

ress he's making," Shirley said. She said once he is released from the hospital he will have to visit the transplant clinic twice a week for three weeks, then taper down to once

"They are teaching us how to administer the medications and we heart transplant was assigned to them will have to monitor his vital signs twice a day," Shirley said. "Also, we are learning how to recognize signs of infection or rejection."

She added that a recent biopsy test showed no signs of rejection.

She said one of Virgil's main surgeons, Dr. John Capeheart, has been very meticulous about making sure everything is working properly and taking one step at a time.

Shirley said Virgil's transplant was arranged through Southwest Transplant Alliance of Dallas.

"Being a donor is a wonderful gift to another human being," Shirley said. "With the gift of these lungs, some family has lost a loved one, but part of them lives on in Virgil.

"If you feel in your heart a need to give back, the gift of being a donor is wonderful," Shirley said. "I had always 'thought about' being an and love from the hearts of the peoorgan donor. Well, I am now."

Shirley said she has met others who have benefitted from transplants and others who are still waiting.

A volunteer who had received a and stayed with Shirley while Virgil was in surgery.

Shirley said he was very supportive and answered questions, staying with her even after family members arrived.

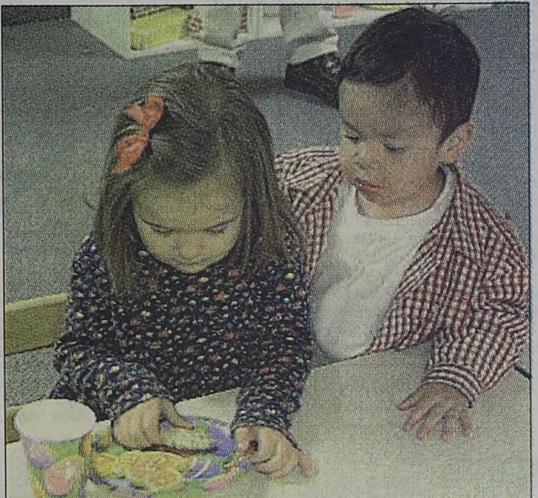
"It eased Virgil's mind to know someone was there for me," she said. "This was his (the volunteer's) way of giving back what's been given to

Shirley said their children were able to come up over the Easter

"It was good to see the kids and catch up with their lives. It was hard to let them go back," Shirley said. "They needed to see us, too."

Shirley said she and Virgil greatly appreciate all the love and support that has been shown to them.

"The outpouring of generosity ple of Castro County has been overwhelming," Shirley said. "We have received cards every day. They are (Continued on Page 11)



EASTER TREATS—Morgan Nelson (left) and Joe Oltivero can't wait to sink their teeth into Easter cookies, candy and punch during a holiday party at Pybus Christian School in Dimmitt last week. The students enjoyed an Easter egg hunt and party on their last day of school before the holiday break.

Double stabbing of Dimmitt couple under investigation

Castro County.

Sheriff's Deputy Billy Cox and Hart Police Chief Jay Livingston were called to Plains Memorial Hospital to speak with two stabbing victims who reportedly had been assaulted in the Hart area.

The Dimmitt man and woman, ages 37 and 40 respectively, each had apparent knife wounds, the female on her left arm/wrist area, and the male under his chin on his neck.

Cox said hospital personnel told him that the man had a puncture wound that had cut an artery in his neck and he had been bleeding profusely. The woman's cut was 2 to 21/2 inches long and ½ to ¾ inches deep and also was bleeding.

Cox said the man gave conflicting stories about how the wounds were inflicted, and the woman would not answer any questions at all. The man told Cox that they had stopped at a friend's house in the Hart area and then went to a party, but did not recall the address of the party. He said

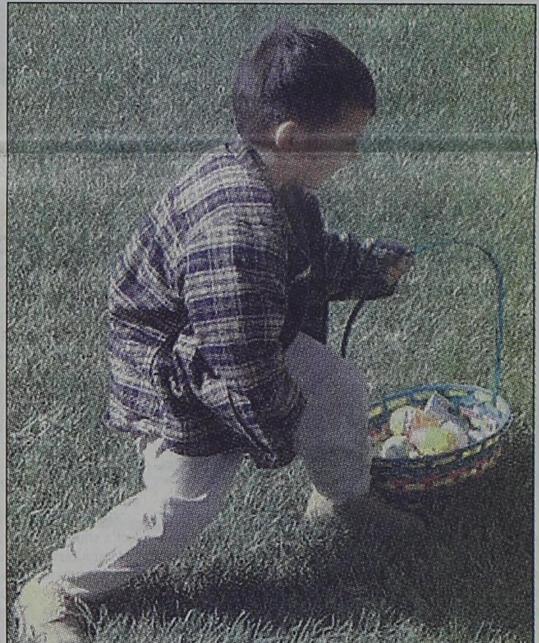
Investigation is continuing in an there was a big fight between some incident of assault/bodily in- of those attending the party. He said jury/family member that was re- several people were using knives and ported Sunday around 1:53 a.m. in two or more were shooting pistols during the fight.

> Cox reported that he and Livingston had been in Hart at the time of the alleged assault and neither one of them heard nor observed any altercations or big parties in the immediate vicinity. Also, to his knowledge no other injured persons sought medical attention in the county during the same time period.

> In another incident of assault/bodily injury/family member, a 28-year-old Dimmitt woman told officers Saturday that her estranged husband, 23, had struck her with his fists on her head, arm and back. She said the assault happened around 11 p.m. Friday.

> She said they had been to Hereford and had been arguing. On the way back to Dimmitt, her husband stopped their vehicle about 10 miles north of town and made her and their child get out and walk home. The child is 2 to 3 years old.

> The woman said a passing motorist stopped and gave them a ride.



ISEE ONE! - Devon Martinez heads toward a partially-concealed Easter egg, hidden in the grass at Pybus Christian School last week. The hunt and a party featuring cookies, punch and other refreshments, was enjoyed by many pre-school students last Wednesday. Photo by Joyce Nelson

Early voting is underway

In the May 5 local elections, early voting started Wednesday and will continue through May 1. Also, applications for early ballots by mail will continue to be accepted through April 27.

Elections have been canceled for the City of Hart, the Hart Independent School District Board of Trustees, the City of Nazareth, and the Nazareth Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Elections may be canceled if all candidates are unopposed and there are no referendum items on the bal-

In the elections that are not being canceled, positions that need to be filled are listed below, along with candidates who have filed and early balloting sites.

Castro County Hospital District

Three positions must be filled on the board of trustees. Incumbents Photo by Joyce Nelson Henry Ramaekers and Carolyn Sides

have filed for re-election. Frank Mendoza and Layne Myatt also have filed as candidates.

Early ballots may be cast at the hospital business office at 310 W. Halsell in Dimmitt.

Dimmitt

City: Mayor Wayne Collins is unopposed in his bid for re-election. Three at-large council positions must be filled. Incumbent Bobby Murdock is seeking re-election. Other candidates are Diane Parker, Paul Wayland and Steve Buckley.

Early ballots may be cast at the City Hall business office at 200 E. Jones.

DISD: In Place 4, incumbent Paul Garcia is being challenged by Johnny

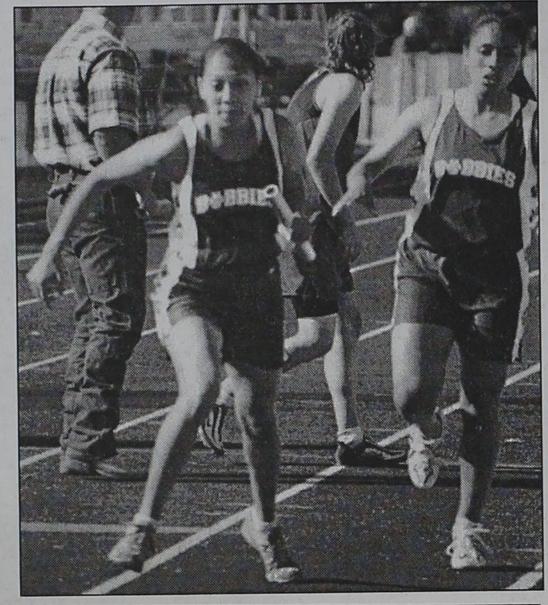
Balloting has been canceled in Place 2, since incumbent Rick

Wright was unopposed. Early ballots will be available at the school administration building at 608 W. Halsell.



Go! Go!

One of the reasons why the mile relay (actually 1,600 meters) is the final event of any track meet is because it is one of the most exciting, demanding speed, endurance and precision teamwork from four-runner teams. These photos show Dimmitt High School's varsity girls' relay team in action in the District 2-AAA Track and Field Meet here Friday. In top photo, lead runner Ashley Irons passes the baton to Sadra Daniels. Irons and Daniels both kept the Bobbies in the race, then Daniels relayed the baton to Cassandra Casas, who passed it on to Crystal Nino (right photo). Casas brought Dimmitt from third to second place during her lap, and Nino held onto that position for dear life, fighting off challengers in the final lap and crossing the finish line in second place to qualify the Bobbies for the regional track meet with a time of 4:21.25. Photos by Don Nelson



Letter

Parent disappointed in school's suspension of drug testing policy

Dear Editor:

I am writing in regard to the recent suspension of the drug testing policy at DHS. As a parent and citizen of this community, I am very disappointed that our school board voted to temporarily suspend random drug testing.

I have heard the arguments against the policy—mainly that it infringes on personal rights. Students using drugs infringes on the rights of everyone in our community and especially the rights of other students.

Communities, schools and families suffer when drugs are rampant.

No, this policy has not solved all our problems, but yes, it has been a deterrent. Students need to know they hurt

themselves and others around them when they use drugs. We all hurt when someone we care about tests positive,

but a student receives counseling and their parents and appropriate school personnel are made aware that this student needs help.

Additionally, how have we helped our children who do not want to use drugs? We have taught them to "Just say

Well, sometimes it's hard to just say NO. It is positive peer pressure when a student says to another student that

has tested positive, "Stay clean. We need you on the team." I have personally witnessed this. Now students that don't use drugs and don't want their friends to use drugs have lost a major argument in their stance against

Second, is the main reason for the suspension because we are afraid of a legal settlement? Does money always have to be the bottom line?

When will we say as a school district that we are going to stand our ground because this is the best thing for our kids? Are we going to let a few people back us into a

The cost of even one child using drugs is incalculable. Let's stand beside other school district's that are facing lawsuits instead of sitting back and waiting to see what will happen to them.

I guess the people that are really happy about the suspension of the policy are the drug pushers and sellers in

I believe it is time for parents to take a stand. We need

to say NO to drugs and YES to policies that have the best juice and milk. interests of our children at heart.

ELAINE STEINLE

The Hereford support group for Co-facilitators Roy Puente of feelings, thoughts, questions, experifamily care givers of persons with Welch Home Place in Dimmitt and Alzheimer's disease and related Shelly Moss, social services director dementia will meet at 10 a.m. today at King's Manor in Hereford, will (Thursday) in the Fellowship of direct the meeting. Kingwood Street, in Hereford.

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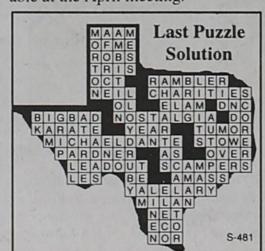
ences and concerns in a combined effort to better cope with and survive

The April gathering will be a sharing with other care givers and

Respite care is vital for care givers whose days are typically 36 hours

these care givers is "The 36 Hour day: A Family Guide to Caring for Persons With Alzheimer's Disease, Related Dementing Illnesses and Memory Loss Later in Life." The book by Mace and Rabins is available in English or Spanish at no cost by calling 364-0359 in Hereford.

Bi-lingual assistance will be available at the April meeting.





What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt. Hart and Nazareth schools for April 19-27.

Breakfast to go

THURSDAY: Pancake on a stick, sausage, fresh banana and milk. FRIDAY: Cinnamon roll, fruit cocktail and

MONDAY: Chocolate chip granola bars, assorted fruit juice and milk.

TUESDAY: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, assorted fruit juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Breakfast burrito, peaches THURSDAY: Com Pops cereal, fresh ba-

FRIDAY: Rice Krispie treats, assorted fruit juice and milk.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese.

Mexipinto beans, mixed fruit, jalapeno peppers and milk.

FRIDAY: Chicken enchiladas, refried beans, Fideo Mexicano and milk. MONDAY: Lasagna with ground beef, Mexicali corn, tossed salad, French bread and

TUESDAY: Pigs in a blanket, whole new potatoes, fruited gelatin, hot wheat rolls and

WEDNESDAY: Southern fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, fresh banana, cornmeal yeast rolls and milk.

THURSDAY: Green enchilada casserole, Spanish rice, taco condiment salad, corn torti-

lla, hot sauce and milk. FRIDAY: Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, savory green beans, tossed salad, fruit cock-

Second-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of nachos with cheese, barbecued rib patty or pork tamales; Chinese-style vegetables, lyonnaise carrots or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, cantaloupe or mixed fruit; assorted muffins, cheese rolls or Spanish rice; and chocolate milk, white milk

FRIDAY: Choice of chicken enchiladas, Chinese plate or fish nuggets; baked potatoes, tomato and okra gumbo or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or fruited gelatin; hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk

MONDAY: Choice of lasagna with ground beef, teriyaki steak or chicken taco; mashed potatoes and gravy, Mexicali corn or broccoli and cheese sauce; tossed salad, fresh spinach salad or taco condiment salad; hot rolls, garlic milk or punch.

TUESDAY: Choice of pigs in a blanket, beef stir fry or salad plate; parsley buttered potatoes, fried okra or savory green beans; tossed salad, fruit fantasy or fruited gelatin; hot wheat rolls, assorted muffins or crackers: and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of southern fried chicken, pork tamales or hoagie submarine sandwich; mashed potatoes and gravy, seasoned black-eyed peas or vegetable medley; tossed salad, hamburger salad or fresh banana; commeal yeast rolls, hot rolls or crack-

ers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch. THURSDAY: Choice of green enchilada casserole, bean chalupa or chicken spaghetti; Mexipinto beans, Spanish rice or southern collard greens; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or gelatin; corn tortilla, crackers or hot rolls; and chocolate milk, white milk or

FRIDAY: Choice of Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, chicken pot pie or nachos with cheese; savory green beans, baked potatoes or tomato and okra gumbo; tossed salad, fruit cocktail or pineapple sunset salad; Fideo Mexicano, crackers or hot cheese rolls; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

Breakfast

THURSDAY: Waffles, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.

FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, hash brown potatoes, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

MONDAY: Breakfast burrito, variety of

TUESDAY: Pancake and chicken breakfast stick, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice,

graham crackers and milk. WEDNESDAY: Cinnamon toast, sweetened applesauce, variety of cereal, peanut

butter bar, graham crackers, assorted fruit THURSDAY: Biscuits, Canadian bacon,

scrambled eggs, assorted fruit juice, variety of

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Lunch THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, sloppy Joe on a bun or pizza; wheat rolls, salad,

cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk.

fruit juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, hash

brown potatoes, variety of cereal, assorted

peaches, potato puffs, gelatin dessert and FRIDAY: Choice of hot dog on a bun with chili, hamburger and potato chips or corn dog;

sliced pickles, pinto beans, fresh fruit, salad, gelatin dessert, banana pudding and milk. MONDAY: Choice of spaghetti and meat sauce with white bread or chef's salad, peaches, green beans, Longhorn salad, gelatin

dessert and milk, punch or tea. TUESDAY: Choice of stromboli, sub sandwich or tuna salad sandwich; salad, potato chips, gelatin dessert, assorted fresh fruit, sugar cookie, peaches and milk, punch or tea. WEDNESDAY: Choice of hamburger with potato chips, burrito or enchilada casserole:

ple pudding and milk, punch or tea. THURSDAY: Choice of steak finger basket, burrito or chicken sandwich with chips; rolls, green beans, gravy, peaches, cherry cobbler and milk, punch or tea.

chips, corn, salad, assorted fresh fruit, pineap-

FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or nachos with ground beef; sliced pickles, pinto beans, assorted fresh fruit, salad, gelatin dessert, ice cream, banana pudding and milk, punch or tea.

NAZARETH Breakfast

THURSDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.

MONDAY: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, orange juice and milk.

TUESDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Breakfast pocket, cereal, orange juice and milk.

THURSDAY: Pancake and sausage on a stick, cereal, orange juice and milk.

FRIDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: * Burrito or baked potato, broccoli and cauliflower salad, rice, orange, strawberry shortcake and milk or juice. FRIDAY: * Spaghetti and roll or chef's

salad, tossed salad, corn, peaches, Jell-O and MONDAY: * Soft taco or taco salad, let-

TUESDAY: * Hamburger or chicken

sandwich, French fries, lettuce, green beans, applesauce, cookies and milk. WEDNESDAY: * Nachos or corn dog, Frito salad, peas, peaches, dump cake and

THURSDAY: * Corn dog or chicken strips, tossed salad, rice, fruit cocktail, orange

cake and milk. FRIDAY: * Tater tot casserole or chef's

salad, sopapilla, tossed salad, corn, pineapple, peanut butter chews and milk or juice.

Items designated with an asterisk () will be served to elementary school students.

Bob Wills Day slated in Turkey

The 30th Bob Wills Day celebration in Turkey will be Saturday, April 28, and will feature many of the former Texas Playboys.

The celebration actually begins on April 26 with an autograph party and jam session with the former Texas Playboys from 7 to 11 p.m. in the old high school gym. Admission is \$5 per person.

A dance will be held on April 27 from 9 p.m. to midnight at the Bob Wills Center and admission is \$10 per person.

The big event is Saturday, and highlighted events include pancake breakfast, parade, barbecue lunch, old fiddler's contest, afternoon music programs a dance and midnight breakfast.

The breakfast will be served at 7 a.m. in the Bob Wills Center Cafeteria and it is sponsored by the Turkey/Quitaque Lions Club.

The parade will start at 10 a.m. down the main street in Turkey.

The barbecued lunch will be served beginning at 11 a.m. at the Bob Wills Center.

The fiddler's contest will start at 12 noon in the auditorium center and gym and entry fee is \$5 per person. The free afternoon program will

start at 2:30 p.m. at the old football field east of the Bob Wills Center. The program includes a performance by all of the former Texas Playboys attending and master of ceremonies for the show will be Dr. Charles R. Townsend, Grammy Award-winning

The dance, beginning at 7 p.m., will feature Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys. Admission is \$10 per

The midnight breakfast will begin at 11 p.m. at the Bob Wills Cafete-

On Sunday, April 29, a Bob Wills Community Worship Service will be held at 8:30 a.m. at the old football

Bluegrass festival slated in Littlefield

The sixth annual XIT Heritage Bluegrass Festival is planned in Littlefield Friday through Sunday in the Littlefield Ag and Community

Nine bands from across Texas and Oklahoma have been scheduled to perform during the event.

Each of the bands have followers from Texas, New Mexico, Colorado and Oklahoma.

The show is sponsored by the cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice Littlefield Arts and Heritage Committee and ticket prices are \$10 for Friday and \$14 for Saturday. The show is free to the public on Sunday. A weekend pass for all three days may be secured for \$20. Children under 12 will be admitted free.

Food concessions and trailer hookups will be available throughout the

Bands performing on Friday and Saturday will be High Standard of Bells and Star Canyon Band of San Antonio. Also performing those days and some on Sunday will be Gore Brothers of Big Lake, Big Sandy of Lubbock, Ramblin' Rascals of Lubbock, Dyston Family of Sayre, Okla., Concho Grass of San Angelo, Texas Country of Odessa and Lonesome Road Blue Grass of Lubbock.

Guest bands are invited to come

and play as well. Hourly door prizes will be given

For more information call Euel Daniel at 972-712-7687 or Emil Macha at 385-3870 or KZZN Radio at 385-1480.

Alzheimer's support group to meet today

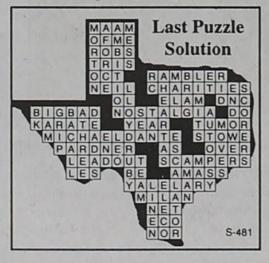
Believer Church, 245 North

needs and interests who share their

the challenge they face daily.

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On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

I believe Easter should be celebrated on the third Sunday of April every year. The weather was just perfect, and the earth burst forth in blossoms to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior!

especially blessed, as they welcomed a baby boy, Elijah Feazell, 8 pounds and 15 ounces, into the world on Easter morning. Elijah is the son of Dale and Lauren Feazell and brother of Caleb and Jacob, all of Midland. Mary Lynn Lankford of Amarillo is his maternal grandmother and Mary Edna is his great-grandmother.

Decimae Dennis, formerly of Dimmitt and now of Midland, has earned the right to be the baby's godmother. Dale and Lauren called her at 2 a.m. on Sunday to come sit with the big brothers while they went to the hospital.

Vera Smith of Kansas City, Kan., a good friend of mine since 1935 when we started to school at Hedley Elementary first grade, called to say, "Dorothy, let me tell you a small world story!" (No, she doesn't read "On the Go," and she didn't know about my recent reports about people meeting people a long distance from

Vera continued on after I had stopped her long enough to grab a pencil and pad to get her story:

Vera and her husband Bill went to Greenville, S.C., to visit their daughter and son-in-law, Caren and Tim



Kylie Webb

Webb qualifies for regional UIL

Dimmitt senior Kylie Webb will be in Odessa this weekend, competing in the Region 1-AAA UIL Literary Meet.

Webb earned the right to compete at regional by placing at the District 2-AAA meet recently.

At regional, Webb will be competing in Spelling and Vocabulary. The first and secondplace winner in each event at regional will advance to the Class AAA state meet in Austin in May.

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Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday services in Holy Family Church were all very meaningful.

Thanks to Rev. Peter Otto, our pastor; Deacons Jerome Brockman and al maurer; and everyone who participated in making each service possible. Thanks also to the committee that decorated our church for Easter.

We all enjoyed seeing the many college students and young couples who returned to Nazareth for the holidays to spend time with their families.

All gathered at one family home or another to celebrate Easter and spend some good quality time together.

Enjoying the day at the Virgie Gerber home were family members from Amarillo, Henrietta, Tulia, Lubbock, Plainview and Nazareth. Also joining the Gerber family were Ed and Ruth Rose of Amarillo.

Services for World Day of Prayer in Castro County will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt. Everyone is welcome.

Prayers are asked for Leonard Gerber, Virgil Brockman, Anna Huseman Lee, Alice Palazzini, Lori Huseman, Tammy Drerup, Ann Heck, Ray Schmucker, Brenda Crouse and Art Albracht.

Gossett. The Gossetts planned a small "42" party and invited a new couple from Texas whom they had met at the Providence Presbyterian Church near Greenville.

When the couple and their two Mary Edna Hendrix's family was children arrived, Vera learned that they were from Dimmitt. This couple is our own Mark and Mary Bruegel and their children, Kyla, 4, and Ethan, 2. Mary is working for Michelin Tire Co. in Greenville. Mark is a Dimmitt native, the son of Fred and Bobbie Bruegel. Mary is the former Mary Newell of Hereford.

> Mary Dove's birthday fell on Easter weekend this year. Her family made it a very special one by meeting at the home of Debbie and Jerry Annen for a two-day celebration. Mary's children who came are Bobby and Barbara Thompson, Mike and Sara Thompson of Hartley, and Kyle and Carry Bebe and two children, Ty and Gerrit, of Bayfield, Colo. Amanda, daughter of Jerry and Debbie, and Magily Garcia and son of Amarillo completed the weekend celebration. However, the good times are still coming-Mary's daughter, Peggy Bebe of Bayfield, was due in on Monday.

> The Hubert Edwards family and the Leroy Edwards family were hosting their son and brother and his wife, the Melvin Edwards family of Lubbock. The Hubert Edwards' grandchildren, Steve and Sherri Chandler of Lubbock, great-grands Ariel and Britt, and grandchildren Dennis and Darla Rice and daughter family gathering.

Louise Mears was hostess this past week at the seniors' bridge club. She reported that Dude McLaurin had the high score of 7,920 and Cleo Forson was second with 7,090.

Louise spent Easter in Amarillo at the home of Mark and Jennifer Gilbreath and little Sam. They hosted the dinner along with Jennifer's mother, Priscilla Brown. Their guests were Charlotte and Zay Gilbreath and Louise. They had a wonderful visit and a delicious lunch after they attended early church.

Mrs. Joe Scott had a two-day celebration for the holiday weekend. First, she was a guest at the Tex Conards'. The Conards' daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Larry Sadler, helped with the hamburger cookout and then everyone, old and young alike, hunted Easter eggs in an open field nearby. Also attending were the Sadlers' daughter, Carrie of Lubbock, and daughter and son-inlaw, Jim and Stacy Nolan, and their two children.

On Sunday, Mrs. Joe Scott was the guest in the home of Ben and Mollie Scott. She enjoyed lunch with them and their children, Ben Jr., Krystal and Robert Nelson and Klay, Tristan and Morgan Michelle. Anessa and Cody Myrick and Holly of Hart completed the family circle.

portunity to honor Mollie with an

cheesecake, pies and gifts.

Gene and Mary Nell King of Seminole spent the weekend with their children and grandchildren, Layne and Sue Rita Myatt, Tyler, Ross and Shea. J.H. and Erlene Myatt joined them for the afternoon and helped hide the eggs and watched the children find them.

Euless Waggoner and his wife, Hazel, were hosts to their children, Evelyn and Dr. Rob Lindsey of Plainview and grandchildren, Mark and Katie Lindsey of Midland. They were there for an Easter-birthday celebration. Euless is 89 years old, and his dog presented him with a litter of eight puppies for this special occasion.

The deacons of the First Baptist Church honored their special guests and wives with the annual Ladies' Night Out. Charles Summers, deacon chairman, and his wife, Sue, chaired the beautiful event. Kathy Jackson served as decorating chairman and Mary Cluck catered the dinner.

The entertainment was the Ladies' Ensemble of FBC that includes Alicia Bradley, Elaine Hazel, Shelly Smith, Elaine Steinle, Tami Griffitt and Debra Ball. Walter Maynard accompanied them on the piano.

Lee Street Baptist Church had a nice Easter family time on Saturday, with a cookout and games. About 20 to 25 youngsters came and hunted Easter eggs. Afterward, the adults played volleyball, taking a break for Danielle of Amarillo, completed the a supper of hamburgers and hot dogs.

> Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary held its regular business meeting on April 11 with 11 members present.

> Deana Beames gave an informative program on the radiology department of Plains Memorial Hospi-

Some of the services available now are x-rays, CT scans and Doppler. Mammograms and MRIs are available through mobile units that come on a regular schedule. Also more radiology technicians are

An enlistment tea will be held today (Thursday) from 2 to 4 p.m. in the solarium at Plains Memorial Hospital. Anyone who has a few hours a week and is interested in joining in a worthwhile service to our community is invited to come and see the different services that are available.

New officers were elected and will be installed May 9 at Rhoads Memorial Library during the Auxiliary's annual awards brunch.

Trudy Jackson reported that the isolette which was purchased by the Auxiliary has been delivered to the hospital.

Nelle DiCuffa and Edna Reinart have returned from an East Texas tour, held March 26-31. Everyone told Nelle that she should take sum-The Scott family seized this op- mer clothes, as it would be not in that part of the country. Wrong! It rained early birthday party. They brought the whole time they were there, and

it was cold. They were gone six days and saw the sun once or twice for a very short time.

In Tyler, they drove along the 7mile Azalea and Spring Flower Trail. The flowers were gorgeous. Everything was a picture-perfect setting. You can be sure there was a lot of picture taking through the floral wonderland, with mile after mile of azaleas, dogwood trees and spring flowers framing the gardens and historic home sites.

They then traveled to Nacogdoches and along the way they toured Millard's Crossing, which is north of Nacogdoches. It got its name from the railroad track that once crossed the Millard family property. The late Vera Millard Thomas had all the structures moved from the original sites and had them furnished with her remarkable collection of antiques.

"We walked to what once was a church. The hostess demonstrated the collection of antique tools and gadgets, but not before she quizzed us on their uses. We got some of them right. She played the antique pump organ and made a big to-do on how it was played. I surely didn't play it that way when I was church organist," said Edna.

In the school house, the hostess conducted a typical school day and scolded some of the visitors in her make-believe situations.

"The lady was witty and had us laughing much of the time. There was more to see, but it kept raining so we moved on," Nelle said.

Millard's Crossing offers school tours and serves as a resource for teachers and interpretive training.

On the Wednesday of their trip, they headed to Galveston, stopping at Beaumont along the way, where they toured Glady's City, an oil industry historical site.

The Thursday of their tour was a very busy day. They took the 3-mile ferry crossing between Galveston Island and Bolivar Peninsula. Laughing sea gulls, porpoises and white pelicans are just some of the wildlife they saw on the crossing. Elissa, a cargo ship which has been restored to its 1877 fittings, makes its home at the Texas Seaport Museum. It has been designated one of America's Treasures by the National Historic Preservation Society. Its beautiful white sails made a striking picture on the water.

In the adjacent museum and theater one can witness the story of Elissa's dramatic rescue from the scrap yard and her meticulous restoration. It is sent to sea every day. When it comes to rest on Pier 21, it is open for public tours.

Edna found Pier 21 of special interest because her ancestors from Poland landed in Galveston in 1854.

"I didn't appreciate the hardships that they went through until I saw the fury of the Gulf of Mexico. I can't

see how the 100 families made it from Poland on the barque Weber in a nine-week voyage," Edna said.

Next on the agenda was "The Bishop's Palace," originally known as Gresham's Palace, erected in 1886 by a wealthy Galveston attorney, Col. Walter Gresham, at a cost of \$250,000. He built the three-story building where he and Mrs. Gresham raised their family.

The home is built from native Texas granite, white limestone and red sandstone. The interior has fine woodwork of rosewood, atin wood, white mahogany, American oak and maple. The music room and mantel are lined with pure silver.

There are seven fire places, purchased from all over the world, including a marble one from Italy. Gresham built the rooms around the fireplaces.

In 1923, the home was purchased by the Galveston-Houston Diocese for Bishop Byrne and the name was changed to Bishop's Palace. He lived in it until his death in 1950. The home was then opened to tourists. The income is used to maintain the palace and to support the Newman center of the University of Texas Medical Branch and Galveston Community Center. The home is valued at \$27 million. No picture taking is allowed because the wood in the palace is becoming very fragile.

On their travel to Brenham, they went to the home of Blue Bell Ice Cream. They arrived on a day that school children were touring, so the tour group didn't get to go through the creamery. However, they did see a short film on the history of Blue Bell (in business since 1907), viewed a company museum, and ended the tour with a large bowl of their favorite ice cream.

On Friday, the group visited the Dr Pepper Museum and the Texas Ranger Museum and spent the night in Waco. On the Saturday of their tour, they left for Lubbock and home before 8 a.m.

"Everywhere we ate, the food was good, and we especially liked the continental breakfasts in each city, because it would be in anticipation of new things to see and do," Edna and Nelle said.

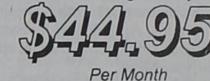


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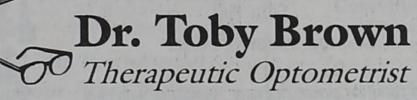
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Robert and Mary Verkamp

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 grand-

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 receive a Relay for Life t-shirt. of Abilene; and Theresa and Vinnie has nine grandchildren.

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ACS Relay for Life seeks team members

Relay for Life in Dimmitt has been of the relay. Sutton can be contacted 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

The American Cancer Society around the track during the six hours at 647-2145.

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

> 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

Survivors are requested to arrive Montes of Deltona, Fla. The couple 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

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 lighted 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





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

Schultes will celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Nazareth will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a special

Elmer and Florene Schulte of mass and reception Saturday evening in Nazareth.

> 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 mass will be read at Holy

Family Church at 6 p.m., and will be followed by a reception at the

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 brideelect'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

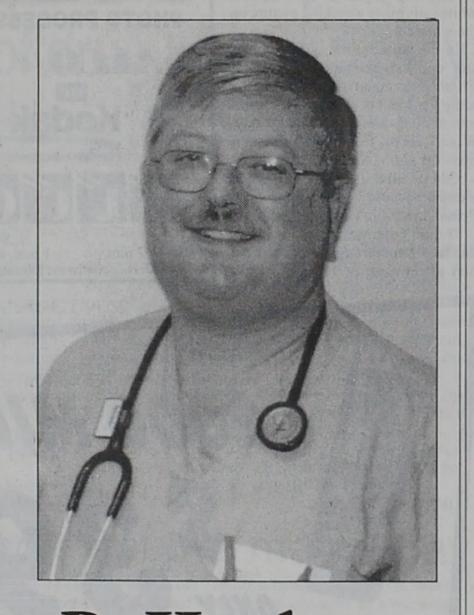
The glass-topped serving table was brightened with a mirror, which held assorted sizes of crystal rocks that added to the reflections of light. The centerpiece was an arrangement of fresh flowers, including tulips, lilies, larkspur, eucalyptus, and various fillers in a round crystal bowl.

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 serving pieces were crystal

The hostesses presented the couple with their selected dishes.

Local People Caring for Local People



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,

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 McGrorery, 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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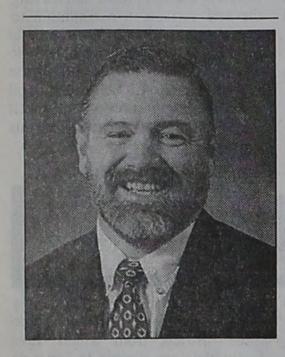
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Medical fund established for Teresa Longoria

A medical fund for Teresa Longoria has been established at First United Bank in Dimmitt and donations are currently being accepted.

Longoria, a para-professional/teacher's aide at Dimmitt High School, was recently diagnosed with cancer and she is currently undergoing treatment.

Longoria was born and raised in Dimmitt and she is married to Bert Longoria. The couple have three children.



Hule Goddard

Goddard will lead FUMC spring revival

Hule Goddard, a professor of youth ministry at Columbia International University in Columbia, S.C., will lead the spring revival at the First United Methodist Church in cert free of charge.

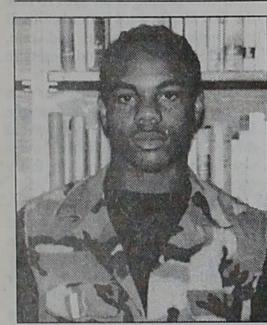
will continue through Tuesday.

Goddard will preach at the morning worship service Sunday at 10:45, and at the Sunday evening service at 6. Services on Monday and Tuesday are planned at 7 p.m.

The public is invited to attend.

"Goddard is well known among Methodists as a great voice and advocate of youth ministry that is real and practical. He is a veteran minister of the gospel with a passion for loving Jesus and helping others experience His love," said a church spokesperson.

"With a message that bridges all generation gaps, he is a dynamic and powerful speaker."



JOSH FINCH of Hart will compete in Prose Interpretation Friday at the Region 1-A UIL Literary meet at South Plains College in Levelland. To qualify for the regional meet, Finch finished third in the event at the district level.

Photo by Neoma Williams



CASTRO COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT personnel were honored recently with an appreciation dinner at the Castro County Memorial VFW Post 8056. The VFW hosted the dinner on April 8 for all county law officers and their families.

A steak dinner was served to approximately 60 people. Among those attending were Valentine Caballero, J.R. Ledesma, Susie Ledesma, Ray Aleman, Steven Caballero, Estella Caballero and Mary Ewing. Courtesy Photo

'The American Tenor' will perform in Hereford

Rodrick Dixon, "The American appeared on Broadway in Tenor," an accomplished and professional musical performing on the Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concert series, will be featured in an afternoon concert Sunday in Hereford.

The show is slated to begin at 3 p.m. in the Hereford High School Auditorium and is part of the Hereford Community Concert series. Admission to the show is by membership in the Community Concert Association. Those who join the association for the upcoming season are invited to attend Sunday's con-

Dixon also has performed with the The revival will begin Sunday and Lyric Opera of Chicago, Grant Park Symphony Orchestra, the Portland Opera and many other well known musical organizations. He has appeared on The Tony Awards, and on Good Morning America. He has

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He has appeared on stage and in concert in a variety of dramatic roles that encompass the repertoire of opera, musical theater, operetta and contemporary works.

He has performed in several roles: both Ruiz in II Trovatore and Rodriguez in Don Quichotte with the Lyric Opera of Chicago; Don Ottavio in Mozart's Don Giovanni; Gonzales in Ravel's L'Heure Espagnole with the Lyric Center; and Hoffman in Offenbach's The Tales of Hoffman with the Portland Opera.

clude creating the title roles in the other awards.

world premieres of Bright Sheng's Song of Magnun as Majnun at the Civic Theater, and as the Prince in Vanqui with the Columbus Opera. He was also heard in the world premiere of William Bolcom's McTeague.

As a concert soloist, his engagements have included a gospel/jazz version of Handel's messiah-Too Hot Too Handel with the Denver Symphony and Concordia Orchestra at the Lincoln Center.

He was the 1991 winner of the Richard F. Gold Career Grant from the Shoshana Foundation and the Mary Dawson Art Guild "Tenor of Two highlights of his career in- the Year" award. He has won several

Soldier gains stripes while visiting his daughter's kindergarten class

(Editor's Note: The following article was reprinted from a recent issue of the Morning Sentinel, published in Mt. Vernon, Ill.)

By DAVID BELCHER

When most parents visit their children's classroom, it is usually to observe the class.

When James Flores visited his daughter's kindergarten classroom at Benjamin Franklin Grade School in Mt. Vernon, Ill., the class observed him. More specifically, the pupils were the audience when he was officially promoted from sergeant to staff sergeant in the US Army.

Flores, who has been in the Army for eight years and has worked in the King City for two years, is assigned to the Mt. Vernon Army recruiting office.

In addition Flores' daughter, class member Stephanie Flores, joining the new staff sergeant for the promotion ceremony were his wife, Debra, and his 3-year-old daughter, Shayla

Teacher Rhonda Hedger said the Flores family requested the promotion be held in front of their daughter's class and she agreed.

"They are very active in school," she said of the Flores family.

"I think it's wonderful. There are different people in the community who have been in the service and some of the class members have family members who are in the service. But they really do not understand all that goes along with being in the service. Hopefully this will give them a better understanding," Hedger said.

Lt. Col. Roderick Cook with the Army Recruiting Battalion in St. Louis, told the youngsters an Army promotion is very important because it means "the Army and the government puts special trust in that soldier. It means the soldier will be receiving increased responsibility" due to what he has demonstrated he can do.

Cook explained the higher the rank



S/Sgt. James Flores, Jr.

in the military, the less people have the rank, "which means promotions are extremely competitive. Only the best get promoted."

With his daughters looking on, Flores' wife put the new insignia on his uniform, officially denoting his new rank.

Flores is a native of Dimmitt, graduating from Dimmitt High School in 1990. He is the son of James and Lupe Flores of Dimmitt. He said he was very thankful of the support his wife and daughters have given him in his military career.

The youngsters were all served cake and punch to celebrate. In honor of the ceremony, Hedger said the children were urged to dress in red and white.

It is circumstance and proper timing that give an action its character and make it either good or bad. -Agesilaus



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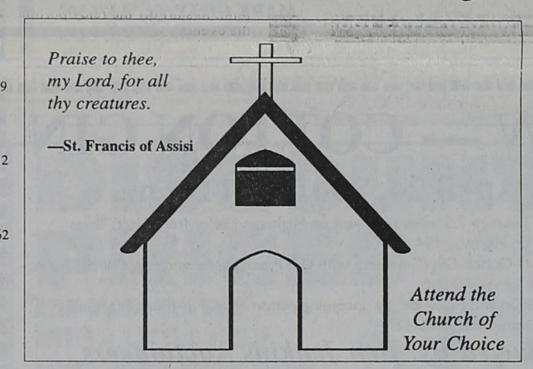
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Private applicators' training is scheduled

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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.

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

"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 con-

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trast, one field received 3.3 inches of increased the soil moisture as a rerainfall 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 benefi-Based upon random sampling in cial, 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

sult. The recheck semed 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.

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

Cotton talks

By SHAWN WADE

Plains Cotton Growers has joined the Texas Cotton Ginners Association and the Texas Cattle Feeders Association as interveners in Southwestern Public Service Co.'s latest request for an increase in the fuel cost adjustment rate charged to its customers.

SPS's request was presented to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in February and seeks an increase in the rate charged to offset the cost of fuel used to generate electricity.

The SPS request, which has been amended slightly since its original submission, would also authorize the addition of a surcharge, added to customer bills, to offset the cost of fuel used to generate electricity.

The SPS request, which has been amended slightly since its original submission, would also authorize the addition of a surcharge, added to customer bills, to offset the cost of fuel for the period of October 2000 through March 2001.

The increased fuel costs incurred by SPS during the period exceeded the previously approved fuel cost

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.

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adjustment factor, SPS is prevented by law from adjusting its rates dynamically to account for changes in fuel costs. Accordingly, the company must file with the Public Utility Commission to recapture its fuel costs after they have been incurred.

The process also works in the other direction as SPS is also required to provide refunds, usually through billing credits, to customers for those times when approved fuel cost adjustment factors exceeded the actual cost of fuel purchased by the company.

Currently, SPS customers are in the process of paying two earlier fuel cost adjustment surcharges to offset the higher cost of fuel incurred by the company for the periods January through May 2000 and June through September 2000.

PCG's interest in the case stems from its responsibility to see that the interests of the areas irrigated producers are fully represented and that the proposed adjustments reflect as accurately as possible the actual cost of fuel incurred by SPS for the period in question.

Members of Plains Cotton Growers' board of directors elected officers recently, with Ronnie Hopper of Petersburg earning re-election as the organization's 22nd president.

Also re-elected to officer positions within the organization were Mark Williams of Farwell, vice president; and Rickey Bearden of Plains, secretary-treasurer.

PCG by-laws limit terms of service for each officer position to two consecutive terms.

Also selected was the 2001-02 executive committee which is as follows:

Dimmitt, James Brown of Bailey County and Dan Smith of Floyd County.

District 2: Scott Harmon of Lubbock County, Craig Heinrich of Lubbock County and David Pearson of Lynn County.

District 3: Mike Hughes of Dawson County, Wesley Butchee of Gaines County and Russell Lepard of Terry County.

committee structure, the 25-county PCG service area was divided into three districts from which three individuals are eligible to serve on the PCG Executive Committee. These members are selected by other board members in their district and join the officer corps.

In other activity, the board heard an update on the status of the farm program legislation from National Cotton Council staff member Craig Brown of Memphis, Tenn.

Walk Across Texas will begin April 28

The Castro County H.O.P.E. organization is sponsoring "Walk Across Texas" this year, and those interested in entering a team in the event should contact the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce at 647-2524 or Castro County Extension Office at 647-

Teams consisting of a captain and nine other members will walk, bike and run the simulated distance from Dimmitt to Brownsville between Saturday, April 28, and Friday, June

Most Americans can improve their health through a modest increase in daily activity. "Walk Across Texas" is a program that persuades and motivates people of all ages to take the first step toward better health. It is simple, inexpensive and safe, requiring only a team and the desire to get moving.

Organizers suggest that teams plan to begin the activity during the Dimmitt Kiwanis kite-flying event District 1: Kevin Riley of on April 28 and conclude their mileage during the Relay for Life Rally on June 8.

To cover the 700-plus mile distance between Dimmitt and Brownsville in six weeks, each team member would walk approximately two miles each day, six days per

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Prospective landowners should check status of wells on property

Water Conservation District No. 1 reminds prospective landowners to be aware of the status of all irrigation wells on property they are considering purchasing.

considering placing a pump in an existing well on the property can save possible confusion and delays by contacting the Water District to determine if they have a valid well," conservation and compliance.

In some instances, the well may have been officially abandoned by the previous landowner and can no longer be utilized to pump 69.4 gallons of water per minute or greater.

Landowners within the Water District can officially abandon a well. This may be done because the well is no longer usable or if the permitting of a new well forces abandonment to comply with spacing regulations.

The High Plains Underground signed and filed with the Water those wishing to replace an existing District in order to declare a well to be officially abandoned. Once a well has been abandoned, the landowner may only install a pump capable of producing less than 69.4 gallons of "Prospective landowners water per minute or less. Landowners should be aware of this limitation when considering re-opening an irrigation well that has had the pump removed.

"Whenever wells are abandoned said Scott Orr, director of water use, within the district, state law and Water District rules require owners or operators of land to either temporarily cap or permanently close the well, depending on whether or not it will be put into use again," said Orr. "These caps must sustain a weight of no less than 400 pounds and must not be easily removed."

Prospective landowners wishing to reopen an abandoned well in order to equip it to produce 69.4 gallons of water per minute or more must submit an application to the district's board of directors and received a An abandonment form must be permit to do so. The same applies to

water well. No one may replace a water well without a permit from the Water District, unless the replacement well will produce less than 69.4 gallons per minute.

Replacement wells, in order to be considered as such, must be drilled within 150 feet of the well to be replaced. The replacement well cannot be closer to any other well or authorized well site, unless its location complies with the district's minimum well spacing requirements. If the replacement well cannot meet this criteria, it shall be considered a new well, subject to all spacing rules of the Water District.

"We encourage all prospective landowners to contact the High Plains Water District office in Lubbock at 762-0181 if they have any questions regarding the validity of well sites on their land. A quick phone call or visit to the district office can possibly eliminate any potential well validation problems," Orr



OFFICERS of the Dimmitt Area Retired School Personnel Association for the coming year are (from left) Barbara Bain, president; Billye Gwynne Davis, first vice-president; Joanne Snider, second vice-president; and Mary Jo Brown, Secretary-Treasurer. Not pictured is Janet Bain, historian. Their new terms will

begin May 1. The association is open to all retired teachers, school administrators and school staff employees in the area. Members meet socially each month, conduct volunteer service projects and study such issues as insurance, estate planning and pending legislation. Photo by Don Nelson

Police Calls

A clerk at the Allsup's store in Dimmitt told police early Tuesday that someone drove off without paying for \$10-worth of gasoline.

man was jailed for disorderly con-

60, was jailed for public intoxication.

Sunday at 1:31 a.m., a 20-yearold Dimmitt man was jailed for DWI; and at 6:15 p.m., a Dimmitt man, 28, was jailed for DWI second

—April 10, a 52-year-old Dimmitt man for felony parole violation and a warrant for burglary of a habitation. -Last Thursday, a 28-year-old

Earth man on a hold order. -Friday, a Dimmitt woman, 36, on warrants for theft over \$50 and under \$500 from Castro County and

for failure to appear and bail jumping out of Lamb County. -Sunday at 6:50 p.m., a 28-yearold Clovis, N.M. man was charged with DWI, first offense for Castro County and also had Parmer County

license. -Monday at 12:27 a.m., a Hereford man, 26, on warrants for failure to yield and failure to appear.

warrants for speeding and no driver's

Jail Count

There were 12 inmates in the county jail as of Tuesday morning,

Sales tax payments are down

Sales and use tax rebates for the April 2001 payment period show a decline for two of the three cities in Castro County, in comparing with the April 2000 payment. The year-todate totals show a decline for all three cities in comparison with last

The payments are based on sales taxes collected in February and reported to the State Comptroller's office in March. State-wide, rebates were 5.1% higher than a year ago for April and 4.6 percent higher in yearto-date totals.

In Dimmitt, the rebate for April 2001 was \$20,248.31, while in 2000 the city received \$27,103.71, a decline of 25.29%. In the year-to-date totals, Dimmitt has received \$97,970.06 so far in 2001, while last year the amount was up to \$112,262.04, a drop of 12.73%.

Hart's April rebate was \$1,272.08 this year and \$1,785.75 last year, showing a decline of 28.76%. For the year to date, Hart has collected \$5,474.90 for 2001, down 26.65% from the \$7,464.97 collected during the same period in 2000.

Nazareth showed an increase of 13.6% in April payments, but a .59% decrease in year-to-date totals. For April 2001 the rebate was \$1,280.65, compared with \$1,127.25 for 2000. In the year-to-date amounts, \$5,107.12 has been received so far for 2001, while in 2000 the figure was \$5,137.70.

An old Hanukkah tradition in some places was to light all eight candles on the Menorah on the first night, and reduce the lights by one each successive night.

with one farmed out.

Sunday at 4:45 p.m., a White Dodge Avenger driven by Michael April 10, a 25-year-old Dimmitt Gene Penney, 18, of Dimmitt, was hit broadside on the right side by a 1989 Chevrolet pickup driven by a Last Thursday, a Dimmitt man, 28-year-old Dimmitt man, who was subsequently charged with DWI, second offense, and failure to yield right of way at a stop sign. Penney had been heading west on West Jones Street in Dimmitt and the suspect had been stopped at a stop sign Jailed on warrants during the past on Southwest Sixth, heading south. street, jumped the curb and struck the Police reported that the suspect did not see Penney's vehicle and drove control speed. into the intersection. No injuries were reported, and damage to both vehicles was rated light to moderate.

> Saturday at 3:12 p.m., a 1995 GMC pickup driven by Kody Wade Laurent, 17, of Dimmitt, backed out of a driveway, and struck a parked, unattended rental car, which had been parked in the 700 block of Oak Street in Dimmitt. No injuries were reported. The pickup had light damage and the car had light to moderate damage. Laurent was ticketed for backing without safety.

Saturday at 10:05 p.m., a 1996

Chevrolet Monte Carlo driven by Harold Casas Jr., 16, of Dimmitt, struck a guy wire holding a power pole and flipped onto its top. Casas was listed with non-incapacitating injury, as was passenger Hector Manuel Velasquez, 15, of Dimmitt. Passenger Stacey Jo Casas, 17, of Dimmitt was listed with possible injury. The vehicle had moderate to heavy damage. Police said that Harold Casas had been driving south on Northeast Eighth Street in Dimmitt, went into the northbound lane of the wire. He was ticketed for failure to

April 6 at 10:05 a.m., a 1997 Ford pickup driven by Rogelio Saldaña Jr., 38, of Amarillo, was heading west on State Highway 86 about 5 miles east of Nazareth. He was pulling an open flat-bed trailer loaded with tires. The driver reported that the trailer started to fish tail and he lost control of the vehicle and could not regain control. The vehicle struck a steel pole belonging to Marvin Schulte. The trailer came to rest on its side. The pickup and trailer had moderate to heavy damage. Saldaña was listed with no injuries. He was given a ticket for unsafe speed.





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Swifts claim district lead with win over Crosbyton

of the District 2-A lead Tuesday night, snapping a seventh-inning rally by Crosbyton to claim a 6-4 win at Nazareth.

to 7-0 overall and 6-0 in district play while Crosbyton dropped to 5-5 overall and 4-1 in the conference.

Eric Schilling pitched the complete game for the Swifts, giving up eight hits, striking out five and giving up one intentional walk enroute to his fourth victory.

Crosbyton's Fink allowed nine hits, struck out seven and walked one in the game, and Tuesday's loss was his first of the season, dropping his record to 4-1.

triples and a double in the second inning to take the 3-0 lead and ex- ters. tended that advantage with a threerun fourth. The Swifts owned the 6-0 lead headed into the final inning, but Crosbyton never quit.

eight hits off of Schilling in the top of the seventh, cutting the Swift lead to 6-4 with one out and the heart of the order due up.

Nazareth dominated the District 3-

A tennis tournament last week,

claiming both regional tickets in

girls' singles and doubles and quali-

Erica Gerber captured the district

championship in girls' singles while

Mandy Hoelting and Lesley Brock-

man teamed to win the crown in

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fying one boy for the next level.

doubles.

Hoelting advances in boys' doubles

Swiftettes sweep

district tennis meet

and victory.

Both teams' lead runners reached The Swifts improved their record on errors in the first inning, but neither team could score the runner.

> After Crosbyton's lead-off man reached, Mario Munoz grounded out to Nazareth second baseman Mark Birkenfeld.

> B. Rogers drove an 0-2 pitch toward left field, but Swift third baseman Adam Acker snatched the ball for out number two.

The Swifts walked Rodriguez, then Schilling struck out Fink to end the inning.

Chase Schulte reached on error to Nazareth tagged Fink for a pair of start the Swifts in the first, but Fink struck out the next three Swift bat-

After allowing a lead-off double to Crosbyton's Martin in the second inning, Nazareth retired the next three hitters-Marc Munoz flied out Crosbyton picked up four of its to left field and Schilling struck out the next two.

Aaron Kern fell behind in the count in the second, but the 1-2 pitch Fink threw him was just what Kern But Rodriguez grounded out to was looking for. He knocked the ball

had to beat fellow Nazareth netters,

Jenna Braddock (singles) and Whit-

ney Hoelting and Nichole Huseman

to advance to regional, and he did it

with a second-place finish in his

freshman year. Hoelting fell to Moi

Garcia of Lazbuddie in the champi-

(doubles) in the finals.

onship match.

Nazareth snatched sole possession third, then Schilling fielded a into center field, sending the center grounder and got the third out on a fielder to the fence. Before the ball force at second to preserve the lead was back to the infield, Kern was safely on third with his first triple of the season.

He scored on Fink's first pitch to Acker, which Crosbyton catcher Rodriguez couldn't control.

After Kern scored, Acker sent the next pitch to shallow right field for a stand-up double, then Evan Huseman pounded Fink with a triple to center field. Huseman was allowed to score on the play after Crosbyton third baseman Marc Munoz was charged with faking a tag. That run gave the Swifts a 3-0 lead.

Mark Birkenfeld reached on an error, but was thrown out by Rodriguez as he tried to steal second.

The next two Swift batters flied out. Nazareth's defense held in the third, with Schilling giving up just one single in the scoreless inning. The Swifts couldn't pad their lead, though.

A lead-off single in the fourth by Crosbyton would be quickly shut down by the Swifts. That first batter was thrown out at second on a 5-4 fielder's choice play, then Mario Munoz and Rogers flied out to short and left field, respectively.

The Swifts second-biggest inning was the bottom of the fourth.

With one away, Huseman picked up a single and advanced to second on an error by Crosbyton center fielder Pickering. He scored on a left-field single by Brock Birkenfeld.

Chase Schulte connected for an RBI-double down the right field line, then he scored on a single by Blake Birkenfeld, giving the Swifts a 6-0

Neither team added to its total until the top of the seventh when Crosbyton batters caught fire.

After retiring the first hitter, Schilling gave up back-to-back singles, Monty Hoelting was the lone Swift then a Swift error allowed the first runner to score.

> A ground-rule double by Rogers scored two more runs, then he came in on a single by Fink before the Swifts shut down the rally.



HART HIGH SCHOOL will be well represented at the Region 1-A tennis tournament next week at South Plains College in Levelland. Five Longhorn and Lady Horn netters earned berths in the meet, including (back row, from left) Frankie Chaparro and John Mark Bennett, district runners-up in boys' doubles; and Crystal Diego and Yadira Anzaldua, district runners-up in girls' doubles; and (kneeling) Jeff Bennett, the district champion in boys' singles.

Photo by Neoma Williams

Naz, Hart runners headed to regional

Hart boys claim area track crown

Hart's boys scored 91 points as they ran away with the area track championship last Thursday at Canyon Randall High School.

individuals in each event from District 3-A and District 4-A contests, and athletes from Hart and Nazareth were featured in many events.

Several county athletes earned trips to the regional meet by placing among the top four individuals at the area meet. Regional will be April 27-28 at South Plains College in Levelland.

Among the regional qualifiers for Hart are Josh Finch, Jacob Reyna, Leon Minjarez, Dan Eric Castillo, Roy Robledo, boys' 400 relay team, Isaias Garcia, Joel DeLaFuente, the

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boys' 1,600 relay team, the girls' 400 relay team, Brenda Diego and the girls' 800 relay team.

The area meet featured the top four the Region 1-A track meet will be Marsha Black, Danette Ramaekers, Stephanie Thiel, Wendy Black, Kim Brockman, the girls' 1,600 relay team, Trinity Robb and Kade Wilcox.

> Trinity Robb was the lone county boy to win an individual area championship and he did it twice—in the 800- and 1,600-meter runs. Those finishes earned him return trips to

regional in each event. Robb's time of 2:08.37 edged that posted by Roy Robledo of Hart in the 800. Robledo finished second

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The two were first and second in the 1,600 as well, with Robb break-Nazareth athletes qualifying for ing the tape in 4:56.72 and Robledo placing second in 4:57.87.

The Longhorns didn't win a single event, but they placed several in second and third spots and they earned enough points to win the team title, edging Springlake-Earth which had 86 points. The Swifts finished sixth with 37 points.

Robledo was the only Longhorn to earn two regional berths.

Finch and Reyna will compete in the long jump after placing second and third, respectively, at area. Finch leaped 20 feet 4 1/4 inches while Reyna's jump was measured at 19 feet, eight inches.

Castillo was second in the shot put with a throw of 48-8 and the boys' 400 relay team took second place in

Also placing second was Wilcox, who took the silver in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.23.

Bronze medal winners for the boys included Minjarez in the discus, 130-2 1/2; Garcia in the 3,200, 11:22.20; DeLaFuente in the 300 hurdles, 43.36; and Wilcox in the 200-meter dash, 23.10.

Also qualifying for regional was the Hart boys' 1,600-meter relay team, which finished fourth with a time of 3:39.25.

Thiel captured the area crown in the 800-meter run and the 400-meter dash, leading a long list of Swiftettes who earned regional berths.

Thiel finished the 400 with the top time of 64.21 while teammate Brockman finished third in 64.76.

Thiel also won the 800 with a time

of 2:32.09. The Swiftettes' mile relay team

posted the second-best time of 4:19.95.

Wendy Black qualified for regional in two events-the 300 hurdles and the 100 hurdles. She was second in the 100-meter event with a time of 16.84; and finished second in the 300-meter race with a time of

48.43. Danette Ramaekers qualified for regional in the 3,200-meter run with a third-place time of 13:08.86.

Diego was third in the 100-meter dash, completing the sprint in 13.46.

The Lady Horns' 800-meter relay finished third in 1:53.92 and the 400meter relay team placed fourth in

Marsha Black earned a regional trip in the triple jump, finishing fourth with a leap of 33 feet, 2 1/2 inches.

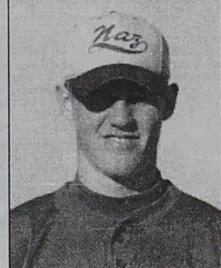
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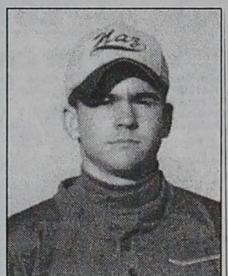




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TEARS OF HAPPINESS AFTER QUALIFYING FOR REGIONAL ... Crystal Nino anchored Dimmitt's varsity girls' 1,600m relay team

From District 2-AAA track meet

Soler, Sanders, Fabela, girls' mile relay advance

chel 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.

Muleshoe 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

L.J. Soler, Matthew Sanders, Ra- with 68 points and Lubbock Cooper shot put with a throw of 43 feet. was sixth with 34.

In the girls' division, Muleshoe ran away with the team crown, scoring a whopping 263 points, compared with the 117 scored by secondplace 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 300meter 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 Muleshoe.

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 Coo-

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

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.



The cutline under the picture of Nazareth High School's regional qualifiers to the UIL Literary meet last week incorrectly identified one of the participants as Lindsie Gerber. It should be Laura Gerber.

Laura Gerber qualified for the after placing second at district.

The News regrets the error.



Charley Nutt

Nutt putts way to regional meet

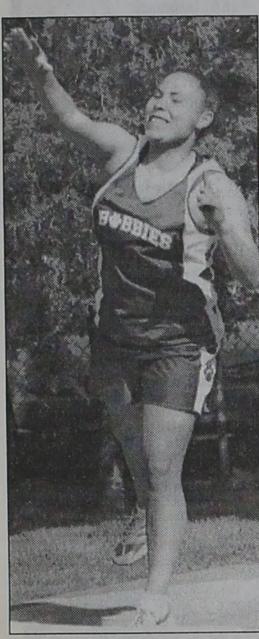
Charley Nutt of Dimmitt tied for fifth-place individual honors in the District 2-AAA golf tournament, and she will be competing in the Region 1-AAA meet in Odessa this week.

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 fired a 316 over the three-

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



MATTHEW SANDERS

... Discus champion

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

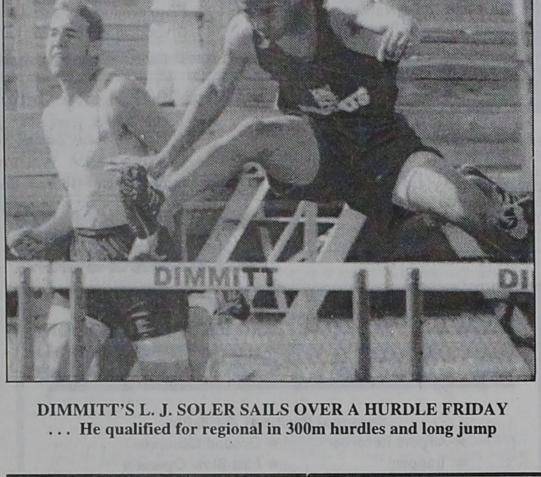
Dimmitt Bobbies' coach Tim Gilliland is the Class AAA All-South Plains Coach of the Year while Heather Black and Dee Norman earned mention to the honor squad.

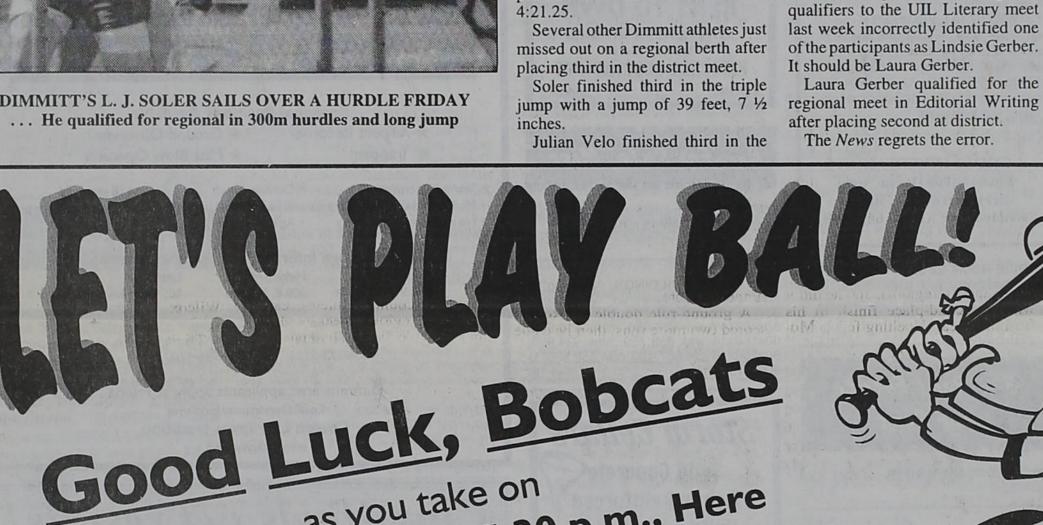
Gilliland's Bobbies peaked at the right time this year, playing their best basketball when it counted-in district and in the playoffs.

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

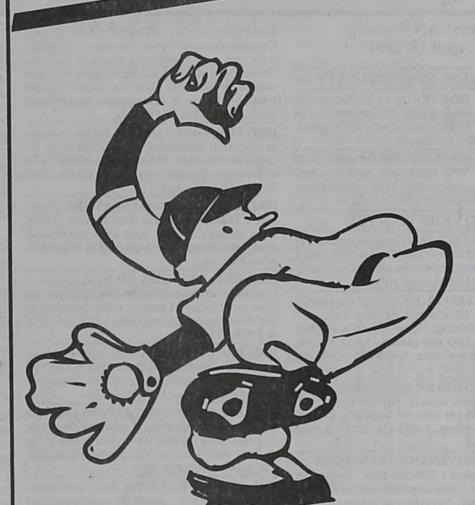
Black was the leading scorer on the Bobbies' team this season, leading the team in scoring with an average of 16 points per game. The 5-8 senior guard also contributed 4.9 rebounds, 2.3 assists and three steals per game while converting 79.2% of her free throw attempts. During the playoffs Black averaged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



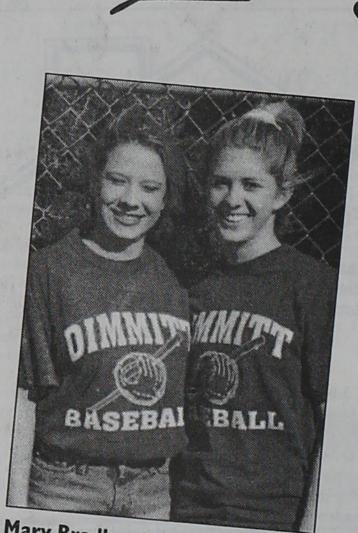


Littlefield, Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Here as you take on Lubbock Roosevelt, Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. Here



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* District Game Season Record: 1-10-1



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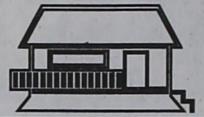
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Cause No. 98-11-B-7369, CASTRO COUNTY VS. MENDOZA, FRANK DIAZ. All of Lot Number Six (6), Block Sixtyone (61), Original Town of Dimmitt, an addition in the City of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas.

COUNTY VS. STOVALL, LOMA W. ES-TATE, AND FRANCES CARLENE

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By JERRY W JANSA, Deputy

LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Dimmitt will be accepting bids on mosquito spraying, for the summer of 2001, until April 26, 2001. Job will include all of Dimmitt and the Country Club and baseball parks. Plane and pilet must conform with all F.A.A. rules concerning low level city flying. Bids will be opened at City Hall on April 27. Send bid to Don Sheffy, City of Dimmitt, P.O. Box 146, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

kite-flying day

sponsor a kite-flying event Saturday, April 28, on Western Circle Drive in Dimmitt in the area between Dimmitt High School and the First

Free kites will be given to the first 50 youngsters arriving at the event and Kiwanis will be on hand to assist youngsters with building and

bring their lawn chairs, relax and

demonstrations are scheduled

Commerce at 647-2524.

Breast cancer

ics will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt next month, one on May 3 and another on May 29. Appointments are still available for

Those who wish to have an exam should call 1-800-377-4673 or 356-1905 to schedule an appointment.

screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in selfexamination by a registered nurse.

Canterbury Villa of Dimmitt

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF **PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY** IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

25—Legal Notices

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below,

and then publicly opened and read.

Construction/Maintenance Contract District: Lubbock.

Contract 6070-79-001 for UPGRADE SIGN MOUNT ASSEMBLIES in CAS-TRO County will be opened on May 2, 2001, at 9 a.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$103,015.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection along with bidding proposals and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit pre-qualification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies in Austin, Texas at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 3287.

State Office Construction Division 200 E. Riverside Drive. Austin, Texas 78704 Phone: 512-416-2540.

District Office Lubbock District District Engineer 135 Slaton Lubbock, Texas 79404

Phone: 806-745-4411. Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against Cause No. 98-12-B-7379, CASTRO on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin.

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Beer Retailer's Off-Premise Permit. Said business to be operated by Jose Esteban Montemayor. Business will operate as CERRALVO-58 and will be located at 206 West Hwy 86, Nazareth, Castro County, Texas, 79063.

More about

(Continued from Page 1)

wonderful gift of the new lungs.

car wash organized by members of

the Dimmitt High School Interact

she said. "Living in Castro County is

like I must be dreaming. God has

really heard our prayers. We are just

Information from LifeGift West

Texas, a non-profit organization that

oversees the donation and recovery

of organs and tissue for transplant

centers, shows that there is a severe

ing lists nation-wide, many more

for a life-saving organ or tissue

transplant," said Rob Gruenenfelder,

managing director of LifeGift West

come a donor when he or she dies.

With more than 74,000 on wait-

"Every day, 16 people die waiting

shortage of willing donors.

donors are needed.

club and offered heart-felt thanks.

wonderful.

truly blessed."

Shirley said they heard about the

"We were surprised and touched,"

"This is wonderful. I keep feeling

Please keep us in your prayers."

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Brockman family

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE NO PR 2431 THE ESTATE OF JOHN L MERRITT, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF **CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS**

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING **CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF** JOHN L. MERRITT, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of JOHN L. MERRITT, Deceased, were issued to LINT S. MERRITT and JOHNNY K. MERRITT on the 12th day of April, 2001, in the proceedings indicated above, which proceedings are still pending. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County Court above named, are required to present the same before suit upon same are barred by the general statute of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law, as

LINT S. MERRITT 700 W. Lee St. Dimmitt, Texas 79027

JOHNNY K. MERRITT PO Box 31656 Amarillo, Texas 79120-1656

25-3-1tc

LEGAL NOTICE NO PR 2430 THE ESTATE OF MARTHA SCHULTE, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING **CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF** MARTHA SCHULTE, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of MARTHA SCHULTE, Deceased, were issued to CLYDE SCHULTE on the 9th day of April, 2001, in the proceedings indicated above, which proceedings are still pending. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County Court above named, are required to present the same before suit upon same are barred by the general statute of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by

CLYDE SCHULTE HCR 1, Box 21 Nazareth, Texas 79063

25-3-1tc

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION CASTRO COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 5, to ELECT THREE (3) TRUSTEES FOR CASTRO COUNTY HOSPITAL DIS-

Location of Polling Places: Dimmitt City Hall, 200 E. Jones St., Dimmitt, Texas; West end of Nazareth School, Nazareth, Texas; Golden Group Building, Hart. Texas.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 W. Halsell St., Dimmitt, Texas, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., beginning on Wednesday, April 18, 2001, and ending on Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to Renee Grantham, Early Voting Clerk, at PO Box 278, Dimmitt, Texas

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 27, 2001.

25-3-1tc

Results

CLASS A AREA TRACK MEET at Randall High School The top four individuals in each event

qualify for Region 1-A track meet April 27-28 in Levelland. **GIRLS**

Team Totals: 1. Sudan 105, 2,

Whiteface 90, 3. Nazareth 70, Springlake-Earth 57, 5. Farwell 55, 6. Triple Jump: 4. Marsha Black,

Nazareth, 33-2 1/2. 3.200: 3. Danette Ramaekers, Nazareth, 13:08.86. 400 Relay: 4. Hart, 53.01.

800: 1. Stephanie Thiel, Nazareth, 100 Hurdles: 2. Wendy Black, Nazareth, 16.84

100: 3. Brenda Diego, Hart, 13.46. 800 Relay: 3. Hart, 1:53.92. 400: 1. Stephanie Thiel, Nazareth 64.21; 3. Kim Brockman, Nazareth, 64.76. 300 Hurdles: 2. Wendy Black,

Nazareth, 48.43 1600 Relay: 2. Nazareth, 4:19.95.

Team Totals: 1. Hart 91, 2. Springlake-Earth 86, 3. Whiteface 75, 4. Anton 39, 5. Silverton 38, 6. Nazareth 37.

Long Jump: 2. Josh Finsh, Hart, 20-4 1/4; 3. Jacob Reyna, Hart, 19-8. Discus: 3. Leon Minjarez, Hart, 130-2

Shot Put: 2. Dan Eric Castillo, Hart, 800: 1. Trinity Robb, Nazareth, 2:08.37; 2. Roy Robledo, Hart, 2:08.51.

400 Relay: 2. Hart, 45.38. 3,200: 3. Isaias Garcia, Hart, 11:22.20. 100: 2. Kade Wilcox, Nazareth, 11.23. 300 Hurdles: 3. Joel DeLaFuente,

Hart, 43.36. 200: 3. Kade Wilcox, Nazareth, 23.10. 1,600: 1. Trinity Robb, Nazareth, 4:56.72; 2. Roy Robledo, Hart, 4:57.87. 1,600 Relay: 4. Hart, 3:39.25.

DISTRICT 2-AAA TRACK MEET

at Dimmitt High School The top two individuals in each event qualify for the Region 1-AAA track meet in

GIRLS Team Totals: 1. Muleshoe 263, 2. Shallowater 117, 3. Lubbock Cooper 90, 4. Dimmitt 70, 5. Littlefield 21, 6. Lubbock Roosevelt 17

Shot Put: 2. Rachel Fabela, Dimmitt, 31-0; 5. Lauren Waggoner, Dimmitt, 29-2 100: 3. Cassandra Casas, Dimmitt,

13.23. 400: 3. Crystal Nino, Dimmitt, 1:04.68; 5. Sadra Daniels, Dimmitt, 65.77 200: 3. Cassandra Casas, Dimmitt,

1,600 Relay: 2. Dimmitt (Ashley Irons, Sadra Daniels, Cassandra Casas and Crystal Nino), 4:21.25.

400 Relay: 4. Dimmitt (Irons, Heard, Nino and Daniels), 54.44. High Jump: 4. Crystal Nino, Dimmitt,

Discus: 6. Jessica Salinas, Dimmitt, Long Jump: 4. Cassandra Casas. Dimmitt, 14-5 12.

Triple Jump: 5. Ashley Irons, Dimmitt, 32-5; 6. Cassandra Casas, Dimmitt, 31-8 3,200: 5. Kelsey Welch, Dimmitt,

BOYS Team Totals: 1. Muleshoe 172, 2 Littlefield 95, 3. Shallowater 93, 4. Lubbock Roosevelt 89, 5. Dimmitt 68, 6. Lubbock Cooper 34 Triple Jump: 3. L.J. Soler, Dimmitt, 39-

Shot Put: 3. Julian Velo, Dimmitt, 43-0. Long Jump: 1. L.J. Soler, Dimmitt, 20-

Discus: 1. Matthew Sanders, Dimmitt, 131-0 3/4. 3,200: 3. Matthew Wright, Dimmitt,

10:52.41. 400: 3. Salvador Diaz, Dimmitt, 53.02. 300 Hurdles: 1. L.J. Soler, Dimmitt, 1,600 Relay: 3. Dimmitt (Sal Diaz,

Matthew Wright, Emanuel Jaramillo and Mitchell Gentry), 3:37.42. 400 Relay: 6. Dimmitt (L.J. Soler, Sal

Diaz, Mitchell Gentry and Jaime Rios),

JV BOYS Team Totals: 1. Shallowater 124.5; 2. Muleshoe, 119; 3. Littlefield 106; 4. Lubbock Cooper 90, 5. Dimmitt 85, 6. Lubbock Roosevelt, 28.5

800: 3. Gauna, Dimmitt, 2:19.6. 110 Hurdles: 4. Brown, Dimmitt, 17.72. 400: 2. Myatt, Dimmitt, 55.69. High Jump: 3. Guana, Dimmitt, 5-4; 4.

Long Jump: 1. Furr, Dimmitt, 17-8 1/4; 6. Guana, Dimmitt, 16-8. Triple Jump: 1. Brown, Dimmitt, 38-5; Myatt, Dimmitt, 37-0; 6. Furr, Dimmitt,

Myatt, Dimmitt, 5-2.

Shot Put: 3. Villanueva, Dimmitt, 37-1 1,600: 1. Guzman, Dimmitt, 5:13.79. 1,600 Relay: 4. Dimmitt (Velasquez,

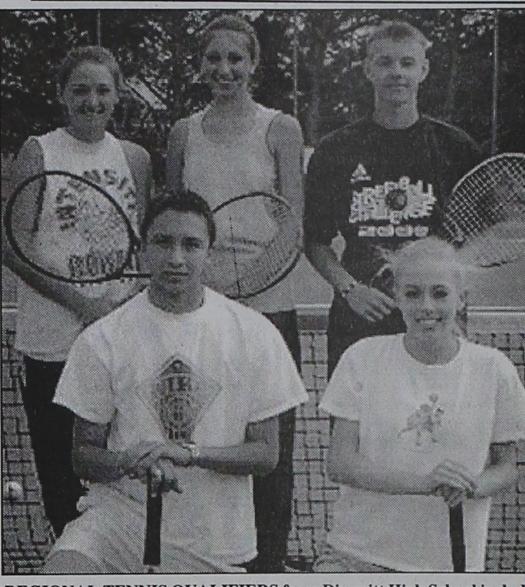
Myatt, Guana and Guana), 3:52.99.

Naz district golf results are listed

The Nazareth Swiftettes finished fifth overall while the Swifts were sixth in the District 2-A golf tournament, held recently at Hereford Country Club. Luke Price was the top Swift

golfer, completing the 18-hole course with a score of 110. Quentin Jones fired a 111, Carson Gerber finished with 113 and Ross Schulte tallied 115 in the tournament.

For the Swiftettes, Susan Kern led the way with a score of 112. Jaci Birkenfeld finished with 121, Karen Birkenfeld fired a 127 and Merial Smallwood finished with 144.



REGIONAL TENNIS QUALIFIERS from Dimmitt High School include (back, from left) Sally Stahl and Kelsey Welch, girls doubles, and Lee Cejna, boys doubles (his partner, Jeremy Bishop, is not shown); and (front, from left) alternates Gabriel Garcia and Jill Merritt. Staff Photo

Dimmitt will send five netters to regional meet

Dimmitt's Rachal Harman, Sally Stahl, Kelsey Welch, Lee Cejna and Jeremy Bishop all qualified for the Region 1-AAA tennis tournament last week, finishing second in their respective divisions of the District 2-AAA tournament.

Harman lost her semifinal match to Bethany Jones of Lubbock Cooper, but she gave Jones everything she could handle, taking the match to three sets before falling 4-6, 6-2, 4-6. Jones won the district championship.

After losing to Jones, Harman bounced back with an easy win over Katie Probasco of Shallowater, 6-0, 6-2, and that forced a playback for second place.

In that match, Harman earned a trip to regional by beating Megan Tipps of Muleshoe, 6-3, 6-3. Tipps was blanked by Jones in the championship match.

Stahl and Welch knocked off Nettles and Gonzales of Cooper in the semifinal round, 6-3, 6-4, to qualify for the championship match against Daniel and Wood of Muleshoe. Daniel and Wood won the first set, 6-3, but the second was a battle on every point. The Muleshoe team finally prevailed, 7-5, to win the district championship. Welch and Stahl had to settle for second, but they will be competing in the regional meet.

Bishop and Cejna also advanced to the title match before losing and settling for second.

In the semifinal round, Bishop and Cejna knocked off Atwood and Riley of Muleshoe in a hard-fought battle,



RACHAL HARMAN ... Regional singles qualifier Courtesy Photo

7-6, 6-3. They were upended in the championship match by Riggs and Hall of Muleshoe, 4-6, 2-6.

Gabriel Garcia of Dimmitt finished third in boys' singles, just missing out on a trip to regional.

Garcia lost to Trey Young of Cooper in the semis, 4-6, 3-6, but bounced back to beat Josh Flores of Shallowater in the third-place match, 6-3, 6-1. He didn't get a shot at a playback for second because Young lost the championship match and finished second.

John Thomas is named Frenship superintendent

John Thomas, 46, of Wolfforth, about the kids." and formerly of Dimmitt, was recently named superintendent of the Frenship Independent School District, where he had served as assistant superintendent for the past four years.

Thomas was employed with the Dimmitt schools from 1977 to 1989, serving as a junior high coach for five years, then as high school counselor from 1982 to 1989.

After leaving Dimmitt, he went to Lamesa where he was the junior high principal for five years. He then served as superintendent at the Ralls schools for three years, before joining the Frenship ISD in 1997.

His new position carries an annual salary of \$100,000 for leading the 5,300-student district.

""I'm very excited," Thomas told Brian Williams of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. "We'll continue to work as a team to move this district to higher levels of success." Frenship school board president

Lynne Strickland said the board was

comfortable with Thomas as a steward of the district's exemplary status, according to the Avalanche-Journal. "We felt like he was trained by us. We felt like we raised a pretty good superintendent applicant," Strickland

told Williams. "We're very comfort-

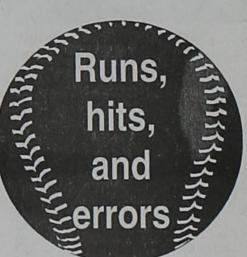
able with the decision that he would

be able to handle the job. Thomas succeeded Paul Whitton Jr., who had held the post for 18 years before retiring in February and taking a job with the Texas Association of School Administrators.

Thomas told the Avalanche-Journal that he hopes the district maintains success in terms of academics, character education and implementation of technology

"This is a good district," Thomas told Williams. "The board is super to work with because they really care

Thomas said while they lived in Dimmitt, his wife, Leasa, worked as a computer lab assistant at Richardson Elementary School, was the secretary at the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt, and worked with Delores Heller at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce. They have three children, Leah Beth, who is a junior at Texas Tech University; David, who is a junior at Frenship High School; and Sarah, who is a fifth



FRIDAY Bobcats 2, Lubbock Cooper 26 Cooper 48(10) 04

Dimmitt Vines, White (4) and Madison, Bynu (5) for Lubbock Cooper; B.J. Hill, Bobby Hill (2), Jonathan Stevens (3), Wesley Harkins (5) and Tanner Self. WP: Vines. LP: B.J. Hill. 2B: Brown, Finch, Cleveland and Malick for Cooper. HR: Finch for Cooper. Record: Dimmitt 1-10-1, 0-7-1; Coo-

TUESDAY

030 300 x -6 9 Nazareth Eric Schilling and Daryl Pohlmeier for Nazareth; Fink and F Rodriguez for Crosbyton. WP: Schilling (4-0). LP: Fink (4-1). 2B: Adam Acker and Chase Schulte. 3B: Aaron Kern and Evan Huseman. Records: Nazareth 7-0, 6-0;

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Swifts 6, Crosbyton 4 Crosbyton 000 000 4 -4

Crosbyton 5-5, 4-1.

Kiwanis plan

The Dimmitt Kiwanis Club will Baptist Church.

flying the kites between 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Individuals who have their own kites are invited to join in the fun and spectators are encouraged to

enjoy the event. Food will be available and

throughout the morning. For more information, contact any member of the Dimmitt Kiwanis or call the Dimmitt Chamber of

Two breast cancer screening clin-

both screenings.

Participants will receive a low-cost

screenings set Minors may become donors with the consent of a parent or guardian. To become a donor you should do the following: Talk to your family. This step is more important than signing a

donor card or placing the red sticker on your driver's license. In the event of death, even if you have a donor card or license sticker, your family will be asked for consent. If you have previously discussed your wishes with them, they will be more

likely to honor your intentions. Sign a donor card in their pres-

25-03-2tc wonderful. We appreciate all the love ence and have someone sign as a

witness. and support and especially the Place the red donor sticker on

The prayers are what gave us the your driver's license. Carry the donor card at all Transplantable organs include the

> heart, liver, kidneys, pancreas, lungs and intestinal organs. Tissues include skin, bone and corneas. For more information, call LifeGift at 806-353-4334 or call 806-798-5568 for information about becoming a volunteer to help raise

> public awareness about organ dona-

tion. Also, you may visit their

website at www.lifegift.org

Childbirth classes set

Childbirth preparation classes will 1/2 start April 30 in the classroom of Dimmitt Medical Center, 112 W. Jones and the cost of the class will be \$25 per couple.

The five-week course will cover He said that anyone who is 18 or coping techniques for labor and deolder and of sound mind may be- livery, including breathing and relaxation techniques, coaching support, pain management and the stages of

> weeks or more in their pregnancy and their labor partner. The registration fee should be sent in with the registration form. Forms are available at the Dimmitt Medical

The classes are directed toward

women who are approaching 28

pital. For more information, contact Cindy Ellis at 647-2191 or 647-4124.

Center and at Plains Memorial Hos-

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

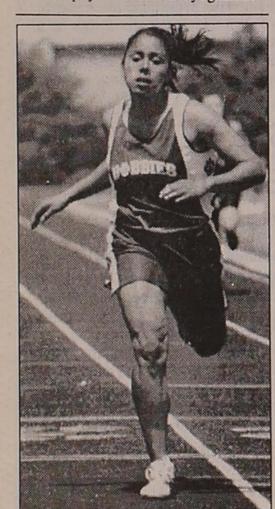
(Continued from Page 1) that person experience many of life's joys...."

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

Ignacio lives with his wife and several family members in Santiago, Guadalajara, 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 Photo by Don Nelson work.



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

District Overall x-Lub. Cooper 6-2 x-Shallowater 5-2-1 x-Muleshoe 7-7-1 Littlefield 11-11 Lub. Roosevelt 1-7 7-13 0-7-1 Dimmitt 1-10-1

x-Clinched playoff berth

Well . . .

"Ignacio supports his family on 80 pesos (approximately US\$8) a week by preparing leather materials for shoes," Janet wrote.

"His work requires that he be able to see clearly to perform the necessary close-up tasks. Ignacio is 46, but has the vision of a man in his 60s. He was in danger of losing his \$8-aweek job because of his failing

"Ignacio was aware that his eyes needed medical attention, but he could not afford to visit an eye doctor. When he saw the Lions eyeglasses mission advertised on the streets of Santiago, he decided that he should give it a try. . . .

"After going through the usual tests and fittings, a pair of (bifocal) glasses was selected to help Ignacio - my father's glasses.

"When the Lion placed the glasses on Ignacio, his face beamed as he realized how well he was able to see.

"Using my father's glasses, Ignacio can see everything more clearly. He can finally read — even small print - after years of seeing only a blur on the page. He can see the leather lacings that he works with every day. He can enjoy the details in his family's faces. . . .

Because of the generosity of eyeglass donors, stories such as Ignacio's occur millions of times each year in third-world countries.

It makes me proud to be a Lion, and a member of the Dimmitt Lions Club's Eyeglass Committee, which ships several cardboard boxes full of used eyeglasses to a recycling center in Midland each year.

Still, I can't help thinking: For Ignacio, an even bigger blessing would be for his American employers to pay him enough that he could afford to buy his own eyeglasses.

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.

Clodell Aven

Obituaries

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 Associa-

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, staring 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 Tulia; 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 greatgrandchildren.

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.



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 400meter relay team that placed fourth. Photo by Don Nelson

Drop Everything and Read RIF event set April 26

be the theme for the second Reading encouraged to drop everything and Is FUNdamental book give-away, set read during this time, as well," said a for next Thursday (April 26) at Rich-school spokesperson. "Anyone's ardson Elementary School in Dim-

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.

"Drop Everything and Read" will "Everyone in the community is 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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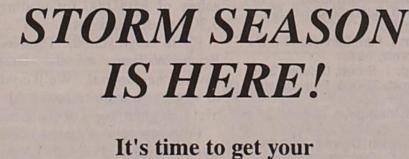
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