

On the Go

Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Dwight Joiner and the Dimmitt High School Choir presented a musical, "New York, New York" and a dinner last Thursday evening at the DHS cafeteria. Some of the choir members participating were Brandi Morgan, Heather Thomas, Mary Ann Triana, Joy Waller, Melissa Velasquez, Beth Teaschner, Meka Thomas, Tori Baker, Janna Parker, Nikki Kenley, Charlton Walker, Lupe Mendez and the Dimmitt High School Singers. They sang some of my favorite songs including *Summertime*, *As Long As He Needs Me*, *You Light Up My Life*, *Don't Cry For Me Argentina*, and *The Music of the Night*. The lunchroom ladies catered a meal of chicken breasts in a pineapple sauce, baked potato, tossed salad, hot rolls and strawberry shortcake.

Out-of-town guests at the museum last week were Debbie Smith and her daughter, Alyson of Amarillo. Alyson was just a month old, and that makes her the youngest visitor at the museum. The Smiths came with Alyson's grandmother, Wanda Murdock.

It was fun watching the children at the restaurant on Sunday. We saw Michael and Laura Rasor, Chauncey and Cailee Gilbreath, Malcolm and Cindy Reynolds' son and his friend, Lance and Terri Louder's children and the little Nutt girls. They entertained us while we were eating.

Louise Kemp had a wonderful visit with her daughter, Ginger Ward and her daughter, Ginsie, in Atlanta, Ga. Ginger was hostess to an Easter party for her friends. They attended services at the Methodist Church. In the afternoon, they enjoyed watching the youngsters hunt Easter eggs. One day they went to the Farmers Market, which

offered for sale several types of fruits and vegetables. Ginsie is involved in many activities in school and church.

Rosa Acker's son, Arnold Acker and his family, Sharon, Ashley and Andrew of Argyle, were in Dimmitt for the Easter holidays. On Easter Sunday Rosa invited Jack Flynt, Sharon's Dad; and William and Rosetta Bellinghausen for a delicious dinner.

Brock and Susan Merritt, Bryan and Derrick of Coppell were visitors in the homes of Glenn and Mona Merritt and Mable Brock during the Easter holidays.

Cleo Forson's stepdaughters and their families visited in her home last week. They are Claudene and Earl Cowell of Dewey, Ariz., and Natalie and Buck Sanders of Lubbock and granddaughter, Elizabeth and Lane Soreson of Hereford.

Dawn Goolsby was honored with a surprise birthday party last Thursday afternoon. It was hosted by her fellow teachers. They all yelled "surprise" and had a big sign hung up which read "Happy Birthday, Mrs. Goolsby!" There were balloons with "50" inscribed on them and a dried flower arrangement. Chips and dips were served for refreshments.

Dude McLauren was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center. Each member brought a covered dish for their lunch. Susie Reeves won high score in the bridge game while Johnny Vannoy finished second. Others playing were Cleo Forson, Loranel Hamilton, Emily Clingingsmith, Edith Graef, Virginia Crider, Helen Braafladt, Dugan Butler, Neva Hickey, Mary Small, Oleda Schumacher, Louise Mears,

Ferne Dickey and a guest, Mattie.

Avie Lewis presented her first grade classes in a musical at Richardson Elementary School cafeteria on Friday morning.

The stage was decorated in a farm scene with a sign "Welcome to the LBB Farm" (Little Boy Blue Farm). The children were dressed as farm animals including cows, sheep, horses and pigs; and as farmers. They sang a different version of "Little Boy Blue" and when Little Boy Blue finally came out, he blew his horn!

The Methodists were blessed with a presentation of "Watch the Lamb," by Wayne Proffitt and his two boys.

District Supt. Earl Blair and his wife, Jean, visited the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt Sunday.

Dwight Joiner's mother was visiting in Dimmitt this week and attended the DHS Choir's dinner theater.

Wanda Nelson and Martha Jo Hyman recently attended the Parents' Weekend at Texas A&M University in College Station.

The women were entertained by their children, Justin Nelson and Jo Hyman. They also visited with Teresa Criswell Smith, a former Castro County Extension agent who lives in Bryan. She met them for coffee on Saturday morning. Later they all attended a cookout as Jo's guests. Alpha Chi Omega sponsored the event for parents and friends of its members.

On Friday they attended a banquet presented by the A&M Horseman's Association, and Justin was honored as "Outstanding Member of the Year."

The women said the drive to College Station was great, and the rains and warm weather have been good for the wild flowers, which were in full bloom.



POSTER WINNERS announced at the Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District annual banquet Saturday are (from left) Jerad Birk-enfeld, first, Cassie Birkenfeld, second, and Sage Annen, third. They received trophies and ribbons. A crowd of about 80 enjoyed the banquet meal and entertainment. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Sunnyside

By Teeny Bowden, 647-5703

Mrs. K.R. Norrell, mother of James Norrell, underwent an angiogram last Thursday. Doctors discovered a blockage that was so bad, bypass surgery will not help. Mrs. Norrell has been in the hospital for 18 days (as of Monday), has seen nine different doctors and has lost 20 pounds. James and Joan spent the entire weekend with her. She was expected to come home early this week. Joan was trying to set up nursing care for her.

Rev. Eddie Riley of Plainview supplied the pulpit Sunday morning and night, his wife and daughter accompanied him. He was the pastor at Edmonson at one time.

There were a lot of visitors at the Sunday services, since many of the church members were gone. Hershel Wilson led the singing. His mother and Retha joined him.

Janet Morgan of Dimmitt played the piano. She was joined by her daughter and a friend.

John and Ginger Hazel will move in Saturday, but won't be there for the Sunday services because he has to serve at Lee Street Baptist Church for one more week. The family will spend Saturday night at the parsonage and will be on the field after that. They are anxious for the move, since it will be the first church he has been in charge of.

Ezell and Verba Sadler left Tuesday evening for Breckenridge and the Louder family reunion. Alton and Betty Louder went to Stamford Lake and spent a day or two, then went down to Breckenridge Saturday for the reunion.

Lillian Carson gave a get-ac-

quainted coffee for Richale Gilbreath in her home on Friday morning. Those present were Dorothy, Connie and Rhonda Gilbreath, Sherrie Haydon and daughter, Kelley Quizenberry, Jo Eddy Riley, Gay Sadler and Willie Mae Sadler.

Terrie and Becky Ott and their grandchildren; and Becky's dad, Elton Gulley, went to the park in Clovis for a picnic and to play on the slides and other playground equipment on Sunday.

Clara Vick and Teeny Bowden flew to Houston last Thursday for the annual Historical Commission Preservation Conference. Donna Morgan of Albuquerque, N.M., a Cowser girl who was raised in Dimmitt, stayed with them at the hotel and between sessions she visited with the Cowserts who live in Houston.

On Saturday afternoon they had the opportunity to attend an unusual archeological dig that Joan Few, another Cowser from Dimmitt, is in charge of. The dig, a very large plantation with several digs involved, is at Lake Jackson.

University students are involved and helped with the tours. Joan's husband, Arthur, and daughter Kelley, who teaches at the elementary level in Houston; Joan's mother, Mary Schelling, who lives in Houston, drove Clara, Donna and Teeny to the archeological dig. The hurricane of 1900 completely leveled everything in the Lake Jackson area. The dig was about 45 miles from the hotel.

Clara, Donna and Teeny also had lunch with those mentioned and a cousin of Donna and Joan's, Larry Russell of Houston.

On Sunday when Teeny, Donna

and Clara returned from the VIP tour of the Johnson Space Center, a scheduled tour by the Historical Commission, they went to the Few's home for lunch with everyone mentioned before, and another Cowser cousin, Larry Russell. Joan and her mother, Mary, took Teeny and Clara to the airport for the flight home on Sunday afternoon.

The conference was very worthwhile and informative. They came home with new ideas and plans. The conference for 1993 will be in Abilene.

Zelda Ellison to perform at Earth banquet

Zelda Ellison, former Dimmitt resident, along with Travis and Amy Thornton, Phil Cotham and Lisa Mosley, members of the musical group *Harmony*, will be the featured entertainment at the Earth Chamber of Commerce Banquet Saturday at the Springlake-Earth School Cafeteria.

The banquet will include barbecued brisket and all the trimmings, and it will be served at 7:30 p.m.

During the banquet, Earth's Woman of the Year, Man of the Year and Farm Family of the Year will be recognized.

Tickets for the banquet are \$10 each and may be purchased from any chamber member, or at the door.

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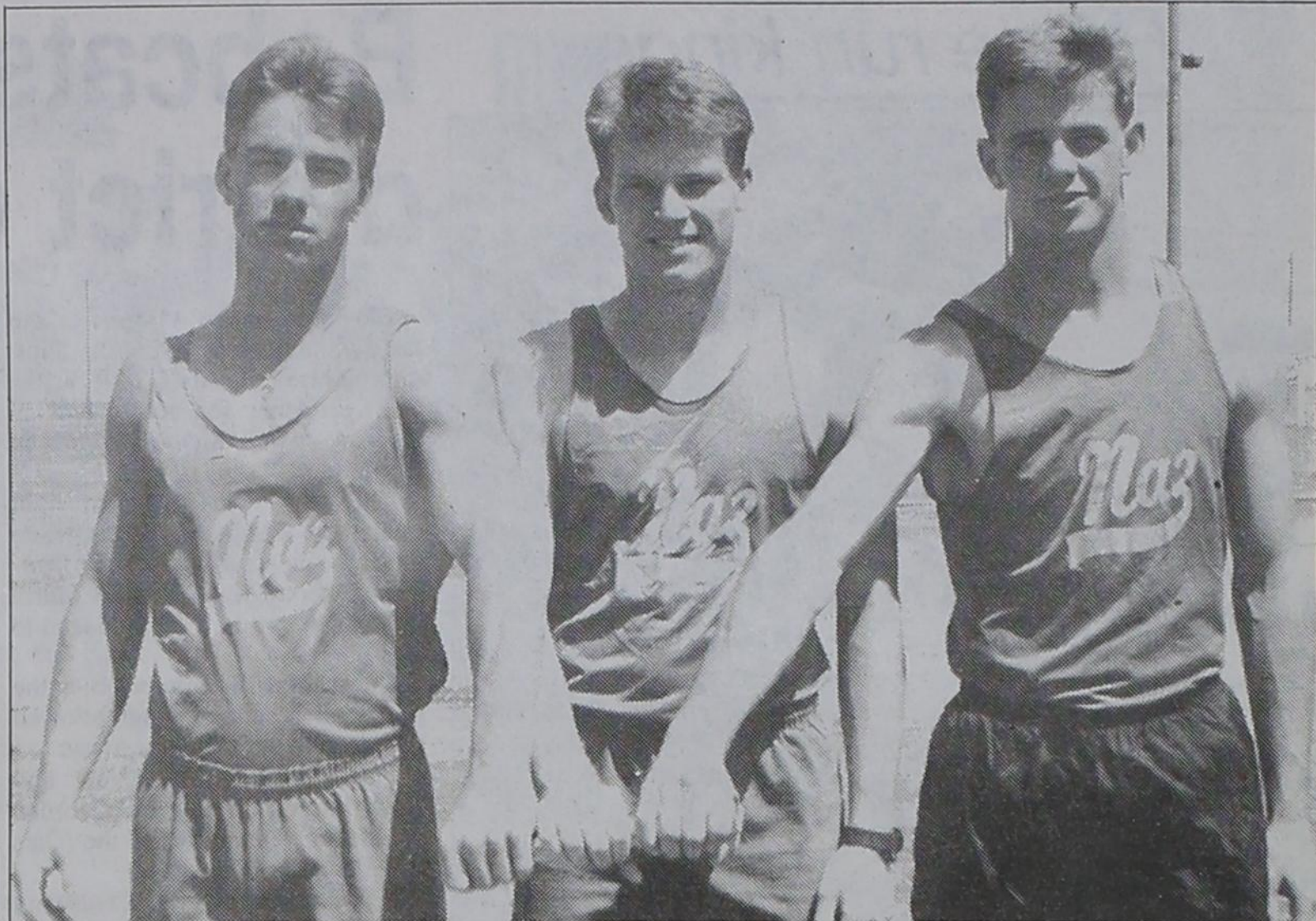
MAC ANNEN OF NAZARETH will throw the shot put in the Region 1-A track meet this weekend at South Plains College in Levelland after placing second at district.

Photo by Anne Acker



REGION 1-AA HURDLER—Hart's Shea Bennett hopes to hurdle her way to a regional championship in the 300- and 100-meter events at the Region 1-AA track meet this weekend in Abilene.

Photo by Deana McLain



NAZARETH SPRINTERS (from left) T.J. Garza, Nick Johnson and Brandon Schilling, along with teammate Lynn Nelson (not pictured) each run a leg on the Swifts' 400-meter relay team, which will compete at the Region 1-A track meet Friday and Saturday at South Plains College in Levelland.

Photo by Anne Acker



NICK JOHNSON of Nazareth will have a busy two days at the Region 1-A track meet Friday and Saturday in Levelland. In addition to running with the Swifts' 400-meter relay team, Johnson will throw the discus, and compete in the long jump. He also qualified for regional in the high jump, but will not compete in that event because of schedule conflicts.

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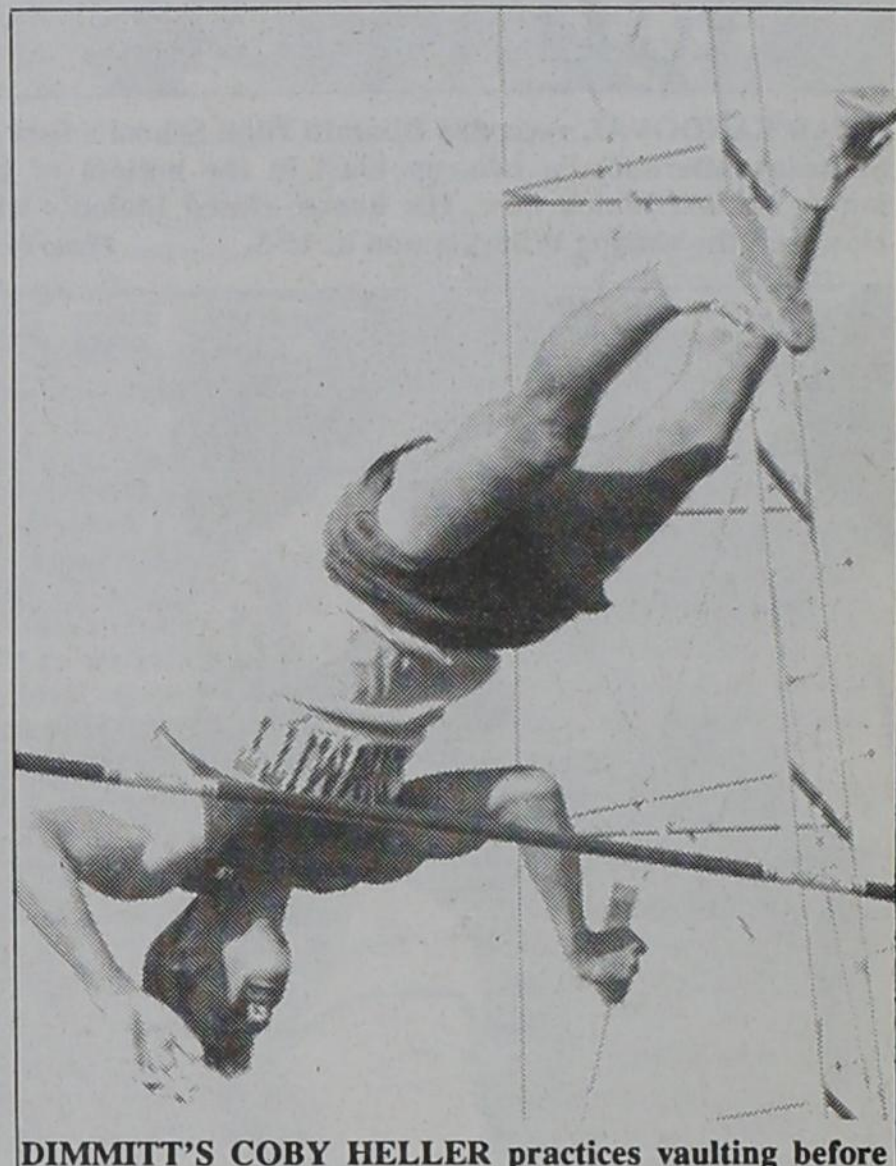
A FULL DAY'S WORK is lined out for Nazareth's T.J. Garza, who will compete in the Region 1-A track meet this weekend in the 200- and 100-meter dashes, the triple jump and on 400-meter relay team.

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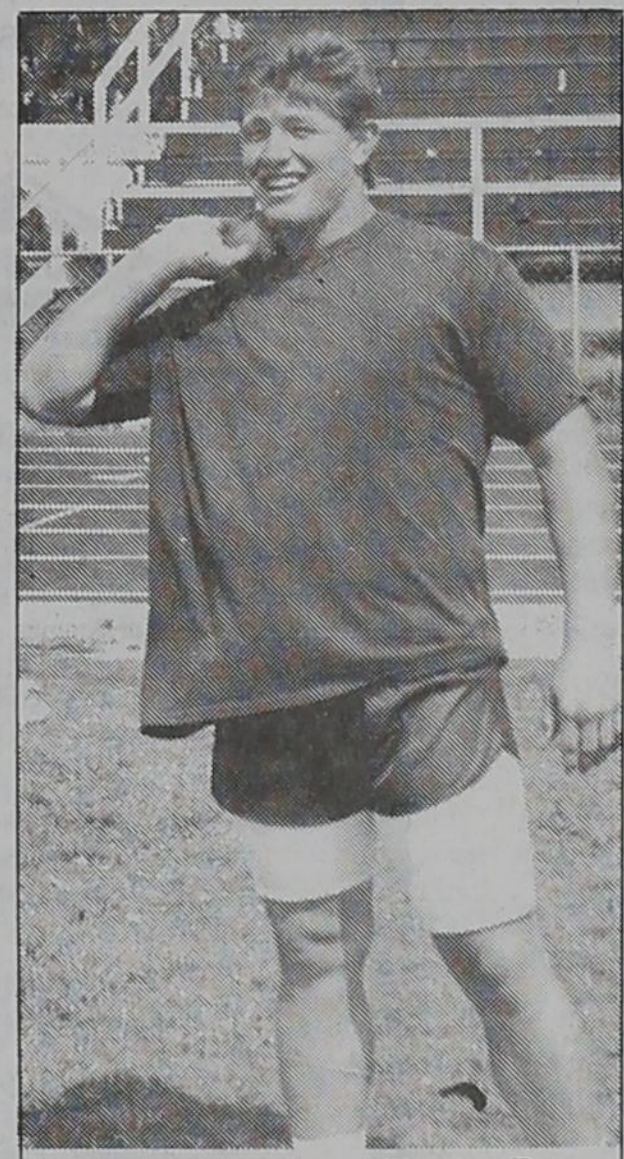
FRANCES DOZAL of Hart gears up to throw the shot in practice. She will compete in this event at the Region 1-AA track meet in Abilene this week.

Photo by Deana McLain



DIMMITT'S COBY HELLER practices vaulting before the Region 1-AAA track meet, which is scheduled this week in Odessa. Heller is making a return trip to the regional meet, and he hopes that this year he will qualify for state in the pole vault.

Photo by D.D. Leingang



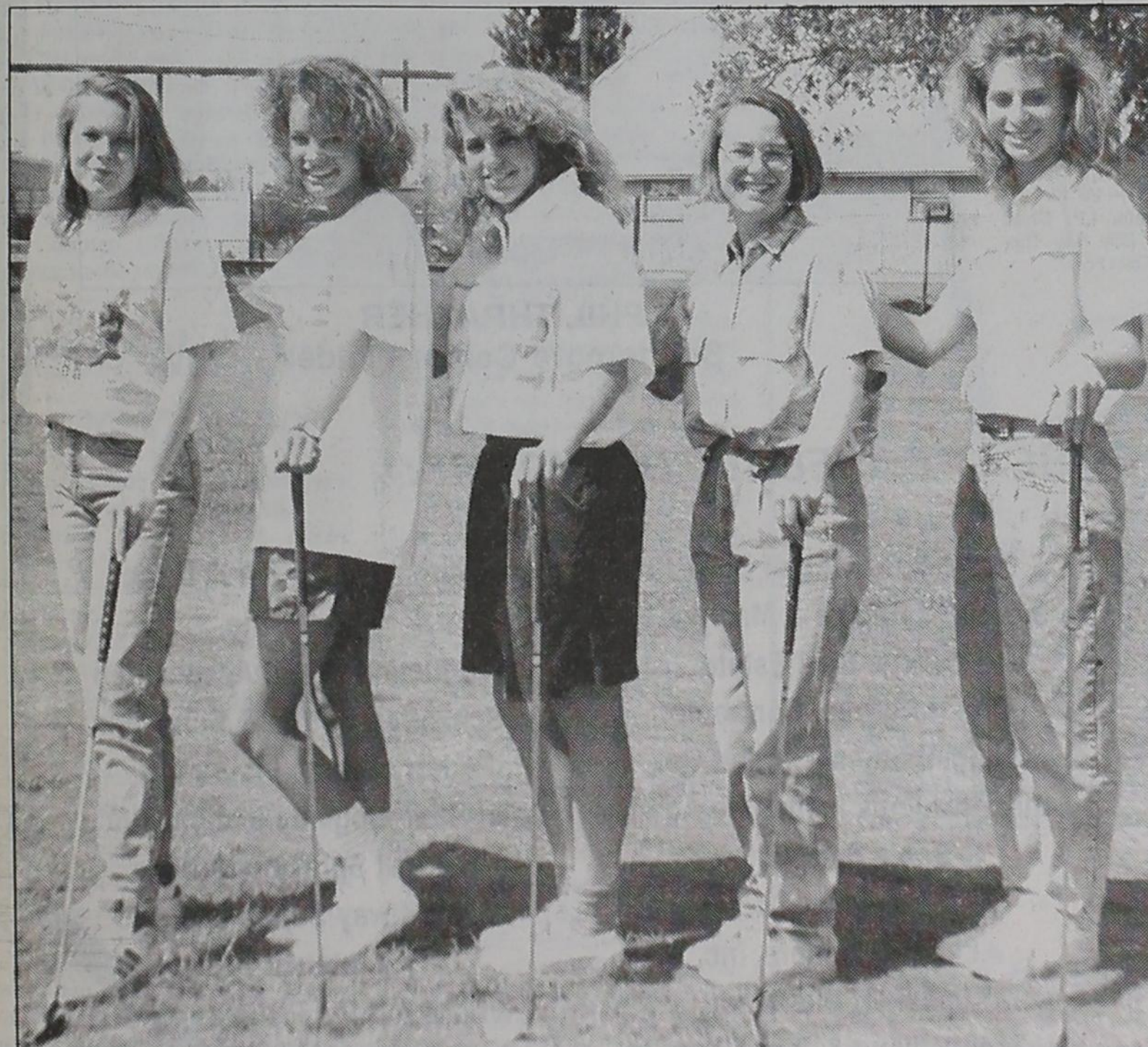
SHOT PUTTER — Hart's Bryan Welps is among the favorites to win the shot put at the Region 1-AA track meet this week in Abilene.

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IN THE STARTING BLOCKS—Hart's Angie Dyer practices her starts in preparation for the Region 1-AA track meet, where she will compete in the 100-meter dash.

Photo by Deana McLain



DISTRICT RUNNERS-UP — The Nazareth Swiftettes finished second in the District 5-A golf tournament and earned a spot in the Region 1-A meet, which was held Tuesday and Wednesday at

Sundown. Team members, pictured from left, include Cassidy Wilhelm, Nicole Kleman, Kelly Boyd, Kalina Pohlmeier and Peggy Huseman.

Photo by Anne Acker



REGIONAL QUALIFIERS—Hart golfers earned spots in the Region 1-AA tournament by placing at regional. The boys' team finished second overall, while Lady Horn Danna Wilhelm (third from left) won the gold medal to claim a singles spot in the

tourney. Members of the boys' team are (from left) Cody Emery, Jason Wilhelm, Bryan Welps, alternate Jeremy Hawkins and Brack Jones. Not pictured is team member Carlos Velasquez.

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CONSERVATION WINNERS—These three were honored at the annual banquet of the Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District held Saturday in Dimmitt. Receiving awards are (from left) E.M. Jones as Outstanding Conservation Business/Professional, Katy Wright as Conservation Homemaker, and Clarence Behrends as Outstanding Conservation Farmer of the Year. Behrends also received a service award for his many years on the district's board of directors. Not shown is Outstanding Wildlife Conservationist Chet Braafladt. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Field days planned by Texas A&M

Texas A&M University will hold a field day on May 13 at the North Plains Research Field Station at Etter.

The field day will enable farmers, ranchers, agribusinessmen and others to hear results of field trials conducted by researchers with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and cooperating specialists with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

On May 28, the Panhandle-area's annual wheat field day will be held at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in Amarillo.

The day-long conference and tour will begin with a morning program. The afternoon segment features a tour of significant field research demonstrations of special interest to area producers.

The morning session will be held at the research center, located at 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West; and the tour will be conducted at the US Dept. of Agriculture's ARS Conservation and Production Research Laboratory, located three-quarters of a mile west of Bushland.

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RWSWCD honors Behrends

Clarence Behrends was named Outstanding Conservation Farmer of the Year at the Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District's annual awards banquet, held Saturday at the Expo building in Dimmitt.

Behrends also was recognized for 10 years of service on the district's board of directors.

Katy Wright was honored as the Outstanding Conservation Homemaker of the Year, and E.M. Jones was named Outstanding Conservation Business/Professional. Chet Braafladt was announced as Outstanding Wildlife Conservationist.

Poster contest winners Jerad Birkenfeld, Cassie Birkenfeld, and Sage Annen, first through third places, respectively, were awarded trophies and ribbons for their efforts.

The winners of the essay contest were asked to read their entries and were awarded US Savings Bonds and ribbons. Jaimye Bingham won first place and a \$100 bond; and Justin Bingham won second and a \$75 bond. Not present was third place winner, Nathan Hoelting, who will receive a \$50 bond.

An estimated crowd of 80 enjoyed the meal of steak and baked potatoes, beans, salad, bread and dessert. Entertainment was provided by DHS Choir Director Dwight Joiner and choir student Nikki Kenley, performing various selections from plays and movies.

Coby Gilbreath, one of the district directors, acted as master of ceremonies for the evening.

In introducing Behrends, Gilbreath said, "Clarence has said he has been farming all his life, but didn't start taking it serious until 1955. He farms about 800 acres and has applied many conservation practices over the years, including crop rotation, residue management, drip irrigation for trees, and pasture planting. He is a leader in conservation in the Easter community, and has encouraged neighbors and friends to utilize programs that would help them control erosion."

Gilbreath introduced Wright,

saying she is the wife of Donald Wright. The Wrights have been farming since 1956. She is a member of the First United Methodist Church and of the UMW. He said she participates in all farming operations and is a very active member of the community. She cans and freezes a variety of fruits and vegetables and enjoys cake decorating

and fabric painting.

E.M. Jones was introduced as a native of Hart, who started his business in 1975. He is a member of the Dimmitt Lions Club and of Dimmitt's First Baptist Church. He works closely with the SCS during ACP pipeline sign-up, Gilbreath said, and he is working to conserve our natural resources.

Jobs available at Swisher County correctional unit

Individuals who are interested in correctional officer employment at the new detention unit west of Tulia, may apply by noon Friday.

Persons interested may apply in person at the Swisher County office of the Texas Employment Commission, located at 310 W. Broadway in Tulia (in Room 112 of the Swisher County Courthouse Annex Building), until 12 noon on Friday; or by direct contact with the Amarillo College Law Enforcement Training Academy.

Hal Wilkerson, administrator of the Texas Employment Commission's Tulia office, said that noon Friday is the "definite deadline" for applications and that there "will be no variance or extension," according to a story in the *Tulia Herald's* special April 24 issue.

According to the *Herald*, all applications must be in the hands of Bob Russell of the Amarillo College Law Enforcement Training Academy "no later than the close of business on Friday."

When applying for a position, individuals must bring copies of the

following documents: driver's license; Social Security card; GED certificate, high school diploma or college transcript; DD 214 (if you are a military veteran); and court disposition for any offenses other than traffic violations.

All applications will be screened, then applicants will be selected to attend 150-hour training course at AC's Law Enforcement Training Academy.

The training sessions will begin May 19 and will last from 1 to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday. Graduation from the course is slated for June 13.

Cost for the course is \$250, and only those willing to pay the instructional fee should apply.

Swisher County's 500-bed adult detention center, recently purchased by the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice, is tentatively scheduled to start receiving inmates on June 15.

Then on Jan. 1, 1993, the structure is scheduled to be converted to a drug and alcohol abuse rehabilitation center.

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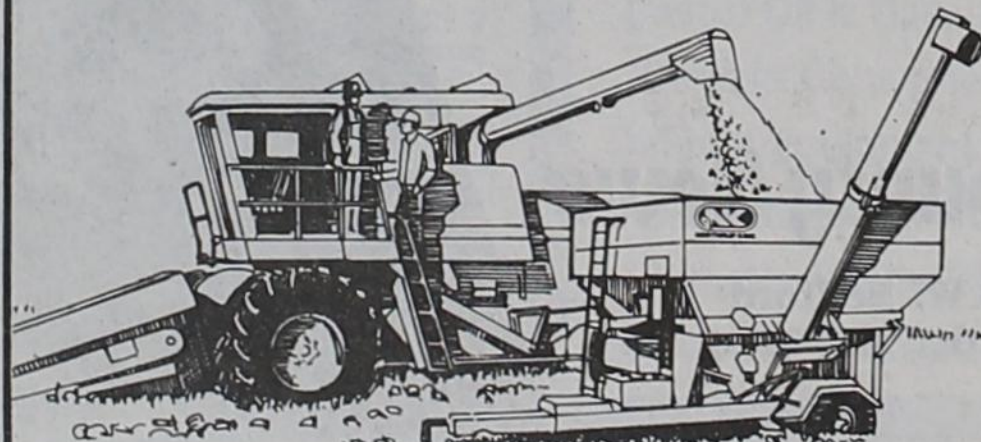
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