

pesticide applicator license to use or to supervise the use of restricted pesticides must attend this course.

Registration fee is \$40 per person which includes the cost of study materials and lunch. In order to receive study materials for the exam, please pre-register at the Bastrop Co. Extension Office at 901 Pecan Street in Bastrop by May 17. The training session will end at approximately 12:30 p.m., and testing should be completed by 2:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the Bastrop County Extension Office at (512) 581-7186.

City plans swim lessons

City of Elgin Parks and Community Development Department will offer swim lessons for ages three and up starting June 7 at Morris Memorial Park and Pool, 804 North Avenue C.

Lessons are offered in two-week sessions Monday through Thursday for \$75 each session per child. Swim lessons scheduled for the following age groups are 3-4 year olds 6:30 to 7 p.m.; 5-6 year olds 7-7:30 p.m.; 7 year olds and up 7:30-8 p.m. Session I is June 7 to June 17; Session II June 21-July 1; Session III July 5-July 15 and Session IV July 19-July 29.

Call 281-5724 to register. A deposit of \$40 will hold a place in the session.

Applications may be downloaded from the website www.elgintx.com and submitted with payment to City Hall, P.O. Box 591 Elgin, Texas 78621 or may be dropped off at City Hall, 310 North Main Street.

Chasteen, Brady Douglas; (back, l-r) Coaches Landon Rodriguez, Tommy Driskell, Jason Trantham and Rich Maus. Not pictured is Dylan Alderete.

Elginites host heart patient from Nicaragua for surgery

The HeartGift Foundation, which provides life-saving heart surgery to children from developing countries, welcomed the nonprofit organization's 100th patient, four-year-old Yorlene Valezka Martinez, from Nicaragua on Sunday. Her surgery is set for Thursday, May 20, at Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas.

Pavel Rangel and his wife, Esmerelda Rangel of Elgin and their three children, are hosting Martinez and her mother as the youngster prepares for and later recovers from heart surgery in Austin.

The Rangels have personal experience with life-saving heart surgery, after their child, Manahan Rangel, now 13, was diagnosed at five years of age with the same heart condition that Martinez has.

The HeartGift Foundation, in Austin, with chapters in New Orleans, San Antonio and Houston, brings children from around the world to the United States for sur-

gery to correct life-threatening heart defects because their home countries lack adequate health care.

"The HeartGift Foundation was incorporated 10 years ago and as the years pass, more milestones will be reached, more volunteers will be enlisted and many more children will be saved," said Dr. John 'Chip' Oswald, co-founder and chairman.

Austin philanthropist Mort Topfer, a longtime supporter of HeartGift, is sponsoring Martinez's surgery. Martinez suffers from a condition known as Tetralogy of Fallot, a congenital heart disease that comprises four defects. All medical services are provided for free. Patients' families do not pay a penny.

Martinez lives with her mother, sister and grandmother in Chichigalpa, Nicaragua. Her father works six months of the year in neighboring Costa Rica.

To learn more about HeartGift, visit www.heartgift.org <<http://www.heartgift.org>>.

Applications for City Boards available at Elgin City Hall

The City of Elgin is looking for qualified citizens to apply for several Boards to serve the public in different capacities.

Opportunities to serve include the Public Safety Advisory Committee, Board of Adjustments, Main Street

Board, Historic Review Board and Economic Development Corporation.

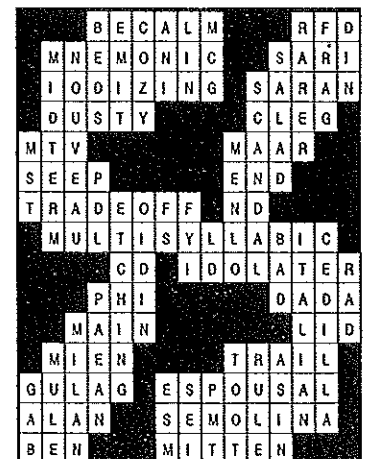
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SENIOR PHOTOS NEEDED BY MAY 13

The *Elgin Courier* has copies of Elgin High School graduates which were made at school. For those who did not have pictures made there, the *Courier* needs photos of those students brought by the office, 105 N. Main for the graduation picture page.

Pictures should be at the newspaper office by May 13 at 5 p.m., otherwise those graduates' pictures will not appear on the page. There is no cost to be featured on this page.

For more information, call the *Courier* at 285-3333.



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