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Dimmitt Kids Inc. sign-ups continuing

Dimmitt Kids Inc. is having sign-ups for Little Dribblers basketball through Friday.

Forms will be handed out at school or may be picked up at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office.

Children aged 9-12 and anywhere between third and sixth grade are eligible. The entry fee is \$25. Anyone wishing to coach must also sign up. No late sign-ups will be accepted.

The coach's meeting will be Sunday at 4 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce office. This is a mandatory meeting and anyone not present will not get a team to coach.

For more information, please call either Sal Ortiz at 647-3653 or Randy Griffith at 647-4114.

Castro TDH clinic scheduled for today

The Texas Department of Health will be holding an immunization in Dimmitt today (Thursday).

The clinic is set for Dimmitt City Hall from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All times are subject to change or cancellation due to weather or scheduling conflicts.

Canterbury Villa under new owners

Canterbury Villa nursing home is under new ownership.

The 11 senior managers of HEA Management Group, Inc., which owns Canterbury Villa has purchased both HEA Management Group, Inc. as well as Texas Health Enterprises. Together, that forms Daybreak Partners, LLC, which now owns Canterbury Villa.

In making the announcement, David Byers, President of Daybreak, noted that the 52 facilities currently operated by Texas Health Enterprises will transition to the new company over the next several months.

Following the transition, Daybreak will be one of the largest nursing home chains in Texas and approximately the 18th-largest chain in the United States once the transition has been completed.

Richardson RIF scheduled for today

Richardson Elementary School will be having its annual Reading is Fundamental event today (Thursday) from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the school's library facility.

During that time, each child will receive a book, the second in a series of three.

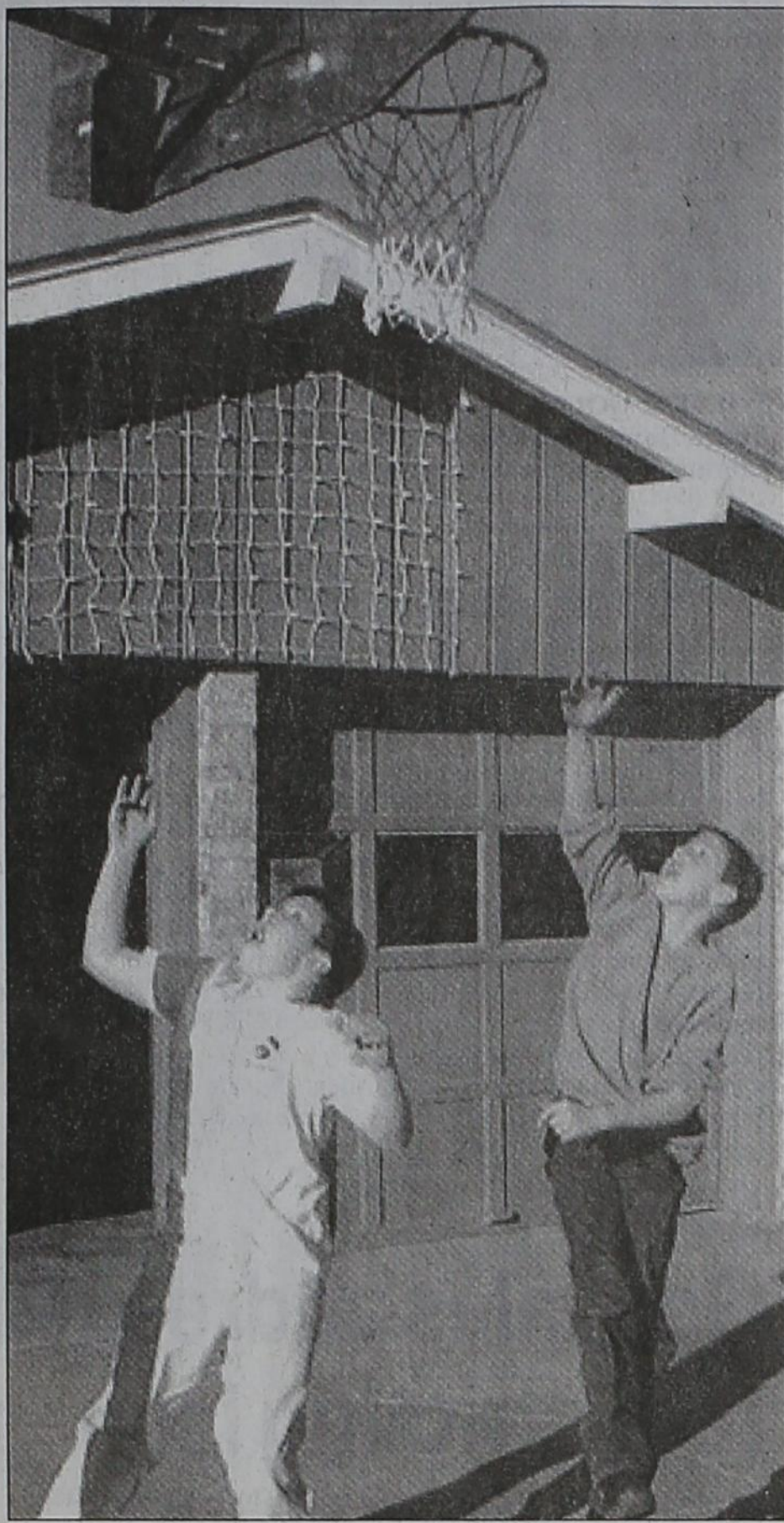
Parents are welcome to come and help. There will be drawings and giveaways throughout the day.

Weather

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Wednesday	44	... 15	
Thursday	47	... 14	
Friday	66	... 26	
Saturday	52	... 22	
Sunday	63	... 21	
Monday	62	... 32	
Tuesday	71	... 34	

February Moisture 0.09
2002 Moisture 1.58

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



FUTURE BOBCATS — Future Bobcats Rye Patton and Jake Ebeling are shown waiting for a rebound during a pick-up game at a residence in the 700 block of Pine Street. The varsity Bobcats defeated Shallowater in the District 2-3A battle for seeding Friday.

Photo by Tommy Portwood

Three local teachers to be honored at WT A&M

CANYON — Three Dimmitt teachers will be among those honored at a brunch Saturday on the West Texas A&M campus.

Specifically, the event is a Success Together Brunch that starts at 10:30 a.m. at the Alumni Banquet Facility. The event on that date gives West Texas A&M students the chance to say "thank you" to their favorite K-12 teachers.

The three teachers in question are Jackie Byrnes, Connie Dickerson and Arlene Sharp. Byrnes teaches at Richardson Elementary while Dickerson and Sharp teach at the high school.

Byrnes was nominated by Cassie McLean, Dickerson by Stephanie Casas and Sharp by Gus Correa.

"The Success Together program gives WTAMU students an opportunity to recognize K-12 teachers, administrators, aids—anyone in the school system who has helped them succeed," Courtney Milleson, assistant director of the Jack B. Kelley Student Center, said. "Some of these teachers may have never been told 'thank you' before."

The teachers are nominated by WTAMU students and invited to a special brunch given in their honor. The teachers are recognized and presented tokens of appreciation. Portions of the student's nominating letter are also read during the presentation. The annual event is sponsored by Student Organizations Round Table.

Jones owns bull listed in report

Worth Jones of Dimmitt owns one bull listed in the American Angus Association's 2002 Spring Sire Evaluation Report, which is published by the American Angus Association in St. Joseph, Mo.

Issued in both the spring and fall, the new report features the latest performance information available on 4,848 sires. The report is accessible world-wide at www.angus.org.

"The American Angus Association has the most complete and comprehensive beef cattle database in the world," said John Crouch, American Angus Association director of performance programs. "The report gives cattle producers the tools they need, in the form of expected progeny differences

(EPD) to select the best Angus genetics available for their herd."

EPD are generated from performance data submitted by breeders through the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) program.

Traits in which EPDs are available include birth weight, weaning weight, milk, yearling weight and height, mature daughter weight and height and scrotal circumference, as well as carcass traits including carcass weight, marbling, rib eye area, external fat thickness and percent retail product.

The analysis for the Sire Evaluation Report is done in cooperation with Iowa State University by Doyle E. Wilson and Dr. Abebe Hassen.

NISD names interim principal, athletic director at meeting

By JOHN HASSELMEIER

The Nazareth Independent School District board of trustees filled in two openings on an interim basis during its meeting last Wednesday night.

The board named Amy Huseman as interim principal and high school varsity boys basketball coach Mike Scarborough as interim athletic director.

In being named interim principal, Huseman, who also serves as assistant girls basketball coach, replaces Deborah Clinton, who served in that capacity prior to being named interim superintendent after the resignation of former superintendent N. Dean Johnson became effective.

"She shows good leadership ability," Clinton said of

Huseman. "As a coach, she has handled responsibility really well."

Huseman, the former Amy Chadwick is a 1991 graduate of Texico, N.M. High School. Quite the high school basketball player, she also went on to play basketball at New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs and then went on to West Texas A&M from there.

During a basketball game, she met a young man named Craig Huseman. He's now her husband. They have one child, Kennedy, who is two.

She picked up her diploma from West Texas A&M in 1997 and then went to work for the Nazareth Independent School District.

"I'm excited, but I'm nervous," Huseman said. "I

hope I can do the job well enough. There's lot of stuff to do."

She said she doesn't have her principal's certification yet, but is working on it at the present time at West Texas A&M.

As for Scarborough, he's in his fifth year at NISD, having come over from Shamrock. He replaces former superintendent Johnson, who had served in that role previously.

"I don't feel any different," Scarborough said. "It's just for the short term right now."

Either way, Clinton said that she's pleased to have all the NISD interim positions taken care of.

"We've got all the people in place," Clinton said. "We've got to keep the machinery running."

Poison Center announces new toll-free hotline number

Texas Panhandle Poison Center announced that it is joining with 64 other poison centers in a campaign to raise awareness about 1-800-222-1222, a new life-saving national hotline for poison emergency treatment and advice.

"This new national hotline is an invaluable new resource for Texas families. It will help ensure that no matter where they are, they will always know the number for the experts at the closest local poison center. In an emergency when every second counts this information is vitally important and could save a life", said Dr. Shu Shum, Medical/Managing Director.

"The Texas Panhandle Poison Center is pleased to join today with poison centers across the country in launching this important hotline and education campaign. It is our hope that everyone will soon know to call 1-800-222-1222 for poison treatment and prevention", said Mary Lou Nester, Clinical Manager.

By calling 1-800-222-1222, Texas residents will automatically be connected to specially-trained nurses, pharmacists, paramedics and doctors at the closest local poison facility. In the Texas Panhandle and South Plains

area, callers will be connected to the poison experts they have trusted for years at the Texas Panhandle Poison Center. These poison experts will immediately respond to poison emergencies and answer poison-related questions about medications, household products and other potentially dangerous substances. The Texas Poison Center Network's current toll-free number 1-800-764-7661 will also continue to operate as it did prior to the new hotline.

When calling from outside of the region, Texas residents will be connected to poison experts at the nearest poison center. By connecting callers to the closest center, the hotline is helping to ensure that callers can always reach health care specialists most familiar with local concerns and the local health care community.

"We strongly encourage everyone to learn this new number so they can easily access it, anytime and anywhere in the United States", said Ronica Farrar, Specialist in Community Outreach at the center. "This hotline is an important new tool in our continued effort to raise our residents' awareness about poison dangers and how to prevent poisonings in the first place. We

highly encourage local citizens to call and take advantage of this free and confidential service."

The national campaign to raise awareness about the new toll-free hotline is sponsored by the American Association of Poison Control Centers (AAPCC).

The campaign includes radio and print public service announcements, stickers, magnets, brochures and posters with the new hotline number. A new Web site, www.1-800-222-1222.info has also been developed to provide poison prevention information. The Texas Poison Center Network Web site is www.poisoncontrol.org.

The Texas Panhandle Poison Center will distribute 1-800-222-1222 promotional materials to local citizens who call the new hotline. In addition, the local poison center is available for professional and community

presentations to promote the new toll-free hotline to area residents. If you would like promotional materials or a presentation in your area, you may call the new hotline or (806) 354-1633 and speak with Ronica Farrar, Specialist in Community Outreach for the Texas Panhandle Poison Center.



FRIDAY NIGHT ACCIDENT--No one was injured in this accident in which a 1991 Chevrolet truck driven by Ramon Aguero, 17, of Dimmitt struck a utility pole owned by Xcel Electric Company. Aguero was charged with no drivers license. Photo by Chris Bradford

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On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Darlene Dowell called from Granbury to thank us for the birthday wishes for her husband, Bryce, and to remind us that he was not the only one getting older. She mentioned Edgar Dennis and Darlene Cates Walters as part of the group. These are all a part of the Dimmitt High School graduating class of 1955. They are planning a reunion in May 2002 for all of the DHS graduating classes from 1950-1959. This will be held in San Antonio. Those of you who qualify can be looking forward to more information later.

We received a letter this week from Melissa Trevino. Melissa is the daughter of Terry and Ann Widick. She received a RN degree from Amarillo College after graduating from DHS in

1989. She is married to Danny Trevino, a pediatrician who practices medicine in San Antonio. They have three children.

On June 2 Melissa will be running in her second marathon in San Diego, Calif. She will be running in honor of Taylor Stephan who was diagnosed with ALL (Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia) on Aug. 17, 1997. He is currently in remission.

Melissa's goal is to raise \$3,600 by March 31. If you are interested in contributing, contact Melissa Trevino, 3 Birnam Wood, San Antonio, TX 78248.

There have been many strides made in the treatment of leukemia, but we've been reminded recently while talking with Darlene and Bryce Dowell that they lost their son, Kris

Dowell (DHS class of 1976), to leukemia in January 1997. Kris was married and had two boys. The boys now live in Georgetown. Bryce and Darlene are close enough to see them often and even got to attend some of their football games this fall.

V.C. and I saw a very romantic and wholesome movie, *A Walk to Remember*, for our Valentine outing with Clinton and Jimmie Glenn (DHS class of 1955). The Glens now live in Canyon. Jimmie related that their granddaughter, Lauren Rusten, was doing very well. Lauren was diagnosed with acute leukemia when she was four years old in 1990. Lauren was in treatment for four years, first at the Children's Hospital in Dallas and then treatment was

completed in Amarillo. She is now a voracious 16 year old. She has won several national dancing awards, is a Borger High School cheerleader and has been in the Gifted and Talented organization throughout her school year.

The movie, *A Walk to Remember*, serves as a reminder that this dreaded disease is not conquered yet. There are still children like Taylor Stephan who Melissa will be walking for, who are looking for a cure.

Duward Davis, husband of one of Dimmitt's most avid quilter Joyce Davis, is a victim of leukemia. We are happy to report that Duward has been in remission for almost two years.

There was a quilting bee at Senior Citizens Saturday. I dropped by to admire their handiwork and find out what was going on. 15 members were busy putting together 15 lovely bulls eye quilts. These quilts increase in their beauty when used and washed.

The beautiful quilt that will be raffled off in April during the annual quilters celebration in Dimmitt was on display. Start saving your money, you will want to buy a chance to win it. Proceeds go to cancer research.

The out of town members who belong to the Dimmitt Friendship Quilting Club and were present were Nancy Richburg of Plainview, Donita Vernon of Amarillo and Coby Lassiter of Hereford.

Nine members of the FQC will travel to Amarillo this week where Dimmitt's own Yvonne Hays will be the quest lecturer at the grand opening of a new quilt shop there.

Although our town is not the prettiest during February, that fact did not deter three recent visitors from the eastern part of the U.S. Pat Moran Tanner, daughter of Myrtle Lois Moran, and two of her friends from college days at Baylor University visited this past weekend. Pat's friends are Elaine Furlow, formerly of Houston now living in Washington, D.C. and Judi North from Atlanta, Georgia.

During the three days of their visit they managed to research Dimmitt history at the library, with Marie Howell's help; visit the Chamber of Commerce to

purchase Dimmitt postcards to send home and listened on KDHN to the Bobcats' Friday night district game where they defeated Shallowater. The three guests, along with Myrtle Lois, also shopped at The Village Shop, had treats at the Sonic Drive-In, stopped by the domino hall to see they could join a game (there was no game), jogged the track at Dimmitt High School and talked to Coach Steinle at the gym. Although they walked by Louise Kemp's home, they were unable to visit because Louise had just left town with her daughter, LaDawn, who also went to Baylor with our three visitors. Louise's other daughter, Ginger, lives in Atlanta and frequently sees Pat and Judi.

A highlight of the trip for the three guests was a visit to Hereford on Saturday night with Myrtle Lois and Marie Peffrin. The group stopped at the POW Memorial on the way to dinner in Hereford. After dinner, the three visitors insisted Marie show them the lovely quilts and folk art work in her house. They said that after seeing her wonderful work they felt lazy!

Some of Dimmitt residents the guests were able to visit with included Evelyn Noble, Nell Martin, Jean Gilreath, Val Davis, Mollie Scott, Martha Dannevik. Ina Cleavinger stopped by Myrtle Lois's home to give Pat some grandmotherly advice (Pat and Perry's son Jamin and his wife Andrea are

expecting their first child in March) and brought her two beautiful baby blankets.

One Sunday, the three visitors attended the First United Methodist Church with Myrtle Lois and saw many, many old friends. It was especially enjoyable for the visitors to sit with Kathryn Birdwell, who was Pat's fifth grade teacher. After lunch at El Sombrero and visiting with Shari and Gene Bradley and others, it was off to Lubbock to catch their flights home. The three ladies claimed that they would not eat for at least three weeks after all the delicious food Myrtle Lois prepared for them. And Myrtle Lois said she would not cook for at least three months after all the work she did for the visit!

The real purpose of the visit, however, was not to see Dimmitt in the dead of winter. The purpose was to advance Myrtle Lois's computer skills. The ladies agree that this goal was accomplished and they had a wonderful visit.

Visiting can do great things

By Joe N. Vaughn
Dimmitt Assembly of God

This week I want to go back to a time when I was younger when visiting did not require an appointment. In my adolescent years, when I had some spare time and in town, I would walk around seeing whom I could see. It did not matter who it was, just someone who wanted to talk. Many of them were elderly that just needed a few minutes of company. Since I lived six miles from town in an old mining camp in the hills of Alabama, some did not know me and wanted to get acquainted. I remember one summer afternoon when this elderly lady was resting in the afternoon shade on her front porch and as I walked by I greeted her. Nothing special, just "how are you doing today?" She replied and began to talk. Though I do not remember her name, I do remember we had a good time talking about family, friends, weather, community history, and yes the Lord. Even though I had not answered a heartfelt conviction to enter the ministry I still shared with them about my Lord Jesus Christ. She had become a Christian many years before and we talked a little while on that subject. For a few moments in time we shared beliefs,



Joe N. Vaughn

concerns, and promises of our Lord. We had a good time in fellowship.

This past Sunday, it was our "time" to conduct services at our nursing home here in Dimmitt. I have found the residents really love to sing. After about six songs I ministered to them about Jesus' "Wonderful World of Praise." No, I cannot claim an original title and the message was from the Lord. My text can be found in Psalm 136, 138 and 139. It is important to them to be able to praise the Lord. There I received several "amens" as I ministered, but the treasure was in the time I spent with them

talking and praying.

For varied reasons, many do not have visitors, but desire them. It does not matter so much as who, but just visits from anyone who is concerned. Jesus tells us in Matthew 25 about a time of judgment that is coming upon this earth. One of the measurements Jesus used to determine one's righteousness was that of **visiting**. In verse 34 Jesus says, "For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me." How much do we need to visit? Is once a month enough? Is visiting another person or family twice a month or even once a week too much? Only you and God know that answer.

There are many that need to be visited, comforted and encouraged in the nursing home, but there others throughout our community. How well do you know your neighbor? How well do you know your local business owners? How well do you know your community? If you can honestly say very well, then I guess you can say you visit regularly, but if not, there is much to catch up on.

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People



Norwegian addresses gifted and talented students Friday

Sara Engkrog, an American Field Service Student from Norway attending Dimmitt High School, addressed the Gifted and Talented students Friday.

She's from the northern part of Norway known as the land of the Midnight Sun. For three months every year, the sun never sets completely, therefore the sun still shines at midnight.

winter time, the sun never rises completely for three months. She reported that her mother hated the long winter nights, but looks forward to the long summer days.

Just because there's a Midnight Sun, however, doesn't mean that there's accompanying warm weather. Engkrog reported that the weather is warm enough to wear shorts only two weeks in the summer.

With all that cold weather, children in Norway learn to ski before they ever start school. Skiing, in fact, is the national sport in Norway. Every town, she reports, has a ski jump.

In addition to speaking, Engkrog also brought rolls for the students to eat. Since Norwegians reputedly love chocolate, instructor Sara Hill provided chocolate and milk for the students also.



ENKROG AND COMPANY — Norwegian American Field Student Sara Engkrog (second row, second from the right) addressed the middle school gifted and talented classes Friday. Front row (from left to right): Cody Essary, Caleb Penney and Keshia Smith. Back row: Instructor Sara Hill, Reagan Hunter, Elizabeth Hill, Engkrog and Anthony Jackson. Engkrog is currently attending classes at Dimmitt High School.

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Hunter honored as Student of the Week

Reagan Hunter was named Fourth Grade Student of the Week at Dimmitt Middle School.

He was born Oct. 23, 1991 in Amarillo to Rodney and Sara Hunter.

His favorite subject is physical education and his favorite book is *Where the Red Fern Grows*.

As for people, his favorite person is his father. His favorite food is steak and favorite type of animal is the dog. He said that if he could change one thing in the world, it would be for people to stop fighting.

For fun, he enjoys playing football and one thing he likes about school is the games played in physical education class.



FRIDAY TALK — Sara Engkrog (middle, back row), a Norwegian Field Service Student, addressed the Dimmitt Middle School gifted and talented classes Friday. Front row: Samuel Hazel, with whose family Engkrog is staying with. Back row: Eric Odom, Brittany Sanchez, Lana Reinart, Engkrog, Chauncey Gilbreath, Michael Rasor and Shaira Gonzales.

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You are invited to a
Bridal Shower
honoring
Tiffany Smith
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Zeke Nino
Saturday, Feb. 23
from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
in the home of
Kay Gfeller

Selections available at
Dimmitt Pharmacy, Seale Florist
and The Village Shop.



PLAINS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

It's a girl for Billy D. and Karen Martin of Dimmitt. Their daughter, Mary Kristina Martin, was born at 6:55 p.m. Feb. 12 at Plains Memorial Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz., and was 18 inches long at birth. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Rials of Dimmitt. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Billy Martin of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are E.D. and Betty Gayle of Denver, Colo. and Francis Vassar of Amarillo. Three brothers, Michael, Jacob and Christopher, welcomed her home.

OUT OF TOWN

It's a boy for John and Sharon Wall of Dimmitt. Their son, John William Wall, was born Jan. 8 at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. He weighed 7 lbs., 6 1/4 oz., and was 20 3/4 inches long at birth. Maternal grandmother is Georgie Wall of Dimmitt. Paternal grandparents are Zane and Carol Ellison of Dimmitt. A sister, Sara Wall 2, welcomed him home.

Naz News with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

Lots of good basketball to watch if you are a basketball fan! We hope the Swiftetts and Swifts continue to play their best through the playoffs!

A 60th year class reunion was enjoyed Sunday evening as Donald and Edna Wilhelm of Denver, Colo.; Joe and Georgianne Rickwartz of Canyon; Francis and Betty Wilhelm and their son, Doug Jr. and Catherine Hochstein, Herman and Marilyn Birkenfeld and LeRoy and Dorothy Pohlmeier gathered at the El Camino in Tulia for dinner and fellowship.

Doug Wilhelm and his daughter, Camille of Colorado, have spent several days here with his parents, Francis and Betty Wilhelm.

Jim, Sandee and Jake Hoelting and Donna Charanza drove to Liberal, Kan. after the Swiftette game to watch Whitney play with the Seward County Community College on Saturday. They still have not lost a game.

Prayers are asked for Dorothy McQuilliams, Patricia Kern

Butler, Robert Verkamp, Francis Wilhelm, Virgil Brockman, Anna Huseman Lee, Edith Huseman, Lori Huseman, Jerome Birkenfeld, Hailey Blackwell, Irma Garcia, Father Pat Hoffman, Father Richard Scully and Father Terry Burke.

After the Swiftette game in Borger Friday evening, I enjoyed spending the weekend in Amarillo with Jerry, Tricia and Andi Rose. We watched a little league basketball game on Saturday. Andi Rose, Devon Heiman and Nicole Hampton played on the same team, coached by Sandy Heiman.

Congratulations to Mike and Shelly Huseman of Tulia on the birth of a boy, Ethan John, on Feb. 13, 2002 at the Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. The baby has three siblings, Tristin, Dawn and Collin. Grandparents are Louis and Gin Huseman and Ralph and Evie Albract of Nazareth. The great-grandmother is Maragret Birkenfeld.

Legislature to offer senior citizen voice

Texans 60 and up have an opportunity to become a representative from this region to the Texans Silver-Haired Legislature.

These legislatures work with the Texas Legislature on senior issues, which may become law. Any registered voters 60 and older may file as a candidate for election in the TSHL from now through Feb. 28. The terms last two years and TSHL members pay their own expenses.

Elections for the TSHL will be held Tuesday, May 28.

For more information or to obtain forms for filing, please call the Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle at either 372-3381 or 1-800-642-6008.

DISD Calendar

The Dimmitt ISD is proud to announce that all of the campuses have been rated "RECOGNIZED" by the Texas Education Agency.

CALENDAR EVENTS

Thursday, Feb. 21

- RES - Reading Is Fundamental Day
- DHS TAAS Reading EXIT Test
- DHS One Act Play Festival at Tulia - 1:00-5:00
- BASEBALL: DHS Varsity Boys at Tulia - 4:00

Friday, Feb. 22

- No school for students - Teacher comp./in-service day
- DHS FCCLA Regional Meeting
- BASKETBALL: DHS Varsity Boys Area Playoffs - Opponents, times and locations to be announced

Saturday, Feb. 23

- DHS FCCLA Regional Meeting
- BASEBALL: DHS JV & Varsity Boys at Dalhart

Monday, Feb. 25

- BASEBALL: DHS JV at Friona - 5:00

Tuesday, Feb. 26

- Head Start to have a fireman guest speaker
- BASKETBALL: DHS Varsity Boys Regional Quarter Finals - Opponents, times and locations to be announced

Wednesday, Feb. 27

- DHS BPA State Meeting

CAMPUS EVENTS

RICHARDSON ELEMENTARY

- A RIF (Reading is Fundamental) will be held on Thursday, Feb. 21.

DIMMITT MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Congratulations to the Dimmitt Junior High Solo/Ensemble participants for a job well done at contest.

DIMMITT HIGH SCHOOL

- The Houston Stock Show will be taking place through March 1.

DIMMITT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

- Visit Dimmitt ISD on the web at www.dimmittisd.net updated daily!

Support student events and performances by attending them.

HOMETOWN PEOPLE

Mike Bain is BIG on Dimmitt. The friendly people, quality of life and growth opportunities for the community are just some of the things that make Mike proud to call Dimmitt home. Mike is a member of the Economic Development Board, The Chamber of Commerce and belongs to the Methodist church. He enjoys ranching, but most of all, he and his wife Cindy enjoy spending time with their two children; Rhett (5) and Alexis (3).

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GETTING SOME WORK DONE — These Highway workers are shown doing some highway sign work on Bedford Street.

Photo by John Hasselmeier

Pope's speech transcribed

Note: This is the first of a four-part transcription of a speech given by Pope John Paul II. It is courtesy of Father Ferne Couture of Immaculate Conception Church of Dimmitt.

The World Day of Peace this year is being celebrated in the shadow of the dramatic events of 11 September last. On that day, a terrible crime was committed: in a few brief hours thousands of innocent people of many ethnic backgrounds were slaughtered. Since then, people throughout the world have felt a profound personal vulnerability and a new fear for the future. Addressing this state of mind, the Church testifies to her hope, based on the conviction that evil, the mysterium iniquitatis, does not have the final word in human affairs. The history of salvation, narrated in Sacred Scripture, sheds clear light on the entire history of the world and shows us that human events are always accompanied by the merciful Providence of God, who knows how to touch even the most hardened of hearts and bring good fruits even from what seems utterly barren soil.

This is the hope which sustains the Church at the beginning of 2002: that, by the grace of God, a world in which the power of evil seems once again to have taken the upper hand will in fact be transformed into a world in which the noblest aspirations of the human heart will triumph, a world in which true peace will prevail.

Recent events, including the terrible killings just mentioned, move me to return to a theme which often stirs in the depths of my heart when I remember the events of history which have marked my life, especially my youth.

The enormous suffering of peoples and individuals, even among my own friends and acquaintances, caused by Nazi and Communist totalitarianism, has never been far from my thoughts and prayers. I have often paused to reflect on the persistent question: how do we restore the moral and social order subjected to such horrific violence? My reasoned conviction, confirmed in turn by biblical revelation, is that the shattered order cannot be fully restored except by a response that combines justice with forgiveness. The pillars of true peace are justice and that form of love which is forgiveness.

But in the present circumstances, how can we speak of justice and forgiveness as the source and condition of peace? We can and we must, no

matter how difficult this may be; a difficulty which often comes from thinking that justice and forgiveness are irreconcilable. But forgiveness is the opposite of resentment and revenge, not of justice. In fact, true peace is "the work of justice" (Is 32:17). As the Second Vatican Council put it, peace is "the fruit of that right ordering of things with which the divine founder has invested human society and which must be actualized by man thirsting for an ever more perfect reign of justice" (Pastoral Constitution Gaudium et Spes, 78). For more than fifteen hundred years, the Catholic Church has repeated the teaching of Saint Augustine of Hippo on this point. He reminds us that the peace which can and must be built in this world is the peace of right order—tranquillitas ordinis, the tranquillity of order (cf. De Civitate Dei, 19,13).

True peace therefore is the fruit of justice, that moral virtue and legal guarantee which ensures full respect for rights and responsibilities, and the just distribution of benefits and burdens. But because human justice is always fragile and imperfect, subject as it is to the limitations and egoism of individuals and groups, it must include and, as it were, be completed by the forgiveness which heals and rebuilds troubled human relations from their foundations. This is true in circumstances great and small, at the personal level or on a wider, even international scale. Forgiveness is in no way opposed to justice, as if to forgive meant to overlook the need to right the wrong done. It is rather the fullness of justice, leading to that tranquillity of order which is much more than a fragile and temporary cessation of hostilities, involving as it does the deepest healing of the wounds which fester in human hearts. Justice and forgiveness are both essential to such healing.

It is these two dimensions of peace that I wish to explore in this message. The World Day of Peace this year offers all humanity, and particularly the leaders of nations, the opportunity to reflect upon the demands of justice and the call to forgiveness in the face of the grave problems which continue to afflict the world, not the least of which is the new level of violence introduced by organized terrorism.

It is precisely peace born of justice and forgiveness that is under assault today by

international terrorism. In recent years, especially since the end of the Cold War, terrorism has developed into a sophisticated network of political, economic and technical collusion which goes beyond national borders to embrace the whole world. Well-organized terrorist groups can count on huge financial resources and develop wide-ranging strategies, striking innocent people who have nothing to do with the aims pursued by the terrorists.

Who should read the Bible?

By Jim Davidson

Prussian born Immanuel Kant (1724-1804), considered by many to be the foremost philosopher of the modern period, once said: "The Bible is the greatest benefit which the human race has ever experienced." To have the Bible and yet not read it would be like going without food for several days, showing up at a banquet and saying, "I'm not hungry." For some, the discovery of the eternal truths contained in the Bible comes early in life, for others, it comes much later. Some people never make this discovery, and as a result they miss the benefits of knowing the God of the Bible in a personal way.

As I look back over my own life, one of my biggest regrets is that I didn't discover what was really in the Bible until a good portion of the race had already been run.

About fourteen years ago, after agreeing to teach a boy's Sunday school class, I made the decision to read the Bible through once each year and pleased to say, I'm fulfilling that commitment. Until I asked the Holy Spirit to guide and control my thinking and my life, I never dreamed the Bible was so rich and so exciting! Because I'm so excited about the Bible, I just wanted to share an article, titled, "Who Should Read The Bible?" that might be of value to you.

"Who should read the Bible? The young: to learn how to live. The old: to know humility. The rich: for compassion. The poor: for comfort. The dreamer: for enchantment. The practical: for counsel. The weak: for strength. The strong: for direction. The haughty: for warning. The humble: for exaltation. The troubled: for peace. The weary: for rest. The sinner: for salvation. The doubting: for

assurance. All Christians: for guidance."

When I read this the first time, I came to the conclusion that it pretty well covers the waterfront. It talked about the young, the old, the ignorant, the learned, the rich, the poor, the dreamer, the practical, the weak, the strong, the haughty, the humble, the troubled, the weary, the sinner and all Christians. Surely you can see yourself in there somewhere -- I can see me, several times. I'll confess that I've learned that I need the Bible and its wisdom and encouragement each day of my life. You know, for any of us to be saved, we must first admit we are lost. Whether you read the Bible or not, there is good reason why this book is the all time best seller. It contains truth, inspiration and guidance that can give our lives meaning, purpose and hope that no other source can give. I stand in awe of its power. Isn't it great to know that God loves us and we are very precious to Him? That's what it says in the Bible!

Now, I'm not naive and I realize that many people reading this column do not believe in God or the Bible and I respect every person's right to think and believe as they choose. In my own personal life however, as a Christian I am willing to take a stand for Jesus Christ and the Bible. I might add, this is consistent with our nation's heritage. One study found that of 15,000 writings by the Founding Fathers included in newspaper articles, pamphlets, books, monographs, and other documents, 94% of all quotes either directly or indirectly cited the Bible. Fifty two of the 55 framers of the Constitution were avowed Christians.

While I'm certainly not a preacher, in these days when

civility is taking a back seat, we must return to the Biblical standards of our forefathers. From their hearts flowed the documents and structures to form the foundations of this great nation. Over the coming years we can do this and every American will be richer for it.

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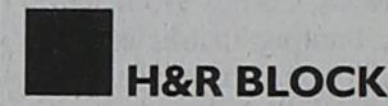
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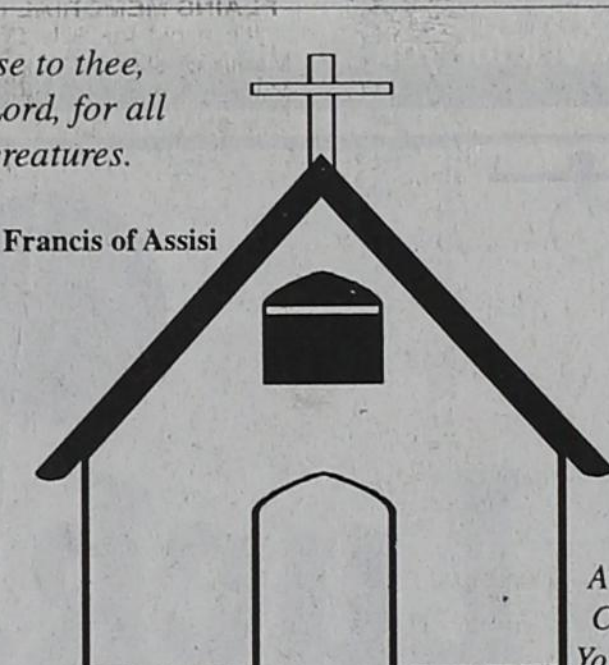


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Sports



JV Bobcats defeat Roosevelt in finale

ACUFF — The Dimmitt High School junior varsity boys basketball team defeated Roosevelt in its finale last Tuesday by the score of 78-58.

Matthew Larra led the way with 20 points, including two three-pointers. Eric Ward had 13 and Matthew Sanders 10. Sanders also hit two three-pointers.

Jared Griffitt almost made for a double figure foursome with nine points. Charley Saenz hit two "three's" on the way to eight.

Adam Wright followed them with six points. Jake Porsch, Kris Lindsey and Bruce Swain each scored four.

TP&W to sponsor hunter safety course

TULIA — The Texas Park and Wildlife Department will be having a hunter safety course Friday, March 1 and Saturday March 2 at the Swisher County Courthouse Annex Building.

The course will be from 6:30-9 p.m. Friday and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Every hunter, including out-of-state hunters born or after Sept. 2, 1971 must have successfully completed a hunter education course before they can hunt.

There will be four instructors. These are game warden Audie Hamm from Tulia, game warden Mark Collins from Plainview, hunting instructor Kenneth Sjogoun from Plainview and Jeff Wallick from Amarillo.

Hunters who are going to hunt muledeer or elk in Colorado this year must take this course before they can purchase a license.

The Swisher County Courthouse Annex Building is in the 300 block of West Broadway. The course fee is \$10 and lunch is free.

For further information and reservations, please call (806) 668-4437.



CAN'T TOUCH THIS!-Austin Sherman (1) is all alone with this reverse lay up that leaves the defender with an open month. Mathew Wright (14) sees that no help is needed and heads back the other way.

Photo by Chris Bradford

Bobcats defeat Shallowater for top seed in District 2-3A

LEVELLAND — It took a fourth-quarter rally to do it, but the Dimmitt Bobcats turned it on in the final period and knocked off Shallowater 60-53 in a battle for the top seed out of District 2-3A Friday at the Texan Dome.

As a result of the victory, the Bobcats earn a "bye" and will face Denver City in the area round Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Levelland High School.

On Friday, the Bobcats found themselves down 46-42 before finding another gear. The Dimmitt defense in particular shined with only seven points given up in the final stanza.

Shallowater, which got by the Bobcats by one point in Dimmitt in what ultimately forced Friday night's issue, scored 17 points against 12 by DHS. Nicky Gauna was high point in that period with six points.

Dimmitt then outscored Shallowater 14-10 in the second period, but the Mustangs took a 27-26 lead into the locker room. Austin Sherman scored five of the Bobcat points in that frame.

Shallowater then edged Dimmitt 19-16 in the third period and took a 46-42 lead into the final quarter. Sherman scored nine points in that frame.

Then came the final period, in which Dimmitt outscored Shallowater 18-7 to take the victory. Sherman scored nine more points in that period.

Overall, Sherman led the way with 24 points, including a three-pointer. D. Norman joined him in double figures with 11 while Gauna had 10.

Brent Josselet almost got into double figures with nine, including a three-pointer. Mathew Wright scored four points while Kenneth Worsham scored the other two.

In sewing up their end of the bargain for Friday's game, the Bobcats outscored Roosevelt on the road last Tuesday by the score of 90-78.

In the first quarter, the Bobcats came out smoking with 22 points while the Eagles had 10. Sherman had nine of Dimmitt's first-quarter points.

Dimmitt stayed "en fuego" offensively in the second

quarter as they lit up the Eagles for 28 more points in the second quarter. Roosevelt had 23 and went into the locker room down 50-33. Norman was high point for the period with 12.

In the third period, Roosevelt outscored Dimmitt 20-19, but the Bobcats still led 69-53 after three. Sherman and Norman each had six for that quarter.

As for the fourth quarter, Roosevelt, in its final Class 3A district boys basketball game for at least a little while, outscored Dimmitt again 23-21, but it was too, little, too late. Sherman was again high point with nine.

On the subject of Sherman, he also led in overall scoring with 28. Norman, who had four three-pointers, finished right behind him with 27.

Josselet also got into double figures with 15, including two three-pointers. Wright also hit double digits with 11.

Gauna was next with four points. Patrick Hunter and Lee Brown followed with two and Matthew Gauna scored the other one.

Youth must be served if baseball team is to succeed

By JOHN HASSELMEIER

The Dimmitt High School varsity baseball season is slated to start today (Thursday) at Tulia at 4:30 p.m.

Dimmitt head baseball coach Jesús Quiroz isn't kidding when he said that this year's edition of baseball Bobcats will be young. Exactly four lettermen from last year's team, all seniors, are back to try and improve last year's 2-12, 1-9 record.

Despite the fact that Dimmitt had few baseball wins last season, Quiroz said that the Bobcats were in most of their games.

"The record isn't very good, but we actually played some good games," Quiroz said. "We had about seven or eight games that we lost by no more than three runs."

The four returnees in question, all seniors, are catcher Tanner Self, second baseman Brent Josselet, center fielder Thomas Brockman and outfielder Matthew Wright.

Two of them are in camp at this time, but Josselet and Wright are still with the basketball team.

As for other prospects, Quiroz listed sophomore Caleb Dickerson, who hit a home run against Roosevelt in the season finale to give the Bobcats their lone district victory.

"I'm looking for him to be the starting first baseman," Quiroz

said. "He's a big kid and has a good bat. He really loves being out there."

"Some are from the JV," Quiroz said. "We have some who haven't played in three games who decided to come out and play."

Quiroz said that senior J.J. Doñes was looking good at third base. Quiroz said Doñes might just do some pitching.

"Anthony Ontiveros is looking good at shortstop," Quiroz said. "He's hitting the ball."

Another prospect is junior Freddy Flores, who will also do some catching and play in the outfield.

"He's hitting the ball pretty good," Quiroz said. "He's probably going to be starting somewhere. We've got to have his bat somewhere."

Then there's sophomore Jared Griffitt.

"He's learning," Quiroz said. "He's got a good shot at third base. He'll help us, but I don't know where. He's still in basketball."

At the present time, another prospect, junior Harold Casas, is starting at second base.

"I can't really say right now who's going to start until I have all of them out there," Quiroz said. "I tell them to make the best of it. If they have a good effort and work hard, then that's what I'm looking for."

One thing Quiroz said the team needs is pitchers.

"There's not really any pitching," Quiroz said. "Last year, I had three which I rotated in. I'll have a lot of new pitchers this year."

"Our catcher (Self) is probably going to throw some," Quiroz said. "He's never thrown in a school game before."

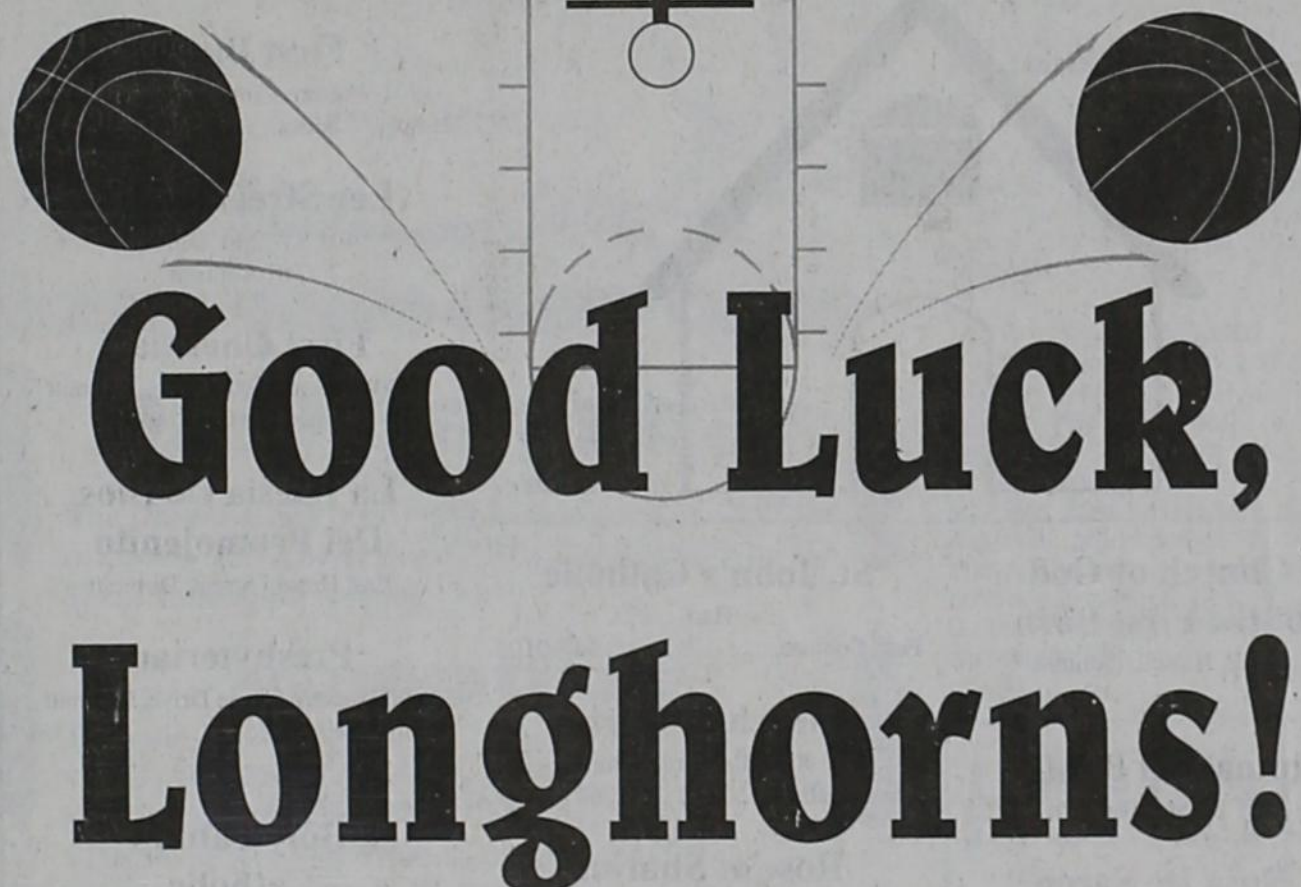
As for the District 2-3A race, Quiroz said that Cooper and Shallowater look like the teams to beat.

"Cooper is probably the favorite to win it again this year," Quiroz said. "Shallowater will be tough. They've got a couple of good pitchers coming back that probably throw in the 80's."

As for his staff, things are a little different this year as Brett Ramsey and Josh Goen will be the assistants. Goen, a first-year coach, will also head up the junior varsity. They replace Trent Wilson and Wade Wilson.

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Local boxers fare well at tournament

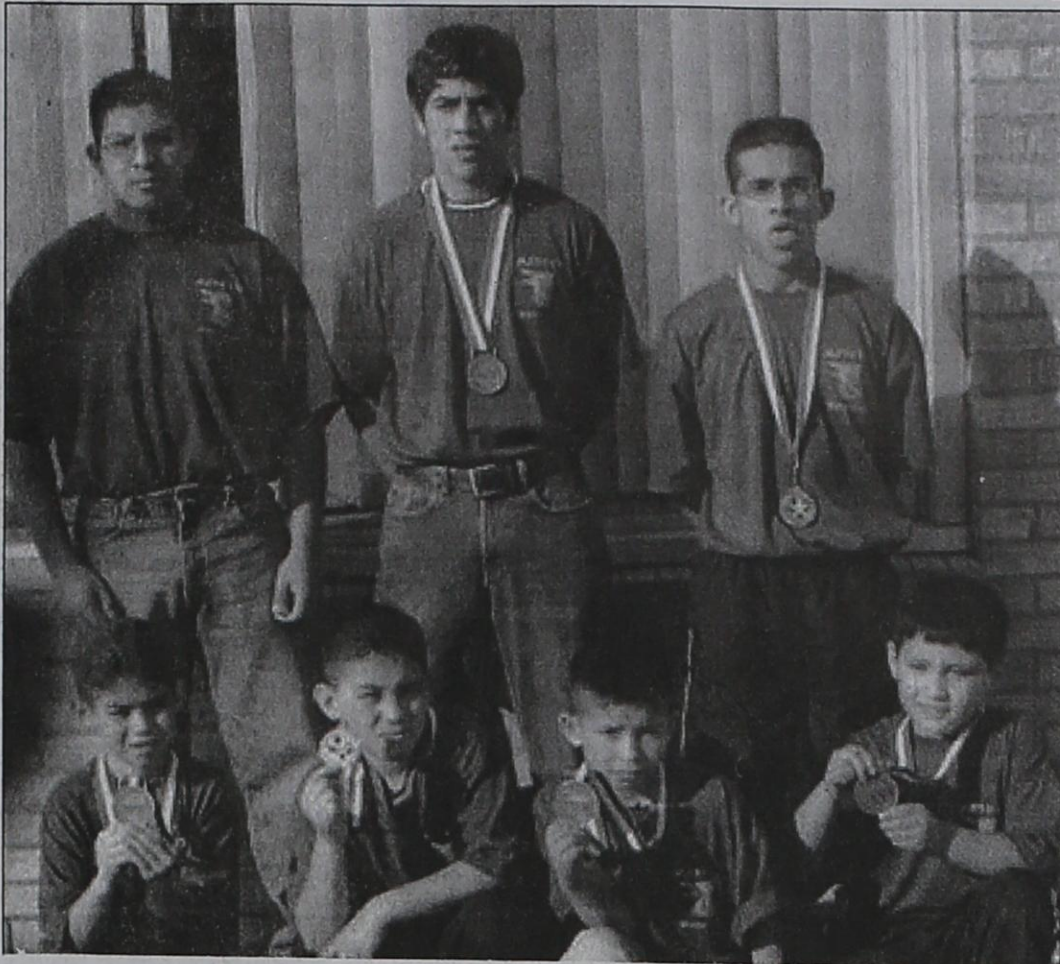
LUBBOCK—Several members of the Dimmitt Golden Gloves Boxing Club did well at this weekend's Lubbock Tournament.

J.D. Alvarez and Diego Rivera all captured championships while Abel Espinoza, Lee Hernandez, Joe Agüero, John David Flores and Johnny Marmolejo earned runner-up titles.

Alvarez came away with the championship in the 112-pound division while Rivera captured his title in the 65-pound division.

Espinoza was the runner-up in the 175-pound division while Hernandez was the runner-up in the 147-pound division, Agüero in the 90-pound division, Flores in the 60-pound division and Marmolejo in the 80-pound division.

The Dimmitt Golden Gloves Boxing Club will next compete in Hereford in a tournament at Bull Run this weekend.



CASTRO COUNTY PUGILISTS—Members of the local Golden Gloves show off their medals won recently in a boxing meet in Lubbock. Front row, left to right are John David Flores, Joe Agüero, Diego Rivera (champ-65 pound division), and Johnny Marmolejo. Back row, left to right are Abel Espinoza, Lee Hernandez and J.D. Alvarez, 112 pound division champ. See accompanying story.

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- 49, River Road 53
- 52, Dalhart 37
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- 43, Trinity Christian 58
- 52, Brownfield 41
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- 43, Littlefield 47
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- 44, Muleshoe 72
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- 42, Littlefield 44
- 55, Roosevelt 33
- 38, Shallowater 59
- 47, Muleshoe 57
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- Season Record: 11-20**
- District Record: 4-8**

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Swiftettes reach semi-state tourney

By JOHN HASSELMEIER IDALOU — The Nazareth Swiftettes are in the Class 1A semi-state tournament.

Naz earned the right Tuesday night with a 70-41 victory over Guthrie. The Swiftettes will next face Hedley, a 45-41 winner over Whitharral in a semi-state semi-final Friday at 8 p.m. at Wilkerson-Greines Coliseum in Fort Worth.

Before that, the Swiftettes took down Follett in the area round Friday night in Borger 96-41.

Mandy Hoelting was "en fuego" against the Pantherettes as she lit them up for 25 points, including six three-pointers.

"Mandy had a great day," Nazareth head girls basketball coach Matt Garrett said. "You talk about the points, but it's the rebounds Mandy's getting. She's pulling down as many offensive rebounds as anybody on our whole team. She has done a great job rebounding that ball."

Unlike the Groom bi-district game, in which the Swiftettes held a single digit lead during part of the fourth quarter, there was no doubt about the Follett contest as Nazareth scored 23 of the first 26 points to put the Pantherettes out early.

"I think we stayed focused the whole four quarters," Garrett said. "Every girl contributed."

Follett controlled the opening tip, but Hoelting put the Swiftettes ahead to stay 31 seconds into the game with her first three-pointer.

Rindi Bowling put in a free throw to cut it to 3-1 at the 7:07 mark, but missed the second and Erica Gerber rebounded for Nazareth. Lesley Brockman then hit a three-pointer and it was 6-1.

That's how it stayed for about a minute until Wendy Black got a steal and cashed it in for a lay-up. Just in case anyone missed it, she did the same thing again for another lay-up to put the Swiftettes up 10-1 and Follett coach Darren Swift called a timeout.

Once time was back in, things didn't get a whole lot better for Follett. Stephanie Thiel followed Black's lead and converted a steal into a layup for a 12-1 lead.

Leah Cates, who led Follett with 10 points, scored her team's only basket of the period, but that would be the end of the Pantherettes' scoring for that period.

Brockman followed with a follow shot to answer for the Swiftettes. Follett then turned the ball over and Thiel scored for a 16-3 lead.

Black then scored and was fouled on the play. She sank the free throw to make it 19-3. Marsha Black then came up with a steal and was fouled. She made both free throws for a 21-3 edge.

The Pantherettes then turned it over again and Jackie Thiel connected for a 23-3 lead, which was the score at the end of one period.

Stephanie Thiel joined Hoelting in double figures with 22, including two three-pointers. Jackie Thiel made for a double-figure trio with 14, including three three-pointers.

Wendy Black and Brockman weren't far behind them with nine points apiece. Brockman also had a three-pointer along the way.

Kim Brockman, Gerber and Megan Schulte each put in four points apiece. Marsha Black scored the other two points.

Longhorns get first playoff win in school history

LUBBOCK — The Hart High School boys basketball team made school history Tuesday night at the Rip Griffin Center.

The Longhorns took down Lorenzo 61-53 for the first playoff win in school history in that sport.

Hart will now face White Deer in the area round.

More details on this game will be in next week's issue.



EHLI, UP AND IN — Nazareth's Tyler Ehly is shown putting in a lay-up against Lefors in Monday night's 84-25 bi-district win. Photo by John Hasselmeier



POHLMIEER FOR TWO — Nazareth's Daryl Pohlmeier fires. Photo by John Hasselmeier

Swiftettes defeat Groom Tigerettes

By JOHN HASSELMEIER CANYON — Groom showed the Nazareth Swiftettes that it wasn't enamored with the idea of losing in bi-district to them for the second consecutive year.

The Tigerettes trailed by just six points with about six minutes to go, but Nazareth then turned it on and came away with a 74-50 triumph at the West Texas A&M "Box".

"It's the first playoff game and everybody's uptight," Nazareth head girls basketball coach Matt Garrett said. "We had a rough 'go' shooting."

The game was close much of the way. In fact, the Groom side of the stands went wild when Tigerette Lauren Crowell hit a three-pointer to cut it to six at 46-40 at about the six-minute mark.

Nazareth responded with an 11-2 run on the way to icing things. Lesley Brockman responded with a three-pointer for a 49-40 lead.

Amanda Martin made a free throw for Groom, but Wendy Black scored following a Nazareth timeout to make it 51-41. Erica Gerber then made a free throw and it was 52-41 with 5:05 left.

Stephanie Thiel scored her

lone second-half basket for a 54-41 lead. Candace Bohr, who led Groom with 12 points, then hit a free throw and it was 54-42. Mandy Hoelting would answer with a three-pointer and the Swiftettes led 57-42 with 3:53 left.

Black led the way with 16 points. Gerber joined her in double figures with 15 while Hoelting had 12 and Thiel 11. Hoelting and Thiel each had a three-pointer along the way.

"We had a lot of people step up and play well," Garrett said. "Erica Gerber played probably the best game she's played all year long. It was time to step up and she did."

"Mandy and Wendy both had a great game," Garrett said. "They were very consistent and played real well together."

Brockman wasn't far behind them with nine points, including a three-pointer. Danette Ramakers had a three-pointer for her points while Jackie Thiel, Marsha Black and Megan Schulte each scored two points apiece.

"It's always good to get by the first game," Garrett said. "In the first game, everybody's nervous. We just try to play one game at a time."

Swifts send Pirates off the plank, 84-25

By JOHN HASSELMEIER AMARILLO — Monday, Monday was so good to Nazareth and so not-so-good for Lefors.

The Swifts took on the Pirates in bi-district Monday and ended up scoring 31 of the game's first 33 points on the way to an 84-25 defeat of Lefors Monday night in a bi-district contest at Tascosa High School.

"Everybody who played played hard," Nazareth head boys basketball coach Mike Scarborough said. "It was a good win."

As a result, Nazareth will next take on Follett, tentatively set for Borger High School Thursday at 7 p.m. The Panthers pounced on Hedley Monday 53-38.

Kade Wilcox led the way with 21 points, including three three-pointers. Trey Robb joined him in double figures with 12, including a three pointer and Eric Schilling with 10.

Chase Schulte and Daryl Pohlmeier were net with seven points apiece, Schulte hitting a three-pointer along the way. Ky Wilcox hit two three-pointers for his six points. Tyler Ehly also scored six.

Justin Kleman scored four points and Brock Birkenfield three. Jordy Rowland and JV move-ups Adam Acker, Evan Huseman and Koty Huseman rounded out the scoring with two points apiece.

However, scoring 31 of the game's 33 points was something incredible!

"When they're focused and they're intense, they come out and play like that," Scarborough said. "If they'll just take this momentum and keep going..."

Kade Wilcox opened the scoring 16 seconds into the game. Lefors was whistled for a back court penalty and Ky Wilcox hit a three-pointer for a 5-0 lead.

The Pirates then turned it over again and Pohlmeier scored for a 7-0 lead and Lefors head coach Rudy Hawkins called timeout.

"That coach has done a good job with those guys," Scarborough said. "About two years ago, they were 0-28. They're sitting at .500 right now. You've got to give a lot of credit to coach Hawkins."

Once time was back in, Ricky Vaughn connected for the Pirates. That would be all the scoring Lefors would get in the first quarter.

Ky Wilcox responded to this with another three-pointer. The Swifts came up with a steal and Kade Wilcox hit a three-point shot for a 13-2 margin.

Things wouldn't stop there as Kade Wilcox connected again. Robb scored the next Nazareth basket to push it up to 17-2.

Robb turned a three-point play. He then got a steal and returned it for a lay-up and a 24-2 lead with 32 seconds still left in the quarter.

Schulte then came up with a steal and hit a three-pointer. Ehly then got in on the act when he took a steal in for a lay-up and 29-2 lead. That was the score at the end of the first quarter.

Pohlmeier opened the second period with another basket. Jesse Soto then gave the Lefors crowd something to cheer about when he scored his team's first basket of the second period.

Highlighting the late going was when Scarborough inserted his three juniors from the junior varsity in Acker, Evan Huseman and Koty Huseman and each scored a basket.

On Friday, the Swifts tangled with Morton in a practice game. The Indians, a longtime former powerhouse, in the playoffs for the first time in years, took Nazareth to overtime before falling 60-48.

Schilling led the way this time with 29 points, including two three-pointers. On the subject of three-pointers, Kade Wilcox hit five on those on his way to 18 points.

Ky Wilcox was next in line with eight points. Brock Birkenfield hit a three-pointer on his way to three points. Pohlmeier scored the other two points.



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Local residents are being invited to share their spare bedrooms with visitors to the fourth annual Ogallala Quilters Festival, set for April 4-6 in Dimmitt.

Over 1,000 people are expected to attend the festival, and places will be needed for some of them to stay.

Forms or additional information may be obtained from Davis at 647-5362.



GRAND OLD FLAGS — These American flags are just two of the many that flew by the Castro County Courthouse during President's Day Monday.

Photo by Paula Portwood

Obituary

Wilhelmine Vinton

Wilhelmine Vinton, 91, of Hereford, formerly of Nazareth, died Sunday, Feb. 17.

Services are today (Thursday) at 10 a.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church with Monsignor Orville Blum officiating. Burial will be in Rest Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home of Hereford.

She was born Jan. 18, 1911 in Nazareth and married Leon Vinton on June 7, 1935.

She moved to Deaf Smith County from Nazareth in 1941. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, where she was active in Christian Mothers.

Her husband preceded her in death on June 22, 1961. A son, Robert Morrow, preceded her in death in 1983.

Survivors include a son, Don, of Hereford; a daughter, Rita Morgan, of Hereford; a sister, Louise Hollenstein of Canyon; 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to St. Anthony's Endowment Fund.

If you ever thought the drunk driving law in the United States were harsh, think again ... FINLAND and SWEDEN: Drunk drivers receive an automatic jail sentence of one year at hard labor.

ACGA slates convention

The American Corn Growers Association (ACGA) will hold its annual convention March 7-9, in Washington, D.C.

Theme for this year's convention is "America's Farm Families—Feeding and Fueling Our Country's Freedom." The convention will be held at the Sheraton Four-Points, located at 1201 K Street NW in Washington, D.C.

"During this nation's time of need, we want the people of the United States to be assured that America's farm families will continue to feed, clothe, shelter and fuel all of them," said ACGA President Keith Dittrich. "Just as we have done before, our nation's farmers have stepped forward and are doing our part to insure America's freedom."

The convention is being held in Washington, D.C., to give ACGA members a chance to visit with their congressional delegates and the members of the administration.

Issues such as farm policy, energy and other items important to rural America are expected to be the focus of the meeting and of member visits with government officials.

For more information about the convention, including registration information, visit the ACGA web site at www.ACGA.org or contact Lisa Miles at (202) 835-0330.

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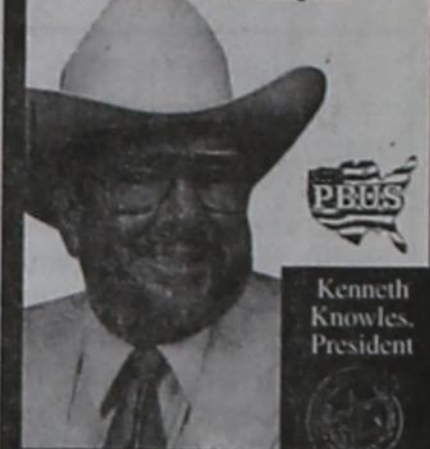
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