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Dimmitt Council OKs speed limit change on Butler

By DAVIE BROWDER
Managing Editor

Although the city can't tell you exactly when, the speed limit along Butler Boulevard, between Texas 86 and U.S. Highway 385, will be changed.

"The existing problem is that the speed limit signs are inconsistent, depending on which way you're driving," said City Manager David Denman. "Now, TXDOT will put up signs clearly stating what the

speed limit is and when it changes. When they do it, however, is out of the city's hands.

"We will send TXDOT a copy of the council's resolution," Denman said. "Then the state will decide when to erect the signs. There is nothing that requires them to give notice to the public that the signs will go up. So it's best for drivers to start paying attention along Butler Boulevard."

The new speed limit will be 55

mph between 385 and 12th Street and then 45 mph between 12th Street and Texas 86. That moves the 45 mph limit much further east from about the nursing home to 12th Street.

The Council also unanimously approved a resolution authorizing non-recourse revenue bonds to be issued by the city for economic development. Castro County is also being asked to approve the same issuance.

Mayor Wayne Collins said that non-recourse revenue bonds would not obligate the city to any debt.

"The bonds are revenue bonds and are paid through the revenue generated by the project," Collins said. "If the project fails, we're not responsible for paying them off. It's about as good a deal as you get. If no projects develop, then the bonds won't be issued at all."

Collins said the council and Castro County have been discuss-

ing pursuing an initiative to bring a prison to this area.

In Monday's meeting, the council agreed to allow Kent Hance's law firm to represent the county in "establishing a team of professionals and experts to develop and finance a prison initiative and in making contacts with state and federal elected officials regarding utilization of any facility that should be developed as a result of

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Men at work



With Marvin Bryant on the ground supervising, Oscar Navarro (hidden by the roof) was able to secure this old air-conditioning unit and then Bryant had it swung away and to the ground. All told, six old units were replaced with six new ones. Bryant is the owner of Bryuant Sales and Service in Dimmitt. He said this crane is capable of lifting 150,000 pounds.

Naz hires interim superintendent

Harrison's last day is Feb. 27

By DAVIE BROWDER
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The Nazareth Independent School District's trustees on Thursday unanimously hired Randy Allen of Lubbock as interim superintendent at Nazareth.

Allen is the retired superintendent of the Dawson ISD, which is near Lamesa, said Marshall Harrison who recently announced he will move to the Reagan County ISD, southeast of Midland. Reagan County ISD is a 2A school.

Harrison said his resignation is effective Feb. 27 and Allen will be starting at Nazareth the same week.

The trustees are now taking applications for a permanent superintendent through March 13, Harrison said. The board will review applicants on March 15, hold the first round of interviews March 22-23, the second round March 29-30 and look to name a finalist the first week of May.

Harrison stressed that he hadn't gone looking for this job with the Reagan ISD, but said it is close both to his family and his wife's family.

"We weren't aggressively seeking a new situation, this just kind of came about," he said.

"Nazareth is a great place and it's hard to leave.



Marshall Harrison

"This is going to be a good move for us but I know it's been a shock to a lot of people.

"I'd like to say it by no means are we leaving upset or unhappy.

"We're making this move for two reasons.

"First, we're making it for our family and it is also a career move for me. God opens doors and sometimes you've got to go through those doors.

"It was a substantial increase in salary and will allow my wife to stay at home.

"Naz is a great place and has a lot to offer for a superintendent.

"There's an old saying that if it's not hard to leave a place, you haven't done your job and it's very hard to leave Nazareth."

DISD teacher pay raise is not across-the-board raise

The DISD Board of Trustees met on Monday, Feb. 13, and voted to implement the new Texas Teacher Minimum Salary Schedule as mandated by the State of Texas.

They elected to continue paying eligible employees the local stipends of \$1,000 above state base for a Bachelor's degree, and \$1,200 above state base for a Master's degree.

The new salary schedule is to be implemented during the 2005-06 school year.

If you qualify to be on the minimum teacher salary schedule the district plans are to give a one-time increase in the May payroll for the 2005-06 school year, and then divide the new pay scale over the entire year beginning with the 2006-07 school year. All other employees will receive their annual 3 percent increase according to their salary schedule beginning with the 2006-07 school year.

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A-B Honor Roll - First Semester

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Perfect Attendance - Third Six Weeks

Monique Aleman, Angel Beltran, Haley Bonilla, Karina Dozal, Lucero Galvan, Juana Garcia, Juan Jesus Hernandez, Alex Ibarra, Marissa Jackson, Tramaine Kirven, Cesar Ontiveros, Priscilla Reyes, Nallely Salas, Amber Sanchez, Kelsey Schilling, Josselene Torres, Coby Venhaus, Michelle Wait.



A Honor Roll - Third Six Weeks

Monique Aleman, Katy Aljoe, Brittany Enriquez, Lucero Galvan, Brittany Lindley, Brennan Lytle, Candace Munoz, Kelsey Schilling, Jesslyn Smith, MorgAnne Thompson, Ryan Wilcox.

Cotton warm-up meeting set

Texas Cooperative Extension will sponsor a Cotton Warm-up Meeting on Friday, March 3, for producers, private consultants and all other interested parties.

This event will take place at the Dodd Gin and registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Three CEU's will be available for private, commercial, and non-commercial pesticide applicators license. The

program will conclude with a noon meal.

Topics include thrips management, bollworm management, 2005 cotton variety trial results and variety selection for 2006, as well as managing Round-up Ready Flex Systems.

For all persons who need special accommodations please contact the Castro County Extension Office to make arrangements at (806) 647-4115 or 4116.



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- this Alda starred with TX Burnett in "The Four Seasons"
- TX Ginger Rogers' mother
- Center AM station chills & fever
- TXism: "___ the cat out of the bag"
- stubbornly unyielding
- eye light regulator
- this president was not on the ballot in TX in 1860 (2 wd. nickname)
- TX group "Asleep ___ the Wheel"
- TXism: "fits like ugly ___ ape"
- TXism: "scorched the pavement"
- where you can find TX towns & highways (3 wds.)
- TXism: "___ a duck in water"
- TX "Hoss" (init.)
- when a TX grand jury refuses to indict (2 wds.)
- "___ the Shark" didn't last long as Spurs coach
- in Limestone Co. on hwy. 14
- Houston Oilers lost '62 AFL title to this TX team
- this TX Joseph invented the ice cream soda
- famous Fort Worth restaurant: "Joe T. ___"

DOWN

- mineral salt found in west TX
- name of Ballinger newspaper
- Alaska's ___ islands
- ex-Cowboy pro lineman Newton
- "___ hal!"
- TXism: "dumb as a ___"
- in Coleman Co. on hwy. 67
- chicken fried steak, okra, TX toast, & iced tea
- TXism: "if it had been ___ it would have bit you"
- 2nd half of the Bible (abbr.)
- TXism: "hot as road ___ in July"
- this has a star and live oak branches
- location in the "nosebleed" section (2 wds.)
- this Dick announced Cowboy '93 Super Bowl victory
- TXism: "mighty fine"
- TX's has a lone star
- "on ___ and pins"
- TX Willie's "Farm Aids" were ___ concerts
- not even
- TXism: "foaming ___ the mouth"
- TXism: "gotta play the hand you're ___"
- devastate or ravage (2 wds.)
- TX Tommy Lee Jones '81 film: "Back ___"
- newest movie medium (abbr.)
- skinny Gulf fish
- soap ingredient in early TX
- mythical sister of TX Ima Hogg
- fancy dessert
- TXism: "___ the blanket" (divorce)
- a Fort Worth Bass brother
- former popular Astro GM Smith
- TXism: "___ out of here"
- "Lone ___ State"
- "untouchable" Eliot
- TXism: "table graze"
- sing in Swiss?
- curly hair?

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Hispanic Voice

with Angie Arguijo, 647-0106

Hola, todos. Hello, everyone. Parese que no ha pasado nada en Dimmitt en unas cuantas semanas. Seems like nothing has been going on in Dimmitt these past few weeks. Again, I didn't get much info for the Hispanic Voice and working midnights makes it hard for me to get out, so be patient with me and enjoy the little news I do offer...

First of all I'd like to thank my Hubby Josh for a very special Valentine's Day. He surprised me with a beautiful picture frame to my freshly painted kitchen and a big box of chocolates, which he's been enjoying more than me. We spent the day shopping in Amarillo and had a nice dinner.

Joanne Oltivero would like to wish her hubby Rey Oltivero Jr. a very late, but Happy Valentine's Day and happy anniversary. The two celebrated their anniversary day on Valentine's Day. She says she wants let her "Viejo" to know that it has been a GREAT 12 years together and being married to him the past eight have been the best. Joanne also said that she attended a really fun baby shower for Gina Martinez on Saturday. The shower was hosted by and held at the home of her mother, Sally Arguijo. Everyone who attended had a wonderful time playing games and munching on goodies. Joanne would like to say congratulations to Gina, who is about to give birth to a much anticipated baby boy. Gina's family can't wait to welcome her new son into the world and wish her the best.

Miranda Velasquez received quite a Valentine's/birthday gift from her hubby Carlos.

Carlos surprised Miranda with a new car!!! Miranda was obviously extremely surprised and excited about her new Pontiac Sunfire. Congrats Miranda!

Jose Barrios also surprised his girlfriend Olga with a really nice and sparkly gift. He strategically placed a beautiful engagement ring in the fridge and asked unsuspecting Olga to bring him a cold one from the fridge. Judging from the screams and gasps coming from Olga, she loved it. Congrat's to both.

Monica Dozal also received quite a nice late Valentine's Day gift. Monica's parents, Mario and Elidia, purchased her first vehicle. Monica has been driving around proudly in her new Dodge Neon and is never too busy to give her little sister Kari a ride. The gift came at the perfect time, with Monica's busy senior year schedule she can get to where she needs to get on time. Just a warning to all, there's a new female driver out on the streets, not that it's a bad thing!

Happy late b-day to Santos Martinez. Mr. Martinez celebrated his big day on Feb. 17. Que Dios lo bendiga y le de muchos anos mas. May God Bless you and give you many more years.

Okay, esto es todo para esta semana. That's all for this week.

No se olviden de mandar me sus noticias. Don't forget to send me all your news. Please keep the info coming to angie79027@hotmail.com, 647-0106 or 346-3882. Hasta la proxima semana.

The family of Louise Braddock helped her celebrate her 85th birthday Sunday. They enjoyed a dinner at the Far East in Plainview.

Gene and Susie Gerber of Keller were her for Louise Braddock's birthday and also visited with the Virgie Gerber families on Sunday afternoon.

Marvin and Carol Hoelting of Denver, Colo., spent a few days here with Tinie Hoelting, their families and with Carol's families.

A large group enjoyed the concert Sunday evening at the Home Merc with Buddie and Tina Wright. Fantastic Bluegrass, Gospel and fiddle music by an incredibly talented family.

Most of the Naz population enjoyed two good ballgames in Amarillo on Friday evening. The girls played Channing at the Tascosa Activity Center for the Region I, Conference A Area title and won. The boys played a tough practice game with Gruver at the Highland Park school in Amarillo and won.

Sid and Peggy Birkenfeld flew to Burlington, VT., last week to visit with their daughter, Cassie. Cassie is attending graduate school at Johnson State College and is the head girls basketball coach. They watched Cassie coach her team to a big win over Elms College. Cassie's doing a great job with her team and will make the NAC (North Atlantic Conference) playoffs this year. At the age of 23, that's pretty remarkable. Wile in Vermont, they enjoyed sampling the local specialties like Vermont cheeses, maple syrup, homemade bread, Lake

Champlain chocolates, local wines and visited two of the local beer breweries. The food was delicious and the scenery was beautiful with snow on the mountains. It was unseasonably warm during their visit with temps in the 40s and only one day of rain. After returning to Texas, Cassie let them know they were lucky, because it snowed 12-inches after they left and the temperature dropped to 5 degrees. It was a great time - only wished they could bring some of the moisture home with them.

Congratulations to John and Vanessa Welps of Nazareth on the birth of a

boy, Jack William, Jan. 27, 2006. He has one big brother, Sterl. Grandparents are Virginia and Hubert Holland of Plainview and Rocky and Dianne Wilhelm of Nazareth and Joe Welps of Forth Worth. Great-grandparents are Elmer and Florene Schulte of Nazareth.

Congratulations to Wes and Elizabeth Johnson of Nazareth on the birth of a girl, Madelyn Elizabeth, on Feb. 9, 2006, at BSA Hospital in Amarillo. She has one big brother, Reagan. Grandparents are David and Mary Lynn Olvera of Nazareth, Donnie and Lisa

Johnson of Windthorst and Idella Button of Paris, Tenn. Great-grandparents are James and Irene Wilhelm of Nazareth, Mary Lou Isabell of Canton, Ill, and John and Beverly of McCone of Fairview, Ill. One great-great is Dale McCone of Ellisville, Ill.

Erika Rider and Dan Gerecke were married on Saturday, Feb. 18, at St. Thomas Church in Amarillo. Erika is the daughter of Theresa and Gary Rider and the granddaughter of Philip and Dora Pohlmeier.

Philip and Dora Pohlmeier celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Feb. 19. They were honored with a celebration on Saturday evening. Those attending were Greg and Wade Pohlmeier, Brad, Kimila, Skyler and Logan Pohlmeier, and Curt, Jennifer, Brooke and Braden Pohlmeier of Amarillo. Also attending were Beth and Gerald Harder of Dimmitt; Denise, Dennis, Jayden and Kellen Kirby of Lubbock; Kara Bock and Lori Schulte of New Braunfels; Nadine Latham of Beaumont; Royce, Cindy, Jordan and Blake Schulte of Wildarado; and Kaci McDaniel of Albuquerque, N.M.; Theresa and Gary Ride and Sonia and Scott Richardson, all of Amarillo; Kevin and Trena Rider, Sheridan, Ashton and Austin of Bushland; Brent Rider of San Antonio; Lucy Pohlmeier, Tulia and Karmen and Tim Thompson and Zane of Kyle.

Also attending were Frank

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with Vergie Gerber, 945-2669

DARSPA holds meeting

The Dimmitt Area Retired School Personnel Association held its February meeting at Rhoads Memorial Library on Feb. 14 at 2 p.m. Dr. Skylar Bizzell was guest speaker. He gave a very informative presentation and discussed recommendations for clinical preventative services of various diseases and conditions. While many routine screenings are strongly recommended, others should be done only when individual needs are present and warranted.

Presiding during the business session was President Mary Jo Brown. Elected to serve as delegates to the State Convention were President elect Zetha Collins and Avis Smith, who will become Secretary/Treasurer for 2006 - 2007. Convention dates are April 2-3-4 and the various sessions will be in the Amarillo Civic Center.

Projects discussed were the Children's Book Project, saving of Lowe's tapes and Boxtops for Education and the recent School Employee Appreciation Day. Approximately 335 Valentine Candy Treats were delivered to the employees of the Hart, Nazareth and Dimmitt schools to show appreciation of the team effort of each district to provide quality education for the youth of Castro

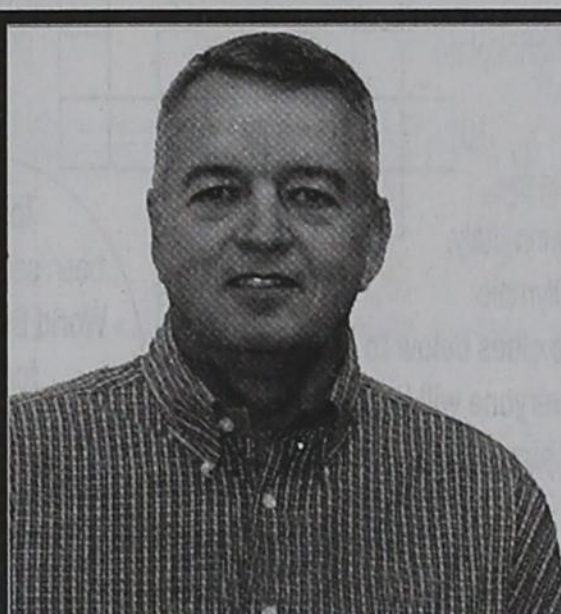
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In other business, members voted to award scholarships to two students who pursue a career in the field of education. Eligible will be graduating high school seniors of Hart, Nazareth and Dimmitt. Also eligible will be current college students who have graduated from any Castro County School. Application blanks will be available by March 1 and application deadline is April 10. Call 647-3250 for further information.

After the business session everyone enjoyed refreshments provided by Gloria Hernandez, Janice Stanton, Diane Axtell and Ruth Cochran. Door prizes were furnished by Shirley Barnes, Carol Lust and Mary Jo Brown. Next meeting will be April 11.

On the Go

Mrs. Hopson has decided to lay down her pen and take a well-deserved rest from her work here. So we're looking for someone who'd like to submit a weekly column on the goings-on in Dimmitt. Please call 647-3123 for more information. NOTE: You need to be able to submit your columns via e-mail.



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- ◆ Has been an assistant professor of surgery at the University of Puerto Rico and Texas Tech Department of Surgery.
- ◆ Interests include family practice, abdominal surgery, gynecological surgery and cancer of the breast, head and neck.
- ◆ Chief of Surgery for the Veteran's Administration of Amarillo for 11 years.
- ◆ Has been with Castro County Healthcare since October 2001.
- ◆ Dr. Matos and wife, Liz, have two children.

Se habla español.

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Cassie McLean

Saturday, February 25, 2006

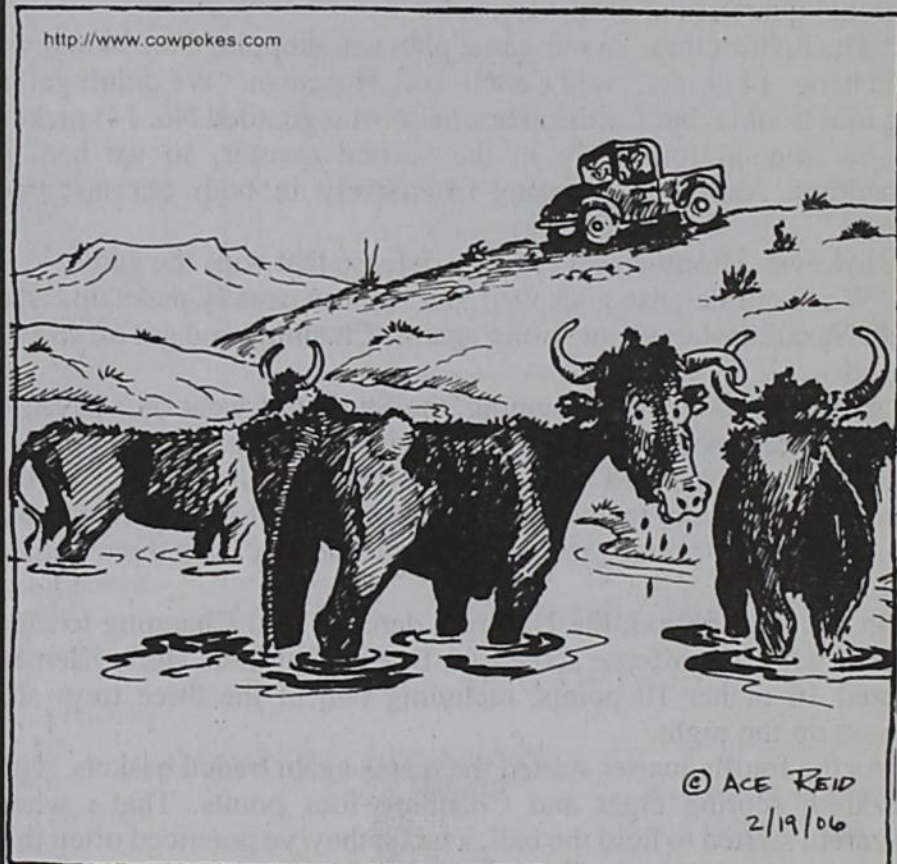
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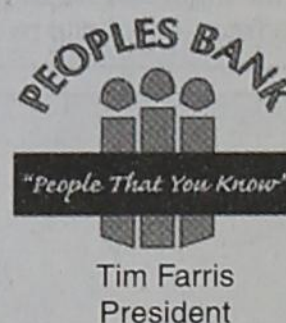


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SWIFTS

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thought the two practice games had kept the team sharp. And he said his starters had plenty of minutes to get used to playing as a unit.

"Last week, we had two tough practice games," Scarbrough said. "I think our normal rotation that we were using before the holidays got plenty of minutes together."

The Swifts next game will be in Amarillo, against the winner of the Hartley or Wheeler matchup.

SWIFTETTES

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night.

They couldn't break the press and when they did, their attempts at rotating the ball to get shots were foiled most of the time by a surging, in-your-face Nazareth defense. Freshman Caitlin Huseman also played tough defense, while juniors Holly Kleman and Candace Birkenfeld were under the boards, grabbing rebounds. Heidi Ramaekers, also a junior, had some key shots during the night and handled the ball well, along with the Husemans, bringing it down the court.

In the second quarter, the Swiftettes jumped out to take a 19-11 lead with 6:01 left in the first period. At 5:02, they led 23-11 and by the end of the half, Naz had a comfortable 30-13 lead. It was more of the same in the third quarter, as the Swiftettes scored 13 points, while holding Whitharral to five to lead 43-18 with one quarter left. In the final period, the Swiftettes were ahead 45-20 with about 4:10 left when they started holding the ball, rotating it and waiting for good shots. Whitharral was unable to stop that tactic as both teams scored six points in the final period for the Swiftettes to take an easy 47-24 win.

Leading scorers for the Swiftettes were Kleman with 15 and Ramaekers with 13.

They are now going to the regional tournament, set for Friday and Saturday at South Plains College in Levelland.

They will play either Springlake-Earth or Aspermont on Friday but the time was not known on Tuesday night.

Nazareth 55, Channing 43

Class I, Division II Regional Quarterfinal

AMARILLO - A good final half helped a lot, but it was the way the Nazareth Swiftettes played defense the entire game that spelled the win for them against Channing, 55-43, in a Class I, Division II regional quarterfinal on Friday.

"The biggest thing in our game plan was stopping No. 14 and we held her to 14 points," said Coach Amy Huseman. "We didn't get in big foul trouble, but Caitlin (Huseman, who guarded No. 14) picked up her second foul early in the second quarter, so we had to substitute. And we got going offensively in both our last two games."

However, Huseman said it's the defense that wins the game. "When our defense goes well, our offense usually picks up," she said. Nazareth started out strong against Channing and got off to a 4-0 lead.

After a 3-pointer by Channing, the Swiftettes went on a seven-0 run; Channing scored another trey, Nazareth answered with a basket and the quarter ended with the Swiftettes leading, 13-6. In the second quarter, the teams traded baskets, but Channing closed the margin to three points, and the Swiftettes led by only three points, 24-21.

In the third period, the Nazareth defense held Channing to nine points, while the offense scored 14. During that time, Holly Kleman scored 10 of her 10 points, including two of the three treys she scored on the night.

As the fourth quarter started the teams again traded baskets, with Nazareth scoring eight and Channing four points. That's when Nazareth started to hold the ball, a tactic they've practiced often this year.

It took Channing about a minute and a half to start fouling and it took almost two more minutes before they went into the team penalty. That's when the score for Nazareth started to climb as Heidi Ramaekers hit six free-throws, the first one came with 2:30 left in the game - the last came with 36-second left. Ramaekers had 10 points on the night and Kendra Huseman as did Kendra Huseman who had two free-throws and two 3-pointers in the final period.



Valor Ribbon Cutting

Valor Telecom joined the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce and held its ribbon-cutting on Tuesday afternoon. Left to right: Pati Elder; Ann Widick; Robert Gray, Valor Vice-President, Texas Community Affairs; Mike Hubbart, Valor Area Manager; Stacy Thompson; Roger Malong; Mark Kleman; Richard Jackson; Kelly Howell; and Chaun Gunstream.

Where's Echo? Can you find him?

Newspaper Fun!

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Winter Olympics 2006 Torino, Italy

Wow! Athletes from all over the world have gathered in Torino, Italy to compete. Have you been watching the Winter Olympic games? Find a schedule in the newspaper and circle all the events that you want to watch on television.

Since I came all the way to Italy, I have been able to get tickets to see the skating and skiing events.

Skiing looks like fun, so I thought I'd try it out.

Uh-oh!

Maybe I should've taken some skiing lessons first.

Oh no! Here comes another new skier!

In Italy, I'm called a "delfino."

Always ask before using the computer.

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Torino (a city)

Italy

Rome

Tyrrhenian Sea

Mediterranean Sea

Sicily

Super Sleuth!

The words above are the names of the major seas surrounding Italy. The missing letters are T - O - R - I and N, the same letters that spell "Torino." Can you find a map, globe or a website to fill in the names?

Turin or Torino?

Turin, Italy? Torino, Italia? The 2006 Winter Olympic games are being held there. Where? Well, they are the same place. Turin, Italy is the way English-speaking people say the name of Torino, Italia (which is the way the local people pronounce their city and country in Italian).

In Italy, as in America, the people of different areas have regional accents and dialects. The words below are standard Italian. Can you match each word to its meaning?

1. calcio (cal-choh) a. hello

2. arriveder' ci (ah-ree-vuh-derh-chee) b. goodbye

3. ciao (sounds like chow) c. soccer

4. uno (oo-noh) d. yes

5. grazie (grot-see-ay) e. thank you

6. si (see) f. one

Torino has been selected as the World Book Capital for 2006. People there will promote books and reading all year long.

Curling is cool! It is played on ice. More than a million people around the world play on curling teams.

1. people can ski all year round in the _____ of the Alps

2. there are many beautiful churches and _____

3. Torino is the fourth largest city in Italy, with more than 1.5 million _____ in the area

4. Torino was once the _____ of Italy (today it is Rome)

5. known for its delicious breadsticks and master _____ makers

6. the _____ are cold and dry

7. Torino is located in the _____ part of Italy, at the foot of the Alps

8. is a place where Italian _____ took shape

9. there are over 80 _____ holding historical and cultural items: from marionettes to Egyptian relics

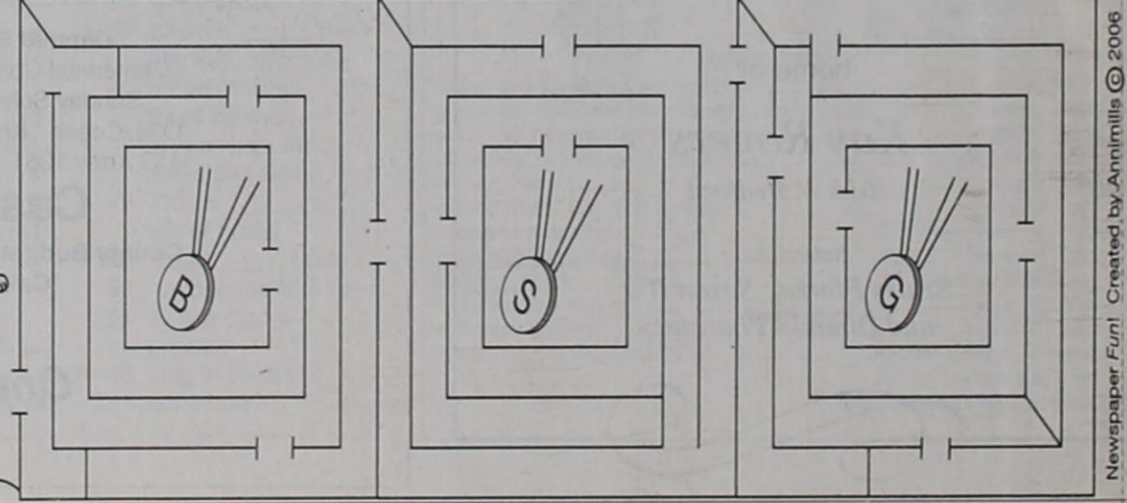
10. is an area famous for its strawberries, cherries and _____

11. Torino is a city known for the manufacture of _____ (Fiat)

12. is famous for "The Holy Shroud," which is housed in a cathedral and believed by many to be the linen _____ that covered Jesus Christ of Nazareth when he died

Go for the Gold!

Forest and his friends are having a snowboarding contest at their local school. Can you help Forest go through the maze to win the "bronze, silver and gold medals?"



CHURCH NEWS

Do I emphasize baptism too much?

I have often been accused of overemphasizing the part baptism plays in the salvation of a sinner.

In view of what the Bible teaches, I do not see how this could be possible.

There are five passages in the New Testament which mention both baptism and salvation in the same verse. Here is the list - see for yourself: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Romans 6:4; Acts 22:16 and 1 Peter 3:21. In every one of these passages, water baptism precedes salvation, the remission of sins or walking in the newness of life.

Do you know of a single exception?

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:16).

This passage contains the conditions for salvation: faith and baptism. It also



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contains the conditions for damnation: a lack of faith. If anyone wants to know what to do to go to hell, have them read Mark 16:16 - all that is necessary is a lack of faith.

If they want to know what to do for salvation, have them read the same verse - it tells them to believe and be baptized.

In Acts 2:38 Peter told a group of believers to "repent, and let everyone of

you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." I have friends and family, who often focus on the word "for" in this passage and insist it means "because of," even though it is never translated that way in the Bible. We have to remind them that if baptism is "because of" the remission of sins, then so is repentance. Baptism and repentance are joined by the little conjunction "and." Whatever baptism is "for," repentance is "for."

After we are buried with Christ in baptism, we are raised to walk in a newness of life (Romans 6:1-4).

This new life comes after baptism. Many preachers who want to "bury" the "new man," since they claim the newness of life comes before our "burial."

Three days after the Lord appeared to Saul of Tarsus,

Ananias told him to "arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins" (Acts 22:16). Many preachers today claim Saul was saved three days before Ananias met him. Ananias must not have known it, for he told Saul how to "wash away" his sins.

If Saul had been saved on the road as some preachers claim, he must have been the most miserable saved man in the Bible.

1 Peter 3:21 plainly states baptism "now saves us." I realize that baptism alone is not the only thing necessary for salvation.

Other requirements must be met, like faith, love, confession, and repentance. I do not know of anything "alone" that will save a sinner, not even faith (James 2:24).

Brett Page is the preacher at Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ, Dimmitt.

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DID JESUS REALLY CURSE THE FIG TREE ?

IT IS RECORDED THAT JESUS, ON HIS WAY FROM BETHANY TO JERUSALEM, AND BEING HUNGRY, STOPPED TO PICK FRUIT FROM A FIG TREE (MARK 11:12-14). BUT, AFTER THE TREE WAS IN LEAF, THERE WERE NO FIGS AND JESUS SAID, HEREAFTER, NO MAN WOULD EVER EAT FRUIT FROM THAT TREE!

SOME AUTHORITIES SAY JESUS, FOLLOWING THE ORIENTAL CUSTOM OF HOLY MEN, PUT A CURSE ON THE TREE, FROM DISAPPOINTMENT AT NOT FINDING FRUIT. OTHER AUTHORITIES STATE THAT BECAUSE THE TREE WAS IN LEAF AND THEREFORE SHOULD HAVE HAD FIGS, JESUS WAS POINTING OUT THAT, WHEN ONE OUTWARDLY SHOWS A GOOD CHARACTER WITHOUT THE FRUITS THEREOF, HE IS A HYPOCRITE, OF NO VALUE TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD, BUT....

...STILL FURTHER AUTHORITIES MAINTAIN THAT, FOR JESUS TO CONDEMN A TREE, FOR NOT GIVING FRUIT, DOES NOT SEEM COMPATIBLE WITH HIS GENTLE LOVING NATURE AND, SINCE JESUS WAS AT JERUSALEM FOR THE PASSOVER, THIS PLACES THE TIME OF YEAR AT EARLY APRIL WHEN THE FIG TREE HAS JUST BEGUN TO LEAF AND GROW FIGS, WHICH THEN MATURE IN LATE JUNE. THUS, ALL JESUS MERELY DID, WAS REMARK THAT, BECAUSE THE TREE HAD ALREADY BEGUN GROWING LEAVES, BUT NO FRUIT, IT WAS BARREN, AND NO ONE WOULD HARVEST FIGS FROM IT WHEN THE FRUIT SEASON ARRIVED!

EACH OF THESE THEORIES SEEM TO HAVE VALID POINTS, SO IT REMAINS FOR THE STUDENT TO MAKE HIS OWN CHOICE - WHICH DO YOU THINK ?

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Obituaries

BARBARA HANSEN COURTNEY 1951-2006

Services for Barbara Hansen Courtney were Sunday, Feb. 19, in Milwaukee, Wis., and Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006, in Lubbock.

Mrs. Courtney died Feb. 15, 2006. She was born Nov. 26, 1951.

She was a former resident of Hart, Dimmitt and Lubbock, and graduated from Dimmitt High School and Texas Tech University. Barbara will be greatly missed by all of the lives that she has touched. She will always be remembered as a guardian angel to numerous animals in need.

She was a loving wife, best friend and riding partner of Russel Courtney; the cherished daughter of Walt and Virginia Hansen; and beloved stepmother of Sherrie (Gregg) Dorff, Terri Courtney and Russel (Sally) Courtney.

She was also the proud grandmother of Becky, Alex, AJ, Joey, and Julia; the dear sister of Kirk (Grace) Hansen and Debbie (Phillip) Cole; and caring and loving aunt of Judd, Dane, Jennifer and Zachary.

In lieu of flowers, you may make a donation to your favorite charity.



Barbara Hansen Courtney

RONALD (JOE) MULLINS 1935-2006

Services for Ronald (Ron) Joe Mullins, 70, of Amarillo, will be at 11 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006, at Boxwell Brothers Ivy Chapel with Brad Small officiating. Arrangements are being handled by Colonial Funeral Home of Dimmitt and Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2800 Paramount Blvd., Amarillo.

Mr. Mullins died Monday, Feb. 20, 2006. He was born Sept. 12, 1935, in Borger, to Joseph Eugene Mullins and Iva Ben Bowery Mullins.

He moved to Pampa, when he was 1 year old and lived there until he was 26 years old. He graduated from West Texas State University in Canyon in 1966. He married his lovely wife and best friend Lou, better known as "Lou Baby" on May 1, 1980. He was an insurance agent in Amarillo since 1967 and later became owner of Ron Mullins Insurance Agency.

He was a member of Paramount Terrace Christian Church.

Mr. Mullins was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Thomas Michael Mullins.

His is survived by his wife, Lou, of Amarillo; one son, Mike Mullins and wife Eva of Dimmitt; two step-sons, Jeff Denton and wife Tiffany of Amarillo and Andy Denton and wife Janet of Nashville, Tenn.; three brothers, David Mullins and wife Peggy of Woodward, Okla., John Terry Mullins and wife Carol of Yuma, Ariz., and Marc Mullins and wife Cheryl of Austin; seven grandchildren; and one cousin, Connie Courtney of Fort Worth.

The family request that memorials be sent to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX. 79105.



Ronald (Joe) Mullins

Obituary Policy

Obituaries are printed in the Castro County News free of charge and will contain the following types of information: date and details of funeral and place of burial; date and place of birth and parents names; date of marriage; limited biographical information, including the highest level of schooling achieved, service in the Armed Forces, profession (and retirement information if applicable); names of relatives who have preceded the person in death; names of survivors (including husband and wife, parents, in-laws, brothers, sisters, grandparents (only the number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren will be included); and where memorials may be directed.

We will be pleased to run a one column black and white photo at no charge. A larger photo or a color photo will cause the obit to be paid. Please keep in mind that everything must be submitted by your funeral home. Also we will charge if the obituary is to be run as sent without any changes in wording. Otherwise, the Castro County News reserves the right to change the wording to fit our style book.

COUNCIL

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this initiative."


Hance, a former legislator and Dimmitt native, also said in his letter that neither the City nor County will not be billed for his firm's initial services, but instead will work on a contingency basis.

"Although my firm will not initially bill the City or the County on an hourly basis or otherwise for our services, we will expect a reasonable fee for our services if successful in bringing a prison to the City of Dimmitt and/or Castro County," the letter from Hance states. "The fee is to be paid upon closing from the proceeds of any municipal revenue bonds issued to finance the above-described prison initiative, at a rate to be negotiated by the parties at that time."


In other action:

* The council agreed to pay \$2,040 to cover half the cost of material - Diamond Pro Dirt - to spread over the baseball field. DISD has already made the purchase, Denman said.


* Discussed whether or not the city should buy a tractor, since the tractor the city now has would require perhaps as much as \$10,900 to repair. City Council Bill Potts told Denman that unless the city is willing to spend at least \$20,000 on a tractor, the city runs the chance of buying one with as many, if not more, problems than the one it now owns.



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For **COUNTY JUDGE**

Before I ask you to vote for me, you should know what I believe in and what my desires are for this County.

There are three principles that I believe in, these are the same three principles that allowed my father to serve as Sheriff of Castro County for 22 years and to retire with the respect of most county residents. They are:

1. Treat people the same. (It doesn't matter what religion, race or social background someone is from, they deserve to be treated equal and with respect, unless they prove different.)
2. Watch what you say and how you say it. (Be careful, controversy is not always created by what you say or what you do but many times it is the result of how you say it or how you do it.)
3. Know when to quit. (If you are no longer effective in your job, turn it over to someone else.)

As Your County Judge I will:
Work with and support your elected officials, provide them with information and guidance they may seek or require to keep the county functioning at a solvent level. I will use my education, 33 years of management experience, management training and common sense to make good sound decisions. Enable the county employees to work in a unified work environment without long term controversy. I will not wear controversy as if it is a badge of honor or blame others. If there are problems we will work them out, if the problems are not solved then I have not done my job correctly. I will not tell other elected officials how to do their jobs, especially the County Attorney. I am not an attorney nor do I have his experience. If a case cannot be won then it is a waste of taxpayer's time and money.

Work with all County and municipal officials in Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth to bring businesses back to our county in order to stabilize and increase the county tax base. I do not advocate spending county money on private ventures even if the law may allow. The only exception to this will be projects that have an impact on the county as a whole. One such project may be attempting to keep reasonable rail service available and under local control. I have no problem with tax abatement on valid new projects. I will work to bring training programs to the county to help interested people with SBA loans, business training and budgeting. These classes and others can be provided by the Northwest Texas Small Business Development Center or even our local retired county business men and women. Our county economy has always been based in agriculture and I believe it will continue to be in agriculture. I saw an ad the other day where a young farmer was looking for farm land to rent. He will be the third generation of his family to farm in Castro County. Most of his destiny and others like him will be in their own hands but some of it will be in our hands. With this in mind what services do we cut? Do we keep cutting services and let the county dry up? Or do we build a stronger diversified economy? I know my choice will be very aggressive in this area.

Work to bring safe and decent housing to our communities for our senior citizens. Because my father lived next door to us where we could care for him, he was able to live his final years in his own home. Not all families are fortunate enough to have homes paid for and retirement plans. This will not involve spending county money. This can be done using USDA and other grants and setting up a local governing authority. The governing authority can be made up of county residents, businessmen and women, homemakers, etc. to make sure the property is used as designated and maintained in good repair. How soon will many of us or someone in our family be at the age that this is needed?

Aggressively work to rid our county of so many easy to get drugs. Drugs are a big problem for our children and they deserve better choices; they are our future. Drugs also cause an increase in other crime. There have been at least 12 welders and 8 four wheelers stolen in the recent past. The majority of these were used on the farms. Some were recovered and most were stolen to sell and use the proceeds to buy drugs. The need for money to buy drugs has also caused livestock, tools and vehicles to be stolen. Investigating these crimes use valuable resources from our Sheriff's office and the losses cause our insurance premiums to go up. Do we cut the services provided by the sheriff's office, do we patrol less, investigate less? One alternative is to apply for grants to preventing and reducing drug abuse, removing drug deals and reducing drug related crimes. Each year the Criminal Justice Department awards more than \$130 million in grants to help Texans in the fight against crimes - all aimed at making Texas a safer place.

Fire departments through out the county have received grants in the past but there are still millions of dollars in grants still available to them. These funds can be used to supply equipment and training. Some grants are designed specifically for volunteer fire departments. We all saw in the past weeks the need for well equipped fire departments in Hart, Nazareth and Dimmitt as well as the county. There are no guarantees that we will get all the grant money as apply for it but if we do not apply, I can guarantee we won't get any.

This election is not about winning a popularity contest, or being every ones best friend. It is about what is best for Castro County. I will work to be one of the fairest and most productive Judges in Castro County history. It is time for Castro County to move forward, I would appreciate your vote in the Democratic Primary and General Election.

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Friday: Breakfast - Hot Pocket egg and cheese, cereal, apple cinnamon loaf. Lunch - Turkey and dressing, hot dog on bun with chili, fajitas with onions and peppers, candied sweet potatoes, Mexipinto beans, mixed vegetables, ambrosia fruit salad, tossed salad, cole slaw, taco condiment salad, fresh fruit, fresh melon, rolls, fideo Mexicano, flour tortilla.

Monday: Breakfast - Breakfast burrito, cereal, Honey Bun. Lunch - Vegetable lasagna, poor boy steak, chicken taco, broccoli with cheese sauce, Mexicali corn, Mexipinto beans, tossed salad, fruit fantasy, taco condiment salad, fresh fruit, fresh melon, garlic bread, rolls, flour tortilla.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Peanut butter sandwich, Cocoa Puff cereal bar, orange wedges. Lunch - Steak fingers, cheese enchilada with sauce, chicken and noodles, potatoes au gratin, frijoles refrito, corn on the cob, tossed salad, guacamole salad, fresh spinach salad, fresh fruit, fresh melon, wheat rolls, tortilla chips, cornbread.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Strawberry Pop Tarts, cereal, Danish. Lunch - Barbecue rib patty on bun, chicken fillet strips, meat loaf with Creole sauce, pork and beans, mashed potatoes, Mexicali corn, cole slaw, cucumber/tomato salad, fresh fruit, fresh melon, rolls, Fritos.

Thursday: Breakfast - Cinnamon rolls, peaches, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal bar, bananas. Lunch - Nachos with cheese, bologna with cheese sandwich, chicken enchiladas, Mexipinto beans, mixed vegetables, Spanish rice, tossed salad, hamburger salad, taco condiment salad, peaches, fresh fruit, fresh melon, crackers.

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Friday: Breakfast - Sausage patty on roll, cereal. Lunch - Nachos and rolls, corn dogs, Frito salad, peas, oranges, pudding.

Monday: Breakfast - Blueberry muffins, cereal. Lunch - Spaghetti and cheese sticks, pizza, tossed salad, green beans, fruit cocktail, orange cake.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Cinnamon French toast, sausage patty, cereal. Lunch - Chicken fajitas, soft tacos, lettuce, beans, peaches, peanut butter bars.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Breakfast pockets, cereal. Lunch - Fish sandwich and potato chips, chef salad, lettuce, corn, macaroni and cheese, apples, cookies.

Thursday: Breakfast - Pancake/sausage, cereal. Lunch - Frito pie, pizza, cornbread, salad, peas, pears, apple crisp.

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Monday: Breakfast - Waffles with syrup, cereal. Lunch - Chicken nuggets, steak fingers, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, green beans, carrots, tossed salad, dill pickles.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Sausage breakfast, cereal. Lunch - Hamburger on a bun, beef burrito, potato puffs, carrots, tossed salad, dill pickles.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Honey Bun, cereal. Lunch - Taco salad, pizza with cheese, carrot sticks, tossed salad, dill pickles, corn, refried beans.

Thursday: Breakfast - Cereal. Lunch - Chicken sandwich, ham sandwich, carrots, dill pickles, tossed salad, peaches.

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and Sharon Pohlmeier, Billy and Tana May, Brian and Caleb, all of Amarillo; Shari May of Plano; Rita Pohlmeier of Denver, Colo.; Germaine, Shannon and Chris Witt of Henderson, Nev.; and Robert and Teri Pohlmeier of Smyrna Dela. Ralph Pohlmeier and family from Oklahoma were unable to attend due to an ice storm.

Please remember to pray for all of our sick people, our Seminarian, Nick Gerber and those serving in our Armed Forces. Prayers are asked for Ida Gipson, who will have shoulder surgery Tuesday in Amarillo; for Becky Birkenfeld and Janette Brockman, who are recuperating from surgery

Gerald Birkenfeld, Aaron Braddock, Fr. Lupe Mayorga Leon Birkenfeld, Micky Hochstein, Kenny Shaw, Shawn Gales and Ken Fischbacher, all attended and enjoyed the Men's ACTS Retreat in Amarillo this weekend.

Bobcats take Bi-District title; defeat Denver City Mustangs

Will play Spearman on Friday at Canyon HS

By DAVIE BROWDER
Managing Editor

LEVELLAND - The Dimmitt Bobcats fell behind early in the first quarter of their bi-district matchup with Denver City on Tuesday as the Mustangs reeled off seven unanswered points to take a 7-0 lead. However, head coach Alan Steinle called a time-out and talked to his team.

"Coach told us that you can't win on emotion alone and said that if we kept our composure, Denver City's emotion would fade," said senior Junior Limas who led the team with 21 points on the night. "And he was right. We stayed calm and got back in the game."

Indeed, by the end of first quarter, Dimmitt had narrowed its deficit to four points as Denver City led 14-9. Then the Bobcats turned up the heat - both defensively and offensively. They held the Mustangs to five second-quarter points, while hitting 17 of their own, including an eight-point run at the end of the first period to take a 26-19 lead.

"Well, we just calmed the kids down in the first time-out," Steinle said. "Our kids did a good job of responding. Those eight points at the end of the first half gave us a

"We know we have to take it one game at a time. We have to continue to play hard. We don't want the season to end Friday."

- Senior Junior Limas, who led the Bobcats with 21 points Tuesday night.

cushion and we needed it." That's because Denver City came back and tied the game up in the first part of the third quarter.

"If we hadn't had that eight-point cushion, we would have fallen behind instead of just being tied," Steinle said. "Who knows what would have happened then. Then at the end of the third quarter, we got the lead again, 41-32. And in the fourth quarter we did a good job of closing out that quarter for the win."

In the final period, Dimmitt outscored Denver City, 19-14, for the final, 60-46, win.

"We had the lead in the third and fourth quarters when Denver City made a couple of runs on us," Steinle said. "Our kids really did a good job defensively. Their two best players only scored 10 and 12 points - we

did a good job of defending against them. Those two players really were the key for Denver City in the game."

Steinle said the Bobcats "did an excellent job of carrying out what we wanted them to do in the game."

Limas had the same assessment.

"We played a good game," he said. "Coach told us to stick with our game plan and we did. In the second part of the first quarter and in the second quarter, we just stayed calm and got the lead."

The Bobcats will play Spearman at 8 p.m. Friday night at the new Canyon High School gym.

And the Bobcats know they can't be complacent going into that game, Limas said.

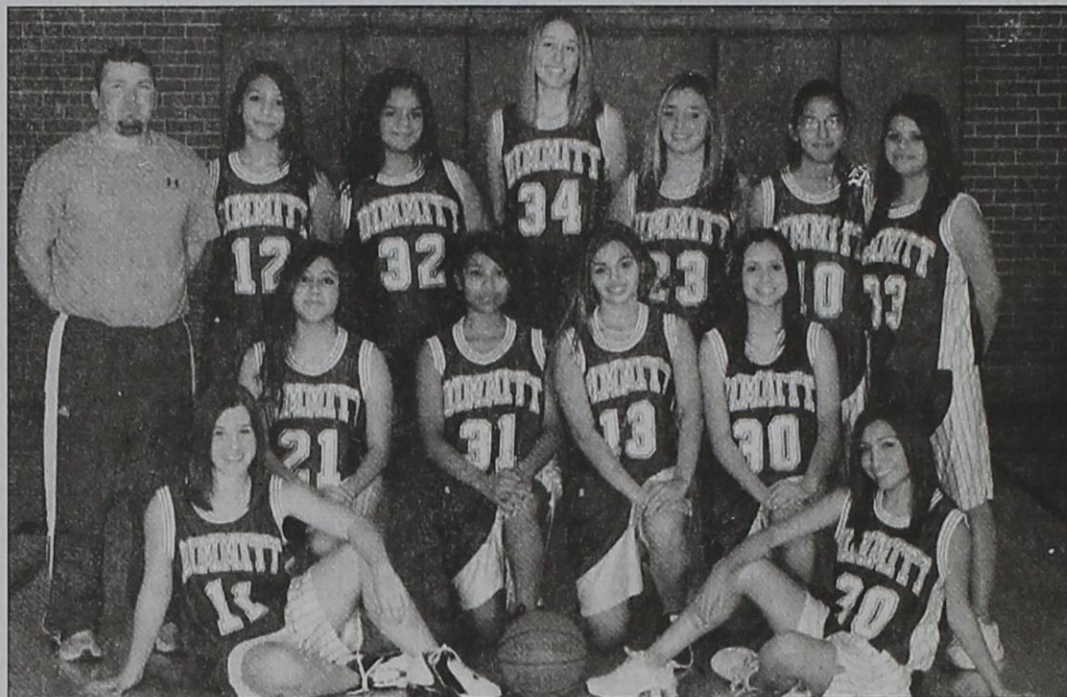
"We know we have to take it one game at a time," he said. "We have to continue to play hard. We don't want the season to end on Friday. We want to keep playing and winning."

Also scoring in double figures for the Bobcats on Tuesday night was Omar Catano with 13 points.

Alex Chavira had nine points and Isaac Aguilar had eight.



2006 Bobcats Bi-District Champions



Pictured: top row: Coach Haddock, Viviana Quiroz, Stephanie Castro, Liz Hill, Devonee Ortiz, Alyssa Saenz and Clarissa Martinez. Bottom row: Keshia Smith, Myra Aguilar, Vanessa Gonzales, Kathleen Martinez, Laura Rodriguez and Melissa Ruiz.

Freshman Bobbies win district

The Dimmitt Freshmen Bobbies finished their season as district champions with a record of 17-7, including a perfect 10-0

district mark.

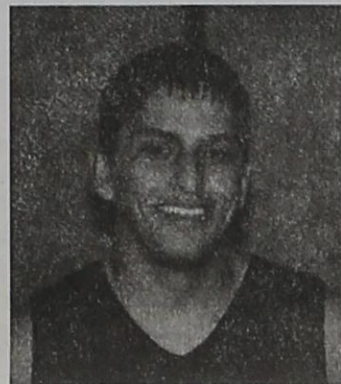
Four of the team's losses were to junior varsity teams.

Styler Haddock, first year basketball coach, said he enjoyed this year with the team and noticed a great deal of improvement.

"From day one working on fundamentals to the last game when we dribbled circles around our opponents, these freshmen girls were hard workers, coachable and hustlers," he said. "They are exciting to

watch and a great group to coach. They made my first experience with freshman girls basketball a memorable one."

The team returned five players from their eighth-grade year: Stephanie Castro, Liz Hill, Devonee Ortiz, Viviana Quiroz and Keshia Smith; and featured first-year players, Myra Aguilar, Vanessa Gonzales, Kathleen Martinez, Laura Rodriguez, Melissa Ruiz and Alyssa Saenz.



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THE NAZARETH SWIFTS with their Bi-District trophy, which they won on Monday night, defeating Valley, 85-40.

Swifts easily handle Valley

AMARILLO - The Nazareth Swifts apparently started back the way they ended district on Monday as they downed Valley, 85-40. The Swifts went 10-0 in district play and seldom had a game without a 40-point winning margin. The one exception was the last game with Happy, which Nazareth won 82-72. Earlier in the season the Swifts had easily downed Happy, 79-31.

The Swifts opened the first quarter with the starting five of Nazareth, Dustin Schulte, Zane Farris, Charlie Rundell, Jake Hoelting and Alan Gerber, who opened up a lead of 29-10 in that period. Nazareth opened the game to take a 4-0 lead, and in the middle of the first quarter went on a 13-point run to lead 22-4 at that point.

With the same group in for the second quarter, Nazareth expanded its lead to 48-17. Again, mid-quarter, the Swifts went on a 14 point run which Valley couldn't answer.

In the third period, head coach Mike Scarbrough substituted from the bench as Berry Clinton scored four

and Bradley Gerber had seven points to help the Swifts with another 19-point quarter, given them a 67-28 lead. In the final period, with Scarbrough substituting liberally, Taylor Schulte had two 3-pointers and Nicky Rowland also got in on the scoring as the Swifts outscored Valley 18-12.

Leading scorers for the Swifts were Jake Hoelting with 21, followed by Charlie Rundell with 17 and Dustin Schulte with 14.

"I thought it was a good start to the playoffs," Scarbrough said. "Overall I thought it was a pretty solid effort. We shot the ball well. I thought we were pretty crisp offensively and had only nine turnovers, so we were pretty efficient. Defensively, there are still some small things we've got to fix, but overall I was pleased."

Scarbrough said he

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THE NAZARETH SWIFTETTES with their regional trophy they won at Friday's game in Amarillo against Channing.

Swiftettes beat Channing, Whitharral

By **DAVIE BROWDER**
Managing Editor

The Nazareth Swiftettes are in the regional finals once again. But it never gets old. Either to the coaches or players.

After Tuesday night's decisive 49-24 win over Whitharral at Levelland High School, girls basketball coach Amy Huseman said her team played the game she asked it to. And in doing so, they ran the Lady Panthers into the floor.

"We played a really, really good game," Huseman said. "We picked up their game early and played the defense we had to play. Then our offense got us going. We moved up and down the floor and that's what we had to do - we had to play all 90 feet of the floor."

Whitharral tried to run with the Swiftettes in the first quarter, but by the second quarter, were only showing minimal resistance until Nazareth got to the paint.

With only two seniors this year - the other senior, Whitney Peacock is injured and unable to play - those girls have a lot riding on their shoulders.

Kendra Huseman, who is a tiger on defense, said after the game that "there are no

words to describe the feeling right now. We certainly never expected to win like this."

"With just two returning starters on the team and one freshman starting, it's a whole new team from last year," she said. "And each person who played last year is different this year."

Senior Kembra Albracht said she felt "awesome" after the win.

"It's especially important to us, being seniors," Albracht said. "We have the responsibility of keeping the tradition going. We have a lot of younger players on the team - four freshmen - so we have to take on a leadership role."

The Swiftettes played as

good a first half as they've perhaps played all season. The team played under control most of the night and took advantage of breaking the Whitharral press. They were tough on defense and played as a team - not taking a shot when they could pass it off to a player in a better position.

Whitharral drew first blood, scoring the first two points of the game and with 5:20 remaining in the first half the teams were tied at 3-3. However, Naz went on an eight-point run to lead 10-3 with 3:02 remaining. At the end of the first quarter, the Swiftettes led 15-11. And that's as close as the Lady Panthers got the rest of the

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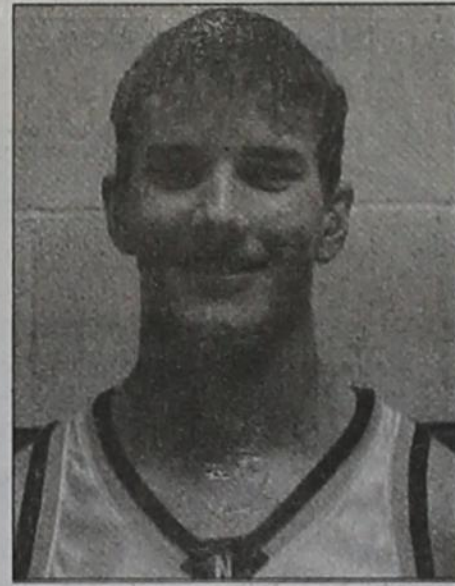
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Shorthorns are district runners-up

The Hart Shorthorn basketball team finished the season as runners-up in district, behind first-place finishers Sudan. In their first game with the Hornets, the Shorthorns were soundly defeated.

But Hart coach Tom Light, said that the team soon began to play together, winning all of their games, except the two against Sudan.

Overall, the team had a 9-4 record, losing by two to Nazareth and 10 to Taxico, N.M.

The coach said he's proud of the way his team, which consisted of seventh- and eighth-graders, performed.

In their last game, this one at home against Sudan, the Shorthorns tied the game at 17 with a two-pointer from Skylar Reyna.

Ruben Robledo led Hart with 12 points and Brian Pantojo added 11.

Though they tied the game, the Shorthorns fell two-points shy of a win and a tie for district, losing 32-29 to end their season.



HART'S XAVIER CHAVEZ, an eighth-grade member of the district runner-up Shorthorns, gets a layup against Sudan. The Shorthorns lost, 32-29 to the Hornets, who are the district champs.

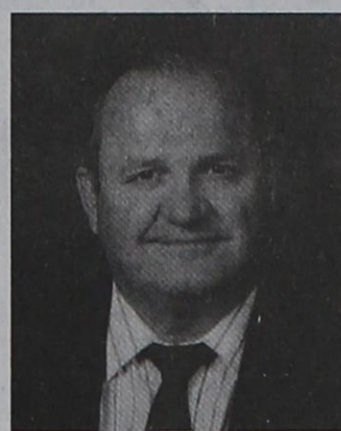
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least per student at \$6,500 but still beats many of the other states that spend a lot of money per student. Mississippi's drop out rate was 37 percent.

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* Kindergarten and Grade 1 will be released at 3:30

* Grades 2, 3, 4 will be released at 3:45

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*All students not riding the bus will be released in front of Richardson by the flagpole and the orange barrels. Students will not be allowed to exit from the west doors (back doors).

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Q. My father recently remarried. I understand he has a will that leaves everything to my step-mother. Can he do this?

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Q. My child's teacher took her cell phone away because she was using it in class. The teacher then read my daughter's text messages. Is this an illegal search?

A. The 4th amendment's restrictions on search and seizure apply to public school officials but not in full force. The search has to be "reasonable" under all the circumstances. It is not even clear that individualized suspicion is required. Furthermore the Court has allowed searches, such as urine sampling, if the students are involved in extracurricular

activities.

It is hard to say if this search was reasonable; a lot depends on the circumstances. Was there some reason the teacher read the text messages? In other words was there something about your daughter's conduct that created a suspicion. If there was, for example she was using it during a test, the search may be reasonable.

Q. I co-signed a note for a friend. Now she has filed bankruptcy. The creditor says that I have to pay, even though my friend cannot be forced to pay. Is this correct?

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