

Diamondback Times

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Diamondback Girl's Basketball

Basketball season is around the corner, the first practice was on Saturday, November 10th. I interviewed a couple of players the other day, and they had some interesting things to say. For starters I asked Vanessa Quevedo how she thought the basketball season was going to go, and she said, "I think it's going to be a learning experience for everyone, but overall a fun time." Their coach this year is Kevin Boyer. He's only ever been an assistant coach, but when I asked Vanessa how she felt about him she was sure he would do a good job. When I asked a couple of the players how they would work as a team, they all said they weren't sure because this year there's a big number of freshmen and obviously they aren't experienced with high school basketball. Although there will be a lot of younger girls on the team this year, hopefully all goes well so the Lady D-Backs can have a great season.

By: Prisilla Mancha

The Life of Leany

Kevin Leany was born in Fillmore, Utah. At the age of five he moved to Saint George, Utah. His high school experience started as a sophomore in 1970. While in college Mr. Leany realized that he loved to teach so he decided to start his teaching career at Dixie State College. He stayed for 3 years and then transferred here to Beaver Dam High School.

Mr. Leany has been here for almost 15 years. If he could have any other job he would want to be an air force pilot. Kevin Leany wouldn't want to teach any other subject but math.

By: Karissa Romero

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

TOPIC

6th-13th:

- 6th- Interact
- 10th- First Basketball Practice
- 12th - Veteran's Day
- 13th- Host Academic Olympics

TOPIC

14th-21st:

- 14th/15th- Junior's Auction
- 15th- Interact
- 16th- Sadie's Dance
- 20th- Turkey Bowl-
- 19th-21st- Finals

TOPIC

22nd-29th :

- 22nd-23rd- Thanksgiving Break
- 27th- Class Meeting
- 29th- Interact

By: Chris Wilson

Who AM I?

I am 5'6. I have brown hair and brown eyes. I love playing basketball. If you look for me during lunch I will either be in the gym shooting hoops or out front eating lunch with my friends. My favorite subject is Physics with Mr. Z.

DIAMONDBACK BOY'S BASKETBALL

As you know basketball season starts on Saturday, November 10th. For the boys practice will be held in the gym at 4 pm. I went around asking students who have already played basketball. How they think the season will go? What they think about the new coach? If they are nervous for any upcoming game if so which ones? And finally how do you think you will do throughout the season? These are some of their responses:

Senior Jose: " I think it's going to go pretty darn great actually with all the people that we have and a lot of commitment this year. I think we'll go far maybe even to like playoffs or state"

"It's different. Something we'll have to adjust to, but I think we'll make it work out. Hopefully he brings something better than what we got last year."

" Nervous? No. Excited? Yes and it'd probably be against Alamo because we can compete against them and maybe actually win."

"I think I'm going to do okay. I'm maybe gonna start out a little rough because I haven't played basketball in a while but throughout the season I think I'm going to get better and hopefully say that I actually belong on varsity."

Senior Brandon: " I think it's going to go great. Right now I just want to focus on the good stuff because if I focus on the good things then good things are likely to happen."

" I know he was pretty good at football as a football coach because he played football but I'm not really sure in terms of basketball but I'm gonna have confidence that he's going to be with us."

" I don't want to focus on teams individually I want to go against every team with the same mind set just try to beat them because I don't want to go light on one team and be scared for another."

"It's my last year so I'm trying to be the best and try to get better every year. "

By: Stacey Beltran

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

"Oh yes, the past can hurt. But you can either run from it, or learn from it." - Rafiki, *The Lion King* (Movie).

By; Lailani Haro

Monthly Horoscope

Aries (Mar 21- Apr 19)

"Be the answer to someone's impossible dream with the new moon on November 7. A problem that never interested you could get you involved now, to everybody's benefit. Do good and feel great about it."

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20)

"On November 6, the moon conjoins Venus and people will want to be friendlier. Enjoy the bright vibes. The next day's new moon brings you a cosmic infusion of love. It might be a fresh, new romantic interest already near and dear to your heart. You might have trouble not overreacting, but a big reaction might be appropriate."

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)

"Take good care of yourself and don't get too carried away during the new moon on November 7. There's always more to do than there's time for. Pace yourself and focus. What you accomplish now will not need to be done again."

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 20)

"On November 5, The world gets more emotional for you, but not for everyone around you. The new moon on the seventh wants you to remember a long-forgotten heart's desire. It could be something utterly personal that revives an old, important love. Indulge yourself."

Leo (Jul 23- Aug 22)

"Family and home life look great with the new moon on the seventh. Warm your heart with a major change - or a minor change that gives you major satisfaction, totally practical and utilitarian with nothing cosmetic about it."

Virgo (Aug 23- Sep 22)

"The November 7 new moon brings neighbors and friends together. It might not be a block party, but it will still feel like one. Get cooperation and make a lot of practical connections."

Libra (Sep 23-Oct 22)

"The quest for balance could be a mission impossible this November, Libra—but some months are just like that. Three planets are moving in and out of retrograde, and two more will move into new zodiac signs. If you can think of this as a period of transitions, you'll be better prepared to handle any curveballs. Lean in to your air-sign nature: When the winds of change blow in, see if they might carry you someplace interesting."

Scorpio (Oct 23- Nov 21)

"Go for broke with the new moon on November 7. You have power and resources that most people can't imagine and that nobody else can even see. Pick something meaningful and good and get it done."

Sagittarius (Nov 22- Dec 21)

"When the new moon arrives on November 7, the most productive and pleasant times might be spent in private or with one or two special intimate friends. Afterward, you could realize that a great insight has come your way. The next day, Jupiter enters Sagittarius. It might take extra effort to pace yourself and not get carried away. Be generous, within reason."

Capricorn (Dec 22- Jan19)

"You're a social magnet with the new moon on November 7. People you never considered talking to could be drawn to you and want opinions, advice, and acknowledgement. Be gracious but not gratuitous with your praise. On the eleventh, the moon-Saturn conjunction gives you a bit more authority to accomplish

Junior High Female Athlete

The Junior High female athlete for the month of September is Katrina Beltran. Katrina Beltran is a seventh grader and her favorite sport is soccer. She also sees Hirving Lozano, more commonly known as Chucky, as her role model who is a professional soccer player. When asked why she thinks she was awarded athlete of the month, she said, "I practice a lot and I put the effort in so I think that's why I'm student of the month."

The Junior High female athlete of the month for October is Alexia De Santiago. She is also a seventh grader and her favorite sport is soccer. Alexia looks up to Lionel Messi who is a professional soccer player. When asked why she thinks she was awarded athlete of the month, she said, "Because I work out everyday after school and practice."

By: Taylor Reed

Junior High Male Athlete of the Month

The Junior High male athlete of the month for September is David Enriquez. He is from the eighth grade class. David's favorite sport is football and he looks up to Emmanuel Sanders who is a wide receiver for the Denver Broncos. When David was asked why he thought he earned athlete of the month, he responded "Because of all the hard work I do."

The Junior High male athlete of the month for October is Arath Santos. He is from the eighth grade class. Arath's favorite sport is football and he also looks up to Emmanuel Sanders who is a wide receiver for the Denver Broncos. When Arath was asked why he thought he earned athlete of the month he responded "It's because of all the dedication I put in."

By; Angel Martinez

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High School Students of the Month

September

Our first student of the month winner for September was Lailani. We asked her various questions and this is what she had to say. She said she felt surprised to get student of the month this early in the year. We also asked how hard she worked for this reward and she told us that she has been slacking off less and feels it's really paying off. Lailani is in 12th grade and her hobbies include basketball, playing guitar, reading, writing, and softball. She also has 2 brothers, and her parents. She has been attending Beaver Dam since elementary.

Presley was our other September winner and this is what he had to say. He told us he felt honored, he also worked hard by keeping his grades up to a 4.0. Presley is in 12th grade and has been in Beaver Dam for 2 years. His birthday is May 12, 2000. When he arrived, something with his credits went wrong and he only had 7 and a half credits in his senior year, his weaknesses are procrastinating really bad. We also asked of how his friends would describe him and he said demanding. One thing he is proud of is bring his credits up and his hobbies are anything to do with art drawing, painting, fixing cars fixing motorcycles and working on them. The job Presley would like is auto motor technician.

October

Chris was our October winner and this is how he responded to our questions. Chris said, "I felt pretty good for winning it and not everyone gets to. I did not think I was going to win it, but shockingly I did". We then asked if he thought he deserved this He responded with "I don't think I should deserve it but if I put the work in and they I think I deserve it then I guess, but I feel like other kids could have deserved it". His hobbies are: reading, listening to music, being outside, and enjoying nature. Some strengths include reading pretty well, also speaking his way out of stuff if required. So if he gets in an argument he will win it. Weaknesses are: all of them! Chris has been in the district for 2 year. His birthday is March 6th and for his additional comment he said, "Erick and Jasmine did a fantastic job of asking questions."

Elizabeth Jensen, our female winner, responded in this way. She said she felt awesome about winning student of the month, she told us she did work hard to win. Elizabeth is in 10th grade and her birthday is June 15, 2003. Her hobbies consists of sports and drawing. Strength is volleyball. We asked what her weaknesses are and she said "I guess I am ok at basketball". One way her friends would describe her is blond. Elizabeth has also been in the district for about three years. The job she would like is as a physical therapist.