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City raises green, cart fees at Hidden Hills

BY BETSY PHILLIPS
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During the first city meeting of the year Pampa commissioners adopted two resolutions approving grant applications and raised the fees at the golf course.
The new green and cart fees at Hidden Hills Golf Course are expected to bring in an additional

\$25,000 to \$30,000 per year. Fees have not been raised at the course since 2007.
Green fees for adult rounds played Monday-Friday will go up \$1, to \$13. Weekend and holidays, the course will charge \$16 per round. Senior citizens (62 years of age and older) will pay \$10 on week days and junior golfers (18 years of age and under,

and enrolled as a full-time student) will pay \$9. Green fees for junior golfers on weekends and holidays are \$11. Golf carts will be rented to a single rider for \$6.50 if playing nine holes, or \$12.50 for 18 holes. For two riders in a cart, the fees are \$12 and \$24 respectively.
Yearly Green Fees remain, Single - \$525, Couple - \$600, Family - \$650, Seniors - \$425,

Seniors Couple - \$475, Juniors - \$225. The new fees became effective when passed, Tuesday, Jan. 12.
Commissioners gave their approval to a grant application to Texas Parks and Wildlife that could bring the city \$500,000 to help pay for the proposed aquatic
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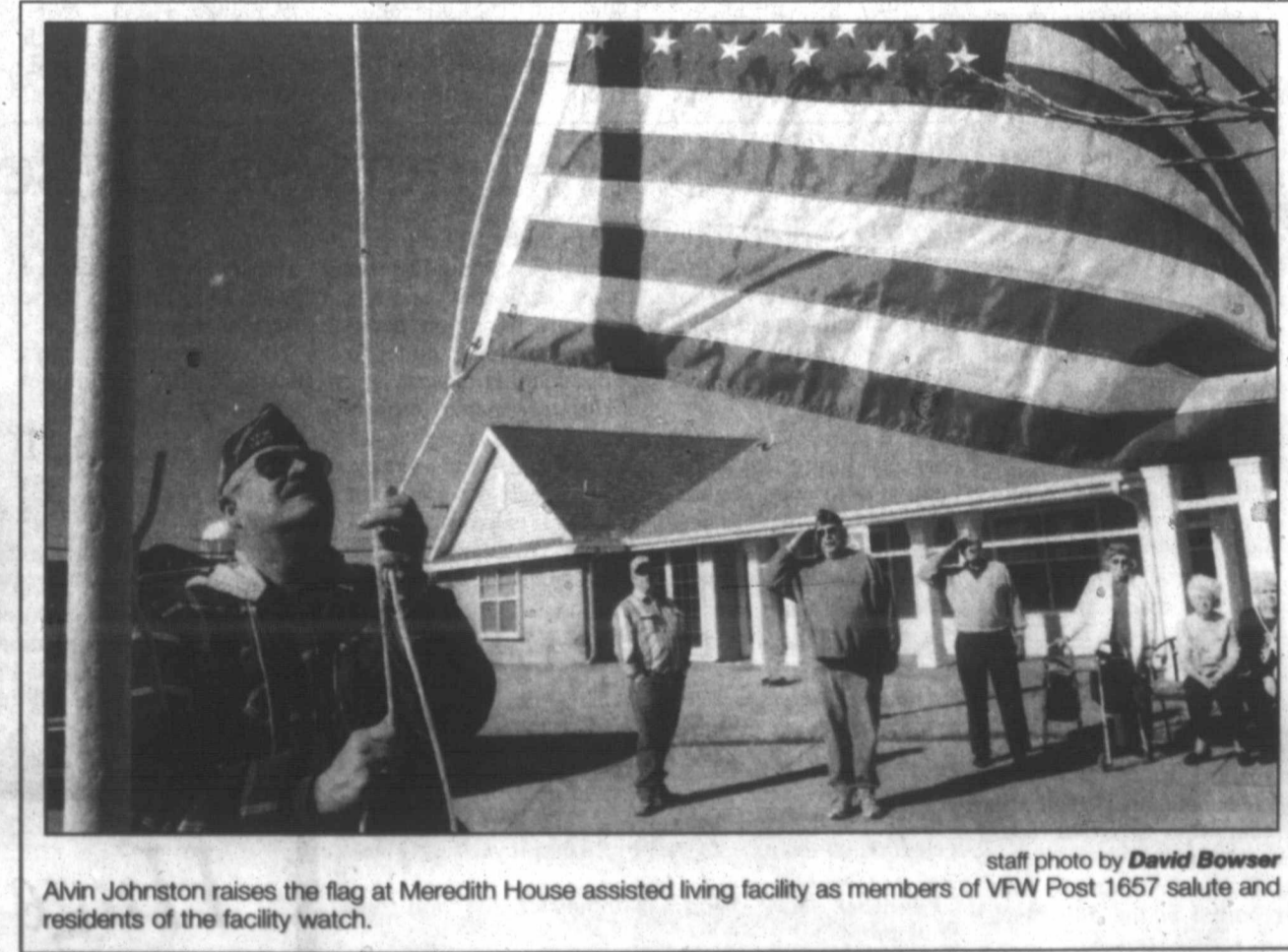
The Pampa Optimist Youth Club has an exciting year coming up according to Chris Porter, Vice President of the Club. The Boys Basketball season is starting, with signups January 14, and 15 and the season starting on the 25. This league is for all boys, third through sixth grade.
"We'll be having our baseball and softball signups, the week before Spring Break", said Porter. "There is a lot of excitement this year for our baseball programs, being that we will be hosting the Regional Cal Ripken Tournament for our nine and 10 year olds and the 11 and 12 Regional will be at Randall."
The 11 and 12 year old team is the defending West Texas State Champions, and the 9 and 10 year old team are the runner up West Texas

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Oops



Pampa firefighters Tim Roberts and Josh Taylor work to stop a gas leak in the 400 block of Starkweather. City water crews were repairing a water line when they hit a gas line with a backhoe about noon Wednesday.
staff photo by David Bowser



Alvin Johnston raises the flag at Meredith House assisted living facility as members of VFW Post 1657 salute and residents of the facility watch.
staff photo by David Bowser

VFW hoists flag

The Stars and Stripes flew proudly today from the flagpole in front of Meredith House.
In a ceremony Wednesday afternoon, members of VFW Post 1657 hoisted the United States flag in front of the assisted living facility. The Pampa VFW post furnished the flag and flag pole halyard, according to George Collingsworth, a life member of the organization.
Donnie Miller and Alvin Johnson, both also life mem-

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ATMOS offers help with home heating bills

Lubbock— With extremely cold temperatures covering much of the United States, Atmos Energy Corporation advises its customers that energy assistance funds are available for those who need help paying for home heating.
"Like last winter, this heating season will be challenging for our customers, and Atmos Energy is ready to help connect our customers in need with energy assistance agencies," said Gary Gregory, president of Atmos Energy's West Texas Division. "Some agencies have a new supply of federal or state funds to help people pay their utility bills."
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Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 31. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 46. Wind chill values between 22 and 32 early. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 34. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 58. Southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 32. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north northwest.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 53. Calm wind becoming south between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 31. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Jan. 13. Jesus Abel Chavez, 22, was arrested by Gray County deputies in connection with driving while intoxicated.

Christopher Lee Allred, 35, was arrested on three capias pro fine warrants.

Kenneth Loren Cargal, 32, was arrested by Pampa police officers for resisting arrest.

Crystal Dawn Fuller, 43, was arrested for probation violation in connection with a possession of dangerous drugs charge.

Steven Angel, 43, was arrested by police on capias pro fine warrants and charges of criminal trespass and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Angel Renee Whinery, 20, was arrested by deputies on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Carlos Lamont Fisher Jr., 41, St. Louis, Ill., was arrested by deputies in connection with a bond surrender on charges of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, aggravated assault of a public servant.

Thursday, Jan. 14. Jennifer Marie Brown, 26, of Lefors, was arrested by police in connection with a bond surrender on

charges of possession of marijuana.

Aemon Troy Layton, 26, was arrested by police on charges of failure to report a change of address and failure to appear on a speeding charge.

Ginger Karol Neeley, 39, of Hedley, was arrested by police on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Officers reported 12 traffic-related calls.

Animal control officers reported four calls.

Pampa EMS reported eight medical calls.

Wednesday, Jan. 13. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

A burglary was reported in the 1100 block of South Wilcox.

An unattended death was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

A fire investigation was launched at Browning and Starkweather.

Officers assisted another agency at Lincoln and Dwight.

A theft was reported in the 700 block of North Russell.

A vehicle was reported stolen to police.

Narcotics violation was reported at Lincoln and Dwight.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1000 block of South Huff.

Suicide attempt was reported in the 500 block of North Magnolia.

A sewer choke was reported in the 1000 block of North Banks.

A car was broken into in the 400 block of Graham.

A theft was reported in the 1200 block of South Wilcox.

A 911 hangup call was reported in the 1400 block of East Browning.

A theft was reported in the 2400 block of North Charles.

City water officials were called to the 100 block of East Foster.

Thursday, Jan. 14. A suspicious person was reported at Craven and

Obituaries

Dale Robbins, 86

Pampa — Dale Robbins, 86, January 12, 2010, in Amarillo, Texas.

Services 10 a.m. Saturday, January 16, 2010 at Calvary Baptist Church, with Rev. Richard Bartel, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery with military honors courtesy U. S. Marine Corps. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Robbins was born September 21, 1923 in Wichita, Kansas to Darwin and Ruth Robbins. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1955. He married Doris Graham on April 2, 1966 in Pampa. Dale worked as an engineer for Pantex from 1957 until 1987. He also worked as a realtor for Shed Realty

from 1980 until 1992. He and Doris owned The Rock Shop for over 20 years. Dale was a silversmith and wood turner. He was a veteran of the U. S. military, serving under three different branches. He served with the U. S. Marine Corps during World War II, with the U. S. Coast Guard during the Korean Conflict, and during the Vietnam War with the U. S. Naval Reserve where he served for 29 years, retiring as a Sr. Chief Petty Officer. He was a member of the V.F.W. Post 1657, he was a mason and shiner, and was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Robbins of the home; two sons, William "Billy" Robbins and wife Allyson of Annan, Scotland, and Mike Robbins of Pampa; three daughters, Donna Kay Brown and husband Jim of Frisco, Carol Alexander of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Kathy Cota and husband Harold of Pampa; nine grandchildren, Misty Alvey and husband Todd of Pampa, Mike Cota of Bend, Oregon, Leslie Girdner and husband Jeff of Frisco, Valerie Brown of Little Elm, Shana Dees and husband Gerald of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Danya Kraft and husband Jeramia and C. B. Trey Alexander and wife Tabitha, all of Bridgecreek, Oklahoma, Ryan Robbins of London, England, and Ashley Robbins of Annan, Scotland; 16 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Dale was

preceded in death by his parents; his stepfather: Les Parsley; and 2 brothers: Dwain Robbins and Jimmy Parsley.

MEMORIALS: Calvary Baptist Jubilee, 900 E. 23rd, Pampa, Texas 79065, or V.F.W. Post 1657, P.O. Box 2684, Pampa, Texas 79066-2684.

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Maxine Manning, 82

Pampa — Maxine Manning, 82, died January 12, 2010, in Pampa, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Manning was born April 1, 1927 in Wellington where she attended Wellington schools. She married Bobby Jack Manning in 1967 in Amarillo, and he preceded her in death in 1972. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1971. She was employed for Furr's Grocery Store for 22 years, retiring in 1991. She later worked at Baker Elementary School for 5 years. Maxine was a member of Cornerstone Baptist Church. She was a won-

derful cook and enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

The family would like to thank Julie, Barbara, Martha, Darrell Burton and Dr. Revell of Hospice of the Southwest, and the staff of Shepard's Crook for their love and special care of their mother.

Survivors include three daughters, Janet West and husband Brad of Norcross, Georgia, Nita Fox and fiancée Stacy of Houston, and Diana West of Pampa; two sons, Cal West and wife Sherry of Corona, New Mexico, and David Cook and girlfriend Margie of Pampa; four granddaughters, Gina Teffetteller and husband Tim of Laguna

Niguel, California, Misty McCampbell of Clarendon, Kelli West of Plainview, and April West of Pampa; seven grandsons, D. J. VanCronchite of Norcross, Georgia, San West and wife Kim of Hedley, Ryan Fox and Caleb Fox, both of Houston, Alton Cook and wife Cynthia of Pampa, Joshua Cook and wife Pegan of Amarillo, and Dusty Cook; 23 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents: Benjamin Franklin and Alma Foree Ford; two sisters, Olene Battreall and Pearl Brown; brother-in-law Bill Brown; and two granddaughters: Chrissy Cheek and Audrey



Manning

Fitzpatrick.

MEMORIALS: Hospice of the Southwest, 1301 S. Coulter, Suite 404, Amarillo, Texas 79106, or Cornerstone Baptist Church, 2410 W. 23rd, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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John Michael "Mike" Flynt, 62

Pampa — John Michael "Mike" Flynt, 62, died January 11, 2010, in Pampa, Texas.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, January 15, 2010, at First Baptist Church, with Dr. Johnny Funderburg, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors. Mr. Flynt was born April 22, 1947 in San Diego, California. He was a lifelong resident of Pampa, graduating from Pampa

High School in 1965. Mike was a member of First Baptist Church where he was an active member of the choir, bus ministry and visitation ministry. He was a faithful volunteer for Pampa Meals on Wheels. Mike will be greatly missed by his friends and family.

Survivors include his sister, Donna Reed and husband Michael of Waco; uncle, Kelso Holman of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; two nieces, Lisa Cranfill and husband Chris of Frisco, and Leslie Anne

Hamilton and husband Nick of Goldthwaithe; a nephew, Daniel Nix of Waco; three great-nieces, two great-nephews and numerous friends. Mike was preceded in death by his parents, John Walter Flynt and Leta Holman Flynt; and a brother-in-law, Walter Nix, Jr.

MEMORIALS: In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Pampa Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 939, Pampa, Texas 79066-0939, First Baptist Church Building Campaign Fund, P.O. Box 621, Pampa,



Flynt

Texas 79066-0621, or the Epilepsy Society.

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whitley.com

Ex-CPS GM gets \$390k settlement

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Documents show a former general manager of San Antonio-owned CPS Energy is getting about \$390,000 in his settlement with the utility.

Steve Bartley resigned Nov. 25 during the investigation into why higher-than-expected nuclear cost estimates to expand the South Texas Project were

kept from the CPS board. The San Antonio Express News reported details Thursday based on documents obtained under a public records request.

The newspaper reports Bartley will receive 15 months of base salary. He also will get credit for about 21 extra months of service to qualify for an early pension and health

coverage. Bartley last year earned about \$313,000 in base pay, plus incentives.

The agreement says Bartley, who could not

immediately be reached for comment, agreed not to sue CPS and will help the utility with any legal claims.

Bush, Clinton asked to help with Haiti relief

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama has asked former Presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton to help with U.S. relief efforts in Haiti.

An Obama administration official says Obama has reached out to Clinton and George W. Bush, and that details of their efforts will be announced in the coming days.

Star-Telegram plans 28 layoffs

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The Fort Worth Star-Telegram will reduce its staff by 28 employees and eliminate 17 open jobs.

Publisher Gary Wortel announced the job cuts Wednesday.

A story in Thursday's Star-Telegram said most departments at the paper will be affected by reductions, although advertising sales and editorial will be minimally affected. Wortel says the newspaper has seen improvement in revenue trends, but the newspaper still needs to reduce expenses going forward.

The Star-Telegram, which is owned by the McClatchy Co., in March 2009 reduced its staff by more than 100.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Starkweather. A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 500 block of North Doucette.

A suspicious person was reported at Tyng and Ballard.

An alarm was reported in the 900 block of North Hobart.

A fire investigation was launched in the 400 block of North Davis.

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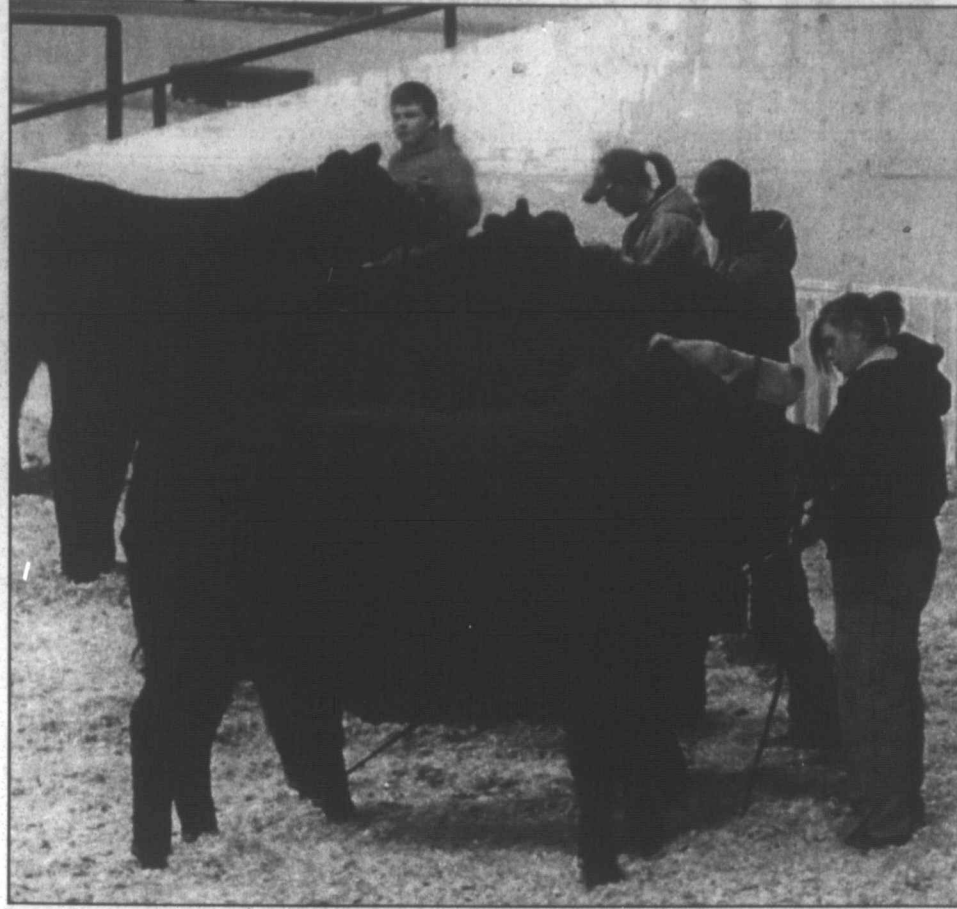
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Help for victims of Haiti earthquake disaster

During the last few days, pictures have come from one of the worst earthquakes in modern times that has about decimated the entire country of Haiti. Those pictures reveal the suffering and agony those poor people are experiencing.

Many Americans rally with generosity and care to our fellow man's comfort and aid when necessary. However, we should beware of donating money to unscrupulous organizations that don't get all the help to the people. Make sure you know the organization you donate to and what their practices are.

The Church of the Nazarene began missionary work in Haiti in 1950. The work since then has produced 523 churches, each with a Haitian pastor, and together made up of more than 110,000 Christians. Those churches were scheduled to have their annual assembly this week until the devastation interrupted. Several other projects include feeding 20,000 hot lunches to school students every day, two clinics with pharmacies, a Bible college, sea-water reclamation project for fresh drinking water, agricultural and animal production, and many other supportive systems.

The Church of the Nazarene has many contacts with other churches and government agencies, and compassionate ministry sites, which will be working together to distribute food, water, clothing, medicine, and other emergency supplies. Without any overhead expenses, all donations will actually be available to meet the people's needs.

If you, your business, or family, want to consider making a donation through your local church, or through the Church of the Nazarene, we will be more than happy to process it.

You can mail your donation to: 510 N. West St, Pampa TX 79065. Or you may make a donation online at nazarene.org. (If you use a search engine, select Church of the Nazarene Home.) Click on "Giving" at the bottom, click "Give Now," click "Designated Giving," select "Nazarene Compassionate Ministries," click "NCM Projects," select "Caribbean Region," then click "Caribbean Disaster Response ACM 1204." Or, you can mail

your payment to General Treasury Services, P.O. Box 843116, Kansas City, MO 64184 — note on your check "Caribbean Disaster Response ACM 1204" to be sure it is applied correctly. If you have any questions, call 669-3144 or 669-7217.

Please pray for families in Haiti in their loss, for their recovery, and for their salvation in spite of the destruction.

Thanks & God bless you, Pastor Jimmie.

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center at Inez Carter Park. If Pampa receives the funding, it will be awarded in August.

The second grant application approved is for \$75,000 to create a "boundary" or barrier free playground in Recreation Park.

Pampa Police Chief Kelly Rushing presented 2009 totals for his department to commissioners at Tuesday's meeting. The Pampa Police Department answered 18,603 calls, made 819 arrests, investigated 602 accidents and issued 5,643 citations during the year. The school resource officer processed

238 incident reports. At Pampa High School, he issued 108 citations and made 47 arrests. At Pampa Junior High School, 87 citations were issued and 21 arrests were made. Chief Rushing also presented the annual racial profiling report, required by law. "There is no indication (in the statistics) that our officers are basing stops on anything except the incident at hand. They are looking at violations, not people, and that's a good thing. You can be proud of your Pampa police officers," Rushing said.

ATMOS

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"Fortunately, too, natural gas prices this year are lower than gas prices were last winter," Gregory said.

A recent survey by the National Energy Assistance Directors' Association found that the number of households receiving energy assistance funds reached record levels for the second year in a row. The survey showed 8.3 million American households received aid in 2009, up from 6.1 million the previous year.

Congress passed and President Obama signed legislation to provide \$5.1 billion in funds for low-income Americans who need help paying energy bills. This latest funding for the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance program (LIHEAP) includes \$4.5 billion in formula funds and \$590 million in contingency funds.

Atmos Energy customers can find a local energy assistance agency on the company's Web site at www.atmosenergy.com by clicking on Home Service and on the link for energy assistance agencies. Customers also can call the company's customer contact center for assistance

toll-free at 1-888-286-6700. Because of high winter-call volumes, customers are encouraged to call during the afternoon, evening or the weekend.

"Most important, customers who need help should contact one of these energy assistance agencies or call us early, rather than wait until the last minute, if they are having trouble paying their bills," said Jeff Hardgrave, Atmos Energy's vice president of customer service. "Often a payment problem can be resolved easily if a customer calls us early."

Last winter, Atmos Energy referred more than 55,000 customers to community energy assistance agencies; an increase of 48 percent from the previous winter. Atmos Energy customers received more than \$9 million in energy assistance funds last winter.

Atmos Energy, its customers and employees donated more than \$1.2 million in 2009 to help energy assistance agencies through the company's Sharing the Warmth program. The funds were distributed to assistance agencies in the givers' local areas.

Exxon to inject new life in old oil field

HOUSTON (AP) — An Exxon Mobil division has announced plans to use advanced technology to extract more oil from a historic, largely depleted eastern Texas oil field.

In 1940, Exxon Mobil predecessor Humble Oil and Refining Co. brought in the Hawkins Field, about 100 miles east of Dallas. An statement says the field has yielded more than 800 million barrels of oil over the 70 years since and was a major energy source during World War II.

Now, Exxon Mobil says it plans to use injections of nitrogen and other gases to force the remaining oil to the surface. It expects another 40 million barrels of crude and extend the life of the field by about 25 years.

POYC

State Champs.

"We had a great Winter Baseball Camp, with a lot more kids participating than we originally thought would", said Porter. "We wish the weather would have cooperated a little bit, but we did learn some things that we will be better prepared for next year."

After baseball and softball, football will be starting in August, with Girls Basketball rounding out the year.

"Every year we, the Optimist Board, evaluate how our programs are serving all of our youth, and this year we will be looking at changing our third and fourth grade football program, to a flag league, and possibly making some changes with our fifth and

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sixth grade tackle program. Our goal is to have the most competitive program in the Panhandle", Porter said. "We feel like our organization better fill the needs for our future Harvesters."

Porter also stated, "The Board's job is to decide the best direction for the POYC programs. We listen to the community, and talk to the high school coaches for their feedback. We will continue our efforts, to instill good sportsmanship and provide the leadership skills for our future adults."

The Pampa Optimist Club is always looking for volunteers for coaches or to help in many different areas with our youth. Anyone interested may contact any member of the Optimist Club for information.

Sudokps

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Flag

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bers of the VFW, joined Collingsworth in doing the work of installing the flagpole.

Collingsworth said James Deboll with Sign Scapes furnished a bucket truck to help with the flagpole.

Shortly after 1 p.m. under clear blue skies Wednesday, Johnson raised the new flag in front of Meredith House, 817 West 25th Street, as Miller and Collingsworth saluted and residents of Meredith House watched.

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Viewpoints

STIMULUS WATCH: Unemployment unchanged by projects

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal spending surge of more than \$20 billion for roads and bridges in President Barack Obama's first stimulus has had no effect on local unemployment rates, raising questions about his argument for billions more to address an "urgent need to accelerate job growth."

An Associated Press analysis of stimulus spending found that it didn't matter if a lot of money was spent on highways or none at all: Local unemployment rates rose and fell regardless. And the stimulus spending only barely helped the beleaguered construction industry, the analysis showed.

With the nation's unemployment rate at 10 percent and expected to rise, Obama wants a second stimulus bill from Congress including billions of additional dollars for roads and bridges — projects the president says are "at the heart of our effort to accelerate job growth."

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood defended the administration's recovery program Monday, writing on his blog that "DOT-administered stimulus spending is the only thing propping up the transportation construction industry."

Road spending would total nearly \$28 billion of the Jobs for Main Street Act, a \$75 billion second stimulus to help lower the unemployment rate and improve the dismal job market for construc-

tion workers. The Senate is expected to consider the House-approved bill this month.

But AP's analysis, which was reviewed by independent economists at five universities, showed the strategy of pumping transportation money into counties hasn't affected local unemployment rates so far.

"There seems to me to be very little evidence that it's making a difference," said Todd Steen, an economics professor at Hope College in Michigan who reviewed the AP analysis.

And there's concern about relying on transportation spending a second time.

"My bottom line is, I'd be skeptical about putting too much more money into a second stimulus until we've seen broader effects from the first stimulus," said Aaron Jackson, a Bentley University economist who also reviewed AP's analysis.

For the analysis, the AP reviewed Transportation Department data on more than \$21 billion in stimulus projects in every state and Washington, D.C., and the Labor Department's monthly unemployment data to assess the effects of road and bridge spending on local unemployment and construction employment. The analysis did not try to measure results of the broader aid that also was in the first stimulus such as tax cuts, unemployment benefits or money for



states. Even within the construction industry, which stood to benefit most from transportation money, the AP's analysis found there was nearly no connection between stimulus money and the number of construction workers hired or fired since Congress passed the recovery program. The effect was so small, one economist compared it to trying to move the Empire State Building by pushing against it.

"As a policy tool for creating jobs, this doesn't seem to have much bite," said Emory University economist Thomas Smith, who supported the stimulus and reviewed AP's analysis. "In terms of creating jobs, it doesn't seem like it's created very many. It may well be employing lots of people but those two things are very different."

Despite the disconnect, Congress is moving quickly to give Obama the additional road money he

requested. "We have a ton of need for repairing our national infrastructure and a ton of unemployed workers to do it. Marrying those two concepts strikes me as good stimulus and good policy," White House economic adviser Jared Bernstein said. "When you invest in this kind of infrastructure, you're creating good jobs for people who need them."

Even so, transportation spending is too small of a pebble to create waves in the nation's \$14 trillion economy. And starting a road project, even one considered "shovel ready," can take many months, meaning any modest effects of a second burst of transportation spending are unlikely to be felt for some time.

"It would be unlikely that even \$20 billion spent all at once would be enough to move the needle of the huge decline we've seen, even in construction, much less the economy. The job destruction is way too big," said Kenneth D.

Simonson, chief economist for the Associated General Contractors of America.

Few counties, for example, received more road money per capita than Marshall County, Tenn., about 90 minutes south of Nashville.

Obama's stimulus is paying the salaries of dozens of workers there, but local officials said the unemployment rate continues to rise and is expected to top 20 percent soon. The new money for road projects isn't enough to offset the thousands of local jobs lost from the closing of manufacturing plants and automotive parts suppliers.

The 400-page stimulus law contains so many provisions — tax cuts, unemployment benefits, food stamps, state aid, military spending — economists agree that it's nearly impossible to determine what worked best and replicate it. It's also impossible to quantify exactly what effect the stimulus has had on job creation,

although Obama points to estimates that credit the recovery program for creating or saving 1.6 million jobs.

But Republicans aren't expected to oppose Obama's plans to increase transportation spending, a politically popular idea supported even by some in the GOP who have criticized other stimulus programs.

The road money ripples through the economy better than other spending because it improves the nation's infrastructure, said Bernstein, the White House economist.

But that's a policy argument, not a stimulus argument, said Daniel Seiver, an economist at San Diego State University who reviewed AP's analysis.

"Infrastructure spending does have a long-term payoff, but in terms of an immediate impact on construction jobs it doesn't seem to be showing up," Seiver said.

Today in History

Today is Thursday, Jan. 14, the 14th day of 2010. There are 351 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 14, 1784, the United States ratified a peace treaty with England, ending the Revolutionary War.

On this date: In 1639, the first constitution of Connecticut — the Fundamental Orders — was adopted.

In 1858, Napoleon III, Emperor of the French, and his wife, Empress Eugenie, escaped an assassination attempt led by Italian revolutionary Felice Orsini, who was later captured and executed.

In 1898, author Charles Lutwidge Dodgson — better known as "Alice in Wonderland" creator Lewis Carroll — died in Guildford, Surrey, England, less than two

Prime Minister and French Gen. Charles de Gaulle opened a wartime conference in Casablanca. In 1952, NBC's "Today" show premiered, with Dave Garroway as the host, or "communicator," as he was officially known.

In 1969, 27 people aboard the

weeks before his 66th birthday.

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Winston Churchill

aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, off Hawaii, were killed when a rocket warhead exploded, setting off a fire and additional explosions.

Today's Birthdays: CBS commentator Andy Rooney is 91. Singer Jack Jones is 72. Actress Faye Dunaway is 69. Actress Holland Taylor is 67. Actor Carl Weathers is 62. Singer-producer T-Bone Burnett is 62. Movie writer-director Steven Soderbergh is 47. Actor Mark Addy is 46. Fox News Channel anchorman Shepard Smith is 46. Rapper Slick Rick is 45. Actor Dan Schneider is 44. Actress Emily Watson is 43. Actor-comedian Tom Rhodes is 43. Rapper-actor LL Cool J is 42. Actor Jason Bateman is 41. Rock singer-musician Dave Grohl (Foo Fighters) is 41. Retro-soul singer-songwriter Marc Broussard is 28. Rock musician Joe Guese is 27.

'If you limit your actions in life to things that nobody can find fault with, you will not do much.'

— Lewis Carroll, English author

his options open.

DEAR ABBY: My problem is I attract needy people. I don't have a problem setting boundaries. However, those boundaries are frequently crossed because the person is so self-absorbed that he/she "can't hear" me.

How does one draw the line with a complete stranger who wants to tell me her whole life story the first time we meet, and sucks away my energy and my time? I feel like the individual isn't even talking to me. She might as well be talking to herself or to a wall for all I care.

Abby, I do not want to continue being taken hostage by these kinds of people. I don't want to be unkind, but I haven't found a way to protect myself from being forced to invest time in needy acquaintances with whom I do not wish to pursue a relationship. I am not a total (rhymes with witch), but I am definitely ... **BAFFLED IN VERO BEACH, FLA.**

DEAR BAFFLED: If I understand your description correctly, the type of person you describe is a "sapper." These are individuals who talk until they completely drain the energy from their "victim" — not unlike vampires in Stephenie Meyer's novels.

An effective way to deal with a sapper is to stop the conversation. Explain that he or she has caught you at a time or place when it's inconvenient to talk, or tell the person you do not feel qualified to deal with their situation and refer them to a doctor, lawyer or therapist. Then walk away or end the phone call — depending upon how they have "attached" themselves to you.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Our son, "Sam," is a senior in high school and has chosen a college that will suit his major. Now, all of a sudden, his girlfriend, "Amanda," has decided she wants to attend the same school. We'd like to discourage it because we know she's only going there to be close to our son. We feel she needs to get out on her own as much as Sam does.

Sam has tried to break up with her in the past, but she makes him feel guilty about breaking it off. Please help us figure out a way to make Sam understand the kind of position he's putting himself in. Amanda is needy and spoiled. She has never had to work for anything. Our son holds down two jobs and seems very independent — so why is he coddling her? — **HELP NEEDED IN WISCONSIN**

DEAR HELP NEEDED: Sam may be emotional about Amanda, or just so soft-hearted he can't get past her guilt trips. Please remain calm, because college is almost a year away and a lot can happen between now and then. Your husband needs to have a man-to-man talk with Sam and point out that when he gets to college he is going to be exposed to many different experiences and people, that he's quickly going to grow emotionally and intellectually, and that is why it's important that he keeps

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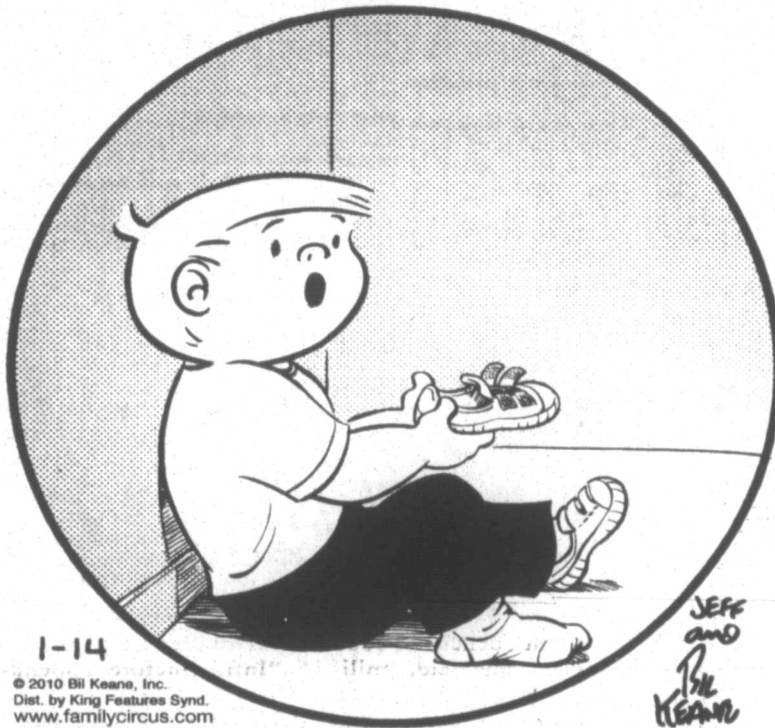
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"He won't roll over unless you do it first."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Mommy, is it too soon to outgrow these shoes?"

For Better Or Worse



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Daily Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Sports

Boys swim team finish sixth, girls finish eleventh

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Pampa High School boys swim team won sixth and the girls swim team won 11th in the Andrews Invitational Saturday in Andrews.

26 teams competed at the meet. The boys finished 15th in the 200 yard medley relay with a time of 2:07.55 earning four points for the school. Karl Pfitzner finished 26th in the 200 yard freestyle with a time of 2:15.54. Ramon Portillo finished 33rd with a time of 2:24.11. Nate Towry finished 11th in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:26.04 earning six points for the

Harvesters. Kelly Stoffle was .39 tenths of a second from breaking the meet record for 50 yard freestyle. Stoffle won the event with a time of 23.19 earning 20 points for Pampa. Spencer Estes finished 19th with a time of 25.71 seconds. Ethan Addy finished 26th with a time of 26.65 seconds. Scott Kelly finished 45th with a time of 28.71 seconds.

Christian Hinkle finished 12th in the 100 yard butterfly with a time of 1:07 earning five points for the Harvesters. Stoffle finished second in the 100 yard freestyle with a time of 51.74, less than a second from first earning 17

points for Pampa. Addy finished 32nd with a time of 1:01.35. Kelly finished 46th with a time of 1:07.17. Towry finished eighth in the 5:48.17 earning 11 points for Pampa. Pfitzner finished 11th with a time of 6:03.59 earning six points for the Harvesters. Portillo finished 18th with a time of 6:47.28

Pampa's A team finished sixth in the 200 yard freestyle relay with a time of 1:41.07 earning 26 points. Pampa's B team finished 22nd with a time of 1:54.12. Hinkle finished fourth in the 100 yard backstroke with a time of 1:05.54, only .16 of a second behind third earning 15 points for Pampa. Spencer

Estes finished sixth with a time of 1:06.86 earning 13 points for Pampa. Pampa's A team finished seventh in the 400 yard freestyle relay with a time of 3:50.37 earning 24 points.

The girls finished eighth in the 200 yard medley relay with a time of 2:17.99 earning 22 points. Jessica Covil finished 16th in the 200 yard freestyle with a time of 2:29.66 earning 1 point for the Lady Harvesters. Christina Hart finished 33rd with a time of 2:45.54. Jessica Gutierrez finished 10th in the 200 yard individual medley with a time of 2:48.47 earning seven points for Pampa. Lindsay Cole finished 21st with a

time of 3:01.23. Kendle Ramey finished 18th in the 50 yard freestyle with a time of 29.95 seconds. Kendall Aikin finished 72nd with a time of 37.12. Janie Jackson finished 79th with a time of 38.79.

Covil finished 20th in the 100 yard butterfly with a time of 1:25.53. Cole finished 26th with a time of 1:31.22. Gutierrez finished 19th in the 100 yard freestyle with a time of 1:05.38. Elisabeth Cahill finished 44th with a time of 1:15.75. Janie Jackson finished 69th with a time of 1:25.46. Allison Pfitzner finished 82nd with a time of 1:37.98. Hart finished the 500 yard freestyle in 7:18.54 for 24th place. The

Pampa High School A team finished 11th in the 200 yard freestyle relay with a time of 2:02.99 and earned 12 points. The B team finished 30th with a time of 2:31.42. Ramey finished fifth in the 100 yard backstroke with a time of 1:13.03 earning 14 points for the Lady Harvesters.

Aikin finished 28th in the 100 yard breaststroke with a time of 1:35.72. Pampa finished 26th in the 400 freestyle relay with a time of 5:39.08.

The Harvesters next meet is in Lubbock Friday and Saturday.

7th grade boys basketball teams lose their last two

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Pampa Junior High seventh grade boys basketball teams lost to Borger Monday in Borger.

The A team lost to Borger 42-16. Braden

Trimble led the team in scoring with seven, Josh Miner scored four, Allen Stovall and Braxton Maul each had two.

The B team lost 50-27 to Borger. John Allen led the team in scoring with eight.

Dayton Portillo scored five, Braden Childress and Ashjen Payne each scored four, Braden Keown scored three, and Paden Watson scored two.

The seventh grade teams played Dumas January 7. The A team lost 23-20. Aaron Allen led the team in scoring with six points. Trimble had five, Stovall,

Hendricks, Miner and Johnathan Stevens each scored two points.

The B team lost 33-17. Tyler Curfman and Josh Lance each scored four.

Keown scored three, Aron Avila, Payne, and Portillo each scored two.

The junior high's next game is Monday against Perryton in Perryton.

7th grade girls basketball teams sweep Borger

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The Pampa Junior High girls basketball team swept Borger Monday at Pampa Junior High.

The A Team won 23-16. Madison Brown led the team in scoring with nine. Caragan Niccum scored eight, Taylor Eubank scored four and Brittney Green and Lexi Hernandez each scored one. Brown led the team in rebounds with seven. Niccum had five, Eubank had two, and Meagan Martinez, Tori Robles, Green, and Kindle Hunt each had one. Eubank led the team in steals with 6. Niccum had four, Brown had two, and Robles and Green each had one.

The B team won 28-16. Risa Rodriguez led the team in scoring with 13 points. Madelyn Solis scored six, Taylor Bolton, Ty'Randa Johnson, and Quila Martinez each scored two, Allison Noble, Genevieve Zavala and Tristen Brown each scored one. Brown led

the team in rebounds with four, Kristina Brown had three, Rodriguez had two, Johnson, Elizabeth Gill, Cheyanne Williams and Noble each had one. Solis led the team in steals with six. Gill and Rodriguez each had three. Johnson and Noble each had two. Williams, Tristen Brown and Eubank each had one.

The seventh grade girls teams played at Dumas January 7. The A team lost 45-28. Niccum led the team in scoring with 13 points. Eubank led the team in rebounds with five. Eubank and Hernandez led the team in steals with two.

The B team beat Dumas 39-24. Rodriguez led the team in scoring with 18 points. Gill and Noble led the team in rebounds with three each. Rodriguez led the team in steals with seven. The seventh grade girls teams will be competing in a tournament today and Saturday. The A team will be at Plainview and the B team will be at Dumas.

Two Pirates receive All-State

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Lefors Pirates continue to receive honors for a 9-2 season as two players were named to the All-State Team.

Keenan Lott was named to the first team offense and Trever Czubinski was an honorable mention for offense. Head Coach Joey Czubinski said he's proud of both players but wishes he had a couple others.

"I'm proud of Keenan and Trever," Czubinski said. "I felt for Wakely (Pairsh) and Seth (Fry). There's so

much politics in this kind of thing. If you have four guys you think should get it and you get one you're happy. We got two."

Czubinski said Lott, Trever Czubinski and Wakely Pairsh are looking to play football in college. Lefors head coach said the important thing is getting the education.

"The most important thing is getting that degree," Joey Czubinski said. "If they can get that education and play sports that's great."



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The Pampa High School Harvesters and Lady Harvesters basketball teams host Canyon Friday night. Girls tip-off at 6 p.m. and the boys at 7:30 p.m.

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Sports

McLean's Haynes earns Player of the Week honors

SUBMITTED BY MIKE HAYNES

A McLean basketball player has been named Athlete of the Week for the

Texas Panhandle region by the Amarillo Globe-News. Senior Sheri Haynes was chosen as the female honoree this week. The 5-9 McLean guard

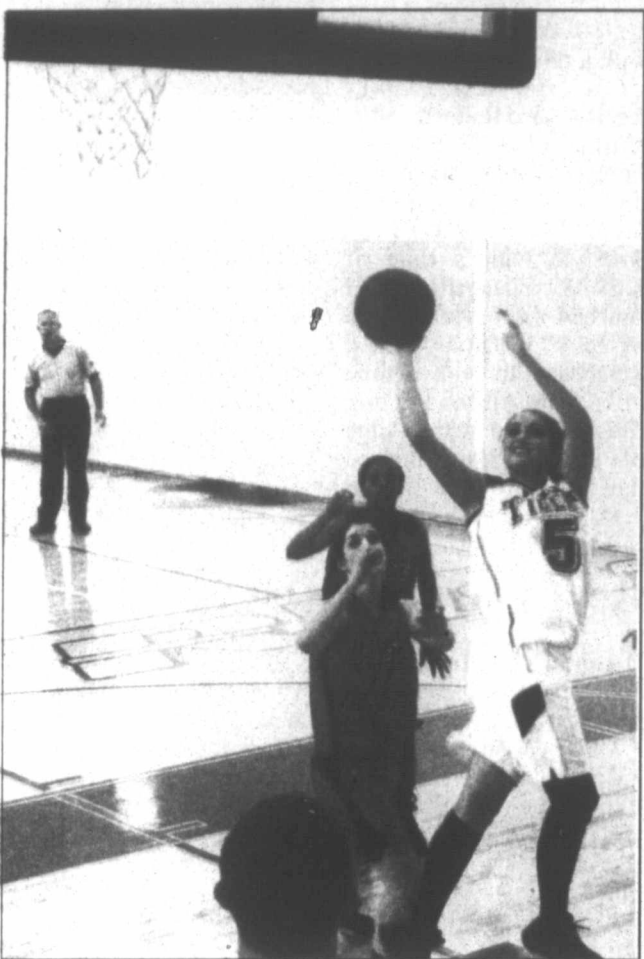
scored 62 points in two games for the Lady Tigers with 43 against Samnorwood and 19 against Channing. McLean won both games. McLean

Coach Benji Hausen said Haynes has been "carrying us" as the team has suffered several injuries.

This Tuesday night, the Lady Tigers won their 18th

game of the season against Lefors 63-14. Haynes had 25 points against the Lady Pirates followed by Alexis Menefield with 11, Saber

Bohlar with 9 and Nancy Castillo with 8.



McLean's Sheri Haynes shoots in a December game against Borger. Submitted Photo.

Pirates tame Tigers in Lefors

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Lefors Pirates get their first district win of the season in a 33-29 victory over the McLean Tigers Tuesday in Lefors.

Head Coach Joey Czubinski said it was an intense game and it came down to foul shots.

"It was a lot of fun," Czubinski said. "It was nip and tuck and we were up five at halftime. It was really tight the whole game. Neither team was really shooting well. Everyone got good looks they just didn't go in. In the fourth we made more foul shots

than them."

Lefors made six of seven free throws in the fourth while McLean only made two of seven free throws. The Tigers led after the first quarter 9-8. Lefors outscored them 15-9 in the second quarter to lead 23-18 at halftime. In the third quarter, the Tigers outscored the Pirates 4-3 and both teams scored seven points in the final quarter. Keenan Lott led the Pirates in scoring with 19 points and Trever Czubinski scored six.

The Pirates (6-5, 1-1) play at Hedley 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Lady Harvesters win third straight

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters basketball team extend their winning streak to three as they defeat the Hereford Lady Whitefaces 44-34 Tuesday in Hereford.

Head Coach Gene Valentine said he felt his team played OK and their defense helped win the game.

"Our defensive intensity allowed us to determine the flow of the game," Valentine said. "It was a big win for us on the road. It is helping to build more confidence."

The Lady Harvesters led 11-6 after the first quarter and maintained that lead in the second as both teams scored eight points keeping Pampa's advantage

at five (19-14). The Lady Harvesters expanded their lead to eight, outscoring the Lady Whitefaces 12-9 for a 31-23 lead after three. Pampa outscored Hereford 13-11 in the final quarter. Taryn Eubank led the Lady Harvesters in scoring with 15 points and Kirsten Kuhn scored 11.

The Lady Harvesters (8-13, 3-2) host No. 2 Canyon (23-1, 5-0) 6 p.m. Friday. Valentine said this will be a good game to see how his team measures up.

"It will allow us to gauge our progress," Valentine said. "You want to play the best in order to try and become the best and who better to measure that with than Canyon."

As of press time the Lady Harvesters are fourth in District 3-4A.

Lady Pirates fall to 0-2 in district

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Lefors Lady Pirates lost their second straight district game 63-14 to the McLean Lady Tigers Tuesday in Lefors.

Head Coach Tory Peet said McLean is a good team and his team did everything they could against them.

"They (McLean) were a good shooting team," Peet said. "They played good defense. It took us everything to get the ball down the court. Much less get a

good shot off. We tried and we did the best we could."

The Lady Tigers held the Lady Pirates scoreless in the first quarter as they outscored Lefors 17-0. In the second quarter McLean won 11-5 to expand their lead to 28-5 at halftime. The Lady Pirates were outscored 15-3 in the third and trailed 43-8. Lacie Johnston and Ashley Shephard each scored four to led the team in scoring.

The Lady Pirates opened district at Groom Friday

and lost 57-30. Peet said the first quarter of that game was as bad as it could go for his team.

"We trailed 29-9 after the first quarter," Peet said. "They (Groom) shot 80-85 percent in the first quarter. We were contesting shots but they went in. In the second quarter we outscored them 7-3 so it was a moral victory for us. We trailed 29-9 after the first quarter and were only outscored 28-21 the rest of the way." The Lady Pirates (3-11,

0-2) visit Hedley 6 p.m. Friday. Peet said he likes how his team matches up.

"If we play well and keep it a close game, we can have a good game with them," Peet said. "We're two games into district and haven't played the other three teams yet. So if we can compete with them maybe we can surprise people and make a run for the playoffs."

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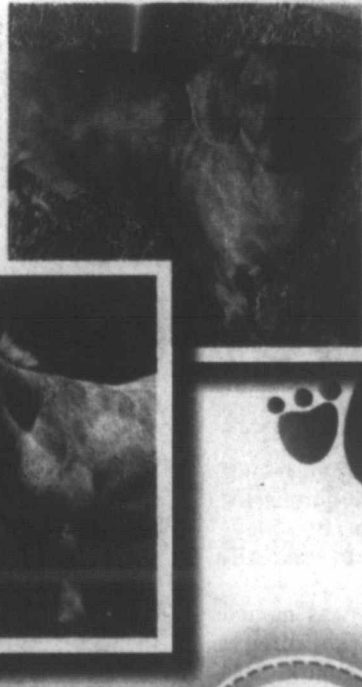


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All photos will be published in THE PAMPA NEWS on Wednesday, Jan. 27, with a ballot for readers to judge the winner.



End of the week sports schedule

Friday

Pampa swim team at Lubbock
 JV and Varsity Girls Basketball vs. Canyon 6 p.m.
 JV and Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Canyon 7:30 p.m.

Lefors Boys and Girls Basketball at Hedley 6 p.m.

Saturday

Pampa Swim Team in Lubbock
 Pampa Junior High 7th grade Girls Basketball Tournament, A team at Plainview, B team at Dumas
 Varsity and JV Girls Soccer Azle Tournament
 Freshmen Girls Basketball at Canyon 10 a.m.
 Freshmen Boys Basketball at Canyon 11:30 a.m.