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Joshua Castillo with Vasek Services Heating and Airconditioning is silhouetted against a bright blue Monday morning sky as he climbs a ladder to his office atop the new convenience store at Hobart and 18th.

Pampa EMS, County fund alcohol awareness program

BY DAVID BOWSER
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County Agents Brandon McGinty and Joan Gray-Soria asked the county for \$500 for their Youth Alcohol Awareness Program. They got \$1,500 from the county and from Pampa EMS.

Gray County Judge Richard Peet said the county has set aside money from the state's share of a tobacco settlement several years ago for educational programs like the one that the county extension agents have been running.

The county judge noted that the money is not tax money coming from Gray County citizens' pockets and the county commission agreed that the extension project to combat drunk driving is a good use of the funds from the state.

"What we've been doing is focusing on sixth graders," McGinty said. "We've done this alcohol awareness program for the last couple of years."

He said they conduct it at Pampa and Lefors.

"McLean has not really wanted to participate in it," McGinty said. "I'm not sure as to why, but they haven't."

The class meetings are not a problem in Lefors, McGinty says, but with more numbers in Pampa, it has become more complex. The program uses goggles from the Texas Department of Transportation office in Amarillo that simulate drunken vision.

"There are two pairs," McGinty said. "If we owned two pairs and used their two pairs, we could have a set of goggles for every

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day President emphasizes volunteerism

WASHINGTON (AP) — A retired teacher went back to a classroom in need. A barber is giving time to a child whose first years remind him of his own. A college graduate decided to help kids learn instead of helping investors on Wall Street.

When President Barack Obama called for Americans to volunteer, all three listened. Loretta Martin, 61, a retired elementary teacher from Beachwood, Ohio, said Obama motivated her when he said it doesn't take much time to make a difference. "He really pushes it and I hear it all the time now," she said. Martin, who volunteered for Obama's presidential campaign, started in October tutoring first-graders for about 15 hours a week through Experience Corps. The nonprofit organization places people age 55 and older into elementary

McLean's Leathers ready to serve Precinct 4

On Dec. 3, 2009, Wayne Leathers filed to run for the office of Gray County Commissioner, Precinct 4, with the Republican Party.

Leather has worked as a heavy equipment operator for Gray County for eight years. He worked five years for precinct 3 in Grandview and three years for Precinct 4 in McLean, where he is presently employed.

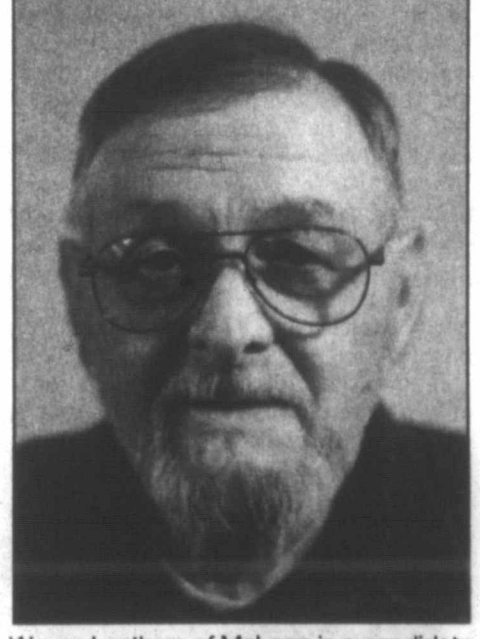
Leathers and his wife Amanda Beth have been married 42 years. They have lived in Gray county for 36 years. When they moved to Pampa, Wayne was employed by Halliburton, where he worked for 15 years. They lived in Pampa for 29 years, raising their son Brandon and daughter Jennifer.

They now have two granddaughters, Haley and Alisa. Wayne and Amanda make their home in McLean.

Leathers is an active member of McLean Cowboy Church. He is a member of the McLean Economic Development Corporation, serving as president. He is also a cooperative observer for the National Weather Service, recording the precipitation amounts for McLean.

Leathers has knowledge of the equipment and roads of precinct 4. He knows the road locations, problem areas, and how those areas should be improved. Leathers also has a clear idea of the importance of handling operations economically, while doing what is best for the citizens of precinct 4.

Wayne said he believes it is very important and beneficial to the citizens of precinct 4 to have the commissioner living in McLean near the employees and the barn. This close proximity would enable



Wayne Leathers of McLean is a candidate for County Commission, Precinct 4. The Primary Election is Tuesday, March 2.

Weathers to assist in case of wild fires or inclement weather.

"I believe that the commissioner should have a daily working relationship with county employees," Leathers said. He believes he can serve well on the commissioners court.

Leathers has a true concern for the citizens of Gray County. Precinct 4 is his passion. He truly cares about the needs of the precinct and is ready to serve its citizens. If elected he will be a dedicated commissioner and if elected his present position would be available to be filled by a qualified resident of Precinct 4.

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Tuesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 64. Wind chill values between 28 and 38 early. Southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly clear, with a low around 36. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 55. West wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 34. West northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 61. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have been working at my current job for a couple of years. One of my co-workers, who is in another department and who I see a couple of times a week, calls me "Sue." My name is "Joyce."

He has been doing this for some time and I don't know how to correct him without embarrassing him. Any suggestions? -- POLITE IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR POLITE: Try this. Tell him you have changed your name to Joyce -- that others are now using it and you'd appreciate it if he would, too. If he asks you the reason for the name change, say it's because all your life you have felt more like a Joyce than a Sue. (It's true.)

DEAR ABBY: My father-in-law is 92. He has led an accomplished and rewarding life. He is also a careful man, concerned about posterity and he has written his own eulogy.

When he passes, I plan to offer some warm and loving remarks. Because he has already written his eulogy, would it be in poor taste to send him my remarks now to let him know how I feel about him? -- LOVING SON-IN-LAW IN VIRGINIA

DEAR LOVING SON-IN-LAW: Not at all. When you do, send him a cover note saying, "I know you have written your eulogy, but I thought you might be interested to read what someone else has to say on the subject when that sad time comes. After all, the time to offer a compliment is when the recipient is around to enjoy it. Love, ..."

P.S. Don't be surprised if he sends it back with some suggested edits.

DEAR READERS: Today marks the birthday of civil rights martyr the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Sadly, he didn't live to see our first African-American president elected -- but I'm sure he's smiling. -- ABBY

Obituaries

Brenda Jones VonKanel, 49

Pampa—Brenda Jones VonKanel, 49, died January 13, 2010, in Pampa, Texas.

Graveside services were at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 16, 2010, at Fairview Cemetery, with Rev. Francisco Perez, pastor of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. VonKanel was born May 4, 1960 in Houston

to Garland L. and Helen Jones. She had been a resident of Houston most of her life, moving to Pampa eight years ago. She graduated from North Shore High School in Galena Park in 1977. She married Darrell Jansen VonKanel shortly after graduating high school. She loved to read and collect dolphins and dragons.

Survivors include one son, D. J. VonKanel of Pampa; her parents,

Leroy and Helen Jones of Cleveland, Texas; three brothers, Garland Leroy Jones, Jr. of Houston, James Eric Jones of Crosby, and Jay Paul Jones of Galena Park; a sister: Karen Jackson of Cleveland, Texas; one grandson, Sebastian VonKanel of Katy; one granddaughter, Madelyn VonKanel of Pampa; many nieces and nephews. Brenda was preceded in death by her husband and a



VonKanel son, Josh VonKanel. Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

June Thomas, 67

Pampa—June Thomas, 67, died January 15, 2010, in Pampa, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Thomas was born December 23, 1942 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. She was raised in Caracas, Venezuela. She was a graduate of Ardmore High School in Ardmore, Oklahoma and graduated from the University of Alabama. June was Miss Oklahoma from 1960-1961, and had a part in the television show "Gunsmoke."

She had been a resident of Pampa since 1963. She was a member of The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center.

Survivors include three sons, Brad Miller Thomas of Phoenix, Arizona, Brent Thomas and Brennon Thomas, both of Pampa; a daughter, Victoria Thomas of Houston; one sister, Toni Vackar of Houston; a granddaughter, Amy Thomas of Pampa.

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11:20 a.m.— 2 units and 6 personnel responded to Hwy 60 and Gray County Road 5 for motor vehicle accident.

12:31 p.m.— 1 unit and

3 personnel responded to the 2000 block of Coffee, lift assist.

2:32 p.m.— 1 unit and 3 personnel responded to the 1100 block of E Francis, gas leak.

7:29 p.m.— 1 unit and 3 personnel responded to the 1800 block of Lynn, odor investigation.

10:30 p.m.— 1 unit and 3 personnel responded to the 11700 block of Hwy 152 on an odor investigation.

Sunday

9:09 p.m.— 3 units and 8 personnel responded to the 700 block of N Christie on a structure fire in an outbuilding. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

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Bibles for new hotel

In anticipation of the opening of the new Hampton Inn in Pampa, the Pampa Gideons delivered 100 new Bibles to be placed in the rooms. Pictured are Gideon Joel Combs, Hampton Inn Manager Vick Doshi and GM Mike Ward, Gideon Harley Knutson and Gideon Dr. Mark W. Ford, Jr..



Volunteer

as AmeriCorps. "I'm not going to tell you what your role should be. That's for you to discover. But I'm asking you to stand up and play your part."

The Obamas practice what they preach. They've planted trees, packed backpacks for the military and passed out Thanksgiving favorites at a food pantry. The president started "United We Serve," a nationwide service initiative to get people involved in volunteering.

They committed to a public service event on Monday, the federal holiday commemorating the birth of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

Obama has drawn attention to community service and started a dialogue about how to help, according to organizers and nonprofit groups.

Anecdotally, they hear of people who've joined their causes because of the president. But they say it's hard to pinpoint whether service overall is up because of his call for action. High unemployment and an already eager-to-serve generation of young people also have spurred interest in lending a hand.

"He has brought a spotlight to the grass-roots efforts that have really been there for some time and now are getting traction because of his impetus," said Experience Corps' chief executive, Lester Strong.

"I think we have yet to see what the full effect will be," Strong said.

More people have become interested in the last year, Strong said, though the number of participants has remained about the same because of funding. In Baltimore, a couple dozen people are already on the group's waiting list for next fall.

Online applications to AmeriCorps more than doubled last year, reaching the highest in the program's history, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service, which oversees AmeriCorps. Almost 247,000 people applied in 2009, compared with 91,000 in 2008. The Clinton-era program has 75,000 enrollees who clean parks and build homes, among other tasks.

Some nonprofit groups have seen an increase in applicants since Obama took office. City Year, a

program in which young adults serve as tutors and mentors to kids for a year, had a record number of applicants for the 2009 school year — nearly 7,000 for 1,550 positions. Habitat for Humanity's alternative school break program had at least an 8 percent increase in its summer participants. Big Brothers Big Sisters said it's had a slight increase in the number of black men enrolling at affiliates.

Micheal Johnson, 38, joined Big Brothers Big Sisters in October after a group of black fraternity members recruited for the program at his barber shop in Lewisville, Texas.

Raised by a single mom, Johnson had a Big Brother from third grade until he graduated from high school. With three kids of his own, he said he couldn't keep waiting until it was the right moment in his life to help another child. Now he mentors a 10-year-old boy.

"You know, I had to see a man to be a man," Johnson said. "I see myself in my little brother. It's like the same stuff that he was struggling in, I was struggling in, too."

Awareness

class." McGinty explained that the extension service uses high school seniors to teach the class.

"Our kids teach this to sixth graders," he said.

But the attention span of sixth graders isn't very long, so McGinty is trying to find a way to make it more fun and educational.

"It's getting to the point where those kids are talking to the sixth graders and the sixth graders are beating their pencils on the desks," McGinty said. "They're having to get on to them because their attention span is 15 minute."

The program is about 45 minutes.

"We have to figure out a way to make it more fun," McGinty said.

McGinty and Gray-Soria approached the county commission this month for \$500.

"That \$500 would cover two pairs of drunk goggles at about \$150 each and some remote control cars," McGinty said.

He says they'll set up a small course for the remote control cars and the sixth

graders will have to stay within the course as they drive the remote control cars while wearing the goggles.

In the past, Gray-Soria said, they haven't used the remote control cars. They simply had the sixth graders walk a line in the gym while wearing the goggles. Using the remote control cars, she said, is an effort to make it more interesting for the students.

County Commissioner Gary Willoughby suggested buying enough goggles and cars for the whole program in Gray County rather than having to drive to Amarillo to get the state's equipment.

"Would it behoove us not to have to go and borrow theirs?" Willoughby asked. "Why don't we expend the money for that instead of driving to Amarillo to get them?"

McGinty said they were

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open to getting four pairs of goggles.

"It would be easier on us," he said.

"We have the funds," said Judge Peet, "and it's certainly a worthwhile program."

The commission approved spending up to \$1,500 on the program.

"That which you do not spend," Peet said, "you can turn back to the county."

Joe Anstey with Pampa EMS offered \$500 more for the program in matching funds.

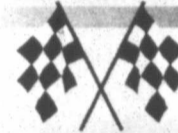
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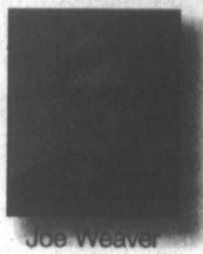
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Notes from the Director

BY JOE WEAVER
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"Why can't we get a good restaurant here?" I've heard that until I, quite frankly, am tired of it. We have some excellent restaurants here, breakfast to burgers to barbecue, Italian to Chinese/Thai to a Mexican Food place or two. Have you ever read the phrase "Keep Austin Weird"? The origin has nothing to do with those strange folks down on 6th street, but was started because some folks in the capitol city were proud of their local restaurants and didn't want to be inundated by chains. Since that was against the norm of growing cities, it was considered weird, but Austinians (Austinites?) wanted to keep it that way. It worked for them and will work for us.

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Reed Echols for plants at the front door. Myrna Orr, John Curry, and David Goolsby for watching the front and answering phones when the office staff was otherwise occupied.

All the fine folks who brought goodies for the holidays.

At last report the Hampton Inn will open this Tuesday. Congratulations to Vick Doshi and Mike Ward for getting this going.

Real Estate news—Linda Burt is now with RE/MAX. Andrea Walling is now licensed and working for Century 21/Pampa Realty.

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In this column I am pretty careful about only mentioning Chamber mem-



The Top O' Texans Goldcoats welcomed Dolly's Bar & Grill to the Pampa Chamber of Commerce on January 9, 2010. Dolly's is located at 113 S. Cuyler, across the street from the White Deer Land Museum. Front row, from left: Olivia Anderson, Glennette Goode, Olivia and David Howard (owners), and Sheila Webb; back row, from left: Bob Marx, Clay Rice, Lynn Allison, Chuck White, Roy Morris, Charles Henry and Joe Weaver.

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bers. However, once in a while something comes along that is good for our community that I will give a nod to. Such is the case with Cinema 4, the theater in the Coronado Plaza. These guys are really working hard to offer a great entertain-

ment venue for Pampa and the surrounding area, and they need our support. (We hope to see their schedule in the Pampa News, but they do broadcast it on an FM frequency—see their sign at the Coronado Plaza.)

Rapes of elderly women terrify central Texas

YOAKUM, Texas (AP) — With a serial rapist on the loose, Cassandra McGinty has developed a new routine when she arrives home: search room to room, a handgun or stun gun drawn. The predator has been assaulting older women in central Texas over the past year, terrifying residents and frustrating investigators who have only a vague description of the suspect. Pepper spray has been flying off the shelves in the towns where the attacks have occurred, and McGinty said her land-

lord in Marquez handed out stun guns as Christmas gifts. Nearly 200 miles away in Yoakum, elderly volunteers at the local museum have been locking its doors during business hours. "I used to think I was too old for anybody to mess with," said McGinty, 55. "I can't say that anymore." Beginning with the rape of a 65-year-old woman in Yoakum last January, authorities have linked eight sexual assaults or attempted sexual assaults to the suspect, who has been dubbed the "Twilight

Rapist" because most of the attacks occurred around dawn. They also believe he robbed or attempted to rob four other women. The victims have all been women, ranging in age from 65 to 91. One rape victim played piano at her church on Sundays. An 81-year-old woman scared off an intruder with a gun, firing several rounds for good measure. A 66-year-old woman was attacked twice, despite having moved across town following the first assault. The attacks occurred in seven rural towns, the larg-

est of which has 6,000 residents. Two women were attacked — one of them twice — in Yoakum, a quiet town surrounded by wide-open ranches about 100 miles east of San Antonio. "It does make me sick," Yoakum Police Chief Arthur Rogers said. "We all take it personal. We all visualize this could have been my mother or my grandmother." Yoakum residents say the two victims there had predictable routines that made them easy targets.

Chamber luncheon tomorrow

The Chamber Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, January 19 at 11:45 a.m. at the Chamber Building. R&R Catering will be serving chicken fried steaks with mashed potatoes, green beans, salad and dinner rolls. Our speaker this month is Dr. Mark Ford from Ford Family Chiropractic clinic. Call the chamber and tell Holly how many people from your company will attend. The price for the meal is \$8.50 per person.

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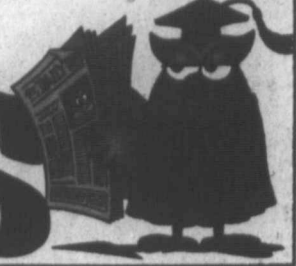
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Sports

Favre, Vikings advance with 34-3 win over Dallas

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)

The now-annual waffling over retirement has made Brett Favre the butt of so many jokes, but seriously his performance this season for the Minnesota Vikings has been as masterful as ever.

Favre couldn't resist putting retirement on hold for a second straight season, to satisfy the craving of that irreplaceable adrenaline rush of winning a game when it really counts and to chase the championship he hasn't had in 13 years.

"He got a little bit closer with this clutch effort."

"I guess that's what they expected when they talked about getting me," Favre said.

Four touchdown passes by Minnesota's 40-year-old quarterback, a personal playoff game record for the NFL's all-time leading passer, sent the Vikings to the NFC championship game with a determined 34-3 victory over Tony Romo and the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday.

The Vikings (13-4) will take on the Saints next Sunday at New Orleans (14-3), with the winner going to the Super Bowl in Miami.

"This is why I came back," Favre said.

Favre found Sidney Rice for three scores and put an exclamation point on the final one when his fourth-and-3 pass from the 11 was caught in the end zone by Visanthe Shiancoe after the 2-minute warning. Never in 22 previous playoff games had Favre thrown for four touchdowns, and never before had he beaten Dallas in the postseason after losses to the Cowboys ended his first three play-

off experiences with Green Bay.

Favre finished 15 for 24 for 234 yards without a turnover, slapping fives with anyone in reach and rapidly pumping his right arm in celebration all afternoon. Favre even added another accomplishment as the first 40-year-old quarterback to win a playoff game.

"Probably the most fatigued or tired I got today was celebrating," he said with a smile.

All those big-game ghosts that Romo was supposed to have gotten rid of in last week's win over Philadelphia came back and haunted the Cowboys again.

"Any time you come in with the expectations and goals we set and don't accomplish them, No. 1, it's frustrating," Romo said, taking a long pause. "Right now, it's just hard to think the season is over."

Romo lost two of his three fumbles and threw an interception, with two of those turnovers leading to Vikings field goals. He completed 22 of 35 passes for 198 yards, but the best season of his career was brought to a crashing halt at the hands of a fierce Vikings rush.

Romo took six sacks, three by Ray Edwards.

"They supposedly had a high-powered offense coming in, but they didn't get no points today," Vikings defensive tackle Pat Williams said. "They're on the 'L' side. We're on the 'W' side."

The Vikings, who had last week off while Dallas whipped the Eagles, felt slighted by all the national favor building for the surg-

ing Cowboys.

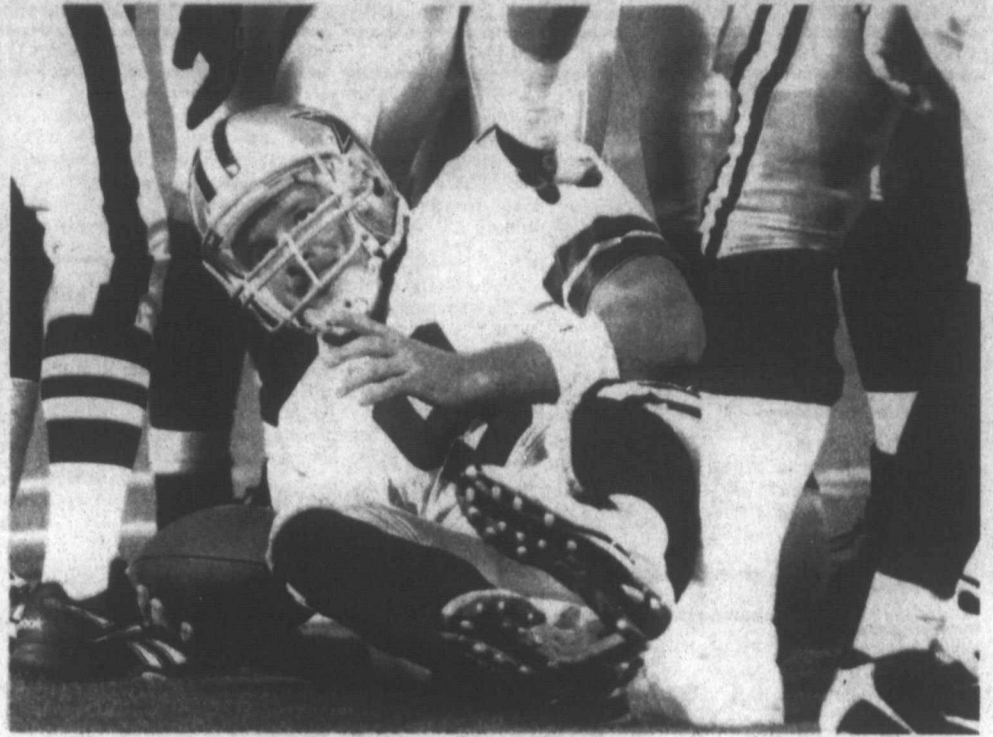
"The Tasmanian devils were coming from Dallas that were about to bombard the state of Minnesota and run through us like Sherman through the South," coach Brad Childress said, exaggerating the popular opinion about this game. "All of us felt it quite palpably."

So the Vikings played aggressively all the way to the end, enough to make Cowboys linebacker Keith Brooking angry. He confronted Childress on the sideline after Favre's fourth touchdown toss and continued his rant afterward.

"I think it was totally classless and disrespectful," Brooking said.

Both Favre and Childress claimed innocence of running up the score.

"That wasn't rubbing it in. It's just taking care of business," the coach said.



Dallas Cowboys' Tony Romo (9) is seen on the ground after being sacked during the first half of an NFL divisional playoff football game against the Minnesota Vikings Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010, in Minneapolis. (AP Photo/Paul Sancya)

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Lady Pirates fall to 0-3 in district

BY ANDREW GLOVER

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The Lefors Lady Pirates are still seeking their first win in district play as they lost 55-19 to the Hedley Lady Owls Friday in Hedley.

Head Coach Tory Peet said his team came out flat Friday when the game started.

"We missed several open shots," Peet said. "They were hitting everything. I don't know what happened. We hit one two point shot in the first half the rest of our points were free throws."

The Lady Owls only allowed Lefors a free throw in the first quarter as they jumped out to a 14-1 lead. Hedley outscored the Lady

Pirates 10-7 in the second quarter expanding their lead to 24-8 at halftime. In the third quarter the Lady Pirates were outscored 13-4 to trail 37-12 after three. In the final quarter Hedley outscored Lefors 18-7 in the final quarter.

Taylor Overstreet led the Lady Pirates in scoring with six points. Kaittlynne Porter scored five. The Lady Pirates (3-12, 0-3) host Samnorwood Tuesday. Peet said his team is not out of contention yet.

"If we beat Samnorwood we will be in a three-way tie for third," Peet said. "As bad as we've played we still have a chance. That's a positive for us. We still control what we do."

Pirates hold second in district

BY ANDREW GLOVER

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The Lefors Pirates take sole possession of second place in 1A Division 2 District 4 in a 63-50 victory over the Hedley Owls Friday in Hedley.

Head Coach Joey Czubinski aka "Coach Ski" said everyone played a solid game Friday.

"It was across the board," Coach Ski said. "(Dennis) Sprouse scored eight, Trevor scored seven Reagan Gaitlin scored four, and Austin Brooks, Seth Scully came off the bench and scored points as well."

Ski said his team did have to deal with questionable calls by the referees at the end of the game but they handled it well.

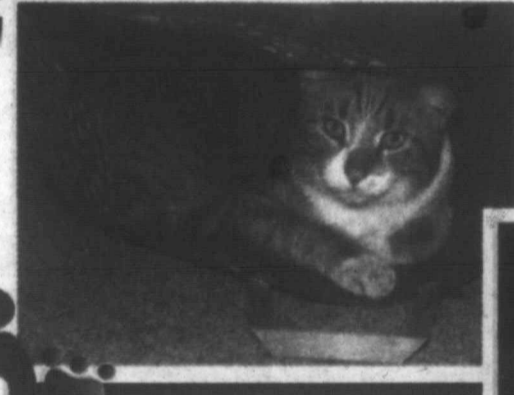
"We got the lead up to 21 and they wouldn't call a foul on them (Hedley)," Coach Ski said. "They called 26 fouls on us and

called 11 on them. Sprouse was going for a rebound and he got pulled down to the floor and they didn't call anything. My players stayed calm. We won the game on the floor."

The Pirates led 12-8 after the first quarter. Lefors outscored Hedley 16-12 in the second to lead 28-20 at halftime. In the third the Pirates outscored the Owls 15-9.

Keenan Lott led the team in scoring with 17. Taylor Ray and Joey Johnson each scored 11. The Pirates (7-5, 2-1) host Samnorwood Tuesday Coach Ski said his team needs to be ready.

"Every district game is going to be a dog fight," Ski said. "The team that plays well that night is going to win. Samnorwood beat Hedley last Tuesday. They got a night off Friday. They are going to be ready for us."



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