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Mayor Brad Pingel (center) of Pampa thanks outgoing city commissioner Neil Fulton on Tuesday

# **PEDC** celebrates **PEC** anniversary Former Celanese property acquired one year ago 🏾

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A year ago, the Pampa Economic Development Corporation (PEDC) purchased the Pampa Energy Center (PEC) from Babcock and Brown for \$3 million, and since then, the industrial park has seen several new tenants, among them Enbridge Energy and Flogistix. During the fiscal year so far, the site has generated over \$6 million in income, and created about 30 jobs.

"Pampa EDC was contacted by Babcock and Brown with an offer to bid on the site, and we knew we would have a great industrial site to work with," said Kathy Cota of the PEC board, during the PEDC's meeting . "We'd all been looking for an industrial site, and we thought this would be perfect with the rail."

With a PEDC grant and loans from area banks, which were recently paid off, the PEDC purchased the industrial park.

"We purchased the company, not just the property, so this was all new to us," said Cota. "On March 1, 2011, during a board of director's meeting, we voted to PEC cont. on page 2

for his years of service to the city as fellow outgoing commissioner Becky Holmes looks on.

# Two vie for constable position in Precincts 1 and 3 McFall the experienced choice Hendrick looks to fulfill dream

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Gary McFall, a Pantex fire service technician with over 21 years of law enforcement experience, is in the running for constable of Precincts 1 and 3. McFall has worked as a former jail administrator at the Gray County Jail, as a deputy with Donley County and as a Security Police Officer at Pantex, experience he believes would prepare him for the position.

"I've already served papers as the deputy sheriff," he said. "...I've got a little more over 3,000 hours training in law enforcement. I've got a little over 2,000 hours training through (the) security department at Pantex. So, yes, I'm more than qualified, I believe, to be a constable."

"I believe there's a need for constables in the law enforcement base in any community," McFall added. " ... That office needs to have a person in it to assist the Sheriff's Department serve papers for the JP courts, and he's just an extra law enforcement officer within the county."

Having already served papers, McFall MCFALL cont. on page 12

McFALL

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Randy Hendrick has worked with the state at different correctional units for the last 15 years, working as a trainer for the last 10. It's a vocation he's

enjoyed, he said, although he confessed that he yearns for a different calling.

"When I got out of the Navy (in 1989) and went through the academy, I decided to pursue different avenues with more money involved," Hendrick said. "I walked away from my dream. My dream was to be a peace officer from the time I was a child."

Hendrick aims to bring that dream to reality by running for constable of Gray County's Precincts 1 and 3.

> While he has no professional law enforcement experience to speak of, Hendrick points to his long career with the Department of Corrections, as well as six years in the Navy as a torpedo man on a ballistic missile submarine.

"I see Gary (McFall)'s signs, and they say where experience. counts," Hendrick said. "That's true. I respect Gary. He's a great HENDRICK cont. on page 12

## HENDR ELECTION

# Three PHS seniors to graduate with CC associate degrees

#### SPECIAL TO THE PAMPA NEWS

Superintendent Barry Haenisch of the Pampa Independent School District and Principal Tanya Larkin of Pampa High School have jointly announced that three seniors set to graduate from Pampa High School are also going to armed with their associate's degrees from Clarendon College: Ashley Price, Courtney Ward and Alyssa Tatarevich.

Ashley Price is the daughter of Michael and Sy Price. Graduating 11th in the PHS class of 2012, Price has earned an Associate of Arts degree from Clarendon College, as well as the PHS BCIS Academic Award.

She was a member of ASTRA and National Honor Society, serving in the latter as parliamentarian, and volunteered with the Pampa Animal Welfare Society. She plans to attend Wayland Baptist University to major in elementary education and religious education. She will also participate in the chamber orchestra.

Courtney Ward is the daughter of Kelly and Lana Miller. In addition to obtaining her associate's, she is also graduating in the top 15 percent of her class, as well as graduating from high school one semester early. Her co-curricular activities include basketball, softball, cheerleading, Leo club and student council.



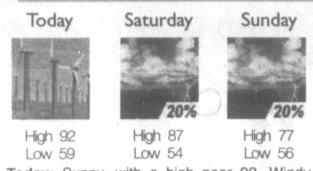
Price

Tatarevich

She plans to attend Oklahoma University to major in DEGREES cont. on page 5



### PAMPA FORECAST



Today: Sunny, with a high near 92. Windy, with a south wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 59. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. Southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 54. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming northeast.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 77. North northeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 56. East northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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# PEC

purchase the membership interest of Pampa Energy Center from Babcock and Brown.'

After purchasing the site and hiring Open Range Operating and Management to manage it, the PEC got its first tenant in October of last year, when Flogistix began to lease a fab shop on the site. A few months later," Enbridge Energy purchased pipeline from the PEC for \$4 million, in addition to leasing a liquids terminal facilcommitment. Additionally, Cielo Wind Power purchased a place in the queue for the PEC's LGIA for \$150,000, and the PEC sold 40 acres to Charles Bowers for \$40,000. The PEC board also will generate a little income from the demolition of its coal fired boiler facility on the site.

"Although we tried to regenerate the coal fuel fire burning facility, due to EPA regulations, we realized this would not be possible," ity for \$1.3 million with a 40-year said Kota. "Universal wrecking

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has been hired to demolish the power plant, and we will receive in the neighborhood of \$1 million dollars for their work."

The PEDC has been pleased with its progress so far, and are looking , forward to another year. Cota at- ... tributed the PEC's success with good fortune.

"This experience has been nothing more than a miracle, to see the site come back to life with companies moving in along the way," she said.

# Fortherecord

#### **Police Department**

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Thursday, May 17 at 7 a.m.

Animal Control agents and Pampa PD reported 20 animal-related incidents. Pampa PD reported 10 pany.

traffic-related incidents. Pampa EMS and the Lefors Volunteer Fire Department responded to three curred at the 400 block of medical calls.

#### Wednesday, May 16

An accident occurred at the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Suspicious vehicles were reported at the 1900 block of North Lea and the 1800 block of North Wells.

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A hit and run occurred at the 100 block of Village.

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> A domestic disturbance occurred at the 400 block of Aft.

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Chestnut. A suspicious person was reported at the 400 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 700 block of East Francis.

A theft occurred at the 700 block of Dean

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The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Thursday, May 17 at 7 a.m

Wednesday, May 16 J. Yvonne Francis Lo->+ pez, 26, was arrested by police for abandonment or it endangerment of a child. John Hardy King, 61,...

was arrested by police for / assault causing bodily in-the jury.

Astin Franklin Year-24 wood, 24, was arrested by, DPS officers for driving with license invalid with previous convictions.

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### Pipeline hearings draw big crowd

ALBION, Neb. (AP) - Nebraska's hearings on the new proposed route for TransCanada's Keystone XL pipeline from Canada are drawing big crowds.

The Columbus Telegram reports (http://bit.ly/Ja2Ax6) that more than 160 people attended Wednesday's meeting in Albion.

Pipeline opponents objected to the original route through the Sandhills and the Ogallala aquifer, a massive groundwater supply. TransCanada proposed a new route that avoids the Sandhills.

Some landowners offered praise for the project. Nick Gasper says he thinks project opponents have used scare tactics, and he thinks the pipeline offers more benefits than drawbacks.

Pipeline opponents also attended the hearing. Ken Winston, with the Nebraska Sierra Club, says his group still worries about the pipeline possibly contaminating the aquifer.

These hearings are one of the first steps in the state's review of TransCanada's new proposed route.

### Soda ash royalty bill advances

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - A bill aimed at keeping American soda ash competitive with a subsidized, synthetic version produced in China is advancing in Washington.

The bill, sponsored by Wyoming congresswoman Cynthia Lummis, got the backing of the full House Resources committee on Wednesday. It will be heard by the full House next.

The bill would return the soda ash royalty to 2 percent. It rose to 6 percent in October.

Soda ash is the trade name for a chemical made from the mineral trona. It's used in household cleaners, windshields and cellphones.

Wyoming produces about 90 percent of U.S. soda ash and the industry employs about 3,000 people in the state. Lummis says soda ash shipments also provide work for hundreds of longshoremen in Portland, Ore. and Port Arthur, Texas.

### Cattle killed in train accident

LUBBOCK (AP) — Twenty head of cattle have been killed after an 18-wheeler they were in got stuck on railroad tracks and hit by a train outside of Lubbock.

The animals were being taken to a nearby feedlot when the accident happened Wednesday night.

The driver, who was on the phone with a 911 operator, escaped injury, fleeing the cab before the train hit. He had pulled across the tracks and the trailer got highcentered — the cab on one side of the tracks and the trailer on the other.

Six animals injured in the wreck were shot by Lubbock police because they were suffering. About 20 survived. The train was traveling about 50 mph and went about a

half mile after hitting the truck.

Lubbock is about 350 miles west of Dallas.

Dear Pat: The space near the dressing area in my master bedroom is not as bright as I would like. I thought about hanging a mirror somewhere, perhaps on the closet door. Will this really help my problem much? - Dee R.

Dear Dee: Using mirrors is an excellent and effective method to brighten up any room. An added benefit is your room will also look much larger than it actually is. This can be a real plus in a relatively small and dark dressing area.

The actual amount of increased brightness you realize will depend upon where the existing source of light is located and the wall covering. If you are lucky and the light source is located properly, it may reflect off the mirror exact to the spot where you need it. If your dressing room has dark-patterned wallpaper, which now absorbs light, the improvement will be even greater.

Just a note about locating the mirror. Many people think that since a mirror reflects light, it will also reflect heat. Since you may often be just partially dressed and perhaps chilly in a dressing room, you may think about hanging the mirror directly across where you stand to reflect your body heat. Glass mirrors don't not reflect heat, so it will not help with this.

Using the closet door for the mirrored surface is an excellent idea. The outside of a closet door is generally not used for anything else, so you will not be losing any usable wall space. Closet doors are often located in the center of a dressing room wall, so the mirror will provide more even light distribution.

You have two options for hanging a mirror on the closet door: adding a mirror or installing a mirror-door kit. Long mirrors can be purchased at home center stores or can be custom-made. Hanging a standard mirror can have that "add-on" appearance. Custommade ones, with fancy beveled edges and that are professionally installed, look great -- but they are expensive.

A better option is switching out the old door for a mirrored-door kit. These are often available as sliding doors where each side bypasses the other or hinged bifold doors. The hinged bifold ones are particularly



Install mirrors on bedroom closet doors

functional because you can partially open a door. This changes the angle of the mirror so the light can be directed to exactly where you need it at that time.

Depending upon the decor of your bedroom, you can choose among several general designs of mirrored-door kits. Some of the most attractive ones have real wood edge moldings or solid hardwood surrounds in cherry and oak. More contemporary ones are frameless with the mirror covering the entire door.

The less expensive ones have a thin metal frame around the mirror. Prices range from about \$75 to more than \$500 for a large, wood-trimmed door. If you need a custom-size door, the additional cost is about \$75.

It is not difficult to install a mirrordoor kit yourself, but it can be heavy, so you may need a helper. If you are not a handy do-it-yourselfer, the bypass sliding doors are easier to install. You just have to installing the upper track to the top of closet opening and the lower track on the floor. It operates very similar to a sliding shower door. Installing the hinged bifold doors requires a little more careful alignment.

Send your questions to Here's How, 6906 Royalgreen Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45244.

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### HOME HOW-TO

### **Mirror Doors**

A closet-door mirror adds light, the feeling of space and elegance to any bedroom. Mirrored closet doors come in every standard door style, including bifold, sliding and traditional hinged versions.

#### HARDWARE

Heavy-duty hardware should be used on doors with the added weight of glass or mirrors.

GUIDE PIN DOOR FRAME When installing a door, it is important to know that the door frame is level and square. Check with a carpenter's square in the upper corners of the door. MEASUREMENT Measure the height and width of the door opening. Bifolds are usually available in a variety of widths (in multiples of 2 inches). The standard height is 80 inches. SAFETY Look for mirrors that are specially coated on the rear to prevent shattering of the mirror panels.

Source: www.thisoldhouse.com



### Campaign leads to libel lawsuit

AUSTIN (AP) — A bitter Republican fight for a Texas Senate seat has taken a new legal turn with Sen. Jeff Wentworth filing a libel lawsuit against opponent Elizabeth Ames Jones.

A recent radio ad from the Ames Jones campaign suggests Wentworth illegally double bills the state and his campaign for the same travel expenses, a potential felony.

Wentworth denies the allegation and says records back him up. He filed his lawsuit Thursday in San Antonio.

Ames Jones is fighting Wentworth for the Republican nomination for District 25, which stretches from San Antonio to south Austin, and the campaign has been among the most contentious in the state.

A spokesman for Ames Jones said her campaign will issue a response the lawsuit.

# Officials to detail water initiative

CORSICANA (AP) — The Trinity River Basin is to be included in a national water quality initiative launched to improve impaired watersheds.

A statement from the U.S. Department of Agriculture says that as home to nearly 8 million residents, the Trinity River basin is the state's most polluted river basin.

The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service plans to provide funding to farmers, ranchers and timberland owners in the Chambers Creek Watershed of the Trinity River Basin.

State Conservationist Salvador Salinas of the agency is scheduled to visit a ranch in that watershed near Corsicana on Tuesday to detail how the program is to work.

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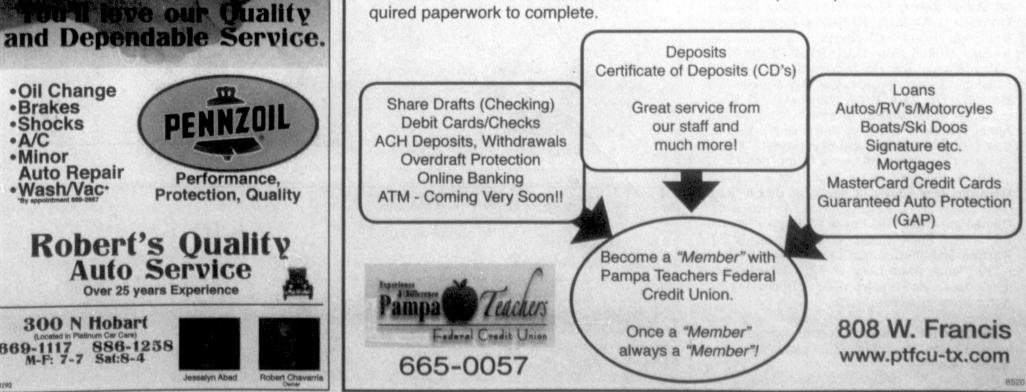
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Pampa Teachers Federal Credit Union has been informed that a "Financial Institution" in Pampa will be closing on Friday, August 17, 2012. We as a credit union would like to take this opportunity to extend our services to each one or you that is eligible for membership. Remember: Students are eligible also!

Please call our office today at (806) 665-0057 and see if you are eligible to become a "Member" of Pampa Teachers Federal Credit Union. As a "Member" you will receive many benefits!

Come in between the hours of 9am to 11:30am and 1pm to 4pm as there will be required paperwork to complete.





# **Today in History**

Today is Friday, May 18, the 139th day of 2012. There are 227 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** 

On May 18, 1926, evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson vanished while visiting a beach in Venice, Calif. (McPherson reappeared more than a month later, saying she'd escaped after being kidnapped and held for ransom, an account that was greeted with skepticism in some quarters.)

#### On this date:

In 1012, Theophylact, son of Gregory, Count of Tusculum, became Pope Benedict VIII, succeeding Pope Sergius IV.

In 1642, the Canadian city of Montreal was founded by French colonists.

In 1765, about one-fourth of Montreal was destroyed by a fire.

In 1896, the Supreme Court, in Plessy v. Ferguson, endorsed "separate but equal" racial segregation, a concept renounced 58 years later in Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka.

In 1910, Halley's Comet passed by earth, brushing it with its tail.

In 1912, singer Perry Como was born in Canonsburg, Pa.; movie writer-director Richard Brooks ("Cat on a Hot Tin Roof"; "Elmer Gantry"; "In Cold Blood") was born in Philadelphia.

In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a measure creating the Tennessee Valley Authority.

In 1953, Jacqueline Cochran became the first woman to break the sound barrier as she piloted a Canadair F-86 Sabre jet over Rogers Dry Lake, Calif.

In 1969, astronauts Eugene A. Cernan, Thomas P. Stafford and John W. Young blasted off aboard Apollo 10 on a mission to orbit the moon.

In 1980, the Mount St. Helens volcano in Washington state exploded, leaving 57 people dead or missing.



# Is this really the best that we can do?

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HAMILTON

As you know if you pay attention to national affairs, the United States faces a perfect fiscal storm at the end of this year. A confluence of deadlines and policy triggers unlike anything I can remember in a halfcentury of public life will produce massive budget cuts and serious tax increases amounting to a 3.5 percent hit on the nation's Gross Domestic Product.

At least, it will if Congress and the White House don't act. It would be, as Princeton economist Alan Blinder put it recently in The Wall Street Journal, "a disaster for the United States." So surely it must be all hands on deck in Washington, right?

You know where I'm going with this. A rational government would be in high gear, yet what do we see? The House has worked for roughly a third of 2012 so far, and will be out of Washington campaigning or tending to constituents for half the remaining weeks of the year. The Senate, meanwhile, has been working on several bills, but the two houses are largely ignoring the coming fiscal meltdown. The looming crisis is a result partly of bad timing — the tax cuts enacted under George W. Bush are due to expire and Congress faces yet another vote on raising the debt ceiling -and partly a result of earlier decisions to defer hard decisions. The temporary payroll tax cut, which members of Congress went to the mat over just a few months ago, will expire. Unemployment benefits are due to be cut back. And, of course, the failure of the congressional "supercommittee" to agree on a deficit-cutting deal has triggered spending cuts. Those cuts are scheduled to go into effect starting at the turn of the year.

> Most commentators in Washington agree that Congress and the President will eventually

act. A few optimists hope for a "grand bargain" that would resolve Democrats' and Republicans' differences over taxes, spending and entitlements. But the consensus in Washington seems to be that policymakers will dither until after the November elections. Then, in a desperate scramble — with a lame-duck Congress and either a lame-duck or a new President --- they'll find some way of postponing the hard decisions for yet a few more months. There is a very real cost to this delay. It's not a good time to be anyone dependent on the federal budget, and that includes millions of people and 28 percent of the American economy. Pentagon planners and transportation program managers have no idea what their budgets will be. Federal contractors don't know if funds will be available to pay them. People receiving unemployment benefits have to worry they'll run out soon. Every taxpayer faces an increase in income taxes.

\$1.2 trillion in happens if Congress by its inaction allows the economy to contract sharply. The uncertainty will surely erode the confidence of markets and investors, and even worse, of business-people. As PIMCO's Mohamed El-Erian recently wrote in The Washington Post, "[P]rolonged political inaction is likely to encourage companies to postpone building plants and purchasing equipment and to discourage them from hiring."

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We've never quite had a situation like this, where so clearly ahead lies a fiscal crisis with enormous implications, yet Congress cannot enact a comprehensive annual budget and blithely assumes that its leaders and the White House will eventually get

In 1982, a jury in New York City convicted the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder and leader of the Unification Church, of tax evasion and conspiracy. (Moon served 13 months in prison.)

In 1991, Helen Sharman became the first Briton to rocket into space as she flew aboard a Soviet Soyuz spacecraft with two cosmonauts on an eight-day mission to the Mir space station.

Ten years ago: India and Pakistan exchanged fire across their shared border, renewing fears the countries were on the brink of another war over the Himalayan region of Kashmir. War Emblem won the Preakness Stakes, setting up a shot at the Triple Crown. (However, War Emblem came up short at the Belmont Stakes, which was won by long shot Sarava.)

Five years ago: The White House and Congress failed to strike a deal after exchanging competing offers on an Iraq war spending bill that Democrats said should set a date for U.S. troops to leave. France's new president, Nicolas Sarkozy, named a radically revamped cabinet which included seven women among its 15 members.

One year ago: Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the managing director of the International Monetary Fund, resigned, saying he wanted to devote all his energy to battling the sexual assault charges he faced in New York. (The charges were later dropped.) The United States slapped sanctions on Syrian President Bashar Assad and six others for human rights abuses over their brutal crackdown on anti-government protests, for the first time personally penalizing the Syrian leader for the actions of his security forces.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Bill Macy is 90. Hall-of-Fame sportscaster Jack Whitaker is 88. Actor Robert Morse is 81. Actor Dwayne Hickman is 78. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Brooks Robinson is 75. Bluegrass singer-musician Rodney Dillard (The Dillards) is 70. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Reggie Jackson is 66. Actress Candice Azzara is 65. Country singer Joe Bonsall (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 64. Rock musician Rick Wakeman (Yes) is 63. Actor James Stephens is 61. Country singer George Strait is 60. Rhythm-and-blues singer Butch Tavares (Tavares) is 59. Actor Chow Yun-Fat is 57. Rock singer-musician Page Hamilton is 52. Contemporary Christian musician Barry Graul (MercyMe) is 51. Singer-actress Martika is 43. Comedian-writer Tina Fey is 42. Rapper Special Ed is 38. Rock singer Jack Johnson is 37. Rhythm-and-blues singer Darryl Allen (Mista) is 32. Actor Matt Long is 32. Christian-rock musician Kevin Huguley (Rush of Fools) is 30. Actor Spencer Breslin is 20.

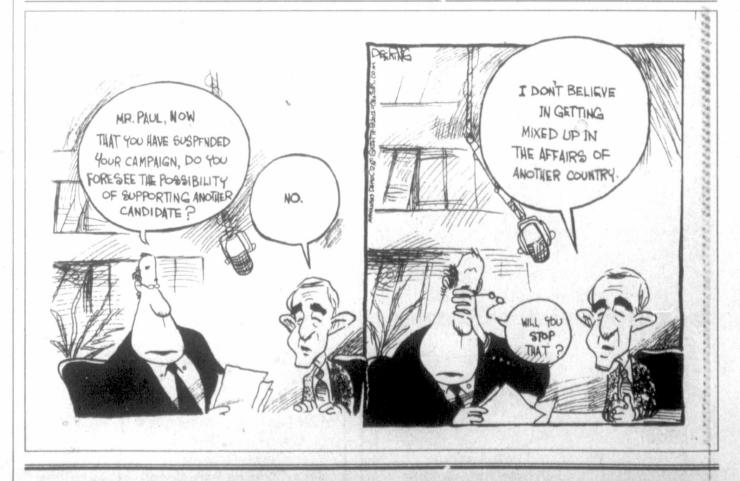
Thought for Today: "Never do anything you wouldn't want to explain to the paramedics." Author unknown.

Nobody knows if we will be able to pay our debts as a country, and everyone involved in the financial markets has to worry about what

around to acting — but meanwhile, its members will go home on recess. If the CEO of a major enterprise saw problems of this magnitude looming, it's hard to imagine he'd call his employees together and tell them all to go on vacation.

Reducing the deficit is difficult, but can't we get our political leaders to act before we go over the fiscal cliff? The only way to do it in a sluggish economy is by raising taxes and cutting spending. Both are unpopular, and our leaders can't seem to summon the courage to confront hard choices even as we move inexorably closer to a fiscal reckoning. It all makes me wonder if the skeptics who say our government cannot work are right.

3 Hamilton is Director of the Center Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.



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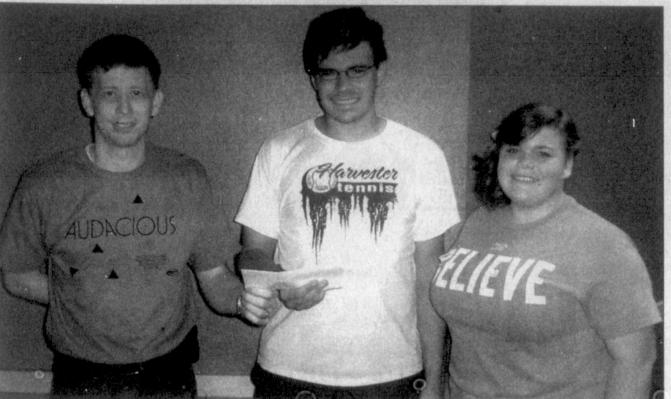


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Trey Wells (left), youth minister of First Baptist Church, presents a donation for the 2012 Pampa High School All-Night Party to seniors David Moore and Rikki Earnest. The party is set for graduation night, June 2. Donations for the party are still being accepted and can be sent to Pampa High School c/o Jill Troxell.

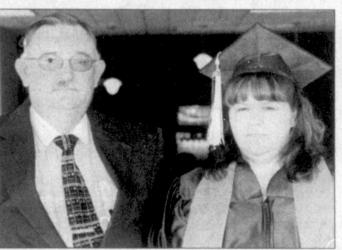
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The Pampa Harvesters had a little more to celebrate this season as they looked back on a season that yielded their first playoff win since 2007 Wednesday in the Pampa High School commons.

"We are taking baby steps," head coach Kaleb Snelgrooes said. "Whenever I got here as a JV coach, we made the playoffs my first year and hadn't made it since. We made it last year and this year. This year's group won the first playoff game since 2007.

Snelgrooes talked about the improvement of the varsity statistics.

"I thought last year, with 15 home runs, that record wouldn't be broken," Snelgrooes said. "Especially with the new bats, the BBCOR bats. This year, the varsity team hit 16. Also something very close to my heart is hit by pitches. ... Last year team had 22 hit by pitch. I'm all about that as coach because it isn't a

strikeout. This year we had 37. Last year we had over 200 strikeouts as a team. That was an ugly number that I didn't like. This year we lowered that number to 176."

The six seniors were recognized and Snelgrooes shared some personal stories.

"I've known Cole (Engle) and had him in every sport he has played in up here," whether it was basketball and football," Snelgrooes said.

"He's been a three-year starter for me. ... It's going to be different next year making that lineup card and not having a Killgo in it. Since I came back I always knew I was going to have a Killgo in my lineup. ... I came to (Trace) and asked him to run bases for us. He tried out and I came home to Becky (Snelgrooes) and said 'This kid can play in the outfield.'"

The varsity presented its four awards that are voted on by teammates. Senior Devin Coleman won the Fighting Heart award and the Dirt Bag award.

"(The Dirt Bag award) goes to a person that is gritty, will dive, claw and do whatever it takes to win," Snelgrooes said.

Junior James Thompson won the Silver Slugger Award for having the best batting average on the team with .479. Senior Collin Killgo won the MVP award.

"When you get intentionally walked over and over and people don't want to pitch to you, that means you are an MVP," Snelgrooes said.

Assistant coach Dustin Miller honored the junior varsity's achievements.

cluded the banquet.



staff photo by Andrew Glover

A video highlighting the seniors con- Senior Collin Killgo holds up his plaque for winning MVP. Snelgrooes said the vote was a landslide. Pampa gives out four awards voted on by players.

# PHS senior Engle receives \$1,000 Eloise scholarship



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Pampa High School senior Cole Engle received more help towards his college education as Roy "Deck" Woldt awarded him the Eloise scholarship Wednesday during the Pampa High School Awards Assembly.

"It's great," Engle said. "I will take every penny I can get."

Earlier this month, Engle received the \$500 Umpires Scholarship. The Eloise

"It's cool that two Pampa guys have won it," Engle said.

Head coach Kaleb Snelgrooes said Engle is very deserving.

"He comes from a great family and is a great student along with being a good athlete," Snelgrooes said. "This will come in handy as he pursues

his career at SWOSU (Southwestern Oklahoma State University).'

Engle plans on going to pharmacy school.

Woldt coached baseball in Pampa from 1953-1965 and was inducted into the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame in 1965. Woldt reviews the scholarship applications.



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Senior Cole Engle and Deck Woldt stand together after Engle was awarded the Eloise scholarship during an award assembly Wednesday.

scholarship is \$1,000 and is named after Woldt's late wife. Engle joins Pampa graduates Garrett Ericson, who won the scholarship last year, and Anthony Allen, who won in 2010.

# Pampa baseball team well-represented in District 1-3A All-District selections

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For Pampa head baseball coach Kaleb Snelgrooes it was a little bittersweet to reveal his team's All-District selections at the banquet Wednesday.

"I wish we were still playing, so I didn't get to do this," Snelgrooes said.

Snelgrooes was happy to announce four first team and six second team selections

"I feel great," Snelgrooes said. "All the guys were very deserving. It's great to see all their work from the offseason pay off."

Senior Cole Engle was selected for a second consecutive season as a first team outfielder. Engle batted .294 in district, scoring eight runs and drove in six.

"It's a good achievement for me," Engle said.

Senior Collin Killgo was chosen as first team first baseman for the second straight season. Killgo hit four home runs, 12 RBI and scored nine runs in district. The senior said he put a lot of work in.

"I was trying my hardest all year to get it," Killgo said. "I played just good enough to get it.'

Senior Devin Coleman earned first team designat-

ed hitter. Coleman posted a .292 batting average and drove in 10 runs. The senior said he was excited to end his playing career with the honor.

"I was pretty pumped about it," Coleman said. "I was glad that I got All-District in something at least."

Junior James Thompson was selected to the first team as a pitcher. In three starts and one relief outing, Thompson posted a 1-2 record with a 2.58 ERA and one save.

"It's really exciting," Thompson said. "I didn't really expect it. I'm really excited to be recognized by everyone."

Making second team were seniors Jared Lusk at third, Zach Graves at second, Trace Carter at outfield and sophomore Ethan Hunt at pitcher.

Killgo said the selections show the talent Pampa has. "We had a bunch of good athletes in our program this year," Killgo said. "Hopefully it keeps going on.'

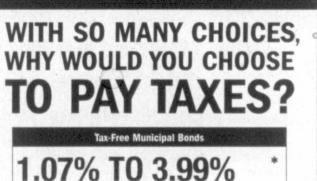
Coleman said he was happy for his teammates.

"I was very proud of everybody on my team," Coleman said. "I was excited for my coaches and everyone on my team for not giving up on each other."

(Panhandle) Chris Gowin delivered the offensive fire power and four Glo-Valve pitchers combined to defeat Panhandle 17-2 here Monday in a Pampa Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League game. Logan Martindale threw only seven pitches in the first inning to gain credit for the win. He allowed no runs or hits. Brayden Fry gave up two hits in the second inning but struck out three to keep Panhandle scoreless to that point. Brenden Courtney walked a batter and gave up one run in the third inning. He struck out two and did not allow a hit. Tyler Orand finished up for Glo-Valve allowing one unearned run on two hits. He walked one and struck out three. A walk to Jace Ware, singles by Thomas Costley and Chase Voss and a walk to Fry mixed in with stolen bases, a wild pitch and a ground out produced a 4-0 lead for Glo-Valve after the first inning. Orand struck out but ignited a four run-rally in the second by hustling to first base and beating the catcher's throw. He later scored on a wild pitch. Gowin was hit by a pitch. Tyler McCarn, Costley, Martindale and Voss all walked forcing in Gowin and McCarn. Costley tallied on a fielder's choice making the score 8-0 in Glo-Valve's favor. Three walks, an error and a two-run single by McCarn pushed the lead to 11-0 in the top of the third inning. Panhandle got one of the runs back in the bottom of the inning when Bailee Ogletree walked, stole second, went to third on an infield out and scored on a wild pitch. Glo-Valve added six more runs in the fourth inning on doubles by Fry and Kade Parker and singles by Jakob Wilson, Gowin and Ware. In the bottom of the fourth inning, Joe Smith walked, stole second and third and was safe at home on a Glo-Valve error for the final run of the game.

Gowin, with a run, a hit and three RBIs was the leading offensive player for Glo-Valve. Cotton Purvines, with a double and a single, was the leading hitter for Panhandle. The Pan, Optimist Youth Club is Pampa United Way agency.





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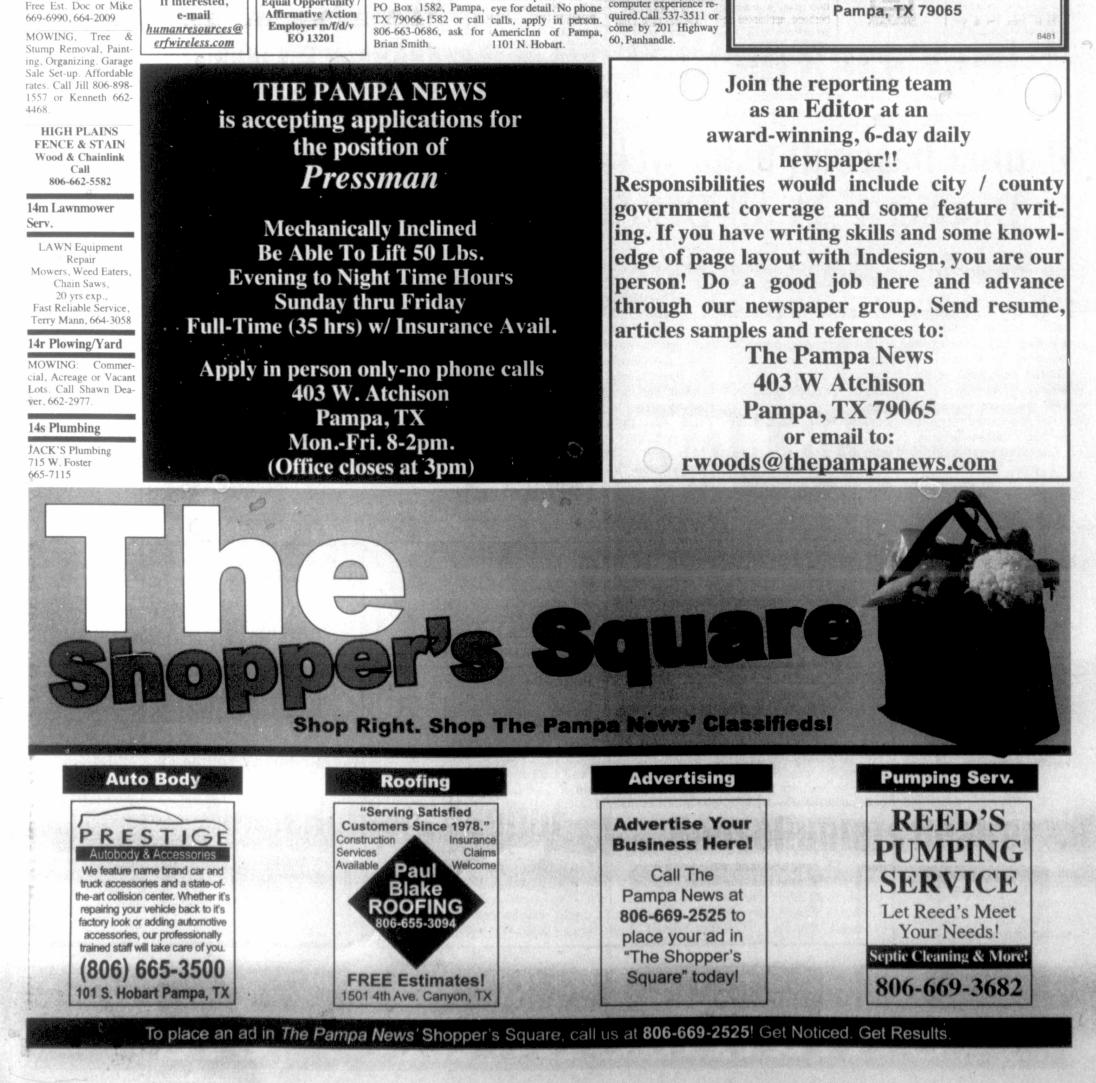
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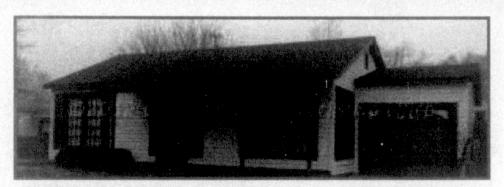
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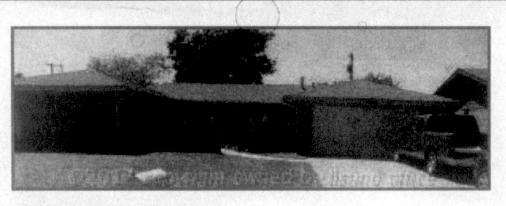


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### **McFall**

McFall feels he knows what to expect.

"Most people don't want to receive the papers you're delivering, but you have to have a demeanor about you," he said.

### Hendrick

"You're really not the bad guy in this case. You're doing what you're required to do by the court system."

McFall grew up in Gray and Donley

School in 1970. Before getting into law enforcement, he worked for Phillips Petroleum for about 20 years. He also is involved in agriculture, raising cattle in Wheeler County.

"I don't see any changes that need to be made in the office," he said. "It's basic, what you do as a constable. The City of

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County, graduating from Pampa High Lefors sometimes needs a little backup. Of course, they have a city marshal, but sometimes they need a little help in that direction. The constable can get out and patrol when the deputies aren't. My precinct would extend all the way down to the Grandview Hopkins area to Lake McClellan. I think it's just another set of eyes, maybe a deterrent, as you're patrolling roads."



