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Sgt. Gass visits Austin Elementary



Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik

Sergeant Houston Gass stopped by Austin Elementary, where his daughter is a second grade student, on Wednesday afternoon to read to the second grade students. Gass read the book "Sheepdogs: Meet our Nation's Warriors" by Lt. Col. Dave Grossman. The book is particularly special to Gass, not only because it teaches children about the roles of the protectors in the community, but also because it is autographed by Grossman. To show their appreciation, the second grade students each signed a giant poster card thanking Sgt. Gass for stopping by and reading to them.

QUILTS TO GO OVERSEAS



Photo by John Lee
 On Wednesday morning, Debbie Black shipped three quilts overseas to Germany that were leftover from the Quilts of Valor ceremony held at the VFW in Pampa. Black said there was a request that the leftover quilts go to wounded warriors, so she got in touch with a destination coordinator who gave her the instructions for shipping the quilts. "We want them to know that they have our support and love," Black said. The quilts will first be shipped to New York, and from there, they will go to wounded soldiers in Germany. Any participant in war can receive a quilt.

Mrs. Thorum is Culberson-Stowers ToM



Photo by ReDonn Woods

Mrs. Jana Thorum, third grade teacher at Austin Elementary, was nominated by Jarrett Waggoner for Teacher of the Month. This was a contest presented by Culberson Stowers. Richard Stowers, Culberson Stowers owner and Tim Praeuner, Sales Manager awarded Mrs. Thorum a \$100 prize and plaque as well as a pizza party for Jarrett's class. The contest is still going so students can enter their teacher every month thru May.

Every child deserves to be loved this Valentine's Day

SUBMITTED BY GRAY COUNTY CASA
 Valentine's Day is a day to celebrate the people you love and who love you. Most children receive colorful cards and heart-shaped treats from their family and friends. But for children in the foster care system, "love" is a four-letter word whose meaning is often unfamiliar.
 CASA of the High Plains is challenging the community to turn Valentine's Day, Friday, Feb. 14, into a lifetime of love for abused and neglected children in foster care in Gray County.
 Last year, 18 new children entered the overburdened child welfare system in Gray County. Some of these children did not have a CASA volunteer to help guide them through the system and into safe, loving homes. In fact, 19 children from Gray County are waiting for a CASA volunteer today. CASA volunteers are trained members of the community who provide a voice for these children and work to serve their best interest in court.
 Every child in foster care needs a CASA volunteer who will make sure they do not slip through the cracks but instead find a loving home where they can grow and flourish. CASA of the High Plains is encouraging people on Feb. 14 to take the first step towards becoming a CASA volunteer. Pick up an application and return it to the CASA office by this day and begin training that will start on February 24th.
 "Children with CASA volunteers on average spend less time in foster care and the sooner children are placed in permanent homes, the sooner they can begin to heal," said Janet Watts, Executive Director of CASA of the High Plains. With the information they gather, CASA volunteers assess the children's physical, emotional and educational needs. Their recommendations tremendously

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PRMC to hold women's health screening event

STAFF REPORT
 Pampa Regional Medical Center will be holding a free women's health screening event from 7 to 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 6.
 This event will feature a free fasting blood glucose, cholesterol screening, comprehensive labs, pressure checks, BMI calculations, education on heart disease and more.
 The screening event is being held in observance of Go Red for Women, and is being held in February because it is heart awareness day.
 Those attending the event are encouraged to partake in wear red day Friday as well. There will be a drawing at the screening, and a lucky winner will receive a free Fitbit fitness tracker.
 PRMC is holding the event to educate women in regards to heart disease.
 For more information on the event, call PRMC at 806-669-3721






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Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 37. Wind chill values between 30 and 35. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph. Sunset at 6:16 p.m.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 76. West southwest wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Sunrise at 7:40 a.m.

Friday night: Mostly clear, with a low around 41. West wind around 10 mph. Sunset at 6:17 p.m.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 76. West wind 5 to 10 mph. Sunrise at 7:40 a.m.

Saturday night: Mostly clear, with a low around 43. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north after midnight. Sunset at 6:18 p.m.

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Home and garden show set for Feb. 21-22 in Wichita Falls

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WICHITA FALLS — The Arts Alive 2015 Home and Garden Festival on Feb. 21-22 will be hosted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office in Wichita County and the Wichita County Master Gardeners Association. The annual home and garden show will be in the Ray Clymer Exhibit Hall, 1000 5th St. Admission is \$7 per person or \$5 in advance from local business supporters or Master Gardeners. Vendor exhibits, seminars and demonstrations are scheduled from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Feb. 21 and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Feb. 22. The program will benefit the Arts Council of Wichita Falls through the Kemp

Center for the Arts. The primary segment of the educational sessions will occur in the auditorium starting at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 21 with the following topics and speakers:
 — Healthy Trees, Charlie Carr, Texas Tree Care certified arborist, Wichita Falls.
 — Rainfall Alone, Paul Dowlearn, Wichita Valley Nursery, Wichita Falls.
 — Rainwater for Life, Billy Kniffen, retired AgriLife Extension state water resource specialist in rainwater harvesting, Menard.
 — Peyton's Project, a nonprofit organization for rattlesnake awareness, Tammy Reece, Wichita Falls.
 Also, a special educational lineup, known as "Challenge Sessions," will be held throughout the

two-day event. These hour-long sessions will feature a variety of topics in an informal setting, where attendees may interact with speakers, said David Graf, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent for Wichita County. Challenge Sessions on Feb. 21 will be from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Morning sessions will include: Our Ecology; Backyard Hens, Chicks and Eggs; Farmyard Dairy Goats; Homemade Cheese and Soap; Converting to Native Landscape; Gardening with Rainwater; Gardening with Grandma; Home-Style Canning and More; and Lawn Restoration. Educational sessions on Feb. 22 begin at 11:30 a.m.

and end at 3:45 p.m. Topics and speakers include:
 • Peyton's Project, Reece.
 • Amazing Hummingbirds, Penny Miller, amateur birder, Wichita Falls.
 • Spiders and Insects: The Good and the Bad, Dr. Roy Vogtsberger, Midwestern State University associate biology professor, Wichita Falls.
 Challenge Sessions on Feb. 22 will run from 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and the topics will be: Texas Quail Index, Feathered Friends, Peyton's Project, Restoring Your Yard and Converting to Native Landscape. For more information, contact Graf at 940-716-8610 or cdgraf@ag.tamu.edu.

Jordan says IS can be defeated; uproar over burn video

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Jordan called Wednesday for a decisive battle against the Islamic State group, declaring "this evil can and should be defeated," after the militants burned a Jordanian pilot to death in a cage and gleefully broadcast the horrific images on outdoor screens in their stronghold. Waves of revulsion over the killing washed across the Middle East, a region long accustomed to violence. In mosques, streets and coffee shops, Muslims denounced the militants' brutality and distanced themselves from their violent version of Islam. Even a prominent preach-

er with close links to jihadi groups said Islamic State militants miscalculated if they hoped the images of the pilot's agony would galvanize greater opposition to a U.S.-led military coalition that has been bombing targets of the group. "After millions of Muslims were cursing every pilot (in the coalition), with this act, they (IS) have made the burned one into a symbol," Abdullah al-Muhaysni, a Saudi sheik, wrote on his Twitter account. The Islamic State group, which controls large areas of Iraq and Syria, has killed captives in the past, posting videos of beheadings and sparking widespread condemnation. However, the killing of Lt. Muath al-Kaseasbeh, who crashed over Syria in December, also highlighted the vulnerability of Jordan, a key Western ally in the region, to threats from extremists. Jordan was long considered an island of relative stability in a turbulent region, but in recent years had to absorb hundreds of thousands of war refugees, first from Iraq and then Syria, at a time of a sharp economic downturn. Jordan receives hundreds of millions of dollars in foreign aid a year, but grinding social problems persist,

including high unemployment among young men, a reservoir of potential IS recruits. Experts estimate Islamic State and other jihadi groups have thousands of supporters in the kingdom, with an upswing last year after the militants declared a caliphate in the areas they control. The United States and Israel are particularly concerned about any signs of turmoil. Israel views Jordan as an important land buffer and the two countries share intelligence. In Washington, congressional support built Wednesday for increased U.S. military assistance to the kingdom. Currently, the United States is providing Jordan with \$1 billion annually in economic and military assistance. Sen. Joe Manchin, a Democrat and member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said Jordan's King Abdullah II — who met with lawmakers and President Barack Obama on Tuesday — must be given "all of the military equipment" he needs to combat the group. He said Abdullah did not ask for ground troops. At the White House, spokesman Josh Earnest said the administration would consider any aid package put

forward by Congress, but that the White House would be looking for a specific request from Jordan's government. Sen. John McCain, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said he expected his panel to swiftly approve legislation. He repeated his criticism that the Obama administration has "no strategy" for dealing with the Islamic State group, and said he hoped the video of al-Kaseasbeh's death will galvanize not only U.S. leadership but "the Arab world." Abdullah rushed home after his Washington meetings, cutting short his U.S. trip, to rally domestic support for an even tougher line against the militants. In September, Jordan joined the U.S.-led military coalition that began bombing Islamic State group targets in Syria and Iraq. The decision was not popular in Jordan, with the bombing campaign widely seen as serving Western, not Jordanian interests. During weeks of uncertainty about the fate of the airman, some of his relatives and supporters chanted against Jordan's role in the coalition. On Wednesday, Hammam Saeed, the leader of Jordan's branch of the Muslim Brotherhood, visited relatives of the pilot in the southern tribal town of Karak, and called on Jordan to pull out of the anti-IS coalition, saying that "we have no relations with this war." Jordanian government spokesman Mohammed al-Momani on Wednesday urged the international community to work together and deliver a decisive blow to Islamic State militants. Jordan believes that "this evil can and should be defeated," he said.







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help the judge overseeing the case to decide the best option for the child. "By becoming a CASA volunteer, you can help ensure abused and neglected children find the safe, permanent homes they need to thrive as members of our community," said Watts. CASA of the High Plains has served 102 children this year. More than 26 CASA volunteers spoke up for abused and neglected children who, through no fault of their own, ended up in foster care. Unfortunately, we have children in care in Gray County who do not have CASA volunteers. Consider becoming a CASA volunteer. To learn more, call the CASA office at 806-669-7638 or come by our office at 315 N. Ballard in Pampa.

OBITUARIES

Melvin "Buzz" Busby

Melvin "Buzz" Busby, 65, of Pampa died Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2015.

Melvin was born on Feb. 24, 1949, in Altus, Okla. He lived in Pampa most of his life. Melvin served in the Army during Vietnam. He worked as a painter and sandblaster on oil rigs for many years before becoming disabled 15 years ago.

Survivors include his wife Melissa Busby, a daughter Lisa Marie Busby, a step daughter Angela Thompson all of Pampa, a sister Carolyn Jones of Malvern, Ark.; a brother Jesse Busby of Altus, Okla., and his special friend Jeannie Denison of Pampa.

Family suggest memorials go to the: Thomas E. Creek VA Medical Center. 6010 W. Amarillo Blvd. Amarillo, Texas 79106

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FOR the RECORD

Several arrested for warrants

STAFF REPORT

Crystal Jeanette Ramirez, 24, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Pampa Police Department for no driver's license, failure to maintain car insurance, two charges of driving while license is invalid, violation of promise to ap-

pear.

• April Lenora Annis, 53, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for capias pro fine — no driver's license.

• Gordon Wade Ragan, 17, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by PPD for pos-

session of marijuana — less than two ounces in a drug free zone, criminal trespassing.

• Jordan Carlos Hernandez, 20, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by GCSO for displaying an expired registration, three charges of no driver's license, two

charges of failure to appear, violation of promise to appear.

• Ramon Manuel Portillo, 19, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by GCSO for capias pro fine — running a stop sign, capias pro fine — violation of promise to appear.

Area United Family® of stores launch "Monopoly Collect and Win" Game' with \$80 million in prizes

SUBMITTED

LUBBOCK — The seventh annual "Monopoly Collect and Win" game launched in Albertsons stores today and for the first time, guests at United Supermarkets, Market Street, Albertsons Market, Amigos and United Express locations in Dallas-Fort Worth, West Texas and New Mexico will be able to play for a share of more than \$80 million in prizes.

Guests at participating locations will receive game tickets with each transaction and can earn extra tickets by purchasing products marked with bonus game tags. With more than 150,000 prizes available, including three \$1 million grand prizes and three \$500,000 dream vacation homes, guests can win by collecting stickers and redeeming them in-store or online, or by revealing an instant win game piece.

"The opportunity to have the "Monopoly Collect and Win" game available at The United Family of stores is a great way to reward our guests for their everyday purchases," said Wes Jackson, chief marketing officer for The United Family. "It brings a fun and festive atmosphere into our stores."

In conjunction with the "Monopoly

Collect and Win" game, The United Family stores will also run a "PACK-UR-BAGS" sweepstakes for Rewards program members from Feb. 11 to May 12.

Reward program members will automatically be entered to win one of six dream vacations valued at \$20,000. In addition, Guests can enter to win additional trips, gift cards and other prizes when using their Rewards account at checkout. One entry will be awarded for each \$10 spent during the sweepstakes.

"In addition to the \$80 million in prizes from "Monopoly Collect and Win," we are excited to thank our Rewards members with the opportunity to win dream vacations, gift cards and many other great prizes," said Robin Cash, loyalty manager for The United Family.

"The program is quick to sign up for, free of charge and easy to use."

Guests can sign up to become a Rewards program member online at www.unitedtexas.com, using the "United Market" mobile application (available for iOS and Android operating systems) or by visiting in-store kiosks at any of the company's 67 locations. In addition to qualifying for

the sweepstakes, Rewards program members also have access to personalized deals, coupons and promotions to provide additional savings on products purchased in-store.

For official game rules and to redeem prizes visit <https://www.playmonopoly.us/> for Monopoly and <http://unitedsupermarkets.com/pack-urbags> for the "PACK-UR-BAGS" sweepstakes.

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Area World War II veterans honored posthumously with the nation's highest civilian award

STAFF REPORT

WASHINGTON- During a ceremony at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, area Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) joined fellow leaders from the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate to present the Congressional Gold Medal in honor of the men of the 1st Special Service Force.

Mrs. Janet Smith and her husband, Ricky Smith, of Dumas attended the ceremony on behalf of her father, Albert G. Stanton, who was a member of the elite World War II unit.

The Medal, first awarded to George Washington for his military courage during the Revolutionary War, is the nation's highest civilian honor. Today's Medal commemorates the members of the 1st Special Service Force, which Nazi troops called the "Devil's Brigade," and the vital role they played in the liberation of Europe and defeat of the Third Reich.

Other members of the 1st Special Service Force from the area include: Ball, Willard C., Claude; Bishop, Jesse, Ama-

rillo; Gatling, Glenn E., Mobeetie; Manley, Joseph A., Nocona; Melton, Buel L., Tulia; Menefee, James, Dumas; Robertson, Chandos W., Twitty; Tunnell, Martin E., Electra; Wilson, Paul E., Wichita Falls; and York, Fredrick B., Wichita Falls.

"Few men could be more deserving of this award than those of the 1st Special Service Force, and I am grateful that these men are now receiving the highest recognition for their incredible service to our nation," Thornberry said.

"While no amount of medals or honors will ever fully repay our debt to men like these, this Medal will help ensure that their bravery and service will be remembered and honored as an important piece of history."

The 1st Special Service Force was comprised of U.S. and Canadian troops, and it was formed at the direction of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, U.S. Army Chief of Staff General George Marshall, and Lord Louis

Mountbatten. The special operations unit participated in numerous campaigns during World War II in France, Italy, and along the Rhineland. The legacy of the unit proudly lives on today in the special forces units of the U.S. and Canada.

Congressional Gold Medals require broad bipartisan support. At least 290 members of the U.S. House of Representatives and 67 members of the Senate must cosponsor the legislation before any Congressional Gold Medal bill can be considered.

Pre-plant, weed management meeting set Feb. 11 in Canyon

SUBMITTED

CANYON — A Pre-Plant/Weed Management Producer Update Meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Feb. 11 by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service at the Kuhlman Extension Center, 200 N. Brown Road, Canyon.

"We wanted to help producers establish not only a good pre-planting plan, but also develop strategies for addressing severe weed control issues for both pre- and post-planting this crop season," said Dr. J. D. Ragland, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent for Randall County.

The fee at the door is \$10, and lunch will be included. RSVPs are requested by noon Feb. 10 to 806-468-5543.

The program, sponsored by Randall County

Crops and Beef Cattle Committee, will offer two Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units — one general, one drift management — to private pesticide applicators.

Program topics and speakers will be:

— Sorghum Silage Variety Trial and Yield Quality, Dr. Jourdan Bell, AgriLife Extension agronomist, Amarillo.

— Viewing of Newly Released North Region "Weed Management Video Series"

— Sugarcane Aphid Update and Management Strategies, Dr. Ed Bynum, AgriLife Extension entomologist, Amarillo.

— Weed Control for Corn and Sorghum/ Research Results from 2014 Crop Season, Bell.

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Tales from the Final Frontier

10 ways to be bad on Facebook.



JOHN LEE

This week I am going to take aim at Facebook and social media. Yahoo! recently published an article about Facebook crimes calling it "10 ways to be very bad at Facebook."

We all have them, that one friend or family member we ignore on Facebook because we get tired of seeing their content that is always the same thing. If it wasn't for the fact

we don't want to be rude we would de-friend them. Here is a list put together by Yahoo! tech columnist, Alyssa Bereznak, of ways to be very bad on Facebook.

1. Entwine yourself in a rabid, political argument — We all have that family member that posts a very one-sided, opinionated rant on Facebook. Whether it's a social issue or a political agenda, all of the sudden they have 30 comments of bickering between two or more parties. Personally, I try not to post about politics and social issues on Facebook. Don't forget, most Facebook users don't just have family and close friends on Facebook, but they also have "acquaintances" from past work places, college, high school, etc. Debating with family? Fun. Debating with someone whose political views you are unaware of? Not so much.

2. Post the same photo 678 times — I fortunately don't have many people that do this on Facebook. But I have something similar. A lot of people will post tons of pictures of their dogs, cats, babies, car, etc. After most of these have been seen the

10th time in one week they haven't changed. Where's that ignore button, again?

3. Earnestly announce a life milestone — I tend to disagree with Alyssa on this. There is nothing wrong with sharing your new job, marriage, baby announcement, etc. on Facebook. I can see where she is coming from if someone gushes over it and repeatedly post over and over again, then I can see the annoyance.

4. Brag about your eight-minute mile — Taking selfies on a color run is one thing, because it's fun. But nobody cares that you just ran eight miles. Remember the flak "No Excuse Mom" got for posting her picture shaming other moms for letting themselves go?

5. Remind us how healthy and loving your relationship is — I will just take what Alyssa says. "It may very well be that you have fallen so deeply in love that you feel inspired to shout it from the digital rooftops. But don't. For one, studies show that everyone hates happy couples on Facebook," she says. "For another, bragging about your great relationship is the number one sign to everyone with the slightest bit of emotional intelligence that you are actually insecure about it. And besides: If it turns out your boo is just another summer fling, you might actually need some people to be your friends afterward."

That being said the occasional "I love you" or Valentine's/Anniversary announcement is one thing. But posting how much you love them daily, and even worse you "don't care what anyone says about us," gets annoying. Because you're right,

most people don't.

6. Publishing thinly-veiled posts that are obviously aimed at someone you're feuding with — You're not Taylor Swift. Stop it.

7. Spam everyone with invites to play FarmVille — When you play these games you have an option on who you send it to. You probably know who plays based on who invites you. Keep it to those people.

8. Randomly IM people from your past with a vague "What's up?" — I don't know what would motivate someone to do this unless they need a favor or request. At least include in the paragraph why you are messaging them.

Alyssa adds: "Did you ever really have a relationship with this individual in the first place? Do you have anything of substance to say to him or her? On a scale from 1 to 10 (one being normal, 10 being creepy), how strange would it be if you just walked up and spoke to this person while you were in high school?"

9. Like someone's profile picture from six years ago — I will let Alyssa handle this one, too. "Unless you want someone to know you're doing a deep dive on their profile (aka you are romantically interested), do not click through 20 images of a person's face and then make your stalking known by publicly liking a photo taken more than two weeks ago," Alyssa said.

10. Participate in a viral/boring meme that requires you to challenge other people in order to keep it alive — Remember the Ice Bucket Challenge of 2014? The reasons behind it were well-intended and did raise a ton of money for ALS studies. But it got old seeing everyone do it after a few months. This is right up there with the game invites.

Now that you have a break down of Facebook manners, hopefully you won't end up on many "ignore" lists. Also, what annoys you that people do on Facebook?

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Bereavement and Healing Reaction

The death of a loved one is an experience unto its own. It is impossible to gauge how individuals within the family circle will react to their new reality of life without the decedent by their side. One



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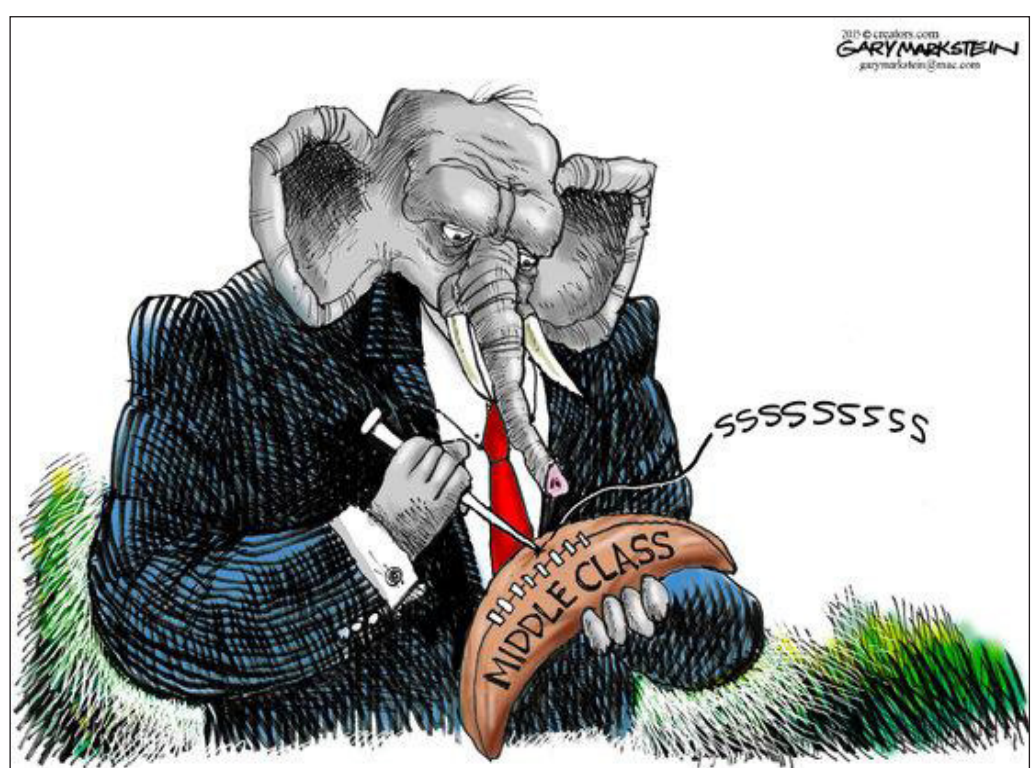
might witness age-old rivalries, control struggles, jealousies or even aloofness surface between those within this intimate experience. Siblings may pit against each other, rather than draw upon each other's strengths, to overcome the wretched pain and sadness brought on by death.

As a funeral director, I see families who come together and console each other through, what is essentially, the worst experience life has to offer. I also see families who rip apart any semblance of love or support based on past disappointments or unsettled issues. Why is it then, that some families have a successful and supportive loss experience while others do not?

her to react according to theological instructions. This individual will react according to his or her experiences in loss. If this is their first human loss, the experience may indeed be very overwhelming and near impossible to find meaning. If you add to this, past struggles within the family circle, believers, and nonbelievers alike may become lost within the difficult recovery process.

My best observations over the past few years have been, that when a family has suffered the loss of a loved one, all within the intimate family circle should put aside all ill will, ill feelings and ill experiences; and come together to offer love and support for all involved. If a family can successfully accomplish this, they will begin their grief experience and travel through a healthier recovery. They might even realize that healing and happiness come through forgiveness and that hate and discontent spawn darkness and hamper recovery.

My name is Tracy Renee Lee. I am a funeral director, author and professional speaker. I write books and weekly bereavement articles related to understanding and coping with grief. I am the American Funeral Director of the Year Runner-Up and recipient of the BBB's Integrity Award. I deliver powerful messages and motivate audiences toward positive recovery. It is my life's work to comfort the bereaved and help them live on. Please follow my blog at <http://pushin-up-daisies.blogspot.com/>, follow me on Twitter @PushUpDaisies and visit my website for additional encouragement, information or booking speeches at www.QueenCityFuneral-Home.com.



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Letter to the Editor LENT time again

Well, the new year just started and its already time to begin thinking about LENT. This year it begins on Wednesday, February 18 and ends Saturday, April 4. Now those of you regularly observe LENT are probably already visiting with the Lord about focusing on Christ's sacrifice on Calvary and what you will be giving up during those 40 days. But to those of you who have never allowed LENT to be part of your walk with the Lord, I want to encourage you to give LENT a try just one time. Why?

First, the 40 day special focus on Christ's sacrifice on Golgotha will most certainly deepen your appreciation for the price Jesus paid for your sins and your salvation. Think back to the last time you took communion with your church family. Didn't you feel something special in the depths of your spirit? Didn't you feel a little bit closer to the Lord than at

other times? Didn't your appreciation for the body that He gave and the blood that He shed grow a little or even a lot? Well, imagine that same experience not just for a few moments, but for 40 days. That is what LENT is like when it is genuinely observed from the heart.

Second, LENT will empower you in your fight against pride. Each follower of Christ knows all too well that our battle with pride is a daily war; sometimes maybe even hourly. Our human flesh regularly blurts out: "I want what I want and I want it RIGHT NOW!" Does that sound familiar? Because LENT helps the believer spend more time focused on the Lamb of God on the cross and because pride is forced to shrink away when it comes face to face with death of Jesus on the cross, the battle against pride will go much better. Funny how that works, huh. As pride get closer to the cross it

weakens. However, the closer we get to the cross, the stronger we grow. LENT will draw us nearer to the cross.

Third, LENT deepens and enriches the believer's spiritual walk by increasing the volume of time spent in prayer, reading scripture and focusing on the cross. You see, giving something up that is significant in your life will cause your flesh to angrily cry out often. And when you hear that cry, you will be reminded to say a prayer, read a Bible verse and meditate on Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. The goal is to choose something that strongly affects your life so that the flesh will cry out more often, leading you to pray more often and read scripture more often and meditate on Christ more often.

I hope that you can see that those are 3 pretty good reasons to give LENT a try.

So in case you are going

to give it a try, keep these things in mind:

1- Choose something to give up that is significant to you. I have known people who gave up ice, fast food, soda pop, coffee, all food, all meat, sweets, etc. In each case the item proved to significantly touch their life. You choose what will noticeably touch yours.

2- The giving up is for Monday-Saturday of each week, not for Sunday. There are actually 46 days from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday, but only 40 days when you don't count the Sundays.

3- Remember that LENT is not a "celebration," rather it is a time for fixating on Christ's death. Therefore it is a time for remorse, repentance, brokenness, confession and conviction. Let that be your focus throughout LENT. God bless.

Mike Sublett
Pampa

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Community Calendar

City Commission meetings

The Pampa City Commission meets at 5:30 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month. The meetings are held on the third floor of City Hall.

School board meetings

The Pampa Independent School District board meets at 5:45 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month at the new administration building on North Hobart Street.

Immunization clinic three times a month

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) hosts an immunization clinic in Pampa three times a month. The clinics are held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. on the first three Wednesdays of each month. The first 10 people in line for the morning and first 10 in the afternoon will always receive shots. However, if there are more than 10, they still may be able to accommodate the patients, or ask them to come back at another time. The Department of State Health Services can be reached at 806-669-5323 and is located at 121 S. Gillespie St. in Pampa.

PAWS meets first Tuesdays

Pampa Animal Welfare Society meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Pampa Animal Shelter, 811 S. Hobart St. The meetings are at 6:30 p.m. and are open to the public.

There is a desperate need for more members. PAWS members are needed to work at the shelter from 3 to 5:30 p.m. each day and to work adoption days or take animals to the vets when needed,

but mostly people are needed to love and work with the animals where they will be more adoptable.

For more information, call the shelter after 3 p.m. at 669-5775 and ask for the PAWS volunteer.

County Commission meetings

The Gray County Commission meets at 9 a.m. on the first and 15th of each month. If the date falls on a Saturday, the meeting will be held on Friday. If the date falls on a Sunday, the meeting will be held on Monday. The meetings are held on the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse.

TOT Republican Women's Club

Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club meets at noon on the third Wednesday of every month at the Pampa Senior Center, 500 W. Francis St. For more information call 806-669-1990.

Jam sessions every Friday night

The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center has a jam session every Friday night starting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to play or listen. The center is located at 320 S. Cuyler St. For more information, call 806-664-0824.

Meredith House presents live music

Meredith House, an assisted-living facility at 812 W. 25th Ave., has a band performing at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Saturday night. Join them for Western music, gospel and the classics. For more information, call 806-665-5668.

Monday night dance club

The Monday night dance club meets

from 7 to 9 p.m., the second Monday of each month, in the Pampa Chamber of Commerce building on the corner of Ballard and Kingsmill. Admission is \$3.50. Cold drinks and coffee are offered. The club plays country music. For more information, call Della at 806-663-1136.

PPQG Meets fourth Thursdays

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild meets the fourth Thursday of each month, January through October, at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center at 500 W. Francis St.

The meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. and membership is open to adult quilters of all ages. Dues are \$15 annually. Meetings consist of a short business discussion followed by a program featuring quilting techniques. For more information, call 806-662-2909.

Pampa Post VFW meetings

Pampa Post VFW, Men's Auxiliary, and Ladies Auxiliary meet the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. There is a social hour with meal at 6 p.m. and the meetings begin at 7 p.m. For questions, call Danny Martin at 806-662-4367.

CASA of the High Plains

CASA of the High Plains will be open from 6-7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month for persons interested in becoming a CASA Volunteer. The CASA office is located in the Brown Alliance for Children at 315 N. Ballard Street in Pampa.

CASA volunteers are appointed by a Judge to represent the Best Interest of

children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect. Volunteers are crucial to positive outcomes for children in the foster care system.

You may contact CASA at 806-669-7638 for more information.

Citizens for a Better Pampa Meetings

The Citizens for a Better Pampa meetings are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 1925B North Hobart. The group is made up of individuals who want to work with our city commissioners and the city government/employees to help make Pampa a better place to live for all Pampa residents and visitors. All who have concerns, positive ideas, suggestions, and solutions for concerns are encouraged to attend these meetings.

Group members attend the City Commission meetings, then grab a bite to eat and meet at the office conference room (1925B North Hobart) to get acquainted and visit before starting.

For more information, please contact Dale or Phillis at (3 Par Ranch office), 806-665-0805.

Editor's note: Email submissions to jclee@thepampanews.com. Submissions should be 100 words or less and written in the third person. Please include the title of the event, the date and time, physical address, the admission cost or whether it is a free event and a contact number and/or email address for the public.

Staples buys Office Depot for \$6B to keep pace with change

NEW YORK (AP) — There are few places where evolving technology has been more disruptive than in the work place, which played out again Wednesday as Staples announced it would spend about \$6 billion to buy Office Depot.

Once one-time rivals will no longer compete in close proximity for the same customers, instead putting up a front of 4,000 stores to hold off encroachments from the likes of Wal-Mart, Target and Amazon.com.

Annual sales of the new office-supply giant are expected to approach \$39 billion.

The two companies tried to combine forces before but were successfully blocked by anti-trust regulators. That was almost 20 years ago, however, and with the boards of both companies signing on unanimously to try it again, they appear confident that their landscape has changed substantially.

"This is a transformational acquisition which enables Staples to provide more value to customers, and more effectively compete in a rapidly evolving competitive environment," said Staples CEO and Chairman Ron Sargent.

Big wholesalers and office supply manufacturers that will have one less company to sell products to may see it differently, said Citi Investment Research's Kate McShane.

It was slightly more than a year ago that Office Depot merged with OfficeMax for much the same reason. And it is the nod from regulators on that \$1.2 billion deal in late 2013 that may be giving the companies more confidence that they now see things from their perspective.

Sargent said Wednesday that while they do not know how the Federal Trade Commission will react, a lot has changed.

When the FTC closed its investigation into the merger of Office Depot and OfficeMax it seemed to agree, saying that the market for the sale of consumable office supplies had changed significantly.

Staples did touch on some of those monopoly issues Wednesday, saying that it's not required to close the deal with Office Depot if antitrust authorities require divestitures that deliver more than

\$1.25 billion of Office Depot's 2014 revenues in the U.S. or if a requirement of the antitrust authorities has a material adverse effect on Office Depot's operations outside of the U.S.

While Sargent said it's too early to talk about specific integration plans for the company, Staples and Office Depot each plan to close stores this year. Staples previously announced that it would close up to 225 stores by the end of 2015. Sargent said Wednesday that those plans haven't changed. Office Depot CEO Roland Smith said the chain is looking to close 135 stores this year.

In the proposed deal, Office Depot Inc. shareholders will receive \$7.25 in cash and 0.2188 of a share in Staples Inc. at closing. The transaction values Office Depot at \$11 per share, which is based on Staples' Monday closing stock price — the last trading day before initial reports of a buyout began to leak. The companies put the deal's equity value at \$6.3 billion.

Office Depot shareholders will own about 16 percent of the combined company.

Framingham, Massachusetts, where Staples is based, will serve as headquarters for the combined company. Sargent said that Staples will maintain a presence in Boca Raton, Florida, where Office Depot is based.

Staples expects to realize at least \$1 billion in annual cost savings by the third full fiscal year after the transaction is complete.

"These savings will dramatically accelerate our strategic reinvention which is focused on driving growth in our delivery businesses and in categories beyond office supplies," said Sargent, who will be chairman and CEO. The companies said

Wednesday that they began negotiating in September, perhaps attempting to diminish what was seen as pressure on Staples from activist investors to do just that.

Hedge fund Starboard Value LP disclosed a 5.1 percent stake in Staples in December and last month began publicly urging it to make a move on Office Depot.

The deal is expected to close by year's end, but

still needs approval from Office Depot shareholders. Once the closing occurs, Staples board will increase from 11 to 13 members and include two Office Depot directors approved by Staples.

Staples said that it is temporarily suspending its stock buybacks so that it can concentrate on paying down debt related to the deal. It has agreed to pay a \$250 million termination fee if the deal is called off due to antitrust roadblocks. There will be \$1 billion in one-time costs related to the transaction.

Shares of Staples shed fell \$1.39, or 7.3 percent, to \$17.62 in morning trading. Office Depot's stock added 26 cents to \$9.54.

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Parent Involvement Activity Basket of Activity!

Description:

This is a participatory directions game.

Materials:

- 1) Plastic eggs
- 2) Paper
- 3) Pen
- 4) Basket

Setup:

Write simple tasks on pieces of paper. Make one for each of your plastic eggs. Select activities which are appropriate based on the children in your class. You may need to model the actions for your children. Examples include:

- Jump up and down 3 times
- Point to something red
- Touch your nose
- Smile big!

Steps:

- 1) Have the children stand in a circle
- 2) Walk around the room with your basket of eggs, let each child pick an egg. As each one selects an egg read the instructions for the activity and have the class perform the action. Then move on to the next child.

Enrichment:

—Customize this activity to fit the theme of your lessons for the week. If you are working on body parts, have each of the activities relate to identifying a body part, etc.

Note: You can easily use this activity as a way to assess different goals based on what activities you have the children demonstrate.



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Hi-Land Christian Church
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From 7 - 8 p.m. The Judges and Kings of Israel (broken people, faithful God); from 8-9 p.m. 1-2 Corinthians (Jesus and His messy people).
Pastor Sublett said, "Both classes are advanced in that they have a weekly reading assignment and weekly hand-out pages that will supply each student with a significant notebook for continued study."
I will also be recording each class so that everyone can have the audio in case they want to review something later."
The classes are open to anyone interested in learning more about their Bible.
Child care will be provided for anyone who is attending either class.

Cornerstone Baptist Church
Cornerstone Baptist Team KID (Kids in Discipleship) meets Wednesdays at 6:30 until 8:00 pm at 2410 W. 23rd St. All children ages 4 thru 5th graders are invited to attend.
For more information call the church

at 669-6509.

New Life Assembly of God
New Life Assembly of God is located at 1435 N. Sumner Street in Pampa. New pastor, Sergio Urrutia, said their mission is "New life Assembly of God is committed to fulfilling a four-fold mission."
Our primary reason for being is to evangelize the lost, worship God, disciple believer and to show compassion, to build a multi-ethnic body of believers.
New life commits to reaching out to Pampa in all areas of the township with special emphasis to our Latino brothers and sisters.
Our worship will be a reflection of our multi-ethnic mixture of disciples including Christian Latino music, contemporary music as well as the traditional hymns and songs of the church.
Outreach will have as its goal to produce new believers who in turn are able to witness effectively and make disciples who will in turn continue this cycle.
This will be effected through small group bible studies, both Bi-lingual services, and bibles."

Services are Sunday at 10 a.m. and Sundays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ
Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ is located at 1342 Mary Ellen St. Corner of Mary Ellen and Harvester. Right across from the high school.
Bible Classes start at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship is at 5 p.m. and Ladies Bible Class Wednesday 10 a.m.
Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ also offers Wednesday Bible Class at 7 p.m.
Keith Feerer is the Preacher and Zac Green is Youth Minister.
For more information call 806-665-0031.

First United Methodist Church
Every Friday, First United Methodist Church will be holding Gospel Pic'n and Grinnin'.
The weekly event will be at 5:30 p.m. at Gathering Space in the church.
For more information call 806-669-7411.

McLean Cowboy Church

McLean Cowboy Church is a non-denominational spirit-filled Christian church. The pastor is Ronnie Ferguson.
Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m. and children's ministry is Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
The ages for the children's ministry are nursery through fifth grade.
The church is located at the intersection of state Highway 273 and Interstate 40 in McLean.
For more information, call 806-779-0260.

Southside Church of Christ
Southside Church of Christ is located at 11923 W. McCullough Ave. in Pampa.
The church extends an open invitation to all to come and worship where the gospel, "God's Word," is always taught and preached.
Regular worship services are: Sunday morning Bible study, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; morning worship begins at 10:45 a.m. to noon; Wednesday night Bible study is from 5 to 6 p.m.

If your church would like to be added to this list or are hosting a special event let us know! Email jcllee@thepampa.com or give us a call 669-2525. We will need the name, address, phone number and any other information about the event.

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Junior High girls finish season

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Monday, Pampa hosted Bushland for the final games of the season.

The eighth "B" team lost 21-14. Roscio Garcia led the team with six points and 14 steals. Sheylah Arreola was not far behind with four points and five rebounds.

The seventh "B" team lost in a close battle 20-17. Top performers were Halie West with eight points; and Addison Smith with five points and five steals.

The eighth "A" team played with a lot of hustle and heart, but fell short of the victory 48-31. Madison Davis led the team with 12

points and seven rebounds; Callin Burlison and Audrey Hopkins both scored five points each with Audrey pulling down nine rebounds.

The seventh "A" team controlled the game from the start to come out on top with a 31-16 victory.

Ally Gutierrez played a great game scoring nine points and getting nine rebounds; Kambry Smith scored eight points; and Maggie Hernandez scored five points and had nine rebounds.

Every team did a great job this year! Each player improved their skills and were fun to coach.



Submitted photo

The eighth grade team got second place. Top row, from left, Audrey Hopkins, Callin Burlison, Sheylah Arreola, Madison Davis, Jacey Baten and Avery Hoganson. Middle row, Coach Childers, Savannah Thompson, Brittney Cuevas, Eliana Urritia, Kassie Ledbetter, Mikaela Gonzalez, Emily Burks and Coach May. Bottom row, Alyson Chisum, Jacqueline Vaquera, Bethany Roden, Kierra Terrell, Dejah Burnley, Halley Pate and Roscio Garcia.

Volleyball Standings Winter 2015

Men's

Conference	Overall
Westside Package 5-0	8-0
Domino's Pizza 3-2	5-3
Fear the Beards 2-3	3-5
Wingineers 0-5	0-8

Women's

Conference	Overall
Bad News Babes 3-1	7-1
Tuff-E-Nuff 3-1	6-2
We Showed Up 3-1	5-3
Quality Sales 1-3	2-6
Xtra Auto 0-4	0-8

Hidden Hills seniors scramble

STAFF REPORT

Hidden Hills hosted a seniors four man scramble on Tuesday. Here are the results.

First place, with a score of 60, was the team of Jerry Walling, John Howell, Lucio Moreno and Jim Cantrell.

Second place, with a score of 64, was the team of John Hervey, Jerry Stephens, Lynn Allison and

Ken Burkett.

Third place, with a score of 65, was the team of Kelly Everson, Gerrell Owens, Carl Johnson and James Lee.

Fourth place, with a score of 65, was the team of Jim Brashears, Larry Pruett, Bob Henderson and Melvin Ball.

Jimmy Cantrell was closest to the pin for hole No. 15.

Watch the Pros

College Basketball

Richmond at La Salle.....	NBCS 5:30 p.m.
Iowa at Michigan.....	ESPN 6 p.m.
Auburn at LSU.....	ESPN2 6 p.m.
Tulsa at Houston.....	ESPN 6 p.m.
Mount St. Mary's at Bryant.....	ESPNU 6 p.m.
North Texas at Western Kentucky.....	FCSC 7 p.m.
Northern Colorado at Northern Arizona.....	FCSP 7:30 p.m.
Cincinnati at SMU.....	ESPN 8 p.m.
UCLA at Stanford.....	ESPN2 8 p.m.
Belmont at Eastern Kentucky.....	ESPNU 8 p.m.
St. Francis Pa. at Farleigh Dickinson.....	FCSA 8 p.m.
Gonzaga at Santa Clara.....	ESPNU 10 p.m.
USC at California.....	FS1 10 p.m.

NHL Hockey

Tampa Bay Lightning at Dallas Stars.....	FSSW 7:30 p.m.
Detroit Red Wings at Colorado Avalanache.....	NBCS 8 p.m.

NBA Basketball

LA Clippers at Cleveland Cavaliers.....	TNT 7 p.m.
Phoenix Suns at Portland Trail Blazers.....	TNT 9:30 p.m.

Golf

LPGA Tour: Pure Silk Bahamas.....	GOLF 10:30 a.m.
PGA Tour: Farmers Insurance Open.....	GOLF 2 p.m.

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PAMPA Sports

Bryson Burrell's second half leads Pampa to win

■ The junior had 13 points in the second half.

By ZACHARY GREEN

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The Pampa Harvesters 20-4 (2-3) traveled to Perryton on Tuesday night to face the Rangers 12-16 (2-3) in a pivotal district matchup.

After Pampa started district play with three straight losses, they have now reeled of two straight wins with the 58-56 victory over the Rangers.

Pampa is still in the thick of things for the district title as the leader is 4-0 in Bushland. Borger is second at 4-1. Perryton and Pampa are both 2-3. Dalhart is 0-5. At the end of the article, I will provide the remaining district matchups.

"We keep telling these kids to believe in what we're doing. Believe in the system," head coach Matt Embry said. "There's plenty of time left. You gotta buy in. Just because Perryton beat us at our place, doesn't mean they will at their place. We just gotta be focused."

Perryton put the first points on the board at 2-0 after free throws at the 5:46 mark of the first quarter. Junior Cade Engle had a three-pointer, followed by sophomore Brandon Sieck's steal and he went 1-2 from the line to give Pampa a 4-2 lead.

Perryton tied it at 4-4 with a layup. Engle hit a jumper as part of a 4-0 run to give Pampa an 8-4 lead at the 3:02 mark.

The lead was extended to 11-6 at the 2:43 mark with junior Adam Zuniga's three ball. Perryton called a timeout at that point.

After the timeout, Engle had a steal and bucket along with a three-pointer to give Pampa a 16-8 lead.

Pampa led 16-10 after the first quarter of play.

Engle had 10 points. Sieck was 1-2 from the line with three points and Zuniga had three points. Pampa's aggressive play led to many fouls in the game. Pampa led the foul count after one quarter at 9-2.

Senior Johnathan Stevens had a traditional three-point play at the 7:36 mark to go up 19-10. Perryton was whistled for a technical foul, but Engle went 0-2 on the foul shots.

Engle had a nice alleyoop to Stevens at the 6:45 mark to put Pampa on top 21-10. Engle added free throws to put Pampa up 23-12 at the 5:13 mark.

The Harvesters turned it over a couple of times, but Perryton only cut the lead down to 23-15.

Engle hit a layup with 3:10 before the half to go up by ten at 25-15. Pampa led 27-20 after hitting a couple of free throws.

Junior Bryson Burrell hit a putback layup to put Pampa up 29-20 with 1:15 to go before the half.

Pampa was called for a foul as Perryton's shot at the buzzer missed. A technical foul was also called on junior Kambrin Scott for debating the call. The odd thing is, the technical was called after the Rangers had already shot one free-throw attempt. It was a very delayed call.

Pampa led at the half 29-23 after the four free-throw attempts by Perryton.

Stevens was 1-1 from the line with five points in the quarter. Engle was 2-4 from the line with four points. Burrell and Scott each had two points in the quarter. Pampa still led the foul count at 15-7.

Perryton cut the lead down to 29-25 after a bucket with 7:15 to go in the quarter. Stevens was whistled for his fourth foul with 6:30 to go in the third and he would have to sit until the fourth quarter.

Burrell had a nice coast-to-coast layup to go up 31-27 with 5:55 to go. Senior Jett Gibson was then called for his fourth foul with 5:02 to go and he would have to sit until the fourth quarter.

Pampa then had to look to a combination of Burrell, Zuniga, sophomore Corbin Hair and senior Calven Webb to make up for the two post players being in foul trouble.

tempts.

Hair had a putback layup at the end of the third quarter to put Pampa on top 44-35 after three quarters of play.

Scott was 1-2 from the line with seven points. Burrell had four in the quarter. Engle and Hair each had two.

"We went to Calven early, he gave us a good defensive possession, then we went back and subbed to offense," Embry said. "We went to Corbin in the third down the stretch when Johnathan and Jett both got four fouls. He was able to get a late bucket to give us momentum going into the fourth."

The game looked well in hand when Burrell hit a putback to put the Harvesters on top 46-35 with 6:55 to go in the game. The Rangers weren't done yet though as they went on a 7-0 run to come back in the game and it was 46-42 with six minutes to go.

Gibson fouled out and was called for a technical foul with 4:53 to go. That gave the Rang-

Perryton hit a three with two minutes left to take a 54-53 lead. It was the Rangers' first lead since very early in the game at 2-0.

Zuniga hit a critical layup to give Pampa the 55-54 lead with 49 seconds left. A timeout was called with 36.3 seconds left.

Perryton traveled on their possession after Zuniga's layup.

Zuniga dropped back like a quarterback and heaved a baseball pass to Burrell to break the fullcourt press by the Rangers and Burrell put Pampa up 57-54.

Perryton was whistled for an offensive foul on their end of the court.

Zuniga dishd to Burrell again to break the press, but Burrell was fouled this time and missed both free throws with 10 seconds left.

Perryton had to call a timeout to avoid a five second call.

Perryton missed two shots and the man that was all over the court, Burrell, got the rebound with 1.3 seconds left. Burrell went 1-2 from the line this time to put Pampa up 58-54 with just 1.3 seconds. Perryton went down and scored a layup to cut the lead to 58-56 but there was no time left.

Pampa won 58-56.

"We came to him (Burrell) at the last time he was about to shoot free throws, I came to him, put my arm around him and said we need one. Gotta have one and make it a two possession game," Embry said.

"It's harder to make the second one after you miss the first, he stepped up and made that shot. I was proud of him. He also ran down that ball. That was tough. If he doesn't run the ball down, Perryton gets the ball on their end of the court only down three. Huge play by Burrell, I am proud of him."

Burrell was 1-4 from the line with nine points in the fourth. Scott was 2-2 from the line with two points. Zuniga had two points. Stevens was 1-2 from the line with one point.

Cade Engle was 2-4 from the line with two threes and 16 points. Bryson Burrell was 1-5 from the line with 15 points.

Kambrin Scott was 3-4 from the line with two threes and 11 points. Johnathan Stevens was 2-3 from the line with six points.

Adam Zuniga had a three and five points. Brandon Sieck was 1-2 from the line with three points. Corbin Hair had two points.

Pampa will try to beat rival Borger and even up their district record on Friday night at 7:30 p.m. in McNeely Fieldhouse.

It will be Senior Night and the last game four seniors will play for Pampa in McNeely Fieldhouse. Come out and support these seniors.

"That was the most focused we've been all season. I think the kids understood the meaning of that game and what it would have done to our season had we not won it. Hopefully that gets us on the momentum train for Friday," Embry said.

District roundup

Friday: Bushland travels to Dalhart. Perryton off. Tuesday: Perryton travels to Borger. Dalhart off. Feb. 13: Perryton travels to Bushland. Borger off. Feb. 17: Bushland travels to Borger. Dalhart travels to Perryton. Pampa off.



Photo courtesy of Charla Shults
Head coach Matt Embry draws up a play during a timeout late in the game on Tuesday. Pampa won 58-56 after two great inbounds passes.

When Gibson and Stevens went out, Pampa led 33-27.

The lead was extended to 36-27 after Scott hit a three-pointer. Perryton answered right back with a three to cut the lead to 36-30. The Rangers called a timeout with 3:56 to go in the third.

After the timeout, Perryton hit another three-pointer to cut the lead to 36-33 with 3:16 to go.

Perryton had 11 threes in the matchup that went down in Pampa. The Harvesters held Perryton to just one three in the first half Tuesday, but the Rangers hit four in the second half.

Engle had a steal and layup to go up 38-33 with 2:21 to go in the quarter. Scott then hit a three after a Perryton turnover to put Pampa up 41-33.

With 47 seconds to go in the quarter, Perryton's coach was called for a technical foul. Scott was 1-2 from the line on the technical shots. Pampa led 42-35 after the free throw at-

ters some momentum and they cut the lead to two at 49-47 after the free throws and Perryton would have the ball.

Burrell was all over the place Tuesday night and he stole it and put in a bucket to put Pampa up 51-47. Stevens then fouled out at the 4:11 mark.

It was up to the senior Webb and the underclassmen Burrell, Zuniga and Hair to hold serve for Pampa in the last four minutes. Both Pampa post players had fouled out.

"Late down the stretch, they started getting those threes in the corner. With Jett and John gone we had to go to our fastest defender. And that was Calven. Calven was able to cover out and not let them get that shot," Embry said. "They did get it on the ball reversal at the top of the key. But they weren't able to make it and Burrell was able to go secure the rebound."

Pampa took a timeout with three minutes to go and leading 51-49.

PHOTOS FROM BOTH HARVESTER GAMES TUESDAY NIGHT



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Above left, Bryson Burrell with one of his late layups. Above right, Kambrin Scott plays great defense. Below left, Madison Brown shoots a jumper. Below right, Rayna Wall attempts a three on Tuesday night.



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By Bil Keane

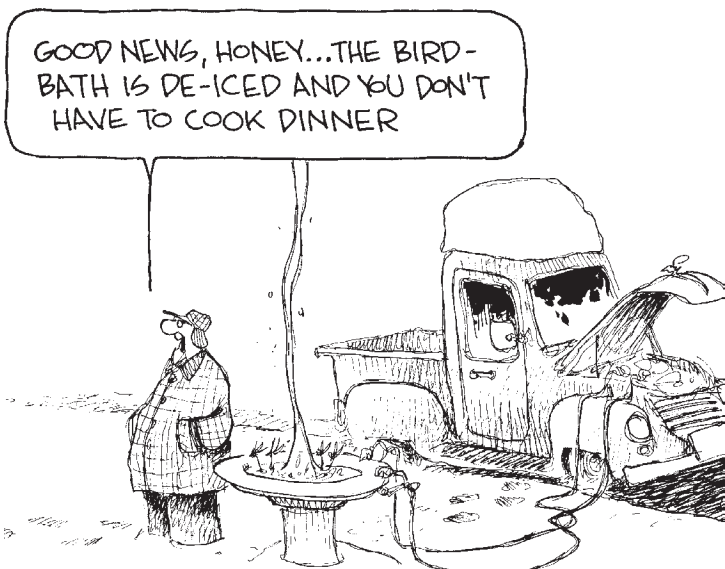


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DAILY Horoscope

A baby born today has a Sun in Aquarius and a Moon in Virgo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Feb. 6, 2015:

This year you will have energy and direction. Take a class in communication, and learn how to think and speak more positively. Curb a tendency to get into arguments. Exercise and meditation will help you have the self-control you desire. If you are single, carefully check out anyone you meet prior to September; people might not be what they seem. If you are attached, the two of you have a tendency to overspend. Be careful not to withhold thoughts that could affect your relationship. Share, but choose the right words. VIRGO often can be uptight.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Watch what happens when you let go of your need to control. You could be surprised by several offers that come forward as a result. If a friend or acquaintance goes on the warpath, do whatever you can to avoid him or her. Tonight: Squeeze in some kind of exercise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You have unusual creativity. What makes your ideas unique is how grounded and practical you are when implementing them. Others often seek you out for advice because of this quality. You might need to set boundaries with someone. Tonight: Start the weekend in style.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Many of your friends could be taken aback by your decision to play it low-key. You might not be in the mood for TGIF celebrations. Focus on what you must, but opt for a quiet evening at your place. Address your concerns a different day. Tonight: Make a favorite dinner.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Speak your mind early in the day. A partner is likely to become controlling, regardless of whether you choose to stay mum. A financial matter could be more costly than you originally had thought. Decide how important this venture is. Tonight: Hang out with a pal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Take a hard look at your budget before you make any plans. Your feelings about the costs of adventure could be different from those of a friend or partner. Know when to say “enough is enough.” Sometimes, taking off is the solution. Tonight: All smiles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You'll feel empowered, though you inadvertently could trigger quite an argument. Be aware of your limits when dealing with a friend who constantly distorts reality. Find a unique way to open the door for this person to see this distortion. Tonight: Do your own thing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★ You could feel as if something is off. Whether you aren't seeing a situation clearly or someone else keeps changing his or her opinion, it would be in your best interests to say little and observe more. You might want the feedback of a trusted friend. Tonight: Make it OK to vanish.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You know what you want. You will be upfront about your desires, but others still might not follow through. If you want something to unfold a certain way, you'd better plan to do it yourself. Otherwise, you could be disappointed. Tonight: A new friend intrigues you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You might feel as if someone is pushing you into a money matter or some other kind of agreement that could affect you financially. Extremes mark your spending habits. Take an overview and detach before making any major decisions. Tonight: Out late.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might want to put terms on a situation, because you are more comfortable when you feel totally in control. Try not to give in to this impulse. If you step back, you will open up new possibilities, some of which might really please you. Tonight: Go to a hip spot for music.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You like your freedom, but sometimes you must bend in order to make a relationship work. A little discomfort won't hurt you, and ultimately, it will allow you to relax more. Curb spending today, as you could unwittingly go overboard. Tonight: Get to know someone better.

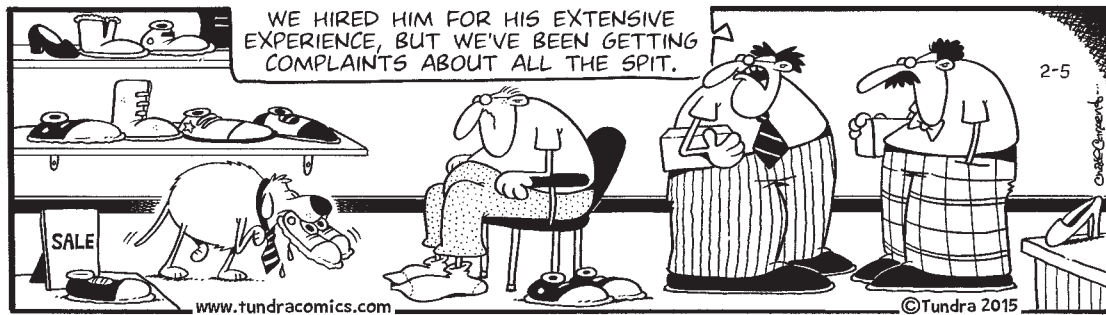
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Friends and loved ones will be full of suggestions, all of which seem to appeal to you. You might not be as sure of yourself as you would like to be. Take note of the confidence others have in you. You make good choices; count on that ability. Tonight: Dance away frustration.

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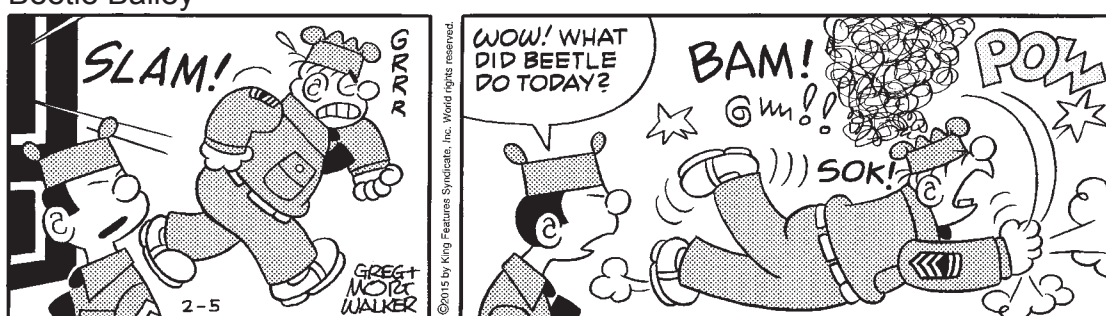
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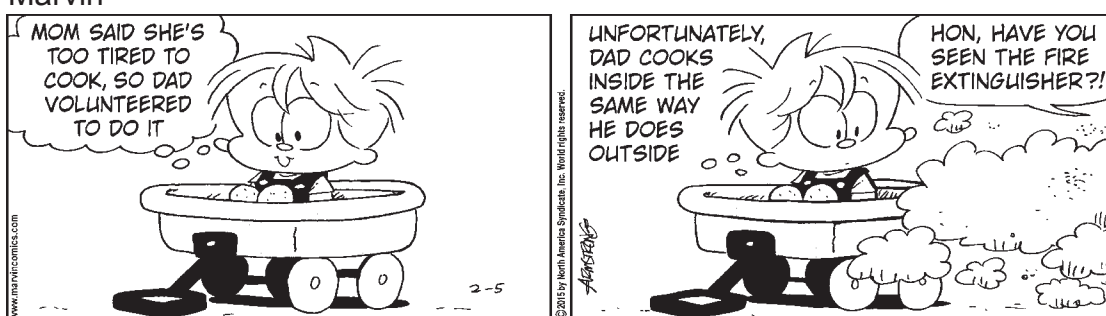
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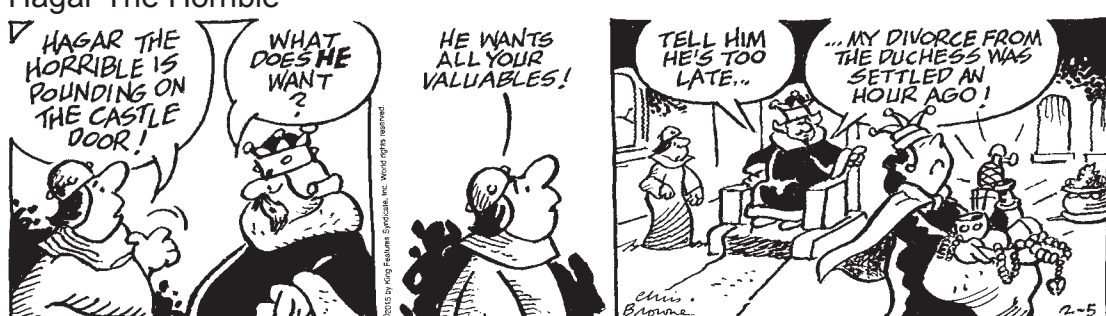
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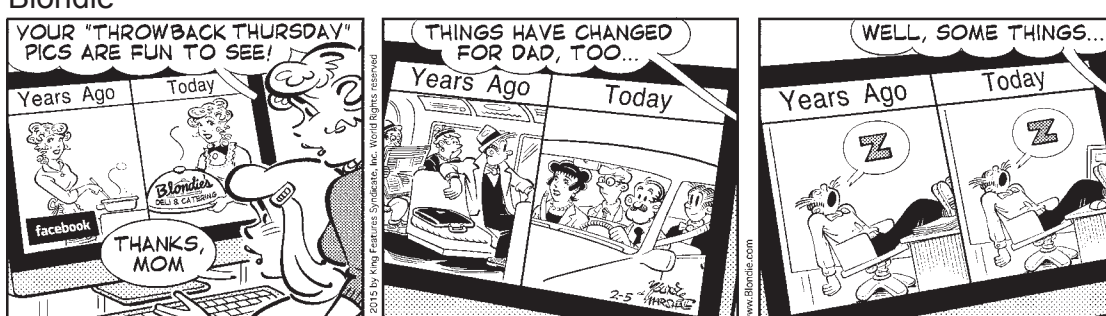
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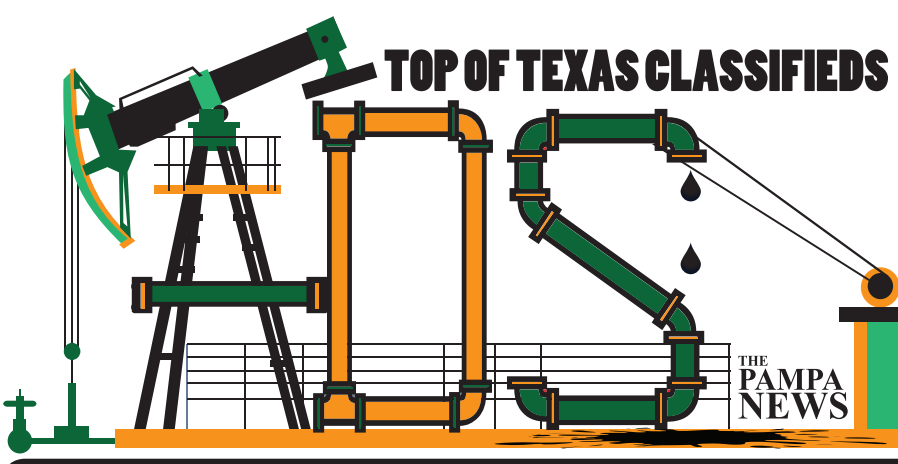


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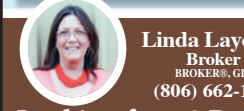
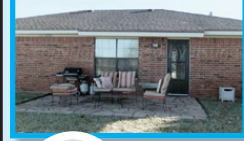
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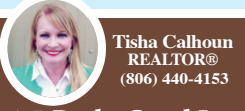


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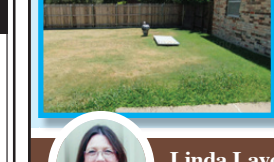
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Turnovers, fouls haunt Lady Harvesters in Perryton

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters 13-15 (3-3) traveled to Perryton to face the Rangerettes 9-14 (2-5) on Tuesday night. A win would have helped Pampa's race for second place in the district, but the 50-41 loss now puts them fighting for third place. One more win, whether it is Bushland or Borger will put them securely in third-place.

"Next game we win we are in third-place. Hopefully it comes at the Borger game, but if it has to wait until the Bushland game then so be it. But the next game we win, we are in third-place," head coach Kim Chaffin said.

Their chances are not all lost to get second place, but they would have to beat Borger Friday and Bushland on Tuesday to stay in the hunt.

"Each place that we can jump up, that's good for us," Chaffin said. "We're going to keep hunkering down and not worry about what anyone else's record is and hopefully fight for these next two games and get victories."

The game started with Perryton winning the tip but missing their first shot opportunity. Pampa turned the ball over on their first possession.

Senior Keshia Daniels started things off with a free-throw line jumper at the 6:41 mark.

Daniels also had two early blocks in the game.

Perryton went on a 4-0 run after trailing 2-0 to take the 4-2 lead at the 5:38 mark. That lead was quickly erased with a three-point shot from senior Taylor Eubank to put the Lady Harvesters on top 5-4 at the 3:48 mark.

Perryton took the lead back at 2:57 with a 6-5 lead. They added to the lead and went up 8-5. It was the Rangerettes' second 4-0 run of the quarter.

The run extended to 7-0 after a three at the two minute mark by Perryton.

Senior Rayna Wall had a jumper late in the quarter to end the run.

Perryton led 15-8 after the first quarter.

Eubank had three points. Wall and Daniels each had two points. Senior Madison Brown was 1-2 from the line with one point in the quarter.

Brown hit a jumper at the 7:30 mark to cut the lead to 15-10. Wall had a steal and layup to bring Pampa to within three at 15-12.

Eubank then had a nice drive into the lane and went to the line for a possible three-point play after making a layup. She missed her free throw but cut the lead to one at 15-14 at the 6:45 mark.

Perryton quickly hit a three to answer and hit another free throw. Pampa's 5-0 run was answered by yet another Perryton 4-0 run.

The rest of the first half was very quiet with both teams missing shots and turning the ball over back and fourth. There were no points scored in the last five minutes of the first half.

Perryton led at the half, 19-14.

Wall, Brown and Eubank each had two points in the quarter.

"We gotta find some scoring when people are guarding them (Eubank and Brown) because going into the postseason people know who our scorers have been all year," Chaffin said. "They

played a zone on us and we freaked out. We hadn't seen that in a while. We weren't really prepared."

The scoring drought for both teams extended to seven minutes before Brown hit a layup to cut the lead to 19-16 with six minutes left in the quarter.

Perryton hit a three at the 5:09 mark to take the 22-16 lead. Brown put back a layup after a missed free throw. Daniels

had two points in the quarter.

Perryton won the game 50-41.

"In all honesty I don't really know what happened to us. We've been preparing for them for an entire week," Chaffin said. "We knew the kind of pressure they were going to put on Taylor and Madison. I was hoping someone else would step up just a little bit more."

Madison Brown finished 4-7 from the line with 14 points. Taylor Eubank was 2-3 from the line, with two threes and 10 points. Rayna Wall was 1-4 from the line with nine points. Keshia Daniels had six points. Raven Neal-Landers had two points.

Pampa will host Borger at 6 p.m. on Friday night. It will be senior night and seven Lady Harvesters will be playing their final game in McNeely Fieldhouse. Come on out and support them as they try to take down the rival Borger.

"Hopefully next game, everybody comes out knowing that every individual is a scoring threat," Chaffin said.

District roundup

Dalhart has clinched first place with a 7-0 record. Bushland is second at 4-2. Pampa is third at 3-3. Perryton fourth at 2-5. Borger will miss the playoffs without a lot of help with an 0-6 record.

Friday: Bushland travels to Dalhart. Tuesday: Perryton travels to Borger.



Photo courtesy of Charla Shults
Taylor Eubank battles to put up a shot on the Perryton defenders. Eubank had 10 points.

had a bucket and Wall had a steal and layup to lead the Lady Harvesters on a 6-0 run and tie the game at 22-22 with 4:04 left in the third quarter.

Once again Perryton answered with a run of their own. This time it was a 5-0 run to take a 27-22 lead with 3:34 to go.

Eubank hit another three to cut the lead to 31-27 with 1:22 to go.

Perryton took their biggest lead in the game to end the third quarter at 36-27.

Brown and Daniels had four points in the quarter. Eubank had three and Wall had two.

Perryton took an 11 point lead at the 7:25 mark.

Brown then decided to go on a personal 5-0 run to cut the lead down to 38-32 at 7:02. Perryton was there to answer the Pampa run again with a three-point shot to go up 41-32.

That three seemed to take the winds out of Pampa's sails as the teams would trade buckets and free throws for the remainder of the game.

Brown was 3-5 from the line with seven points in the quarter. Wall was 1-2 from the line with three points. Eubank was 2-2 from the line with two points and senior Raven Neal-Landers

Answer to yesterday's

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Level: Intermediate

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: Would you please remind your readers that people who have been through an awful divorce DO NOT want to hear anything about their ex? We don't want to hear — again and again — how much better the ex did in the settlement than we did. We don't want to hear that the ex was seen with his girlfriend the other day. I have a friend who tells me every time I speak with her how much better he made out in the settlement than I did. People also need to realize that even though the divorce was years ago, it still hurts. — **HURTING IN MASSACHUSETTS**
DEAR HURTING: I'm passing along your message. However, when it first happened, you should have told the woman to drop the subject because it was hurtful. If you didn't, please do that. But if you did say it and your request was disregarded, recognize that this person isn't a "friend," that she probably gets a kick out of causing you pain or aggravation, and you should avoid her.

have experienced, it may take help from a licensed mental health professional to get past what was done to you. If your family is unable to provide it, discuss this with a counselor at school and ask for help, because the counselor may be able to refer you to someone.

DEAR ABBY: My adult son and his wife have had a dog for two years. I do not want a dog in my house, but I also don't want to prevent them from visiting (they live six hours away). We have tried keeping "Puddles" in the basement, but she whined all night, and my son ended up sleeping on the basement floor with her.

They think I'm going to give in because she's so cute, but I don't like little animals running, jumping and yapping. (OK, I'm high-strung, and holidays make it worse.) My husband doesn't support me and tries to sneak Puddles in when I'm not looking.

This is not fair! I'm the one who keeps the house nice, but I love my son. Any

suggestions? — **PARTICULAR IN OHIO**

DEAR PARTICULAR: Yes, your son should find a pet sitter or board Puddles for the time when he visits you. And if necessary, offer to pay for it. That way the poor animal won't be isolated in unfamiliar surroundings and will have companionship, you'll have peace of mind and your son will get a good night's sleep. *****

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Yesterday's Answer:
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 12 Writer Brontë
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- 14 Spine feature
- 15 Chooses — Diego
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- 23 Magic word
- 25 Ring of light
- 26 Coward
- 28 Single
- 29 Pasta shape
- 30 Veto vote
- 31 Chestnut
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- 41 Car choice
- 42 F. Scott's wife
- 43 Borders
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- 6 Landing pier
- 7 Writer Martin
- 8 Suitable
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- 17 Watch secretly
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- 21 "Dallas" mom
- 22 Senior member
- 24 Crafty jobs
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