

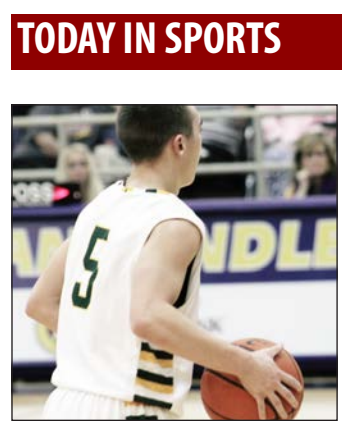
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## A little old, a little new; The Rustic Heart has it all



Photos by John Lee and Karla Kotara  
 Karla Kotara owns The Rustic Heart, located in White Deer. It's on the west end of White Deer on U.S. Highway 60. It's a gift shop which carries a little bit of old, a little bit of new and something for everybody.

### White Deer native opens gift shop on U.S. Highway 60 in White Deer.

By JOHN LEE  
 jclea@thepampanews.com

Driving through White Deer on U.S. Highway 60, travelers will now see a couple of signs saying "one-of-a-kind gift shop."

The Rustic Heart opened on Black Friday and carries products that contain a little bit of old with something new.

Karla Kotara, the owner of The Rustic Heart, said she has been making jewelry for more than 20 years and wanted to sell her jewelry in a shop, which is what inspired her to open up a gift shop.

"I sell the things I love. I've been making jewelry for 20 years and love to create fun and unique items

for people," Kotara said. "I love working with all mediums: metal, pastels, papers, mixed media and really anything I can get my hands on."

But The Rustic Heart doesn't just carry jewelry, though you can find her jewelry and nostalgic jewelry paired with all of her novelty shirts in the store, adding to the eclectic aura.

But what makes her store unique is the variety of products, new and old, in her store. She has nostalgic glassware and jewelry, vintage dresses and even a 1950's toy box for little girls. But you will also find new products including Pink Pewter head bands, Argan Oil Body products and Granny Bee's candles.

"Our unique finds. We carry a wide variety of things, especially one-of-a-kinds," Kotara said. "Handmade jewelry, hair accessories, vintage finds, antiques, artwork and crafts from locals. We try really hard to bring a little somethin different to everyone. We

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## Update on Dec. 6 shooting

SUBMITTED BY PAMPA PD  
 An arrest warrant was issued for 25-year-old Shaunna Lynne Gray of Pampa. The investigation into the Dec. 6 shooting in Pampa, revealed that Gray was the suspect who shot the victim several times in their home in the 1100 block of S. Christy.



HERIFF'S OFFICE  
 GRAY COUNTY  
**Shaunna Gray**

Gray and the victim were in a dating relationship at the time of the shooting. Gray was arrested by the Pampa Police Department on Wednesday, Dec. 10 at a residence in the 1100 block of South Farley. The victim is still in the hospital listed in critical but stable condition. Gray's bond was set at \$50,000.

## County Commission to meet Monday

STAFF REPORT  
 The Gray County Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Monday morning in the second floor court room of the Gray County Courthouse, located at 205 N. Russell.

The commissioners will discuss and consider taking action on the following agenda items:

### Old Business

- Consider request from Attebury Grain, LLC, for proposed abatement agreement and/or payment in lieu of taxes.
- Consider request from Rampa, Inc. for proposed tax abatement agreement and/or payment in lieu of taxes.

### New Business

- Pay bills and salaries as approved by the County Auditor.
- Consider line item transfers.
- Consider budget amendments.
- Consider County Clerk's report.
- Consider District Clerk's request to change names on bank accounts effective January 1, 2015.
- Consider District Clerk's request to hire employee.
- Consider purchasing tables Gray County Annex.
- Recognize Tax Assessor-Collector and Chief Deputy Tax-Assessor-Collector continuing education.
- Recognize Commissioners continuing education.

The commissioners will also enter into executive session to consider potential economic project.

## PFD puts new booster truck in service



Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik

Pampa firefighter Robert McDonald does the honors of baptizing the new booster truck as it is backed into its spot in the garage of the fire station.

By LINDSEY TOMASCHIK  
 LKTomaschik@thepampanews.com

The Pampa Fire Department held a baptism for its new booster truck on Thursday afternoon. Deputy chief Randy Dunham explained that this is a tradition they have for when a new truck comes in to replace one that has been in service for a long time.

What this entails is that one of the hoses on the old truck is used to spray the new truck with water as it backs into its new home in the garage.

The fire department's new truck is a 2015 Ford F-550. It's a four-wheel drive power stroke diesel, but Dunham said that he can't even tell it's a diesel when he's behind the wheel of it.

The truck was delivered here, and the components of the truck bed were installed by

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## DPS offers tips to avoid vehicle theft this holiday season

SUBMITTED BY TEXAS DPS  
 AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding Texans that the holiday season can be a prime time for vehicle thefts and is encouraging individuals to take necessary precautions to protect their vehicles from possible theft. Burglaries of vehicles are also a concern during the entire holiday season.

"DPS is urging Texans to make sure their vehicles and belongings are secure in order to ward off possible thefts and burglaries during the holidays," said DPS Director Steven Mc-

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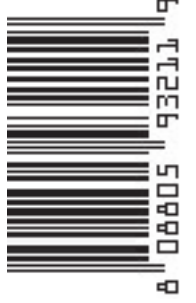
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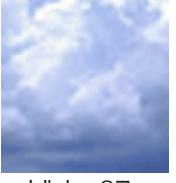
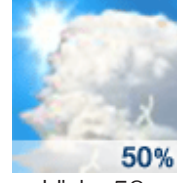

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## PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Sunday	Monday
		
High 67 Low 48	High 58 Low 34	High 50 Low 28

**Today:** Dense morning fog. High 67. Winds S 15-25 mph. Sunrise 7:45 a.m.

**Tonight:** 80 percent chance of thunderstorms after midnight. Low 48. Winds S 15-25 mph. Sunset 5:32 p.m.

**Sunday:** 50 percent chance of thunderstorms in the morning. High 58. Winds SW 15-25 mph. Sunrise: 7:46 a.m.

**Sunday night:** Partly cloudy. Low 34. Winds NW 15-25 mph. Sunset 5:33 p.m.

**Monday:** Sunny. High around 50. Winds NNW 10 mph. Sunrise: 7:47 a.m.

**Monday night:** Mostly clear sky. Low 28. Winds NE 5-10 mph. Sunset: 5:33 p.m.

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## Rustic

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want our customers to enjoy the experience of our eclectic gift shop."

Her specific brand of necklaces, which is branded as Lala Land Creations, coming from the nickname given to her by her nieces. She personally collects vintage, and hand-picks each product herself, to ensure the unique nature of the store.

"I personally hand pick each item for the shop," Kotara said. "When you journey through the shop you will see a wide range of unique items. From hand-crafted jewelry and hair accessories."

Kotara takes pride in doing a lot of custom work. So every thing she does, including the sign which dons the top of the store, is customized.

"I do a lot of custom work, too," Kotara said. "Every thing is customizable from my artwork to my jewelry. I have wreaths that are hand made."

The Rustic Heart also has creative classes every Thursday night from jewelry and hair accessory making, canvas painting, furniture painting and greeting card design.

Kotara said the most

popular items have been her novelty, blinged out t-shirts and her jewelry.

She is having a grand opening for her store from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. She will have door prizes on the hour every hour, as well as hot dogs and hamburgers. But she mostly hopes customers come out for the eclectic feel and experience.

"It's an experience, you come in and laugh and reminisce," Kotara said. "It makes you feel good."

Kotara considers herself a scavenger, which is evident simply by the vintage jugs that sit outside the entrance to The Rustic Heart. Looking inside, there is a vintage type-writer on a end table, based under new novelty-bling t-shirts. Some of her new product can be found propped or hung on top of old ladders, cabinets and other items that would be found at "Grandma's House."

The location is ideal, located on the west end of White Deer, across from the NAPA AutoParts, on U.S. Highway 60.

"Highway 60's my billboard," Kotara said. "Easy on, easy off and lots of parking."

The Rustic Heart is open from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m., is located at 608 W. 2nd and can be reached at 806-880-1212.

## Fire

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Wildfire Trucks in Alvarado. The finished product arrived on Nov. 24, and all they had left to do was install the radio system before putting it into service.

When asked what went into the decision to get this truck for the fire department, Dunham explained that they wanted one as close to the booster truck the other fire station in town uses that they most recently replaced.

"We wanted to keep things uniform, and the type and style of the other truck has worked so well that we decided to go with this one," he said.

As far as improved features from the old truck go, he also said that this new booster has a 400-gallon water tank as well as a 10-gallon foam tank.

"It's powered by a 20-horse high pressure pump," Dunham said. The truck is also an im-

provement from the old booster truck because it has more seating.

"This truck can seat five people and the old truck could only sit two," he said.

The old booster truck is a 1999 model and was in service for 16 years with Pampa Fire Department. It is still available to be used, and will be kept out at fire station No. 3.

"That truck has seen a lot of fires," Dunham said. "It's still a good truck, and now it will be used as the second out booster."

The Pampa Fire Department was able to get this new truck through the fleet replacement program set up through the city. Dunham explained that a certain amount of money is put into this account every year so that when the need arises to replace a truck, it doesn't all come out of pocket at one time.

"It's a very proactive program," he said.

The purchase process for this truck began in July of last year, so they are all excited to finally have it in service.

## DPS

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Craw. "December is one of the busiest months for auto thefts, and during this holiday shopping season, it is important that any valuables in a vehicle are out of sight."

In December 2013, 5,395 automobiles, pickups and motorcycles were recorded stolen, making it the third-highest month for vehicle thefts that year behind July and August. In addition, more than 13,100 vehicle burglaries were reported and \$12.2 million in property stolen last December.

DPS offers the following tips that Texans can follow to help guard against vehicle theft:

Never leave your car running unattended, even for a quick visit to a business or store.

Never leave keys in the car or ignition, inside a locked garage, or in hide-a-key boxes.

Always roll up your

windows and lock the car, even if it is parked at your home.

When possible, always park in high-traffic, well-lit areas.

Install an anti-theft device that locks the steering wheel, column or brakes, especially if your vehicle is considered to be at increased risk for theft.

Never leave personal documents, vehicle ownership title or credit cards in your vehicle.

Always keep valuables or property hidden out of sight or locked in the trunk.

If your vehicle is stolen, report it to the police immediately. DPS also encourages individuals to keep a copy of their license plate and vehicle identification number on hand in case of theft, since police will need this information to take a report.

For more information about auto thefts and burglary, see <http://www.txdmv.gov/motorists/consumer-protection/auto-theft-prevention>.



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## Rangers acquire lefty Detwiler from Nationals

AP SPORTS WRITER

Left-hander Ross Detwiler will get his wish to start again from the Texas Rangers after he spent last season in Washington's bullpen.

Texas completed a deal Friday to acquire Detwiler from the Nationals for two minor league prospects, infielder Chris Bostick and right-hander Abel De Los Santos.

"I don't really look at it as them giving me up. I look at

it as the Rangers really wanting me, and they were willing to give up some of their prospects for me," Detwiler said. "I think it's going to be a better fit for me. ... I didn't really see myself in a relieving role. I think I am a starter. I'm just ecstatic to get another chance to start somewhere."

Detwiler was in the bullpen all last season, working mostly in long relief and going 2-3 with a 4.00 ERA in 63 innings over 47 appearances. The former first-round draft pick was left off the Nationals' postseason roster for the NL division series against the San Francisco Giants.

"When you've got a player that's motivated and maybe has some internal drive, internal motivation to go out there and perform, it's usually a good thing," Rangers general manager Jon Daniels said.

Detwiler has started 69 of his 132 major league games, all for the Nationals after they drafted him sixth overall in 2007. His career record is 20-32 with a 3.82 ERA.

Not involved in the market for upper-tier free agents, Texas went into the offseason looking to add another experienced starter in its rotation with Yu Darvish, Derek Holland and Colby Lewis. The fifth spot will likely be left open for competition in spring training among several young pitchers in the organization, including some who have already made a number of starts in the majors for Texas.

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# Obituaries

## Leon Herbert Richter

Leon Herbert Richter, 89, of Pampa, died Dec. 12, 2014 in Borger.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2014 at Zion Lutheran Church with Rev. Michael Erickson, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Richter was born on June 20, 1925 in Lamesa where he attended schools. He came to Pampa in 1952 from Lamesa. He married Leona Johnson, and she preceded him in death on Jan. 10, 1952. Leon later married Cassie Chesher in Pampa, and she preceded him in death on Feb. 19, 1990. He worked for several area drilling companies, and retired as a tool pusher for Service Drilling Company, after many years of service. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church. In his spare time, he loved fishing.

Survivors include two daughters, Brenda K. Wood of Yukon, Oklahoma, and Cindy Hinds of Pampa; four grandchildren, Carl Hinds of Pampa, Stephen Sheffield, Stefanie K. Sheffield and Trey M. Wood, all of Yukon, Okla.; and a great-granddaughter, Kodie Renee Wood of Yukon, Okla.

Memorials may be made to Pampa Senior Citizens, 500 W. Francis, Pampa, Texas 79065, or Zion Lutheran Church, 1200 Duncan, Pampa, Texas 79065

Sign the on-line guest register at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).



Leon Herbert Richter

## MATT LOVINGTON SPEAKS TO ROTARY CLUB



Submitted photo

Matt Lovington spoke at Rotary this week.

## Pampa Fire Department call log — Dec. 9-12

### STAFF REPORT

The Pampa Fire Department responded to these calls for the following dates. One unit with three personnel responded to each call, unless otherwise indicated.

### Dec. 9

- At 10:09 a.m., one unit and four personnel 1900 block of Hilton Road on a medical assist.

- At 3:01 p.m., to the 1100 block Terrace on a medical call.

- At 3:06 p.m., to the 2300 block of North Hobart on a medical assist.

- At 3:53 p.m., to the 100 block of North Price Road on a medical call.

- At 8:04 p.m., to the 1500 block of West Kentucky on a medical assist.

### Dec. 10

- At 1:29 a.m., to the 2300 block of Beech on a lift assist.

- At 9:15 a.m., to the 700 block of North Faulkner on a medical call.

- At 1:20 p.m., to the 2200 block of Hamilton

on a medical call.

- At 11:20 p.m., to the 500 block of Powell on a medical assist.

### Dec. 11

- At 7:12 a.m., to the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway on a medical assist.

- At 9:03 a.m., to the 300 block of East Browning on a medical assist.

- At 11:07 a.m., to the 1700 block of Williston on a medical assist.

- At 5:00 p.m., one unit and five personnel to the 500 block of North Nelson to a medical call.

- At 5:22 p.m., to the 700 block of North Wells on a medical call.

- At 7:29 p.m., one unit and four personnel to the 500 block of North Nelson to a medical call.

- At 7:51 p.m., one unit and four personnel to the 500 block of North Frost on a medical call.

### Dec. 12

- At 7:01 a.m., two units and four personnel to the city landfill on a safety standby on a controlled burn.

## Top lawyer at state health agency resigns over contract

By CHRISTINE AYALA  
The Texas Tribune

Jack Stick, the top lawyer for the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, is resigning his post amid a crumbling state contract with data warehouse 21CT.

The commission's Office of Inspector General, or OIG, has been under scrutiny for the way it decided to award a highly sought-after contract to the company to store and sort the sprawling health agency's data into searchable, cataloged material. The state tentatively awarded the contract to 21CT outside the formal bidding process, Janek has said. The contract, originally set at \$20 million, is about to expire, and the OIG had proposed a \$90 million, three-year extension.

"Contractors have raised issues about the procurement for this project," Kyle Janek, the agency's executive commissioner, said in a statement Friday. "I've looked into those concerns, and I'm not comfortable with the process used so I've withdrawn the request for state approval to extend the project and notified the OIG."

As the agency considered which company to hire, Stick, who had worked with 21CT be-

fore, suggested there might be overlap in the new data project and services the company provided, Janek has said. In September, Janek, Stick's boss and a Gov. Rick Perry appointee, defended Stick's work ethic and professionalism.

But agency spokeswoman Stephanie Goodman said Friday that Stick offered his resignation to Janek and Janek accepted.

"Regardless of the merits of this project, we cannot have doubts about the fairness of the procure-

ment process," Janek said Friday. "Our business should be conducted in the light of day in a transparent bid process open to all qualified companies."

Janek's announcement follows an Austin American-Statesman investigation into the contract.

Separately, Stick has been in hot water for fighting a 2012 charge of

driving while intoxicated in Austin's entertainment district. Stick is set to face a jury trial Feb. 19 on that charge.

Before he arrived at the commission's Office of Inspector General in 2011, Stick was a state representative for House District 50, a municipal court judge in Bee Cave and a longtime friend of Perry.



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## Bouncin' Around The enjoyment I get out of sledding

I watched kids sledding over at Central Park the other day, flying down the snow-less hill on their sleds or pieces of cardboard. A few were sliding on what looked like garbage can lids. What they all had in common, though, was the absolute fun they were having, and I drove home with a smile on my face.



**JUDITH SMITH**

Growing up in southern California, I only experienced snow once when, as a small child, we went up to the mountains. When we moved to northern Illinois in the middle of my 19th year on earth, I had my first taste of winter about a month after we arrived in Illinois.

I'm afraid the first few snowstorms were not much fun for me as I either tried to coax my 1961 Corvair to keep providing me transportation to work, or I rode the public bus and had to walk several blocks from the stop to our apartment.

The next winter was just as snowy, but I was finally appropriately kitted out with snow boots, a parka, mittens and earmuffs. Someone invited me to the local park where there was a toboggan run.

At that time I hadn't yet developed a distaste for roller coasters, so I

gamely gave it a try, and my short life really did flash before my eyes as I flew down the track behind two friends from work. I had a picture in my mind of a nice shiny Flexible Flyer sled with me sliding down a snowy hill, and that snow-covered roller coaster didn't fit.

As an "adult" I didn't feel that it would look right for me to go sledding by myself, so I settled on giving ice skating a try. An aunt gave me a pair of skates that were about three sizes too big, telling me all I needed to do was put on two or three pairs of heavy socks and the skates would fit, keep my feet warm, and keep my ankles from turning over. I actually did manage to move a little bit over the ice on the pond near our apartment, but unfortunately it was more on the seat of my pants than on the blades of the skates.

Some years passed, and I had a child who, at the age of three, wanted to go sledding at the park near us. Ah, here was my chance to show her how to sled! We trudged through the snow the three blocks to the park and sledding hill. With the picture of that Flexible Flyer in my mind, I set out to show her how it was done.

I gave the sled a little push and did a less than graceful dive onto the sled...or so I thought. The next thing I knew, the sled was on its way down the hill without me as I lay on

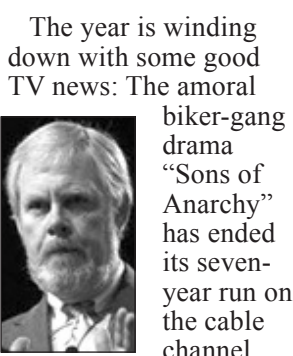
my stomach with a face full of snow. I settled for sitting on the sled with Catherine on my lap, and we coasted down the hill (after a kind child brought our errant sled up the hill for us.) We had a number of years of sledding fun at that park—sometimes on a wooden sled, sometimes on a plastic one, and a few times on a tube made for sledding.

One year we had snow and then an ice storm, followed by below-zero nights. The fire department came and sprayed a portion of the hill to the point that it was solid ice. Everyone had a wonderful time sliding down on the ice, either on sleds or simply on our behinds, but coming back up the hill again was quite a challenge.

Several years ago we paid a visit to the old neighborhood and found that some Grinch in city hall decided to plant a number of trees right at the foot of that hill in an effort to discourage sledding. The reasoning was that it would prevent sledding accidents if they just couldn't sled there. Apparently, the kids have proven more resourceful, and they still sled there, just making sure that they avoid the trees. I hope that Pampa kids are allowed to sled here in town in all seasons, with no Grinches interfering. I may join you!

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## Slaughtered 'Sons Of Anarchy'



**BRENT BOZELL**

The year is winding down with some good TV news: The amoral biker-gang drama "Sons of Anarchy" has ended its seven-year run on the cable channel FX, after a final season drenched

in pointless sex and violence. Jax, the leader of the gang, shot a bunch of his enemies dead and then drove his motorcycle straight into the oncoming grill of a semi truck.

The show wound down into a relentless deathfest. Jax shot his mother dead, because she stabbed his wife in the neck with a barbecue fork. Most of the cast was slaughtered. And for what? It all seemed like a long slog of sensationalism for its own sake.

The Nov. 11 episode opened with an unbelievably graphic sex scene lasting a full two and a half minutes, depicting seven different couples. Adam Buckman at Media Post reported "this montage featured five heterosexual couples, and two homosexual — one of which featured the transgender character ... and the other one featuring a jailhouse rape being simulated by guest-star Marilyn Manson."

Producer Paris Barclay explained that on the set, they called it the "f---tage." In an interview, Yahoo's Kimberly Potts told Barclay the transgender sex scene was "the most honest relationship moment in the whole series." Barclay described the awe and wonder of it all.

"When we did the first read-through, everyone responded in such a hushed and reverent manner to just the reading of it, just the lines. ... We knew that we had something great," Barclay declared. When they filmed the scene, "the entire crew applauded for at least two minutes. I mean, literally, with tears in our eyes. Everyone. I'm sitting there

watching them applaud, in the middle of 'Sons of Anarchy,' a love scene which involves probably the most degenerate club member, the necrophiliac ... and this transgendered woman who really, for the first time, explains where she came from emotionally and what it's about."

Welcome to Hollywood, where the weirder it gets, the more people cry on the set about the "honesty."

Once the sex and the tears were over, the plot veered back into senseless violence. The show's primary antihero, Jax the gang leader, ripped out a man's eyeball with his bare hands. The eyeball was shown dangling from the socket, blood erupting from the wound, as other gang members kicked and beat the victim. Someone hacked off the victim's fingers with a knife, as the victim screamed in pain. A close-up displayed the severed fingers in a pool of blood. Jax then shot the man point-blank in the head.

It's a given that some in this industry will believe the finale proved a moral point, that the murderous gang leaders all arrived at punishment for their sins, making "Anarchy" creator Kurt Sutter a moralist. It's quite the opposite. The whole point of the show was vicariously enjoying the sadism, the sexual calisthenics, even the school shooting that opened season six — and since that wasn't enough, Sutter included two rapes and a man drowning in a bathtub of urine.

Sadly, brain-damaged TV critics compare Sutter to Shakespeare, which should have the Bard spinning like a top in his grave. Our "tastemakers" repeatedly adore savage antiheroes and demonstrate a boundless appetite for the grotesque.

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## Letter to the Editor The importance of Advent

The older I get the more I really appreciate and love the liturgy and ceremonies of our Lutheran church. The reason why they mean so much to me is that they continue to point me to my Savior Jesus and help me meditate upon and ponder God's Word.

Let me give you some examples. At this time of year the Church is the midst of the season called Advent, which means coming. We all know that Jesus has already come the first time in His conception and birth. Jesus comes to us now, in our present day, through His Word and Sacraments. And He will come again on the Last Day to judge the living and the dead. What joy it is to meet our Lord in faith, knowing that He comes to us with grace and mercy.

With this major idea of the Lord's coming the messages and themes of Advent call out for us to repent. That is what sinners do as they consider meeting the Lord. During the four Sundays of Advent we hear readings about John the Baptizer and the prophet Isaiah calling people to repentance. In repentance we turn from sin and look to Jesus as our only hope for rescue and deliverance from sin and death. Because Advent is a

penitential season we omit the Gloria in Excelsis part of the Liturgy. It is a hymn of praise taken from Luke 2. By omitting this from the Service, it subdues our praise for a short time, until it comes back at Christmas. In this way we are denying ourselves a bit in our devotion. Much like fasting denies oneself of food to train the body. Denying ourselves with fasting is really helpful for it calls to mind and prepares us in what may be asked of us during times of persecution.

During this season an Advent wreath stands in our sanctuary. It consists of four candles with one in the middle. A candle is lit for each week of Advent, reminding us that Jesus is the light of the world (John 8) that no darkness can overcome. It is a visible way that counts down to the true celebration of our Lord's incarnation as Christmas approaches.

Now, let me be clear. These ceremonies and practices help me focus my faith on Christ, but they do NOT merit me salvation. Only Jesus does that. He is our Savior, but the many things we do in the Church help us look to Him and ponder His great love for us. Ceremonies and ritual are only valuable as they show us the Savior. We don't do them,

just to do them, but they in very tangible ways deepen our devotion to Jesus Christ.

The Sundays of Advent (and midweek services during this time) are so very helpful and refreshing because I can come to a place that is NOT in the midst of the Christmas rush. The Church is the refuge from the shallowness and chaos of the world. The world does celebrate Christmas and it even borrows much from the Church. But the world's idea of Christmas is like cotton candy. It does not satisfy. It leaves one wanting. People get caught up in nostalgia and trying to have a perfect Hallmark moment for the holidays, but that is not reality. No wonder so many are disappointed and left empty. It reminds us that even in our joy and festivities things can be tainted, and the Church directs us back to what is really right and salutary. That is the message that Jesus came to this earth to be born for the purpose of giving His life over for sinful mankind.

Advent prepares us for the celebration of Christmas, which arrives on Dec. 25 and lasts until Jan. 5. Those are the 12 feast days of Christmas. They are glorious days. Our church sings Advent

hymns during Advent and then at Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and the Sundays after we burst forth in joyful song with all the Christmas carols and hymns that celebrate our Lord's birth. Hymns that deepen one's pondering of the incarnation of Christ. For the Church, Christmas is not over on Dec. 26 it is just beginning of the twelve days.

The Christmas celebration is not just a pretty manger scene birth of God's Son, but that Jesus was born amid such humble means in a harsh place. There was no room in the inn. No pleasant bedding to lay the Lord of the nations. Jesus begins to suffer for us, even in His birth. God in the flesh begins His work right away out of His steadfast love for us.

The seasons of the Church are something I cherish in my middle age. These holy days are full of readings, lessons, and ceremonies that deepen my devotion each year as I receive God's Word and partake of His supper in the Divine Service. They are holy because it is Jesus who engages us and brings to us life and salvation. And that is what I need the most.

**Michael Erickson  
Pampa**

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# Community Calendar

## City Commission meetings

The Pampa City Commission meets at 5:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday 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 Citizens 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

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## Monday night dance club

The Monday night dance club meets from 7 to 9 p.m., each Monday, 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.

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## First United Methodist Church

Every Friday through August, 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.

## 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.

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## The Queen of Old Fort Griffin

By C.F. SPARGER  
Albany High School

Proudly the old bakery ruin stands upon that bluff above Fort Griffin town, which is eighteen miles from my home town, Albany, in Shackelford County. Tattered and torn she is, but her head rises high with thoughts of grandeur in days gone by, when she was the queen.

Yes, she was the queen in those good old days. I can well understand that now. She was the queen of all the bakeries for many a mile around. I even seem to recall that day late in 1874, when the last iron nail was placed in her and the last stone was cut. Boy, how old Howarth must have grinned; the soldiers were pleased, too, since it had been quite a task to complete this structure with Howarth head of construction. You know how Englishmen are about things like that, and Sergeant Howarth was no exception, I had been told.

The queen bakery had taken the place of a smaller one made of pickets, while the queen was made of hand-shaped and man-quarried stones from adjacent hills. Her sides were two and one-half feet thick and seven feet high. The floors were fifty-two feet by sixteen feet. Indeed, she was a "whopper" for a bakery in those days.

Her ovens went all the way across one end and took up ten feet of the fifty-two feet. The fire bricks were probably made in Parker County, while the iron doors were brought from Fort Worth.

The hand-rived shingles, made of cottonwood, were nailed on with large iron nails. They were very good shingles, though, since it has been only a few years ago that the roof of the pompous structure began to let the

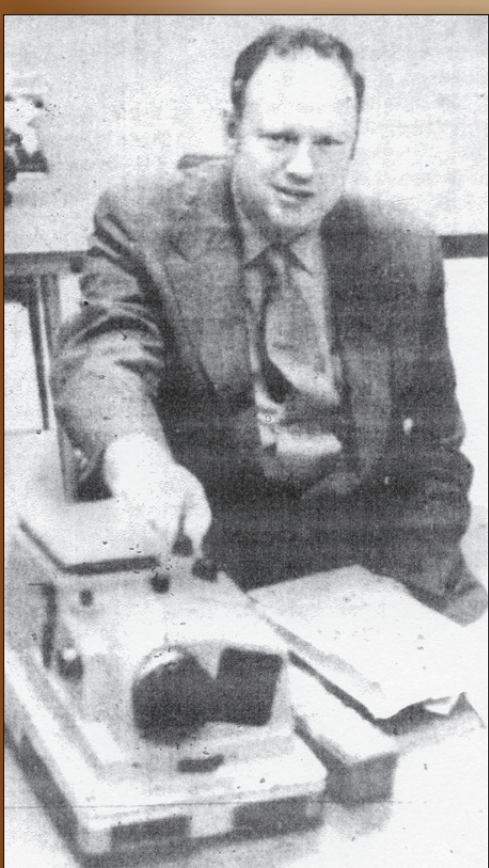
teardrops of the western sky fall upon the inside. The window and door facings were made of oak timber, which, in turn, were cut at the mill in the Fort.

Besides her main cavity, the bakery also had a smaller one used for the vast amounts of flour, sugar and spices which were brought from San Antonio and Fort Concho. Most of it was brought by wagon from San Antonio, since better products could be obtained there. The queen always had the best.

Still another thing which she had in her possession was a huge cypress tank with hand-wrought iron bands around it. This tank was filled by the soldiers with water from the Clear Fork of the Brazos.

Once a reigning sovereign, now she is an epitaph — a marker that is symbolic of her former charms. Desolation saddens all her surroundings. Her sunken roof is shapeless, and the grass o'ertops the mouldering walls. The doors and the windows have fled, and nothing is left but the ovens and the board where the bread was kneaded.

In 1881, the last Comanche had been driven beyond the borders of West Texas, and the last holiday dinner of roast buffalo and wild turkey was prepared for the guardians of the frontier as civilization surged over the plains of West Texas, and the queen of Old Fort Griffin was a memory. Destiny can make a queen, and destiny can destroy her, but once she rules, memories of her remain in the minds of humanity. Even though I am a very infinitesimal part of humanity, reveries of what I had been told and the actuality of my trip to the old bakery have made a wonderful composite picture which I shall always cherish.



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# Advent Devotionals — Dec. 13-19

By Mike Sublett

## Day 13 — the inn

When you think of staying in a cheap motel, what comes to mind? What is your worst “motel” memory?

Now compare that with a small rock building, dirt floor, no air-conditioning or heating, no indoor plumbing, only an outhouse for a bathroom, no electricity, and no food. YUCK! Are you ready for that overnighter?

The inns of Jesus’ day were a far cry from even the cheapest of motels in America these days. But Mary and Joseph were content with so little that the YUCK INN described above was going to be just fine for them and their baby.

Think about it. They were so satisfied with each other and with God’s plan that even the YUCK INN would score a three star rating. What a lesson on gratitude!

Are you content like the holy family was? Are you able to endure situations that fall far below your expectations, even beneath the expectations of others? Are you able to focus on God’s plan for your life so clearly that life’s shortcomings seem

insignificant?

That was their secret. All that mattered was being together and in the middle of God’s will--the Advent. The same can be true for you today.

Prayer: Father, no one knows what is truly best for me except You. I want my life to be so focused on Your plan that I can be as content as Mary and Joseph were as the Advent neared. Help me. And Lord Jesus, I praise Your holy name for caring enough about me to leave heaven and come to earth. Amen.

## Day 14 — no vacancy

Have you ever stopped at a motel to get a last minute room only to discover that they had forgotten to turn on the “no vacancy” sign when they rented out their last room? Frustrating, wasn’t it? Why?

Today we expect the courtesy of a lighted sign on the outside of the building so that we not only don’t have to get out of our car, but so that we don’t even have to slow down at the motel. But that wasn’t the case at the Advent.

Joseph entered the poorly lit rock room full of hopes. It never crossed

his mind that so many others would be visiting Bethlehem for the same reason they were, the Roman census. All of his hopes to at least provide a decent room for Mary were shattered with three words: “Sorry, no room.”

How in the world could anyone turn down the opportunity to host the birth of the greatest person who ever lived, the only begotten Son of God? But at the time the inn owner didn’t know that, did he? He simply said what he had to say: NO ROOM!

Have you ever said those words to God? Have you ever told Him that you didn’t have any room for Him in your life? Have you ever evicted God’s Spirit for a day or even an hour, just so that you could once again be in charge of your life? Kind of silly that anyone would think that they could do a better job as CEO of their life than God Himself, isn’t it? Maybe you need God’s help to resist the temptation to ever steal that role again. Think about it.

Prayer: Loving Father, I can hardly believe it, but there have been times when I didn’t allow You inside me; times when it was like I posted a “no trespassing” sign. I don’t ever want that to happen again. But since I don’t trust me and my own strength to keep on track, I’m begging You to help me. Only by Your might will I stay surrendered and keep Your room ready each day. Please make my heart Your liv-

ing quarters. Amen.

## Day 15 — the stable

We really don’t know whether it was the downcast look on Joseph’s face, or his persistence, or the explanation of Mary’s late term pregnancy. However, something triggered an offer from the innkeeper to stay with the animals on the dirt floor of the stable out back.

Joseph must have been down on himself. After all he was the provider for his new wife. Now at her greatest moment of need, he couldn’t even provide a cheap room for her. And even worse, he couldn’t give his new son a room either.

Have you been in a stable lately? Oh, I don’t mean one of those super-sanitary ones that you see on television when they show the Kentucky Derby. No, I mean a real-live-honest-to-goodness barn/stable where animals are kept. For city folks “stench” and “filthy” are the first words that come to mind.

The only hope for fixing things up a little for Mary would be a pile of hay for her to rest on. And what about the baby? If Joseph provided a little hay for softness, maybe his new son wouldn’t be ashamed of his father for expecting him to spend his first night in an animal’s stall. There just wasn’t much for this new husband/father to work with. But Joseph did his best; making this animal storage shed into their motel room.

Look at what all they endured just so there would be an Advent story, so that humanity would have a Savior, so that you would have a savior. Kind of impressive, huh? Maybe it’s time to pour out a little extra gratitude on Mary and Joseph.

Prayer: Oh Holy One, I praise You, Lord. And I want to thank You for Mary and Joseph. I don’t understand why You picked that stable as the

place for them to spend that first night in. But I thank You for them, for what they were willing to go through for me. I’m a little ashamed at all of the whining and complaining that I know I surely would have done in that circumstance. So I thank You, Lord, for choosing them and I thank both of them for being Your topnotch servants. Please help me to be more like them. Amen.

## Day 16 — the sheep

They certainly weren’t the brightest light bulbs in the animal kingdom. They required constant oversight and care and protection. The shepherd couldn’t just visit his sheep from time to time. He had to live with them.

As was true with all the outdoor animals, cleanliness wasn’t high on their list of priorities. Add to that their thick wool which acted like a giant sponge for holding plenty of dirt and musty moisture and you will begin to understand what a herd of sheep might smell like.

But how about we focus on a particular herd of sheep; one located just outside the town of Bethlehem. To be honest there wasn’t anything really special about them, nor about their shepherds. (They were more than likely employed by the high priest as part of his scheme to rob the worshipers who came to the Temple in Jerusalem for the Jewish celebrations. The priests would disqualify the sheep that the worshipers brought and then sell them a pre-approved one at a jacked-up price.)

Every night with the sheep was just like all the others had been. That is until that one particular Advent night popped onto the scene. That night started out just like all the others; sheep lying on the ground dozing. Then everything changed.

Do you ever feel like a sheep? You know, just

going through the motions of waking, working, eating, sleeping, and the like. Are you ready for a sudden change in your life? Ready to be a sheep with a whole new perspective on life? You better let God know. After all He’s the Shepherd.

Prayer: Father God, I am so ready for a new life, one deeper and more focused on You than ever before. Please use this Advent season to enrich my spirit. I don’t want it to just be another Christmas. I want it to bring me closer to You. I want this Christmas be as special as that night was for the sheep. Amen.

## Day 17 — the angel

Have you ever been stumbling around your house at night and accidentally turned on the lights when you were reaching for something else? For a few seconds it is like your eyes are under attack from some kind of alien. It almost makes you feel like Saul when he was blinded on the way to Damascus. The Advent story had just such a moment.

Those of us who live in a town or city think that we know what “dark” is, but not really. We think that dark is when the sun goes down, but that isn’t correct. If you don’t think so, someday soon wait until sundown and just drive about 15 miles outside of your city or town. That is when you can really begin to see “dark” more completely.

On the Advent night there were no electrical lights in town. The only light was from some faint lanterns and candles in a few homes. Outside Bethlehem in the fields where the sheep and shepherds slept, it was dark--really dark.

Then suddenly an angel from God appeared in their midst shining brightly. Just how bright? The brightness is described as “the glory of the Lord.” So just how bright do you think it was? It was so bright that the shepherds were terrified.

Did you know that God wants to be your bright light too? Not your flashlight, but your bright light. He wants to show you the rocks and holes in life so that you don’t fall over or into them and get hurt. And even more importantly He wants to show you the way to His Son, just like He did the shepherds. Why not ask

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# Advent

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Him to turn the watts up in your life?

Prayer: Dear Father, I sure do stumble a lot. Please come and shine Your light into my life with increased intensity. Shine so brightly that I can't miss seeing the stumbling blocks; that I can't miss Jesus. Please, turn up the wattage in my life like you did that Advent night. Amen.

## Day 18 – the angelic choir

Not only was it really dark in that field outside Bethlehem that Advent night, but it was so very, very quiet. Those of us who live in towns and cities don't even have a clue anymore what "quiet" really sounds like. (Pardon the pun.)

Those shepherds had another awesome blessing from heaven poured out all over them. Not brighter light; it was already as bright as God's glory. But in the midst of the silence the heavenly choir exploded in praise. I'll bet that those shepherds about jumped out of their skin. What a night that must have been!

Question: When and where was the greatest time of praise and worship through singing that you have ever experienced? How does remembering that time make you feel?

Now if we multiply that memory by at least 1,000, we may just have a glimpse of what those shepherds heard that night. Spectacular! Don't you imagine that every hair on their bodies was standing straight up on end?

Does your spiritual life need a boost? Do you ever feel as if you are wandering out in the silent darkness? God stands ready to lift your spirit. As the heavenly choir of angels surely inspired those shepherds, so God is uniquely capable of thrilling you. Just ask Him.

Prayer: Lord, I sometimes feel like the Advent shepherds probably felt. What I believe I need is a boost, Lord. I've tried inspiring myself to no avail. I need to be thrilled by You this Christmas. So please help me. I prom-

ise to give You the glory. Amen.

## Day 19 – the lantern/lamp

Have you ever lived out in the country? Do you remember what it was like after the sun went down? How dark it got when your electricity went out during a storm? Ever been out camping in the woods? How dark did it get when you turned the lantern off at bedtime?

The stable probably wasn't as dark as that, but it certainly didn't have any lighting. After all, it couldn't because of the animals and the possibility of fire. That made it a very, very dark place once the sun went down. The only light would have been from lamps inside houses and buildings in Bethlehem.

We really aren't told about any lighting in the biblical text, but since the actual Advent happened at night, the only way for anyone to see would have been some type of simple oil lamp. It certainly wouldn't have provided much light. Most candles provide less than twenty lumens of light. A twenty-five-watt incandescent bulb provides 210 lumens. So one thing is for certain – there wasn't much light in that stable.

However, when you are in a dark enough place, even a little light helps. Whatever light there was in the stable that night it was enough to enable everyone to see the fulfillment of centuries of prophecies. They saw the true Light of the World.

Do you ever feel like the light in your life fades and makes finding your way more difficult? Do you ever feel like you need a bright spotlight? If so, then you need Jesus!

It wasn't a lamp or candle or lantern that supplied the needs of the stable inhabitants. It was the newborn Savior who shined brightly in that dimly-lit room. And it is that same Savior who wants to brighten you up. Will you let Him?

Prayer: Blessed Father, even when I'm not in the dark, I still sometimes feel like the light in my life is so dim that I can hardly see. So Lord, please help me. Turn the wattage up inside me. Please be my lighthouse in the storms of life. Amen.

# Gas price average drops 10 cents

■ National average could reach \$2.50 by Christmas.

SUBMITTED BY  
AAA TEXAS

IRVING – Another significant drop in gas prices over the last week is leaving Texas drivers with extra holiday spending money in their pockets. The statewide average price for a gallon of regular unleaded fuel is now \$2.40, according to the AAA Texas Weekend Gas Watch. That price is 10 cents less than one week ago and 70 cents less than one year ago. Of the major metropolitan areas surveyed in the Lone Star State, drivers in Beaumont are paying the most at \$2.45 per gallon while drivers in Amarillo are paying the

least at \$2.28 per gallon. Texans are paying 22 cents less per gallon than the national average of \$2.62.

The national price for regular unleaded gasoline could be around \$2.50 by Christmas, and will likely fall in the coming days to the lowest level since 2009. As crude oil costs continue to slide, gas prices are poised to fall even further in the next several weeks. The average price for retail gasoline historically declines from fall into winter due to a number of factors including decreased demand. Analysts say consumers can expect to see the price at the

pump tick lower as we approach the New Year. Plentiful global crude oil supplies continue to be a primary contributing factor to falling averages nationwide.

"Forty six states and Washington, D.C. have gas price averages below the \$3.00 per gallon threshold," said AAA Texas/New Mexico Representative Doug Shupe. "Travelers hitting the roads for the Year-End holidays will see savings at the pumps in just about every part of the country," said Shupe.

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## Weekly Menus

### Pampa Independent School District

**MONDAY, December 15**

Macaroni & cheese or chicken nuggets, steamed broccoli, mixed vegetables, mixed fruit

**Breakfast-** Pancake n' sausage on a stick

**TUESDAY, December 16**

Breakfast for lunch or steak fingers, black eyed peas, tossed salad, pineapple tidbits

**Breakfast-** Donut

**WEDNESDAY, December 17**

Teriyaki chicken or pizza dippers, green beans, baby carrots, peaches

**Breakfast-** Pop tart

**THURSDAY, December 18**

Sloppy Joe or pizza, vegetarian beans, sliced cucumbers, sliced apples

**Breakfast-** Cinnamon roll & sausage patty

**FRIDAY, December 19**

Mini twin cheeseburgers, baby carrots, mixed fruit cup

**Breakfast-** Cereal & toast

### Pampa Meals on Wheels

**MONDAY, December 15**

Hamburgers, tater tots, pears

**TUESDAY, December 16**

Pot roast, carrots/potatoes, green beans, rolls, Jell-O

**WEDNESDAY, December 17**

Hamburger/beans, rice/tortilla chips, cheese/onion, salad, pineapple

**THURSDAY, December 18**

Pizza, pasta salad, green beans, mixed fruit

**FRIDAY, December 19**

Ham, sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, cranberry sauce

### Pampa Senior Citizens Center

**MONDAY, December 15**

Chicken fried steak or chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets Northern beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, carrot cake, lemon pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

**TUESDAY, December 16**

Swiss steak or chicken salad, scalloped potatoes, fried okra, California blend, pintos, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, Boston cream pie, cherry cheesecake, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

**WEDNESDAY, December 17**

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, baby carrots, cream corn, butter beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, German chocolate cake, banana pudding, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

**THURSDAY, December 18**

Chicken strips or liver n' onions, potato salad, green beans, mac & cheese, pintos, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, red velvet cake, chocolate icebox pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

**FRIDAY, December 19**

Cod fish/hushpuppies or hamburgers & fixins' potato wedges, boiled cabbage, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, turtle brownies, peach cobbler, fruit cup, garlic bread sticks, hot rolls, cornbread

## ALTRUSA DONATED \$2,000 TO TRALEE CRISIS CENTER



Altrusa Board Members Janna Bentley, Kitty Hall and Kay West recently presented a check for \$2,000 to Dee Dee Laramore, Tralee executive director. Tralee is one of the community service projects adopted by Altrusa.

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## Altrusa club news

### SUBMITTED

Altrusa International, Inc. of Pampa met Dec. 9, 2014, at First United Methodist Church with Vice-President Kathryn Green presiding. Kim Laycock and Terry Gamblin served as greeters. Eileen Kludt attended as a guest.

The Accent was given by Maxine Watson who read a Christmas poem, "Hot Chocolate." Complimentary packets of hot chocolate were distributed to members.

The club voted to donate \$100 to Snack Pak 4 Kids.

### Committee Reports

• ASTRA - Activities planned include Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Children's Shopping Tour and a Christmas party.

• Snack Pak 4 Kids - Jan. 5, 2015, 6:45 p.m. PISD Administration Building

• Lunch with Dignitaries - PISD Administration Bldg., Dec. 18.

• Children's Shopping Tour - Dec. 13, members signed up for various duties

• Wilson Reading Project - Jan. 20, 9:45 a.m. Members were encouraged to volunteer.

### Announcements

• International Human Rights Day - Dec. 10

• President's Reception - Dec. 18, Kathryn Green's home, 2319 Chateau Rue, 7 to 9 p.m.

• Board Meeting - Jan. 6, 2015

• Business Meeting - Jan. 13, 2015

• 59th Altrusa District Nine Conference - San Antonio - April 17-19, 2015

• 54th Altrusa International Convention - Kansas City, Mo. - July 17-20, 2015

The door prize was won by Pat Johnson

The following members were recognized for celebrating birthdays this month: Cheryl McFall, Mattie Norton, Kadda Schale, Twila Thomas, and Judy Warner

The next meeting will be held Jan. 13, 2015, at noon at First United Methodist Church.

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# Lifestyles

## ENDURING LOVE - 50 years

Susie and Jerry Wilson



Jerry and Susie Wilson, former Pampa residents now living in Dallas, met in choir at Texas Tech in March, 1964. By May Jerry had proposed, and they were married between semesters on December 19.

The couple was recently honored with a 50th wedding anniversary celebration at the Dallas Petroleum Club, hosted by their children, Kim Wilson Stevens and husband Kenny, Chris and Erin Wilson, and Greg and Michele Wilson. They are the proud grandparents of ten grandchildren and one great grandchild. Jerry, a CPA, was Executive Vice President and an owner of Titan Specialties. Susie was a voice teacher, assistant choir director at Pampa High School, and longtime pianist at First Baptist Church. She is currently a member of the Dallas Symphony Chorus.

## After significant early season snowfall Angel Fire Resort is set to open this weekend

■ Resort to open trails this weekend.

**SUBMITTED BY ANGEL FIRE RESORT**  
ANGEL FIRE, N.M. – Winter made a welcomed return dropping nearly 50 inches of fresh snow and very cold temperatures since October at Angel Fire Resort, located in the Southern Rockies of New Mexico. The resort has been taking advantage of the colder temperatures throughout the past six weeks making snow in anticipation of this year's opening, set for this Friday, Dec. 12. The additional natural and man-made snow has allowed the resort to open more trails.

"We've been able to keep the systems running throughout the night since early November and our crews are working consistently to get as much out of the cold temperatures as possible," Jamie Seifert, mountain operations manager, Angel Fire Resort. "Clearly the more natural snow we can add in is great, but in the meantime, it's our job to get the mountain ready, so we are focusing our efforts on snowmaking and getting our mountain ready for this season."

Beginner skiing/snowboarding trails, the bunny hill and the Angel Fire Ski School will all be open starting December 12, creating a great landscape for those just learning the sport.

### More terrain parks:

The Railyard, a new terrain park will open this winter off the side of the popular green trail Headin' Home and will feature boxes, rails and jumps geared towards those new to skiing and boarding. This dedicated space will allow beginners a safe place to try out their tricks before attempting the more advanced terrain parks.

The resort is also moving the nighttime terrain park Night Rider to Exhibition. This new location is on the front side of the mountain, which will allow the park to take advantage of the best snow on the mountain. Night Rider will be open both day and night and will offer the best lighted terrain for those who wish to stay after dark. (Available on weekends and holiday peak periods.)

### Special pass – The Powder Alliance:

Angel Fire Resort is a member of the Powder Alliance - now with your season pass to Angel Fire you get 3 days of free lift tickets at 12 other ski resorts including: Crested Butte, CO, Snowbasin Resort, UT, Sierra-at-Tahoe, CA, Stevens Pass, WA, Timberline, OR, Schweitzer, ID, Bridger Bowl, MT, China Peak, CA, Mountain High, CA, Arizona Snowbowl, AZ and Mt. Hood Skibowl, OR and Silver Star, BC. The value is over \$2500 per pass holder. For more information, including details about the new Wild West Powder Quest Sweepstakes go to [www.powderalliance.com](http://www.powderalliance.com).

## Farm bill meeting set Dec. 17 in Pampa

**SUBMITTED BY TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE**  
PAMPA - Farmers and landowners in Gray County will have an opportunity to learn more about the 2014 farm bill December 17 in a second round of informational meetings conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

The meeting will include U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency staff members and AgriLife Extension specialists, said Dr. Steve Amosson, AgriLife Extension economist in Amarillo.

The meeting is free and open to the public, will run from 10 a.m. to noon and include a meal sponsored. It will be held at the Clyde Carruth Show Barn located in Recreation Park.

Please RSVP for caterer

by December 15th to the Gray County Extension Office at 669-8033.

Eddie Winegeart with Farm Service Agency will discuss farm program provisions and deadlines, Rick Harrell with NRCS will discuss the conservation programs and deadlines, and Amosson will provide an analysis of program options and demonstrate a decision aid tool developed by the Agricultural and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M University.

The meeting is one of a series cosponsored by the Texas Corn Producers, Texas Sorghum Producers, Texas Wheat Producers and the Plains Cotton Growers Associations.

For more information, contact Amosson at 806-677-5600 or [samosson@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:samosson@ag.tamu.edu).

## Sunflower producer/industry update meeting set Dec. 19 in Dalhart

**SUBMITTED BY TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE**

for purchase.

Registration is \$10 and one Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education unit will be available, split between general and integrated pest management.

The program will include AgriLife Extension agronomy and insect updates as well as sunflower industry updates for oilseed and confectionary contract prices, hybrid seed and chemicals.

Presenters will be Dr. Calvin Trostle, AgriLife Extension state sunflower specialist and agronomist in Lubbock, and Dr. Ed Bynum, AgriLife Extension entomologist in Amarillo.

For more information, contact Bragg at the AgriLife Extension Dalhart County office at 806-244-4434 or [mhbragg@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:mhbragg@ag.tamu.edu), or contact Trostle at 806-746-6101 or [ctrostle@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:ctrostle@ag.tamu.edu).

DALHART – Sunflower producers can update their crop production expertise and learn about opportunities for sunflower cropping in 2015 at a meeting Dec. 19 in Dalhart, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

"We wanted to provide information to help West Texas and Oklahoma Panhandle sunflower producers make better crop management decisions," said Mike Bragg, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent for Dallam and Hartley counties.

The update will begin at 11 a.m. in the small banquet room at Bar H Restaurant, 910 U.S. Highway 54, also known as 910 Liberal Ave.

The program will conclude by 1:30 p.m. and a buffet lunch is available

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### Opening Dec. 19

Additionally the resort is scheduled to open the children's Sledding Hill and Nordic Center on Dec. 19th.

The Nordic Center offers the best in cross-country skiing and snowshoeing with over 15 kms of groomed trails. The Nordic Center is located at the \$16 million Angel Fire Resort Country Club, creating a one-of-a-kind Nordic experience in northern New Mexico. This year the resort will offer a shuttle service from the Lodge to the Nordic Center.

Angel Fire continues to focus on being the most family friendly resort in the Rockies by offering extensive beginner runs, development terrain parks, a sledding hill, and day and night snow tubing on the Polar Coaster tubing hill complete with a moving carpet.

For more details about Angel Fire trail opening updates, winter rates, and reservations go to [www.angelfiresort.com](http://www.angelfiresort.com) or call 855-923-7387.

### Special opening weekend rate:

The resort is offering a special Adult Lift Ticket rate of just \$49 for the opening weekend. Tickets can be purchased online or at the window.

### Lift ticket prices – regular season

Adult: Ages 18-69: Full Day \$66 / Half Day: \$52  
Teen: Ages 13 -17: Full Day \$56 / Half Day: \$42  
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Season Pass Adult: \$499  
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# Stay fire safe this holiday season

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AUSTIN – Lights, Christmas trees, and decorations are a sure sign that the holiday season is upon us. However, the holidays can be an especially dangerous time for house fires. Decorations like Christmas trees, candles, and electric light sets can all be fire hazards if defective or left unattended.

“December and January are peak months for the overall number of home fires fatalities,” said State Fire

Marshal Chris Connealy. “The holidays can quickly turn from joyful to tragic when a fire occurs. By taking simple precautions, people can avoid fire hazards and make this time of year a healthy and happy one.”

U.S. fire departments respond to an average of 230 home fires caused by Christmas trees every year. One of every three is caused by electrical problems, and one in six result from a heat source that’s too close to the tree. State Fire Marshal Connealy offers the following advice for picking, placing, and lighting the tree:

- If you have an artificial tree, be sure it’s labeled, certified, or identified by the manufacturer as fire-retardant.
- If you choose a fresh tree, make sure the green needles don’t fall off when touched. Before placing it in the stand, cut 2 inches from the base of the trunk. Add water to the tree stand daily.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit and is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, space heaters, radiators, candles, heat vents, or lights.
- Use lights that have the label of a recognized test-

ing laboratory and make sure you know whether they are designed for indoor or outdoor use.

- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer’s instructions for the maximum number of light strands to connect.

- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

- After Christmas, properly dispose of or recycle the tree. Dried-out trees are a fire hazard and should not be left in the home or garage or placed outside the home.

- Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make the lights last longer.

The State Fire Marshal’s Office (SFMO) is a division of the Texas Department of Insurance. SFMO’s mission is to reduce the loss of life and property through prevention, education, and protection. SFMO accomplishes its mission through licensing, fire investigations, fire and life safety inspections, and fire prevention and outreach. For more information about SFMO, visit <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/fire/index.html>.

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## People who feel cheated by Social Security

**TOM MARGENAU**  
Creator’s Syndicate



There are two kinds of people in the world: those who jump out of bed each morning all bright-eyed and bushy-tailed ready to take on the world, and those who get up all sullen and despondent waiting for the world to take them on. And with respect to the latter group and the subject matter of this column, I’m talking about folks who think the government in general, and Social Security in particular, is out to cheat them. Today’s sampling of emails comes from these people.

Q: The government is cheating me out of money every month, and I want to know how they are able to get away with it. I get my Social Security check usually around the 20th of each month. But I know many people who get their checks at the beginning of the month. That means every month I get cheated out of about two weeks worth of interest I could have earned had I received my Social Security on time like everyone else. I’ve written my congressman and he says there is nothing he can do about it. If you ask me, it’s just another example of a corrupt and unresponsive government!

A: Well, I’m going to try to explain to you why the tim-

ing of your Social Security check is actually an example of an efficient and creative government. But I’ve got a hunch you won’t buy it.

For the first 60 years of the program, all Social Security checks used to come out on the third of each month. That one day a month was always a huge burden for post offices and banks, and especially for local Social Security field offices. And officials knew it would only get worse as time went on. So, in anticipation of the coming wave of baby boomer retirees, Social Security’s long-range planners decided about 20 years ago to stagger the delivery of Social Security checks.

The method they chose, that’s still in effect today, is a fairly simple one. People whose day of birth comes on the 1st through 10th of the month get their checks on the second Wednesday of each month. Those born on the 11th through the 20th get their Social Security on the third Wednesday. And finally, folks whose birthday is on the 21st through 31st of the month get benefits on the fourth Wednesday.

Your birthday probably is near the middle of the month since it sounds like you are getting your check on the third Wednesday of each month.

I hope my explanation helps you understand why Social Security checks come out on a staggered basis. And maybe you’ll even admit it was done for good and sound reasons? But as to your complaint that you are being cheated out of two week’s worth of interest each month — I’m afraid I just don’t buy it. I concede that when you got your very first check, it came a week later than someone who was born sometime between the 1st and 10th days of

the month. So in that first month, you might have lost a penny’s worth of interest — assuming you immediately bank

all of your monthly benefit instead of spending the money. But after that first month, you get a check every 30 days or so, just like everyone else. In other words, you get a check once each month just like the 50 million or so other Social Security beneficiaries. So you get a chance to earn the same amount of interest as everyone else.

Q: Just because I am a teacher in California, I am being cheated out of benefits that are rightfully mine. Because I collect a teacher’s pension, there are dreaded and unfair offset laws that prevent me from getting any of my husband’s Social Security. How can the government justify that?

A: They can justify that because they are treating you in the very same way all working people have always been treated by the Social Security program. In fact, before the so-called “dreaded and unfair offset laws” went into place, you (and other government employees who didn’t pay into Social Security) were cheating the system. Or to put that more precisely, you were getting benefits no one else could get.

People who work at jobs that pay into Social Security receive their own Social Security retirement benefit. And that benefit has always offset any spousal benefits they were due from their wife’s or husband’s Social Security account.

Before the government pension offset laws were in place, teachers and other government employees were the only working people in this country who got their own retirement benefit AND a Social Security spousal benefit. So the offset laws (passed in the 1980s) are

not “dreaded and unfair.” They were logically thought out and simply treat you the same way all other working spouses have always been treated.

Q: Why is the government preventing me from getting any of my husband’s Social Security? He gets his Social Security and I get mine. Yet I just learned when he dies, I won’t get a nickel of his Social Security money. He worked hard all his life, so I should be able to get what he worked for when he dies.

A: I purposely put your question here as a follow up to the previous question. What I didn’t explain in the last answer is that Social Security spousal benefits have always been paid to “dependent” spouses. In other words, had you not worked and had your own source of income, you would have been financially dependent on your husband’s income while he was working and you would also then be financially dependent on his Social Security when he retires. So in that situation, you would have qualified for Social Security wife’s benefits while he was alive and widow’s benefits after he dies.

But you were not dependent on your husband. You had your own income while you were working and now you have your own Social Security retirement benefit. If your Social Security benefit is smaller than his, then you would get the difference in widow’s benefits after he dies. But you said you learned you “won’t get a nickel of his Social Security” when he dies, so I’m assuming that means your Social Security check is greater than his. In fact, in that case, if you die first, your husband would get some widower’s benefits added to his check.

*If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at [thomas.margenau@comcast.net](mailto:thomas.margenau@comcast.net).*

## CULBERSON’S Spotlight



### Steve Gustafson

Steve Gustafson is a 1982 Moscow Kansas graduate. Steve grew up on a farm and started working with his dad when he was in High school at the local Ford dealer. His dad was the service manager. He went to Wichita State and received his Bachelor in General Studies with minors in Business Administration and Sociology. Steve tried other things along the way, but kept coming back to the automotive industry. “It’s what I really know,” said Steve when asked why he enjoys being a service manager. After leaving Kansas Steve married local Panhandle girl, Brandy Robertson. They have 4 children. Kai, a junior at the University of Kansas, majoring in Engineering. Ali, a 7th grader, Coby, a 1st grader and Rozlyn a Kindergartener in Panhandle. Steve has been with Culberson Stowers for 2 years and is the service manager. He is an ASE Master Technician, Gold Certified in 13 GM Automotive Specialties and is a Certified Toyota Maintenance Technician.

“Steve is very knowledgeable. He works hard and is very dependable. We are fortunate to have someone with his knowledge and experience in both GM and Toyota.” says Richard Stowers.

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# 'Exodus: Gods and Kings' hits theaters

By **LINDSEY TOMASCHIK**  
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"Exodus: Gods and Kings" came to Pampa's Cinema 4 on Friday, and the film depicts Moses, played by Christian Bale, on his journey to free the slaves from Egyptian Pharaoh Ramesses, played by Joel Edgerton, after he has been exiled from the kingdom.

## The plot

The movie opens with Moses and Ramesses entering into battle together. Moses saves Ramesses' life, which is controversial in the kingdom because Ramesses is next in line for the throne, and this showed a sign of weakness. This is only

the first bump in the road between the two men, who have been brought up to think of each other as brothers.

After the death of Ramesses father, Seti, played by John Turturro, Ramesses takes over as Pharaoh and is soon informed by spies that Moses is a Hebrew. Ramesses confronts Moses about this, and although Moses denies it at first, he ends up admitting the truth to save his biological sister, who serves in the kingdom and raised Moses, never speaking the truth about who the two of them are. They are then exiled from Memphis.

Moses goes off and eventually settles in a small village and mar-

ries Zipporah, played by María Valverde. The couple has a child, and after nine years away, Moses is called by God to free the slaves of Memphis. Although his family is not happy about Moses abandoning them, they let him go.

From there viewers follow Moses on his journey to free his people, and God steps in causing a number of plagues to enter the kingdom.

## Fun Facts

Imdb.com had these fun facts about the movie:

- Joel Edgerton found out about getting the role of Ramesses when he received multiple congratulatory emails from people who had heard about his

casting online.

- The role of Moses was previously played by Val Kilmer in The Prince of Egypt (1998). Kilmer, like Christian Bale, has played Batman.

- In an interview with Esquire magazine, Ridley Scott called religion "the biggest source of evil", explaining, "Everyone is tearing each other apart in the name of their personal god. And the irony is, by definition, they're probably worshipping the same god". In another interview, Scott claimed that being an agnostic was a good quality for directing a Biblical story "because I've got to convince myself the story works."

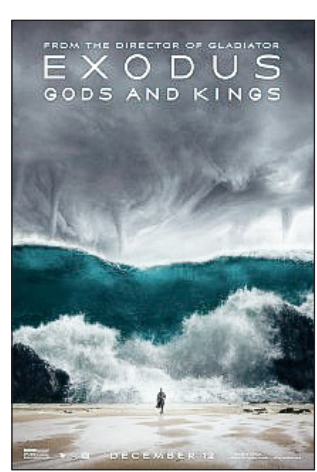
## Parents' guide

"Exodus: Gods and Kings" is rated PG-13. There is a great deal of blood and violence, wild beasts, flies, boils, frogs, locusts, cattle disease, fire, darkness and death of the firstborn. There are also two implied sex scenes, though nothing is shown.

## What do I think?

IMDB gave this movie a rating of 6.7 out of 10. I looked back at films of similar stature, "Noah" and "The Passion of the Christ," and based on their ratings (6.0 and 7.1, respectively), I'm under the assumption that highly religious films do not get high ratings on the site. I, however, enjoyed the film. Although it's

150 minutes in length, I didn't get bored or wish it would hurry up and end as I tend to watching longer films. The storyline was one that I followed with ease. Some of the ways things were connected in the film were thought-provoking to me, and I enjoyed it.



# THSCA drops all-star games

SUBMITTED BY THSCA

SAN MARCOS – At the December meeting of the Texas High School Coaches Association's Board of Directors, the board was informed of the decision from the NCAA Legislative Relief Waiver Committee to deny the THSCA's request for exemption from the new NCAA Bylaw (13.1.7.9.6 – which prohibits Division I college football coaches from attending or speaking at a convention that has an all-star game affiliated with it). This decision has forced the Board to eliminate an 80-year tradition of hosting the Texas High School Coaches Association All-Star games.

While there is a sentimental attachment to the THSCA All-Star games which have had a rich history over the years, the THSCA Board of Directors felt it was in the best interest of the Texas High School Coaches Association

to make sure its Convention and Coaching School remained a quality event. Eliminating attendance by the Division I college coaches would be very detrimental to the success of the convention which is the main source of income for the Texas High School Coaches Association.

"This is not a decision we wanted to have to make at all. We felt our convention and all-star games were not a violation of the NCAA rule and took extra steps to separate the two events as best we could, but the Waiver Committee felt otherwise," said THSCA Executive Director D. W. Rutledge. "When faced with the burden of either excluding the college coaches from attending our convention or hosting the all-star games, the Board felt it was in the best interest of the association and its members to eliminate the all-star games."

# sunday horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Dec. 14, 2014:

This year you express interest in travel and other cultures. You are likely to take frequent trips out of town. If you are single, you could meet someone from out of the blue, like at the bank. Be open to new people who might not be your usual type. If you are attached, the two of you will see your life quite differently. Respect your differences, and try out new ways of compromising. You will become best friends as well as lovers. LIBRA easily can get you to test out a new idea.

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)

★★★★ Use the morning to make calls to loved ones whom you normally don't get to chat with. Catching up on news will add to the feeling of being connected. Plans might seem more like work at the present moment. Find a retreat or go to a movie. Tonight: All smiles.

This Week: Others dominate. Walk away from a power play.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You are an understanding sign, even if you are stubborn. Not everyone is as upbeat as you are. Your joyful outlook could sink in an interaction. Make plans that you have been postponing. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.

This Week: You'll be a workaholic through Wednesday.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You can try to hide out at home, but you are not likely to be able to maintain that low profile. A loved one with a caring gesture might appear. Together, you can take off and participate in a fun happening. Tonight: Enjoy the moment.

This Week: You can't be serious for the life of you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You'll be ready for whatever the day brings. Set the tone by making calls to loved ones. You might want to

catch up and brainstorm about holiday shopping. Your energy will bring people together. Meet up for a late lunch at a favorite spot. Tonight: Make it early.

This Week: Do as much as you can from home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Funds continue to be a predominant theme. You might need to cover a lot of bases. Make sure your wallet can go the whole way. Recognize that there will be unexpected costs. A partner could have unrealistic expectations. Tonight: Dinner and a discussion. Make it nice.

This Week: Speak your mind, and let others hear your opinions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ You'll achieve exactly what you want. Know that you might be taken aback by your innermost desires. Your intuition will help you with a parent, roommate and/or loved one. Your caring makes a big difference to a child. Tonight: Go for a little indulgence.

This Week: You could be very materialistic and possessive until late Wednesday.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Look back before you take off in a new direction. Understand that, when you greet change, you also will be letting go of some of the past. Be sure that you want to proceed. You'll accomplish much more of what you want by the end of the day. Tonight: All smiles.

This Week: You are all personality.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Zero in on what you want today, as you could have a limited amount of free time. Someone you admire will give you quite a compliment. You might have difficulty saying "thank you," but use your imagination to find the right response. Tonight: Make it early.

This Week: Not until you get past a personal issue will you be 100 percent present.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Pressure builds around a responsibility, and you might not see a way out. Don't give up.

Tune in to a very special feeling you have when you are at home. Add to your sense of peace by soaking in a hot tub; make it your gift to yourself. Tonight: Find your friends.

This Week: Use Monday and Tuesday well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance. You have an understanding that goes way past the norm. You two can discuss nearly anything. Consider giving yourselves the gift of getting together! Tonight: Avoid being controlling with an unpredictable family member.

This Week: You remain determined to get certain projects done.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ A good friend will want to spend quality time with you. Make it your pleasure, as the

two of you always have a good time together. Be realistic when making decisions; otherwise, you could be disappointed. Tonight: Dinner, great music and a good time.

This Week: A discussion could be more important than you think.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ A friend means a lot to you, and vice versa. Talk about how you feel. You tend to put loved ones on a pedestal. Make a point of being more realistic, and avoid putting people in that position, as they are likely to fall off. Tonight: A cozy dinner with a special person.

This Week: Others want it their way. Go off and do something else.

BORN TODAY Actor Jackson

Rathbone (1984), apothecary Nostradamus (1503), actress Patty Duke (1946)

# Area Support Groups

The following is a list of support groups that meet regularly each week in Pampa. Information for each meeting is submitted to The Pampa News office and may not be completely updated or accurate. Please notify the newsroom if a change is necessary.

The Pampa News welcomes all submitted materials for area support groups. Please include the meeting time, date and location and, if applicable, provide a contact number for each group.

■ **Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault**, meet at 6 p.m., Thursdays, at the Tralee Crisis Center, 308 S. Cuyler St. For more info, call the Center at 806-669-1131.

■ **Narcotics Anonymous — The Pampa Group** meets at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, and at 6 p.m., Saturdays, at 805 N. Gray St. **Narcotics Anonymous — Rufe Jordan Unit** also meets at 6 p.m., Mondays, and at 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, at 1992 Hilton Road.

■ **Cancer Support** meets from 12-1 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Central Baptist Church. For more info, contact Beth Kean at 800-274-4673

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** Open Door Club meets daily at noon and 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky Ave. **Al-Anon** meets at noon on Mondays. For more information, call 665-9072.

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** Primary Purpose meets daily at noon and 8 p.m. at 112 W. Foster Ave.

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** Keep It Simple meets Thursdays at 6 p.m. at the Methodist church in White Deer.

■ **Pampa Caregiver Support** meets at the Pampa Nursing Center on 1321 W. Kentucky Ave. at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. For more information call 806-669-2551.

■ **Accolade Home Care** sponsors a **Parkinson's Support Group** the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. The group meets at Accolade at 1313 N. Hobart St. For more information, call Lindsey Presson at 806-665-9700 or 806-324-3230.

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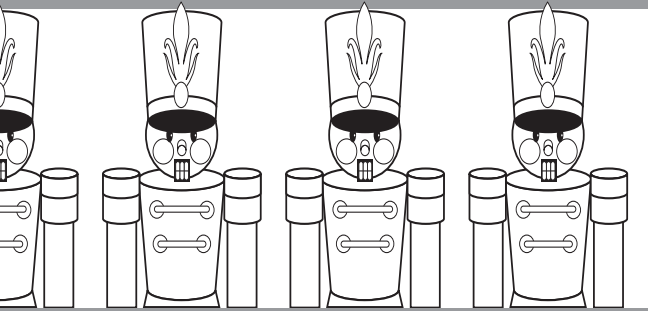
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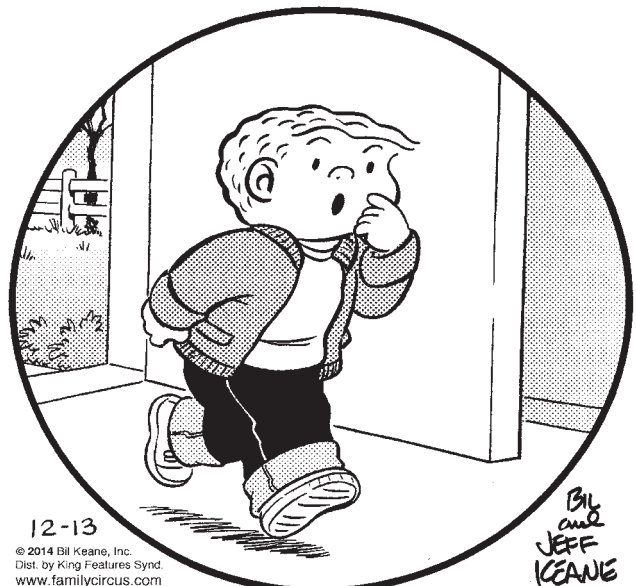
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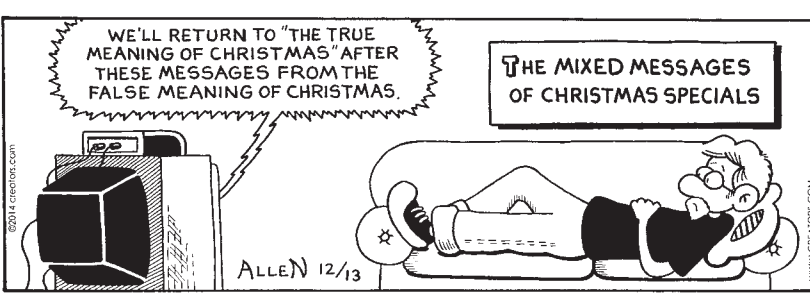
"Mommy, I think my mouth would like to taste something sweet."

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## Nest Heads



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# daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Monday, Dec. 15, 2014:  
 This year you often find that a loved one has a way of creating uproar in your life. You will be able to deal with this successfully by totally ignoring this person's behavior. You tend to see more funds come in this year, but if you are not careful, you could witness even more go out. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone while out running errands or even traveling. Excitement surrounds romance. If you are attached, the two of you focus on a long-term goal that you are likely to achieve. In the process, you will make many friends. LIBRA likes your direct way of expressing yourself.  
 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)  
 ★★★★★ You might not realize how much energy you exude. Try a gentle approach when trying to convince someone else that you are right. A friend you admire will let you know how much he or she thinks of you. Tonight: Just say "yes."  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
 ★★★ You might not understand why someone is trying so hard to please you. Accept this person's efforts graciously, but check to see that there is not a secret agenda. An older associate could be instrumental in creating some stress in your life. Tonight: Relax, then make a decision.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
 ★★★★★ Your creativity will take you away from the present moment. A relationship could be weighing on your mind. Try to detach and look at the situation without wearing rose-colored glasses. Unexpected developments might occur in a meeting. Tonight: So what if it is Monday?  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
 ★★★★★ Your inclination will be to stay close to home. You also might decide to make your office more homelike. Others appreciate your attitude. A partner could challenge you because of a purchase you make. This irritation is not a new one. Tonight: A cozy night, wherever you are.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
 ★★★★★ You have a way with words. You probably could tell someone to go take a flying leap without the person even recognizing the essence of your communication. You are likely to utilize that skill more than once today. The un-

expected heads your way. Tonight: Be spontaneous.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
 ★★★★★ You could be questioning the stability of a long-term relationship. If you really do care about this person, let go a little and ride the wave of unpredictability. You actually might enjoy yourself and find relating to be more exciting if you go with the flow. Tonight: Pay the bills.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
 ★★★★★ No matter how difficult a situation becomes, you seem capable of turning it around in your favor. Meanwhile, indulge a loved one who really is there for you. Be careful with any grandiose schemes or risk-taking. As always, weigh the pros and cons. Tonight: All smiles.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
 ★★★★★ Take your time, and don't give in to a knee-jerk reaction. At this moment, you need to relax and pull back some. Your perspective could change as a result. Avoid a family member who is on the warpath. This person just needs some time to calm down. Tonight: Do a vanishing act.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
 ★★★★★ You'll be at your best in a meeting with several or more people. Sharing ideas and listening to others' concerns will allow your creativity to kick in. People will appreciate your sensitivity. Be careful not to trigger an irate person. Tonight: Do not be alone  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
 ★★★★★ You might want to take your time, while others seem to be in a rush. You tend to be more cautious and detail-oriented than the majority of people. Avoid an argument regarding funds. You probably are right, but don't push too hard. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
 ★★★★★ Resist formalities, and remain open to new approaches and different philosophies. Resolution might be difficult to achieve unless you break free from the status quo. Express your softer side to someone you rarely see. Tonight: Consider making a dream a reality.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
 ★★★★★ Someone clearly lets you know what is expected. If you are available, this relationship could evolve into something more. Be careful about swallowing anger, as it could backfire and cause you a problem. Resist the urge to act out. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

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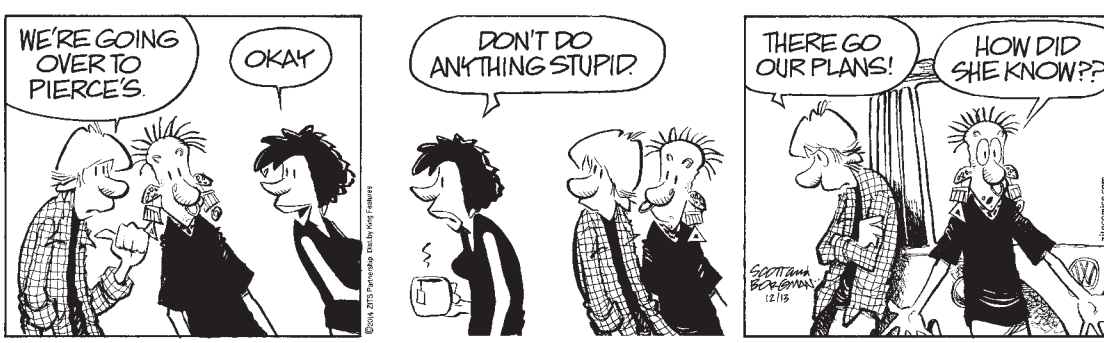
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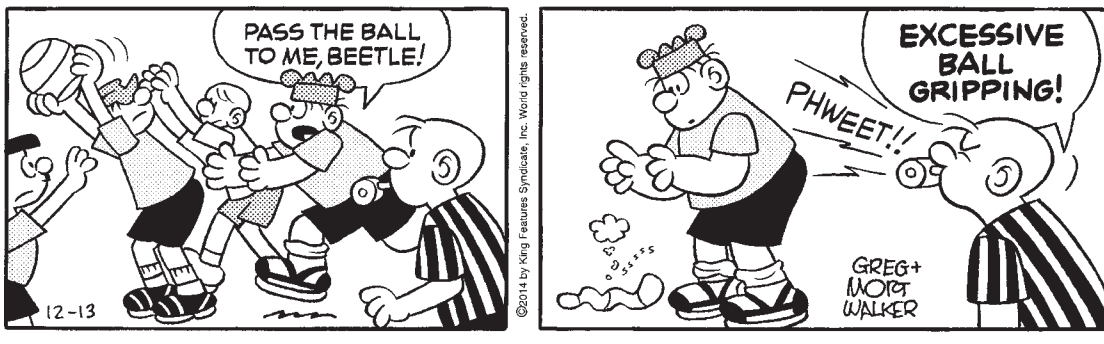
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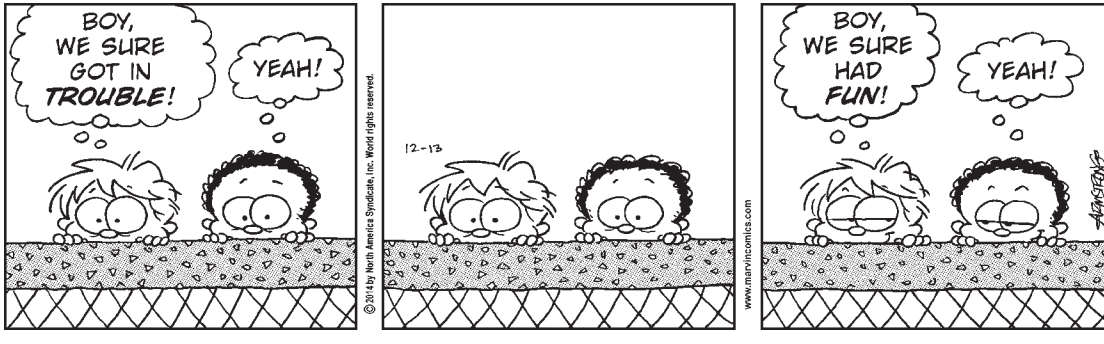
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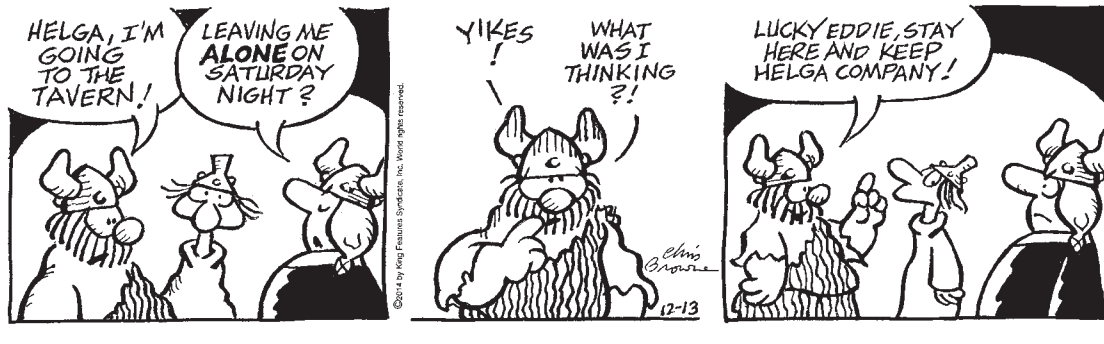
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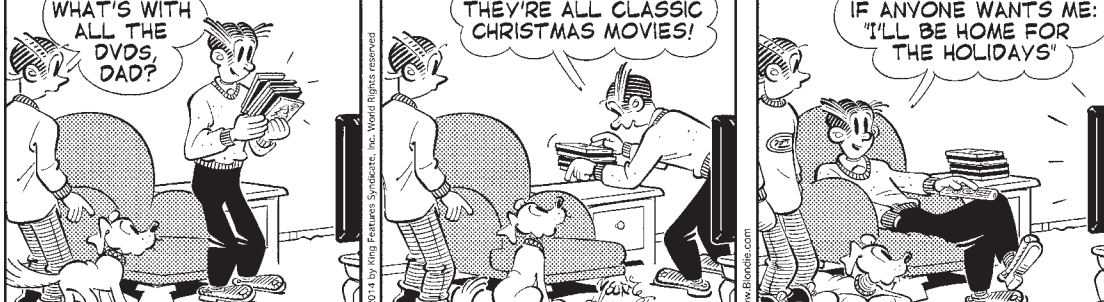
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# House passes annual government spending bill

■ Thornberry says bill cuts spending, protects national security, restricts overreach.

**SUBMITTED BY THE OFFICE OF MAC THORNBERRY**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. House of Representatives passed a spending bill yesterday that provides funding for nearly all of the government's operations through the end of the fiscal year, Sept. 30, 2015. The exception is the Department of Homeland Security, which will receive funding for less than 90 days, expiring on Feb. 27, 2015. Under the agreement, overall discretionary spending has been reduced by \$165 billion since Fiscal Year 2010. The legislation passed with a bipartisan vote of 219 to 206. Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) voted in favor of the bill.

"This bill fulfills our constitutional responsibility to fund the government, while also reining in spending and executive and other federal overreach," said Rep. Thornberry. "We have been able to reduce spending by \$165 billion since 2010. We plan to build on this progress with additional meaningful cuts and changes when Congress returns in January with Republican majorities in the House and the Senate."

The bill funds important Department of Defense programs and projects, offers a pay raise for troops, and provides resources to help prepare for current

and future threats. The defense portion of the bill also includes funding for local national security facilities, including missions at Sheppard Air Force base in Wichita Falls. In addition, it contains nearly \$2.8 billion for Bell Helicopter's V-22 and other aircraft programs, much of which is done in Amarillo. It also increases funding for nuclear weapons activities—much of which is performed at Pantex—to \$8.2 billion. To help address the backlog of deferred maintenance on physical infrastructure in the nuclear weapons facilities, the agreement provides \$37.4 million specifically for recapitalization projects at Pantex.

The BLM Red River land dispute issue is addressed in the funding bill as well. It includes language to help ensure that the Bureau of Land Management defers any final decision-making regarding land use plans along the Red River in Texas until appropriate surveys have been conducted to determine ownership.

Notably, the legislation provides no new funding for Obamacare; cuts \$345.6 million from the Internal Revenue Service and \$60 million from the Environmental Protection Agency; gives states the power to relax Obama Administration's onerous school lunch

rules; also, includes many provisions to rein in regulatory overreach.

The bill also offers emergency funding to help combat the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) and to address the domestic and international Ebola crisis.

## Bill Highlights

**Spending Cuts:** Cuts total discretionary spending for the 5th year in a row, which reduces spending to levels lower than under George W. Bush in constant dollars.

**Limited Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Funding:** Funds DHS only until Feb. 27, 2015, (less than 90 days) so the new Republican Congress can tackle the issue of Obama's immigration action in February.

**Defense Spending:** Funds our nation's security, military readiness, support for our troops at home and abroad, and care for military families. It also includes emergency funds to pay for operations against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

• **Military Personnel and Pay:** The bill fully funds the pay raise for the military and

provides \$215 million above the request to fully fund the cost-of-living allowance for military retirees.

• **Pantex:** Increases fund-

ing for the National Nuclear Security Administration's weapons activities including Pantex. The bill also provides \$37.4 million specifically

for recapitalization projects at Pantex.

• **Bell:** Includes about \$2.8 billion total for Bell V-22 and helicopter programs, much

of which is done in Amarillo, including procurement of 19 new Ospreys and 28 new

helicopters for the Marine Corps.

• **Sheppard AFB:** Includes funding for activities at Sheppard AFB in the personnel

account and operations and maintenance account.

**Red River:** Includes report language to help ensure that the Bureau of Land Management does not make any final decisions regarding land use plans along the Red River in Texas until appropriate surveys have been conducted to determine ownership.

**Internal Revenue Service (IRS):** Cuts IRS funding by \$345.6 million and includes extensive oversight requirements, bringing IRS funding to below FY 2008 levels. The bill also prohibits its funding to target organizations for regulatory scrutiny based on their political beliefs.

**Restricts Clean Water**

**Act (CWA):** Restricts the application of the CWA in certain agricultural areas, including farm ponds and irrigation ditches.

**Environmental Protection Agency:** Cuts EPA by \$60 million and reduces its staffing to the lowest level since 1989.

**GIPSA:** Includes restrictions on the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) from implementing regulations harmful to the livestock and poultry industry.

**Light Bulbs:** Bans the Administration's onerous "light bulb" standard.

**Obamacare:** Provides no new funding for Obamacare and blocks the Obamacare slush fund. Cuts the Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB) by \$10 million and continues restrictions on using taxpayer dollars to lobby for Obamacare.

**Department of Justice:** Prohibits implementation of a potential Arms Trade Treaty and increases funding for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) program by \$6.5 million to \$245 million. The HIDTA program was created by Congress to provide assistance to State law enforcement agencies in areas determined to be critical drug-trafficking regions in the United States.

Recently, Randall and Potter County sheriffs have petitioned to be deemed a HIDTA area.

**Dodd-Frank:** Amends the swaps "push-out" requirement included in the Dodd-Frank Financial Reform law. This regulation would require banks to separate, or push out, their derivatives business from the part of the institution that is federally insured. Opponents of the push out provision say it will be costly to financial institutions while not actually reducing risk to the financial system. Former Fed Chairman Ben S. Bernanke has expressed opposition to the provision.

**Second Amendment:** Prohibits funding for the EPA to regulate lead content in ammunition or fishing tackle.

**Department of Transportation (DOT):** Suspends DOT regulations requiring two nights of rest after a week of driving for long-haul truckers.

**Export-Import Bank:** Prohibit the Export-Import Bank and OPIC from blocking coal and other power-generation projects — helping to increase exports of U.S. goods and services.

**Abortion:** Continues the ban on public funding for abortions in DC and a ban on using federal funding for federal prisoners.

## Church Calendar

### Hi-Land Christian Church

Beginning Wednesday night, Sept. 3, Pastor Mike Sublett will be teaching two special advanced classes at Hi-Land Christian Church. From 7 - 8pm The Judges and Kings of Israel (broken people, faithful God); from 8-9pm 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 handout 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."

### 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.

The church is hosting a gospel meeting on Sunday Dec. 14 with brother Jack Evans Jr. speaking at the morning bible class, worship and evening worship services. Anyone from the community is welcome to come hear him speak.

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.

The church is hosting a gospel meeting on Sunday Dec. 14 with brother Jack Evans Jr. speaking at the morning bible class, worship and evening worship services. Anyone from the community is welcome to come hear him speak.

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.

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### 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.

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### Watch the Pros - Saturday

#### College Basketball

North Carolina at Kentucky.....	KFDA 11 a.m.
Stony Brook at Providence.....	FSSW 11 a.m.
Wichita State at Detroit.....	ESPNU 11 a.m.
Radford at Georgetown.....	FS1 11 a.m.
Dayton at Arkansas.....	FSSW 1 p.m.
St. Bonaventure at Pittsburgh.....	ESPNU 1 p.m.
St. Mary's California at Creighton.....	FS1 1 p.m.
Utah at Kansas.....	ESPN 2:15 p.m.
Xavier at Missouri.....	ESPN2 3 p.m.
Michigan at Arizona.....	ESPN 4:15 p.m.
Oklahoma State at Memphis.....	ESPN2 5 p.m.
Northern Iowa at Virginia Commonwealth.....	NBCS 6 p.m.
Florida State at Notre Dame.....	ESPN2 7 p.m.
Gonzaga at UCLA.....	ESPN2 9 p.m.

#### College Football

Pop Warner Championship.....	ESPN2 11 a.m.
Coastal Carolina at North Dakota State.....	ESPN 11 a.m.
Army v. Navy.....	KFDA 2 p.m.
Heisman Trophy Presentation.....	ESPN 7 p.m.

#### Soccer

Hull at Chelsea.....	NBCS 8:55 a.m.
Newcastle at Arsenal.....	NBCS 11:25 a.m.
Western Sydney at Cruz Azul.....	FS2 1:30 p.m.

#### Golf

Alfred Dunhill Championship.....	GOLF 4:30 a.m.
Franklin Templeton Shootout.....	KCIT 12 p.m.
Father/Son Challenge.....	GOLF 1 p.m.
Father/Son Challenge.....	KAMR 2 p.m.
Australian PGA Championship.....	GOLF 7 p.m.

#### Extreme Sports

Dew Tour: From Breckenridge, Colo.....	KAMR 12 p.m.
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#### Women's Volleyball

NCAA Tournament.....	ESPNU 3 p.m.
NCAA Tournament.....	ESPNU 5:30 p.m.
NCAA Tournament.....	ESPNU 8 p.m.
NCAA Tournament.....	ESPNU 10:30 p.m.

#### High-School Football

Class 6A Division 2 Championship.....	FSSW 4 p.m.
Oklahoma Class 5A Championship.....	FCSC 7 p.m.

#### Boxing/Fighting

UFC Fight Night Prelims.....	FS1 4 p.m.
Dos Santos v. Micoic: From Phoenix.....	KCIT 7 p.m.
World Series of Fighting 16.....	NBCS 8 p.m.
Khan-Alexander.....	SHO 8 p.m.

#### Horse Racing

Hollywood Starlet.....	TVG 5:30 p.m.
From Hong Kong.....	TVG 11:30 p.m.

#### NHL Hockey

New Jersey Devils at Dallas Stars.....	FSSW 7:30 p.m.
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\*Game times and channels are subject to change.\*

### Watch the Pros - Sunday

#### NFL Football

Cincinnati Bengals at Cleveland Browns.....	KCIT 12 p.m.
Houston Texans at Indianapolis Colts.....	KFDA 12 p.m.
SF 49ers at Seattle Seahawks.....	KCIT 3:25 p.m.
Dallas Cowboys at Philadelphia Eagles.....	KAMR 7:20 p.m.

#### College Football

Bowl Mania Special.....	ESPN 7:30 p.m.
Lott Trophy Award Presentation.....	FSSW 9 p.m.

#### College Basketball

St. Peter's at Seton Hall.....	FS1 11 a.m.
Butler at Tennessee.....	ESPNU 1 p.m.
Temple at Villanova.....	FS1 1 p.m.
Prairie View A&M at Texas Tech.....	FCSC 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Florida.....	FSSW 3 p.m.
Louisiana Tech at Syracuse.....	ESPNU 3 p.m.
Illinois State at DePaul.....	FS1 3 p.m.
Savannah State at Kansas State.....	FSSW 5 p.m.
North Carolina Wilmington at Louisville.....	ESPNU 5 p.m.
Oakland at Michigan State.....	ESPNU 7 p.m.

#### Women's College Basketball

Tennessee at Rutgers.....	ESPN2 2 p.m.
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#### College Hockey

Clarkson at Michigan State.....	FCSA 4 p.m.
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#### Soccer

Liverpool at Manchester United.....	NBCS 7:25 a.m.
Tottenham at Swansea.....	NBCS 9:55 a.m.

#### Golf

Alfred Dunhill Championship.....	GOLF 4:30 a.m.
Franklin Templeton Shootout.....	KCIT 12 p.m.
Father/Son Challenge.....	GOLF 1 p.m.
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#### Extreme Sports

Dew Tour: From Breckenridge, Colo.....	KAMR 12 p.m.
Dew Tour: From Breckenridge, Colo.....	NBCS 3 p.m.

#### Horse Racing

Springboard Mile.....	TVG 4:30 p.m.
Los Alamitos Futurity.....	TVG 10:30 p.m.

### Watch the Pros - Monday

#### NFL Football

New Orleans Saints at Chicago Bears.....	ESPN 7:15 p.m.
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#### NHL Hockey

Tampa Bay Lightning at Pittsburgh Penguins.....	NBCS 6 p.m.
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#### College Basketball

Elon at Duke.....	ESPNU 6 p.m.
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#### Soccer

QPR at Everton.....	NBCS 1:55 p.m.
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# Harvesters thump Wheeler at Panhandle tourney

By JOHN LEE

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PANHANDLE — The Pampa Harvesters (9-1) dominated the Wheeler Mustangs 64-27 Friday afternoon to advance to the Championship game of the Panhandle Tournament. Depending on how other teams play, the Harvesters will either face Panhandle or Spearman tonight at 6:40 p.m. in Panhandle.

The Harvesters didn't take long to get going as senior Cade Engle was fouled on a layup, allowing him to go a perfect 2-2 from the free throw line and put the Harvesters on the board 2-0.

Pampa created a turnover and gave it to Engle again, who took it to the house to extend their lead to 4-0.

Wheeler pulled within one with a 3-pointer, but junior Bryson Burrell scored a basket pulling away again at 6-3. Wheeler sank a couple of free throws and scored a basket allowing them to go on top 7-6 until sophomore Brandon Sieck hit a 3-pointer, putting Pampa back on top 9-7.

The Harvesters went on a 16-2 run with a 3-pointer from Shanoaha Bridges, a basket from senior Jonathan Stevens and a pair of transition layups to Engle. The Harvesters took a 25-9 lead into the second quarter.

"I thought our transition game was good today. That's our focal point on the season, to beat the other team down the floor and push the basketball. We were able to do that early and get (Cade) Engle going early," head coach Matt Embry said.

"When he gets his offense going early it opens up

big stuff for other people. It's our key to success."

The Harvesters let up on the gas in the second quarter, scoring only seven points to Wheeler's 10. This included a 3-pointer from sophomore Brendon Woelfle, a basket from Engle and a jump shot from Bridges. Pampa lead the Mustangs 32-17 at the half.

Pampa took control back in the second half starting in the third quarter with a pair of layups from Engle and Stevens. Engle was fouled shortly after and went 2-2 from the charity stripe. Junior Kambrin Scott came alive at this point and drained a pair of threes to extend Pampa's lead to 44-17.

"Kambrin is a great shooter, that's why he is on this team. We've got to make Kambrin understand there's more to basketball than just being inside of 94 feet of wood," Embry said.

"He's learning life lessons every day and I am proud of the steps he is taking as a player and being able to shoot that ball."

After a 3-pointer from Wheeler, Woelfle answered with one of his own keeping the lead 47-20. Sieck was fouled just before the quarter ended, and he went 1-2 from the line and the Harvesters took a 48-20 lead into the half.

In the final quarter, Wheeler tried to fight back and hit a 3-pointer following a Harvester basket and made the score 50-23. After a basket from Burrell, senior Jett Gibson scored his first points of the game on a 3-pointer. On the next Harvester possession, Gibson took it to the house and slammed it into the basket for a dunk. Sieck and Bridges had a pair of baskets making it 61-25. Junior Adam Zuniga scored the final points of the game for the Harvesters with a 3-pointer.

The Harvesters went on to win 64-27.

While it's hard to find issues with a 37-point victory, Embry said the Harvesters need to contain opposing corner players better.

"We've got to prevent teams from getting the ball out of the corner. We force teams into the corner and trap them. We are long and lanky down there and we want to force teams to do that. It allows us to create turnovers and we have to do a better job of that," Embry said.

"(We also need to continue to have) crisp passing. We moved the ball really well today. That's something we need to be able to do against the great teams."

The Harvesters return to action tonight at 6:40 p.m. against either Spearman or Panhandle, Embry doesn't have a preference.

"We just want to play four games and win four games. Panhandle's a great team, we watched them play yesterday," Embry said. "But I think as long as we do our job we will be able to play with them."

Cade Engle was the Harvesters leading scorer with 19 points, including a 3-pointer and a perfect 4-4 from the free throw line; Kambrin Scott and Brendon Woelfle each had eight points and each had two 3-pointers; Shanoaha Bridges had seven points with a 3-pointer; Brandon Sieck had six points, with a 3-pointer and went 1-2 from the charity stripe; Jonathan Stevens and Bryson Burrell each had four points; Adam Zuniga had a 3-pointer for his three points of the game and Jett Gibson had five points, a 3-pointer and the exciting dunk.

Pampa also beat Highland Park, 69-39 and Panhandle's JV, 74-38 in the tournament.

# Chip Kelly respects Cowboys, doesn't share hate

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — From Tom Landry, Jimmy Johnson and Jason Garrett to Dick Vermeil, Buddy Ryan and Andy Reid, the men in charge have changed while the rivalry remains intense.

No matter the coaches, the players or the records, it's always a big game when the Philadelphia Eagles play the Dallas Cowboys. First place in the NFC East is on the line for Sunday night's prime-time matchup between the two 9-4 teams.

Chip Kelly understands fans in Philadelphia strongly dislike the Cowboys, but he doesn't share those feelings.

"I've never been a hate guy. I don't hate anybody we've ever played," Kelly said. "I've got the utmost respect for them and I hope when we have an opportunity to play any team that we play, they are at their full strength. That's the

best part about it; that's when you really truly get two competitors going against it."

Ryan was revered in Philadelphia because he often beat the Cowboys during his tenure as coach from 1986-90. The brash and bombastic Ryan didn't hide his animosity for Landry or Johnson. During a game against Landry's Cowboys following the 1987 strike, Ryan ordered Randall Cunningham to fake taking a knee and throw deep to run up the score because he felt Dallas did that to Philadelphia's replacement players.

Then there was the "Bounty Bowl" game on Thanksgiving Day 1989 when players said Ryan offered money to whoever knocked kicker Luis Zendejas or quarterback Troy Aikman out of the game.

So despite his 0-3 record in the playoffs, Ryan is beloved by Eagles fans.

The same fans once threw snowballs at Johnson at old Veterans Stadium. They also cheered the ambulance that drove Michael Irvin off the field after he suffered a career-ending injury in 1999.

But Kelly does things his way. He even said he would allow the Cowboys to practice on his team's field if the situation arose and they needed it.

"I understand (fans hate the Cowboys) but that's not the way we're wired," Kelly said. "I think I want to compete against the best, and it's the same thing if we went to go play any other place in the NFL, they would allow us to practice at their facility. When I was in college, everybody allowed us to practice. USC practiced at our place when we were at Oregon and we could practice at their place. That's what this deal is all about."

Players change teams so much these days in the NFL that it's difficult to find

players who feel the same way fans do about rivals. Only a decade ago, there were Eagles like Brian Dawkins who echoed the city's feelings about Dallas.

"As long as they have that star on their helmet, it's still the Cowboys," Dawkins once said.

Players such as Cowboys wide receiver Dez Bryant still do plenty of trash-talking. Bryant called Philadelphia's cornerbacks "cheap" after the Eagles beat Dallas 33-10 on Thanksgiving.

The quarterbacks, however, traded compliments.

"It's just great to see someone be resilient and take adversity and come back stronger from it," Romo said of Mark Sanchez. "And that's what Mark's done and I think it's a great lesson for a lot of people. I think when you look at it closely, it'd be better if he didn't do it with the Eagles, but I think he's done a great job."

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# PampaSports

## PHS BASKETBALL TEAMS IN TOURNAMENT ACTION



Girls photos by John Lee and guys photos by Zachary Green

All of the girls pictures are from the Sunray game on Friday morning. The girls won 37-35. All of guys are from the Panhandle JV game. The guys won 74-38. Above left, Taylor Eubank gets ready to pass the ball off to an opponent. Above right, Raven Neal-Landers tries to make a move to get free from a defender. Below left, Brandon Sieck soars in the air. Below right, Shanoaha Bridges plays the point and sets up the play. Second below left, Bryson Burrell scoots free on a fastbreak. Second below right, Elise Kennedy prepares to inbound the ball. Bottom left, Madison Brown shows off good form in her jumpshot. Bottom right, Kambrin Scott lines up to take a shot. As of early Friday morning, the girls were 3-0 in the White Deer Tournament and the guys were 2-0 in the Panhandle Tournament.





# PampaSports

## Lady Harvesters tame Bobcats in White Deer tourney

By JOHN LEE  
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WHITE DEER — The Pampa Lady Harvesters (8-9) defeated the Sunray Lady Bobcats 37-35 Friday morning in the White Deer tournament.

Seniors Taylor Eubank and Madison Brown combined for 26 of the teams' total points, including seven in the final quarter to give the Lady Harvesters enough cushion to outlast a Lady Bobcat rally.

"We got a little rattled when they pulled their little half-court 1-2-2 on us. We really feel like if we have a lead we can slack off a little bit, so once I told them we were still trying to score points it took the pressure off them a little bit," head coach Kim Chaffin said.

"It didn't matter what defense they were trying to show us we were still looking to go score, no matter what the lead or no matter what the situation was."

Sunray got on the board first early in the game with a basket to give the Lady Bobcats the 2-0 lead. Senior Rayna Wall scored a lay up to tie the game for the Lady Harvesters.

Both teams got off to a slow start but Sunray was able to build a 5-2 lead before Eubank hit a basket to come within one point at 5-4 with three minutes left in the first quarter. A foul by Sunray on senior Raven Neal-Landers tied the game at 5-5.

Sunray hit a basket, which Eubank answered with one of her own to tie at 7-7 with 1:16 left in the first

quarter, but a 3-pointer from Sunray gave them the 10-7 lead heading into the second quarter.

"I think (the slow start) was a little bit of execution. I think that we just missed a lot of wide open shots in all honesty," Chaffin said. "We were, in a way, trying to feel each other out and it was good to see the little match-ups in there and see what kind of offense we wanted to run with the ball. Either low for a quick two or for an open three."

Sunray hit another three extending their lead to six at 13-7, but Pampa pulled within four when Brown had a 10-ft. basket.

Sophomore Elise Kennedy was fouled and went 1-2 at the line to pull the Lady Harvesters within three points at 13-10. The score stayed 13-10 until the Lady Bobcats scored a free throw, followed by Brown hitting a jump shot making it a one-score game at 14-12. Eubank tied the game at 14-14 with a basket.

The teams continued to trade scores with Eubank going 1-2 from the charity stripe followed by a Brown jump shot tying the game at 17-17 in the final moments of the half.

The Lady Harvesters came out swinging to begin the half, with another basket from Brown with and a 3-pointer and a basket from senior Ty'Randa Archie-Johnson gave the Lady Harvesters the 24-17 lead, their first of the game.

The teams traded scores, with Brown hitting a basket and going a perfect 2-2 from the free throw line

in the quarter to make it 28-18. The Lady Harvesters took a 28-24 lead into the fourth quarter.

Sunray attempted a rally, shutting down the Lady Harvesters until four minutes to play in the game when Eubank hit a 3-pointer, followed by a jump shot from Brown to extend their lead to 33-29.

Sunray converted a traditional three-point play to pull with in one until Eubank converted both of her free throws to make it 35-32.

Senior Keisha Daniels went 2-2 from the charity stripe, giving the Lady Harvesters the 37-32 lead as they went on to win 37-35.

"If people run a 1-2-2 at us we have to understand that our placement is key. It's another good win, another good close win," Chaffin said. "We will just take what we can and learn to play better basketball every day."

Madison Brown was the teams leading scorer at 14 points and went 2-3 from the free throw line; Taylor Eubank had 12 points, including a 3-pointer and went 3-8 from the line; Ty'Randa Archie-Johnson had five points, one 3-pointer; Rayna Wall had two points; Keisha Daniels had two points, going 2-4 from the charity stripe and Elise Kennedy and Raven Neal Landers each went 1-2 from the stripe.

As a team they shot 9-19 from the free throw line.

They played West Texas on Friday and Randall's junior varsity on Saturday.

Look for these results in future editions of The Pampa News.

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- The bowl picks can be found in today's paper on page 12B. They will also be in Saturday's and Tuesday's papers. Pick up a copy today and get your picks in to us!
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3rd - Hole in One	2-2
The Tuttle's	1-3
Cornholios	0-4
Division 2	
	Overall
1st - Hole Hunters	5-0
2nd - Blood.Sweat.Ears	4-1
3rd - Double Trouble	3-2
Ear We Grow Again	2-3
Corn on the Boards	1-4
Toon Squad	0-4



# PampaSports

## From the Press Box

### ■ Manning: Age catching up or adapting to run game?

While cruising through Yahoo! Sports the other day, I saw a headline that went something along the lines of "Broncos: Peyton Manning still the starter in Denver." Immediately I asked myself when did it become a question.

Now the Denver Broncos' passing game has frustrated me both as an armchair quarterback and the proud owner of wide receiver Demaryius Thomas in my fantasy football team.

However, I have never thought the Broncos needed to bench Manning.

Since the Broncos' Nov. 2 loss to the New England Patriots, Manning has thrown at least two interceptions in four of the six games.

Has also thrown for 14 touchdowns, but in the last two games he has two touchdowns and two picks.

The Broncos are also 4-2 in those games.

While I do admit to shaking my head and questioning our all-pro quarterback, perhaps Broncos fans aren't being appreciative of having Peyton Manning when he could have easily chose to go to Miami, Tennessee, Arizona or San Francisco in 2012 when he was cut by the Indianapolis Colts.

The fans want fireworks in the passing game, did they forget at one time we had Tim Tebow?

If Broncos fans want to complain about Manning throwing for less than 200 yards in two straight games, don't forget Tebow won a game in 2011 where he went 2-8 69 yards and a touchdown. One of those was a 56-yard bomb to Eric Decker.

Manning, likely frustrated with the reports asking what's wrong or if age is catching up with him, said recently, "There are multiple ways to win."

He is referring to the running game, of course. Over the last three games, the Broncos are averaging 186 yards on the ground. A commentator from last week's game against

the Bills was quoted to say, "When was the last time you heard that one of the keys to stop the Denver Broncos offense (under Manning) is stopping the run."

Like the legendary Terrell Davis, undrafted running back C.J. Anderson was relatively unknown. Injuries to starters Montee Ball and Ronnie Hillman have spring-boarded him to be the starter and he has exploded onto the scene.

While Sunday against the Bills, he had a modest 58 yards on 21 carries, he had 167 and 168 yards against the Dolphins and Chiefs, respectively.

The Broncos' vice president of football operations, John Elway, knows that even in the pass-happy NFL, a running game certainly elevates a team to Super Bowl victories.

Elway had Davis for his two Super Bowl wins and he just watched the Seattle Seahawks dominate the Broncos in the Super Bowl less than a year ago.

Personally, I am not worried about Manning.

Like the last time the Denver Broncos won the Super Bowl, they are lining up and punching teams in the mouth with their run game.

So it comes down to the final three weeks of the season.

A win Sunday and the Broncos clinch the AFC West title for the fourth straight year.

They need a little help with losses to Indianapolis, Pittsburgh and Cincinnati, but they can also clinch a first-round bye.

With all these reports coming out about Manning's health and age, it would be nice if offensive coordinator Adam Gase let him come out slinging for 300-plus yards and handful of touchdowns.

Watch out, San Diego.

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**JOHN LEE**



**Peyton Manning**

## Golf Tips of the Week

### ■ Start your journey to better golf.

As Jordan Spieth continued his great run of form, I thought the most interesting quote this weekend was from Tiger Woods: "I've got my speed back now. Look how far I'm hitting it again now. That's nice. I just obviously need to clean up my short game. That still needs a lot of work." (Golf.com)



**TIM STADLER**

So, as far as Tiger hit it off the tee, he came last because his short game was very scratchy. The questions I have for you are: what percentage of your practice time do you dedicate to the short game? How many shots would you save off your round with 10 extra yards off the tee vs a

small improvement in your Wedge play? And are those questions really relevant?

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*Tim Stadler is the PGA Professional at the Pampa Country Club. He can be reached at 655-8431.*

## Hidden Hills Seniors scramble

### STAFF REPORT

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

First place, with a score of 60, was the team of Bill Hammer, Gerrell Owens, Johnny Gilbert and Jim Cantrell.

Second place, with a score of 63, was the team of Ron Fields, Jim Bridges, Lynn Allison and Leroy Morris.

Third place, with a score of 64, was the team of Rod Porter, John Hervey, Ben Woodington and John McGuire.

Fourth place, with a score of 64, was the team of Fred Courtney, Harley Knutson and James Lee.

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Varsity at White Deer Tournament.....12 p.m. - TODAY  
 9th grade at Panhandle.....6/7 p.m. - Dec. 15  
 JV and Varsity v. Follett.....4:30/6 p.m. - Dec. 16 - McNeely  
 9th/JV/Varsity v. Follett.....4:30/6/7:30 p.m. - Dec. 19

### Boys Basketball

Varsity at Panhandle Tournament.....4 or 6:40 p.m. - TODAY  
 JV at Fort Elliott Tournament.....TODAY  
 9th grade at Panhandle.....6/7 p.m. - Dec. 15  
 9th/JV/Varsity v. Follett.....4:30/6/7:30 p.m. - Dec. 19

### Swimming

At Abilene Invitational.....TODAY

### Wrestling

Boys v. Bushland.....TODAY - Bushland  
 JV and Junior High at Vernon.....Vernon  
 Boys/Girls/JV at Caprock.....5 p.m. - Dec. 16 - Caprock  
 Junior High at Dumas.....5 p.m. - Dec. 16 - Dumas  
 Boys Wrestling at Tucumcari.....Dec. 20 - Tucumcari

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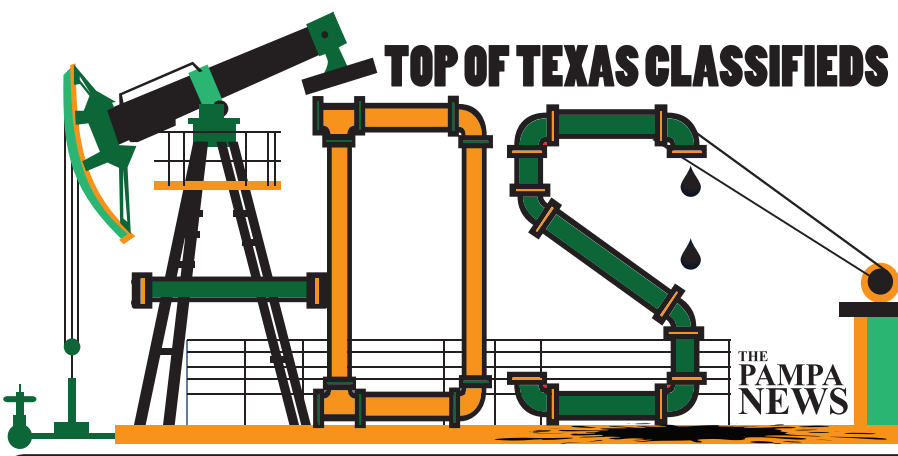


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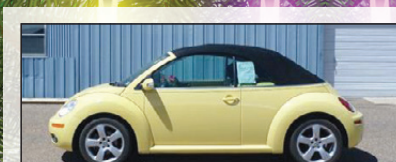
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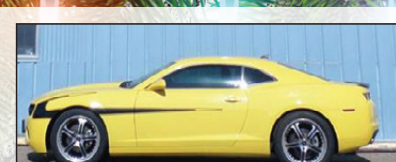
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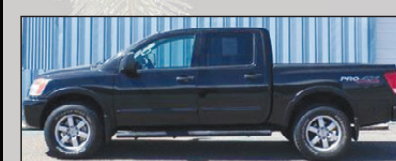
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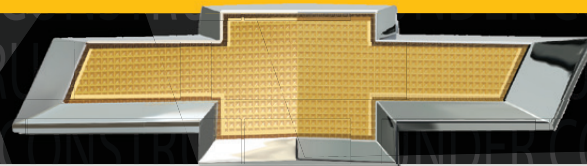
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1016 Mary Ellen St	\$324,900	4/3.5/0 4012SF/GCAD
340 Condo Rd	\$237,000	3/1.75/0 1600SF/RCAD +/- 54Ac
1929 Lea St	\$210,000	4/2.5/2 2556SF/GCAD
2400 Dogwood Ln	\$199,000	3/2/2 2290SF/GCAD
2306 Fir St	New Price \$187,000	4/2/2 2277SF/GCAD
11953 McCullough	\$175,000	3/2/2 1344SF/GCAD +/-21.3 Ac
2201 Charles St	Pending \$155,000	3/4/2 3211SF/GCAD
1608 Pecan Av, Panhandle	\$149,500	3/1.75/2 1633SF/CCAD
2301 Christine St	\$142,500	3/3/ 2193SF/GCAD
1913 Zimmers St	\$135,000	4/2.5/1 1863SF/GCAD
300 E Wichita St, Miami	\$131,000	3/75 2w/ 1738SFLevel 1 Bsm 1632SF/RCAD
1318 Lions St, Miami	Pending \$124,900	2/1.75/1 1880SF/RCAD
914 Sierra Dr	Pending \$108,500	3/2/2 1450SF/GCAD
1616 Maple Av, Panhandle	\$105,000	3/2/2 1415SF/CCAD
2109 Zimmers St	\$98,000	3/1.75/2 1128SF/GCAD
708 Bradley Dr	Pending \$95,000	3/1.75/1 1538SF/GCAD
2104 Lynn St	\$94,900	3/1.75/2 1466SF/GCAD
724 Lefors St	Pending \$75,000	3/2/0 1532SF/GCAD
1527 N Sumner St	\$72,500	3/1.75/2 1028SF/GCAD
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Chaumont	\$40,000	Residential Lots
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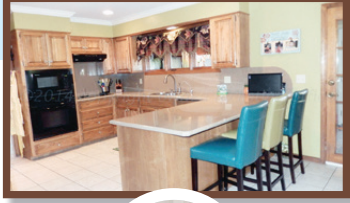
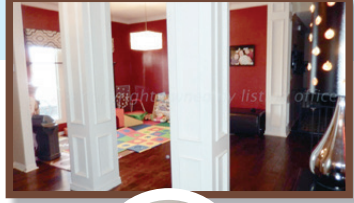
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R and L Carriers New Orleans Bowl	Nevada v. Louisiana-Lafayette	
Gildan New Mexico Bowl	Utah State v. UTEP	
Royal Purple Las Vegas Bowl	Utah v. Colorado State	
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl	Western Michigan v. Air Force	
Raycom Media Camellia Bowl	South Alabama v. Bowling Green	
Miami Beach Bowl	BYU v. Memphis	
Boca Raton Bowl	Marshall v. Northern Illinois	
SDCCU Poinsettia Bowl	Navy v. San Diego State	
Popeyes Bahamas Bowl	Central Michigan v. West. Kentucky	
Hawai'i Bowl	Fresno State v. Rice	
Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl	Illinois v. Louisiana Tech	
Quick Lane Bowl	Rutgers v. North Carolina	
Bitcoin St. Petersburg Bowl	North Carolina State v. UCF	
Millitary Bowl by Northrop Grumman	Cincinnati v. Virginia Tech	
Hyundai Sun Bowl	Arizona State v. Duke	
Duck Commander Independence Bowl	Miami v. South Carolina	
New Era Pinstripe Bowl	Boston College v. Penn State	
National University Holiday Bowl	Nebraska v. USC	
AutoZone Liberty Bowl	Texas A&M v. West Virginia	
Russell Athletic Bowl	Oklahoma v. Clemson	
AdvoCare V100 Texas Bowl	Arkansas v. Texas	
FAM Music City Bowl	Notre Dame v. LSU	
Belk Bowl	Georgia v. Louisville	
Foster Farms Bowl	Maryland v. Stanford	
Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl	Ole Miss v. TCU	
VIZIO Fiesta Bowl	Boise State v. Arizona	
Capital One Orange Bowl	Mississippi State v. Ga. Tech	
Buffalo Wild Wings Citrus Bowl	Missouri v. Minnesota	
Outback Bowl	Auburn v. Wisconsin	
Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic	Michigan State v. Baylor	
Rose Bowl by Northwestern Mutual*	Oregon v. Florida State	
Allstate Sugar Bowl*	Alabama v. Ohio State	
Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl	Houston v. Pittsburgh	
TaxSlayer Bowl	Iowa v. Tennessee	
Valero Alamo Bowl	Kansas State v. UCLA	
TicketCity Cactus Bowl	Washington v. Oklahoma State	
Birmingham Bowl	East Carolina v. Florida	
GoDaddy Bowl	Toledo v. Arkansas State	
National Championship by AT&T	Rose v. Sugar winners	
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