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School board leaves I&S tax rate the same

Also decides to put Carver Center up for bid.

By JOHN LEE jclee@thepampanews.com Twitter: @jcl1987

The Pampa Independent School District board of trustees met Monday night for their normal monthly meeting.

Budget and tax rate

During the meeting, the Board held a public hearing for the budget and proposed tax rate. The proposed rate for maintenance and operations is \$1.04 per \$100 valuation and the interest and sinking fund is \$0.2691 per \$100 valuation. This puts the total rate at \$1.30 per \$100 valuation. Note, the maintenance and operations rate cannot change.

PISD chief financial officer Danny Seabourn recommended to the Board that the rate be left the same. This will also be the fourth straight year the rate remains unchanged since it was lowered six cents in 2012.

The budget itself was approved at \$35,397,505 with everything balanced out. Also included in the budget was a pay increase of 1.5 percent to all employees and an additional \$25 contribution to the employees monthly medical insurance premium, making the District's contribution \$275.

The budget expenditures breaks down as fol-

lows: 50 percent to instruction, 20 percent to district operation such as maintaining buildings, 14 percent to instructional support and the other 16 percent goes to various smaller categories.

It is important to note that the taxable values of homes is not set by the school board, but by the appraisal district.

The Board approved the budget as presented, a final budget amendment and the 2015-16 compensation plan.

During the Spotlight on Excellence session the Board recognized Culberson-Stowers Teacher of the Year Stephanie Boyd, outgoing board member David Teichmann and the Pampa soccer academic all-state Taylor Bolton, Bennett Cambern, Jaycee Devoll, Allison Noble, Vanessa Ontiveros and Karoley Villarreal.

Following Spotlight on Excellence, the Board heard a presentation from Mark Johnson of NextEra Energy on the District's energy conservation project.

Building reports

Johnson said NextEra is refitting all of the campuses with new lights. Eighty-five percent of the elementary schools have been completed with the final touches being completed in early July. The high school should be finished by the end of July.

The VHAC replacements and BAS installation should be completed by early August.

Johnson, after hearing PISD superintendent Dr. David Young present at a small community school district presentation, NextEra also decided to present the District with a \$1,000 donation for future presentation. After the presentation from NextEra, James

Hicks of Wylie Hicks Contracting gave the Board an update on the construction at Harvester Sta-Hicks started by letting the Board know that they

tore out buildings that were under the bleachers and have gutted most of the buildings and they are ready to go.

Hicks said they are on track to be finished by

Hicks said that they are \$70,000 under the original construction not including \$25,000 that will be knocked off for additional demolition and \$18,000 for roof paint which will be knocked off the final number.

This also didn't include installation of a fieldlevel sound system, which the Board approved a change order for not to exceed \$90,000.

Seabourn was next to address the Board concerning the property at 321 W. Albert, better known as the Carver Center.

The administration hasn't been able to take any

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Inspirational speaker/blogger walking across America

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Ryan Ray, 34, is an inspirational speaker and blogger who is making his way from Los Angeles to New York City. This past weekend, Ray made his way through the Texas Panhandle and departed from Pampa Monday morning.

"The purpose of this is to show people that the things we think are impossible can actually be done," Ray said.



"I started at Santa Monica on the beach in California 74 days ago (Monday) and I have walked every step of the way. I have traveled about 1,200 miles to date so I am nearing my halfway point."

Ray said that people tend to think that the pain and stress on his feet is the most difficult part, but it's actually something related to hygiene.

The most difficult part is dealing with not being able to shower regularly," Ray said. "I like to feel like a human being and sometimes there's no access to water. But it's getting easier as I am heading more toward

Ray's idea for the walk came from a previous trek he did.

"I did a walk across France's Bay back in 2012 called the Camino de Santiago," Ray said. "It's a journey that's about 2000 years old, thousand's of people do it every year. On that trail I also kept a blog and a Facebook page. The comments and the interactivity from the people online were so positive."

Ray said that the people paying attention were saying the blog was inspiring and was influencing them to move around, lose weight or accomplish their own goals. So he decided to do something similar in his own country.

'So the whole purpose of this journey is to reach more people and inspire them," Ray said. "Things don't have to be the way they have always been. They don't have to be the way they are, things can be done."

Like the most recent journeyman coming through Pampa, Scott Star, Ray is also making the trek sans entourage. But he has had plenty of company along the way.

"The only entourage I have are the carloads of people who typically

stopped every day to take picture," Ray said.

"If you look at my Facebook page, day after day anytime I am near a major road people have stopped. There was one picture that went slightly viral when I stopped in Hereford. Ever since then there have been tons of people who have recognized me."

Ray added there have been people who have walked with him for a half-mile, mile or even the day.

"I love that," Ray said. "I absolutely love that."

Ray also said that he has met incredible people along the way, despite everyone asking if he is worried about being mugged or anything worse.

"The truth is I have met some incredible, beautiful people," Ray said. "Everywhere not one dangerous moment, angry person or violent inci-

For more information, visit Ryan Ray's website at www.ryanray.com/ walk. His Facebook page can be found at www.facebook.com/ryanrayla.

Gas pump prices this Fourth of July will give drivers more bang for their buck



erage of regular unleaded fuel in \$2.66 per gallon while drivers in the Lone Star State is now \$2.57, Amarillo are paying the least at according to the AAA Texas Week- \$2.49 per gallon. The national avend Gas Watch. That price is three erage is now \$2.77, which is two cents less than last week and 93 cents less than last week and 20 cents less per gallon than last cents more than the average price year. Of the major metropolitan in Texas. areas surveyed, drivers in El Paso

Despite rising prices over the

COPPELL — The statewide av- are paying the most on average at past several months, drivers are poised to pay the lowest prices at the pump over the Fourth of July holiday weekend in at least five years. Gas prices continue to reflect considerable yearly discounts with drivers saving an average of 90 cents per gallon versus this AAA cont. on page 3











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action concerning the building as the entire block is owned by several different

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High 97

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Board that they put the lot up action item Larkin needed for bid, which the Board approved.

EIC (LOCAL)

Tanya Larkin, associate superintendent of curriculum and instruction, addressed the Board next concerning District's partnership

Seabourn suggested to the with Clarendon College. The

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Friday

Today: Sunny and hot, high near 97. SW wind around 15 mph, gusts to 25 mph. Sunrise: 6:33

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Tonight: Twenty percent chance of storms.

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approved was the updating of terminology to match up with House Bill 5, which recently passed. This affects Clarendon College and Pampa by not putting a limit the number of dual-credit classes a student can take. Clarendon College presi-

dent Dr. Robert Riza added that he has a great relationship with Dr. Young and the rest of the District.

The Board approved the

Larkin's portion of the meeting continued with her addressing several items concerning revisions to the EIF (LOCAL) policy.

The first was concerning graduation and removes health as a requirement. Larkin said many of the items in the curriculum for health comes up in biology. This frees up more choices for the students and leaves health as a choice should the student want an emphasis in medical.

This item was approved by the Board.

The next item was concerning class ranking. This provides clarity for transfer students and changes the calculations for the GPA of the Top 10 percent. It also changes how students in unique situations such as transfer and early graduates are affected.

It changes how a tie between Valedictorian or Salutatorian is broken. Now it will be determine by the number of honors courses and the weighted GPA with advanced placement versus non-advanced placement. In essence, whoever took the more rigorous route will receive the honor.

Early graduates can also now be in the Top 10 percent and will not displace another

Their GPA will remain frozen at the end of the third six weeks, if they graduate in December. At the end of the fifth six weeks, their class ranking will be determined around how the other students finish the fifth six weeks.

For example, if Billy and parents for the last 14 School as seventh and eighth graduates in December and is ranked fifth with a GPA of 4.5 and Jimmy is ranked fourth with a GPA of 4.6 at the end of the third six weeks, Billy's GPA is locked in because he has graduated. At the end of the fifth six

weeks if Jimmy's GPA is 4.4, Billy will be ranked fourth and Jimmy will be ranked fifth. This simply fixes the issue

of early graduates not being allowed to take part in ceremonies such as the Honors Banquet.

The early graduates will also not bump anyone finish-Also on the same note, the

Board discussed the topic of

Highest Ranking graduate

versus Salutatorian and Valedictorian. Larkin said the state is mandating that districts decide on whether the highest ranking graduate will be

ferent honors. This is difficult because there are those who may transfer in the middle of their senior year and suddenly displace the top student.

Valedictorian or be two dif-

Board member David Teichmann said it should be the student who has been through PISD's system while board vice president Kay Warner noted that she has seen students come from other districts or private schools who have taken classes more advanced than PISD's and been in a similar predicament.

Larkin added that there is a chance that if parents can help it, if they have to move they will look at the school district's Top Honors policy if their student is competing for one of the top positions.

The Board tabled the portion concerning who is top graduate, valedictorian or highest ranking, and approved the rest of the item.

The next item Larkin spoke on was the part of the policy concerning grading and progress reports. The first part of this item pertains to progress reports. Three-week progress reports will now be given out in grades three through five.

The District is also changing its grading policy to be more consistent and studentcentered. This is a result of administration meet-

months.

The Board approved the

FMH (LOCAL): Student Activities: Commencement was concerning the gradusaid this was another housekeeping item in lieu of the ing, "Overall, there were State deciding students only needed to pass three out of five end-of-course exams. The Board approved this

Debbie Middleton, director of child nutrition services. spoke to the Board about some changes being made to her budget by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Her budget is completely separate from the general operating budget of the District and is not funded by tax dollars. The TDA has decided to in her fund balance.

Because of this, the TDA is coming grade. making her to spend money their required limit.

As a result, one of the ways Middleton is fixing the problem by purchasing monitors at each serving line that will inform the students of nutritional values on their meals as well as a weather ticker. The Board approved this

request for a low attendance waiver. If a district falls below their normal attendance program the first two weeks by 10 percent due to weather, safety or health issues, the district can apply for low attendance waivers. PISD had three of these days.

The next item on the agenda was the appointment of Luis Nava to seat four on the Board, filling Teichmann's position. The Board approved this item.

The Board decided not to take any action in nominating someone from their Board to the TASB board of directors for Region 16.

Larkin returned to the podium to update the Board on preliminary STAAR and EOC results.

It is important to note that these are preliminary results and only count the students that were in the seats taking the test. This will not be the meeting concerned injury and same as the state accountability that comes out on Aug. 1.

The results looked promising with teachers, students ing for Pampa Junior High

grades posted better results than last year.

Third grade posted results either the same or better than

End of course exams were ation requirements. Larkin roughly the same as last year.

Larkin said after the meetseveral areas of growth and improvement. We did have some areas with a decline in previous performance. More accurate final numbers and the accountability ratings will be out in August.

Another part of Larkin's presentation included the early literacy numbers for kindergarten through second Each student takes a test at the start of the year to test if

they are in and then again at limit how much she can have the end of the year to test if they are ready for their up-Many of the students had to get her balance down to a large gap between the two tests, which is a positive

they are ready for the grade

showing students are ready for their next grade. But the next year the students had a decline when they are ready for their next grade level, which is because

of summer. The tests show students lose retention over the sum-The Board approved the mer and sometimes need caught back up. Which is why PISD has a jumpstart of August. Stay tuned for more information on that

> program. The early literacy charts also showed the highly successful results of the bilingual program at Wilson. Students test a lot higher at the end of the year than they do at the beginning in this program.

> The next item on the agenda was Eddie Gage, assistant to the superintendent, and the Student Health Advisement Council. Gage said the Council has noticed bullying as a problem across all campuses and members of the community wanting to help raise awareness.

> Gage said the groups want to partner with the District and they are working on ways to make that possible. The final moments of the

arrest report at the campuses. For major injury, Lamar and Travis had three each while

Austin, Wilson and the PJHS had one each. For arrests, PJHS has three arrests, PHS had seven ar-

rests and five citations. Pampa Learning Center had none. The enrollment report had 3,732 students, up 61 from last

The Board also approved the following consent agenda and

personnel hiring: Approve May 18, June 18 and June 22 board meeting

Approve monthly financial

 Approve 2015-2016 fund raising projects.

• Approve Region XVI Con-

Approve TASB Update

· Approve the certification of scholastics of Pampa ISD.

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Ruth Caroline "Tippie" Jones

Ruth Caroline "Tippie" Jones died after a brief illness

on June 29, 2015. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, July



Ruth Caroline "Tippie" Jones

2, 2015, in Floydada Cemetery in Floydada. A celebration of her life will follow at 2:30 p.m.at Polk Street United Methodist Church in Amarillo with Dr. Burt Palmer and the Rev. Kevin Deckard officiating. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2800 Paramount

Tippie was born in Hedley to Leon and Alice Reeves on Jan. 2, 1935. She grew up with three brothers in Hedley, and attended West Texas State College where she met Bill Jones from Floydada. They fell in

love and married in December 1954 before moving to Plainview, where their three children were born.

Tippie and Bill spent 30 years teaching in the Pampa Independent School District before retiring and moving to Amarillo twelve years ago. Tippie's most important job, however, was being a wife and mom, a calling she loved more than anything else in life. She was the glue

that held her family together after losing her parents at a young age. She stood firm on her faith in Jesus Christ throughout her life, and served the church in many capacities in all the towns she and Bill called home. Everyone who encountered Tippie walked away with a

smile. She had a zest for life, finding humor at every turn. And she laughed often at herself, which made her so approachable and lovable. She is remembered for saying "a sense of humor will get you through anything." Everyone had a nickname for her, but the names she took the most pleasure in hearing were "Mee-maw" and "Memes," spoken by her beloved grandchildren and great grandchil-

Her survivors include her husband of 60 years, Bill Jones; a son, Rich Jones and wife Cathey of Lubbock; her and Son's Cement Company, returning to Pampa in 2005. daughter, Olivia Sims and husband Barry of Canadian; and her daughter, Julie Smith and husband Jim of Vernon. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, Barry Don Sims and wife Dani of Challis, Idaho; Jennifer Blandford and husband Currey of Warrenville, Ill.; Taylor Sims and wife Bonnie of Longmont, Colo.; Jeffrey Jones and wife Megan of Grapevine; Haley Herber and husband Alex of Canton, Ohio; Jes Smith of Lubbock and Alice Tate Smith of San Marcos. She also is survived by six great-granchildren, Blythe Blandford, Harrison Herber, Bennett Blandford, Hudson Herber, Dylyn Sims and Scarlett Herber. Additionally, she is survived by her brothers. Don Reeves and wife Katherine of Wellington; Bill Reeves and wife Lynda of Arlington and brotherin-law Travis Jones of Floydada. She also leaves behind many beloved nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be made to Opportunity School, Attn: Emily Wood, 1100 S. Harrison, Amarillo, Texas 79101; or to Snak Pack 4 Kids, 701 Park Place Ave Amarillo, TX 79101.

Sign the online guestbook at www.boxwellbrothers.

Bobby Mack Cooper

Bobby Mack Cooper, 78, died June 30, 2015, in Pampa. Memorial graveside services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Bobby Mack Cooper was born Oct. 5, 1936, in Pampa where he attended Pampa schools. After high school, he enlisted in the U. S. Navy, serving during the Vietnam War and receiving the Good Conduct Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation and the Vietnam Service Medal. He served with the Navy for twenty years before his retirement. He married Barbara Matlock on December 9. 1954. She preceded him in death on May 3, 2012, after

58 years of marriage. After his retirement from the Navy, they lived in Fallon, Nevada where he worked at Hiskett

In his spare time, he loved to work with wood, specializing in making handmade archery bows. Most of all, Bobby enjoyed his family, especially his grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Bobby was preceded in death by his parents, J. L. and Mildred Miller

Cooper. Survivors include two daughters,

Debbie Amaral and husband Thomas and Kathy Mills and husband Randy, all of Fallon, Nev.; a son, Scott Cooper and wife Sandra of Wellington; a sister, Sandra Lake and husband Ray

of Fort Worth, a sister-in-law, Margaret Hulsey of Amarillo; 13 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Bobby

Mack

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, Texas 79065. Sign the online guest register at www.carmichaelwhatley.com.





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same date last year. Pump prices often fall leading up to the Independence Day holiday. However, a seasonal decline in the national average this year has been offset by supply shortages due to localized refinery issues and global crude prices that have recovered from multi-year 3.1 million Texans proof July holiday, 2.6 million will go by automo-

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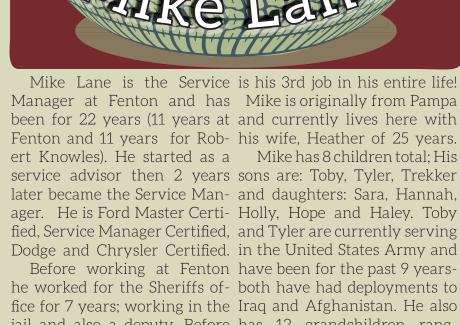
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Hump Day with Humphrey **Humphrey** prepares to move

This week the day came to get all the way moved out of Humphrey's and my home. I was incredibly impressed at how well behaved the hound was during the moving process. I was able to let him have free range of the place while I wasn't there and didn't have any problems.

Last week on the other hand is another

story. I had been trying to leave Humphrey out of his kennel more to see if I could **TOMASCHIK** trust him

roaming out and about while I am not home.

Well, I guess I left him alone a little longer than I should have because when I got home, he had chewed through the cord of my television. I really didn't even notice at first and really just thought maybe the batteries in the remote were dead. Anyway, I walked over to the cord and noticed the damage my trusty steed had done. Fortunately, I was able to repair some of said damage and the TV still works, the cord is just a little

For the next week, Humph and I will be preparing for the trip. He is happy to have a yard for the time being, and he's spending lots of time outside before he will be stuck in the car for a while. He just gets pretty miserable being on long trips even though the car is one of his favorite places to be when we are just traveling around town.

He's also been better about sleeping in my bed with me, too. He used to just sit up there and wait for me to fall asleep so he could go to his bed, but now he'll stay up there with me, most of the time falling asleep before even I do. It's not something that sticks through the entire night yet, but we'll see. Maybe a few days in the car will change his mind.

He's also being forced to share me this week with two other dogs, and that's not something he is a huge fan of so far. Humph is still pretty hyper and he gets on other dogs' nerves pretty easily. I guess it's part of him being an only child. He's used to all the attention and he knows people know who he is, which may or may not be my fault.

He's still adjusting to all the recent changes in our lives, which has also had a slight impact on his appetite. I'm having a hard time keeping him focused on eating when it is time to because all he wants to do is explore his new surroundings. I'm glad it's not anything depression related because I can deal with hyper Humphrey. I just have to remember that he is set in his ways. He will get to his food when HE wants to, not when I schedule it for him.

Hopefully this next week here in a new place will go smoothly because he's about to have to readjust again. Having to keep his well being in mind while making these changes definitely makes things a bit more difficult, but I still wouldn't trade the hound. I've learned a lot from having him around and I certainly look forward to the future lessons he has in

store for me. Until next week, folks!

Tomaschik can be reached at LKTomaschik@yahoo.com. Like Humphrey James III on Facebook for pictures and updates on my trusty steed.

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Museum Musings Early Explorers Camp

Last week the White Deer Land Museum had their first ever camp! Early Explorers Camp was a hit. The week was filled with activities such as scavenger hunts through the museum, crafts, guest speakers, mop pony match races, water balloon fights and chuck

wagon cooking.

The museum had a group of 10 kids who ranged in age from six to nine who all participated in the activities. Throughout the week they learned about Pampa and early Gray County pioneers, Cowboys, Indians and tons

of facts about the great

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state of Texas. The museum will be holding another camp for ages 10-12 on July 14-17. Be sure to call or come by the museum to sign up your child soon! The camp includes lunch each day, a t-shirt and tons of fun. Hope to see you there!

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Please visit the White Deer Land Museum in downtown Pampa. Regular tours are offered Tuesday through Saturday from 1-4 pm. If you would like to schedule a special or group tour, please call or email the museum at 806-669-8041 or courtney.oxley@graycch. com. The museum will be closed July 3-4. More camp pictures on page 7.

For more information about the museum's current exhibits, visit the White Deer Land Museum in downtown Pampa. Regular tours are offered Tuesday through Saturday from 1-4 p.m. If you would like to schedule a special or group tour, please call or email the museum at 806-669-8041 or courtney. oxley@graycch.com.



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A country worthy of being God blessed

On the wall behind my desk at home is a print of Abraham Lincoln in the oval office. He is down on one knee by his desk. On the



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plaque below the print is a quote by him: "It is the duty of nations as well as of men to own their dependance upon the overruling power

of God. And to recognize the sublime truth announced in the Holy Scriptures and proved by all history that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord.'

Abraham Lincoln also said, "My concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side." God and country. Throughout the history of America, God has been a part of our existence.

A national political speaker ends his address with "God bless America." What does this mean? Is it just a phrase or a song we sing? You see, "God" is more powerful than

This weekend we will celebrate 239 of years of being a country. When our forefathers voted for independence in 1776, I don't think any one of them anticipated that someday the country they created would become the most powerful nation on the entire planet.

The leadership of the 13 original colonies was just trying to separate themselves from British rule. Our leadership had many blessings going for it at that time. For

example, the settlers were blessed to be separated by a large body of water from the mother country from were we came.

Our national motto is "In God We Trust." Our Pledge of Allegiance includes "One nation under God.

Do we really want God to bless America or are these just words we speak? How do we as a nation get blessed

In the Old Testament of the Bible in the book of Deuteronomy chapter 8, verses 6 and 10 to 20 advice is given to another nation at another time that applies directly to us today three and a half millenniums later. The book was written in about 1406 B.C. by Moses. After 40 years of wandering in the wilderness, in his final act as the leader of his nation, Moses is delivering his farewell address and is about to transfer leadership to Joshua.

The advice Moses gives to the Israelites is good advice to our nation of America today. In it lies the answer to the question, "How does America receive God's blessings?"

Moses writes "Observe the commands of the Lord your God, walking in his ways and revering him...When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day.

Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herd and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

"He led you through the vast and dreadful desert, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. He gave you manna to eat in the desert, something your fathers had never known, to humble and to test you so that in the end it might go well

"You may say to yourself, 'My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

"If you ever forget the Lord your God and follow other gods and worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today that you will surely be destroyed. Like the nations the Lord destroyed before you, so you will be destroyed for not

obeying the Lord your God." We, as was the case with the Israelites, run the danger of not being dependant on God and believing we can do it all on our own. Because of the blessings we have received we believe that we are not accountable as a nation. We develop the "It is mine" syndrome and pride and ar-

rogance run rampant. We as a nation can wake up and say, "Look what

we have done, who needs God?" The Israelites were told that if they forgot the Lord their God and follow other gods, they will "surely be destroyed." We forget the answer to the question, "Who

is Lord?" We can read this scripture and say "I am glad we are not Israel," but God's word to the Israelites rings down through the millenniums to us today.

As we celebrate our country's birthday, my challenge to you is to be a member of a country that conducts itself in a manner worthy of receiving God's blessings. You and I are two people who make up this great nation called America. Are we doing our

Live your individual life in such a manner that you recognize we have historically been a blessed nation. Make your day to day decisions consistent with the citizens of a country that wants to be blessed by God. Maybe our leaders should end their addresses not with "God bless America," but with "America, live lives worthy of being God blessed."

No matter how much we as a nation want to be blessed by God, He wants to bless us more. God doesn't change, but nations do.

The God given blessings we receive are up to us as Americans.

God bless America...no really, God bless America. Just a thought...

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What are your deal-breakers?

To all professing Christians: WHAT ARE YOUR DEAL-BREAKERS?

What issues and beliefs and points of faith are what might be called your "deal-breakers."

A deal-breaker means that you



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would not extend full fellowship and you would not consider a person to be your faithful brother or sister in Christ, if that person did not stand where you stand on that issue or belief or point of faith. It also means that you would have seri-

ous doubts about their

standing with Father God and not "expect" to spend eternity in heaven with that person.

An example of a collection of deal-breakers is the Apostle's Creed. How many of those points of faith are you willing to "compromise" on? If someone rejects God as the Creator, are they still your brother/sister in Christ? What if they reject the virgin birth? How about the bodily resurrection of Jesus? If a person rejects the final return of Jesus for judgment, can they be OK with God? What about the reality of hell and heaven? What if someone believes that having faith in Christ isn't required? What are your answers?

Well, for Mike Sublett, the things I just mentioned from the Apostles Creed are deal-breakers. That means that the moment someone bails out on one of those points, I no longer have fellowship with that person.

Now to the main point of this article. There are two other points of faith that are deal-breakers for me, issues that determine whether I am in fellowship with a person or not. I mention these 2 because they are among the most publicized and discussed issues of our

ABORTION: If a professing Christian supports the "woman's right to choose" over the protection of a helpless babies' life, then we have NO FELLOWSHIP and I do not expect us to spend eternity in the same place.

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Abortion is a deal-breaker for me.

And please know that no one hates a Pharisaical spirit any more than me. I was raised with people who thought "we" were the only ones headed for heaven. I hate that attitude. But I love God's word and it is clear that murderers and accomplices and supporters of murderers will not inherit the kingdom of heaven.

SAME SEX MARRIAGE: If a professing Christian approves of or supports the "gay" sexual lifestyle and/or marriage of two men or of two women instead of exposing it as a sin of perversion like the Bible does, then we have NO FELLOWSHIP and I do not expect us to spend eternity in the same place.

And don't be calling me a bigot until you have walked in the same shoes Shari and I have. When our kids were still young we opened our home to a homosexual so that he could have a place to live with our family, in an effort to help him find repentance and the new life that God wanted for him. I love every homosexual and lesbian and wish that each was in church every Sunday, especially at Hi-Land Christian Church. And I condemn any church or professing Christian who "hates gays" or would forbid them to attend their church. But that doesn't change the Biblical truth that homosexuality is sin that God will not tolerate, just like other sins of immorality like fornication and adultery.

So what are your deal-breakers? You better have some, you know, and they better be the same as God's deal-breakers; no more, no less. That means that you better be checking out God's Word so that you can know His list. God bless your study.

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Displaying God's Love

early morning hours, the American troop transport ship "Dorchester," was



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Among the soldiers aboard were four Army

submarine.

chaplains. Most of the troops were asleep when the sub was first discovered. Awakened from their sleep, the men raced to their battle stations. Twice they were awakened and twice after a period of time a false alarm was proclaimed. Each time fewer men arrived on deck in their lifejackets. The third time the troops were awakened, not by an alarm, but by an explosion when the ship was hit by a torpedo. Men staggered to the deck, many without their lifejackets. Three lifeboats had been destroyed by the blast. When the ship's crew tried to launch the rest of the lifeboats they were encased in a heavy layer of

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ice. The first boat to hit the water flipped over, hurling the men into the 36 degree F. water.

The men remaining on deck began to panic as they realized the ship was sinking. They began a frantic search for lifejackets but few were found above the decks.

The chaplains were working with the crew to help men into lifeboats and lifejackets. Some men without lifejackets began to weep, realizing that death was near. With no thought for themselves, first one chaplain and then the other removed their lifejackets and gave them to the soldiers. As the ship went down 20 minutes after being hit, those afloat in boats with lifejackets saw the four chaplains

standing arm in arm on the deck of the ship as it slowly sank beneath the waves.

The Gospel of Mark 12:29-31 says, "The first of all commandments is, Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord. And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: This is the first commandment. The second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these."

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In 1862, Joseph Gilmore scribbled the lines to this hymn while visiting friends after preaching about the 23rd Psalm at the First Baptist Church in Philadelphia. He handed the notes to his wife who submitted them to the Watchman and Reflector magazine without his knowledge. In 1865, he went to preach at the Second Baptist Church in Rochester, New York, as a candidate for senior pastor. When he entered the church, he found that they were singing this hymn which was his hymn. The great hymnwriter, William Bradbury, had set his lyrics to music, again without Gilmore's knowledge, and added the last two lines of the chorus, "His faithful follower I could be, for by His hand He leadeth me."

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And we are also planning to have Vacation Bible School on the Wednesdays of July 8, 15, 22 and 29 for children who have completed Kindergarten through the fifth grades from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

There will be Bible stories, great singing, and other activities too. We are asking for an offering at VBS for a children's Special Needs ministry. Thanks in advance for your interest and participa-

Our services are Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and Sunday Worship at 10:45 a.m. at 500 N. West St. You may call 806-669-3144 for more information. Pastor Jimmye Cole and the congregation welcome one and all. God bless you and God bless America!! God is still in charge.

Fighting in the name of God

Greetings in the name of Jesus!!

NACHTIGALL

Recently we have seen issues rise in our nation that have caused celebration by some and mourning by others. I am one who is mourning the loss our nation has faced. What some see as a victory, I see as defeat.

> Regardless of what we may see, what God sees matters most of all.

I believe that God is the one who brought us to this land and has given us the freedoms we enjoy today. Yet I also believe that those freedoms are threatened as we place our will above God's. It is time that we realize that the freedoms we have will soon be gone if we continue down this road of rebellion. See Jeremiah 6.

It is amazing to me how some people can look at our nation's history and see no evidence of the moving of Jehovah God. I am totally amazed that they can believe that Benjamin Franklin was thinking about some other being besides God when he told the Continental Congress that they needed to pray to "God Almighty" as they began their work each day.

The liberty we enjoy in the United States today is based on the truth of Jesus Christ found in Holy Scripture. Not every man that was numbered with our founding fathers was probably a born again believer in Jesus Christ, yet each of them could see beyond themselves, recognizing the work of God.

Listen to what James says in James 1:25, "But he

who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does." What does that say about America today? It is important that we direct our thoughts toward the teachings of Christ and follow them. The 'perfect law of liberty' doesn't come to us from Congress, the Supreme Court, or the President. The 'perfect law of liberty' comes only through Jesus Christ.

Have we learned our lesson as a nation? Will we move forward as a Christian nation? I don't know. I believe the fight continues on. Now more than ever, God's people need to stand upon that 'perfect law of liberty," follow Christ obediently, stand against immoral and amoral actions at every turn and love as God has loved us. As Christians, we can do nothing more and nothing less than to be found faithful.

At one point the Courts wanted to take out 'under God' from the Pledge of Allegiance. Now the Courts have placed their ruling on our nation once again. It seems that it is another ruling to once again take God from our nation. Years ago I said the Pledge should include 'under God.' Today I say that our nation should stand 'under God.'

JESUS, JESUS, JESUS, there IS something about that name!!!

Christ only, always, Bro. Paul.

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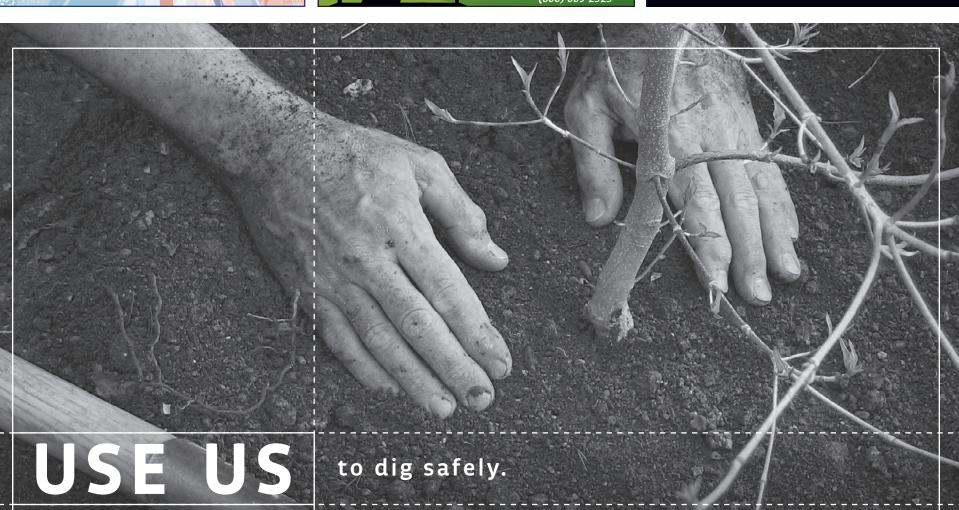
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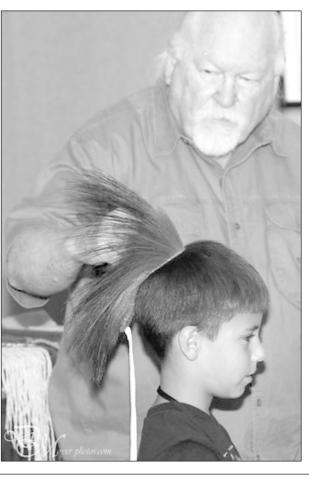


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Early Explorers Camp





Photos courtesy of Della Moyer The White Deer Land Museum hosted its first ever camp recently. The camp was called the Early Explorers Camp. These are just a few pictures of kids having fun at the camp. There will be another camp later this month and for more information on it, read Courtney Oxley's column on page



Weekly Menus

Lunch In The Parks — Wilson Only

WEDNESDAY, July 1

Macaroni & cheese or corndog, green beans, cucumber slices, fresh fruit

Breakfast- Cinnamon roll

THURSDAY, July 2

Chicken fried steak or chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, baby carrots, peach cup

Breakfast- Breakfast pizza

FRIDAY, July 3 Holiday

Lunch In The Parks

WEDNESDAY, July 1 Corndog, cucumber slices, fresh fruit, milk THURSDAY, July 2 Chicken nuggets, baby carrots, peach cup, milk

FRIDAY, July 3 Holiday



Pampa Fire Department call log — June 23 - June 30

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

- At 1:53 p.m., one unit and four personnel to a medical call in the 300 block of East Browning.
- At 8:31 p.m., to a hasmat call in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.

- At 8:33 a.m., to a medical call in the 1500 block of West Kentucky. • At 9:07 a.m., to a medical call in
- the 600 block of Doucett. • At 1:35 p.m., to the 900 block of
- South Schneider on a medical call. • At 2:43 p.m., to a good intent call
- in the 1100 block of South Wells. • At 2:50 p.m., to a lift assist in the
- 700 block of North Sumner.
- At 5:12 p.m., to a medical call in the 1500 block of West Kentucky.

• At 12:09 p.m., to a medical call in the 500 block of North Sumner. the 200 block of North Russell.

• At 12:39 p.m., to a medical call in the 1000 block of South Reid.

• At 12:57 p.m., to a lift assist in the

- 1300 block of East Francis. • At 1:36 p.m., to a medical call in
- the 1000 block of South Reid. • At 3:16 p.m., to a medical call in the 1100 block of Juniper.
- At 5:49 p.m., to the 1200 block of Garland on a gas can fire.
- At 6:01 p.m., three units and eight personnel to the 500 block of Lefors on a vehicle fire.
- At 5:54 p.m., to a lift assist in the 2700 block of Navajo.

- At 12:41 a.m., to a medical assist in the intersection of Banks and in the 700 block of North Sumner. Gwendolyn.
- At 10:14 a.m., to a medical call in in the 700 block of North Davis. the 700 block of North Davis.
- At 12:59 p.m., to an odor investigation in the 1600 block of North Banks.

June 27

- At 12:02 a.m., to a medical call in the 1700 block of North Russell.
- At 6:04 p.m., to a medical call in the 2700 block of North Hobart.
- At 10:10 p.m., to a medical call in the 1500 block of West Kentucky.

June 28

• At 3:02 p.m., to a medical call in the 1300 block of North Russell.

• At 4:01 p.m., to a motor-vehicle accident in the 1300 block of Hobart. One patient transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

- At 8:20 a.m., to a vehicle fire
- At 9:18 a.m., to a medical call
- At 3:05 p.m., to a gas leak in the 700 block of South Ballard.

• At 6:17 a.m., to a medical call • At 10:29 p.m., to a medical call in in the 100 block of South Faulkner.

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Nest Heads



HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, July 2, 2015:

This year you open up to many new opportunities, though they seem to come all at once, forcing you to make a decision more quickly than you might want to. You often wonder how much to do for a key person in your life, as he or she might be quite demanding. Many of you will travel, while others will become armchair travelers. If you are single, after August, your social life will take off. It is quite possible you will meet someone who could knock your socks off. If you are attached, the two of you often juggle your different needs. Make it OK to sometimes not do everything together. CAPRICORN can be very serious. ARIES (March 21-April 19)

not have any clue whether you can change a situation. You can, however, adjust your attitude about the matter. You could be uncomfortable expressing an idea that is very important to you. Tonight: Serious talks transform into fun night: As you like it. chatter

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You have the ability to read between the lines and understand more of what is happening. Detach and gain a greater perspective. As a result, you will see a situation differently. Be receptive to someone's compassion as well as his or her ideas. Tonight: Happy close to home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

personal situation. A conversation with a close associate will prove to be unusually caring. You'll become more aware of a superior's thoughts. Try not to make a commitment about money while others are so emotional. Tonight: nice Dinner and a chat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You might want to defer to someone else and find out what is going on with him or her. Honor your feelings, and know full well that most of the time you are right-on. Indulge in getting yourself a little something that you have been wanting. Tonight: Make it your

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You are like a flare of light in the middle of a chaotic Full Moon. You might not like someone's ideas or some of the comments you are hearing. Your kind ways tend to open others up, but you might want to hold off for now. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You might get into today's Full Moon more than most signs. Your relationships could come to the forefront. You probably will find yourself juggling friends and a potential loved one. Don't allow any exaggerated statements to get to you. Tonight: Enjoy the Beetle Bailey friskiness of the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You might be overwhelmed by everything you have to do. A loved one might be taken aback by what is happening within your immediate circle. Your sense of well-being might be tested by a roommate or by a situation around you. Tonight: Join a friend for munchies.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** You could be overwhelmed ** Pressure builds, and you might by all the calls you are receiving on top of all the requests heading your way, plus what you have to get done. Avoid blowing a fuse, find a favorite person and relax. Use the calmer moments to squeeze in some calls and a visit. To-

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Use caution with any financial or emotional dealings. You can be sure that not everyone sees the issue the same way you do. In a discussion, someone might do or say something radical that he or she doesn't really mean. Remain caring and centered. Tonight: Among the crowds.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ You might not be aware of *** You might want to rethink a how hard you are pushing to have matters play out a certain way. One-on-one relating can ease some of the pressure you experience with one person. You might be delighted by a gift or gesture that he or she offers you. Tonight: Make

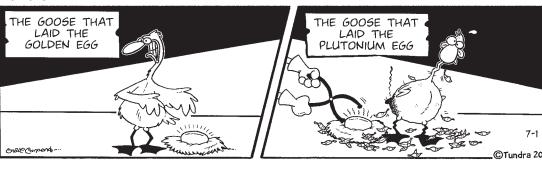
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Listen to your instincts when trying to get past a problem. You would be best off keeping your own counsel for now. Someone might express his or her true feelings about a matter that is important to you; be careful not to react. Tonight: Head home and get a good night's sleep.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Zero in on what is important to you. Today's Full Moon will pave the way to success, though you can expect some ups and downs. Understand that you might not see eye to eye with a loved one. Let it go -- the two of you will agree later. Tonight: Where the crowds

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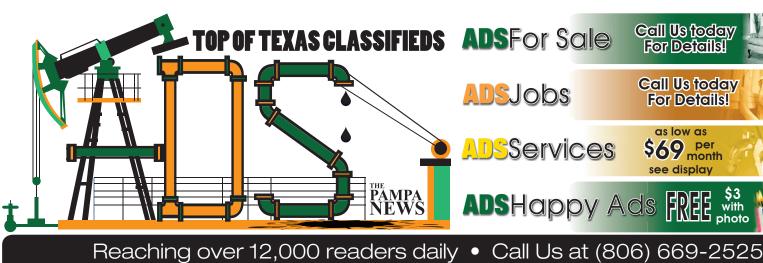




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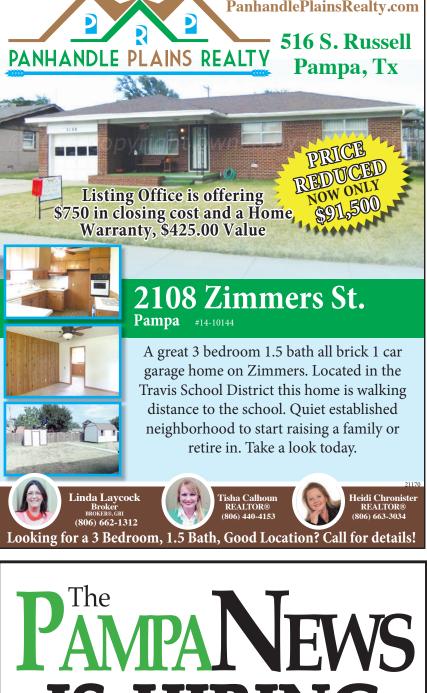
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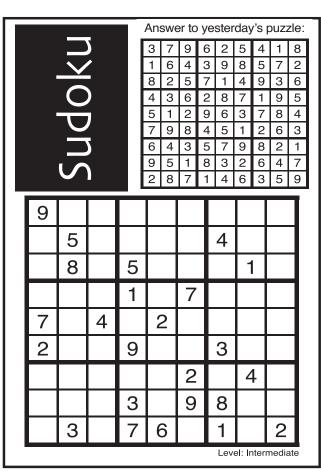
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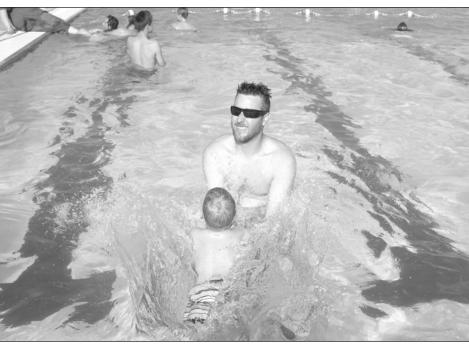
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Williams sisters pull out of doubles at Wimbledon

LONDON (AP) — The Williams sisters pulled out of than Serena, beat Madison Brengle 6-0, 6-0. women's doubles at Wimbledon on Tuesday, with Serena saying it's because she wants to focus on her bid for a fourth consecutive Grand Slam title in singles.

Serena's "soreness."

Both siblings won first-round singles matches in straight sets Monday.

"Following yesterday's match, I feel it would be best 2012. for me to concentrate on singles here at Wimbledon, and as a result, have made the decision to withdraw from doubles," Serena said in a statement. "I've always loved playing doubles with Venus, particularly here at years, and so I'm really sorry to have to withdraw this year's U.S. Open, when they lost in the quarterfinals.

bled to the turf during the first set of Monday's 6-4, 6-1 in the second round, after Serena served four consecu-

Serena has won 22 Grand Slam matches in a row and seeking to complete another self-styled "Serena Slam" with a fourth straight major title. She also has a chance The official reason for the withdrawal was given as at the first calendar-year Grand Slam since Steffi Graf

> The two siblings have teamed to win 13 Grand Slam doubles titles as a pair, most recently at Wimbledon in

They have not even been as far as the semifinals at a major tournament in doubles since losing in that round at the 2013 U.S. Open.

The sisters have yet to play a doubles match togeth-Wimbledon where we've had so much success over the er this season. Their most recent competition was last

When the Williams sisters played doubles at the All She trailed 3-1 at the start and later slipped and tum- England Club last year, they stopped after three games victory over Margarita Gasparyan. Venus, who is older tive double-faults. She had looked disoriented during

warmups, having trouble grabbing tennis balls tossed to her by ball kids. The reason given that day was that

Serena was ill. Misaki Doi of Japan and Stephanie Vogt of Liechten-

stein replaced the Williams sisters in this year's draw. The Slovakian team of Dominika Cibulkova and Anna Karolina Schmiedlova also pulled out of the doubles at Wimbledon on Tuesday.

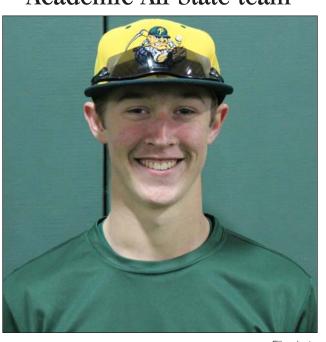
Brad Davis scratched from US Gold Cup team; Garza added

CHICAGO (AP) — U.S. midfielder Brad Davis will

miss the Gold Cup with a knee injury. The Houston Dynamo player was scratched from the roster Tuesday, replaced by defender Greg Garza of Atlas (Mexico). Garza still must be cleared for the Gold Cup but is on the roster for Friday's friendly against Guatemala.

A right knee bone bruise has bothered Davis, the Dynamo's captain, for several weeks. Davis had not played for the national team since last year's World Cup.

Hooper named to THSBCA Academic All-State team



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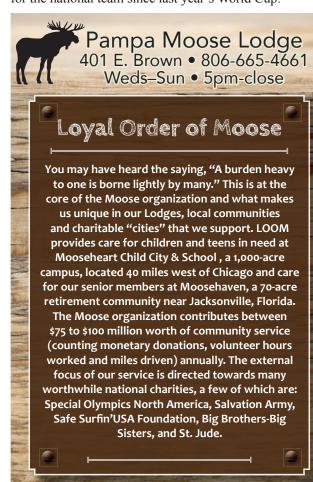
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Baseball game.

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our choices. We decided to attend a game in Marlins Park in Miami and spend a few days on South Beach as well.

The park was beautiful just like the city but there was only one problem. There were more people working the game than there was attending it felt

We were never asked one time for our ticket to prove our seats were valid. The entire park seemed empty and the roars were louder when the Dodgers got a hit than when the Marlins did. I remember when the new park was built they claimed it would fix the major attendance problem they were having at the time.

The game had a minor league feel because of the lack of crowd and that along with it being a dome took away a little from the experience.

Giancarlo Stanton didn't have the best night but that guy is a monster and was fun to watch.

He ended up breaking his hand at the end of the game I hope he returns quickly and better than before.

I also noticed that the overwhelming majority of the people in Miami are not from Miami and that may be a reason for the low numbers in attendance.

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on and on.

America's past time can take any grown up and make them feel like they are a child again. We wrapped up the trip by everyone writing down the next park/city they would like to attend and we drew randomly to see where the journey will continue next

Ben's choice won out so next year we will be heading to Milwaukee to see the Brewers play. Should

Matt Embry is the head basketball coach at Pampa High



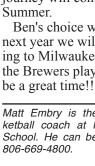
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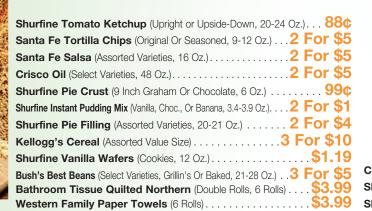
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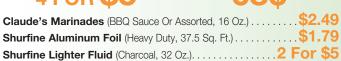




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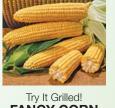


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