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Homecoming, Whoop-I-Do gets huge success rating

The trial is over, the jury is in, and the general consensus is that homecoming and Whoop-I-Do weekend was a roaring success.

From the very beginning, which was the annual parade Friday afternoon, right through the final event, the Ex-Student Association banquet, all events were termed "big success" by all persons of responsibility.

The parade, under direction of the high school student council, had some 60 units participating. That made it the largest in some two decades for Iowa Park.

Friday night's homecoming football game, highlighted by a 31-0 victory over Bowie, was attended by a capacity crowd on the home side. Fans saw not only an outstanding ball game, but a reunion of some 20 former homecoming queens as well as the 1964 Hawk football team.

Operators of booths at Saturday's Whoop-I-Do said the activity was outstanding.

Dr. Erwin Soell, chairman of the Chamber-sponsored event, said Monday, "We were very fortunate, with the rain holding off, good

turnout of people and everyone apparently having a good time."

The Chamber had a registration booth where those attending could sign up for a free gift drawing. Dr. Soell acknowledged only a small portion of the turnout registered, but they did have 536 to sign up.

More than 180 attending the Ex-Student Association banquet Saturday evening were fed steaks prepared by the MuleSkinners.

Some of those attending had to sit in wet clothes, because as the banquet was about to begin, heavy rains started to fall. But those who arrived early to attend a reception before the banquet had no problem with weather.

AWARD WINNERS

Christine Dillard, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dillard, received a \$25 cash award

from Tanner-Aulds Funeral Home for having the winning entry in the annual Turtle Trot.

This year's contest had to be run in two heats, because for the first time there was a tie in the first "trot."

State National Bank had a drawing at its annual homecoming observance Friday. Debbie Winegar won the coin set, while \$50 bonds were won by Peggie Sullivan, L.C. Clower and Sandy Matthews.

There were three winners in the cow chip throwing contest Saturday afternoon. Distance winners were Cindy Clanton and Van Hedrick, while Gay Bradford won the accuracy division. Entry proceeds were donated to the Volunteer Fire Department.

Winners drawn from those who registered at the Chamber booth, and their donors included: \$5 gift certificates - Beverly

Yeakley, Picture Perfect; Andy Meyers, Park Pharmacy; Jimmy Kirkhart, Settle Drug; Elaine Wells, Harvey's; Jay Spruiell, Louis Jewelry; Jennifer Spruiell, EBCO Auto Parts; Wayne Oltman, Ken's Pizza; Edith Whitley, Dr. James Edwards; Carlett Kelly, City Cleaners; and Earline Ainsworth and Jolyn Boutwell, Wal-Mart.

Receiving \$5 cash donated by Park Clinic were Jake Jacobi, Clo Gunter, Lucy Bridges and Floyd Zion.

People's choice winners in the Art and Craft Association show included: Adelle Marlal, needlework and ceramics divisions; Craig Medlinger, oil painting; Edith Whitley, decorating gifts; Mary Swain, miscellaneous crafts; Jarrel Tolly, various arts media; David Fowler, watercolor and Judy Young, porcelain, china painting.



HOMECOMING QUEEN PAULA ROBINSON ... with brother, Harry, prior to coronation.

Decatur game shapes up as Defensive battle

Defense, spelled with a capital "D", will likely be the key to tomorrow night's Dist. 5-AAA contest for the Hawks at Decatur.

While Iowa Park has taken great pride in its defensive play all season, shutting out three of its six opponents, defense has been the forte of the Eagles.

The hosts will enter the game with a 4-2 record, allowing only a 12.5-point average. But they are undefeated in district play, having edged cross-county rival Bridgeport

Decatur has a winning tradition going for it, having advanced all the way to the regional level last season and finishing with a 10-3 record.

And bolstering the defensive platoon is a host of 200-plus-pounders, anchored by Brent Parker and Mark Sachse, each tipping the scales at 230.

All four wins of Decatur's have been impressive. The Eagles shut out defending AA state champion Boyd, 7-0, in the opener, and came back the following week with a 21-12 decision over Olney's Cubs.

The other win was a 33-13 scorefest over a good Breckenridge ball club, played the fourth week of the season and the Buckaroos improving week

Their first loss was a real shocker, 7-9 at the hands of Jacksboro. Eagle mentor Bobby Actkinson said afterward he had four or five players

who were lazy on their defensive assignments in the game.

What he was talking about was, in the first two games, only two passes had been completed against the secondary. But Jacksboro had a field day with its aerial attack, with a 42-yard pass setting up the winning field goal.

The other loss was not so surprising. It was a 6-27 shellacking by a fine Graham ball club two weeks ago.

Iowa Park's defense has not only scoreboard, but has given up an average of only 5.3 points per contest.

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Community mourns death of young teacher/coach

The community, and most especially Iowa Park High School, was in shock and mourning Friday morning when word was circulated of the death of popular teacher/coach Jackie Denton.

An unfortunate accident took the life of the 32-year-old father of one.

His funeral service was appropriately held on the school campus Sunday afternoon, with a standing-room-only crowd in attendance.

Denton and fellow coach Ray Sefcik had arrived at the field house shortly before midnight Thursday with members of the freshman and junior varsity football teams. They had played that night in Bowie, where the freshmen won 38-8 and junior varsity 13-0.

The young coach declined several offers of a ride to his home at 802 Park Plaza, a short distance from the field house. He also decided against calling his wife for a ride in the family's lone vehicle.

Instead, dressed in a dark green warm-up suit, he headed out jogging for home. His route took him on the north side of the stadium, then south on Johnson Road.

As he neared a parallel to the ticket booth, he was struck by an automobile driven by Stacy Ward, 16, a member of Denton's junior varsity team.

Police Chief Bob Dean later explained young Ward never saw Denton, both because of the darkness and color of his clothing. "There were

no signs of wreckless driving and he (Ward) was apparently driving the legal speed," Dean said.

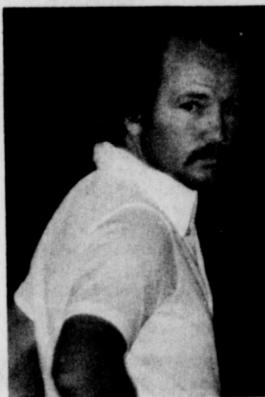
The case remained under investigation Wednesday.

Police were notified at 12:09 a.m., according to the department blotter. Lifeline Ambulance arrived at 12:25 and left en route to Bethania Hospital at 12:36.

He was declared dead at the Wichita Falls hospital at 10:45 a.m.

Denton came to Iowa Park in 1976, when he was hired by Pat Tone, the athletic director at that time. Tone had coached Denton at Hobbs High School in New Mexico. Sefcik was also on the coaching staff at Hobbs at the same time.

His first year after graduation from New Mexico State Univ., Denton was assigned to the junior high as teacher/coach. He remained there



JACKIE DENTON

until last year, when he was transferred to the high school to teach American History and coach junior varsity football and basketball and also assist in the track program.

No move to replace him on the coaching staff had been made earlier this week. Coach David Baugh said the players under Denton would be trained along with the varsity by other coaches.

Friday night's homecoming football game was dedicated to Denton. A football, with the date and dedication printed on it, has been signed by all varsity players and coaches to be presented to his widow.

Each varsity player has received a white star for his helmet representing each game won this season. A black star was placed on the helmets to represent Friday's win over Bowie.

The high school auditorium, with a capacity in excess of 800, was used for Sunday afternoon's funeral. Several dozen stood around the walls after the seats were filled.

Rev. Charles Hensley, pastor of First Assembly of God, officiated and Rev. Weldon Griffith of Nocona assisted. Burial was in Highland Cemetery under direction of Tanner-Aulds Funeral Home.

Denton was born May 20, 1952 in Rotan. He married Julie Carol

Cockrum May 27, 1978. He was a member of the Belview Baptist Church in Hobbs.

He is survived by his wife; a son, Justin; his parents Mr. and Mrs. Gene Denton; a brother, Jimmy Frank, and a sister, Lou Jean Clampitt, all of Hobbs.

Pallbearers for the funeral were the members of the coaching staff: Ray Sefcik, Barry Lucy, Bob Gray, David Baugh, Dean Kirkpatrick, Earnie Reusch, Terry Davis and Daryl Frazier. Honorary pallbearers were members of the junior varsity football team.



CHAIRMAN PLOP: His grin turned moist as Dr. Roy Boutwell, chairman of the Iowa Park school district's board of trustees, took his first plunge at the dunking board. The scene was early Saturday during the Whoop-I-Do activities in the 100 block of East Cash. Both his sons sent him into the drink, after spending some of papa's money.

News in Brief

Short council meeting indicated

Early indications are that Monday's meeting of the city council will be "short and sweet."

Two ordinances are to be considered. One covers the cable television franchise and the other, Lone Star Gas rate increase request.

On the agenda, according to administrator James Barrington, will be a discussion about raising water meter deposits for new customers.

Monday's meeting is to begin at 7 p.m. in council chambers.

Chamber membership meeting Nov. 19

The annual Chamber of Commerce general membership meeting/luncheon will be held Nov. 19, president James Edwards announced during Monday's monthly board meeting.

At the meeting, new officers will be elected for the coming year. Members of the nominating committee include Wayne House, Phil Welch and Keith Aulds.

Weather Report

Weather reports are officially compiled for Iowa Park at the Texas Experiment Station, southeast of town.

Rainfall for week.....	1.14
Total for month.....	1.30
Total for year.....	15.52
Total for last year.....	19.84

Parkway is sold

Parkway Furniture and True Value Store, one of Iowa Park's oldest businesses, changed ownership Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrel Sullivan, owners, sold the firm to Kenneth Via and Glen Miller. Miller will not take an active part in the business.

Via said no change in personnel will be made and the firm's name and scope of operation will remain unchanged.

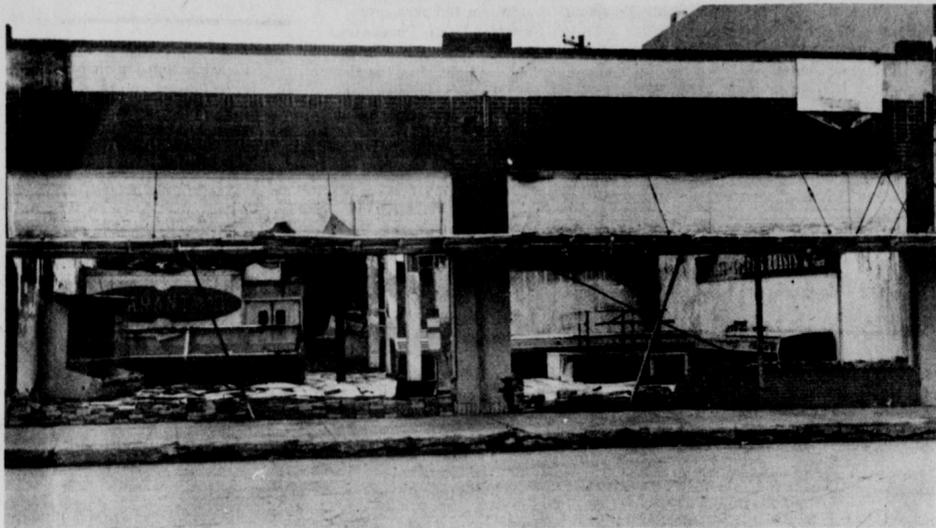
Video Care, owned and operated by Via in Park West Shopping Center, will be closed all of next week while being moved into the Parkway building.

Southwestern Bell Telephone customers will continue paying their bills at the new location, Via said.

Sullivan, who left on vacation immediately after the transaction was completed and was unavailable for comment, will continue working at the store during the transitional period, Via said.

Cemetery group to meet Sunday

The Highland Cemetery Association will meet at 2:30 Sunday afternoon in the First Christian Church.



EDITORIAL

Clean up the dangerous eyesore

Enough is enough! The people of Iowa Park, and certainly the neighbors of the 100 block of West Cash, deserve better than the "leavings" of a fire which occurred some 10 months ago.

Jim's Market burned Dec. 26, 1983. The owner, Jim Whitaker, sold the property to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wilson. But very, very little else has been done since that big blaze that gutted the structure.

The city leaders have instructed

the Wilsons to have the mess cleared. That was done weeks and months after the fire, with food products still on the shelves.

What happened? A few loads of charred wood and the foods were carted off, fallen bricks neatly stacked and a fence erected to keep people off the premises. That was last spring.

Now the city council has taken action, according to its ordinances, and given the Wilsons 90 days notice to clear the property and make it

safe, or the city will do it for them. After the waiting period and as city crews were ready to do the job for the owners, a threat of legal action against the city was made known.

It is understood that a meeting between the attorney for the Wilsons and the city's attorney are to meet today. We hope it will be fruitful and the cleaning of the property will take place... not in a few weeks, not a few months, not next year.

The citizens of Iowa Park want it cleaned. NOW!

Municipal Court Records

Results of municipal court held here yesterday were:

Edwin Arthur Hobbs, disobeyed stop sign, \$40;

Jerry Paul Souther, no motor vehicle liability insurance, \$114;

Stanley Lynn Kemp, speeding, \$48;

Charles Alan Gilstrap, wrong way on one way, \$40;

Gregory Allen Johnson, displayed expired license plate, \$49;

Sandra Ann Yoder, failed to yield right of way, \$40;

Melissa Leanne Hatcher, speeding, \$41;

Silas Richard Alexander Jr., displayed expired tags, \$49;

Larry Lynn Wilkerson, public intoxication, \$49;

Carroll Clay Kennedy, public intoxication, \$112.50.

The following were charged by the Department of Public Safety for possible suspension of licenses:

Michael Virgil Freeman, suspended three months, probated six months;

Donald Arthur French Jr., suspended three months, probated six months.

Defense

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At the same time, the Hawk offense is averaging 32.2 points per game.

This will be only the fifth meeting in the last 16 seasons between Iowa Park and Decatur, but the Hawks have won the past four games.

Iowa Park won 34-7 in 1969 and 35-19 in 1970, and then shut out the Eagles 12-0 in 1978 and had to fight for their lives in 1979 for a 7-6 victory.

Decatur was runner-up for the district title last year to Graham, but won the first round of playoffs 35-28 over Wylie and dumped Midlothian 40-0 in the area level.

The Eagles were edged 6-10 by Gladewater for the regional title.

For the Hawks, this is the best season since 1970, having gone undefeated through the first six games of the season.

Their victims have been Breckenridge (24-13), Burkburnett (35-6), Holliday (31-0), Stamford (31-13), Haskell (42-0) and the district opener last week with Bowie (31-0).

Fullback James Beebe is Iowa Park's leading ground gainer, having carried the ball 120 times for 715 yards, a 5.9 average.

Four other backs have gained 194 yards or more. Lee Roach has gained 262 yards, Jerry Allen 248, Phillip Davis 229 and Scott Weaver 194.

Allen is also the leading pass

receiver so far, having snared six aeriels for 184, an average of 30.6 per catch. Scott Young has caught four for 66, and Davis three for 73.

Defensively, the Mean Green has allowed its six opponents an average of only 52.5 yards rushing, including a minus nine yards for Bowie last week.

In terms of total yardage, Iowa Park's six opponents have averaged only 147.5 yards per contest.

But offensively, the Hawks are averaging 365 yards per outing.

As I See It....

By BOB HAMILTON



Weather, with the apparent rapid approach of winter, is the subject of most coffee talk these days.

And Monday night's professional football game on television, broadcast from Denver, spiced up the conversations.

If you were watching, you saw one of the better snowfalls ever televised. I understand a few miles east of Denver, one community measured three feet from the single storm.

Well, the Denver game wasn't the first to have problems with snow. They called the Balco-Yarbrough high school football game, up in the

northwest part of Oklahoma, with 4:36 remaining in the third quarter.

But that game wasn't being played Monday night. It fact, it was played Sept. 28.

Officials called the game after snow and ice accumulated on the field, making it too hazardous for play. One player was injured.

That kinda reminded me of a game I played in up in Anchorage, Alaska.

It was in November of 1951, and we were playing for the Armed Forces Championship of Alaska. That might not sound like much, but with all the college players who had enlisted or

their reserve units activated for the Air Force, Army and Marine units in the northern state, there was a lot of talent.

Well, the snows don't fall on the lower lands around Anchorage as early as you might think. In fact, it didn't start snowing that year until the day before the big game.

Our field had no grass. It was really more sand.

The powers to be decided the morning of the game that the four or five inches of snow cover should be cleared off. At the time, it sounded like a pretty good idea.

Except... everyone had forgotten the ground was still not frozen. So when the big equipment started blading the snow off, the sand was soft, and ridges were created. All over the field.

The ridges were exposed to the cold, more than the level ground. And frozen sand ridges become razor sharp.

We had gloves on, as well as stockings on our legs. So no one was cut by those sharp ridges.

But there wasn't a uniform, all of which were purchased brand new for the game, usable after it was all over. Not even to practice in. That satin-like finish snags and cuts easily.

Yeah, my team won the game. Our prize? We got to play another game. This time on grass. At Hamilton AFB in California.

One more quirk about weather.

That daddablasted strong wind Tuesday afternoon knocked a bucket-full of still green pecans out of my trees.

Hope you other pecan growers were more fortunate. This year's crop was going to be a poor one, as it was.

Police confiscate pills from man during ballgame

Police activity ranged during the past week from taking a young man into custody suspected of selling pills at a football game to the emergency commitment of a woman to the state hospital.

Though no charges were filed against Donald Glenn Gandy, 20, after he was taken into custody in Hawk Stadium Friday night, a large quantity of pills he had in possession were confiscated.

Chief Bob Dean said the 400 to 500 orange colored pills Gandy had in a bag at the game contained caffeine.

Dean was called to a local cafe Thursday afternoon to investigate a suspicious-acting woman. The 38-year-old female was taken to the state hospital in Wichita Falls after determining she was not in control of her faculties.

Jackie Blaylock told police Thursday afternoon someone had taken an antique tool box from his back yard. He listed the value at \$110.

Sometime between 6 p.m. Thursday and 1:30 a.m. Friday, someone

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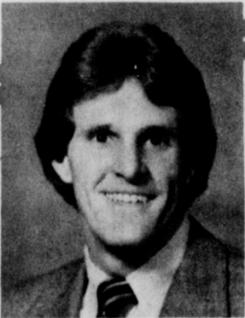
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