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# Whoop-T-Do to attract huge crowd Saturday

Iowa Park Chamber of Commerce has scheduled a "bigger and better" Whoop-T-Do Saturday, which promises to be entertaining, filling and in some cases, profitable, according to chairman Ken Via.

And the city has thrown in an element of comfort, by constructing public rest rooms next to the water tower.

The second annual World's Champion Fried Okra Cookoff will be held, as well as a series of events in the afternoon, "Guinness World Book Races."

The major area, as usual, will be in the 100 block of East Cash, where non-profit organizations of the community will have food, games and other areas of interest for the public.

Special entertainment will begin at 9 a.m., and continue until the final event, the races, at 3:30 p.m.

Plus, while most of this is going on, some 200 members and guests of the Buffalo Chip Kickers will be participating in their 14th International Volksmarch, a 12-kilometers event.

The okra cooking event is to get underway at 9:30 a.m. in the parking lot west of city hall, with three divisions of competition.

Judging of the three divisions, media, mayors and open, will be at 11. Ribbons will be awarded as prizes, but all will be competing for the grand prize, a watercolor done especially for the occasion by local artist Jack Stevens.

This will be the second year the Chip Kickers have held a walk in the community. It is to begin at 8 a.m. Routes have been designated for participants.

The schedule of special events includes: 9 a.m., turtle trot and junior high band; 9:20, high school band; 9:40, stage band; 10, Friendly Door Band; 10:30, Studio KG dancers; 11:30, junior high choir, high school chorale, Mixed Company, and A Capella Choir; 12:30, Blue Falcons from Sheppard AFB; 1, ESA King and Queen contest; 1:30, 4-H Dog Show; 2, Cloggers; 2:30, Kids Under Construction, and 3:30, races.

The winning entry in the Turtle Trot will receive a \$25 cash prize, courtesy Tanner-Aulds Funeral Home.

There will be five races, and contestants are to register at the Chamber of Commerce office.

Tricycle Races: three and four year olds; bring your own tricycle; ribbons for first, second and third places.

Stickhorse Races: three and four year olds; bring your own horse; ribbons for first, second and third places.

Scooter Obstacle Course: ages five through junior high competing in own age groups; bring your own scooter.

Roller Racer Race: ages five through junior high competing in own age groups; roller racers provided.

Bathtub Races: high school age and up; two bathtubs will be provided, or bring your own. Each team will have six pushers and one rider.

Nonprofit organizations with booths on Cash Street, and their offerings, include:  
Knights of Columbus - homemade rolls, coffee, popcorn, snowcones.  
Iowa Park Lions - Cokes and frozen candy bars.

Eastern Star - homemade ice cream.  
Teens for Christ - wheel of fortune.  
Modern Music Study Club - pick a pop.

FFA Boosters - roping.  
FFA Club - nachoes.  
Cub Scouts - spirit towels.  
4-H Club - toy walk.  
Rotary Club - bow and arrows.  
Cheerleaders - picture with a Hawk.  
Evening Lions - 4 game booths.

Hawk Boosters - caps, t-shirts, etc.  
Amity Study Club - face painting, pencil draw.  
Lioness Club - cakes and pies.  
Campfire - net a fish.

4-H Puppy Club - jail and sour lemons and pickles.  
Lakeview Young Ladies - sponge toss.

Choir Boosters - beans and fritters.  
Optimist Club - 3 game booths.  
Chiefs Soccer - soccer kick.  
Cloggers - drink.

Iowa Park Softball - shirts.  
Bradford Elementary - train.  
Kidwell Elementary - Roller racers.  
First Christian - stew dinner.

MuleSkinners - beans and brisket.  
Additionally, more than a dozen booths will be set up on Wall Street by various arts and craft experts who will be offering their wares.



QUEEN CANDIDATES - One of these four Iowa Park High School beauties will be crowned homecoming queen during a ceremony set to start at 7:10 p.m. Friday in Hawk Stadium.

They are, from left, Angie Martin, Stacy Boren, Missy Gossett and Christy Cravens. All four are seniors. The game between Iowa Park and Decatur will follow the coronation.

## Bonfire to kick off homecoming

Homecoming '87 gets underway with a bonfire this evening, a parade Friday afternoon and football game that night, followed by gatherings and reunions Saturday and the annual

banquet of former students that night.

The bonfire, according to Richard Davis, Iowa Park High principal, will be at the same location as last year: in the vacant block north of

Magnolia, between Third and Fourth streets.

Davis said he hopes additional wood and tree limbs will be put on the pile before it is ignited at 7:15.

A large crowd of students and fans is expected to join the band, cheerleaders and players for the event.

The annual parade is to begin at 4:30 p.m. Friday at the junior high campus. Its route is west on Cash, north on Yosemite, east and back west on Park, north to Bank, and west to Park West Shopping Center, where it will disband.

Two queens will be announced Friday at the football game between Iowa Park and Decatur.

The school's homecoming queen will be crowned in ceremonies that are to get underway at 7:10 p.m. Candidates chosen by the students this year are Missy Gossett, Stacy Boren, Angie Martin and Christy Cravens.

And initiating a new tradition Queen.

All former female students are being asked to register at a booth as they enter Hawk Stadium, and from this registration the winner, who will receive a homecoming mum, will be announced.

Jolyn Boutwell and Gayla Daugherty will be in charge of registration.

A reception will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Friendly Door, formerly known as Tanner's Hardware, for all former students and residents.

The Class of '57 will have a reunion breakfast at 9 a.m. at the Sheraton Hotel in Wichita Falls, and a reception from 2-5 p.m. at the Tom Burnett Memorial Library.

Saturday's banquet will be preceded by a reception, starting at 5:30 p.m., in the foyer at the high school.

The 7 p.m. catered banquet and business meeting will be held in the school cafeteria.

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## Hawks open district play against Decatur

The Hawks will take their first step toward the Dist. 6-AAA title at 7:30 Friday night, when they host the Decatur Eagles in Hawk Stadium.

And they'll have a loud and supportive homecoming crowd supporting them.

Actually, the evening's activities will get underway at 7:10 p.m., with the coronation of the homecoming queen. All conference games are to start at 7:30, a change from the 8 o'clock non-conference contests.

While the Hawks will enter the game with a better record than the Eagles, 4-1 as opposed to 3-2, Iowa Park now has four fewer regular starters than earlier in the season.

After losing tight end Stan Coker with a knee injury, quarterback Jeff Huff with a broken arm and line-backer Chad Fielding with a broken collarbone, the Hawks suffered their fourth loss last week at Vernon.

Quick guard and defensive end Bobby Keller was to undergo surgery yesterday in Wichita Falls to repair a broken neck.

So Coach David Baugh will be calling on the depth of his varsity and others he's called up from the junior varsity tomorrow to attempt to corral the speed of the Eagles.

Most of Decatur's backfield were on the district sprint championship quartet last spring.

While the Eagles have won only 60 percent of their games thus far, those two losses were to teams that have given lots of others problems.

Their first loss was to Springtown's Porcupines, and the other was to Southlake Carroll, both by three points.

Decatur lost 23-20 to Springtown, the team Iowa Park had to score against in the final seconds to emerge with a 15-12 victory.

In that game, runningback Bryan Pennartz, a 6-1, 191-pound senior with good speed and strength, gained 165 yards on 17 carries for the Eagles.

Pennartz picked up 134 yards on 11 carries in the Eagles' 17-14 loss to Carroll, a team that is to date undefeated.

Decatur had an opportunity to pull that game out of the fire, but failed to score after reaching Carroll's 11 yard line late in the game.

The Eagles held Olney to only 77 yards rushing (55 of those came on one play) and earned a 17-7 victory.

They then defeated powerhouse Boyd 10-3. And Boyd knocked off Dist. 6-AAA member Bridgeport last week 24-7.

Actually, Boyd appeared to have pulled the Decatur game out of the fire by scoring on a pass on the final play of the game. But it was called back on an offensive penalty.

Last week, Decatur humiliated Graham 41-7 by amassing over 500 yards total offense. The Hawks beat the Steers by a 33-14 margin.

Decatur has an all-senior line that matches the Hawks pretty well in size. The roster contains 10 players who are 200 or more pounds.

At center is Scott Oats, 202, who was a second-team All-District choice in 1986.

Guards are Coy Harris, 236, and Tony Mooney, 205, while Jamie Stone, 217, and Bob Bridges, 208, start at tackle. Either Reggie Johnson, 195, or Matt Picha, 195, start at tight end.

A bevy of speed is at the wide receiver slot: John Bradshaw, 150; Vondrick Jackson, 170, and Bryan Guinn, 186.

Scott Cooper, a 6-3, 170-pound senior, starts at quarterback, and Casey Carter, 165, is the fullback.

This will be the fourth meeting  
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## 'Curve' applied to TEAMS test scores

The Texas Education Agency has come up with a new way of evaluating the results of the Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills (TEAMS) testing, and an uproar is expected to be heard from the rural areas of the state.

Scores, for the first time, are now being "curved," or as Deputy Commissioner of Educational Quality puts it "broadening of method," based on four criteria other than actual grades.

The four factors are:  
\* percent of low-income students tested;

\* percent of Black and Hispanic students tested;

\* percent of students tested who have limited English proficiency, and,

\* number of students in a district or campus.

TEAMS tests are administered each year to all odd-numbered classes: first, third, fifth, seventh, ninth, and eleventh, which is also known as the "exit" test.

The test is supposed to determine "mastery" of reading, math and

writing by the students, at their respective grade levels.

The state agency announced last year that each district and campus would be rated in the state, according to how the students tested.

This caused no concern among Iowa Park educators, because local students, especially over the past couple of years, had been scoring well on their tests.

But a letter accompanying the rankings received last week from Dr. Candoli, he announced "The comparison of district and campus performance on TEAMS tests without recognition of differences in socio-demographic characteristics among school districts and among campuses has been raised as a major issue by many districts serving large concentrations of educationally disadvantaged students.

"There is a need to broaden this method of district and campus comparisons and rankings to include a recognition of major differences in the percent of educationally disadvantaged students being served..." he wrote.

Because Iowa Park has low numbers in each of the four categories used in the curving of the grades, the district was affected in a negative manner.

In fact, the junior high's seventh grade was dropped from a ranking of 2,498 among 5,329 to 4,269 among 5,313, or the lower 25 percentile.

The "broadening of method" was a stunning blow to faculty members of the junior high school.

The junior high had a ranking of 73 among the 120 in Region Nine, but after the curving, it fell in ranking to 93.

Overall, Iowa Park's district was ranked 389 among the 1,052 school districts of the state, based on scores on the TEAMS test.

But after the curve was applied, the district was ranked 704 among 1,043.

Comparing the district among Region Nine schools, Iowa Park was 21 on its testing, but 28 after curve.

The high school fell in ranking of 1,591 among 5,329 campuses

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## Two arrested after chases

Two arrests were made of male drivers this week following pursuits, according to the police blotter.

Russell Jack Bettinger was taken into custody at 4:31 a.m. Tuesday following a pursuit that began in the city and ended at the truck weight station west on US 287.

Bettinger was riding a motor cycle at speeds up to 85 miles per hour, according to the blotter.

He was arrested on an outstanding warrant for no valid motor vehicle inspection sticker and failure to appear, and released after posting a \$63 bond.

A pursuit that began at FM 368 and US 287 at 1:45 Wednesday morning ended in the 600 block of West Texas with the arrest of Ronald Mason Perkins.

After being charged with "evading," he was transported to county jail.

Police arrested Bennie Thomas Edwards, 40, at 1:30 a.m. Friday on a Department of Public Safety warrant for speeding and failure to appear. He was released after posting a bond of \$88.