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Free hams are offered

A large number of families will have hams for the Christmas holidays, compliments of members of the Iowa Park Chamber of Commerce.

Participating members will hold drawings on Friday of next week to determine the recipients.

Each of the participating members is now encouraging patrons to register once each time they visit.

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SANTA'S EARLY VISIT to Iowa Park was a highlight for more than 100 children. He made his appearance Thursday night, during the annual Christmas lighting ceremony, held at the Tom Burnett Memorial Library. Each child was afforded the opportunity to visit with him personally, explaining what they want for Christmas, and receiving a favor from elves.

Woman arrested, jailed twice in a 10-day period

Among the six persons who were arrested by Iowa Park police during the past week was a young woman who was arrested and taken to jail only a week earlier on a similar charge.

Stephanie Ann Rust, 18, was detained by a Wal-Mart security officer Friday afternoon, charging her with shoplifting merchandise valued at less than \$50.

On Nov. 26, she was arrested by police on a charge of theft between \$50 and \$500, and that charge was enhanced because of an earlier conviction, according to police.

Rust was transported again to the county jail on the new and enhanced charge, according to the police blotter.

Police filed a charge of driving while license was suspended early Saturday morning against Angela Deon Hawkins, 20.

Hawkins, who was taken into custody at 12:17 a.m., was transported to the county jail.

Michael Joe Loyd, 26, was taken into custody Saturday afternoon in

the 200 block of West Highway, after a computer check determined a warrant for his arrest had been issued locally.

The warrant was for failure to maintain financial responsibility, according to the police blotter. He was detained some two hours at the police station until his fine of \$317 was paid.

Jeremy Lynn Erskin, 19, was arrested at 2:40 a.m. Sunday on an outstanding local warrant and taken to the police station.

Erskin paid a \$100 fine and was released at 3:47 a.m., but he left the station with another ticket. Beer was reportedly found in his vehicle when he was taken into custody, so he was issued another minor in possession ticket and instructed to appear in municipal court.

A charge of public intoxication was filed against Robert Franklin Boniol, 33, at 3:19 a.m. Monday, according to the police blotter. He was released five hours later after signing a promise to appear in court.

Facilities Task Force hears effects of bonds

Allen Shewmake, city and school tax assessor/collector, described how bond issues can affect the tax rate during a meeting of the Facilities Task Force Tuesday night at the junior high library.

Shewmake pointed out that tax rates are frozen for homeowners over 65 years of age.

The task force, made up of approximately 60 citizens who live in the Iowa Park School District, was formed recently to study facility and other needs on all campuses.

Each campus is reporting that classrooms are at or beyond capacity.

The task force was divided into study groups for each campus. Then representatives from each campus group were selected to form a Compromise Committee. This committee will study the overall needs of the school district, and make recommendations to the full task force.

During Tuesday night's meeting,

Martha Dudley and Jeff Watts, members of the school board, told of a trip made recently to the Waco area to view construction projects by Michael W. Marrs Architects, Inc.

A representative of the firm had spoken to the Iowa Park School Board recently about the educational facilities they have completed at a relatively low cost per square foot. They are able to offer a lower price because of their multi-contract approach.

Next, a report from the Compromise Committee was given. It was decided that more study is needed before recommendations are presented to the full task force for consideration.

Chairperson Wood set dates for the next meetings. The Compromise Committee will meet on Jan. 6, and the full Facilities Task Force will meet on Jan. 7. Both meetings will begin at 7 p.m. in the junior high school library.

Christmas Tour of Homes Saturday

By MYRNA SMITH

Many in the Iowa Park area look forward each year to the annual Christmas Tour of Homes sponsored by the Iowa Park Recreational Center. The ninth annual tour will be Saturday from 3-7 p.m. The eight homes on tour are dressed in their Christmas finery and their owners are ready to welcome home tour families and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Clayton moved into their new home at 300 W. Louisa, overlooking Gordon Lake, earlier this year.

Their home represents collections of many years and their Christmas decorations blend to form a showcase for their many antiques.

The living area is the Santa Claus room, where there is a country store, accented with many Santas.

The dining area is highlighted by a festooned aluminum Christmas tree, reminiscent of the late 50s and early 60s.

A watermelon tree completes the decor of the breakfast room. The kitchen is ready for Santa's visit where an ensemble of cookie cutters form a Christmas tree and homemade cookies await his arrival.

Upstairs the game room features a fishing Christmas tree, epitomizing Willie's true love of the sport. Also in the upstairs area, a large village scene dominates the craft room.

Trappings in the basement are sure to evoke nostalgic memories of bygone days. Decorations in this area simulate a Coca-Cola and ice cream parlor.

Dr. and Mrs. Earl Watson started 1996 by moving into their new lake view home at 1113 N. Jackson on New Year's Eve.

Their Christmas decorations complement their Victorian decor and myriad lights inside and outside create a warm holiday glow to the overall scene.

A beautiful large Victorian Christmas tree adds charm to the living and dining areas.

Tour visitors' attention will be drawn to the dormer tree which decorates the exterior as well as the interior of the home.

A pansy tree compliments the kitchen decor in the Watson home. Upstairs rooms are decorated in a children's theme.

The home of James and Caren Foster, 924 Peterson Road S. is a reflection of their heritage, their regional surroundings and their faith.

Of early Texas style architecture, the home was built two years ago by James, who is a homebuilder.

The limestone rock farmhouse is reminiscent of the style of homes built by early German settlers who came to the Hill Country area of Texas.

Caren von Mertz Foster has a lot of German roots and the

Christmas season offers her and James an opportunity to celebrate with some of the German traditions of her family.

The Fosters also have an appreciation and interest in South-west and Latin American folk art and these artifacts mingle with the old world flavor for an eclectic country Christmas.

In the kitchen, mud room, and breakfast room are Christmas trees of the Old West and Mexican lore.

The Fosters' family room hosts family mementos, including an old family wood carved nativity from Oberamergau, Germany and a Guatemalan nativity, also a family collection.

Collections of angels will be seen throughout the house, from the tree to the wreaths. Also several nativity sets will be noted. One depiction of the birth of Christ is a handmade tapestry made by Caren's mother.

The Christmas tree ornaments are a history of James and Caren's family. One of the children's rooms hosts a teddy bear tree and both of their children's rooms were decorated by each of them, originally with "stuff" given to them from Grandma's attic. These rooms will be a bright spot in the tour.

The hope of the Fosters is that a visit to their home will reveal a love for family and for Texas, and a clear portrayal of the story of God's unspeakable gift of His Son, their

Savior, Jesus Christ.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gray, 302 W. Clara, you will find many nativity sets and angels in the living room.

Gold accents will be noted in arrangements and wreaths made by Mrs. Gray. She has created a homey look in the kitchen using handpainted mouse ornaments and accessories that she painted when she was young.

Adding to the sentimental touch are hand crafted items by her grandmother, Elsie Sullivan of Iowa Park. This trend continues in the dining area where the table is set with Christmas china made by her sons' late grandmother.

The bedrooms are decorated with poinsettias, garlands, gold bows and bears.

The bathroom has been taken over by Christmas bears, santas and poinsettias. Most of the ceramic items in this room were painted by Mrs. Gray.

The front porch is decorated with garlands and gaily wrapped gift boxes. And, the back porch has been invaded by snowmen.

Decorations at the Paul Morris home, 200 W. Texas, might be thought of as "Christmas Through the Years".

Mrs. Morris is using decorations they have accumulated, and have become a decorating tradition. She keeps her children and

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City helps boy's effort

Action taken Monday night by the city council could benefit both the junior high school and its students, as well as serving as a basis for a Boy Scout's earning the Eagle Scout ranking.

Aldermen agreed to participate in a drainage correction project on the junior high campus.

Ricky Ashton explained his plan, which would remove standing water from the north side of the west wing of the building.

He explained he had permission from school administrators, as well as a pledge for school employees to do much of the work.

During wet periods, water apparently does not drain properly in

the area where a concrete basketball court was constructed. Some of the water threatens the foundation of the building, he said.

The council agreed to allow personnel use city equipment to cut a shallow ditch which would collect the water and carry it northward and off the campus.

In addition, some old, discarded pipe still held by the city would be utilized in the project.

In other business, a replat of a portion of Indian Springs Addition received council approval, and permission was given to advertise for street and water construction bids for

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Trustees to meet tonight

Iowa Park school trustees will be facing a lengthy agenda when they meet at 7 p.m. today in the Junior High School library.

In addition to the normal business and reports, board members will:

- * hear an energy report by Ron Woods;
- * review the 1995-96 school report card;
- * discuss problems with the sewer line at the high school; and
- * hear a report on a trip, Dec. 4,

to view construction projects.

The board will also consider changing the date of their March meeting so it won't fall during the week of spring break, and take action on a request from the FFA Booster Club to use the high school gym for a donkey basketball game.

The meeting will then be closed in order for trustees to discuss "personnel matters: accept resignations and employ new personnel," and "litigation: Clensay vs Iowa Park CISD."

Tour of Homes

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10 grandchildren in mind and uses what they like for her to use in decorating.

The large Christmas tree is placed in the living-dining area. It is hung with the many ornaments they have collected, some dating back to the 50s, the decade in which their house was built.

Predominant in the decorations throughout the house will be approximately 35 Christmas cookie jars. Mrs. Morris is an avid collector of cookie jars.

Their kitchen is red and white, which blends perfectly with their overall Christmas decor.

Some of her more than 100 cookie jars will decorate the fireplace mantel in the den as well as other areas of the house.

Christmas is a very special time at the Morris home. They are expecting at least 50 family members for Christmas Day.

The Craig Davis family home, 304 W. Alameda, is one that is familiar to many Iowa Park people who have lived here several years.

The home was the longtime residence of one of the town's early day physicians, Dr. Gordon Clark

and his wife, Oscar, and their two sons, Randolph and Gordon Duvall.

Since purchasing the home in 1993 after moving to the area from Granbury when Craig was promoted with Southwestern Bell, the Davises have been busy remodeling their home, limited by time, money and patience.

On display for the tour will be the original deed papers for the land, passed through the generations of owners, dating back to 1888 when D.C. Kolp bought the land from the original town site of Iowa Park.

Featured in the front living room, paneled with cedar worm wood imported from Spain, is the family tree, decorated with an array of ornaments collected by the Davis family through the years.

Pam's family tradition is continued as handmade stockings are hung. Evergreens, embellished with the classic Christmas colors of red and green set off the nativity that Pam's mother made for the family and other cherished heirlooms passed to the couple from their families.

Evidence of their Texas heritage is seen throughout the house. As they refurbish their home the couple has made an effort to keep much of the original decor unique to this home.

Printed wool carpeting continues to warm the downstairs bedrooms and a door chime still greets visitors with a melodious sound.

The newly refurbished upstairs is the domain of the couple's two boys and features a small tree the children decorated with ornaments they have made or been given.

Realizing many people have fond memories of the Clark home, the family asks that as you tour their home you share these memories and any recollections you have of the original layout.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith purchased their house at 712 W. Comelia three years ago. Residents who have lived here a number of years have known the dwelling as the Padgett house. The house was purchased from Nancy Padgett, who was married to the late Jerry Padgett.

The house had a breezeway which the Smiths enclosed and converted into a closet for their daughter. They have completely redone the inside, except to leave the hardwood paneling in their daughter's bedroom.

The Smiths have two daughters, Misty, 12, Mandy, 10, and a son Mitchell, 8.

Garlands, bows, nutcrackers, snowmen and Santa Claus figures have been used throughout the house. Mrs. Smith made all of her own wreaths, using greenery and gold bows.

Their beautifully decorated Christmas tree is placed in front of the picture window in the living room. It features red and silver bows and Santas.

Mitchell's room is decorated

like a Sports Hall of Fame, from his dad's collection. His room has footballs and Santa Claus lights.

Mandy's room is decorated with gingerbread men and reindeer. Angels are used throughout the decorations in Misty's room.

This time of year the Zearl Gilbreath home at 2805 Peterson Road South turns into a veritable Santa Claus Land, mingled with winter wonderland scenes. It is almost a year around activity for the family to work on making something else to be used the next Christmas.

A 35-foot lighted Christmas tree will welcome tour visitors to enter the home via a candy cane bordered walkway.

Inside, one will find that every room has a special family meaning, either something handed down through the family or made by a family member.

The den fireplace mantel has a wonderland scene with lighted houses. Eight stockings hang from the mantel. Three of these were made by Mrs. Gilbreath's sister Jeanie Keith of Tucumseh, Okla., for the Gilbreath's first three children. The Gilbreaths made matching ones for their in-laws.

On a shelf over a window in the den hang stockings made by the Gilbreath's daughter Malinda for the grandchildren. They are drummers for the boys and angels for the girls.

In the den is a set of musical bells hanging across the ceiling that play Christmas music. Two china cabinets and a television in this area have Christmas decorations and a lighted ceramic village made by Malinda.

The Chicago Bulls, Coca-Cola cans hanging from motion hooks, other Coca-Cola memorabilia, along with an antique turning Coke Santa, lights, and garlands decorate the bedroom that belongs to the Gilbreath's grandson, Curtis.

In the kitchen are an antique churn, an old Borden's milk bottle and two antique containers for flour and sugar that had belonged to Gilbreath's grandmother.

Also in the kitchen are red and blue enamel pans that had belonged to his grandmother. In these Mrs. Gilbreath made nests and put coddled eggs under the hens. They sit on a shelf above the sink.

Attracting attention in the dining room is a wreath of greenery holding a doll with a crocheted umbrella that belonged to Gilbreath's mother, and a ceramic Santa that had belonged to Mrs. Gilbreath's daddy. A ceramic birdhouse made by their grandson, Kent, has a special place.

A doll with a china tea set and a fork and spoon that belonged to Gilbreath's mother. She sits in a chair that was his and has been used by all their children and grandchildren.

On the sunporch is a Christmas tree with 35 motion hooks where antique ornaments that belonged to Gilbreath as a child hang and are constantly in motion. Also on this tree is an ornament Mrs. Gilbreath made from her mother's glasses frame.

There is a six-foot Christmas stocking filled with toys that their son-in-law, Terry Calhoun, had made for them. And a kissing Santa and Mrs. Santa given to them by their son, Daniel.

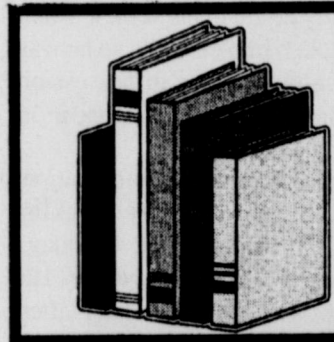
Many other interesting decorations with a family history are found on the enclosed sunporch.

The blue bedroom has a midnight blue bedspread and matching curtains made by Malinda and their daughter-in-law Shari. Three windows are festooned with silk holly and lighted motion hooks hung with ornaments.

A curio cabinet has its five shelves highlighted with Christmas scenes, a nativity scene and snowbabies with lighted igloos.

In the red bedroom the bed is covered with a red, white and green crocheted bedspread made by Shari's mother. In this room there is a quilt holder where a bedspread hangs that was crocheted by Mrs. Gilbreath's father when he was 75 years old.

Other interesting family pieces and handmade items will be noted in the Gilbreath home decorations.



LIBRARY NEWS

DONATIONS FOR FOOD BANK
There is a collection box, located under the bulletin board for non-perishable food items or household items such as facial tissue, bathroom tissue, bath soaps, cleaners, etc. We will take all the donated items to the Iowa Park Food Bank on Dec. 20.

SANTA'S CASTLE

Our first group, the Third Graders from Bradford, came to enjoy an hour here at the library. We had some very interesting candy canes painted by our students. We hope they all enjoyed themselves.

A very special thank you to our volunteers, because without you, how could we ever complete our project.

THANK YOU'S

Our open house was very well attended. We extend our deepest appreciation to the members of the Iowa Park High School band for the Christmas music. Also, the students from DancePlus for providing their dance numbers. A special thanks to Santa for taking time from his busy schedule to hear the requests from the

children. Belinda Walls, your cookies were a big hit. Thanks for sharing with us.



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Cook of the Week



Fee Wheeler

Even though Fee (Mrs. Paul) Wheeler has only lived in Iowa Park two years, she is certainly not a newcomer to this area.

Fee grew up in Holliday, where she graduated high school, and she and her husband lived in Wichita Falls over 30 years before moving to Iowa Park.

Paul grew up in Rhode Island. He joined the Air Force, and met Fee while he was stationed at Sheppard Air Force Base. They were married in 1958.

Fee is employed as office manager at Telequest in Wichita Falls. Paul, who retired from the post office after 31 years, drives a school bus for the Iowa Park CISD.

The Wheelers have four daughters, Patti Dalton of Mansfield, Gina Smith of San Antonio, Cathy Wheeler of Wichita Falls, and Barbara Mangiacapra of Iowa Park. They also have five grandchildren.

Fee has a keen interest in politics, and is active in the Democratic Party both locally and statewide. She is past president of Texas Postal Workers Union Auxiliary.

She enjoys her grandchildren, and being from a close-knit family, looks forward to family reunions and get-togethers.

The following are some of her favorite recipes to prepare for these occasions. Any of them would be good for holiday entertaining.

Old-Fashioned Pumpkin Pie

2 eggs
1 can (16 oz.) pumpkin (2 cups)
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. ginger
1/4 tsp. cloves
1 can (13 oz.) evaporated whole or skim milk (1 2/3 cups) or light cream
Heat oven to 425 degrees. Beat eggs slightly with rotary beater; beat in remaining ingredients. Pour into 9-inch uncooked pastry shell. Bake 15 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to

350 degrees and bake 45 minutes longer or until knife inserted between center and edge comes out clean. Cool.

Velvet Crumb Cake

1 1/2 cups Bisquick baking mix
1/2 cup sugar
1 egg
1/2 cup cold water or milk
2 Tbsps. shortening
1 tsp. vanilla
Broiled Topping (recipe below)
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour 8x8x2" baking pan. In large mixer bowl, blend all ingredients on low speed 1/2 minute, scraping side and bottom of bowl frequently. Beat 4 minutes on medium speed. Pour into pan. Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until top springs back when touched lightly. While warm spread with Broiled Topping.

Broiled Topping:
Mix 3 tablespoons soft butter, 1/3 cup brown sugar (packed), 2 tablespoons light cream, 1 cup coconut and 1/2 cup chopped nuts. Spread over cake and broil 3 inches from heat about 3 minutes until topping is brown. Watch carefully.

Chili Soup

1 can (11 1/2 ozs.) condensed bean with bacon soup
1 can (10 3/4 ozs.) condensed tomato soup
1 can (10 1/2 ozs.) chili without beans
1 soup can water
1/8 to 1/4 tsp. garlic powder
Heat all ingredients to boiling, stirring occasionally. If you wish, garnish soup with corn chips.

Strawberry Minute Pie

1 8-inch baked pie shell
1 cup boiling water
1 - 3-oz. pkg. strawberry gelatin
1 - 16 oz. pkg. frozen sliced strawberries
Pour boiling water over gelatin; stir to dissolve. Add frozen strawberries; stir to break berries apart. When mixture is partially set, pour into baked pie shell. Chill until set. Serve with sweetened whipped cream.

Party Cheese Ball

2 - 8 oz. pkgs. cream cheese
3/4 cup crumbled blue cheese (about 4 ozs.)
1 cup shredded sharp Cheddar cheese (about 4 ozs.)
1/4 cup minced onion
1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
Finely snipped parsley
Small crisp crackers
Place cheese in small mixer bowl; let stand at room temperature until softened. Blend in onion and Worcestershire sauce on low speed. Beat on medium speed until fluffy, scraping side and bottom of bowl frequently. Cover; chill 3 to 4 hours.

Shape mixture into 1 large ball or into 36 1-inch balls. Roll ball(s) in parsley; place on serving plate. Cover and chill 2 hours or until firm. Arrange crackers around cheese ball and serve as a spread. To serve small balls, insert a wooden pick in each and serve with crackers.

Fresh Apple Pie

3/4 cup sugar
1/4 cup flour
1/2 tsp. nutmeg
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
Dash salt
6 cups thinly sliced, pared tart apples (about 5)
4 Tbsps. butter
2 unbaked pastry shells
Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Stir together sugar, flour, nutmeg, cinnamon and salt. Mix lightly with apples. Pour into unbaked pastry shell. Dot with butter.

Cover with top crust which has slits cut in it; seal and flute. Bake 40 to 50 minutes or until crust is brown and juice begins to bubble through slits in crust.

Coconut Pie

Mix together:
2/3 cup light brown sugar
2/3 cup white sugar
2 Tbsps. flour
Add:
2 beaten eggs
1/4 cup melted butter
1 cup milk
1 cup coconut
1 tsp. vanilla
Pour into unbaked pie shell. Bake 45 minutes at 425 degrees. This is such a simple pie to make and tastes so good!

Watergate Salad

1 pkg. instant pistachio pudding
1 can crushed pineapple
1 carton Cool Whip
1 cup nuts
Drain pineapple and fold pudding, pineapple, and nuts into Cool Whip. Mix well about 1 minute, scraping bowl often. Chill.

Mocha Brownie Torte

1 pkg. fudge brownie mix
1/4 cup water
2 eggs
1 cup finely chopped nuts
1 1/2 cups chilled whipping cream
1/3 cup brown sugar (packed)
1 Tbsp. powdered instant coffee
Shaved chocolate
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour 2 (9x1 1/2-inch) layer pans.

Blend brownie mix (dry), water and eggs. Stir in nuts. Spread in pans. Bake 20 minutes. Cool 5 minutes in pan; remove from pans and place on wire racks to cool completely. In chilled bowl, beat cream until it begins to thicken. Gradually add sugar and instant coffee, and continue beating until stiff. Fill layers with 1 cup of the cream mixture. Frost with remaining cream mixture; sprinkle with shaved chocolate. Chill at least 1 hour. 10-12 servings.

Christmas program set

The Chancel Choir of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Iowa Park will present a choral special, "All Over the World It's Christmas". The special program will be at the 10:55 morning worship service Sunday, Dec. 15.

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Smiths feted with party

Doris and Wallace Smith were honored December 2 with a surprise reception, hosted by their children, to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. The event was held at Lakeview Church of God.

Doris and Wallace were married Dec. 2, 1971, in Iowa Park. Doris is a homemaker, and Wallace is retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. They are charter members of Lakeview Church of God.

Their children are Michael Dozier, Karen Ralston, Cindy Beish, Aaron Smith, and Eric Smith of Iowa Park, Lynn Dozier, Nelda Streich, and Sherry Thomas of Wichita Falls, and Renee' Simpkins of Arlington. The couple also has 19 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Mrs. Smith's mother, Louise Ault, also lives in Iowa Park.

After the reception, the couple left on a trip to Branson, Mo., a gift from their children and grandchildren.

Area students named to honor roll

Twelve Iowa Parkans enrolled in studies at the Vernon Regional Junior College Sheppard Learning System have been named honor students for the 1996 fall term.

Mary G. McLroy was named to the President's List by maintaining a 4.0 grade point average while carrying a minimum class load of nine hours.

Named to the Dean's List was Penny J. Trammell. She maintained a 3.25 grade point average with no grade below a C.

Ten were named to the Honor's List, which requires part-time students who complete their enrollment period with a grade point average of 3.25 or above, with no grade below a C.

They included Vonna L. Bailey, Mary A. Halady, Jaime L. Hunter, Melissa L. Muse, Barbara E. Mangiacapra, Lloyd R. Brown, Jacquelynn R. Strange, Kelley L. Strickland, Christina M. Vos, and Ladena L. Welch.

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- TX "Bandit Queen"
- Cullen Davis was found not guilty in death of this Farr
- targets of TX DPS
- TXism: "I'll ... you a new hat size!"
- Paul Quinn College rel. affiliation (abbr.)
- character Thiola in "Wild Texas Wind"
- 365 days (abbr.)
- San Antonio's "Fiesta ... beau"
- TX drink slangily
- TXism: "... rat" (toddler)
- "to ... is human"
- TXism for small amount (2 wds.)
- TX Fawcett's character Jill in "Charlie's Angels"
- ex-Rocket Thorpe
- San Antonio's Jimenez Thanks-giving dinner
- "Too Tall" Jones
- jazz instrument of TX Ornette Coleman
- blue jeans inventor Levi (init.)
- TXism: "fits like sardines in ..."
- TXism: "he's holding all the ..."
- units of measurement at Luling's Watermelon Thump (abbr.)
- TXism: "sing it on the wall and ... sticks" (try)
- Sinatra in "Four for Texas" (init.)
- Comanche's courthouse: "Old ..."
- former gov. Richards

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As I See It... By Bob Hamilton



It's official. Christmas 13 days from today!
Despite the unusually-warm temperatures we've been having the past couple of weeks, my calendar tells me it's almost time for Santa to make his annual visit.
Having this warm weather gives me some idea of what it must be like

when one lives in deep south Texas, Florida and California. Those folks apparently have to look at their calendars also.

I've gotta admit, all our beautiful Christmas lights in the city -- both those put out at homes and those of the city's -- are helping to make the Yule season feel slightly nearer.

And attending the Christmas lighting ceremony Thursday night, and watching those faces of children light up when they visited with Santa Claus began to stir my thoughts toward what's going on.

But, despite all this, and all the decorations Dolores is putting out inside our home, I'm still staying with the program I developed years ago.

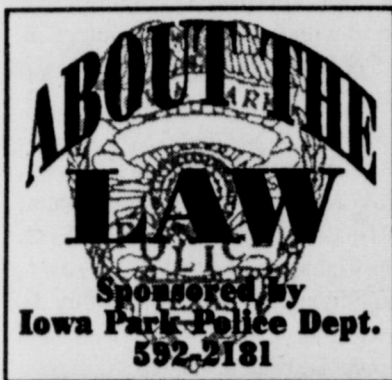
You may remember my mentioning it in this space in the past.

My wholehearted attention toward Christmas doesn't come about until I've got our Christmas edition on the press.

And that won't be until the evening of Monday, Dec. 23. That issue will go to the post office that evening, and be on the news stands in time for everyone to have it for the holidays.

Unlike almost everyone else, I simply cannot bring myself to giving serious consideration to buying Christmas gifts until that paper goes to press.

Maybe 40 years in this business has had something to do with that.



Christmas time is a profitable time for a thief, and we are all potential victims. You may be a victim in your home, your car or in person.

Thieves are always watching for an opportunity and during the holidays many of us are caught off guard. Always stay alert to the security of your home and vehicles, especially this time of year.

More theft crimes such as purse snatching and money scams are reported during the holiday season. Always stay alert to your personal surroundings. Use the buddy system when going shopping, especially after dark.

Have a safe holiday season.

SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

Beneficiaries can earn more in 1997

The amount of money that Social Security beneficiaries can earn in 1997 and still receive their full benefit has increased.

Beneficiaries between the ages of 65 and 69 can earn up to \$13,500 without having any benefits withheld.

For every \$3 that a beneficiary earns over his limit, \$1 is withheld from his/her benefit.

In 1996, the limit was \$12,500. For people under age 65, the limit will be \$8,640. For every \$2 a person under 65 earns over this amount, \$1 is withheld from benefits.

In 1996, the earnings limit was \$8,280.

People age 70 or older who continue to work do not have benefits withheld no matter how much they earn.

Letters to Editor policy explained

The *Leader* receives numerous letters which cannot, for one reason or another, be published.

Letters will not be printed unless they are signed. A typed name will not do. And, for the sake of verification, the writer's telephone should be included.

Should the writer not wish his/her name printed, it will be omitted upon request. However, the letter will be kept on file to be read upon request.

Letters also must be free of libel. If not, they will not be published, because we will not edit the content of any letter.

In letters supporting political candidates or issues, the *Leader* reserves the right to limit their lengths.

We encourage your Letters to the Editor, and offer the paper space as your forum for discussions of ideas and observations.

WORTH QUOTING

In my opinion, there are two major causes of juvenile crime in this country. And one of them seems to be totally overlooked by those in positions of import who have the power to rectify the problem.

One cause that almost everybody is aware of is the lack of adequate parental involvement in the lives of their children.

The cause that nobody seems to want to recognize is the law that affects employment of young people.

The way the wage and hour laws are now, boys are generally not allowed to hold a job when they're young enough to want to work and learn a trade.

The child labor laws won't permit this. And, as we all know, boys in their early teens and even younger are going to be doing something. If the law prohibits them from getting a desirable job they'll just do something else. And the something else in many instances is what they shouldn't be doing.

With too much idle time, it is much too easy to get into trouble.

It's a little difficult for me to understand why a 13 year old child is old enough to be charged as an adult when he commits certain crimes. But at that age, he's not old enough to pick a place he wants to work, or to decide how much money he's willing to work for.

Young people are not happy unless they're busy. You can see evidence of that fact every day. And I guess it's most noticeable in your own family. I guess that's why toys and games and tools are all so popular. They all give kids something to do, or something to work with.

Boys, especially, like to get exercise, and they can get it working or playing ball. And either way it's good for them.

The wage and hour laws don't affect their ballplaying, but they prevent the younger ones from getting a job where they could learn a trade, earn a little money, and prepare themselves for a better life.

But our present laws don't permit that. We put them out on the street with nothing to do and lock them up when they get in trouble.

There ought to be a better way. The government should not be able to force a kid to work. It should also not be able to prevent a kid from getting a job if he wants one.

HARLAN BRIDWELL
Bridgeport Index

History tells us that Adam and Eve had the perfect marriage. He didn't have to hear about the men she would have married, and she didn't have to hear about the way his mother cooked.

BRAD TOOLEY
Canyon News

Some church-goers seem to practice "Football Christianity," according to an article in the Christ's Church Fellowship bulletin last week.

Quarterback Sneak: Church members quietly exiting the sanctuary after communion.

Draft Choice: First pick of the seats on the end pew at the back of the sanctuary.

Draw Play: What many children (and a few older folks) do with the attendance cards and song books during service.

Halftime: The period between Sunday School and worship service when the time together is half-finished, but many choose to depart.

Benchwarmers: Those who do not sing, pray, work or apparently do anything but sit.

Backfield in Motion: The habit of making two or three trips out during a 30-minute sermon.

Staying in the Pocket: What happens to a lot of money that could/should be given to the Lord's work.

Two-Minute Warning: The point at which the congregation realizes the sermon is almost over and begins to scramble for the songbooks.

Sudden Death: The preacher goes into "overtime."

Flex Defense: The ability to allow absolutely nothing said during the sermon to affect one's life.

Blitz: Getting out of the building without passing the preacher or an elder.

Halfback Option: The decision of 50% of the congregation not to

return for the Wednesday evening worship service.

SPEEDY NIEMAN
Hereford Brand

Three kids were bragging about their dads. The banker's son said his dad made \$100 an hour just sitting at a desk.

"So," answered the lawyer's kid. "My father talks for an hour and makes \$150."

"That's nothing," responded the minister's son. "My father preaches for 30 minutes and it takes eight men to collect the money."

SPEEDY NIEMAN
Hereford Brand

City

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Park Place Addition.

The Indian Springs plat change allowed for inclusion of a cul-de-sac on Cherokee Trail.

Bids for the Park Place project are expected to be ready for consideration early in January, Mike Price, city administrator, told the council.

Aldermen also reviewed and approved, with a one-word change, the policy and procedures manual of the police department.

Monday's meeting was the only one scheduled during December by the council, according to a decision reached earlier.

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BIRTHDAY PRESENT - Brady Whitaker shot this eight-point buck one day after his seventh birthday. He was hunting with grandfathers Steve McGhee and Jim Whitaker, and brother Bryan, near Brady.

LOOK WHO'S NEW

Laughlin
Amanda Michelle Laughlin was born Nov. 21 to Michael and Brenda Laughlin of Copella, Tx. She weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces. She has a brother, Matthew. Her mother is the former Brenda Cook of Iowa Park.
Grandparents are Genevieve Cook of Iowa Park, Forest G. Cook of Byers, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Laughlin of Wichita Falls.
Great-grandparents are Merine Combs of Snyder, Okla., and Maybell Cook of Mountain Park, Okla.

Deitz
Robert Allen Deitz, an eight pound, 11 ounce son was born Nov. 29 to Roberta Deitz of Iowa Park. He was 22 inches long.
He is a first child.
Grandparents are Joe and Mary Ann Deitz of Alamogordo, N.M.

RAC News
By JO LYNN COCKRUM

Bridge Results

With two tables in play, Dorothy Ward had the high score of 4790 at bridge last Wednesday. Mary Lou Alderman had the second high of 4670.
On Monday, there were also two tables. John Clapp had the high score of 4760, and Don Guthrie had the second high of 4060.

Special Thanks

We would like to thank everyone who helped make our Breakfast with Santa such a great success this year. There were approximately 100 people in attendance, the highest number we've had in several years.
Special thanks to the following volunteers who gave so graciously of their time and efforts: Tony Jordan at The Bake Shop for our breakfast, Winn-Dixie for paper goods, Wal-Mart for film, Mr. Jackson and Members of the IPHS Drama Club for the entertainment, Cryovac and Brownie Troop #4 for decorations. Also to Michélie Byrne, Cindy Lane, Beverly Noel, Robert Quick, Victor Maness, Joseph Ballard, Terry Tittel, Tabitha and Tiffany Elkins, Bo Rinehart, and Jessica Cockrum for program assistance. An extra special thank you to Buddy Ketchersid for his continued support of this program.

Free Ham

The RAC will participate in the free ham give-away sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. The

drawing will be held on Dec. 20th, so be sure to register when you are at the RAC.

Tour of Homes

This Saturday will be the day for our annual Christmas Tour of Homes. The tour will be held from 3-7 p.m. Tickets are available at the RAC office (806 N. Third), Tom Burnett Library, or from any RAC board member for a cost of \$5 each. Tickets purchased in lots of 10 or more, or for senior citizens (over 60) will be sold at \$4 each. If you would like more information on the tour, please call the RAC at 592-4471.

CUB SCOUT NEWS

Santa's coming to the RAC on Monday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m. to see everyone and to give out gifts, so you better not miss it. All kids need to bring a used toy from home, gift wrapped, so you can play a really cool game with them.

We will also be serving refreshments, so here's what each den needs to bring:
Dens 1 and 2 - One - 2 or 3 liter drink
Dens 3 and 4 - Napkins, cups, ice
Dens 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 - 2 dozen cookies or 1 bag of cookies
Don't forget that Scouting for Food will be Saturday, Dec. 14, at 10 a.m. at the RAC.
All popcorn money must be turned in at the pack meeting Monday, Dec. 16.

Nortex to host public meeting

A public meeting to receive comments and input concerning the establishment of a one-step career center in the North Texas region will be hosted at Nortex Regional Planning Commission Thursday.

Representatives from workforce training and education agencies, the planning team for the center, chief elected officials, and other groups will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the large conference room of Nortex Regional Planning Commission, located at 4309 Jacksboro Highway in Wichita Falls, to discuss an application for funds through the U.S. Department of Labor and the Texas Workforce Commission.

The grant funds will help to establish a center where individual job seekers and area employers may receive a variety of training and employment services at one location.

Services which will be available at the center include labor market information, a resource library, job training, job search seminar, adult education, unemployment insurance, in addition to other employment services.

Services will be available to residents in the 11 counties of Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Montague, Wichita, Wilbarger and Young.

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Mr. and Mrs. Zeal Gilbreath	2805 Peterson Rd. South

Admission ~ \$5 per person
\$4 each if purchased in lots of 10 or more or for senior citizens.

Free Christmas Ornaments to first 50 ticket purchasers!

Tickets available beginning December 2 at the Iowa Park RAC - 806 N. Third Tom Burnett Memorial Library or from any RAC Board Members.



11-FOR-11 - This 11-point buck was harvested by 11-year-old BJ Smith Nov. 23 in Jack County. It was his first. Wayne Hodges served as guide for the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Smith.

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Gov. George W. Bush's call for property tax relief could negatively affect funding of public education in Texas, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and House Speaker Pete Laney said last week.

Bullock compared the present funding system, in which property-rich school districts send money to property-poor districts, to a house of cards.

"You remove one card and the whole house may fall down," he said.

"Property taxes and (the school-funding formula) are joined at the brain. Any changes in one will unquestionably change the formula itself," Bullock told incoming legislators at an orientation meeting.

Laney agreed with Bullock and said he is waiting for Bush to

release a plan that can be studied and assessed.

The governor has made cutting the \$10 billion homeowners and businesses pay in school property taxes a priority for the 1997 legislative session, which will convene Jan. 14.

Sharp Calls for Cuts, Savings

State Comptroller John Sharp last week delivered his fourth Texas Performance Review report, calling for more than \$3.5 billion in taxpayer savings over the next five years.

"Once again," Sharp said, "we've scoured state government for outdated programs and new ways to save Texans money."

The report, titled "Disturbing the Peace: The Challenge of Change in Texas Government," presents 428 detailed proposals for saving taxpayers more than \$1.2 billion during the 1998-99 biennium and more than \$3.5 billion by the end of 2002.

Sharp proposed cutting 6,600 fully funded but unfilled state jobs, saving more than \$470 million during the next biennium.

He proposed cutting 1,720 current state jobs over the next two-year period through an early retirement incentive plan and other measures.

And among other proposals, he called for:

■ Abolishing the Texas Department of Commerce and shifting the agency's duties to a new non-profit public/private entity; and

■ Issuing Texans lifetime driver's licenses, with free-of-charge updates required every 12 years.

About three-quarters of the savings recommended in Sharp's previous performance reviews have been adopted by the Texas Legislature.

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NEWS OF THE IOWA PARK GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Obituaries

The Iowa Park Genealogical and Historical Society will have their Christmas party and luncheon Saturday, Dec. 14 at 12 noon at Tom Burnett Memorial Library.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the local genealogical society is welcome to attend to join in the food and fellowship.

Those attending are asked to bring two different food dishes as we will enjoy a covered dish meal. Other food and drink items will be provided. For more information call Fil Spangler at 592-2447, or Shirley Banks at 592-4511.

Christmas time is a good time to meet with friends and family members interested in genealogy. During the holidays as you gather to celebrate the season is an excellent time to share information on the family heritage and a perfect time to pick the brain of that relative that you don't have opportunity to visit with throughout the year.

Christmas cards are also an excellent way of making contact with those that might be of help in shedding some light on your families missing heritage. Christmas cards can be sent to those persons you may have corresponded with in the past.

Making contact through a Christmas card may be the stimulus to get that old friend or relative working on their family genealogy or maybe it will remind them that you are still interested in pursuing the family heritage.

You may renew an old acquaintance that just might have found that missing link to the families' heritage. It has worked well for me in the past and I look forward each year to see just benefits it might reap this year with the sending of my Christmas cards.

One thing to keep in mind is that old family members far away and maybe without kin either still alive or living in the area. Sending a Christmas card to the person might just help you get that missing link or might get you listed as the heir to receive family mementos and records as they become available.

There are several companies which have Christmas cards either of a religious or humorous nature, each type with a genealogy theme. One could hardly miss the subtle point of your Christmas card when the card itself has a genealogy theme.

Likewise, genealogy Christmas cards are unique enough to stir interest in this hobby.

I have had several acquaintances respond after receiving one of my genealogy Christmas cards with a whole wealth of new information and additional persons to contact with regard to the family heritage search.

-----Fil Spangler

Ocie Guy Hamilton

Services for Ocie Guy Hamilton, 87, of Vernon were at 10 a.m. Monday at Sullivan Funeral Home. Kelvin Hamilton officiated. Burial was in Eastview Cemetery.

Mr. Hamilton, brother of Bill Hamilton of Iowa Park, died Friday, Dec. 6, 1996, in a Plano hospital following a brief illness. Hamilton was born Sept. 1, 1909, in Bonham. He was married to Willie Catherine Gaebler June 19, 1933, in Vernon. She died Feb. 3, 1977.

He was a longtime resident of Wilbarger County where he was a carpenter and a farmer. He was a member of the Church of God and the Oddfellow Lodge.

Survivors include five sons, Louie of Sacramento, Calif., and Guy, Corkie, John and Tonto, all of Plano; one daughter, Shirley Owen of Mayview, Mo.; three other brothers, Chumie, Joe and Jay, all of Amarillo; two sisters, Alda Hart of San Diego, and Margie Close of Kaufman; 25 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren

Ruben E. Copeland Jr.

Services for Ruben Edward Copeland Jr., 61, a longtime Iowa Park resident, were at 2 p.m. Monday at Dutton Funeral Home.

Rev. Greg Hardin, pastor of First United Pentecostal Church, officiated. Burial was in Highland Cemetery.

Mr. Copeland died Friday, Dec. 6, 1996, in a Wichita Falls hospital. Born Feb. 8, 1935 in Turnertown, he was married to Unell Crampton Feb. 7, 1954, in Montague.

Copeland worked for the Toss H. Brown Estate in the oil business. He was a member of First United Pentecostal Church.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Cleatus of Keller, David of Midland and Mark of Iowa Park; four sisters, Wanzel Duggins, Juanita Lyons and Oleta Whitaker, all of Iowa Park, and Geneva Anderson of Electra; six grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Wichita Falls.

Lola Hodson

Lola Hodson, 77, died Tuesday at her home in Iowa Park.

Born Aug. 26, 1919 in Los Angeles, she was a 25-year resident of Iowa Park. She was a school teacher and homemaker, and was a former member of the Iowa Park Garden Club.

She is preceded in death by her husband, N.D. Hodson, a career Naval officer.

She is survived by three sons, Michael Hodson of Iowa Park, Jeff Hodson of Colorado Springs, and Bob Hodson of California; a daughter, Barbara Hodson of Oregon; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Opal Iva Phillips

Services for Opal Iva Phillips, 82, were at 2 p.m. Saturday at Dutton Funeral Home.

Rev. Tom Oden-Peace, pastor of First Christian Church, officiated. Burial was in Highland Cemetery.

Mrs. Phillips, a resident of Iowa Park since 1945, died Wednesday, Dec. 4, 1996, in Wichita Falls.

Born June 21, 1914, in Nowata County, Okla., she was married to Richard R. Phillips Oct. 19, 1931, in Nowata.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Nazarene faith.

Survivors include her husband; one son, Harold of Iowa Park; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Card of Thanks

God was good to us to let us have our beloved Mother and Grandmother, Verna L. Moore, for one hundred years. He called her home to be with him, and she departed from this earth to dwell forever in the portals of heaven. We wish to express our appreciation to each and everyone for the love and sympathy shown us. To the many friends who sent flowers, cards, and memorials, you will always be remembered. Special thanks to Rev. Carl Kent for the beautiful service. Joyce Hallum and Rev. Kent for the music. May God bless all of you.

The Family of Verna L. Moore
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Card of Thanks

A sincere thanks to our friends and family for their expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers, prayers and food during the loss of our father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Don M. Dudley, Sr. A personal thank you to Brother Greg, Dennis Neal, Faith Baptist Church and Dutton Funeral Home for all their support to comfort us with our loss.

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Big-school competition benefits Lady Hawks

The Iowa Park Lady Hawks, despite having to play without their leading scorer of the season, held their own in the Key City Tournament in Abilene this weekend, reaching the semifinals before being knocked into the losers bracket.

Head coach Ronda Havins felt like her team improved and played well throughout the tournament. "I thought our girls did a great job and played hard this weekend," Havins said. "This was a tough tournament with a lot of 5A schools entered, but we showed that we could play with them. Our girls learned a lot from the competition we played."

The Lady Hawks put some of what they learned to work Tuesday night as they rallied from a nine-point deficit to defeat Electra 60-57 to improve to 9-6 overall for the season.

Iowa Park led early in the Electra game at 8-6 with 5:16 remaining in the opening quarter but a 8-0 run by the Lady Tigers gave Electra the lead at 14-8 with 2:05 left in the first. The Lady Tigers were on fire in the first quarter hitting on 9 of their 13 shots from the floor while Iowa Park hit on only 4 of its 13 shots to trail 18-12 at the end of the first.

A three-pointer by Electra to start the second quarter gave the Lady Tigers their biggest lead of the night at 21-12. Electra maintained the nine-

point advantage throughout most of the period until Randi Tigrett made a pair of free throws with 40 seconds left to trim the lead to 32-25 at the half.

Trailing 40-31 with 4:53 left in the third quarter, Iowa Park started it's come back. A 12-3 run by the Lady Hawks tied the game at 43-43 with 1:08 left in the period when Alora Foster, who finished the game with 25 points, made a short jumper to pull her team even.

The two teams traded baskets and entered the fourth quarter tied at 45-45. During the Iowa Park run, the Lady Hawks turned up the defensive pressure, forcing the Lady Tigers into 12 turnovers in the third quarter alone, while on the offensive end, Iowa Park hit 10 of its 16 shots from the floor and turned the ball over only twice.

Iowa Park opened the fourth quarter with a big three-pointer by Sarah McCarty to grab a 48-45 lead. Leann Jordan followed with a short jumper to give the Lady Hawks a 50-45 lead. Jordan, who finished with 13 points in the game, scored 9 of her points in the final period. McCarty also drained another big three-pointer in the quarter and finished with 6 points in the period as they were the only players to score for Iowa Park in the final eight minutes.

Electra re-took the lead at 56-55 with 4:59 left to play before Iowa Park finished the game with a 5-1 run to seal the win.

"We didn't play very good defensively or get on the boards in the first half," said Havins. "But we did a much better job in the second half. We turned up the pressure defensively and forced them into some turnovers that helped us get back in the game. I thought Alora did a super job of keeping us in the game in the first half and I thought Sharla Hughes did a good job on defense of denying the ball."

In the Key City Tournament in Abilene, Iowa Park opened with Bel-Aire, winning 58-48. The Lady Hawks were led in scoring by Jordan, who finished with 15, Foster, who finished with 11, and Tigrett, who added 8 points. Wendy Bridwell, who is one of the leading scorers for the Lady Hawks, played only two minutes in the game before leaving with a knee injury. Bridwell also missed the Electra game.

In their second round game, the Lady Hawks squared off against Quanah, a team that they had played earlier this year. Iowa Park again played well defensively winning 35-23. Tigrett, who was named to the All-Tournament Team, led her team in scoring with 15 points followed by Kim Scobee, who finished with 6 points.

The win moved Iowa Park into the semi-finals against 5A Lubbock

Coronado. A slow start in the first quarter in which Iowa Park trailed 24-2 set the tone as the Lady Hawks fell 81-36. Tigrett led Iowa Park in scoring with 12 followed by Sarah Shook, who finished with 10.

Iowa Park squared off against Abilene Cooper in the third-place game and after trailing by 12 points at one point in the first half, rallied to take a 31-29 half-time lead, only to see it slip away after Cooper opened the third quarter with a burst and went on to win 64-50. Tigrett finished with 20 points followed by Foster with 10 and Scobee with 9 points.

"I thought we opened the tournament against Bel Aire and played our best game of the year," Havins said. "We came back and played better against Quanah than we did the first time we played them. In the Coronado game we turned the ball over 32 times, but despite the score being what it was, I thought we learned a lot from that game. We want to try and play like Coronado played and I think it gave us a lot of good experience no matter what the score was."

The Lady Hawks will travel to Seymour to take part in the Seymour Tournament this weekend as they open play against Electra Thursday morning at 8:30. Iowa Park will play then play the winner of the Albany-Munday game at Friday at 2:30 p.m. with the finals scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday night. Iowa Park will then return home to host Olney Tuesday night at 7 p.m.



ALORA FOSTER DRIVES FOR THE BASKET

Girls' JV improves to 9-2

The Iowa Park JV Lady Hawks improved to 9-2 overall for the season, going 3-1 for the week including a second-place finish in the Childress JV Tournament.

Iowa Park opened play against Wellington, winning 42-22 as the Lady Hawks used big second and third quarters to pick up the win. Iowa Park outscored Wellington 14-5 in both the second and third quarters to provide the cushion for the win. Dena Brown led Iowa Park in scoring with 16 followed by Cari Hogan with 8.

The Lady Hawks' second round game proved to be tougher as Iowa Park held on to beat Shamrock 27-25 to advance to the finals. The Lady Hawks led 15-8 at the half, then held

on to grab the win as Shamrock outscored Iowa Park 17-13 in the second half. Carrie Evans led her team in scoring with 8 points followed by Hogan, who finished with 7.

A slow start in the championship game against Childress proved to be the deciding factor as Iowa Park scored only 5 points in the first half and fell 29-20. Hogan led Iowa Park in scoring with 8, followed by Randi Nelms, who finished with 6.

Iowa Park came back strong Tuesday night against Electra winning 43-24 as Evans scored a game-high 18 points followed by Hogan, who also reached double figures with 11 points.

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