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Criminal mischief cases told

Criminal mischief complaints dominated the police blotter during the past week.

Three of five complaints registered are under investigation, while the other two were worked out between the parties involved.

A resident of Woodbriar Apartments reported a door to her unit had been damaged by her estranged husband. The damage was estimated at \$80, according to the report.

When a woman's vehicle stalled while attempting to turn off the access road at Bell, it was pushed out of the way and left Saturday night.

When she returned to get it the next morning, she found that the driver's door window had been broken, but nothing was missing from the vehicle.

Another resident at Woodbriar told police she was driving Tuesday to a business, and experienced what was initially believed to be a blow-out.

However, during inspection of the tire, it reportedly had been slashed.

Thursday, a woman told police her check book had been stolen, and forged checks had been passed at businesses both here and in Wichita Falls.

An investigation into that case is underway.

Two persons were arrested during the past week, according to the police blotter.

Elizabeth Marie Pisani, 37, was taken into custody at 2:26 a.m. Sunday, and charged with public intoxication. She was released at 10:32 a.m. after paying a fine of \$132.

When Bryan Wayne McMahon, 26, was stopped in the 100 block of South Yosemite Tuesday evening, it was determined he was driving while his license was suspended.

McMahon was transported to the county jail. His license had been suspended for failure to maintain financial liability.

Trustees have busy session

School trustees went through their business session in quick order Thursday night before going into closed session to discuss personnel, and pending litigation.

Start of the meeting was delayed because conflicting schedules and illness made it difficult to reach a quorum of board members.

Following the closed session, trustees accepted the resignation of English/Journalism teacher, Linda Wickersham, who is moving because her husband was transferred.

Beverly Terlizzi was hired to replace Mrs. Wickersham.

No action was taken on litigation involving Clensay vs. Iowa Park C.I.S.D.

Earlier, during the open session, board members approved raising the limit on the check signer, changed the date of the March board meeting, and approved use of the junior high school gym for a donkey basketball game.

It had been suggested by the district's auditing group that the check signer limit be raised from \$3,000 to \$5,000 because of higher salary checks and increased costs in bills. The \$3,000 limit had been set in the early 1980's.

Trustees voted to have their regular March meeting on the 4th instead of the 13th, because the latter date falls during the week of spring break.



THE FIRST OF TWO WEATHER-RELATED ACCIDENTS HERE TUESDAY ... occurred less than an hour after it started snowing, at Access Road and Johnson

Winter arrives early

"But winter isn't supposed to get here until Saturday," was a comment made after an "Arctic Express" struck Iowa Park Tuesday morning.

And, sure enough, winter season officially begins Saturday, according to the calendar.

But if this week's below-freezing temperatures are any indication of what is to come, some residents are wondering how bad it will be.

As it had been forecast several days in advance, the cold front arrived during the early-morning hours Tuesday, ushered in by harsh winds with gusts in excess of 40 miles per hour.

Shortly after 7 a.m., light precipitation began falling, and the first of two vehicle weather-caused accidents worked by Iowa Park police during the day was reported at 7:51.

City street crews immediately began spreading sand at intersections in an effort to prevent other wrecks. However, most of the street surfaces had cleared of any precipitation by early afternoon.

Snow, sometimes heavy, continued throughout the morning, and temperatures continued to fall. The low Wednesday morning was 17 degrees.

But the forecast indicates those temperatures weren't as low as what was coming.

The predicted low for this morning was 10 degrees, and a high of 30 today, with a gradual warming to continue through the weekend.

Chamber to honor volunteers

The theme for the Chamber of Commerce annual banquet next month will be "Volunteerism," and each volunteer organization in the community will be recognized.

That decision was reached during Monday's monthly meeting of the Chamber's board of directors.

One or more representatives of each volunteer organization will be encouraged to attend the event, and accept a certificate recognizing them for their efforts, Dale Cox, president, said.

Those recognitions will be in addition to the annual individual

acknowledgements of Outstanding Citizen of the Year, Outstanding Senior Citizen, Outstanding Educator and Outstanding Business.

One annual award, given for the Outstanding Agriculturist, is being discontinued due to a lack of both interest and participation, it was decided.

Tickets for the annual banquet, which will be held Saturday, Jan. 11, in the high school cafeteria, will be available soon, at \$10 per person in advance and \$12.50 at the door.

Nominations for the annual awards will be accepted at the

Chamber office until Monday, Jan. 6. Those nominations will be turned over to committees which will research them and make the final decisions of whom the recipients will be.

Harold Elliott, who spoke at the event a couple of years ago and prompted numerous comments from people wanting to have him back, has accepted an invitation to return this year. He is the chaplain of the Arlington Police Dept.

Another highlight of the banquet is being coordinated by Chamber officers. Numerous valuable door prizes are being contributed by member businesses, to be awarded at this year's event.

Also during Monday's business meeting, a new director was elected and leaders of two committees were named.

Scott McIntyre, manager of Wal-Mart, was elected to fulfill the unexpired term of Randall Schram. Schram had submitted his resignation, explaining he did not feel he could attend meetings on a regular basis, Cox told the board.

McIntyre's term of office is to expire in 1998.

Cox named co-chairmen of two committees: Guy Traylor and Gene Jordan for the fundraising and finance committee, and Joe Hughes

and Tommy Key for the business enhancement committee.

Commenting on the theme of this year's banquet, Cox suggested that "... we might phrase it as the Town of Friendly Living, and volunteer organizations make it happen."

NEWS BRIEFS

39 families to enjoy free hams

At least 39 families will be having ham for their Christmas meal, compliments of businesses participating in a promotion coordinated by the Iowa Park Chamber of Commerce.

That's how many businesses will

hold drawings Friday, to determine winners among those who registered for the free hams.

Winners will be notified immediately after the drawings are held at the participating firms.

Trustees in called meeting today

Iowa Park school trustees will have a special called meeting beginning at 1 p.m. today in the administration building.

After the meeting has been called to order, board members will go into

closed session in order "to visit with an attorney regarding potential litigation."

The agenda calls for action, if necessary, when the meeting reopens.

City receives sales tax rebate

The City of Iowa Park received a check in the amount of \$19,638.76 this month, reflecting sales taxes collected by local businesses during October.

That was 8.88 percent greater than the check received in December of last year, according to the state comptroller's office.

Thus far this year, sales tax re-

bates have amounted to \$267,945.66, which is an increase of 4.24 percent over the same period in 1995.

Wichita Falls is 6.71 percent above last year thus far, according to the report from Austin, and Burkburnett is 4.99 percent. But Electra is down 1.74 percent.

Holliday is 7.45 percent ahead of 1995, having received \$68,839.23.



Leader to be out in time for holidays

Because of the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays, the Leader will be observing earlier-than-usual deadlines for its next two issues.

Both holidays fall on Wednesdays, and the paper has always observed the policy of printing and distributing in time for subscribers to have their issues before, rather than after, holidays.

The issues will be printed on Mondays, instead of the usual Wednesdays, and put in the mail and on the newsstands Tuesday.

Therefore, deadlines for the next two issues, including news, classified advertising and display advertising, will be 4 p.m. on the Fridays preceding the holidays. Regular deadlines will be resumed after the next two weeks.



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Life, works of Tasha Tudor presented to 23 Study Club

Last Thursday's meeting of Twenty Three Study Club, held in the home of Margaret Soell, centered on Home Life and the Christmas Season. Frances Park and Shirley Hicks were co-hostesses.

President Wanda Singer opened the meeting with a quotation from Bob Burdette, "Find out what you want to be and do. Take off your coat and make dust in the world. The busier you are, the less harm you are apt to get into, the sweeter will be your sleep, the brighter your holidays, and the better satisfied the whole world will be with you."

Following the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag, Joyce Rentschler gave the meditation. She read the Christmas Story from the book of Luke in the Bible, and also the poem, "One Solitary Life."

Women in the Arts was presented by Helen Dale Roberts, featuring the life and works of Tasha Tudor from New England.

Mrs. Roberts, who was dressed in the plain, simple attire of a farm wife in the early part of the century in which the artist lived, presented an interesting and colorful first-person narrative account of the life of the artist.

Tasha Tudor was born in Boston in August of 1915. Her early life in Boston was very formal, but she realized at an early age that her heart was in the country, and yearned for a plainer, simpler way of life, far removed from her early years. She loved cows and chicken, and eventually realized her dream of owning her own menagerie.

Her art career was inspired by the simple lifestyle she lived, and she published some seventy-five books and illustrated many more, all re-

flecting her cherished simple way of life. During her career, she married, and raised four children.

Her work is currently on display at the Rockefeller Folk Art Center in Williamsburg, Va., where it will be displayed until May, 1997.

Mrs. Roberts displayed samples of books, illustrations, and newspaper clippings featuring the artist's work, and closed her story by presenting each member present with a greeting card featuring one of the illustrations.

Next, Patsy Todd presented a skit, "A Christmas Memory" by Truman Capote. She was assisted by Ron Brown.

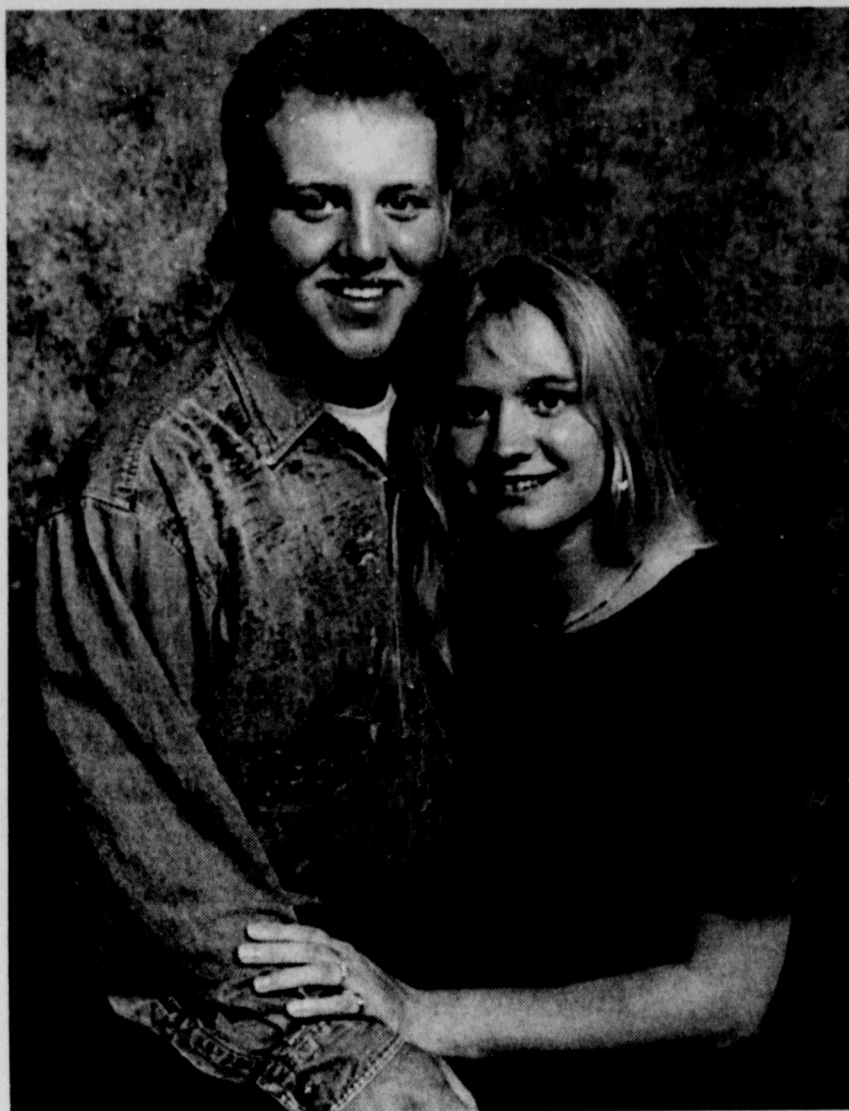
The skit was adapted from Capote's own childhood and brought back memories of simpler days gone by in the life of a young boy who lived with his older cousin. It told of their meager, yet pleasant existence, and especially all the activities of "Fruit Cake Weather" and the Christmas season.

The Federation Counselor's Report was given by Joy Belle McKinnon, and Mrs. Singer presided over a short business session.

Member's with birthdays in December were acknowledged by Norma Harrell who presented fresh cut flowers to Flossie Nunn, Helen Dale Roberts, Frances Park, and Jean Johnson.

Following refreshments, served by the hostesses, members exchanged Christmas ornaments which each had brought.

The annual tradition of furnishing cookies for the Christmas parties at Wichita Falls State Hospital was also continued, with each member bringing cookies to be delivered to the hospital.



Hally Rena Williams and Travis Lee Bever

Announce engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd D. Williams are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Hally Rena, to Travis Lee Bever, son of Mr. and Mrs. James

Bever of Iowa Park and Connie Bever of Anderson, Indiana.

The couple is planning a June wedding.

Four Iowa Parkans in Who's Who listing

Four Iowa Parkans will be among 63 students from Midwestern State Univ. who will be listed in the 1977 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities*.

Included are Christie L. Catlin, Tracy L. Catlin, Teresa L. Himes and James R. Merrick.

The students were included in the publication due to campus nominating committees that based their decisions on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

Amity Club holds Yule meeting

Amity Study Club members answered roll call by sharing memories of favorite Christmas gifts, at a recent meeting in the home of Valerie Dillard. Michellie Byrne served as co-hostess.

Cheryl York gave the meditation, reading a Christmas poem honoring Christ. She also read The Christmas Story recorded in Saint Luke.

During a brief business meeting,

a report was made on Santa's Workshop, and a fifty-dollar donation to the Christmas Lights Project was approved. The club's project for January will be rubber-soled socks for residents of Heritage Manor.

The meeting ended with a gift exchange between Secret Pals, and members enjoying a festive selection of Christmas foods.

Project receives donation

The local Toys for Tots project received a check for \$586 this week, representing a percentage of sales Saturday morning at Wal-Mart.

Wal-Mart associates chose to earmark the proceeds for Toys for Tots, according to Scott McIntyre, local manager.

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Larry George gives Garden Club program

Larry George presented a special program on Christmas for 22 members and six guests of the Iowa Park Garden Club when they met Friday at Tom Burnett Memorial Library for a luncheon.

Guests for the luncheon was a former member, Kay Cole, and Gerri Thurlo, Marian Hanes, Luther Skinner, John Clapp and Charles Seets.

George, introduced by Freddie Skinner, vice president, is the son of a club member, Frances George. He currently is the minister of University United Methodist Church in Wichita Falls.

The minister presented a heart warming program using excerpts from "The Best Presents Are Wrapped in Heaven", by Davis and Elizabeth Heller.

An example was of a mother who was taking her child to the mall, telling him "to be good to Santa because by the time he gets to you, he'll probably have a headache." He followed these by reading "Apple Tree Christmas" by Trinka Hakes Noble.

Hostesses for the meeting were members of the social committee, including Jo Gilbert, Evelyn Thompson, Aretas Spruiell, and Frances George.

They had decorated the tables with powder blue place mats and white ceramic angels on a rope-entwined silver star.

Prior to the luncheon a short business meeting was conducted by Bonnie Illingworth, president.

The committee presented for consideration the names of Freddie Skinner, president; Kim Cox, vice president; Louise Clapp, secretary; Aretas Spruiell, treasurer; and Margie Faulkner, historian. Voting will be the first meeting in January.

Pam Teplicek brought an Angel Winged Begonia for the horticulture exhibit.

Norma Fortner, chaplain, read a poem about forming friendships by James Boswell, from a book, "For A Very Special Person."

Following the business meeting members exchanged Christmas gifts.

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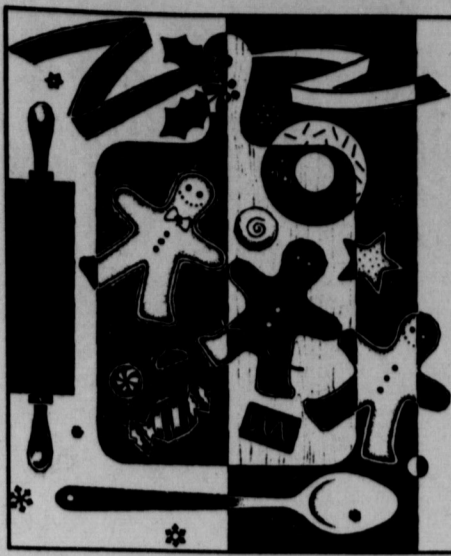
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RECIPES FOR HOLIDAY COOKING

Sweet Potato Casserole

3 cups cooked, mashed sweet potatoes
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
1/3 cup milk
1/2 cup butter or margarine

Combine above and beat with electric mixer until smooth. Spoon into a greased 1-quart shallow casserole dish.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Combine following ingredients and sprinkle over top of casserole:
1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/3 cup all-purpose flour
1/3 cup butter or margarine
1/2 cup finely chopped pecans

Bake 25-30 minutes.

Optional: After 20 minutes of baking time, you may remove from oven and sprinkle with miniature marshmallows. Then continue baking for remaining time or until melted.

Very good!

- Sherry Smith

Easy Cheese Ball

16 ozs. cream cheese, softened
1 can (12 or 16 oz.) crushed pineapple, drained
2 tps. green onion, finely chopped
2 tps. bell pepper, chopped
Salt to taste
Dash garlic powder
2 cups chopped pecans

Mix together with 1 cup nuts; form ball and chill. When chilled, roll ball in remaining nuts. (The longer it's refrigerated, the better the flavor.) Serve with Ritz crackers.

- Billie Scobee

Lemon Chess Pie

2 cups sugar
4 eggs
1/4 cup milk
2 Tbsps. melted butter
3 Tbsps. grated lemon peel
1 Tbsp. corn meal
1 Tbsp. flour
1/4 cup lemon juice

Toss together grated lemon peel, sugar, meal, and flour. Beat eggs and blend into sugar mixture. (Do not use rotary beater to blend.) Add remaining ingredients. Pour into 9-inch unbaked pie crust. Bake 30 to 40 minutes at 375 degrees.

- Linda Wynn

Million Dollar Fudge

3 pkgs. (6 oz. size) semi-sweet chocolate chips
3 large (4 1/2 oz. each) plain Hershey bars (finely chopped)
1 - 12 oz. can evaporated milk
4 1/2 cups sugar
2 tps. vanilla
1 cup stick butter or margarine (2 sticks)
1 - 7 oz. jar marshmallow creme

Optional: 1 1/2 cup chopped pecans
Combine milk, sugar and margarine in large stovetop pan. Cook until it comes to a rolling boil, then continue to boil 4 1/2 minutes. Turn off heat under pan.

Add 3 pkgs. chocolate chips, finely chopped Hershey bars, and marshmallow creme. Beat until dissolved. Add pecans and vanilla.

Pour into 2 greased 9x13 pans. Let cool. Makes 6 lbs.

- Sherry Smith

Never Fail Pie Crust

3 cups flour
1 1/4 cups shortening
1 tsp. salt
1 egg
5 Tbsps. water
1 Tbsp. vinegar

Mix flour and salt; cut in shortening until crumbly. Mix thoroughly. Beat together egg, water, and vinegar. Add together and blend. Divide dough into 4 parts. Shape into balls and roll out on floured area. This recipe makes 2 double crusts. Bake 20 minutes or until brown.

- Linda Wynn

Spicy Green Beans

2 - 16 oz. cans green beans
1 lb. Velveeta cheese
1/4 cup picante sauce (your choice of flavor)

Drain green beans and pour into medium stovetop pan. Add 1 lb. of cut-up squares of Velveeta cheese. Heat over medium heat until cheese begins to melt. Then add picante sauce and cook until cheese is melted. Remove from heat and let stand 2-3 minutes before serving.

- Sherry Smith

Toffee

1 lb. butter
2 cups sugar
2 1/2 cups finely chopped pecans
1 Tbsp. vinegar
12 Hershey bars

Melt butter, then add sugar, one cup nuts and vinegar. Boil over medium heat, stirring constantly until candy reaches 300 degrees. Pour into 2 large buttered cookie sheets. Spread thin quickly. Lay Hershey bars over top and when melted spread evenly. Sprinkle rest of the nuts over chocolate. Let cool and bread into pieces.

- Dolores Hamilton

Easy Fruit Salad

2 boxes frozen strawberries (thawed)
1 can crushed or chunk pineapple, drained
1 can peach pie filling
3 firm bananas, sliced

Options:
Nuts or coconut
Mix together well and refrigerate 1 hour before serving.

- Sherry Smith

Vanilla Cream Pie

Mix in saucepan:
2/3 cup sugar
3 Tbsps. cornstarch
1/2 tsp. salt
Stir in gradually:
3 cups milk

Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and boils. Boil 1 minute.

Remove from heat. Gradually stir at least 1/2 of hot mixture into 3 egg yolks, slightly beaten. Then blend into hot mixture in saucepan. Boil 1 minute more, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and blend in 1 tablespoon butter and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla.

Chocolate Cream Pie

Use same recipe, except increase the following:
1 1/2 cups sugar
1/2 cup cocoa

Coconut Cream Pie

Use same recipe, except fold in 3/4 cup moist shredded coconut. Sprinkle meringue topping with 1/2 cup coconut.

Meringue Topping

Beat egg whites with cream of tartar until frothy. Gradually add and beat in sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time. Beat until stiff and add flavoring. Pile onto HOT pie filling. Slightly brown in oven.

- Billie Scobee

Key Lime Macadamia Dream Pie

1 cup shortbread cookie crumbs
1/2 cup finely chopped macadamia nuts, plus 1/2 cup coarsely chopped macadamia nuts
1/4 cup sugar
5 Tbsps. butter, melted
4 egg yolks
1 - 14 oz. can sweetened condensed milk
1 - 3 oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup freshly squeezed Key lime juice (may substitute Persian limes)
1 cup heavy cream

To make crust, combine cookie crumbs, finely chopped nuts, sugar and melted butter. Press into a lightly greased 9-inch pie plate using the back of a spoon. Chill.

Using a whisk or electric mixer, combine egg yolks with condensed milk. Add cream cheese and beat until thoroughly combined. Add lime juice gradually and mix. Pour mixture into chilled crust and refrigerate overnight.

Just before serving, whip heavy cream until stiff. Spread over pie and sprinkle with coarsely chopped macadamia nuts. Makes 8 servings.

- Dolores Hamilton

Strawberry Bread

3 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. salt
1 Tbsp. cinnamon
2 cups sugar
4 eggs, slightly beaten
1 1/4 cup vegetable oil
2 cups frozen strawberries, thawed

Optional: 1 1/4 cup chopped nuts
Combine all five dry ingredients in large mixing bowl. Add remaining ingredients and mix well. Spoon into 4 greased loaf pans or 2 greased 9x5x3-inch pans. Bake at 350 degrees 1 hour. Cool in pan 5 minutes. Remove from pans and cool completely before serving.

My Mom's favorite bread.

- Sherry Smith

Helpful Hints

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- TXism: "would maggot" (tastes bad)
- a pen name for TX Sandra Brown: St. Claire
- TXism: "fence" (gossip)
- TX Crowell wrote "I Gain Control Again"
- TXism: "a hog needs a packing plant"
- Jim Creek
- player traded by Mavs to Rockets in '93
- Dallas Co. was named for this VP (init.)
- Palestine FM radio describing a great shot by 19-across (2 wds.)
- TXism: "corker"
- TX Dabney Coleman TV show: "The Maxwell Story"
- Fiesta Texas theater: Lone Star
- Pepper
- famous song about a TX town (3 wds.)
- TXism: "too irons in the fire"
- TXism: "fits like ugly on an"
- TXism: "comfortable boot"
- Cowboy zealots
- TXism: "walking drunk"
- TXism: "tall the trough" (VIP)
- Texas' has a Lone Star on it

- this Sam won '45 Dallas Open
- TXism: "chew a while" (think about)
- Mexican laborer
- TXism: "crooked as hind leg"
- Rangers traded this Robb to Marlins in '93
- "The Positively True Adventures of the Alleged Texas Cheerleader-Mom"

DOWN

- TXism: "the tooth" (aging)
- TXism: "mad as on rooster"
- "can stay under like a fish"
- Houston took a bullet in the at San Jacinto
- Rangers postponement: rain
- TX film: "A Bountiful"
- Ballinger sculpture: "The Cowboy and Horse"
- necessary auto accessory in TX
- TX outlaw Ketchum robbed these in 1890s
- Cowboy Hall of Famer Bob
- troubles
- ex-Astro Caminiti
- TX vegetable: black
- Lampasses FM
- TXism: "trapped like a possum"
- "Streets of Laredo" was a make of paper hanger
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As I See It...By Bob Hamilton



Thinking over the 65 Christmases past, the two which come to mind most often were two extremes of being memorable.

The first was Christmas of 1935. I was spending it at the farm home of my grandparents in Montague County.

There were no presents. No one expected one. It was during the great depression, and, frankly, I had never heard of a Christmas present.

But what made it memorable was the noise which awakened me. All the whoopin' and hollerin' from outside, where my father and uncles had just arrived from an all-night hunt.

They had captured a possum, had it under a wash tub, and were explaining how they had caught it in a persimmon grove.

No, it wasn't the fact that they had capped a night of hunting by capturing the critter that had them so wound up.

They had brought home fresh meat for Christmas dinner, and wouldn't have to eat chicken or salt pork that day.

Their elation was transferred to me, and the other members of the family, making that a most memorable Christmas.

The other memorable Christmas was in 1951. That was one I'd never wish for anybne.

Why? It was my first Christmas away from home or any family. I was in the Air Force, stationed in Anchorage, Alaska.

Oh, sure, I was fairly mature at that age. But, listening to Christmas music on the radio, sitting on my bunk with nothing to do, I was almost overcome with lonesomeness.

I wanted to cry. And maybe I did, but it was inside, which made it even worse.

And as I sat there, I thought about that morning at the farm, with my dad and uncles and that possum.

Two Christmases, two extremes, two memories.

WORTH QUOTING

We'll be the first to admit that we're downright wimpy when it comes to hot peppers.

We've either got weak taste buds or a tongue that is extra sensitive to hot spices of any kind.

As a matter of course, we usually order out "sissy sauce" when it comes to dips at a Mexican food restaurant.

But all our macho friends who thrive on jalapeno peppers must realize that they're at the low end of the scale when it comes to hot peppers.

Think back to the last time you bit into a jalapeno pepper. Remember how it burned? Now multiply that by 60 times and take a fast drink of water.

The king of peppers is the habanero. It's 60 times more powerful than the jalapeno.

The compound, capsaicin, is what gives peppers their heat. Now scientists have developed an objective method of measuring the capsaicin in peppers.

The system was developed by James Woodbury at Cal-Comp foods and fine-tuned by Perkin-Elmer Corp. of Norwalk, Conn. The procedure is called high pressure liquid chromatography.

Capsaicin compounds are removed from pepper extract and bombarded with light. The more light they absorb, the hotter the peppers.

The hottest pepper is the habanero, which measures up to 300,000 Scoville units. Jalapeno peppers top out at 5,000 units.

Pure capsaicin is a sizzling 15 million Scoville units. One drop diluted in 100,000 drops of water will blister the average human tongue.

Bite into a pepper that's too hot? Water is not the answer. Capsaicin is an oil which means it does not mix or dilute well in water. In fact, water worsens the discomfort by spreading the pain to other parts of your mouth and throat.

Better remedies include drinking tomato juice or milk, or eating a lemon or lime. Since capsaicin is alkaline, the acid in tomato juice, lemons and limes may counteract it.

Of course if you're like our friend Jack Nelson, who carries a bottle of Tabasco sauce around in his shirt pocket, he has his own remedy for biting into a pepper too hot. He simply eats another pepper.

If you're palat is sensitive like our's, it's much safer to stick to corn flakes or mush!
JAMES ROBERTS
Andrews County News

I want to invite some people from Austin to Wise County.

I want to show them that Wise County is in no way connected with Wichita Falls. I want them to see that we are next-door to Fort Worth. I want them to see that we are next-door to Denton, and we aren't even close to Wichita Falls.

Recently the Public Utility Commission decided to place Wise and most of Denton County into a "Wichita Falls based" area code. In the past, state legislators have tried to put us in "Wichita Falls based" legislative and congressional districts.

Wichita Falls is a nice town, but we ain't part of it. In fact my old friend Bob Hamilton, publisher of the *Iowa Park Leader*, is right next door to Wichita Falls and he doesn't like being a part of it either.

I just checked the latest population figures and Wichita County has 126,149 residents and Denton County has 309,512. Add our 40,000 to that and why don't we call it a Denton-Decatur based area code?

I know it has a lot to do with technical telephone stuff and something called the Wichita Falls "LATA" whatever that is, but if the growth is down here and not up there why doesn't the telephone company move the "LATA" down to Denton and Decatur?

Our friends at the *Denton Record-Chronicle* think the change will make folks considering moving to this area think we're off in North-west Texas somewhere, but I don't think that will happen.

The fact that there are so many new area codes being put in will probably eliminate that problem. A company that makes its decisions just on an area code will be making a serious mistake. After all, some of the most attractive sites in the Dallas area are no longer "214." Plano, Richardson, Lewisville and most of the area outside the LBJ freeway have a new "972" area code.

So Austin, why don't y'all come on up to Wise County so we can show you that in no uncertain terms we're not part of Wichita Falls. Your visit is long overdue.
ROY EATON
Wise County Messenger

"Spirit of the Plains" wins third place...

That's third place in the great state of Texas, I will remind you.

But, as good as it is to be third, we had some students who gave this year's marching contest such a huge

effort that hearts were broken when they didn't bring home the state title.

And perhaps that's not all bad either. Coach Lombardi, the famous gridiron master, was fond of saying that winning was everything. He probably was right when it came to professional sports and maybe even in collegiate competition. He was wrong when it comes to U.I.L. high school competitions.

I have been a witness to six state band competitions and I am convinced the toughest competition in any of them occurred last Monday in Mesquite. Two of the first fourteen bands were outclassed to some extent. But I was concerned and thought just getting to the finals would be a huge victory. The BHS bunch did, coming in fourth in the preliminary round. They marched again in the finals and they peaked just at the time they needed to most.

When all is said and done, one fact remains. The Texas U.I.L. Marching Band contest is big time doings and the Brownfield squad has consistently proven themselves in a pressure cooker atmosphere.

Congratulations "Spirit of the Plains." You are a dedicated group with a talented trio of instructors and a huge following of rabid supporters.
LYNN BRISENDINE
Brownfield News



Local man figures he is now 142 years of age

Iowa Parkan Roy Childers figures as how he will be 142 years of age when he celebrates his birthday Sunday, even though he was born in 1919.

Childers, who actually will be 77, has celebrated two birthdays each year since 1932. That was when he received the following document which was officially signed and sealed by a notary public in Grandfield, Okla.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
COUNTY OF TILLMAN

The Birthday of Roy Eugene Childers, coming so near the Yuletide season that its celebration is lost sight of in the midst of the Christmas festivities, I, Mrs. Benjamin H. Goodin, do, hereby, grant, and bestow upon him, my birthday, the Fifteenth Day of May, in lieu of his, that he may celebrate, uninterrupted, and in any manner he sees fit.

Mrs. Benj. H. Goodin.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of Dec. 1932

E.D. Burks

Notary Public

My commission expires Jan. 24, 1933

--Jim Rowell: "Just how tall is this guy?"

You can't miss Rowell at a GHS boys game. He's the eyesore blocking your view as he continually prowls the Pirate sideline.

He's always talking, too. Assistant coaches, players, referees and even sports writers get a dose of Rowellism if you get too close during a game.

By the way, this guy can coach... and, he's 82 inches tall.

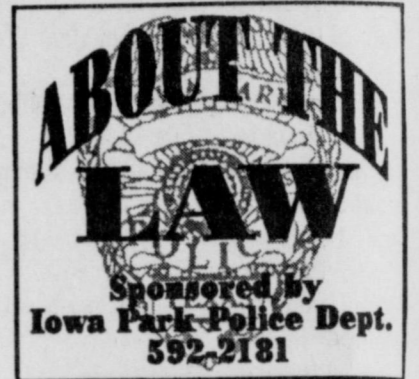
NORM PETERSEN
Hood County News
(Rowell is a graduate of Iowa Park High School)

SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

Drug Addicts, Alcoholics face cutoff in January

Under legislation that was effective on March 29, 1996, payment of benefits under Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income programs to persons whose disability is based on drug addiction and alcoholism will stop January 1, 1997.

In order to be eligible for benefits under the new law, an individual must have a disabling impairment other than drug addiction or alcoholism.




It is against City Ordinance for a person operating a truck to drive on any road, avenue or street within the city limits, unless it is a designated truck route.

This includes, but is not limited to, parking in or around residential areas.

A violation of this offense is punishable by a fine up to \$500.





Winners of our December 13 drawing are:



Judy Silvers
Charles Hensley
Bonnie Illingsworth
Jimmy Brown
Congratulations!

In observance of the Holiday season, State National Bank will hold four drawings each Friday - November 29 through December 20 - for \$25 gift certificates, redeemable at any of the participating merchants.

Enter the drawing while you are doing your banking.
Have a happy and safe holiday season!


Certificates will be redeemable at the following merchants:

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B&R Thriftway	Jack's Park Pharmacy	Poscy's Craft & Gift Shop
Burrito Kitchen	Janco Feed & Show Supples	Red River Harley-Davidson
City Cafe	L&L Machine	Scobee's Mini Mart
Food Depot	The Laundry Basket	Subway
Harvey's Restaurant	Little Red School House	Tangles
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