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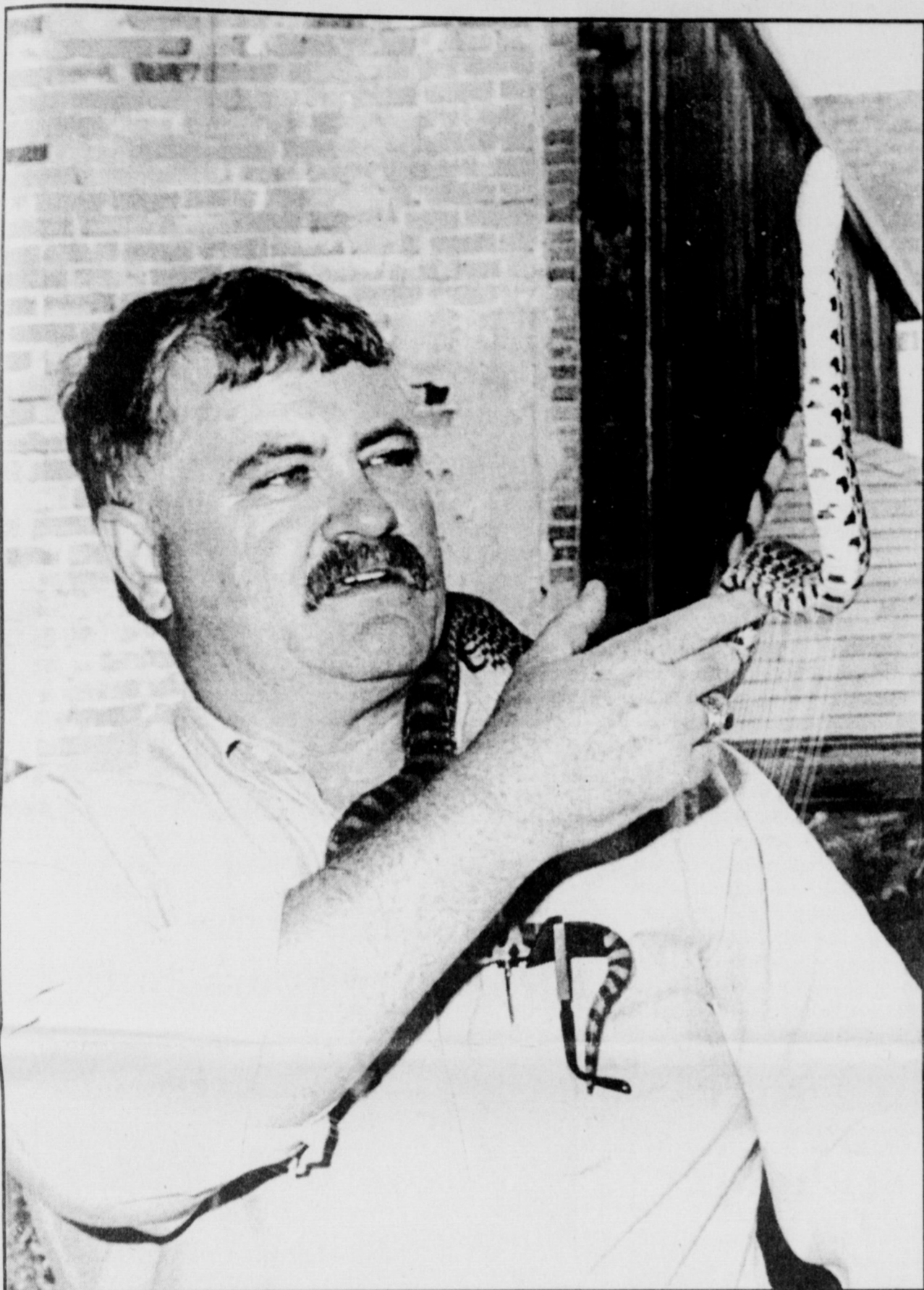


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EARTH DAY OBSERVER - Tim Hunter displays a bull snake he used throughout Tuesday for his Earth Day display in Wichita Falls. Hunter, the natural resource specialist at Sheppard AFB, told hundreds of school children about the benefit bull snakes provide around rural residences, by controlling mice and rats.

Trustees okay pool's management by city

In a called meeting Tuesday night, school trustees voted to accept the city's proposal to take over management of the jointly-owned swimming pool. The action was taken subject to the school being added as a supplement to the city's insurance policy.

Board members were told that the school's attorney had looked over the contract and said there was no problem.

Boley-Featherston, the firm which carries the school district's insurance, had also said there was no problem in that area, but they might look at the school being additional insurers on the city's policy.

The city council is expected to take action on the agreement at its regular meeting Monday night.

Following the vote on the swimming pool, school board members went into closed meeting at 7:06

p.m. to discuss "personnel matters" and "private consultation with attorney (by phone)." No action was taken when the meeting was reopened at 10:20 p.m.

After a short discussion of the Facility Task Force proposals, trustees were asked to study the recommendations and meet at a later date to

go over them more thoroughly. This would also give the board more time to see what the state is going to do on school financing.

A survey done over a year ago concluded that all four campuses in the school district are operating close

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Voters are still absent

The numbers have improved during the past week, but not by much.

As of noon Wednesday, 14 absentee ballots had been cast in the city council election, but only three in the school board election.

The previous week, those figures were five and zero, respectively.

Early voting in both the May 3 elections will conclude Tuesday. The early voting poll for the city is at city

hall, and for the school, it is at the school tax office, 1303 N. Fourth.

Three places are being voted on in both elections, but each has only one place contested.

Incumbent Mark Raby is being challenged by former alderman Bud Mercer in the city's election. Tracy Fears and Bob Hamilton drew no opponents.

In the school board's only contested race, Jeff Nolen and Wendell House are competing for the same seat at that table. Neither incumbent Martha Dudley nor Larry Dutton drew challengers.

The school's early voting poll is open from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on week days, while the city's opens at 8:30 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m.

Citizen catches vandals

An Iowa Park man did his civic duty Wednesday of last week, when he captured two juveniles who were committing criminal mischief, and turned them over to police.

The man saw the youths breaking out windows at the First Baptist Church. Despite wearing his house shoes, he ran after the boys, caught them, and drove them to the police station, according to the police report.

The boys had broken out three of the building's windows. No charges were filed when the parents agreed to pay \$50 in restitution.

Two persons were taken into custody during the week, both on outstanding warrants that had been issued locally.

John Allen Brinlee, 22, was picked up at 6:53 p.m. last Friday in the 500 block of West Highway, after it was determined he had two outstanding warrants for his arrest.

The warrants were for defective stop lamps and defective tail lamps. He was released at 8:10 p.m., after his fines amounting to \$283 were paid.

Saturday evening, Laura Ann Hall, 30, was arrested in the 1300 block of Magnolia because of two outstanding warrants, one for operating a vehicle with expired license plates and the other for failure to

maintain financial responsibility.

She was later released from the police station after signing a promise to appear May 13 in municipal court, according to the police blotter.

NEWS BRIEFS

Loud storm deposits .56 rainfall

That early-morning storm that was preceded Tuesday by loud thunder and lightning produced beneficial precipitation over the area.

Virgil Woodfin reported mea-

suring .56 of an inch in his rain gauge.

No reports were received concerning any damage from either the lightning nor high winds that were produced by the storm.

Friendly Door's 20th anniversary

The Friendly Door senior citizen center will host an open house Thursday of next week, in observance of its 20th anniversary.

The public is being invited to

visit the facility on Third Street between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., during which time cake and punch will be served.

Kindergarten count is underway

Kindergarten screening for the 1997-98 school year will be held Tuesday and Wednesday at Kidwell Elementary.

Those who have children that

will be five years old on or before Sept. 1, and have not yet signed up for screening, should contact Kidwell School office, 592-4322.

Chamber makes change in Whoop-T-Do operation

A proposed change in the operation of the annual Whoop-T-Do, designed to be more accommodating to booth operators as well as more profitable for the event's sponsor, was adopted Monday.

Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, which coordinates the Whoop-T-Do, approved the change during their regular monthly meeting on Monday.

Instead of each booth having to handle money and make change, the Chamber will have one or more booths where tickets are purchased, which would be accepted at all participating booths.

Each ticket would be purchased for 25 cents, and those tickets would be used at all booths operated by non-profit organizations. They would not be used at the arts and crafts booths, which are operated by individuals.

The new policy states: "Each organization would bring their tickets collected to the Chamber office during the following week after Whoop-T-Do for payment."

"The Chamber would multiply the number of tickets presented by 25 cents and then multiply that amount by 90 percent. This amount would be the monies given to the organization and the Chamber would keep 10 percent.

"The Chamber would forego the charging of \$25 per booth in lieu of the 10 percent."

In the past, booth sponsors were

to pay the Chamber \$25 for each booth, and then 10 percent of the proceeds above the initial \$25.

Making the recommendation were members of the Chamber's fund-raising committee, consisting of Tammie Witherspoon, Lisa Bushfield, Greg Moers, Jeff Nolen and Kenneth Via, chairman.

Besides annual dues and profits from the annual Chamber banquet, the Whoop-T-Do is a major means of financing the organization's expenses.

Other fund-raising activities suggested, but tabled for more study, included a bicycle race/ride in conjunction with the Whoop-T-Do, soliciting more arts and crafts booths to participate in Whoop-T-Do, and possibly holding a trades day in conjunction with the annual event.

Additional suggestions were to hold a raffle for one or more shopping sprees with local businesses, holding a membership drive annually during which time individual memberships were heavily promoted, and a cook-off event in the spring.

Finances have proven to be a concern of the Chamber over the past few years, which prompted the board of directors to look into additional means of raising funds.

President Dale Cox reported the annual Clean-Up Day promotion was "highly successful," and added that he had received a proposal from an individual who was willing to clean up during his daily walks.

Jim Grove, Cox said, takes an extensive walk each day. He reportedly said he would be glad to pick up trash along his route, if the Chamber would provide the bags for collection.

Cox suggested others in the community might possibly share Grove's interest.

Directors heard brief reports from city and school officials of programs they oversee.

City Administrator Mike Price told the officials of additional fire protection to be added on East Ruby, by installation of an enlarged water line and fire hydrants.

"This could possibly affect the lowering of the city's key rate (the rate factored into home insurance)," Price added.

He also mentioned the summer's street improvement projects, improvements at parks, a program which helps bring additional home construction here, and an effort to attract additional businesses.

School Superintendent Mike Caplinger said his district was facing two years of financial problems; little is known as yet concerning changes on the state level; a possibility that classes would not begin until Sept. 1 next fall, and preliminary returns on the TAAS testing indicates the results in the district could be "outstanding."



NATURAL BEAUTY - Mrs. Kenny Jones admires the wild bluebonnet flowers that adorn the spacious back yard of her home at 1611 Wagon Wheel. The state's official flower was initially planted from seed, and has spread over the area through the years, providing a natural garden setting.

Welch, Sargent are wed in candlelight ceremony

Miss Christina Kaye Welch and Patrick William Sargent were wed April 12 in a candlelight ceremony at Faith Baptist Church. Dr. Greg Ammons, pastor, officiated the double-ring vows.

The bride is the daughter of Randy and Ladena Welch of Iowa Park, and the groom is the son of Jim and Nancy Sargent of Iowa Park.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride chose a white satin gown for her wedding day.

The fitted bodice of the gown featured intricate bead work with a sweetheart neckline edged in scalloped lace.

The skirt was fashioned with tiers of delicate ruffles that flowed from a fitted waistline. She completed her attire with a fingertip illusion veil secured to a band of tiny white flowers and pearls.

She carried a bouquet formed of bluebonnets, white sweetheart rosebuds and stephanotis, with blue ribbon streamers and lace accents. Tucked into the bouquet was her great-grandmother's handkerchief, which she used for the "something old" tradition.

To complete the tradition, she chose her dress for "something new;" a penny she wore in her shoe, dated 1975, the same penny her mother wore in her shoe on her wedding day, was "something borrowed;" and the "something blue" garter.

Dusti Welch of Iowa Park attended her sister as maid of honor, and Kari Collins of Kamay was bridesmaid.

The female attendants wore identical sapphire blue floor-length sheath dresses, fashioned with wide gathered shoulder straps and a deep slit in the back of the skirt.

Each carried a bouquet formed of bluebonnets and white stephanotis with lace and blue ribbon accents.

Taylor Stucki of Kingfisher, Ok., cousin of the bride, was flower girl. She wore a petite tea-length white satin dress with a white lace overlay and lace hem. She carried a basket filled with white sweetheart rosebuds.

Danny Sargent of Iowa Park served as his brother's best man. Kraig Moniuszko of Michigan was groomsman, and Travis Goff of Wichita Falls, nephew of the groom, was ring bearer.



Mr. and Mrs. Patrick William Sargent
(Christina Kaye Welch)

Ushers were James England of Graham, brother-in-law of the groom, and Russ Goff of Wichita Falls.

The groom was attired in a black tuxedo with a tailed coat, black cummerbund and bow tie.

All other male members of the wedding party and fathers of the couple wore black tuxedos with regular coats, black cummerbunds and bow ties.

The couple exchanged vows before an altar centered with a candelabra holding burning tapers. The altar area was flanked with arrangements of mixed blue flowers.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Welch wore a sapphire blue tea-length dress embellished with a deeper blue applique design on the front of the bodice.

Ashli Thomas and Heather Dorzab, both of Iowa Park, presided at the registry table.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Fellowship Hall of the church, followed by a dinner and dance in Wichita Falls.

A three-tiered cake set atop a flowing fountain was the focal point of the reception.

The cake, iced in buttercream frosting, was separated with Grecian pillars and featured white roses and Lily of the Valley on the edging of each tier. Bluebonnets encircled the fountain. The cake was topped with puffs of tulle surrounding intertwined wedding rings.

The bride's table, covered in white with blue skirting, was edged in a garland of blue flowers and greenery. It also held crystal appointments of punch, heart-shaped chocolates and nuts.

The groom's table, covered identically to the bride's, was centered with a chocolate cake depicting his hobby, golf. It also held punch, nuts and chocolate.

Presiding at the cake tables were Regina England of Graham and Theresa Pressler of Iowa Park, sisters of the groom; and Misty and Dawn England of Graham and Vanessa Hebel of Iowa Park, nieces of the groom.

The catered barbecue dinner and dance was held at the Days Inn in Wichita Falls. The bride and groom danced their first dance as a married couple to "Keeper of the Stars."

Special guests for the wedding were Herman and Margie Moore of Enid, Ok., grandparents of the bride.

Out-of-town wedding guests were Billy and Donna Stucki, Taylor and Caitlyn of Kingfisher, Ok.; Roger and Marie Bowen of Enid, Ok.; Sam and Hazel Bowen, Rod and Maetta Roadruck, J.H. and Lucille Joiner, all of Lawton, Ok.; Jeff and Misty Thornton of Grandfield, Ok.; Linda White, Sandy David, Rachel Biggs, all of Pond Creek, Ok.; Barbara and Stephanie Liebl of Loyal, Ok.; James

and Regina England, Misty and Dawn of Graham; Mike and Gloria Sargent, Michael and Melanie Sargent of Carrollton; Anthony Crittendon of Arlington; Kraig Moniuszko and Theresa Moniuszko of Southgate Mi.; Ashli Justus and Melanie Haisler, both of Abilene; and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hogan of Graham.

Miss Welch is a graduate of Iowa Park High School and Vernon Regional Junior College. She attended Phillips Univ., and is currently attending Midwestern State Univ., working toward a bachelor of science in nursing degree. She is employed at Bethania Regional Health Care Center.

Sargent is a graduate of Iowa Park High School. He served in the United States Navy from 1988 to 1992. He is employed as a supervisor for DRS, Inc.

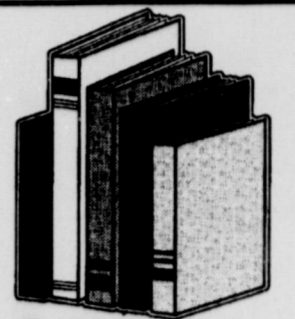
The couple are at home in Iowa Park.

Choir competes in Nashville

The Iowa Park High School ACappella Choir competed in the Opryland USA American Music Festival, held last weekend in Nashville, Tenn.

Under the direction of Debi Walters and Donna Brinlee, the choir placed second in the AA Concert Choir, competing against eight other choirs. The group performed three pieces from U.I.L. Choral Competition, where they also received a rating of One, or superior, in concert.

The American Music Festival is a three-day competition featuring more than 5,000 musicians from junior high and high school groups around the country.



LIBRARY NEWS

Book Sale

The book sale was an incredible success last week and we want to thank everyone who purchased something in our sale. However, if you were unable to get to the library last week, we are continuing the sale through Friday.

Thank You

Thank you to all the people who donated books for the sale.

New Videos

Emma
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The Incredible Dream Machine

This is the theme for this year's summer reading program. Join us on Thursday, May 29, for our annual School's Out/Summer Reading Registration party. There will be a magic show at 3 p.m. with registration to follow.

Summer reading will be held during the month of June only. Watch for additional information in the weeks to come.

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Health Notes
Vitamin D and Osteoarthritis
by Joe Hughes, R.PH
Researchers are discovering a possible link between low vitamin D intake and the progression of osteoarthritis. Vitamin D deficiency doesn't cause arthritis, but in patients who have arthritis, those who don't get enough vitamin D are about three times more likely to have progressive joint damage. Vitamin D is important for strong bones, and researchers speculate that healthy bones help stabilize the joint and slow the progression of osteoarthritis. Many elderly persons don't get enough vitamin D, especially "shut-ins" who aren't exposed to much sunlight. A multiple vitamin or vitamin D supplement, along with adequate calcium, may be appropriate for patients who don't get enough in their diet. This is extremely important for everyone to prevent osteoporosis, and it might help those with osteoarthritis, too. (from Pharmacist's Letter, Oct. 1996)
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Paula Coats and Gary Haswell

Couple to marry in July

The engagement and approaching marriage of Paula Coats and Gary Haswell is being announced this week.

Paula is the daughter of Paul and Lola Foberg of Wichita Falls, and Louis and Diane Christie of San Antonio. She is a graduate of Rider High School, and works at Supercuts in

Wichita Falls. Gary is the son of C.O. (Junior) and Betty Haswell of Iowa Park. A graduate of Iowa Park High School, he is employed by the City of Wichita Falls.

The couple plan to be married July 5, at Cowboy Church.

Club hosts annual guest day luncheon

Chaparral Baptist Assembly was scene of Twenty-Three Study Club's annual guest day luncheon Thursday, April 17.

Mrs. Lennie Sims of Wellington, speaker of the day, was introduced by Wanda Singer, club president. Theme of the meeting was "Women - A Time for History--Links of Our Legacy".

Pledge of allegiance to the American flag was led by Colleen Roberts. Helen Dale Roberts gave the meditation and invocation.

Norma Harrell acknowledged member's birthdays in April and May by presenting gold and purple irises to Patsy Todd and Ina Brown.

Following the luncheon, members and guests were entertained by the Women's Ensemble, composed of Mrs. Todd, Mrs. Singer, Mrs. Harrell, and Pat Aulds. They were

accompanied by Joyce Rentschler, pianist.

They sang a medley of favorite old songs, closing with a solo by Mrs. Todd, set to the tune of "Thanks for the Memory," with lyrics reflecting the past year's club activities.

When introducing Mrs. Sims, Mrs. Singer stated that Mrs. Sims is past president of Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, past president of GFWC South Central Region, and TFWC Chairman of the Arts for 1996-98.

The speaker's topic, "Links of Our Legacy," focused on the activities of women, past, present, and future. She gave a humorous, yet thought-provoking summary of the past, and what life may hold in store for women in the year 2000 and beyond.

Mrs. Sims gave short sketches of the lives of a number of women, past to present, who have occupied places of importance in our history.

Some of those mentioned were Evonne Davis, who founded Avon Cosmetics; Lindy Boggs, who succeeded her husband as Speaker of the House; Attorney Louise Raggio, who was instrumental in increasing legal rights of women in Texas; Nellie Connally and Lady Bird Johnson, and their continuing accomplish-

ments; Barbara Jordan; Kathryn Simmons, the first lady of color to be president of Smith College; and Eleanor Roosevelt, who was the first First Lady to fly in a plane and to hold her own press conferences.

Members and guests were reminded that Texas was the first state in the Union to ratify the Women's Suffrage Amendment. She further stated that women first came into the workplace in large numbers during World War II, when called upon to replace the men in industry who were called away to serve our country in the military services.

Women also entered the military services for the first time. They proved that women were indeed capable of handling responsibilities that were formerly strictly man's domain, and also greatly increased and strengthened volunteerism by women.

Volunteerism is expected to continue to increase in all fields, one of the most important being the welfare of children of all kinds and colors.

Mrs. Sims predicted that the so-called "Glass Ceiling" in the work-

place will be shattered in the next century, with a great many more women occupying places of importance in all phases of our lives, and with a majority of more business entrepreneurs being women. This figure is expected to reach 51 percent in the year 2000. Two important attributes, attitude and initiative will determine the future course.

Federation Counselor's report was given by Joy Bell McKinnon, who reported that the week of April 13 through 19 is National Volunteer Week, and that April 24 is National Federation Day.

She quoted a number of excerpts from the answers of women to the question, "Why are you a GFWC Volunteer?," summarizing them by stating, "Membership enables us to organize, exchange ideas, and grow."

Mrs. Singer called on each member to introduce her guests, and recognized Mrs. Lorene Jenkins and Mrs. Lorrie Taylor, who accompanied Mrs. Sims from Wellington. President Linda Crumbliss of Amity Study Club was also recognized as a special guest.

GARDENING HINTS

By MARK TERNING

Q. We are planning on putting in a few tomato plants this spring in Burkburnett. Which varieties are best for a home garden? We have heard about Merced tomato. What do you think about that variety?

A. Top tomato varieties for Texoma home gardens would have to be Celebrity and Carnival, based on several years of Extension testing right here in Wichita County. Merced is a very productive tomato variety for some gardeners, however, in our tests this variety has performed only fair. The problem may be that Merced has no nematode resistance. Nematodes are microscopic organisms in the soil that can attack and damage plant root systems. This causes the plants to become stunted and stressed and of course reduces fruit production.

You may want to try Merced in a container with a quality potting mix. In that environment the plant may produce well. Commercial growers who use fumigants to clean and sterilize the soil have great results with Merced. Fumigation of soil would eliminate nematodes. Home gardeners don't have access to any soil fumigants since Vapam was removed from the garden center shelves.

The couple plan to be married July 5, at Cowboy Church.

FRIENDLY DOOR NEWS

Birthdays - Those celebrating April Birthdays with us are: Sang Boone, Elsie Sullivan, Rodney Pete Saunders, Earle Hopkins, Nadine Mathis, Hope Smith, Bill Solomon, Dorothy Van Speybroeck, Betty Worthington, Gerta Wells, Florence Battle, Bill Guthrie, Lucille Holm, Winnie Trigg, Richard Broyles, Betty Creacy. One very special birthday - Raymond Good turned 100 years old on April 2.

Junior League. They will sing and entertain you to a fair the well. You will want to see them again and again. Friday April 25, 11 a.m.

Delicious Lunch - Served at 12 noon Monday thru Friday for a suggested donation price of \$2 for anyone 60 years old or above.

Job Opportunity - Executive Director position open at the Friendly Door, 810 N. Third Street. Apply in person - no phone calls please.

Thank You to the Red River Harley Davidson Motorcycle Club and all the riders for participating in our April Fool's Poker Run. It was a great turn out and the weather was beautiful.

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ACROSS

- bogus TX oil and gas sold in '91 telemarket
- Orbison sang "She's A Mystery"
- medicinal plant grown in the Valley
- Chico, Fenix and Paso star of film "Silkwood"
- that was shot in Dallas
- explosive used by TX oilfighter "Red" Adair
- this TX English was on Lawrence Welk show
- TXism: "it's cats and dogs"
- TXism: "got as big as Texas" (kind)
- San
- WWII book: "Texas War"
- Dublin plant uses water to wash Dr. Pepper bottles
- Forrest played Hondo on this show held at 22 across: "Texas Mardi"
- fin on Gulf sharks
- TXism: "flush" (hunting phrase)
- former Fort Worth mayor Willard
- Copperas Cove newspaper
- "Giant" star Liz was also this queen
- this Warren was in "Tough Enough" with TX Dennis Quaid
- TXism: "wouldn't know him from"
- illegal block in the back
- TXism: "it'll kill it or" (strong medicine)
- TXism: "two peas in a" (alike)
- TX Audie Murphy was a in WWII
- makes eyes at
- Chico, Fenix and Paso star of film "Silkwood"
- that was shot in Dallas
- explosive used by TX oilfighter "Red" Adair
- athletic assoc. of Mid-western State
- TX Janis Joplin sang "Blues"
- TXism: "in his ways" (inflexible)
- runs between Rusk and Palestine: Texas
- cattleman John Chisum's county
- early Fort Worth publisher Carter
- Wise Co. "Antique Auto Swap"
- this Columbus ship replica came to TX in '92
- flies into DFW
- TX convenience store: Stop
- TXism: "limp as a dish"
- TXism: "scarce as grass around"
- malicious look
- Houston space agency
- Norris has martial program in Houston
- TX Light Crust Doughboys tune: "When Round-up Time In Heaven"
- Garth tune: "What She's Doing"
- film: "Gone TX"
- this TX Dexter sang "Pistol Packin' Mama" (init.)
- TX creek: Yo Digo
- Abilene TV station
- TXism: "to snuff"
- TX inn: Quinta
- it in stone
- this Whelan starred in "San Antone"
- this Steve sang "San Antonio Girl"
- TXism: "speaks cow like a" (rancher)
- Fiesta Diez y
- Erle's lawyer (init.)
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- TXism: "sticks like a stamp"
- young'uns favorite drink
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Annual iris show Saturday



PVT. 2 GREG W. CRUMBLISS gives one of his Italian Army counterparts a chance to look at his squad automatic weapon. (Photo by Rolando Gomez)

The Benson Iris Society will present its annual flower show Saturday in Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church.

Theme of the show is "A Little Bit of Texas", with Ruth James as show chairperson. There is no admission charge.

Anyone can enter up to 15 specimens. They must have been grown by the person who enters them and they must be properly identified.

Mrs. James explained that because membership covers such a large area, the annual show alternates between Iowa Park and Quanah.

Entries will be accepted at the Fellowship Hall from 7:30 to 10:30 Saturday morning. Judging will begin at 11 a.m. and the show will be open for public viewing from 1 until 5 p.m. Exhibits are to be removed between 5 and 6 p.m.

Awards are made for quality. Only one first, one second, or one third place ribbon may be awarded to each cultivar. As many honorable mention ribbons of AIS may be awarded as merited in division I.

The AIS "Best Specimen of the Show" Rosette shall be awarded to the best specimen of the show. It is selected from Sections A, B, C, and D in Division I.

The AIS Horticultural Sweepstakes Rosette and the AIS Silver Medal shall be awarded to the exhibitor who earns the most blue ribbons in Division I. Sections A, B, C, D, E, F, and G.

The AIS Bronze Medal shall be awarded to the exhibitor winning the second highest number of blue ribbons in Division I, Sections A, B, C, D, E, F, and G.

In case of a tie for either of the AIS Horticulture Sweepstakes awards, second place ribbons will be counted, then third, then Honorable Mention in breaking the tie.

The first and second runner-up to the Best Specimen of the show shall receive the small purple rosette, Horticultural Class, Special Award.

The AIS "Section Rosette" shall be awarded to the Best Specimen in Division I, Sections A, B, C, D, E, F, and G.

The "Best Seedling of the Show" AIS rosette shall be awarded to the best seedling in Division II: Seedlings.

The "People's Choice Award" will be given to the horticultural specimen liked by the most people viewing the show from the general public. Ballots will be provided to the public as they enter the show. No registrant may vote.

The AIS "Best Arrangement of the Show" rosette shall be awarded to the best arrangement in Division III.

The AIS "Artistic Sweepstakes" in this division shall be awarded a rosette to the exhibitor winning the most blue ribbons, in this division.

The AIS "Special Award" in Division III shall be awarded to the best arrangement in each of the classes, sections A, B, C. If there is more than one first place ribbon in the class.

AIS award ribbons AIS "Special Award" rosettes and/or Benson Iris Society Trophies will be presented to entries in Divisions IV and V.

The AIS Bronze Medal shall be awarded to the Best Educational Exhibit, if merited.

The "Peoples' Choice Award" in the Artistic Division, Division III, will be given to the best arrangement exhibit receiving the most votes by the general public viewing the show.

Divisions IV and V are reserved for members of the Benson Iris Society.

The special awards will be presented immediately following the completion of judging.

A session for photographers will be scheduled between 12:45 and 1 p.m.

Annetta Reusch, vice president of the Benson Iris Society, said "The freeze damaged some of the blossoms, but everyone in the area has had the same problem, because the damage was so wide spread."

Mrs. Juanita Davis of Quanah serves as president of the Society. Peggy Shepherd is secretary, and Dr. Jackie Parker is treasurer and area 12 chairperson.

Show chairperson, Mrs. James, suggested that persons attending the flower show may want to jot down the names of the iris they especially like. The Society will have a booth at the County Fair in the fall and sell bulbs.

The Society celebrated its 27th birthday in 1996. The group meets on the first Saturday in the months of March, May, September and November in homes of the members.

Meetings begin at 12 noon with a luncheon which is followed by the business meeting and program. Visitors are welcome at all of the meetings and an open invitation is extended to all iris growers to join the Benson Iris Society.

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Crumbliss in Sardinia

By MICHAEL TOLZMANN
SARDINIA, Italy -- This island, in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea, is literally a half a world away from home, both geographically and culturally, for the son of an Iowa Park couple. Sheep and goats graze peacefully in the valleys nestled between vine-cloaked hills on this rugged Italian isle. In a nearby port village, fishermen quietly pull in the bounty from a rainbow of brightly colored boats that dot the deep turquoise blue Med.

But, this peaceful setting was temporarily shattered when American warships, Army field artillery cannons and marine amphibious landings invaded with over 5,000 soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines in the largest evacuation exercise of the year in this part of the world.

Army Pvt. 2 Greg W. Crumbliss, son of Larry and Linda Crumbliss of 1701 Quail Valley, Iowa Park, teamed up with Italian soldiers, and other U.S. forces for a week-long exercise that tested their ability to evacuate innocent civilian bystanders from a simulated hostile situation.

Crumbliss played an important role in the exercise where a force must move in, take control of a hostile situation and fly the civilians caught in the crossfire to safety on a warship waiting nearby.

"I'm an airborne paratrooper and it's our job to be ready for peace keeping missions. We're a unit that can deploy with almost no notice. I am a squad automatic weapon carrier, and an exercise like this is a good place for us to practice our skills," Crumbliss said. He is normally assigned with Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 508th Airborne Infantry Regiment in Vicenza, Italy.

Crumbliss and the soldiers spent the duration of the exercise "in the

field." When deployed, a soldier's home usually consists of only what they can carry or of what is hauled to their site. Preparing for and just getting to this exercise, transporting all their gear to an island in the middle of this sea, was no small affair.

"Our deployment process was a hectic one, but in the end, it all worked out. After all the last minute changes, we got our gear together, boarded a C-130 airplane at Aviano Air Base, and flew out over the Mediterranean Sea to Sardinia Island. Once there, we moved out to our tents and started our training," Crumbliss said.

As an American service member whose tour has him stationed and "forward deployed" overseas in Europe, regular daily life away from an exercise such as this can be challenging. And with new missions and conflicts popping up in a post-Cold War era in the European theater, life for soldiers like Crumbliss is especially challenging.

"I'm pretty new at this unit as I recently came from Fort Benning, Ga., where I completed basic training, infantry school and airborne school. Now that I'm here in the real Army, things sometimes are more stressful, but being in Italy is just great," Crumbliss said.

Being stationed in Europe gives service members an opportunity to

see and do some interesting things. Crumbliss said, "My free time is mostly filled with seeing Italy and its beautiful sights. My wife will love this place and the rest of Europe, as soon as I can get her over here."

Quiet has returned to this normally tranquil setting, but for Crumbliss and the others involved in this important test, their training here could save the lives of innocent people half a world away.

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High School honor rolls released

Honor rolls for the fifth - six weeks grading period at Iowa Park High School have been released. They include the following names:

Principal's/Elite Honor Roll:
12th Grade - Jenny Allen, Amber Beason, Heather Bensch, Nick Black, Theresa Deli, Summer DeWitt, Stacy Eiben, Shelly Evans, Camie Fischer, Shannon Gafford, Misty Gibson, Sylvia Gonzalez, Heather Goodwin, Melinda Johnson, Geri Merrick, Julia Patorska, Julie Ray, Chris Shelton, Archie Stewart, Randi Tigrett.

11th Grade - Brandi Beavers, Amber Brandt, Danielle Clynh, Jeannie Frazier, Tyler Godwin, Valerie Johnson, Leann Jordan, Nicola Kelly, Sara McCarty, Elizabeth McNeely, Christy Moore.

10th Grade - Lydia Adams, Lindsey Blackney, Danielle Grant, Cari Hogan, Stephanie Morris.

9th Grade - Tara Godwin, Jeremy Nelson, Dustin Shiery.

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12th Grade - Jenny Allen, Mindy Atchley, Catherine Balon, Amber Beason, Heather Bensch, Nick Black, Rachel Blevins, Kevin Braziel, Aubrey Cole, Theresa Deli, Summer DeWitt, Lynn Dutton, Stacy Eiben, Shelly Evans, Camie Fischer, Alora Foster, Shannon Gafford, Justin Gellner, Misty Gibson, Sylvia Gonzalez.

Also, Heather Goodwin, Brandy Holland, Ronnie Jennings, Melinda Johnson, Shonda Jordan, Agata Lubomska, Geri Merrick, Jeremy Nell, Shawn Patnode, Julia Patorska, Blake Powell, Julie Ray, Patrick Robertson, Renate Schmidt, Kim Scobee, Chris Shelton, Nikki Stevens, Archie Stewart, Randi Tigrett, Wally Wahl.

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10th Grade - Lydia Adams, Christine Baka, Lindsey Blackney, Joey Gauthier, Danielle Grant, Angela Hancock, Cari Hogan, Leya Jacobson, Melissa Marrs, Heather

Miller, Stephanie Morris, Lacey Slack, Kelly Williamson.

9th Grade - Jodi Beason, Aubrey Ehling, William Farley, Tara Godwin, Dalena Gruber, Jesse Lindenborn, Jessica Love, Heather Martin, Amber Miller, Jeremy Nelson, Lisa Nichols, Steven Pulley, Will Richter, Karen Schell, Dustin Shiery.

Single A Honor Roll
12th Grade - Dana Boyd, Melinda Bradshaw, Shaun Campbell, Ashley Cantrell, Brian Casey, Todd Cheesman, Jake Dillard, Janelle Edwards, Dusty Farr, Justin Galliton, Jose Gonzalez, Chad Graham, Jodi Henderson, Christie Hollinger, Veronica Lane, Lance Largent, Jennifer Lee, Jonathan Lytle, Amanda Maag, Samantha Mayfield, Melissa McManus, Casey McShan.

Also, Clint Myers, Hayli Myers, Shawn Phillips, Justin Pruitt, Steven Raby, Whitney Richter, Shane Robcy, Cody Russell, Kenneth Salan, Ricky Spruiell, Ronna Stowers, Brandi Swanson, Belinda Terry, Amanda Toby, Keith Trammell, Cy Turner, Laci Walburn, Amanda Walder, James Walls, Kim Williams, Lindsey Williamson, Stephanie Wilson.

11th Grade - Nathan Ables, Lisa Arredondo, Misty Beavers, Heather Bloom, Cherrie Bradberry, Brandy Burditt, Karen Burgoyne, Jonathan Clubb, Kristen Cooper, Jeremy Cribbs, Amanda Davis, Jeremy Dorzab, Steven Fox, Calvin Galliton, Stephen Gannon, Jamie George, Jamie Gholson, Crystal Gilbreath, Brandi Harris, Michael Hayes, Deelynn Herder, Kevin Hoover, Sharla Hughes, Ky Hunter, Jodi Hunter, Kevin Hunter.

Also, Sarah Kaspar, Kylie Kerr, Thomas Kingcade, Jeremiah Love, Brandon McLemore, Rochelle Morath, Becky Petty, Richelle Prisock, Bambi Pryor, Sarah Shook, Stacy Smith, Justin Spurgers, Michael Swenson, Kim Taylor, Carmen Tidwell, Ashley Todd, Bo Vernon, Amber Wheeler, Alana Wiese, Katy Williamson, Shala Womack, Bodie Yarbrough, Todd Yeager.

10th Grade - Amanda Arp, Jessica Ashley, Chad Bauer, Benn Bennett, Dena Brown, Carla Campbell, Alisha Clements, Ross Dillard, Lacy Downs, Mark Dreher, Kim Elder, Amanda Gentry,

Stephanie Gideon, Teri Goin, Vanessa Hebel, Dustin Hicks, Jennifer Jensen, Amanda Lee, Corrie Lee, Heather Little, Lindie Lovelady, Kim Lovell, Bryan Lyons.

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9th Grade - Corlissa Adams, Kristal Black, Marvin Bohannon, Jessica Cockrum, Erin Foster, Karlee Gilmore, Shannon Green, Crystal Hoffman, Krysha Hoover, Megan Horton, Jessica Joplin, Amanda Kingcade, Christy Landers, Eric Martin, Kevin McShan, Janis Potter, Dayna Scroggins, Meagan Smith, Jeremiah Stevens, Tama Swan, Kristy Tucker, Jacqueline Widlake, James Williams.

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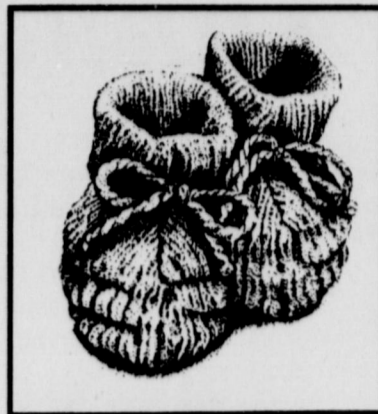
THURSDAY, April 24
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FRIDAY, April 25
Lunch - Spaghetti pie, broccoli, carrots, garlic toast, peanut butter Blossom cookies, milk.

MONDAY, April 28
Lunch - Bar-b-cue on bun, baked beans, carrot slaw, sweet relish, fresh fruit salad w/topping, milk.

TUESDAY, April 29
Lunch - Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, winter mix vegetables, cranberry surprise salad, hot rolls, peanut butter Rice Krispies squares, milk.

WEDNESDAY, April 30
Lunch - Meatloaf, parsleyed new potatoes, copper pennies, hot rolls, strawberry shortcake, milk.



LOOK WHO'S NEW

Stone
Steve and Lisa Stone of Wichita Falls are the parents of a son, Austin Noel, born April 9, weighing eight pounds, 14 ounces. He was 20 inches long. His mother is the former Lisa Yeakley of Iowa Park.

Grandparents are Alton and Beverly Yeakley of Iowa Park.

Yeakley
A daughter, Rachel Lauren, was born Feb. 24 to Jay and Beth Yeakley of Wichita Falls. She weighed six pounds, 13 ounces, and was 20 1/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Alton and Beverly Yeakley of Iowa Park.

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Spring revival slated at First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church will be holding Spring Revival Services at 12 noon and 7 p.m., April 27 through 30.

Dr. J. Richard Maples of Arlington will be leading the services, and W. Elmo Mercer of Nashville, Tn. will lead the music.

Dr. Maples is currently serving as the Coordinator/Minister of Church Relations for the Baptist General Convention of Texas. He received his Bachelor of Divinity Degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, and his doctorate from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C.

His service includes pastorates in Abilene, Texas City, El Paso, Bryan, and Waynesville, N.C. He has also served on the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Board of Trustees at Hardin-Simmons University and East Texas Baptist University.

Mercer will be joined by his wife, Marcia, in presenting special music at each service. He has composed more than 1,600 gospel songs and arranged thousands more. He has compiled and edited more than 200 gospel song books and his choral book,

"Crusade Choir Volume One," sold over 500,000 copies in 22 years.

Mercer has been called one of the "most dominating forces in gospel music today." Mercer has been a member of the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers since 1957 and has received 25 annual awards for outstanding work. He has served as pianist for Park Avenue Baptist in Nashville since 1965.

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