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Students recognized

The valedictorian and salutatorian of this year's Iowa Park High School graduating class are Heather Goodwin and Silvia Gonzalez, respectively.

That announcement was made during Tuesday night's annual honors recognition program, held in the school's auditorium.

A highlight of every year's program is the announcement of scholarships being awarded and their recipients. There were 27 scholarships announced Tuesday.

Additionally, the Best All Around Girl and Boy, chosen by the school's faculty, were named. The two this year are Randi Tigrett and Jake Dillard.

The other top 12 graduates in scholastics included, in the order of third through 12, were Heather Bensch, Randi Tigrett, Lori Wiggins, Theresa Deli, Ronna Stowers, Alora Foster, Amber Beason, Shannon Gafford, Justin Pruitt and Dana Boyd.

Scholarships awarded, and their sponsors, included: Wal-Mart - Heather Goodwin;

Iowa Park Lions Club - Jonathan Lytle, Lynn Dutton, Kim Scobee, Shannon Gafford, Shonda Jordan; Rotary Club - Silvia Gonzalez, Amy Smith; ATPE - Brandy Holland; David Ross Memorial - Jake Dillard; Rusty Price Memorial - Silvia Gonzalez; National Honor Society - Jake Dillard, Randi Tigrett; Golf Scholarship - Shannon Gafford; Wichita County Young Farmers Memorial Scholarship - Janelle Edwards.

Others receiving scholarships included Ricky Spruiell, Amanda Frazier, Jennifer Lee, Heather Goodwin, Lori Wiggins, Geri Merrick, Justin Pruitt, Randi Tigrett, Melinda Johnson, Heather Bensch, Steven Raby and Lance Largent.

Additionally during the evening's program were the annual announcements of Who's Who awards, UIL letter jackets and UIL academic patches.



HEATHER GOODWIN AND SILVIA GONZALEZ
... Class of '97 Valedictorian, Salutatorian

NEWS BRIEFS

Pet shot clinic set Saturday

The annual pet shot clinic will be held Saturday by the Future Farmers of America chapter members.

Students will be assisting in handling the animals for representatives from the Fellhauer and Morris Veterinary Clinic.

The clinic will be open from 9

a.m. until 1 p.m., at the Vocational Agriculture Building, on the corner of West Highway and Johnson Road.

Shots available will be for rabies, parvo, feline leukemia, and others, with the cost depending on the shots requested. Additionally, free consultation will be available.

Monday deadline for sub sale

Iowa Park Junior High band students will continue selling subscriptions to the *Iowa Park Leader* through Monday, according to Ed Hefti, the director.

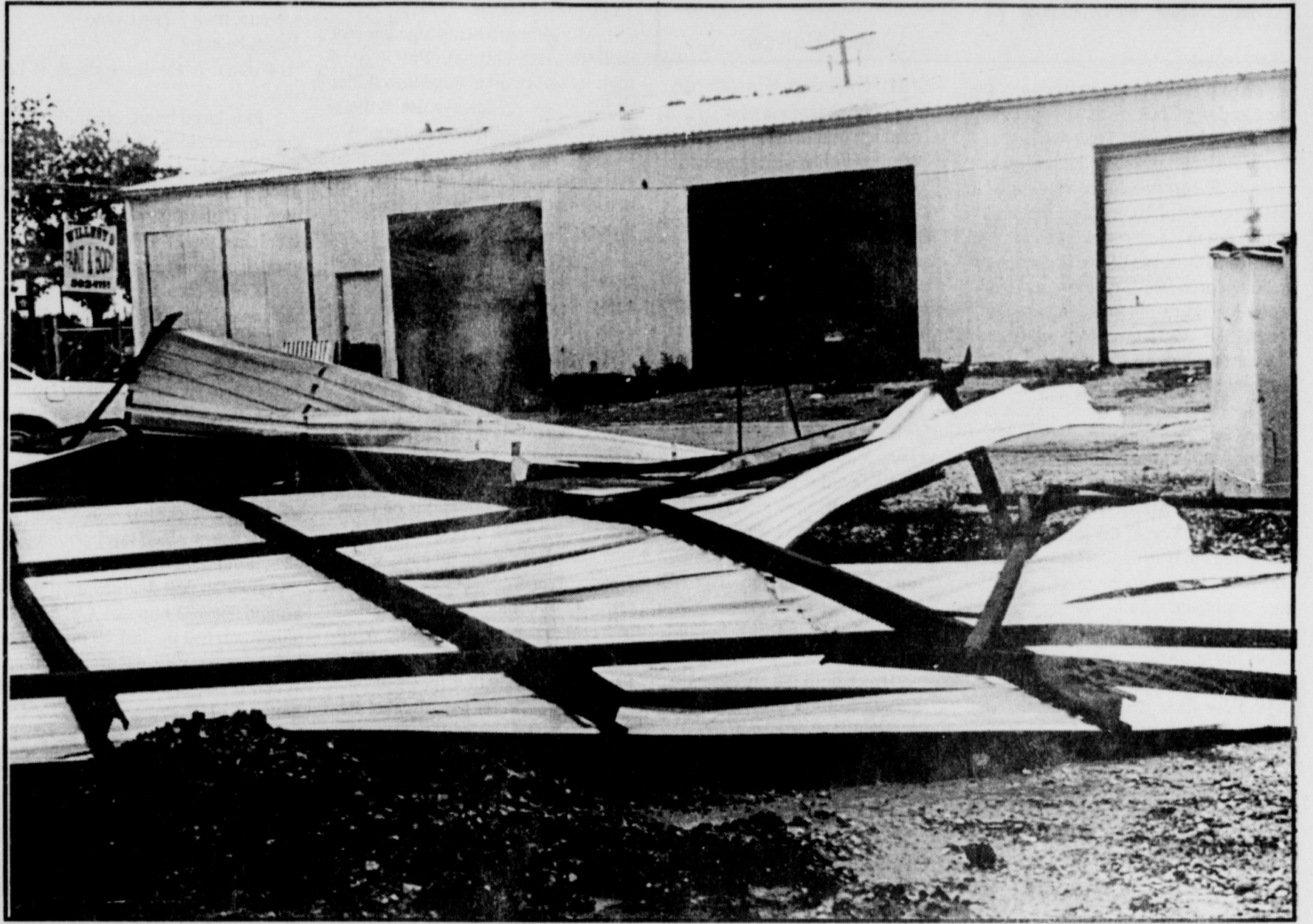
Members of the band have for the past number of years sold the subscriptions as a fund-raising project. Their proceeds this year will be

donated to the Recreational Activities Club. Last year, they presented \$1,018 to the Friendly Door.

Additionally, individuals will be competing for one of three awards, including the student who sells the most subscriptions, most new and most renewal subscriptions.

The sale began last Thursday.

Does Your Subscription to the Leader
expire this month?
Check the list on page 4.



MOST SERIOUSLY DAMAGED STRUCTURE IN IOWA PARK WAS JAMES GARAGE

Storm pounds area Thursday

A storm containing extremely high winds and heavy rain struck Iowa Park shortly before 7 p.m. Thursday, leaving in its wake fallen power lines, broken tree branches, and damage to numerous structures.

While no equipment was available to measure the wind speeds, residents estimated they were between 80 and 90 miles per hour, based on the horizontal angle of the rain.

Sam Hunter reported he measured 3.8 inches in his gauge across the street from city hall, and Jimmy Banks, who lives at Bell and FM 367, measured 4.8 inches.

Virgil Woodfin, who regularly reports rainfall measurements, was unable to catch any rain that day, however. His gauge, which is an official U.S. Weather Bureau instrument salvaged from the Experiment

Farm when it closed, was blown over by the high winds.

The police radio dispatcher called out at 7:21 p.m. for all emergency personnel, including police, volunteer firemen, and representatives of TU Electric and Southwestern Bell Telephone, to respond to damaged areas.

Their work primarily was to clear roadways of fallen wires and poles, as well as limbs and various types of debris that were blocking roadways.

The mobile home of Claudine Johnston, which was located on FM 367, was virtually destroyed by the winds.

Both because of that damage, and the May 8 death of her husband, Melvin, friends and neighbors have opened a special account for her assistance at State National Bank.

Residents wishing to donate to that cause can do so by making deposits to the Claudine Johnston Donation Account. Deposits can also be mailed to Box 878, Iowa Park.

Two businesses sustained heavy damage from the storm, including Billy James Garage and Body Shop, and Dollar General.

Besides tearing away a 35-foot metal awning and blowing it across the street to the south, sections of James' shop roof were blown away and his office damaged by water.

The city was notified assistance was needed that evening at Dollar General, where about a quarter of the roof was blown off and merchandise damaged by rising water inside the building.

Trees throughout the city were

damaged by the high winds, including a 60-foot tree being toppled in the 700 block of Coleman.

But the storm uncovered a different problem in the back yard of Sue Gwinn, at 704 E. Pacific.

A long-covered well, over which she had walked and mowed her lawn, apparently had its cover washed into its depths. The opening was about 18 inches in diameter.

No flooding of homes was reported from any point in the city, but gravel was washed onto paved street from alley ways throughout the city, by the rushing water.

Many parts of the city were without electric power for as much as 13 hours. That included the police station, which had to press into service its electric generator in order to continue operating.

Trustees hold candlelight meeting

Kerosene lamps and flashlights provided the only illumination Thursday night for the swearing in of newly-elected school trustees.

Winds in the powerful storm that moved into Iowa Park that evening knocked out power in portions of the city, including the junior high school where the school board was meeting.

The meeting was moved from the library into the main hall where kerosene lamps were placed on a table for lighting, and some personnel used flashlights.

Rainsoaked members of the powerlifting team and junior high speech team, who had competed in state level competition, were recognized by the board for their accomplishments.

Using a flashlight to read the names, Board President Keith Fisher recognized each team member individually, as well as their coach and teacher.

Keith and Wendy Meadows, who were unable to be at the meeting, were given recognition for their work on the high school greenhouse.

After the votes were canvassed, newly-elected board members Martha Dudley, Larry Dutton, and Wendall House were administered the oath of office.

Keith Fisher was re-elected

president of the board; Dennis Yeager, vice president; and Martha Dudley, secretary.

Following a closed session, trustees voted unanimously to hire Sharon Powell as the district's Business Manager for the 1997-98 school year. In this capacity, Mrs. Powell will be assuming some of the responsibilities of retiring Assistant Superintendent Robert Palmer.

Allen Shewmake, tax collector for the city and school district, has agreed to also be director of operations for transportation and food service.

The board also accepted a letter of resignation from Janna Monday, junior high English teacher. Mrs. Monday will be moving to Pampa to join her husband, Dr. Derrell Monday, in his new ministry.

During the open session, Allen Shewmake presented the transportation and cafeteria reports. He said he was concerned with the age of the district's bus fleet. Shewmake suggested the purchase of two new buses through a lease-purchase agreement.

After giving the energy report, Ron Woods said that as a man working to conserve energy, he was extremely pleased with the use of kerosene lamps for lighting.

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ALLEN SHEWMAKE AND SHARON POWELL

Cook of the Week



Joyce Hallum

Joyce Hallum has been a fan of the *Leader's* Cook of the Week column for a long time. Since we began featuring local cooks and their recipes, around 25 years ago, Joyce has clipped out the cook's picture and recipes and kept them in a scrapbook.

Joyce was one of the first cooks to be featured in this column, and has agreed to do us the honor again this week. She said her recipes are ones she carries around in her head, and wrote them down for us to use.

Joyce is a member of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, where she is a Senior Adult Sunday School teacher, song leader, and president of the Ladies Women's Mission Circle.

She said one of the most important things in her life is visiting nursing homes and singing, then seeing the residents' smiles as they sing along. Joyce said Brother Carl Kent takes his accordion and they sing at many nursing homes in the area. She especially likes to go to the local nursing home where she has known many of the residents for over 50 years.

Joyce said, "these little old people can really lift your spirits with their handshakes, smiles, or even a kiss on the cheek."

Then she said, "Oops... look who's calling these little people old." "Oh well," she said, "you're just as old as you feel, and to go around to these nursing homes is keeping me feeling younger than my 73 years."

Joyce has an interesting hobby of collecting picture post cards. She has some that were written to her mother back in the early 1930's. Also, she has continued adding to her late husband Donald's collection of writing pens from different companies and states.

Joyce has two children, Donald (Poncho) Hallum of Burleson, and Joy Carolyn Lyons of Iowa Park.

Her five grandchildren are Donna Amburn, Charlotte Cook, and Diana Lyons, all of Iowa Park, and Melissa Plentl and Grady Hallum, who live in Burleson. She has two great-granddaughters, Aricelle Cook and Carolyn Jo Amburn, both of Iowa Park.

Potato Sausage Casserole

6 med. potatoes (cut into 1/4" slices)
1 large onion (cut in med. thin slices)
1 lb. smoked Polish sausage (cut into 1/4" slices)
1 small can mushroom pieces (opt.)
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 can cream of chicken soup
1 can sweet milk
1 tsp. crushed garlic or 3 chopped fresh garlic buds
Black pepper and very little salt
1 cup grated cheese

Into 9x13" pan layer first 4 items. Empty cream soups and milk into a saucepan, adding the garlic, pepper & salt. Just heat until all are mixed together real well, then remove from burner and pour over first ingredients.

Bake in 350 degree oven 45 minutes or until potatoes are done (test with prick of a fork). Sprinkle the one cup of cheese on top and return to oven until the cheese melts.

This is a good dish to take to church/fellowship gatherings. I never have any to bring home, which pleases me.

Rice

Bring 2 cups water and a little salt to a boil. Add 2/3 cups rice, bring back to a boil, then lower flame as low as it will go and cook covered 20 to 25 minutes. Remove from stove and fluff with fork.

Good Chili, Pinto Beans

2 1/2 cups pinto beans
Wash and soak overnight in refrigerator. Cook 1 1/2 hours on med. heat.

1 1/4 lb. hamburger meat
1 med. onion, chopped
2 Tbps. chili powder (or more to suit taste)

Salt and black pepper to suit taste
I like to add some garlic powder also

In a skillet, lightly brown hamburger meat with onion and seasonings added. Add mixture to the beans and cook on low to med. heat 2 hours. (I always add very hot water when needed.) This makes the bean soup thicker.

Instead of hamburger meat, I also cook beans, adding smoked sauce, chopped onion, or even sausage or hot links.

My Special Corn Bread

What makes beans complete is cornbread!
1 1/2 cups corn meal
2/3 cups flour
2 eggs, beaten
1 1/8 cup sweet milk
3 level tsps. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
1/4 cup oil
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 cup grated cheese

Mix all ingredients together real well (except cheese). Put 2 or 3 tablespoons of oil in large iron skillet or 9x13" pan. (I always use skillet.) Heat, remove from heat and pour 1/2 mixture into pan. Add cheese, then top with rest of mixture. Put into 400 degree oven and cook until a golden brown.

I always cook rice when I cook beans, and with the cornbread and a salad, you have a good meal.

Angel Food Cake Delight

1 angel food cake (store bought or made from mix). Slice into two layers. Put one layer in large bowl or a punch bowl.

1 large pkg. sugar free strawberry jello. Prepare by directions on package and set aside to cool.

On top of the slice of cake, spread 1 pint of fresh, sliced strawberries, one half of cooled jello, and one half of medium carton of Lite Cool Whip. Top this with other slice of cake. Prick cake top with a fork and pour remaining jello on top of cake. Refrigerate overnight and, before serving, spread with remaining Cool Whip.

Can substitute with peach sugar-free jello, with 1 can sugar-free peach slices, or can of sugar free mixed fruit, or even fruit cocktail.

I make this for our church fellowship gatherings and it's not only

for the diabetics, but enjoyed by everyone.

My Special Herb-Yeast Bread

3 cups white flour
1 1/4 cups wheat flour
2 pkgs. rapid-rise yeast
3 Tbps. sugar
1 1/2 tsps. salt
3/4 tsp. thyme
3/4 tsp. oregano
1 1/2 tsp. sage
3/4 tsp. basil
3/4 cup milk
1/2 cup water
1/4 cup, plus 1 Tbsp. oleo
1 egg, beaten
Additional herbs for garnish if desired


In a large bowl, combine 1 1/2 cups of the flour, sugar, undissolved yeast, salt, and herbs. Heat together milk, water and oleo until warm and oleo is melted. Stir into the dry ingredients, then stir in beaten egg and enough of flour to make a soft dough.

Knead on a lightly floured surface until smooth - about 4 to 6 minutes. Cover and let rest on floured surface 10 minutes. Divide dough into 3 equal pieces and roll each piece into a 30-inch rope. Braid them together and pinch ends together; shape into a round donut. Place on a greased baking sheet (I use my pizza pan or my large iron skillet). Cover and let rise in warm place until doubled in size, around 40 minutes to an hour.

Bake at 350 degrees until done, around 30 to 35 minutes. Cover with aluminum foil the last 10 minutes of baking to prevent excess browning. When done, brush top with melted butter or oleo.

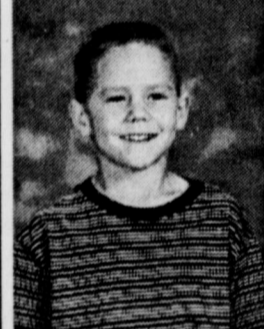
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Bicycle safety a must

The arrival of warm weather brings out the bicycle enthusiasts, especially children.

Although riding a bike is a great form of exercise for people of all ages, "safety first" should always be practiced.

According to Dr. John Podgore, department of pediatrics at the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth, wearing a helmet decreases the intensity of bicycle-related injuries, in the same way that wearing a seatbelt decreases the intensity of car accidents.

The increasing number of statistics on bicycle accidents is alarming. Approximately 85 percent of head injuries from bicycle-related incidents could have been avoided if the rider had been wearing a bicycle helmet at the time of the crash.

For children, 2,200 of them sustained permanent disabilities from bike injuries that affect their ability to function. Use of bike helmets by children ages four to 15 would prevent 1,200 to 1,700 of these permanently disabling injuries.

Young riders and parents do not appreciate the need of wearing helmets, and although many local cities have passed bicycle helmet laws, helmets are still considered a fashion hazard rather than a safety appliance. Helmets should always be regarded as the primary injury prevention measure for reducing all injuries to riders, Dr. Podgore said.

So who needs helmets? Adults, teenagers, children, toddlers -- yes, even toddlers on their tricycles. A child of any age needs head protection while riding.

"Bring your child and the child's helmet to a pediatrician for advice. A

child's helmet needs to be a certain size, weight, and shape and must be properly ventilated," advises Dr. Podgore. "The size of a child's head varies in shape and size, so pay close attention to fit -- if the helmet does not fit, it will not be there when you need it."

But will your child wear the helmet?

Yes, explains Dr. Podgore, if other children use them, if the child's parents wear them, and if the teacher at school mentions how beneficial helmets are, your child may decide a helmet is good to wear. And when purchasing one, make sure your child's helmet is a bright color for visibility.

Bicycle riders always need a helmet whenever riding. Dr. Podgore advises, "All cyclists crash eventually, and even a low-speed fall on a bike path can scramble a rider's senses. Take the time to take responsibility for yourself and your children. And enjoy the outdoors with a bike ride that's healthy and safe."

Iowa Parkans among Who's Who selections

Three Iowa Parkans are among 46 students from Vernon Regional Junior College who have been selected for the 1997 issue of *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges*.

They are Rhonda L. Corbell, Sandra Lee and Mary Gail McIlroy.

Campus nominating committees have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

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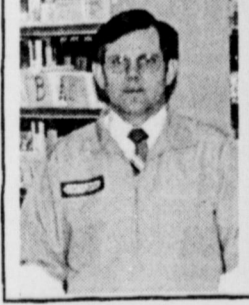
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Health Notes
Latex Allergy
by Joe Hughes, R.P.H.



Allergists are expanding their efforts to alert the public, especially health care workers, about the growing problem of sensitivity to latex rubber. Latex is the milky sap from rubber trees. Proteins in the latex can cause allergic reactions, especially after repeated exposures. Reactions can range from hives and itching to serious, although rare, instances of anaphylactic shock. The wide-spread use of latex in gloves and other medical devices is believed to have prompted the increased sensitivity, which may affect more than 6% of the population. Powder, which is often placed in latex gloves as a comfort measure, can produce airborne latex particles that may increase the risk of causing sensitization. Powder-free gloves may be better. Latex is also present in many products such as toys, bathing suits, storage bags, condoms, bandages, baby bottle nipples, etc. People who are sensitive to latex may also react to certain foods - such as bananas, avocados, kiwi, and chestnuts.

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Bobbie Shaw to preside at state ESA convention

State President Bobbie Shaw will be presiding over the 48th Epsilon Sigma Alpha Texas State Convention, being held today through Sunday at the Green Oaks Park Inn in Fort Worth.

The convention is being hosted by District VI. The Friday morning opening ceremonies will include a welcome by Mary Lynn Boyd, District VI president and official convention hostess, and a welcome by Fort Worth Mayor, Ken Barr. Convention co-chairmen are Joyce Hardin and June McCallum.

Mrs. Shaw's overall theme for the convention is "A Time for Spinning Memories."

Activities include general assemblies, workshops, an awards

luncheon, and an installation ceremony and banquet.

During the awards luncheon, awards will be presented to chapters for Education Program, Rush Outlines, Yearbook, History, Scrapbook, and Service.

Installation of 1997-98 officers, and presentation of the Outstanding ESA'ers for 1996-97 will highlight the Saturday evening banquet.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday morning. During the final general assembly on Sunday, Service Pin ceremonies will be conducted, and Fifth & Sixth Degree Pallas Athene presentations will be made by Bobbie Shaw, outgoing Texas State President, and Virginia Clagett, IC Rep.



Brandie Lyn East and Donald Wade Givens

Wedding plans revealed

Wedding vows for Brandie Lyn East of Iowa Park and Donald Wade Givens of Wichita Falls will be solemnized Saturday, May 17 at 4 p.m. in the Lakeview Church of God.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Judy Ralston of Iowa Park and Charles East of Wichita Falls. The groom-elect's parents are Betty Tate of El Reno, Okla., and Donald Givens of Wichita Falls.

Miss East is a graduate of Iowa

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Garden Club provides trees for school project

Bonnie Illingworth, president, presided at a brief business meeting when Iowa Park Garden Club members met at the RAC Friday.

Three Bradford Pear trees were planted May 8 at the club's Arbor Day's planting. They were included in the landscaping project at the Junior High School. This is a project by Ricky Ashton, grandson of Jimmie Ashton, a member of the club. Ricky is doing this project to earn a badge in Boy Scouts.

When the club purchased two of the trees, one was donated by Shade Tree Nursery and Landscaping.

Members were reminded of and urged to attend the Memorial Day program to be held at the gazebo at Highland Cemetery.

Following the business session a car pool was formed for a trip to a Wichita Falls nursery. Paul Dowlearn owner of the nursery, took the group on a tour of the facility and presented a program on "Landscaping with Native Plants."

He showed many wildflowers that are native to West Texas and

suggested these would be more practical in local landscapes than using those native to East Texas.

Following the presentation, 18 members and two guests went to Garcias for a Mexican luncheon.

The next meeting will be held May 23, when members will meet at the Women's Forum for a luncheon and installation of officers.

Art group has meeting in Chamber building

The Iowa Park Arts and Crafts Association held their May meeting, Tuesday night, in the Chamber of Commerce building.

Sheri Heidrich instructed the group on how to make bird baths for home decor.

During the business meeting, President Sheri Kennedy read a note from Project Graduation thanking the group for its donation.

The door prize, a lace angel made by Martha Dudley, was won by Sheri Kennedy.

RAC News

By JO LYNN COCKRUM

Bridge Results

There were two tables played at bridge on Monday and last Wednesday.

High scores for Wednesday, May 7, were Amy Conley with 5870, and Polly Hoobler with 3740.

High scores on Monday were Amy Conley with 6630 and Betty Dyer with 5880.

Thank You

The RAC would like to thank Tom Moore for volunteer work done repairing broken tables for us.

Notice to nonprofits

All non profit groups who meet at the RAC are reminded that we will need to know your plans for summer as soon as possible. If you will not be meeting at the RAC during the summer, please pick up your deposit checks from the RAC office.

Babysitting Class

The RAC and the American Red Cross will offer a babysitting course on May 22 and 23 from 6-9 p.m. The course is open to all students and adult over the age of 10, at a cost of \$27.50 per person. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call 592-4471.

Upcoming Classes

Signups have begun for the following classes to be scheduled during June - dog obedience, lawn care, CPR/1st aid, and food handler's certification. Persons interested in any of these classes should call the RAC at 592-4471.

Summer Youth Program

The RAC will offer a daily program for students ages four through eleven this summer. The program will be from 8:00 a.m. to noon, Monday thru Friday. Cost will be \$2 per day plus a summer membership fee of \$5. Junior high and high school students who would like to volunteer as summer assistants are urged to contact Jo Lynn at 592-4471 as soon as possible.

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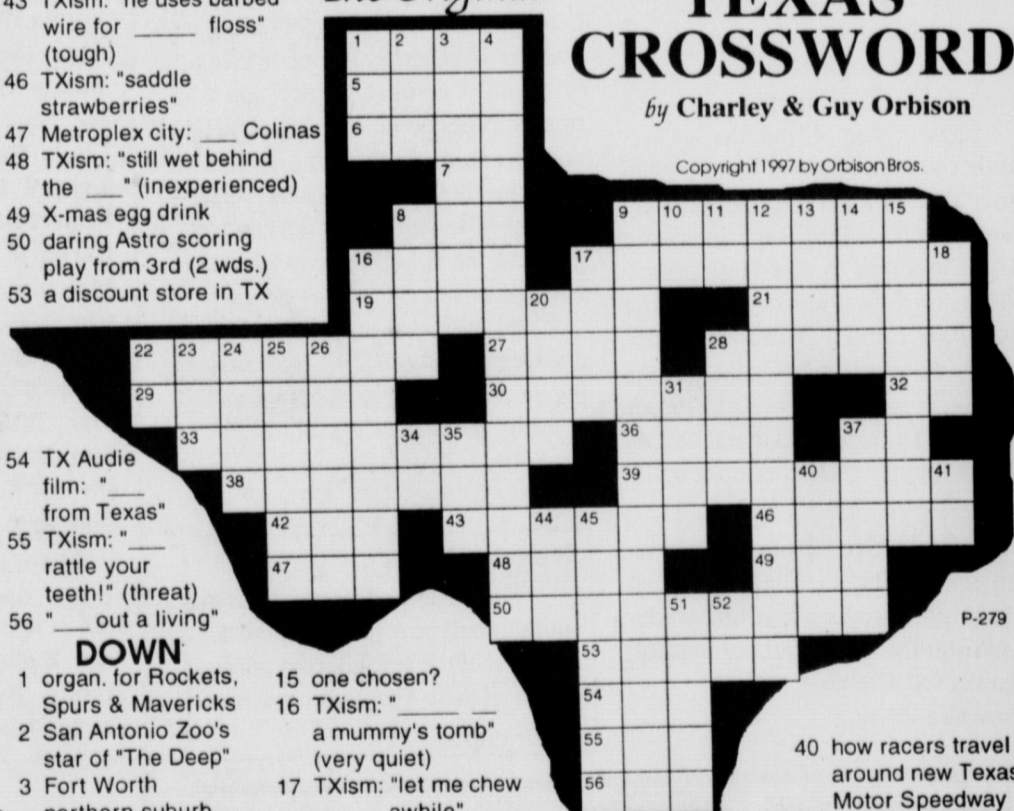
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- TXism: "couldn't a drum" (loser)
- "Lady Bird's" full name: Claudia Taylor Johnson
- TXism: "tall hog the trough"
- TX Buddy Holly hit: "Peggy"
- TXism: "as trying to rodeo on a rocking horse"
- brush
- flightless birds not native to TX
- TXism: "you're dancing in danger field" (in danger)
- Australian bear at San Antonio Zoo
- Barry Switzer's pregame speech
- TX Sen. Gramm
- male writers from TX prisons
- TXism: "good many" forward
- Aikman exchange: C&W music medium
- TX Sam Bass was "Texas"
- for giving to the poor
- some Texans watch this company's TVs
- Bob Lilly's Cowboy position (abbr.)
- TXism: "he'd have up to be a half wit" (dumb)
- Louisiana politics compared to TX
- TXism: "call day"
- TXism: "he uses barbed wire for floss" (tough)
- TXism: "saddle strawberries"
- Metropolis city: Colinas
- TXism: "still wet behind the"
- X-mas egg drink
- daring Astro scoring play from 3rd (2 wds.)
- a discount store in TX
- TX Audie film: "from Texas"
- TXism: "rattle your teeth!" (threat)
- "out a living"
- organ. for Rockets, Spurs & Mavericks
- San Antonio Zoo's star of "The Deep"
- Fort Worth northern suburb
- TX government workers (2 wds.)
- TXism: "like an anvil in a stock tank"
- TXism: "bucket under a bull" (worthless)
- Jo. TX
- TXism: "let rip!"
- TXism for "probable"
- UNT subject (abbr.)
- rock, TX

The Original

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- how racers travel around new Texas Motor Speedway
- ex-Cowboy QB Roger (init.)
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- avid fan of TX Roddenberry's sci-fi TV series
- big chili scooper
- Sam Houston beat Gov. Runnels in 1859 election
- TX Buddy Holly sang Rock 'n'
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As I See It... By Bob Hamilton



"Are you keeping busy?"
While I'm often asked that question by people, just wanting to be friendly and have conversation, it never means more to me than in the spring of the year.
And as it so happens, I'm asked that most frequently in the spring.
My response is always, "Yep. In

fact, I'm swamped."
Most often I will point out that, especially to a community newspaper, the spring is traditionally the busiest time of the year.
It always starts getting hectic about mid April, and continues that way until the first week of June.
Why?
Simple. In communities our size, newspapers are kept busy covering the numerous school, in addition to all the regular news.

Maybe you've never really sat down and thought about it, but there are a ton of events happening with our schools the final month and a half of their year.

We have track, powerlifting, tennis, baseball, golf and softball seasons winding down, and followed by playoffs in most cases.

And, hey, that doesn't even mention getting Little League baseball and softball underway, as well as peewee soccer.

Then add to those all the University Interscholastic League events, which includes literary, band, choir events, and at more than just the high

school level.
Added to those are the many fine awards banquets and assemblies at which those who accomplished the most are duly recognized.

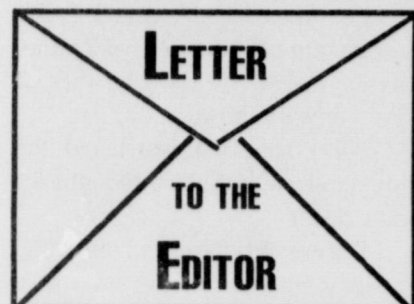
Then, one must heap atop all those such events as Clean-Up Week.
And that doesn't even mention all the early-season yard work to be done at home, and around one's business, in preparation for the oncoming summer season.

And, for some reason, police department activity seems to pick up, apparently because some folks are feeling the need to unlimber from the long winter season.

Add to all that, Mother Nature wants to put a little extra something into the mix, like Thursday's big storm.

Yep, to answer questions from my many inquisitive friends, I'm keeping busy.

And thanks for asking.



Help needed for a child

To The Residents of Iowa Park,
It has come to my attention that our community has a problem. This problem regards a beautiful, intelligent, loving 12 year old little girl. The child I'm speaking of is hearing impaired. She has grown up in Iowa Park, but has attended Cunningham Elementary since starting school.

This child and her family have always had the understanding that when she reached the 7th grade, she would go to Iowa Park Junior High.

Iowa Park CISD will need to hire an interpreter to sign to this child during class. Iowa Park has sent out applications for an interpreter. I am told they are offering an aides pay, which is much lower than normal pay for this job.

I realize the school has had to cut back with the budget, but I also feel that we can't deny this child's right to be able to go to the school of her choice.

It means so very much to me to be able to say that I graduated from Iowa Park school, and that my children will do the same. This little girl has grown up with the kids of Iowa Park. She has played various sports with these kids and wants very much to attend school with her friends. This child's family have lived in Iowa Park for many years. Her father, aunts and uncles have all graduated Iowa Park.

It saddens me to think that our school could deny this child attending our campus simply over the fact of a dollar. I feel sure that some sort of solution can be found.

I am urging all parents, grandparents and graduates of Iowa Park to show this family your support by contacting Iowa Park Superintendent Mike Caplinger, Junior High principal Randy Lovelady or one of the Iowa Park School Board members: Dennis Yeager, Randy Catlin, Martha Dudley, Wendall House, Keith Fisher and Larry Dutton. I feel that if we can all pull together, we can make a difference.

I would love for our school system to someday be able to say that this bright, productive child graduated from Iowa Park School System. Thanks for listening,
Shawnee Raines

Local students among top 12

Two Iowa Parkans were among the top 12 graduating students receiving the President's Medal for Excellence at Midwestern State University's commencement Saturday.

They were Donna Leann Davis and Cody Ray Cole.

The students were selected for having the highest overall grade point averages in their divisions.

Davis majored in interdisciplinary studies, graduating with summa cum laude honors and a 4.0 GPA.

In the Division of Science, Cole majored in chemistry and was a summa cum laude graduate, also with a 4.0 GPA.

Mike Coss named Student of the Year

Mike Coss has been named Student of the Year in Accounting at Vernon Regional Junior College, Sheppard Learning Center. He was honored in a ceremony at the VRJC auditorium on Friday afternoon.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery P. Coss of Iowa Park, Mike is a 1991 graduate of Bible Baptist Christian School.

He has been on the President's and Dean's List at VRJC. He is majoring in accounting and plans on becoming a CPA after obtaining a bachelor's degree from Wayland Baptist College.

Helpful Hints

The owner of any deceased animal shall be responsible for the removal of the animal from public rights-of-way, recreation areas or private property.

SOCIAL SECURITY'S LONG-RANGE FINANCING OUTLOOK UNCHANGED

The Social Security Board of Trustees announced that the Old Age and Survivors Insurance (OASI) and Disability Insurance (DI) Trust Funds, which support benefit payments to nearly 44 million Americans, are in good financial condition, and will remain so well into the next century.

The 1997 report concludes that - even with no changes in current law -- the combined OASI and DI funds would be able to continue paying benefits for the next 32 years.

Trustees emphasized in the report that it is important to address the issue of Social Security's long-range insolvency within a reasonable period to allow time for phasing in any necessary changes and for workers to adjust their retirement plans to take account of those changes.

At the same time, the Board stressed that there is ample time to discuss and evaluate alternative solutions with deliberation and care.

They stated that the size of the long-range deficit -- 2.23 percent of total payroll -- is such that long-range balance could be restored within the framework of the present Social Security structure.

Bowen pleads guilty

Steven Ray Bowen, 29, of Iowa Park, pled guilty Tuesday morning in 30th District Court to two counts each of intoxication manslaughter and failure to stop and render aid in the 1996 deaths of Jack Witherspoon and Todd Duncan.

According to Jerry Taylor, prosecutor with the Wichita County District Attorney's office, each intoxicated manslaughter charge carries a 20 year maximum sentence, and each failure to stop and render aid charge carries a maximum five year sentence. The sentences will be served concurrently.

Judge Bob Brotherton, also entered a deadly weapon finding, which mandates that at least 50 percent of the sentence be served with no "time off" (the sentence) for good behavior.

Having served one year in the

Wichita County Jail, Taylor said Bowen will have to serve nine more years in a state penitentiary before he is eligible for parole. Taylor added he believes Bowen will be going to a unit specifically for alcohol abusers.

The plea bargain agreement came one year and three days after Bowen, intoxicated and driving at a high rate of speed, slammed into the back of a pickup truck carrying Duncan, 30, and Witherspoon, 42, just east of Iowa Park on the Old Iowa Park Road.

The two men were ejected from the vehicle and died a short time later.

According to police reports, following the collision Bowen fled the scene on foot, and was located at a residence several blocks away by a DPS Trooper.

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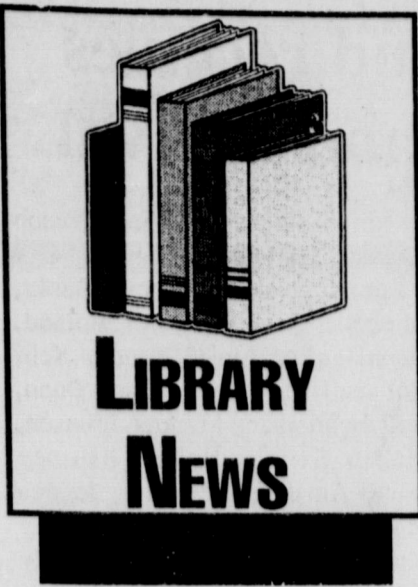
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Williamson, Godwin receive top FFA awards at banquet

Katy Williamson and Tara Godwin were recipients of the Iowa Park FFA Chapter's top awards Monday night at the organization's annual banquet.

Williamson, received the DeKalb Award, given to a student who has attained the "highest degree of proficiency in scholarship, leadership and a supervised agriculture program."

Williamson, a three-year student, has won cereal grain production, beef production, Texas and southwestern Cattle Raiser's Award in district, area and state level competition. She served as a student advisor this year and won Star Lone Star Farmer on the district level.

Tara Godwin was named Star Greenhand. This honor is presented to a member in their first year of FFA who has demonstrated strong leadership qualities and a strong project program.

Godwin was president of the Greenhand Chapter Conducting Team and a member of the livestock judging team. She also exhibited the champion hampshire at the Wichita County Show, and has an extensive goat project.

The John Fulton Wood Memorial Award recipients were Corky Adams and J.R. Motott. The award is given each year to a first year member who exhibits high ideals and a desire to achieve.

Clint Myers was named the Outstanding Agriculture Science Student. Myers is a senior who has been active in FFA four years, having participated in leadership and judging contests. He holds the State FFA Degree and has won numerous proficiency awards on the district, area, state and national levels.

Ross Dillard was presented with the Star Chapter FFA Degree. The award is presented each year to a member who is most involved in all phases of our chapter's activities.

Dillard has served as chapter sentinel, was on the chapter conducting team and land judging team. He is an extemporaneous public speaker and served as a district FFA officer

this year. Dillard's project program included sheep, market swine and market cattle. Four FFA members who are candidates to receive their State FFA Degrees this summer were recognized. They include Katy Williamson, Jamie Gholson, Amber Brandt and Brad Green.

FFA students were recognized who placed first with proficiency awards at the district and area levels, and will compete at state competition in June. They include Clint Myers, Agricultural Sales and Service, Soil and Water Management, Entrepreneurship in Agriculture, and Forage Production; Janelle Edwards, Swine Production; Cari Hogan, Poultry Production; Katy Williamson, Cereal Grain Production; Tara Godwin, Specialty Animal Production; Ross Dillard, Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers; Bryan Taylor, Agricultural Communications; and Mark Dreher, Turf and Landscape Management.

Also recognized were two chapter members who were elected to serve above the local level. Ross Dillard was elected District Vice President for the 1997-98 school year, and LeAnn Jordan will serve as the Area Vice President.

Waylon Stewart received Honorary Chapter FFA Degree for his assistance in the Junior FFA and FFA programs.

Special recognition was given to the Wichita County Young Farmers and Iowa Park FFA Booster Club for their help throughout the year.

Several students who excel in their supervised occupational experience programs were recognized with Foundation Awards. The students were:

Agricultural Communication, Bryan Taylor; Agricultural Mechanics, Jesse Turlington; Agricultural Sales and Service, Clint Myers; Beef Production, Katy Williamson; Cereal Grain Production, Katy Williamson; Diversified Livestock Production, Ross Dillard; Diversified Crop Production, Jake Ermis; Equine Science, Bryan Taylor; Fiber Crop Production, Dan Glass; Floriculture, Mindy Atchley; Food Science and Technology, Dustin Hicks; Forage Production, Clint Myers.

Also, Home and or Community Development, Misty Dipprey; Horticulture, Dee Lynn Herder; Poultry Production, Cari Hogan; Sheep Production, Ross Dillard; Soil and Water Production, Clint Myers; Specialty Animal Production, Tara Godwin; Swine Production, Janelle Edwards; Turf and Landscape Management, Mark Dreher; Wildlife Management, Ricky Spruiell; Prepared Public Speaking, Dustin Hicks; Extemporaneous Speaking; Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers, Katy Williamson; and Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers, Ross Dillard.

At the end of the evening, officers for the 1997-98 school year were installed. They include Brad Green, president; Ross Dillard, vice president; Bo Vernon, secretary; Cari Hogan, treasurer; Katy Williamson, reporter; Bodie Yarbrough, sentinel; Dustin Hicks, student advisor; and Tommy Kingcade, chairman of national chapter duties.

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We invite everyone to join us Thursday, May 29 at 3 p.m. for our annual school's out/summer reading registration and popcorn, cotton candy and beverages. For those wishing to participate during the month of June for the reading program, sessions will be held on Tuesdays 9-10 for third and fourth graders/ 10:30-11:30 for fifth and sixth graders.

Formore information, please feel free to call the library at 592-4981.

The older children will take a field trip on the 19th.

SPECIAL EVENTS DURING MONTH OF JUNE

On Wednesday, June 4, 1:30-2:30 a special program will be presented by Nancy Burks, ventriloquist, musician, storyteller.

Thursday, June 12, 10-11, Sandra Shroul, puppeteer storyteller.

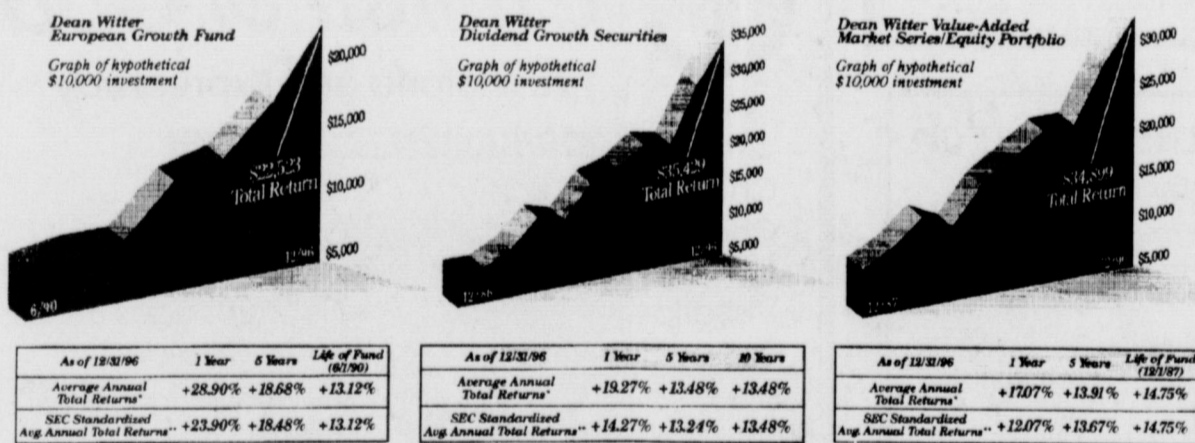
Wednesday, June 18, 2-3 p.m. Tom Medley, storyteller.

Wednesday, June 25, Findley Stewart, storyteller, via video.

Thursday, June 26, 1:30-2:30 and 7-8 p.m. Herb Marlow, Children's Author/Storyteller.

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IOWA PARK JUNIOR HIGH'S PRIZE-WINNING SPEECH CLASS

JUNIOR HIGH

One-act play receives II rating at Festival

The junior high's entry, "Who's Feudin' Now," received a division II rating in the One Act Play Festival.

Sponsored by Iowa Park Junior High School, the Festival was held Friday in the high school auditorium.

For the second year in a row, Justin Dudley received the Best Actor award.

Other cast members who received awards were:

All Star Cast - Cheyenne Patterson, Honorable Mention All Star Cast - Courtney Sheets, Robyn Dillard, and Sara Nelms.

Special Ensemble Award - Lindsay Havins, Sean Horton, and Tammy Drew.

Other cast members were Josh Lytle and Heath Hodges. Stage Crew was Beth Howard.

Other plays competing and their ratings were: Bowie, II; Jacksboro I; and Graham, II.

Cheerleaders plan car wash Saturday

The junior high cheerleaders will have a car wash Saturday. The fundraiser will take place from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Chili's in Wichita Falls.

Names left off junior high list

Names of two students receiving honors at the junior high awards ceremony recently were inadvertently left off the list published in last week's *Leader*.

Taler Boland, sixth grader, received a Scholastic Achievement award.

Aimee Chandler, sixth grader, was the recipient of a Certificate of Excellence in Music.

BRADFORD

Track and Field Day is Friday

Bradford's annual Track and Field Day will be held all day to-

tomorrow.

Parents are invited to come to the events which will feature competition among the students in various activities.

KIDWELL

Trip to the Falls

Kindergarten students will take a field trip to the Falls and Lucy Park in Wichita Falls today, weather permitting.

Awards Ceremony

Fun 'N Fitness awards and prizes will be handed out to students in assemblies Monday.

Second grade and afternoon pre-K will assemble to receive their prizes

at 8:30 a.m.; Kindergarten and morning pre-K students at 12-noon; and first grade at 1:40 p.m.

PTA to meet

Kidwell PTA executive board will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Looking ahead

Second graders will visit Bradford campus Tuesday morning.

Ready to Read

First grade classes will be visiting Tom Burnett Memorial Library over the period of the next two weeks.

Fire Safety

The Fire Safety house visited Kidwell Campus Monday.

All Kidwell students visited the house and learned about fire safety.

Pre-Kindergarten enrollment now

Kidwell is now enrolling pre-kindergarten students for the 1997-98 school year.

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SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Discipleship Training 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Children's Mission Programs 6:30 p.m.
Youth "The Edge." 6:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Greg Ammons, Pastor
A Southern Baptist Church

Nursery provided for all activities

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Carol Phillips, Pastor

We welcome all to our friendly, family atmosphere at the First Presbyterian Church

Sunday School 9:30
Worship 11:00

211 S. Yosemite 592-4220

Sixth grade band receives top rating at band festival

After entering a contest for the first time ever, the Iowa Park Junior High Sixth Grade Band came away with a Division I rating.

The band competed in concert and sightreading competition Saturday at the Petrolia Band Festival.

In addition to the Division I rating, the Sixth Grade Hawk Band was chosen the "Most Impressive Band of the Day," and band member, Heidi Little, was chosen "Most Impressive Soloist of the Day."

Students who made a first division on their solos included:

Chris Arias, Adam Arrendondo, Vanessa Banks, Michelle Behrens, Taler Boland, Boon Bowling, Aimee Chandler, Kelli Collins, Rusty Criswell, Tiffany Cusey, Heather Dean, Amy Denney, Tracie Dunn, Justin Ervin, Tyler Esterline, Tori Fowler, Brady French, Kristen Garcia, Brett Hayley, Jeff Henderson, Carrie King-Artley.

Also, Magan Kuehler-Holler, Brianna Ikeler, Markus Johnson, Charlie Kidd, Heidi Little, Jennifer Loucks, Stefan McCoy, Judy Messer, Tiffany Mitchell, Jessica Morrow, Kyle Moyer, Whiteny Mullholland, Jackie Pulley, Jackie Robertson, Tawny Roehr, Jeremy Rogers, Steven Sargent, Wes Sedoris, Michael Segovia, Kaci Stewart, Kevin Taylor, Nic Teaff, Heather Thomas, Keith Thompson, Kevin Thompson, Erik Torgerson, and Jessica Westerhoff.

Students making a first division on their ensemble were:

Adam Arrendondo, Vanessa Banks, Michelle Behrens, Taler Boland, Boon Bowling, Aimee Chandler, Kelli Collins, Tiffany Cusey, Tracie Dunn, Jeff Henderson, Markus Johnson, Magan Kuehler-Holler, Brittney Love, Amanda McCreary, Jessica Morrow, Kyle Moyer, Whiteny Mullholland, Jackie Pulley, Brandy Sims, Kaci Stewart, Kevin Taylor, Nic Teaff, Kevin Thompson, Erik Torgerson, and Jessica Westerhoff.

Students receiving a first division received a medal.

The Sixth Grade Band will be performing at the Spring Band Concert on May 22.

Kamay Road Church of Christ
Corner of Colorado & Emerald

Sunday Services
9:30 a.m.
6:00 p.m.

For Information Call:
592-2082
592-5076

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301 E. PARK + 592-5415

Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.	Wednesday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
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MINISTER - JEFF RATLIFF

Lakeview Church of God
N. Victoria and Expressway

Opportunities for Services

Children's Church	Ladies Ministry
Choir (youth & adult)	Men's Fellowship
Nursing Home	Boys' Club, ages 6 - 17
Visitation	Girls' Club, ages 6 - 17
Puppet Ministry	Nursery Provided

Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Wednesday Family Training Hour...7:30 p.m.
Morning Worship...10:45 a.m. (Classes for all ages)
Sunday Night.....6:00 p.m.

Phone - Church: 592-2776, Parsonage: 592-9555
Pastor Ole Olds
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First Baptist Church

A Place to Worship - A Place to Grow

9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
5:00 p.m. Discipleship Training
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

6:00 p.m. Acteens
A Missions Learning and Doing Organization for Girls 7th-12th Grades
7:00 p.m. G.A.S & R.A.S
Missions Learning and Doing Organizations for Girls 1st-6th Grades and Boys 1st-6th Grades
7:00 p.m. Jam
Youth Jesus and Me Praise Service & Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Church Prayer Meeting
7:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

300 N. Yosemite - Iowa Park, Texas - 592-2151

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