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STREET WORK PROGRESSING - The city's street crew was busy tearing out the old asphalt surface in the 600 and 700 blocks of Cornelia this week, in preparation of relacing it. Meanwhile, asphalt is to be laid either Friday or next Monday in the 200 and 300 blocks of West Park, according to Belvin Lytle, public works director.

City to look at annexations

Monday night's regularly-scheduled city council meeting apparently will deal with one subject: annexation.

Administrator Mike Price has listed on the meeting agenda: discuss and consider annexation procedures and expansion of the city's extraterritorial jurisdiction.

Price has been making a study of state laws relating to the annexation

powers of cities which operate under a general laws charter, and is expected to explain his findings during the meeting.

The issue was brought up during an earlier council meeting, after news reports indicated Wichita Falls' council was studying expanding its city limits, and if that occurred, the extraterritorial jurisdictions of the two cities could overlap.

Council members met last

Monday in their fourth worksession concerning the 1997-98 budget.

Though the balanced budget was tentatively approved, it cannot be formally adopted until the county appraisal district releases its final report on evaluations.

Early indications are, however, that the city has experienced both growth, as well as higher appraisal values, which could lead to a lowering of the tax rate from this year.

Homeowners seeing red (paint)

Police are looking for someone who is using a special type of gun which fires a special type of ammunition, and is causing concern to homeowners in the southern part of the city.

At least three residences on Garden Street have been marked recently with paintballs -- one of them sustaining some 20 strikes.

The paint doesn't cause permanent damage, because it can be easily washed off with a garden hose, but folks in that area just don't like to be shot at . . . by any type of weapon.

Police were alerted early Monday morning by a resident in the 100 block of West Garden. During the investigation, another neighbor's home also was hit, as was one in the 100 block of East Garden.

Paintball guns and pellets are used for recreational activities, such as playing military games. One such facility has been located on Old Burkburnett Road, north of Sheppard AFB.

Officers expressed relief at how well behaved the public was over the July 4th weekend. During the past week, including the holiday period, only two persons were arrested on public intoxication charges.

David Lee Waterbury, 20, was arrested at 2:49 a.m. Friday for public intoxication. He was released at 7:39 a.m. after signing a promise to appear in municipal court.

At 2:47 a.m. Monday, Steven Lee Swanson, 25, was placed under arrest for public intoxication, and held until 7:42 a.m. when he also was released after promising to appear in court.

Wednesday morning of last week, police received information that a person who was wanted by Dallas County was at a location in the 900 block of South Colorado.

Douglas Eugene Aultman, 38, was taken into custody at 4:10 p.m.,

and released to be transported to the county jail. The charge out of Dallas County was reported as violation of parole, robbery, according to the police blotter.

When officers responded at 7:02 p.m. Tuesday to a reported domestic disturbance in the 700 block of Mockingbird, they arrested Melissa Lynn Loyd, 22, on three outstanding warrants which were issued locally.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Chamber directors to meet

This month's meeting of Chamber of Commerce board of directors will be held Monday, according to Susan Dillard, secretary.

The board is expected to vote on a motion to name former president Robert Palmer to fulfill the unexpired

term of Dale Cox, who earlier resigned when he moved to the Houston area.

Several other items are expected on the meeting's agenda, which is to get underway following the 11:45 a.m. luncheon.

City-wide garage sale date set

Another city-wide garage sale has been set for Saturday, Aug. 2, by the Iowa Park Chamber of Commerce, which coordinates the popular event.

The other such sale is normally held in mid April, and the August event is slated for shoppers to take

advantage of back-to-school bargains.

Residents wishing to participate should contact the Susan Dillard at the Chamber office by 12-noon on Tuesday, July 29, to have their addresses listed.

Rehab Center plays major role in lives of area people

By BONNIE JONES

Forty-five years together have produced two children, a comfortable lifestyle, friends . . . and many rewards which time and marriage can provide. Perhaps the foundation for all of the good benefits can best be understood while listening to Janet and Doug Nix describe the past two years of their lives.

The couple can, at this point, laugh together, and state how closely they feel about each other. One intuitively feels the strong bond between them, and begins to understand how they have built a relationship that has given them strength to weather the past two years.

On March 27, 1995, Doug suffered a heart attack. While he was fully recovered, the experience remains a source of change in his life. "I suddenly realized that if I plan to do something, I'd better do it today -- because things change suddenly; I might not be here to do it later."

If that experience set their priorities in a different mode, little did they know that approximately 14 months later, an even greater challenge would come their way. Janet had a stroke.

After feeling badly for about a week, the afternoon came when she arrived home from golf, went to her bedroom . . . and "fell asleep too soon." Doug aroused her and realized that she, for a few seconds, was "lost to her surroundings." He took her to the hospital in Olney, where the third spinal draw continued to bring blood. They were sent to a Wichita Falls hospital, and she was diagnosed as having an aneurysm in her head, with "too much swelling to operate."

Janet suffered a "spasm" which left her paralyzed, and comatose for almost three weeks. A "breathing machine in her throat" was necessary. To relieve the pressure from the swelling, her skull was drilled into, and within 26 minutes, she could move her fingers. She later had an operation to "clip" the aneurysm, and then a second surgery to remove a blood clot. Both surgeries required the removal of a section of her skull to reach the affected area of the brain.

Later she was moved to Baylor Rehab Hospital in Dallas for about five weeks, where she received therapy twice daily.

"Going home" is usually a good sign, and while it was the same for Janet, she remained in a condition that required 24-hour care. Doug was by her side for the long haul, and remains her faithful care provider, her best friend and her love. "It would take an hour or an hour and half to get her to take just one or two bites of food," remembers Doug. "Today, if she wants anything to eat, anywhere, we go and eat." Her weight went from 120 pounds before her illness, to 80 pounds, and is now back to 109.

How have the past two years changed their lives? The outside physical change is still apparent with Janet, although she has, and continues to make remarkable progress. The inner changes have happened to

both of them.

Janet was a kindergarten teacher prior to retirement, and always loved kids. Since her illness, she says that one of the things that touches her the most is "seeing a parent be ugly to their child; I just don't understand why they do it -- and it bothers me so much more now." Also, "We used to look forward to having enough money to travel, play golf and do certain things. Those aren't the most important things anymore." She looks at Doug and smiles, and says "We have a lot of fun together, and those things aren't so important."

For Doug, who confesses to "some emotionalism" all of his life, it is clear to see that his wife's well-being is his major concern. He too, has different priorities, and has a greater appreciation for each day of life.

Janet and Doug Nix exchange looks through tears of tough times, and then break into big grins that betray any notion of them not being on a strongly connected wave link. They tell how one often starts a subject and only to find out that the other one was thinking of the exact thing.

Their visits to North Texas Rehabilitation Center have been a joy to the staff. And, the couple gives great credit to what the Center has done for Janet. Doug "kiss a lot," and "asks a lot of questions about her therapy, because at first, I was a little skeptical after some of the therapists we had encountered at other places." He praises the therapy she has received at the Center. He is a man who would say otherwise if it were different. "They started driving from Olney to the Center three times a week, but now make the trip only once a week, because of her improved condition."

They both praise the support and help which they have received from their children, other family members, and friends. Janet's mother and sister took over household chores, coming once a week to clean, wash and iron. "Friendships are funny situations; the ones who have really stepped forward and have been so great to us, were ones whom we would have considered more casual friends. Others haven't been around as much as they used to be," states Doug, without bitterness, but thoughtfully.

At some point when Janet was first able to say a few words, she looked up at Doug one day and tried to say his name. Instead of "Doug," she said "Cinderella." Although it was one of the many frustrations she experienced in not being able to say what she intended to say, they both can laugh about that incident now. One can't help but wonder if in the confusing tangles of her brain, Janet made some connection to the fairy tale story of Cinderella. After All, Doug continues to be her Prince Charming.

When one hears the details of what they have lived the past two years, it is only with great respect and admiration that one can speak of Janet and Doug Nix.



DOUG AND JANET NIX

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The 29th annual Silent and Big Verbal Auction which helps raise funds for the North Texas Rehabilitation Center will be held Saturday, July 19, at MPEC, in Wichita Falls.)

Highway work scheduled

Considerable work is soon to get underway on U.S. 287, according to the Texas Highway Department.

Zack Burkett of Graham has been awarded the contract, estimated to be \$3,844,620.

Included in the project is shoulder rehabilitation on a 19.15 mile section in Wilbarger and Wichita Counties, from Harrold to the rest area just outside Iowa Park.

On the project, the shoulders of the northbound lane will be redone and topped by a new hot mix layer, from Harrold to the county line.

Asphalt also will be laid on the Electra bypass, as well as sections of highway between Electra and Iowa Park where both northbound and southbound lanes have exposed concrete pavement, as well as the shoulders on both lanes.



Heather Dawn Meldrum and Corey Wayne Britt

September date selected

Joan Elaine Meldrum of Moore, Okla., is announcing the engagement of her daughter, Heather Dawn, to Corey Wayne Britt, son of Tommy and Rita Britt and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. N.E. Guthrie Jr., all of Iowa Park.

The couple will exchange matrimonial vows Sept. 27, at one o'clock in Forest Hill Christian Church in Oklahoma City, with Ted Wilson,

chaplain of the Oklahoma City Fire Department, officiating.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Moore High School and Oklahoma State University, where she earned a Bachelors Degree in Psychology.

The groom-to-be graduated Rider High School in Wichita Falls. He is employed by the Oklahoma City Fire Department.

Cook of the Week



Joy Blundell, Jodie and John

Joy Blundell and her husband Jim both grew up and graduated high school in Perryton.

Following graduation, Joy went to cosmetology school in Amarillo. Jim received a degree from West Texas A&M at Canyon where he majored in biology and minored in chemistry. He has been employed nine years as a chemist for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Although Joy has worked as a hairdresser, she prefers to stay at home now and be a mom. She and Jim have a daughter, Jodie, who will be six in August, and a 20-month-old son, John.

When they bought a home here eight years ago, Joy said they chose Iowa Park because of its size and the school system, and they wanted their children to grow up in a place like their hometown.

Joy likes working on different crafts and cooking out on the grill. Jim is interested in old cars, and plays softball. They are members of the Loop 11 Church of Christ in Wichita Falls.

Joy said most of the recipes this week are her husband's favorites.

together. Place on flat pan, just in case it leaks. Bake 1 hour at 350 degrees.

Western Burgers

1 lb. ground beef
1 small onion
Salt & pepper

Mix together and cook until ground beef is entirely cooked and onion is soft.

1 can crescent rolls (for 4 people)

Put 2 triangles of crescent dough together to make 1 rectangle. Do this with the rest of the dough, using four rectangles for the bottom and four for the top. Spoon meat mixture on top of the four bottom rectangles and sprinkle cheese on top of the meat mixture. Cover this with the rectangles reserved for the top. Spray cookie sheet with non-stick spray and cook following the directions on the crescent roll package. (375 degrees for 10-13 minutes)

Ham can be substituted for the ground beef.

Quick Cheeseburger Pie

1 lb. ground beef
1 cup chopped onion
1/2 tsp. salt
1 cup shredded cheese (Cheddar)
1/2 cup Bisquick Reduced Fat baking mix
1 cup skim milk
2 eggs

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Spray 9" pie plate with non-stick cooking spray. Cook ground beef and onion until beef is brown; drain. Stir in salt. Spread in pie plate and sprinkle with cheese.

Stir remaining ingredients with fork until blended. Pour into pie plate.

Bake 25 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.

Individual Baked Steaks

For each serving, cut a piece of aluminum foil large enough to completely wrap up meat.

Place on foil:

1 serving round steak, about the size of a saucer, or
1/3 lb. ground round

Cover with:

1 large potato sliced in 1/4-inch slices
1 medium onion, sliced

Season with:

Salt and pepper
Garlic salt (optional)

Wrap in foil and crumple ends

Chicken Breasts Supreme

4 chicken breasts
Place each on a square of heavy-duty aluminum foil.

Combine:

1 can cream of mushroom soup, undiluted
1 pkg. dry onion soup mix
Spread on each chicken breast. Wrap foil securely and place on cookie sheet to bake 1 hour at 350 degrees.

Place in pan. Combine remaining ingredients to make barbecue sauce. Pour over patties. Bake at 350 degrees 45 minutes.

Miniature Meat Balls

2 Tbsps. soy sauce
1/4 cup water
1/2 clove garlic, minced
1/2 tsp. ginger
1 lb. lean ground beef

Preheat oven to 450 degrees.

In a large bowl, combine soy sauce, water, minced garlic and ginger. Add ground beef and mix lightly, but thoroughly. Form into balls about 1-inch in diameter. Arrange on a lightly oiled baking dish. Bake, uncovered, 15 minutes.

Tater Tot Casserole

1 lb. ground beef
1/4 cup chopped onion
1 (1 lb.) pkg. frozen tater tots
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1/3 soup can milk
Cheddar cheese
Salt and pepper

Brown hamburger and onion.

Place in pan. Add salt and pepper. Place tater tots over meat. Mix soup and milk. Sprinkle cheese over tater tots, then pour soup over cheese. Bake at 350 degrees about 1 hour.

Barbecued Beef Patties

1 cup bread crumbs
1/2 cup milk
1 lb. ground beef
1 tsp. salt
1/2 onion
1/2 cup chopped green pepper
1 1/2 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
1/4 cup vinegar
3 Tbsps. sugar
1/2 cup ketchup
1/2 cup water

Mix crumbs with milk. Combine crumbs with meat, salt, onion and pepper and shape into four patties.

Goodknight graduates

Shelley Goodknight of Iowa Park was one of 156 students who participated in graduation exercises at Lubbock Christian College this spring.

Goodknight graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goodknight.

Goodknight was a member of the Students in Free Enterprise team and served as assistant editor of the yearbook, El Explorador.

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LIBRARY NEWS

SUMMER READING

Thanks to all of the children who participated in our Summer Reading Program this year. Winners were Sarah McNeely, Melissa Ashton, Erika Stevens, and Courtney Tettleton. If you were unable to attend the Summer Reading Party, please come by the library and pick up your certificate and coupons.

LIBRARY DISPLAY

The display on the mantel this month is a Fourth of July theme made by Bobbie Heacox. Once again we want to thank the Iowa Park Arts &

Crafts Association for sharing their talents with the library.

NEW ADULT BOOKS

Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer
Special Delivery by Danielle Steel
Just As I Am by Billy Graham
Fat Tuesday by Sandra Brown
Amazing Grace by Judy Collins (Book on Tape)

The First Wives Club by Olivia Goldsmith (Book on Tape)

Up Island by Anne River Siddons
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Health Notes

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by Joe Hughes, R.PH



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Vacationers urged to vote

Texans packing up for summer vacations are urged to remember their civic duty.

State Rep. Charles Fennell reminds fellow Northwest Texans to vote in the Saturday, Aug. 9 constitutional amendment election. Early voting in-person begins Monday, July 21 and ends Tuesday, Aug. 5.

Historically, the voter turnout for such summer elections has been very low according to the Texas Secretary of State's Office.

The 75th Texas Legislature approved the use of \$1 billion in state funds this year, from a minimum of \$15,000. The proposed Aug. 9 amendment would make that change a part of the Texas Constitution and therefore a much more permanent tax policy.

The proposed amendment would also allow senior citizens to transfer their homestead exemption to a new residence.

Fennell, a ranking member of the House Transportation committee also noted that our Texas DPS has some recommendations for safer highway travel including:

- *Calling the 24 hour DPS standard motorist hotline--1-800-535-5555--in case of a vehicular breakdown outside the city limits. Rather than accepting a ride from a stranger, motorists who call this number will access a law enforcement officer for assistance on state highways and roads. This number can also be used to report road hazards or suspected drunk driving.

- *Watching weather conditions along the intended travel route by checking with the Texas Department of Transportation 24 hr. recorded, but region-specific, road conditions number at 1-800-452-92 92.

IP Band Boosters meeting tonight

The Iowa Park Band Boosters will meet at 7:30 this evening in the high school band hall.

Plans to remodel the concession stand at the football station will be made. Parents, students, and anyone interested in helping with this project are asked to attend so a work schedule can be set up.

Helpful Facts
The City of Iowa Park offers a \$250 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person committing arson within the city limits.



Misty Tatom and Jason Comeaux

Announce engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Tatom announce the engagement and future wedding plans of their daughter, Misty, and Jason Comeaux.

Parents of the groom-to-be are Mr. and Mrs. Michael A. Comeaux of California.

The betrothed couple will exchange vows September 12 at the Lakeview Church of God. Rev. Ole Olds, pastor, will officiate.

Miss Tatom is a graduate of Iowa Park High School.

Comeaux is a former office manager in the Navy, serving aboard the USS Enterprise.

Art group meets

Members of Iowa Park Arts and Crafts Association met Tuesday night at the Chamber of Commerce office.

Martha Dudley was in charge of the program in which she taught the group how to make sunbonnet flower magnets.

Sheri Kennedy is president of the organization which meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Courtneys to be honored

To celebrate the 25th wedding anniversary of George and Gerry Courtney, children in their neighborhood will host a get-together Sunday for friends and family. The event will be from 2-4 p.m., at 110 North Bell Road.

The youthful hosts are Jennifer Culberson, Daniel Howell, and

Mickey and Mable Jordan.

The Courtney's were married on July 14, 1972, at Virginia Ave. Baptist Church in Anadarko, Okla.

Mr. Courtney has worked the past 25 years at Darr Equipment. Mrs. Courtney is a homemaker and full-time mother to neighborhood children.

Free tree identification book available

"What Tree Is That?," a pocket guide for identifying trees, is available free-of-charge from the National Arbor Day Foundation.

The 71-page guide will help you identify 135 different trees found in the eastern and central U.S.

Well-known trees are included: oaks, maples, spruces, and pines. Also species such as horsechestnut and mockernut hickory, sassafras and

shadbush, persimmon and pawpaw and pagodatree and pecan.

Dozens of drawings illustrate the trees' leaves or needles and their acorns, berries, seed pods, cones, etc.

To obtain your free tree ID guide, send your name and address to "What Tree Is That?," National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410.



Winners in the Texas Agricultural Extension Service Rolling Plains-3 District 4-H record judging were selected July 1, when screening groups met at Vernon, according to Elaine Houston and Galen Chandler, directors for the 25 counties.

There were 136 Junior records, 83 Intermediate and 99 Senior scored in 35 different subject matter areas. Junior and Intermediate records were placed first through fifth.

First place Senior records will be submitted for state judging, where they will compete for scholarships and awards.

Following is a list of the results for entries from Wichita County:

- SENIOR RECORD BOOKS
- CLOTHING: 2nd, Elisa Aguirre.
- BEEF: 2nd, Bo Vernon.
- FOODS & NUTRITION: 1st, Angela Streit.
- LEADERSHIP: Receiving ribbon, Wendi Womble.
- PHOTOGRAPHY: 1, Chris Lewis.
- PUBLIC SPEAKING: 1, Rebecca Romm.
- INTERMEDIATE
- BEEF: 4th, Garred Vernon.
- FOODS & NUTRITION: 5th, Adam Aguirre.
- PUBLIC SPEAKING: 1st, Luke Hasse.
- SHOOTING SPORTS: 4th, Ryan JUNIOR
- MEAT GOAT: Receiving ribbon, Christina Morton.
- PUBLIC SPEAKING: 1st, Buck Choate.
- SHOOTING SPORTS: 2nd, Bodie Choate.



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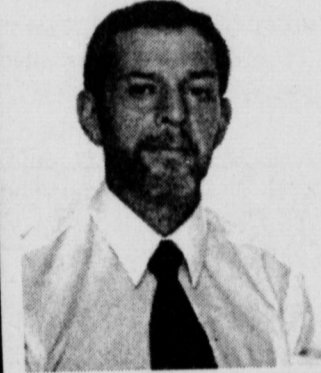
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- TX-based "Giant" was an ___ film
- TX Dabney film: "___ to Five"
- TX Kite ball holders state fair month (abbr.)
- African hunting expedition (2 wds.)
- TXism: "I ___ that like an armadillo needs an interstate"
- TXism: "hunkered down and ___ go"
- Parkland Hospital's receiving area for the injured (abbr.)
- A&M's start was as a ___ grant college
- Houston Oilers old league (abbr.)
- ___ E. Myers designed the state capitol
- bad dream
- airline once headquartered in Dallas (abbr.)
- "42" tile piece
- TX "Moonraker" actress Chilea
- TX Luby's CEO at time of '91 killings
- abrasive ABC reporter from TX
- consumers expect ___ after X-mas
- most secure
- TXism: "cut ___ some slack"
- Texarkana AM radio
- what the faucet did before it was fixed
- Goldthwaite's "Kid 'N ___ Fair" shows wool made into cloth
- TXism: "let '___ rip!"
- h.s. football class
- a hot time at the gym
- TX Gale Storm TV show: "___ Margie"
- San Marcos dance hall: Cheyenne ___ Club
- party of TX AG Morales (abbr)
- ___ whiz
- type of curve on TX roads

DOWN

- home of TWU and UNT
- TXism: "just down the road ___"
- a teenager
- high poker cards
- "Cowpokes" artist Reid (init.)
- TXism: "___ away" (save)
- male sheep (2 wds.)
- Dallas-based oil co.: ___ Inc.
- TX Cullen Davis was accused of killing this daughter of Priscilla
- a TX Gatlin (init.)
- TXism: "call ___ day" (quit)
- football precision dancers (2 wds.)
- film about TX woman: "Son ___ Starr"
- lumber is sold by the ___ foot
- TV horse: Mr. ___
- Ebanos, TX
- Gov. Hogg's daughter
- Texans Bowie, Hogg & Reeves
- TX eatery: Steak ___
- TXism for "dancer"
- organ. for some TX teachers (abbr.)
- "___ and ye shall receive"
- Shepherd, TX newspaper: San Jacinto ___
- TXism: "never in all my born ___"
- Texans ___ lot of chili
- TXism: "he's ___ of spit and vinegar" (energetic)
- big mountain cabin before TX 7-11's slurpees

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As I See It... By Bob Hamilton



I travel the Old Iowa Park Highway fairly regularly. Maybe not as often as some, but more often than others.

And I can come up with only one conclusion: The Texas Highway Department considers it the armpit of the state and wishes it would just go away, or let someone else take it over.

Most of our lesser roads maintained by county crews are in better shape, for crying out loud!

I don't understand why it is posted at 55 miles per hour, when virtually all other main roadways in the county are either 60 or 70.

And it's a divided four-lane roadway.

Of course, very few drivers honor the speed limit, from my observations.

Some attempts have been made to develop shoulders, on the south side between Peterson Road and the city limits. But that effort was a waste of time.

Weeds, both along the sides and on the median, are rarely mowed. And that adds to the distasteful appearance.

Of course it was once the major highway through here for people traveling east and west. And since the US 287 bypass was built, it's become

the forgotten roadway.

It's so forgotten, it has had its name changed twice in only the last few years.

After the bypass was built, it was known as FM 370. I thought that was appropriate, because of the other roadways in the area: 369, 368, 367.

But someone changed the 370 to Business 287, and then 287-J.

That doesn't sound bad, until it became clear that it was confusing, primarily to highway patrolmen, deputy sheriffs, ambulance drivers and volunteer firemen.

People who have observed a need for emergency people aren't always aware that they need to say 287 or Business 287, or 287-J.

I've heard radio dispatchers say they will have to call a reporting party back, to find out if a situation is on which highway.

That didn't happen when it was known as 370.

I've discussed the old highway with state people more than once, and each time I detect frustration with whomever I'm talking.

There were three traffic control lights on the old highway, inside the city, until the early 1970s. They were old, and constantly in need of attention and repairs.

Finally, the city council was informed that the control lights would be replaced with two four-way stops and blinking warning lights.

When a council member suggested that the control lights were needed, for the safety of the driving public, it was told, "Then the city needs to put them up. And when you do, we will turn over the entire roadway to the city, from one side to the other, and you will then be responsible for all maintenance."

Some folks just don't want to be responsible for armpits.

Holiday turnout is low

The July 4th turnout at both the Bicentennial Swimming Pool and Lake Iowa Park was far lower than anticipated, believed to be caused by one of the coolest holidays on record.

Only 28 persons took advantage of the pool's waters on the holiday, despite numerous special attractions which were featured.

Jennifer Hinrichs was named the winner of the biggest drawing, a 31-inch television set, and Jennifer Merrill won a 19-inch television. Also, Curtis Segler won a boombox.

A free family membership for 1998 was won by the McLaughlin

Trustees select depository

In a called meeting Tuesday morning, school trustees approved the bank depository, accepted the resignation of two teachers, and hired a high school math teacher.

Although the school board doesn't have a normally scheduled meeting during the month of July, the bank depository had to be approved before July 15.

Until recently, state law required school districts to act on a new depository contract, with appropriate bidding, every two years.

In June, a new law went into effect that permits a school district and its depository to extend the depository contract for one additional two-year term without the bidding procedure. Districts can choose to extend contracts but are not required

to do so. Since bid proposals had already gone out, trustees voted to accept the bid of State National Bank, the school's current depository, and consider an extension in two years.

The resignations of Yeada Gunter and Alice Dyer were accepted, and Tracey Zak was hired to teach high school math.

Gunter, a Kidwell Elementary teacher, has been offered a position as counselor with the Ennis I.S.D., and

Dyer, who taught high school math, has accepted a teaching position with another school district.

Zak, a graduate of Weatherford High School and Midwestern State Univ., will teach math at the high school. Last year she was a math teacher and athletic coach at the high school in Anna.

In other action, the board approved teacher appraisal policies, appraisers, and annual appraiser calendar.

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KEEPING A COOL HEAD - W.T. Bradford models his new cap, brought to him by his son from California. The bill features a small fan, which is powered by a solar cell, powered by the sun's rays, mounted atop the cap.

Police

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The warrants, and their respective fines, were for: failure to maintain financial responsibility, \$317; safety belt violation, driver, \$95, and failure to maintain financial responsibility, \$492.

Lloyd was released at 12:06 a.m. Wednesday, after signing a promise to appear July 22 in municipal court.

A small caliber handgun was reportedly taken some time Tuesday night, from an unlocked vehicle parked in the 1200 block of Fourth St.

Charges were being prepared to arrest a 27-year-old Iowa Park man for reportedly taking several business checks from his employer, and cashing by forgery.

Three of the forgeries reportedly were at local businesses, and others were in Wichita Falls. Total of all the forgeries was approximately \$3,400.

Helpful Facts

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Obituaries

William Pirkle

Graveside services for William Woodrow Pirkle, 84, were at 10 a. m. Saturday in Merkle. Larry Gill officiated. Burial was under direction of Dutton Funeral Home of Iowa Park.

Mr. Pirkle died July 3, in Iowa Park.

He was born Nov. 30, 1912, in Denison to William Henry and Josie Bell Pirkle. He was married to Mildred Young Dec. 26, 1939, in Sweetwater. She died June 5, 1995.

Mr. Pirkle was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army and reaching the rank of staff sergeant. He was a Civil Service purchasing agent. He was a 53-year member of the Masonic Lodge and a Master Mason. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Surviving is one son, Dr. W. Carter Pirkle of Iowa Park.

Dan Roberts

Services for Dan Roberts, 74, of Crowell were at 3 p.m. Sunday at Womack-Manard Funeral Home in Crowell, with Rev. John Besse, pastor of Iowa Park First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Thalia Cemetery.

Mr. Roberts died July 3 in the Iowa Park Nursing Home.

Mr. Roberts was born March 30, 1923, in Vernon. He and Gene Matthews Lanham were married in 1969 in Vernon.

He was a veteran of World War II. He had been a resident of Lake Diversion since 1979. He was a retired cabinet maker and a dairy farmer. He was a Methodist.

Survivors include his wife of Lake Diversion; two daughters, Mary Beth Ellis of Prairie du Chien, Wis. and Judy Peacock of Midland; one son, Charles Lanham of San Jose, Calif.; two sisters, Dorris Stratton of Fort Worth and Clairene Crothers of Chillicothe, Ill.; and six grandchildren.

Laverne Marie Hoyer

Services for Mrs. Laverne Marie Hoyer, 72, of Kamay will be at 10 a.m. today at First Baptist Church, with Rev. Howell Farnsworth, Baptist minister of Floydada, officiating.

Services also will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in First United Methodist Church in Noble Center, Griswold, Iowa.

Dutton Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

Mrs. Hoyer, an 18-year resident of Kamay, died Monday in Hospice of Wichita Falls.

Born Oct. 20, 1924, in Cass County, Iowa, she was married to Paul Leslie Shank. He preceded her in death in 1957. She also was preceded in death by a son, James Hoyer in 1961, and a sister, Leona Bell.

She was married to Stanley Otto Hoyer, Aug. 1, 1959, in Waterloo, Iowa.

Mrs. Hoyer was a 4-H leader, a very active member of the Christian Women's Club in Wichita Falls and the charter president of the club. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Iowa and was a past leader of the Girls Auxiliary, and was in the Mentor Program. She was very active in all phases of church work.

Mrs. Hoyer was a delegate for both County and State Conventions of the Republican Party. She was a homemaker and had worked in advertising sales.

Survivors include her husband of Kamay; three sons, Forest of Scottsvalley, Ca., Joseph of Grant, Ia., Terry of South Berlington, Vt.; three daughters, Laurie Murray of Electra, Sally Rowling, Dallas, and Catherine Yunag of Dawson, Mn; one sister, Carolyn Sindt of Griswold, Ia., and 13 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Wichita Falls, 4909 Johnson Rd, Wichita Falls 76308, or American Cancer Society, 2304 Midwestern Pkwy, Ste. 206, Wichita Falls, Tx. 76308.

Edna Mae Stephenson

Services for Edna Mae Stephenson 78, of Holliday were at 1 p.m. Saturday at Lakeview Church of God, with Rev. Ole V. Olds, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Holliday Cemetery under direction of Dutton Funeral Home.

Mrs. Stephenson died July 1 in a Wichita Falls hospital.

She was born June 12, 1919, in Holliday. She was married to Willard E. Stephenson in Holliday. He preceded her in death in 1993. She was a homemaker and a Methodist.

Survivors include two daughters, Kassy Bever of Iowa Park, and Joyce Stephenson of Arlington; a son Gilbert of Wichita Falls; one brother, Robert Fischer of Wichita Falls; five sisters, Mary Everett of Amarillo, Martha Garrett of Fort Worth, Margaret Mikeska and Katherine Spearman, both of Wichita Falls and Martha Tuck of Fort Worth; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Lakeview Church of God Building Fund or Agape Church.

FRIENDLY DOOR NEWS

Program on exercise scheduled Tuesday

A program, "Stretching and Exercise in the Summer Time," will be presented at 11 a.m. next Tuesday at the Friendly Door Senior Citizens Center.

Michelle Fielder, Occupational Therapist with Wichita Falls Rehabilitation Hospital, will teach stretching and exercise to help limit the aches and pains that come with mowing, weeding and gardening.

The program is presented by the Wichita Falls Rehabilitation Hospital.

Center provides many services

The Friendly Door Senior Citizens provides a multitude of services for residents of Iowa Park and the adjoining area.

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The center is located at 810 North 3rd St., and the telephone number is 592-9311. Myrna Robinson is director.



Clinic slated here for immunizations

Immunization clinics in preparation for the start of the new school year have been scheduled by the Wichita Falls-Wichita County Public Health District.

An immunization clinic will be held Saturday, Aug. 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Kidwell Elementary School. Parents or guardians should bring their child's shot record.

Immunizations are currently available at the Wichita Falls Health Department, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Other clinics scheduled are Burkburnett Junior High School, July 26, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., and Electra Senior Citizens Center, Aug. 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Anyone with questions should contact Teressa Barrington at 761-7841.

Correction

In last week's *Iowa Park Leader* there was an error in the obituary of Truman Lee Harris of Kemp. Mrs. Harris is not deceased. We apologize for the error.

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Youths enjoy extended season

Two area athletes, Titian Fowler and Paul Weaver, have enjoyed an extended soccer season this year as they were picked up by the Cruisers, coached by Roy Reece, to travel to out of town tournaments.

Both Fowler and Weaver were members of the Iowa Park Hurricanes and competed in the Under 14 Boys League in Wichita Falls.

Coach Reece added the pair to his post season roster as the Cruisers traveled to Lubbock to play in the West Texas Invitational Tournament, where they finished second, losing 3-2 in the finals to the Wanderers from Clovis, NM.. Earlier in the tournament, the Cruisers tied the Wanderers 1-1 in the first round of elimination.

The Cruisers followed their second place finish in Lubbock with a first-place finish in the Dr. Pepper Open Soccer Tournament in Dallas. The win earned the Cruisers an invitation to the Ross Stewart Memorial Gatorade Tournament in Dallas last



week, which they won, defeating their opponents 6-2 in the finals.

Fowler, along with playing soccer, played on the Junior High tennis team during the school season.

Weaver, an eighth grader ran on the track team running the first leg of the mile relay and in the 2400 meter run, a race he finished second in at the District Meet.



THE RANGERS were the 1997 Major League Champs, finishing the season with a 12-3 record. Team members are (front row) Zach Marston, Dakota Patterson, Sam Martinez, Hunter Davis, T.J. Metz and Rusty Criswell; and (back row) Josh Brown, Jack Scholl, David Clubb, Ronny Brackett, David Horton, Cory Bosley. Coaches are H.V. Scholl and Mark Patterson.

Fiber optic phone lines installed

Southwestern Bell continues to enhance its telecommunications infrastructure in the Iowa Park area by installing fiber optic cable throughout its network, bringing greater clarity, speed and capacity to voice, data and video transmissions.

The recently-installed fiber optic cable between the company's central offices and tandem locations (where facilities are connected to other networks) gives Iowa Park area customers an advanced telecommunications network designed to meet today's and tomorrow's needs, said Bob McJilton, external affairs manager.

The fiber network is part of Southwestern Bell's ongoing capital investment in its network throughout the state, McJilton said.

In 1996, the company invested \$1 billion in new equipment, facilities and technologies for its Texas network. Such investment in the

state's telecommunications infrastructure has been required by Texas House Bill 2128, the landmark telecommunications reform bill passed by the legislature in 1995.

"With its enhanced fiber installation, the Southwestern Bell network can accommodate more and better-quality voice, data and video transmissions over its lines," McJilton said.

"Customers will not only have clear connections, but they will also be able to access the Internet more quickly and transmit more data at faster speeds. The enhanced network will keep area businesses on the cutting edge of new telecommunications technologies and will serve as another incentive for prospective employers."

Southwestern Bell's network offers call management services, such as Caller ID, Call Return and Call

Waiting, as well as provides distance learning and telemedicine, McJilton pointed out.

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DISTRICT 6 CHAMPIONS from Iowa Park pose with their banner after winning the tournament at Jacksboro last week. Among their victories was a 42-3 routing of a Jacksboro club.

Earn District title

The 1997 Iowa Park 9-10 year old All-Star girls softball team captured the District 6 Title this past week, defeating Graham 13-6 in the championship game.

Iowa Park and Graham got to know each other well as the two teams played three straight games with Iowa Park winning the opener 9-7 behind a strong pitching performance by Alisha Horsky, who tossed her second consecutive no-hitter after opening the tournament with a no-no against Jack County, a game won by Iowa Park 42-3.

In the second meeting between Iowa Park and Graham, it was the Graham All-Stars winning 17-7 to force the "if necessary" game.

Iowa Park opened the game by thumping Jack County 42-3 as Horsky held opposing batters hitless. Jennifer Swanner led Iowa Park at the plate going 5x5 with a pair of doubles, a triple and a home run. Gidgett Byrd finished the game 4x4 as did Brandy McLemore, who also had a pair of doubles. McLemore finished the entire tournament without making a single out at the plate.

In game two, Iowa Park knocked off Graham 9-7 as Byrd and Swanner continued to swing the hot bats, both going 2x3. Stephanie Berg also finished with a pair of hits with a double and a triple. Iowa Park had to rally from a 2-run first inning deficit to win by scoring three runs in the second and four more in the third to take a 7-2 lead.

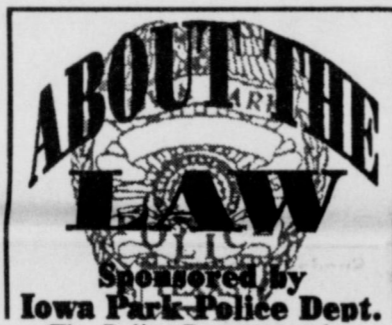
In the third game of the tournament, Iowa Park led 7-1 early and looked to be well on the way to clinching the title, but Graham exploded with a 12-run third inning to take the lead for good.

In the championship game, head

coach Kevin Biddy said his team played about as well as they could play and the score reflected that as Iowa Park wrapped up the District 6 title winning 13-6. Iowa Park led by the defensive play of Ashley Davis played solid defense committing only one error in the finale.

The next stop for the Iowa Park All-Stars will be the Sectional Tournament in Arlington which will get underway Monday.

Members of the All-Star squad include Malorie Fulfer, McLemore, Davis, Horsky, Swanner, Heather House, Amanda Sedoris, Jenny Drury, Byrd, Lara Clapp, Berg, Stephanie Cerveny, Kim Miller and Angel Antone. Coaches include Kevin Biddy, James Dudley and Kevin Drury. The team Mom is Sharon Drury.



The Police Department has received several calls from citizens requesting information on the curfew hours for minors.

A minor is anyone under the age of 17.

The curfew is as follows: Sunday through Thursday, 11:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m.; Friday and Saturday, 12:01 a.m. until 6 a.m.

Violators may be fined up to \$500.

For further information, contact the police department at 592-2181.

All-Star teams in tournaments

It was a very busy week for Iowa Park Little Leaguers as All-Star Tournaments in three different age divisions took place in Burkburnett, Iowa Park and Wichita Falls.

All three Iowa Park teams faired nicely as all reached the finals in their respective age divisions.

The 11-12 year old division team, coached by H.V. Scholl and Mark Patterson, emerged victorious as they downed Burkburnett 8-0 in the finals to advance to the Area Tournament being held this week in Wichita Falls.

Here is a recap of action in all three divisions.

9-10 YEAR OLDS

The 9-10 year old Iowa Park All-Stars made it to the finals of the Area 2 District 6 Little League Tournament last week by beating Wichita Falls 5-3 to avenge an earlier 12-0 loss in the opening round of the tournament.

In the game, Iowa Park jumped on top 1-0 with a run in the second and padded it's lead to 2-0 in the top of the third when David Quick doubled

home Justin Swenson.

Wichita Falls came back to tie the game at 2-2 in the fifth before Iowa Park put the game away. Jeremy Williams reached on an error as did Brandon Hopper, which gave Iowa Park runners at the corners. Swenson caused the two errors as he drilled a 2RBI hit to score both Williams and Hopper to make the score 4-2. Swenson scored on the same play when Wichita Falls tried to make a play on him at the plate.

The win forced the "if necessary" game on Sunday afternoon where Wichita Falls came back to defeat Iowa Park 13-3 to knock Iowa Park out of the tournament.

Wichita Falls came out swinging the hot bats as they collected 18 hits, including 6 extra base hits.

It was Iowa Park that jumped out on top scoring in the bottom of the first as Marc Blagg led off with a single and later scored on Swenson's RBI single giving Iowa Park the early lead.

But it was all Wichita Falls from

that point on as they outscored Iowa Park 13-2, 11 of those runs coming in the top of the third inning, erasing Iowa Park's 1-0 lead.

Members of the team included, Blagg, Toby Brown, Kevin Frazier, Matthew Gaitan, Quick, Hopper, Lance Morton, Kevin Carlton, Michael Sargent, Williams, Drew Skeeler and Swenson. Coaches are Mike Swenson, Curtis Williams and James Skeeler.

11-12 YEAR OLDS

The 11-12 year old All-Stars never let up as they took control from the very first game of the Area 2 District 6 tournament played here last week.

Iowa Park was matched against Burkburnett in the finals, a game won by Iowa Park 8-0 as Cory Bosley tossed his second consecutive shutout in the tournament, allowing only one hit, his first of the tournament.

For the tournament, Bosley pitched 12 shutout innings, allowing only one hit while striking out 22 opposing batters.

In the championship game, Iowa Park got on the board in the top of the third inning. Jeremy Fulfer drew a walk and was followed by K.P. Rains who reached on an infield single. Jack Scholl plated both Fulfer and Rains with a double to put Iowa Park on top 2-0. Iowa Park added two more runs in the inning as David Clubb walked, and Dakota Patterson singled. Chase Wilson drove home Clubb with a single and Brian Love knocked in Patterson with another single to make the score 4-0.

Iowa Park padded it's lead to 7-0 in the fifth with the big blow being a 2-run double by Wilson.

Scholl ended the scoring with a solo home run in the top of the sixth to make the final 8-0.

The win moved Iowa Park into the Area Tournament being held this week in Wichita Falls.

In the Area Tournament, Iowa Park opened with a 4-3 loss to Graham, but rebounded with an 12-1 thumping of Seymour to set up a rematch with Graham in the title game.

Members of the 11-12 year old team include, Wislon, Ryan Shierry, Erik Torgenson, Fulfer, Rains, Lane Patnode, Clubb, Bosley, T.J. Metz, Josh Borwn, Scholl, Patterson, Ronny Brackett and Love. Coaches are H.V. Scholl and Mark Patterson.

13 - YEAR OLDS

The 13-year old All Star team fell in the finals of the Area Tournament in Burkburnett last week, 10-9 in 8 innings to the Burkburnett All-Stars.

Iowa Park held a 9-5 lead heading into the final inning but couldn't hold off Burk as the host team came up with 4 runs in the bottom of the seventh to tie the game at 9-9, then scored the game winner in the bottom of the eighth on a single against Iowa Park's drawn-in infield.

Iowa Park reached the finals with an extra-inning win over Sheppard Air Force Base as Michael Yoder came up big on the mound for Iowa Park. Yoder picked up both wins for Iowa Park in the tournament, both on complete games. The first, an 83-pitch win over SAFB, and the semi-final win in which he tossed 163 pitches.

Leading hitters for Iowa Park in the tournament included Kyle Young, Andy Simpson, Dane Minderman, Nick Kennedy and Freddie Simmons.

Jeremy Wilson pitched well for Iowa Park in the finals leaving with a four run lead in game against Burk.

Members of the 13-year old All Star team included, Yoder, Austin Weiss, Jared Davis, Brandon Gentry, Wilson, Minderman, Kennedy, Dan Jacobson, Tommy Johnson, Simmons, Young, Simpson and Jason Vanck. Coaches were Pat Kennedy, Robert Wilson and Don Young.

Dillard is All-State, signs with Wayland

One of Iowa Park's own was named to the Class 3A All-State Baseball Team this season.

Jake Dillard was honored by being named to the All-State team after his senior season with the Hawks in which he hit .411 with six doubles, a home run, 13 RBI and 25 stolen bases.

Dillard started his career at Iowa Park in his sophomore season and developed into a starter in his junior year. Dillard started for the Hawks in left field and hit in the high .290's.

"Jake really came of age in his senior year," said Iowa Park head coach David Fuhrman. "He was a great defensive player for us. He made only one error all year long. He was one of our team leaders, leading by example rather than doing a lot of

talking. I think one of the best qualities about Jake is his work ethic. He is always working hard at doing what he's supposed to be doing."

Dillard played on three district Championship teams and in his final season at Iowa Park, was named to the All-Tournament Teams in both the Childress and Burkburnett Tournaments.

Since graduating in May, Dillard has signed to play baseball at Wayland Baptist University at Plainview.

Another reason for Wayland's interest in Dillard was his excellence in the classroom. Dillard was named to the All-Academic teams in football, basketball and baseball. Dillard also served on the National Honor Society, the Student Council and was a member of the FFA.

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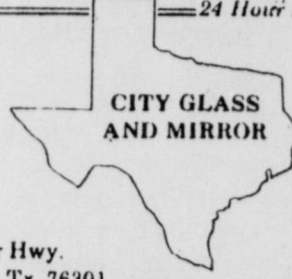
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