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Trustees looking at 15-cent tax increase

School trustees are proposing a tax increase of 15-cents over last year, following a vote taken during a called meeting Tuesday night.

The vote was six to one, with Wendall House casting the only dissenting vote. Board member Larry Dutton was absent.

A public hearing on the proposed tax rate was set for Aug. 28, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the junior high school library.

The meeting was called to re-

view the 1997-98 proposed budget and determine what tax rate is needed to generate the budget.

After making cuts of more than \$300,000, the proposed budget is \$9,378,431, with \$7,060,211 designated for salaries and benefits.

Last year, (and this year) the Iowa Park school district is being penalized for being a "low tax effort" school district, ranking in the bottom 10 percent of all Texas schools. This caused a decline in state funding.

Last year was a benchmark year for public school funding, and tax rates set became a part of the funding formula for the next two years.

The schools operated on a tight budget last year, and made major cuts in this year's budget. But, after cuts of more than \$300,000, the budget was still \$119,451 in the red based on last year's tax rate of \$1.143.

Eventhough the suggested increase in taxes is 15-cents, Allen Shewmake, city/school tax collector,

said that because of the homestead exemption increase from \$5,000 to \$15,000, the average taxpayer may pay less in taxes in 1998 if current property values remain the same. And even if the property is valued at a higher level, there would still only be a small increase because of the exemption.

Shewmake said that any home valued at less than \$85,000 would see some sort of reduction if its value didn't increase.

Homeowners over 65 years of age, whose taxes are frozen, will have a reduction over the previous year.

If they paid less than \$129 in school taxes last year, their taxes would go to zero. If a homeowner, 65 and older, paid more than \$129, their taxes would decrease by \$129 if the tax rate is set at \$1.299.

A public hearing on the budget will be begin at 7 p.m., Aug. 28, in the junior high school library.

In other business, it was announced that attendance in the district on the first day of school was 2,111, but enrollment figures are expected to go higher.

building could probably hold 50 cars. The board gave tentative approval to proceed with this idea.

Allen Shewmake told the board that the City of Iowa Park had asked to install a gas tank next to the school's gas pump at the bus barn. He said the city would be willing to help build the dike around the tank necessary for environmental safety standards.

Shewmake was told to bring more details, such as who is responsible for spills, etc. to the next meeting and they would give it further consideration.

Steve Catlin Insurance Agency's bid for bus and school vehicle insurance was accepted. The board also approved the salary schedule for bus drivers, and gave permission to send out bids on three new school buses. The buses would be financed over a period of 24 months.

Shewmake also was given permission to sell several older buses and vehicles that are no longer in use.

An increase in the price of school lunches was approved. Individual lunch prices for students at all campuses will be 10-cents higher than last year. Lunches for staff will increase 40-cents and visitors will pay 25-cents more.

Following a closed session, three resignations were accepted and six new personnel were hired to fill vacancies on the faculty.

The resignations included Stanley Dillmon, junior high reading; Brenda Curtin, Bradford computer aide; and Linda Taylor, Bradford Title I math aide.

The following were employed for the 1997-98 year: Carey Beckwith, junior high reading; Jayna Case, Bradford 4th grade; Carol Olds, Kidwell 2nd grade; Cindy Bartow, Bradford P.E. aide; Barbara Hunter, Bradford computer aide; and Diane Smith, Bradford Title I math aide.

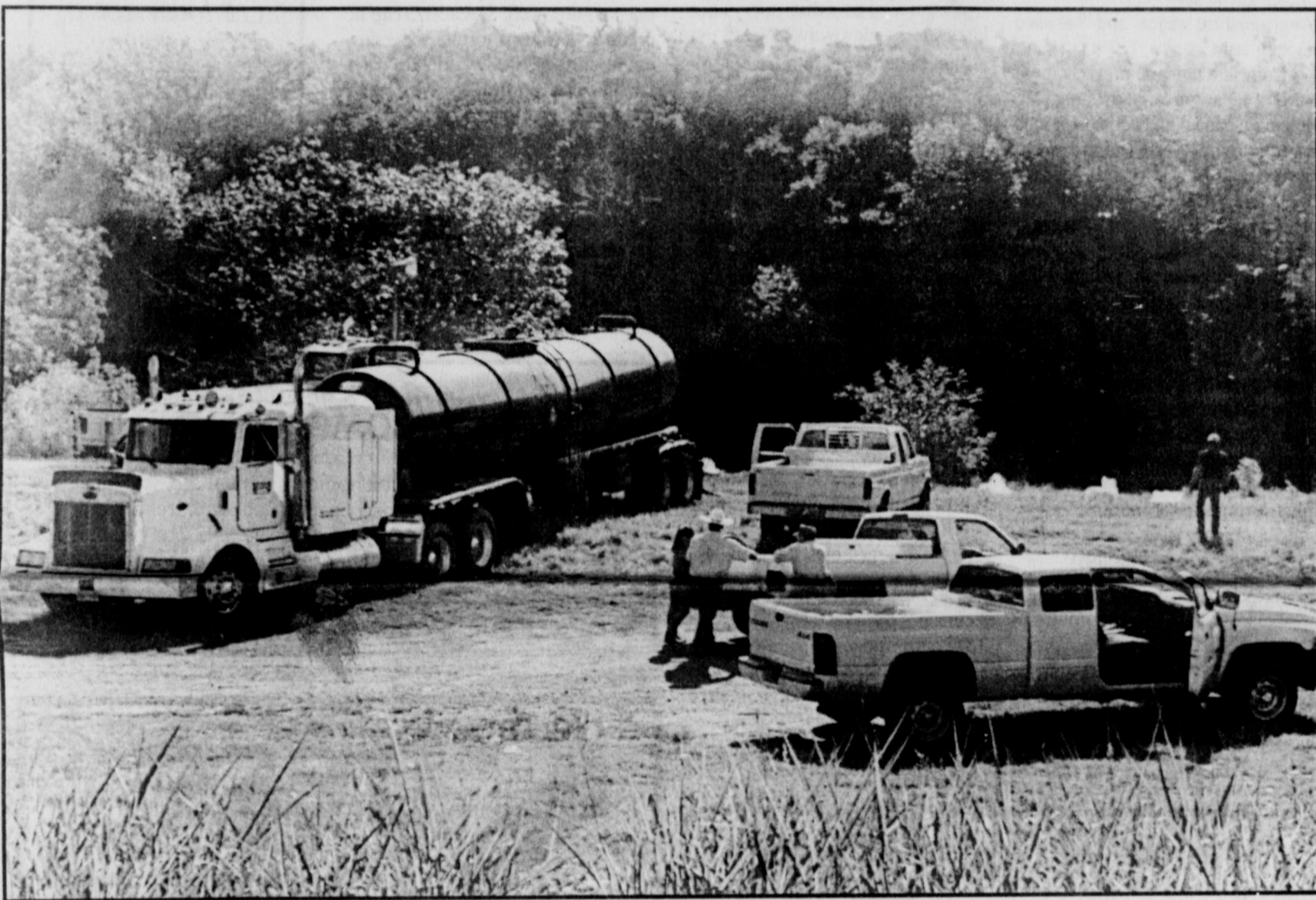
Supt. Caplinger commented on the district's "Recognized" status, resulting from high scores on TAAS tests, and announced that the school theme for this year is entitled "Where Achievement Happens."

Caplinger reported on the mandatory testing of natural gas lines in school buildings, and said the work was nearly complete.

He commented on the good work of inmates from the Allred Unit who helped on several projects. These included roofing of the junior high concession stand, work on the east stadium press box, siding on the junior high building, removal of steps in east stadium seating, and painting of the softball bleachers.

Ron Woods, Energy Manager for

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OIL SLICK CLEANUP - Numerous workers and vehicles were in Burnett Park, FM 368 and Wichita River, Wednesday and Thursday, catching oil on the water surface with booms and

tanker trucks. The slick was detected Wednesday after a minor oil transmission line leak developed near Valley View. Little, if any, oil escaped past the clean up area, officials reported.

Judge tosses out both Clensay suits

Robert Clensay's record of winning suits in court is almost as good as his football coaching was at Iowa Park High School.

Clensay had filed a suit more than a year ago against the Iowa Park Consolidated Independent School District, and another against Trustee Wendel House.

Thursday, Jim Hogan, judge of County Court at Law No. 1 in Wichita Falls, ruled in favor of both defendants.

The judge's rulings followed two unusual hearings, held two weeks apart. Both hearings were held by conference telephone, rather than in his court room.

Clensay's attorney, Lawrence

Watts, had told the judge he had been busy during the weeks prior to the hearings, and would be unable to be in court personally to represent his client.

Both the school district and House were represented by Craig Bennett, of Fanning, Harper & Martinson in Dallas.

Judge Hogan's written rulings were sent to the two attorneys in this way:

"Regarding the Defendant Wendel House's Motion for Summary Judgement, the Court enters the following:

"1) Plaintiff's Response to Defendant House's Motion for Summary Judgment and for Recovery of

Attorney's Fees, Costs and Sanctions was not timely filed. This Court did not consider it, and Grants Defendant's Motion to Strike it.

"2) Defendant House's first ar-

Shower series soak growths, make smiles

A series of showers this week has brightened the outlook of people who mow lawns for a living, and others who grow cotton.

But like most "cotton showers," the amounts reported have varied considerably, because they have been so spotty.

Virgil Woodfin reports a total of 1.95 being measured at his home, accumulated over a three-day period.

He said the heaviest rainfall was 1.75, measured Sunday, followed by a trace Monday and .20 Tuesday.

Sunday's rain was the heaviest and fell in a short period of time. It caused city workers to put out barricades on West Highway, Park Plaza and at Wall and Valley.

Additionally an electric line was downed at Ruby and Jefferson.

Apparently while that was going on, one of the city's warning sirens malfunctioned, as more than one resident reported.

gument in favor of summary judgment addresses the issue of Clensay's action being barred by limitations. Having considered the entire motion, the attached affidavits, the applicable laws and the argument of both counsels, this Court grants the Motion for Summary Judgment on that point.

"3) Defendant House's second argument is also granted.

"4) Defendant House's third argument for Summary Judgment is granted.

"5) Defendant House's fourth argument is also granted.

"6) This Court finds the plaintiff's case as filed against Mr. Wendel House is frivolous and sanctionable under TXR Civ. P. 13.

"Regarding the Motion for Dismissal or Summary Judgment filed by Defendant Iowa Park Independent School District, the Court grants the Motion for Summary Judgment as follows:

"1) The Court rules that the Plaintiff's claims against IPISD fail as a matter of law for failure to exhaust his administrative remedies.

"2) The Court rules also for Defendant and against Plaintiff Clensay as no liberty interest was implicated.

"3) The Court rules also for Defendant and against Plaintiff Clensay on his alleged claim of deprivation of a property interest.

"Defendant's counsel shall prepare the appropriate Order consistent with this letter opinion and submit the original to the Court and a copy to opposing counsel."

NEWS BRIEFS

Bicyclers coming through Saturday

Bicycle riders participating in the annual Hottern' Hell Race will pass through Iowa Park Saturday morning.

With the first group starting at 7 a.m. in Wichita Falls, they are ex-

pected to enter Iowa Park on East Highway shortly before 7:30, and others will follow for about two hours.

As has been the case the past two years, City Hall Park will serve as a rest stop.

Council's meeting Monday cancelled

The city council will not hold a meeting Monday night.

City Secretary Janice Newman said Wednesday that a lack of pressing business had caused postpone-

ment of the meeting.

Regular council meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, except on holidays and others like next week.

Mrs. Sargent feted with shower

Mrs. Christi Sargent was honored Sunday afternoon with a baby shower at the home of Dolores Hamilton. Kari Collins was co-hostess.

Mrs. Sargent was presented a corsage made of white baby socks, accented with red, blue, green and yellow ribbon and netting.

The refreshment table was covered in navy blue linen and was centered with a dried blue flower arrangement.

A white cake depicting an ark with animals in primary colors was placed at one extremity of the table. A crystal punch service with raspberry punch completed the table setting.

Special guests were Mrs. LeDeana Welch and Mrs. Nancy Sargent, both of Iowa Park, mothers of the couple.

The Iowa Park Homecoming parade will be held at 4 p.m. September 19, according to Carole Venhaus, coordinator.

The theme for this year's parade will be "Super Heroes."

Although there is no entry fee to be in the parade, those wishing to participate must call 592-2144 or 592-4715 to get a position in the lineup. All athletic teams must also sign up.

Parade details released

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Bonnette graduates

Kamron (Robnett) Bonnette was graduated Friday night from Midwestern State Univ. as a radiologic technologist.

The 1993 graduate of Iowa Park High School is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Robnett.

She will be employed as a radiographer at Columbia Southwestern Center in Lawton, Ok.

Her husband, Matt, is employed at Comanche Home Builders as floor covering manager.

LOOK WHO'S NEW

Smith

Kevin and Bobbie Smith are the parents of a son, Tyler DeWayne, born June 18 at Wichita General Hospital. He weighed two pounds, one ounce, and was 14 inches long.

Grandparents are Freddie and Annie Smith, and Roger and Patricia Fowler, all of Iowa Park.

RECIPES FOR AFTER-SCHOOL SNACKS

This week's recipes offer ideas for after school snacks that the children will look forward to. Most of the recipes are easy to make and, if prepared in large quantities, can be stored for later use.

Trash

- 1 - 12 oz. pkg. round oat cereal
- 1 - 12 oz. pkg. rice Chex
- 1 - 12 oz. pkg. corn Chex
- 1 - 16 oz. pkg. pretzel bits
- 1 - 16 oz. jar peanuts
- 1 lb. pecans
- 1/2 cup margarine
- 1/2 cup bacon drippings
- 1 Tbsp. garlic salt
- Worcestershire sauce and Tabasco sauce to taste

Combine cereals, pretzels, peanuts and pecans in large roasting pan. Melt margarine with bacon drippings in saucepan. Add garlic salt, Worcestershire sauce and Tabasco sauce; mix well. Add to cereal mixture; mix well. Bake at 300 degrees 1 hour or until crisp. Cool to room temperature. Store in airtight container for up to 1 month.

Streusel Bars

- In large bowl, combine:
- 1 3/4 cups flour
- 1 1/2 cups confectioners sugar
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa
- Cut in with pastry blender or two knives using scissor motion:
- 1 cup cold margarine
- Mixture will be crumbly.
- Reserve 2 cups crumb mixture, press remainder in bottom of 13x9x2-inch baking pan. Bake 15 minutes in preheated 350 degree oven.
- In mixing bowl, beat 1 - 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened, until fluffy. Gradually beat in 1 - 14 oz. can sweetened condensed milk. Add 1 egg and 2 teaspoons vanilla.

Pour over prepared crust. Combine 1/2 cup chopped pecans with reserved crumbs and sprinkle evenly over cheese mixture. Bake 25 minutes or until bubbly. Chill. Cut into bars. Store in refrigerator.

Reese Cups

- Mix thoroughly:
- 1/2 cup graham crackers, crushed
- 1 cup margarine
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1 - 1 lb. box powdered sugar
- Press into a buttered cake pan or muffin tins lined with paper muffin cups.
- Melt 1 - 12 oz. bag milk chocolate chips in microwave. Spread over peanut butter. Cool in refrigerator.

Vegetable Dip

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley
- 1/2 tsp. lemon juice
- 1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 Tbsp. onion flakes
- 1 Tbsp. chopped chives
- 1/8 tsp. curry powder
- 1/4 tsp. paprika
- 1/4 tsp. salt

Combine mayonnaise, sour cream, parsley, lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce, onion flakes, chives, curry powder, paprika and salt in bowl; mix well. Let stand for several minutes to blend flavors. Serve with fresh vegetables.

Tex-Mex Popcorn

- 8 cups popped popcorn
- 2 1/2 cups miniature pretzels
- 2 1/2 cups corn crunch twist snacks
- 1/3 cup margarine or butter, melted
- 1 tsp. lemon pepper
- 1/2 tsp. oregano leaves
- 1/4 to 1/2 tsp. chili powder

- 1/4 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/4 tsp. onion powder
- Heat oven to 325 degrees. In large bowl, combine popcorn, pretzels and corn twists. In small saucepan over low heat, melt margarine; stir in lemon pepper, oregano, chili powder, garlic powder and onion powder. Pour margarine mixture over popcorn mixture and stir gently to coat. Spread mixture in ungreased 15x10" jelly roll pan. Bake 10 to 15 minutes, stirring once during baking.

- 1 tsp. Italian seasoning
- 1/4 tsp. garlic powder
- Grated Parmesan cheese, if desired
- Heat oven to 325 degrees. Place oyster crackers in single layer in ungreased 15x10" jelly roll pan. In small bowl combine oil, Worcestershire sauce, 1 tablespoon Parmesan cheese, Italian seasoning and garlic powder. Pour over crackers and stir to coat. Bake 10-15 minutes, stirring once. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Cool completely.

Energy Munch

- 2 cups raisins
- 1/2 cup peanuts
- 1/2 cup cashews
- 1/2 cup dried chopped apricots
- 1/2 cup banana chips
- 1 - 4 1/2 oz. pkg. (1 1/2 cups) sesame cracker sticks
- Combine all ingredients in large bowl. Store in tightly covered container.

Tortilla Rollups

- 1 - 4 1/2 oz. can deviled ham
- 1 - 3 oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup shredded pepper cheese
- 2-3 Tbsps. chopped fresh parsley
- 4 (8 to 10-inch) flour tortillas
- In small bowl, combine ham, cream cheese, pepper cheese and parsley; mix well. Spread 1/3 cup of mixture on each tortilla, covering entire surface. Gently roll up each tortilla jelly-roll fashion. Wrap each roll tightly with plastic wrap and refrigerate 1 hour or until thoroughly chilled. Cut each into 6 or 7 slices.

Oyster Crackers

- 1 - 11 oz. pkg. oyster crackers
- 1/3 cup oil
- 1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 Tbsp. grated Parmesan cheese

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WELCOME HOME
Kevin and Bobbie Smith's Son, Tyler DeWayne, born on June 18th, finally got to come home on August 5th, weighing four pounds, six ounces. He had been in Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth. The day he was born he was transported there by airplane. He was born two and a half months early. His nickname is "Early Bird" from his grandpa!
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GARDENING HINTS

By MARK TERNING, COUNTY AGENT - HORTICULTURE

Q. I have an apple tree in Wichita Falls that just recently died over about a one-week period. The leaves seemed to just turn brown almost overnight. Now the tree is completely brown, but none of the leaves have fallen. What could have killed this tree? Could this have been a herbicide?

A. herbicides can cause unusual and in some cases rapid damage of plants, however, this is not the case with your apple tree. Most likely, the cause of damage or death of your apple tree was actually a disease called cotton root rot. Apple trees are highly susceptible to the cotton root rot fungal organism.

During the hottest part of summer (July and August), when soil temperatures are warm this devastating disease will activate and quickly kill plants. Soils which are alkaline such as those in this region will harbor cotton root rot. No plant is immune, but certain plants are very susceptible to the fungus.

Apple and pear are extremely susceptible host plants. The tell-tale signs of cotton root rot include the rapid death of otherwise healthy plants which tend to retain their leaves even after death. Unfortunately, there is no cure for this fungal disease beyond utilizing resistant plant materials.

In areas known to have problems with cotton root rot avoid planting any highly susceptible plant such as pear or apple. Ratings of plant material and their resistance to cotton root rot are available in printed form from your local County Extension office.

Q. We have a pecan tree in Duncan, Okla. that never really develops healthy, green foliage like it should. The leaves are small and stunted and somewhat off-colored. What causes this problem? Other pecan trees in the vicinity look fine.

A. What you are describing to me is zinc deficiency symptoms on pecan. Pecan trees growing in alkaline soils will often times show what is called rosetting of foliage which is an indicator of a lack of the micro-nutrient zinc. Some areas of soil will actually result in more severe zinc deficiency problems.

Certain trees will also exhibit greater problems with lack of zinc. At any rate, it is always a sound recommendation to apply zinc beginning in early spring as pecan leaves begin to emerge from buds. Foliar sprays are the only way to efficiently apply zinc to foliage.

Continue sprays at about two week intervals for four to five applications. This will result in healthier, darker foliage and a stronger tree. All pecan trees will benefit from foliar zinc applications. Research conducted on pecan trees has shown night and day differences between zinc treated trees and those which are not treated.

Q. My marigolds are covered with webs. We planted several flats in our Burk Burnett flower bed this spring. What has caused this? They look terrible!

A. The number one pest problem of marigolds would have to be spider mites. These tiny insects can cause major plant damage in a short period of time. The fine webbing is a signal of a major mite infestation.

Marigolds are a magnet for spider mites. Always watch for mottling or bleaching of the foliage as an indicator of mites. You can always take

a piece of paper and hold it under the plant foliage while shaking the leaves. The very small insects will appear on the paper as a pepper grain, sized reddish-brown colored pest.

They are mobile. Control can be achieved with the application of Kelthane (a miticide product).

Q. We once again this year are having problems with the worms which literally strip our Post Oak trees at our lake home at Possum Kingdom. Can you please tell us how to control these worms.

A. The Yellow Necked Oak Caterpillar is the specific pest you are describing. Cross Temper regions populated with Post Oaks and Black Jack Oaks tend to be hit the hardest by this leaf-feeding caterpillar. Control options include the regular application of biological controls such as Bioworm or Dipel as well as Thuricide. Applications of Sevin, malathion and other labeled control products will also help reduce the caterpillar populations and tree damage.

Q. My potato plants are producing tomatoes!! I know I planted potatoes in this part of my garden. What is the deal?

A. Cooler than normal weather will cause potato plantings to flower and even set fruit which resembles a tomato. The plants are not producing tomatoes. This is a natural occurrence caused by cooler than normal weather. It looks very strange, but you don't need to worry about it. Inside these tomato-like fruits there are true potato seeds. These seeds will very rarely produce any type of decent potatoes. This has certainly confused even long-time gardeners when their potato plants begin to produce these tomato type fruits.

OBITUARIES

Elsie Faye Matthews

Graveside services for Elsie Faye Matthews, 65, were held Tuesday afternoon at Highland Cemetery with Rev. Greg Ammons, pastor of Faith Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Dutton Funeral Home.

She died Saturday at her home in Iowa Park.

Mrs. Matthews was born May 12, 1932, in Crosbyton. She and Clarence Matthews were married May 15, 1948, in Henryetta, Okla. He died in 1995. She had lived in Iowa Park since 1956, moving from Wichita Falls.

Survivors include a son, Clarence Wayne of Iowa Park; two daughters, Shirlean Hibler and Barbara Gayle Harris, both of Wichita Falls; a sister, Lavonda Goettman of Charley; a brother, James Henry Wright of Thornberry; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

FRIENDLY DOOR MENU

Thursday, Aug. 21

Chicken spaghetti, sesame broccoli, carrots, garden cottage cheese salad, hot rolls, peanut blossom cookies.

Friday, Aug. 22

Beef stew, oven-fried okra, pear/cheese, cornbread, sugar cookies.

Monday, Aug. 25

Spinach salad, tomatoes, lasagna, zucchini, garlic bread, pear halves.

Tuesday, Aug. 26

Baked pork chop, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, spinach, cornbread, fruit cocktail cake.

Wednesday, Aug. 27

Barbecue brisket, potato salad, cole-slaw, borbread, cranberry crisp.

Thursday, Aug. 28

Oven fried chicken, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed greens, peach cobbler.

Chamber plans Whoop-T-Do

Chamber of Commerce board of directors heard a report on the recently-sponsored city-wide garage sale, and also discussed plans for the Whoop-T-Do, during Monday's regular monthly meeting.

President Robert Palmer told board members that participation was highest ever for the annual August garage sale, and that most of the businesses participating felt it was highly successful.

Palmer quoted Keith Fisher, owner of K&K Quick Stop, as saying the project generated more revenue for his business in that one day than his cost of membership in the Chamber.

Special tickets which will be used instead of currency during this year's

Whoop-T-Do were discussed, as well as manpower for the booths where the tickets will be purchased.

Booth operators will all be members of non-profit organizations. They will pay no deposit to have a booth during the activity, and their cost of participating will be 10 percent of tickets turned in at the end of the day, it was explained.

Vice President Lisa Bushfield is the chairman of the event this year. Organizations wishing to host a booth during this year's Whoop-T-Do should contact the Chamber office to reserve the activity planned.

Activities, such as face painting and games, etc. are not duplicated at the Whoop-T-Do.

Palmer asked Mike Henderson, new manager of the Cryovac plant and a member of the Chamber board, to speak during this year's All-Membership luncheon.

Other topics covered during Monday's meeting included a discussion on resumption of a quarterly newsletter by the organization, a report from Mike Price, city administrator, on the city's efforts to expand

and align its city limits, and a solicitation to purchase space in a new regional magazine for the promotion of the community.

Trustees

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the school district, said that it had been a good month and he was pleased with the decline in energy consumption during the summer.

In addition to regular business' items, other action taken by the board included:

- * approval of district and campus plans;
- * approval of the Iowa Park CISD Athletic conduct and Discipline Policy; and
- * approval of dress policies for cafeteria workers.

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FFA Boosters meeting set for Monday night

The first meeting of the school year for the FFA Booster Club will be at 7 p.m. Monday in the Vo-Ag building at the high school.

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ACROSS

1 TXism: "Ya'll come ___ ya hear?"
5 city of Arlington has imposed this on smoking (2 wds.)
6 TXism: "hook, ___ and sinker" (all)
7 in Hidalgo Co. on 107
8 Luling's Watermelon Thump has a ___ contest
17 TXism: "___horse town" (small)
18 '24 campaign slogan: "Ain't Got a Darn Thing Against Pa"
21 some Texans ski in Santa __, NM
22 TXism: "___ lick" (none)
23 San Antonio Tejano and C&W singer rural living
24 TXism: "___ mind to" (inclined)
30 state ___ has olive branches
31 Gov. ___ Culberson
32 TV soap of TX Al Freeman, Jr.: "One ___"

DOWN

1 commodity bundles in west TX (3 wds.)
2 Taylor Co. seat
3 TX Nash hit: "I ___ Clearly Now"
4 work bread dough
9 Biblical word for strike or hit
10 Quanah Parker was son of ___ Nocona
11 TXism: "___ hog had wings he'd be an eagle"
12 TXism: "up ___ snuff"
13 TX King Vidor's "A ___ A Tree"
14 TX bumper sticker: "___ Too, Eddie"

41 Comanche's oldest TX courthouse: "Old ___"
42 sergeant
43 TXism: "took everything but the ___ my lungs" (robbed)
44 this golfer Julius won the '59 Dallas Open
45 with Angelo or Antonio
46 TXism: "old as ___"
47 in Young Co. on 114
48 talented marchers: Texas ___

50 sweatearts
51 leave out
52 Mariners to the Rangers
53 2nd female gov.

15 TXism: "fought tooth and ___"
16 "My ___ Sal"
19 Padre Island was named for Padre ___ Balli
20 TXism: "got as much to ___ hibernating bear" (idle)
22 TX Larry McMurtry in Dallas: ___ Thornton Freeway
25 TX high school sports league (abbr.)
26 state university in Nacogdoches (abbr.)
27 proud of their state in Hill Co. on 81

29 TXism: "___ holler" (call me)
30 TX belle rebuff
33 TXism: "let sleeping dogs ___"
34 Spurs Elliott
35 this Burrell ran leg on gold '92 Olympics relay

37 TX Shelby Hearon's "Painted Dresses; A ___ Fellow"
38 TXism: "a frog in a skillet would have more fun"
40 "___ and true"
41 ex-Ranger coach Valentine was born in Stamford, ___
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As I See It... By Bob Hamilton



Is the interest in numismatics dead?

I never hear anything about it, other than reading an ad by some dealer.

Of course, I'm referring to the hobby of coin collecting.

Prior to moving here in 1969, I belonged to a club in Littlefield. It was composed of an active group of collectors which met on a regular basis.

Maybe I'm just not very observant, but I don't see coin collector books and magazines on the shelves like they once were.

Probably I'm just not looking for them as I once did... back when I was interested.

I had developed a fairly good collection back then, including several books which included all the different denominations.

That lasted about two weeks after the move. We returned home from the first out-of-town football game to find the books, bags and boxes in which the coins were held, spread out over our bed.

As I recall, the thief left two pennies, neither with valuable dates of mintages.

So, other than an occasional foreign country coin that somehow finds its way into our newsstand, whatever extra money I have goes into the bank.

Possibly one reason collecting of coins has less interest now started back in the late 1970s, when a couple of the Bass brothers from Fort Worth almost cornered the market on silver.

The price for silver got so high that it was actually worth more when melted than the coins' value.

Yeah, there were a lot of table silverware sets that disappeared back then also, either through sales or thefts.

The late Hershel Nipper once showed me a large collection of rolled coins he had accumulated and had stored at the bank.

Interest in that club in Littlefield possibly was stimulated by one of the businessmen there.

He had financed the opening of a family shoe store on main street, with two rolls of pennies.

Yeah, I said pennies. They looked like common, everyday pennies. But his were special. He had secured the financing because his roll was uncirculated 1914-D, which back then were valued a more than \$80 apiece.

Another one of the members, a pharmacist, once told us of his interest in silver dollars. Seems he would ask the bank each time he visited if they had any, and bought all they had.

He explained his interest this way: when he was a student in elementary school, his family gave him a silver dollar for each "A" on his report card.

Problem was, he never told family members where he was saving

them. Oh, he put them in the bank, but did so by making an ordinary savings account deposit, rather than in a safe deposit box.

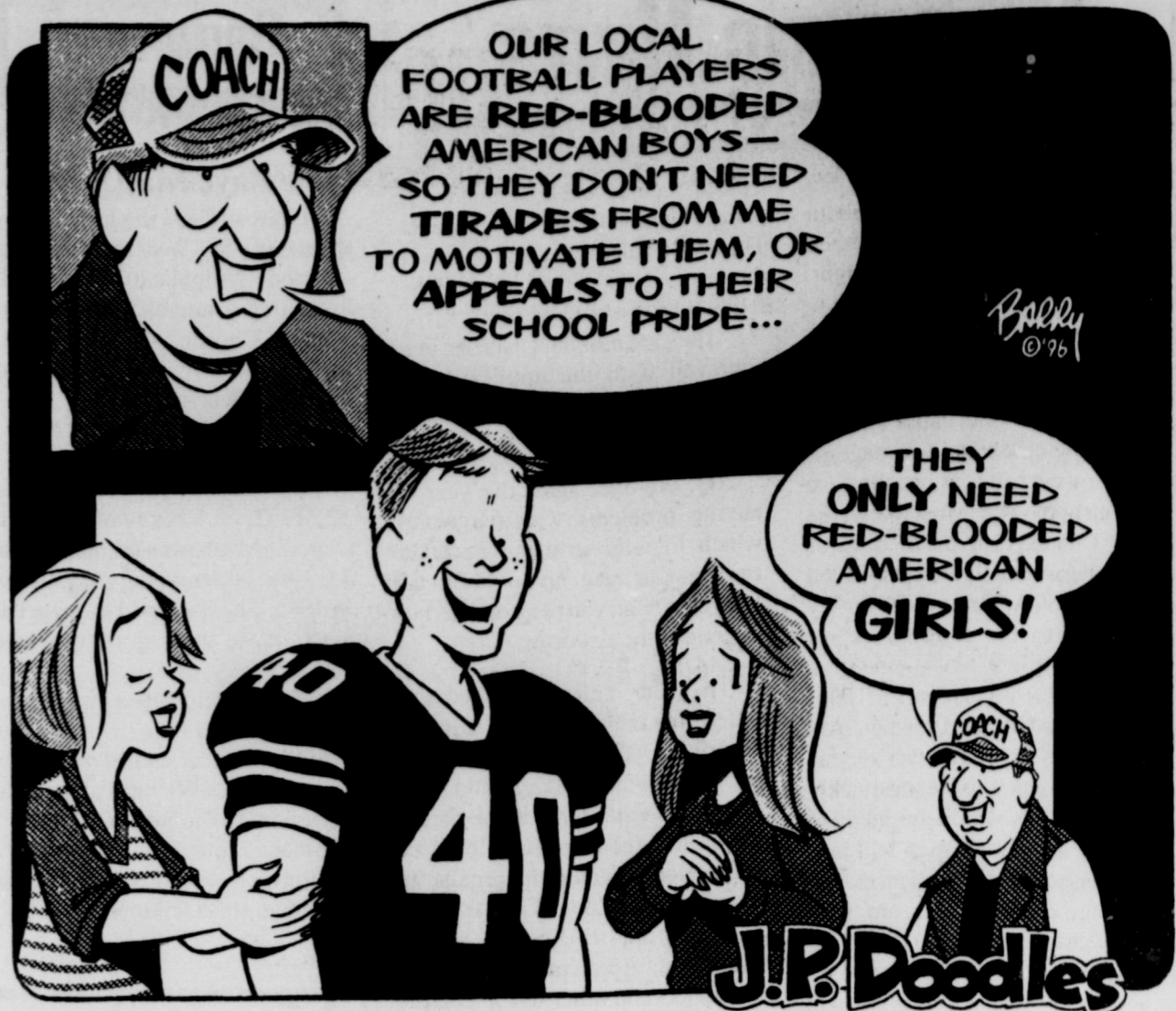
So he lost them all.

My first numismatist acquaintance was a milk man in Hereford. Not satisfied with just going through the coins he took in during a day of making deliveries, he also went to the bank.

He would go to his bank each Saturday, purchase a couple hundred dollars worth of rolled coins, and then spend that night and all day Sunday searching for desirable coins.

Sunday night he would re-roll the coins, and be at the bank Monday morning bright and early, exchanging them for paper currency.

Maybe there still are some coin collectors, but since 1969, I've not been one of them.



WORTH QUOTING

Two farm wagons were parked in a public market, both loaded with potatoes.

A housewife stopped beside the first wagon and asked, "How much are your potatoes today?"

Dollar and a quarter," replied the farmer.

"I only paid a dollar last time," the woman protested. "Taters have gone up," grunted the farmer and turned aside.

At the next wagon, the housewife asked the same question, but Ma McGuire knew her potatoes.

"These are especially fine white potatoes," she said. "We raise only the kind with small eyes so there will be no waste in peeling. Then we sort 'em by sizes. In each bag you'll find a large size for boiling and cutting up and a smaller size for baking. The baking size cooks quickly and uniformly.

"These potatoes are clean, too," she continued. "You could put a bag in your parlor without a lot of dirt. They're a good buy at \$1.65. Shall I have them put in your car?"

The woman who thought that the first farmer's potatoes were too high bought two bags from Ma McGuire at a higher price.

All of which proves that it is much more important to establish a value than to quote a price.

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Letters to Editor policy explained

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

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

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

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

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Helpful Hints

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The public hearing will be held on AUGUST 28, 1997 at 7:00 PM IOWA PARK JR HIGH SCHOOL

FOR the proposal: KEITH FISHER, MARTHA DUDLEY, JEFF WATTS, DENNIS YEAGER, RANDY CATLIN
AGAINST the proposal: WENDALL HOUSE
PRESENT and not voting:
ABSENT: LARRY DUTTON

The statement above shows the percentage increase the proposed rate represents over the EFFECTIVE tax rate that the unit published on AUGUST 12, 1997. The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average home value	\$ 46,797	\$ 48,718
General exemptions available (amount available on the average home, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 5,000	\$ 15,000
Average taxable value	\$ 41,797	\$ 33,718
Tax rate	1.143 /\$100	1.299 /\$100 (proposed)
Tax	\$ 477.73	\$ 437.99 (proposed)

Under this proposal taxes on the average home would DECREASE by \$ 39.74 or -8.3 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would INCREASE by \$ 15.6c per \$100 of taxable value or 13.6 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

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WORTH QUOTING

The following is not a lie. I promise.

New Mexico resident Wade Miller called the Olympic Committee in Atlanta recently to order tickets for the Summer Games.

"I'm sorry, sir," the Olympic ticket seller replied. "I can't sell tickets to someone outside the United States."

I'm not kidding here. This really happened -- and it gets better.

When Mr. Miller explained to the operator that New Mexico was one of the 50 United States, she refused to believe him. Unable to convince her, he demanded to talk to her supervisor.

The supervisor, in a matter-of-fact tone when she answered the line, said to Mr. Miller, "Sir, new Mexico, old Mexico -- it doesn't matter. You still have to go through your country's Olympic Committee."

An isolated incident? Sorry, no.

Santa Fe, New Mexico newspaper reporters, when ordering Olympic tickets, were also told to contact the Mexican consulate.

I wish I was fluent in Spanish right now so I could write something like "Long Live The Stupid!" It's probably something like "Viva La Stupido!"

Anyway, maybe we need to start a high school graduation revocation program in this country. The way it would work would be: any United States high school graduate who publicly shows such blatant lack of knowledge must return their diploma to their old school and then return to class. The person, and their Alma Mater, would then be subject to inspections, fines and maybe even a good paddling.

Those who refuse to comply will be raided by U.S. Marines, pulled out into the street and ... okay, okay, I'm getting a little carried away here.

This is certainly one of those laugh-then-cry stories though. First you giggle at these little isolated incidents in Atlanta and then you realize the overall statement it makes about education in this country.

If you need a silver lining on the subject of education please read the second Letter To The Editor below. Maybe the two geography mistakes in Georgia were actually just flukes. Maybe the situation isn't really that bad. Maybe we're talking about two isolated incidents.

Sorry, no.

A television news reporter, conducting a man-on-the-street segment for an evening newscast, recently asked this question to a University of Maryland student. "What

three powers fought against the United States in World War II?"

In a confident tone, the young man said, "Well the first one, I know, is Russia. The second one is Korea. And the third one, I understand, is Pearl Harbor." That's a word-for-word quote.

Well, 0-3 is bad enough but ... Pearl Harbor?

I bet you laughed. Now it's going to sink in ... and you're going to cry.

I think I hear those Marines marching off to Maryland now.

Maybe I'll join them.
SEAN McBEATH
Burkburnett Informer/Star

Texas Monthly magazine has again released a list of lawmakers it considers the 10 best and 10 worst of the recently-concluded session of the state legislature. And once again, State Rep. Charles Fennell of Holliday has received the dubious honor of being included on the publication's 10-worst roster.

In the eyes of the Austin-based magazine, Fennell's sin apparently is that he has been a member of the legislature for 28 years and shows no signs of leaving.

Texas Monthly said, in effect, that it could find nothing of substance in Fennell's list of legislative accomplishments. "To be here so many years ... and to achieve so little; now that is a sin," the article stated.

The substance of a piece of legislation obviously depends on perspective. Much of Fennell's work in each session is geared specifically toward issues that are of importance to his mostly-rural North Texas district. Magazine editors in Austin might not consider them vital, but his constituents seem to appreciate the efforts.

Otherwise, how do you explain

the ease with which he seems to be re-elected every two years?

Fennell, for instance, has insured for the past two legislative sessions that efforts continue toward finding an acceptable answer to just where the Texas-Oklahoma border lies along the Red River. For those whose land is affected by the shifting boundary as it is currently defined, that's a major concern.

He was also a leading proponent of legislation which allowed the state to increase speed limits on highways once the federal government ceded that control, a result of his awareness of the importance of transportation needs in rural areas.

Fennell's name has also been associated for a long time with rail safety and horse theft protection laws -- issues that again assume more importance for smaller, rural-based communities.

While others in the magazine's rogue's gallery may have earned such distinction because of their partisan politics or extra-curricular shenanigans, Fennell doesn't deserve such a smear.

Nor do the people who elected him.
LARRY CRABTREE
Vernon Daily Record

Labor Day traffic safety urged

Labor Day weekend is a sure sign of things to come.

Among them is the fact that another summer is about over. It's also the last three-day weekend for many Texans to enjoy before cooler weather sets in.

Trooper Joe Clement, Safety Education Officer with the Texas Department of Public Safety stated that many people could die needlessly on the state highways over this Labor Day period. The tragic part of highway fatalities is the fact that most of these accidents are caused by driver error and can be prevented.

Trooper Clement expects that our recreational areas will be extremely busy, so if your travel plans include a trip to the lake, take time to check your vehicle and trailers. When driving on lake roads, be especially alert. These roads often have no shoulders and can be winding and hilly. With reduced visibility and an increase in large recreational vehicles, our best defense is to stay alert and slow down, allowing more time to react if a hazardous situation should occur.

While making plans to travel this weekend, don't attempt to drive more miles than you safely have time for. Watch out for fatigue, it can strike with little warning. Be sure that you get ample rest and allow time for frequent breaks. Stay alert by keeping your attention on the driving task at hand.

Trooper Clement went on to say that all available DPS troopers will be on duty Labor Day weekend. The three main hazards the DPS troopers will be watching for to help insure

you a safe trip are: sobriety - if you drink, then don't drive; seat belts - effective only if you and everyone in the car wears them; and speed - know when to slow down.

Hunter education offered

A Hunter Education Class is being offered Sept. 13 and 14 at the Iowa Park Recreational Activity Center.

This class is required by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. for anyone born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, and has turned 17 years of age to legally hunt in the State of Texas. Anyone may attend the class, but must be at least 12 years of age to be certified.

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Cost for the class, which is being sponsored by the Iowa Park Recreational Activity Center and the Red River Rifle and Pistol Club, is \$10.

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Assisted-living communities offer new options for elderly

Assisted-living communities are helping to bridge the gap between independent living at home and around-the-clock care provided at nursing homes.

"These communities represent a new living option for elderly people who require some level of daily assistance, but do not need the medical attention of a nursing home," said Nancy Wilson, an assistant professor with the Huffington Center on Aging at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

"Assisted-living centers allow many people to enjoy a level of independence while providing them with services to make their lives easier."

Assisted-living communities range in size from single or double rooms in a private home or retirement complex to full apartments. Most provide three meals a day served in a common dining room, house-keeping and linen service and assistance with bathing and dressing.

Medication management, recreational and social activities and transportation to medical care are also usually part of the support package.

"One of the appeals of the assisted-living setting is that people can maintain individual control and privacy in their living space," said Wilson.

"Unlike in many nursing homes, residents have the freedom to decorate and furnish their rooms, making their surroundings feel more like

home."

Some communities rely on home-health agencies to furnish skilled nursing or other health-care assistance, since they only have staff for supervision and personal care.

Regulation of assisted-living communities and their personnel varies from state to state, so it is important for people considering a move to a community to visit and ask questions about the staff, services and cost.

"Relocating at any age is challenging, but assisted-living communities provide a wide variety of living options that may make the transition easier later in life," said Wilson.

Cook among OU graduates

Brett Arthur Cook was among students from 37 states and the District of Columbia completing degrees this summer on the University of Oklahoma Norman campus.

Degree candidates are eligible to participate in May commencement ceremonies.

Cook, an Iowa Parkan, completed his Bachelor of Arts degree.

Helpful Facts

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NEWS FROM THE HALLS OF THE HAWKS

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GIRL SCOUT NEWS

Girl Scout Round-Up will be from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. August 28 at the Iowa Park RAC, room two.

If you know any girls who would like to join us for the new school year, please come by and sign up.

Meetings will begin after Labor Day.

New wheat variety looks promising

The newest hard red winter wheat variety, TAM 110, is now on the market and available to farmers this year, says Dale Williams, director of Texas Foundation Seed Service at Vernon.

"This new seed has some big pluses for future production," said Dr. Mark Lazar, one of the variety's developers, and a wheat geneticist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station of Amarillo.

"TAM 110 has resistance to all field biotypes of greenbug, the common wheat pest, and yet another highly desired characteristic -- winter hardiness," he said.

"Producers can purchase the seed for this season's planting from most certified seed dealers in the High Plains," said Williams, who directed placement of the seed into the 'registered class' that allows certified companies to market seed directly to producers.

"Last season, only a 'foundation class' seed was available and only to seedsmen, who have since reproduced it in larger quantities needed for subsequent sales to growers this year," he added.

"The process leading to a wheat's release is a long one," said Lazar. Protection of the TAM 110 falls under Title V of the U.S. Plant Variety Protection Act. The seed is maintained by the Texas Foundation Seed Service at Vernon.

"By now, most dealers should have some seed," said Williams. According to Lazar, this new

addition to the growing list of TAM varieties should adapt well in the entire High Plains winter wheat region from Texas, north to western Nebraska or South Dakota.

"Now, producers should have some added insurance against the risk of greenbug attack," Lazar said. In years when no aphid infestations occur, TAM 110 will yield as well as the popular TAM 107. Both varieties are well adapted for dryland or limited-irrigation production systems employed on the High Plains.

"The resistance in TAM 110 may be especially important when greenbugs are threatening and Russian wheat aphids are not, or as in recent years when the Russian wheat aphids don't become significant until later in the season," he said.

Spraying becomes necessary only when the Russian wheat aphid becomes economically threatening to the crop. By growing the new variety, the option to use insecticide may be delayed or avoided entirely.

The research group includes David Worrall of Vernon, David Marshall of Dallas, Lloyd Rooney, M.E. McDaniel and Neal Tuleen, all from College Station, and Amarillo scientists Gary Peterson, Kenneth Porter and Lazar. The work leading to development of this variety was supported in part by the Texas Wheat

Producers Board. "This new wheat isn't perfect, however, it should give growers a little more flexibility in managing their crop than other varieties on the market now," Lazar said.

TAM 110 is available through most certified seed dealers. Addition information may be obtained through Texas Foundation Seed Service by calling Dale Williams at 940-552-6226.

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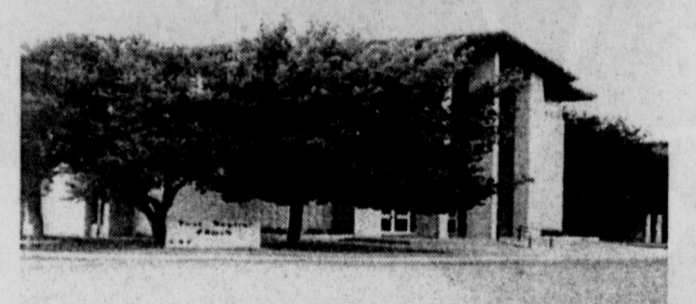
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Dr. John Ward, Pastor (Chaplain USAF-Ret) 287N at Wellington

NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

800 N. WALL

SERVICES

SUNDAY
10 A.M. AND 6:30 P.M.
WEDNESDAY
7:30 P.M.

PASTOR EARL CORRELL
592-2200

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Corner of 1st & W. Magnolia
592-5605

Sunday School
9 a.m.
Worship Service
10 a.m.

Rev. Orville Horn, pastor
569-4085

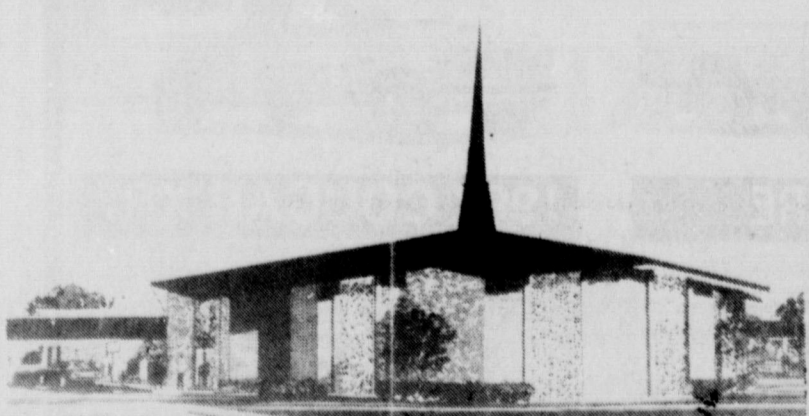
CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

1008 N. First 592-2802

Rev. Patrick Burke, Pastor

Sunday Schedule	Wednesday Schedule
8:45 Children's Religious Formation	7:00 p.m. Adult Inquiry Sessions
10:00 a.m. Sunday Eucharist (Mass)	Thursdays - Communion Service & Rosary
- Reconciliation (Confession) before Mass	7:00 p.m. Chapel

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH



"The presence of God is our greatest asset"

411 S. Wall 592-2716

SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.	Children's Mission Programs 6:30 p.m.
Discipleship Training 6:00 p.m.	Youth "The Edge." 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.

Nursery provided for all activities

Dr. Greg Ammons, Pastor
A Southern Baptist Church

CHURCH OF GOD

of Iowa Park
801 E. Cash

"Where Love is More Than Just A Word"

SUNDAY	Time
Sunday School	8:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning	10:45 a.m.
Children's Church	10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship	8:00 p.m.
Wed. Family Training	7:30 p.m.

Church 592-4848 Parsonage 592-5818 Bus & Nursery Available

Our Mission is to Make Disciples for Jesus Christ

First United Methodist Church

201 East Bank Street (592-4116)

Worship at 8:30 and 10:40 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.



Be a part of the Family at First Church

John Besse, Pastor
Parsonage 592-4969

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

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