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HAWK SCULPTURE DEDICATION ceremony was held before Friday night's season opener, when artist Jack Stevens, in plaid shirt, was joined by family and relatives of the late Jack Witherspoon, to whom the sculpture was dedicated.

Trustees hike tax rate

Taking into consideration that a bond election to address facility needs would probably be necessary in the near future, school trustees opted to set the tax rate at \$1.25 instead of the \$1.299 rate that had been under consideration.

The action took place during a regular meeting of the school board, Tuesday night at the high school library.

The \$1.25 tax rate, with \$1.166 for local maintenance and \$.084 for bonded and debt service, passed by a 4-3 vote of the board.

Some board members felt that a higher tax was needed to recover from the skeleton budget the school is operating on this year. If the \$1.29 tax rate had been approved, two or three cents would have been designated to pay fees necessary before a bond issue is held, instead of trying to do it through the fund balance.

In support of going for the higher rate, one trustee said, "People know we have to have a bond issue, and know we've tried to be frugal in the past."

Also, it was noted that the district has been penalized by the state for its low tax rate. The tax rate has to be at least \$1.30 before the district can qualify for some state money.

During the open forum portion of the meeting, Pam Baller and Anita Childs addressed the board about the district's dress code. They were in disagreement with the code as it re-

lates to the length of girl's shorts.

Mrs. Baller asked the board to reconsider the length of shorts for girls, saying the style today is mid-high length. Mrs. Childs pointed out that girls are taller today and their growth spurt in junior high is causing a problem.

The ladies were told that the dress code committee, composed of parents, students, and teachers, would be asked to meet as soon as possible and get their recommendations back to the board before the next meeting.

It was pointed out that it had been about three years since the last recommendations were made.

Lisa Bushfield was the next person to address the trustees. She was concerned with a dance held recently for junior high students at the RAC. She thought the music, dances, and way the students were dressed was inappropriate, and asked board members to observe one of these dances to see for themselves.

Another person in the audience, Dolores Hamilton, said that she was president of the RAC board when the Report Card Dances for junior high school students began. She said only junior high school students were allowed, they weren't allowed to leave until a parent or designated person picked them up, and that the dances were well chaperoned by board members, parents, and teachers.

The dance Bushfield was referring to was not a Report Card Dance,

since these are held to reward students making the honor roll after report cards are handed out.

According to JoLynn Cockrum, activity director at the RAC, this was not a RAC sponsored dance. It was a private dance, with rental being paid on the building by two individuals.

In discussing facility needs, Supt. Mike Caplinger said that the district qualifies for Facilities Allotment Funding, but certain requirements, such as hiring an architect, would have to be met before submitting the application. Caplinger said he would like to have Murphy Davis, a bond consultant, back in the next three weeks to talk to the board, and invite the Facilities Task Force members to attend the meeting.

During his report, Caplinger told the board that gate receipts from Friday night's football game here against Burk Burnett had reached over \$13,000. He also mentioned that a new group, an Academic Booster Club, was in the process of being formed and he would keep board members informed on the progress of the group. The Iowa Park Chamber of Commerce is going to start sending out newsletters to its members, and Caplinger said the school district was sponsor for the first mailing which would cost \$32 for stamps.

After a closed session, trustees voted to accept the resignations of High School Principal Richard Davis, and Renato Pedon, a technology aide at the high school.

Davis, who has been with the school district 30 years, is retiring, effective Dec. 31, 1977. He was highly complimentary of the faculty, staff, and students in the district for their "dedicated service and level of commitment and excellence."

Pedon resigned to accept a position with the Wichita Falls ISD.

Lee Pelz was put on contract services to fill Pedon's position at the high school.

Other action taken by the board included:

- * accepted high bids on three school district vehicles;
- * approved the tax report and adjustments as well as the annual tax report;
- * approved student handbooks;
- * approved fundraising activities, field trips, and special projects, with the stipulation that activities involving travel would depend on the availability of buses and drivers at the time they are needed;
- * approved student transfer request for student whose mother is employed by the school district; and
- * authorized Allen Shewmake to sign title transfers on school owned vehicles and buses sold by the district.

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TONIGHT

Hawks meeting Coyotes

There's an old saying that says you can't win them all if you don't win them all. And after beating rival Burk Burnett 24-6 Friday night in front of a packed house, the Iowa Park Hawks still have a chance to win 'em all.

Iowa Park got an excellent defensive performance from the entire unit as they held the Bulldogs to only six points and only five first downs. Burk Burnett finished with 178 total yards with 76 of those coming on the Bulldogs' lone touchdown.

"I thought we did a tremendous job on defense," said head coach Weldon Nelms. "We had only one mistake and that was because we were hustling to the ball and just over persued. I was pleased with our hitting and the way we swarmed to the ball and gang tackled. I can't say enough about the way our defensive unit performed for a first game."

The Hawks hope to continue their defensive dominance tonight when they travel to Memorial Stadium to take on Wichita Falls High School at 7:30 p.m.

The Coyotes are coming off a 35-7 loss to the Rider Raiders in their opener. Old High has struggled early after being shut out in their two scrimmages. WFHS lost to Gainesville 1-0 and tied Ft. Worth Eastern Hills 0-0. But in the Eastern Hills game, Coyote quarterback Gabriel Garcia was picked off four times and had two returned for touchdowns.

"They are still not clicking yet," said Nelms referring to Old High's slow start to the season. "I just hope they don't start clicking until after they play us. They have two excellent running backs in Isaac Landours and Julius McKnight that have break away speed. I'm sure after they saw the film against Burk, that they will be looking to cut back against us and hopefully we'll be there to stop them. Their

quarterback is a decent passer, but he is much more dangerous running the ball. Their offensive line is huge. Their starters average over 230 lbs. They will be even bigger than the offensive line we faced last week in Burk."

The Coyotes don't get any smaller on the defensive side of the ball either as their defensive front five weigh in at 200, 230, 275, 260 and 175.

"We're going to have to have another week like we had last week from our offensive line against their size," said Nelms. "Our offensive line played well last week against a much bigger opponent and they will have their work cut out for them again this week. Old High's secondary hasn't played very well this year and Rider took advantage of them passing for three touchdowns. I feel like we have to exploit them through the air to loosen up the running lanes."

The Hawks racked up 291 yards against the Bulldogs, rushing for 224 yards while picking up 67 through the air.

"Our offense didn't play as well as I would have liked," said Nelms. "I was pleased with the way we came on when the game was on the line in the fourth quarter and put the game away with the long drive like we did. But you have to give a lot of credit to Burk, they have a good football team and they are better defensively than I thought they were. Their defensive end B.J. Roberts is a great football player. He may be the best player we will play against all season long. He is a Division I type player. He played the run well and made it hard for us to get to the corner."

The latest Associated Press Texas

High School Poll was released on Monday with Iowa Park jumping four

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'Group home' is subject of city council meeting

The establishment of a second "group home" in Iowa Park was openly aired during Monday night's meeting of the city council.

Two weeks previously, City Administrator Mike Price said his office phone was continuously busy with calls from residents in the 600 block of West Coleman, concerning the facility.

Because of the interest, Mayor Tim Hunter called for an open forum on the subject, and it consumed almost the entire period of the council's meeting.

D&S Residential Services, Inc. of Austin has purchased a residence on that block, with the intent of using it as a home and community based care facility for as many as three mentally handicapped or mentally retarded individuals, along with one resident supervisor.

Apparently because the facility was originally referred to as a "half-way house," many residents mistook the facility's residents to be drug addicts and/or felony criminals.

Area supervisor of the facility,

Iowa Park native and resident Allan Gould attended the meeting to explain the company's mission.

Gould, who is a former staff member of the Helen Farabee Center in Wichita Falls, said his company's intent is to move institutionalized persons into their home areas, rather than being kept in facilities far away from their families.

He emphasized Iowa Park and Wichita Falls are not the only cities in which similar facilities are being located.

Three patients will reside in the home, along with a full-time attendant. They will, depending on their ages and needs, attend public school, be trained in employment, and then learn to keep the household.

Answering a question about the amount of traffic expected at the home, Gould said one vehicle would be there regularly, and visiting workers such as himself also would stop at various times.

Mayor Hunter told the audience that there had been "lots of rumors, concerns, misconceptions" and he felt it would be beneficial to have people here furnished with information about the home.

He emphasized that "the city is not in the business of regulating private sales" of homes. The city is aware of legislative acts which have led to such homes, he said.

"There are at least two federal laws that deal with zoning by cities as it relates to handicapped persons: the Fair Housing Amendments Act of

Police report three arrests

Three arrests on outstanding warrants were made by Iowa Park police during the past week, according to the police blotter.

Allen Martin Anderson, 32, was taken into custody Friday evening after it was determined a warrant had been issued for his arrest for violating a drivers license restriction.

Anderson was released after arrival at the police station, when he paid his fine of \$79.50.

The other two arrests were made Sunday.

At 3 a.m., Temera Ann Beasley, 25, was stopped by an officer on patrol, and it was learned of her warrant for operating while on administration license revocation sus-

pension. She was transported to the county jail.

At 5:37 p.m. Sunday, Regina Marie Melton, 24, was stopped in the 200 block of West Bank, and the officer determined a warrant for her arrest had been issued.

The warrant was for failure to maintain financial responsibility, which carries a fine of \$267. She was later released after paying \$50 toward the fine, and signing a promise to appear in municipal court.

Police were informed Monday morning of a criminal mischief case at Lake Iowa Park, where someone had used spray paint over the weekend to defigure the interior of the ladies restroom.

Football tickets on sale today

Tickets for the varsity match-up between Iowa Park and Wichita Falls High School tonight will be on sale through 3:30 p.m. today at the high school.

Tickets will cost \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. According to the Wichita Falls Athletic Office, tickets at the gate will cost \$5 each for adults and children.

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NEWS BRIEFS

United Way drive to kick off here

The United Way Drive in Iowa Park will kick off Sept. 18, with a hamburger feed for officials and supporters at the Recreational Activities Center, 806 N. 3rd St.

Iowa Park's goal this year is \$100,000.

Robert Palmer is campaign chairman for Iowa Park, and division chairmen are Brett Hale, Allen Shewmake, JoLynn Cockrum, Janice

Newman, Tommy Key, Tami Witherspoon, and Sid Carlson.

Palmer said the public is invited to the hamburger feed which begins at 12-noon. "But, in order to insure enough hamburgers are prepared, he said, "reservations should be made by calling the RACV at 592-4471."

In Iowa Park, United Way helps support the Friendly Door Senior Citizens Center as well as the RAC.

Pre-construction conference today

A pre-construction conference concerning the rebuilding of North Victoria will be held at 10 a.m. today in Wichita Falls.

The meeting will be held in the Texas Department of Transportation area office conference room, at 1601

Southwest Parkway.

Victoria is to be completely rebuilt between Cash and Access Road, through a state and federal program, similar to completed projects on Washington and South Wall.

CWF begins year with salad supper

The Christian Women's Fellowship of First Christian Church had a salad supper Monday night to begin their first meeting of the new club year. The group met in the fellowship hall of the church.

Officers for the 1997-98 year are: Suzanne Shewmake, president; Betty Cole, vice president; Pam Shook, secretary; Harriet Wilson, treasurer; Helen Dale Roberts, study; Becki Boyd, worship; and Marian Turner, service.

A skit, emphasizing this year's theme, "Church Alive," was presented by Roberts and Shewmake. Mrs. Roberts also was in charge of the worship.

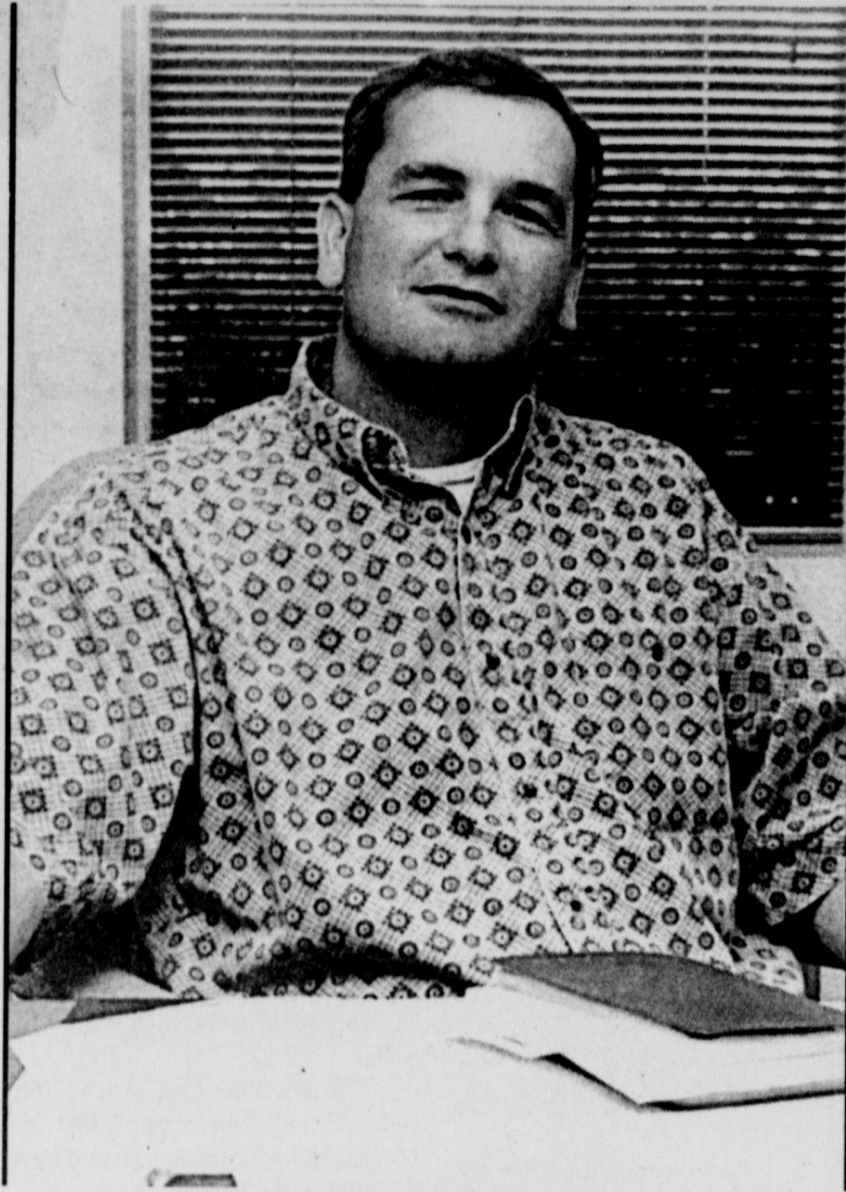
In other business, the 1997-98 budget was presented and approved.

At the end of the meeting, members exchanged gifts and revealed the names of their "Secret Sisters" during the past year, and drew new names for the new year.

The CWF Executive Board met last Thursday in the church parlor. Helen Dale Roberts, Study Chariman, gave a report on the October program with the Juliet Fowler Home. Invitations to the October meeting were sent to CWF's of Burkburnett, Henrietta, and Park Place.

Service Chairman, Marian Turner, proposed two service projects for the coming year. Having top priority is the "Dress a Child" project in Colorado. Each CWF organization sends either clothes or money for the cost of one complete outfit for a child. The other project proposed is a "Multicultural Crayon Project," to help stamp out racism.

The executive board also approved the budget for 1997-98, which was to be presented for a final vote during the general membership meeting.



Steve Beckwith

New First Baptist minister familiar with Hawk football

The new preacher at First Baptist Church once caught a touchdown pass against the Iowa Park Hawks.

Steve Beckwith, who delivered his first sermon here on Sunday, Aug. 17, was a senior end at Burleson High School in 1971. (Iowa Park went on to win the game, however, 47-20.)

Mrs. Beckwith, Carey, is a sixth grade teacher at Iowa Park Junior High School. She also is a native of Burleson.

The couple has four children: Jeremy, a freshman at Hardin-Simmons Univ.; Callie, high school sophomore; Jason, seventh grader, and Stefanie, who is in the third grade.

Following graduation from high

school, Beckwith attended East Texas Baptist Univ. at Marshall, and was graduated from the Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, where he earned his Masters degree in 1991. He hopes to complete his Doctorate in about a year.

The Beckwiths founded Cedar Ridge Baptist Church in Burleson in 1987, in a couple's livingroom. The congregation later purchased land on which a church was built, and when they left in 1993, the congregation had grown to 120, he said.

Beckwith became pastor of First Baptist Church at McCamey, in West Texas, and served there four years before being called to Iowa Park.

Whoop-T-Do changes announced by Chamber

This year's Whoop-T-Do on Sept. 20 will be different than past years, and Chamber of Commerce secretary Susan Dillard says it is important that all booth operators know the changes.

Cash money will not be used to purchase items at booths. Instead, special tickets will be used.

The tickets will be worth 25-cents each, and will be in strips of four tickets valued at \$1, or sheets of 24 tickets valued at \$6.

The tickets will be sold at three different locations, beginning at 8 a.m. Those locations will be at the Chamber office, on East Cash by the stage, and at a location by the driveway of San Hunter's residence.

Booth operators should realize the tickets are money redeemable and threat them as such, Dillard says.

Booth operators should be aware that they must take their tickets to the Chamber office the day of the event, no later than one hour after closing their booth, to receive credit for the tickets.

There will be a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the Chamber office for all non-profit organizations participating in this year's event.

The tickets will be used only at the booths of non-profit organizations. Arts and craft booths will not be using them.

The Whoop-T-Do has been sponsored and coordinated the past 25 years by the Chamber of Commerce, and is held in conjunction with homecoming activities of Iowa Park High School.

RAC News

By JO LYNN COCKRUM

Bridge Results

Monday's game was close this week...Louis Helms reported the high score of 4710, and Mary Lou Alderman reported the second high of 4700!

At Wednesday bridge, Mary Lou Alderman had the high score of 4580 on August 27, and Virgil Woodfin has the second high of 4260. Sept. 3, Lorene Mahler reported 5030 for the high, and Virgil Woodfin had second high with a score of 4410.

There were three tables played at all three meetings.

Hunter's Ed Course

A hunter's education safety course will be held at the RAC this weekend (September 13 and 14). If you would like to take the course, and have not registered call the RAC at 592-4471 for more information.

Food Handler's Course

Reservations are being taken at the RAC for a food handlers certification course to be held this month. Cost for the course will be \$12.50. A minimum of ten participants is required to secure an instructor. Please call 592-4471 to register.

CPR Training

Persons wishing to take CPR or renew their certification should call the RAC to reserve a place in the upcoming class (date to be announced). Final details are still being arranged, and will be printed in this column when available. A minimum class size of ten will be required.

Thank You

The RAC would like to say "thank you" to Tom Moore for the many repairs he has so graciously done for us over the past few months. We appreciate your time and efforts on our behalf.

New Programs

Beginning in October, the RAC will be offering a few new programs. Continuation of these will be based upon community response and participation, so if you see something you are interested in, please be sure to join us! Programs in the planning stages include holiday crafts, aerobics, pre-school activity hour, and a daily after-school program. For more details, call the RAC at 592-4471, and remember...your response will determine the schedule!

Annual Membership Meeting

The annual RAC membership meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 3 of the RAC. The purpose of this meeting is to elect new members to the RAC Board. All current RAC members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

United Way Campaign Kickoff

The 1997 United Way Campaign Kickoff for Iowa Park will be held at the RAC on Thursday, Sept. 18 at noon. The public is invited to attend. To make your reservation, call the RAC at 592-4471 or the Friendly Door at 592-9311.

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by Joe Hughes, R.P.H.

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| 9113 | Children's Aid Society of West Texas, Inc. |
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| 9117 | Girl Scouts, NorCenTex Council |
| 9119 | Iowa Park Recreational Activities Center |
| 9120 | Iowa Park Senior Citizens (Friendly Door) |
| 9121 | Mental Health Association - Wichita County |
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| 9126 | Senior Citizens of North Texas, Inc. |
| 9123 | SAFB Child Development Center |
| 9124 | SAFB Youth Center |
| 9127 | Southside Girls Club, Inc. |
| 9103 | The Arc (Association for Retarded Citizens) |
| 9130 | Wichita Adult Literacy Council, Inc. |
| 9134 | Women's Y |
| 9137 | YMCA |

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Art Assoc. meets

The Iowa Park Arts and Crafts Assoc. met Tuesday in the Chamber of Commerce meeting room. Melba McIlroy presented the program on making a garden angel wreath. Pat Elsey won the door prize, a decorated satin Christmas ball made by Loretta Stevens. Dorothy Johnson, vice president, presided over the business meeting.



A little history of our society. Over four years ago Ardis Jensen started a genealogy interest group, which met at the Tom Burnett Memorial Library one evening a month. Interest grew and three years ago the Iowa Park Genealogical and Historical Society was formed.

There have been the usual growing pains of a new organization and now we move on to our fourth year with enthusiasm.

To name a few projects of the IPGHS, perhaps the most important is the "Happy Birthday Iowa Park" book, compiled and indexed from the Centennial Edition of the Iowa Park Leader. It was so well received another printing is planned. Watch this column for further information.

Members participated in "Career Days" at the high school the past two years, the interest of the students was a rewarding experience.

There have been research "field trips", seminars in Wichita Falls and Lawton as well as interesting programs at our meetings.

More than two years of weekly meetings are reported in the Iowa Park Leader.

The Genealogy Room at the Tom Burnett Memorial Library has been reorganized and resource material added.

There are interesting Newsletters compiled by members. Worked with the Highland Cemetery Board in documenting grave sites. This is a continuing project in our area cemeteries.

Another on going activity is collecting and documenting facts and artifacts to preserve Iowa Park history. There is something for everyone and we continue our family research and help each other when we get stuck.

New officers were elected at the September meeting.

Elected were Shirley Banks, president; Sandi Koonce, first vice president; Vicki Shea, secretary; Paula King, treasurer.

The next meeting will be Oct. 4 at 2 p.m. at the library. New members and visitors are welcome.

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Make it a perfect wedding beginning with your invitation!



Cook of the Week



Marty Follette

Marty and Terry Follette were born a continent apart, she in Long Island, N.Y. and he in Seattle Wash., but luckily their families moved to San Antonio where both of them grew up. They weren't acquainted during their school years, but met later through mutual friends.

Marty graduated high school and attended San Antonio College. She worked many years as a medical secretary.

Terry was a quality control engineer for G.E. Aircraft Engines when they were transferred here from Cincinnati, Ohio five years ago.

Terry still works as a contract engineer, and Marty keeps busy working at Movin' Movies, a local business they purchased recently.

The Follette's have two children, Randy and Heather. Randy, 16, is a sophomore at Iowa Park High School and helps his mother in the family business. Heather is a freshman student at IPHS and is involved in debate and journalism.

Marty's mother, Marita Holdsworth, moved here to be near her children and grandchildren and has become a very active member of the community. Marty said that her mother is involved in so many things it is hard to keep up with her.

Marty's favorite pastimes are knitting, crocheting, arts and crafts, and sewing. She especially likes to read, but hasn't had much time since family attend services at First Presbyterian Church.

Marty said she likes to cook and has a large collection of recipes, but lately hasn't been able to spend much time in the kitchen.

The recipes Marty is sharing are all favorites and some, such as "Grandma's Salad Dressing," have been in the family for many years. The "Pizza Snacks" and "Lemon Whippersnaps" disappear almost as

fast as she cooks them. She came up with the recipe for "Frito Pie" while trying to duplicate the ones she had eaten while in high school.

Pizza Snacks

These are great to have on hand if you have kids, unexpected company, etc.

- 2 lbs. Jimmy Dean sausage
 - 1 box Velveeta cheese
 - Oregano
 - 2 or 3 loaves of rye cocktail bread
- Fry sausage in large pan. Break it up into small crumbly pieces while cooking. When done, drain off fat. Cut cheese into bite-size pieces. Add slowly to sausage until entire brick is added. Slowly melt and mix. Add oregano to flavor.

Spread on cocktail bread. Flash freeze and then bag in freezer bags. Store in freezer.

When ready to eat, preheat oven to 325. Put slices on cookie sheet and bake. Done when cheese starts to bubble.

Frito Pie

- 1-2 lbs. hamburger
 - 1 bag regular Fritos
 - 2 large cans chili with beans
 - 2 bricks Cheddar cheese, grated
 - 1 pkg. Mozzarella cheese slices
 - 1/2 cup catsup
- Fry hamburger until cooked and burger and simmer. Add catsup; mix well. Layer a casserole dish with half the bag of Fritos, then cover this with half of the hamburger mixture. Cover with half of the grated Cheddar cheese. Now add second layer of Fritos, rest of hamburger, and cheese. Finish by placing Mozzarella cheese over the top. Cook at 325 degrees until cheese has melted and is slightly bubbling. Serve with either a green salad or a fruit salad. Serves 4-6.

Lemon Whippersnaps

I found this in a cookbook. My family eats them as fast as I can get them out of the oven.

- 1 lemon cake mix
 - 2 cups frozen whipped topping
 - 1 egg
 - 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- Combine dry cake mix, thawed topping and egg. Stir until well mixed. Drop by teaspoonfuls into powdered sugar and roll to coat. Place on greased cookie sheet about 2 inches apart. Bake at 350 degrees 10 to 15 minutes. Makes 48.

Try using different flavored cake mixes.

Grandma's Salad Dressing

- 1/2 cup sugar
 - 1/2 cup oil
 - 1/2 cup vinegar
 - 1/2 cup catsup
- Combine above ingredients; shake well and chill. Increase recipe by using equal amounts of the ingredients.

Glorified Rice

- 1 pkg. red jello
 - 1 cup boiling water
 - 1 medium can crushed pineapple
 - 2 cups cooked rice
 - 1 cup whipped cream
- Add jello to water; mix well. Add pineapple with juice and rice to jello; mix well. Refrigerate and let set. When set, fold in whipped cream and serve.

Look Who's New

Turner

Kim Elder and James Turner are the parents of a daughter, Allison Paige, born Sept. 4, at Wichita General Hospital. She weighed eight pounds, five and a half ounces, and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are David and Nancy Elder of Iowa Park, Tim Turner of Iowa Park, and Cheryl Luna of Wichita Falls.

Great-grandparents are Ralph and Nancy Glasgow and Faye Turner, all of Wichita Falls.

Iowa Park Class of 1947 to observe 50th reunion

The Iowa Park graduating class of 1947 will observe its 50th class reunion to coincide with IPHS Homecoming slated Sept. 19-20.

Former class members will meet at the Recreational Activity Center in Iowa Park for "Caring, Sharing, and Dining." The meal will be catered.

Saturday afternoon, Sept. 20, from 1:30 to 3:30 there will be a get-together at the First United Methodist Church for more visiting, and to receive anyone from the community who would like to come by. Refreshments will be furnished by the caterer.

The Homecoming banquet and reception will be Saturday evening at 5:30 in the high school cafeteria. Cost for the activities is \$25 per person. That includes the meal, rental, postage, decorations and favors.

Whoop-T-Do will be in progress Saturday when class members will have opportunity to see many of the townspeople they remember.

Information has been sent out

from the Alumni Association so each one can make their own reservations for the Saturday night banquet. Committee members are hoping for 100 per cent attendance.

The committee is composed of Swanelle Clements Spradley, P.O. Box 622, Pearland, Tx., 77588, 281-482-2734; Betty Jo Hatten Jackson, 1206 Rebecca, Pasadena, Tx., 77506; Patsy Ann (Jimmy) Roy of Wichita Falls.

Others serving on the committee are Helen Mitchell Miller, Phelitious Lemond, Wayne Williams and Bill Mahler, all of Iowa Park.

Stricklands have Yard of the Month

The Yard of the Month recognition for September goes to Charlie and Joyce Strickland, who reside at 617 W. Texas.

Recipients of this award are chosen each month by a committee of the Iowa Park Garden Club.

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- Will "The Thrill"
- TXism: "_____ sleeping dog lie"
- TXism: "bumpy _____ a 25-pipe cattle guard"
- '24 campaign slogan: "Me For Ma _____ Got a Dern Thing Against Pa"
- El Paso mayor Azar (init)
- real name of TX Joan Crawford: Lucille _____ Sauer
- TX Martha Hyer film: "The Sons of _____ Elder"
- state univer. in Stephenville
- TXism: "we're seeing eye _____" (agreement)
- TXism: "the fur _____ flying"
- mother of all Texans
- TX actor Tommy _____ Jones

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- this Myers designed the state capitol
- so. Dallas suburb
- TXism: "hog wash"
- "_____ bellum": before "The Fight"
- _____ Worth
- largest Dallas hotel: _____ tole
- actor with too much emotion (2 wds.)
- TX courts _____ out punishment
- Sierra _____ TX
- _____ Campo, TX
- Clyde h.s. class
- sports forfeit (2 wds.)
- translation of lake "Sal del Rey"
- rattlesnake homes
- TXism: "_____ have to get better to die"
- TXism: "he could sell sheep shears _____ cattlemans" (persuasive)
- Troy Aikman is spokesman for this brick co.
- TXism: "won't work and too lazy to _____"
- conquerer of Mexico in the 16th century
- C&W music label
- TXism: "I'm gonna _____ your eyes!"
- TXism: "chompin' _____ the bit"
- TX Rodriguez's child opera: "_____ Monkey Do"
- _____ Jo, TX
- TXism: "cold as an outhouse _____ in January"
- TX Benson film: "_____ to Billie Joe"
- All-_____ Vehicle
- noted TX historian J. Frank _____
- TX Bush was head of this spy agency
- TX Perot met Margot on a blind _____
- OJ's criminal judge
- that part of a spur that spins
- TXism: "_____ no stone unturned"

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As I See It... By Bob Hamilton



Understandably, readers hardly ever pay any attention to a newspaper's masthead and information on it.

A masthead, in newspaper terms, is the paper's name that appears on the front page of each issue.

So, since you likely haven't already noticed, I'll inform you of a change we made this week.

This issue is Number 1 of Volume 29.

What that means is, Dolores and I are starting our 29th year of publishing the *Iowa Park Leader*.

This doubtfully means little or nothing to our readers. And there's no reason it should. But to us, it is of vast importance.

Namely, we've managed to sustain our business and livelihood.

Now, 29 years may not seem like much to most folks, but here are some facts that will give you some idea of what it has meant to us.

* Neither Dolores nor I have ever lived anywhere else as many years.

* I believe we've been publishing this community's newspaper longer than anyone has previously in Iowa Park.

* Half, or possibly even more, of all people living here today were not

even born when we published Number 1, Volume 1.

* Students were attending classes at only three campuses here when we started, because the new high school building wasn't ready for occupancy.

* There were three grocery stores doing business in 1969, and not one convenience store; and there were two furniture stores, as well as a White's Auto... as well as two full-blown franchised and busy automobile dealerships.

* There were no apartment houses to rent, but there was a hotel.

* Johnson Road was the western city limits, and there were no homes north and west of Mary Drive, other than some distant farm houses.

* Iowa Park's police department occupied one small room in city hall, and the building also had the city offices, the fire department, and even the Chamber of Commerce office.

* Park West Shopping Center was home to only five businesses.

* And there was also another newspaper, the *Iowa Park Herald*, and so we made Iowa Park a two-newspaper town.

I could go on and on about all the changes that have occurred here, the growth of the community and all the fine people who are no longer here.

And I could also do the same, expressing our sincere appreciation for the continued readership of our people, and the advertising of our businesses -- all of which have made the past 28 years a successful and enjoyable time of our lives.

Thank you, each and every one.



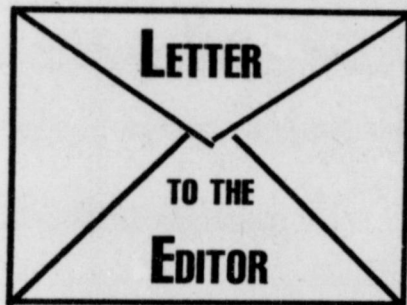
It has become a growing concern for the city that several traffic signs are missing and/or have been vandalized.

Parents, speak with your children and explain to them that this is not, and should not, be considered a game.

It is against the law to alter, knock down, mark on, or remove an official traffic device such as a stop sign, yield sign, railroad sign, etc.

We have traffic signs for a reason, and that is, if followed, they prevent accidents. Not only can the destruction or removal of traffic signs cause serious accidents, but the city has to replace the signs, which is a great burden on the taxpayers.

Violation of this law is punishable by a fine up to \$500.



School spirit is important

This letter is to tell everyone who has ever attended I.P.H.S. how important that school spirit is and can be. It can be very powerful.

In 1991 I was diagnosed with cancer that led to a bone marrow transplant at the U.T. M.D. Anderson Cancer Center at Houston in October of 1991 for me.

After the transplant I was very critical and near death. While still in the hospital in November I was in very sad shape.

One morning my wife and mother pushed me downstairs and out to the curb because they were having a Christmas parade at the hospital. At this time I was very weak and could not walk about ten steps, I was in very poor shape. They did not know if I was going to make it or not and I was at about the point that I was about ready to give up. I was home-sick and my spirit was broken, the parade went by and I did not even care. But that's when a miracle happened. All of a sudden I heard something that was familiar but it was different. An all Scottish High School band from somewhere in Houston busted out with our high school fight song, DIXIE. This sent my mind racing, it took me back to many happy times in my life. It uplifted my spirit and gave me what I needed to make it through the rest of the day. I can say that without a doubt that this saved my life. I really don't know that without this boost how much longer I would have went before I gave up.

So my message to all I.P.H.S. students present and past, is that Hawk spirit and pride is very important. It is something that will stay with you the rest of your life.

Joel Williams
I.P.H.S. Graduate 1976

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TO THE EDITOR

Old easy chair in the alley

That old chair seen better days. Once it was a big comfort for people, to sit in it and relax. Thinking of good old days, holding a baby in your lap or having a conversation with relatives or friends.

Over the years the chair got worn out, or people who owned it moved away and put it out in the alley, for the garbage men to take it away. But the day never came. Lonely and abandoned, it stays out in the alley.

Every evening a friend and I take our doggies for a walk and we pass

right by the chair. That old easy chair even takes different shapes. Once it stands upright, as it waits for someone to sit down, and the next day it is thrown over on its side. Then again it is in the middle of the alley, all stretched out, like someone should

lay on it.

Out in the storm, rain and hot sun, you almost feel sorry for the poor old chair. Nobody ever picked it up to lay it to rest.

Poor old chair, in the alley!
Gerda Wells

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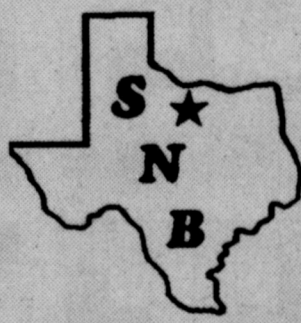
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