

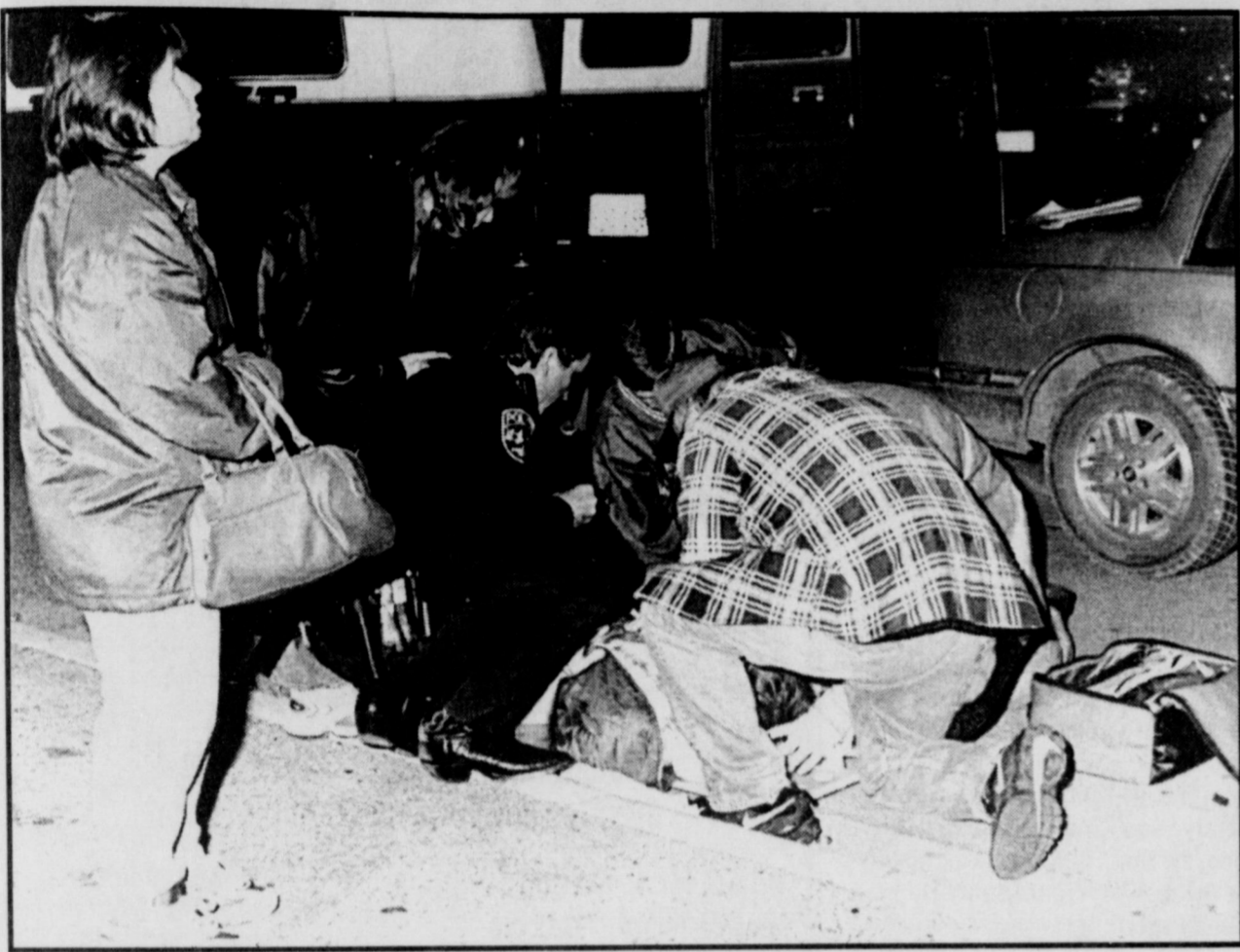


# IOWA PARK LEADER 50¢

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**PEDESTRIAN DOWN** - Tim Sidlauskas received multiple, but not life-threatening, injuries Wednesday evening of last week, when he was struck by an automobile while attempting to walk across the 400 block of West Park. After being attended by Iowa Park emergency personnel, he was transported to a Wichita Falls hospital where he was treated until release Friday. Wednesday was Sidlauskas' 36th birthday.

## Chamber seeking award nominations

Who will be the recipients this year of awards presented by the Iowa Park Chamber of Commerce?

Nominations are being sought by the Chamber for each of the five categories: Outstanding Citizen, Outstanding Senior Citizen, Outstanding Educator, Outstanding Agriculturist, and Outstanding Business.

All nominations will be accepted by the Chamber until Dec. 30. Committees have been appointed to research the nominations to make the final decisions.

Announcements and presentations will be made during the Chamber's annual banquet, which will be held Jan. 10.

Names of committee members are kept anonymous, according to tradition.

Forms, including guidelines, are available at the Chamber office. The forms, however, are not required, but helpful, according to Robert Palmer, Chamber president.

The Chamber office is open from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on weekdays.

Guidelines for the respective recognitions include:

### OUTSTANDING CITIZEN:

1. May be of any age;
2. Not necessary to be a lifetime resident;
3. May be of any sex, married or unmarried;

4. Must have done something to distinguish them from the other members of the community.

### OUTSTANDING SENIOR CITIZEN:

1. Should be 60 years old or older.
2. May be of either sex.

3. Should have done something to distinguish themselves from other citizens of the community.

4. Should have contributed to the community in general, neighbors, church, and city in an unselfish manner.

### OUTSTANDING AGRICULTURIST:

1. May be of either sex, married or unmarried.

2. May be of any age.

3. Must have contributed something outstanding in the field of agriculture.

### OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR:

1. Must have the same good character as the Outstanding Citizen of the Year.

2. May be of either sex, married or unmarried.

3. Should be a person that is recognized by other educators as outstanding.

Previous recipients of the Outstanding Citizen of the Year, which was begun in 1971, included Gladys James, Dr. Gordon Clark, Mrs. Frank Harlin, Ralph Beall, Wayne House,

Darrell Dick and Mrs. Lita Watson.

Also, Mrs. Charlie Lee, Bill Steger, Gordon Griffith, Buck Voyles, Bill Gilmore, H.M. Nipper, the entire Iowa Park Volunteer Fire Dept. membership, Grover Cleveland, Frances George, James Barrington and Dr. Erwin Soell.

Also, Robert Palmer, Bob Hamilton, Michael Price, Ruth Welch, Sheri Kennedy, Joe Hughes, Louis Sefcik, O.N. Newman and Kenneth Via.

Fenton Dale was the first recipient of the Outstanding Senior Citizen, which was begun in 1976.

Then followed Mrs. W.F. George, Arch Hughes, Charlie Metz, Bertha McDonald, Otis Gay, Mrs. James Sewell, Lester Brooks, Riley Thompson, Olive Blalock and Pauline Singleton.

Also, Carl Sullivan, Ida Mae Lehman, Raymond Good, Tommie Smith, Betty Lowe, Wayne House, Virgil Woodfin, Myrna Robinson, Laverne Owen, Dean Henderson and Carlton Hicks.

The Educator of the Year award was first presented in 1979. It went to John Sibley. The following included Ethyle Kiddwell, Linda Ayres, Bob Dawson, Earnie Reusch, Patsy Todd, Carol Edwards, Joni Whitis and Greg Miller.

Also, Jim Gotcher, Helen Roberts, Carole Venhaus, Kenneth Davis, Carolyn Richter, Dorothy Palmer, Linda Grey, Jo Ann Hale, Jean Johnson and Pat Cravens.

Recipients of the Agriculture Award, first presented in 1978, included Virgil Woodfin, Loys Barbour, Ray Hicks, Rex Wells, Barry Mahler, Louie McCarthy and Dewey Spruiell.

Also, Robert Wilcox, Stanley Williamson, Freddie Daume, Denny McCarthy, Marvin Klinkerman, David Robnett, Gene Jordan and Richard Hill.

The Chamber began recognizing commercial groups in 1987. Those recipients included Cryovac, State National Bank, City of Iowa Park, Entex, Dutton Funeral Home, B&R Thriftway, Scobee's Mini Mart and Park Clinic.

Along with the cash offer, the city agreed to pay legal transfer costs.

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## Board picks Palmer to fill in for Davis

Robert Palmer, who retired last spring as assistant superintendent of schools, has been named interim principal for Iowa Park High School for the second semester of this school year.

The action was taken Monday morning at a called meeting of the school board.

Listing reasons for the decision, Supt. Mike Caplinger said, "Mr. Palmer directed our district-wide curriculum for a number of years and is well informed on curricular matters. He has served on Texas Education Agency visitation teams and will be an asset in preparing for our TEA District Effectiveness and Compliance visit."

"Mr. Palmer also worked extensively in our TAAS program, and is familiar with our goals and areas of needed improvement. With him filling this interim position, we leave all administration personnel in place at this time rather than reassigning personnel for one semester," he added.

Caplinger said the search for a new principal will be delayed for only a short time, and he feels that one will be named by mid-May.

The process of selecting a new principal began when Richard Davis, who has been with the school district 30 years, announced his plans to retire at the end of the fall semester.

In other business, Board President Keith Fisher announced that the entire board would serve as a committee to select an architect for determining the cost of facility needs.

Trustees also received appraisal forms which will be used for evaluation of the superintendent at the January meeting.

During their regular meeting on Thursday night, school board members accepted the bid from State National Bank to finance three new school buses at 6 1/2 percent interest. A down payment of \$40,000 will be made with the remainder being paid in the next two years.

Allen Shewmake, head of the schools' transportation department, pointed out that State National Bank's bid was favorable because, if possible, the loan can be paid off early, thereby saving a large amount in interest.



ROBERT PALMER

In his report, Supt. Caplinger said because of an increase in the number of special education students at the junior high and high school, the board needs to consider the hiring of additional personnel. He also stressed that ways to expand classroom space of the Functional Living Center at the high school need to be addressed.

Following a closed session, trustees agreed to change the employment status of Cindy Hambricht from full time cosmetology and MOTC instructor to part-time. Paula Brogdon was employed as full time cosmetology and MOTC instructor, effective Jan. 5.

Mrs. Hambricht requested a change to part-time employment upon

the recommendation of her physician.

The board also accepted a letter of resignation from high school math teacher Denise Tatum. Mrs. Tatum is leaving because of a change in her husband's employment.

Although "matters related to the High School Principal selection" was listed to be discussed during the closed meeting, no action was taken.

Trustees Jeff Watts and Martha Dudley, who are members of the schools' 100th Anniversary Committee, reported on the group's first meeting held Dec. 3.

They said committee members were enthusiastic and had gotten off to a very good start. Watts suggested that with all the memorabilia available, the possibility of setting up an archives room should be considered.

The school's business manager, Sharon Powell, presented the board with a cash flow report, and discussed possible ways of investing school funds.

Other action taken by the board included:

\* accepted bids for cafeteria food and non-food items;

\* approved revisions and additions to Iowa Park Board Policies having to do with Board Member Elections, and Electronic communication and Data Management; and

\* approved use of the gym for a basketball tournament, sponsored by the Iowa Park Police Department.

## Drinkers getting attention of police

Even though the holiday season is still a week away, drivers have apparently already started their celebrations.

Two men were arrested by Iowa Park police four hours apart yesterday morning, and both cases involved alcohol.

Aubrey Gayle Houston, 55, was taken into custody at 12:31 a.m. in the 200 block of West Highway, on a charge of driving while intoxicated. He was transported to the county jail, according to the police blotter.

Then, at 4:51 a.m., an officer

investigated a vehicle parked in the 1200 block of North Bell. The lone occupant, Phillip Storm McDonald, 23, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

McDonald was held in custody until shortly before noon, and released after paying part of his fine and promising to appear in municipal court.

With the cooperation of high school officials, police were finally able to catch a student who used a public phone to call Emergency 911 and hang up.

## Council designates streets for repairs

Streets to be resurfaced and slurred next summer were designated during Monday night's meeting of the city council.

The meeting was the only one scheduled by the council this month, due to the holiday season. Council meetings normally are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

Streets to be resurfaced with asphalt include the 200 to 800 blocks of South Bond, Ruby from Wall to Bell, and Wall from Bank to Texas. Should finances become available, Surrey Circle will be added to the list.

Scheduled for slurry work were: Poe, from Park to Bond; Wagonwheel, from Surrey to west end; Yucca, from Wagonwheel to west end; Hawthorne, from East Highway to Washington; Fourth, from Van Horn to Access Road; Jackson, from Lafayette to Chestnut; Aldine, from Pacific to First; Manes, from Pacific to First; all of Foley; and Lanelle, from West Highway to Foley.

The second and final public hearing on the voluntary annexation of a 0.644-acre tract in the south part of town was held, without comment.

Following an executive session,

councilmen voted to offer Paul Arrington \$5,400 for a tract of land at Lake Gordon which he purchased from the city in 1993.

Arrington bought the tract, which is in the northeast corner of the lake, for \$5,000 with the intention of building a restaurant. The land was originally dedicated as North Park.

Along with the cash offer, the city agreed to pay legal transfer costs.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Grand jury to get missing funds case

A case involving missing city utility funds is expected to be referred to the Wichita County Grand Jury in January, according to Administrator Mike Price.

Results of more than two weeks of auditing daily reports determined at least \$3,100 in cash is missing.

After city personnel and their

auditors reviewed daily receipts for more than a year, the missing funds were determined. All of it was cash.

Considerably more money than the \$3,100 had been misappropriated during the year, however all had been returned except that amount.

A city hall employee's job has been terminated, Price said.

### Leader's deadlines to be early

Because of holidays, the Iowa Park Leader will publish one day earlier than normal the next two weeks.

Both the Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 issues will go to press the preceding Tuesdays, in order for subscribers to receive their papers before Christ-

mas and New Year's Day. Deadlines for display advertising will be 4 p.m. both Mondays, and 12-noon both Tuesdays for classified advertising.

The Leader office will close mid-morning next Wednesday, and be open regular hours until Monday, Dec. 29.

### Electra resident is Lions' tv winner

Deryl Cato Jr. of Electra was named winner of a 36-inch television set being given away by the Iowa Park Lions Club, following a drawing Tuesday.

The civic organization sold its "Game of Iowa Park" to the public

during the past three weeks, and the names of all purchasers went into a pot for the drawing.

Funds raised, approximately \$1,300, were designated for the Lions' scholarship fund.

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SUE HATCHER AT CITY'S TREE FARM ON EAST TEXAS

## City's Sue Hatcher wears many hats

By SHERRIE WILLIAMS

Jack of all trades and the master of some seems to fit Sue Hatcher very well.

Sue has been employed by the City of Iowa Park 10 years, and holds more than one title.

As chief code enforcer and park supervisor, she has various responsibilities. Among those are animal control, electrical inspector, plumbing inspector, code enforcer, as well as supervising the parks department crews.

Mrs. Hatcher says she began her tenure with the city as an animal control officer. However, she had her electrical license and when the electrical inspector was out she would fill in for him. She then obtained her plumbing licence, and when the code enforcers position became vacant she filled that position.

There was not a city parks department when Mrs. Hatcher became employed by the city. While she was on animal patrol, she noticed the trees were not being watered. So she got water hoses and began watering the trees. That marked the beginning of the city parks department.

Since she doesn't like being confined to one thing, she enjoys the variety her job offers. She said she is never bored because she doesn't do the same thing every day.

She and her husband, Ronnie, have two daughters, Michelle of Mineral Wells and Jamie of Wichita Falls and three grandchildren. Mrs. Hatcher said, "Grandkids are what life is all about. That is when life begins."

Mrs. Hatcher came to Iowa Park when she was in junior high. Her father was an iron worker here. The family moved to Michigan where they lived 16 years, but it was never

home. "Iowa Park is home," she said.

She and her husband live east of town on a farm where she keeps her true love - horses. Mrs. Hatcher said with a smile, that working with her horses is a labor of love.

A love for horses is something Sue has carried with her all her life. As a very young child she dreamed of owning her own horse, and she would read any material she could get about horses.

She says her parents could not afford to buy her a horse, so at the age of 18 she worked and bought a horse. She added that she has not been without a horse since then.

Mrs. Hatcher now has four Quarterhorses and boards one for a friend. She spends her spare time-about twenty hours a week-training the horses. In the summer she gets to spend a little more time with them. She says her husband knows if she's not in the house she is out working with her horses.

She is a member of the Texas All-Breed Horse Show Assoc., a local horse club. She trains and shows her horses in local horse shows. She does mostly halter and pleasure training.

One of Mrs. Hatcher's colts recently won Grand Champion Stallion, the first "Winglet" in the history of the club to win that title. He beat out all ages.

When the Hatcher's retire they plan to spend full time training and showing horses.



HATCHER WITH ONE OF HER QUARTER HORSES

## Garden Club members celebrate holiday season

Members and guests of the Iowa Park Garden Club celebrated the Holiday Season with a Christmas luncheon, Friday, at Tom Burnett Memorial Library.

The tables were covered in white with red and white placemats. A variety of bells were placed on red runners along the table centers which were accented by candlelit coach lanterns, trimmed with greenery and ornaments. The tables were decorated by the hostess committee.

The Luncheon was served buffet style with a variety of food prepared and brought to the party by members. The Christmas party ended with the traditional gift exchange.

The highlight of the luncheon was a story of Christmas told by Larry George.

Following lunch a brief business meeting was held. Bonnie Illingworth gave the thought of the day, "Character is like the foundation to a house, it is below the surface."

A yearly community project of the Garden club is decorating the library at Christmas. Monday Decem-

ber 29, members will meet at 9:30 a.m. to take down and put away the decorations until next year.

## Schell gets scholarship

Iowa Parkan Kenneth Schell is among 78 students at Cameron Univ. to be named McMahon Scholars for the 1997-98 academic year.

"McMahon Scholars make up the backbone of our scholarship program," Dr. Davis said. "These students occupy a special place of distinction in their respective disciplines."

Each scholar is designated for a one-year period and receives a \$1,000 scholarship.

To qualify, a student must be enrolled full-time, hold at least sophomore classification and maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average in his major area of study.

Schell, a music major, was one of two recipients named not from Oklahoma.

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## LIBRARY NEWS

By ARDIS JENSEN

### The Glistening Star

As of Tuesday, 461 children have participated in our Santa's Castle program.

A very special "Thank You" to Kay Landiak, Mindy Haynes, Joanna Duffey, Lorraine Krum, Kathy Geil, Shirley Banks, Vivian Medlinger, Letecio Nieto, Red River Optimist Club members, Leslie Richter, Katy Lay, Frances Shores and Berniece Boling; also Kevin Drury, Mark Gideon, Clint Logans. Our program would not have run as smoothly without your assistance.

### Found

A small girl's jacket, and a man's jacket has been found at the library. If one of these jackets might be yours, call the library.

### Library Closed for Holidays

The Library will be closed on Dec. 24 and 25 for the Christmas holiday. Merry Christmas to everyone from Ardis, Vikki, Casey and Sue.

### New Adult Books

*Brandon's Empire* by L.P. Holmes  
*The Key-Lock Man* by Louis L'Amour  
*Trail of the Skulls* by Wayne C. Lee  
*Man Without Medicine* by Cynthia Haseloff  
*Valley of the Thousand Smokes* by Dan Cushman  
*Comanche Massacre* by Chet Cunningham  
*The Illegal Man* by Patrick Dearen  
*Rawhide* by T.T. Flynn

### New Children's Books

Assortment of Walt Disney Books:  
*The Fox and the Hound*  
*Pocahontas*  
*Robin Hood*  
*The Lion King*  
*The Rescuers Down Under*  
*Dumbo*  
*The Prince and the Pauper*  
*The Great Mouse Detective*  
*101 Dalmatians*  
*Cinderella*  
*Sleeping Beauty*  
*Peter Pan*  
*Pinocchio*  
*Bambi*  
*Lady and the Tramp*  
*Aladdin*  
*Beauty and the Beast*

## Students to shoot baskets in Hoops for Heart event

Students in the North Texas Region can have fun shooting baskets while they are fighting heart disease and stroke.

The students will participate in the nationwide Hoops For Heart event to benefit the American Heart Association. About 3,700 such events are scheduled nationwide.

Participants in middle school through high school obtain flat contributions for their involvement. They also learn the health value of an active lifestyle and compete for prizes.

"Students signing up for Hoops For Heart will find benefits other than raising money," said Bob Hillery the Board President of the Wichita County Division.

"They also become involved in community service while learning the

value of volunteering for a worthwhile cause. And that cause is helping fund research and Educational programs to fight cardiovascular disease, America's leading killer."

Hoops For Heart, developed jointly by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, capitalizes on the popularity of basketball among students in middle school and high school.

For more information about Hoops For Heart or ways to reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke, call 1-800-AHA-USA1(242-8721) or visit the American Heart Association's Website at [www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org).

Heart disease and stroke kill more than 950,000 Americans annually.

## Foundation offers free booklet

The national Arbor Day Foundation has published a Conservation Trees booklet which is available to the public free of charge.

The booklet uses colorful photos and illustrations and easy-to-understand descriptions to help people plant and care for conservation trees.

The contents of the guide include:

- \* How to use shade trees and windbreaks to save energy in your home.
- \* How to attract songbirds to your yard.
- \* How to save trees during construction.
- \* How to save topsoil and help farm profits with shelterbelts.
- \* The right way to plant trees.
- \* The right way to prune trees.

"The National Arbor Day Foundation's Conservation Trees program encourages Americans to plant, manage, and preserve trees to conserve soil, energy, water, wildlife, and the atmosphere," John Rosenow, Foundation president, said. "The Conservation Trees brochure is a central part of this educa-

tional project. It serves as a useful guide for people in all areas, whether they live in America's largest cities or in the country."

For your free booklet, send your name and address to: Conservation Trees, The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

### It's A Fact . . .

Residents of Iowa Park are eligible to purchase a dumping permit for \$5, to get rid of trash, appliances and brush at no additional cost by delivering it to the city's convenience center, located south of the intersection of Smith and Johnson roads. The permit is good for 12 full months. Days and hours the center is open include: 12-6 p.m. Fridays; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays; 1-5 p.m. Sundays, and 12-6 p.m. Mondays. The center is closed Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

## NEWS FROM THE HALLS OF THE HAWKS

### JUNIOR HIGH

#### Thanks

The Junior High School Gifted and Talented Class would like to thank Rhonda Baumer and Debra Vickers for their help with the second problem packet for the Future Problem Solving Program.

We would also like to thank Sandy Aponte, Rhonda Baumer, Jamie Byrd, Julie Gann, Sandra Neal, Marianne Reaves, Debra Reis, and Debra Vickers for providing refreshments.

### BRADFORD

#### Last Day of School

School will dismiss at 2 p.m. today for the Christmas holidays.

All students will see "Anastasia" at a Wichita Falls theatre this morning.

Class parties, open to parents, will be held from 1:30 to 2 p.m. today.

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## Junior high school choirs present Christmas concert

A lighted Christmas tree and stuffed animals, belonging to the students, adorned the stage last Thursday evening for the Christmas concert presented by the junior high school choirs.

The Seventh and Eighth Grade Girls' Choir began the program with "Agnus Dei," followed by "Sing Alleluia," "Shepherd's Lullaby," and "Music in the Air."

On a lighter note, they sang, "Jingle Bell Rock" and "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree."

Appearing next on the program, the Seventh and Eighth Grade Boys' Choir sang "Deck the Halls," with a solo by Boon Bowling. Then they sang "Blue Christmas," "Mistletoe," "Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer," and "When Santa Gets Your Letter."

The boys' favorite song, "All I Want for Christmas," was saved for last, with Jeremy Wilson and Jared Davis as the soloists.

A performance by the Sixth Grade Combined Choir concluded the program. They began with a choreographed piece, "Breathing With Beethoven," followed by the spiritual, "What You Gonna Call Your Pretty Little Baby."

They also sang "Upon the Housatop," arranged by Ruth Artman, and "Frosty the Snowman," with Corey Reese playing the part of the snowman. Closing the program, the students sang "Comin' Down the Chimney" to the melody, "She'll Be Coming Round the Mountain."

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**ACROSS**

- 1 aerial by Altkman
- 5 TX Tech women won '93 championship in Atlanta's arena
- 6 TXism: "hits the"
- 7 Spurs bench warmers
- 8 Bevo's school
- 9 TX Tucker won this group's vocalist of the year award ('91)
- 12 Staubach attended this academy
- 17 Fort Worth's Field
- 20 TX Bush appointed this Garza federal judge
- 22 ex-Ranger mgr. Kevin
- 23 TXism: "hot as" mesquite coals
- 24 TX-made dog film
- 28 poker stake
- 29 you can get on Padre Island beach
- 30 TX bluebonnet artist Onderdonk
- 31 early Indian attacks
- 35 TXism: "useless as perfume"
- 36 Alamo Live displays engines
- 42 TXism: "false alarm brand" (2 wds.)
- 44 seat of Jones Co.
- 46 TX actress Annette O'
- 47 ex-gov. Richards
- 49 four religious weeks before Christmas
- 50 TX '68 shotputter Matson (init.)
- 51 TXism: "lutin" (haughty)
- 52 TXism: "rules the"
- 53 TXism: "don't get your shorts in a"
- 54 TXism: "catterwall"
- 55 Stephenville is its seat
- 57 TX actor Wallach
- 58 TXism: "guilty as"
- 59 "tit for"
- 16 Albany's mascot
- 18 Santa Bird Refuge
- 19 a news channel
- 21 "The eyes Texas are upon you"
- 24 dinner roll
- 25 actor Jack of "Texas Wheelers"
- 26 TXism: "in the bud"
- 27 prison guard
- 30 in Montague Co. on 82: Saint
- 32 TX Charley Pride's "Then Who 1?"
- 33 TX Tubb hit: "Walking the Floor"
- 34 Paris, TX has Chili Paree Cookoff
- 36 TX Prentiss TV show: "He and"
- 37 TX electronics firm
- 38 this Texan married John Steinbeck
- 39 TX Bob Strauss was to Russia
- 40 TXism: "he barbed wire for dental floss" (tough)
- 41 in Chambers Co.: Belvieu
- 43 this "Lindy" landed in TX in '23 (init.)
- 45 ex-Cowboys asst. coach Norv (init.)
- 48 SW of San Antonio in Medina Co.
- 49 a golden one at McDonald's
- 51 the Korman on TX Burnett's show (init.)
- 56 to color slightly

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# As I See It... By Bob Hamilton



Hey, folks, if you want to enjoy Christmas, and be here to enjoy it again next year, listen up!

You had better start driving safely. And that means, watching what you are doing, and at the same time watching what others are doing on the road with you.

What brought this up?

Nine accidents in an eight-day period. Seven of those were inside the city limits, and the other two in the immediate area.

Driving while drinking apparently has not been involved in eight

of the accidents, but that's still to be determined on the ninth.

Three accidents involved only one vehicle, and one of those was a fatality. The other two drivers were injured, however.

One accident involved a vehicle and pedestrian.

All the others involved two vehicles, at intersections. And in one of those, a car rear-ended another that was waiting to make a turn.

And what makes it even more a mystery, weather was not a factor in

any of the nine accidents, so that can't be blamed.

None of the reports indicated speed had anything to do with an accident, which often plays a part. But not in any of these this past week.

I don't suggest that we should all just cuddle up in our beds and avoid doing any driving. Not at all.

But, again, when we're driving, we need to maintain the posted speeds, be fully aware of what we are doing, and just as fully aware of what others, walkers or drivers, are doing while we are in the same area.



BRANDI CATLIN is shown about to be transported by ambulance, after her car rolled once shortly after 8:30 a.m. Tuesday in the 2100 block of FM 367 East. Investigating DPS troopers said she was wearing her seat belt, and suffered only sore muscles in her back and neck. Her car, however, was heavily damaged.

## WORTH QUOTING

We received the following letter from a local retail merchant which expresses the opinions and feelings of the majority of Hamlin merchants. It is written not as a letter to the editor, but as a letter to the residents of Hamlin.

"Dear Hamlin,

"I am writing to ask a favor of you. As a retail merchant and being new in the business, I need your help. We want to be able to remain in business. We want to be able to keep the business in Hamlin and we want to continue to support Hamlin with our energies and taxes collected in our business.

"For many reasons the buying base of Hamlin is eroding. It is dying off and moving away. Support them by buying from them when you can. This can attract our young people to return here and start a business. It can keep them here. This can be your economic contribution to the economic development of Hamlin."

A Retail Merchant  
By RICK CRAIG  
Hamlin Herald

Loud."

The so-called "women's movement" strove mightily to pick a fight, saying the "men's movement" threatens to subjugate women and turn back the clock. I never saw any of the protesters, but strangely, the TV cameras managed to find them.

I saw lots of women in the crowd, applauding as speakers said things like, "For too long we've thought the way to change this country is to change what goes on at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. The only way to change this country is to go home and change what goes on at your house, not the White House!"

"Beyond that, but of equal importance, we want the business to be a place that meets your needs. We want to be able to make available the quality goods that you want and want to buy in Hamlin. I say the last because I know that sometimes you can buy things cheaper than we can.

"There is no need for us to try to compete in that market. I won't ask you to pay an unreasonable price for shopping in Hamlin. Even the convenience isn't worth that. Also there are things that were such slow movers that it is hard for us to recoup our investment within a reasonable time. Again, I can't provide those things and make a reasonable profit. But there are things, I am convinced, which we can provide that would be profitable for you and us.

Reflections of *Stand in the Gap*:  
Yes, I was among that huge crowd gathered in the mall in Washington, D.C. last Saturday -- perhaps you saw it on TV, or read about it in the papers. The "sacred assembly" hosted by the Promise Keepers organization was designed to call men from throughout the United States to be better husbands, better fathers, better leaders in their homes, churches and cities.

It did that and much, much more.

Unlike most of the guys there, I had never been to a Promise Keepers meeting. The organization, founded by former University of Colorado football coach Bill McCartney, holds rallies in football stadiums all over the country to proclaim a simple, Biblical message: men should keep their commitments.

Another speaker proclaimed, "No woman should feel threatened by this gathering. We're not here to exalt men -- we're here to humble men. This isn't about our culture -- it's about applying the pure, infallible, unchanging word of God to our hearts."

Believe me, women aren't threatened by men who become like Jesus. You have only to read the Bible to see how Jesus treated women. Indeed, if the men of America all joined Promise Keepers, women would be free from fear, violence and discrimination for the first time in history. That's something any woman's organization should embrace.

The devotionals the speakers took us through would be as effective in a Sunday School classroom as they were in a crowd of a million. We were called to repent of pride, of racism, of sectarian rivalry, of neglecting and abusing wives and children. We were called to humble ourselves, to admit faults, overcome ego, become servants.

"When I say profitable to the both of us, please let me explain. I know that very often you can buy from stores that buy in large quantity and get much lower prices. But one thing that must be considered is that it costs you \$24 to drive to Abilene and back and \$12 for a round trip to Stamford. This is according to the IRS allowances and the actual cost is higher. Yes, I know it doesn't take that much gas, but this takes into account gas, the wear and tear on your car, the depreciation of the vehicle, etc. So unless you purchase a lot of goods it is hard for you to save that much.

"And unless you are going there for other reasons, this doesn't take into account the time involved in travel. When you shop in Hamlin, you are keeping a hometown store open, you are supporting a hometown store which again supports the things of our community and school, and your taxes come back to help the city and its economic development.

The theme is unmistakably religious, but Promise Keepers isn't a religion: it supports the family and the local church, exalts the Bible, exhorts participants to go home, plug in, be God's men.

It was the largest thing I've ever been part of -- the Woodstock of a new generation.

I was a mile away from the stage on the Capitol steps where the preaching took place. In fact, our part of the crowd was looking in the other direction, toward the Lincoln Memorial, watching on one of a dozen enormous TV monitors while huge speakers boomed across the historic basin.

The White House was to my right, the Smithsonian to my left, the Washington Monument rising behind me. All around were men of every size, shape and race from every part of America -- thousands and thousands and thousands. When we sang, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," the nation's capital rang with the message.

It is utterly impossible to describe what that's like. I give up.

Best t-shirt? "Real Men Sing Real

We were called to be like Jesus, the original and ultimate Promise Keeper.

I have never felt so small. I have never been so touched. I will never be the same.

Forgive me, but it's hard to write about such an experience without being a tad preachy. I promise to repent.

Next week.  
BOB BUCKEL  
Springtown Epigraph

**Helpful Facts**  
Any dog or cat in the city is required to have a current rabies shot.

### School's centennial to have effect

Because Iowa Park's schools will be observing their 100th anniversary during 1998, at least two major events of the Chamber of Commerce also will feature the observation.

Those two events are the Chamber's annual banquet, which will be held Jan. 10, and the Whoop-T-Do next fall.

Chamber president Robert Palmer disclosed during Monday's meeting of his board of directors, that Weldon Nelms, athletic director of

the schools, will be the guest speaker at the banquet. His topic will be "winning."

And, because the Whoop-T-Do is traditionally held the weekend Iowa Park High School is observing homecoming, Palmer said attendance at that event also will be extensive, due to the anticipated large turnout of former students.

Tickets for the Chamber banquet will be sold both at the office, and by board members.

The traditional steak dinner, to be prepared and served by the Iowa Park MuleSkinners, will again be \$10 when purchased in advance, and \$12.50 at the door.

While on the subject of the Whoop-T-Do, directors decided to change the fees for booths. All non-commercial organizations will pay

10 percent of their gross receipts, and arts and craft booth spaces will be \$25.

Palmer predicted the 1998 Whoop-T-Do will attract the largest crowds in its history, primarily due to the school centennial.

### Letters to Editor policy explained

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

Letters will not be printed unless they are signed. A typed name will not do. And, for the sake of verification, the writer's telephone should be included.

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.

We encourage your Letters to the Editor, and offer the paper space as your forum for discussions of ideas and observations.

During general discussion, Alderman Bob Hamilton asked Public Works director Belvin Lytle about his written report that the city's trash convenience center would no longer accept used vehicle tires.

Lytle explained that Bell Processing had removed its trailer for that purpose, and that Bell's facility in Wichita Falls was accepting the used tires, for a fee of \$5 for car tires and \$7 for trucks.

Aldermen expressed concern that the public might begin dumping tires illegally.

Mayor Tim Hunter told the council there was a possibility that he could get the state to stock trout at Lake Gordon.

"With plans to improve the development of the lake area, this would be one more positive step for quality of life," he commented.

Tim and Gus Rich made a personal appearance at the meeting, contending that they had not been treated fairly and equally in various efforts by the city.

Hunter refuted each complaint.

### Police

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Conyer was transported to the county jail, after it was determined by computer he had two previous DWI arrests on the books.

Kevin Ray Adams, 22, was taken into custody early last Thursday after he was stopped in the 200 block of Hope, and it was determined a warrant had been issued by the county sheriff's department for capias pro fine DWI, with a fine of \$442.

Hubert Glenn Raschke, 37, was arrested Friday after police determined he was driving while his license was suspended. He was transported to the county jail.

Police are investigating the reported theft of pickup bed rails, valued at \$150, taken while the vehicle was parked overnight on Park Place Circle.

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## We're counting our blessings...

As our way of saying "Thank You," State National Bank will hold drawings for collector's coins and currency through December 19. Beginning November 27, each Friday we will draw three names, one for a Silver Dollar, one for a United States Collector's Nickel Set, and one for a \$1 Currency Set (4 uncut \$1 bills). Come in and register today at our main branch, 104 W. Park, or our Wichita Falls branch, 2618 Iowa Park Road. Winners will be announced in the *Leader* each week.

- December 12 Winners**
- Silver Dollar: Carol Ridelhuber
  - Nickel Set: Mary Ann Nolen
  - \$1 Currency Set: Beverly Brown



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