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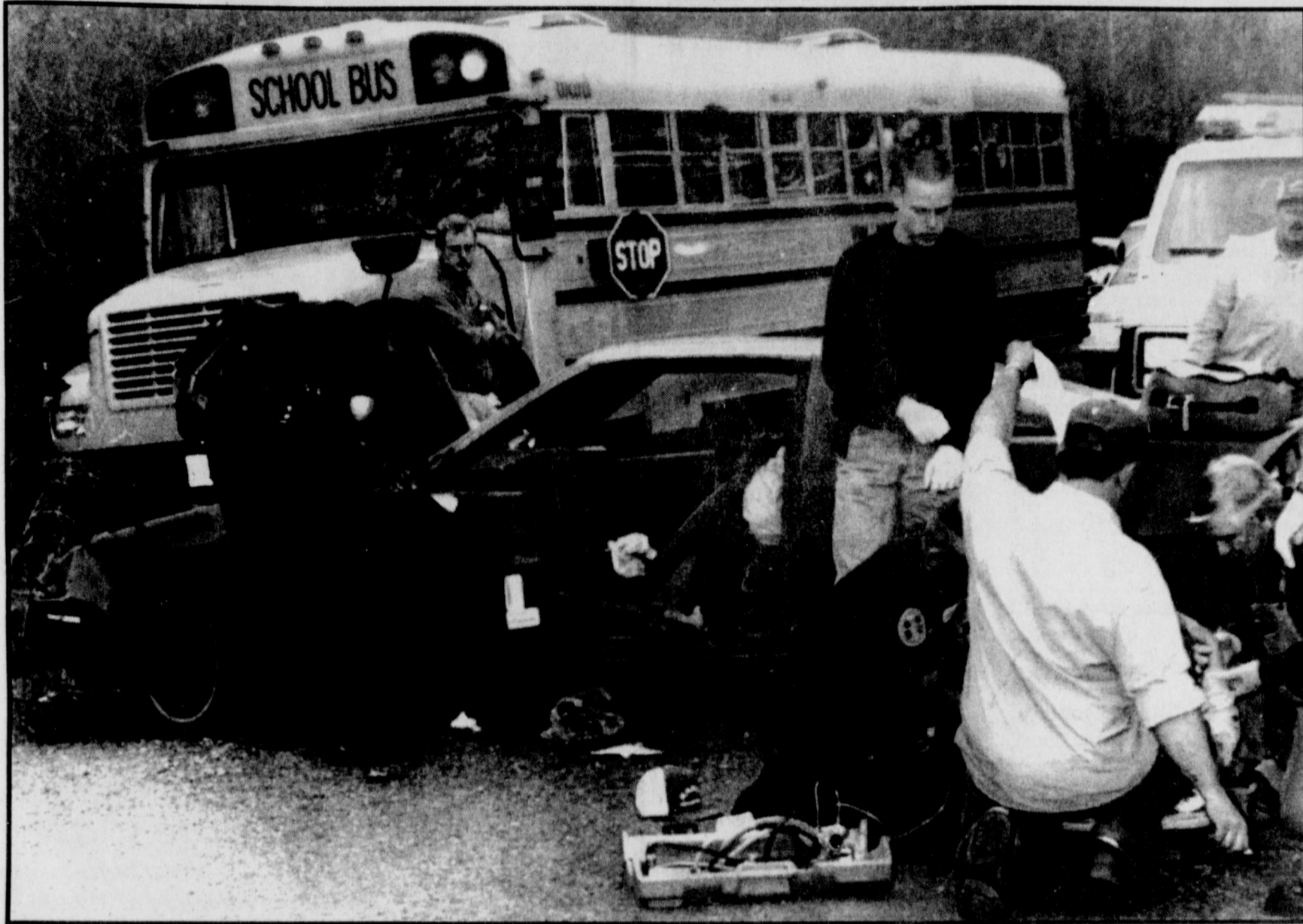


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EMERGENCY PERSONNEL TEND TO INJURED DRIVER FOLLOWING ACCIDENT

Injuries are limited in bus, car collision

No serious injuries resulted from a head-on wreck involving a car and school bus Monday afternoon on River View Road.

Jodie Carole Halter, 26, was driving the car that struck the Iowa Park bus being operated by Robert Ivan Leopold.

The accident occurred about 4 p.m., as Leopold was transporting students home following school. The bus was negotiating a sharp turn around a dense growth of trees, when it was approached by Halter's car.

The car's tires slid 160 feet on the gravel/dirt road, according to the investigation by DPS Trooper Mike Denk.

Halter was transported by ambulance to a Wichita Falls hospital, where she was treated and released.

Also transported by ambulance to a hospital for treatment and then released was Megan Ermis, 10.

Misty Naylor, 14, was transported by private vehicle to Wichita Falls, where she also was treated and released.

Two other students, Chance Wm. Whitaker, 10, and Elizabeth Tanahill, 11, were treated at the scene for minor injuries.

In all, there were 30 students aboard the bus at the time of the accident. Those uninjured were soon loaded aboard another bus to resume their trips home.

Fog causes 3 wrecks

Emergency workers and law enforcement personnel risked their personal safety to assist victims of three accidents just west of Iowa Park on Hwy. 287 Tuesday evening.

All three wrecks reportedly were caused by extremely heavy fog, which limited vision to only a few feet.

So dense was the fog that personnel actually were forced to get out of their vehicles and walk along the shoulder of the pavement in order to find the wrecked vehicles.

One accident was at the south-

bound rest stop, another under the Harmony Road overpass, and the third about a mile further west.

Personnel involved in helping the wreck victims were from Iowa Park and Electra fire and police departments, and state and county law officers.

The first of the accidents was reported shortly after 9 p.m., and the others were received soon afterward. Traffic, both south and north bound, was held up almost an hour while victims and vehicles were cared for.

Theft path leads to drug dealer

The theft of two extension ladders here led to the discovery of an alleged drug trafficking operation.

Iowa Park Air Conditioning reported Feb. 1 that two ladders had been taken from its location some time over the preceding weekend.

Upon reading the report, Officer Sheria Fowler remembered having issued a traffic warning citation to the driver of a station wagon, and having seen two ladders sticking out the back window.

A review of the film which was made by the department's newly-

acquired in-car camera, supported her recollection.

Det. Mike Dozier was able to determine by the license plate where the driver lived, and began his investigation at a residence on Wellington Lane.

The owner, during questioning, admitted having taken the ladders. He then began to cooperate with additional information, fearing having his probation on previous offenses revoked. He was stealing in order to purchase drugs, he admitted.

One ladder was recovered from

a pasture, and the other from a residence in the 4000 block of Old Iowa Park Road.

Before going to that residence, however, a county warrant was issued in order to search the premises.

The search was conducted along with county deputies, a game warden and officers from the North Texas Drug Task Force.

Numerous items from a list of reported stolen properties were recovered, as well as several drugs, including more than four grams of methamphetamine, numerous weap-

ons, and a pipe bomb with pyrotechnic fuse.

Officers arrested Michael Mizell and transported him to the county jail.

Both ladders were returned to Russell Guyette, owner of Iowa Park Air Conditioning.

Det. Dozier also was able to solve a reported auto theft in quick order, but it did not involve the major case.

A female student at Iowa Park High School told police Tuesday afternoon that her automobile had been taken from the school parking lot.

With information concerning students who missed afternoon classes, but had been there earlier, he singled out a 15-year-old male, and found him.

The student, during interrogation, admitted having taken the vehicle, and told officers it was abandoned, after joy riding, at Woodbriar Apartments.

Further, the student led officers to a residence on South FM 368, and recovered a stereo and speakers which had been taken from the car.

Two other unrelated arrests were listed on the week's police blotter.

Officers took Clifford Lee Thompson, 47, into custody at 2:54 a.m. Tuesday in the 800 block of West Highway, on a charge of driving while intoxicated. He was then transported to the county jail.

Late Friday evening, DPS Trooper Mike Denk requested assistance of officers after he had stopped a vehicle in the 100 block of East Highway.

Denk charged the driver, Allen Parker Jones, 39, with driving while intoxicated and transported him to jail.

The other occupant of the car, Debra Cearley Jones, 39, was charged with public intoxication. She was released after paying a fine of \$150, according to the blotter entry.

Justin Scott Wiest, 19, was taken into custody Wednesday afternoon of last week, on an outstanding warrant issued locally, for failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Wiest was later released after signing a promise to appear in municipal court, where he faced a fine of \$255.

A boy's 26-inch bicycle, valued at \$100, was reported as having been stolen Monday.

Trustees nearing end of studying facilities

School trustees moved closer to determining the most pressing facility needs in the district, after meeting with the schools' architect and financial advisor in a called session Thursday night.

Architect Michael Marrs explained the preliminary cost estimate and proposed building program he had prepared for the board's consideration.

After studying the recommendations of the Facilities Task Force, and the findings of a committee of school board members who had conducted a walk-through on each campus, Marrs had visited each campus in the Iowa Park School District before putting his report together.

His recommendations include additional classrooms and renovations at all campuses, new band/choir hall at the junior high, expansion of kitchen and cafeteria at the two elementary schools, as well as improvements in the athletic and agriculture facilities.

If all of the recommendations were approved, the cost would total between five and six-million dollars.

After going over the report and making changes and eliminations, the board members asked Marrs to take their suggested revisions and refigure the cost. He agreed and said he would have the report back to them in a week.

Addressing the topic of a bond

issue, Niley Church, filling in for the district's financial advisor, Murphy Davis of Century Management, told the board that interest rates are the lowest they have been in 30 years. He also emphasized that the closing of Wal-Mart here would not have much of an affect, financially, on the local school district.

In other business, the board approved a T.E.A. waiver request to allow Iowa Park High School to run a modified schedule during administration of the Exit-Level TAAS test Feb. 23, 24, and 25.

The school is requesting to postpone the start of the school day until 12-noon on those days for students not taking the tests. Alan Seay, high school principal, said that this would allow them to have smaller testing groups and less distractions.

School board schedules two meetings

Members of the Iowa Park School Board have a busy week facing them, as they have two meetings scheduled.

Their regular meeting will begin at 7 o'clock this evening in the W.F. George Middle School Library.

A special called meeting will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow in the school administration building.

During this evening's meeting, a trustee election will be called, polling places designated, and election judges appointed. The terms of board members Randy Catlin and Keith Fisher will expire this spring.

Other agenda items calling for action include a class size waiver for the third grade at Bradford Elementary, use of a gym for a basketball/volleyball camp, and use of a gym for the Red River Volleyball Mini Camps.

Trustees will discuss enrollment projections and staffing at the high school, the Texas historical marker for Iowa Park CISD, and next year's school calendar.

A closed meeting is scheduled for: 1. Discipline matter or complaint; 2. Accept resignations, employ personnel; and 3. Contract renewals for campus principals, counselors, directors.

In the called meeting on Friday afternoon, the board members will continue their planning to address facility needs with the architect and financial advisor.

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Council calls election

The city council officially set May 1 as election day for three aldermen, during Monday night's regularly-scheduled meeting.

Two-year terms are expiring for Aldermen Bud Mercer, Tracy Fears and Bob Hamilton.

Candidates can begin filing for places on the ballot Monday, Feb. 15 at city hall, and will have until Mar. 17 to get their names on the ballot.

While on the subject of election, Mayor Tim Hunter also named the two election judges: Patty Mayfield for Precinct 32, and Ruth Gard for Precinct 33.

Two ordinances related to zoning were approved Monday.

The first creates two new residential zones to be used within the city's zoning district, labeled RA-1 and RA-2.

The RA-1 zone will be the most restrictive, requiring larger lots and frontage, along with homes with a larger minimum square footage of living quarters.

RA-2 zone will be more restrictive than the R-2 zone by requiring larger lots and home square footage.

Both new zones prohibit mobile

homes, multi-family dwellings, secondary schools, churches and day-care centers.

The new zones will be utilized in Park Place Addition, Highland Park Addition, and possibly Indian Springs Addition.

The second ordinance rezoned Block 116 of the original townsite from light industrial to automotive and recreational commercial. That block is where Autocraft Body Shop is located, along with structures owned by Faith Baptist Church and residences, all of which are "grandfathered" and are not affected by the new zoning.

Three different portions of Monday's meeting related to the city's police department.

Rika, the drug dog jointly owned by the city and school, was officially presented with a badge. The animal is treated as an officer of the department and any harm done to her is punishable as if done to a human officer.

Two policies of the police department being proposed and drafted

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Chamber committees named

In his first meeting since being installed as president of the Chamber of Commerce, Ken Via announced appointments to eight committees.

They included:
Spring Thing - Tami Wither-
spoon, Jeff Nolen, Mike Caplinger,
Glena Via and Murray Shook.

Newsletter - Bob Hamilton,
Janice Newman and Greig Moers.

Chamber Card - Lesa Bushfield,
Scott McIntyre and Guy Traylor.

Finance - Gene Jordan, Joe
Hughes and O.N. Newman.

Membership - Robert Palmer,
Joe Singer and Jack Stephenson.

Promotion/Publicity - Cindy
Clifton and Tommy Key.

Nominating - Mike Price, Mike
Henderson and Larry Dutton.

Golf Tournament - Robert
Palmer, Bob Hamilton and Joe

Hughes. Explaining the Spring Thing Committee's function, Via told directors that he envisioned an event which could be held in the spring, similar to Whoop-T-Do, but held at Lake Gordon.

The event could include the annual KidFish tournament, craft show and other events appropriate to take advantage of the lake's current beautification program.

Palmer informed the board of a meeting to be held here Feb. 18 by members of the Red River Tourist Association, which is composed of communities from Quanah eastward to Gainesville.

The organization's goal is to inform the public and promote points of interest at each of the cities in the region.

COOK of the WEEK



Mike Caplinger

Mike Caplinger, superintendent of Iowa Park CISD, is well known for his expertise in overseeing the operation of the local school district.

After coming to Iowa Park over two and a half years ago, he quickly earned the respect and affection of the students and educators, as well as the citizens of the community. Last month, Mike was honored for his achievements by being named "Educator of the Year" at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet.

What some people may not know is that their school superintendent is also a skilled cook.

Mike says he cooks quite frequently. "It's not a job," he said. "It's fun and a stress reliever."

His favorite cooking method is smoking meats, and also making desserts. Mike studied and took pictures of meat smokers all over the state. He put the ideas together to meet his specifications and, with the help of friends, has built his own cooker.

Mike likes to cook for friends and groups, and many people have been the lucky recipients of his baked goods.

He said his best and most requested food is Chicken Fajitas. One of his recipes, "Cap's Fajita Seasoning," gives the instructions for making this popular dish.

Another recipe, "Jesse's Custard Pie," is one Mike received from the owner of a cafe on I-40 near Amarillo. When Mike was teaching in Wildorado, he was a frequent visitor at the cafe and always had a piece of the Custard Pie. When the owner learned that he was leaving the area for a job in Central Texas, he took Mike to the kitchen and wrote down the recipe for him.

Mike went through school at Idalou. He said he was in the top 44 of his graduating class. When asked how many students were in his class, he replied, "44."

He attended South Plains Junior College at Levelland, received a B.S. degree at Texas Tech in Lubbock, and his M.E. degree at West Texas State University (now West Texas A&M) in Canyon.

Mike's wife, Carolyn, is an Educational Consultant at Region IX Education Service Center in Wichita Falls.

Working in the field of education seems to run in the family. The Caplinger's two daughters, Stacy and Kari, are teachers, and they are both married to teacher/coaches.

Stacy is a special education teacher, and her husband is a math teacher and baseball coach at Community ISD near Rockwall. They are the parents of a nine-month-old son, Michael. Kari is a first grade teacher

at Dripping Springs, where her husband teaches history and coaches baseball.

Mike began his career as a sixth grade teacher in Lubbock. He taught about 10 years before going into administration, and was superintendent of schools at Dripping Springs, Taylor, and Lubbock Cooper before coming to Iowa Park.

Mike said that he and Carolyn enjoy living in Iowa Park and this is where he would like to retire. "The students here are some of the finest kids I've ever dealt with," he said.

In addition to cooking, Mike and Carolyn like to do target shooting. They are members of First Baptist Church where they both teach the newly organized Singles Class.

Mike is a member of the Iowa Park Lions Club and is first vice president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Jesse's Custard Pie

(I-40 Stop near Amarillo)

- 6 eggs
- 2 cups milk
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- Pinch of salt

Mix ingredients together, pour into unbaked pie shell and cook slowly at 275 degrees 1 1/2 hours or until slightly firm.

Basic Cream Pie

(You can do anything with this basic recipe)

- 2 1/2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup flour (mix flour and sugar)
- 1 can evaporated milk
- 1 can water
- Dash of salt
- 4 egg yolks, well beaten

Microwave for 12 minutes or cook in pan on stove until thickened. While hot, add milk chocolate chip pieces, semi-sweet, butterscotch chips, (all 12 oz.) or coconut (or add bananas after cooling). Pour into cooked pie shell, add Cool Whip or meringue. Makes 2 pies.

Pecan Pie (Cap's Favorite)

(Easy and good!)

- 1/2 tsp. salt
 - 3 eggs
 - 2/3 cup sugar
 - 1/3 cup butter, melted
 - 1 cup Karo syrup
 - 1 cup pecan halves
1. Heat oven to 350 degrees.
 2. Beat eggs, sugar, salt, butter, and syrup with a rotary beater.
 3. Pour into unbaked pastry shell.
 4. Bake 40-50 minutes, or until set and nicely brown. Cool.

Brother-in-Law's Peanut Brittle

- 1 cup sugar
 - 1/2 cup Karo syrup
 - 1 1/2 cups raw peanuts
 - Dash of salt
- Microwave on high for 7 minutes then add:
- 1 tsp. vanilla
 - 2 Tbsps. butter
- Microwave 2 more minutes on High. Stir in:
- 2 tsps. baking soda
- Spread in a greased cookie sheet.

Karkoska Hot Sauce

(From the Unique Restaurant)

- 1 gal. tomatoes
- 5 med. onions
- 5 Tbsps. cumin
- 4 Tbsps. garlic powder
- 20 jalapenos
- 2 bunches cilantro
- Salt to taste

Cut vegetables up and boil 15 minutes. Place in blender and add spices. Keeps well.

Cap's Fajita Seasoning

(After years of Trial and Error)

- 1 part white pepper
- 1 part onion powder
- 1/2 part garlic powder
- 1/2 part salt

Marinate skirt steak or chicken breasts overnight in pineapple juice. Drain; coat lightly with salad oil, then apply fajita seasoning liberally.

Two Iowa Parkans are Tech graduates

Two Iowa Parkans were among more than 1,400 students at Texas Tech Univ. who received degrees during the 1998 fall commencement exercises.

They were Chondra Lyn Bills and Don Clayton Ellis.

Bills, who graduated with cum laude honors, received a Bachelor of Science degree in multidisciplinary studies.

Ellis' degree was a Bachelor of Business Administration, majoring in Management Information systems.

Open house Friday at USDA Service Center

In conjunction with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) celebrating Feb. 8-12 at Natural Resources Recognition Week in Texas, the NRCS Field Office, Farm Service Agency and Wichita Soil and Water Conservation District is planning an open house on Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The event will be held at the USDA Service Center, located at 402 N. Wall St. in Iowa Park.

Everyone is invited, especially those who are interested in conservation work or local conservation issues.

In addition to being served refreshments, those who stop by the open house can get information on current programs and activities and visit with the local staff of both offices.

Card of Thanks

My family would like to thank the volunteers of the Iowa Park Fire Department.

Our youngest son, Clint, started having respiratory difficulties about 4:00 o'clock in the morning last week. The difficulty was to the point of being life threatening. We had already started breathing treatments, and realizing Clint was not responding to the treatments, we called 911. Before we could unlock the front door of our home, the volunteers of the Iowa Park Fire Department were standing on our front porch. I wish we could remember everyone involved, but I know our Fire Chief Danny Skinner, and Louis Skinner were two of the first responders on the scene. Clint was transported by ambulance and made a full recovery in the emergency room. I really was not surprised, but I was impressed that we also received a follow-up telephone call from Louis Skinner to check on Clint's condition.

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Randy, Cindy, Clay,
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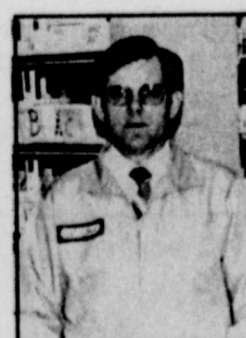
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Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Crawford, 1949

Crawfords observe 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Crawford, who observed their 50th wedding anniversary on February 1, celebrated by taking a two-week trip to Ruidosa and Hondo Valley, N.M., Flagstaff and Sedona, Az., Laughlin, Nv., and Palm Springs, Calif.

They were honored with a dinner party at the ranch of Peggy and Ted Anderson in Hondo Valley, assisted by Martha and Dub Crawford.

Johnny T. Crawford and Beryl June Fortner were married Feb. 1, 1949, in San Jose, Calif. Pastor C.L. Sands officiated the ceremony held in the home of the bride's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Fortner.

Johnny grew up in Iowa Park, and is a 1947 graduate of W.F. George High School. He worked for Wilson Manufacturing Co. in Wichita Falls before going into the Navy where he attended electronics school in San Francisco. After he was discharged from the Navy, Johnny went to work for his father, the late W.T. Crawford, Sr., at Crawford Construction Co., retiring in 1994.

June, also an Iowa Park native, graduated in 1948 from W.F. George High School. She was employed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. in Wichita Falls before her marriage. After the couple returned to Iowa Park, she worked part-time at various

jobs through the years, but mostly stayed home to raise their three children.

The Crawford's children and their spouses are Gary and Kathy Crawford of Iowa Park, Kristie and Pat Gaines of Waurika, Okla., and Jon and Sherry Crawford of McKinney.

Their nine grandchildren are Dusty, Tori and Jenna Crawford, all of Iowa Park, Stevi Gaines and Shelli Gaines of Dallas, Zac Gaines of Waurika, and Cory, Jody and Garrett Crawford of McKinney.

Johnny served six years on the city council, and was Iowa Park's mayor six years. He and June are members of Seventh Day Adventist Church in Wichita Falls.



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Wright, DeFord exchange wedding vows in Holliday

Kristen Lee Wright and Brandon Keith DeFord were married Jan. 16 in Holliday, with Nick Anzalone officiating.

The bride attended Palmer High School in Palmer, Alaska, and the groom attended Holliday High School.

Miss Wright is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wright of Iowa Park and Melynda Mitchell of Electra. Parents of the groom are Jackie Hansen of Holliday and the late Donnie DeFord.

Jodi Parker was maid of honor, and Brandie Hansen, sister of the groom, was bridesmaid.

Serving as best man was Monty DeFord, uncle of the groom. Michael DeFord, brother of the groom, was groomsman.

Taylor and Trevor Brantley were flower girl and ring bearer, respectively. Tamara and Tonya Brantley also participated in the ceremony.

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As I See It... By Bob Hamilton



The low price of crude oil producers are receiving is quickly getting the attention of elected state officials, and the effect locally will be felt by everyone, not just those who purchase gasoline at the pumps.

Legislation will be considered during the current session of the state legislature to provide some relief to oil producers.

But that assistance likely will not be in the form of helping finance school districts, which will be affected by lower tax values of producing wells.

Representative Rick Hardcastle has announced his support for House Bill 989, which temporarily suspends oil and natural gas severance tax payments when the price of oil drops below \$15 per barrel, or when natural gas falls below \$1.80 per mmBtu during a three-month period.

At the same time, Senator Tom Haywood announced he will co-sponsor Senate Bill 290, which temporarily waives the severance tax

imposed on certain oil and gas production when certain price triggers are reached.

Both pieces of legislation have come about because the production of oil costs more than producers receive for that oil, and consequently marginal wells are being shut down all over the state.

Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander this week issued an analysis relating to the impact of oil prices on local school districts.

Rylander commissioned a survey which revealed that value losses for oil property could be as high as 40 percent when comparing values on Jan. 1, 1999 to the same value on Jan. 1, 1998.

The estimated loss of oil values in the Iowa Park Consolidated Independent School District was set at \$154,603, according to Rylander's report.

Other area school district losses in the report included: Henrietta,

\$103,593; Graham, \$198,127; Vernon, \$45,496; Bowie, \$64,847; Holiday, \$72,294; Wichita Falls, \$11,288; Electra, \$249,010, and Jacksboro, \$259,044.

The actual appraised value losses will not be known until the appraisal districts complete their work this July.

Council

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by Chief Lynn Collins, relating to his goal of "community policing" and the Chaplaincy Program were reviewed by the council.

Because neither policy was in its completed stage, final action on them will not be taken until a future meeting, it was pointed out.

The third topic relating to the police department was when City Administrator Mike Price detailed the actions of Officer Sheria Fowler recently which led not only to the recovery of two expensive ladders for a local business, but also uncovered an alleged drug operation at a location between here and Wichita Falls.



County officials to meet here Feb. 18

County Judge Woody Gossom and Precinct Three Commissioner Gordon Griffith will be visiting at the Friendly Door Thursday, Feb. 18. The two will be joined by other

elected officials in talking with residents about making county government more accessible. The meeting is to begin at 11:30 a.m.

Helpful Facts

Property owners working on their plumbing and needing the water cut off at the meter should contact city hall for assistance.

WORTH QUOTING

When did we lose our sense of humor? That's a question asked by Clancy Strock, a contributing editor at "Reminisce," in California. I agree with Strock who feels that we've lost something valuable -- our sense of humor.

Remember, Strock said, when a happy face was not out of place? Too many of us have become what my grandmother called "peckish."

On a farm, you learned to be wary of "peckish" hens -- the ones with a bad attitude that took out their ill humor on anything and anyone who got too close.

Today there seem to be plenty of peckish people, alertly poised and just waiting to be offended. You never know just what's going to ire them, but cross that invisible line and you'll surely get pecked.

How did we become so touchy? Where did we lose our appreciation for the kind of unfettered humor that sustained us through a Great Depression and wartime?

Why are we so quick to be offended?

No doubt about it, old-time comedians wouldn't stand a chance today. Myron Cohen possessed comedic skills honed before tough audiences. He built his repertee entirely around being Jewish.

The gags were funny whether or not you were Jewish. An affectionate observer with a perfect ear for dialect, Myron could set an audience laughing with just the raise of an eyebrow. I doubt he could make a living today -- ethnic humor is "politically incorrect."

What a shame! Jokes about the Irish, Swedes, English, Italians and most other nationalities were the natural produce of a country that was once proud to be a "melting pot".

Vaudeville was the fountainhead of American humor, and it took no prisoners.

Audiences came to be entertained, not to gather ammunition for yet another social movement.

Personally, I'd rather we laughed at each other's differences rather than get all peckish about them.

And when was the last time you heard a good gag about the everyday frustrations of married life, like Henry Youngman, who was famous for his trademark line, "Take my wife -- please." These acts would not be regarded as defamatory by some women.

The great comedians of yesterday had a keen eye for the funny

foibles in all of us, but their jokes were affectionate, not cruel. They were intended to amuse, not hurt.

That's what the best of our comedians have always understood.

Once upon a time, we weren't afraid to laugh at ourselves. I know... I was there.

Thanks to James C. Wall, a "long-time-ago resident of Naples and Monitor subscriber for sharing this with us.

And whatever comes along -- don't forget to smile.
LEON ALDRIDGE
Naples Monitor

Two women face charges

Two Iowa Park women were arrested by outside law enforcement in the past eight days on unrelated charges.

Wichita Falls police arrested Michelle Renee Huff, 24, Tuesday in Wichita Falls. Huff was charged with theft over \$20,000 and under \$100,000 in connection with an incident in 1998.

She was booked into the Wichita County jail, and released after posting \$5,000 cash bond, set by Wichita County Justice of the Peace Mike Little.

Tuesday of last week, Cheryl Whisnand, 37, was taken into custody by representatives of the Wichita County District Attorney's office and the Texas Dept. of Insurance Fraud Unit. She was charged with insurance fraud, aggravated, in relation to an incident that occurred in April of 1998.

Judge Mike Little set bond at \$1,500.

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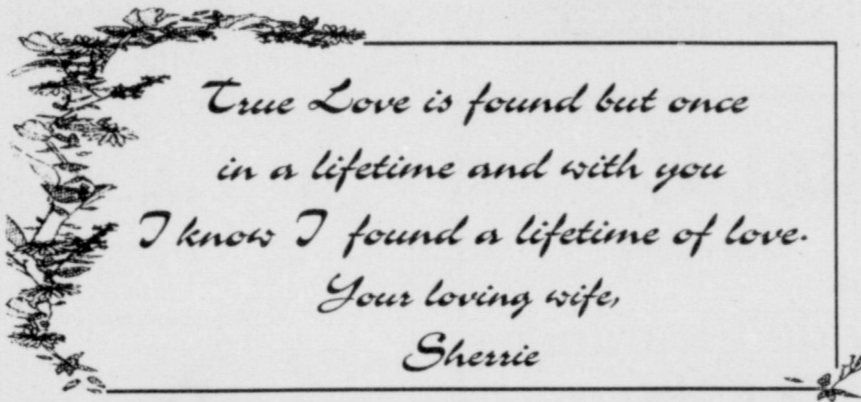
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Letters also must be free of libel. If not, they will not be published, because we will not edit the content of any letter.

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

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Obituaries

Margaret Fisher

Margaret Cecilia Schmitt Fisher, 91, of Muenster died Feb. 3, in a Dallas hospital.

Mrs. Fisher was the mother of Jeanette Galloway of Iowa Park.

Rosary was Friday at McCoy Funeral Home. Services were Saturday at Sacred Heart Church of Muenster with Rev. Thomas Craig officiating. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Mrs. Fisher was born April 14, 1907, in Forney. She and John A. Fisher were married Oct. 30, 1928, in Sacred Heart Church. He died June 26, 1979. She moved to Muenster with her family in 1911. She was a member of Saint Anne's Society, Catholic Daughters and the Third Order of Saint Francis. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include three daughters, Ruth Rumelhart of New Braunfels, Rosemary Lardner of Lancaster, Pa., and Jeanette Galloway of Iowa Park; three sons, Clyde D. of Denton, Francis R. and John C., both of Muenster; a sister, Louise Trubenbach of Myra; a brother, Leo Scmitt of Wenatchee, Wash.; 25 grandchild; and 40 great-grandchildren.

Kenneth Simpson

Kenneth Simpson, 60, of Walters OK, died Thursday in a Walters, Okla., hospital.

Mr. Simpson was the father of Dennis Simpson of Iowa Park.

Services were Saturday at First Baptist Church in Walters, Okla. with Rev. Tony Nickel officiating. Burial was in Walters Cemetery.

Mr. Simpson was born Dec. 28, 1938, in Walters. He and Loretta Knightstep were married Oct. 11, 1958, in Randlett, Okla. He graduated from Walters High School. He lived and farmed in the Walters area all of his life. Along with farming he also manufactured trailers, a business he began in his back yard in 1956. He eventually owned what was known as Diamond S Trailers which he operated 12 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Masonic Lodge.

Among other achievements he was once named Conservationist of the Year as well as being recognized as an Outstanding Young man of America.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sassy Simpson, on Nov. 22, 1986.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Dennis of Iowa Park and Kent and Kevin, both of Walters, Okla.; four brothers, Tom of Wichita Falls, Donald and Scottie, both of Walters, and Sharrod Tabbytte of Colorado Springs; two sisters, Melba Foster of Mustang, Ok. and Brenda Wetzel of Tulsa, Ok.; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

James Jump

James Jump, 70, died Saturday, in a Wichita Falls hospice center.

Services were Wednesday at Bible Baptist Church of Wichita Falls with Rev. Mike Rucker, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery.

Mr. Jump was born May 22, 1928, in Elgin, Okla. He and Sally Jump were married April 27, 1976, in Mineral Wells. He was a Methodist and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Jacksboro. He was owner of Jump Oil Well Service. He had lived in the area since 1961.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Curtis Jump of Oklahoma City, Sammy Lee of Yorktown, Va., and Tommy Lee of Iowa Park; seven daughters, Charlotte Taylor of Grand Prairie, Cynthia Barton of Weatherford, Cecelia Gaines of Arlington, Peni Deatherage of Iowa Park, Candy Smith of Monahans, Sandy Glawe of Wichita Falls and Jenny Fowler of Randlett, Okla.; three brothers, Bailey Stephens and Bob Stephens, both of Elgin and Bill of Lawton, Okla.; a sister, Carolyn McNeil of Okla. City; his mother, Helen Stephens of Elgin; 18 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Wichita Falls.

Tom Woods

Graveside services for Tom Woods, 82, of Quanah, were held Wednesday morning in Quanah Memorial Park with Rev. Roy Canada, interim pastor of First Baptist Church of Quanah, officiating.

Mr. Woods died Monday, Feb. 8, in a Quanah nursing home. He was the father of Tommy Woods of Iowa Park.

Mr. Woods was born Dec. 3, 1916, in Gurdon, Ark. He and Marguerite Virginia Petty were married Aug. 25, 1941, in Sinton, Texas. She died April 24, 1981. He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving as a clerk. He had lived in Quanah since 1956 and retired from the lumber business after 50 years. He worked as a manager for Quanah Farmer's Coop, and retired from the lab department with ADM Southern Cotton Oil Mill.

He was a member of First Baptist Church, where he was a former Sunday school teacher. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Quanah Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, and a Boy Scout leader for 20 years.

Survivors include two sons, Tommy of Iowa Park and Mike of Quanah; a sister, Annabell Talley of San Antonio; a brother, J.V. of San Antonio; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

William E. Schenk

William "Bill" E. Schenk, 72, of Fort Smith, Ark., died Monday, Feb. 8, in a Fort Smith hospital. He was a former resident of Iowa Park.

Rosary was held Feb. 9 at Edward's Funeral Home Chapel in Fort Smith, and Mass was held Feb. 10 at St. Boniface Catholic Church. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery at Fort Smith.

Mr. Schenk was born Feb. 18, 1926, at Fort Smith. He was a retired liquor salesman, and a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church. He was preceded in death by his wife, Kay.

Survivors include a son, David of Broken Arrow, Okla.; a sister, Lillian Lairmore of Van Buren, Ark.; and two grandchildren.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors who remembered us at the time of our loss of my Mother and Grandmother. God bless each of you.

Shirley Reaves
Malinda, Ed & Boys

Margie Phillips

HEALDTON - Funeral services for Margie Phillips, age 70, were at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, 1999, at First Baptist Church. The Revs. Harold Watson and Phillip Fox officiated. Interment was at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Ardmore.

Mrs. Phillips died Sunday morning, Jan. 21, 1999, at her home after a sudden illness. The daughter of Louis L. and Ola Haack Lindner, she was born July 20, 1928, in Milwaukee, Wis.

She was a graduate of Juneau High School in Milwaukee. She married Weldon Phillips on Dec. 6, 1947, in Milwaukee. They moved to Iowa Park, Texas and for several years lived in several towns following her husband's oil field work with Mobil Pipeline. They moved to Healdton in 1960 from Wilson.

Mrs. Phillips worked as secretary for the First Baptist Church and also for the Daube Oil Company and Jo-O-Kay Corral Sportswear in Ardmore. She was a member of First Baptist Church and Dorcas Sunday School Class. She was known in the community as a "giver" delivering cookies and candy to all.

Survivors include her husband, Weldon, of the home; a son, Rodney Phillips, Healdton; a daughter and her husband, Barbara and Rick Burnam, Ardmore; a brother and his wife, Louis and Carol Lindner, Lakewood, Colo.; a sister-in-law and her husband Maxine and Bud McDonald, Iowa Park; her grandchildren, Rodney Phillips II, Healdton, Sheri and Mike Medcalf, Ardmore, and Levi and Tyler Burnam, Ardmore; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Kathy, her parents; a sister, Dorothy Wesner; and a brother, Leonard Lokker.

Bearers were her grandsons and cousins, Rodney Phillips II, Mike Medcalf, Levi Burnam, Tyler Burnam, Richard Lokker and Vernon Castleman. Reser Funeral Home directed the services.



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J.C. Cobb

Funeral services for J.C. Cobb, 85, will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in the Corbin Memorial Chapel in Tishomingo, Ok., with Rev. John Norvell officiating. Burial will be at Tishomingo Cemetery.

Mr. Cobb died Tuesday, Feb. 9, in a Tishomingo nursing home.

Born April 9, 1913 in Iowa Park to Jake and Maggie Lain Cobb, he grew up in Iowa Park where he graduated high school in 1930. He completed his undergraduate work at the Univ. of North Texas and Univ. of Texas College of Pharmacy. He opened a pharmacy in 1940 in Tishomingo, where he became mayor, Chamber of Commerce president and initiated projects such as the Johnston County Memorial Hospital and a County Health Unit Building. He also served on the Murray State College Foundation.

Cobb served as president of the Oklahoma Pharmaceutical Assoc. and was appointed for two terms as the secretary of the State Board of Pharmacy. In 1968, Mr. Cobb was the only pharmacist selected to represent the United States as a delegate to the International Conference on Narcotic and Dangerous Drugs in Geneva, Switzerland.

In 1968 and 1973, he was elected Democratic National Committeeman from Oklahoma after serving many years on the Executive Committee of

the Democratic Central Committee of the Third Congressional District.

Mr. Cobb has served as legislative liaison for the Oklahoma Pharmaceutical Assoc. and until recently was director of Legislative Affairs for the Assoc. In 1965-66, he served as president of the National Assoc. of Retail Druggists and was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Dargavel Foundation, receiving the John Dargavel Medal in 1992.

He was a member of the Mason Lodge in Tishomingo, a 50-year Scottish Rite Mason, McAlister Consistory; and India Shriners of Oklahoma City. He was member of the Episcopal Church.

He and Rhea Vance Cobb were married on April 21, 1935 in Ada, Ok. She passed away Nov. 17, 1989.

He is survived by a son, Larry Cobb of Prague, Ok.

Card of Thanks

The family of Luther Raybourne would like to express our thanks to all for the many cards, flowers, and prayers after his death. We would also like to thank Faith Baptist Church and Greg Ammons for all of the visits, prayers, and food that you provided throughout Luther's illness, as well as before and after the funeral. Your caring and blessings were deeply appreciated. Luther was a wonderful husband and a loving father and grandfather. He will be missed greatly. It is so important to have a church home!

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Van Rae 'Penny' Guthrie

Van Rae "Penny" Guthrie, 70, died Friday, in the Iowa Park nursing center.

Memorial service were Monday at Owens & Brumley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Guthrie was born Dec. 20, 1928, in Brady. She was a retired legal secretary with civil service and had worked with Atomic Energy Commission in New Mexico.

Survivors include two daughters, Vonna Kay Glover of Arlington and Contessa Dee Goodman of Dallas; a son, Ricky Charles Ward of Dallas; her mother, Van Dilee Berry of Wichita Falls; a brother, Dan Berry of Wichita Falls; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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At the IPGHS meeting on Saturday, Charlene Parks introduced members and guests to a new research tool for library genealogy rooms, called "vertical files."

Vertical Files are folders labeled with your family Sir Name containing family group sheets and copies of any documents that prove the information. Birth, marriage, death certification, land titles, census listings and many other records. The folder then is placed in a file cabinet in the genealogy room and available for family links and sharing with other relatives.

The Iowa Park Genealogical Historical society needs help in compiling family group sheets and starting "vertical files" in our library. There are supplies available and we hope all interested in working on this project will come to our next meeting. This will be a continuing project for the families of our community. We need your help in making "vertical files" a success and available to others who are climbing their "family tree."
Marita Holdsworth

Blood drive slated here Wednesday

The American Red Cross is urging all eligible donors to give blood at the upcoming drive slated next Wednesday, from 1:30-6:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 700 W. Washington.

"It's a great way to show someone how much you care," says American Red Cross representative, Lynn Gast. "It's a life-saving gift that's absolutely priceless." By donating blood at the upcoming drive, you'll help maintain the supply for patients who need blood here in our local area.

If you are feeling healthy, weigh at least 110 pounds, and are at least 17 years old, you meet the first criteria for giving blood. The criteria for donating blood has changed in recent years and many people who were once deferred may now be eligible to donate. There is no longer an upper age limit and insulin-dependent diabetics and those people being treated for high blood pressure may be eligible to donate if they have controlled their disease.



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GARDENING HINTS

By MARK TERNING, COUNTY AGENT - HORTICULTURE

Q. I have a professionally landscaped residence in Wichita Falls. My hollies and nandinas look dry and browned on much of the outermost growth. These plants have always been some of the toughest plants in my landscape until this winter. Please tell me if this is caused by some type of pest. I would really like to know how I can prevent this from happening. I have a great deal of money invested in my property.

A. Hollies and nandinas of all types and many other broadleaf evergreens have taken a beating this past summer and winter. Hollies have always been some of our most durable landscape plants for use in the Texoma region, but even they have their limitations.

The cause of the foliage damage is directly related to our very hot and dry summer of 1998 and an unusually mild winter with intermittent periods of freezing temperatures coupled once again with less than average rainfall.

Many of our landscape plants were drought stressed as we entered the fall and winter. This always predisposes plants to greater damage from freezing temperatures.

A very warm and mild fall and winter did not allow plants to acclimate before freezing temperatures arrived. The result was that much of the growth on these plants was tender, susceptible growth.

When freezing temperatures did hit during the New Years weekend, many evergreens began to show symptoms just like you have described. This is purely an environmental plant stress or simply put a weather problem.

Watering regularly, even during the winter months, is advisable to help reduce drought and excessive freeze damage problems. One of our major limitations to healthy plant growth in this area is desiccation of foliage due to winds, dry conditions, and erratic temperature swings.

Thankfully, we did receive several inches of precipitation recently. We needed it and deserved it.

This is in no way a result of a pest problem. Hollies and nandinas are still very usable landscape plants, however, all plants have limitations when weather is adverse.

Q. My willow tree in Burkburnett is leaking a white, foamy sap material from the trunk. What is causing this? It seems worse after a rain.

A. The leakage of the liquid is due to some type of trunk damage. Mechanical damage is possible, but usually it is the result of borer insect damage.

Willows are highly susceptible to borer attacks. They enter the trees' conductive tissue and cause internal damage. The wood within the tree begins to decay and rot as the damage becomes more and more severe.

Sap leakage is a secondary result of the borer damage. Often times the sap even ferments causing the white, foam-like material. This leakage will also have a yeast-like odor as well.

Precipitation can tend to amplify the problem. Avoid ever wounding any tree, and make sure to always apply a borer preventative to the willow. Apply Dursban on a monthly basis to the trunk of the tree spraying from the ground up to the first or second set of side limbs from April through September. This will not reverse any past damage, but will help reduce future borer attacks.

Q. I live in a rural part of Wichita County. I have constructed a new tank with a dam or slope on one side. What can I plant on that area to stop erosion?

A. No other plant prevents more soil erosion in the South than plain, old Bermuda grass. You can usually sow seed in late April to establish a good stand of Bermuda.

Bermuda can also be very economical in that you can establish the plants from seed. Bermuda is also very drought-tolerant once established.

Other options might include Japanese Honeysuckle, Buffalo-grass, or Purpleleaf Wintercreeper.

Q. I live in Iowa Park and have several large pecans in my back yard. This may seem simple, but is now the time to prune these trees?

A. No question is too simplistic to be addressed if you need an answer. Never hesitate to ask.

The answer is yes. Winter is an excellent time to have your shade trees pruned. As a matter of fact I just had several large trees in my landscape pruned.

Large trees probably will require the services of a professional tree care company with equipment and the expertise to safely handle big jobs.

Q. I need to know what to plant under several large shade trees in our front yard in Burkburnett. I have tried seeding and six years ago I had the front yard tilled and sodded with fescue. It was gorgeous the first year, but no matter how much I watered, with each summer that passed, I had less and less grass.

Now, I am back to dirt again! I don't want to remove the trees as they provide a great deal of protection from the sun and heat and reduce our cooling bills in the summer. Please help. I am considering astro-turf!

A. Large shade trees that virtually eliminate any substantial amount of sunlight are valuable for shade and cooling, but no type of turf grass is going to survive in that much shade. Don't waste your time or money on turf, unless you want astro-turf.

The real solution for covering those heavily shaded areas is to plant a shade-loving groundcover into the areas beneath the trees. Groundcovers such as Asian Jasmine, English Ivy, Mondo Grass or Liriope are some options that will work. These groundcovers will grow in a closet.

Q. I live in Electra and have several nice Cedar trees. They are purplish colored instead of being dark green. What has happened to my evergreens?

A. The change in color from a true green to a purple-green is directly related to the shorter days of fall and into winter and cold tem-

peratures. We have a very mild fall and then we had several periods of bitter cold which resulted in the color change.

Cedars like Eastern Red Cedar which is actually a Juniper will change foliage color in winter as you have described. Some individual plants will color different from others depending on weather and genetics. You need not worry, this is perfectly normal.

FRIENDLY DOOR MENU

Friday Feb. 12

Oven fried fish, baked beans, cabbage-carrot slaw, cornbread, peanut butter cookie.

Monday Feb. 15

Chicken enchilada, lettuce & tomato, refried beans, Spanish rice, bell pepper, mixed fruit-lite.

Tuesday Feb. 16

Beef tips, steamed rice, stir fried vegetables, carrots, whole wheat roll, lemon pudding topping and wafer.

Wednesday Feb. 17

Bar-b-que chicken, black-eyed peas, harvard beets, cornbread, peanut butter cookie, pears-lite.

Thursday Feb. 18

Beef stew, okra, diced pineapple, cottage cheese, cornbread, tapioca.

Friday Feb. 19

Lasagna, garden salad, spinach, garlic toast, banana pudding.

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D.A.R.E. graduation is Tuesday at high school

Bradford Elementary fifth graders will graduate from the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program Tuesday night at Iowa Park High School Auditorium.

The ceremony will commence at 7 p.m. and feature guest speaker Justice of the Peace Marc Newman. Bradford Principal Pat Cravens and Iowa Park Police Dept. D.A.R.E. officer Robert Johnson will also speak. One student from each class-

room will read an essay at the graduation and include Renee Espinoza, Danny O'Callaghan, Breanna Brown, Ashley Bryan, Amanda Bidy, Linda Albus and Tiffany Alsop. All students will receive a certificate of graduation.

The 17-week D.A.R.E. program is a joint effort of the school district and the city to educate children on the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse, as well as violence.

Local livestock show slated

The Iowa Park Junior Livestock Show has been slated for Saturday, Feb. 20, at the local ag barn on E. Ruby.

Students wishing to enter projects must turn entries in by Friday, Feb. 12. No late entries will be accepted.

The day before the show, ag barn gates will open at 4 p.m., with all

entries weighed and cards turned in from 6 to 8 p.m.

Gates will open at 7 a.m. the day of the show, with all livestock scheduled to be in place by 8:30 a.m. Judging will begin at 9 a.m.

Show order of this year's show will be meat pen rabbits, broilers, turkey hens, turkey toms, steers, goats, market lambs, market swine.

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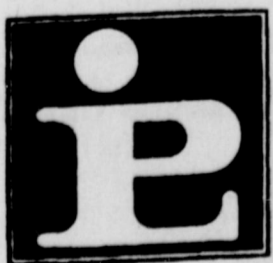
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AG AGENT'S REPORT

By JOE RAFF, Wichita County Agriculture Agent

Stock Shows

It's time again for major stock shows.

This is always a busy time of the year for both parents and kids working together on these animal projects. I remember years ago in Colorado when my little brother and I showed, and now that I'm on the other side of the fence, I wonder how my parents did it!

As you read this week's article we have already been to Ft. Worth once. The wether goats and heifers showed this week. Since I'm writing this on Tuesday (Jan. 19), I don't have the results, but will get those to you ASAP.

We will skip one week (the last week in January) and go back to Ft. Worth for the steers, market hogs and lambs. This year Wichita County 4-H'ers will take a total of 26 exhibitors and some 40 total animals. The dates of the show will be February 1 through 5th. And we will be showing on the 4th and 5th, and the sale will be the 6th.

The next show will be San Antonio. The breeding gilts will arrive on February 8th and show on the 10th and the 11th. The wether goats will arrive on the 13th and show the 14th of February. The steers, hogs and lambs will start arriving on the 14th, 15th and 16th of February. The first set of hogs will show on the 16th and the second group will show on the 19th. The steers will show on the 18th and 19th, the lambs will show on the 17th and 18th.

Wichita County will have 11 4-H'ers show at San Antonio this year.

Then Houston. This is confusing at best. Since the Houston Show has outgrown the existing barn space, they have set up shifts for the poultry, lambs and hogs.

On February 25th the hogs will arrive at Brenham for the sifting and pre-judging. This will be through the

28th. The lambs and poultry will arrive at Rosenberg on February 28th for sifting and pre-judging. This will be through March the 2nd. Also on March 2nd, the steers will arrive at Houston. The hogs will show in Houston (the top 660 head), on March 2nd, with the poultry. The lambs will show on March 4th at Houston (the top 300 head). The steers will show at Houston the 4th and 5th.

A very busy week for our 26th 4-H exhibitors and 40 something head of livestock!

Then we have a whole 5 days to get ready for the Wichita County Stock Show, which will start on March 11th.

On the 11th all the animals will be arriving and the poultry will show this day. The rabbits, breeding sheep, market lambs, gilts and market hogs will show on the 12th of March in that order. On the 13th the heifers, steers, market goats, breeding goats and horses show. Then that evening the premium sale will start.

If you have not been to the Wichita County Stock Show before, this is your official invitation. And if you would like to support the youth at the premium sale, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

IN THE MILITARY

Walls

James Walls graduated Marine Corp Recruit Depot, in San Deigo, Cal. Saturday.

Walls will report to Camp Pendleton for infantry training, before reporting to 29 Palms M.O.S. School.

He is a 1997 graduate of Iowa Park High School.

He joined the Marines in March 1998, through the delayed entry program.

Walls is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Walls of Iowa Park.

Iowa Parkans fare well in midget races

Iowa Park drivers captured many wins in last weekend's Texas-Oklahoma Shootout modified midget races, held in conjunction with the World of Wheels Car Show in Wichita Falls.

Mike Price, competing in the Limited Sprint division won his heat in Saturday's preliminary show and finished fourth in the feature, which qualified him a second row start in Sunday's championship race.

In the finale on Sunday, Price quickly moved up to second, and on the fifteenth lap of the 20-lap A-main drove under Wichitan Jeff Young to win the championship race.

Brandon Mills took first place in Saturday night's Sportsman Division preliminary feature and finished eighth in the Sunday championship race.

Roger York finished tenth in the Sportsman finale.

The race was held indoors at J.S. Bridwell arena and the first indoor even for all three Iowa Park drivers.

Powerlifters capture meet

It was another very good week for the Hawks and Lady Hawks as both came home smiling after a powerlifting meet this past weekend.

In the Boys' Division, Iowa Park tied for first place, but had to settle for the second-place trophy because it had fewer second-place finishers. S&S Consolidated took home the top spot in the Boys' Division.

In the Girls' Division, the Lady Hawks came in fifth place.

Here are the results from the Collinsville Meet held Saturday.

BOYS DIVISION

- 114-lb. - 2. Anthony San Miquel, 550.
- 123-lb. - 4. Jason Peters, 475.
- 132-lb. - 5. Kyle Gilbert, 585; 7. Brandon Gentry, 450.
- 148-lb. - 3. Travis Wagoner, 860; 12. Tyler Wasinger, 720; 13. Matt Kelly, 685; 16. Aaron Haws, 635; 17. Nick Kennedy, 520.
- 165-lb. - 8. Michael Leal, 835.
- 181-lb. - 13. Matt Ohm, 790.
- 198-lb. - 5. Kyle Young, 835; 6. Neil Henderson, 640.
- 220-lb. - 6. Michael Hopper, 890; 8. Ryder Goin, 825; 9. Justin Martin, 805.
- 275-lb. - 1. Russell Duggins, 1105.
- SHW - 1. Tommy Taylor, 1180.

GIRLS DIVISION

- 114-lb. - 4. Sarah Nelms, 360.
- 132-lb. - 2. Ruth Fitzgerald, 595; 3. Jenny Pack, 575.

Both the Hawks and Lady Hawks will be at home this week as they will host the Hawk Powerlifting Meet Saturday, starting at 9 a.m. in the High School Gym.

In last week's article, Justin Martin's name was left off the Boys Division standings. Martin finished in 7th place in the 198-lb. division with a total of 725.

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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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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.

Softballers open with win

The Lady Hawk Softball team hit the field for the first time this season Tuesday afternoon, in the first scrimmage game of the season.

Iowa Park defeated Hirschi 8-2 in the four-inning scrimmage.

"It was a typical first scrimmage I think," said head coach Greg Biehl. "We showed a lot of discipline at the plate. We hit the ball fairly well and we drew some walks, but we also missed some signs. I was happy to see us get some timely hitting with runners on base and moving runners around. Our defense played well and we threw out a runner at second after she reached on a bunt. I thought we

did a good job on the bases, we didn't have anybody get thrown out.

"We've got a good chance to be a real good team," Biehl added. "We've got a lot of good athletes and I think we can play 14 or 15 different girls and not drop off very much. Summer Johnson and Megan Serveny each pitched two innings today and both did a good job, so I feel good about our pitching. We just need to keep getting better defensively and better at the plate, and that will come."

The Lady Hawks will open their regular season on Tuesday when they travel to Petrolia to take on the Lady Pirates at 4 p.m.

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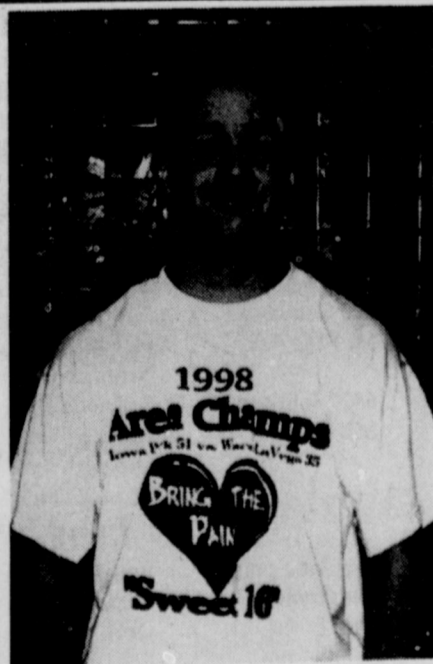
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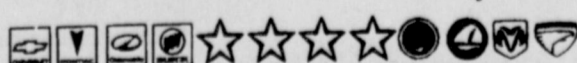
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Hawks edge Vernon in final home game

The Hawks did their job on Tuesday night by beating Vernon 64-62 to remain alive for a playoff spot.

The only problem was that they needed some help from Graham and didn't get it.

For Iowa Park to make the playoffs, Bowie needed to have lost their two remaining games at Graham and at home to Childress. The Rabbits ended Iowa Park's playoff chances with a narrow 57-54 win over the Steers Tuesday night in Graham.

On Friday night, Iowa Park fell to the same Rabbits 42-27 to put the Hawks in a must-win situation with the two games remaining.

Both teams had trouble scoring in the first half. Bowie won the opening quarter 9-6, then tied the second quarter 4-4 to take a 13-10 halftime lead.

"We were not in a delay game," said head coach Tim Clark, "and neither were they. Both teams were trying to score, it's just that neither team could put the ball in the hole in the first half. Then Bowie came out and hit a pair of three-pointers to start the third quarter and we were still struggling to score."

Bowie won the third quarter 15-6, then went on to win the fourth 14-11 to post the 42-27 win.

Bryan Lyons and Aaron Duran led Iowa Park in scoring with six points followed by Chris Simmons with five and Chase Wright with four.

In Tuesday's game here against Vernon, both teams battled back and forth in the first half, with six different lead changes in the half, three in each quarter.

And the game remained that way until the final buzzer went off, with Simmons tipping in a shot at the horn to break a 62-62 tie and giving Iowa Park the 64-62 win and a season sweep of the Lions.

Early on, Iowa Park couldn't seem to keep Vernon's Ed Cherry off the offensive boards as Cherry scored 11 of his team's 16 points in the period, all on offensive rebounds. Cherry finished the half with 14 of his team's 28 points, before Iowa Park shut him down in the second half.

Little League sign-ups open

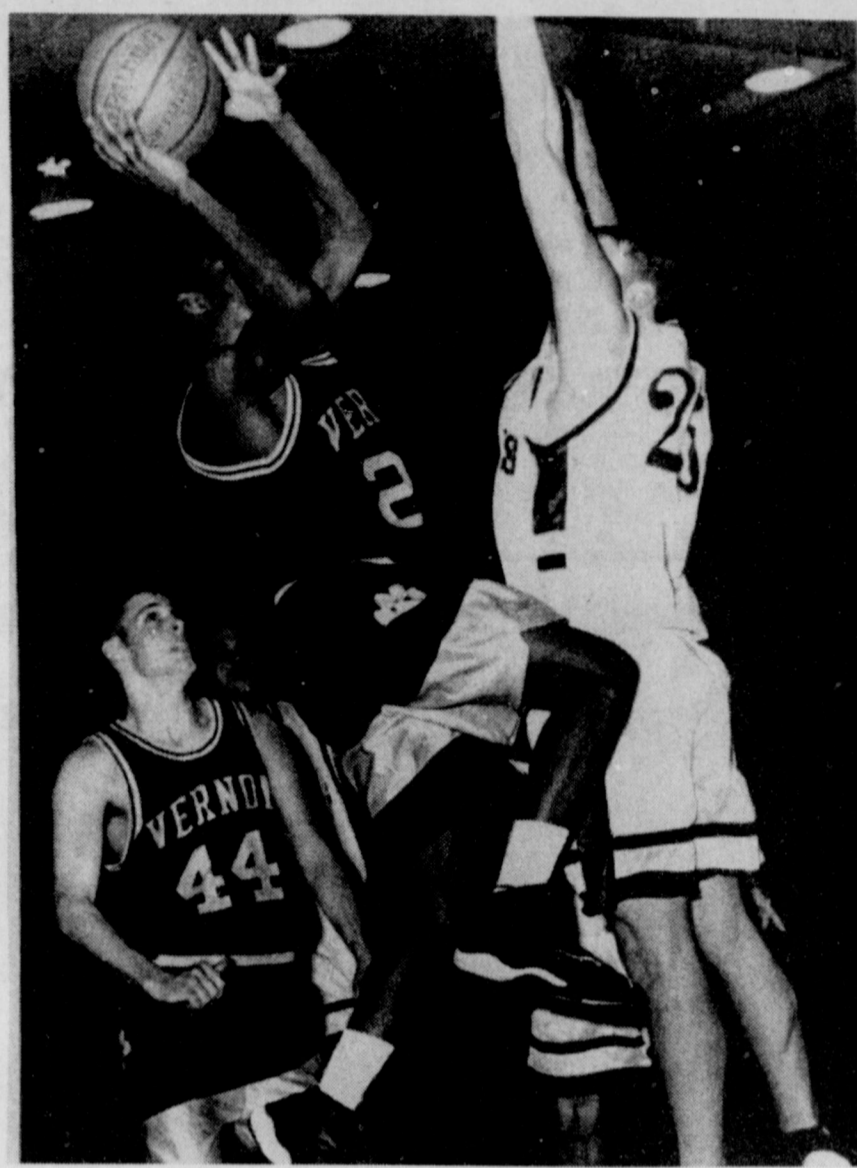
The Iowa Park Little League will be holding its softball and baseball sign-ups starting this Saturday morning at 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Sign-ups will continue the next two Saturdays, with the last date to register to play being Feb. 27.

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The second quarter was back and forth before Wright put in a missed shot as the buzzer sounded to end the first half, giving Iowa Park a 30-28 lead. Wright finished with 14 points to lead the Hawks.

With Iowa Park leading 40-39 with 1:49 left in the third quarter, the Hawks hit back-to-back three pointers to push the lead to 46-39 with 1:03 left on the clock. The Hawks took a 46-41 lead into the final period.

Vernon fought back to tie the game at 58-58 with 1:53 left in the fourth, then again at 60-60 with 53 seconds left.

Wright had a chance for a three-point play which would have given Iowa Park a three-point lead with 28 seconds still showing, but couldn't convert the free throw, leaving Iowa Park on top 62-60.

Vernon tied the game with a

Lady Hawks end season

The Lady Hawks concluded their season on the road on Friday night, falling to third-ranked Bowie 58-30 to close out the season.

The Lady Rabbits jumped out to a 10-4 lead, then won the second period 9-6 to take a 19-10 halftime lead.

"We played a great first half of defense against one of the best teams in the state," said head coach Kim Huff. "They came out after halftime and got hot and we just couldn't hold them."

Bowie won the third period 21-9 to put the game away then went on to win the final period 18-11 to take the 58-30 win.

Randi Nelms led Iowa Park in scoring with 12 points followed by Alisha Clements with 11.

"We had our share of injuries and sickness that definitely took a toll on our season," Huff added. "But when you look at it, we lost three games by five points or less, Vernon twice and Graham, and if we win those three games we're in the playoffs right now. The ball just didn't bounce our way this year."

JV, Frosh

Both the freshman and JV Lady Hawks finished the season on a down

note as they both fell in their final games of the season at Bowie Friday night.

The JV Lady Hawks fell 56-11, as Bowie won all four quarters 11-5, 8-2, 22-2, and 13-2.

Sarah Nelms led Iowa Park in scoring with four points followed by Meagan Smith with three. Christine Dillard and Callie Beckwith each scored two.

In the freshman game, Iowa Park lost 34-19 as Bowie jumped on top 11-0 after the first quarter, and led 16-2 at the half. Bowie upped its lead to 29-6 after three periods. Iowa Park came back to win the fourth quarter 13-5.

Bobbie Gilmore led Iowa Park in scoring with seven points followed by Dominique Clync and Shannon Vietenheimer with three points each.

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pair of free throws with 10 ticks left on the clock. Iowa Park then took the in-bounds pass and drove to half court and called a time out to set up the final play of the game.

Following the time out, Lyons had the ball at the top of the key, just past the time line with no one to pass to, and was forced to put up a long three-pointer with only two seconds left. From out of nowhere, Simmons flew in and caught the rebound in mid-air and kissed the ball off the glass as the buzzer sounded for the game winner. It was Simmons' only two points of the game.

"We played fairly well defensively," Clark said. "But we still committed too many fouls and we are still not making our free throws like we should. But we did play hard enough to pull it out down the stretch. It's nice to win a close one like this."

Joining Wright in double figures were Lyons and Ryan Huff both finishing with 11 points.

Iowa Park's final game will be on the road at Graham on Friday night.

JV

The JV Hawks lost both of their games this week, falling 65-33 on the road to Bowie on Friday night, then at home to Vernon 59-38 on Tuesday night.

In the Bowie game, Iowa Park fell behind 24-7 after the first quarter and never managed to climb back into the game. Bowie won the second period 10-5 and the third 18-7, before the Hawks came on to win the fourth 14-13. Ryan Bess and Josh Lytle each scored eight points to lead Iowa Park followed by Derrick Carlton with seven and Michael Weeks with five.

In Tuesday's game against Vernon, Iowa Park trailed 9-6 after the first quarter and 30-25 at the half. The Hawks won the third quarter 12-9 to pull to within two at 39-37 heading into the final period only to see the Lions out-score Iowa Park 20-4 in the final period to take the 59-38 win.

Weeks led Iowa Park in scoring

with 11 points followed by Zac Miller, Jimmy Miller and Lytle all finishing with six points.

Iowa Park will close out the season Friday night on the road in Graham.

Frosh

It was a tough week for the freshman Hawks as they fell in both of their games this week, losing on the road to Bowie 59-28 on Friday night, then at home to Vernon 65-49 on Tuesday night.

In the Bowie game, the Rabbits won all four quarters 12-6, 18-10, 10-6 and 16-6 to take the win.

Andy Simpson led Iowa Park in

scoring with 11 points followed by Kyle Chaney with eight, Kyle Young with four and Jereme Wilson with three.

In Tuesday's game, Vernon used a 20-4 run in the second quarter to pull away from the Hawks, who tied the first quarter at 11-11, won the third 15-13 and lost the fourth 21-19.

Bubba Hoffman led Iowa Park in scoring with 14 points followed by Simpson with eight, Wilson and Brandon Gentry each finished with seven. Daniel Rhodes finished with six points.

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