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Man confesses to series of murders body was discovered Feb. 15 in a **Relatives of two victims live here** Wichita Falls, Wardrip pled guilty to Although Wardrip was a definite sus-

By KARI COLLINS

"We never gave up" were the words Wichita County District Attorney used Saturday when announcing to the press that his office had taken into custody a man they suspected in three 14-year-old murders.

Only three days later the suspect, Faryion Edward Wardrip, 39, of Olney, confessed not only to those murders, but to an additional one in Fort Worth.

In all, Wardrip confessed to killing 20-year-old Terry Sims, 24year-old Toni Gibbs, 21-year-old Ellen Blau, all of Wichita Falls, and an unidentified Forth Worth woman.

He had already been charged and served 11 years in prison for the

death of 21-year-old Tina Kimbrew of Wichita Falls, a murder he confessed to in May, 1986.

Certainly if the law enforcement agencies who worked the cases over the years never gave up, neither did the families of the victims, two of whom have family members residing in Iowa Park.

Alma Sims of Iowa Park is the grandmother of Terry Sims, and Jeff Gibbs is a brother to Toni Gibbs.

"We are pleased an arrest has finally been made. It's been 14 years," Gibbs said Monday. "Barry Macha never gave up. We are real pleased they didn't give up."

go out to the rest of the families (of

mind."

Wardrip remains in Wichita County jail in lieu of bond, charged in Wichita County with capital murder in the cases of Terry Sims and Ellen Blau, and in Archer County for the Toni Gibbs murder.

Law enforcement personnel from Fort Worth interviewed Wardrip Wednesday.

The first in what the District Attorney's office is calling serial murders was that of Miss Sims, who was sexually assaulted and stabbed at a friend's home in Wichita Falls on Dec. 21, 1984.

Toni Gibbs was reported miss-Gibbs continued, "Our hearts ing Jan. 19, 1985, and her abandoned car was found Jan. 22 in Wichita the victims). It is always on your Falls. After a month of searching, her

field in Archer County, just south of the Wichita Falls city limits.

Gibbs had been sexually assaulted and stabbed.

On Sept. 20, 1985, Ellen Blau was reported missing, and the same day her abandoned car was found. Her body was discovered Oct. 10, in the county. Due to decomposition, coroners could not determine an exact cause of death, or whether she had been sexually assaulted. Her death was ruled as resulting from "undetermined homicidal violence."

On May 6, 1986, the body of Tina Kimbrew was discovered in her Wichita Falls apartment. An autopsy revealed that she had been smothered.

Three days later, Wardrip told Galveston police that he was suicidal and that he had killed a girl in Wichita Falls. After being transported back to the murder of Miss Kimbrew and was sentenced to 35 years in prison.

He was parolled in December, 1997, and has lived in Olney since that time, employed as a materials buyer for a door and screen company.

Over the years, the cases have been investigated by the Wichita Falls Police Dept., Wichita County Sheriff's Dept., Texas Rangers and the Wichita and Archer County District Attorney's offices.

While the efforts of these agencies have not gone unnoticed, Macha gives credit for the final breaking of this case to John Little, investigator for the DA's office.

Little took over the case a little more than a month ago. In a threeweek period, he had gathered enough evidence, both physical and circumstantial, to arrest Wardrip and charge him in Sims' and Gibbs' murders.

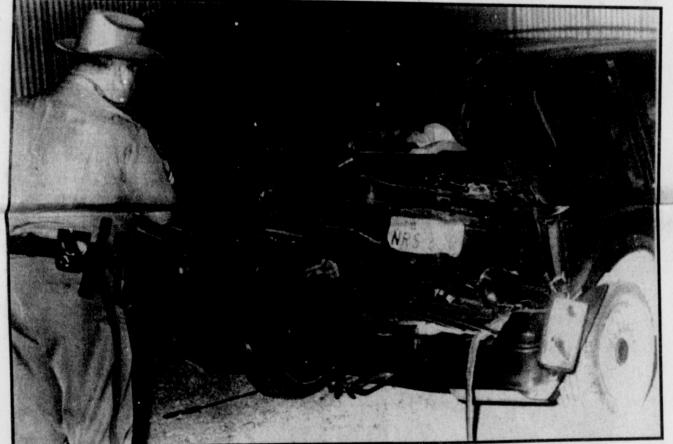
pect in Blau's case, there was no physical evidence at the scene to use for testing.

During his investigation of Wardrip, Little observed him drinking from a paper cup and discard it into a trash barrel while on break at his job. Little retrieved the cup and submitted it to a laboratory in Dallas for DNA testing.

On Feb. 12, the District Attorney's office received a report from the laboratory stating that the DNA deposited on the cup could not be excluded as a match for DNA evidence in the Terry Sims case.

Further, the report stated, DNA evidence which had been submitted in October, 1996, in the Toni Gibbs case indicated that the DNA originated from the same individual as

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Trustees may call election

A trustee election was called, and contracts of key school personnel were extended during last week's meeting of the Iowa Park School Board.

An election will be held May 1 for Places 6 and 7, now being held by Randy Catlin and Keith Fisher, whose terms will expire this spring. Merrick as election judge. Bradford Elementary is the polling place for Precincts 33, 25, 44, and 35, with Wanna Hunter acting as election judge, and Precincts 34 and 09-Archer County will vote at Valley View School with Mrs. Wesley Lingle as election judge.

expects enrollment at his campus to increase and additional staff would be needed for English, science, and home economics.

In the future, when there is enough space, Seay hopes to have programs in criminal justice and prenursing. Also, beginning next year, students will have the on

Results of a survey sent out to eighth grade students and their parents on alternatives for eighth grade graduation were reported by Randy Lovelady, principal at W.F. George Middle School. He said out of 180 surveys sent out, 110 were turned in. The majority voted for eighth grade students to take a trip to Six Flags at Arlington instead of having a graduation ceremony.

commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Iowa Park School District had been approved by the Texas Historical Commission.

Caplinger also reported on his attendance at the Administrators' Mid-Winter Conference held last week in Austin. He said that an inwaras'a september starr-up un schools were among the items predicted to come from the current legislative session.

NO SERIOUS INJURIES resulted Tuesday evening, when this station wagon was rear-ended by a pickup at Colorado and FM 367. The vehicle was being driven by Rhonda Rainwater of Iowa Park. Debbie Hollis, of Wichita Falls, was her passenger. Both ladies complained the next day of being badly bruised and sore. Rainwater said she was east-bound and about to make a turn to the north. Actually, two pickups were involved in the accident, and both wound up in the south ditch. Information of those drivers was not available at presstime, because DPS Trooper Tony Fulton, shown investigating the scene, had Wednesday off.

Sewer line planned for North Bell Road

News Briefs

Senior citizens invited to Saturday feed

Senior Citizens who reside within the boundaries of the Iowa Park school district will be served a free lunch Saturday, compliments of the Iowa Park MuleSkinners.

The meal, to be served from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the MuleBarn (111 West Cash), will consist of stew, cornbread, desert, and choice of tea or coffee.

County officials coming here today

County Judge Woody Gossom, Commissioner Gordon Griffith and other elected officials are to hold a public meeting at 11:30 a.m. today, at the Friendly Door.

The officials are "coming to talk with residents in an effort to make county government more accessible to you," the announcement stated.

The Leader incorrectly announced in last week's issue that the meeting would be held Feb. 11, and

Tourism group to gather here today

Members of the Red River Valley Tourism Association are to hold one of their regular meetings here today, according to Robert Palmer.

A catered luncheon is to begin at 12-noon at the Tom Burnett Memorial Library.

Following the meal, members

regrets the mistake.

are to board an Iowa Park school bus for an hour-long tour of the Recreational Activities Center, Friendly Door, Optimist Gymnasium, and then view the walking track under construction at Lake Gordon, as well as the pavilion and gun club at Lake Iowa Park.

Sewer service could soon be extended to several residences on North Bell Road, following Monday's meeting of the city council.

The meeting is to get underway at 7 p.m. in council chambers.

Aldermen will consider authorizing City Administrator Mike Price to execute a contract for construction of a lift station and make other improvements in that area, according to the tentative agenda released Wednesday.

The project not only will serve existing residences north of Texas Street on Bell, but also a new housing development which was announced earlier.

Price also will ask authorization to sell two surplus police patrol vehicles to the Hunt County constable's office.

Another item on the agenda is a request to permit the "Hotter 'N Hell" bicycle race organization to use city hall park as a rest stop again this year.

The agenda indicates that a closed session will be held by the council, under the topic of personnel. Aldermen are to "consider an appeal of the decision by the city administrator to terminate a police officer," the agenda states.

Monday, Feb. 15, was the first day a candidate could apply for a place on the ballot, with March 17 being the deadline for filing.

Following a closed meeting, to consider contract renewals for principals, counselors, and directors, the following contracts were extended for one year:

Alan Seay, Principal, Iowa Park High School;

Randy Lovelady, Principal W.F. George Middle School;

Patricia Cravens, Principal, Bradford Elementary; Steve Moody, Principal, Kidwell

Elementary; Dennis Brooks, Assistant Prin-

cipal, Iowa Park High School; Debra Brandt, Assistant Princi-

pal, W.F. George Middle School; LaRae Collins, Counselor, Iowa

Park High School; Colleen Roberts, part-time

Counselor, Iowa Park High School; Janet Bowling, Counselor W.F. George Middle School;

Diane Granbery, Counselor, Bradford Elementary; Vicki Adams, Counselor,

Kidwell Elementary;

Weldon Nelms, Athletic Director:

Sharon Powell, Business Manager;

Allen Shewmake, Tax Collector/Director of Transportation & Cafeterias.

Alan Seay, high school principal, told board members that he



Lovelady said parents of eighth graders would be raising money to pay for the tickets and t-shirts, and transportation would be provided by the school.

Awards that would normally be passed out at graduation will be presented during the awards ceremony, to be followed by a reception.

Superintendent Mike Caplinger reported that the historical marker to

After a called meeting on Fri-

Meeting with the school's archi-

day, the Iowa Park school board

moved closer to calling a bond issue

to meet the needs caused by growth

tect, Michael Marrs, the trustees,

school superintendent, and campus

principals went over the proposed

building program and costs. After

making further adjustments, board

members agreed on a plan that

brought the cost down from \$6-

with members of the Facility Task

Force and go over the plans with

them before calling a bond election.

ing program came after a lengthy

study, which included the work of

the Facility Task Force, made up of

citizens and educators, a committee

of school board members, an archi-

Since the study began, the need

The plan calls for 24 new class-

for additional classroom space has

increased, with all campuses operat-

rooms, six on each campus, and two

Trustees said they wanted to meet

The decision to go with this build-

million to \$5-million.

tect, and engineers.

ing at capacity.

in the district.

drawings of several different styles of band uniforms for the board to consider. It has been 15 years since the last new uniforms were purchased.

He showed board members

Board members went over a draft of the calendar for the 1999-2000 school year, with the final copy to be presented at the March meeting. Caplinger said that there would be further revisions if the legislature decides to go with a post September 1 start-up date for school openings.

In other action, trustees approved an application to the Texas Education Agency for a class size waiver for the third grade at Bradford Elementary and approved requests to hold basketball and volleyball camps in the high school gymnasium.

Board near decision to call for bond vote

science labs at the high school.

Other new construction calls for a band/choir hall at the junior high school, and expansion of the kitchen/ cafeteria and administration areas at Bradford and Kidwell Elementary.

Several renovation projects on each campus are included. At the high school, plans call for renovation of the practice gym into a competition gym, and upgrading of the vocational building. At the junior high school, renovations at both gymnasiums would take place. At Bradford Elementary the computer room would be enlarged, and canopies and ductwork would be installed on the campus. An upgrade in heating and air conditioning and the library is called for at Kidwell Elementary.

Additional projects call for work on the girls' softball field, repair of the track, improvements to the F.F.A. show barn, and renovations and additions at the field house.

Consideration has been given to holding the bond election on May 1, along with the trustee election. In order to have the election on that day, it would have to be called between March 8 and 15.

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Putthoff, Schweinle marry in Arlington

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Amy Marie Putthoff and William Edwin Schweinle III exchanged wedding vows Feb. 13, in a double ring ceremony at the Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Arlington.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Putthoff of Iowa Park.

The groom is the son of William Schweinle Jr. of Houston and Dr. Joellen Schweinle of New Haven Ct.

Father Joseph Scantlin, pastor, of Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Arlington and Rev. Patrick Burke of Christ the King Catholic Church in Iowa Park performed the ceremony.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal white gown designed with a fitted bodice heavily adorned with Alencon lace and beaded with pearls and iridescents. The off-the-shoulder design went to a slightly scooped neck and the sheer long sleeves were overlaid with lace medallions. The satin skirt of the gown was accented with lace appliques and flowed to chapel length.

A fingertip illusion veil with satin pencil edging completed her wedding ensemble.

The bride carried a bouquet of white roses accented with stephanotis

Susan Putthoff of Iowa Park, served as maid of honor and carried a miniature version of the brid'es bouquet.

Bridesmaids were Annette Pyle of Cleveland and Robyn Porterfield

Card of Thanks

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the people and organizations who helped make our first "Food Fair" a success. Without your help, we couldn't have done it. To you, we salute, and look forward to making next year even bigger and better! We will be posting results in the High School cafeteria for everyone to see

The Iowa Park CISD

of Colleyville. The bridal attendants wore floor length teal gowns.

The sanctuary was decorated with white roses and bows with candelabras covered in greenery.

Craig Helmick of Pleasanton, served as best man. Groomsmen were Jon Schweinle of Houston and Carol Cofer of Austin.

Ushers were Richard Putthoff of Iowa Park and Steven Putthoff of Killeen.

The couple's chosen music before the ceremony was classical selections on piano. Music during the ceremony was Schubert's Ave Maria. Vicky Putman registered the guests.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Most Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall. The candlelit tables were decorated with strewn greenery and accented with white roses.

A three tiered white almond cake on the bride's table was the highlight of the reception area. Jasenka Bornas, Karen Leggett Dugash and Cathy Chap attended the bride's table.

The bride chose a navy crepe suit for traveling.

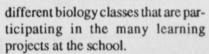
After honeymooning in Germany, the couple plans to make their home in Arlington.

Out of town guest attending were Nancy and Tom Reddig of Kansas City, Mo., Phil and Camille Neidhart of Kansas City, Ks., William E. and Elfrieda Schweinle of Plum, Dr. Keith Jordan of New Haven, Ct. and Carmen Schweinle of Houston.

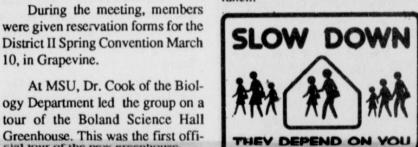
The bride received her bachelor of arts degree from Midwestern State Univ. and her masters degree from University of Texas in Arlington.

The groom received his bachelor of arts degree from University of Texas in Austin and masters degree from University of Houston at Clear Lake.

The couple are both doctoral candidates in experimental psychology at the University of Texas in Arlington where Amy teaches the teaches a developmental psychology



Following the tour, study club members went to a restaurant for lunch.



3 4-H CLUB NEWS

Valley View 4-H Club met recently for their February meeting with 42 members attending.

Special guest was Frank Jones from the Northwest Texas Field and Stream Club, who told 4-Her's about trap shooting classes coming up.

Wichita County 4-H agent Jodi Haeglin spoke to members and introduced Brad Davis, the district 4-H specialist from Vernon.

Davis explained that the Valley View 4-H Club was selected to take part in a nation-wide 4-H survey, and had members and parents fill out the survey forms.

After the meeting, Wendy Meadows led members in decorating clay pots and potting plants in them, which can be entered in the project show in March.

Valley View 4-H will be operating the concession stand at the Iowa Park Junior Livestock Show this weekend. Good luck to all 4-Her's showing animals. We would like to invite everyone out to support our 4-H and FFA Youth Saturday at the show.

The next meeting will be March 3 at the Kamay Volunteer Fire Dept.





Mrs. William Edwin Schweinle III

Garden Club tours greenhouse

(Amy Marie Putthoff)

Iowa Park Garden Club mem-

bers met at the RAC for a brief meet-

ing Friday before going to Midwest-

em State University for a tour of its

greenhouse.

10, in Grapevine.

Dr. Cook explained how this new Food Service Dept. teaching facility will be used by the class. lowa Park Band's Who can you depend on? With the recent announcement of Wal-Mart closing, we at WHEN: Hughes Pharmacy would like you to know that you can depend SPAGHETTI Saturday on us, and make you aware of the services we have available to you and your family. We can take care of all of your prescription and over-February 20 DINNER the-counter needs. It's easy to transfer your prescriptions to Hughes starting at Catered by Fazali's Pharmacy - your prescriptions are your property. Simply bring your pre-\$5 per person 5:00 p.m. scription bottles to Hughes Pharmacy or give us a call and we will handle the rest. **Competitive Prices** V 7 **Home Medical Equipment Texas Medicaid** Home/ Office Delivery Service V 6 ALL BANDS WILL Gifts & Greeting Cards **Insurance Prescription Cards** Medicare Billing **Professional Prescription Compounding** BE PERFORMING! V Workman's Comp. **Blood Pressure Checks & Monitoring** V 5:30 p.m. - Beginner Band **Home IV Service** WHERE **24-Hour Emergency Service** V **Convenient Parking** Charge Accounts with approved credit 6:00 p.m. - Junior High Band R lowa Park V Herbal Supplements **Computer Records for tax purposes** High School V 6:30 p.m. High School Band Fax & Copy Service V Freedom Prescription Plan® 7:00 p.m. Jazz Band Fast, Friendly Service Package shipping via UPS Your hometown pharmacy is here to serve you Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. & Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hughes Sharmacy 120 9. Park Silent baked Jax: (940) 592-5613 (940)592-4191 goodsauction Joll Gree: 1-800-585-4191 All proceeds to benefit the Joe Mughes - Pharmacist Recliner Raffle lowa Park Band Program We accept Visa, Mastercard, Discover and American Express



Heather Lovelady and Scott Carpenter

Engagement announced

Heather Lovelady and Scott Carpenter will exchange marriage vows on April 17, at First Baptist Church. in Iowa Park.

Their parents are Randall and Rebecca Lovelady of Iowa Park and Dr. Stewart and Jan Carpenter of Wichita Falls.

Heather is a graduate of Iowa

Park High School and Midwestern State University. She is employed at Clinics of North Texas in Wichita Falls.

Scott, a graduate of Rider High School and Abilene Christian University, is employed at United Regional Health Care System in Wichita Falls.

Arts and Crafts group meets

This month's meeting of the Iowa Park Arts and Crafts Association was held at the home of Anna Anderson in Wichita Falls.

For the program, Mrs. Anderson's daughter, Jamie Byrd, taught club members how to make porcelain beanie babies.

Debbie Richards presided over brought by Dorothy Johnson, was won by Cathy Price.

At the next meeting on March 16, Cathy Price will instruct the group in making Easter decorations.

Deaton, Connor exchange marriage vows

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Alaina Dyan Deaton and Craig Alan Connor married Jan. 16 in the First Baptist Church Chapel in Wichita Falls. Mike Blaylock, Minister of Education, officiated the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Ray and Lola Deaton of Oklahoma City. The groom is the son of George and Dorothy Connor of Wichita Falls.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore an elegant ivory formal gown with short sleeves and a fitted bodice embellished with Alencon lace and seed pearls. The full pleated skirt flowed from a fitted waist. She wore a bandeau headpiece to which a two-tiered illusion veil was secured.

A bouquet of minuet roses and white tulips accented with stephanotis added the finishing touch.

Alison Deaton of Norman Okla., was maid of honor and Donna Deaton of Oklahoma City served as bridesmaid. Both attendants carried three white stemmed tulips tied with ribbon.

Robin Geisert of Wichita Falls registered the guests.

Charles Connor of Northfield, Vermont served as best man. Scott Boss of Wichita Falls served as groomsman and usher, and Michael Holcomb of Wichita Falls was also an usher.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the main hall of the church. The bride's cake, a three tiered white confection with buttercream frosting was the focal point of the reception.

Out of town guests were Karyn Marklinger of Canada, sister of the groom, Sharon Gray and family of Ft. Worth, and several other relatives of the groom from Sherman.

The groom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at Luby's.

Following a wedding trip to Hot Springs Ark. the couple will make their home in Wichita Falls.

The bride graduated from James I. O'Neill High School in Highland Falls, N.Y. and University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. She is employed as a Speech Pathologist at United Regional Health Care System's Eleventh Street Campus.

The groom is an Iowa Park High School graduate and attended Midwestern State Univ. He is employed at United Market Street.



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Mr. and Mrs. Craig Alan Connor (Alaina Dyan Deaton)



a short business meeting. The door prize, a stained glass candle holder,

Attorneys give program for Amity Study Club

Two attorneys, Cyndi Schenk and Alyce Bondurant, presented a program on "Women's Rights" for members of Amity Study Club.

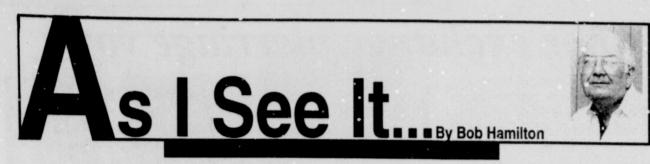
The club met Feb. 8, in the home of Pam Teplicek, with Dorothy Palmer serving as co-hostess.

Annetta Reusch, president, was in charge of the business meeting in which a donation of \$50 was made to Project Graduation. It was announced that the Spring Convention will be held April 10, in Burkburnett.

The meditation was given by Cindy Nichols, and the Federation report was presented by Mary McIlroy. Mrs. McIlroy asked members to encourage lawmakers to continue direct aid to public libraries.



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Dropping a youngster off in the mornings at Kidwell Elementary can be challenging to both scheduling and patience.

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For the past month or so, I've been taking one of my grandsons to school, because his mother has a job that requires her to check in at 6 a.m.

We enter the drive area off Fourth Street, and get into a vehicle line along the north side of the building, which seems to be the most popular routing of parents.

We all want to let our kids out as close to the east end of the building, so they don't have to walk very far in the chill of the mornings.

I've noticed that the line of vehicles moves very slowly, and wondered why.

So, the other day, I got out of the

line and drove up to the cross-walk. of the pickup was open. before letting my grandson out.

Sure enough, there was a mother, going through her purse, apparently getting out the kid's lunch money. She was still there well after I departed and looked back to check.

Going through that process likely doesn't take more than a minute. But when you consider there are 10 or more vehicles in the line, and more arriving as school time nears, you can see that such delays can be lengthy to those several cars in the rear.

The next morning, there was the usual line of vehicles there, and as I approached my place in it I saw another pickup at the east end.

Looking closely, because of the bright sun, I again observed the line was not moving and the driver's door

So, once again I continued to the crosswalk to let the grandson out.

No, the pickup wasn't empty. There were two kids inside, and a mature woman standing outside the open door, fumbling through what appeared to be her purse.

She was still there after I got out on Third Street, and hadn't moved.

It may not be much of a factor to a lot of folks, having to wait for such delays. But, folks, it's unnecessary, and can easily be avoided by just doing a little advanced planning.

I'm sure I'm not the only one who wants to get to work on time. And I don't feel I should have to start the trip before 7:45 in order to get to the office.

Victims' relatives are local residents

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was profiled from the paper cup.

The frequency of occurance, according to the report cited in the affidavit for arrest warrant, is "Black, 1 in 182,681,768; Caucasian, 1 in 16,310,932; and Hispanic, 1 in 7,554,090."

Further circumstantial evidence cited in the arrest warrant was almost as compelling.

The residence where Terry Sims was murdered was less than 2/10 of a mile from the apartment where Wardrip resided at the time. Miss Sims was employed at Bethania Hospital at the time. Four days after Sims' death, Wardrip quit his job as an orderly at Wichita General Hospital, where Toni Gibbs was also employed as a nurse.

Gibbs' car was found less than 4/10 of a mile from Wardrip's apartment.

The circumstancial evidence in the Blau case is more complicated. At the time, of Blau's death, Wardrip had worked at Pizza Hut on Sheppard Access Rd, which is next door to Pizza Inn. The last time Ellen Blau was seen alive was at the Pizza Inn, next door to her place of employ-



TONI GIBBS

ment, Subs and Suds Hoagie House. Blau's car was recovered less than one mile from the apartment where Wardrip's estranged wife resided.

Also, as Galveston police transported him to Wichita Falls for the murder charges in the Tina Kimbrew case, Wardrip told them that he knew Ellen Blau.

Little culminated the investigation Saturday morning when he met Wardrip at his parole officer's office in Wichita Falls, then took him to the



TERRY SIMS

courthouse and arrested him. Included in the arrest warrant were instructions to obtain blood, pubic hair, and inked palm and fingerprints from the suspect.

Although no explanation for Wardrip's sudden confession have been given, prosecutors are still planning to go forward with charges.

"The bottom line is, hopefully we can begin a process of some finality - closure - for the families of these victims," Macha said Saturday.

in construction underway and in the

past is done by civilian contractors.

made that some key areas of Sheppard

will be a part of a study to possibly be

contracted. Civil engineering and the

hospital are two of the areas being

spokesman for Rep. Mack Thorn-

berry's office said, "This has the po-

tential to possibly affect 310 military

neering are hoping to come up with a

proposal those shows they can do the

same job more efficiently and at less

and 333 civil current positions."

According to Lou Zickar, a

Some personnrl of civil engi-

Recently an announcement was

Sheppard AFB important to Iowa Park

By SHERRIE WILLIAMS

If any outside influence has had a more positive impact on Iowa Park outside Sheppard Air Force Base it would be hard to find. Since the base was constructed in 1941, many military, civil service employees and retirees of the base have made Iowa Park their home.

Many make the daily drive to and from the base, and some have made that trip for years. Others are new at it.

The small town atmosphere, friendly people and our school district seems to be the drawing card for most.

Besides being a place for at least 128 civil service and about 69 active military residents of Iowa Park to salso near enough that many military retires chose Iowa Park as their home for the convenience. The base also brings in new residents, and new residents are almost always a "good thing." New residents can bring many benefits to a community. According to City Manager Mike Price, Sheppard is a vital part of Iowa Park and there is a good relationship between the base personnel and IowaPark. Sheppard has a "Sheppard Area Community Relations Council" made up of the Base Commander and key personnel that meets quarterly with four to five Iowa Park officials and officials of each of the other cities in Wichita County. The group discusses what's going on in the communities and at Sheppard and try to come up with ideas and solutions that might be of

Price says that he wishes more military residents would take advantage of the city's offer. He added, for military personal to receive the "no deposit" offer, there is just a little paper work involved. This is a savings of \$40.

Price says that this is the city's way of extending a hand. He added, when you extend a hand, the hand usually comes back., often as volunteer service, serving on committees, or boards and etc.

Mayor Tim Hunter and Fire Chief Danny Skinner are employed at Sheppard Air Force Base. Dr. Earl Watson and Dr. Erwin Soell are also formally of Sheppard, just to name a few citizens of Iowa Park who have a connection to Sheppard. Of course our schools also ben-

efits from Sheppard.

Currently Iowa Park Indepen-

looked at.



JANICE GAYLE YOUNG, 38, of Wichita Falls is lucky to be alive following this one-vehicle accident early Tueday afternoon on Wellington Lane. Young, whom Department of Public Safety trooper Mike Denk said was driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs, lost control of her car while travelling south. Her car ran off the road, hit a mailbox pole and spun around

before flipping and coming to rest upside down in a ditch on the west side of the road. She was pinned in her vehicle for some time before being removed by emergency personnel on the scene. Young remains in a Wichita Falls hospital for treatment of broken bones.



It's put up or shut up time. The city councils and school boards in Clay County are preparing to call their annual elections for May 1.

The filing period to run for these positions starts Monday and lasts for a month.

In a representative democracy, that's the way we do business.

Unfortunately, we have become so lax, so lazy, so apathetic in recent years, that many citizens no longer take an active part in the process that was paid for in blood.

So in a city of 3,000, for example, you can get elected to the city council with only a few votes. A couple hundred will usually get you in the door.

Then you can cast one of only five votes on the council, which means you're representing 20 percent of the citizens. Three people can get together with 200 of their closest friends and literally run the show (with a few checks and balances, of course -that's the American Way).

You can have the deciding vote on issues of great importance to the community.

Of course, getting that responsibility, or should I say earning it, comes with some caveats.

It's lonely at the top, for one thing. You become a target, not only of justifiable criticism, but of much that is not justified, has no basis in reality, and can be down right mean and hurtful.

No wonder few people bother to vote anymore and even fewer take the opportunity to run for office.

Still it's the way the public's business is handled in these United States of America at the dawning of a new millennium.

A few have to shoulder the responsibility (and the blame that goes with it) to make sure that the republic

the school house, the courthouse or the White House.

And it would help to have a thick skin and hard head as requirements for seeking office. The ability to forgive and to forget would also serve you well.

If only the political system had some safeguards.

Like for instance, if you don't vote, you can't complain. It's not a very high price to get into the show, when you think about it.

If you complain very often or very loudly, you have to run for office (something everyone should try at least once).

If you do complain, you must first verify your facts, attend council or school board meetings, ask questions, study issues, and first and foremost, never accept as fact anything you hear in casual conversation.

All the problems of the city, school, county, state, nation and world are solved every day in coffee shops throughout the world.

Only one small problem with that -- not a single one of those solutions has ever been implemented from that forum.

Any good ideas that do come from such gatherings must first pass through some level of government, whether it be on the local level or higher.

That's the way the system works, you see.

So if you truly care, if you are truly concerned, if you have ideas that should be aired in a setting where they can have a positive impact, you have an open invitation.

Sign up.

Put your name on the line and your money where your mouth is. Better yet, buy the newspaper

continues to operate, whether it be at from me, and I'll run in your place. (Of course, I may not have the same ideas as you.)

> In other words, put up, or shut up. PHIL MAJOR

Clay County Leader

Did you hear about the man who

tried to sell a dog to his neighbor? "This is a talking dog," he said. "And you can have him for five dollars.

"Who do you think you're kidding with this 'talking dog' stuff?" asked the neighbor. "There's no such thing!"

At that moment the dog looked up, teary-eyed and spoke, "Please buy me, sir," he pleaded. "This man is cruel. He never buys me a meal, never bathes me, never takes me for a walk. Please save me!"

The stunned neighbor couldn't believe his ears. "This dog can talk! Why do you want to sell him, and for only five bucks?"

'Because," said the owner, "I'm getting tired of his lies!" **STEPHEN HENRY** Levelland News-Press



Police report three arrests

In two instances Monday, 17 hours apart, two young men were arrested by Iowa Park police for

possession of drug paraphernalia. The first, at 12:04 a.m. in the 1000 block of Johnson Road, Troy Don Tatum, 17, was driving a vehicle in which officers found a small bag containing two smoking pipes and rolling paper.

Tatum was released at 3:30 a.m. after signing a promise to appear in municipal court, according to the police blotter.

At 4:31 p.m. in the 400 block of West Washington, a vehicle driven by Thomas Dwight Morton, 17, was searched with permission, and a pipe was discovered.

Morton was released at 8 p.m., after signing a promise to appear in municipal court.

Jeremy Waine Case, 22, was stopped at 10:43 p.m. Monday in the 500 block of West Highway, and the officer determined he was driving while his license was suspended.

The suspension was due to an

Commissioners to meet

Wichita County commissioners court will hold a special called meeting at 2 p.m. Friday, in room 200 of the court house.

dent School District has 76 students at three of our four campuses affiliated with Sheppard Air Force Base. That is up from the 40 affiliated students during the 1997-98 school year.

Many of our residents work for contractors on base. Lockheed, a contractor that has the aircraft maintenance contract, to name one of the larger contractors, employs several residents of Iowa Park.

Much of the millions of dollars help to each community. They also work on ways to get Sheppard personnel involved in the communities. The city offers a "no water de-

posit" discount for active duty military, how ever there are only 12 families taking advantage of this offer. Last year there were only four.

earlier charge of having no liability insurance.

Case was transported to the county jail on the charge.



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expense than contractors.

City receives

When compared with the previous year, December was a good month for business in Iowa Park and all the other cities in Wichita County.

All four municipalities had gains, as indicated by sales taxes collected both in December and the fourth quarter of 1998, according to a report issued by the state comptroller's office.

The city of Iowa Park received a rebate check of \$39,640.47, which was a 10.13-percent increase over the rebate received in February of 1998, according to the report.

Thus far in 1999, the total for sales tax rebates received by the city are \$57,506.51, which is up 3.08 percent over this time last year.

Wichita Falls is up 2.44 percent for the year, Burkburnett 3.47 and Electra has enjoyed a whopping increase of 73.66 percent.

The city of Holliday, however, is lagging behind 29.45 percent at this point in 1999, as compared to 1998.



Andrea Kay Wright and Mark Evans Mashburn

Couple select April date

Andrea Kaye Wright and Mark Evans Mashburn will exchange nuptial vows April 24 at Faith Baptist Church.

Miss Wright is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Key of Iowa Park and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wright, Jr. of Gainesville. She is the granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. Dan Roberts of Iowa Park, Mr. and Mrs. Arlis Key of Burkburnett, and the late Dewey Spruiell.

Mashburn is the son of Mrs. Patricia Mashburn of Wichita Falls and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mashburn of Bastrop. He is the grandson of Mrs. S. Mashburn of Austin.

Andrea is a 1998 graduate of are: Iowa Park High School and attends Vernon Regional Junior College. She is employed at Park Clinic.

Mark is a 1995 graduate of Rider High School and attended Angelo State Univ. He is employed by United States Cellular.

HALLS OF THE HAWKS JUNIOR HIGH

Busy Schedule

Students at W.F. George Middle School are facing a busy schedule.

News From The

On Saturday, the Iowa Project Show will be held all day at the local show barn. That evening, the Bando-Rama, featuring performances by each of the school bands and a spaghetti supper, will begin at 5 o'clock in the high school cafeteria. The cost is \$5 a person.

Eighth graders will be taking the TAAS writing test on Tuesday.

KIDWELL

Players of the Week

Kidwell Elementary players of Kindergarten: Sterline Wright, Ashton Miser, Emilee Ward, Desiree Bowden, Colby Collier, Corde

Aaron, Tanner Brown.

Shane Freeman, Eric Geil, Roy Robertson, Andrew McCoy, Danielle Marshall, Sara Boggess.

Kindergarden: Kyle Kidwell, Cody Wineinger, Katie Evans, Bridget McConnell, Justin Pollard, Taarna Farley, Cyrus Ayers.

Stephanie Pena, Dusty Matthews, Breanna Thomas, Kaloni Lawrence, Josh Long.

Second Grade: Hillary Miller, Cody McCarthy, Jordan Gillespie, Erica Holub, Amber Inglish, Andrew Allen, Kaylen Swedberg.

Being more involved in PTA

will give a presentation during Kidwell's PTA meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Kidwell Cafeteria.

the function of the PTA.

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invited to attend.

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GENERAL DENTISTRY

Students do well in UIL tournament

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Literary Meet March 25 and 26 in Graham, several Iowa Park High School students participated in the UIL Invitational Tournament at Jacksboro High School last Saturday. Sarah Trotter placed first in Po-

etry, Jessica Joplin earned a first place in Ready Writing, and Daniel Hill-

Neil was first in Biology and third in

Roger Walls, second in Current Is-

sues & Events; Wade Busby, second

in Feature Writing and fourth in News

Writing; Dana Smith, fourth in Infor-

mative Extemporaneous Speaking;

Jessie Trevino, sixth in Informative

Extemporaneous Speaking; Corky

Adams, sixth in Spelling; Robert

Antones, sixth in Accounting; Amanda Reed, sixth in Feature Writ-

ing; Tama Swan, sixth in Editorial

Writing and eighth in News Writing; Jessica Cockrum, eighth in Feature

Writing; and Callie Beckwith, ninth

placed: Current Issues & Events, 2nd

place; Computer Science, 2nd place;

Spelling, 2nd place; and Science, 2nd

Local project

show Saturday

Show will be held Saturday at the ag

4 p.m. on Friday, and all entries must

be weighed and cards turned in be-

barn will open at 7 a.m., and all

livestock must be in place by 8:30

the animals will be shown in this order: meat pen rabbits, broilers, tur-

key hens, turkey toms, steers, a

barn located on East Ruby St.

tween 6 and 8 p.m.

a.m.

The Iowa Park Junior Livestock

Gates at the ag barn will open at

On Saturday, gates to the show

When the show begins at 9 a.m.,

Other students participating in

In addition, the following teams

Other students who placed were:

Science.

in Calculator.

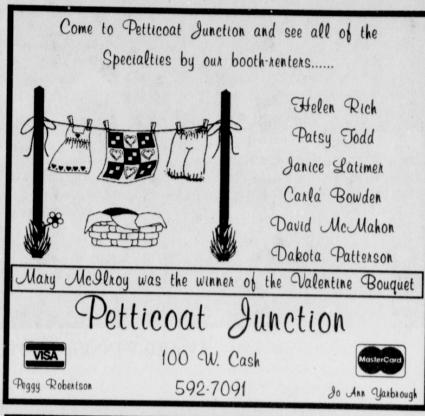
place.

To prepare for the district UIL the tournament included: Kristi Lankford, Melissa Threet, Crystal Hoffman, Karen Schell, Will Farley, Melissa Marrs, Justin Dudley, Travis

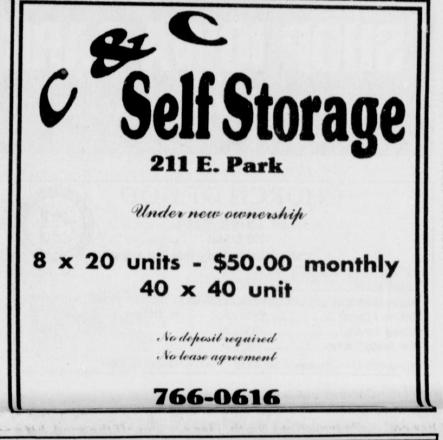
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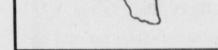
the week for Feb. 8-12 are: Deweese.

First Grade: Prissy Pleva, Heather

Second Grade: Kendra Thomas,

Those chosen for Feb. 16-19

First Grade: Chelsea Cullers,



Aerobics

The RAC is now offering aerobics classes! Due to space limitations, we only have two classes at this time. As soon as space is available we will offer more. Evening classes are held on Mondays at 7 p.m. and morning classes are held on Thursdays at 9 a.m. Cost for RAC members is \$10 per month for one class, or \$15 for both. To sign up, please call the RAC at 592-4471, or come a few minutes early for the class of your choice.

Cheerleading

There is still plenty of space available in the cheerleading class being taught at the RAC by Dani Goin. The class is held on Mondays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and is open to students of all ages. The monthly class fee is \$25 for RAC members.

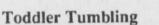
Report Card Dance

The next RAC sponsored report card dance is scheduled for February 27 from 7-10 p.m. We will need parents to volunteer as chaperones and also for clean up. Please contact the RAC office at 592-4471 if you can help.

Learn from a Pro

Mike McAdoo, former lead guitarist for the Osmond Family Theater in Branson, Mo., began teaching guitar lessons at the RAC this month and still has room for more students. Mike has 25 years of teaching experience, and was voted "Guitarist of the Year" three years in a row while performing in Branson. We are very excited to have him available for our patrons to learn from! Group lessons are being held on Tuesdays at 4:45 and 5:45 p.m. for a monthly fee of \$40. Classes are 45 minutes long. Please call 592-4471 for more details.

nspired By God Not everyone who says to Me; 'Lord, ord' will enter the kingdome of heaven, out he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter." Matthew 7:21



By JO LYNN WALKER

Michelle Hall is now offering a toddler tumbling class at the RAC on Thursday mornings from 10-10:30. The class is open to toddlers, age two and up, for a monthly fee of \$15.

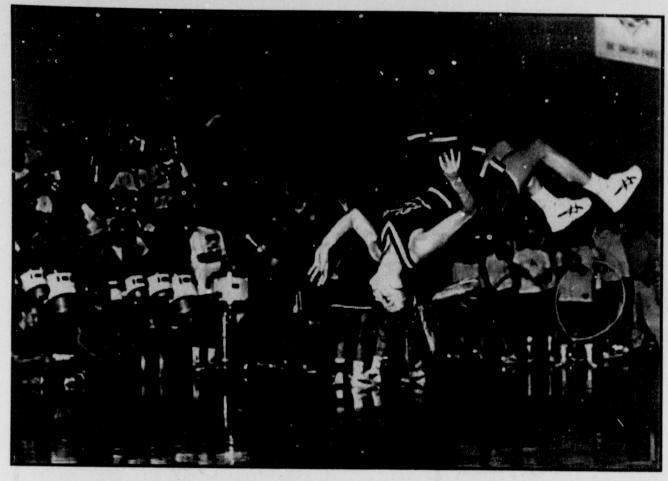
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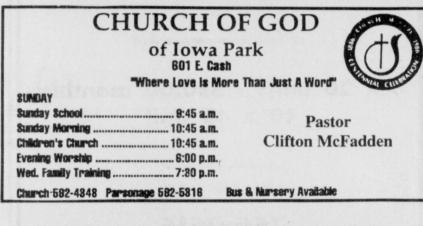
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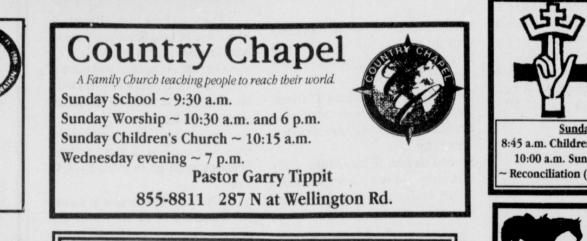


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Brown takes first in national contest

Iowa Park High School sophomore Johnna Brown is a national award-winning photographer.

Brown took first place in Taylor Publising Company's Art Quest '99, a national photography and clip art contest.

Johnna is one of only three first place award winners in the nation. She will be presented with a

Kodack digital camera by yearbook representative David Dixon, and will be featured in the spring issue of Taylor Talk, a national yearbook magazine.

For her entry, Johnna submitted a photo of cheerleader Megan Horton doing a back flip during a pep rally. Johnna is a member of the

yearbook staff, where she is co-editor of the people section.

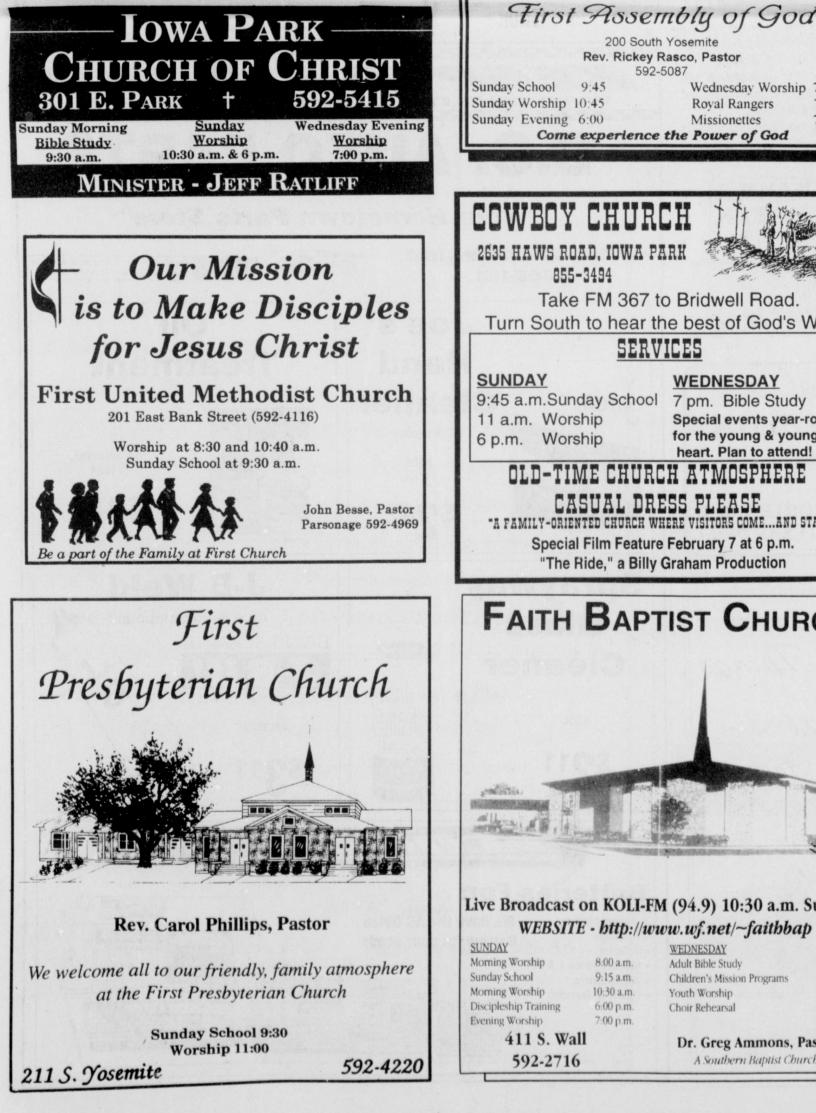


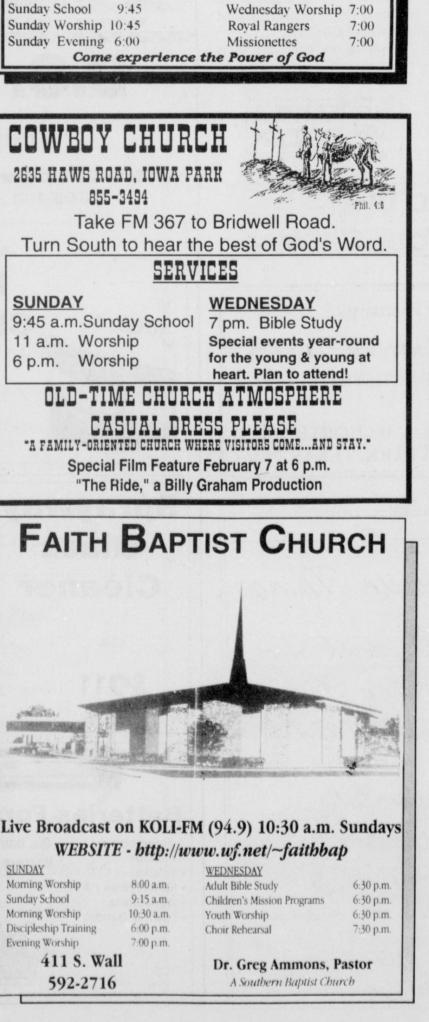
JOHNNA BROWN

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Jbituaries



Hazel I. Smith Crum

Hazel I. Smith Crum, 87, of Graham died Sunday, in a Graham care center.

Mrs. Crum was the mother of Ira L. Crum of Iowa Park.

Graveside services were Tuesday in Oak Grove Cemetery in Graham. Memorial services were at First Baptist Church of Graham with rev. James C. Hill, pastor, officiating.

Mrs. Crum was born Dec. 6, 1911, in Jacksboro. She and Ira L. Crum were married Jan. 16, 1930, in Walters, Okla. He died Sept. 26, 1947. She was a retired bookkeeper and worked in Graham for Mac Williams Insurance for 17 years. She worked for Bert Mann Insurance 12 years and was a member of First Baptist Church of Graham.

Other survivors include another son, Carrol D. of Graham; two sisters, Margaret Wells of Jacksboro and Ella Mae Mills of Graford; three brothers, James A. Smith and Dan Roy Smith, both of Jacksboro and Calvin J. Smith of Fort Worth; seven grandchildren; and five greatgrandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church Building Fund.

David Wayne Gay

and attended Texas A&M before entering the Navy in 1942. He served three years aboard the USS Lexington as an aircraft gunner. Mr. Gay was self employed until retiring in 1997. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include two daughters, Ann Hamilton of Polk, Mo. and Cindy Houser of Richardson; a sister, Lou Ann Yarbro of Wichita Falls; and five grandchildren.



Beulah Lerida Harbour

Beulah Lerida Harbour, 82, died Friday in Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Harbour was the sister of Leta Bedford of Iowa Park.

Private services were Wednesday at Smith and Kernke Funeral home. Burial was in Highland Cemetery.

Mrs. Harbour was born April 15, 1916, in Iowa Park. She and Dell Harbour were married Oct. 11, 1934. He died in 1968. She moved to Duncan, Okla., in 1949 and moved to Oklahoma City in 1968.

Survivors include two sons, David Mark and Pheron Dale "Sam' both of Oklahoma City: six grand-children; and seven great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Oklahoma Lung



Dorothy Jean Benson

Dorothy Jean Benson, 50, died Sunday, in her Iowa Park home.

Services were Wednesday at First Assembly of God with Rev. R.L. Rasco and Rev. R.W. Benson, Sr., officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery.

Mrs. Benson was born Nov. 15, 1948. She was employed for AAFES at Sheppard Air Force Base and was part owner in B&D Radiator.

Survivors include her husband, Robert W. Benson, Jr. of Iowa Park; two sons, Robert W. Benson III and Michael G. Benson, both of Iowa Park; a daughter, Sue An Benson of Wichita Falls; eight grandchildren; and her mother and numerous brothers and sisters of Wisconsin.

Jimmie A. Littrell

Jimmie A. Littrell, 73, died Sunday in a Sun City Ariz. care center.

Mr. Littrell was the step-brother of S. R. Alexander.

Interment was in a mausoleum Mr. Littrell was born Feb. 5, 1926, in Wichita Falls. He and June Lewis were married Sept. 2, 1946, in

was a gunners mate on a Merchant Ship. He graduated from Wichita Falls High School in 1943 where he played on the Rowdies Football team. He graduated from the University of Arizona in Tucson in 1951. He was a registered professional engineer and a member of Legion of Honor of American Institute of Mining and Metallurgy Engineers. He had been an employee of both Phelps-Dodge & Bucyrus Erie Companies for many year. He was in international travel for 15 years. At retirement he was a technical representative for heavy mining equipment.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, John of San Diego, Calif., and Jimmie of San Juan, Puerto Rico; a brother, I.M. Jr. of Wichita Falls; a sister, Rea Willen of Wichita Falls; and a step-brother, S.R. Alexander of Iowa Park.

Bea Womack

Bea Womack, 79, of Temple died Friday in a Temple nursing home.

Services were Monday at First Baptist Church of Temple with Rev. Benny Gresham officiating. Burial was in Temple Cemetery.

Mrs. Womack was born June 25, 1919, in Wapanucka, Okla. She and Elmer Womack were married in September 1948, in Temple. She moved to Taylor Store Community in 1927 and attended Taylor School. She was a member of First Baptist Church and belonged to the Home Extension Club. She was a saleswoman for Shacklee.

Survivors include two sons, Stanley of Warner, Okla., and Ray of Temple; five daughters, Billie Ann Tollett, Phyllis Kinder, both of Walters, Okla., June Sorsen of Nebraska, Glenda Reece of Iowa Park and Vicki Chisum of Henrietta; a sister, Pauline McIlhaney of Wichita Falls; 17 grandchildren; and grandchildren.

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New Adult Books Fodor's 99

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Texas Chase by Sandra Brown Texas Lucky by Sandra Brown New Juvenile Books Bomber Planes by Jay Schleifer Wrestling Basics by Jeff Savage Spy Planes by Jay Schleifer King Arthur by Marc Brown Arthur's Birthday Party by Lillian

Hoban Pigs by Gail Gibbons Bumbleleee, bumblee, do you know me? by Anne Rockwell

Texas Independence Day

The library will be closed on Tuesday March 2nd for Texas Independence Day. Storvtime

Storytime is on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10-10:30. There is no charge! Library Services for the

Laminator 50 cents per foot Copy machine 15 cents per copy

Tax forms Fax machine 1 dollar per sheet Internet access is free except for

making print outs at 10 cents per sheet

Typewriter (free)

receptions, \$75 - \$100 deposit. All other functions \$25 - \$50 deposit.

Paperback books - 10 cents We will also have some nicer hardback books for \$2.00.

during regular library hours.

Hardback books - 25 cents

The annual library book sale

will be April 12th thru April 17th

Thursday, Feb. 18, 1999



Monday, Feb. 22

Salisbury steak, brown gravy, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, bread, fruit cocktail.

Tuesday, Feb. 23

Book Sale

Pork chops, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, chopped spinach, cornbread, ugly duckling cake.

Wednesday, Feb. 24

Beef roast, cubed potatoes, steamed cabbage, cornbread, plum cobbler. Thursday, Feb. 25

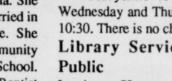
Oven fried chicken, potato salad,

lettuce, carrots, hot roll. Friday, Feb. 26

Goulash, lima beans, pineapple slice, shredded cheddar, lettuce leaf, corn-Room rental: Weddings and wedding bread, chocolate cake.



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David Wayne Gay, 74, of Seven Points, died Thursday.

Mr. Gay is a former resident of Iowa Park.

Graveside services will be held in Iowa Park at a later date.

Mr. Gay was born December 19, 1924, near Iowa Park. He was a graduate of Iowa Park High School

Licensed

Association.

Phoenix. He served in the Navy and



Hillcrest Memorial Park, Ardmore. Mrs. Phillips died Sunday morning, Jan. 31, 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.

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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.

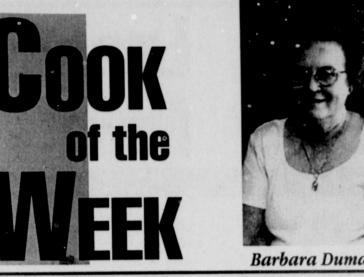
Mrs. Phillips worked as secretary for the First Baptist Church and also for the Daube Oil Company and Jo-O-Kay Corral Sportswear in Ardmore. She was a member of First Baptist Church and Dorcas Sunday School Class. She was known in the community as a "giver" delivering cookies and candy to all.

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.

Margie Phillips



Barbara Dumas, our featured cook this week, says that getting to cook as much as she likes is hard to do while working 40 hours a week.

She has worked at B&R Thriftway as a cashier 12 years and had worked at the local TG&Y store until they closed. Barbara also worked at the Iowa Park High School Cafeteria in 1977 and 78.

When she can find the time, she enjoys reading short stories and cooking.

Barbara and her husband JR. moved here from Hobbs, New Mexico 24 years ago. She said her husband's sister lived in Iowa Park, and while visiting her, they liked the town and decided to move here.

Barbara was raised in Archer City and likes small town living.

She and her husband have three daughters, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She said their three great-grandchildren live in San Marcos and she doesn't get to see them often. They get to see their two youngest grandchildren more often than the others. She added that their seven-year-old grandson rides the school bus daily to Grandpa's. He is retired from oil field work.

Barbara says she really likes to bake and loves to cook holiday meals. She added it's work but a lot of fun and she gets help from her daughters.

She says she never has to bake pecan or pumpkin pies for the holidays because a friend, Elizabeth McClurg, always takes them pecan and pumpkin pies. Barbara says that Elizabeth's pie.

The chocolate pie recipe was handed down from her mother and is



Chocolate Pie 3 cups sugar 2 Tbsps. butter 1/2 cup cocoa 1/4 cup corn starch Pinch of salt 3 cups milk 3 beaten egg yolks 1 tsp. vanilla 9" cooked pie shell

Add sugar, cocoa, corn starch, salt, and milk in saucepan. Cook until it starts to thicken. Add egg yolks, bring to a full boil. Stir constantly for about five minutes on medium heat.

Remove from heat and add butter. Let cool 5 minutes. add vanilla and pour into pie crust.

Top with meringue. Meringue

Beat 3 egg whites and 1 Tbsp.. cream of tartar until foamy. Beat in 6 Tbsps. sugar 1Tbsp. at a time. Beat until stiff and forms peaks. Add 1/2 tsp. vanilla. Put on pie and brown in broiler.

Quick Cheese Biscuits

1 cup all purpose flour 1 1/4 tsp. baking powder 1/2 tsp. salt

1/2 cup shredded sharp Cheddar cheese

2 Tbsps. butter

2/3 cup milk

Preheat oven 450 degrees. Combine flour, baking powder and salt in a medium bowl. Stir in Cheddar. Cut in butter using a pastry blender or two knives until course. Using a fork, stir milk into flour mixture unul a soft dough forms.

Drop dough in heaping tablespoons, on baking sheet. Bake about 15 minutes.

Sift these ingredients together

Beat well with mixer. Bake at

1 cup salad dressing (Miracle Whip)

350 degrees in oblong pan, about 28

Mayo Cake

in a large bowl, then add:

2 tsps. baking soda

1 cup warm water

1 tsp. vanilla

to 30 minutes.

2 cups flour

1/2 cup cocoa

1 cup sugar

TAAS test schedule released

by Alan Seay

Iowa Park High School will have a special schedule on Feb. 23, 24, and 25 for the administration of the state mandated Exit Level TAAS test.

All Texas sophomores will be taking the test during the last week in February. The Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test students ability in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. It is given to students in the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and 10th grades. The 10th grade test is called the "Exit Level" test.

We want to give our students every opportunity to be successful on this test.

Our students success on the TAAS is important not only to them but also to the school district. The students are required to pass all three sections of the Exit-Level TAAS in order to receive a high school diploma. Our students have been preparing for this particular test for the last month. Their individual success is important. Their collective success is used to compare Iowa Park High School and Iowa Park CISD to other high schools and districts across the

Each year our campus and district are evaluated using primarily the

In order to create the best possible environment for our students to take the test, IPHS will be running a special schedule. All TAAS takers (all sophomores and any junior or senior who has not yet passed all three sections of the tests) will report at 8:10 a.m. to their advisors. IPHS

students who aren't taking the TAAS test will not be required to come to school until 11:50 a.m. Supervision will be provided for

those non-TAAS students who must come to school. The schedule will provide at least three advantages to the staff and students of IPHS:

1. Classes will be smaller for the test takers.

2. All IPHS teachers will be involved in the administration of the TAAS

3. The test takers will not be distracted by the bells and noise of changing classes.

Schedule for **Non-TAAS Test Takers** February 23, 24, 25 1st period: 11:50 - 12:15 2nd period: 12:20 - 12:45 3rd period: 12:50 - 1:15 4th period: 1:20 - 1:45 5th period: 1:50 - 2:15 6th period: 2:20 - 2:45 7th period: 2:50 - 3:15 The lunchroom will be open at

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If you are researching your Indian ancestors, genealogist Myrn Vanderpool Gormley offers the following sources in Oklahoma.

Indians and Intruders, Volume III \$22.50 postpaid compiled by Sharron Standifer Ashton. Ashton books, 3812 NW Sterling, Norman, Ok. 73020-1240.

This volume is another of a continuing series of much needed abstracted records pertaining to ancestors - red, white and black, who lived in Indian Territory (now eastern Oklahoma) prior to Oklahoma's statehood in 1907.

Material includes abstracts of:

Creek Indian Light Horsemen (warrants issued 1869.

Cherokee Civil War Claims Index (more than 400 individual claims for personal property losses.

Chickasaw Nation Citizenship records (1896-1897)

Our Brothers in Red, Methodist Newspaper

Indian Territory News, January 1890 to May 1897

Early Choctaw Mission Students (in Mississippi in 1823)

Choctaw Nation Court Records, Blue County, 1852-1858

Indian Captives in the Southwest, Kiowa Indian Agency, 1870-1872.

Missy Happy 13th Birthday February 16

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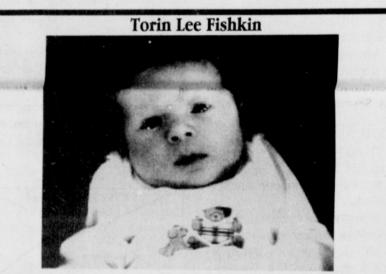
Walker



A daughter, Kealey Marie, was born Jan. 1 in an Ar-Jospili lington hospital to Jay and Angie Walker. She weighed seven pounds and four and one half ounces, and was 20 3/4 inches long. The baby is the couple's first child. Her mother is the former Angie Barker of Iowa Park. Grandparents are Andrea Barker of Iowa park, Gary

and Sharon Barker of Holliday, and Jodie and Anna Walker of Wichita Falls.

Great-grandparents are Lou Grisham of Wichita Falls and Tommy and Zelda Barker of Electra.



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results of our students on the Exit-Level TAAS tests. Therefore, it is in the best interest of this campus and district that they do well.

11 a.m. for students wishing to eat at school.

Regulations for hunting show geese are relaxed

Federal officials have approved a special conservation action to address the snow goose overpopulation crisis. Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) has announced that effective Tuesday, Feb. 16, hunters may use electronic goose calls and other approved liberal means of taking light geese statewide until Apr. 25.

The special season, which was originally slated to begin Feb. 1, may face legal challenges and could be terminated before April 25. Hunters are urged to obtain the latest official information regarding the special season before heading afield by contacting TPW at 1-800-792-1112, menu option 5, then 5.

The approved measures will allow hunters to use electronic goose calls and unplugged shotguns. The regulations also extend shooting hours from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset and eliminate the bag and possession limits for light geese. In order to participate in the special light goose season, hunters still have to meet all other requirements for taking waterfowl in Texas, including purchase of state and federal duck stamps and acquiring Harvest Information Program certification.

the favorite of the girls and grandchildren.

Salisbury Steaks 1 lb. lean ground beef 1 egg 1/4 cup seasoned bread crumbs 1/4 tsp. salt 1/4 tsp. pepper 1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce 1 1/2 Tbsps. butter 1 med. onion sliced 1 1/2 Tbsps. all purpose flour

1 1/4 cups beef broth

1 Tbsp. minced fresh parsley or 1 tsp. dried parsley

Pre - heat broiler. Spray a foil lined broiler pan with cooking spray.

Combine beef, egg, bread crumbs, salt, pepper and Worcestershire sauce in a large bowl; mix well. Shape into four patties. Place patties on prepared pan. Broil, turning once, until no longer pink. About 10 min.

Meanwhile melt butter in skillet, add onion and saute about four minutes. Sprinkle in flour. Cook stirring continually about two minutes. Gradually stir broth into skillet. Cook stirring continually until sauce

thickens, stir in parsley. Pour onion gravy over patties and serve.

Hearty Breakfast

Casserole 2 Tbsps. vegetable oil

1 onion chopped 1 green bell pepper, chopped 6 slices buttered white sandwich bread 1 lb. pork sausage, cooked, crumbled, and drained 6 large eggs 1 pint haif & half 1 tsp. dry mustard 1 tsp. salt

3 cups grated Cheddar cheese Preheat oven 350 degrees.

Grease medium baking dish. Heat oil in a small skillet. Add onion and bell pepper; cook until tender.

Line baking dish bread with bread. Top with onions and peppers. Spread sausage over onions and peppers.

Beat eggs, half and half, mustard, and salt until smooth. Pour over sausage in baking dish. Sprinkle cheese over top.

Bake until eggs are set. About 4() min.

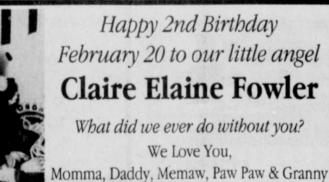
The special light goose season requires an early closure to the extended falconry woodcock season statewide on Feb. 15, and closure to light goose hunting near Aransas National Wildlife Refuge after Mar. 10.

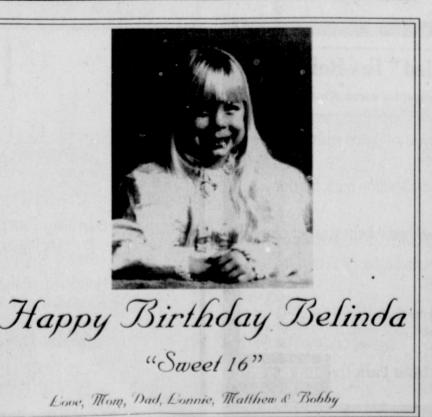
"The regular light goose hunting seasons in Texas close Feb. 14 and some geese have already been seen heading back north," according to Brian Sullivan, TPW waterfowl program coordinator, who added, "We still have birds to hunt. Normally, we have geese through late February and early March, depending on the weather."

With the elimination of the bag and possession limits during the special season, TPW, along with waterfowl processors and the Texas Association of Community Action Agencies, is encouraging hunters to share their harvest with needy Texans through a pilot project within the Hunters for Hungry program.

Parenting Tip:

Limit the number of hours spent in TV viewing each week. Make a TV schedule jointly with your children, post it, and keep it. Time must be left for less structured, more creative activities. **Sponsored by: Families Unlimited**





CE 2 Timothy and Teresa Fishkin of Fort Worth, Texas, are proud to announce the birth of their new son, Torin Lee, Born December 11, 1998 at Sheppard Air Force Base Hospital, Wichita Falls, Texas. He weighed 8 lbs., 3 oz. and was 21 1/4 inches long. He has a sister and two brothers, April, Justin and Benjamin Rohrbaugh, all of Iowa Park. Grandparents are Barrie and Brenda Fishkin of Thomaston, Maine, and George and Judy Hessinger of Iowa Park. Great--grandmothers are Pearl Brooks of Iowa Park and Roxie Hessinger of Rangley, Colo.

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Iowa Park teams sweep own powerlifting meet

That old saying that "there's no place like home" was never more true than this Saturday, when both the Hawks and Lady Hawks swept the top spots in the Iowa Park Powerlifting Meet held in the High School Gym.

In the Girls' Division, Iowa Park got first place finishes from Saige Hamilton in the 97-lb. class, Ruth Fitzgerald in the 132's, Christi Goin in the 198's and from Valerie Carrier in the SHW division, not to mention all the second and third place finishers.

In the Boys' Division, the Hawks got first place finishes from Tommy Duerson in the 165-lb. class, James Williams in the 242's and from Shane Dunn in the 275-lb. division. And just like in the Girls' Division, the boys had several second and third place finishers as well.

Here is a complete listing of all finishers in the Iowa Park Powerlifting Meet.

TEAM SCORES

BOYS Iowa Park

	AUWA A AIK	43
2.	Burkburnett	41
3.	Breckenridge	34
4.	Henrietta	24
5.	Nocona	15

GIRLS

1.	Iowa Park	50
2.	Nocona	40
3.	Seymour	13
4.	Breckenridge	12
5.	Burkburnett	6

BOYS' DIVISION

114 Div, - 1. Brandon Standridge, Burk, 705; 2. Bruce Maraszewski, Burk, 660; 3. Anthony San Miguel, IP, 540.

123 Div, - 1. Kenneth Glass, Nocona, 595; 2. Marty Bordelon, Breck, 525. 132 Div, - 1. Colby Shelton, Hen., 830; 2. J.J. Cook, Breck, 800; 3. Steven Stout, Nocona, 780; 4. Dustin nes, Seymour, 690; 5. Matt Kelly, IP, 690; 6. Tim Aldred, WFHS, 520; 7. Jason Peters, IP, 475; 8. Brandon

Jimmy Snyder, Hirschi, 845; 8. Aurelio Lopez, Breck, 805; 9. richard Lukowski, Henrietta; 800; 10. Tony Jones, Electra, 760; 11. Thomas Chancellor, Hirschi, 745.

2. Alisha Robertson, Nocona, 500; 3.

Kaylee Baumer, IP, 415; 4. Anita

Zamudio, Nocona, 360; 5. Christina

114 Div. - 1. Josie Holloway, Nocona,

450; 2. Susan Gore, Burk, 425; 3.

Vanessa Hernandez, Seymour, 420;

4. Pricilla Barth, Nocona, 395; 5.

Barbara Burney, Nocona, 395; 6.

Sarah Nelma, IP, 370; 7. Renee

123 Div. - 1. D'Jean Cortez, Breck-

enridge, 685; 2. Lisa Nichols, IP,

585; 3. Chelsea Womack, Nocona,

480; 4. Lindsey Skelton, Henrietta,

132 Div. - 1. Ruth Fitzgerald, IP, 595;

2. Veronica Ethridge, Breckenridge,

590; 3. Jenny Pack, IP, 575; 4. Brandy

Ruckman, Nocona, 530; 5. April

Potts, Burk, 520; 6. Heather Bragg,

148 Div, -1. Heather Harris, Seymour,

690; 2. Krisana Marquez, Nocona,

665: 3. Elizabeth Schlager, Henrietta,

625;4. Ashlee Francis, Seymour, 625;

5. Sarah Carver, Seymour, 555; 6.

165 Div, -1. Lauren Robison, Nocona,

181 Div. - 1. Jessica Weaver, Nocona,

198 Div. - 1. Christi Goin, IP, 640.

770; 2. Gynnalyn Ezzell, IP, 555.

SHW Div, - 1. Valerie Carrier, IP,

Casey Waggoner, Burk, 525.

630; 2. Melissa James, IP, 565.

Henrietta, 460.

360; 5. Andrea Peters, IP, 340.

McConville, Henrietta; 310.

McConville, Henrietta, 350.

198 Div. - 1. Ryan Mathews, Burk, 1,290; 2. Lee Atkins, Henrietta, 1,280; 3. Randy Clayton, Breck, 1,280; 4. Justin Watson, Hirschi, 850; 5. Neil Henderson, IP, 715.

220 Div. - 1. Cash Langford, Breck, 1,205; 2. Justin Hill, Burk, 1,205; 3. Jeff Jinks, Burk, 1,125; 4. Steven Cruz, Hirschi, 1,060; 5. Nic Horn, Burk, 960; 6. Michael Hopper, IP, 925; 7. Michael Salas, Breck, 895; 8. Keith Minnon, Burk, 805.

242 Div, - 1. James Williams, IP, 1,430; 2. Jimmy McGaw, Nocona, 1,310; 3. Justin Schlager, Henrietta, 1,240; 4. Doug Hill, Burk, 1,190; 5. Damon Fox, IP, 1,160; 6. Robert Pittman, Breck, 1,055; 7. Eric Merkel, Burk, 945; 8. Larry Lane, IP, 895; 9. Trey Hull, WFHS, 715. 275 Div. - 1. Shane Dunn, IP, 1,385; 2. Russ Duggins, IP, 1,170; 3. Luke Edwards, WFHS, 1,120; 4. Allen Leasure, Burk, 1,055; 5. Aaron Romero, Burk, 945. SHW - 1. Jamie Whitt, Breck, 1,500; 2. Tommy Taylor, IP, 1,200; 3. Brian Collier, Hirschi, 1,130. **GIRLS' DIVISION**

105 Div. - 1. Saige Hamilton, IP, 500;

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

600.

FRIDAY - BASEBALL - Iowa Park varsity Hawks at Hirschi at Hoskins Field 4 p.m.; Hirschi at JV Hawks 4 p.m. SOFTBALL - Iowa Park varsity and JV Lady Hawks at Hirschi at Optimist Field 5 p.m. SATURDAY - POWERLIFTING - Iowa Park at Sanger Meet 9 a.m. THURSDAY - BASEBALL - Iowa Park varsity Hawks at Azle Tournament.

SOFTBALL - Petrolia at Iowa Park varsity Lady Hawks 4 p.m. FRIDAY - BASEBALL - Iowa Park varsity Hawks at Azle Tournament.

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Well it's finally baseball season again, and for most Hawk fans it's been a long time coming.

After last year's State Semi-Finals heartbreaking loss, the 1999 Hawks are ready to make a return trip to Austin this year. With several starters returning from last year's team that finished 22-10-1, the Hawks are again one of the top teams in the 3A division.

Returning this year are Chase Wright, a sophomore pitcher and first baseman who was voted as the District Newcomer of the Year last season, along with First Team All-District catcher Kevin Park and Scotty Mitchell, a First Team All-District outfielder.

Other returning players include Tyler Pulley, Bryan Miller, Bryan Lyons, Johnny Dillard, Jessy Robertson, Daron Blackerby, Toby

Season ended

The Hawks closed out the '98-99 basketball season on Friday night in Graham, falling 64-47 to the Steers.

Graham jumped on top 18-10 to start the game and led 24-19 at the half. Iowa Park was outscored 23-16 in the third quarter and 17-12 in the fourth.

Chase Wright led Iowa Park in scoring with 18 points, six coming in the first and fourth quarters. Jeff Duerson added eight points, six coming in the third quarter. Clayton Sales finished with five points followed by Justin Penn, Bryan Lyons and Rayn Huff all with four points.

"We played well at times," said head coach Tim Clark. "But it was hard for our kids to get up for the game since we were not playing for a playoff spot, but our kids never quit they played hard until the end."

"One of the things that will make us a better team in the future is for our kids to spend more time working on thier individual skills," Clark added.

Williams, Justin Phillips and Mason Adams.

Newcomers this year include Chris Simmons, Eric Justice, Jeff Duerson, Shane Sands, Robert Antones, Dusty Dean and Dustin Shierry.

"We're going to be a good team again this year," said head coach David Fuhrman. "We've just got to not get ahead of ourselves and take it one season at a time. Non-District, then District, then the playoffs. Our pitching is going to be strong again this year, and if some of our replacements come on, our defense at 4 p.m. at Hawk Field this Friday.

should be solid. Last year our hitting was one of our strong suites and I think it will be again this year. Last year we sent nine good hitters to the plate and didn't give our opponents any easy outs. We've got some good hitters again this year, we just need to get them in the right spot."

Coach Fuhrman's Hawks will get their first chance to see what this season is going to look like on Friday, when they travel to Hoskins Field to take on Hirschi in a scrimmage starting at 4 p.m. The JV Hawks will host Hirschi in a scrimmage starting





Thursday, Feb. 18, 1999 Iowa Park, Texas

Gentry, IP, 445.

148 Div. - 1. Storm London, Breck, 935; 2. Travis Wagoner, IP, 890; 3. Anthony Walters, Burk, 875; 4. Chaz Tepfer, WFHS, 845; 5. Entonyo Jones, Hirschi, 845; 6. Michael Seymour, Burk, 840; 7. Chris Russ, WFHS, 840; 8. Robert McCann, IP, 815; 9. Cory Bates, Henrietta, 800; 10. Jody Odom, Nocona, 725; Will Brown, Nocona, 700; 12. Tyler Wasinger, IP, 655.

165 Div. - 1. Tommy Duerson, IP, 1,125; 2. Reggie Robinson, Hirschi, 1,020; Luke Page, Burk, 995; 4. Trey Goodwin, Electra, 970; 5. Tyler Pulley, IP, 945; 6. Michael Leal, IP, 850; 7. Matt Ohm, IP, 800; 8. Robert Sweeney, Hirschi, 790; 9. Brian Loeffler, Burk, 790; 10. Jason Buck, Nocona, 715; 11. Nick Smith, WFHS, 710; 12. Robert Hargrove, Electra, 665; 13. Aron Haws, IP, 650.

181 Div. - 1. Kyle Holzheuser, Burk, 1,215; 2. Steven Ross, Henrietta, 1,135; 3. Clayton Barnard, Henrietta, 1,115; 4. Carl Morgan, IP, 1,050; 5. Domonic Pickering, Henrietta, 980; 6. Chris Watkins, Breck, 860; 7.

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LEADER Page Thursday, Feb. 18, 1999 12 Iowa Park, Texas

Iowa Parkan playing for Nebraska

An Iowa Park girl was slated to be in Tempe, Ariz. late last week, but she wasn't going there to see the sights.

Ginger Taylor is a member of the varsity softball team at the University of Nebraska, which was entered in the Fiesta Bowl Tournament.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Taylor is a junior and plays in the outfield.

According to the UN publicity press book:

the wings, junior Ginger Taylor will get her chance to play in 1999 and prove that her third school is a charm. Taylor had an impressive fall, leading the Huskers with a .429 batting average and five stolen bases. One of the fastest players on the team, Taylor will be one of the keys to Nebraska's

Lady Hawks win opener

got the '99 season started off on the right foot Tuesday night when they defeated Petrolia 6-2 in the seasonopener for both teams.

five-run explosion in the sixth inning to pick up the win.

Summer Johnson went the distance on the mound for the Lady Hawks, picking up her first win of the season by striking out five and giving up five walks.

included Jenny Pack who finished 2x5 with a double, triple and a run scored, Ruth Fitzgerald 2x4, Cheyenne Patterson 2x4 and Vanessa Hebel 2x3.

way we played," said head coach Greg Biehl. "Defensively we played pretty well. I thought Vanessa Hebel did a good job for us at second base. Our hitting wasn't there early, but we came on in the fifth inning and hit some balls hard."

make it a 2-0 start to the season Friday when the play Hirschi at 5 p.m. at new run-oriented offense. She can be used at any of the three outfield positions."

As a freshman, Taylor played in 37 games for Texas-San Antonio, starting 11 of them. She then transferred to Alabama, seeing extensive action in that school's first season of softball action.

Taylor didn't have a chance to play for Iowa Park High, because the sport wasn't started here until after she was graduated. She did, however, play three years on the Lady Hawks' basketball team.

Says Nebraska coach Rhonda Revelle, "Ginger has a love and spirit for the game that is infectious. She

can spark a team emotionally or physically. Ginger's hustle, drive and determination make her a valued member of the Husker team."

Taylor has the company of one other Texan on the team. Catcher Ellen Middleton is a junior from DeSoto who played two seasons at Texas Tech before transferring.



