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Thursday, February 19, 1998

Saturday is show time for livestock

The annual Iowa Park Junior Livestock Show will be held Saturday, at the school agriculture barn on East Ruby.

Judging is to get underway at 9 a.m.

Entries must be weighed and cards turned in between 6 and 8 p.m. Friday.

Order of judging, and numbers in each division include: rabbit fryers (12 pens); broilers (2 pens); turkey hens, (14); turkey toms (14); market lambs (41); market steers (5); market goats (19); and market swine (94).

Trophies to be presented are sponsored by the Iowa Park Mule-Skinners.



TAKING ADVANTAGE of better weather, city workers and their equipment were able to go about their regular business Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, after a period of alternating rainy days that deposited almost an inch of precipitation over the area.

Police arrest man for assault with ballpoint pen

The common ballpoint pen seldomly figures into any activities that require police action, other than forging checks.

But Iowa Park officers arrested a man Sunday who used a pen as a weapon.

Roger Taylor, 42, was taken into custody Sunday evening at a residence in the 700 block of West Rebecca, charging him with assaulting another man.

During the confrontation, Taylor allegedly used a pen to inflict at least two skin punctures, which were attended to by local emergency medical personnel.

Taylor, who has been arrested several other times at the same residence, was charged with aggravated assault and placed in the county jail under a \$10,000 bond, according to the police blotter.

At 12:47 a.m. Thursday, an officer on patrol requested and received permission to search a vehicle in the 1100 block of Johnson Road.

As a result of the search, in which the officer reportedly found 10 pieces of drug paraphernalia, a citation was issued to the driver, Donnie Cloyce Johnson, 26.

Two of four males in a vehicle stopped Saturday afternoon on Lafayette were taken into custody, after it was determined both had outstanding warrants against them.

Brian Wayne McMahon, 27, was wanted by the Wichita County sheriff's office for capias pro fine possession of marijuana, with a fine of \$252, and capias pro fine driving while intoxicated, which carries a fine of \$822.

McMahon was transported to the

county jail by a sheriff's deputy.

Also taken into custody was Jeremy Thomas Burnam, 21, on two warrants issued by the Iowa Park police dept.

One warrant was for capias pro fine public intoxication, a fine of \$167, and the other was for minor in possession, a \$118.50 fine.

Burnam was released after posting part of his fine, and signing a promise to appear Mar. 10 in municipal court, according to the police blotter.

When officers were called to a residence in the 200 block of East Garden Sunday morning, they placed a husband and his wife in custody, charging them with Class C assault to prevent family violence.

Arrested, and later released, were John Kevin Catron, 38, and Sandra Catron, 30.

David Keith Jackson, 50, was taken into custody Friday evening on an outstanding warrant issued by the sheriff's department, for criminal non support. He was transported by a deputy to the county jail.

Also taken into custody on a county warrant was Carla Renee Brickner, 30, on a charge of capias pro fine driving while license was suspended. She was later released after paying a fine of \$322.

Police are investigating the reported theft of tarps from a truck parked Monday night in the 400 block of East Highway. The tarps were valued at \$900, according to the blotter entry.

A resident in the 1500 block of Bentwood reported a shed having been sprayed with paint over the weekend.

Trustees pick architectural firm

Marrs Architects was the firm selected by the school board Thursday night in a step toward addressing facility needs and costs in the district.

The decision was made following a closed session in which trustees considered the qualifications of architectural firms they had interviewed over the past few weeks.

A facility task force, made up of private citizens and educators, was formed last year to determine facility needs in the school district. Its recommendations, which included building needs on all four campuses, were presented to the board of trustees at their March 4, 1997 meeting.

In Thursday night's meeting, Supt. Mike Caplinger told board members that facility issues need to be addressed, and "for the sake of the high school, we really need to move." With student growth being largest at the high school and junior high, and the need to comply with state mandates, needs at the high school are the most pressing.

Caplinger said he would like to see all of the portable classrooms, three at Kidwell Elementary and two at Bradford Elementary, removed from the campuses and possibly used with the vocational wing at high school.

The superintendent also pointed out that the buildings at high school and Kidwell are badly in need of re-roofing.

In the discussion on moving the portables from the elementary campuses, Caplinger said he thought using portables for classrooms is substandard.

Basic facility recommendations being considered by trustees include: High School: five classrooms, computer lab, and science lab;

Junior High School: five classrooms, computer lab, band hall, and enlarged cafeteria;

Bradford Elementary: six classrooms, computer lab, enlarging the kitchen and cafeteria; and

Kidwell Elementary: six classrooms, computer lab, and enlarged kitchen.

It was also recommended to re-

model athletic dressing rooms at junior high. Caplinger said he hoped to use inmates from the local prison to do this work, but the school district would have to find the money for materials.

In another vote following the closed session, board members voted to extend the contracts of campus principals, counselors, and directors. They include: Randy Lovelady, junior high school principal; Patricia Cravens, Bradford Elementary principal; Steve Moody, Kidwell Elementary principal; Dennis Brooks, assistant high school principal; Debra Brandt, assistant junior high school principal.

Also, LaRae Collins, high school counselor; Janet Bowling, junior high school counselor; Diane Granbery, Bradford Elementary counselor; Vicki Adams, Kidwell Elementary counselor; Weldon Nelms, athletic director; Sharon Powell, business manager; and Allen Shewmake, tax collector/director of transportation and cafeterias.

In other business, the board called a trustee election, approved the high school parking lot project, authorized investment of school funds, and heard a report by Shelia Gholson on two "Learn and Serve" grant proposals.

The trustee election, for places on the board held by Dennis Yeager and Jeff Watts due to expire, was called for May 2.

Designated polling places and judges include: Precincts 32, 38 - Kidwell Elementary; Judge - Linda Merrick/four clerks.

Precincts 33, 25, 44, 35 - Bradford Elementary; Judge - Wanna Hunter/two clerks.

Precincts 34, 09 - Archer County - Valley View School; Judge - Mrs. Wesley Lingle/one clerk.

Early voting - Iowa Park CISD Tax Office; Judge - Allen Shewmake/

two clerks.

DDI Architects had studied the area designated for additional parking at the high school and submitted their recommendations and drawings for the board to consider. Trustees voted to proceed with the project as presented.

Trustees authorized the district's business manager, Sharon Powell, to invest \$700,000 of school funds into Certificate of Deposits in \$100,000 increments, pending favorable findings concerning the penalty of early liquidation of the C.D.'s.

A report was made by Shelia Gholson, junior high history teacher, on two "Learn and Serve" grants of \$4,000 each, to be matched by the school district either monetarily or with in-kind work.

One grant will be used to convert the old concession stand at the junior high school into a museum or archives building to store information compiled for the 100th anniversary of the school district. Funds from this grant would also provide a desk-top scanner and printer, and an on-line internet hook-up to Mrs. Gholson's room.

The second grant would be used for 100th anniversary activities, including installation of a historical marker and landscaped arbor area.

Gholson said that students from elementary through high school age would be helping in the celebration. For Whoop-T-Do, the home economics department is planning on baking a cake for 3,000 people, and Coca Cola will provide soft drinks for that number. A large circus tent will be erected and a big-screen television, loaned by Hamilton-Bryan, will be used to show videos of interviews of former teachers, coaches, and other school personnel.

Mrs. Gholson also mentioned a movement within the student body at junior high to bring the W.F. George

Sales tax collections up

The sales tax collection report for Iowa Park, as well as the other three cities in Wichita County, is good this month.

All four cities had increases in sales tax collections by businesses during December and the fourth period of 1997, according to the state comptroller's office.

Iowa Park received a tax rebate check of \$35,991.40 this month, which was a 10.82 percent increase over the same period last year.

And for the two months of 1998, tax rebates have now amounted to \$55,783.96, an 11.11 percent increase over the \$50,203.31 reported this time last year.

Electra is up 14 percent, while Burkburnett and Wichita Falls have exceptional increases, because of the sales tax hikes voters approved last year.

When compared with 1997, Burkburnett's collections are 110.69 percent greater, and Wichita Falls is up 112.52 percent.

name back to that campus. She said that at a future date they would appear before the board with a proposal.

Other action taken by the board included:

- * reviewed the fourth draft of the school calendar for 1998-99, with a final copy to be presented at the March meeting;

- * approved the updated handbook for the Gifted/Talented program;

- * approved participation of eighth grade science classes in the Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment (GLOBE) program;

- * approved an agreement with Region Nine Education Service Center to participate in the Online Consortium Cooperative for technology, telecommunications products and services; and

- * approved a request by Coach Kim Huff to host a girl's basketball camp at the high school, June 1 - 5.

Council to call election

The city council will officially call an election for three positions

this spring, during Monday's regularly-scheduled meeting.

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

Three of the six council positions, including the mayor and two aldermen, expire this spring. The election will be held May 2.

Tim Hunter has already filed for re-election as mayor, and one of the two aldermen whose terms expire, Joe Singer, also has filed. The other office, held by Joe Ward, also will be decided in the election.

Administrator Mike Price will ask permission from the council to pose a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of whomever used a rifle to shoot three holes in a water tower.

Price also will advise the council that officials of the annual Hotter 'N Hell bicycle race be allowed to use the city hall park as a rest area again this year.

Also on the meeting agenda, aldermen will consider an ordinance amending certain plumbing codes of the city's.

Monday's meeting will be the first since Jan. 26. The Feb. 9 meeting was cancelled due to a lack of business requiring attention.

Near inch rainfall

Iowa Park received almost an inch of precipitation during the past week, according to Virgil Woodfin.

He said he measured .41 Thursday, .47 Monday and .07 Tuesday, for a total of .95 of an inch.



PROUD MUSICIAN - B.J. Miller displays the first-place certificate he earned with his violin in competition Saturday at Midwestern State Univ. The eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Miller has studied on his instrument two years. He is in the third grade at Bradford Elementary.

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Cook of the Week



Nancy Young

Nancy Young, like so many other good cooks who, for many years, prepared three meals a day for their growing families, no longer spends a lot of time in the kitchen. With the children grown and living on their own, she says it is easier to go out to eat, or bring something in, instead of doing a lot of cooking.

But when it is time for a potluck supper at her church, a bazaar, or the family coming in for the holidays, Nancy brings out her time-tested recipes and enjoys preparing their favorite dishes.

Nancy grew up and graduated high school in Palestine. She attended business college, and while working for a gas pipeline company in Houston, she met her husband, Kenneth.

Kenneth, who grew up near Charleston, West Virginia, was in the Marine Corps three years before joining the Air Force.

Nancy and Kenneth moved to Iowa Park in 1961, when he was transferred to Sheppard A.F.B. Richard retired from the Air Force after serving 20 years and went to work for Lockheed-Martin at Sheppard. Last December he retired from that firm, making a total of 45 years he had worked for the government.

Nancy has worked 23 years in the office at Iowa Park High School. She and Kenneth are members of First Presbyterian Church, where she is serving as an active elder, and he is an inactive elder.

Nancy enjoys camping, going to the lake, doing crossword puzzles, and working in the yard. Last summer, she and Kenneth realized one of their dreams and took a one-week Alaskan cruise.

The Young's four children, Richard, Teresa, and twins Ronald and Donald, are all graduates of Iowa Park High School. Richard lives in Garden City, Kan.; Teresa lives in Iowa Park and works for Landmark Title in Wichita Falls; Donald, a

graduate of Texas Tech, lives in Austin; and Ronald, also a Texas Tech graduate, lives in Richardson with his wife, Chandra.

Nancy said her recipes are some she got from her mother and grandmother. "These recipes have always turned out alright," she said. She always makes the Pineapple Upside Cake and Chocolate Pie for church bazaars and Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.

Stew

- 2 pkgs. stew meat or chuck roast, cubed
- 1 onion, chopped
- Potatoes
- 3 Tbsps. rice
- 1 cup okra
- 1 can stewed tomatoes

Put stew meat in crock pot. Add other ingredients. Cook in crock pot until you are ready to serve. A little while before you serve it, add salt and pepper to taste.

Cornbread

- 2 cups buttermilk
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. soda
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- Yellow corn meal

Heat grease in skillet until hot. Mix all ingredients together and add enough cornmeal to pour easily. When grease is hot, pour about half into cornbread mixture. Stir well and pour into skillet. Bake in 400 degree oven about 30 minutes.

Hamburger Steak

- Hamburger meat
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 egg
- Canned milk

Mix all ingredients together. Add enough canned milk to mixture to make it stick together. Make ham-

burger mixture into patties and coat with flour, pressing in well. Brown on both sides in a small amount of grease. After meat is brown, stir 3 tablespoons flour into the grease. Pour a can of onion soup over patties and put a lid on it. Simmer until patties are done.

Broccoli-Rice Casserole

- 2 - 10 oz. boxes frozen chopped broccoli
- 1 - 7 oz. box instant rice
- 1 - 16 oz. jar Cheez Whiz
- 1 - 10 3/4 oz. can beefy mushroom soup

Cook broccoli according to package directions. Make instant rice according to package directions. Drain broccoli. Place in medium-size baking dish. Combine mushroom soup with Cheez Whiz until thoroughly blended. Add rice to broccoli, soup and cheese mixture. Pour into casserole dish. Bake in 350 degree oven 20 minutes until lightly brown and liquids have been absorbed.

Chicken & Dumpling Pie

- 2 cups flour
- 2 heaping tsps. baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. soda
- 1/4 cup shortening
- Enough buttermilk to make mixture stick together

Roll out dough to make crust. Put in boiled chicken and broth. Add a little butter if there is not enough grease. Heat a small amount of milk. Put some dumplings in broth and chicken mixture. Pour heated milk into mixture. Roll out rest of dough and put on top. Put in oven and bake until brown.

Chocolate Pie

- 7 Tbsps. flour
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3 Tbsps. cocoa
- 1 3/4 cup scalded milk
- 3 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Scald milk and mix the dry ingredients together in a bowl. Pour scalded milk slowly over dry ingredients. Place in saucepan; cook and stir until thick. Separate 3 eggs. Beat egg yolks slightly and add to chocolate mixture. Cook about 3 minutes longer. Let cool, then add 1 teaspoon vanilla and pour into baked pie crust. Beat egg whites and add 6 tablespoons sugar. Put on top of pie and brown in oven.

Pie Crust

- 2 cups flour
 - 3/4 cup shortening
 - 1 tsp. salt
- Mix ingredients thoroughly and add enough water to make it easy to handle. Roll out and put in pie plate and bake. Let it cool before you add filling.

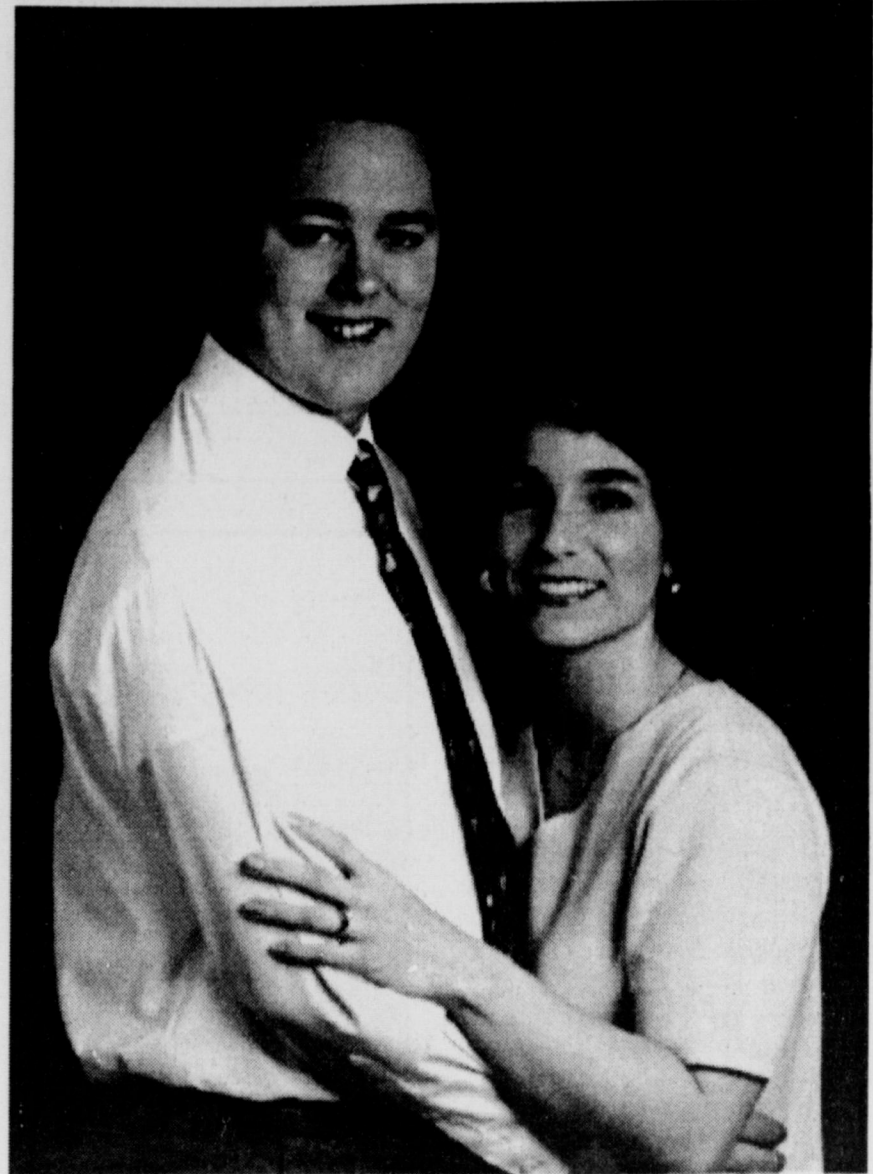
Pineapple Upside Down Cake

- 1 - 20 oz. can sliced pineapple
- 2 pkgs. (4 serving size) vanilla instant pudding and pie filling
- 10 Maraschino cherry halves
- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 pkg. (2 layer size) yellow cake mix
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup water
- 1/4 cup oil
- Pecan halves (optional)

Drain pineapple, reserving juice. Arrange slices in 9x13-inch pan. Place cherry half in center of each. Place pecan halves along bottom of pan.

Combine 1 package of pudding mix and pineapple juice. Pour over pineapple and sprinkle with brown sugar.

Combine cake mix, remaining pudding mix, eggs, water and oil in large mixer bowl. Blend, then beat at medium speed 4 minutes. Pour mixture into cake pan and bake at 350 degrees 55 to 60 minutes. Cool in pan 5 minutes; turn onto platter and let stand 1 minute; then remove pan.



Janie Layne Koch and Matthew Aaron Higgins

Announce engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Terry L. Koch of Fort Worth. The couple will be married May 30th, at the First Baptist Church in Iowa Park.

Community Easter Service choir rehearsals beginning

Choir rehearsals for the Community Easter Service will begin Sunday at Faith Baptist Church. Rehearsals will be held each Sunday at 3 p.m. through Easter Sunday. The Community Easter Service will be held at 6 p.m. April 12 at Faith Baptist Church, according to Dennis Neal, Associate Pastor of Faith Baptist.

The Community Choir, comprised of area church choirs, will present the musical, "My Utmost For His Highest," at the service. Anyone interested in participating in the choir should be at the Sunday practice.

Deadline to register approaching

Texans 60 years of age and older have an opportunity to become a representative for the North Texas region to the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature.

The legislators work with the Texas Legislature on senior issues that may become law. Terms are for two years. Members pay their own expenses.

Deadline to register, by requesting filing forms from the Area Agency on Aging in Wichita Falls, is Feb. 28.

The agency can be contacted at 322-5281.

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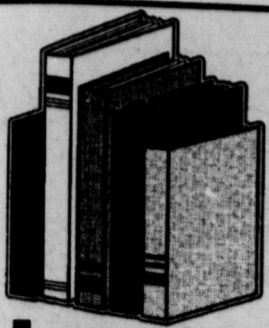
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LIBRARY NEWS

By ARDIS JENSEN

Reminder

The library will be closed on February 28th for Texas Independence Day, and on March 6th and 7th for automation training for the staff.

New Videos
Shine
Airforce One

Furry Tails! Funny Tales!

This is the theme for the summer reading program this year. Casey Hunter will be doing the summer reading program this year, and she is busy making plans for a great reading program. Special storytellers have been arranged. Please watch for more information in the weeks to come.

Tax Forms

Are you missing that one form you need to complete your tax information for the IRS? If so, check with the librarian on duty to see if the form you need is in our master book of forms. Copies can be made for 15 cents per page.

Local business is recognized

Posey's Appliance Service was recently presented a Service Excellence Award by GE Customer Care for outstanding consumer service. GE Customer Care is a division of GE Appliance's Consumer Service.

Posey's Appliance Service was among 650 servicers across the country to receive the award, chosen from a field of about 8,000 authorized independent servicers

Larry Stevens, National Service Manager for GE Customer Care, said recipients are selected on the basis of customer satisfaction. To ensure their expectations are being met, Stevens said, GE surveys consumers after a service call and asks them to rate the service experience.

"We monitor everything from telephone etiquette to convenient scheduling and on-time arrival," he said. "It takes much more than just repairing the product correctly to consistently receive high marks."

Posey's Appliance Service and other recipients of the Service Excellence award maintained near-perfect satisfaction ratings from their customers for 12 consecutive months.

NEIGHBORS

The Antelope Jamboree will be held Saturday at 6p.m. at the Antelope Community Center.
All musicians are invited.
Ticket cost and most food is one dollar.



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Arts & crafts group elects new officers

An election of officers was held by members of the Iowa Park Arts and Crafts Association during their meeting Tuesday night at the Chamber of Commerce office.

New officers include: Dorothy Johnson, president; Cathy Price, vice president; Melba McIlroy, secretary; Shirley Hicks, treasurer; Martha Dudley, reporter; Debbie Williamson, program chairman; and Nancy Heacox, library display.

Also, during the business meeting, members drew names for secret pals.

For the program, Cathy Price demonstrated how to make Lightbulb Bunnies.

Bobbie Heacox won the door prize, two magnets, furnished by Dorothy Johnson.

At next month's meeting, Dorothy Johnson will teach the members how to make Farmer Bunny Hats.

On Tech honor roll

Iowa Park Chondra Lyn Bills was among some 3,800 Texas Tech Univ. undergraduate students who qualified for academic honors at the end of the fall semester.

Bills, a multidisciplinary studies major, was named to the President's List, which requires a 4.0 (A) grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of classwork.



Good Luck to all of the Valley View 4-H Members who are taking part in the Iowa Park Livestock Show Saturday.

Valley View 4-H members are selling raffle tickets for a box of sirloin steaks and for a set of Lister Stabmate Clippers. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and may be purchased from any Valley View 4-H member.

Also, don't forget to get your county show entries turned in by Monday.

NEWS FROM THE HALLS OF THE HAWKS

JUNIOR HIGH

Eighth grade parents to have meeting

Parents of eighth grade students will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Mrs. Peters room at the junior high school. They will continue planning activities for eighth grade graduation.

BRADFORD

The Write Way

Fourth graders will take the writing portion of the TAAS test Tuesday.

There will be no makeup tests given, so it is very important that students make every effort to attend school that day.

Principal Pat Cravens said parents should make sure that students get a good night's rest and good breakfast on the day of the test.

One week 'til Cheese Day

Class pictures will be made next Thursday. Information and prices will be sent home with students in the next few days.

Problem Solving

Next week, sixth grade gifted and talented students will be at Bradford to share some knowledge.

The sixth graders will be working with all Bradford G/T students on Future Problem Solving.

You don't have to be a worm

Bradford PTA's annual Troll Book Fair will be held Tuesday through Friday during school hours, with a special shopping night for

Helpful Facts

The city's Board of Adjustments meetings are at 6:15 p.m. on Mondays when there is an agenda, in Council Chambers, 103 North Wall. Public notices for all Board of Adjustments meetings are published two weeks in the Iowa Park Leader, and are open to the public.

parents.

Students will shop on designated shopping days, and parents will have the opportunity to shop Thursday evening.

The Fair will offer quality books at reduced prices, as well as posters, folders and pencils.

KIDWELL

Funds designated

Following an executive session of the Kidwell PTA, general membership voted on the expenditure of fund-raising money.

The different grade levels and classrooms asked for various items from the PTA. Items that were approved for purchase include:

*Ceiling fans for some of the classrooms;

*Computer printers for some of the classrooms;

*Boombboxes for kindergarten classrooms to assist with lessons; and

*\$1,400 was designated to purchase needed equipment for physical education classes.



Garden Club meets Friday

During a Friday meeting of the Iowa Park Garden Club, members prepared Easter baskets for the residents' dining room at Integrated Health Services Nursing Home.

The baskets were filled with flowers and small birdhouses that were decorated by Garden Club members.

It was announced that Wal-Mart donated some of the materials for the project, which was directed by Freddie Skinner.

Denise Gilmore provided the horticulture display for the meeting, a red miniature rose plant. Members were given the opportunity to purchase tickets to the Home and Garden Festival, which will be held Saturday and Sunday at the MPEC Center in Wichita Falls.

The thought for the day was "The trouble of being punctual is nobody is there to appreciate it."

Co-hostesses Reba Snow and Jo Gilbert served refreshments from a table decorated in a Valentine theme.

Free trees for members

Ten free Colorado blue spruce trees will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during February.

The trees are part of the non-profit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

They will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between Mar. 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The six- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Colorado Blue Spruce Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Feb. 28.

Helpful Hints

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- 1 preowned truck
- 5 TX B.J. Thomas' "___ Lonesome I Could Cry"
- 6 musical instrument at the TX Renaissance Festival
- 7 TXism: "ugly ___ sin"
- 8 TCU BB coach Moe
- 9 ___ misdemeanor is a small TX crime
- 15 TXism: "take a ___ at it" (try)
- 16 TX gunslinger King Fisher once shot a man to see if the bullet would ricochet off his ___
- 18 bowling game
- 20 TXism: "first rattle ___ the box"
- 22 TXism: "I need that like an armadillo ___ interstate"
- 27 actor Baldwin
- 28 chase an outlaw
- 29 in Ellis Co. on 342
- 30 Texans must get a an auto registration ___ yearly
- 32 TX "Singing Cowboy" Aury (init.)
- 33 TXism: "___ judge in court"
- 36 "Cowpokes" Ace
- 37 Texans Neiman and Carrell
- 38 early name: El Paso del ___ Norte
- 39 TXism: "the brand is still smoking"
- 41 historic Tarpon ___ in Port Aransas
- 42 envelope licker

DOWN

- 13 ___ de La Salle led 1st French expedition to TX
- 14 TXism: "high as a ___ back" (costly)
- 15 TXism: "agile as a ___ hot road"
- 16 TXism: "esta ___ (good)"
- 17 Rangers DH in '91: Harold ___ Baines
- 19 criminal trial short-cut: ___ bargain chicken fried steak, fried okra, potatoes
- 21 it's for sale in The Dublin Citizen
- 22 TX Charley's "A ___ Cry On"
- 23 boot size
- 24 TX Ross Perot's old company
- 25 TXism: "your barn ___ open" (unzipped fly)
- 26 Hemphill is seat of this county
- 28 a cow and a calf
- 31 TXism: "rough as burlap under ___"
- 34 actor Duvall (init.)
- 35 this Stilwell founded Port Arthur (init.)
- 37 insurance company
- 40 cow sounds
- 43 TXism: "___ live and breathe"
- 44 TX Roddenberry "Trek" line: "Live ___ prosper"
- 50 false name used by TX outlaws
- 51 TX Dr. Duke or TX firefighter Adair

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As I See It... By Bob Hamilton



There was a time when we would use the term, "Oh, that's just peanuts," when the cost or salary was low.

You can't say it in Texas anymore, according to the Texas Peanut Producers Board, which tells us that the crop yielded farmers in the state more than \$200 million last year. And the overall economic impact to the state was \$1 billion!

Texas was the leading peanut-exporting state in the nation last year. Of the seven leading peanut production states of the nation, Texas (23%) ranks right behind Georgia (39%), and well ahead of Alabama (11%).

There aren't a lot of farms in Wichita County that have good sandy soil for raising peanuts.

Of the peanut varieties grown in Texas, the Runner leads in production with 79%, Spanish accounts for 7%, Virginia 13%, and the Valencia 2%.

I became acquainted with the Valencia peanut when I worked for the newspaper at Portales, N.M., back in 1959. The Valencia is the peanut that is the leader for roasting in its shell and being sold at major league baseball games, and Portales farmers led the nation in its production.

To give you some idea of how important the Valencia peanut was, and likely still is, to the Portales area, there were two purchasing stations there. One was a cooperative, and the other independently owned.

The independent owner was so powerful, he was elected governor of New Mexico while we lived there.

The peanut industry ranked right up there along with Eastern New Mexico University as the leading payroll in Portales.

Comedian Bill Cosby once made the statement, "Man cannot live by bread alone. He must have peanut butter."

With March 15-21 having been established as Texas Peanut Week, here are some facts that may help you appreciate the crop a little more.

* Every year Americans consume enough peanut butter to cover the entire floor of the Grand Canyon.

* Peanuts are the #1 snack nut consumed in the U.S., accounting for two-thirds of the snack nut market.

* Recent studies indicate that peanuts provide a rich source of the heart-healthy plant compound resveratrol, which may reduce the risks of heart disease and cancer.

* Americans consume more than 4 million pounds of peanuts daily.

* There are about 540 peanuts in a 12-ounce jar of peanut butter.

* An acre of peanuts can yield more than 30,000 peanut butter sandwiches.

* By the time an American graduates from high school, he/she will have eaten 1,500 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

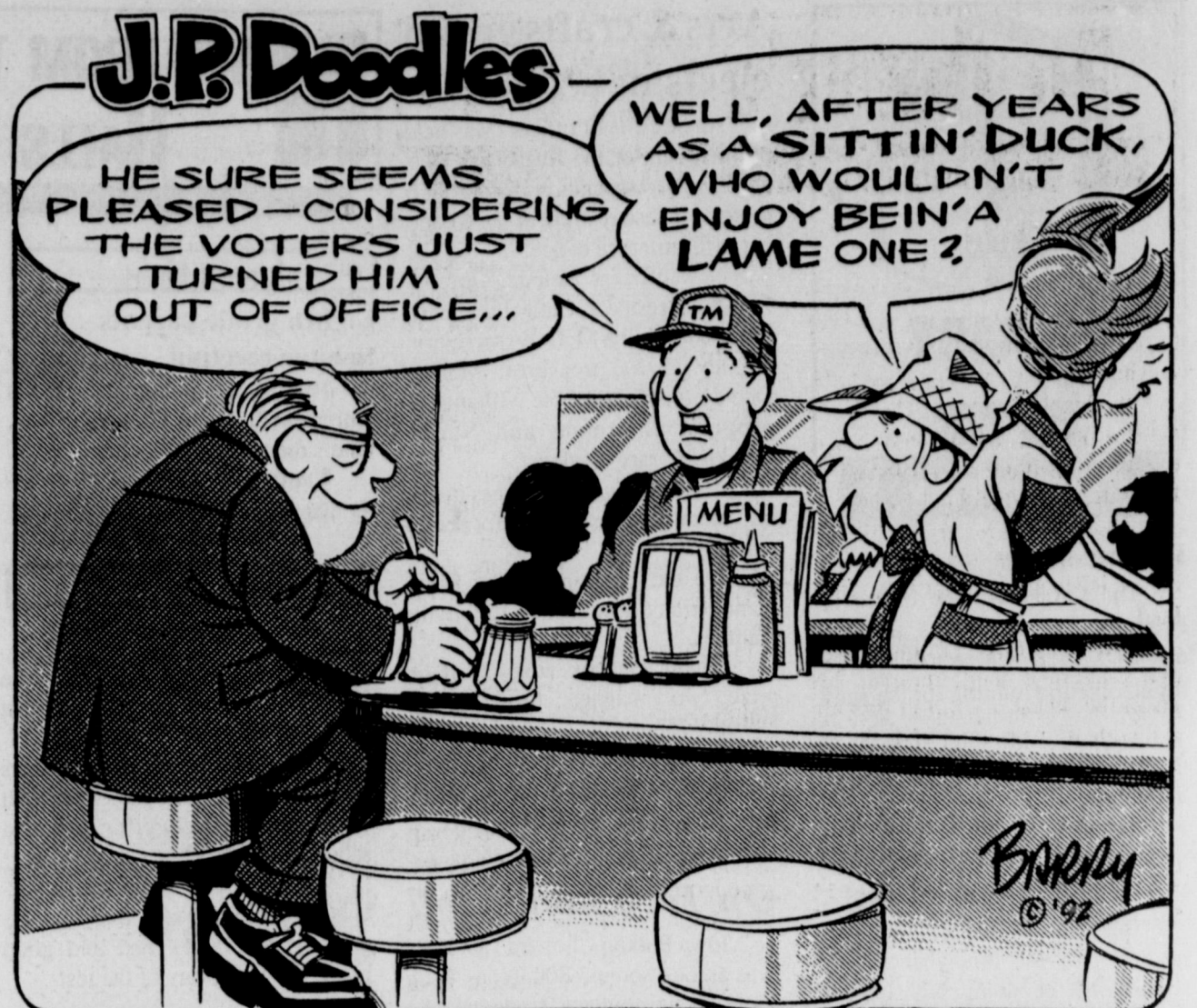
* Arachibutyrophobia is the fear of getting peanut butter stuck in the roof of your mouth.

* The word "goober" comes from the Congo name for peanut, "nguba." Other names for peanuts include groundnuts, earth nuts, goober peas, money nuts, pindars and ground peas.

* Peanut butter was invented in 1890 by a St. Louis physician seeking a nutritious, easily digested, high-protein food for some of his patients.

* Six of the top 10 selling candy bars in the U.S. contain peanuts or peanut butter.

* Peanut oil is good for cooking because it is tasteless, does not transfer flavors, and can be heated to high temperatures before smoking.



WORTH QUOTING

In Roy Eaton's "Wise and Oth-erwise" column in the January 1st *Messenger*, he pointed out that it had been 25 years since he and Jeannine bought the *Wise County Messenger* in Decatur.

Wise County has made a lot of changes in the last 25 years. Many good things have happened here. And some not so good.

Walmarting has killed many small businesses in the county since the Wal-Mart store opened in Decatur a few years back.

Bridgeport businesses suffered most from this but Decatur suffered some business casualties too.

The Bridgeport business economy had been helped for several years by the oil industry. But this all changed in the middle '80s.

Decatur is riding a wave now because of the influx of people associated with Alliance Airport and the popular new race track southeast of Decatur.

Decatur now has a modern new hospital, two huge automobile dealerships and many other new businesses, including a whole flock of popular restaurants.

Since Roy and Jeannine bought the *Messenger*, they have made many improvements in the paper. It is now one of the leading community newspapers in this part of the state.

Roy got a lot of his journalistic training when he was with Channel 5 television in Fort Worth. And, as I recall, he was anchorman for Channel 5 News for several years.

But as a result of that TV training, he still distorts things a little bit from time to time.

For instance, one paragraph in his column, after he talked about us being competitors as well as friends, said,

"Harlan, who recently celebrated his 80th birthday, abhors anything 'Decatur,' and through the years I have learned that feeling is shared by most who provide community leadership in Bridgeport."

As I said, Roy doesn't always get things exactly right, and of course, it is inaccurate to say that we or anybody else in Bridgeport abhors anything Decatur.

What we don't like is the supercilious attitude of some of the wheels over there who seem to think that Decatur should get the best of everything at the expense of other communities in the county.

HARLAN BRIDWELL
Bridgeport Index

The story is told of a fireman from Colorado who died and found himself in Hell. Being used to fighting fires and extremely hot temperatures, he found Hell actually quite comfortable. When the Devil went to check out the new arrival, he found him sitting in his room, smiling.

"You like this?" Satan asked. "Yes, sir," said the fireman. "This feels like a spring day to me."

Not wanting the new guy to be too comfortable, the Devil turned up the heat a bit. When he went back the next day to see how his new arrival was doing, the fireman was still happy; he hadn't even broken a sweat. "I like this kind of weather," he told Satan.

For the next few days in a row, Satan again turned up the heat, but each day the fireman looked as comfortable as ever.

By last Sunday, Satan decided to try something different. Rather than turn up the heat even more, he turned it off. Icicles formed in the fireman's room! When he checked on the guy, the room was icy and he was shivering, but he had a grin from ear to ear.

Satan was exasperated! "Why are you so happy?" he screamed. "It's freezing in here!"

"Well, I'm from Denver," said the fellow. "And evidently the Broncos just won the Super Bowl!"
GARY SMITH
Hansford Co. Reporter

State Capital

HIGHLIGHTS
By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — In the aftermath of the Feb. 3 execution of convicted pickax-murderer Karla Faye Tucker, attorney general candidates John Cornyn and Jim Mattox came out in favor of clemency reform, and in particular, a life-without-parole law.

"The clemency process is not simply a rubber stamp for what takes place in the court. There ought to be some standards developed," Mattox was quoted in *The Dallas Morning News*.

Gov. George W. Bush has said he will confer with lawmakers when the state Legislature convenes next year regarding proposed changes in the clemency process.

Mattox, a Democrat and former Texas attorney general, and Cornyn, a Republican former Texas Supreme Court justice, said they favor a law requiring that jurors considering death sentences be told that a life sentence carries a minimum 40-year term. Jurors are not informed of the minimum length of a life term under current Texas law.

"I think jurors need to be told the truth," Cornyn said. "We somehow have the strange notion that jurors can't handle the truth, and we filter the kind of information they receive. I have the utmost confidence in the jury system. I think it functions effectively, but

only if (jurors) are told the whole story and given the truth."

Mattox faces Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Morris Overstreet and Universal City lawyer Gene Kelly in the March 10 Democratic primary.

Overstreet, who has proposed legal remedies to the clemency system, voted with the majority of the Criminal Appeals Court in denying Tucker's appeal. In the majority opinion, Overstreet wrote, "I would say that clemency law in Texas is a legal fiction at best."

Cornyn faces former GOP state chairman Tom Pauken of Dallas and Railroad Commissioner Barry Williamson in the March 10 Republican primary.

Sex Offender Program Eyed

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice is trying to find out how many of the state's 23,000 convicted sex offenders might be classified as predators.

Meanwhile, a Senate Interim Subcommittee on Sex Offenders is conducting hearings on a proposal that would put Texas' worst sex offenders into treatment programs.

Subcommittee chair Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, said, "We must put into place a new system with which to protect the public."

Such a program may cost dearly. A Washington state program to treat sexual predators costs about \$68,000 per person a year.

On the Campaign Trail

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will headline Feb. 15 fund-raisers for Democratic gubernatorial candidate Garry Mauro in Dallas, Fort Worth and Austin. The events, featuring coffees, re-

ceptions and a \$10,000-a-couple dinner are expected to add about \$500,000 to the Mauro campaign coffers.

Steve Stockman, a Republican candidate for Railroad Commissioner, has notified state officials he forgot to tell them he returned \$75,000 of the \$169,000 he reported raising last year. Chris Cupit, a campaign spokesman, said he advised Stockman not to respond to questions about returning the contribution from James Lightner, a retired Dallas defense contractor.

Fund raising in the 5th District Congressional race between Democrat Victor Morales and freshman Rep. Pete Sessions, R-Dallas, appears to be lopsided. Morales, a school teacher who was the Democrats' 1996 U.S. Senate nominee, has raised \$34,000, while the Sessions campaign has raised \$335,000. Meanwhile, Sessions has signed a resolution initiating an *impeachment investigation of President Clinton*.

While campaigning in South Texas, Rick Perry, Republican candidate for lieutenant governor, proposed using the tobacco settlement money to track children's immunizations, control communicable disease, pay health-care needs for working adults without insurance and retire bonds for water and sewage projects where a lack of running water helps spread disease.

The Texas Farm Bureau Friends of Agriculture Fund endorsed Gov. George W. Bush for re-election. The group is the Farm Bureau's political action fund.

SHOP IOWA PARK FIRST

Letters to Editor policy explained

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

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

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

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

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

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

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AG AGENT'S REPORT

By JOE RAFF, Wichita County Agriculture Agent

Bugs

I think the best way for us to get rain, snow or any moisture, is for me to go to a stock show, while my wife is at home taking care of our animals.

It always happens. The day I leave we get bad weather, and she has to feed in the mud! And believe me, I hear about it when I get home.

The good news is that all this moisture we have been getting has helped the wheat and all of our range land.

The moisture, coupled with above-average temperatures, has given the wheat a jump in growth, and with all these conditions the insect populations have increased accordingly.

Greenbugs increased their numbers the past week, according to Emory Boring, entomologist at Vemon.

At the interdisciplinary plot on David Kearney's farm in Wichita County, greenbugs averaged 9.9/row foot, an increase of about 40% from last week.

Lockett, Tam 202 and Hickok are the wheat varieties that are being checked. Most of the numbers around the county are still below the economic threshold to spray, because as the wheat continues to grow, it can withstand a heavier population of greenbugs.

Bird cherry-oat aphids and winter grain mites are lighter and below damaging levels. Bird cherry-oat aphids numbers were 1/row foot in the test plots.

Heavier numbers were found in early planted wheat in the Windthorst area of Archer County, according to Emory. And with the wet conditions, the winter grain mites were not as active and were more difficult to evaluate.

There has been an increase in the army cutworm's activity in the county. I have seen some in more of the lush fields and Emory counted an average of 0.4/row foot or 33,200/acre on the Kearney Farm.

Most damage Emory and I have seen was light to moderate and levels have not reached a threshold to spray. However, these fields need to be monitored from late February through early March for potential damage.

The good bugs have been out and active this year, but counts on parasitic wasps were low. Its not hard to find parasitized greenbugs in the fields, but these numbers are low (about 1% according to Emory).

However, the wasp activity will increase after temperatures are above 65 degrees for several days.

Economic thresholds for these pests vary widely according to the quality of the stand, insect populations and damage. Also remember that if you are grazing your wheat and spray for any of these pests, there are reentry times you need to be aware of.

The more commonly insecticides like Lorsban and Dimethalate have 14-day reentry times, Methelparathion has 15-day and Malathion has 18 days.

Make sure you check these reentry times before you spray, these reentry times may vary according to the product that you are using, and always read and follow the label before you use any insecticide.

If you have any questions about this article, please call me at the office, 716-5580, or Emory Boring, at 552-9941 in Vemon.

As a reminder, the three CEU trainings are set for Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 18 and 19, starting at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., respectively.

Again, these meetings will cover the same topics and will be worth three CEU's each. The reason we are conducting these meetings is to insure that each of you can attend at least one of them.

On March 19 there will be a BudPro computer training from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. BudPro is a comprehensive software program that has been developed by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service to help local growers better organize their crop or cow-calf enterprise.

The two stand-alone windows programs run on any IBM-compatible computer and are extremely user-friendly. The programs are menu-driven and require minimal computer knowledge.

Participants will receive hands-on experience in learning these new software package. The cost of the course will be \$40 and will cover printed materials and a copy of the software.

To register for the training, stop by the office and fill out the registration form. This meeting is open to everyone in the surrounding counties.

On Mar. 25 there will be a multi-county range clinic. The clinic will be all day and the lunch will be provided.

It will be at Arthur Littenken's ranch and we will have Dr. Dale Rollins, Dr. Allan McGinty and J.F. Cardenhead on hand. The exact times and directions will be advertised later.

In Archer City, there will be a multi-county computer Quicken Training for everyone to attend. The meeting will be at the Windthorst National Bank and will be on Mar. 26-27. Both meetings will start at 9 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m.

Quicken is a good tool to use for anyone that wants to do their own taxes, and financial statements.

Feel free to contact me at the office on any of these upcoming events. And remember, my door is always open.

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Crash Survivors Club accepting members

"I lost control of my truck, and it rolled more than once and stopped on the driver's side. I thought I wasn't hurt at all until I saw my hand bleeding. A lot of people stopped to help. I could see by their expressions that they couldn't believe it when I climbed out of the shattered back window. I have no doubt that the seat belt saved me from serious injury or death." -- Eric Stewart, Mesquite, Texas Survivors Club.

Every day, Texans are involved in life-threatening traffic crashes.

During 1996 in Texas, 298,143 traffic crashes killed 3,247 people and injured 204,635 more. People who use safety belts, child safety seats, air bags or bicycle helmets have a much greater chance of avoiding injuries and surviving traffic crashes.

The Texas Survivors Club, sponsored by the Texas Department of Health, honor crash survivors who credit the use of protective devices with preventing death or injury. Club members receive a lapel pin, certificate and other free promotional items.

About 300 Texas are members of the Texas Survivors Club. Members can choose whether or not their stories can be used for educational purposes. There is no fee to join.

"The Texas Survivors Club allows us to give some positive reinforcement and recognition to individuals who model good traffic-safety behaviors," said Patu Patterson, M.D., Texas Commissioner of Health. "And we appreciate being able to relate Survivors Club members' stories during presentations or interviews. Survivors' experiences may encourage others."

Traffic safety and transportation professionals often use statistical estimates to calculate the life-saving and injury-preventing aspects of protective devices. For instance, the Texas Department of Public Safety states that based on 1996 Texas crash statistics, a person's chance of surviving a crash is more than nine times greater if they wear a safety belt. But when educating the public, it is the personal stories that bring like to statistics.

Texas Survivors Club member Vickie Crober of Point Comfort writes, "We are driving through an intersection. I was wearing a seat belt and my 3-year-old daughter was in her safety seat. A drunk driver ran a

red light and struck our left side. The drunk driver was transported to a hospital. My daughter and I were fine."

Another Survivors Club member, Stephanie Christina of Austin, writes, "I was rollerblading downhill at a golf course one Monday when I lost control and flew headfirst into a low retaining fence. The helmet took the impact and helped my head slide under the fence. I was just setting a good example by wearing my helmet and never thought I would have a crash and need it, but I found out otherwise."

Steve Anderson, Traffic Safety Programs Director for the Texas Department of Health states that it doesn't necessarily need to be a dramatic, life-threatening crash to be meaningful. "We're also interested in hearing from persons who were in low-impacc crashes. It shows the everyday benefits of using safety belth and other protective devices. They can help in the big crash; they can help in the little crash," Anderson said.

To join the Texas Survivors Club, call 1-800-252-8255. You can ask for a Texas Survivors Club application form to be mailed to you or simply tell your story via telephone.

LOOK WHO'S NEW

Steward

A daughter, Alexandra Nicole, was born Feb. 1, in Austin, to Scott and Kari Steward. She weighed six pounds, six ounces, and was 18 inches long. She has a brother, Aaron, and her mother is the former Kari Robnett of Iowa Park.

Grandparents are David and Diane Robnett of Iowa Park and Jack and Donna Steward of Horseshoe Bay.

Franks

Cody and Cindi Franks are the parents of a son, Colton Dwain, born Feb. 8, weighing six pounds, 11 ounces. The new baby has a sister, Ashley Nicole.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Klinkerman of Iowa Park, Mrs. Teri Tucker of Iowa Park, and Charles Wylie of Alvord.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Otis Scobee of Iowa Park, Mrs. Grace Franks of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Green of Marlow, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wylie of Holliday.

Skinner

A daughter, Katlyn Elizabeth, was born Feb. 14 to Lewis and Christy Skinner of Iowa Park. She weighed seven pounds, four ounces, and was 19 1/2 inches long.

The baby has a sister and brother, Alexandria and Bryce James.

Grandparents are Danny and Frances Skinner, and Kevin and Barbara Mitchell, all of Iowa Park, and Gary and Etta Adams of Burkburnett.

Great-grandparents are Jack Lott and Faye and Ray Anderson, all of Iowa Park.



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IHS News

By P.J. Berry

Well, I hope all of this rain will soon slow down and give us a pretty sun-shiny day. I'm not going to say that I hope it will quit, because if I do and we have a long dry spell, it'll be my fault. That'd be my luck.

We all had a great week last week with Mike Merrill coming to see us on Wednesday. Bless his heart, he had a toothache and still came and sang his heart out for our residents. There are not too many people that would have done that. He said he knew how much they look forward to his coming and he didn't want to disappoint them. He sang several new songs for us. It was really nice.

Of course, he had dedications for certain favorite songs, as usual. I think our theme song has become "My Way."

Our Valentine's Party on Friday 13th was a great one. Maggie made the cupcakes, to go with the punch and chocolate hearts. The residents, staff, and family members have been voting on the King and Queen and runner ups for 3 weeks. Friday morning we tallied up the votes. The votes were close, but in the end we had our King and Queen. John(JJ) Stout was crowned King and Jimmie Kearsney was crowned Queen.

They were each presented with their royal robe, crown and banner. The Queen was presented a red rose and a corsage and the King received a boutonniere.

The runner ups were Bo Butcher and Titia Belle Blanks. All of them received a box of chocolates from the employees.

The King and Queen will represent our nursing home at the annual Nursing Home Picnic in May at Lucy Park.

In the event one should not be able to attend, the runner-up will take their place in the contest.

We are all looking forward to that week and all of the special events we will be having. Remember, if you would like to help us, we would love to have the help and need volunteers. Call me, please.

On Saturday, resident Marie Callan was given a Birthday Party at the Tom Burnett Library to celebrate 95 years, by her family and friends. She wanted to make sure I thanked everyone for her, for sending cards and attending her party. She said it was a great day, one she will never forget.

All week long we had little visitors, that have adopted grandparents at our home bring Valentines, cookies, candy, and decorations. The teachers and children at Kidwell have been so good to come at different times all year. The residents really do enjoy your visits.

Several staff members also gave out Valentines to the residents as well. They all got into the spirit of things.

We would like to welcome our newest resident, Jodie Ewing to our home. She came during our Valentine party on Friday. We hope she will be very happy with us, for many years to come.

The Red River Bluegrass Band will be here on Monday night at 7 p.m. We always invite the public to come by and join us at any of our functions, we love to have you.

Wednesday night, we will have the resident's monthly birthday party sponsored by Christ the King Catholic Church ladies.

To wrap up the week, the Gloryland singers will be here at 2 p.m. Saturday to sing for our residents. Come by and join our residents for some good gospel music.

We would like for everyone to say a special prayer for Ida Zimmer's daughter, who is facing surgery due to a recent car accident. We wish her all the luck in the world for a speedy recovery.

Our deepest sympathy goes to the family of Mary King, who passed away over the weekend. Her niece is Thelma Bragg of Iowa Park.

Until next week, God Bless you all, and come see us. We love it when you do.

ATTEND CHURCH SUNDAY

SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

MEDICARE OPENS 3-MONTH SIGN-UP PERIOD

Social Security beneficiaries age 65 or over who don't have Part B Medicare (medical insurance) coverage, can sign up during the 1998 annual enrollment period from Jan. 1 through Mar. 31.

Each year, the U.S. government offers the three-month open enrollment period to give beneficiaries who didn't enroll when they were first eligible or who dropped their coverage in the interim.

If you enroll during this period, your coverage will begin July 1.

For 1998, the cost of Part B coverage is \$43.80 per month. People who want to sign up should call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. any business day.

BABY NEEDS A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

Babies are a lot of fun, but they bring with them a lot of responsibility.

One of the first things you probably want to do is get a Social Security number for your baby so that you can include him or her as a dependent on your tax return.

The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 changes what you have to do to get your baby a Social Security number.

Effective immediately, the new law requires the Social Security Administration (SSA) to obtain the Social Security numbers of parents when an application is made for a Social Security number for a child who is under age 18.

Because of the new law, SSA will also forward the parents' Social Security numbers to the Internal Revenue Service for use in administering tax benefits based on support or residence of children.

Therefore, you should be prepared to provide the Social Security numbers of both your baby's mother and father as part of the application process for a Social Security number

for your baby.

This change in the law applies only to first-time applicants for a child's Social Security number. The new regulation does not apply to requests for replacement cards.

Once you receive your child's Social Security card, keep it in a safe place, as you would any important document. If you should lose the card, Social Security will replace it at no charge.

Special Medicare Enrollment Period for Working Elderly

A three-month enrollment period, from Jan. 1 to Mar. 31, is an opportunity for people age 65 or over who don't have Medicare's doctor bill (Part B) coverage to sign up.

Social Security officials are reminding people 65 and over that there is a special Medicare enrollment period if you or your spouse is still working.

If you have group health plan coverage from that current employment at the time you first became eligible for Medicare, you may delay signing up for Medicare without incurring a premium penalty or waiting for a general enrollment period.

This special enrollment period begins with the month employment ends or the month your group health plan coverage ends, whichever comes first.

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WORTH QUOTING

Funny how a name can come back to haunt you.

Last summer Payless Cashways, the hardware store which had a location in Wichita Falls, filed for bankruptcy.

One of the results was the closure of the local store.

It just so happened that we had been the beneficiary of a schedule of advertisement placed through the American Newspaper Representatives, a group that places ads across the country for large chains like Payless.

Apparently they placed ads in many smaller papers around Wichita Falls.

We were fortunate that out of the five ads we published, we had already received our money for four.

But because of the delayed schedule for payments through ANR, we were not paid for the final ad prior to the bankruptcy filing. While we're irked that we still don't have our money 8-9 months after the ad ran, we are fortunate to be one of the smallest creditors. Some papers are out several hundred dollars, and some radio stations' potential losses total in the thousands.

We may get all or part of our money eventually, though a tax write-off will probably be forthcoming. Under one settlement we were proposed to get 25 cents on the dollar.

In other words, Payless Cashways is going to pay less cash for the ways they did business.

PHIL MAJOR
Clay County Leader

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Members of the Iowa Park Genealogical and Historical Society voted a \$300 gift to be given to the Tom Burnett Memorial Library to be used for CD's, books and other tools to help the family genealogist and historian in research in our city.

More and more, CD's are becoming available. Some are census indexes and others are guides to researching in archives. One CD, "Ancestry Reference Library 1998 Edition," is a collection of many genealogical reference books and includes more than 4,000 pages, all on one CD.

It is a powerful research tool and gives access to every word in the following reference books: "The Source: a guidebook of American Genealogy" (revised edition 1997); "Ancestry's Red Book, American State, County and Town Sources;" "The Library: A Guide to the LDS History Library;" "The Library of Congress;" "The Archives: A Guide to the National Field Branches;" "U.S. Military Records;" "A Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives;" and "American Biographical Library."

There is a small manual with this CD to help on how to navigate, place bookmarks, and other tools to help you use this very large amount of information.

Many new CD's on census are becoming available. Libraries are increasingly adding to their genealogy reference material, computers are available in these areas for public use and there are knowledgeable librarians or volunteers to help.

Marita Holdsworth

Helpful Facts

Regular meetings of the Iowa Park city council is at 7 p.m. on second and fourth Mondays, in council chambers at 103 N. Wall. All meetings are open to the public.

Helpful Facts

The city's Board of Adjustments meetings are at 6:15 p.m. on Mondays when there is an agenda, in Council Chambers, 103 North Wall. Public notices for all Board of Adjustments meetings are published two weeks in the Iowa Park Leader, and are open to the public.

Helpful Facts

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GARDENING HINTS

By MARK TERNING, COUNTY AGENT - HORTICULTURE

Q. I live in Wichita Falls. Enclosed are Haworthia plants which I am having trouble growing. What do you think the problem could be?

A. Haworthias are succulent plants which actually prefer to remain on the dry side and thrive in bright light. The base of the plants you delivered are rotted, indicating that the plants have been over watered at some point in time.

Haworthias are members of the lily family which are excellent for use in bright windows and even under fluorescent lighting.

You may want to pull the remaining plants out of their pots and trim back any rotted sections of the root. Replant the Haworthias into a fresh, high-quality potting mix in containers with appropriate drain holes. Do not over water in the future.

Q. I have a large vegetable garden. Last year I had trouble with vine borers in my cucumber plantings. Should I rotate my plants within my garden to help avoid such problems?

A. It is always a very good idea to rotate crops within a vegetable garden. Farmers have known the benefit of crop rotations for years. Rotating crops from one area to another helps reduce the build-up of insect and disease problems.

Make sure you do not grow vegetables of the same family group in same area season after season.

Family groups are: 1. watermelon, cucumber, squash, cantaloupe, pumpkins; 2. cabbage, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, kale, turnips, radish, collards; 3. Swish chard, beets, spinach; 4. pepper, tomato, potato, eggplant; 5. onion, garlic, leek; 6. carrot, parsley, parsnips; 7. sweet corn; and, 8. peas and southern peas.

Q. We have several large pecan trees in our Wichita Falls landscape. One tree is suffering because of root-system damage as a result of trenching for utility lines. The tree looked thin last season. What can we do to help our tree?

A. Damage to the feeding root-system of any tree can be devastating. Most feeder roots are located at the dripline of a tree where the branches extend out to. Most of the feeding root-system is located in the upper 18

inches of soil where oxygen is available. Trenching or digging in that sensitive area can result in thinned canopies and limb dieback over time.

The best options for your tree at this point in time is good management practices. Apply a granular fertilizer (21-0-0), also called Ammonium Sulfate, in later February. Apply one pound of this fertilizer per inch of trunk diameter at the dripline area of the tree. You can even do an additional application in April or May.

It is also very important to apply zinc to the developing foliage of pecan trees each spring. Apply a foliar spray just at the time when young leaves are emerging and again at two-week intervals into June.

Also be sure to provide ample irrigation water as we progress through the summer months.

Trim out any dead wood to live tissue. You will probably have to do the trimming when the tree leafs out and you can accurately differentiate between live and dead wood.

Q. I need to kill out some ryegrass in my Bermuda lawn in Iowa Park. Can I get away with using Roundup very carefully as a spot-spray treatment?

A. Glyphosate weed controls like Roundup are effective in killing out weeds, especially grassy weeds like the rye. You must be absolutely sure that your Bermuda lawn is completely dormant (no green runners or leaf blades) before making an application.

Check the turf below the leaf blades for any active growth prior to applying the herbicide. Carefully apply the weed control as a spot spray application trying to confine your spraying to the weeds only. Apply the product on a calm day with warm temperatures for best results.

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Beta-carotene study conducted

Researchers develop a new experimental approach that will, for the first time, help directly measure beta-carotene absorption from vegetables and determine the extent to which it is converted to vitamin A in humans.

The on-going study is being conducted at the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

This new method will provide useful information for intervention and education programs that deal with vitamin A deficiency, which is a major nutritional problem in the developing world, especially in areas where a person's diet consists mainly of plant-derived foods.

"In order to label beta carotene within a plant food, we grew spinach hydroponically in a nutrient solution containing 30 percent heavy water," said Dr. Michael Grusak, a USDA/ARS plant physiologist.

"This technique will allow us to assess beta-carotene absorption and metabolism from individual plant foods by feeding humans normal serving sizes, and identify whether some foods are better sources of vitamin A."

The first human studies are being conducted at the USDA/ARS Human Nutrition Research Center at Tufts Univ. in Boston.

"Because we do not understand how beta carotene is absorbed in the

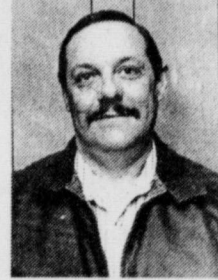
human gut, this method will give us the opportunity to identify other factors that could improve beta-carotene absorption," said Grusak. "Factors such as processing, cooking techniques or the amounts of oils that are consumed with the beta carotene containing food."

Beta carotene is an anti-oxidant that prevents oxidizing products, such as hydrogen peroxide, from destroying one's cellular components, which can lead to things like cancer and other diseases. Grusak believes this new approach will play a role in cancer research in the future.

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Obituaries

Wenonah Robertson Lowrance

Funeral services for Wenonah Robertson Lowrance, 69, of Chico were Wednesday afternoon at Morris Memorial Methodist Church in Chico with Rev. Charles Cox and Robert Beck officiating. Burial was in Chico Cemetery.

Mrs. Lowrance died Feb. 16 in Fort Worth.

Born Aug. 13, 1928 in Iowa Park, she had resided in the Chico community since 1947, where she was civically active. She retired as the Postmaster of Chico after 25 years of service. She was a member of the Morris Memorial Methodist Church in Chico.

She and Gene Lowrance were married April 23, 1947 in Iowa Park.

She is preceded in death by a son, Joe Bruce Lowrance in 1983 and her father, Clyde Robertson in 1990.

She is survived by her husband; her mother, Lois Robertson of Iowa Park; a son, Johnny Dan Lowrance of Chico; two brothers, Joe Robertson and Jerry Robertson, both of Iowa Park; two sisters, Cornelia Strickland of Wichita Falls and Linda Taylor of Fort Worth; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were Johnny Richey, Donald Maddux, Charles Knight, James Ozze, James Whitaker and Teddy Johnson.

Dorothy May Brown

Dorothy May Brown, 68, of Wichita Falls died Friday.

Services were Tuesday at the First Baptist Church with Dr. Robert Jeffres, pastor, and Rev. Howard Chapman, pastor of senior adults, officiating. Burial was in Crestview Memorial.

Mrs. Brown was the mother of Karen Beason of Iowa Park.

Mrs. Brown was born June 26, 1929, in Iowa Park. She and Daniel R. Brown were married June 25, 1949, in Wichita Falls. She was a bookkeeper and office manager at Wilson Office Supply and Select Ind. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, where she taught children and preschool Sunday School classes more than forty years. She was a member of the Sanctuary and Glory choirs and had served on various church committees and had participated in several mission builders trips. She was a lifetime resident of Wichita Falls.

Other survivors include her husband; two other daughters, Dana Ruth Ferguson of Wichita Falls and Joni Schmitt of Lakeside City; two sisters, Nora Hall and Ann Brickman, both of Wichita Falls; three brothers, Bob Chastain of Frisco, James Mack Chastain of Canyon Lake, and Albert Chastain of Lake Dallas; and six grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the preschool ministries at the First Baptist Church or Hospice of Wichita Falls.

Hazel McHaney

Hazel Collvins McHaney died Friday, in her Denton home.

Mrs. McHaney was the sister of Lovella Hall of Iowa Park.

Graveside services were Monday in Belew Cemetery in Aubrey.

Mrs. McHaney was born in Grayson County. She was a retired Food Service Training Supervisor at Texas Woman's University and was a member of Singing Oaks Church of Christ in Denton.

Other survivors include a daughter, Sarah Joy Chandler of Pilot Point; a son, James T. Collvins of Denton; another sister, Alpha Jane Clark of Perryton; and two grandchildren.

Jo Ann Morgan Poyner

Jo Ann Morgan Poyner, 64, of Bulcher, died Thursday, in a Muenster hospital.

Mrs. Poyner was the mother of Jerry Dale Morgan of Iowa Park.

Services were Saturday in the Mountain Creek Home Cemetery in Montague County, with C.E. Cole officiating.

Mrs. Poyner was born Dec. 24, 1933, in Vineyard. She and David Lewis Poyner were married March 16, 1979, in Okla. She worked as a nurse in Iowa Park several years. She also owned and operated restaurants in Kamay and Kadane Corner. She lived most of her life in Iowa Park, moving to Saint Jo 12 years ago.

Other survivors include her husband; a daughter, Debra Miller of Nocona Lake; another son, Bobby Dean Morgan of Wichita Falls; a sister, Minnie Pearl Doughtey of Canadian; a brother, Roy Pinion of Bridgeport; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Mary Lou Mayberry

Mary Lou Mayberry, 70, died Saturday in a Wichita Falls hospital.

Services were Monday at Owens and Brumley Funeral Home with Rev. Jim Spalding, pastor of Bethel Assembly of God in Jacksboro, officiating. Burial was in Holliday, Cemetery.

Mrs. Mayberry was the daughter of Dewey Peters of Iowa Park.

Mrs. Mayberry was born Dec. 11, 1927, in Montague County. She was a homemaker and had lived in Wichita Falls for 20 years. Her husband, Thomas, died June 29, 1996.

Other survivors include two other sons; Ronnie Peters of Mansfield, and Mike Peters of Bowie; four stepsons, Roy and Bruce, both of Holliday, Tommy of Wylie, and Junior of New Mexico; a stepdaughter, Wanda Thompson of Bowie; a brother, Charles Byrd of Quanah; a sister, Eva Coffelt of Wichita Falls; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Mary A. King

Mary A. King, 89, died Saturday in an Iowa Park nursing home.

Graveside services were Tuesday in Crestview Memorial Park with Rev. Weldon Wright officiating.

Mrs. King was born March 9, 1908, in Wichita Falls. She was a homemaker and a Pentecostal. She was a lifetime resident of Wichita Falls. Her husband, Roy, died May 25, 1972.

Survivors include three nieces and two nephews.

Memorials may be made to North Texas Rehab Center.

Ada Blackwood

Ada Russell Blackwood, 73, died Monday, in an Electra, hospital.

Graveside services were Wednesday in Cemetery with Rev. Odell Andrews of First Baptist Church of Vernon officiating.

Mrs. Blackwood was the mother of Joyce Gibson of Iowa Park.

Mrs. Blackwood was born Sept. 2, 1924, in Farmers Valley. She and Robert L. Blackwood were married

June 29, 1941, in Vernon. He died Oct. 26, 1992. She had been a long-time resident of Vernon and Electra, and was a member of Pearl Street Baptist Church.

Other survivors include a son, Don of Colony; another daughter, Patricia Cato of Harrold; a sister, Opal Harris of Texas City; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Faye O. Sutherlin

Faye O. Sutherlin, 84, died Feb. 11, in her Wichita Falls home.

Services were Saturday at Hampton Vaughan Downtown Chapel with Rev. Harvey McMurry, pastor of City View Baptist Church, officiating.

Mrs. Sutherlin was born Oct. 23, 1913, in Byers. She was a homemaker and a Baptist. She moved to Wichita Falls in 1974 from Wichita, Kan., where she and her husband operated a dairy. She had also lived in Byers and Iowa Park. Her husband, I.D. Sutherlin, died in 1994.

Survivors include a nephew, William Shaw of Iowa Park, and several other nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Community Mission Fund at City View Baptist Church.

FRIENDLY DOOR MENU

Friday Feb. 20

Chopped lettuce and tomato, chicken enchiladas, refried beans, Spanish rice, cornbread, pineapple.

Monday Feb. 21

Ham, macaroni and cheese, broccoli, hot roll, sugar cookies, pear half.

Tuesday Feb. 22

Beef roast, diced potatoes, copper pennies, hot roll, peanut butter cookies.

Wednesday Feb. 23

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Thursday Feb. 24

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Hawks end season on losing streak

The 1997-98 basketball season came to an end for the Iowa Park Hawks Tuesday night following a 59-52 loss to Henrietta. Iowa Park finished the regular season with a 14-17 record overall and 4-6 in district play, 1-4 in the second half.

The Hawks opened the week at home by hosting Bowie on Friday night. The Jackrabbits bounced back from an 18-point home loss in the first half of district play to defeat Iowa Park 68-52.

Bowie had the range from the outside all night long, converting six three-pointers while Iowa Park didn't get a single three the entire game.

The Rabbits jumped on top 14-10 after the first quarter, then exploded for 28 second-quarter points to take a 42-29 halftime advantage. Both teams scored 17 points in the third quarter with Bowie winning the final period 9-6 to post the 68-52 win.

Jonathan Horton led Iowa Park in scoring with 12 points followed by Clayton Sales with 10. Todd Yeager added nine while Johnny Dillard and Ryan Huff each scored seven.

In Tuesday's game in Henrietta, Iowa Park held everyone on the Bearcats team scoreless in the first quarter except Anthony Hager. The only problem was that Hager outscored the Hawks 10-6 in the first

eight minutes of play to give his team the lead heading into the second quarter. Hager finished the game with 22 points.

Horton helped keep the Hawks close in the first portion of the second quarter with a pair of baskets. Huff, who finished the game with a game-high 26 points, scored seven in the period. Huff finished with five three-pointers and at one point scored 11 in a row to end the second quarter and the start of the second half.

Henrietta led 25-19 at the half and went on top 27-19 after a basket by J.J. Pierce, who finished with 14 points, 10 of those coming in the third quarter.

Huff pulled the Hawks back to within a basket at 27-25 after nailing a pair of long range bombs on Iowa Park's next two possessions down the floor.

Pierce put his team back on top by eight after a pair of three-point plays to lead 35-27. Henrietta finished the quarter with a 39-31 advantage.

The Bearcat lead quickly grew to 17 at 48-31 with 5:03 left to play following a 9-0 run by Henrietta.

Iowa Park finished the period with a 21-11 run but couldn't make it all the way back.

Colby Bobbitt finished the game

in double figures with 12. Horton added six points.

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

FRIDAY - BASEBALL - Varsity Boys - Wichita Falls High School at Iowa Park scrimmage 4 p.m.; **SOFTBALL** - Varsity Girls - Hirschi at Iowa Park 3:30 p.m.

SATURDAY - SOFTBALL - Varsity Girls - Iowa Park at Holliday (two games) 1 p.m.; **POWERLIFTING** - Varsity Boys and Girls at Little Elm Meet.

TUESDAY - BASEBALL - Varsity Boys - Hirschi at Iowa Park 4 p.m.; **JV Boys** - Iowa Park at Hirschi 4 p.m.; **SOFTBALL** - Varsity Girls - Petrolia at Iowa Park 4 p.m.

JV Hawks undefeated in district

Things are looking up for the 1998-99 varsity boys' basketball team that will take the floor next season after the JV Hawks ran the table in district play, winning all 10 district games.

Iowa Park finished the season with a 20-4 mark overall after finishing with a 14-game winning streak.

The Hawks finished with a pair of wins this week by beating Bowie at home Friday night 61-55, then wrapped up their season with a 55-38 win over Henrietta on the road Tuesday night.

In Friday's game, Iowa Park fell behind 13-7 after the first quarter before exploding for a 23-point sec-

ond quarter to take a 30-18 lead. Bowie came back to win the third quarter 14-12 and the fourth 23-19, but couldn't

overcome the big second quarter of the Hawks'.

Chase Wright and Landon Miller each scored 13 points to lead Iowa Park in scoring followed by Jeff Duerson with eight and Ross Dillard with seven.

In the Henrietta game, Iowa Park led from the start, winning the first

quarter 12-5, the second 15-10 and the third 12-9, then tied the fourth 14-14 to make the final 55-38.

Wright again led the Hawks in scoring with 16 points followed by Chris Simmons with eight. Miller and Justin Phillips each scored seven.

The JV Hawks were coached by Chris Ellis.



Tony Waters, a member of Iowa Park's state championship team of 1960, will be inducted into the Hawk Track Hall of Fame during the annual Iowa Park Lions Club Hawk Relays on Saturday, Mar. 7. There will be 35 teams competing in five divisions at the Relays.

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Athletic Booster Club members are to meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, in the high school cafeteria.

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Freshmen end tough year

The freshman Hawks lost a pair of close games this week to close out the season, falling 39-35 to Bowie on Friday and 41-36 to Henrietta on Tuesday.

In the game against Bowie, Iowa Park trailed 12-6 after the first quarter and 22-14 at the half. The Hawks outscored Bowie 7-5 in the third and 14-12 in the fourth, but couldn't climb back on top.

Rowdy Hebel led Iowa Park in scoring with 12 points followed by Ryan Bess with seven and Michael Weeks with five.

In Tuesday night's game in Henrietta, Iowa Park jumped on top 11-3 after the first quarter and led 17-13 at the half and still enjoyed the lead after three quarters at 28-23.

But in the final period, the Bearcats outscored the Hawks 18-8 to pull away with the win.

Weeks and Aaron Clubb each scored 10 points for Iowa Park.

The Hawks finished the season with a 7-17 record overall.

Little League signups start

The Iowa Park Boys Little League will be having sign-ups for the 1998 season on Saturdays Feb. 21, 28 and Mar. 1.

Sign-up times will be between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce office. All new players will need to bring their birth certificates.

There will also be sign-ups for the Iowa Park Little League Auxiliary where parents are invited to join and participate with the Little League program.

Those interested or having any questions may contact Little League President Allen Bernstein at 592-2678.

It's A Fact . . .

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

IN THE MILITARY

Orender returning

Lt. j.g. Jason W. Orender, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Orender of Iowa Park, recently departed the Persian Gulf aboard the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS Nimitz, the lead ship of a battle group.

The carrier participated in Operation Southern Watch, enforcing the no-fly zone over southern Iraq. The secretary of defense ordered the battle group to the area in October in response to rising tensions there.

Orender's ship, homeported in Bremerton, Wash., will shift its home to Norfolk, Va., when it finishes this deployment in March. The shift will allow the Nimitz to undergo repairs and to refuel its nuclear reactors at Newport News Shipyard.

The 1989 graduate of Iowa Park High School joined the navy in April 1995. He is a 1993 graduate of the University of Texas with a BS degree.

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TO: ROBERT ALMO PHILLIPS, JR., Respondent (s)

GREETINGS:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable County Court at Law No. 1, Wichita County, Texas at the Courthouse thereof, in Wichita Falls, Texas, by filing a written answer, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days after the date of service of this citation then and there to answer the Petition of SANDRA M. BENNETT filed in said Court on the 4th day of December, 1997, against ROBERT ALMO PHILLIPS, JR., Respondent(s) and said suit being numbered CCL-903-97-E on the docket of said Court, and entitled;

IN THE INTEREST OF DANIELLE NICOLE PHILLIPS the nature of which suit is a request to PROVIDE FOR THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE CHILD
Said child DANIELLE NICOLE PHILLIPS was born on the 23rd day of May, 1994, in WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS
The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption, which will be binding on you.

ISSUED AND GIVEN under my hand and seal of said Court at Wichita Falls, Texas, this the 13th day of January 1998.

DORSEY R. TRAPP, clerk
Country Court at Law No. 1
Wichita County, Texas
By: Lindia Proffitt Deputy


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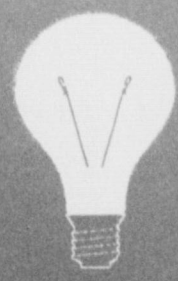
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Nearly 14,000 homes were sold by Multiple Listing Services (MLS) in major Texas markets during July, the most of any month so far this year.

"Total home sales were up slightly compared to June and compared to July of last year," says Mark Baumann, a researcher with the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M Univ.

"The median state-wide home price for July was \$92,700 -- down \$800 from June but \$4,300 more than a year ago."

"One indication that sales are slowing," says Baumann, "is the slight increase in the overall supply of homes available for sale. For July, Texas had a 7.3-month housing inventory -- the largest supply since last November. In June, the inventory was seven months. Last July the inventory was 7.6 months."

Most homes sold in major Texas markets -- 18.6 percent -- were priced at \$60,000 to \$79,000, he says. Another 15.8 percent sold for \$80,000 to \$99,999.

The lowest median price for July was reported in Paris -- \$52,500. Three other cities reported medians less than \$60,000 -- Port Arthur (\$56,900), Palestine (\$57,900) and Lufkin (\$59,000).

Baumann maintains a unique database assembled from 44 of the state's largest MLSs. He tracks price distribution, days-to-sell, total homes for sale, home sales, months inventory, median and average prices, employment activities and building permits issued.



RAC News

By JO LYNN COCKRUM

Bridge Club Scores

Bridge scores for the last three weeks are as follows:

Wednesday club -
Jan. 28 - Virgil Woodfin, 3500; Lovella Hall, 3290.
Feb. 4 - Lorene Mahler, 5330; Billie Dowell, 5140.
Feb. 11 - Faye Anderson, 6920; Linda Wynn, 4330.

Monday club -
Feb. 2 - Don Guthrie, 4780; Ann Guthrie, 4360.
Feb. 9 - Mary Lou Alderman, 5320; John Clapp, 4920.
Feb. 16 - Mary Lou Alderman, 5730; Ann Guthrie, 3900.

Junior High Report Card Dance

The next RAC sponsored junior high report card dance will be held Feb. 28. Parents of junior high students are encouraged to call the RAC office at 592-4471 to volunteer as chaperones. Please remember we

don't know all of you, so we cannot be sure of whom to call for help. If you can spare a few hours of your time, it will add to the enjoyment of your children and their friends at the dance!

Sprink Break Activity Week

The RAC will be offering a week-long program of activities for students during Spring Break again this year. The program will be held March 16-20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Cost for those attending will be \$5 per student per day (family discounts will be available). Reservations can be made by calling the RAC at 592-4471. Further details will be passed out at the schools in the next couple of weeks. Volunteers will be needed for this program, so any eighth grade through senior students, or available adults, who would like to help are encouraged to contact Jo Lynn at the RAC as soon as possible.

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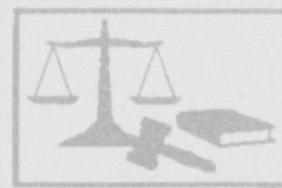
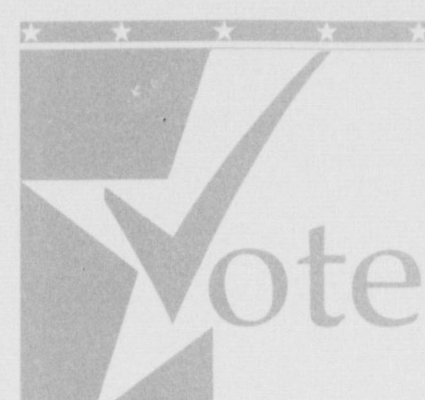
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Gymnastics Cancelled

Due to a lack of participation, the gymnastics lessons at the RAC will no longer be held after February 26. We will be looking for a new instructor and planning new classes to begin in September. Thank you for your understanding and support of this program in the past.

Reminder

Just a reminder to all renters and nonprofit groups... it is the responsibility of those who use the RAC building to clean up after themselves. Failure to do so may result in loss of security deposit and/or meeting space. If you find the building in disarray, please notify the office prior to your meeting. Thank you for your cooperation.



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