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Local businesses giving turkeys

Iowa Park businesses will again this year be giving away turkeys for Thanksgiving.

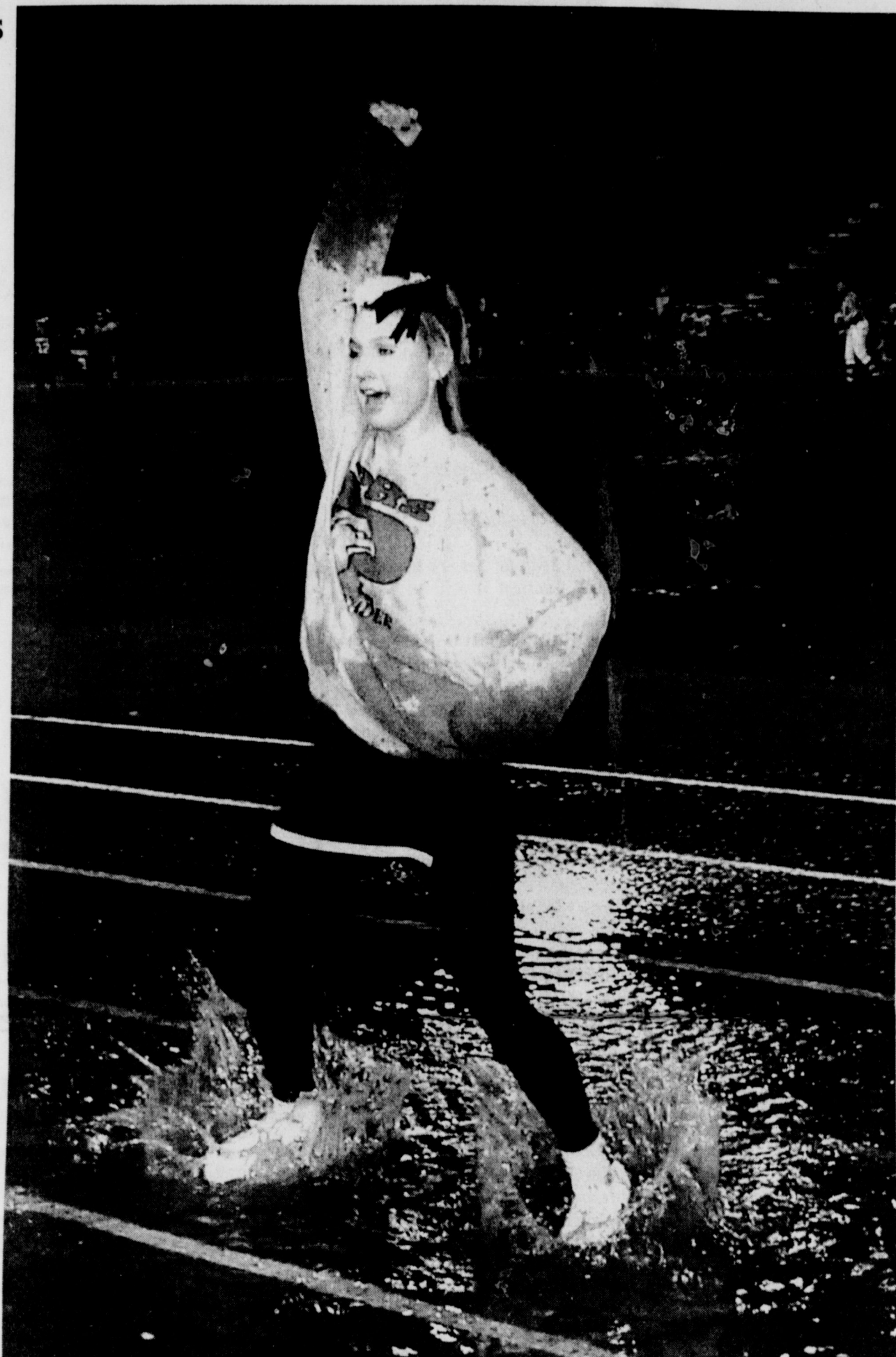
Residents are being invited to register each time they visit in any of the 40 participating businesses.

The drawings will be held on Friday, Nov. 17. Winners will be contacted of their good fortune, and also be published in the Thanksgiving edition of the *Leader*.

As in the past, the project is being coordinated by the Iowa Park Chamber of Commerce.

Participating businesses include:

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... leads yell at game, despite standing water on track.

Program Friday to honor veterans

Though Saturday is the official date for Veteran's Day, it will be observed on Friday in Iowa Park.

The change was made, as in years past, in order to allow students in Iowa Park schools to hear and witness the program.

It will begin at 10 a.m., and again be held in Hawk Stadium.

A highlight of the program will be the appearance of the Audie Murphy Team from Fort Sill.

The Audie Murphy Club is an elite group of time-tested non-commissioned officers, selected by senior noncommissioned personnel for their outstanding leadership.

They will do a presentation of war history, as well as Army history.

They will be dressed in authentic uniforms from the Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korea, and Desert Storm.

An Iowa Park veteran, selected by the local coordinating committee, will be recognized for his military efforts.

As in the past, all veterans and their wives are invited to sit in special reserved seats which will be arranged on the track.

Veterans are encouraged to park their vehicles in the area to the west of the stadium. This will allow all, especially those who have problems using the stadium's steps, an easier entrance than in the past, according to members of the planning committee.

Besides the special decorations around the stadium, each person attending will be presented a small American flag to hold.

Should the weather not permit the observation to be held out of doors, it will be moved into the high school auditorium.

Juvenile is arrested

A male juvenile wound up in the county juvenile detention center Friday night, facing serious charges.

When the 16-year-old was picked up at 11:01 p.m. Friday in the 1400 block of Johnson, for public intoxication, he made a mistake that led to his detention.

The officer handcuffed the juvenile, and as he was assisting him into the back seat of the patrol car, the juvenile reportedly struck the officer in the face with the handcuffs.

He was detained on a charge of assault of a public servant, according to the police report.

Numerous other arrests were included in the week's reports.

A man was reported having a laceration on the back of his head at a residence in the 400 block of North Penn about midnight Tuesday of last week.

Upon investigation, David Henry Fordham, 42, was taken into custody on a Class C assault charge. He was released at 3:25 a.m. after signing a promise to appear in municipal court.

Last Wednesday afternoon, Russell Dale Patterson was picked up

in the 900 block of East Bank on an outstanding warrant issued by the county sheriff's department, for failure to appear on a charge of missing child support. He was transported to the county jail.

Another arrest, based on a county urday in the 300 block of West Highway.

Richardo Lopez Jr., 49, was wanted for driving while license was suspended, and failure to appear. He was transported to the county jail, according to the police blotter.

Jeremy Wayne Tatom, 20, was taken into custody on a local warrant Saturday afternoon. The warrant was for no liability insurance. He was released after paying \$50 toward his fine of \$250, and signed a promise to appear in municipal court.

Sunday afternoon in the 600 block of West Highway, Harley Joe Lane, 20, was taken into custody for driving while his license was suspended. He was transported to the county jail, according to the police blotter.

Big bird battle set in Decatur

By DON YOUNG

Go Bowie Jackrabbits!!!

Last week, Iowa Park defeated the Rabbits 6-0 to earn it's first district 6-3A win. This week the Hawks will be the biggest Bowie fans in the world.

That's because if Bowie beats Bridgeport tomorrow night, and the Hawks can beat Decatur by 11 points, Iowa Park will qualify for the third and final playoff spot in District 6-3A.

Graham has already clinched a playoff spot and can win the district outright with a win over Vernon. The Lions can claim the district title with a win over the Steers. Vernon is almost assured a playoff spot.

That leaves Bridgeport at 2-2 playing Bowie at 0-4 and Decatur at 2-2 hosting 1-3 Iowa Park. A win by the Hawks and by Bowie would leave Bridgeport, Decatur and Iowa Park all at 2-3. Then, the first tie-breaker is head to head and since each team beat

the other the second tie breaker is total points.

A team earns points up to 14 in each win. As it stands now, Bridgeport beat Iowa Park by 7 and lost to Decatur by 4, so the Bulls stand at a plus 3. Decatur beat Bridgeport by 4 and is plus 4.

An 11-point win over Decatur drops the Eagles to a minus 7 and lifts the Hawks to a plus 4 ahead of Bridgeport, only if Bowie beats the Bulls.

Go Bowie Jackrabbits!!!

"It kind of lifted the kids' spirits a little when we told them that we still had and outside shot at making the playoffs," said head coach Chris Ellis. "It gives them something to work for this week in practice and makes the game more interesting on Friday. They've worked hard all year, we just haven't had many breaks go our way, that's all."

Decatur enters the game with a 6-3 record overall and is 2-2 in league play, while Iowa Park is 3-6 and 1-3.

The game is scheduled for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff at Eagle Stadium in Decatur tomorrow.

The Eagles do not have a single player that starts both ways and they will run just about every formation in the book at you. If you can draw the play up in the dirt, they can run it.

One of the biggest keys for the Hawks this week will be to recognize the formations and to get in the right defensive positions.

"Just lining up right against these guys is half the battle," said Ellis. "They run a little bit of everything. One back, shotgun, trip receivers, motion, multiple shifts before the snap, you name it. They force you to recognize their sets and make the right adjustments."

Decatur is led offensively by senior quarterback Jeremy Slimp, a 5-11, 175-lb. left handed quarterback with a strong arm. According to coaches, he is the best passer they have seen all year long. Joining Slimp in the backfield are fullback Marshal Faulk (no, not that Marshal Faulk) and Paul Warren at tailback. Both have good speed and are capable of breaking some tackles.

The Eagles have a trio of excellent receivers in wingback Cheyenne Redwine, tight end Jason Foreman and split end Ryan Hunt.

Up front, Decatur averages just

over 210-lbs. per man.

"Their quarterback has a good arm and is the best passer we've faced all year," Ellis stated. "They like to run a lot of screen passes, but he's not afraid to throw the ball down the field. He's also a pretty good runner when he's forced out of the pocket. He takes a lot of three-step drops, so it's hard to put a lot of pressure on him. They've thrown as many as 30 times four or five times this year so they are not afraid to put it up."

Defensively the Eagles move around about as much as they do on offense. They will line up, then shift just before the ball is snapped and will run a lot of different fronts trying to mess up opponents' blocking assignments.

This has been another tough week for the Hawks to practice with all the rain. Monday the team was able to practice outside, but Tuesday and Wednesday they were forced to practice in the back gym.

"That really doesn't hurt much this time of the year," Ellis said. "If you can't block and tackle by now you're not going to learn it this week. We're using our time to walk through all the different formations and to make sure we are lined up properly. You don't have to pound on each other this late in the season to have a good workout."

One of the bright spots for the

Local election results reported

Gov. George W. Bush easily carried the four election boxes in the Iowa Park area in Tuesday's general election.

He defeated Vice Pres. Al Gore by 2,713-922, in Pct. 32, 33, 34 and 35.

The margin of voters who turned out Tuesday was 1,440-408 in the four boxes, and in early voting was the winner by 1,283-514.

But, the election of the president remained undecided nationally at presstime, according to national reports.

Trustees to meet tonight

The November meeting of the Iowa Park School Board will begin at 7:00 o'clock tonight in the W.F. George Middle School Library.

Trustees are expected to take action on the following items: the 1999-2000 annual audit report; bid specifications for the high school roof project; change in policy regarding class rank for the 2000-2001 school year; appoint representative to the Wichita Appraisal District; and the purchase of poly-pipe for pond water usage.

In addition to regular business, the board will consider the following agenda items:

* Construction report;

The other most closely-watched election in Iowa Park was the contest waged by Jeff Watts, who attempted to unseat Gordon Griffith as county commissioner of Precinct Three.

Both Watts and Griffith are local long-time residents.

Watts carried both precinct 32 and 33 by a 1,536-1,413 margin. In Pct. 32 he won by a 612-433 margin, and in Pct. 33 it was 221-206, receiving 833-639 Tuesday.

However, Griffith attracted more early votes, 774-703, and then gained the winning lead with votes cast in Wichita Falls.

NEWS BRIEFS

Scouts collecting food Saturday

The Iowa Park Boy Scouts annual food drive will be Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.

Those wishing to donate non-

perishable food items are asked to place them on their porch before 10 a.m., and they will be picked up by Scouts.

Up front, Decatur averages just

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Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Loyd - 1950



Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Loyd-2000

Loyds to celebrate 50th anniversary

Raymond and Pauline (Polly) Loyd will be honored with a reception celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. at Mankins Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

The event will be hosted by their children, Gary and Rita Loyd of Farris, Randy and Kathy Spence of St. Paul, Minn., and Greg and Becky Hastings of Kamay.

Raymond Loyd and Pauline

Hamm met in Denton where she was a student at North Texas State College and he was in the U.S. Air Force, stationed at Carswell AFB in Fort Worth.

The couple were married Nov. 9, 1950, in Farris and moved to Kamay in 1967.

Master Sergeant Loyd served 21 years in the Air Force and worked 26 years for Euro-Nato Joint Jet Pilot Training (ENJJPT) before retiring in

1993.

The couple were foster parents seven years taking care of many children during that time. They raised two of the foster children until they were 18.

In addition to being a full time homemaker Mrs. Loyd enjoyed making wedding, birthday, and other party cakes before retiring.

Mr. Loyd is still involved in ranching on a small ranch and is a deacon at Mankins Baptist Church.

District Governor gives program

Lion's Club District Governor 2-E1 Hal Griffin presented the program to the Iowa Park Evening Lions Club recently.

Griffin told members he had visited 61 Lion Clubs in the past few months, and although each club has a different way of holding meetings, they share the same goal - "To Serve." He then explained what Lions dues are used for.

He stated that because of the Lions Club, 2.2 million people have had cataract surgery, hundreds of thousands of children have been provided with eye glasses, many Leader Dogs for the blind have been trained, as well as many other humanitarian projects.

Dist. Gov. Griffin and his wife, Sandy, are raising a future Leadership Dog, a black lab puppy named Ivey. They picked the puppy up when she was about six weeks old and will keep her until she is a year to 15 months old.

He told of when they picked Ivey up in Detroit, Michigan, they visited the Leadership Dog Training School. While there, a student was selected to participate in a demonstration to show how the dog and handler worked together. The group selected a student, and didn't know when they selected her that she was

not only blind, but also deaf. (Most students and dogs are trained to use their ears to guide the dog.)

During the demonstration, the student and her dog were sent to purchase six items. To accomplish this she had to cross four lanes of traffic in downtown Detroit, to a shopping center with no assistance except her Leader Dog. Forty minutes later she and her dog returned with all six items.

He explained that this was a young lady who had left her home, nine miles outside of Detroit, on an average of three times a year. After receiving her dog she took a job, which she will travel to by bus, to just four blocks from her job. Her husband

partner will get her the rest of the way.

Griffin also encouraged each member of the club to invite just one person to become a Lion and reminded them that a person is never too old to be a Lion.

With that, he told a short story of a 90 year old who was recently installed as a district governor in the Austin area. He added, that man set a Lions record as being the oldest person to ever serve as a district governor for the Lions Club.

With that story Griffin closed the meeting, reminding the members that their dues helps many people in addition to the help local clubs give in their community.

Morgans have Yard of the Month

The Iowa Park Garden Club has named the yard of D. and Suzzett Morgan, 1003 W. Cornelia as the November Yard of the Month.

Booster meeting set

The Iowa Park Band Boosters will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the high school band hall.

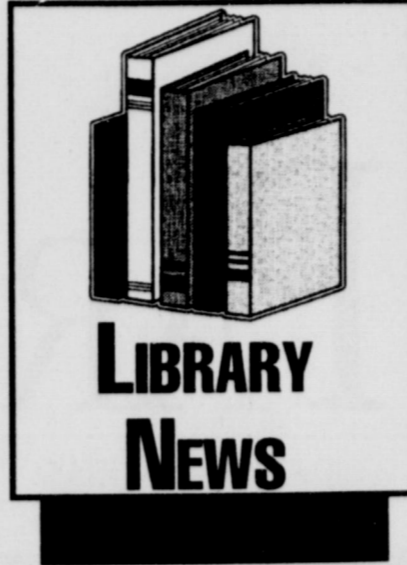
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Book Review

Alice's Tulips
by Sandra Dallas

Alice Bullock is a young newlywed whose husband, Charlie, has just joined the Union Army, leaving her on his Iowa farm with only his formidable mother for company. Alice writes lively letters to her sister filled with accounts of local quilting bees, the rigors of farm life, and the customs of small-town America. But no town is too small for intrigue and treachery, and when Alice finds herself accused of murder, she discovers her own hidden strengths and finds support from unlikely sources.

New Juvenile Books

Crispin by Ted Dewan
The Ghost of Fossil Glen by Cynthia DeFelic
Chicken Soup for the Pre-teen Soul by Jack Canfield

Upcoming Events

The annual Open House and Christmas Lighting will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 28. Santa will be here to visit with the children and entertainment and refreshments will be provided.

New Adult Books

Deck the Halls by Carol Higgins Clark
Wish You Well by David Baldacci
Boone's Lick by Larry McMurtry
Even Steven by John Gilstrap
Paradise County by Karen Robards
Journey by Danielle Steel
Adam's Falls by Sean Desmond
The Prometheus Deception by Robert Ludlum
Glass Houses by Stella Cameron
Alice's Tulips by Sandra Dallas
Who Moved My Cheese? by Spencer Johnson
Rainbow on a Hard Trail by Dale Evans Rogers
Blessings from the Other Side by Sylvia Browne
Start with a Laugh by Liz Carpenter



Heather Marie Goodwin and Jeffery Ray Tarman

Announce engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Goodwin of Iowa Park announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Marie, to Jeffery Ray Tarman.

Mrs. Michael Tarman of Wichita Falls.

The couple will exchange wedding vows at the First Christian Church of Iowa Park on Dec. 30, at 6:30 p.m.

Jeffery is the son of Mr. and

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FRIENDLY DOOR NEWS

by LINDA PERRY

The Friendly Door Senior Citizens Center is located at 810 N. Third. The center is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Web address: friendlydoor.homestead.com

Executive director is Linda Perry and Lori Sanders if assistant director. Current board of directors are, Board Chairman Richard Hicks, co-chair Doris Broyles, secretary Mary Jackson, board members, Richard Broyles, Chuck Seets, Carol Ridlehuber, Pat Cravins, Barbara Sells, Jeff Watts, and Martha Dudley.

Closed for Thanksgiving
The center will be closed for Thanksgiving, Nov. 23 and 24.

Special Thanks
A special thanks to Park Clinic, Dr. Avila, his nurse, Sheryce, and Jo Williams, for the flu shot clinic they provided Oct. 10.

86 seniors received a flu shot. A second flu shot will be necessary this winter. The second clinic will be held in January 2001.

Kindergarten Entertainment
The Friendly Door Senior Citizens would like to express their appreciation to all the kindergarten children, Mrs. Jensen and all the other Kidwell kindergarten teachers and their aide for the Halloween music program.

The costumes the children and teachers wore brought a lot of smiles and laughter to the center.

Some of the seniors took part in dressing up, and we had a great day with a lot of smiles. Remember kids you never get to old to have fun.

Thanksgiving Dinner
Turkey, dressing and all the trimmings will be served Thursday, Nov. 16, at noon. Please call early for reservations, cut-off date will be Monday the 13th.

Suggested donation for the meal is \$2.50 for anyone 60 and up. Guest below age 60 the meal cost is \$4.50. Call 592-9311 for reservations.

Transportation Available
Transportation is available to members of Friendly Door Monday through Friday. Trips to Wal-mart, grocery shopping, doctors appointments, banking, post office, beauty shop, Dollar General, etc. Please call the center if we can be of any assistance.

Meals on Wheels Volunteers
The Church of Christ members did an excellent job this past month getting the meals delivered to our shut-in clients. Park Home Health Nursing Service also did a great deed for the entire month of October. They

delivered Meals to our rural route clients who reside out side the Iowa Park city limits and some in the Pleasant Valley area. It is not always the greatest weather and I know everyone is busy these days but without our volunteers to deliver these meals this service to over 50 of our shut-in senior citizens would not be a success and these folks would not receive this hot well - balanced meal.

We truly appreciate each volunteer, thanks to the following Meals on Wheels Volunteers: Carolyn Polvadore, Justin Williams, Bobbi Miller, Donna Kennedy, Valarie Erfurt, Robin Crocker, Claudia Friday, Stephanie Eaves, Cheryl Smith, Lindsey Hardin, Kayla Starr, Glynn and Sue Garrett, Zulette and Grafton Partney, Jeff and Donna Ratliff, Marie Entrop, Norma Fortner, Alvin and Dottie Jeter, Norma and Kate Wright, Barbara Payne, Peggy Whisnand, Martha Dudley, Nancy Robinson, Cookie Sidlauskas, Bob and Bonnie Illingworth, Cindy Geer, Rowena and Gene Rice, Barbara Standly, Norman and Beth Williams, David and Mary Haught, and Emmalee McMahon.

November Birthdays
Marie Melton, Geneva McWhorter, Alene Onstead, Harroll Brown, Patrick Dulsky, Jack Vestal, Bill Robinson, Robert Harper, Mavis Wilkins, Virginia Gartman, Joe Kerley, Kathleen Leonardi, Doris Gregg, Barbara Morgan, Audie Cox, Vida McClendon, Mamie Wilkinson, Odessa Callaway, Jenita McKee, Mary Conyers, James Frazier, Freddy Skinner, and Tincy Ora Hodges. We invite you all to a Birthday Party today at noon.

A birthday cake is provided by Park Home Health and Kathy's Bakery and Deli. Iowa Park Florist donates a fresh arrangement or plant to be drawn for and given to one of the clients present at the party. We all wish you a very Happy Birthday and Blessed Year.

November Calendar of Events
First and Third Monday - North Texas Home Health provides blood sugar and blood pressure screening at 10 a.m.
Each Tuesday - Friendly Door Provides transportation for seniors to shop at Wal - Mart and Dollar Store at 9:30.
Each Tuesday - Monterey Care Center nurses provide blood pressure screenings at 10 a.m.

Each Wednesday - The center will provide toe nail trimming by Etoy Chapman, appointments begin at 9 a.m. Call the center for an appointment.

Each Wednesday - Transportation for seniors will be provided to go grocery shopping. Morning and afternoon trips. Call if you need to be picked up.

Each Thursday - We have a Bible study taught by Eleanor Caddell beginning at 11 a.m.

Third Thursday and last Friday - Park Home Health provides blood sugar and pressure screenings.

Special Events
Today - Birthday Party at noon.
Thursday, Nov. 16 - Thanksgiving Dinner at noon.
Friday, Nov. 17 - Dinner and game night. Dinner at BG's Restaurant in Electra. We will leave the center at 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 22 - BINGO at 10 a.m.
Monday, Nov. 27 - Iowa Park Garden Club will decorate our Christmas tree.

MENU
Friday, Nov. 10
Baked ham, sweet potatoes, cabbage wedges, cornbread, bread pudding w/lemon sauce.
Monday, Nov. 13
Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, Japanese mix, sliced bread, peach slices.
Tuesday, Nov. 14
Breaded fish, tarter sauce, corn o'brien, spinach, cornbread, brownie w/nuts.
Wednesday, Nov. 15
Roast beef, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, Brussel sprouts, hot roll, banana pudding.
Thursday, Nov. 16
Turkey and dressing, cranberry sauce, candied sweet potatoes, broccoli casserole, pecan pie.

CUB SCOUT NEWS

Scouts will be turning in popcorn order forms on Nov. 11, so if you haven't placed your order yet, call your favorite scout.
Don't forget, this month's Pack meeting has been moved up to Nov. 13 due to the holidays.

Pack 7 distributed flyers this Sunday for their annual food drive. They will be picking up the canned goods this Saturday. Even if you didn't get a flyer, leave your non-perishable items on your porch before 10 a.m. that day.

Scouts will meet at 9:45 a.m. Saturday at the RAC to organize before picking up food.

Blood drive gains Red Cross 17 units

Iowa Park Masons hosted an American Red Cross community blood drive on Nov. 1. The drive was organized by Mark Wicks.

The drive produced 17 units. Those units will mean the difference between life and death for many area patients, and are especially critical during this nationwide blood shortage.

Each unit of blood is separated into the three blood components plasma, platelets and red cells. Each component goes on to serve different patient needs, be it an accident victim, a cancer patient or a newborn. A single donor can be the key to the future of three different people.

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1 "Famous" cookie maker
5 TXism: "___ as a baby's bottom"
6 TXism: "hotter than ___-dollar pistol"
7 vibrating sound
8 TXism: "___ knows" (blabby)
17 TXism: "exciting as a fire at the ___ office"
18 TXism: "tie ___ ends" (finalize)
21 former Cowboys president Tex (init.)
22 enclosure at the Fort Worth Zoo
23 TX Kenny's "Don't ___ Love With A Dreamer"
24 TX Johnny Rodriguez's "By"
29 TX George H. ___ losing race in '92
30 TXism: "I'm all ___ in"
31 Gov. "___ Ferguson
32 TXism: "got ___ to shuck" (big chore)
34 TX Audie Murphy ___ Hog Co.
35 this Germain and her sister Julia were rescued from Comanches by Bat Masterson
37 snakes at the Houston Zoo
38 hay bundle

DOWN

1 TXism: "cute ___ call"
2 TXism: "clear as ___ milk"
3 TXism: "he'd be unarmed in a battle ___ (stupid)"
4 TXism: "drug ___ cowboy"
9 TX Preston Jones' "___ Hampton Laverty Oberlander"
10 TX "Babe" helped found this female golf organ.

39 Brownwood's Poage Station
41 New Braunfels is seat of this county
42 to Houston from Dallas showed humanity
44 TXism: "worthless as half ___ cut"
45 Cowboys objective
46 Jan. through Dec.
47 Waxahachie's Scarborough
48 56 miles east of Abilene

50 TXism: "___ soul" (none)
51 science site
52 Boerne's Cibolo Wilderness Trail has 3 ___ systems
53 TXism: "___ pilot" (preacher)

11 Sault ___ Marie
12 TX media giant: ___ Belo Co.
13 in Gray Co. on 273
14 llanite is found only near this TX town
15 wildcatter failure: "dry ___"
16 this Lovett was 1st pres. of Rice (init.)
19 TXism: "akin to"
20 TXism: "driller" (dentist)
22 TXism: "footloose and fancy free"
24 31-across husband
25 pie ___ mode
26 TXism: "___ buster"

17 TXism: "he two- ___ to his own beat" (independent)
28 subject to unwanted sexual activity
29 TX songwriter and singer Crowell
30 TXism: "___ solid perfect"

33 TX George H. once headed this agcy.
34 TXism: "___ your horses"
35 TX comedian Foxx
37 not allowed in some TX counties (2 wds.)
38 2 X 4
40 in Pecos Co. on 349
41 TXism: "___ music" (talking)
44 Azle h.s. class
47 TXism for "pilot"
49 TX "Babe" excelled at ___ and field

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As I See It... By Bob Hamilton



Tuesday's first snow of the season was apparently a big surprise to most folks.

I think R.B. Faulkner's observation was most appropriate.

He said he had never seen it snow in this area before the first killing frost.

It apparently surprised a lot of the "expert" weather people on television, too. They said it might do a little, but what I was out in was more than "a little".

Some folks around have mentioned that they thought this would be a wet winter, because the drought was being broken.

Whatever, it was a welcomed sight.

I've got to admit that it caught me unprepared. I realized when I saw

the snow falling that I hadn't laid in a supply of firewood for our fireplace.

That fireplace is what makes winter tolerable, for me. I love that thing, both because of the warmth it provides, and more so because it is so relaxing to the livingroom's atmosphere.

Anyway, winter has arrived in Iowa Park. And if it continues to be as wet, I'll be even more grateful.

Weather Report for October

High temperature	102
Low temperature	31
Average high temp.	77.1
Average low temp.	58.9
Average temperature	68.0
Clear Days	15
Cloudy Days	16
Precipitation	6.55
Dates of Precipitation: 6th, .15; 8th, .07; 18th, .42; 20th, .75; 21st, 1.50; 22nd, .52; 24th, 2.25; 28th, .92.	

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Council to decide fate of house

The city council is to decide whether a home in Iowa Park is to be demolished, when aldermen meet Monday night.

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

The council declared a house

owned by Earl Armstrong, at 703 N. Wall, to be condemned, and gave the owner 30 days in which to bring it up to standards.

Armstrong told the council he was working to repair the structure, and that he was living in another house he was buying in the south part of the city.

Following a second public hearing on the structure Monday, the council could call for its abatement, according to the meeting agenda.

The number of topics on the agenda indicates the meeting could be lengthy.

Other topics on the agenda include:

- a public hearing concerning annexation of a 4.31 acre tract of land into the city limits.
- a resolution which, if approved, would authorize the mayor to sell a

small lot to the school district; the lot is an undeveloped area on the west corner from the administration building.

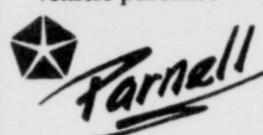
- authorization will be considered for the city administrator to advertise for bids to construct the first phase of a wastewater effluent line.
- aldermen will consider awarding a bid for the purchase of certificates of obligation.
- an ordinance approving the final plat of property being annexed into the city.
- an ordinance would, if approved, decrease the amount of fees charged for water used over the 12,000 gallons per month.
- discuss delinquent tax report.
- discuss and consider rescinding drought response measure of Stage Five and returning to Stage Four.



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