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FULL BLOOM - These Iowa Park High School horticulture students are ready for the much-anticipated annual plant sale to be held from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at their greenhouse. This year, the department overstocked to meet the community's landscaping and gardening needs, propogating 500 hanging baskets, many bedding plants and garden vegetables. Pictured are Michelle Denham, Justin Rushia and Amy Turlington.

City, school slate elections May 6

The ballots local voters will be using May 6 will be somewhat unusual, especially when compared with last year.

The school district was not required to hold an election last year, because there were just enough candidates for trustee and no challenges.

That's not the case this year, however.

Trustee incumbents Martha Dudley and Larry Dutton remained unchallenged for re-election this year, but incumbent Wendell House drew an opponent, Meria Gillespie, M.D.

State law allows a political entity to void an election whenever there are no positions being challenged.

That's what has happened this year in the city council's election. None of the incumbents, including Mayor Tim Hunter and Aldermen Joe Ward and Joe Singer, did not draw an opponent this year.

Last year, all three of the city's incumbent aldermen had opposition.

However, the city still will hold an election on May 6, but for a different reason.

Complying with state law, the city will seek permission to sell some designated park land to a private investor.

Keith Rusk is proposing to build

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Rainfall measures 2.70 inches

Iowa Park received some much-needed precipitation during the past week, and thankfully missed out on potentital damage from the numerous severe storm and tornado watches.

Iowa Park's total was 2.70 inches, according to Virgil Woodfin.

Most of the precipitation began falling Wednesday evening, and continued into Thursday. That amounted to 2.35 inches.

Then on Sunday, .10 was recorded, and then the additional .25 of an inch was measured after Tuesday evening's storm.

Some residents on Harmony road reported having caught right at three inches from the Wednesday-Thursday precipitation.

No damage was reported in the immediate area from any of the storms. However, Sheppard AFB reported yesterday that Tuesday's storm caused several thousand dollars damage to the base's Self-Help Store when part of its roof was removed by high winds.

Student uniforms are demonstrated

Following months of research, the committee formed to study the issue of school uniforms in the Iowa Park school district presented it's findings to the public.

The community meeting, held Monday night in the high auditorium, drew a crowd of close to 200, including a group from Vernon who are also studying the issue of school uniforms.

When people arrived, they were given a copy of the pros and cons of the issue, and a copy of proposed uniform guidelines.

Steve Moody, principal at W.F. George Middle School, and chairman of the uniform study group, told the audience that the committee was made up of people both for and against the issue in order to get input from both viewpoints.

Moody told the crowd that they weren't there to debate, but to help people understand the uniform issue and make a decision.

He said the shootings at Columbine High School and the issue of safety is what prompted the study. After researching the implementation of uniforms at other schools, the committee found many positive results, such as increase in attendance and decrease in need for discipline.

Several members of the committee visited the Forney school district, and studied the procedure in schools in Long Beach, Calif., Seattle, Wash., Richmond, Va., Memphis, Tenn., Baltimore, Md., and Phoenix, Ariz.

They chose to visit Forney ISD because it is comparable in size to Iowa Park. At the beginning of this school year, Forney students in all grades were required to wear uniforms.

One of the committee members pointed out that the students didn't all look alike because of the different choices in colors and styles available.

Moody read the proposed guidelines for secondary and elementary schools, and reminded the audience that the policy was not set in stone, and changes could be made.

Students, elementary through high school, modeled uniforms that displayed the different colors and styles available.

Colors include white, red, blue, green and black for shirts, blouses, sweatshirts, vests, and sweaters, and navy blue, khaki, olive or hunter green, black or gray for slacks, shorts, skorts, skirts, and jumpers. No logos are permitted.

According to Moody, the final decision will be based on a survey that will be sent out next week. The survey will be mailed to parents of secondary students on Monday, and they will be given to elementary students to take home.

Included with the survey will be a stamped, self-addressed envelope, so all parents have to do is check their preference and mail it back, before April 10, at no expense to them.

The results of the survey would be presented to the school board to make the final decision. It is felt that the issue needs 80 to 85% approval to be successful.

A second meeting will be held Saturday at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

School trustees set meeting

The Iowa Park school board met in a called meeting at noon last Thursday to accept bids on property and liability insurance, and hire additional help for the administration office.

The low bid of Coregis Indemnity, represented by Boley-Featherston Insurance Co., for property and liability insurance was accepted.

Their bid of $16,568 was less than half of the next lowest bid of $39,768. School officials were told that the company was able to bid that low because of the school's "good history."

Deanna Lynn Crawford was hired to help with payroll and insurance at the administration office, and it was announced that Robert Palmer, retired assistant superintendent, will finish out the year in the position at high school vacated by Weldon Nelms.

DOES YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO THE LEADER EXPIRE THIS MONTH?

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NEWS BRIEFS

Change your clocks Saturday

If you, or your group, wait until Sunday to do your City-Wide Clean Up Week project, you'll have an extra hour to see what you're doing.

That's because the nation changes to Daylight Savings Time Saturday night.

Residents who want to be at church on time Sunday morning, or delay their cleanup project until that afternoon, will want to remember to set their clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

"Spring Forward" is the saying for changing the clocks from Standard Time.

Big garage sale slated Saturday

This is the big garage sale weekend in Iowa Park.

Saturday's town-wide sale is an annual project coordinated by the Iowa Park Chamber of Commerce.

Besides a listing of 29 sales in this issue of the *Leader*, the Chamber has coordinated a map that shows the locations of all sales listed with the Chamber.

Those maps are available free at K&K and Scobee's.

Early voting in party runoffs

Early voting in the Republican and Democratic party primary runoffs will be held Tuesday through Friday of next week, according to Lloyd Lueck, Wichita County Clerk.

The county's substation tax office at 400 North Wall will be open for early voting from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

April 11 is the date of the party primary elections, at which time candidates of both parties will nominate their choices for congress, federal and state legislature, district and county precinct officers, as well as county and precinct chairmen.



NEW ROLL-OUT TRASH CONTAINERS ARE READY . . . Mike Wilcox making delivery.

Trash carts arriving

Delivery of the new 95-gallon plastic rollout trash carts to every residence in the south part of Iowa Park is expected to be completed by Sunday, according to IESI, the city's trash collection service.

The two-wheel carts are replacing all steel containers that have been in use here for many years.

Trash pick-up service is to begin the following Friday, and that is the day of the week for collection after that.

Residents are requested by IESI to have their rollouts at front curb side by 7 a.m. on collection days.

No schedule has yet been announced for the carts to be placed at residences in the north part of the city, however.

In the case of customers being unable to manuver the carts to the curb, due to physical problems, those customers are encouraged to contact City Hall, so that will be known.

City Administrator Mike Price has said that, in those instances, the truck operator will manuver the cart to curbside, empty it, and return it to the residence.

Carts should be placed no more than five feet from the curb, with the lid facing the curb.

The company strongly suggests that all waste should be placed in plastic bags before being put in the carts, reducing the chance of spillage when the container is emptied.

Extra carts are available at city hall, for an additional charge, for residences producing more volume than the 95-gallon carts can contain.



ADVANCING TO REGIONALS - These Iowa Park High School students will advance to Regional U.I.L. Literary competition after competing at District last week. They are (left to right) Nathan Miller, Sandy Honeycutt, Ricky Ashton, Robyn Dillard, Justin Dudley, Wade Busby and Jessica . Not pictured is Robert Baumer.

A Cappella well received at MSU Choral Festival

The performance of Iowa Park High School's A Cappella choir was well received last Thursday at the Choral Festival hosted by Midwestern State University.

During the festival, choirs from area schools participated in a clinic/performance. Each school presented selections from their UIL music.

Iowa Park A Cappella performed three selections: "Out of the Depth We Cry, Lord" by Schutz, "Kyrie Eleison" by Dietrich, and "At the Round Earth's Imagined Corners" by Spencer.

Daryl Ryan, IPHS director, said that members of the audience, clinician, and choral directors commented on the professional presentation and superior workmanship presented by the IPHS A Cappella. "Many commented that Iowa Park was the highlight of the evening," he said.

Other schools participating were Hirschi, Wichita Falls High School, Rider, Lawton Eisenhower, and Lawton MacArthur.

"I'm extremely proud of our students," Ryan said. "They've really come a long way and have worked very hard. I"m glad they were recognized as such."

Eight going to Regional UIL

Eight Iowa Park High School students advanced to the Regional U.I.L. Literary competition following the district meet held Thursday and Friday in Graham.

Students placing first, second and third in their field advanced.

Iowa Park students and their placings are:
Jessica Joplin, third place - ready writing
Robert Baumer, second; Rachel Higginbotham, fifth - number sense
Corky Adams, fourth - spelling
Robert Baumer, fifth; Jason Pelz, sixth - mathematics
Will Farley, fourth - computer science
Nathan Miller, first; Wade Busby, second - feature writing
Jessica Cockrum, fourth - news writing
Nathan Miller, first; Tama Swan, fourth - editorial writing
Robyn Dillard, third; Paula Lyons, fourth - poetry interpretation
Lani Gibbs, fourth; Alanah Bushfield, sixth - prose interpretation
Ricky Ashton, third; Kristal Mangiacapra, fifth - persuasive extemporaneous speaking
Sandy Honeycutt, third - headline writing
Justin Dudley, third; Robyn Dillard, fifth; Dana Smith, sixth - informative extemporaneous speaking

Other students participating were Kristi Lankford, Karen Schell, Shannon Veitenheimer, Christi Pruitt, Korki Miller, Sara Binion, Angela Raschke, Laci Wiggins, Doug Boyd, Travis Aponte, Tiger Ezzell, Jason Simmons, Brandon Lane, Amber Fulkerson, Andrea Peters, Kye Burgoyne, Jim Collins, Stephanie Bottles, Jennifer Merrill, William Chowning, Shanley Honeycutt and Kyle Young.

Benefit rib dinner is Saturday at Bradford

A rib dinner to benefit fourth grade teacher Janna May will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Bradford Elementary cafeteria, 800 S. Texowa.

The evening will feature Pete Ermis Ribs and Ray Gholson beans with all the trimmins. Cost will be $6.50 for adults and $4.50 for children 10 and under.

The jazz band will provide entertainment for the event, and a raffle and silent auction will be held.

Mrs. May underwent surgery to remove a brain tumor on March 17 in Houston, and continues to recover.

Profits from the rib feed will be used to defer medical and travel expenses. Those wishing to donate may do so at State National Bank of Texas, Iowa Park, "Janna May, #30000-000.

Club to offer scholarship

Members of the Iowa Park Arts and Crafts Association voted to enlarge their booth at ParkFest, and give a $500 scholarship during their meeting Tuesday night at the Chamber of Commerce building.

During the business session, with Debbie Richard presiding, it was decided to have a larger booth at Park Fest this year, and also have the same location.

The scholarship committee met after the meeting and decided on criteria for awarding a scholarship. Members voted and approved the amount of $500 for a scholarship.

A suggestion was made to sign secret pal gifts with "IPAC," so those who are in two or more clubs with secret pals would know which one sent a gift..

For the program, Shirley Nichols gave a demonstration on decorating glass plates.

The door prize, a decorated towel set made by Shirley Nichols, was won by Loretta Stephens.

A former member, Ina Brown, attended as a guest of Billie Railsback.

Look Who's New

Dietrichson

A son, Ridgley Don Dietrichson, was born Mar. 15 in a Wichita Falls hospital to Mr. and Mrs. David Dietrichson. He weighed eight pounds, seven ounces.

He has one sister, Olivia, three and a half years of age.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hodson, of Iowa Park, James Short, of Wichita Falls, LaNetta Dietrichson and the late Don Dietrichson, of Mt. Airy, Md.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R.B. Faulkner and Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Short, all of Iowa Park.

Library News

New Books on Tape

Secret Honor by W.E.B. Griffin
Remembering Blue by Connie May Fowler
The Attorney by Steve Martini
Nothing But the Truth by John Lescroart

New Large Print Books

Red Dove of Monterey by Stephen Bly
Friends by Charles Hackenberry
Red Devil of the Range by Max Brand
War of the Mountain Man by William Johnstone
Shadow of a Star by Elmer Kelton
Black Diamond Rendevous by W. Nebitt

New Videos

Deep End of the Ocean
Love Letter
Runaway Bride

Booksale

The library's annual booksale will be April 11 - 15 during regular library hours.
Tuesday & Thursday 10-8
Wednesday & Friday 10-5
Saturday 10-2

If you have books to donate for the booksale, please bring them to the library or call 592-4981.



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FRIENDLY DOOR member Margaret Sheets gets a manicure from IPHS cosmetology student Allen Tuesday. The cosmetology department has designated Tuesday as senior citizen day, and several residents take advantage of it.

Texas Heritage theme of 23 Study Club meeting

In keeping with theme of Texas Heritage for their meeting last Thursday, members of Twenty Three Study Club visited the Wichita County Archives in Wichita Falls.

Shirley Hicks led the pledge to the American flag and a group reading of the Club Collect, and Frances Park gave the meditation for the day entitled, "I asked God."

Miss Park also gave the Federation Counselor's report. She quoted from the writings of the Federation president, entitled "A Time for the Right Attitude." It emphasized the responsibility of each member to create and maintain a positive attitude as a member of one of the world's largest women's organizations.

Roll call was answered by each member naming her place of birth.

Mrs. Hicks introduced Lita Watson, a member of Twenty Three Study Club, who presented the program.

Mrs. Watson, a well known historian of this area and director of the Wichita County Archives, described the procedure and system for accepting items and the categorizing and filing of each item in the collection, which is a very large and interesting historical record of Wichita Falls and Wichita County.

These items include old newspaper clippings, photographs, postcards, maps, tax records and other historical memorabilia.

She stated that there are now over 4,400 items entered into the computer system, but there are many more to be sorted and entered by her and the staff of volunteer workers.

Of particular interest were the detailed scale-model dioramas constructed by a male volunteer. These include scenes of early Indian villages, the half-dugout homes of the earliest settlers, the Lake Wichita Pavilion and surrounding area including the early trolley cars, a model of the first railroad depot and one of the first trains serving the area, and the early oil field development as oil was first discovered in the county.

Following a short business meeting, conducted by President Margaret Soell, members adjourned for lunch at the Secret Garden Tea Room.

RAC News

United Way Service

IOWA PARK RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY CLUB, INC.

By JO LYNN WALKER

Bridge Results

With three tables in play, Lorene Mahler had the high score of 5800 at bridge this week. Jim Andree reported a score of 5500 for the second high.

CPR Class

A CPR class will be offered on April 11, at 6:30 at the RAC. Cost for the class will be $25 per person, payable at class. Please call the RAC at 592-4471 to reserve a spot.

Parenting Classes

Child Care Inc. will be hosting free parenting classes at the RAC on April 13, 20, and 27. Free child care will be provided. Classes will be from 6-8 p.m., and the public is invited.

RPK Advisory Council

Members of the RAC PAC Kids advisory council will meet at the RAC on Monday, April 3, at 6:30 p.m. Council members are asked to please RSVP to Cindy at 592-4471.

Junior High Dance

The next Report Card Dance is scheduled for April 22 at the RAC from 7-10 p.m. Chaperones will be needed. Please contact us at 592-4471 to volunteer.

Home safety is program topic

Jennifer Inman, of Wichita Falls, gave a program on three keys to a safe home for the Iowa Park Garden Club members, Friday.

Ms. Inman stated the three keys are prevent, prepare and practice. She suggested making a household inventory and taking pictures of all items in your home, secure windows, always lock doors and install an alarm system.

Personalize the code on your garage door openers and make sure your garage is locked.

When away on a trip make sure your home looks occupied. Have your paper and mail stopped while away. Have your neighbors watch your home while you are gone.

Before allowing any services representative into your home always ask for identification.

She stated there had been 14 burglaries in Iowa Park in the past year.

The thought of the day was given by Mary Frances Farris, "It is smart to pick your friends, but not to pieces."

Dora Alexander, conservation chairman, gave pointers on how to use less water.

Evelyn Thompson brought the horticulture speciman, a Diffenbachia plant.

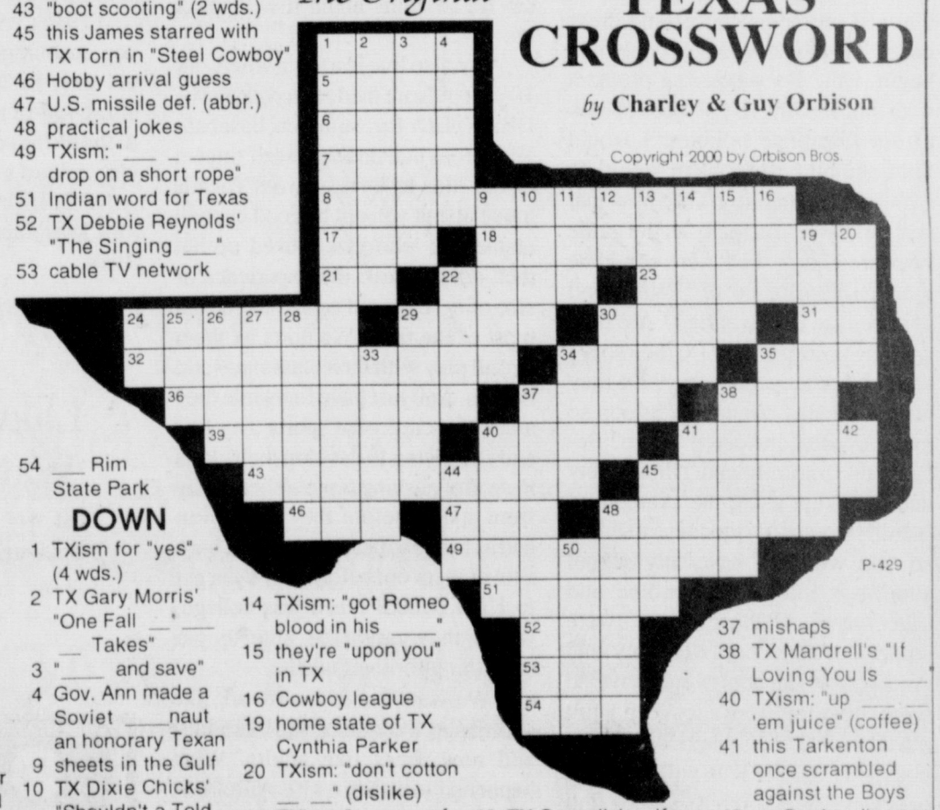
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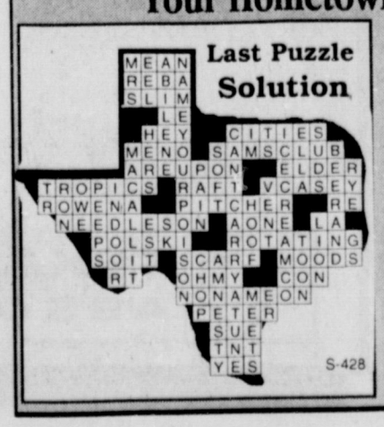


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1 TX Willie once was a ____ jockey
5 in '91, TX Skaggs Alpha Beta became Jewel ___
6 TXism: "plain as the ____ on a mule"
7 ___ Pickens is an honorary TX Ranger
8 novel by TX Judith McNaught (2 wds.)
17 Valley citrus seed
18 TXism for "tantrum"
21 TXism: "dab __ on"
22 "buenas ____"
23 this Danny had the lead in "Ruby" ('92)
24 Dave "Tex" O'Brien film: "The Yanks Are _____"
29 TXism: "cut from the same ____"
30 TX VP Bush's boss Reagan, et al.
31 Lithium symbol
32 manufactured in Wichita Falls (2 wds.)
34 Huntsville's Sam Houston statue weighs 25 ____
35 TXism: "dim ___"
36 Six Flags performer Jay Johnson played ____ ____ of Bob & Chuck on "Soap"
37 in 1939, TX Connally to LBJ
38 init. of 1-across
39 "made ___ ___ of his time" (inefficient)
40 Aikman is spokesman for ____ bricks
41 air conditioner gas
43 "boot scooting" (2 wds.)
45 this James starred with TX Torn in "Steel Cowboy"
46 Hobby arrival guess
47 U.S. missile def. (abbr.)
48 practical jokes
49 TXism: "___ _ ___ drop on a short rope"
51 Indian word for Texas
52 TX Debbie Reynolds' "The Singing ___"
53 cable TV network
54 ___ Rim State Park

DOWN
1 TXism for "yes" (4 wds.)
2 TX Gary Morris' "One Fall __'___ __ Takes"
3 "____ and save"
4 Gov. Ann made a Soviet ____naut an honorary Texan
9 sheets in the Gulf
10 TX Dixie Chicks' "Shouldn't a Told You ____"
11 TXism: "too big for ___ britches"
12 TXism: "me casa __ su casa"
13 TXism: "busy __ _ ___-armed paper hanger"
14 TXism: "got Romeo blood in his ____"
15 they're "upon you" in TX
16 Cowboy league
19 home state of TX Cynthia Parker
20 TXism: "don't cotton __ __" (dislike)
22 TXism: "a ____ of his own medicine"
24 TX Pride (init.)
25 ___ Ocean, TX
26 TX Willie has a house in ____, HI
27 TX Hagman film: "Getting Away From __ ___" ('71)
28 TX Connally's wife
29 bundled the cotton
30 traveled by horse
33 TX Freddie Fender tune: "You'll ____ _ Good Thing"
34 TXism: "it's high ____"
35 state seashell: lightning _____
37 mishaps
38 TX Mandrell's "If Loving You Is ____"
40 TXism: "up ___ __ 'em juice" (coffee)
41 this Tarkenton once scrambled against the Boys
42 ex-Cowboy lineman Nate (init.)
44 TX Mary Kay ___
45 TX Crossword co.: Orbison ____
48 Dallas program: ____ - _ - Tree
50 TXism: "dainty as _ ____ bride"

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As I See It...

By Bob Hamilton



Normally, the only quotes I use from other newspapers are columns, under the heading of "Worth Quoting".

However, a young friend of mine Brian Brisendine, who is a student at West Texas State A&M and works for the *Canyon News*, had a story out of the Randall County Sheriff's Dept. recently that I've just got to let you read.

Brian reported on a series of stupid mistakes made by some folks, and presented it in a way that had my sides hurting.

Here it is:

"The saying goes that bad luck strikes in three's.

"But a group of four Randall County residents defied the odds last week with the Randall County Sheriff's Department.

"The fiasco began on March 10, when sheriff's deputies arrested a 36-year-old woman for driving while intoxicated and incarcerated her in the Randall County jail.

"Shortly thereafter, a 43-year-old man arrived at the sheriff's office to post bond for the woman, but was arrested in the lobby on charges of public intoxication.

"Later that day, a 44-year-old man arrived at the sheriff's office to post bond for both individuals. He, too, was arrested in the lobby on charges of public intoxication.

"Next, a 64-year-old man was arrested in the parking lot of the sheriff's office for being in possession of an illegal club. He was reportedly waiting for his friends, the three individuals previously mentioned, to get out of jail.

"The next day, March 11, the 64-year-old and 44-year-old males were released from jail. While driving home their vehicle became high centered and left them stranded.

"When sheriff's deputies found the pair, they were arrested again on charges of public intoxication.

"The two apparently became intoxicated while waiting for help to arrive."

Nice going, Brian. With an eye for the news and simple but effective reporting like that, you've got a real future in the newspaper business.

And well he should. He came by it naturally. You see, his father is Lynn Brisendine, the publisher of the *Brownfield News*, who, by the way, is currently serving as president of the Texas Press Association.

Elections

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a golf course in the area of Lake Iowa Park, and has the tentative permission of the city council to sell part of the land for private housing.

The remaining portion of the land has tentatively been approved to be leased to Rusk for a 99-year period.

Land involved in the project includes some 135 acres recently purchased by the city from Gene Wigley, which is located between the lake and U.S. 287.

Also involved in the project is a portion of the west side of the lake, to be used both as housing and golf course.

Approval of the majority of city voters is required by state law.

Light week for police

Iowa Park Police Department's blotter this week listed only four cases relating to violations of law.

But, because the staff was kept so busy with the numerous weather alerts that were issued, they still had little unused time on their hands.

Shortly before midnight Tuesday, Michelle Lee Cooper, 19, was taken into custody in the 100 block of West Washington on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, less than one gram.

Cooper's vehicle was impounded and she was transported to the county jail, according to the police blotter entry.

Scott Russell Rotz, 29, was stopped at 1:44 a.m. Tuesday in the 200 block of East Garden because he had an outstanding local warrant.

The warrant was for disobeying a railroad crossing sign. Rotz reportedly paid his fine of $38, and was released from custody.

When officers responded Saturday evening to a reported domestic disturbance at a residence in the 400 block of West Aldine, they took into custody Larry Dale Britt, 38.

Britt was arrested on a family violence charge. He was released after promising to appear in municipal court, after he was taken before Justice of the Peace Marc Newman, who issued a protective order against him.

Police are investigating the reported theft of a boy's Mongoose bicycle, valued at $80, from a residence in the 100 block of Hope. The theft was reported Saturday.

City-mandated water restrictions

* Watering of lawns is limited to Sundays and Thursdays for all customers with an even-numbered address, and Saturdays and Wednesdays for all customers with odd-numbered addresses. All irrigation will be limited to the hours between 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.

* Washing of sidewalks, driveways and parking lots is prohibited.

* Using of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer or other vehicle is prohibited at all times, except for commercial and service station facilities.

* Filling, refilling and adding of water to privately owned swimming, wading or jacuzzi-type pools is limited to the hours between 12:00 midnight and 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays.

* Use of water for architectural features is prohibited.

* Wholesale water customers of the city are required to reduce their purchase of water by 15% over the previous month's usage.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Opposes uniforms

This uniform issue has really got me going. I felt I needed to vent at least a few of my feelings on the subject. I feel like it needs to be better looked into. Will it really help? Do we really have a need for it? I felt the cons list that was handed out was a little weak and the guidelines were extreme. They state, if I took it right, a decrease in discipline. Yet when brought up further said one of the schools showed an increase. Though they had some possible excuse. So can that really be put as a pro? And when they talk about a decrease is that just problems concerning dress code? Did they have a big problem to begin with? Do we have a problem with this. If so maybe we need to look at our discipline policies. I would think the biggest problem would be with length, and I don't see how that will be solved. As picky as the guide lines are it looks like there would be more monitoring needed. What kind of shoes are they wearing? Are they wearing hose or socks? Do their socks match? Are they too baggy? Do they have too many pockets or a loop so that they are considered Cargo? Because that's not allowed. It lists safety and they kept using the example of identifying a kid who doesn't belong so you wouldn't have any school shootings like at Columbine and others again. All those shooters were students of that school were they not? And if the teachers won't have to wear them too what's to keep adult intruders from being noticed. On the cons side it asks if it will be more expensive. Well? What did they find out? They stated the cost of just the uniform but that's only if they also wear it on weekends and after school. And it also assumes you have a child who is easy to fit in any brand. What about the people who buy their kids own clothes but do so at second hand places to afford it. They aren't going to be able to find much. Will they have to be replaced more often. Slacks are not going to hold up as well on the play ground.

The schools they visited, did they only talk to a few teachers and students? What % of parents like it now? Do they have more discipline problems at home over school and getting dressed?

I just don't feel they proved to me it will help. Are we just trading one set of problems for another? Helping one child to hurt another? What ever happened to teaching our kids not to make fun or bully or they get their butts busted?

I'm just shocked we are making such a big deal over clothes when we have a couple of teachers who are allowed to crush the self esteem of students year after year. Their colleagues know it and all the parents know it. There is a list a mile long every year of kids who's parents refuse to be put in their class yet nothing is ever done. In any other business if you had an employee who was as mean as these to customers they would have been gone long before now. I don't mean just strict. I mean degrading, emotional abuse (and on a few occasions physical). Where are those wanting to protect the self esteem of our kids then? No one who can do anything about it will speak up.

We also live in a town where our 10 year olds are made to tryout and be DRAFTED for summer baseball. What does that do for the self esteem of our kids to have all your friends move up but you not be good enough or the one who gets moved up but then doesn't have the experience or size of a 12 yr. old so sits the bench most of the time. We don't let them just all play with their classmates and friends. And just have fun while they are still seeing what sports they like and still trying to develop their skills instead of pushing some of them away from sports before they have even had a chance to peak. Instead we burn a lot of them out before they even get to High School much less college, where they might be able to get something for their talents.

We want our kids to work like adults, play like adults, win like adults and now dress like adults. What happened to being a kid. All of this makes me think. Is it really our kids we need to be looking at or our policies and maybe ourselves?

An Iowa Park Parent

Appreciates city efforts

Citizens of Iowa Park are very fortunate to live in a town that has put forth the effort to provide us with beautiful facilities such as the parks at our lakes and especially the walking track. On many of my trips around the walk it is very evident some folks do not appreciate the beauty as much as I, for there are persons who leave plastic and styrofoam containers which could be put in the trash containers also provided by the city.

Please help keep these facilities clean as they are a symbol of our Town of Friendly Living.

Thank you to the city for all the work you have done and the work you are continually doing.

Laverne Owens

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Proud grandmother

Dear Mr. Hamilton,

This is a letter of thanksgiving and praise. I am so thankful to live in Iowa Park where compassion and love are still in style!

Thank you all who stopped to buy lemonade Mar. 26th on Johnson Road from two little girls sitting in the hot sun. We adults sat in the cool house with discouraging comments concerning their prospect of success of selling one cup at 25¢ each. How wrong we were! They sold over $9.00 at 25¢ per cup (very small cup, too!!)

Thank you -- all who stopped -- you encouraged two little nine year old girls in "free enterprise" and a house full of adults too!

A thankful resident &
very proud grandmother

P.S. 1/3 of their earnings went to Mrs. May's account at State National Bank.

Lake Buffalo Water Level

Last week 1032.00 msl
This week 1031.95 msl

WORTH QUOTING

This story is for my golfer friends.

Off the seventh tee, Joe sliced his shot deep into a wooded ravine. He took his eight iron and clambered down the embankment in search of his lost ball. After many long minutes of hacking at the underbrush, he spotted something glistening in the woods.

As he drew nearer, he discovered it was an eight iron in the hands of a skeleton. Joe immediately called out to his friend, "Jack, I've got trouble down here!"

"What's the matter?" Jack asked from the edge of the ravine.

"Bring me my wedge," Joe shouted. "You can't get out of here with an eight iron."

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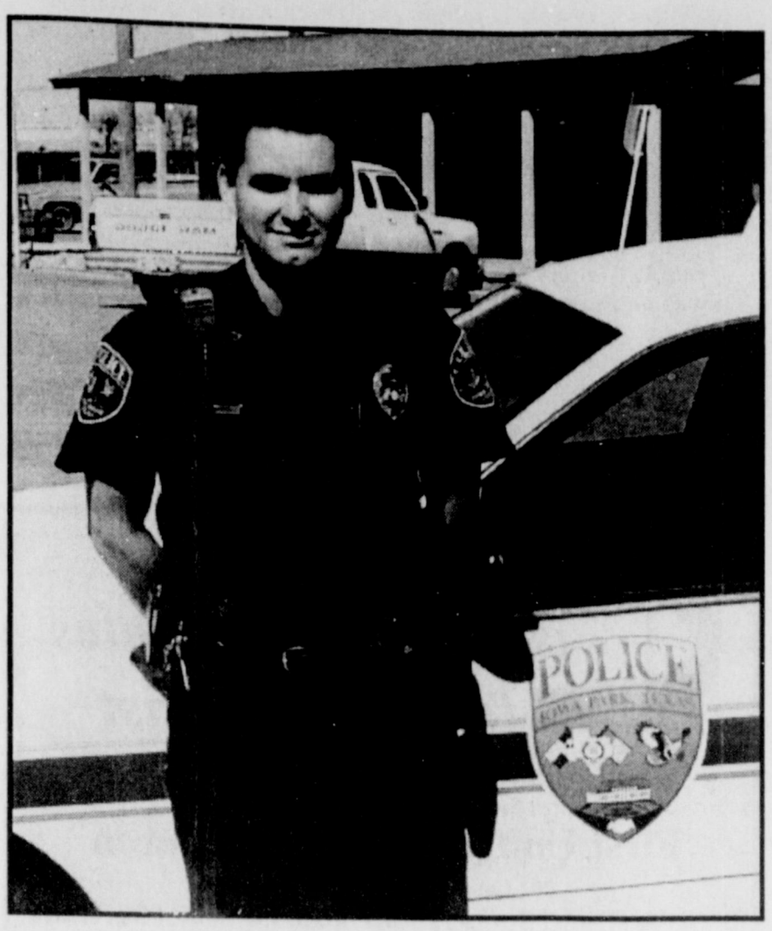
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JASON JONES

Know your local police

By Sherrie Williams

When Jason Jones began working toward a degree in Criminal Justice at Vernon Regional College, he was 19 years old, and wasn't sure what direction of law he wanted to go.

He knew he wanted to help people, that seemed to run in the family. His brother is a fireman and EMT in Vernon.

He had been attending classes at VRJC about a year and a half when he began talking with his instructor about "the class next door" the police academy. Once he found out the basics and ethics he decided that was what he wanted to do with his life.

"My teacher pointed me in the right direction, and after getting into law enforcement I don't want to get out of it," Jones said.

Jones stated when he began law enforcement he had reached one of his goals in life. Now, he wants to keep helping people as much as he can and keep the streets and community safe. One of his biggest goals is to get as many drunk drivers off the streets as possible.

Jones says he has seen quite a few crashes from DWIs and sometimes it gives him nightmares. "You never forget some of the stuff you see," Jones says. He stated he has seen too many small children go through the windshield in accidents that involved drunk drivers. One of those accidents was a mother driving drunk and her children were not in seat belts.

During his time in law enforcement he has arrested over 100 people for DWI.

Domestic violence is another area that children are involved in much of the time. Jones says many times they keep going to the same place time after time. He says some times children will call the police and say their mom and dad are fighting again. This is hard on the children stated Jones. He says they try to explain to the victims it will keep getting worse but most of the time they still get calls on the same couple.

He is a Certified Intoxilizer Operator and trained in field sobriety testing and a certified Mobile Video Instructor.

Jones has another goal he hopes to accomplish some day soon. He would like to be become an arson investigator.

He has been a patrol officer with the Iowa Park Police Department since October 29, 1996. Prior to Iowa Park he had been an officer in Electra six months and a reserve police officer in Burkburnett two and a half years. He is a native of Burkburnett.

Jones says the Iowa Park department is great because the officers at the other departments he has been with don't have the close knit relationship the Iowa Park officers have. He says here the officers are not only co-workers but they do things together during time away from the station. He says he has made some close friends since being in Iowa Park.

Jones and his wife, Jodi, have two children, Lander age five and Baily is six months old.

Jodi is employed at First Bank of Burkburnett.

Jones enjoys fishing, hunting, and golfing when time permits. He says he hasn't had time to hunt in a while.

Steve Chaney named agent

Steve Chaney has been appointed county Extension agent - horticulture for Wichita County effective April 17, according to Wichita County Commissioner's Court and district Extension director, Galan Chandler.

Chaney of Yukon, Oklahoma, received his bachelor of science degree in agriculture in 1995 at Oklahoma State University where he majored in landscape contracting and minored in horticulture. In 1996, he received his masters of science in agriculture education, also from OSU in Stillwater.

He has outstanding professional and novice background in landscape design, maintenance and horticulture. He previously was an account manager / landscape designer with Western Lawns in Oklahoma City where he was responsible for design, installation and maintenance with the aid of 15 - 18 member team. Presently he is an adjunct instructor at OSU, Oklahoma City where he teaches maintenance of landscape plants and landscape graphics.

He served as manager of Landscape and More in Stillwater. He was responsible for consultation, maintenance and administration of small residential to large commercial projects.

While at Oklahoma State, he was a five-year member of the American Landscape Contractors Association club where he served as vice president and treasurer. He was a Stillwater Tree Board member and participated in the development of a recreational trail system for the City of Stillwater.

Chaney is looking forward to the opportunity to live and work with the people of Wichita County and to establish the team work with Barbara Fangman, county Extension agent-family and consumer science, Joe Raff, county Extension agent-agriculture, and Jodi Haegalin, county Extension agent 4-H to provide the necessary leadership in horticulture, 4-H and youth development and community development.

Taylor enrolls in AQHA

Bryan Keith Taylor of Iowa Park, recently enrolled in the American Quarter Horse Association Horseback Riding Program. The program provides AQHA members recognition for time spent riding or driving American Quarter Horses.

Patches and awards are presented for riding hours logged.

"The Horseback Riding Program is a unique opportunity to earn rewards outside of traditional competition," said Jim Bret Campbell.

LOOK WHO'S NEW

Hedrick

A son, Matthew Caleb, was born to Jeremy and Jennifer Hedrick, of Frisco, March 15.

The baby weighed eight pounds, 14 ounces and was 21 3/4 inches long.

Jennifer is the former Jennifer Bernstein, formerly of Iowa Park.

Matthew is the couples first child.

Grandparents are Randy and Vicki Hedrick of McKinney and Johnny and Cindy Bernstein of North Richland Hills.

Great-grandparents are Emmet and Joe Ann Bernstein and Donald Hill all of Iowa Park and Hattie Hedrick of Saffored Az. and Delia O'Neal of McKinney.

Eighth grade parents to meet Sunday night

Parents of eighth grade students will meet at 8:30 p.m. Sunday at the Chamber of Commerce office to plan for the class end-of-year activities..

On the agenda are finalizing plans for the group's trip to Six Flags over Texas, class t-shirts, and to discuss an upcoming rib feed.

Free parenting class offered here at RAC

Child Care Inc., a United Way Agency, is offering a series of free parenting programs called Parents Getting Together. The classes will be at the Iowa Park Recreational and Activity Center, 806 N. Third, on three Thursdays - April 13, 20, and 27, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The program is designed in order to support and encourage parents as they work to help their children behave well and have happy, healthy lives.

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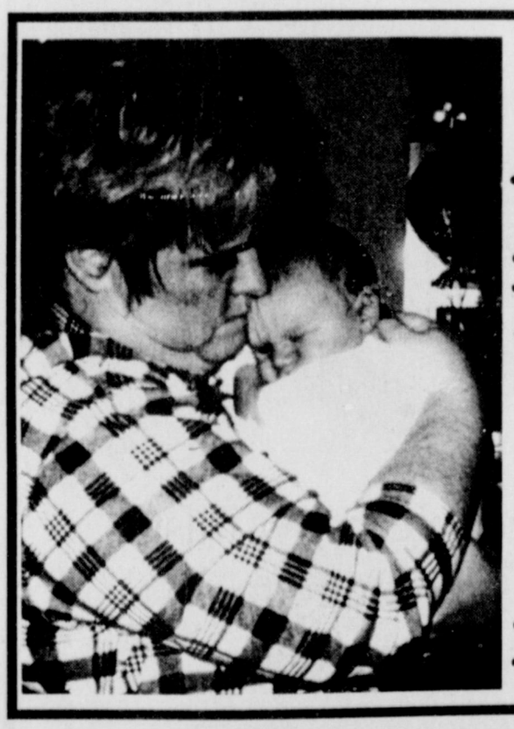
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Clara Church receives grant

Trinity Lutheran Church at Clara, which can be reached by driving north of Iowa Park on 368 and FM 1813, has received a $1,000 grant from Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL) to help the congregation celebrate its 100th Anniversary on Sunday, April 30.

AAL, based in Appleton Wisconsin, is a 1.7 million member fraternal benefit society whose members join together for insurance, educational and volunteer opportunities.

The anniversary Celebration will begin with a 10:00 a.m. worship service at Trinity. There will be a noon catered meal at the Burkburnett Community Center.

A Texas State Historical Marker will be dedicated at the church at 2 p.m. A 2:30 p.m. special anniversary service will follow.

Guest Speaker for the day will be Rev. Michael Ramming. His grandfather, Leonard Ramming, was a charter member of Trinity Lutheran Church. Rev. Ramming's parents, Rev. Martin and Connie Everet Ramming were also members.

Regular Service hours are Sunday at 9 a.m. Sunday Bible Class follows at 10:15 a.m.

Rev. Robert Holaday is pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church.

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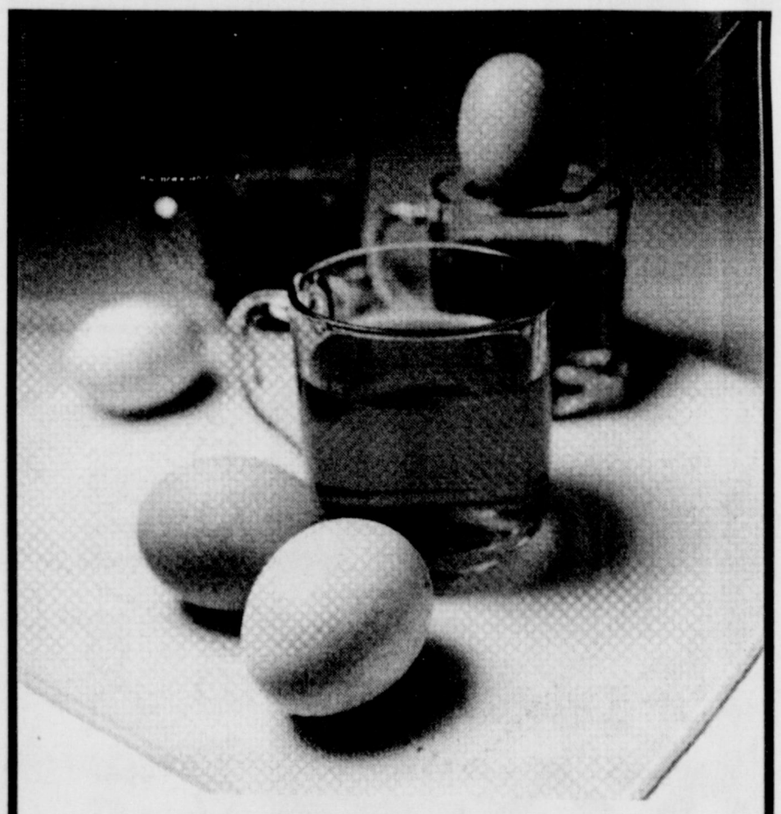
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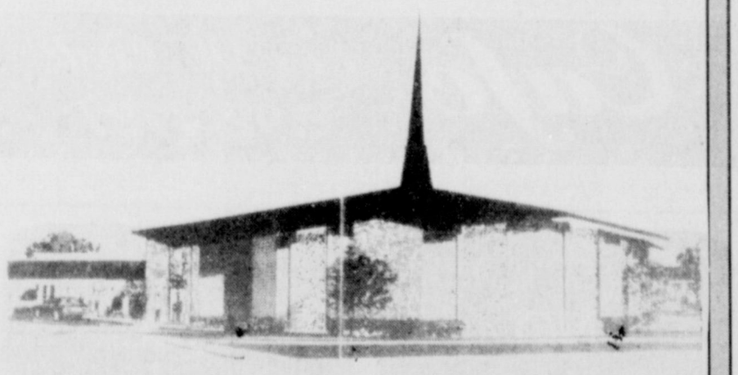
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