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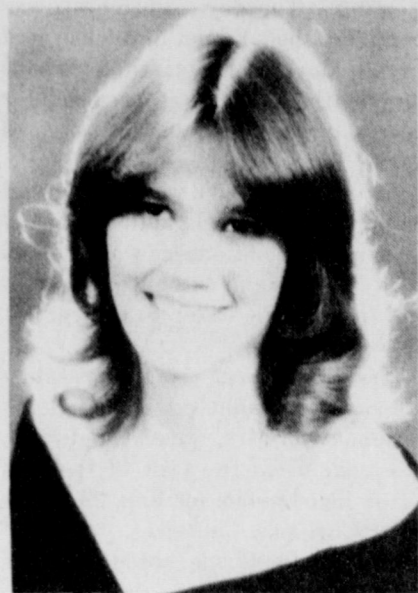
ROBIN DOAN



KARYN CONNOR



CANDY LEE



WENDY BASTON



LOLLY HATCHER



MICHELE BAKER



KATHY NIXON

HERE SATURDAY

17 beauties to vie for Miss Wichita

The auditorium at Iowa Park High School is expected to be at overflowing capacity by 7:30 Saturday evening, when the annual Miss Wichita County beauty pageant gets underway.

During the evening, 17 contestants will be vying for the title and prizes. In between segments of competition, entertainment will be provided by Janet Lax, reigning Miss Wichita County, and Thom McGehee, winner of the Six Flags Over Texas "Dinah Shore Stairway to Stardom" competition.

Contestants will be competing in interview, talent, swimsuit and formal appearances before the audience, as well as judges from the Miss Texas Pageant System. The winner will advance to the Miss Texas contest, as well as receiving a \$750 scholarship to the college of her choice, a \$500 wardrobe from The Velfree Shop, a watch from Dillard's.

First runner-up will receive a \$250 scholarship, and a \$100 savings bond

will go to the winner of the Director's Award. Each of the four runners-up will receive a trophy.

Miss Lax is attending Midwestern State Univ., where she is majoring in speech and hearing therapy. She has appeared at numerous public functions over the county during the past year, and recently had the leading role in the musical play "Annie" at the Burkburnett Community Theater.

McGehee, a 22-year-old from Houston, is a student at North Texas State Univ., where he has choreographed several musicals. He has also done extensive work in dinner theatres in the Houston area.

He starred at the Six Flags Crazy Horse Saloon last season and this year will be appearing at the Southern Palace at Six Flags, where some of the finest musical entertainment of the area can be viewed.

McGehee's dancing talents have prompted him to compete in several disco contests throughout the country, including competition at Las

Vegas, Nev.

He was the guest star of the 1979 Miss Texas Pageant last July.

"With these two fine performers and 17 contestants, it will certainly be an enjoyable evening for all," commented Jim Grove, president of the Iowa Park Optimist Club which is sponsoring the contest.

Contestants, their ages, parents, hometowns, sponsors and talent to be performed, are as follows:

Michele Baker, 17, Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Baker, Iowa Park, Parkway Furniture and TrueValue Hardware, dramatic reading;
Cathy Clampitt, 19, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clampitt Jr., Wichita Falls, Tanner Furniture, vocal;
Lolly Hatcher, 19, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hatcher, Burkburnett, Shirleen's Dress Shop, tap dance;
Kimberly Rhne'a Powers, 20, Mr. and Mrs. David Powers, Wichita Falls, C.H.A. Painting, comedy skit;
Lori Ann Harman, 19, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dale Harman, Wichita Falls, Flowerama, twirling routine;
Darlene Mahler, 20, Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Mahler, Iowa Park, Louis Jewelry, vocal;
Teresa Mason, 19, Mrs. Peggy Harvey, Wichita Falls, ABC Motors and Marine, disco jazz dance;
Karyn Connor, 18, Mr. and Mrs. George Connor Jr., Iowa Park, Sundance Tanning Salon, comedy skit;
Wendy Baston, 19, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baston, Iowa Park, Stolper Auto Parts, vocal;
Keli Barker, 18, Electra, General Pump and Supply, dramatic interpretation;
Mary Ellen Craig, 17, Mr. and Mrs. James Craig, Wichita Falls, Wichita Lawn and Landscape, twirling routine;
Candy Lee, 22, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lee, Iowa Park, jazz dance;
Kathy Nixon, 18, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nixon, Burkburnett, Homestead Mobile Homes, vocal;
Debbie Watson, 20, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Watson, Wichita Falls, Eureka Life Insurance, piano;
Laura Henry, 18, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Henry, Wichita Falls, Opti-Mrs. Club, tap dance;
Joanna Tipton, 21, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Tipton, Wichita Falls, Falls Bowl, pantomime, skit;
Robin Doan, 18, Mrs. Marilyn Abernathy and Robert Doan, Wichita Falls, Wichita Falls Savings and Loan Assn., vocal.

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VOL. XI, NO. 22 IOWA PARK, WICHITA COUNTY, TEXAS 76367 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1980

School meeting to draw big crowd

Both the city council and school boards have regularly-scheduled meetings set for next week, but Tuesday's meeting of the trustees is expected to attract most of the attention.

In fact, the 7:30 gathering has already been moved from the school administration building to the junior high library to accommodate a crowd that could possibly set a new attendance record for a board meeting.

After the announcement last month that trustees probably would close down the Valley View campus starting next fall, due to continued reduction in enrollment and cost of operating the facility, several residents of the district, especially those in the Valley View area, objected.

At least one meeting has been held by Valley View area residents concerning the proposal, attracting approximately 100 persons.

The proposal to close Valley View campus came after a study was conducted into the cost and feasibility of operating the campus where all fifth and sixth grade students of the district are taught.

Discussions at board meetings indicate the sixth graders would be housed at the junior high campus, primarily in the metal building which has been used in the past for special education and vocational classes.

The fifth graders would either be divided between the Kidwell and Bradford Elementary campuses, or a change might be instituted to incorporate all kindergarten through second grade classes at one of the campuses, and all third through fifth grades at the other. No final decision has yet been reached on this proposal.

Trustees indicated the savings of closing the Valley View campus would range from \$100,000 per year to possibly as high as \$300,000, depending on the rate of inflation over the next few years.

School representatives indicated they would board up the Valley View building so it could be used in the

future, when enrollment picked up and more room was necessary for classes.

Other major items on Tuesday's agenda include calling of the annual trustee election; hearing a report on construction progress of the new gymnasium at the high school; discussing a monitoring visit from the

Texas Education Agency; and discuss and act on a five-year plan, policies and minutes of the West Wichita County Cooperative.

COUNCIL MEETING

Besides discussing financing of an additional ground water storage tank, city aldermen will also make

appointments to the library board, act on ordinances abandoning portions of Victoria and South Park streets, act on a resolution covering expenses involved in the abandoning of the streets, call for a city council election for April 5, and act on an ordinance authorizing placement of additional traffic signs in the city.

Following the regular council meeting, which is to start at 7 p.m. in council chambers, the council will sit as the city's board of adjustments to hear an appeal from William Burgoyne for a variance from the side yard setback at 408 West Texas, and from Mike Young for a front yard setback at 907 Park Plaza.



IOWA PARKANS RECOGNIZED - Four citizens were recognized Saturday at the annual Iowa Park Chamber of Commerce Banquet. They were, from left, Ray Hicks, "Outstanding Agriculturist"; Miss Ethyle Kidwell, "Outstanding Educator"; Mrs. Bertha McDonald, "Outstanding Senior Citizen"; and Gordon

Griffith, "Outstanding Citizen of the Year". Some 400 persons attended the event, which also highlighted introduction of the Chamber's first woman president, Mrs. Gus Rich; a humorous message by speaker Joe Riordan of Austin; and a steak dinner prepared by the Iowa Park MuleSkinners.

No one complaining

Activity around the Iowa Park Police Station has been uncommonly quiet during the past week, but no one is complaining.

The only report on file was one filed by TV Cable that someone had, during the past two weeks, taken a 28-foot extension ladder from the office at 901 W. Highway. Loss was estimated at \$200.

Four on honor roll

Four Iowa Parkans attending Texas Tech Univ. qualified for the dean's honor rolls during the fall semester.

They include Carla Cole, Jon Hale, Kathryn Johnson and Michael Nipper.