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DON BEALS WITH LOAD OF FOOD FROM THE AREA FOOD BANK

Busy season for food bank

By Sherrie Williams

For many the holidays are a time for giving. For some, such as Don Beals, the time for giving is year around.

Beals spends hours weekly taking care of the Iowa Park Food Bank and doing other errands that result in many residents who need assistance receiving food. He has been looking after the food bank about two years.

It all began with Beals assisting others with distributing commodities that the county delivered to a distribution site (First Christian Church) once a month. Then some changes took place that would require more effort, so for almost three years Beals has been making that effort.

The county would no longer be distributing commodities to the distribution site. An individual would need to pick the commodities up in Wichita Falls and take them to Iowa Park. Beals volunteered for this task.

The commodities are now distributed from the First United Methodist Church.

In addition to transporting the commodities (in his personal vehicle) he makes about seven trips a week to the Wichita Falls Area Food Bank to see what they have in stock that will help some citizens of Iowa Park.

Beals says he makes the trips often so he can stay on top of what they have and get the best quality and

quantity for citizens who need the assistance. There are at least 110 citizens who receive the commodities monthly.

The food bank receives bakery products daily and Beals brings three pick-up loads monthly over to distribute with the commodities. He takes a load twice monthly to Friendly Door to be distributed to seniors at the center. The bakery items are not just bread, it is also pies, cakes, rolls and a variety of other bakery items.

Although Iowa Park has its own food bank there are items that can't be stored for longer periods of time and those are the type of items Beals gets from the Wichita Falls bank.

He says the Wichita Area Food Bank works with him and is generous in their contributions to Iowa Park. "Without the Wichita Falls Area Food Bank assistance we would not have many of the items available for citizens of Iowa Park. They are great

people to work with," Beals said.

The Iowa Park Food Bank has three food drives yearly. The Boy Scouts and Postmen each pick up can goods once a year and the schools set up collection boxes in March. The food items those groups receive are strictly for the Iowa Park bank.

The food bank receives cash donations at times, and when a cash donation is received an anonymous gentleman matches the donations.

Beals is tight with the food bank funds and uses them to purchase bargains.

These funds are used to purchase bulk items at a discount. Recently he was able to purchase 160 boxes of cereal for \$20 and some change. When Beals gets bulk items such as cereal he pays 14 cents a pound handling charge.

The cash donations are kept by

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Council to meet Monday

The city council is to hold its regularly-scheduled meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in council chambers.

Two public appearances are included on the meeting agenda.

The first appearance will be Steven Raby, who operated a haunted house during the Halloween season

at the old RAC building for the fourth year, and will present proceeds raised from the event to the city to be used on the Lake Gordon walking track.

Also, Jim Horman, representing Choice Wireless L.C., will make an appearance requesting permission to lease space on the Johnson Road water tower to install an antenna.

A resolution will be considered by the council following his presentation.

Two other resolutions also are on the agenda: a request to authorize the purchase of a transfer pump for the ground storage water facility, and issues concerning a proposed annexation into the city.

An ordinance will follow the second resolution concerning the annexation issue.

City Administrator Mike Price is to discuss the need for a spill prevention control and countermeasures plan for the Public Works Complex, or possible alternatives.

The final item on the agenda is an executive session, when council will retire to meet privately to consider "contemplated litigation and settlement offer relating to wage/overtime claim" by an employee.

Action could follow the session when the council resumes its meeting in open session.

NEWS BRIEFS

Santa, lights slated Tuesday

The annual ceremony to turn on the city's Christmas lights will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Tom Burnett Memorial Library.

The major feature of the evening traditionally is the appearance of Santa Claus, immediately following throwing the light switch.

Santa will then set up in the

gazebo to visit with all the youngsters in the audience and hear what they want for Christmas.

Besides entertainment for the audience, the library will be serving refreshments indoors to all visitors.

Should weather not permit Santa's receiving the youngsters out of doors, he will set up indoors.

Leader edition printed early

Due to Thanksgiving Day being a postal holiday, this issue of the Iowa Park Leader is being printed and delivered one day earlier than usual.

Though the issue carries its usual

Thursday dateline, it was printed Tuesday evening so subscribers can receive their issues on Wednesday.

All regular deadlines will be observed next week.

Trash collection dates changed

A change in trash collection in connection with the Thanksgiving holiday has been announced by IESI.

Residents whose regular collection day falls on Thursday, Thanks-

giving Day, will have their trash picked up on Friday.

Additionally, those residents normally serviced on Friday, will have their trash picked up this Saturday.

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And the winners are . . .

A lot of tables will be loaded with turkey this Thanksgiving, compliments of local businesses that participated in a program coordinated by the Iowa Park Chamber of Commerce.

The recipients registered at the businesses, and the lucky names were

drawn either Friday or Saturday.

Winners are being notified that they can pick up their certificates at the donor business, which can be redeemed at the store which is specified on the certificate.

Lucky winners and the donor businesses include:

- Jamie Miller - All Occasions
- Mike Jones - American National Bank
- Roxanna Wood - Auto Craft Collision Repair
- Mary Daymude - B & R Thriftway
- Carson Crume - Catlin Quick Change
- Elliott Leath - Classic Cleaners
- John Kight - D.C. Auto
- Diane Granbery and Katherine Stephenson - Dutton Funeral Home
- Wayne Williams - Edward Jones
- Bobbie Brown and Johnny Minor - First American Bank
- Angela Raschke - Gene James Air Conditioner
- Ginger Young - Hughes Pharmacy
- Valorie Denton and Anna Mae Richardson - IHS
- Andrea Wilson - Iowa Park Florist
- Dave Seigler - Iowa Park Leader
- Myrt Thaxton - Recreational Activities Center
- Mike Smith - JC's Automotive

Irene Cockrum - Jack's Park Pharmacy

David May - K & K Food

Kelsey Coats - Kathy's Deli

Myrtle Martin - Ken's Pizza

Robert Butler - King's Kids

Tim Jacobi - Louis Jewelry

Alan Eaves - O'Reilly's Auto Parts

Frances Pool - Park Clinic

Callie Stermer - Park Home Health

John Woods - Parkway TrueValue

Tommy Jeter - Pizza Hut

Tom Fitzgerald - Red River Harley Davidson

Arthur Peevey - Regency One

Ray Henderson - Schram & Cluley Furniture

Jan Clapp - Scobee's Mini Mart

Weston McCalip - Sincerely Yours

Suzanne Wicks and Jack Dunn - State Farm Insurance

Billie Tepfer and Judy Bohannon - State National Bank

Stephanie Woodman - Subway

Marcus Jimmerson - Texoma Realty

Beverly Noel - Texas Realty

Gwen Banks - G.M. Via Insurance

Firemen seek donations for Christmas toys

Saturday the Iowa Park Firemen will be asking for a helping hand so they can help make sure every boy and girl in the community has a Merry Christmas.

Firemen will be stationed at the corner of Yosemite and West Highway from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. seeking donations for the Toys for Tots program.

For those who can't make it to that intersection during that time and wish to make a donation, there are jars set-up at various businesses in Iowa Park.

This is the only fundraiser the Iowa Park Fire Department holds for the Toys for Tots.

The firemen work in conjunction with ministerial alliance to see that all children have something to open for Christmas.

According to Fire Chief Danny Skinner the fire department receives names and information from the ministerial alliance and those are the children they shop for.

If someone knows of a family that might need help during the holidays, they should pick up a form at First Baptist Church. The last day names will be accepted will be Monday, Nov. 27, at 4:30 p.m.

Toy distribution will be held Dec. 18, at the First Family Center.

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would make that statement



ENTERTAINMENT for the annual All-Membership Luncheon of the Iowa Park Chamber of Commerce held Monday at the Recreational Activities Center was provided by the Show Choir from Iowa Park High School. The highlight of the meeting was the election of officers for 2001, including Mike Caplinger, president; Joe Singer, first vice president; and Gene Jordan, second vice president. They will be installed at the Chamber's annual banquet in January, according to President Mike Price.



Nannie E. Crawford

Mrs. Crawford honored on 85th birthday

Nannie E. Crawford was honored on her 85th birthday with a family dinner Nov. 11, at Luby's Cafeteria in Wichita Falls.

Mrs. Crawford was born in Malone, and she and W.T. Crawford,

Sr. were married in 1927, in Abilene. They moved to Iowa Park from Wichita Falls in 1943. Mr. Crawford, who died Nov. 7, 1998, was owner of Crawford Drywall Co.

Mrs. Crawford has eight chil-

dren, Johnny Crawford, Dub Crawford, Mary Ann Nolen, Cecilia Miley, Clyde Crawford, Andy Crawford, and twins, Nancy Pond and Jane Styles.

She has 14 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and several step-grandchildren.

Mrs. Crawford is devoted to her family, children and grandchildren, and has been active for 57 years in the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

She enjoys painting, sewing and working in her flower garden.

Her children say that she is "an absolute delight, and brings much love and joy to her family."

LIBRARY NEWS

Christmas Lighting

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

Holiday Closing

The library will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23, for Thanksgiving. Regular hours will resume Friday, Nov. 24.

Christmas holidays the library will be closed Saturday, Dec. 23 and Tuesday, Dec. 26. Regular hours will resume Wednesday, Dec. 27.

Memorial

The following books were donated by John Kight in memory of his mother, Mary Kight:
Burnout by Jeannine Kadow
Stations of the Tide by Michael Swanwick
Miami, It's Murder by Edna Buchanan
Ship of Gold in the Deep Blue Sea by Gary Kinder
America's Lost Treasure by Tommy Thompson
The Vampire Armand by Anne Rice
New Adult Books
How to Succeed in Your Own Home

Based Business by Chris D. Shemwell
Prayer: My Soul's Adventure With God by Robert Schuller
Hiller by Jan Kershaw
The Mark by Tim LaHaye
Prodigal Summer by Barbara Kingsolver
L.A. Dead by Stuart Wood

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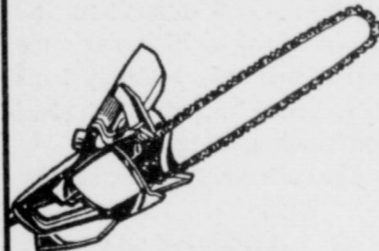
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25' Grounded Extension Cord In round safety orange vinyl. For indoor/outdoor use. E 753 467 824



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5-Gal., 1.5-HP Wet/Dry Vac With 6' cord, auto float safety shutoff and standard accessories. J 739 337 1



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12" 1.5 HP Electric Chain Saw with front and rear hand guards and positive chain adjustment. 323139



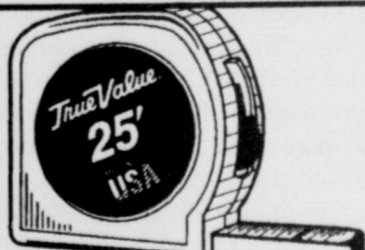
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Trimline Phone Tone/pulse switchable, desk/wall mountable, lighted dial. White or ivory. M 522 177, 185 4



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5-Gal. Portable Air Tank With 160-PSI gauge, 45' air hose. Safety bypass system prevents overfilling. G 873 331 1



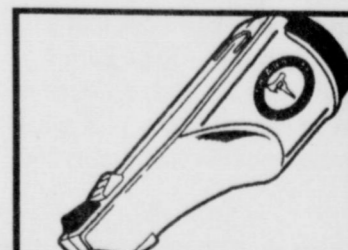
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25' Slidelock Tape Rule In high-visibility yellow with cushioned blade return. R 197 456 824



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Mini Mag Light Combo Pack With black aluminum flashlight, nylon holster & 2 AA batteries. E 261 024 812



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Nack Utility Knife With 15-blade rotary cartridge. Changes blades with just a turn. R 336 081 812



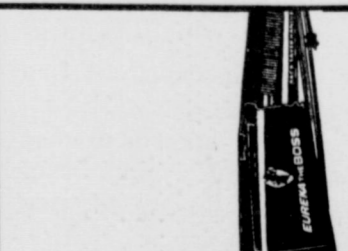
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Electric Alarm Clock Features easy-read red LED display, snooze button and black case. W 777 730 86



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Morgan, Price wed in afternoon ceremony

Miss Stacy Ann Morgan of Iowa Park became the wife of Nicholas Day Price of Long Beach, Miss., during an afternoon ceremony Nov. 11 at First United Pentecostal Church in Iowa Park.

Rev. Greg Hardin directed the recitation of vows for the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Morgan of Iowa Park and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Price of Long Beach, Miss.

Escorted to the altar by her father, the bride was radiant in a formal white matte satin gown. The bodice of the gown featured an elegant scoop neckline and short sleeves. Venise lace panels adorned each side, which trailed down the gown and onto the chapel-length train. The Venise lace featured a leaf-like design with bugle beads and pearls spread throughout, which added a sparkle.

She also wore a pearl necklace and pearl and diamond earrings, wedding gifts from the groom.

She carried a bouquet of antique burgundy roses, accented with trailing greenery and loops of white satin ribbon to add the finishing touch.

Angela Adams of Iowa Park was matron of honor for her sister, and Lori Ladnier of Mississippi was bridesmaid. They wore identical navy satin and crepe formal length gowns with short sleeved jackets, and carried long-stemmed antique cream roses.

Kaitlin Fee of Parkland, Fla., cousin of the groom, was flower girl. She wore a petite white dress accented with white embroidered lace and pearls.

The groom wore a formal black tuxedo with a white vest.

Terry Price of Gulfport, Miss., was best man for his brother.

Benjamin Adams of Iowa Park, brother-in-law of the bride, was groomsman. Ring bearer was Zachary Moer of Lewisville, cousin of the bride.

Male members of the wedding party were attired in a black tuxedo with a navy vest.



Mrs. Nicholas Day Price
(Staci Ann Morgan)

White columns of varying heights, all connected by draped and swagged white tulle, were placed at the altar area. Each held an arrangement of blue and burgundy hydrangeas.

Two interlocked heart-shaped candelabras holding burning votives and decorated with white tulle bows flanked the altar area.

Benjamin Moer, cousin of the bride, was candlelighter.

Piano selections were played before the ceremony, and Rev. and Mrs. Greg Hardin sang "Only God

Could Love You More" during the ceremony.

A reception was held in the Fellowship Hall of the church following the ceremony.

The bride's table, covered in white lace, held an elegant five-tiered ivory bridal cake.

Three tiers were elevated on Grecian posts above a lighted fountain, with filigree staircases leading to three satellite cakes. Each tier featured ivory on ivory intricate designs, with small burgundy bouquets of flowers atop four tiers, and topped

with an ivory rolled fondant bow. Greenery with burgundy and ivory roses encircled the base of the cake.

A silver and crystal punch service, and heart-shaped crystal dishes of mints and nuts completed the table setting.

Gloria King and Jenny Hembree presided at the bride's table.

When the couple left on a honeymoon trip to Las Vegas, Nev. and Santa Cruz, Ca., the bride was wearing a navy blue pant suit.

Out-of-town guests for the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Kelvin Fee and Kaitlin of Parkland, Fla., Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Stevison of Lake Charles, La., Terry Price, Lori Ladnier, Tabby Dillion and Ryan Bland, all of Gulfport, Miss., Mr. and Mrs. Gary Moer, Benjamin, Zachary and Hannah of Lewisville, and Jean Noe of Fort Worth.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Iowa Park High School, and the groom is a 1997 graduate of Long Beach High School.

Rep. Farabee requests scholarship information

Eddie Wolsch, counselor at Iowa Park High School, has been contacted by State Rep. David Farabee's office and requested that he gather all local sources of college scholarships for a publication his office will produce.

They hope to have this publication ready by February. It will include other sources of financial aid available to students in addition to scholarships awarded locally.

Wolsch is asking local service clubs, churches, study clubs, or other organizations or benefactors that award scholarships to Iowa Park students to contact him at the high school counselor's office.

He would like to have specifics on the scholarships, such as means of contact, deadlines, amount awarded, number given, and application procedure.

NEWS FROM THE HALLS OF THE HAWKS

BRADFORD

Bradford Pie Sales

The PTA Pie Sale Fund Raiser was a huge success according to Tracy Eaton. She reported PTA raised \$10,000 from sales, the largest in at least three years.

Last year PTA used pie sell money to install the basketball goals, and pads on the Bradford playground.

They are seeking suggestions from Bradford parents on what the funds might be used for this year.

Bradford PTA wishes to thank the community of Iowa Park for their support in making this fund raiser a success.

KIDWELL

Kidwell Math Night

Two hundred parents, grandparents and other adult role models attended last weeks Kidwell Math Night.

There were twenty-five kindergarten students, twenty first graders and 28 second grade students in attendance.

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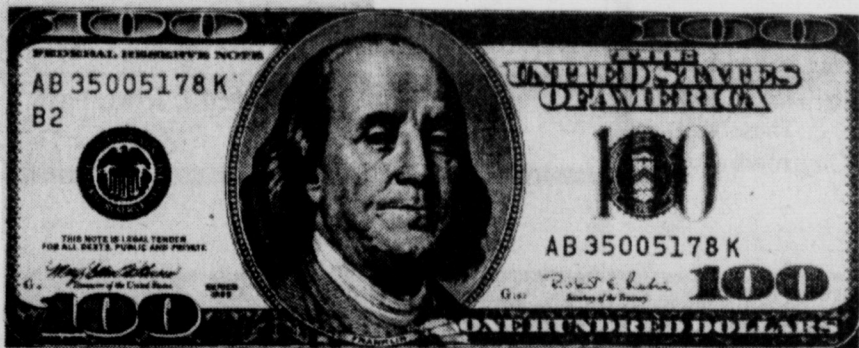
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ACROSS

- 1 talks too much
- 5 TXism: "you can bet the farm ___"
- 6 TXism: "___ as sin"
- 7 fishin' equipment: rod and ___
- 8 TXism: "if you ___ you'll wake up with fleas"
- 18 abbr. for term of endearment
- 19 San Antonio open-___ (El Parian)
- 20 "The eyes ___ Texas are upon you"
- 21 TXism: "he ___ tall in the saddle"
- 22 TXism: "___ hen's teeth"
- 24 TX's 3rd president: Mirabeau ___
- 29 TXism: "___ cut the mustard"
- 30 ___-top on a cold one
- 31 TX John Connally's widow (init.)
- 32 TX ___ of Public Safety
- 34 ex-Astro Darryl ___
- 35 nat. organization for "legal eagles" (abbr.)
- 36 in history, Jay Gould's ___ Pacific Railroad
- 37 TXism: "hot as ___ of mesquite coals"
- 38 actress in "Silkwood" filmed in Dallas
- 39 TXism: "nip ___" (stop)

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "don't get ___ knot" (calm down)
- 2 TX wrestler Sheldon: "___ Death"
- 3 Fort Hood's city
- 4 Gov.'s Mansion is Greek Revival ___
- 9 TXism: "___ the town red"
- 10 Cuero is seat of De ___ County
- 11 fed. tax agency

ACROSS

- 41 HQ of TX National Guard: Camp ___
- 42 San Angelo was named for Mexican ___ Angela
- 43 early name for Battle Ridge area
- 44 weapon on display at Fort Hood's 1st Cavalry Division Museum
- 45 air in TX cities must follow ___ guidelines
- 46 TXism: "___ it be"
- 47 city of Boys' foe, Eagles

DOWN

- 12 Gov. ___ Campbell
- 13 this Taft was TX's 1st meteorologist
- 14 curtain
- 15 TX fried veggie
- 16 TX Janis sang "Me and Bobby Mc ___"
- 17 Ohio congressman who Sam Houston beat with a cane
- 21 ___ cranes
- 22 winter in Muleshoe
- 23 TXism: "a white knuckler" movie
- 24 Darin in TX-made "State Fair" (init.)
- 25 TXism: "___ the cat out of the bag"

30 Hamlin's mascot: ___ Pipers

33 TX Earle: "Tallest ___ in the World"

34 Paris FM radio

35 big TX media co.

37 TXism: "he'd be unarmed in ___"

38 TV or wire

40 Robert ___

41 domestic worker

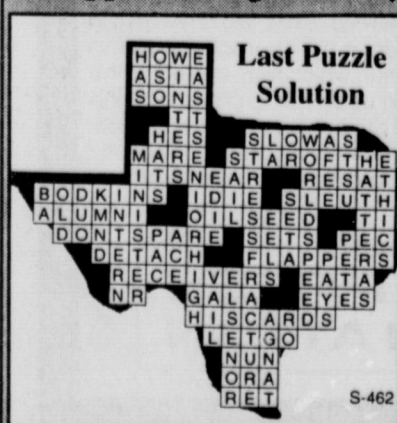
44 shoed horse

47 TXism: "___ & ready" (prepared)

49 Cotulla is seat of La ___ County

THANKSGIVING IS A TIME TO REFLECT

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As I See It... By Bob Hamilton



We all have our various reasons to enjoy Thanksgiving.

For most, it's the traditional time to appreciate what we have, our lifestyle, our religious freedom and all the benefits of living in this great nation.

There's one additional appreciation we have at the Hamilton household each Thanksgiving.

It's a tradition we established a number of years, and involves every member of the family.

It's the only time during the year that we are all together.

I started it, but had never given thought to the fact that family members would ever be so spread out over the nation.

One year I wanted something to decorate the front page of our annual Christmas edition.

Bingo!

I began using a group photo of all our grandchildren. What could be more fitting for a Christmas edition than a picture of beaming-faced children.

That tradition has become something our long-time readers seem to look forward to. Very often, as I'm visiting around town, people will ask me if we will have our group again this year.

The answer is, yes. Come rain, snow or chill of winter, we will have our traditional picture of the grand'uns at least one more time.

For a proud "paw-paw", what more could I be Thankful for?

And I hope each of you enjoy your Thanksgiving as much as will we.

Also, while on the topic of being thankful, I've got to throw in this

point. I am, and we should all be, thankful for having such a fine outfit like Cryovac in our community.

This firm, in case you didn't know it by now, is the community's largest employer.

Mike Henderson, plant manager, told me the other day that Cryovac will have hired 44 new employees by the end of 2000.

And next year, there will be another 24 employed, of whom 12 will be working at the company's expanding facility on I-44.

Since 1975, when Cryovac began operation here, the company has undergone 11 major expansions....all right here in little ole' Iowa Park!

And, not because anyone has told me but because of its past history, I think you can count on more growth at the Iowa Park plant.

Study clubs hold joint meeting

Twenty Three Study Club and Amity Study Club held their Federation Day Program and 38th annual combined meeting recently at Tom Burnett Memorial Library.

Hostesses were members of Twenty Three Study Club, and the program, a panel discussion of Outstanding Texas Women, was presented by Amity Study Club.

Lila Hooper, President of Amity Club, welcomed members and guests and introduced Mrs. Beth Duke of Burkburnett, President of Santa Rosa District of TFWC.

Mrs. Duke spoke on "Hands," stating that they are among the most precious tools we possess. She outlined the many ways hands are used and especially their importance in helping others by volunteerism, which forms a Bridge of Faith, Friendship and Federation, and is one of the most important goals of GFWC.

Carolyn Caplinger presented the meditation entitled "The Thankful Book." The story was based on the life of a woman who had, as a child, at the urging of her grandmother, promised to keep a journal of reasons to be thankful for every event which happened in her life.

She had dutifully kept the journal from childhood through young womanhood, marriage, birth of her children, loss of her husband, and the last years of her life. As her children gathered together following her death, the entries in the book were read aloud and the book became one of the most treasured items that she left to her family.

Academy offered

The Continuing Education Division of Vernon Regional Junior College has scheduled the VRJC Law Enforcement Academy this spring.

The academy is scheduled to meet Monday through Friday evenings from 6 to 10 and various Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning Feb. 12, for a total of 575 hours of training.

The academy will be held at VRJC in Wichita Falls, Century City Center.

The fee is \$675, and the coordinator is Joseph Foley.

Students successfully completing the course are eligible to take the TCLEOSE exam to become certified peace officers in Texas.

A pre-screening entrance examination will be given between 3 and 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 4, and another Monday, Jan. 8. These will take place at Century City, room 401.

Police handling early celebrators

Some people apparently aren't waiting for the holiday season before they start celebrating.

Iowa Park police reported arresting six persons over the weekend, on charges involving either liquor or drugs.

At 3:04 a.m. Saturday, police arrested Carlos Ray Villa, 28, at Bell and Access Road, charging him with driving while intoxicated. He was transported to the county jail.

Additionally, public intoxication charges were filed against Christopher Lee Villa, 27, and Keith Dale Wilkinson, 26. Both were later released after signing promises to appear in municipal court.

Two young men were taken into custody at 5:50 p.m. Saturday in the 1400 block of Johnson Road.

Jeremy Wayne Tatom, 20, and William Earle Christopher, 21, were charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, pipes, and Tatom also was charged with minor in possession of alcohol.

Both signed promises to appear in municipal court and were released, after Tatom first paid \$105 fine for the alcohol charge and will be heard

in court on the drug charge, while Christopher paid \$20 toward his possession fine, according to the police blotter.

Shortly after midnight Saturday, Christopher Jim Stone, 20, was taken into custody in the 500 block of South Colorado and charged with driving

while intoxicated. He was transported to the county jail.

Jennifer Ann Moore, 19, was taken into custody late Wednesday evening of last week, on a county warrant for theft by check. She was transported to the county jail where she was held under a \$2,000 bond.

Food bank

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the ministerial alliance. However, it is kept separate from the alliance account. Beals says the alliance does the paper work.

Beals says Barbara Mitchell, First United Methodist Church secretary, does the hard work. She takes care of all the paper work.

Beals is quick to say he does not work alone. There are at least 10 volunteers who help handout the commodities, and around six, in addition to the fourth grade GT students, who bag the commodities.

There are also volunteers that help deliver commodities to those who have no way to pick the food up.

When commodities are distributed or food is given out at the Iowa Park Food Bank, and a child comes in with parents are grandparents, they don't go away empty handed. Beals says they always have something extra for them. He says at times he has to scrounge but he always comes up with something.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Iowa Park Food Bank should contact First United Methodist Church at 592-4116.

Ask Beals why he does what he does and without a pause he will answer, "I do what I do because I think it is helping somebody. If everyone would help someone we would all be better off. And, this is the way I can do it best."

He shared a story of a little girl and her mother visiting the food bank for assistance and as they were leaving the child ran back to Beals and

said, "Mister you are a nice man." This is what motivates Beals.

Beals began serving people of this country when he was just a young man. He proudly served in the United States Air Force for 20 years retiring in 1969. He served as an aircraft mechanic 13 of those years and spent seven as First Sergeant.

When he retired from the air force he moved his family to the Iowa Park area and took a position with K-Mart as district manager over the auto department. This job took him on the road and away from his family too often so after 10 years he left.

He wasn't ready to retire so he went to work as an instructor at Sheppard Air Force Base and retired as training manager in the medical group, after 13 years.

Beals and his wife, Freda, have four children, Galyia Kasperek and Darrell Beals both of Iowa Park, and Donnie and James both of Conroe.

They have six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Though Beals is busy helping people of the community he and his wife still make time to help with the grandchildren and attend events they are involved in. He says Freda helps him a great deal with many of his projects and supports him in all that he does.

The couple still make time to take fishing trips and he plays golf for exercise.

They are members of the First United Methodist Church.

Beals was recognized for his outstanding devotion to the community in January. He was selected as the Chamber of Commerce Senior Citizen of the Year.

RAC NEWS

Happy Thanksgiving

We would like to wish all of our friends and patrons a very safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday. Our offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday this week to observe the holiday.

Turkey Winner

Congratulations to Myrtle Thaxton -- she was the winner of the Chamber of Commerce turkey drawn at the RAC.

Thank You

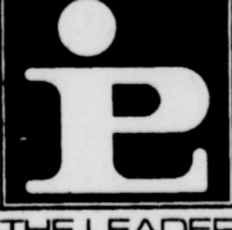
Thanks to the following people for assisting at the junior high dance: Shannon Smith, Mary Biddy, Kelly James, Patty McLemore, Wayne and Robyn Hoover, James and Karen Speed, and Merle Rodgers. Also, to the following students who assisted in setting up for the dance and cleaning up afterwards: Kristen Dozier, KaBryn Mills, Toni Flynt, Brandi McLemore, and Matt Glasgow.

Big Success

Thanks to all the fine folks from Petticoat Junction! The Holiday Style Show they put on at the RAC this past weekend was a big success! We really appreciate all the models who volunteered their time and those who came out to enjoy the show. A special thank you is extended to Cindy Honkomp for her wonderful talents in the kitchen!

RAC PAC Kids News

Since school will be out on Nov. 22, RAC PAC Kids will be held at the Activity Center. Please note that reservations for this day are required. Students will be going to McDonalds and to the movie -- no need to pack a lunch, but please send an extra \$3. Also, there will be NO RPK on Nov. 23 and 24.



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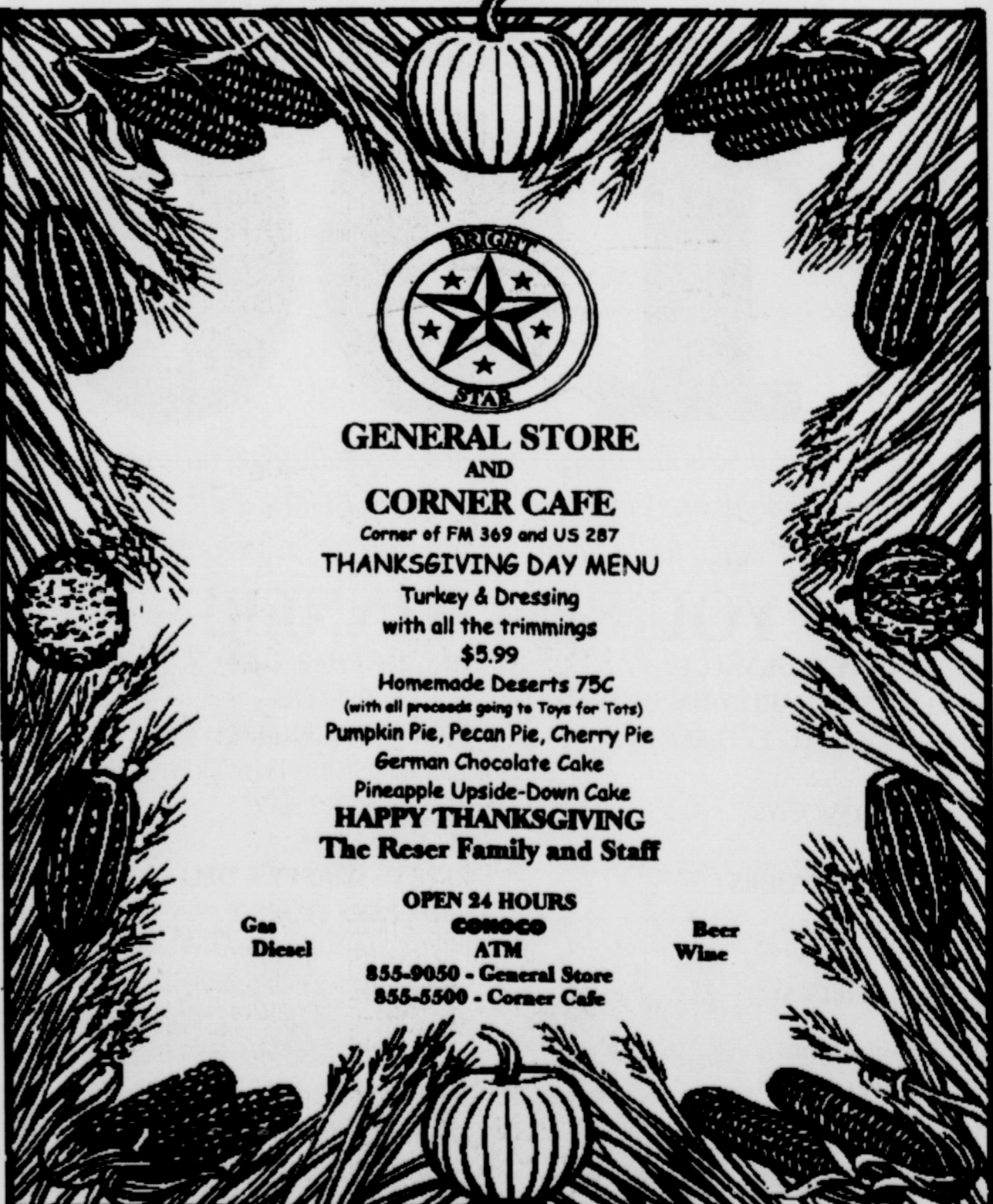
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