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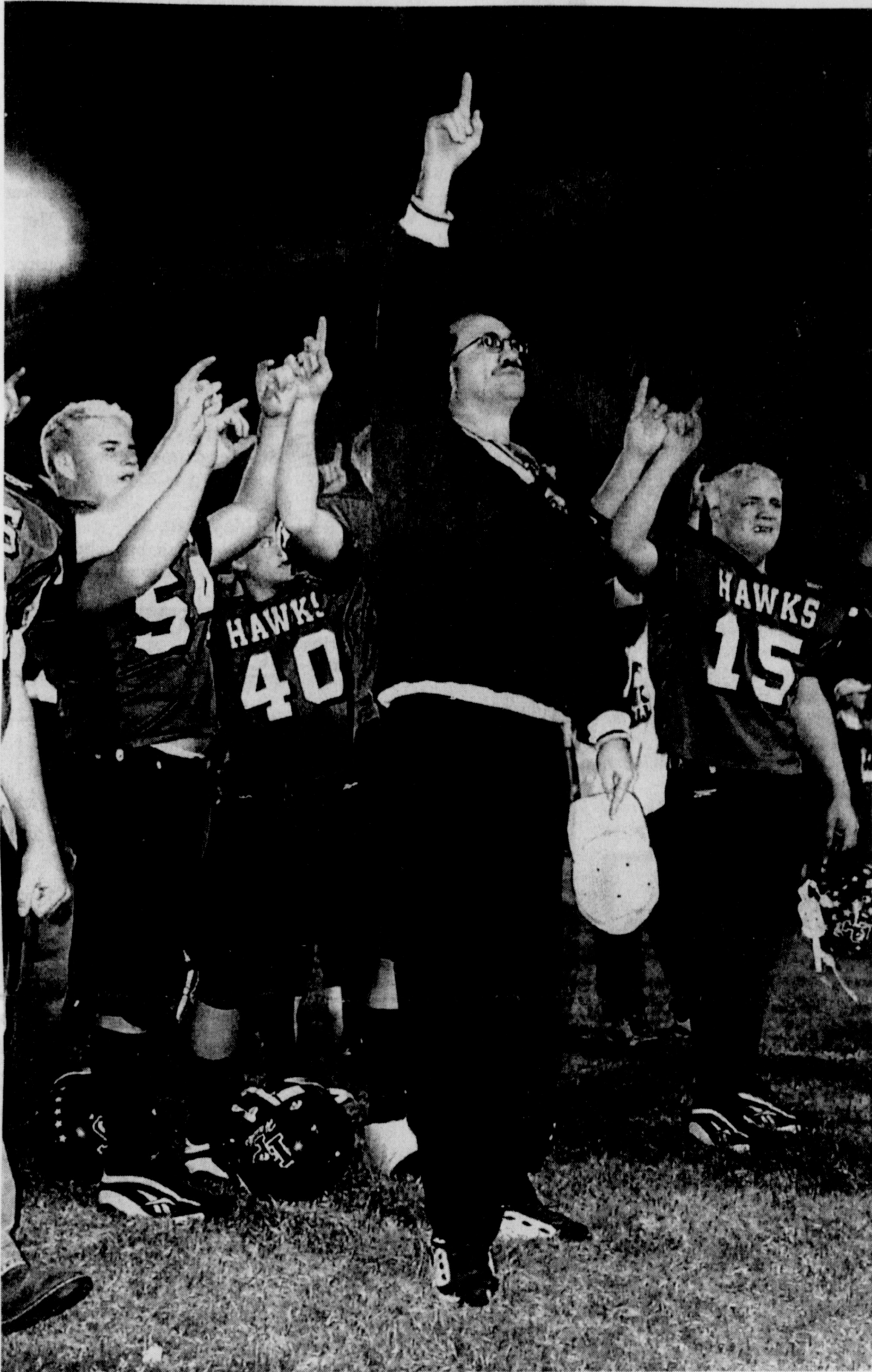


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WELDON NELMS

... gives his final signal as the Head Hawk.

Nelms reflects on career

By DON YOUNG

When the final seconds ticked off the clock in Sweetwater back in November, the Iowa Park Hawks realized their season was over.

They had just lost to Crane in the Regional Round of the playoffs. But Iowa Park lost much more than a football game that night. They lost their head football coach.

Head coach and Athletic Director Weldon Nelms had announced before the season started that he was stepping down and taking an Administrative position in the High School and turning over the head coaching job to his long time assistant and offensive coordinator Chris Ellis.

There's no doubt that Ellis will make a fine head coach and will continue to lead the Hawks into the playoffs, but when football season rolls around and you look on the sidelines that last week in August, something will be missing.

Nelms came to Iowa Park in 1994 from Wimberly, where he led the Texans to a 40-9-1 record over his four years as head coach there. His team made the playoffs all four years and in '93 advanced to the State Semi-Finals and were within three seconds of moving on to the Title game before losing to Omaha Paul Pewitt on a field goal at the buzzer.

In Iowa Park Nelms finished his

six-year stint with a 38-31 record, which included five straight playoff appearances, with the last two seasons ending in the Regional Round.

Nelms started his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Western New Mexico State, then moved on to Springlake-Earth in 1980, where he served as an assistant coach for two years before moving up to the head coaching position for three seasons, finishing with a 16-14 mark. From there he went to Lubbock Estacado in '85 and served as the line coach and track coach.

In '87 he moved to Rotan and served as the head coach for three seasons, compiling a record of 26-9-2 and three playoff appearances, advancing as far as the Quarter Finals.

In all, his record stands at 120-63-3 and his teams have qualified for the playoffs in 12 of his last 13 years as a head coach. The only exception was his first year at Iowa Park when he finished 0-10.

"It was a given up front," said Nelms. "The board and the superintendent said there was a lot of rebuilding to be done, and in all fairness and honesty that was the main reason I took the job. I saw it as a challenge and that's one of the parts of the job that I love. A lot of people I knew told me that I couldn't win here and when we lost our first 15 games I thought they might be right."

"The first year was a tough and difficult year because it was such a change," said Nelms. "It was a hard

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Murder-suicide indicated

Iowa Park Police Chief Lynn Collins received preliminary autopsy reports Monday indicating the deaths of Allen and Mary Kuykendall last week were a murder-suicide.

Kuykendall, a Wichita Falls Police Officer, and his wife were found dead in their home on Smith Road in the early morning hours of Jan. 4.

Initially, Iowa Park Police were investigating the deaths as a double homicide, but not dismissing the fact that a murder-suicide was possible.

Autopsy results indicated the

Painting of water tower could become expensive

Problems of providing drinking water for Iowa Park residents continue to confront the city council.

Having already invoked restrictions on water use because of lowering lake levels, aldermen were confronted with a new problem during their meeting Monday night.

It involves the needed painting of the water tower on Johnson Road.

The paint is peeling and in need of a new coat. But that's where the previously-unknown problem became apparent.

The original paint coating on the tower was green. No problem there.

But when the tower received its second coating of green paint in the late 1970s, the contractor used a paint with a base that has caused the problem.

The second coating was an alkyd paint, which is lead base.

The council decided in the early 1990's to paint the tower again, and this time with a white paint.

Because of the previous coating with alkyd, the white paint has begun

to flake badly, which has created the need of a new coating.

That's when Kerry Maroney, the city's engineer, discovered the problem. He was preparing specifications for soliciting bids for a new coating when he discovered the problem.

City Administrator Mike Price quoted Maroney at the meeting as saying negative comments had been received from many paint suppliers, pointing out that their new application likely would not last more than five years.

Council members instructed Price to go ahead and get bids for a new coating, after they were informed that the removal of the alkyd base and new paint coating could cost as much as \$250,000.

If it can be repainted without having to remove that old green paint, the cost is estimated to be about 90 percent less, aldermen were told.

OTHER BUSINESS

Aldermen decided to give Dale Williams, owner of a partially-burned home at 414 West Pecan, additional time to clear the remains.

Price told the council Williams

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Chamber banquet Saturday

The annual Iowa Park Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday in the high school cafeteria.

As in the past, this year's meal, consisting of steak, baked potato and salad will be prepared and served by the Iowa Park MuleSkinners.

Advance tickets for the event are being sold for \$12.50 at the Chamber office, Parkway TrueValue, Hughes Pharmacy and the Iowa Park Leader.

Tickets also will be available at the door for \$15.

In recognition of Iowa Park's heritage, the theme of this year's banquet is "BLACK GOLD - Then and Now". It is designed to recognize individuals in the oil industry who have helped Iowa Park grow from the beginning.

Fittingly, Mike Elyea, President of the North Texas Oil and Gas Association, will be the guest speaker.

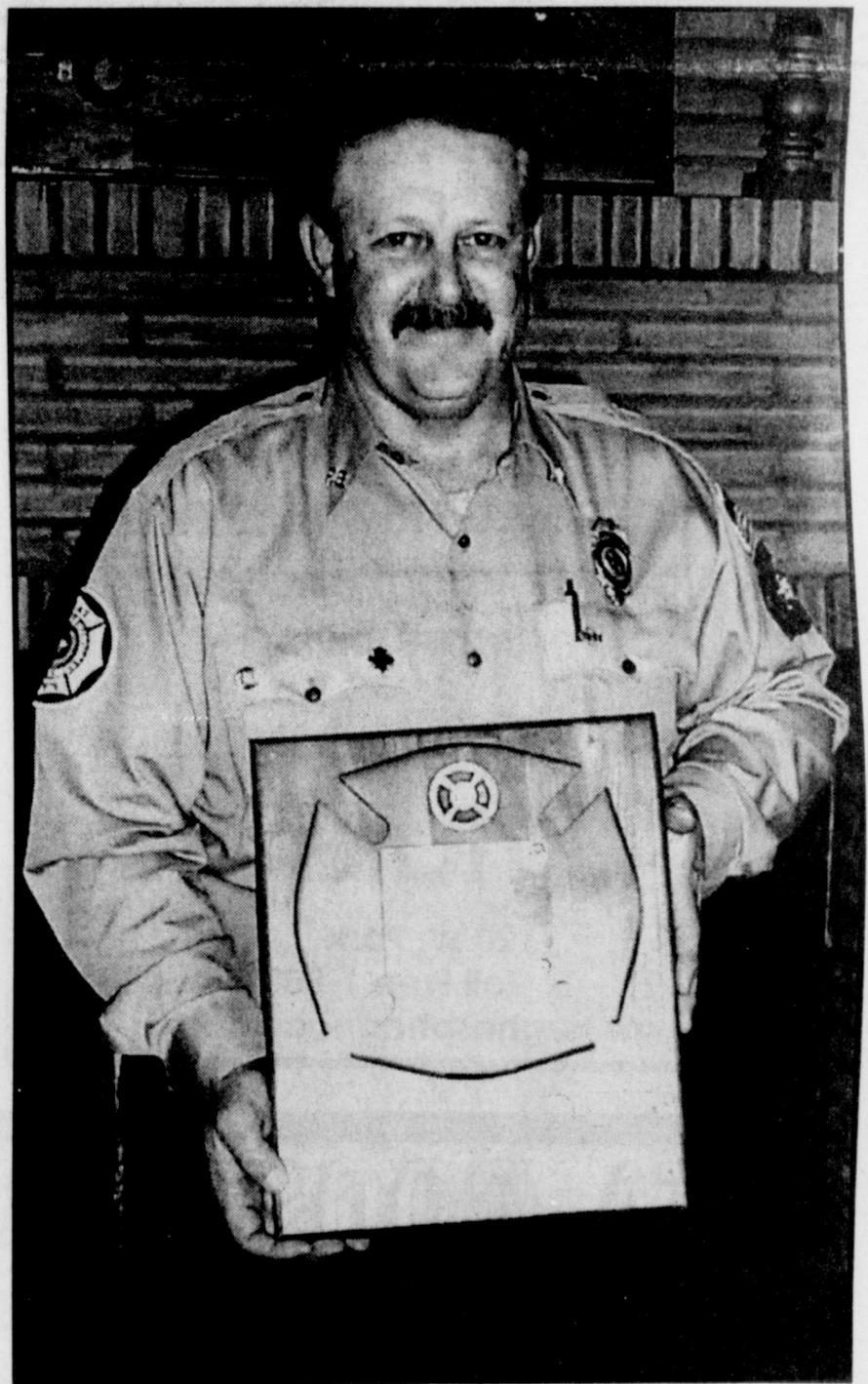
Trustees meet this evening

A report from the committee studying the feasibility of school uniforms, and a discussion on curriculum needs at the high school are the main agenda items for tonight's meeting of the Iowa Park school board.

The meeting will get underway at 7 p.m., in the W.F. George Middle School Library.

In addition to the regular business, other items on the agenda include consideration of field trips and a fundraiser at the high school; a first reading of Board Policy Update 62; and the superintendent's report.

A closed session is scheduled for the annual superintendent's appraisal.



RANDY FULBRIGHT

Fulbright is recognized

Randy Fulbright was presented both the annual awards during the annual banquet held by the Iowa Park Volunteer Fire Department.

He received the Fireman of the Year Award, as well as the Special Service Award.

Fire Chief Danny Skinner, in making the presentation, reported that Fulbright had responded to 217 of the 230 fire calls during 1999.

Including fire and emergency medical calls, department members were summoned 613 times during the

year, Skinner reported. It was pointed out that seven new members had joined the force during the past year.

Fulbright also was elected to a second term as President of the organization.

Other officers installed included Kent Chapman, Vice President; Mike McCarty, Secretary; Donald Jones, Bob Kenedy and Bryan Marcias, trustees; Archie Layfield, Captain; Mark Coss, Chaplain; Lewis Skinner, Assistant Chief, and Danny Skinner, Chief.

NEWS BRIEFS

Evening shower nice surprise

When Iowa Parkans drove to work Friday morning, they discovered some unusual puddles of water

standing in the roadways.

It had rained .33 of an inch, according to Virgil Woodfin.



Pecan Recipes

Pecan Patties

1 1/2 cup uncooked oatmeal
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. sage
3 eggs
1 cup chopped onion
1 cup chopped pecans

Mix oatmeal, salt and sage; add beaten eggs, onions and pecans. Let stand for 1 hour. Drop by spoonful and brown in hot oil.

Make a gravy of 1 can cream of mushroom soup and 1 soup can of milk. Pour over patties and bake 1 hour.

Pecan Pie

4 eggs, slightly beaten
1 cup sugar
1 cup light corn syrup
1 tsp. vanilla
Dash of salt

3 Tbsps. margarine
1 1/2 cups whole pecans
1 - 9-inch pie shell, unbaked

Mix eggs, sugar, corn syrup, vanilla, salt and margarine together. Stir in pecans and pour into pie shell. Bake at 325 degrees 50-55 minutes or until filling is almost firm.

Popcorn Balls

2 cups sugar
1 cup white Karo
1 tsp. vanilla
1 cup milk
1 Tbsp. butter
2 cups pecans
2 gals. popped corn

Cook and stir sugar, Karo, and milk to softball stage - 234 degrees on thermometer. Add vanilla, butter and pour popped corn and pecans. Mix well. Shape into balls keeping hands moistened with a little cold water. Wrap balls in plastic wrap.

Caramels

2 cups sugar
1 3/4 cup white Karo
1 cup butter
2 cups light cream (half & half)
4 cups pecans
2 tps. vanilla

Cook sugar, Karo, 1 cup of cream, and 1/2 cup butter for 5 minutes to 219 on a candy thermometer. Add remaining cream and butter gradually (a bit at a time) so it never stops boiling. Cook and stir until thermometer reaches 234 degrees. (For hard caramels, cook to 236 degrees). Add vanilla and nuts. Pour onto greased jelly roll pan and let set and cool overnight. Cut into 1-inch squares and wrap in plastic wrap.

Hot Pecan Spread

1 - 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
2 Tbsps. milk
2 ozs. dried beef, chopped
1/4 cup green pepper, minced
2 Tbsps. onion, minced
1/2 cup sour cream
1/2 tsp. garlic salt
1/4 tsp. pepper

Topping:

2 Tbsps. butter
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup pecans, chopped

Blend together cheese and milk. Stir in dried beef, green pepper, onion, sour cream and seasoning. Mix well and pour into 1-quart baking dish.

To make topping, melt butter in a small skillet. Add salt and pecans and saute over medium heat until lightly browned. Spread over cream cheese mixture and bake at 350 degrees 20 minutes. Serve hot with crackers.

Butter Pecan Ice Cream

6 eggs
1 2/3 cup sugar
1 can Eagle Brand sweetened condensed milk
1 pt. whipping cream
1 Tbsp. vanilla
1 Tbsp. butter flavoring
1 tsp. maple flavoring
1/2 cup pecans, sauteed in 1 Tbsp. butter
Whole milk to fill freezer

Beat eggs, all the other ingredients. Freeze in 4-6 quart freezer according to manufacturer's directions.

RAC News

By JO LYNN WALKER

RPK News

The RAC PAC KIDS calendars are going fast; don't forget to buy

yours! The calendars are \$5 each and include pictures of all the RAC PAC KIDS. Proceeds from the sales will go towards improving the RPK program. All fees collected should be turned in to the RPK leaders or the RAC office by Jan. 31. Students who sell the most calendars will be awarded prizes on Feb. 4.

Volunteers needed

If you enjoy working with children, we could use your assistance in the RPK program. Volunteers are especially needed at our Bradford campus to help with homework, games and daily activities. To volunteer, please contact Lisa or Deelynn at 592-5886.

Bridge Results

Virgil Woodfin reported the high score of 4270 at bridge on Jan. 13. Louise Helms had the second high of 3950. There were two tables in play. This week, Mary Lou Alderman had the winning score of 7000, and Ray Anderson had the second high of 6400. There were three tables in play.

Upcoming Classes

The RAC will be offering cheerleading lessons for kindergar-

ten through fifth grade students beginning in February. Dani Goin will be returning as the instructor for this class.

We would like to start a new clogging class at the RAC. At least 10 students will be required to secure an instructor. If you would like to participate, please call the RAC at 592-4471.

Some interest has been expressed for an aerobics class, but we still don't have enough students committed. If you would like to have your name on this waiting list, please let us know. We would like to get this class started as soon as possible.

FRIENDLY DOOR MENU

Monday, Jan. 17.
Beef stew, beets, cornbread, pear halves, cottage cheese, pudding.

Tuesday, Jan. 18.
Chicken supreme, herbed potatoes, copper pennies, green salad, wheat roll, berry cobbler.

Wednesday, Jan. 19.
Hamburger, potato salad, hamburger salad, baked beans, pear halves, sugar cookie.

Thursday, Jan. 20.
Smothered steak & onions, whipped potatoes, peas & carrots, hot roll, apple crisp.

Friday, Jan. 21.
Oven fried fish, baked beans, cole-slaw, cornbread, peanut butter cookie.

ATTEND CHURCH SUNDAY

LIBRARY NEWS

New Adult Books

The Jewels of Tessa Kent by Judith Krantz
Baby Love by Catherine Anderson

New Large Print
The Mexican Saddle by Bennett Foster

Hanging Judge by Elmer Kelton
The O'Keefe Empire by Jane Coleman

New Juvenile Books
Monster Madness by Joseph Rosenbloom

The Movie Star Mystery by Gertrude Chandler Warner

The Mystery of the Pirate's Map by Gertrude Chandler Warner

Sea Creatures by National Geographic
Garden Books by National Geographic

Storytime
Storytime for preschoolers is on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 - 10:30. There is no fee and no registration required.

Library Hours
Tuesday & Thursday 10-8
Wednesday & Friday 10-5

Saturday 10-2
Sunday & Monday - Closed

Book Memorials
A collection of books was given to the library in memory of Frank Phillip Muirhead.

The Good Earth by Pearl S. Buck
The Catcher in the Rye by J. D. Salinger

The House of the Seven Gables by Nathaniel Hawthorne

Boston Terriers
Community Aquariums

William Faulkner's Light in August
William Faulkner's Sanctuary

Water Plants in the Aquarium
Short Stories of F. Scott Fitzgerald
William Faulkner The Sound and the Fury

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare
The Works of Henry David Thoreau



TRAHAN

A son, John Michael, was born Dec. 13, 1999, to Michael and Cayce Trahan of Iowa Park. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Steve Ming of Iowa Park, Kathy Elliott of Wichita Falls and John and Donna Trahan of Iowa Park.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Perkins
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Wright, Perkins marry

Jackie Perkins and Debbie Wright were wed Dec. 8 at the bride's home in Springtown.

The double-ring ceremony was officiated by Rev. Andy Gentry.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Maryellen Tabor of Chandler, Ok., and Perkins is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Perkins of Iowa Park.

Escorted by her son, Austin Wright, the bride chose a street-length red wood suit.

Honor attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Dickinson, Jacob and Lynette Perkins, children of the groom, were ring bearers.

The couple exchanged vows before a traditionally-decorated Christmas tree.

A reception at the bride's home followed the ceremony, and was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Jefferson.

The table, decorated in keeping with the holiday season, was covered in a white linen cloth.

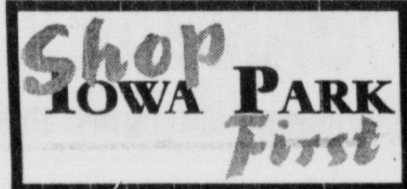
The wedding cake, made by the bride and groom, was a two-tiered confection decorated with green garland and red bow icing. Red and silver appointments and a silver punch service completed the setting.

The bride, a 1977 graduate of Chandler, Okla. High School, earned her bachelor of science degree in political science from Oklahoma State Univ. She received her certification in special education from Tarleton State Univ. in Stephenville. She is employed as a special education teacher at Springtown High School.

Perkins, a native of Iowa Park, was graduated from Iowa Park High School in 1971. He was a member of the student council and played football on the Hawk state championship team of 1969-70 and 1970-71. He accepted an athletic scholarship to Trinity Valley Junior College in Athens, Tx. He later transferred to Howard Payne Univ. in Brownwood.

He is dispatcher and manager of the truck division for United Rentals of Keller.

Following a honeymoon trip to the metroplex area, the couple have made their home in Springtown.



Epsilon Eta has program on retirement plans

A program on making retirement plans was presented by Gary Silverman, CFP, for members of Epsilon Eta at their meeting on January 4.

The meeting was held in the Fitz Building in Wichita Falls, with Ann Westmoreland serving as hostess.

Silverman asked the group, "When you look into the future, what do you see?" Some said they hoped for a comfortable retirement, a college education for their children, or a home on the lake.

Silverman said, "No one is going to guarantee these things for us. Not the government, not our employer, not our parents. The future is ultimately up to each of us."

He said that Social Security is no longer a security blanket for retirement. "Not long ago," he said, "you lived in this country and you got Social Security. You worked at a company and you got a pension. That has certainly changed." He pointed out that inflation and taxes erode purchasing power and reduce the impact of the once-powerful Social Security check.

"Retirement always required investments and planning," stated Silverman, "it's just that in the past someone else did this for us. Now we are being required to do it for ourselves."

Silverman said that personal money planning can help determine

the best possible plan to ensure a comfortable, worry-free retirement. Most financial goals require investments, and every investment involves some risk. Personal money planning can examine individual needs and determine which investment strategy works best for you.

"Real financial planning must include more than just investment advice and retirement planning," he said. "It should also encompass a personal assessment that incorporates every financial aspect of your life. With this information, personal money planning can help you reach your financial goals and ensure it all works together to meet individual needs."

During the business session, presided over by vice president Carla Vantrease, the chapter voted to do a Math-A-Thon at Bonham school in Wichita Falls on January 21, with DeeDee Forney as chairman. The members will dress as clowns to address the students and pass out information.

On Feb. 17, the group will sponsor a Jail-A-Thon at Ron Roberts Ford for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Members made plans to attend the District VI meeting in North Richland Hills on January 15, and also hold a planning session for the fourth annual St. Jude Bass Tournament, to be held at Possum Kingdom

Lake, with Essie Johnson serving as chairman.

Committees were appointed to work on the District Meeting, to be hosted by the local chapter in April. Appointments include: Location/Food, Essie Johnson; decorations, Mary Lynn Boyd/Holly Ann Mobley; invitations, Carla Vantrease/Essie Johnson; registration, Romona Vaughan; raffles, Ann Westmoreland; guest gifts, Mary Lynn Boyd; and door prizes, all members. The district meeting will be held April 15 and 16.

The chapter will make a donation to the Alzheimer's Association in memory of Luther Shaw.

The next meeting will be a social and work night for the Math-A-Thon at the home of Romona Vaughan.

LOOK WHO'S NEW

Nowell

Clifford and Nancy Nowell of Cedar Park are the parents of a son, Alexander Holm, born Dec. 14, in Austin. He weighed eight pounds and was 20 and a half inches long. His mother is the former Nancy Black of Iowa Park.

Grandparents are Bill and Else Black of Iowa Park, and Diane Spearman and Mel Nowell of Reno, Nev.

Great-grandmothers are Millie Banister of Las Vegas, Nev. and May Nowell of Salt Lake City, Utah.

On Dean's List

Iowa Park Benjamin K. Hunter made the Deans' List for the fall semester at Texas A&M University - Commerce.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must post a minimum of a 3.25 grade point average on a minimum of 12 semester hours.

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- 5 TXism: "two chances: slim and ___"
- 6 seat of Oldham Co.
- 7 TXism: "still wet behind the ___"
- 8 in 1881, this govt. bldg. was destroyed by fire (two wds.)
- 17 TX Brown who was Notre Dame football star
- 18 UT swimming coach who won gold medals in '88 and '92
- 21 TXism: "sober as a judge ___ court"
- 22 Fort Bliss site: Lanoria ___
- 23 lacking vitality
- 24 TXism: "let the cat out of ___"
- 29 TXism: "in this ___ of the woods"
- 30 boot aroma
- 31 Gov. ___ Culbertson (1894-98)
- 32 job of El Paso-born Sam Donaldson
- 34 TXism: "right ___ (specific location)"
- 35 Dallas Stars league
- 36 plowing machines
- 37 Japanese electronics co.
- 38 chicken casa
- 39 TXism: "stands ___ feet"
- 41 dark fur
- 42 TX McMurry's "Lonesome ___"

DOWN

- 1 probing type of journalism
- 2 TXism: "brave enough ___ a boomtown cafe"
- 3 in Kerr Co. on 27
- 4 TX bay sighted in 1519 on the ___ of Corpus Christi
- 9 get the tape out
- 10 barrel
- 11 Santa ___, CA
- 12 in college it's kinesiology (abbr.)
- 13 TXism: "call ___ (quit)"
- 14 "... daddy sang bass, momma sang ___"
- 43 TXism: "enjoyed about all this ___ stand"
- 44 TX ranch
- 45 TXism: "the bigger they ___ the harder they fall"
- 46 TXism: "hot as road ___ in July"
- 47 Lyndon ___ Johnson
- 48 crop gatherer
- 50 lubricates
- 51 TXism: "___ little horse trading" (dicker)
- 52 TX actor Wallach
- 53 TXism: "he's only got one ___ in the water"
- 15 TXism: "just ___ yonder"
- 16 "Gone to Texas" meant "on the ___"
- 19 December visitor: St. ___
- 20 lost 'em hair
- 22 "Don't ___ Texas!"
- 24 ___ Rusk took over TX Army after Houston
- 25 TXism: "sells like ___ cakes"
- 26 ___ Disneyland
- 27 TXism: "burn that little ___ deeper" (explain)
- 34 TXism: "fast as small ___ gossip"
- 35 TXism: "he's all foam and ___ (superficial)"
- 37 "Walt Garrison All-___"
- 38 chili con ___
- 40 collegiate sports organization (abbr.)
- 41 TXism: "full of ___ and vinegar"
- 44 back talk
- 47 "Fresh Prince of ___"
- 49 stringed instrument

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JV, Freshman reports

The JV Lady Hawks split a pair of district 5-3A games this week, defeating Henrietta 38-13 on Tuesday and falling 40-30 to Graham at home on Friday.

In the Henrietta game on Tuesday, Iowa Park jumped out to a 4-0 first-quarter lead and led 15-4 at the half. The lead grew to 21-6 after three periods. The Lady Hawks won the fourth quarter 18-7.

Iowa Park was led in scoring by Jena Crawford with 11 points followed by Dana Smith with eight, Joni Love with six and Jessica Conklin with five.

In the Graham game, Iowa Park trailed by five at the half and by six after three quarters. Graham won the fourth period 16-12.

Love led the Lady Hawks with 10 points followed by Courtney Sheets with seven and Smith with six.

The Lady Hawks will close out the first half of district by hosting Childress on Friday, then traveling to Bowie on Tuesday.

The JV Hawks dropped a pair of games this week, falling to Decatur on Friday night then losing a close one to Henrietta in the district opener on Tuesday.

In the Decatur game, the Eagles outscored Iowa Park 25-16 in the first and 26-15 in the third, which proved to be the difference in the game.

Michael Weeks led Iowa Park in scoring with 20 points followed by Jimmy Miller with 15 and Kyle Chaney with 14.

In Tuesday's game in Henrietta, Iowa Park led 17-11 after the first quarter but trailed by two at the half. Henrietta outscored the Hawks 10-7 in the third and 15-14 in the fourth to take the win.

Weeks led the Hawks in scoring with 18 followed by Jereme Wilson with 14 and Chaney with 11.

The Hawks will host Childress Friday night, then travel to Bowie on Tuesday.

The Freshman Hawks split their two games this week, defeating Henrietta on Tuesday night in the district opener and falling to Decatur on Friday night.

In the Decatur game, Iowa Park outscored the Eagles 26-10 in the fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough as the Hawks fell by four.

Chase Wilson led Iowa Park in scoring with 26, including four three-pointers. David Horton finished with 16 followed by David Clubb with 12 and Beau Gray with eight.

In Tuesday's game in Henrietta, it was Iowa Park with another big quarter, outscoring the Bearcats 22-10 in the third and 19-13 in the fourth to take the 58-41 win.

Clubb and Wilson led Iowa Park in scoring with 14 points each followed by Robert Baumer with nine and Gray with seven.

The Hawks will host Childress on Friday night, then travel to Bowie on Tuesday.

First Half Results 7th & 8th Grade Girls

7TH GRADE GREEN

Iowa Park 19, Vernon 49
Iowa Park 10, Chillicothe 40
Iowa Park 24, Henrietta 21
Iowa Park 13, City View 10

7TH GRADE WHITE

Iowa Park 34, Henrietta 14
Iowa Park 21, Graham 28
Iowa Park 30, Henrietta 6
Finished in Second Place in the Iowa Park Tournament.

7TH GRADE BLACK

Iowa Park 48, City View 2
Iowa Park 24, Vernon 36
Iowa Park 34, Henrietta 32
Iowa Park 26, Graham 24
Iowa Park 24, Henrietta 20
Won the consolation trophy in the Electra Tournament.

8TH GRADE GREEN

Iowa Park 21, City View 11
Iowa Park 7, Vernon 26
Iowa Park 35, Henrietta 17
Iowa Park 8, Graham 49
Iowa Park 31, Henrietta 10
Iowa Park 26, City View 10
Finished second place in the Iowa Park Tournament.

8TH GRADE BLACK

Iowa Park 36, City View 26
Iowa Park 19, Vernon 42
Iowa Park 37, Henrietta 29
Iowa Park 30, Graham 46
Iowa Park 22, Henrietta 15
Iowa Park 31, City View 32
Finished second place in the Electra Tournament.

Miller pulls game out from line

Any good basketball coach will tell you the importance of free throw shooting, especially in a close game on the road.

Iowa Park head coach Tim Clark has been preaching that to his team all year long as he's watched the Hawks struggle from the line so far this season.

And the Hawks continued to struggle Tuesday night, missing 15 free throws in the District 5-3A opener on the road in Henrietta.

But even though Iowa Park missed enough charity shots to blow the game open, the Hawks found themselves tied with the Bearcats at 62-62 with just over 10 seconds left in the game.

The Bearcats grabbed a 64-62 lead with six seconds left and had a chance to make it a three-point lead, but a missed free throw gave the Hawks a chance to tie or win the game with a three-pointer.

Landon Miller, who had already scored 30 points in the game, took the inbound pass, dribbled the length of the court, stopping just behind the three-point line and released his shot with only six tenths of a second remaining. The shot didn't fall, but he did, as the whistle blew sending him to the line for three free throws.

With ice water running through his veins he calmly sank all three, giving Iowa Park the 65-64 win over Henrietta.

"Thank you Landon Miller," said Clark. "Those might have been the biggest clutch free throws I've seen since I've been coaching."

Iowa Park trailed by six at intermission and watched the lead grow to 12 in the third quarter before mounting its comeback. Clark called a time out midway through the third quarter with his team down by a dozen and changed up his defense, going to

a full court man-to-man, then sat back and watched his team turn a 12-point deficit into an eight-point lead heading into the final quarter. Iowa Park outscored Henrietta 26-12 in the period.

In the fourth quarter, Henrietta's big gun Kyle Jeffries found the hot hand and pulled the Bearcats back into the game by knocking down several long range jumpers, finishing with 31 points. But in the end it came down to free throws. Henrietta missed the one that could have put the Bearcats up by three, and Miller made them pay by sinking all three of his. "We played okay at times," Clark added. "We really started playing better in the third quarter when we went to our man defense, which is our best defense. We picked it up and were a lot more aggressive. Henrietta did a good job with their zone. They really packed it in against our post players.

Joining Landon Miller in double figures for the Hawks was Chase Wright, who finished with 20 points to go along with several steals and double figures in rebounds.

Earlier in the week, Iowa Park traveled to Decatur to close out the non-district portion of their schedule,

falling 70-49 to the Eagles. Landon Miller led Iowa Park in scoring with 13 points followed by Wright with 10 and Justin Penn with nine.

The Hawks will continue district play Friday at 8:30 p.m. when they play host to Childress. Iowa Park will then travel to Bowie on Tuesday to take on the Jackrabbits.

Four graduate from Midwestern

Among the 288 Midwestern State University students who were candidates for degrees during the fall of 1999 were four from Iowa Park.

Sara Amanda "Mandy" Reed received a Bachelor of Arts with a major in English. She was among 15 who were graduated magna cum laude.

The other three included: Latham Dickens, Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice; Don Ledesma, Bachelor of Fine Arts with a major in Art, and Charles Smith, Bachelor of Fine Arts with a major in Art.

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Nelms reflects

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time for the kids as well as the coaches. We were just out athleted as well as going through all the changes. The second year was a lot easier even though we lost our first five games. You could see it every week even in those losses, we were making progress every week and when we got that first win you could just see it. It was a huge relief. The pressure was gone and our program had reached the first phase of what we were trying to accomplish."

"In building anything, to be successful everybody has to believe in the same thing," Nelms stated. "That's part of what started to happen our second year. Our kids came together, as well as the community and fan support. The kids began to believe that they were not losers. I don't think even when we were 0-10 that we were a bad football team, we just didn't realize what it took to win. What made it so sweet when we made the playoffs that first time was that everybody got to see where we came from that first year. The change in how the kids felt about each other and the way the community felt about our program. It wasn't just Friday night football anymore, it was Hawk football and that was a big change. Those first two groups of kids, even though they didn't have a great won-loss record, laid the ground work for the success we are enjoying now."

"And even with me stepping down and coach Ellis taking over, I don't think you'll see any changes. These kids expect to win now. They've devoted themselves to working hard and to do whatever it takes to be successful. There's no way you can put it in writing to explain how it feels until you've been part of it as a coach. As a coach you know that you're never going to get rich, but I think this is the richness of it when you get to see it all come together."

"Our kids know that we as coaches have high levels of expectation and so do they," said Nelms. "Going to the Regional round of the

playoffs the last two years isn't good enough. They want more and they'll work even harder this off season to try and achieve their goals. They're going to continue to achieve and the kids that follow them will do the same. That's when you know that you've got a good program. It doesn't matter if it's football, basketball, baseball, track or whatever, our kids are going to be competitive. One of the things that's really helped our program is the closeness of our kids, and if there's any one thing that gives me more satisfaction than anything is to see our kids work together."

In coaching a lot of times you are judged only by your won-loss record. It's pretty simple most of the time. Either win or get fired. And at 0-10 his first year and after losing his first five games his second year makes you wonder if Nelms wasn't looking in the Yellow Pages under U-Haul.

"I think the pressure to win was brought on more by me than anyone," said Nelms. "No one ever told me my job was in jeopardy if I didn't win, and I always felt I had the support from the board and the community. But at 0-10 it did cross my mind. All my life I was taught not to quit, and to be honest when we were 0-10 I had several opportunities to leave but I didn't because I didn't feel like I had fulfilled my commitment here and the challenge still motivated me. Until I felt like this program had taken off and was successful, I wasn't going to be satisfied."

One of the hardest things for most people to understand is how a coach can go from being a die-hard Wimberly Texan fan one day to becoming the biggest Iowa Park Hawk fan the next.

"I still have special memories of all the teams I've played on and the teams I've coached," said Nelms. "I still keep up with their scores. In this profession you take all those special memories with you, you don't ever give them up and when you go to that next school the only way you can sell yourself and your program to the kids

is to show them you bleed Green. I love Iowa Park and I'd do anything in the world for the Hawks. I picked up my life, my wife and three daughters to come be a part of this community, not just a football coach, but a part of the community. We've done everything from raising show pigs to getting dunked in a dunking booth. But when it's over you put that chapter of your book in a special place in your heart and you can go back there anytime and re-live those special memories."

"Last year I felt like I was at the crossroads of my career," Nelms added. "And I still don't know what chapter I will open next. But I know that the six years I've spent here in Iowa Park, I wouldn't take anything for them, not even the 0-10 year. The challenge of seeing the kids grow, graduate and come back, that's what it's all about."

Whichever chapter Nelms decides to open next in his life will only add to his book, which will surely be a best-seller. Especially here in Iowa Park.

Football Banquet tickets being sold

Plans for the annual Hawk football banquet have been finalized.

It will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, in the high school cafeteria.

Tickets will be on sale through Jan. 18 at the high school office, Scobee's and K & K, and the price will be \$10.

Fund-raising game is slated Saturday

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes will host a basketball game between coaches and teachers from Iowa Park High School and W.F. George Middle School

The contest will be played at 7 p.m. Saturday, in the middle school gymnasium.

Tickets will be \$2, and all proceeds will go to the High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Lady Hawks win district game

The Varsity Lady Hawks got back on the winning track Tuesday night by beating Henrietta 55-38 in District 5-3A action, giving Iowa Park its first district win against a pair of losses.

Earlier in the week, Iowa Park fell 80-35 to Graham. The Lady Hawks' record overall now stands at 3-15 and 1-2 in district play.

Officers are elected

Iowa Park Little League officers and board members were elected recently.

Officers include: Allen Bernstein, president; Ray Sefcik, Senior League vice president; Joey Bates, Mayor League vice president; Donna Williams, secretary; Terri Segovia, treasurer; Lori Bohannon, player agent, and Randy Billingsley, safety officers.

Named to the board were Daryl Beals, George Coyle, Bryan Fulfer, Lynn Fulfer, Randy Gibson, Chris Lively, David Morris, Mark Patterson, Randy Rosinbaum, Tommy Ross, David Teaff, Jolie Teaff, Richie Wathen, Chris Williams and Craig Whisnand.

In the Henrietta game, Iowa Park led 17-12 after the first quarter and slowly began to pull away, outscoring the Lady Bearcats 8-5 in the second period and 15-13 in the third before pouring it on in the fourth, winning the quarter 15-8.

LeAnn Duran led three Lady Hawks in double figures with 15 points, including four three-pointers. Robyn Dillard finished with 11 points while Bobbie Gilmore added 10.

"I thought we shot the ball really well against their zone," said head coach Kim Padgett. "Our bench played really well tonight, which was a big difference in the game."

Earlier in the week, Graham got hot in the second quarter and never looked back, beating Iowa Park 80-35.

The Lady Hawks led 15-14 after the first quarter, but Graham put on a shooting clinic in the final three quarters, outscoring Iowa Park 25-9 in the second, 22-8 in the third and 19-3 in the fourth.

"They just didn't miss from the second quarter on," Padgett said. "Everything they threw up seemed to hit the bottom of the net. When they got hot we just seemed to quit executing like we did early."

Melissa Threet led Iowa Park in scoring with 12 points followed by Duran and Kelley Billington with six points each, followed by Dillard with five points.

Iowa Park will host Childress Friday night, then travel to Bowie on Tuesday to close out the first half of district play.

S.P.A.A.C.E. and H.A.W.K. Programs Accepting Nominations

Iowa Park's gifted and talented program S.P.A.A.C.E. (Students Provided Advanced Academic and Classical Education) will be accepting nominations beginning January 6, for students who are presently enrolled in grades 2-11.

Nomination forms may be picked up in the office at each campus. Nominations will also be accepted for the talent pool program H.A.W.K. (Higher Academic Works and Knowledge) for students presently enrolled in Kindergarten and First Grade. These forms may be picked up in the office at Kidwell Elementary School.

Deadline for completion and return of the nomination forms will be 3:30 P.M., Friday, January 21, 2000.

Criteria for selection includes achievement and ability test scores, teacher checklists, student products, and creativity test scores.

Los programas S.P.A.A.C.E. y H.A.W.K. estan aceptando nominaciones

El programa S.P.A.A.C.E., un programa para los alumnos talentosos, estara aceptando las nominaciones empezando el 6 de enero para los alumnos entre los grados 2 y 11. Se puede recoger los formularios en la oficina de cada campus. Las nominaciones tambien seran aceptadas para la lista del programa H.A.W.K., un programa para los alumnos talentosos que ya estan el Kinder y el primer grado. Se puede recoger estos formularios en la oficina del campus Kidwell.

El ultimo dia para remitir los dos formularios sera viernes, el 21 de enero, 2000 a las 3:30 de la tarde.

Lo que determinara la seleccion para los dos programas sera los tantos que los alumnos recibieron en los exámenes de realizacion y habilidad, los comentarios escritos por los maestros, los proyectos estudiantiles y los tantos que los alumnos reciben en los exámenes de genio creativo. 1-6-2c



Greg Deatherage will promote the Oklahoma City Auto Racers Auction and Trade Show on Jan. 22. This will be the third event this year he has hosted. The others will be Wichita Falls and Denver, Co. Deatherage, a certified Optician who resides in Iowa Park, promotes many such shows in his off-season from his racing schedule.

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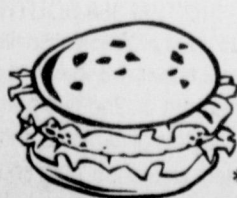
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