## The Merkel Mail


$\begin{array}{ll}\text { (Left to right) Chris Cox, Kelly Knight, Lisa Shugart, } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Holloway and Gayle Baker are also shown. (Staff } \\ \text { Delia Roysden, Sherry Ascensio are officers in thei }\end{array} \\ \text { photo by Cloy A. Richards) }\end{array}$ syear's MHS Student Council. Sponsors Don
sent

Badgers lose, travel to Clyde
Friday; coach says they are big

When Coach Byron Shelley was asked to
describe Clyde, he responded, $250,212,215,235$, describe Clyde, he responded, 250, 12, 212, 215, 235,
and that is the weights of the Clyde Bulldog front four. Shelley said that he expects Clyde to be as
large a team as the Badgers will face this large a team as the Badgers will face this
year. The Badgers travel to Clyde for an 8 p.m. kickoff Friday. Clyde is now $1-1$ on the year as they lost to
Wylie last Friday and the Badgers have yet to win as they fell $38-12$ to Rotan last Friday. wn as uey said that he expects Clyde to play
Shelley defense and he says they have an offense tough defense and he says they have an offense
capable of scoring. capable of scoring.
Shelley said the Badgers do not have injuries
and plan no personnel changes for Friday's contest. He said the kids just need to be more intense on the field and said that defensive
treakdowns have come at the worst possible time for the Badgers.
as Shelley complimented the play of Randy twice as he was on the Danny Davis to Bart Pursley to Randy Martin trick play the Badgers call the Z Pass and an
83
8 yard returned kick for a touchdown. 83 yard returned kick for a touchdown.
Shelley was also pleased with Buster

Brown's defensive work as linebacker and said rown hit well and received a fumble. raise from his on also received a little fensive line last Friday. He said that athew son was 50 pounds lighter than the aned to hold his own and that Mathewso The stout Rotan defense only allowed the adgers 54 yards rishing and 121 yard all control. He said the key to the game wa ays to our 47 and that Rotan held the ball in e mird quarter for ten minutes
The Badgers recovered three Rotan fumbles as Brown, Terry Owen and Dwayne Roysden costa each intercepted a pass. In other football action this week, the Junior Varsity will take on the Clyde JV here at ?
p.m. The ninth grade will also play Clyde at p.m. The
play a 7 p.m. contest and travel to Clyde to will play in Clyde at $5: 30$ p.m. In In last weeks games, the unuior Varsity lost
and the seventh and eighth graders beat
Anson.

## Passing thoughts...

Plan may be untangling asessment situation
by Cloy A. Richards
Your scribe really put his foot in it with last week's passing thou ghs column. I reported ing can do about the way the county wide tax appraisal district will be set up

The Merkel City Council and the MISD board of Trustees have passed a resolution stating their opposition to the method of selection of the members of the tax appraisal district.
Senate Bill 621 said that the board would corsist of Iive members, to be dected by all of the taxing entities. Each tax levying agency would receive a set collected. The law also has a clause that says if 75 per cent of the taxing governmental bodies are aposed to that pian, uey may estabiish anouher district board. And they have. The plan, proposes that the governmental bodies ail be ailowed one vote, and that cities and school districts that share common geographical territories will share a deeiegate In ouner words, the seven members would be
elected, one each from Merkel. Trent, Jim Ned ISD.

Wylie ISD, Abilene ISD, City of Abilene and Taylor
County (he commissioners voted County (the commissioners voted last week to Appraisal Board).
The trustees of the Abilene ISD said in a meeting Iree of the five members of the board ander the od plan, and that Abilene would get two, Taylor County would get one
They are in for a shock if the cities of Buffabo Gap Tuscola, Lawn, and school districts of Jim Ned, and the city has already adopted. If three fourths of the governing bodies in Taylor County oppose the adopted thus giving one vote to the governing bodies epresenting Merkel, Trent, Jim Ned ISD and Wylie aty of Abilene. When you boil all of this down, it will end up being a minarity in control of the majority. Abilene ISD, more taxes than the smaller local governments but what is good for them in the way of property tax town falks Now the control of the seren sma board will be in the hands of the smaller pecople and we will not have to settle for being

## Board passes resolution, leams

 construction is 45 days behind schedule, sets tax rate of $\$ 1.87$
#### Abstract

The Merkel ISD board of trustees approved a resolution calling for a change in procedures of resolution calling for a change in procedures of electing members to the Taylor County Tax Appraisal Board, approved a new tax rate, and heard discouraging word MISD became the eighth taxing body to a prove resolution providing for seven members on the couty appraisal board. (The county-wide tax asessment board was mandated by the 66th Texas Legislative Session. It establishes a board to set taxable value on al property in the county, in lieu of each single taxing The resolution calls for the school districts of Merkel, Wylie, Jim Ned, and Abilene will each be Trent ISD, The City of Abilene and Taylor County rill each receive a vote. That proposal will place the control of the tax a asessment proard in the hands of will place the School districts. up of five members, elected by all tax levying ntities, and each unit would receive votes, based on the amount of tax levied. The bill did allow, for local made up if 75 per cent of the taxing entities adopt resolutions for alternative plans. The MISD board became the eighth taxing unit to The MISD board became the eighth taxing unit to adopt the resolution and the Buffalo Gap CCity Council should vote on the matter todiy If they approve the resolution, it looks as though the five member plan




Audra Horton (top) Frances Cannon, Audrey Denman, Paula King and Connie Harris (with
trophy) placed second in the West Texas Fair rophy) placed second in he West Texas Fair Auxillary to the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department.) Slaf photo by Cloy A. Richard

City rebates up


Charles Harper, the school's architect, let the construction is off of schedule. Harper told the board that construction is 45 days
behing schedule and he warned that early frost behing schedule and he warned that early frost
could cause longer delays. couid cause longer delays.
Harper said the contractor (Haney and Silvey Construction) estimate completion of the Middle School Gym by Thanksgiving. Harper laso sai started concrete work on the high school. If we have as cold a winter as we have had for the past two years, it may be spring before we can pour concrete footings and there would be no way we could mak
the completion date. They have an awful lot of concrete to pour and if they do ont get it poured by
mid-November, we are in trouble., In ovember, we are in trouble. In other contsruction related news, the board After that payment $\$ 995,974$ remains in the contruction fund.
Also, the board
Also, the board approved payment of monthly bills lotaling $\$ 39,781.87$ and a payroll of $\$ 85,000$. $\$ 1.87$ per $\$ 100$ evaluation, based on 60 per cent of
Board President Charies Jacobs said," $i$ think ought to be said for those reporting this meeting, that we regret having to raise taxes in times of inflation, The boary thing is going upt. Superintendent Dr. Raymond The board gave superiniendent Dr. Raymond
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Trustee also accepted the resignation of Tax
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City passes
tax resolution,
talks inflation, sale of property


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ionse of iobebud MHS student council meets

The Merke 1 High
School Student Council met last week for the
first time this year They have elected to do certain fund-ra i is in in
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Representatives for each class are: Senior s Vecor Herrera and Kim lark Bland, Ty Nelson, Powell, Sophmores- Ed ard Herrera, O.C. Mc nd Rene Aiken, Spon ors- Gayle Baker and As of now freshma epren elected. We would ke tg encourage ever ers in every activity in Pond planning
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The ladies of the Fortnightly Study Club attended their last neting dressed as pioneer wom

Stith club meets makers Club of Stith birthday fund. The hostmeco at new officers for ess gift brought $\$ 2.50$ meeting at the Com- Faye Mclean. munity Center. Mrs.
O. W , Dickerson was $\begin{array}{ll}\text { with Mrs. Harry Mergel } & \text { Ft . Worth Sept. } 25-72 \text {. } \\ \text { Refreshmets }\end{array}$ Vice-president. Mrs.
Vada Hudson is to serve nother year as secret
ry-treasurer and Mrs
oy Mashburn served to seven mem-
bers and one new mem-
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Lambda Beta meets
Lambda Beta Chapter Sept. 4 in the
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Nancy Hogan.

## Goodman club meets

The Goodman exten-
sion Homemaker Club met Sept. 14 in the home
more with 9 members and one Whyter, Mrs. Rach e 1 $\begin{array}{ll}\text { visitor. } & \text { Phylips, Mrs. Garland } \\ \text { The prayer was said } & \text { Price, Mrs. Dennis But- }\end{array}$ The prayer was said by ler, Mrs. Belvie Butler, game by Mrs. Vivian Officers for 1980 were
dected and they are: Mrs Garland Price as President, Mrs. Dennis
Butler as Vice President, Mrs. David Carter as Council Delegate, Mrs. Frank Carter as
Secretary and Treasure. Price, Mrs. Dennis But-
ler, Mrs. Belvie Butler, Mis. Frank Carter, Mrs
Minnie Carey, Mrs. David Carter, Shalia David
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Art association will meet

## The Merkel Art Asso- ciation will have the <br> irrst meeting of the year Tuesday, September 5. The meeting will be at branch of United Sav- <br> ings. the agenda for this onn thertant meting will impor important meting will be the election of officers, paying of dues, and discussion of the year's



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