## The Merkel Mail

Wade seeking constable slot unopposed, last minute filings

The only Merkel position in the upcoming
democratic primaries finds incumbent constable Vernon Wade running unopposed County elections that will have impact on people in he Merkel area heated up Monday as a flurry of In the race for Taylor County Jack Landrum drew opposition from Bill McCay. McCay resigned his post as chief adult probation

Planter's only gin running, 1980
harvest could reach 26,050 bales
Local gin managers Finley Barnett and Joe
Higgins will be getting a break soon but Red Shafer at Planter's Gin has another month's worth of work ahead as the 1980 cotton season winds down. Farmers that waited until now to contract for sale in the price of cotton since a shortlived dro following the administration's cancellation of future grain sales to Russia.
be finished with ginning Tuesday and Planter's Gin has another 200 modules waiting to be ginned. The Merkel Gin will finish the year at 5550 bales
ginned. Their season was shortened somewhat when installation of equipment was not completed until the ginning season had started.
At Stith Gin, Finley Barnet
At Stith Gin, Finley Barnett told the Mail Monday that they only had about ten bales left in the yard
and had a few remnants to put together. He said

City manager meets with HUD officials
Merkel city Manager J.A. Sadler met with the
egional director of the Department of Housing and regional director of the Department of Housing and
Urban Development in Dallas Thursday to get more information about UDAG grants and programs. Sadler told the Mail Monday that district
supervisor Tony Alverez gave him some information that may be helpful to persons submitting plans for federal grants.
Sadler said that HUD stresses how projects will
benefit the economically disadvantaged Federal grants under the UDAG progr reviewed the second month of each quarter. There is no limit to the number of applications that can be Sadler also said that HUD also like a ratio of 3 or 4
Sol to 1 of private compared to government participation in any programs.
What that means is that the investor would have to What that means is that the investor would have to
show that he could provide, or obtain loans to provide 66 to 75 percent of the capital to start a The city's eligibility in the program will last

## Austermann resigns

Merkel Police Chief Leroy Austermann has resigned his position with the city
Austermann, who served as chief for 26 months, is now managing the Merkel Dairy Queen. City council will seek a replacement for Austermann beginning at their Friday session. Next in line for the chief's job is Merkel Police
Lieutenant Ray Pack, or council may seek a chief from outside the city

## What's happening this month

## by Cloy A. Richards

Upcoming events.
Let's see, this month has a lot in store for us. unanswered questions answered by Saturday evening as they wind up the scheduled portion of their 79.80 season. Wins over Wylie, Anson and
Coahoma will give the Badgers their second district title in two years and a championship for first year head coach Jan Averit. A loss in any of the three remaining games could champ. Merkel is guaranteed a spot in the playoff because of their first half championship.
The winner of $6-2 A$ will face Slaton, the defending State Basketball Champs. Also in February, we will begin or possibly name a new chief of police for the city following the mann. Candidates for two positions on the Merkel school
board and three on sity council may file this month board and three on sity council may file this month
and local elections will draw more and more and local elections will draw more a primaries
and the April general elections.

In the commissioner, precinct one race that
includes Tye, five democrats and one republican have entered, the race.
Filing Monday was Tom Brittian and Republican Downing Boles Sr. They joined Lee Themas, Jue
Moore, Kennon Law and Bill Greenhaw, who had filed previously. Filing for the April 5th general elections for two
spotson the Merrkel City Council and Merkel school
board begins Tuesday and will run through March 5 .


Gwen Tarpley contemplates a shot or a lob pass to
Nancy Click (dark uniform) in last Friday's win over


Bart Pursley (15) goes up for a shot in Colorado
City Friday night. The boys had one of their best efforts of the year, but lost $56-53$. Chris of their best the Badgers with 23 and Robert Fowler added
(Staff photo)
months. The multi-purpose room at Merkel vocational agriculture shop should be finished before too long.
A couple of comments about drafting women A lot of folks have been making wise cracks aboul women in the military since the Carter administra-
tion began rethinking the possibility of drafting women.
Facts are, women have been in the military for
few year few years now, and all stateside duty bases and most women. The . The military nas had co-ed barracks for five years and people in the Armed Forces are used to working
side by side with women, the draft of women would not change any of that
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In this writer sopinion, it would be foolish for the military to exclude women from registration or the draft. None has mentioned using women in combat
positions and there are many demanding positions and there are many demanding, meaning.
ful jobs in the military that are not combat related. Instead of having to draft a large number of young
men to fill the positions that are non-combal, a men to fill the positions that are non-combat, a
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could be used.


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to Russia, we cannot quarrel
that when American lives were to Russia, we cannot livaarrel
that when American lives were
involved - six of them - they stood strong and tall on our
side. That stand should not be

Girls need three straight wins to

## take district

 title outright
## The Badgers moved closer to a showdown with

 Coahoma scheduled for Saturday in Coahoma with a five point win over Colorado City Friday night.Displaying a new offensive look, Coach Jan Averitt sent forward Norma Frazier to try the guard's slot
and Frazier responded to the new position with 20 points. teams were running a gang-up defense on Norma and she hasn't been getting the ball enough for shots Saturday's showdown with Coahoma because the Wylie Bulldogs were here Tuesday night (details not available at press time) and the Badgers need a win
over Wylie, Anson and Coahoma to win the second over Wylie, Anson and Coahoma to win the second
half title outright, thus giving the Badgers the district championship.
Frazier was followed in Friday's contest by Nancy Click's 15 points and Kay Amerine got 12. Averit said her three steals and three rebounds sparked the team at the right time of the game.
if the Badgers win Saturday in Coan of practice games will be scheduled witha, a couple of practice games will be scheduled with area teams
next week while the girls prepare to face Slaton, the

## Newsbriefs



THE MERKEL MAIL
Merkel FFA'rs compete in Fort Worth


Thursday, February 7, 1980


Services held
here for Iva Wells


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and John Powell Har- of Houston. She is and John Powell Har- of Houston. She is em
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## Merkel FFA'rs show well



Becky Dunlap is ajunior and is employed at
Merkel Drug. She works at the fountain and would like to attend TSTI's dental assistant program. She is

## Xi Nu Chi meets, reports given



## Telethon help

The Rehab held its
10th annual telethon Saturd annual telethon Sa-
turday, Jan. 26 at the
Abilene Civic Center Abilene Civic Center.
The broadcast from the Civic Center flasted until 3 a.m. Sunday. A
bank of 108 telephones bank of 108 telephones received calls from
those making pledges those mak
and bids. Beta Sigma Phi members from Abilene and
Merkel helped answer
$\mathrm{Xi}^{\mathrm{Nu} \text { Chi and Lamb- }}$ da Beta, both chapters
from Merkel night of fun and enjoyThe foilowing Xi Nu hi members helped answer the phones;
Ginny Yaddow. Blanche Hewitt, Kathy Leverich, Connie Harris, Glenda
Teaff, Mamie Steck, Pat Teaff, Mamie Steck, Pat
Neff, Connie Ybarra,
and Betty Allday


Cynthia Canteli: is a senior MOC student and is
employed by Thornton's Department Store at Westgate Mall in Abilene. She is married to Victor Cantrell and is a clerk at Thornton's General Office.
She would like to attend technical school and become


Elizabeth Griffith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bud
Griffith works at Walls and works on the line and in
Nesmith completes Air Force basic


# Trent News 



Fire, traffic death, sewer line bids top Tye news y Harold Boyd

A few tense moments this past Sunday occurred at
the Bill Love Exxon Station. Tye Fire Department responded to two alarms on Sunday. The first alarm was at we hughes 10 lease south of Tye. The second
alarm was about 2:50 p.m. when a call was put in for the Exxon Station on FM 707 at I-20. Units from Tye and four units from Abilene were called in to started from burning grass which resulted in getting in to the ceiling of the station thus causing extensive damage to the station. It took firemen about one hour placed as of this writing other than this, what els lines will be made known this month, I believe
around the 14th After a around the 14th. After a long, tedious time we may
finally see it begun. There has been displeasure or moaning regarding easements oving fence lines, some trees, build dings, etc. The nly thing is that when it comes time to start on this
ong awaited project, then will we know for sure where it is going. To fight it would be a waste of time and money for the fact the laws cover this project but before anyone starts complaining, let's wait and
see exactly what is going to be what. I imagine that a town hall meeting will be beld to let everyone know as to where it's going to go.
My, My "Old man" wi.ter My, My "Old man" wister sure came in with its ay. Not without leaving without a trace. It left
Plan your garden
now says expert
Instead of whiling a-
way the long winter vision, try planning your spring and summer flower garden, suggests
Everett Janne. Janne, landscape hor Jiculturist with the Texas Agricultural ExtenM University System notes that garden cataences. They provid e many details about flo-
wer varieties such as color, height, planting lips and season of
bloom. Arme mation, it is easy to plan a well-arranged, attrac Texas A\&M University System specialist.
Janne suggests being adventurous by select
one or two new or ing one or two new or
different varieties for sation pieces. Another interesting variation is to plant ally shades from red to
rose to pink, using differose to pink, using diffe
rent shades of the same plant species. Petunia work well because there are so many varieties
available. Whether starting an
Whable. nuals from seed or purchasing started
plants, develop a wellplants, develop a well
organized planting plan, suggests Janne. This enables you to make
your purchases early your purchases early
and obtain quality plants.
Price should not be a
major factor when pur major factor when pur
chasing seeds or started plants, believes the hor ticulturist. Quality
plants, while slightly plants, while slightly
more expensive, will usually provide more beauty and satisfaction in the long run.

Self-employed tax rules

Between now and Apployed people must file their 1979 federal personal income tax re-self-employment income or social security, according to Glyn Hamin Abilene. A person receives so
cial security credit, and must pay social security from self employment amount to $\$ 400$ or more
in a year For 1979 a in a year. For 1979, a
maximum of $\$ 22.900$ can count for social security credit.
Anyone who has both Anyone who has both
wages and self employwant earnings covered y social security pays only on the difference between his or her total wages and the social 1979 self-employment ax rate is 8.1 percent.

Even though a perso Evine own no federa ax return must be filed there are social security selfemployment
axes due. This is true even if the person is etting social security Under
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at any social security of any. The address and telephone number of the Abilene social security
office is $698-1360$ and 14 S. Pioneer

Abilene with its first traffic fatality, $1 / 4$ mile east of
the construction on the interstate where the construction on the interstate where a California
man lost his life. Other than this we in Tye didn't experience any other mishaps. Did you view the Rehab telethon the weekend of
Jan. 26th? The quilts were beautiful including the Jan. 26 th? The quilts were beautiful including the
quilt from the Tye senior citizens. Every year the
quilt quuil from the Tye senior citizens. Every year the
quilt get better. A lot of love and time go into
makin making a quilt and it's great that we still have the
talent to keep an art like that alive. And it is talent to keep an art like that alive. And it is my
understanding that the senior citizens are in the understanding that the senior citizens are in the
process of making more of them for individuals here
in in Tye. Surely are a great thing to have, especially at
night, kinda keeps ya warm. night, kinda keeps ya warm.
Also the month of February the center not to exclude the senior citizens musical but their upcoming annual Valentine Party with a acknowledgement of our first president's birthday senior citizens meetings, come on out and join in on the fellowship and excitement that is there every
Monday, Wednesday Monday, Wednesday and Friday February the 20th is the start of the holy season of
the last days of Christ, Lent. begins that day. So it is a month of birthdays, special occasions and a time to be together.
Mrs. Walter
Mrs. Walter Folwer is home from the hospital and Againg for another week, ya lll
Apeedy recovery. ya next week in the Tye Times section. If ya got any news that you'd like to share with others, let us
know. Again for another week, take care. We love Tarpley's have daughter
We would like to eounce. Tamara's parannounce the newest ents are Buster and
LeeAnn Tarpley. Proud
 Her name is Tamara, and Mrs. Truman L $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Lace born on January } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Holloway and Mr. and } \\ \text { 10, 1980. T a m a r a } \\ \text { weighed in at } 9 \text { pounds, }\end{array} \\ \text { Mrs. E.L. Tarpley, all of } \\ \text { Merkel }\end{array}$


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