



#### Abstract

 week at the Fort Worth Stock Show Farms here. Ci Arabian horses. Amy's horse and her were wearing costumes and then in Waco ig June for more events.


FFA fares well in Ft. Worth

| pigs in the swine show at the Fort Worth Stock Show and "placed real well" according to Merkel FFA instructor Bill Riley. Riley said there were between 80 and 125 pigs in each class and there were 1,600 in the show. <br> Tommy Hays fared better than any students as his light weight Black Poland China was named first in the class and his medium was second. <br> The following are the results from the swine show at Fort Worth: <br> Amber Whisenhunt, 18th heavy weight Hampshire, Kevin Mitchell 15th medium weight Hampshire and Tommy Hays 8th, Amber Whisenhunt 11th and Chr is Cutler 17th in the light |
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Stock show, sky pilots,
Tye, council, PIK corn? ...more
by Cloy A. Richards
The Merkel FFA members did pretty well in hen
Denise Pack both had animals judged best in their class.
Merkel placed half of the pigs they took in the
top 25 animals in their class with most top 2 s animals in their class with most classes
averaging about 100 pigs. There were ONLY 1,60 pigs in the show.
The FFA will not show this weekend but will Brad Purstey former Merkel High weekend Brad Pursley, former Merkel High pole vaulter
and now a star vaulter for ACU and his former team mate, world indoor record holder Billy ulson, were teatured in Sports Illustrated las
Week. Everywhere you look, listen or read these days. you can find stories about Billy as he has proven to be the hottest male athlete in the indoor track season so far. The only one giving him a medi race so far is runner Mary Decker Tabb. Brad is
off to his best start in his career and has alread jumped 18 feet 6 inches this season. Before slight leg injury sidelined him, he had finished second to Billy twice (both times Billy set wor l won. $\begin{aligned} & \text { Brad will be back on the pole soon and Billy will }\end{aligned}$ keep on re-writing pole vault records as they hea year and a half away.
My wife and I take in All My Children mos just as intriguing as Erika, Langley, Phoebe Opal and the gang.
For a while, keeping up with who had what jo at Tye was like asking Abbott and Cosiello who
on tirst. The intrique is now being spiced with charges of kickbacks, missing city funds, personal misconduct, sprinkled for good measur with threats of violence. finhtinn here in the dast four and a half years,

Durocs
Also, Lynn Hays 2nd and 8th, Melissa Harr is
13th and Chris Cutler 14th in medium Durocs, Gibson 4th and Lyle Baker 18th in light, spotted China, Lyle Baker 9th and Parker Wilson 14 th in medium spotted
medium Berkshires
Also, Parker Wilson 7th and Jay Williams 29 h in light, Chester whites, Billy Ray Riley 13th and Melissa Harris zoth in heavy Chester Whites, Tommy Hays 1 st and Lynn Hays 9 th in Light
Black Poland China and Tommy Hays 2nd and Lynn Hays 4 th in medium Black Poland China. Also, Lyle Baker 5th in heavy Black Poland China and Jay Gibson 14th in medium weight
but, I have to hand it to Tye. They have political tights with a lot more flair than we do
It's a dubious honor, but for now, well deserved. And it's been a heck of a lot better than the first
+1 set a few new personal records on our Atar system last week while fighting off a bug and handing it over suffered a terr days mostly at home spencing tour days mostly at home. days isn't bad, but after that, it gets boaring.

The Merkel City Council is anxiously awaiting next Monday's city council session because the engineer's technical drawings on the city paving
programs should be presented. programs should be presented. quality and time allowed for the paving program as any other HUD funded program and are currently awaiting the forthcoming report to
advertise for bids. If all goes smoothly April.
Best quote I have heard concerning the Reagan IK program
Farmer to reporter: "When Chrysler was having trouble selling cars, did the government give them more cars to sell? No, they made it the \&\&? \&! \& Corn I have now and I don't know what I'd do with the PIK Corn.
Pop it I guess.
Local farmers will have a chance to get the latest line on wheat proc
the Jiva Inn in Abilene.
Texas Ah Abivene. exas Agricultural Extension offcials will also
be discussing the PIK program, who's deadline for sign up is March program, who's deadline

## Area wide wheat meeting

## set for Friday, PIK included

An area wide meeting for wheat producers and elevator managers will be
at $2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. at the Kiva The meeting is sponsored by the Texas Wheat Grain and Feed Association in cooperation with the Texas Agriculture Extension Service. Due to a record 1.5 billion bushel national wheat carryover that is projected, additional work in market development, foreign trade policy, and
farm program participation is being requested.

Middle schools finish basketball,
7 th grade boys wind up 12-1
The Merkel Middle School finished their
basketball season Monday night in Hamlin.
The Merkel 7 th grade team finished with a $12-1$
record as they fell to Hamlin $27-26$. Ramon
Moreno had 12 and Britt Pursely had 6 in that
game.
The 8th grade boys finished their season at $8-5$
as Danny santee had 7 and Lance Jones 6 to lead
the way to a a 26-18 win.
Douglas Taylor and Jones each had six steals
and Dusty Moore hauled in 14 rebounds.
iott had 8 and Krist Toombs had 4. The 8th grade girls lost 32-22. Michele Woodar had 9 and Sher
season at $5-9$.
The only remaining action comes for the 6th grade boys and gir's teams as they will play in 8th graders will start track workouts on Monday.



Merkel's Denise Pack shows the animal $\begin{aligned} & \text { Worth last Thursday. The animal, owned by Mr. } \\ & \text { and Mrs. Shorty Hobbs is fed, raised and shown }\end{aligned}$

## Obituaries

Cemetery donors
Mrs. Homer Lane

## Sweetwat er ${ }^{2}$ ate, 80

 Milton Pate


## Allen on Texas A \& M list

## has earned "Distinghas earned "isting- uished Student" status at at Texas A \& M <br> honor must earn at majoring in frestrman cal engineering.




Trent High was well represented in the Fosale as three pigs from Trent were in the
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Merkel High Principal Al Merritt recently
received the following letter from a Merkel ISD resident: "This past weekend at the Ft. Worth Stock show you had a teacher and two students with catte tied next to us. Their names were Denise
Pack, Becky Middleton and J. T. Naron In my opinion, our country is not as strong as it was 15 or 20 years ago. I think a lot of this is due opeople not helping each other. It would have show box and watch everyone else get their cattle 3 in Ft . Worth show sale
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with marginal cropland. Farmers with low with marginal cropland. Farmers with low
yielding land might consider putting more of it in yielding land might consider putting mo
the program, suggests the economist.
"Although it's extremely difficult to generalize and the program, we generally feel that cor advantageous to participate except in those area where they have sunk considerable expenses to herbecides and fertilizer into the land fo preperation for planting," Knutson says.
"Cotton farmers will" need to look clo their operating costs in making a decision while wheat farmers may find it difficult to participate at any level,"" he said
cropland the PIK program is designed to take participating farmers with surplus and to pay cotton farmer who participated would be paid in cotton and a corn farmer would receive corn. The larmer can dispose of the commodity in any way he sees fit other than putting it back in
Government storage, Government storage.
reducing farm product surpluses and eventually raising prices," says Knutson. "Just what effect it will have on the market prices could soften,
particularly if farmer participation in the program is low
Knuston advises farmers to seek all information they can get their hands on regarding the PIK stering the program and should have the latest information available as it comes from USDA Changes will be likely regarding various details about the program, since USDA has until Feb. 25
to issue final regulations. Sign up deadline for farmers is March. 11

## Merkel High honor roll

The following are the honor rolls for the third
six weeks, A \& B, Beily Beights, Tina Bicknell, Clay
Angie Allen, Kelly Angie Allen, Kelly Beights, Tina Bicknell, Clay
Carey, Stacy Cowling, Tim Dela V Doan, Joan Fariello, Alyse Ferguson, Dean Franklin, Brian Gary, David Glasscock, Amy Irvin, Don King, Brenda Kinder, Barbara
Kinder, Jill Laman, Gayle Landeros, Chris Mashburn, Kim McCasland, Matt Merritt, Donna Miller, Jackie Owen.
Also, Richard Powell, Mum Prasarn, Melind Riney, Kris Rich, David Ries, Jennifer Roby,
Laura Roman, Susan Smith, Renee Stamper Steven Page, Kelly Stovall, Keith Watson, Cindy Williams, Kyle Wolf and Cindy Sims. The honor roll at Merkel High for the third six Brenda Hohhertz, Ldean Hoyt, Diana Landeros, Taimi Elliott, Kevin Mitchell, Richard Powell Kelly Riney, Shelly Sherrill, Soraya Suksumek
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Whisennunt and John Yoarra. Roll for the fir
Students making the A Honor semester at Merkel High include Debra Carey, Ronna Casey, Amy Irvin, Todd Hensley, Ldean Mitchell, Kelly Riney, Shelly Sherrill, Becky Teague, Windi Whisenhunt and John Ybarra.
The following students made the A \& B Hond The following students made the A \& B Hond
Roll for the first semester at Merkel High. They are Tina Bicknell, Brian Gary, Cla Carey, Kevin Coker, Stacy Cowling, Thomas Doan, Tami Elliott, Ann Everett, Joan Fariello Alyse Ferguson, Mand
Horton, Wayne Horton, Don King, Jill Laman Gayle Landeros.
Also, Matt Merritt, Richard Powell, Mum Prasarn, Kris Rich, Jenniter Roby, David Ries Stovall, Lucretia Wade, Keith Watson, Cindy Williams and Cindy Sims.

Elementary poster winners named

The following is a list of the winners of the
Soil Conservation Poster Contest and their eachers.
Kindergarten Lori Pirraglia.Paimer Angela Jowers-Tarpley, Trinity Hollis-Tarpley and Laurie Hellums-Tarpley. First Grade Juvd Burton-Henderson, Lana
Rogers-Henderson, Cody Pack-Henderson and Rogers-Hender son, Cody
Michael Valdez-Hender son
School menu

| The following is the | vy, creamed potatoes, <br> english peas, hot rolls, |
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Cargill-Val, David Stuckey Wade and Jimmy
Third Grade Stephen Santee-Browne, Shayla Miller, Tanya Beasley and Steven Moreno. Fourth Grade-Jenny Boyd-Seymore, Cara
Kelso-Seymore, Aimee Bugg-Seymore and Jayma Goldsmith-Sims. Fifth Grade Chis Gaona-Rister, Laura
Baker-Roberts Angela Carson-Roberts and Sa-Baker-Roberti-Angela
brina Boswell-Roberts.
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