

The Merkel Mail

29 Cents

Thursday, May 9, 1985 ... Merkel, Texas

Our 97th Year



Pecan honey anyone? This hive of honey bees seemed to like a pecan tree at 410 Rose here Saturday as they swarmed to this spot. The bees didn't seem to mind their photograph being taken at all. (Staff photo)

MHS "Best Band" at contest

The Merkel High School Band received a first division rating and was selected the Outstanding Band in Class AAA at the Greater Southwest Music Festival in Amarillo last weekend. The festival, which drew over 10,000 students from Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Kansas, was held on May 2, 3, and 4th in sites all over the panhandle city. The Merkel band performed in the Civic Center Auditorium, a modern facility seating 2200 people. The local band performed at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday. Judges for the event are selected annually from music personalities all over the United States.

Comments from the judges included "The music was taught, learned, and related to the audience. We don't have to be perfect or play perfectly to make music or a division one, but we do have to make music." "Nice musical transitions into style changes", "Very fine cornet, flute, baritone work. I felt you had a very nice performance of this piece today.", "Some very nice sounds in this band.", "What a fine trumpet soloist, Thank You.", "Excellent teaching and playing. Enjoyed hearing such nice tone quality. Congratulations."

The band is conducted by Bill Woods, assisted by Cherry Curry. Band parents who accompanied the band were: Mr. and Mrs. O.B. Coker, Mrs. Marvin Myers, Mrs. Janet Deen, Mrs. Vicki Thomas. Bus drivers were Bart Whisenhunt, Charlotte Moreno, and Connie Harris. During their short stay in amarillo, the band visited Wonderland Park, which is an amusement park fashioned after Six Flags. The band left Friday after school and returned home Sunday at 5:30 p.m. Both parents and band members were enthusiastic about the trip, the contest, and the trophy which signifies "Outstanding Class AAA Band, 1985." Several members of the band entered individual events in the competition in solo events. Receiving a first division rating in twirling was Kelly Riney, a junior at MHS, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Riney. Receiving a second degree rating was Kristy Elliott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Elliott, also with a second degree rating was Angela Thomas daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Thomas. Both girls are twirlers. Also receiving a second division rating in snare drum competition was James Richardson, son of Millie Richardson. The solo events were held at the First Presbyterian Church and at the Civic Center.



Merkel City manager J. A. Sadler (left) was named "King for a Day" at Thursday's senior citizens luncheon program. Sadler was honored, ribbed and roasted at the event and he and his wife, Wyvonne were both presented Genevive King, the director of the meals program, Waymon Adcock served as master of ceremonies. Looking on (from left) are

Fun Day booths are available

by Cloy A. Richards

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce has started taking reservations for food and activity booths for Fun Day, set July 4th at the Merkel City Park. As in the past, organizations wanting a food booth are limited to one food and one drink item as an exclusive for the day.

Reservations for booths may be made by calling 928-5722 or you can go to Boney Insurance Agency and seeing Angela. A new rule has been implemented by the Chamber this year for people having booths or exhibits. No cars or trucks will be allowed inside the gates between 9 a.m. and Midnight July 4th.

Fun Day draws from 1,000 to 2,000 people, depending on the weather and Ray Pack will again be in charge of the entertainment. You can expect good music, good food and plenty of activities at Fun Day, 1985 and those wanting to reserve food and activity booths had best get their reservations early.

Baptists' commemorate, fire credit where it is due

by Cloy A. Richards

First Baptist Church of Merkel held their Centennial Celebration Sunday with about 600 people attending. The day included special morning and evening services with a meal and fellowship time in between, making for a full day of activities.

The church was organized in 1885 with less than 30 members and now serves a congregation of 730 people here.

Former pastors attended and spoke during the sessions and a special brochure was published to honor the occasion.

The Merkel High band won the "Best Band in Class" honors at the Greater Southwest Music Festival in Amarillo this weekend. That's quite an honor and there are a lot of beaming parents about now.

Band director Bill Woods was in the office Monday and he said he was real proud of his band and said they were very well behaved on the weekend trip.

That made him feel almost as good as the best band in class rating.

Merkel High has baccalaureate services Sunday for the Class of 1985.

The service will get started at 2 p.m. and a reception will follow in the school cafeteria.

Merkelites will be getting a 5 per

cent discount because of the state's Fire Credit debit, a formula used to indicate risk experience.

Merkel insurance agent Chris Young told me Tuesday that all policies written here after May 1st would have the new, lower rate included on fire only insurance.

The rating will save people money on their insurance and the credit must go to the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department. After all, they are the ones that kept that fire loss ratio low.

Trees will be planted at the new city park by the time you read this column as 30 Live and Red Oaks will be planted. City manager J. A. Sadler told me Monday the trees would be about 18 feet tall. Don't be shocked if they have no leaves. The grower said they would ship and take root faster if they are de-leaved.

Merkel and Trent will both be represented at the State Track Meet in Austin this weekend.

Matt Cain qualified in the 110 hurdles and coach Eddie Lang told me Tuesday he thinks Matt has a good chance to place in the top 3. Cain will be back next year, as he is a junior.

If you don't have a few minutes to spend with Trent Coach George Deck, don't ask him to tell you about Bebo Beaver, or the rest of his track team for that matter, because it's one of his favorite subjects.

Beaver will be making the trip

to Austin and will have a very busy day Saturday as he won the regionals in the 100, 200 and the long jump. Deck told me he likes Beaver's chances in the 200 and the long jump and said the 100 could be anybody's race.

What are the kids going to do all summer?

If you are like me, it's time to start coming up with some activities.

We know of a couple locally, Trent will be holding a basketball camp (Better call Robbie Shugart in Trent now and ask her kindly to let your child in) and Eddie Lang told me there might be a summer track program here, and said he would let me know as soon as the details can be worked out.

Speaking of track, yes, we had the wrong coach identified in last week's picture of regional qualifiers. The girls coach is Coach Cummings, not Jennings.

Reservations are now being taken by the Merkel Chamber of Commerce for food and activity booths at the annual Fun Day, set July 4th at the Merkel City Park (Southside). As always, people in food booths are limited to one food and drink item. Reservations may be made by calling the Chamber office at 928-5722 or go by Boney Insurance Agency and see Angela

FFA grabs district honors

The Merkel FFA has recently competed in the Big Country District and Area IV competition. At the District competition there were twenty-two schools competing and the Merkel Chapter did very well against them winning all but two proficiency awards. Lyle Baker won Agricultural Sales and Service, Mike Myers won Specialty Animal Production, Poultry Production was won by Dusty Farmer, Ted Seymour won Beef Production, Dusty Farmer won FFA Proficiency, Horse Production winner was Stephanie Bod, Feed Grain Production was won by Chris Cutler, Chris Cutler also won Cereal Grain Production. Swine Production winner was Lynn Hays. The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association Award winner is Lee Leverich and Ken Hogan won the Agricultural Cooperative Part-Time Training Award. All these winners advance to Area Competition. Second place District winners include Lance Perry in sheep

production and Dusty Farmer in Diversified Livestock Production. In Public Speaking Contest, Dusty Farmer placed second and advanced to Area, Receiving District nominations for the Lone Star Farmers Degree were Randy Davis, Michael Reddin and Dusty Farmer, who placed second as Star Lone Star Farmer. Star Greenhand, which is the most outstanding first year student in the district, is Lynn Hays. For the first time in the forty-nine year history of the Merkel Chapter, there are two nominees for the American Farmer Degree, in which only one out of every six hundred and sixty six students in the nation can receive and they must be out of high school for one year. The nominees are Tommy Hays and Jay Gibson. Stephanie Boyd was also elected at this meeting as next years District Treasurer.

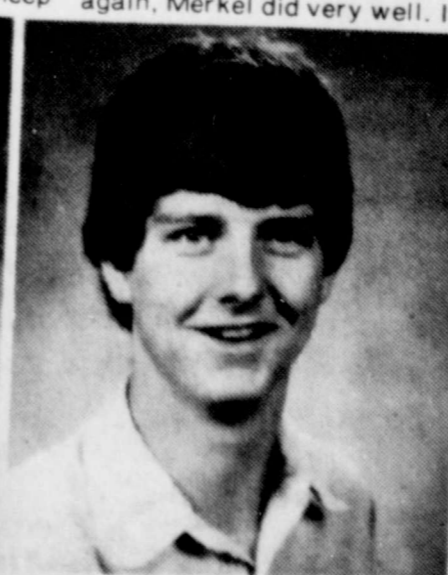
In the same week the Area IV Competition was held and here again, Merkel did very well. In the

Proficiency awards, Merkel placed first in seven areas, Lyle Baker first in Agricultural Sales and Service, Mike Myers first in specialty Animal Production, Dusty Farmer first in Diversified Crop Production, Dusty also won Forage Production, Chris Cutler won both Feed Grain Production and Cereal Grain Production and Ken Hogan won Agricultural Coop Award. All these winners now advance to state competition to be held this summer. Second place winners include Benny Roys in Poultry Production, Stephanie Boyd in Horse Proficiency, Lynn Hays in Swine Production and Lee Leverich with the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association Award. Lynn Hays placed second as the Area Star Greenhand and Jay Gibson was named as the Area IV Star American Farmer Candidate.

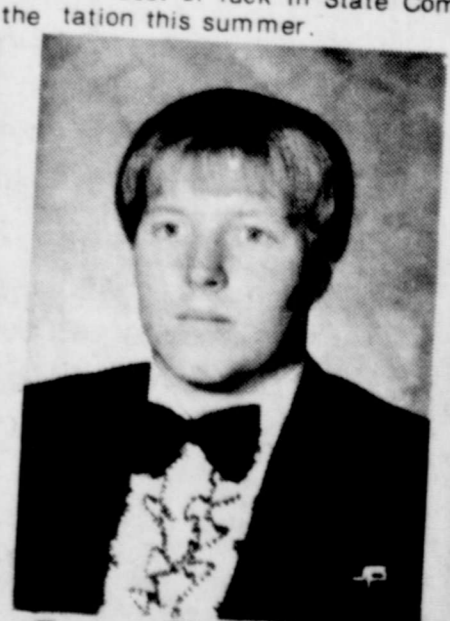
We wish all these Area Winners the best of luck in State Competition this summer.



Lynn Hays
Dist Star Greenhand



Tommy Hays
American Farmer Candidate



Jay Gibson
Star American Farmer Candidate

Cain, Beaver to state meet



§ Merkel's Matt Cain is headed to Austin this weekend for the State Track Meet in the 110 hurdles. His coach, Eddie Lang [at right] said Matt has a good chance to place this year. Cain is a junior. [Staff photo]



§ Trent's Benjamin "Bebo" Beaver has qualified for the State Track Meet in three events. Beaver won the regional 100, 200 and the long jump. Trent coach George Deck said Beaver has a good chance to win the 200 and the long jump. Beaver, a junior, will be back next year burning the track. [Staff photo]

HECA holds 1st banquet

Briarstone Manor was the site of the first Merkel High School HECA Employer Appreciation Banquet. Students enrolled in Home Economics Cooperative Education gathered Thursday evening April 25th to say thanks for their employers for their job training.

After Merkel High principal Larry Curry lead the invitation, Lisa Williamson recapped the year's activities of FHA-HERO. She was presented a red rose from the chapter for her work during

the year. Each business that employed students in the program were recognized. Merkel businesses included Walls Industries, Merkel Dairy Queen, Circle A Western Wear, Skeets Restaurant, Wylie Shamrock Cafe, Braggs Department Store, T J & T Tire Company, and J. C. Penny Co., Sears and Montgomery Wards of Abilene.

Students receiving certificates of completion in food production and supporting services were Luan Johnson, Christie Martin, Robin Ray, Lisa Proctor, Marsha

Tutt, Shain Burks, Ron Laurance and in the clothing, apparels and textiles, construction and support Justin DuPont, Artie Ascencio, Kelly Boswell, Stacy Cowling, Jacki Lambert, Melody Pape, Dersti Whisenhunt and Lisa Williamson. In institutional and home management Tim Dillon and David Glasscock.

Students are already registering for the program next year. Employers interested in hiring a student next year are asked to contact Pam Rosenbaum at Merkel High.



Justin DuPont was named FHA-HERO student of the year at a recent banquet held by the Merkel High organization. He is the son of Mr. Mrs. Joseph DuPont. (Complimentary photo)

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Byrd-Lovelace repeat vows

Jeri Suzanne Byrd became the bride of Richard Alan Lovelace Saturday in a ceremony read by Justice of the Peace Bobby Curtis at Perini Ranch in Buffalo Gap, Texas.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry D. Byrd. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Lovelace, Sr.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Bill Hamner, sister of the bride, and bridesmaid was Melinda Ditmore of Abilene.

Flower girl was Cortne Lou Hamner, niece of the bride, and ring bearer was Adam Tarpley.

Best man was Glen Casselberry, of Abilene and groomsman was L.D. Lovelace, Jr., brother of the groom.

Ushers were Bill Hamner, of Trent, and Jim Lovelace, of Abilene.

Parents of the bride hosted the reception with a barbecue and dance.

The bride is a graduate of Merkel High School and is employed by Orthopedic Associated of Abilene.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Cooper High School and is employed by The City of Abilene Fire Department.

Following a short wedding trip, the couple will reside in Abilene.



MHS cheerleaders selling Badger T-Shirts

The Merkel High School Cheerleaders are selling Badger shirts for the 1985-86 school year. These shirts will arrive in time for the football season. You are required to pay a \$5.00 deposit per shirt when you order and pay the remaining balance the beginning of school next year. The cheerleaders are trying to raise enough money for a Badger mascot uniform. They would appreciate you help. If you would like to buy a Badger shirt fill out the order form and return to the high school office. Deadline for ordering will be June 28, 1985.

Baccalaureat services are Sunday at 2 p.m.

Merkel High will hold it's annual Baccalaureat services Sunday at 2 p.m. at the school auditorium.

Special speaker for the event will be Brother Brandon of the Merkel Church of Christ.

A reception will be held in the school cafeteria following the service.

Merkel's tax rebates total \$1,144

The City of Merkel recently received \$1,144.51 in state tax rebates from the legal Bingo games that take place within the city limits.

That payment represents the first quarter of the year.

There are 1,143 non-profit organizations in the state that have legalized Bingo games and more than a billion dollars has been spent on the game since it was legalized in the state, according to State Comptroller Bob Bullock.

The state keeps 2 per cent of the taxable proceeds from the games and also charges an additional 2 per cent processing fee.

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CHILD:

Small: with paw print _____ without paw print _____ TOTAL _____

(6-8)

Medium: with paw print _____ without paw print _____ TOTAL _____

(10-12)

Large: with paw print _____ without paw print _____ TOTAL _____

(14-16)

ADULT TOTAL: _____

A \$5.00 DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED PER SHIRT.

CHILD'S TOTAL: _____

Cost of Shirt: \$ _____

Am't Paid: \$ _____

Total Due: \$ _____

Date _____

Parent's Signature _____

WTU's summer rates are in effect; rates are higher

The price of electricity to residential and commercial customers of West Texas Utilities Co. will increase slightly this month as the company's summer rates go into effect.

The summer-winter rate differential for the two classes of customers was proposed by the Public Utility Commission of Texas staff during negotiations in WTU's rate case last fall.

Beginning with May billings, residential and commercial customers will be charged 3.4 cent

more per kilowatt-hour. Residential base rates rise from 3.22 cents to 3.97 cents per KWh, while commercial base rates rise from 3.43 cents to 4.18 cents per KWh.

Coincidentally, there will be a fuel factor adjustment raising the cost of fuel from 3.14 cents per KWh to 3.5949 cents. This means that residential rates, including fuel costs, will go from 6.36 cents per KWh to 7.5649 cents, and commercial rates, including fuel costs, will go from 6.5 cents to 7.77 cents per KWh.

The new base rates and fuel cost factor will be effective for bills rendered during the month of May. The summer rates continue through October.

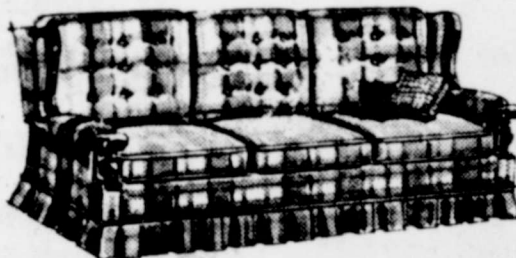
The seasonal rate differential has been used by many companies for many years. The main reason is that the cost of service is higher during the peak usage season, or summer months. Also, higher rates serve as an incentive for customers to conserve and trim the peak demand.

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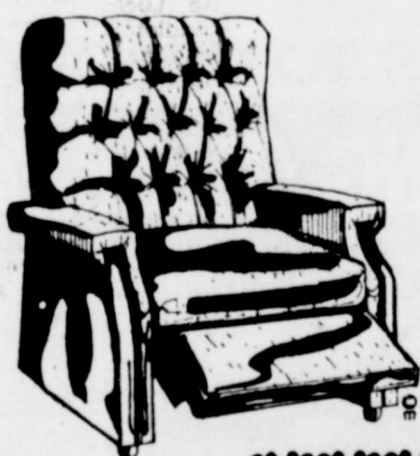


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The newly elected varsity cheerleaders for the 1985-86 school year proudly display the new marquee sign purchased by the Badger Booster Club in memory of Coach

Al Mitts. The students at Merkel High will enjoy the sign and will be reminded of a super coach. The students of Merkel High, along with the cheerleaders, would like to give the Booster Club a big

thank you. Cheerleaders next year will be [from left] Tracy Bicknell, Sheri Riney, Son Mi Chon, Abby Irvin, Michelle Woodard, Amy Irvin, Krista Toombs and Stacey Newberry. [Photo by Iris Amerine]

MISD happy with test results

The Merkel School District recently received the results of the 1985 Metropolitan Achievement Test. The information revealed that the students continued the strong showing made during the 1984 testing program.

All grade levels, one through twelve, performed near or above grade level. Compared to 1984,

some grades gained two years of academic growth.

The students continued to make outstanding progress in mathematics. A few years ago, math was designated as an instructional area needing improvement. As a result of emphasis being placed on math instruction, students are now achieving above their normal

grade level.

Bill Everett, Superintendent of Merkel I.S.D., was pleased that the students maintained the high level of achievement demonstrated in 1984 and even surpassed last years performance in some areas.

Parents will be receiving individual student reports and may contact the principal's office for more information.

MHS coaches for 85-86

MISD athletic director Dick Lepard has made his head coach selections for sports during the 1985-86 school year.

Head football coach is Coach Lepard; Head boys basketball coach will be Skip Townsend; head girls basketball coach will be Renee Hicks; head track coach

Robert Damron; head tennis & volleyball coach Rhonda Rainwater; head golf coach Bob Mace. Bruce Wood will be the junior high athletic director.

The district is still looking to fill two positions in the junior high and Coach Lepard said he felt

those positions would be filled soon.

Also, Coach Lepard wanted to congratulate the regional qualifiers in track and wanted also to congratulate the Merkel High Band for their "Best Band in Class" performance in Amarillo over the weekend.

McCartney is Cisco grad

Donna J. McCartney, wife of Mike McCartney and grand daughter of Mrs. Jay (Pearl) McCartney, graduated from Cisco Junior College, Friday, May 3, 1985 with an Associate of Applied Arts degree. Honors included being selected the Outstanding Student of the Human Services program, as well as the Dean's List award. Future plans include attending McMurry College in the Fall, while obtaining a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. Mrs. McCartney is presently employed part-time at Abilene Economic Development Co. as the Procurement and Bid Assistance Intern.



Martin is recent graduate

of McMurry College

Randy Ray Martin of Merkel, graduated from McMurry College in the 62nd annual Commencement ceremonies held Sunday, May 12 in Radford Auditorium.

Randy received a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Physical Education.

Randy is the son of Mr. Ray Martin of Abilene and Mrs. Pat Neff of Merkel. He is a 1981 graduate of Merkel High School.

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Merkel Art group holds

last meeting until Sept.

The Merkel Art Association met May 6th at Taylor Telephone with President Ruth Cox presiding. Secretary Evelyn Stribling read the minutes and gave a treasurer's report.

The group elected new officers. They are Pat Byrd- President; Bonnie English- vice president; Imogene Coleman- secretary-treasurer; Ruth Buster- reporter; Robbie Wilson- telephone historian and Marie Beard and Ethel Pee- telephone committee.

Members of the Art Association would like to

take this opportunity to say thanks for a successful arts and crafts show and to thank Marvin Coleman, Billy Fry, Claude Buster, Tom Wilson, Benny Rogers, Howard Sliger, Mary & Jack Boone and Buster Hester for helping with the tables and chairs.

They especially wanted to thank Merkel Mail publisher Cloy A. Richards for his time, support and space in the paper.

Art members will meet the first Monday in September at Taylor Telephone.

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Sale \$13,392

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Milk	FOREMOST 1/2 GAL Reg. 1.51	\$1 29
Bananas	Lb.	39¢
Marshmallows	LARGE	79¢

Bait - Shrimp \$2.35 Worms \$1.50 Liver \$1.39

Corn Meal	6 OZ GLADIOLA	\$1 00
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Public Notices

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A PERMIT TO BIG COUNTRY CABLEVISION, INC., FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING, AMPLIFYING, AND DISTRIBUTING TELEVISION SIGNALS AND TELEVISION TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE CITY OF TRENT, TEXAS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TRENT, TEXAS

Section 1. That there is hereby granted to Big Country Cablevision, Inc. its successors and assigns, hereinafter called the Grantee, the right, privilege and franchise to construct, maintain and operate in the present and future, in the streets, roads, alleys and public places of the City of Trent, a television and signal distribution system consisting of a tower, or towers, poles and cables with all necessary or desirable appurtenances including underground conduit for the purpose of supplying television signals to said city.

Section 2. That said Grantee, its agents and employees, may enter in and upon said streets, alleys and public places at any time for the purpose of making excavations, installing, removing, repairing and maintaining such poles, wires, cables and all other structures necessary or convenient in supplying such television signal service. Any and all excavations shall be repaired and obstructions removed as quickly as it is reasonably possible under the circumstances.

Section 3. For and in consideration of the right, privileges and franchise herein granted the Grantee, its successors and assigns, shall pay to the City of Trent, Texas during the term of this franchise a sum of 2 percent of the Grantee's gross receipts derived from monthly service charges to customers within the cooperate limits of the City of Trent, Texas. Payment of such sum in accordance with the foregoing shall be made on a quarterly basis. The above payments shall be in lieu of any tax or other imposition, assessment or charges, except ad valorem taxes.

Section 4. This franchise shall be in force and effect for a period of twenty-five years from acceptance and shall thereupon terminate and all licenses and privileges shall cease unless more than six (6) months before expiration date and not more than one (1) year prior to said expiration date, the Grantee shall tender to the said City of Trent, notice of its intention to renew this franchise, in which event the same shall be renewed for a term of five (5) years, and in like manner this franchise may be renewed for successive terms of five (5) years thereafter.

Section 5. That the Grantee shall within thirty (30) days from the passage and approval of this ordinance, file with the city secretary of the City of Trent, a written acceptance of this ordinance and at the same time pay to the said city secretary a sum of money sufficient to cover the cost of publication of this ordinance.

Section 6. The Grantee shall furnish public liability insurance in an amount not less than \$500,000.00 in a solvent surety company authorized to do business in the State of Texas, to be approved by the city secretary, to indemnify and save the City harmless from damages or injury to persons or property, and loss and expense caused by the negligence or default of the Grantee.

Section 7. Grantee shall set its rates to its customers in the City of Trent. Subscribers will be notified thirty (30)

days prior to any subsequent increases in monthly service rates.

Section 8. Grantee agrees to render service to all subscribers within economically feasible distance of its main system, and further agrees to maintain an adequate level of signal at subscriber's television receiving set. Provided, however that service can be discontinued for cause, namely either failure to make payment for service, or for tampering with Grantee's System.

Section 9. This ordinance and the terms and conditions thereof are specifically made subject to the applicable

rules and regulation of the Federal Communications Commission.

Section 10. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby amended accordingly.

Passed and approved at this the 23 day of April 1965.

Randy Hunt Mayor
Attest: Shannon Payne City Secretary
Accepted and Agreed: Big Country Cablevision Inc. W.A. "Bill" Green Vice President 111-2tc-194

Trung Tran receives piano award



Trung Tran recently received a plaque for outstanding musical achievement in piano. He was presented the award by his piano teacher, of six years, Mrs. Ronny Doan. This

is the first award of high honor to be presented to any of Mrs. Doan's students in her fifteen years of teaching piano. Trung is a senior at Merkel High and is the son of Dr. & Mrs. Tran of Merkel.

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