# The Merkel Mail 

Winners from local
Fun Day drawings named

## Starbuck's sell local business

 George Starbuck announced the emphasis on personal service. Wichita Falls and came to Merkel
sale of Starbuck Funeral Home Benny Williams will be the funerai trom Sullivan Funeral Home in of the day-to-day operations. He George \& Charlotte now tor over a
Fred Starbuck purchased the will be assisted by his wife Lu year and a half. He and his wif ompany from Ace Sheppard 948. Many devoted hours were Benny is a graduate of Roches spent with the Merkel citizens ter High School and the Dallas
until his retirement in 1978 . Institute of Mortuary Science. He George \& Charlotte moved here served his apprenticeship with the
and took over the business in 1973 . Uni-Service Corporation which

Carriker says current proposed state spending bill will close schools across Texas
o veto new state taxes will mean
very severe cuts in programs and
huge increases in local property
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taxes state Representative Steve
Carriker (D-Roby) announced this
week.
The appropriations bill adopted
by the Texas House of Representatives last week makes
major categories of state spending
contingent on passage of an contingent on passage of a
adequate revenue-raising bill. I
the Legislature failts to approve the required tax measure, slated automatically take effect.
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Fun, Johnny

| by Cloy A. Richards <br> Another Fun Day is behind us now, our 9th. <br> The event seems to change a little each year, while a lot of things stay the same <br> I don't think we had as many people attend this year. The event being on Saturday on a holiday weekend didn't help the attendance. <br> WE of course saw the traditional impromptu water fights that break out in the hot afternoon along the South fence. This year, a lot of local kids were shooting fireworks in the park, something I don't think should be happening. There's too large of a crowd, we did have a lady who was burned when a Roman Candle shot hit her in the back of the head. Hopefully, we can put a stop to that next year <br> The ticket selling efforts of John Starbuck were again outstanding. John finished Fun Day 1987 with almost $\$ 750$ worth of donation tickets, and at 50 cents a shot or 3 for \$1, that's a lot of tickets. It was the 9 th year in a row that John led |
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Carey-Gorton repeat vows in recent local ceremony
 Phe White Church Cemetery
The candlelighters and ushers Thers. Association has received a dora-
were Clay Carey of Merkel. And
brother of the bride, and Scott tion from Mrs. F. D. Wyatt in
Gorton of Mobile. Ala., brother of memory of Cody Culp Redden.

still a few places left and deposits
are being taken now to assure yo a reservation. Call Mildred
buck at $928-4712$ for details.


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Save－the－Family－Farm Act will do what it claims

| By Jim Hightower <br> Texas Agriculture Commissioner <br> The Save－the－Family－Farm Act is the one farm proposal before Congress that will do exactly what is name say， <br> Dratted in dozen torm rural forums across the country，the Save－the－Family－Farm Act is spon sored by Senator Fom Harkin（D）IA and Congressman Richard Gephardt （D． MO ） <br> Specifically，the Save－the－famils Farm Act is the one option offered to Congress that could help Texas farmers to a study recently released by Texas A\＆$M$ University．A\＆$M$＇s policy analysts found that the Save－the－ increase farm prices and profits at the same time it would drastically cut taxpayer subsidies．（See charts．） <br> Of the 640,000 full－time commercial farmers that remain in the U．S．，about 120,000 are predicted to be put out of business before this bill can help them．Another 160,000 are on the brink least 44,000 of them immediately，and the debt restructuring provisions would let another 120,000 work their way back to financial health during the next 10 years． <br> Taxpayer Relief <br> By selling America＇s farm commodi－ ties in the marketplace instead of to the government＇s warehouses，our legisla－ tion zeroes out the humongous sums that taxpayers have been forced to pay in the form of crop subsidies to farmers， conglomerates and syndicates．Our supply－management approach would eliminate all crop subsidy payments to farmers，saving taxpayers $\$ 18$ billion in its first year，and $\$ 22$ billion thereafter． Under this Act the only taxpayer outlays are for Food for Peace purchases，a conservation reserve and a disaster reserve <br> Debt Restructuring <br> In addition to providing a significant tax savings，the Act defuses a massive ＇debt bomb＇that is set to go off in our agricultural economy．The debt owed by American farmers is a staggering $\$ 205$ billion－－more than the combined debts of Mexico and Brazil．Under current farm policy，at least one－fourth of that debt（ $\$ 66$ billion）cannot be repaid，precipitating either a massive federal bailout of farm lenders or causing a default of crash proportions． |
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The Save－the－Family－Farm Act now before Congress was developed during
dozens of farmers＇meeting，held around the country，like this one held last year in St．Louis，Missouri．Here，Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim
Hightower addressed the crowd of more than 2,000 farmers who came from 40 states to the gathering
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ceptible to consumers has devastated
American farmers．In Texas， causing us to tosers about I Texas，it is
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If our society is the Cove a a structure of independent，decentralized，
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them to them to break even．The Save－the－
Family－Farm Act achieves this goal by reestablishing a fair price floor at a cost－
of－production level for several of our basic commodities
This floor will pump farm－saving Income directly from the marketplace to thousands of family farmers，and it will produce either no increase，or a
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## The Key To Lower Cooling Bills

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Raise Your Thermostat Setting
To Lower Your Cooling Bills

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