

The Merkel Mail

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Board approves job descriptions, hears campus reports, evaluations plans

The Merkel School Board met Tuesday night in the Merkel High school teachers lounge and heard reports from campus principals, adopted a state suggested AIDS policy and set early release dates.

Board members also decided to support the nomination of former Wylie ISD superintendent Stanley Whisenhunt as a director of the Taylor County Appraisal District.

Board members started by paying bills totaling \$129,354. School business director Peggy Gibson, she told board members the school's surplus stood at \$1,295,000 and that 90 percent of the 1986 taxes were paid. She said the school still had a "lot" of delinquent taxes but that some of those were being collected.

Merkel High principal Robert Damron also cleared up some confusion about the high school honors classes program. Merkel High students who took honors classes during the past two years will receive points toward class rankings for those classes but will not be eligible for a special seal on their high school diploma. Damron told board members that next year's juniors will be eligible for that program. Students now taking honors classes will be eligible for five extra points that will improve their class ranking.

The board also decided to sign a contract with Taylor County's Central Appraisal District for delinquent tax collections. The tax collection work will continue to be performed by an Austin-based law firm but the school will save 3 percent on collection fees by signing the contract.

Board members also heard

from each campus principal. Each had good things to say about the first three weeks of school.

At Tye Elementary, principal Harry Taylor reported 207 students as of Monday. He also said Tye had started a new reading program to help students with reading disorders.

At Merkel Elementary, principal David Casey reported 530 students and of that, 21 were enrolled in special education classes.

Merkel Middle School principal Gaylon Brnovak told board members he has 334 students.

Merkel High principal Robert Damron reported 419 students, including 15 who had previously dropped out of school. He also said the school was starting a program of contacting parents of students on days those students were absent. He said the office is contacting parents of students who aren't in school, usually

during third period.

During the superintendent's report, James Logan told the board he had started an administrative council meeting being held Monday's prior to school board meetings. That council consists of the campus principals, a student council representative and a teacher representative. He also said the district should plan a surplus equipment auction this spring.

The board also set early release dates through the Christmas holidays. School will dismiss at 1:30 on September 25th, October 2, November 25th and December 18th.

In other action, board members also approved a substitute teacher's list, as well as job descriptions for all MISD employees.

Board members also approved a plan for teacher's observations. That plan was unchanged from last year.

Badgers stomp Cisco Travel to Anson Friday

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Trent tramples Rule 2-0 'Rilla's host Guthrie Friday

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Church dedication, Badgers, Railbirds, ammendments... more

by Cloy A. Richards

A couple of grand openings, of sorts, will be held here over the weekend.

Sunday, parishioners of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church will dedicate their beautiful new facility in a special worship service starting at 10:30. The Bishop of the San Angelo district will attend that special mass. So other local churchgoers can get a look at the new facility on Merkel's South side, an open house will start Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, Merkel VFW Post 5683 will dedicate their new facility.

That grand opening will start at 10 a.m. and the new facility is being dedicated to the two female members of the Post and three local "Gold Star" mothers. The public is also invited to attend that ceremony.

The local 7th and 8th grade football teams will take to the field for their first time this afternoon as they host Anson. The 7th grade games starts at 5:30, followed by the 8th grade and closing with the JV contest.

While we are on one of my favorite subjects, the Badgers looked both good and bad in soundly defeating Cisco here Friday 38-14. The Badgers took their first snap and quarterback Kenneth Jowers took it in for a 50 yard plus touchdown. After that, the Badgers sputtered for awhile

before getting the offense rolling again.

Cisco surprised the Badger defense by trying to throw the ball and had some success at it. The secondary learned that valuable lesson of reading pass or run early.

Jowers looked good running the ball and completed half of his passes, scoring four touchdowns. Cory Hine ran the ball well and Shayne Newberry, who had a great game against Sweetwater in the opener, was held in check all night with under 50 ayrds on 18 carries. The reason Newberry was stopped is the Cisco defense followed every step he made, even knocking Newberry down when a pitch was not made to him. That is illegal in this modern day football. The was you used to defend the wishbone was to assign a defensive man to each offensive back and tell the defense to knock the back on his backside each play. That is no longer within the rules and since we are the only team in the district running the wishbone, area officials may be a little rusty on that rule. Regardless, the Badgers, in their second game of the season, looked effective at times and not so effective at times, which is about what you expect in week two.

This week, they take on the Anson Tigers who must be wondering what in the world is going on, starting the season at 0-2 after such a good performance last year.

The Tigers lost to Cisco in their

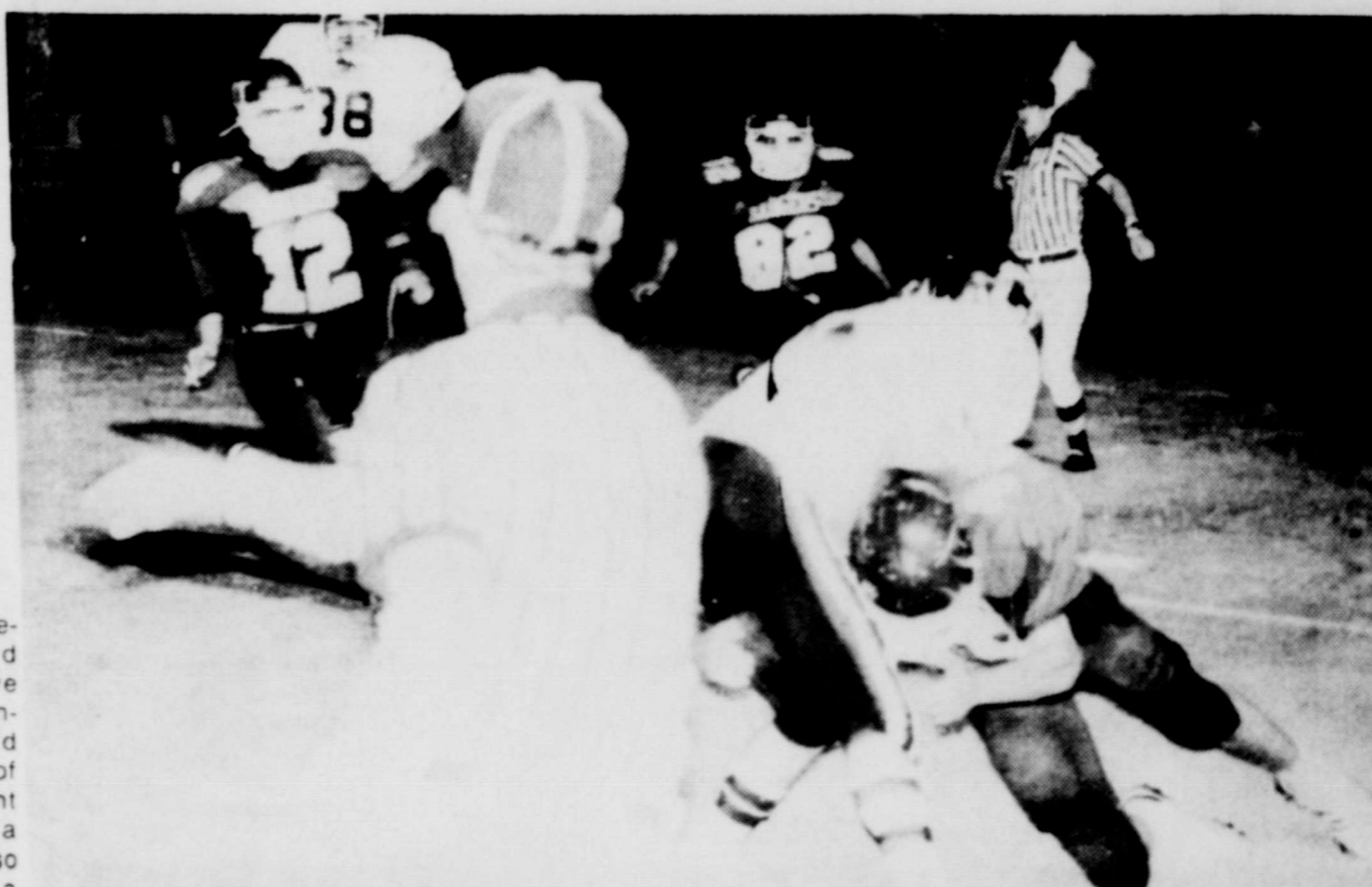
season opener which shocked quite a few folks and then fell to Eastland last week (there is no shame in that). Look for the Badgers to take to the air a little more as the Badger passing attack will gain confidence each week.

Members of the local Railbirds (those guys who stand along the pipe at the West end of the home stands, are looking for their sign, which was "removed" from the stadium. I talked with one of their most radical spokesmen this week and they wanted to pass along thanks to Hayden eeves and his crew for removing the chain link from the pipes they use at foot rests. As they get older, they may start making a serious request for some kind of seats along that area.

Trent's Gorillas are flying high as they are off to a 2-0 start and local fans might see the 'Rilla's in their first real contest as Guthrie comes to Trent Friday. If you have never seen a Six-Man game, head to Trent Friday and check it out.

Local state representative Steve Carriker's **Capitol Journal** column will be featuring some descriptions of the proposed changes to the Texas constitution over the next few weeks.

Local voters should take the time to read what he has to say about the proposed ammendments before going to the polls Nov. 3rd.



§ Badger defensive back Shayne Newberry makes a tackle on a Cisco runner in the Badgers first home game last week. The back judge obviously didn't

like a block he saw on the play and throws a flag. The Badgers travel to Anson Friday to take on the Tigers. Staff photo

Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church will dedicate new building Sunday

The people of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church are happy to announce that the new church is completed and ready for use. Sunday, a dedication will be held, and in a formal way, the new church building will be dedicated to the Worship of God.

His Excellency, Michael D. Pfeifer, O.M.I. will officiate at

this dedication. Bishop Pfeifer is the Bishop of the Diocese of San Angelo, of which Merkel is a part. Assisting at the ceremony will be Father Francis Hynes, C.M. of Sweetwater, pastor of Our Mother of Mercy Church and Father Frank Zimmermann, C. M., priest in charge of Our Mother of Mercy Church, and Father Frank Lee

Zimmermann, C.M. priest in residence.

The ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Anyone who would like to attend this ceremony is cordially invited to do so.

In order for local people to also have a look at the new church, an open house will be held from 2:30 until 4 p.m. Sunday. The community is also invited to attend.

Sign up for USDA commodities before Sept. 24

People interested in receiving USDA food commodities have until Sept. 24th to sign up at City Hall.

People who have previously received the commodities will not need to sign up again. Every other month, the city

distributes food commodities purchased by the United States Department of Agriculture and makes the commodities available to people meeting certain income and family size guidelines.

Applications may be filled out at City Hall from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30

p.m. Monday-Friday. You do not have to be a city resident to make application for the local food distribution.

The next distribution will be held Oct. 3rd at the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department Station.

VFW will dedicate building

The local chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5683 and the Ladies Auxillary, would like to invite the citizens of Merkel to their Grand Opening ceremonies.

The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Merkel mayor Kent Satterwhite will attend the ribbon cutting. Members will also conduct the formal flag raising ceremony and the dedication of the building will be conducted. The new building

will be dedicated to the two lady members and the three Gold Star Mothers of Post 5683.

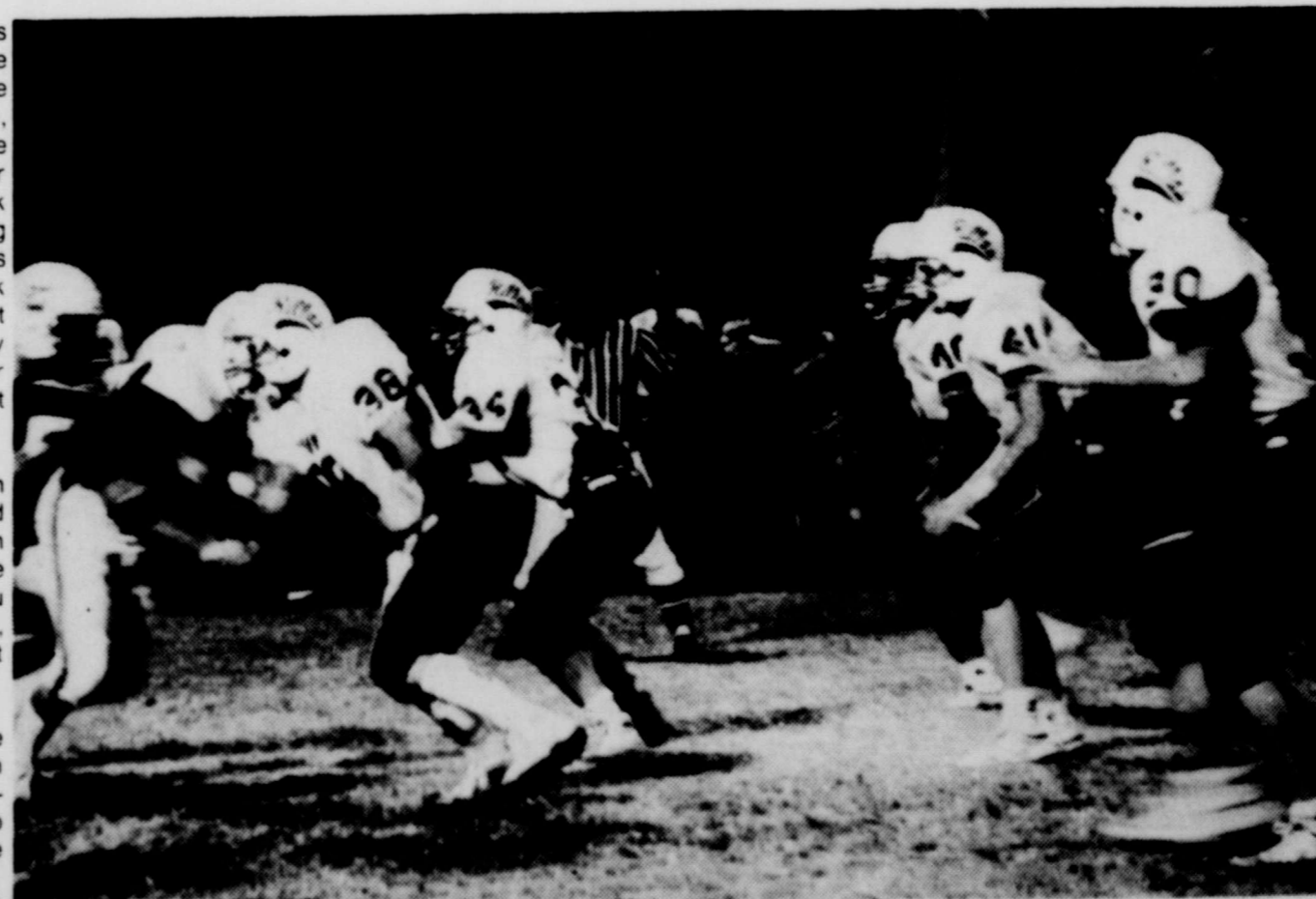
The only two lady members are Lena V. Barnes and Mildred E. Worrel who served in the U. S. Army during the European Theater in World War II.

The Gold Star Mothers are mothers whose sons died in battle overseas. These mothers are Ruth Riney whose son Delma Reed died in Viet Nam July 2, 1967. He

served in the Marine Corps. Josie Lackey, mother of Robert E. Lackey, who served in the Army and died in Viet Name December 11, 1968.

Viola Ensminger's son, Wade H. Ensminger Jr. was shot down on World War II while serving in the U. S. Army Air Corps.

The community is invited in honoring these women who deserve our attention.



§ Trent's defense, which held Rule to one touchdown, reacts to the snap. Shown are Mike Payne [38], Chris

Jones [34], Keith Oden [40], Brian Massey [41] and Lewis Knapp. Photo by Shannon Payne

Badgers trounce Cisco

Badger quarterback Kenneth Jowers ran for four touchdowns and passed for another to lead the Badgers to a 38-14 win over Cisco here Friday night.

The win evened the Badgers season record at 1-1 as the Badgers travel to Anson Friday in their final pre-district tune up of the season.

Jowers was selected as the **Abilene Reporter News** offensive player of the week as he ran for 99 yards on 12 carries and completed 8 of 16 passes, including a 51 yard scoring strike to halfback Davey DeLeon.

Jowers started with a bang as he took the ball on the game's opening offensive play, decided to keep it, and raced 63 yards for a touchdown. Jowers also scored three more times on short runs to lead the Badgers. DeLeon added two more scores.

Badger coach Dick Lepard told **The Mail** Tuesday "I was kind of disappointed after the game. After scoring on the first play of the game, we did not play very well for the rest of the first quarter. When people give you a chance to put them away, you have to take it."

Lepard was also worried that the Badgers blew a couple of scoring opportunities inside the Cisco 20 yard line and said "You can't do that in district games and win."

He said he was very proud of the execution in the passing game as Jowers completed half of his pass attempts and he felt the Badgers did a much better job of tackling this week.

He was also happy with the way the offensive line blocked. He said we are not where we wanted to

be at this point in the season but that he was very pleased with some of the aspects of the Badgers' game.

He was proud of the defense holding Cisco to 64 yards rushing but concerned about 123 yards allowed through the air. He said "Our cornerbacks were coming up to protect the run too fast and they let a couple of passes go in behind them. It is all a learning process and we need to quit making those kind of mistakes."

He added "We want to keep reminding the kids that we need to eliminate our mistakes. The kids have a real good attitude and they expect a lot out of themselves."

He added he was proud that Jowers received the honors from the **ARN** but added "It's a reflection on how the team plays as well."

In the yards gained department, Jowers ran 12 times for 99 yards. Shayne Newberry (who was shadowed by the Cisco cornerback all night long) had 18 carries for 45 yards. Cory Hines had 84 yards in 12 carries and DeLeon has 5 yards on 3 carries.

He complimented the play of Kevin Wright at linebacker (who led the team in tackles) and David Bierra at defensive end. He also liked the efforts of DeLeon at halfback, John Walsh at offensive end and the running of Corey Hines.

This week, the Badgers take on Anson and they are off to a disappointing 0-2 start. Anson lost to Cisco in week one and were shutout by Eastland last week.

Anson runs out of the 1 formation on offense and plays the 27 defensive alignment. Lepard said the Tigers like to back off the ball and chase the plays down on defense and Anson has not thrown the ball that much so far this year. He added "We didn't think that Cisco would throw but they did."

He added "Anson will be tough at their place and we are taking this game very seriously."

The Badgers still are nursing a couple of ankle injuries to Tony Roberts and David Thomas. They are both expected to play this week. Ramon Moreno is still out and he is questionable for the Clyde game Sept. 25th.

The Merkel Junior Varsity downed Cisco last week 36-14. For the 9th grade members of the team, it was their first win since they have been playing football here. Lepard said he had good efforts from Sean Leamon, Michael Blue, Phillip Seymore and Ray Cobb.

This week, the Badger 7th, 8th and JV teams will all host Anson tonight (Thursday). The 7th grade games start at 5:30, followed by the 8th grade and then the JV game.

Lepard said there was a "good game" at last week's home opener.



§ Badger fullback Cory Hines heads upfield after getting a block from mark Aldrete [82]. Hines had 84 yards on 12 carries in the Badgers 38-14 win over Cisco here Friday.

Staff photo



§ Badger halfback Davey DeLeon has nothing but the goal line in front of him as he caught a Kenneth Jowers pass for

a 53 yard touchdown. DeLeon also scored on a short run in last week's game against Cisco.

Staff photo

	Merkel	Cisco
1st downs	21	10
Rushing	237	64
Passing	150	123
Completed	8-16	8-13
Fumbles	2	2

MHS ex-students announce homecoming slate

Ex Merkel High Students will celebrate homecoming September 25th and 26th.

Registration will be held at Heritage Hall from 10:00 a.m. until 7 p.m. The annual downtown parade will begin at 3:30 p.m.

A meal served by the Exchange Club of Merkel will take place from 4 until 6:30 p.m.

The game starts at 8 p.m. as Merkel hosts Clyde. An all-school homecoming will be held at Heritage Hall after the game.

On Saturday, exes will meet for

coffee and donuts at Heritage Hall at 9 a.m. and the business meeting will be held at 10 a.m.

The Class of Honor this year is the Class of 1937. Their nominees from Coming Home Queen and Mr. X are Tommy Whisenhunt Niell and L. B. Gibson. The Host Class of 1967's nominees are Jeanie Anderson Reynolds and Gaston Thomas.

Ballots may be mailed to the Merkel Ex Students Association, P O Box 683, Merkel, TX 79636.

The ballot fee is \$1.

Local Exchange Club will serve meal before Homecoming game

The National Exchange Club of Merkel will be serving a homecoming dinner at Heritage Hall Sept. 25th from 4 until 7 p.m.

Joe McDuff's famous barbecues sausage with beans, cole slaw,

cornbread, tea or coffee will be served for \$3 per plate. Desserts will cost 75 cents.

Tickets are available from any Exchange Club member or may be purchased at the door.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Come to where the flavor is.



SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Smoking By Pregnant Women May Result in Fetal Injury, Premature Birth, And Low Birth Weight.

Lights Kings & 100's Soft 10 mg "tar", 0.7 mg nicotine—Kings & 100's & Menthol 16 mg "tar", 1.0 mg nicotine av. per cigarette. FTC Report Feb 85—Lights 100's Reg 11 mg "tar", 0.8 mg nicotine av. per cigarette by FTC method.

'Rilla's rout Rule 46-6

The Gorillas raised their record to 2-0 Friday with a 46-6 stomp of the Rule Bobcats.

The Gorillas took the opening kickoff and behind the running of Keith Oden and Lewis Knapp, drove the ball downfield. Doc Carriker capped the drive with a 15 yard td pass to Brian Massey. Scott O'Kelly busted the extra point and Trent took an 8-0 lead with 7:11 left in the first quarter.

The Gorillas got the ball right back as Rule fumbled at their own 31. Three plays later, Trent led 14-0 when Mike Payne busted in from the 1 yard line.

The stiff Gorilla defense continued their rough ways by making every yard gained by Rule a fight for their life. The Gorillas picked up where they left off by going the length of the field in only nine plays. The drive was capped by a 15 yard td pass from Knapp to Lee Hunt and with 1:06 left in the 1st quarter, Trent led 20-0.

After the Gorilla touchdown, the Bobcats achieved their only sustained drive of the game and when James Halliburton scored on a 35 yard run, the Bobcats had pulled within 14 at 20-6 with 6:41 left in the half.

The Gorillas and Bobcats exchanged possessions before the Gorillas mounted their last drive. Behind the slashing runs of Knapp, who picked up 127 yards on 18 carries and Oden, who had 80 yards on 10 carries, the Blue Crew took the ball 50 yards on nine plays with Oden getting the last 12 on a sweep to the long side of the field. O'Kelly split the uprights and the Gorillas led 28-6 at the half.

The second half was more of the same. Oden and Knapp, along with Cipi Falcon, Noe Falcon and Mike Payne, behind the blocking of Scott O'Kelly, Chris Jones, Brian Massey, Mike Hicks and Travis Walker, continued to bust through the Wildcat line for large chunk of yardage.

The Gorillas scored three more times in the second half. The first score came with 6:26 left in the 3rd quarter when Carriker hit Hunt with a 6 yard td pass. Hunt was double covered on the play and made a juggling, one handed catch surrounded by Bobcats.

The Gorillas second score of the half came after a six play drive.

Payne slashed off O'Kelly's block for a 1 yard td. On the dive, Payne ran over two Bobcats who met him at the goal line and he went in standing up.

The final Gorilla score came with 1:54 left in the game when 5'3" 165 pound Noe Falcon started left, reversed his field, and rambled 25 yards for the TD to round out the scoring at 46-6.

Coach Ed Donahugh told **The Mail** "Rule had some big old boys but we just outthit them, we also had more speed than they did."

The Guthrie Jaguars come to Trent's field Friday at 7:30 p.m. to take on the Blue Crew. The Jaguars, who began the season ranked # 8 by Dave Campbell's **Texas Football**, have had a rough start as they have lost their first two games. They are picked to contend with Harrold and Higgins for the District 2 championship so it should be a good test for the high-flying Gorillas.

On a related note, the Benjamin Mustangs have committed to play Trent on Oct. 16th at 7:30 p.m. at Trent field. The Mustangs, who compete in district 5, have been picked to challenge Newcastle and Rochester for the district championship.

by W. E. Dulaney

Trent	Rule
First downs 21	12
Yards rushing 43-401	41-154
Yards passing 97	4
Att-comp-td's 6-10-3	1-1-0
Punts-avg 1-36	2-20.5
Fumbles lost 5-1	7-4
Int by 11	1
Penalties 5-45	3-25

This Week's Schedule

Ira at Klondike
Jayton at Dawson
Highland at Grady
Loop at Hermleigh
Sands at Blackwell
Guthrie at Trent

Last Week's Results

Trent 46 Rule 6

District 4 Six Man Standings

	Win	Loss	Tie	Points	Points allowed
Trent	2	0		97	43
Jayton	2	0		68	27
Blackwell	2	0		77	27
Ira	1	1		61	79
Highland	1	1		62	72
Hermleigh	0	1	1	31	65

Jayton 28 Klondike 0
Blackwell 37 Grady 13
Christoval 58 Ira 28
Panther Creek 52 Highland 0
Southland 46 Hermleigh 12

Knapp's talents are not news in Trent

Dave Campbell's **Texas Football** magazine has discovered what the town of Trent has known for three years. Campbell picked the 6' 180 lb Lewis Knapp for his Six-Man honor roll this year, which gives some idea of this junior running-back-linebacker's abilities.

"I love to run the football," Knapp told **The Mail**. "When I run, I like to punish people," he added. Knapp ran the ball and punished people well enough last year to make all-district as a running back and as a linebacker. "I would love for us to go to the playoffs this year and go one step further than last year. I don't want to go out on a limb because it might come back to haunt us but we sure would like to have that state championship trophy," said Knapp.

Knapp is involved in FFA and is a district officer this year. He also participated in the state qualifying one act play last year and his hobbies include running, lifting weights and his favorite, dancing. "I have a person goal. All-State runs through my mind a lot but even honorable mention all-district would be great. Whatever happens, the team comes first," said Lewis.

Lewis is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Dale Simpson Jr. and hopes to attend the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs and become an Air Force pilot after graduation from Trent High.

by W. E. Dulaney



§ Trent lineman Scott O'Kelly [44] and Brian Massey [41] get set to block as quarterback Dock Carriker [33] pre-

pare to hand off to Keith Oden [right]. Trent is now 2-0 and will host Guthrie Friday.

Photo by Shannon Payne

Trent junior high wins opening game

The Trent Junior High Gorillas opened their season Thursday with a 40-13 stomp of the Ira Bulldogs at Trent Field.

After a scoreless first quarter, the younger Gorillas opened their scoring with 4:59 left in the half as John Galvin scampered 31 yards for the td. Galvin ran in the extra point and Trent led 7-0.

The game stayed at 7-0 until 3:17 mark of the 3rd quarter when Jeff Sanford scored from 3 yards out. Pete Chavez ran in the extra point and the Gorillas led 14-0. The Gorilla defense stopped the larger Bulldogs on their next possession and after taking over the Gorillas Chavez burst in for the td from 35 yards out and after Galvin ran in the extra point, the Gorillas led 21-0.

The Gorillas continued to pour it on in the 4th quarter with Pete Chavez scoring on a 36 yard run and Lupe Falcon returning an interception 20 yards for the td bringing the score 34-0.

Ira finally got on the board with 3:51 left in the game when Joe Luna scampered 30 yards for a td. After Luna ran in the extra point, the Bulldogs had closed within 27 points at 34-7.

The younger Gorillas stormed back after the Ira touchdown and on their first offensive play, Pete Chavez rambled 56 yards for the td. The extra point was no good and the Gorillas led 40-7.

The Bulldogs had one more td to round out the scoring when Joe Luna scored from eight yards out. The extra point was no good to make the final score 40-13, Gorillas.

"We were just real aggressive,"

by Kay and W. E. Dulaney

Blands fare well in Snyder rodeo

Kaci and Dee Bland were big winners in the Snyder Jr. Rodeo held Sept. 4th through the 6th in Snyder.

Kaci, age 6, brought home a 5th place in the 8 & under girls barrels while Dee, age 8, placed 1st in the 8 & under boys barrels and 2nd in the 8 & under boys poles.

Dee also competed in the 12 &

everybody played real well, said a pleased coach Doug Gore. "We have not worked with them very much and we only ran three different plays but we've got such good speed those three plays were good enough," continued Gore.

The younger Gorillas are open Sept. 18th but hope to continue their winning ways when they travel to Hermleigh Sept. 24th at 6 p.m.

by Kay and W. E. Dulaney

Trent band boosters elect officers

The Trent Band Boosters recently elected officers in a meeting held Sept. 9th.

Officers are: Reva Carriker- President, Debbie Boles- vice

president, Debbie Gibson- secretary, Shannon Payne- treasurer and Gloria Jones- advertising.

They encourage Trent residents to join their organization.

EVERYONE

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GOLDEN SAINTS CLUB

11:00am AUCTION

GIANT GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY SEPT. 19th

INVITED

TIME: will begin at 8 a.m. and go until 5 p.m. - Auction 11am

PLACE: MERKEL SOUTH PARK

PURPOSE: all proceeds will be used to purchase Hospital-related equipment for community needs

BAR-B-Q BRISKET, BEANS & SAUCE prepared by JOE McDUFF

Bar-B-Q Sandwiches \$2.00

By the pound 5.00

Cornbread & Beans 1.00

French Fries .50

Soft Drinks .50

Pies - whole 5.00 slice .50

Cakes - whole 4.00 & 5.00 slice .35

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MISD lunch menu

Sept. 17: tacos with taco sauce, pinto beans, lettuce, tomato, cheese, sliced peaches.
 Sept. 18: Corn dogs with mustard, french fries with catsup, combination salad, peanut butter cookies.
 Sept. 21: hamburger pizza with cheese, buttered mixed vegetables, lettuce wedges, choice of dressing, spiced applesauce.
 Sept. 22: Salisbury steak with brown gravy, whipped potatoes, english peas, whipped jello.
 Sept. 23: burritos with cheese wedges, lettuce and tomato salad, spanish rice, peach macaroons.
 Sept. 24: bar b q links, pinto beans, potato salad, apple cheese crisp.
 Sept. 25: hamburgers, lettuce

and tomato, pickle and onions, french fries, oatmeal cookies.

TISD lunch menu

Sept. 17: juice, cheese toast, milk. Lunch- chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, jello with fruit, rolls, tea or milk.
 Sept. 18: juice, donuts, milk. Lunch- ham & cheese sandwich, french fries, lettuce & tomatoes, cinnamon rolls, milk or tea.
 Sept. 21: grape juice, cream milk, barbecued weiners, potatoes with sauce, corbettes, chocolate cake, rolls, tea or milk.
 Sept. 22: grape juice, biscuits & sausage, jelly, milk, nachos with cheese sauce, pinto beans, tomato and lettuce salad, apple crisp, corn bread, milk or tea.
 Sept. 23: grape juice, cinnamon

rolls, milk, fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, english peas, jello with topping, rolls, tea or milk.

Sept. 24: grape juice, cinnamon rolls, milk, Salisbury steak, black-eyed peas, fried okra, apple sauce, rolls, tea or milk.

Sept. 25: grape juice, pancakes with syrup, milk, hamburgers, fries, trimmings, chewy cookies and milk or tea.

John's football picks

The following are John Starbuck's picks of the week.
 Merkel 28- Anson 15 (The Badgers are getting tuned up for the start of district play next week).
 Rice 10- LSU 38 (I think LSU has a very good chance of being the 1987 Southeastern Conference Champion).
 Michigan State 20- Notre Dame 30 (The Fighting Irish will be

really pumped up after last week's win over the Wolverines of Michigan on the Wolverine's home turf).

Dallas 17- New York Giants 35 (It would make me proud to see the Cowboys make this game a close one).

Guthrie 35- Trent 42 (Trent's speed and home field advantage is simply too much for Guthrie to handle).

Last week, three right and two wrong. Season total 5-5.

Editor's Note: Since John didn't include the Aggies- here it goes... Washington 31- Texas A & M 24 (Aggie fans will see the last of Craig Stump as a starter this week as Lance Pavalas will assume that starting role as the Aggies will start 0-2).

Chili in Anson

On your way to the Anson game on Sept. 18th, stop by Bea's Steak

House in Anson. The Cub Scout Pack of Anson is sponsoring a chili supper, the price is \$3.50.

The supper consists of chili, beans, cheese, onions and dessert. Second will be served on everything except desserts. This is our fundraiser for the year, and we would appreciate your support, plus you will enjoy an excellent meal. Tickets are being sold, but you can pay at the door.

MHS student council

The MHS student council has started their activities for the 1987-88 school year. They held their first meeting last week.

Freshman representative elections were held last week and they are concentrating their efforts on homecoming.

Compere plans clean-up

The Compere Cemetery Asso-

ciation will hold a cemetery clean up Saturday starting at 9 a.m.

A covered dish luncheon will be held at noon and a business meeting will be held following the lunch.

Barnes' new son

Bobby & Shannon Barnes of Mulberry Canyon are proud to announce the birth of a son, Ricky Lynn Barnes.

Ricky was born Sept. 4th at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene and weighed 8 pounds, and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Ricky's two big brothers at home are D. J. and Bo Barnes.

Paternal grandparents are Mrs. Doyal Barnes and great grandmother is Irene Barnes Hurd of Mulberry Canyon.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. O. J. Bagby of Merkel.





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**MERKEL & TRENT
FOOTBALL**

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17
MERKEL JV VS ANSON HERE AT 8:00
MERKEL JUNIOR HIGH
VS ANSON HERE AT 5:30 & 7:00

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18
MERKEL VARSITY IN ANSON AT 8:00
TRENT VARSITY VS
GUTHRIE AT HOME AT 7:30

THE FOLLOWING MERCHANTS SUPPORT LOCAL FOOTBALL

AGRO TIRE TRACK CO.
ANDY DON HART, CPA
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MERKEL VETERINARY CLINIC
MERKEL VFW POST 5683
PALMER PONTIAC & GMC
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SHANNONSHIDE APARTMENTS
STARBUCK FURNITURE
TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOP
TAYLOR TELEPHONE COOP
WYLIE TRUCK STOP



**GO
GORILLAS**



§ Officers and class representatives of Merkel High's student council for 1987-88 are [back row from left] Kristy Elliott, Jayma Goldsmith, Susie Brandon, Christi Moore, Carolyn Lally, Mitzi Shelton,

Bridgett Acuna, Mrs. Baker [sponsor], Connie McMillon, Staci Ferguson, Son Mi Chon, Laurinda Powell, Tony Roberts, Michele Dudley, Scott Graham, Krista Toombs, Jimmy Valdez, Brandon Toombs, Daniel West [front row] Teresa

Lucas, Angela Carson, Jana Daniels, Pam Neff, Richa Hill, Dianna Brown, Mechille Vera Cruz, Diem Tran and Kim Richards

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§ Twirlers for the Merkel Middle School this year are [front row from left] Daniele Langlinais, Shayla Miller [back row] Tanya Beasley and Christy Minze.

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Compere group meets, elects new officers

The members of the Compere Extension Homemakers Club elected new officers during their business meeting held Sept. 10. Mrs. Bertha Hunter was re-elected president. Mrs. Ailene Terry vice president, Mrs. Ginger Hoog council delegate and Mrs. Annie Taylor secretary-treasurer.

church bulletin.

A short fair report was given by those who attended the Jones County Fair.

The meeting time was changed to Friday at 2 p.m. in hopes more members would be able to attend. New secret pen pals were drawn and Ginger Hoog received the hostess gift.

Dolores Adair read "Justice" and Rags to Riches of Texas History. Minutes were read by Amie Price and a card was signed for Mrs. Annie Taylor who has been ill.

After participating in a round-table discussion on medical awareness, refreshments were served to Ailene Terry, Bertha Hunter, Ginger Hoog, Evorie Dillard, Amie Price by Dolores Adair.

Dolores Adair read "I Will Make a Difference" from a



§ Badger fans had plenty to cheer about as the Badgers won their first home

game of the season.

Staff photo

Local soccer results given

The Merkel soccer teams traveled to Abilene over the weekend to compete in their second week of Big Country Soccer Association action.

In the under 6 girls, the Halfpints upped their record to 2-0 with a 4-1 victory over the Wuzzles. Jennifer Hewitt led the Halfpints with all four goals. Strong defensive efforts were turned in by Tara Cox, Miranda Riggan and Kayla Whisenhunt.

Merkel's under six mixed team, the Sidekicks, saw their record drop to 0-2 with a 5-2 loss to the Stars. Wes Burton and Colby Watts each scored a goal for the Sidekicks who received tough defensive play from Adam Binson, Matt Butman and Courtney DuBose.

The under eight mixed Rowdies fell to the Anson Kicking Kats 2-0 to even their record at 1-1. After Anson scored their two goals within the first five minutes, the Rowdies received top efforts by Rusty Holmes, Kyle Whisenhunt, Aaron Dulaney and Clint Holmes on defense.

Merkel's entry in the under 10 Tittle attends VFW auxillary training

Sally Ann Tittle, President of the Ladies Auxillary to the FVW Post 5683, attended a one-on-one school of instruction September 14.

Ann Ingram, State Safety Chair-

Xi Nu Chi ladies looking forward to

West Texas convention set Oct. 10 & 11

Sandra Wurst was hostess to the first meeting of Xi Nu Chi Sept. 8th in her home.

A report was given on the Back to School Dance held Aug. 28th at the First United Methodist Church Gym.

The beta Sigma Phi West Texas Convention will be held in Abilene Oct. 10 & 11 at the Civic Center.

girls were defeated 5-0 by the Jim Ned Spirit to drop their record to 0-2. Coach Mary Littrell told **The Mail** "All the kids hustled and gave their very best."

The Royals in the under 10 boys were shut out by the Raiders 3-0. Good efforts were contributed by Chris Gilmore, Jeremy Tipton, Ryan Bigbee, Scott Dulaney and Dustin Necessary. The Royals' record now stands at 0-2.

The under 8 mixed Royals lost 3-1 to the Jim Ned Indians. Cameron Strange scored the lone goal for the Royals who received good efforts on defense by Cory Walker, Phillip Johnson and April Fisher. The under 8 Royals record is now 0-2.

The Badgers in the under 10 boys raised their record to 2-0 with a 2-0 shutout of the Dyess Eagles. The Badgers got goals from Matt Dearing and William Donaldson. They received top defensive efforts from Quincy Hines, Justin Goldsmith, Shawn West and Jeremy Burt in the shut out.

The under 12 Badgers saw their record fall to 0-2 with a 3-1 loss to the Dyess Cobras. The Badgers

man, for the Ladies Auxillary of Texas conducted the school. It was held at the Tye VFW Post 6873. The school consisted of ideas of safety to be offered in the Merkel area.

A ladies night out was held Sept. 15th with a dinner at El Chico's in Abilene.

The program was presented by Nancy Duncan on psychology.

Attending were Mary Hill, Nancy Duncan, Minyon Seymore, Donna Bryan, Anita Allen, Nancy Johnson, Connie Harris and Judy Elliott.

got a goal from Doug Aldridge with Bobby Russell and Gregg Valentine contributing tough defensive play.

All the Merkel teams will play again in Abilene Saturday and would welcome fans at their games to cheer on these young athletes and their coaches, who are all volunteer and take time out of their activities to help prepare these teams for competition.

Saturday is also team picture day for Big Country Soccer.

by W. E. Dulaney

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§ Badger running back Shayne Newberry is stopped for no gain against Cisco here Friday night. Newberry and the Badgers travel to Anson Friday night in their final pre-season game, before opening district play here against Clyde Sept. 25th.

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Services held here for Henry Reid

Henry Clyde Reid, 87 of 710 Sweetwater, two grandchildren, Jeffery Clyde Reid of Canyon and Teresa Denise Nickson, also of Canyon and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sept. 11th at Merkel's Church of Christ with Bob Brandon, pastor, officiating. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born in Merkel, he was the son of Walter Clyde Reid and Enola Berry Reid. He had lived in Merkel most of his life and was an oil field gauger. He had married Ouida Cordelia Campbell in May of 1930 in Dimmit. He was a member of Merkel Masonic Lodge # 710 and the Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife of Canyon; a son, Billy George Reid of Canyon; a brother, Jim Reid of

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You can check calories on fast food

In response to consumer interest in nutrition, fast food stores have taken to informing as well as feeding their customers.

"The nutrition information printed on placemats, displays or in pamphlets at many fast food stores can be helpful, if you read it carefully," says Dr. Dymple Cooksey, a nutrition specialist with the Texas A & M University Agricultural Extension Service.

When reading these materials, she suggests keeping the following in mind:

- Separate claims for quality from nutrition information. For example, describing the quality of foods, such as "Grade A milk" or "100 per cent American beef" tells you about the taste of food, but not its nutrition.
- Consider serving sizes. Three ounces of cooked meat is considered one serving. Once it's

cooked, a quarter-pound hamburger will give you about one serving of meat.

- Check the type of fat. Some nutrition pamphlets report fats in terms of unsaturated and saturated fats. If your doctor has recommended reducing cholesterol intake, you can choose those items with less saturated fat, since it contains cholesterol.
- Check for the amount of fat. The average 2000 calorie per day diet should include about 30 percent of calories from fat. If different food items are listed according to the percent of calories from fat, you can compare to make a lower fat choice.
- Look for the amount of sodium. A safe and adequate intake for sodium is 1100-3300 milligrams per day. Some fast food sandwiches will contain over 1100 milligrams. By checking these figures you can either

choose lower-sodium foods, or compensate for a higher sodium fast food meal with less sodium at other meals.

- Check the number of calories. If you're trying to maintain your weight, consider how the calorie intake will fit into your daily allotment. One a 2000 calorie per day diet, for example a large quarter pound cheeseburger with mayonnaise and a large soft drink may consume almost half that amount.

Nutrition information from fast food stores is probably most convenient when various food items are listed along with the fat, sodium and calories for each part of the item," notes Cooksey. "This tells you how much fat or sodium is being added by the mayonnaise, cheese or other items on your sandwich."

"You can use this nutrition information to select particular foods or to special order your sandwich so it has less fat or sodium," she adds. This information will also help you plan the rest of the day's meals to achieve a balanced diet."

4-H meeting set

An organizational meeting of the local 4-H club will be held Sept. 22 at 7 p.m.

Students in the 3rd grade (or 9 years old) through high school seniors are eligible to join. All interest parents are also welcomed to attend.

Further information is available by contacting James Griffith at 692-8433.

Ice cream supper

The Mulberry Canyon Volunteer Fire Department would like to invite everyone to an ice cream supper and open house.

The event will be held at the Mulberry Canyon Community Center, next to the Pioneer Methodist Church (14 miles South of Merkel on FM 126).

The supper will be held from 7 until 9 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, contact Donna Russom at 846-4000.

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State Fair takes on 'wet look' for 1987

(Dallas) When it comes to exciting sights to see and things to do, what one spot has it all?

From pig races to Marine bands, from classical music comedy to high dive demonstrations, from Country singers to Chinese acrobats, from wrestling matches to ice shows.

It's the State Fair of Texas! No other event can beat the annual exposition for sheer diversity of entertaining sights, sounds and experiences. Most cost no more than a regular Fair admission.

This year's State Fair, set for Oct. 9-25, will follow a theme of "The Big Splash of 1987", so many special attractions are water-related.

Sea World of Texas will present eight shows a day which preview its 250 acre theme park, now under construction in San Antonio.

The show, called "A Day at Sea World," will combine splashing fountains, filmed segments and live performers in a Texas-shaped pool. It will be presented as a part of a major exhibit in the center bay of the Centennial Building.

Five daily shows will be presented by Miller's "Great American High Diving Team" in a specially-built pool and diving facility set up on the Outdoor Exhibit Terrace.

Comedy routines and acrobatic dives, as well as plunges from an 80 foot tower will be included in the presentation.

The Rodgers and Hammerstein musical classic "South Pacific," starring Tony Award-winning Robert Goulet, will open Oct. 6 for 24 performances in the Music Hall.

Special musical entertainment will be presented each afternoon and evening at the Bud Light Stage on Cotton Bowl Plaza, the Coors stage near the Coliseum and the Texaco Star Stage, across from Big Tex.

Featured performers will include Earl Thomas Conley, Vince Vance & The Valiants, Exile, Stallion, the Bellamy Brothers, The Shoppe, Gresham and

Frenchy Burke.

Ten performances daily will be given by "The Incredible Acrobats of China." This spectacularly agile troupe from the People's Republic of China performs feats of balance, juggling and gymnastics.

"Pepsi on Ice," a sparkling ice skating revue, will offer four shows daily at an ice rink set in the center of the Esplanade, and the pig races, one of last year's most popular new events, will be back at Pork Chop Downs, behind the Swine Barn.

Two or three races will be held daily, with baby porcine racers wearing colorful silks and making mad dashes for Oreo cookie prizes.

Special events in the Cotton Bowl include the traditional rivalry of the Texas-Oklahoma football classic Oct. 10, an exciting slate of championship wrestling on Oct. 17, a triple-header of Dallas high school football on Oct. 23, and the Parade of Champions, a marching band competition on Oct. 24.

Most Cotton Bowl events require separate tickets. Wrestling tickets are available through Rainbow Ticketmasters and persons interested in football games should contact the schools involved.

Several events will be repeated at the same time each day of the Fair. The U. S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps from Washington, D.C., will play daily except Wednesdays at 4 p.m. in Marine Corps Square. They will also participate in the Formal Retreat ceremony at 5 p.m. in front of the Hall of State.

Nightly at 7 p.m., a parade featuring marching bands, floats, horse-drawn units, clowns and other attractions winds its way through the fairgrounds. A fireworks display will be presented at 9 p.m.

In addition to the many special events, the State Fair of Texas offers its usual appealing assortment of Midway rides, games and food, as well as a wide range of exhibits, both in commercial buildings and in livestock arenas.

Cooking contests, fashion shows, working artists and strolling performers also add to the magic of the show.

State fair gates are open from 7 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. daily and buildings are open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1 for children ages 5 through 12 on weekdays and \$5 for adults and \$2 for children on Saturdays and

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Hunter's insight

by Josh Amerine

True to form, the rains have come with the West Texas Fair. It is abundantly clear to the bird hunters that trodding through rain swollen ditches and cloud-thick mosquitoes are not ideal dove conditions. The good news is that it can't rain forever. Perhaps colder, wetter weather North of us will drive those birds into our area about the time our moisture begins to dry.

Several groups of bowhunters from our area went out of state in search of game. Unfortunately, both groups ran into unpredictable weather and plain bad luck. Tom Carson and his crew went on a pack-in trip to New Mexico after Elk. They found other hunters in places where they weren't found before; and, they found no Elk where Elk were previously found. A full moon and heavy rains contributed to make it an unsuccessful trip. David Adams, Tony Thomas, and their group were in Colorado after Mule deer. These San Angelo based hunters did bring down a nice buck, but rain and darkness prevented its recovery. Bowhunting can be a very frustrating challenge.

With the regular rifle season slated to open November 14, it is not too early to start preparing. Wildlife Biologist David Madden, with the Army Corp of Engineers at O. C. Fisher Reservoir near San Angelo, told me the deer look great. He said "This year has seen an unusual survival of twins." He felt the does were healthier now than in the last three years, and the bucks are going to be spectacular. David said that he has two on the reservoir that will make the record books, but he doubted anyone would be able to take them. These particular deer live on the "archery only" sections of the reserve and will probably die of old age, which is not all that uncommon since the top two non-typical record White Tail deer were not shot, but found dead. There are a few real monster deer around, but they reached that size by being smart. Only luck or very intelligent hunting will take them. Even then is very seldom happens.

All in all, hunting will get better as the season progresses. With more seasons open there will be more and more opportunities to hunt successfully.

Good hunting.

Hughes' hold reunion

Twenty six descendents of the John S. Hughes family met for their annual reunion Aug. 22 & 23 at Merkel's Heritage Hall. Comora Hughes Barrick presided for 1987. Carla Hughes Price was elected president for 1988 with John Price as vice president.

Wayne and Mary Lee Hughes were in charge of decorations; La Verne Hughes Elliott and John and Carla Hughes Price were in charge of food arrangements; Wm Hughes was in charge of entertainment.

One of the highlights of the two day celebration was video taping Lou Elia Hughes as she modeled the queen's robe which she wore when elected the queen of the 1986 Homecoming celebration.

Mary Louise Hughes had crafted 30 ceramic miniature bears for families to take home as souvenirs. These were used as table decorations. She also made a ceramic plaque to present to Comora in appreciation for her work as the 1987 president.

The evening's entertainment was video taped by Wayne and Wm Hughes and assistant Jarin Dykstra, son of Rhew Ann Barrick

Brummett, gave away door prizes.

J. W. Hughes gave a memorial service during which he paid tribute to all of the Hughes men who have served in the Armed Services. Among those honored was Wm F. Hughes, father of John S. Hughes, who last an arm in the Civil War at the Battle of Atlanta.

Attending were J. W. & Marie Hughes of Big Spring; Mary Louise Hughes and Paxton Hays of Merkel; Carla Hughes and John Price of Arlington; John B. & Dorothy Hughes of Merkel; Lisa Jon Hughes of Fort Worth; Nell Hughes, Powell Miller and Bill Miller of Dolares, Colo.; Wm & Irene Hughes and David & Thelma Jean Hughes of Houston; Laverne Hughes and Gilbert Elliott of Grand Prairie; Comora Hughes Barrick of Arlington, and Rhew Ann Barrick and Juan Brummett, daughter Katy and son Jarin of Abernathy; Wayne and Mary Louise Hughes of Pueblo, Colo.; Los Ell and G. W. Hughes of Merkel.

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