

The Merkel Mail

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Badgers put up a fight as Marlin advances

The state's second ranked team, the Marlin Bulldogs ended the Merkel Badgers basketball season Tuesday night in Stephenville as Marlin beat the Badgers 45-35.

Marlin advances to the regional tournament this weekend in Lubbock.

The loss ended the boys season as they posted a 26-5 season record and a 12-0 district championship record.

In the first quarter, Marlin jumped out to an 11-7 lead as they hit a three pointer with 34 seconds remaining in the quarter. Strong inside play from Merkel's post man Kenneth Jowers kept the game close. Marlin used it's height advantage well in the first period grabbing offensive rebounds.

The Badgers kept within 5 points until 5:28 left in the half when Jowers hit two free throws to tie the game at 13. Senior Ted Seymore hit a three pointer a minute later and the Badgers had their first lead of the game 16-13 with 4:26 left in the half.

Marlin took the lead back until Wade Toombs was fouled with 2:30 left in the half and he converted the 1-1 to give Merkel and 18-17 lead.

With 34 second remaining in the half, the Badgers decided to play for the last shot and Shayne Newberry's buzzer shot hit the rim and bounced off and Marlin took a 23-19 lead into the locker room.

Marlin came out cold in the second half missing six shots in their first five possession while the Badgers Monty Griffin hit two three pointers and the Badgers led 25-23.

The Badgers spent one full minute with the ball early in the third

quarter as Badger coach Johnny Hampton chose a deliberate style of play.

With 2:31 remaining in the third quarter, Marlin stole the ball, made the layup, drew the foul and converted the three point play to go back on top 26-25 and they never lost that lead.

A backcourt violation on the Badgers with 1:24 remaining in the 3rd quarter gave Marlin the ball as the Bulldogs hit a three pointer to take a 29-25 lead. Marlin hit another three point play to take a 32-25 lead into the final quarter.

A bucket by Jowers on a strong inside move and a pair of free throws by Brit Pursley cut the Marlin lead to 34-29 but Marlin pulled away after that.

The Bulldogs went into the spread offense with 3:30 left in the game and managed to kill 1:20 off the clock before a turnover gave the ball back to the Badgers.

Over the span of the final 2:10 of the game, the Badgers had the ball eight times and only managed three points, trailing by seven during most of that time. The Badgers turned the ball over six times in the final two minutes as Marlin pulled away for a ten point win.

Kenneth Jowers led the Badgers with 10 points. Monty Griffin had 8, Shayne Newberry 6, Ted Seymore 5, Lynn Hays 3, Brit Pursley and Wade Toombs each had two and Tony Trevino had one.

Playing in their final game for the Badgers were seniors Lynn Hays, Shayne Newberry, Brit Pursley and Ted Seymore.

Marlin heads into the regional tournament with a 29-1 record.

Local, Texas voters go to the polls Tuesday for primary elections

Local and area voters go to the polls to select candidate for the November general elections.

Persons wanting to vote absentee must do so at the Taylor County Courthouse by Friday at 5 p.m.

Merkel precinct 24 democrats will vote at the Senior Citizens Center at 122 Edwards. Precinct 24 Republicans will vote at The Merkel Church of Christ.

Precinct 25 voters (Trent) will vote at the Trent City Hall in both

precincts. Precinct 21 voters (Tye) will vote at the Tye Community center both primaries.

Rural precinct 27 democrats (Milberry Canyon area) democrats will vote at the Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church and republicans will vote at Mary Floyd's home.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Local precinct conventions will be held at their respective polling

places and will get started as soon as each polling location closes. All registered voters are invited and encouraged to attend Precinct Conventions, where delegates to the County Convention will be elected.

To be eligible to attend a precinct convention, you must have cast a ballot in the primary election. People attending precinct conventions are also asked to bring along their voter registration cards.

MISD celebrates public school week

Texas Public School week is a special time of the year, a time when Merkel Public Schools, along with other schools and communities across the state, take a concentrated look at Texas education.

This year, as in previous years, Merkel Public Schools are prepared to participate in this annual observance. The district will join with schools throughout the state to offer specialized programs and activities during the week. The theme of this year's effort is "TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND YOU: A POWERFUL PARTNERSHIP."

The highlights of this year's program, according to Merkel school officials, are a series of events.

Beginning March 7th from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. John Erickson, an author and humorist will be at Merkel Elementary to visit with students and present assemblies. Tye Elementary students will be involved in some of these activities.

From 5:50 until 8 p.m. an all you can eat spaghetti supper will be held at the Tye Cafeteria. Cost is \$3 and it is being sponsored by the Tye PTO.

From 7 until 7:45 p.m., an open house will be held at Tye Elementary school. Also at 7 p.m. John Erickson will entertain students and parents at the Merkel school auditorium.

On March 8th all of Merkel's elected officials are invited to eat in the school cafeteria. A section of the cafeteria will be reserved. That starts at 11:45 a.m.

At 6 p.m. a band concert will be held in the school auditorium. Following the concert, an open house will be held at Merkel High and Middle schools. All teachers will be in their classrooms to visit with parents.

On March 9th, all retired school teachers are invited and encouraged to visit the schools and eat lunch in the cafeteria.

On March 10th, the Tye Elementary School choir will sing at the Senior Citizens Center at 11 a.m.

Throughout the week, work of Merkel students will be on display at the

F & M Bank here. Of special interest will be art work. Some of those pieces will be hung in the State Capitol and others will be displayed in the State Board of Education Board room later this year.

Visitors are invited to dine with students during the week. If you plan to eat you are asked to notify the building principal before 9 a.m. the morning you wish to eat. Cost of the meal is \$1.50 and should be paid to the lunchroom cashier. Lunch schedule are: 10:45 kindergarten, 10:00 1st grade, 11:15 2nd grade, 11:25 3rd grade, 11:55 4th grade, 11:40 5th grade Middle School 12:15 and High School 12:10. At Tye Elementary, K, 1st, 2nd grades eat at 11:00 and 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students eat at 11:30.

Texas Public School week was begun by the Masonic Lodges of Texas to recognize the contributions made by the state's free system of education. Therefore, the Merkel school officials issue a special invitation to all members of the Masonic Lodges to participate in Texas Public School Week activities.

Casey named to accreditor's post

Merkel Elementary School principal David Casey has been chosen by the Texas Education Agency to an accreditor position.

Casey will attend a training session in Austin this month.

He is one of 40 Texas school principals that have been chosen in the program.

One his training has been completed, Casey will be a part of school accreditation teams that visit each school district in the state.

Little League registration begins March 19

Registration for the Merkel Little League will get started March 19th from 9 a.m. until noon at the WPU office here.

An additional registration will be held March 22nd from 7 until 8:30 p.m. at Heritage Hall in Merkel.

Silver Haired Legislature needs Sr. Citizens support

Former Abilene City Manager Fred Sandlin is the area representative to the Texas Silver Haired Legislature and he wants Taylor County rural Senior Citizens to become more involved with that organization.

Sandlin dropped by THE MAIL last week in an effort to get more information out about the group.

The Silver Haired Legislature was established by the 68th Texas Legislative Session and is the advocacy agency for the 2 million Senior Citizens in the state and the 23,000 senior citizens in a two county area.

The most recent Legislative Session held was in 1986 and Sandlin said he felt good about those efforts. He said the group was able to pass good legislation and felt they had affected some good legislation by the Texas Legislature.

Their main legislative concerns are catastrophic health insurance; to raise the cap on Medicaid, particularly for nursing home care; to limit damages paid on suits to help bring liability insurance down and the economic health or rural health care and rural hospitals.

An election will be held in May for their new term and voting will take place in statewide senior citizens centers.

The Texas Silver Haired Legislature is a non-profit organization and they are seeking financial support in Taylor County. A fund has been established at each bank in the county and donations can be made into those accounts. Sandlin said "All we are asking for is \$1 each from each senior citizen. We are also seeking donations from other private contributors and foundations."

Badgers dump Breckenridge

The Merkel Badgers used the hot hand of Monty Griffin as they dumped Breckenridge 63-44 to win the bi-district championship and move to the area finals against Marlin Tuesday night.

The Badgers got 23 points from Griffin, who hit his first five three point attempts of the game as the left-handed junior paced the Badgers to a 38-24 half time lead.

Both teams got in early foul trouble as officials did not want a physical contest. Guard

Brit Pursley picked up three fouls in the first half. Both teams adjusted to the officiating as only one player fouled out of the contest.

Lynn Hays and Kenneth Jowers also got into double figures in scoring as each had 12 while Pursley added 8, Shayne Newberry 7 and Steve Lev-erich added one.

The win, the Badgers' 26th of the season with 5 losses, put the Badgers up against the state's 2nd ranked 3A team in Marlin and their 29-1 record.

Badger head coach Johnny Hampton told THE MAIL Monday "Go ahead and pencil in Monty's name. He shot the ball very well. Overall, it was not one of our better performances. Breckenridge is not the type of team that is easy to play against but I will take the win."

He added "It may have been that we haven't played in a week. Our press was more effective than it has been, we haven't really used it that often."

Crowd, elections, cow... more

by Cloy A. Richards

Someone told me Friday night they had seen some folks from Merkel they had not seen in years as Merkelites invaded the Mabae Gym on the Hardin-Simmons campus to watch the Badgers whip Breckenridge in the bi-district playoff.

At least 1,800 folks from Merkel made that trip and they were not disappointed as junior Monty Griffin led the Badgers with 23 points in a 19 point win over Breckenridge.

Tuesday night, the Badgers traveled to Stephenville to take on Marlin and the winner of that game earned a trip to the regional tournament this weekend in Lubbock. I don't think that 1,800 people made that trip but I am sure the Badgers were at least as well represented as Marlin. It's been that way all season as Merkelites have finally found a basketball team to cheer about.

With all the hoopla surrounding the event, I am sure you are all aware that next Tuesday is "Super Tuesday", the day we all go to the polls to select our parties' candidates for the November general elections.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. and will be held in their traditional locations here. Precinct conventions will begin

immediately after the polls close and everyone who cast ballots during the day are invited to attend. At precinct convention, delegates are chosen to attend the county convention and political platforms are discussed.

I see a couple of real interesting races being decided Tuesday. I have no idea who the Democrats will choose in this state for their presidential candidate. The Jones-Dickson race ought to be a real barn burner for the local state senate seat and I have a feeling the state wide Republican presidential primary will be a close race.

A democratic candidate's staffer called Monday and asked for an editorial endorsement of his candidate and I explained my policy of no political or issue endorsements, regardless of their merits.

He said he had been calling newspaper all day and that was the first time he had heard that policy. Then again, our readers have always known this paper was a little unusual.

Saturday's "cow chip" contest held at Badger Stadium in support of the Merkel High band was a new experience for everyone here and it was very successful. The band raised about \$2,000 Saturday toward their trip to Nashville

this spring.

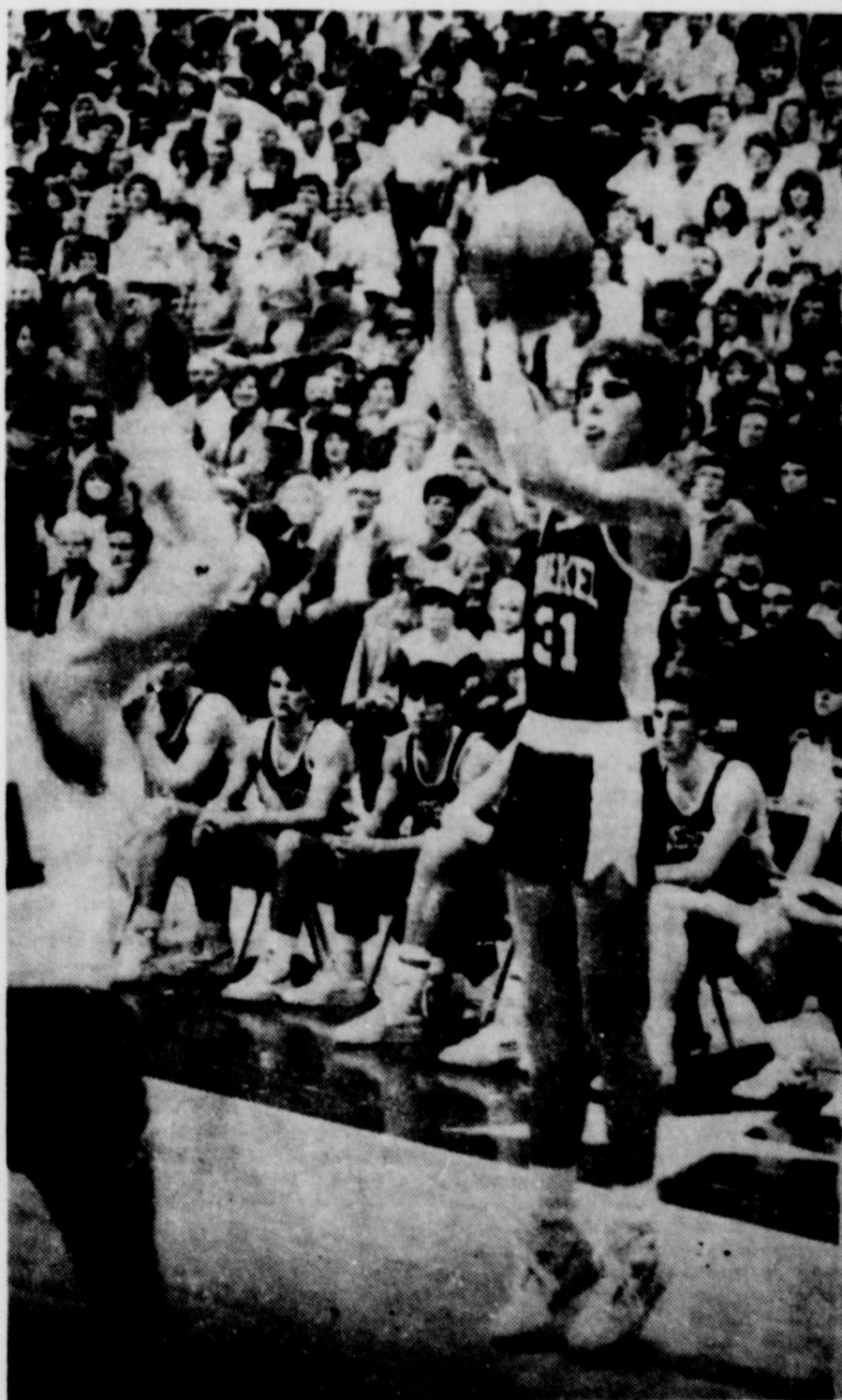
In case you haven't heard, the Miss Merkel and Little Mr. Merkel pageant has been postponed until April 2nd.

It's a big week at MISD next week as the district has a few events lined up to observe Texas public school week.

On Monday, Merkelites will have a chance to attend a program I understand is very entertaining as John Erickson, an author who writes stories of the western flair, will present a program at 7 p.m. at the school auditorium. Erickson is the creator of the Hank the Cowdog book series, a very popular series of books. He and a companion will be presenting the free, musically oriented program.

You know that spring can't be too far away as the Merkel Little League will begin registration March 19th at WPU from 9 a.m. until noon. I'm not saying it's time to set out tomatoes, but what is spring without baseball?

One more reminder, people who wish to vote absentee in the primary elections have until Friday to do so. You may cast your ballot at the Courthouse.



Monty Griffin (31) puts up a threepointer in last week's win over Breckenridge. Griffin led the Badgers with 23 points, including seven three pointers as the Badgers advanced in the state playoffs. (Staff photo)

Blair sets annual meeting

The annual meeting of the Blair Water Supply will be held March 7th at 7 p.m. at Taylor Electric Co-Op.

There will be an election of three directors. Those with terms expiring are R. E. Clemer, Lloyd Gilmore and Arthur Moore. Nominees are: Station 1- Arthur Moore, Robert Malone,

Glenn Bryan; Station 2- R. E. Clemer, Warren Harris and Don Wilson, Merkel- Lloyd Gilmore, Jack Ferguson, Arthur Stout. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

In addition to the business meeting, a drawing will be held for door prizes and refreshments will be served.

Nationally known author and illustrator John Erickson will appear at Merkel and Tye Elementary schools Monday. Erickson will visit classes and hold assemblies during the school day and will conduct an evening presentation for the community at 7 p.m. at the school auditorium.

Erickson's appearance is being sponsored by the Merkel and Tye PTO organizations.

Publishing through his own company, Maverick Books, Erickson has written the popular "Bank the Cowdog Series" about the humorous antics of the canine head of ranch security. The first book of the series, "Bank the Cowdog" was produced as an animated feature for CBS Storybook.

In addition to 20 other books, Erickson has written the only authorized biography of Ace Beid, the creator of the "Cospokes" cartoons.

Pageant postponed

The Miss Merkel and Little Mr. Merkel pageant has been postponed due to scheduling conflicts.

The dates will be announced later in THE MERKEL MAIL.

MISD lunch menu

- The following is the MISD lunch menu:
- March 3: chicken fried steak with cream gravy, green beans, whipped potatoes, diced peaches.
 - March 4: hot dogs with chili, fries, vegetable salad, fresh apple wedges.
 - March 7: lasagne, buttered corn, lettuce wedges with dressing, russet pears.
 - March 8: sliced turkey with gravy, whipped potatoes, english peas, peaches & cream.
 - March 9: grilled cheese sandwiches, vegetable beef soup, lettuce wedges & dressing, brownies.
 - March 10: burritos, spanish rice, combination salad with choice of dressing, rice krispie bars.
 - March 11: hamburgers, fries and all the trimmings, apple wedges.

Higginbotham joins group

Higginbotham-Bartlett has become an affiliate member of Hardware Wholesalers, Inc. a member owned buying organization consisting of over 2,600 independent merchants.

Fat Williams, manager of the local Higginbotham Bartlett store said his store will now be an outlet for more than 36,000 items in the HWI distribution center. Williams said his store will be able to offer the local market a complete selection of building materials, builders hardware, brand-name tools, plumbing and electrical supplies.

Other departments will include lawn & garden supplies, housewares, appliances and sporting goods which will be carried in stock or may be ordered from the HWI catalog.

TISD will hold open house March 10

Trent ISD will hold their open house March 10 from 7 until 8:30 p.m. in conjunction with Texas Public School week.

All parents and students are encouraged to attend.

The vocational and Chapter 1 programs will hold meetings during this time to discuss these programs.



Big Country Soccer

The Big Country Soccer Association opened their spring season Saturday as Merkel was represented well with five teams involved in action.

In under 6 girls play, the 5 Pints were tied 4-4 by the Smurfettes. Goals for the Pints were scored by Courtney Hamner with 2 while Shelly Vaughn and Jennifer Hewitt each added a goal.

The under 6 boys entry, the Sidekicks were beaten by the Texans 4-2. Goals were scored by Colby Watts and Tony Young while goalie Adam Vinson contributed an outstanding effort.

Kyle Whisenant, Michael Watson, Ricky Dye and Aaron Dulaney all played well for the V-8 Rowdies but it was not enough as the Rowdies were downed 5-0 by the Jim Ned Indians.

The Defeaters in girls under 10 action was the only Merkel team to post a victory in Saturday's action as they beat Sugar & Spice 2-0. "The whole team played well", said co-coach Becky Whisenant. Adrian Holloway led the Defeaters with two goals.

U-12 action saw the Badgers lose to the defenders 3-1. Brian Miller scored the lone goal for the Badgers who received good efforts from Ray Pace, Joe Ben Roberts, Rhett Buntin and Joey Richards.

All five Merkel teams will be in action again Saturday at Lee Complex or Madison Jr. High in Abilene and they would welcome everyone that



Brit Pursley cuts down a souvenir from the Badgers 63-44 bi-district win over Brekenridge in Abilene Friday. Giving him a hand are Lynn Hays (left) and Shayne Newberry. (Staff photo)

MHS students of the month

- The following students have been named students of the month so far this year at Merkel High School:
- September
 - Seniors: Michael Woodall, Karen Riley; juniors Steve Leverich and Melissa Rye; sophomores Shawn Melton and Melissa Folkes; freshmen Cody Sutterfield and Cara Kelso.
 - October
 - Seniors: Kyle Coker and Angie Boggs; juniors Martin Lunderos and Ginger Neill; sophomores Kevin Roberts and Sheri Miles; freshmen Sean Deason and Jamie Beasley.
 - November
 - Seniors: Tony Roberts and Stacie Johnson; juniors Michael Adkins and Pam Neff; sophomores Lee Kotrolik and Robyn Doolley; freshmen Shelly

- White and Kevin Rakoski.
- December
 - Seniors: Keith Mayden and Kristy Elliott; juniors Travis Gober and Jennifer Garna; sophomores Nathan Trimble and Christy Elliott; freshmen Daniel West and Brandy Fenton.
- January
 - Seniors: Brit Pursley and Shelle Dean; juniors Kenneth Jowers and Stephani Ashorn; sophomores Kevin Pilgrim and Dayna Bentley; freshmen Brandon Boyd and Hung Thao Tran.
- February
 - Seniors: Brad Neill and Angela Cannon; juniors Davy Deleon and Jennifer Heidleberg; sophomores David Miller and Jennifer Fiscus; freshmen Roy Manahan and Ava Bohannan.

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could come over and watch some of the best young athletes in the Big Country.

Trent play needs props

Trent High School students are preparing for the UIL One Act Play. This year's play will be set in the 1950s and they are trying to locate a pair of black Converse hi-top size 11-12, a black leather jacket (large) and a black fall or party tail piece.

If you have any of these items and are willing to let the students borrow them, please contact the school by calling 862-6125. They will pick up the items and tag them so they can be returned later.

TISD menu

- The following is the TISD breakfast-lunch menu:
- March 3: juice, cinnamon rolls; pizza, corn, salad, apple crisp.
 - March 4: juice, oatmeal; hamburgers, fries, pork & beans, chocolate cookies.
 - March 7: juice, cereal; chicken patties, macaroni & cheese, green beans jello with topping.
 - March 8: juice, biscuits & sausage, jelly; nachos, pinto beans, applesauce, corn bread, cookies.
 - March 9: juice, cinnamon rolls;

- tacos, corn, salad, peaches.
- March 10: juice, donuts; hot turkey sandwich, creamed potatoes/gravy, mixed vegetables, chocolate pudding.
- March 11: juice, oatmeal, toast; cheeseburgers, pork & beans, pears, cookies.

Church women luncheon

Ladies of the area are invited to an inter-denominational spring "pot-luck" luncheon March 26th at Merkel's First United Methodist Church. The luncheon will be held at the gym and will start at noon.

Area churchwomen in Merkel, Tye, Naville, Blair, Nubia and Camp Butman are invited to attend.

2 MHS seniors will receive Methodist scholarships

Two Merkelites are among the first 50 recipients of the United Methodist Church's McMurry College scholarships. The scholarships are for full tuition and may be split between two to four students.

Receiving the scholarships from Merkel's First United Methodist Church are Kristy Elliott and Candice Hensley.

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Trent knocked out of state basketball playoffs

The Trent Gorillas took their 9-12 season record to Sweetwater gym last Tuesday to play the 21-5 District 21A champ Robert Lee Steers and were knocked out of the state playoffs 93-56.

Trent stayed with the Steers for two quarters, trailing 41-32 at the half before Robert Lee poured it on in the 3rd quarter. Leading scorer for Robert Lee were Randy Gartinan with 25, Wes Hood with 18 and Trent was led by Lee Hunt with 18 as Lewis Knapp added 11 while Mike Payne had 10.

"We did real well in the first half", said coach Ed Donahoe. "Their experience, bench and press were us down and took advantage of our inexperience, but I am really proud of all of them, they went a lot further than everybody expected. This was the first time in 13 years that the boys have been in the playoffs and we are looking forward to next year, the whole team comes back."

The Gorilla's had some big moments during the season finishing second in the Trent Invitational and beat-

ing the Rutan Yellowhammers 44-39 after trailing by 10 late in the fourth quarter.

Every member of the Gorilla squad returns next year led by two time all-district selected Lee Hunt, a 6'5" sophomore center; leading scorer Mike Payne, a 6' sophomore forward and defensive specialist Joe Tarrin a 5'9" junior guard.

This writer would like to congratulate the Gorilla cagers on a good season and here's hoping you can go further next year. On a related note,

I would like to congratulate the district and bi-district champion Merkel Badgers and hope you get to Austin.

Season Results
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by W. E. Dulaney

Gorilla 1988 football schedule

The Trent Gorilla football team will start a tradition, continue a tradition and resume a tradition in the 1988 football season.

With the release of the 1988 football schedule, parents and fans will be able to see the new kid on the block, Lorraine, when the Gorilla's travel down I-20 to face the Bulldogs Oct. 21st.

Another big moment for Gorilla fans is when the Jaylor Jaybirds come to town Sept. 9th. The Gorilla-Jaybird rivalry is one of the most heated

games in the state and Jaylor will be looking to avenge the 26-26 setback to Trent last year.

An old foe with a new name, Panther Creek will play Trent Sept. 23 at Panther Creek. The two school districts which make up the consolidated school district, Talpa-Central and Mozelle, were members of Trent's district in 1984 & 85 before consolidating and being placed in the eastern half of the Six-Man football districts.

Trent's schedule for 1988 is as follows:

- Aug. 19- May scrimmage here
- August 26 Guthrie Scrimmage there
- September 2 Rule there
- September 9 Jaylor here
- September 16 Carlton here
- September 23 Panther Creek there
- September 30 Grady here
- October 7 Hornleigh here
- October 14 Blackwell there
- October 21 Lorraine there
- October 28 Ira here
- November 4 Highland here
- district games

O'Kelly signs at Sul Ross to play football

Scott O'Kelly, Trent's 6'2" 250 pound all-state center because the third Gorilla in three years to sign with a college program, signing a letter of intent with Sul Ross University in Alpine Friday.

O'Kelly, who missed two years with a knee injury suffered his freshman year, returned to the district 4 east champion Gorilla's this year and was a dominant factor on both the offense

and defensive lines while also contributing 66 points from his kicking position. O'Kelly's senior year saw him receive 1st team all-district at two positions, center and kicker and because only the 8th player in Trent High School history to make 1st team all-state when he was named to the Six-Man Coaches Association All-State team. O'Kelly will complete his career as an all-star alternate for the Six Man Coaches Association West Squad.

"I'm just pleased to be able to go to school and play ball", said a grinning O'Kelly. "I hope to play on the offensive line and maybe kick."

Coaches Doug Gore and Ed Donahoe told THE MAIL "We are extremely proud of him. If his knees hold up, he will help them out a lot."

O'Kelly is the 3rd Gorilla player to play for the TIAA conference. He joins 1986 grad Bebo Beaver who plays at Murray and 1987 grad Chris Simpson who plays at Sul Ross.

Trent has 6 named to all-district

The district 22A girls and boys all-district basketball teams were announced last week with Trent placing three members on each team.

On the girls team, Laci Masonheimer was named to the team for the third consecutive year. Masonheimer, who averaged 8.4 points per game from her guard position, was joined on the team by freshman guard Ginger Massey who averaged 10.3 points per game and sophomore center Rene Gibson who led the Lady Gorilla's with a 13.5 average.

On the boys side, leading scorer Mike Payne, who averaged 14.5 points per game was joined by two-time selection sophomore post Lee Hunt, who averaged 13.4 points per game and defensive specialist Joe Tarrin who averaged 4.5 points per game.

by W. E. Dulaney

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CARDS OF THANKS

We would like to thank everyone for all they did for us while Ted was in the hospital. Your calls, cards, visits and especially your prayers. Special thanks to Brother John Waggoner. We love you all. Lois Ham Ted Ham

Classifieds

Our heartfelt thanks to all those who extended comforting sympathy and help during the loss of our loved one. For the beautiful services, floral offerings and food. To Kathleen John Waggoner, Wayne Keller, Dan Allen, Annette Clark, God Bless you all. Faye Hughes Lou Ella & Isla Mae John & Mary Boyd & Family

To all our wonderful friends & relatives for the love, concern and friendship shown to us during our illness and my (Edith) stay in the hospital. For all the many cards, food, phone calls, visits and especially your prayers. This means so much to us and may God bless each of you. Wylie & Edith Nash

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Writ of Execution issued out of the Honorable 350th District Court of Taylor County, of the 14th day of January, 1988 by Writ of Execution, of said 350th District Court of Taylor County, Texas, for the sum of Eight Thousand One Hundred Eight Dollars & 04/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of Harry W. Elliott III in a certain cause in said Court, No. 1836-D and styled Harry W. Elliott III vs. Judy Johnson, placed in my hands for service, I John W. Middleton as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did on the 3rd day of February, 1988, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: ALL UNDIVIDED INTEREST OF JUDY JOHNSON; The surface only including any and all improvements to that 10 acres of land out of and part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 36, Block 19, T & P Railroad Company Survey, Taylor County, Texas, and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point 1250.6 feet South 13 deg. 00' East of the Northeast corner of said Section 36, said point being a 40 d nail in the center of a paved public road, for the Northeast corner of this tract, from which a 3/8" iron rod set in a fence on the West side of the road hrs. South 76 deg. 50' West 34 feet; THENCE South 13 deg. 11' East along the center of said road 1378 feet to a 40 d nail set on the intersection of the centerline of a public road running West and being the Southeast corner of this tract, from which a corner post hrs. South 76 deg. 50' West 34 feet and North 13 deg. 00' West 20 feet;

THENCE South 76 deg. 50' West 316.1 feet along the center of said road to a point in said, for the Southeast corner of this tract; THENCE North 13 deg. 00' West at 20 feet pass a 3/8" iron rod set in a fence on the North side of said Road; continue in all 1,378 feet to a 3/8" iron rod set for the Northeast corner of this tract; THENCE North 76 deg. 50' East at 282.1 feet pass a 3/8" iron rod on the West side of said paved road, continue in all 316.1 feet to the point of beginning and containing 10 acres of land with 1.205 acres being in public roadway. and levied upon as the property of Judy Johnson, and that on the first Tuesday in April, 1988, the same being the 5th day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the city of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said Writ of Execution, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Judy Johnson. This sale will be for cash or a Cashier's Check from a Taylor County Bank Only. SALE WILL BE HELD AT 10:15 A.M. And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in The Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County. Witness my hand, this 9th day of February, 1988. John W. Middleton Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas by Eddie Swanson, Sr. Deputy 7-3tc

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THE CITY OF TYE WILL RECEIVE SEALED, WRITTEN BIDS IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY, P. O. BOX 145, 205 NORTH ST., TYE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, TYE, TEXAS UNTIL 3:00 P. M. ON THE 8th DAY OF MARCH, 1988, FOR A 1988 4 DOOR SEAN POLICE PACKAGE VEHICLE. BIDS MAY BE SUBMITTED WITH OR WITHOUT CONSIDERATION OF TRADE FOR A 1983 FORD LTD (this vehicle may be seen by contacting the Tye Municipal Building Monday thru Friday 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. (915) 692-8588). SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE 1988 4 DOOR SEAN POLICE PACKAGE VEHICLE MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 205 NORTH STREET TYE, TX MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

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CPA looks at medical deductions, capital gains

by Andy Hart, CPA

This week's topics are medical expenses and Capital Gains.

Medical Expenses

You may deduct, as an itemized deduction the excess of 7.5% over adjusted gross income and unreimbursed medical expenses you have paid during the year. Expenses for medical care are defined as amounts paid for diagnosis, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease, or for the purpose of affecting any structure or function of the body. Amounts paid for transportation for the care described above and qualified accident and health insurance are also qualified medical expenses. The only drugs that count as medical expenses are prescribed drugs and insulin. Expenses for your general health are not deductible.

You may deduct amounts paid as voluntary premiums under Part B of Medicare and medical insurance. This amount is usually withheld from the social security check you receive. You can deduct the cost of meals and lodging if it is a medical related trip. The cost of meals is limited to 80¢ and lodging is limited to \$50 per night for each eligible person. If you do not want to keep up with your actual transportation expenses, you can deduct nine cents per mile for qualified medical transportation. You can deduct doctor prescribed permanent improvements such as swimming pools, hot tubs, elevators to the extent the total expense exceeds the amount by which the improvements increase the value of the property. Any detachable items such as air conditioners or humidifiers can be deducted in full. All the costs of operating or maintaining a medical capital asset are deductible.

You can only deduct payments actually made during the year, however, if you use a credit card as payment you may deduct the expense in the year it was charged. Any reimbursements from insurance should be used to reduce your deduction. If you receive the reimbursement the year after you deducted the expense you have to include this in income up to the amount of the earlier deduction. If no deduction was taken then your reimbursement is not income.

For tax years beginning after 1986, self employed taxpayers may deduct as an adjustment to income on the front of the return, 25% of the amount you pay for medical insurance for you and your family.

This deduction can not exceed your net earnings from self-employment. This deduction may be taken even if you do not itemize.

The medical expenses are only a portion of what is considered an itemized deduction. This combined with the other itemized deductions must be greater than your standard deduction to be of any tax benefit to you.

Capital Gains

Although the IRS has taken away a major tax break allowing you to exclude 60% of the gain from the sale of a capital asset held over 6 months, they have put a maximum tax rate of 28% for items sold in 1987. The maximum income tax bracket for 1987 is 38.5%. If you have a capital gain that when combined with your other income puts you into this 38.5% bracket, you can use the alternative computations and figure the tax on the capital gain at 28%. After 1987 all capital gains are taxed as ordinary income.

Capital losses are still allowed in full against capital gains. If the losses are more than the gains, up to \$3,000 of the excess loss is allowed. Any loss over \$3,000 is carried over to future years to offset against income.

Even though you do not receive the capital gain exclusion you must still distinguish gains and losses as either ordinary or capital. This is because capital losses are still deductible and there are other areas

such as charitable donations of capital gain property where these rules will still be applicable.

You can still postpone the gain on the sale and replacement of a principal residence or exclude (only once) \$125,000 on the sale of a principal residence if you are age 55 or older.

Any pre-1987 installment sales capital gains will no longer receive the capital gain exclusion even though the sale took place during a period when this rule was in effect.

This provision of the "Tax Act" was the primary reason the bill passed both houses. This is expected to generate several million dollars for the government and take a lot of money out of your pockets.

Good luck.

Letters to the Editor

Orphan train

Dear Editor:

A search is presently underway for "Orphan Train" riders now living in Texas, or were brought to Texas as children.

Between 1854 and 1929, over 150,000 orphaned, abandoned and homeless children were taken out of the institutions of New York City, and transported by trains to rural America. At stops along the way, the children were lined up on railway station platforms, churches, schools, and opera houses for local residents to look them over and perhaps choose a child to take into their homes.

Those not chosen were loaded back on the train, traveling to the next stop where the entire process was repeated. Many brothers and sisters were separated for the rest of their lives.

This became known as the "placing out" system and the trains were often called "Orphan Trains".

Texas had received 1,527 of these children by 1910, according to a New York Children's Aid Society report.

"Baby Trains" or "Mercy Trains" carried infants up to the age of three years old from the New York Foundling hospitals to prearranged foster homes. A numbered cloth tag was sewn onto the infants underclothing and a corresponding number given to potential new parents. When the train arrived, folks holding a number card would board the train and find their child.

Federal child welfare reform laws were enacted in 1929. The "Orphan Trains" were stopped forever.

The Orphan Train Heritage Society of America is a nationwide clearing house for information concerning the history of the placing out programs from 1854 until 1929.

Your readers are invited to share any information they have about Orphan Train Riders, or if they would like a free OTHSA newsletter, send a SASE to OTHSA, P.O. Box 565 Springdale, AR 72764.

Mary Ellen Johnson

Congratulations Badgers

Dear Editor:

Congratulations on advancing in the state playoffs to the Badgers, to Johnny Hampton and his coaching staff and to the parents and fans of the Merkel Badgers.

High school sports, as well as other extra-curricular activities, build character and discipline. Furthermore, few things bring a town together as well as a successful athletic program. My hometown of Sweetwater was fortunate enough to win state in football in 1985. It was some kind of fun.

Good Luck Badgers, ON TO STATE.
Temple Dickson
Sweetwater

ing to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 25th day of February, 1988.

Rilla Mahoney, District Clerk
326th District Court
Taylor County, Texas

By Patricia Henderson, Deputy Clerk's Name and Address
Rilla Mahoney Clerk District Court
Taylor County Courthouse
Abilene, Texas 79602

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgement may be taken against you."

9-ltc

APPLICATION IS BEING MADE FOR A PRIVATE CLUB DOING BUSINESS AS THE WHISKEY RIVER CLUB 1405 NORTH 7th MERKEL, TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS. 79516.

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9-2tc



Badger guard Brit Pursley drives into the lane for a lay up in last week's win over Breckenridge. The win improved the season record to 26-5 for the bi-district champs. (Staff photo)



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Melanie Mitchell and Oscar Ledezma are the Merkel Middle School's 6th grade students of the month. Melanie is the daughter of Leslie and Stephanie Mitchell and likes geography and band. She also likes to shop and wants to go to college. Oscar is the son of Cruz and Taty Ledezma and likes to study art and science. He enjoys playing football and wants to go to college.



The 7th grade students of the month are Kim Isreal and Alan Riera. Kim is the daughter of Jerry and Colleen Isreal and she likes to study band and english. She enjoys camping and wants to go to college and become a child psychologist. Alan is the son of Manuel and Mary Riera. He likes math and computers and likes to swim, ride bikes and fish. He wants to be a teacher.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
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TO: Larry Mandrell, Yankee, and
All Whom it May Concern, Address Unknown, Respondents:

GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days from the date of the ISSUANCE of this citation, then and there to answer the First Amended Petition to Terminate Parent-Child Relationship of Texas Department of Human Services, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 30th day of October, 1987, against Larry Mandrell, Randall Preston McCallum and Yankee, Respondents, and said suit being numbered 450-CX on the docket of said Court, and entitled "in The Interest of Jana Williams, Daisy Williams and Danna Williams, Children", the nature of which suit is a request to Terminate the Parent-Child Relationships Between: Larry Mandrell and the child James Williams, Yankee and the child Daisy Williams, and Randall Preston McCallum and the child Dana Williams. Said Child, James Williams was born on 2-5-81 in Abilene, Texas. Said Child, Daisy Williams was born on 8-16-82 in Abilene, Texas. Said Child, Danna Williams was born on 1-15-84 in Abilene, Texas.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

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PARADE
VANILLA
WAFERS
12 OZ BOX 59¢

BIRDSEYE
COOL WHIP 12 OZ TUB \$1.09
ORE IDA 4 PACK

CORN ON COB EA \$1.29
TOTINOS MY CLASSIC 23 OZ PKG \$2.79

PARADE FROZEN
SPRING FRESH
VEGETABLES 16 OZ BAGS 93¢
GREEN PEAS
CUT GREEN BEANS
WHOLE OKRA 1 OUR CHOICE
WINTER MIX MIXED VEGETABLES
PARADE 10 CT
BISCUITS 3/59¢

OLEO
PARKAY
POUND
QUARTERS 2/89¢

KRAFTS
SINGLE OR SLICED
CHEESE
12 OZ PKG \$1.79

SWISS MISS
HOT COCOA MIX
12 CT BOX \$1.53

KRAFTS
MAC-CHEESE
DINNER
2/83¢

PARADE
CATSUP
SQUEEZE
28 OZ JUG 93¢

7 UP OR
COCA COLA
16 OZ N.T. BOTTLES
6/\$1.79

DASH
KING SIZE
\$2.49

TISSUE CHARMIN
4 ROLL CRTN 69¢ 2ND 99¢
LIMIT 1
WITH \$15 IN TRADE OR MORE EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES

IVORY
SOAP
4 PACK 83¢

DAIRY GOLD
HOMO
MILK
GAL JUG \$1.89

GANDYS
ICE CREAM
1/2 GAL CRTN \$1.69

RED & WHITE
COFFEE
1 LB CAN \$1.89 2ND \$2.39
LIMIT 1

DAWN
REG OR M S R
22 OZ \$1.09

TOP JOB
CLEANER
28 OZ JUG \$1.69

GANDYS
LOWFAT
MILK
GAL JUG \$1.83

GANDYS
BUTTER
MILK
1/2 GAL CRTN 99¢

COOKING OIL
WESSON
38 OZ JUG \$1.89

YOUNG LEAN PORK ROASTS



HORMEL
HAM PATTIES
12 OZ CAN \$1.79

LEAN
TENDER
POUND \$1.29

CHOICE BEEF
CHUCK ROAST LEAN LB \$1.39

FRESH
PORK CHOP CENTER CUT LEAN LB \$1.98

CHOICE BEEF
ARM ROAST LEAN POUND \$1.69

PARADE
FRANKS ALL MEAT 12 OZ PKG 79¢

WRIGHTS
BACON SUGAR CURED LB \$1.69

LOUIS RICH
GROUND TURKEY SACK LB \$1.19

PARADE
COFFEE FILTERS 100 CT PKG 39¢

CAMPBELL'S
SPINACH OR SHRIMP
SOUP NO 1 CAN 2/59¢

LIBBYS 5 OZ
VIENNA
SAUSAGE 2/83¢

U.S.A.
WET DRINK 32 OZ ASST 69¢

LUCKY LEAF 21 OZ
CHERRY PIE FILLING CAN 98¢

DEL MONTE 303 CUT
GREEN BEANS 2/69¢

DEL MONTE 303 WK
GOLDEN CORN 2/69¢

ROTEL 10 OZ
TOM & GREEN CHILIES CAN 53¢

VEG ALL 303
MIXED VEGETABLES 2/89¢

VAN CAMP
PORK & BEANS 21 OZ CANS 2/98¢

BETTER VALUE
TOMATO JUICE 46 OZ CAN 69¢

Apples
CRUNCHY CRISP
JUICY GOOD
WASHINGTON

RED DELICIOUS
APPLES 39¢ LB

ITALIAN
SQUASH LB 49¢

CALIFORNIA
ORANGES NAVEL LB 39¢

FRESH CELLO LB
CARROTS 2/49¢

DOLE
BANANAS LB 39¢

FRESH
GREEN ONIONS 4/\$1.00

JALAPENO
HOT PEPPER LB 79¢

RUSSET
SPUDS 10 LB BAG 99¢

Freezer Pack 1
5 LBS GROUND BEEF
5 LBS PORK CHOPS
5 LBS CHUCK ROAST
5 LBS FRYERS
TOTAL WEIGHT 20 LBS \$30.99

Freezer Pack 3
5 LBS GROUND BEEF
5 LBS CHUCK ROAST
5 LBS CHUCK STEAK
5 LBS FRESH FRYERS
TOTAL WEIGHT 20 LBS \$28.98

Freezer Pack 8
5 LBS GROUND CHUCK
5 LBS CUBE STEAK
5 LBS CHUCK STEAK
5 LBS SIRLOIN STEAK
TOTAL WEIGHT 20 LBS \$42.99

BEST MAID
POLISH OR KOSHER
PICKLES
32 OZ JAR \$1.29

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