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The Merkel Little League All-Stars started the playoffs right with a 7-3 win over Ballinger in Winters Monday night. The district level tournament continues through Tuesday. All-Stars are (bottom row from left) Scott Walsh, Matt Brnovak, Ray Pace, Corey Str-

ange, Marcus Malone, Randall Necessary (top row) Augie Gonzales, Jamie Alexander, Brandon Howard, Mark Payne, Jason Tipton, Bryce Buntin, Joey Richards, Bryan Lepard (back row from left) coach Steve Buntin and manager Danny Malone. (Staff photo)

## Football season is just around the corner

It doesn't seem possible but the start of high school football is only three weeks away.

The season gets started August 3rd when high school players will receive shoes and helmets.

Practice starts August 8th and sessions will start at 8 in the morning and 6 in the evening.

The first scrimmage will be here against Comanche August 18 and the Badgers will travel to Hamlin Aug. 26

for a scrimmage. The season opens Sept. 2 in Sweetwater.

Junior High football will start the day school starts. All 7th grade players must have a physical and 8th grad players will need to fill out a medical history form. Those forms are available at the administration office.

Students that are new to the community and want to play football need to contact Coach Longley or high school principal Robert Damron.

## Soccer registration will continue

Registration for Merkel area children who want to play soccer this season is continuing through July 21st.

So far, coaches are needed for an under 8 boys team, and under 10 girls team and an under 12 boys team. Players are also needed in all age brackets, boys and girls. Soccer ages run from four through adult.

If you are interested contact Don Whisenhunt at 928-5091. Registration forms are available at

The Merkel Mail or from P J's Videos.

#### Noodle homecoming group plans reunion

Plans are being made for the 1988 Noodle Homecoming and Reunion. The event will be held Oct. 1st at Heritage Hall here.

A catered lunch will be served.

any changes of names or addresses or any new names and addresses should be mailed to Mary Stanley, Rt 1 Merkel or. to Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Reed of Merkel who are the president and vice president for the 1988 Homecoming.

named to the all-district team at thr-

Luci Masonheimer will also be in

## Massey will play in 6-Man All-Star game

Trent's Brian Massey will join Six-Man all-stars from across the state Sunday to begin preparations for the July 16th Texas 6-Man Coaches Association All-Star game.

Massey completed an award winning season for Trent last year by being

## the winner receiving a college schol-

Stephenville for the Texas 6-Man coaches association queen pageant with arship.

by W. E. Dulaney

ee positions.

### 10 years remembered, rain, micro-film ... more by Cloy A. Richards

Well, the Richards clan has spent a decade publishing The Mail. We passed that milestone with last week's paper. Lot's of times when people ask me "how's it going?" I respond with "same

ol' stuff." That's not true, at all. A lot of things have changed around

the paper for the last ten years. We no longer have to put up with an addressing machine that was as temperamental as any machine I have ever encountered. We have been on a computer mailing list for the last six years and that has made things quite a bit

You already know we recently changed to a computer driven type system and I can't begin to tell you how nice that

We went through a pretty extensive remodeling program on our building few years back and its at least comfortable when we are working.

We have also had the chance to live and work with the folks around here for that decade and that has certainly made life a lot better.

There are a couple of more things that will be different in the next

year or so. We will start celebrating the 100th

anniversary of the paper next March. We are the oldest business in town and we are planning a couple of special

events in recognition of that fact. Through a lot of hard work from a trio of ladies with the West Texas Genealogical Society, the back issues of The Mail will be preserved on microfilm. Texas Tech University is footing the bill and a copy will be made available to the Merkel Public Library. That will be a great gift to future generations because some of the old editions are too brittle to handle and they can only be preserved in that

Anyway, I guess we start another decade. May it be even better than the

Back when we had summer droughts, the best thing that broke them was a Dale Hammond cartoon or a golf tourna-

Melanie and I joined 32 other couples for a tournament at the Merkel Country Club over the weekend and you guessed it, we got rained out midway

If you haven't been out there recently, the place has certainly changed and is looking great,

## Council discusses flooding problems The Merkel City Council met Monday

night and discussed water problems on the city's South side and heard a police report from Merkel police chief Bob Jones.

Seven citizens attended the meeting and asked the city to do something to alleviate lawn flooding problems. The city agreed to install a couple of drainage pipes in the area to help divert water.

Council also learned that work on housing rehabilitation has started again. Sentry Service of Abilene has the contract on the state-funded project and his work had been slowed when they lost their crews to roofers in Abilene. They started their work here again Monday.

Council approved a request for a water tap just South of the old NuCorp Pipe Yard on Wells Lane. That request will need the approval of the City of Abilene as well.

During his building report, Merkel

City Manager J. A. Sadler told council that skin would be attached to the new city hall in the near future.

Police Chief Bob Jones presented the police activity report for June. Merkel police worked a total of 45 cases last month, including two cases of criminal mischief, six traffic accidents, two cases of DWI and a case of possession of marijuana.

Police also investigated three cases of telephone harassment, investigated five theft, two cases of forgery, four cases of burglary and a case each of criminal trespassing and burglary of a motor vehicle.

Police also issued 15 traffic citations and made two arrests.

The city manager also presented a report on Fun Day and read a letter thanking the Phantom Squadron of the Confederate Air Force for their participation in the event.

Council's next session will be July 25th at 7 p.m. at the Merkel Ambulance Service Building.

# Knapp-Carriker make 'honor roll'

The Trent Gorillas were honored by by having two named to the 1988 Six-Man honor roll.

Lewis Knapp, a 6-0 185 1b senior running back was named to the list for the second straight year. He led the 'Rillas last year with 1,175 yards and 17 touchdowns and was the first 6-Man player to win the KTXS player of the week when he rushed for 231 yards and 4 touchdowns against Hermleigh, all in the first half. He capped his season by being named honorable mention All-State running back and 2nd team All-State linebacker.

quarterback was also listed in the

"mythical" super team. The 1st team Dave Campbells Texas Football Magazine all-district quarterback passed for 487 yards and nine touchdowns last year in Trent's run oriented offense. by W. E. Dulaney

Softball group sets barbecue dinner

The Merkel-Trent Softball Association will be holding a barbecue supper

Sammy Doan and Orville Pirriglia will be serving their famous smoked brisket with all the trimmings. Advance tickets are \$5 and \$2.50 for children 6 and under. Tickets are available at Ben Franklin, Hammond Insurance and Young Supply or you may Dock Carriker, 5-9 150 pound senior call 928-4379. Tickets at the door are \$6 and \$3.

# Newsbriefs

#### Daughter born

A baby girl, Ellen Ashley, was born June 25th to Jacque and Bernie Spielman of Baltimore.

The grandparents are Fred and Leta Heady of Merkel and Robert & Doris Gurganus of Fayetteville, N. C. and Herman & Clara Spielman of Baltimore.

Great grandparents are J. V. & Tessie Hester of Merkel.

Wade reunion

The family of the late Mr. & Mrs. Jim Wade, Sr. would like to invite all of their relatives and friends to the Wade reun-

The reunion will be held July 17th at Heritage Hall here.

Persons attending are asked to bring drinks for your family. Ice will be furnished.

Townsend returns

John Townsend, a professor at Texas A & M University, returned Saturday from a month of teaching in Puerto Rico.

While there, he was presented a plaque from the Puerto Rico fire department, private industries and the United States Coast Guard in appreciation for his assistance and dedication toward the management of hazardous materials.

This was his third teaching tenure in that country.

His wife's mother, Reta Patterson spent a month vacationing there. Kajukembo results

Five members of the Merkel branch of the Abilene Kajukembo Self Defense System traveled to Abilene to compete in an benefiting the Noah Project July 2.

The students were Michael Craig, Mario Moreno, Lisa Seymore, Shana Seymore and Roger Steele.

In Kata division, Michael placed first, Shana second and Mario third. These competitors also placed first in their Horwell-Hays respective divisions in fighting while Roger was second. In the youth team fights Shana and Mario were members of the first place team as was Roger for the adult team. Compere clean-up

The Compere Cemetery Association will conduct a clean-up Saturday.

Members are asked to bring rakes, hoes and a covered dish for the luncheon.

LVN group

The State President of the Licensed Vocational Nurses of Texas will be in Abilene July 20th.

Charles Purnell, Jr. of Victoria will speak at 7 p.m. in the first floor class room of Humana Hospital on "What the Future Holds for the LVN."

A question and answer session will follow.

The meeting is being sponsored by the Licensed Vocation Nurses of Texas Division 15.

Healing service

Everyone is welcomed to a miracle healing service Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the New Testament Church at S. 5th & Trundy here (next to the Merkel Elementary school).

Ministering will be Pat Stanton of Lubbock, a 11 year veteran of the Ray or Hope Ministry. She has

interschool tournament appeared on television and radio and has spoken in Abilene and at Camp Butman for Women's Aglow meetings.

A salad supper will be held for women at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall and the whole family is welcomed for the miracle healing service.

## plan wedding

Sheila Diane Horrell and Thomas Matthew Hays are planning an Aug. 27 wedding at 7:30 p.m. at the Tye Baptist Church.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Ronnie and Beth Horrell of Lubbock. The bride-elect graduated from Midland lee High School and attended Texas Tech University. She is employed by Abilene Tra-

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Kenneth and Vicki Hays. He is a graduate of Merkel High School and attended Texas Tech, He is selfemployed in the Merkel area.

The bridegroom's maternal grandmother is Mrs. LaVerne Teaff and paternal grandparents are Pack and Mary Lou Hays, all of Merkel.

#### Smith-Neal engagement

Miss Kim Smith and Mr. Danny Neal are proud to announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

Kim is the daughter of the late Jim and Jo Ann Smith of Merkel. Her fiance is the son of Dan and Mary Neal of Wellman and the grandson of Link and Lucille Adair of Mer-

## Preutt-Wilson ceremony held

Lynette Michelle Pruett of San Antonio and John Eric Wilson of Merkel were married July 2 at the Oak Hills Church of Christ in San Antonio.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Pruett of San Antonio and the groom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. John Wilson of Merkel.

Serving as maid of honor was Laurie LeGallo of San Antonio. Bridesmaids were Angie McDonald of Kingwood, Traci Bird of San Antonio, Cheryl Christian of Abilene and Alice Pruett (the bride's sister) of San Antonio. Junior bridesmaids were Kristen Wheeler of Georgetown and Kelly Wilson of San

Serving as best man was the groom's brother, John Wilson of Abilene. Groomsmen were Bryan Christian of Abilene, Wade Kelly of Hunstville, Dusty Davidson of Abilene and Greg Pruett (brother of the bride) of San Antonio.

The bride is a 1984 graduate of Tom Clark High in San Antonio and Abilene Christian University.

The groom is a 1983 graduate of Haskell High and is also a graduate of Abilene Christian.

They are making their new home in Ann Arbor, Michigan where they are attending graduate school at the University of Michigan.

## Brady-Houghton repeat vows

Christina Lynn Brady and Ronald Keith Houghton were married June 25th at the home of the bride's parents.

The bride is the daughter if Mr. & Mrs. John Brady of Merkel. The groom is the son of Raymond Houghton of Hamlin and Marceda Camp of Abilene.

Serving as matron of honor was Sheila Steele of Abilene. Best man was Sam Rhodes of Abilene.

The bride is a graduate of Merkel High School and McMurry College. She is presently employed by the Abilene Independent School District.

The groom is a graduate of Cooper High School and attended Abilene Christian University. He is employed by the Pawn Shop.

The couple will live in Abilene.

## Riding Club results

The following are the results of the Merkel Riding Club for the past two weeks.

July 2- 8 and under, Barrels: Heather Vaughn, Shayla Boone, Ashlea Parker Riggan, Laramie Gorbett, Levi Lively; Flags: Vaughn, Gorbett, Riggan, Tamra Helmer, Boone; Poles: Vaughn, Helmer, Boone, Gorbett, Lively.

9-12 years: Barrels: Emily Newberry, John David Vaughn, Crystal Boone, Terri Brazelton; Flags: Justin Riggan, Newberry, Vaughn, Brazelton; Poles: Newberry, Vaughn Brazelton.

13-17 years: Barrels: Coty Vaughn, Kris Wusterhausen, Ellen Rutledge; Flags: Vaughn, Rutledge; Poles: Rutledge, Vaughn.

18 & Over: Barrels: Kim Scott, Sharron Tucker, Norma Frazier, Sherri Lively, Galen Boone; Flags: Lavene Vaughn, Frazier, Boone, Lively, Scott; Poles: Lively, Scott, Patricia Gorbett, Hank Scott, Frazier.

July 9: 8 & Under: Barrels: Laramie Gorbett, Shayla Boone, Levi Lively, Heather Vaughn, Stacey Morris; Flags, Vaughn, Boone, Gorbett, Blair Gorbett, Morris; Poles: Vaughn, L. Gorbett, Lively, Boone.

9-12 years: Barrels: John David Vaughn, Teri Brazelton; Flags: Brazelton, Vaughn; Poles: Vaughn, Brazleton.

13-17 years: Barrels: Coty Vaughn, Bridgett Vau-

ghn; Poles: Coty Vaughn.

18 & Over: Barrels: Sharron Tucker, Sherry Lively, Galen Boone, Kim Scott, Hank Scott; Flags: Lively, Rick Eyrse, Donna Eyrse, Scott, Boone; Poles: K. Scott, Lively, H. Scott, Boone, Tanner Boyd.

8 & Under Stick Horse Race: Heather Vaughn, Laramie Gorbett, Blair Gorbett, Stacey Morris, Levi

The weekely meetings to plan the Challenge of the Clubs have been changed to Thursday nights and the group will meet every other week. The next meeting will be held July 21 at 8 p.mn. at Taylor Electric's board meeting room.

The club hosts a team roping practice open to the public each week on Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.. Cost is \$10 for non-members and \$5 for members. Oscar Vaughn is sponsoring a team roping each Wednesday at the arena. For more information contact Galen Boone at 928-5789.

Riding Club members will be selling barbecue tickets and raffle tickets for the Challenge of thye Clubs Aug. 27 at the arena. They are also seeking sponsorships and donations. A parade will start at 4 p.m. on the 27th to kick things off. For information call Jan at 862-6422 or Beverly & John at 928-5832.

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The White Church Ceme- weeds are around and peotery group will be clean- ple attending are asked spend at least an hour working.

#### Kelly's shower will be Tuesday

A baby shower will be from 7 until 8 p.m. held Tuesday for Cookie Everyone is invited to Kelly at the Baptist Chu- attend and selections are rch Fellowship Hall in available at Ben Frank-

lins in Merkel.

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#### MISC.

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24-TFC

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25-tfc

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26-4tp

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28-2tc

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28-1tp

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28-1tpd

Garage & moving sale: Mrs. Don Hensley & Laurel Rudolph. Friday & Saturday 8:30-4 1 mile North of Merkel. Little girls things, womens & mens clothes, maternity clothes & misc. house & shop items, furniture.

28-1tc

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shirt dresses & splatter

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mower, chair, stools,

shirts, jeans, misc. 112

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#### CARDS OF THANKS

The family of Joe Alexander acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy. Special thanks to the Trent Church of Christ singers and others who helped; the First Baptist Church of Trent for the use of their building as well as hosting a meal. Also, for all who shared their love and concern, food and other blessings. God Bless you

We wish to express our gratitude for your prayers, flowers, cards, phone calls and personal visits in the loss of our loved one.

Earl Watts & Family

Our heartfelt thanks to all who extended comforting sympathy and help during the recent loss of our beloved Ila Mae. For the beautiful service. floral offerings, food, cards, prayers and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful.

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