

The Merkel Mail

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Our 98th year

Local burn victim needs donations

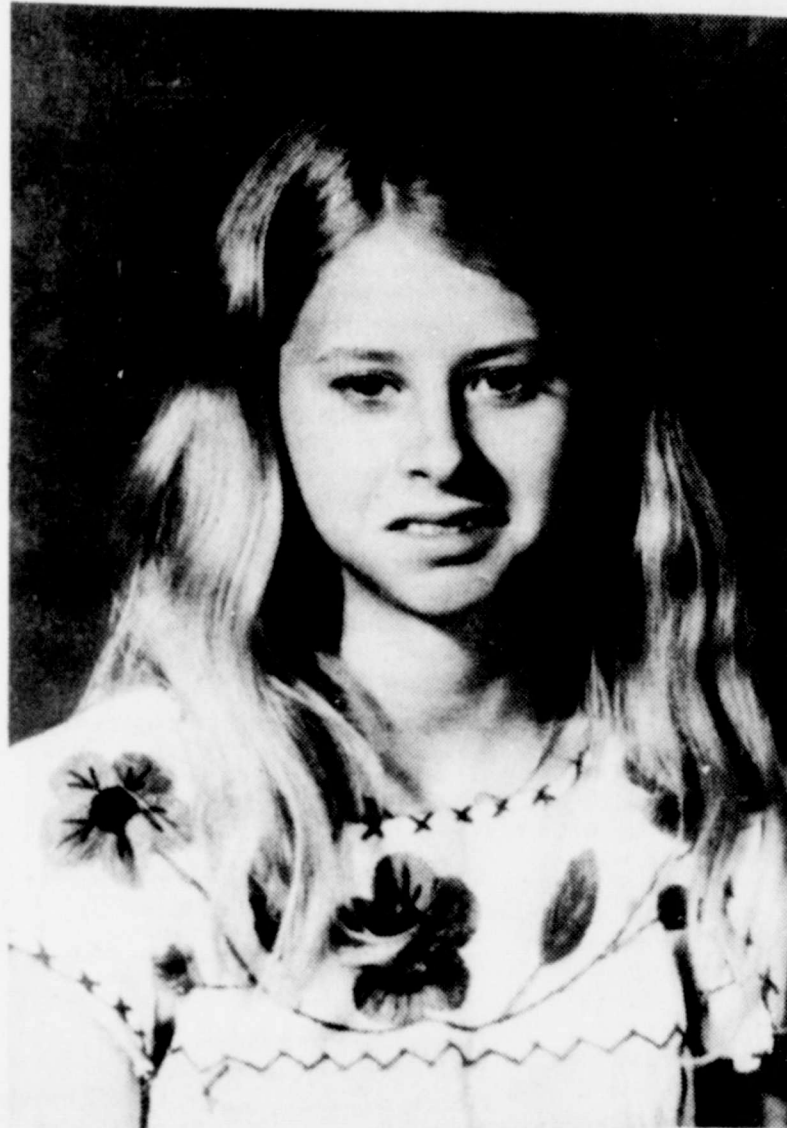
A local fund has been established to help defray medical expenses of a young Merkel girl who was badly burned in a car fire on

1-20 here last Tuesday. Cassie Ferguson, daughter of Kathleen & Raymond Ferguson of Merkel, was badly burned on her

left leg and foot. She was in stable but critical condition at Parkland Hospital in Dallas.

Friends of the local family are also planning a bake sale and

garage sale in the future. Cash donations are needed any time and may be made to a special account at the F & M National Bank here.



Kathleen Ferguson
In high school photo



Cassie Ferguson
Donations needed

Girls on a roll, win 5 of last 6

by Cloy A. Richards
The Merkel girls have won five of their last six district basketball games and enter the second week of second-half play Tuesday night at Clyde.

The girls beat Ballinger and Coahoma last week. The loss was Coahoma's first this season in district play.

Last Tuesday, coach Bobby Pierson's Lady Badgers traveled to Ballinger and came home with a 62-54 win. Teresa Lucas led the way with 19 while Stacey Newberry had 16. Michelle

Woodard had 9 while Amber Whisenhunt and Michelle Barnett each added 6.

The girls then had their most balanced scoring attack of the year in their 63-58 win over Coahoma. Sheri Riney led the way with 18, Lucas had 14, Woodard 10, Whisenhunt 9 and Newberry 8.

Coach Pierson told **The Mail** Tuesday his team was playing their best of the season and he was very pleased with points from the guard position.

The girls will host

Colorado City Friday. Meanwhile, the Badger boys split in district action last week.

Last Tuesday, Ballinger won by an 81-56 count. Lynn Hays led with 22 and Lance Jones had 12.

The Badgers bounced back as the downed Coahoma easily 105-74. Brit Pursley led with 27, Ramon Moreno had 22, Ted Seymore had 15, while Kenneth Jowers and Lance Jones each had 12.

The boys were 17-7 on the year as press time and 4-3 in district

play.

In girls JV action last week, the Lady Badgers were downed both games. They lost a 58-32 decision to Ballinger. Bridge Vaughn led with 13 and Richa Hill had 6.

They lost a 54-34 decision to Coahoma. Vaughn again led with 13 as Anissa Jones added 6.

The freshmen girls won two of their three games last week.

They started off with a 43-33 win over the Abilene Cooper girls. Lu-Amy Sloan and Gay Lynn Robertson led with

7 while Dayna Bantly and Tricia Garrett each added six. Rounding out the scoring were Judy Williams with 5, Misti Doan and Mi Hwa Chon with 4 and Penny Smith 2.

The girls then lost a 26-24 contest to Abilene High. Tricia Newsom led with 8 points.

The girls then avenged their loss with a 44-24 win over Abilene High. Sloan led the way with 12 points.

MISD has six candidates for three board positions

The most crowded local race in the April 4th elections so far is the race for Place 7 on the Merkel school board.

The Mail checked for local filings Tuesday afternoon.

In the MISD board race, Place 7 incumbent Ray Pack has not filed. Already seeking that spot are David Seymore, Edgar Gaham, Vern Sutterfield Jr. and Earnest Reynolds.

In the other two races, incumbent Jack Ferguson has not filed for Place 5 but Gary Smith filed this week.

In Place 6, incumbent Earl

Laird has filed and has drawn a challenger, Danny Malone.

In the Trent School board race, incumbents Randy Hunt and Owen O'Kelly have filed and have been joined by W. E. Dulaney.

Candidates have until March 4th to file for a spot on the ballot.

In the Merkel City race, Juan Ybarra has filed for city council and mayor Kent Satterwhite has filed for re-election.

No one has filed in the Trent City race and Tye has no new candidates since last week. The deadlines for application for spots on the ballot in city races is Feb. 13th.

USDA surplus food distribution is Saturday here

A USDA surplus food distribution will be held here Saturday at the fire station of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department.

People wishing to volunteer to help may do so by contacting City Hall.

The county-run program offers periodic free disbursements of surplus food, purchased under farm-bill programs by the United

States Department of Agriculture. The food is distributed to families meeting eligibility guidelines.

County citizens who feel they may be eligible are encouraged to fill out an application at Merkel's city hall, Trent's City Hall, Tye's City Hall, or food programs sponsored by the Senior Citizens Nutritional Program.

Little Dribbler's plan meeting

The Merkel Little Dribbler's Pee Wee Basketball program for boys and girls grade 3,4,5 and 6th will have an organizational meeting tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at the Church of Christ Family

Center. All interested in coaching or assisting the league are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Nancy Heurman at 928-4139.

Trent's chapter 1 meeting reset

Due to the weather, the "Parent Awareness" meeting concerning Trent's Chapter 1 program has been changed to Feb. 9,

1987 at 3:45 p.m. in the school library. Anyone interested in this program is invited to attend.

Shower planned for Geisler family

A community-wide shower will be held Feb 10th at the Merkel Church of Christ Family Center.

The shower is being held for Jim & Salinda Geisler, who lost all of their possessions in a house fire her last week. The Geisler's have three daughters and are the daughter and son in law of Larry & Martha Sue Justice of Merkel.

Any household items will be appreciated including furniture and clothes. Clothing sizes for

girls are 3, 4 & 6 and ladies 12-14 and large blouses. Mens 34-34 jeans and extra large shirts are also needed.

If you are unable to attend the shower but would still like to make donations, you can arrange for your items to be picked up by calling 928-5176.

Friends of the Geislers are also planning a benefit dance soon.

Details will be announced next week in **The Mail**

City collects \$4,801 in taxes

The City of Merkel's fund for a new city hall climbed another \$4,801.09 this quarter as the state rebates a two per cent tax on games legally held in Merkel's city limits.

The rebates completed the year 11 per cent ahead of rebates in

1986. The state comptroller's office reported rebates totaling \$1,343,538 were mailed to 96 Texas cities and 66 counties.

As of last week, 1,576 non profit organizations were licensed to hold bingo games in Texas.

37 from Merkel-Trent in Houston show

Thirty-seven Merkel FFA members will attend and show animals in the Houston Livestock Show, held Feb. 21 through March 8th.

Show officials are expecting up to 15,000 entries in what is known as the world's largest livestock show.

Junior exhibitors will attend from 800 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters.

Local entries include Michael Blue, John Paul Dudley, Robyn Dudley, David Dutton, Scott Easley, Lisa Harding, Kris Harris,

Melissa Harris, Lynn Hays, Russ Holloway, Cole Manahan, Bennett Massey, Connie McMillon, Russell Morgan, Billy Ray Riley, Ricky Riley, Mitzi Shelton, Kamica Sorrels, Millie Sorrels, Gary Tilly, Cassie Townsend, Amber Whisenhunt, Criswell Whisenhunt.

Members of the Trent FFA attending the show are Dock Carraker, Billy Clark, Lee Hunt, Lewis Knapp, Brian Massey, Scott O'Kelly, Guy Mark Payne, Michael David Payne, Jamie Ray, Chris Simpson, Britt Sipe, Mike Wallis.

Trent's Community Club meets tonight

The Trent Community club will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at the school cafeteria. The meal will start at 7 p.m. and will be brisket & beans.

Entertainment will be provided

by Vera Sharp and the Boyd Boys with special singer Cody Rudd from Sweetwater and fiddle player Damon Boyd of Imperial. The Boyd players are local favorites and play country swing and waltzes.

Try looking here first, . . . more

by Cloy A. Richards

I had a hard time with this week's edition.

This week, we have more than our normal share of "out-of-town" ads.

One set is from a firm The Mail has been doing business with for at least 15 years, and based in Oklahoma. They are telemarketed by that firm and are placed with us three or four times per year.

Another ad this week came from the Furr-Super Duper advertising people in Lubbock. It was placed in most of the area weekly newspapers.

I am getting to a point. Do all of these ads belong in our newspaper?

Financially, I'd have to answer yes. One of the staples of this newspaper has been a great relationship with Abilene attorneys who place legal and public notices here. Abilene Farm Supply has been a steady customer

long before we bought the paper.

But do those ads belong in the Merkel paper?

I still have to answer yes, but with certain reservations.

We will enter our 98th year of publication next month, and the only reason this paper, or any newspaper has survived is because it has been supported by 51 per cent of the merchants 51 per cent of the time and the same goes for the readers.

The local business community, of this town has borne the burden of this newspaper financially, hopefully benefitting their business in the process. We will always keep that fact in mind.

This business, like hundreds of others needs a broad base of support to withstand the area's economic pressures. We can do our best to help our local merchants also stand the slim times by always looking here first for what you need. If it's not available, by all means go elsewhere. All that is fair is to try

here first.

The Merkel girls basketball team is on a roll as they have won five of their last six district games.

Their girls ended up in second place after the first half of play.

USDA sign up set for land program

Farmers who want to bid to enter their highly erodible cropland into USDA's 10-year Conservation Reserve Program may do so during the program's fourth sign-up period from February 9 through 27.

The criteria for determining highly erodible land, however, will not be available until the Final Rules are published, hopefully before February 9.

USDA has also announced a one-time, one year 'bonus' for the 1987 crop to be paid in the form of an increased annual payment. The bonus will be equal to \$2.00 times

We understand we did not publish all of the County Stock Show results last week from the steer division and as soon as the FFA an instructors can come up for air, we will get the rest of those results. We apologize for the delay.

the farm program payment yield for corn times the number of acres of base designated for enrollment in the Reserve.

The bonus will be payable in the form of generic commodity certificates when a 1987 CRP contract is accepted.

During the sign-up period, producers will be given the option to enter into a CRP contract beginning with either the 1987 or 1988 crop year.

For information about the reserve, contact any local office of the USDA Soil Conservation Service, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Cook-Hatfield married here

Jeanna Michelle Cook became the wife of Charile Grafton Hatfield Jan. 17th at Merkel's First United Methodist Church. The parents of the bride are Gilbert & Betty Cook of Merkel and the groom's parents are Eulan & Elva Loyce Hatfield of Noodle.

The officiating minister of honor was Penny Cochran of Snyder. The bridesmaid was Carrie William of Abilene. Best man was Gilbert Cook of Abilene and Jerry Allred, also of Abilene, was groomsman. Ring bearer was James David Smith of Dallas and candlelighters were Clint Gregg of Abilene and Melissa Cavaness of San Angelo.



Malone visits in California

Goldia Malone of Merkel, visited relatives in California recently.

Goldia reported seeing snow and the lowest temperatures there in 37 years as some outside plants were killed by freezing temperatures.

Goldia and Eltha Pillars of Dallas drove to Phoenix where they met June Elderton. They then traveled on to California where they visited Eilena McCaa. Mrs. McCaa is the mother of Mrs. Pillars and Mrs. Elderton is Goldia's sister.

8th grade wins local tournament

The Merkel 8th grade girls A team took first place at this past weekend's Merkel tournament.

On Thursday night, the B team was defeated by Anson 25-8. Lori Stockard scored the team's 8 Stockard and Tonya Moreno each had 5 rebounds.

The 8th grade A team defeated Baird 30-13. Betsy Hellums led in scoring with 10 and Tammi Pierson had 6. Hellums also led in

rebounds with 7. Pierson had 3 assists.

On Saturday, the B team lost to Baird 26-8. Moreno led with 4 points.

In the 8th grade finals, Merkel downed Anson 30-28. Hellums and Pierson each had 10 to lead the way.

The girls play Abilene's Franklin Junior High today (Thursday) and will host Breckenridge here Monday.

7th grade girls 2, 3rd here

Merkel's 7th grade girls placed 2nd and 3rd in their own tournament this past weekend.

In the first round, Merkel A defeated Baird 20-12. Hope Ward, Becca Dunagin and Kriste A. Smith each had 6 points.

Dunagin led in rebounds with 8 and Vaughn led in steals with 7. Anson defeated the B team 21-6. Sheila Bynum, Julie Harding and Michelle Ingram each had a basket.

In the second round, the B team defeated Baird 16-12. Mandy Barnett and Jennifer Hobbs each

scored 6. Sheila Bynum led in steals with 9.

In the finals, Merkel's A team lost to Anson 23-22. Dunagin led with 7 points while Smith led in rebounds with 13.

On Monday night, the 7th grade girls lost to St. John's 23-22. Becky Donaldson led in scoring with 8. Jennifer Hobbs led in rebounding with 7 and she also led in steals with 9. Their next game is tonight (Thursday) at 4 p.m. and their last game of the season is here Monday night against Breckenridge.

Senior citizens

will meet Wednesday

The Merkel Senior Citizens group met Monday night and enjoyed a good night of singing. Their next meeting will be Feb. 11th at noon.

Donations in memory of Dr. Jimmy Walker have been received and appreciated.

The senior citizens also wanted to thank the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department for using their building to house stranded travelers during the January ice storm.

Fortnightly study group holds meeting

The Fortnightly Study club met Jan. 27th in the home of Mrs. Alf Walla with Pam Carson as co-hostess.

Alike King, president, presided over the business meeting. Reports from various department chairmen were given. Madelon Horton led in reading the American Creed.

Lucille Wilson delivered a report and discussion on opur Hidden, Unsuspected Prejudices. Prejudice might be defined as an opinion or judgement formed beforehand and without sufficient knowledge. Materials from different publications and editorials were used. One such was Progress against Prejudice. A special Texas Poll shows prejudice against blacks in various social situations has decreased in the last 20 years. A great amount of prejudice still exists, not only toward blacks but

toward other nationalities who have come to the U. S. in recent years.

The program closed with Evelyn Martin reading the winner from the 1984 religious poems competition. Written by Mrs. G. W. McNier, a passage says "I know I have seen God is most surprising places. Whenever I saw selfless love on gentle, noble faces."

Those attending included a guest, Patty Sims, and members Grace Lee Brown, Pam Carson, Mary Collins, Bess Dixon, Anna Lou Ferguson, Linnie Fisher, Mildred Hamm, Lucy Haynes, Edna Hill, Madelon Horton, Joyce Jay, Alice King, Aileen Knight, Ruth Lassiter, Evelyn Martin, Leota Patterson, Becky Rogers, Alwyne Sandusky, Ida Seymore, Anna Belle Shouse, Clara B. Walla, Maurine White and Lucille Wilson.

Lambda Beta names Robinson sweetheart

Lambda Beta met Jan. 20th for a regular meeting at the home of Virginia Pirraglia.

They discussed the upcoming Valentine's Dance, held each year to honor chapter sweethearts. The dance will be at the Abilene Civic Center and the sweetheart this year is Robin Robinson.

Janet Rogers presented a pro-

gram on hobbies and interests with several members displaying hand made items that represented their particular interests.

Attending were Debbie Sandusky, Robin Robinson, Beverly Helmer, Pat Schuknecht, Janet McKeenan, Kay Bishop, Janet Rogers, Jerrye Carey, Cindy Beaver, Sharon Young and Virginia Pirraglia.

Xi Nu Chi holds meeting

Xi Nu Chi hosted their annual Tri Chapter Treat on Tuesday evening, January 27th, at Heritage Hall in Merkel. After a chicken spaghetti supper the group played Bonco for prizes. Later in the evening popcorn cake was served.

Members present representing Lambda Beta included Kay Bishop, Virginia Pirraglia, and Debbie Roberson.

Those attending from Preceptor Eta Omega were Opal Garner, Kathy Leverich, Blanche Hewitt, Val Patterson, Y Sadler, Betty Satterwhite, Mamie Steck, and Ruth Tipton.

Xi Nu Chi member serving as hostesses included Donna Bryan, Nancy Duncan, Judy Elliot, Mary Hill, Nancy Johnson, Vicki Rod-

riquez, Minyon Seymore, and Sandra Wurst.

Submitted by Sandra Wurst, Feb. 2, 1987.

Local Valentine's ball will be Saturday

Plans have been finalized for the Valentines Ball set for Saturday the the Methodist Church gym from 8 until midnight.

The dress code will be jackets and ties for the guys and dressy dresses or formals for the girls.

Tickets are on sale from Marilyn Tittle at 928-5722 or 928-5003; Sherry Vinson at 928-5654, Danna Dunagin at 928-5253 of Cathy Pack at 928-4959. Tickets may also be purchased at the door for \$3.

A photographer will be there to take pictures. Prices are Package 1-1 8X10, 2 5X7 and 12 wallets for \$15; Package 2 2 5 X 7, 8 wallets for \$10 and Package 3 is a 5X7 and

4 wallets for \$7. Folders for the 5X7 and 8X10s are included. Pictures need to be paid for when they are taken so you are asked to bring your money with you.

Votes on King and Queen, Prince and Princess will be sold for 25 cents per set. At the end of the night, the winners will be announced.

Refreshments will be furnished. There will be cokes, pop corn and chips & dips.

The Valentine's Ball is sponsored by the Xi Nu Eta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. Members will be on hand to serve refreshments, keep music playing, take votes and chaperone the dance.

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Nobody likes every kind of weather.

Nobody that anybody can stand, anyway. Maybe a few fluffheads. A few pom-pom girls. Mr. Greenjeans and Norman Vincent Peale. For the rest of us, weather can be a pain.

Personally, wind has always drawn my criticism - not that it ever stopped blowing because of it. But you know what I mean.

It's true, you have to have wind to keep the rocks weathering. Without wind you'd have no evaporation. And without evaporation, you'd have no clouds. And without clouds, you'd have no rain. Without rain, you'd have no crops or vegetation. And without vegetation, nobody would eat. And without food, nobody would run marathons.

The problem is that wind is always throwing its weight around. It's not modest like snow and rain, elements that would never harm anybody if wind would just mind its own business.

Hurricanes are a good example. Tornados aren't bad, either. You couldn't have a good spaghetti western without wind to make Clint Eastwood's face dirty.

Wind, they tell us, is what made it possible for would-be Americans to get out of Europe. Without it, they'd still be paddling in the Atlantic. Wind causes skirts to fly in the air, thereby exciting sick men - not to mention the rest of us.

Without wind, there'd be no chills, or wind-aided times in the 100-meter dash. Wind blew Dorothy into the land of Oz, and made Judy Garland enough money to overdose on life.

Like all super stars, wind is cocky. Its arrogance can be felt almost any day this side of Tulsa. It can make the faces of women look like men - and men look like catcher's mitts.

It can make dogs walk sideways, and carry a child's favorite balloon around the world and back again.

Wind can make a mess out of people's yards. It can also blow the leaves into another county, sparing you from even having to make use of a rake.

Land can blow a perfectly placed field goal attempt wide to the right. It can also blow a perfectly pitiful kick through the center of the upright, laughing at justice all the way.

Without wind life would be predictable, point out its supporters. Admittedly, some of the most depressing mental pictures of heaven other people paint in your mind, consists of a land with a perfect climate.

Big deal. Go inside any modern home and turn the thermostat to 72 degrees and you've got a perfect climate. You hear stories about people in Montana and Wyoming wasting themselves because the sun stays

Trent school menu

The following is the Trent ISD lunch menu:

Monday, Feb 9; Breakfast-juice, cereal, milk- Lunch sausage casserole, blackeyed peas, fried okra, jello-fruit, rolls, tea-milk.

Tues. Feb 19; Breakfast-juice, cinnamon roll, milk- Lunch- beef enchiladas, corn, salad, cupcakes, crackers, tea-milk.

Wed. Feb. 11 Breakfast-juice, biscuits with sausage, milk Lunch-fish, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, lemon pudding rolls, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast-juice, malt-o-meal, toast, milk Lunch-grilled cheese sandwich, stew, applesauce, cookies, tea or milk.

Friday, Feb. 13th Breakfast-Juice, donuts, milk Lunch- sloppy joes, french fries, peaches, cookies, tea or milk.

New Canyon fire group plans work day

The Mulberry Canyon Fire Department will hold a work day Sat. Feb. 7th from 1-6 p.m. in order to familiarize everyone with their equipment. The work day will be held at the Community Center.

A covered dish supper will be enjoyed following the work day. Families attending will need to furnish their own eating utensils, along with covered dishes. Ice tea will be provided.

Organizers of the newly formed fire department are urging landowners and community members to attend. For further information, contact Donna Russom at 846-4000.

Xi Nu Eta meets

Members of Xi Nu Eta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, met January 25th in the home of Sondra Smith for Super Bowl Mania.

Members and guests enjoyed beans, chili, cornbread, chips and dips. Chances on a Super Bowl pot were sold with Sondra winning the lucky number.

Those enjoying the evening were Sondra and Larry Smith, LuAnn & Jim Blay, Danna and Randy Dunagin, Sherry Vinson, Zane Wright, Cathy Pack, Pat Warren, Marilyn Tittle and Jana Nelson.

Art Lawler



hidden for too long, and it's too cold to do anything but die.

In California, people stay in the sun too long, and that, we're told, explains Californians.

So perhaps wind is essential for mental and emotional health - as long as it doesn't drive you crazy.

The next time you're out on your hang glider and the wind doesn't blow

after you leap off the cliff, don't call snow and ask it to bail you out.

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Anyone wishing to address his, or her, comments to this columnist, should write P. O. Box 432, Buffalo Gap, Texas - 79508.

CRP sign-up dates

run until Feb. 27th

Farmers interested in placing cropland in the government's Conservation Reserve Program will get another opportunity to do so during the Feb. 9-27 sign up period.

Three sign-up periods. Three sign-up periods were held during 1986, and almost nine million acres of highly erodible cropland across the nation were committed to the program, points out Dr. Bill Harris, soils specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

"Last year Texas farmers put more than a million acres in the program, which is aimed at curbing soil erosion while at the same time improving water quality and wildlife habitats," Harris explains.

Land accepted into the CRP must be kept out of production for 10 years and prescribed conservation practices must be followed, he points out. This includes planting the land to grass or trees to prevent wind and water erosion, with costs shared by the government.

Landowners must submit a bid on eligible land to their local Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office during the sign-up period. Land eligibility

is determined by the Soil Conservation Service. If the bid is accepted, landowners will be paid that price annually over the 10 year period provided they follow the prescribed conservation plan. The average acceptable bid in Texas was just under \$30 an acre during the last sign-up period.

"Essentially, program provisions are the same as last year although there has been a slight revision in land eligibility classifications," says Harris. "That may allow additional land to qualify for the program, so landowners need to check with their local SCS office."

Also, a maximum of 25 percent of any cropland in a county can be put in the CRP unless a special exemption is obtained, notes the specialist.

Because several new phases of the CRP are being enacted this year, including sodbuster, swampbuster and conservation compliance, interest in the CRP should increase, contends Harris. Details on the total program are available at any local ASCS office.

The CRP is part of the 1985 farm bill and was initiated last spring as a five year effort to take some 45 million acres of erodible cropland out of production across the U.S.

Middle school honor students

The following is the Middle School honor roll for the third six weeks.

6th Grade All A
Mindi Brnovak, Kobie Clay, Jason Heuerman, Russ Holloway, Caleb Kelso, Mendy Law, Angie Nault, Trinh Tran.

6th Grade A-B
Joel Bird, Shayla Carter, Justin Combs, Matt Cravens, Randy Cubriel, Kenny Deluna, Spencer Duncan, Mariette Duran, Tammy Graham, Doug Hall, Kris Harris, Patrick Harrison, Austin Hill.

Also, Susan Holden, Kim Isaacs, Kim Isreal, Jennifer McKee, David Melendez, Delayne Pack, Jason Reneau, Renlie Reynolds, Andrea Richardson, Travis Sanders, Shelly Seymore, Lori Snowden, Cody Tittle, Krystal West, Donnie Windland, Mark Wright and Mike Young.

7th Grade All A
Chris Baber, Tanya Beasley, Lori Best, Son Hui Chon, Michelle Ingram, Lillian Leach, James Melendez, Christy Russom, Eilyn Rutledge, Annette Windham, Lori Thompson, Cheryl Wood.

7th Grade A-B

Yvonne Alexander, Ben Balliew, Mandy Barnett, Amanda Biera, Scott Cannon, Randy Davidson, Dayna Doan, Becky Donaldson, Becca Dunagin, Amy Gilmore, Elizabeth Hernandez, Jennifer Hobbs, Marc Jenkins.
Also, Sharon Mack, Josh Mashburn, Shayla Miller, Billy Page, Ricky Riley, Stephen Santee, Taylor Scott, Kriste A. Smith, Amy Sparks, Chad Taylor, Jan Taylor, Trisha Trevino, Coty Vaughn and Scott Walker.

8th grade All A
Jamie Beasley, Sean Leamon, Renee Melendez, Brandon Toombs, Phuong Thao Tran, Shawanda Warren, Angie Wel-

born, Amy Welborn, Daniel West and Shelly White.

8th Grade A-B
Dustie Baldree, Amber Buckley, Melissa Cuellar, Jana Daniell, Brandy Fenton, Pete Frame, Jayma Goldsmith, April Griffith, Betsy Hellums, Lee Isenbarg, Cheri Kelly, Cara Kelso, Angie Leverich, Michael McFadden, Chris McCartney, Michelle McMurry, Sundae Melton.

Also, Christi Moore, Tonya Moreno, Kenny Nault, Neil Newman, Tarrance Parish, Tami Pierson, Frank Repmyek, Troy Sims, Lori Stockard, Cody Sut-

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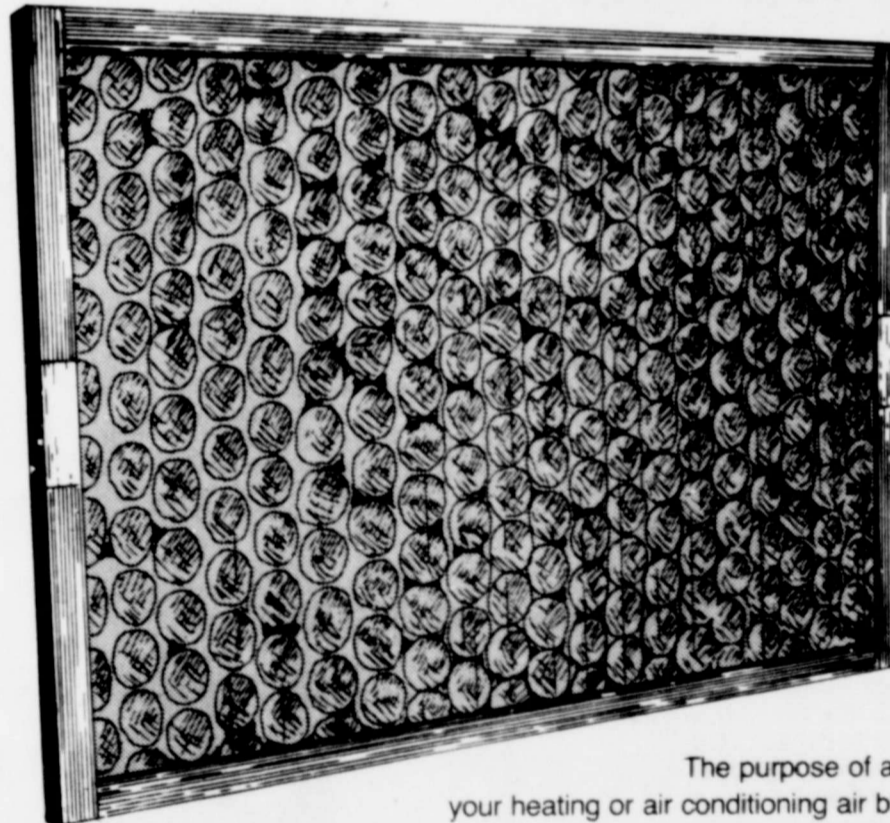
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To avoid damage to your unit and to save energy and money, be sure your filter is clean. WTU recommends checking your filter once every 30 days. Permanent types can be cleaned according to manufacturer's instructions, while non-permanent filters should be replaced.

A clean filter, along with other conservation measures you can do at home, will help you save energy and money!

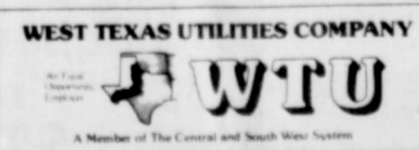
Set Thermostat at 68°

Set your thermostat at 68 degrees or lower. Turn it down at night and use an electric blanket. Turn it down even lower when you leave home for an extended period of time. Every degree you lower your thermostat will help to increase your energy savings.

Keep Damper Closed

Tightly close the damper in your fireplace when you're not using it. The same draft that is needed to help make a fire burn could circulate through your fireplace and pull warm air out of your home.

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I would like to clean your house in the Tye or Merkel area. Call 928-5656.
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179-TFC

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: PATRICIA ANN WILLIAMS* Residence Unknown, Respondent:
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 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of WINONA RUTH BRADDOCK, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 22nd day of January, 1987, against

PATRICIA ANN WILLIAMS, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 14,302-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of REBECCA MARIE BRADDOCK and KIMBERLY WINONA BRADDOCK, Children", the nature of which suit is a request to have the paternal grandmother named as Managing Conservator of the Children. Said child REBECCA MARIE BRADDOCK, was born on July 28, 1970 in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas. Said child KIMBERLY WINONA BRADDOCK, was born on January 26, 1972, in Dallas County, Dallas, 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, but not necessarily limited to, the appointment of a conservator (managing). If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according 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 23rd day of January, 1987.
Rilla Mahoney, Clerk
326th District Court
Taylor County, Texas
by JoAnn Lackey
Deputy (Seal)
06-86-1tc

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The kindness and sympathy of neighbors and friends in our recent sorrow will always remain with us as a precious memory. Our sincere thanks and gratitude for all those comforting acts.

A special mention to the ladies of the First Baptist Church of Merkel who prepared dinner for our families.
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The following Merkel High students will be treated to a pizza party for their efforts during the first semester. The students listed turned in All-A's for the semester.

Gina Addington, Bridgett Acuna, Laura Baker, Steven Bauer, Dayna Bentley, Walter Best, Tracy Bicknell, Angie Boggs, Shelly Brandon, Susan Brandon, Dianna Brown, Sandra Bynum, Son Mi Chon, Doyle Clary, Kyle Coker, Michelle Davis, Lisa Donaldson, April Duncan, Toby Dupont, Kristy Elliott, Staci Ferguson, Michael Gandy, Jennifer Gaona, Michelle Goodgion, Shelly Gray, Clara Herrera, Abby Irvin.

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Also, Debbie Pack, Marjohn Parish, Kevin Pilgrim, Laurinda Powell, Christy Reynolds, Billy Ray Riley, Sheri Riney.

Also, Danny Santee, Ted Seymore, Lu Amy Sloan, Penny Smith, Doug Taylor, J. J. Taylor, Angela Thomas, Wade Toombs, Cassie Townsend, Diem Tran, Ginger Van Gorp, April Walker, Veronica Washington, Fondale Watson, Kim Welding, Michael Woodall, Michelle Woodard.

A-B Honor Roll: Bridget Acuna, Irene Alvarez, Stephanie Ashorn, Diem Tran, Fondale Watson, Kim Welding, Michael Woodall, Michelle Woodard, Misty Vaughn.

The following is the Merkel High A honor roll for the third six weeks.

Eric Ascencio, Laura Baker, Doug Bauer, Steven Bauer, Dayna Bentley, Walter Best, David Biera, Angie Boggs, Shelly Brandon, Diana Brown, Sandra Bynum, Lee Cain, Son Mi Chon, Kyle Coker, Michelle Davis, Lisa Donaldson, April Duncan, Toby Dupont, Kristy Elliott, Staci Ferguson, Michael Gandy, Jennifer Gaona, Michelle Goodgion, Shelly Gray, Clara Herrera, Abby Irvin.

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Also, Renea Thomas, Krista Toombs, Misty Vaughn, Michelle Vera Cruz, Koy Walker, Kim Waller, Billy Webb, Twyla Wilburn, Judy Williams, Michelle Williams, Steve Williams, Marie Wiloth, Kevin Wright and Michael Ybarra.

The following students qualified for the Semester A-B Honor roll at Merkel High.

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Funeral services were held here at the First Baptist Church Feb. She is survived by her husband, Bobby of Oklahoma City, a son officiating. Burial followed at Timothy also of Oklahoma City, Rose Hill Cemetery here under her mother and father Mr. & Mrs. E. E. McAnelly, and a brother Richard McAnelly of Dallas.

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Gary Rose — Manager

Is your car guilty of disturbing the peace? Maybe it's time for you to visit ABILENE MUFFLER CENTER and have a new muffler installed. If you didn't know it, a faulty exhaust system robs power from your engine, adds greatly to air and noise pollution and can be hazardous to passengers.

A quick stop at 1642 North 1st Street in Abilene, phone 677-6423, will let these professionals check your car and recommend the exact placement. A short installation period, and you're back on the road in a safe, quiet car. They have, in stock, mufflers for most any model car or truck and will install the proper unit while you wait.

If it's performance you want, they have a full line of custom headers and dual exhaust systems as well as pipe bending equipment to make any exhaust system to your exact specifications.

We recommend ABILENE MUFFLER CENTER.

JIM TATUM MOTORS

Family Owned & Operated

For many years, automobile dealers considered the "used car" business a sideline to selling new models. JIM TATUM MOTORS at 998 South Clack, in Abilene, phone 695-4400, believe that the used car buyer is just as important as the new car buyer and give the customer the best possible price, quality and service.

The kind of business that JIM TATUM MOTORS does is the main reason for their large "family" of repeat customers. People return, again and again, when they need an automobile because they know that integrity, quality and value are passwords. This family owned and operated business has Two Generations to serve you!

Buy the safe way! Stop in at JIM TATUM MOTORS and look over the tremendous values in quality used automobiles. We recommend this fine firm for better cars AND better values!!

WAL-MART AUTOMOTIVE CENTER

Tom Everett — Manager

Featuring complete repair service on all types of automobiles, the WAL-MART AUTOMOTIVE CENTER is located at 3202 South Clack Street, in Abilene, phone 692-7591. In addition to performing some of the finest repair work in the area, this community leader also offers their years of experience when it comes to advice on all of your mechanical problems.

An automobile will not run forever without regular attention and an occasional repair. Every car owner should see a reliable repairman regularly to put his auto into first-class shape. When you drive into this full service garage, you can rest assured that your car will be repaired in the shortest possible time and at the least possible expense. You must be satisfied with every job that comes out of the WAL-MART AUTOMOTIVE CENTER's shop!

Stop in today, you'll be more than pleased with the service you receive!

ABILENE ARMY SURPLUS STORE

Randy Dening — Manager

"Tell Them You Saw This Ad . . . They Will Appreciate It!"

Bargains galore in all types of clothing, hunting equipment, backpacking gear and other sporting goods await you at ABILENE ARMY SURPLUS STORE in Abilene at 3005 South 1st, phone 677-5746: one of the region's best-stocked army surplus stores.

Here you'll find just what you need in new and used clothing for work, sport or everyday wear. They specialize in cold weather garments such as parkas, thermal underwear, boots, sweaters and such. There's a large selection of sporting goods and accessories for all ages. Drop in today and browse.

Hikers, backpackers and others interested in lightweight equipment can find just what they need at this fine store, too. There's a wide variety of packs, frames, hiking shoes, dehydrated foods, canteens and everything else to make your favorite sport more fun.

Make ABILENE ARMY SURPLUS STORE your first stop for value!

WYLIE SHAMROCK STATIONS

Bob Doyal — Vice President

Call 673-4766 for Delivery

The proper distribution of any commodity and especially gasoline and fuel is of prime importance to the business economy of every community. WYLIE INCORPORATED is the distributor in this locality for DIAMOND SHAMROCK gasoline and fuel products.

This oil distributor is thoroughly familiar with all phases of the gasoline and fuel business as it applies to this area and he has ample facilities to insure the prompt and equitable distribution of his products to many of the better service stations in this district.

We commend this fuel distribution firm upon their excellent service of offering high-class gasoline and fuel products for the benefit of the customers. These are the finest products available on today's market. Try them and you will become a regular user. Phone 673-4766 or stop by 2574 North Treadaway, in Abilene, today.

SUTTON & SON SEPTIC TANK SERVICE

Roy Sutton — Owner

When It Rains . . . It Pours! Is that your problem? Expert septic tank cleaning and service is available in this area from SUTTON & SON SEPTIC TANK SERVICE at 2225 Oakland in Abilene, phone 672-9220.

This respected firm specializes in the cleaning, repairing and installing of septic tank systems and their quality work has won them the admiration of homeowners throughout the area.

Commercial, residential and industrial sanitation problems are their full time job and they know their work! They're ready to go on a moment's notice to correct any malfunction which may arise with your waste disposal system. They won't keep you waiting.

The SUTTON & SON SEPTIC TANK SERVICE stands ready to perform any type of maintenance on your septic tank system. They can repair or clean most any unit on the market, and they can do it faster. They can also clean clogged sewers, sinks, toilets, showers, laundry facilities, pipes and drains in commercial, residential and industrial buildings. See these professionals for all of your septic tank problems . . . SUTTON & SON SEPTIC TANK SERVICE!

MIKE THOMPSON BUSINESS SERVICE

Do yourself and your business a favor this year and contract the services of MIKE THOMPSON BUSINESS SERVICE, one of the area's leading tax consultants. With offices located at 1860 South Butternut in Abilene, phone 677-8071, this is one tax service which gives just that: SERVICE!

Their staff of skilled experts is constantly studying the new tax laws and scrutinizing all of the problems which are prevalent in both business and personal tax situations. Place your complete trust in their experience and you won't be disappointed. MIKE THOMPSON BUSINESS SERVICE will do your returns and they're always available for consultation on any tax question.

We suggest that you make this recognized firm YOUR personal tax consultant. We know you won't have any worries about taxes with this outstanding concern on the job!

CHARLES L. BURNETT DIRT & PAVING CONTRACTOR

Charles Burnett — Owner & Operator

Considering hiring a contractor to do some paving work on your property? Stop a minute. Don't just call anybody in the phone book because you like the looks of their ad! In this area, many knowledgeable people are in the habit of calling CHARLES L. BURNETT DIRT & PAVING CONTRACTOR in Sweetwater at 1100 W. Broadway, phone 235-5321. This reliable firm has been paving streets, parking lots, and other applications for years and they have established a reputation for doing some of the best paving anywhere!

If you're a homeowner, you can benefit by talking to these professionals. They'll set you straight about the low cost involved in increasing your property with a paved driveway. Businessmen, too, can do themselves a favor by paving their parking lots and driveways! The customers will be grateful . . . and they'll show it!

Regardless of what kind of surface you want to pave . . . for whatever reason . . . this outstanding firm can do a better job in the shortest possible time! This year, make sure YOU call CHARLES L. BURNETT DIRT & PAVING CONTRACTOR first!

HARVEST GIN

Gaylan Marth — Manager

The HARVEST GIN, located 4 1/2 miles west of Roscoe, 1 1/2 miles north of Interstate 20, phone 915-766-3353, offers a cleaner cotton, efficiently ginned by modern methods, as the product of this gin. Their equipment is of the best obtainable, which accounts for the efficient operation. They keep all records on file in their computer for your convenience.

You may take your cotton to the HARVEST GIN and be assured of rapid and satisfactory service. The management and employees are experts in the business and are prepared to take care of any amount of cotton in a relatively short time.

With the excellent business judgement that has characterized the management's career, the HARVEST GIN realized that it was important that the people of this community have an establishment of this kind they could depend on. In the future, this gin will show even greater strides in progress as they serve Nolan, Taylor, Fisher, Mitchell and Scurry counties.

SWEETWATER UNION 76 AUTO TRUCK STOP



When it comes to keeping the big rigs rollin' in the area, more and more experienced drivers rely on the SWEETWATER UNION 76 AUTO TRUCK STOP located at I-20 at Hopkins Road in Sweetwater, phone 235-8488.

Well known as being one of the best truck stops on the road, this full service station is ready to cater to the every need of the professional driver who depends on his truck for a living.

Their restaurant is recognized by truckers, travelers and the local residents as being one of the very best restaurants anywhere! A real meal anytime of the day or night is what they serve here and their reputation has spread far and wide.

Delicious Mexican food, mouth-watering smoked bar-be-cue and a complete menu of other succulent dishes have made this one place that drivers stop at whether they're really hungry or not.

Their travel store is fully stocked, ranging from general merchandise to a selection of trucker needs. Truckers enjoy taking advantage of the "one stop convenience" of clean, complete facilities available here. Just one stop to fuel, service, freshen-up, rest up AND enjoy a great meal!

Make stopping in at the SWEETWATER UNION 76 AUTO TRUCK STOP a regular habit . . . you don't even have to pull up in a truck!

CJ LOZA ROOFING CO.

CJ Loza — Owner

For residential and commercial roofing work, knowledgeable businessmen and homeowners in the Abilene area have come to depend on CJ LOZA ROOFING CO. to get the job done right!

Located at 326 Forrest in Abilene, phone 677-7714, this reliable concern has been fixing and building roofs of all types for years!

Whether it's a hot tar built-up or a composition roof, this is one firm which can handle it! No matter what you need in the way of roofing . . . this well known contractor can take care of it!

Does the roof on your home or business require repair or renovation? Call this respected firm and have your entire home or business re-roofed for a lot less than you think! Call CJ LOZA ROOFING CO. and make arrangements to have those much-needed repairs attended to . . . expertly!

This year, for all your roofing needs, call the CJ LOZA ROOFING CO. in Abilene!

CONNER MOBILE HOMES OF TEXAS

CONNER MOBILE HOMES OF TEXAS, located in Abilene at 1302 North Clack, phone 698-0240, is headquarters for the famous CONNER mobile homes which excel in comfort, beauty and durability. This firm has qualified sales representatives to aid you in all of your mobile home needs and can help you with fast, on-lot financing.

CONNER MOBILE HOMES invites you to come in and inspect America's finest mobile homes at your leisure. Live-in elegance by purchasing one of these delightful, practical mobile homes. Any size, any style . . . including the roomy, double wide . . . are featured here for the young and for the young at heart and they have mobile homes for every budget!

CONNER MOBILE HOMES OF TEXAS has offered quality homes since 1959 and is the only company offering manufacturing, sales, insurance and financing, along with immediate approval, free delivery and set-up.

We salute this fine mobile home sales firm for bringing to the Abilene area good buys in mobile homes and for keeping in mind "QUALITY AND ECONOMY."

ANDERS WRECKING

When the people of the Abilene area need used auto parts, the best place to go is ANDERS WRECKING at 2501 East Highway 80, phone 672-9599. Here they can be assured of getting the part they need and something that's unusual these days: courteous service and low prices!

This prominent firm is serving the area with the best used parts and a thorough knowledge of the automotive industry. More often than not, the part you'll need is easily located and, once installed, will yield years and years of practical service.

ANDERS WRECKING also offers towing as an additional service to the area's motorists. If your car is damaged beyond repair, they'll buy it for cash.

Do something for the ecology as well as your pocketbooks and buy "recycled" parts from this outstanding wrecking yard.

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Tye elementary honor students

The followings is the honor roll for Tye Elementary for the third six weeks.

First Grade All A

Deanna Knapp, Ben Prado, Alice Sheffield, Chris Thomas, Angela Webb, Chris Wilder, Josh Greer, April Helm, Jennifer Mendez, Jimbo Newman, Timothy Pierson, Maggie Quintanilla, Janis Williamson.

First Grade A-B

Joel Antaya, Paul Gohlmann, Christi Molina, Domingo O'Con, Kristi Watson, Carrie Young and Della Stoker.

Second Grade All A

Kem Crowe, Billy Hafner, Brandi Kilpatrick, Christi Massey, Anthony Williamson.

Second Grade A-B

Nichole Jacobs, Kim Lowery, Micaela Alcantar, Shannon Harris, Randy Jennings, Corrie Molina, Robby Sanchez, Tiffany Snowden, Billy Curry.

Third Grade All A

Jeremy Daniel, Brandy Jordan, Amber Graham, Melissa Clark, William Donaldson, Julianna

Helm.

Third Grade A-B
 Randy DeLeon, Quincy Hines, Amy Leopard, Kenneth Schuessler, Jeremy Thompson, Tim Thorpe, Doug Turner, Shannon Washington, Lisa Hall, Camron Jacobs.

4th Grade All A

Jennifer Anderson, Crystal Gayle, Marijke Holmes, Melissa Podrovitz, Colby Sheffield, Karyn Utley, Mandy Workman.

4th Grade A-B

Kellie Edwards, Alanna Hafner, Brad Locke, Larry Sommers, Brandon Stephenson, Brandi Wilson, Donna Bouldin, Heather Davis, Naomi Hoover, Julie Sires and Eric Stark.

5th Grade All A

Kelly Atkinson, Melissa Daniel, Jennifer Johnson, Brian Miller, Jgsh Perry, Amy Podrovitz, Brenda Silvas, George Welimak-er, Sandi Wood.

5th Grade A-B

Jennifer Davis, Kristi Duncan, Stacy Powell, Robin Bishop, Mrs. Wheeler's Class
 A-B: Leah Holder and Sylvia O'Con.

MISD lunch menu

The MISD lunch menus for Feb. 9 thru Feb. 13 follow:

Mon-Chicken Nuggets, Whipped Potatoes, English Peas, Hot Rolls, and Sliced Peaches.

Tues-Beef Tacos, Pinto Beans, Lettuce and Cheese, Taco Shells, and Pineapple Pudding.

Wed-Fish Nuggets, Blacke y e d

Peas, Cole Slaw, Corn Bread, and Rice Krispie Bars.

Thurs-Lasagna, Buttered Corn, Lettuce and Tomatoes with dressing, Batter Bread, and Rosey Peas.

Fri-Hot Dogs with Chili, French Fries with catsup, Carrot Sticks and Relishes, Coney Buns, and Applesauce Cake with Icing.

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GRAND OPENING TODAY!

The Grand Opening of The Food Emporium has begun! The doors swung open at 7 this morning and we are open for business! C'mon down and see our new store. Compare our warehouse prices with other grocery stores in town.

And save a bundle with our Grand Opening specials!

C'MON DOWN!

Come on down and see us and join the Grand Opening celebration. There is a storewide Tasting Fair so you can sample some of the incredible foods available at The Emporium. And you can also register to win a 1987 Cadillac! This Grand Prize in our Grand Opening Giveaway is on display in the parking lot.



Look it over, imagine yourself behind the wheel and hurry in to sign up! No purchase is necessary and you can sign up as many times as you want between now and when we draw the winner!

OPEN 'TIL MIDNIGHT!

The Food Emporium is open from 7 a.m. to midnight daily, so there's still plenty of time to get in on the first day of our fantastic Grand Opening. We're waiting to serve you, so hurry on in today!



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SWEET **BEANS** **99¢**
GREEN **POTATOES** PARADE WHOLE OR SLICED 303 MIX OR MATCH **3 CANS 99¢**
NO 300 PINTO **BEANS** **3 CANS 99¢**
NO 300 BLACK EYE **PEAS** **89¢**
PARADE **JUICE** 46 OZ CAN **79¢**
PARADE 303 WHOLE **TOMATOES** 2 FOR **89¢**
CAT PARADE 300 OR DOG **FOOD** ASST 4 FOR **89¢**

PARADE **OLEO** 3 LBS QTS **99¢**
WOLF **CHILI** 15 OZ CAN **79¢**

FROZEN FOODS
PARADE **ORANGE JUICE** 12 OZ CAN **59¢**
BANQUET PUMPKIN OR **MINCE PIE** 20 OZ **98¢**
PARADE **WHIP TOPPING** 8 OZ TUB **69¢**
TOTINO MY CLASSIC **PIZZA** 23 OZ BOX **\$2.69**

PARADE **CATSUP** 32 OZ JUG **89¢**

SHORTENING
PARADE **3 LB CAN \$1.09**

PARADE **VANILLA WAFERS** 12 OZ BOX **59¢**

PARADE **TUNA** 6 OZ CANS 2 **99¢**

SHASTA **SODA POP** 24 CT 12 OZ CANS CASE **\$4.49**

PARADE **BEEF STEW** 24 OZ CAN **\$1.29**
WOLF **TAMALES** 2 300 CANS **99¢**

PARADE **FLOUR** 5 LB BAG **69¢**

PARADE **SUGAR** 5 LB BAG **\$1.39**

NICE & SOFT **TISSUE** 4 ROLL CRTN **89¢**

PARADE **MILK** TALL CAN 12 OZ CANS 2 FOR **89¢**

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POINSETTA HOMO **MILK** GAL JUG **\$1.99**

LETTUCE FRESH HEAD **49¢**


CHOICE BEEF EX-TRIM **SIRLOIN STEAK** LEAN POUND **\$2.39**

BORDEN **MILK** GAL JUG **\$1.93**

BORDENS **MILK** 1/2 GAL CRTN **\$1.09**

FRESH **TOMATOES** 49¢ LB

CHOICE BEEF EX-TRIM **T-BONE STEAK** LEAN POUND **\$2.99**

PARADE **WAFFLE SYRUP** 32 OZ JUG **89¢**

CALIFORNIA **NAVEL ORANGES** 39¢ LB

ARMOUR STAR CHICKEN FRIED **BREADED BEEF PATTIES** LB **\$1.79**

PARADE **DILL PICKLES** 32 OZ JUG **89¢**

FRESH **CARROTS** 2 FOR 69¢ CELLO LB

PARADE **FRANKS** ALL MEAT 12 OZ PKG **79¢**

AMERICAN BEAUTY 10 OZ **ELBO MAC-RONI** 2 FOR **89¢**

GOLDEN **BANANAS** LB **39¢**

PARADE **LUNCH MEATS** 12 OZ PKG **99¢**

PARADE 4 OZ CAN **MUSHROOMS** 2 FOR **99¢**

FRESH GREEN **CABBAGE** LB **19¢**

PARADE **SMOKED BACON** LB **\$1.39**

PARADE **DINNER CRACKERS** 7.4 OZ BX 4 BOXS **99¢**

PARADE **SALTINE CRACKERS** 1 LB BOX **49¢**

SPILMATE **TOWELS** JUMBO ROLL **59¢**

ZEE **EARTHTONE NAPKINS** 140 CT PKG **89¢**

WASHINGTON DELICIOUS **RED APPLES** LB **49¢**

GOOCH B. R. **GERMAN STYLE SAUSAGE** 12 OZ PKG **\$1.29**

JIMMY DEAN **SAUSAGE** 2 LB BAG \$3.98 1 LB BAG **\$1.99**

DETERGENT **SURF** 42 OZ BOX **\$1.69**

PARADE **BLEACH** GAL JUG **69¢**

PARADE LIQUID PINK **DISHWASH** 32 OZ BOTTLE **89¢**

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