

The Merkel Mail

Our 99th year

Thursday, December 3, 1987 . . . Merkel, Texas

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Christmas events

Chamber of Commerce Christmas

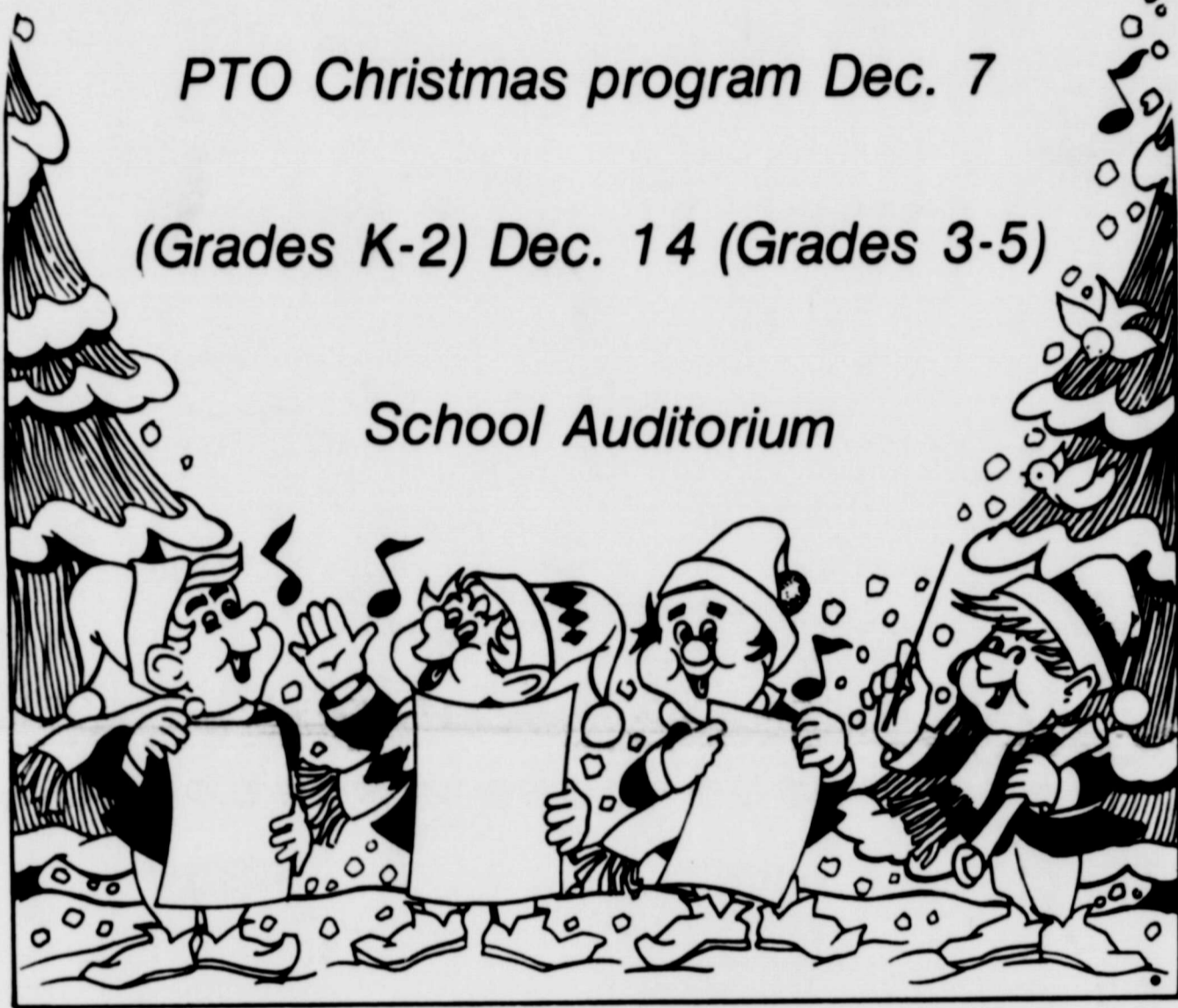
Parade: Dec. 12

Community sing-a-long Dec. 17th

PTO Christmas program Dec. 7

(Grades K-2) Dec. 14 (Grades 3-5)

School Auditorium



Students of the month named

The Merkel Exchange Club honored two Merkel High Seniors as Students of the Month for November at their regular meeting Nov. 23rd at Pug & Leo's Restaurant.

Honored were Kristy Elliott and Kyle Coker.

Kristy is the daughter of Judy & Richard Elliott and has been a twirler for the MHS band for four years having a UIL 1 rating in solo three years, a 1 rating in ensemble for four years and a state UIL rating of 1 for three years. She played basketball for two years, has been a Library Aide, a member of the One Act Play and the Administration Advisory Committee, also for a year. She is also the vice president

of recognition for the FHA/HERO and has been a member of the National Honor Society for two years, was named to Who's Who of American High School Students for a year, on the A team for a year and was a student of the month in the 9th grade. She has also served as her class vice president, president and treasurer.

She has been very active in student council for four years as she has served as both vice president and president. She was voted the outstanding student council member and she plans to attend McMurry College and major in elementary education.

She has been a youth camp counselor with her church and she

has been a youth officer for two years.

Kyle is the son of Betty and Obie Coker and plans to attend Tarleton State University and major in pre-law. He has been active in the youth program in the First United Methodist Church serving as a youth representative for four years.

He has been outstanding in the MHS band for four years playing the trumpet, a member of the all-district band and state ensemble. He has also served as band president and vice president and has been a member of the National Honor Society for two years. He has also been on the golf team for four years.

Parade, PTO, Goofs. . . more

by Cloy A. Richards

The Chamber of Commerce has a couple of yule type activities planned for the next couple of weeks.

On Dec. 12th, the Chamber will be sponsoring the annual Christmas parade. Cash prizes will be awarded in different categories.

On Dec. 17th, the Chamber will be sponsoring a community sing-a-long at the lot across from Starbuck's. The singing will get started at 7 p.m. and singers will be coming from various church choirs. Also, some local merchants plan to be open late that night so you can do some Christmas shopping where you should, right here at home.

The Merkel PTO will also be having their annual Christmas programs over the next couple of weeks.

The program for students in K-2 will be Dec. 7th and the program

for students in grades 3-5 will be Dec. 14th. Both start at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium.

We need to correct a couple of goofs made in last week's paper.

I'll bet everyone was trying to figure out just how it is one plays sea basketball. A headline (on the front page no less) said the Merkel teams had opened their sea basketball season.

Also, in an ad about the local Toys for Tots program, we gave a phone number of a person to call to make donations. Frank Mundy had left us his phone number for information on the 5th Homecoming and that's where we got that number. Anyway, Toys for Tots is a great local program that collects food and toys for local needy families during the Christmas season. If you would like to help out in this cause, please call 928-5555 or take your contributions

by the Weldon Tittle residence at 904 Orange, or the VFW post.

We apologize for those errors.

How was your Thanksgiving? Ours was great, especially with the Aggies beating the Longhorns for the 4th year in a row.

Joey and I met brother-in-law Gary Bomar on his family's ranch between Ballinger and Coleman for a couple of days of quail hunting. We did manage to bring home a few birds that Gary's painters Sandra and Sue had sniffed out of the broomweeds.

Before you get in that car and head east for your holiday shopping, try looking here first.

Your local merchants are the ones that help community groups and they need and deserve your support.

Dollars spent here are turned over many times over.

Central tax authority elects five members to board of directors

The Central Tax Authority recently announced the results of the election for the Board of Directors for 1988-89. Seven candidates were nominated by the various tax units in Taylor County and votes were cast by those taxing units during November. The five successful candidates include Bob Gill, David Wagner, A. E. Wells and Stanley Whisenhunt.

Bob Gill has been a member of the board of directors of the CTA

since 1983. He owned and operated Key City Electric Company for the past 32 years. He is currently involved in investments and farming and ranching.

David Wagner is a self-employed attorney. Mr. Wagner is a former president of the Board of Trustees of Wylie ISD.

Paul Washburn Jr. is president of Abilene Maintenance, Inc. a property management company and is a real estate broker.

A. E. Wells is currently serving

as Secretary of the Board of Directors of the CTA. He has been a member of the board since January, 1982. He is a retired superintendent of Abilene schools.

Stanley Whisenhunt is a retired school superintendent of Wylie ISD. He is presently engaged in farming and independent teacher appraisal service.

The Board of Directors will be sworn in at the first meeting on Jan. 13th, 1988.

MHS basketball teams in Graham tourney, host Eastland Tuesday

The Merkel Girls Basketball team now stands at 2-1 on the season as they took a one point win over Breckenridge last week.

Carolyn Lally led the way with 11, while Amber Whisenhunt had 9, Teresa Lucas 7 and Krista Toombs added 6.

Coach Jan Whisenhunt told *The Mail* Tuesday "We didn't block out or rebound very well during the game and we had a lot of turnovers."

The girls opened district play here Tuesday night as they took on Wylie (details not available at press time) and travel to the

Possum Kingdom Tournament in Graham today (Thursday) as they take on Archer City in the first round.

On Tuesday, the girls host Stephenville and then will play in the Stephenville tournament Dec. 10-12.

Coach Whisenhunt said she lost no varsity or freshmen players to grades but did lose a couple of JV players.

The Badger boys team are now 2-1 on the season as they lost last week in Breckenridge 47-43.

Coach Johnny Hamptol told *The Mail* Monday "We played

good on defense but poor on offense. It took us six minutes to score and we were not shooting the ball well and turning it over too much."

He added "We held them to 13 points in the first half but we only led by one."

Monty Griffin led the way with 16 as Lynn Hays added 13.

The boys played Sweetwater here Tuesday night and will take on Archer City in the opening round of the Possum Kingdom Tournament in Graham Thursday at 5:30.

They will host Eastland Dec. 8th.

City purchasing new radar unit

The Merkel City Council met Nov. 23rd and approved a zone change at the request of the First Baptist Church here.

The church will build a Family Life Center across the street from

the sanctuary and church officials had requested a special use permit for that property.

Council granted the change, following advertisement for bids that allowed neighboring property

owners a right to express an opinion.

Council also approved the purchase of an additional radar unit for the city police.

Council's next session will be held Dec. 14th.

Dickinson wants Jones' senate seat

Sweetwater rancher-lawyer Temple Dickinson, 53, announced recently that he would seek the Democratic nomination for the state senate in the 24th District.

The seat is presently held by Grant Jones, 65, who is an insurance agent and lawyer with an official residence in Temple.

Dickinson said "Jones has lost touch with most people in the district."

He added "He doesn't represent us anymore. He represents Austin lobbyists--on a full-time basis."

As a former member of the House of Representatives, Dickinson said that he left politics in 1971 to devote full-time to his family, law practice and ranch.

"My children are grown and my wife, Katherine, has encouraged me to re-enter public life.

"The state senate is where I can have impact."

Dickinson said that as a House member he had supported state funding for education to improve the quality and hold down property taxes.

"In the 1960's, we did a good job. The legislature laid out a basic education policy and provided substantial funds to improve schools.

"We did not dictate to local school boards," Dickinson said.

"The legislature radically changed that in 1984.

"Much decision-making was taken out of the hands of local school boards. The legislature placed school boards in the position of raising taxes to pay for state-mandated programs."

Dickinson also said that he would impose a state income tax.

"Senator Grant Jones announced that a personal state income tax might not be too far off," Dickinson said.

"I might not be if Jones is re-elected. But, if I'm in the Senate, I'll help kill it," Dickinson emphasized. "Texas does not need a state income tax--now--or 10 years from now."

Dickinson said that he would propose an economic development plan which encouraged business growth and job creation.

He said, "There are plenty of people in Texas who want to start or expand businesses. That creates jobs. What's needed are markets for what we produce."

Dickinson said that the Legisla-

ture "has not dealt with real economic issues. It should. We should want to help put Texans back to work and create new business opportunities."

MHS student council sponsors SMILE week

The Merkel High Student Council is planning to commence SMILE Week Dec. 7-11. SMILE stands for "Student Myth-Information & Learning Experiences." It is a cooperative program that the Texas Association of Student Councils has endorsed, along with the Texas Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse.

This is the 9th year in action.

PTO Christmas program set

The Merkel PTO's annual Christmas programs will be held Dec. 7th for students in grades K-2 and Dec. 14th from students in grades 3-5.

Chamber plans parade, sing

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce has a couple of holiday events planned.

A Christmas parade will be held Dec. 12th. Cash prizes will be awarded in different categories.

A community sing-a-long will be

held Dec. 17th at the lot across from Starbuck's at 7 p.m.

A community choir will be presenting Christmas songs and local decorations will be lit.

The community is invited to attend both events.

Surplus food distribution

A USDA Food Commodity Distribution will be held Saturday from 8:30 until 10:30 a.m. at the Merkel Volunteer Department Station.

It is too late to register for Saturday's distribution and everyone wanting to receive commodities in 1988 must register after Jan. 1st.

Trent Community Club meets

The Trent Community Club will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Everyone

in the community is invited to attend.

by W. E. Dulaney

Middle school elects student officers

The 1987-88 Merkel Middle School class officers were elected Nov. 9th.

Officers are Son Hui Chon- president, Tanya Beasley- vice president, Michelle Bowman- secretary, Stephanie Jones- reporter, Michelle Ingram- parliamentarian and Dayna Doan- treasurer.

The representatives were elected Nov. 10th. The 6th grade representatives are Cecily Caroland, Wendy Cummings, Troy Roberts, Lana Rogers, Corley Segovia and the alternate is Horatio Martinez.

Seventh grade representatives

Merkelites have new grandson

Terra Wade is proud to announce the arrival of her baby brother Randell Tyler born Nov. 21, 1987.

He weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Their parents are Kaye and Randy Wade of Albany.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Mack Bigbee and Jerrell butman of Merkel. Maternal great-grandmother is Mrs. G. A. Fisher of Merkel. Paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Dwain Wade of Albany.

Paternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Thelma Wade of Merkel.

Sr. Citizen news

Ninety five congregates and 60 shut-ins shared in the Thanksgiving dinner last Tuesday at the Merkel Nutritional Center.

Games, music, singing and visiting were enjoyed by all. The group is back on schedule this week.

The seniors at 122 Edwards will be holding a garage sale on Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

On Dec. 12, Senior Citizens will have a bake sale in front of their

building. If you would like to make a donation to this sale, call 928-5074 or 928-4869 and they will pick up your donations.

All Thursday evening activities during December will be cancelled due to busy Christmas schedules. However, a second Wednesday luncheon will be held Dec. 9th. People attending are asked to bring a covered dish, games and your playing partners. The activities will start at 9:30 a.m.

MISD lunch menu

The following is the MISD lunch menu:

Dec. 3: Tacos with sauce, pinto beans, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, taco shells, applesauce cakes.

Dec. 4: corn dogs with mustard, french fries, lettuce and tomato salad with choice of dressing, peanutbutter cookies.

Dec. 7: Pizza, corn, lettuce and tomato salad with choice of dressing, pizza crust, rosey pears.

Dec. 8: fish with tarter sauce, blackeyed peas, seasoned spinach, cornbread, pineapple chunks.

Dec. 9: Frito pies, pinto beans, combination salad with choice of dressings, raisin cobbler.

Dec. 10: fried chicken with cream gravy, creamed potatoes, french green beans, sliced peaches.

Dec. 11: Hamburgers, fries and all the trimmings, fig bars.

MERKEL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Merkel, Taylor County, Texas

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

Year Ended August 31, 1987

| Data Control Codes | Governmental Fund Types | | | Totals (Memorandum Only) | |
|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| | 10 General Fund | 20/30/40 Special Revenue Fund | 50 Debt Service Fund | 98 August 31, 1987 | 97 August 31, 1986 |
| REVENUES: | | | | | |
| 5700 | Local, intermediate, out-of-state | \$ 1,533,971 | \$ 124,449 | \$ 1,658,420 | \$ 1,825,363 |
| 5800 | State program revenues | 2,842,930 | | 2,842,930 | 2,673,729 |
| 5900 | Federal program revenues | 130,735 | 76,313 | 207,048 | 172,598 |
| 5030 | Total Revenues | 4,507,636 | 124,449 | 4,708,398 | 4,671,690 |
| EXPENDITURES: | | | | | |
| 0011 | Instruction | 2,430,657 | 67,371 | 2,498,028 | 2,389,485 |
| 0012 | Instructional computing | 43,099 | | 43,099 | 61,392 |
| 0022 | Instructional resources and media services | 44,799 | 8,942 | 53,741 | 61,450 |
| 0023 | School administration | 308,942 | | 308,942 | 263,021 |
| 0025 | Curriculum & personnel development | 55,126 | | 55,126 | 63,415 |
| 0031 | Guidance and counseling services | 60,307 | | 60,307 | 51,920 |
| 0033 | Health services | 19,722 | | 19,722 | 18,297 |
| 0034 | Pupil transportation - regular | 181,368 | | 181,368 | 134,272 |
| 0035 | Pupil transportation - exceptional children | 9,322 | | 9,322 | 15,498 |
| 0036 | Co-curricular activities | 175,237 | | 175,237 | 145,744 |
| 0037 | Food services | 191,473 | | 191,473 | 174,488 |
| 0041 | General administration | 247,299 | | 247,299 | 220,484 |
| 0042 | Debt services | 7,535 | 119,978 | 127,513 | 118,847 |
| 0051 | Plant maintenance and operations | 453,023 | | 453,023 | 513,191 |
| 0052 | Facilities acquisition and construction | 232,188 | | 232,188 | 288,207 |
| 6050 | Total Expenditures | 4,460,097 | 119,978 | 4,656,388 | 4,519,711 |
| OTHER RESOURCES AND USES: | | | | | |
| 5060 | Other resources | 59,292 | | 59,292 | 60,696 |
| 6060 | Other uses | (97,690) | | (97,690) | (92,035) |
| 7000 | Total Other Resources and Uses | (38,398) | -0- | (38,398) | (31,339) |
| 1200 | EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER RESOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES | 9,141 | -0- | 4,471 | 120,640 |
| 0100 | FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR | 1,286,886 | -0- | 22,688 | 1,309,574 |
| 3000 | FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR | \$ 1,296,027 | \$ -0- | \$ 27,159 | \$ 1,323,186 |




Estée Lauder

NEW JEWELRY SELECTIONS

INCLUDING EAR CLIPS

NEW FRAGRANCES




GIORGIO of BEVERLY HILLS

WHITE SHOULDERS

PALOMA PICASSO

GLORIA VANDERBILT

KL

CALVIN KLEIN

CHRISTIAN DIOR

ROYAL SECRET

ALIAGE

YOUTH DEW

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RALPH LAUREN

OBSESSION

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MERKEL DRUG

928-5012
121 EDWARDS

Elementary honor students

The following is the Merkel Elementary School Honor Roll for the 2nd six weeks of school:

1st Grade All A

Amy Albritton, Rex Alston, Jana Beasley, Arik Chavira, Elizabeth Clinton, Rebecca Cochran, Mitchell Collins, Lacy Dearing, Ray Dela Cruz, Casey Dohogne, Shayla Dozier, Bo Dunagin, Cheryl Early, April Fisher, Gabriel Flores, Elizabeth Green, Jodi Hellums, Hilary Heuerman, Tabitha Hill, Ashli Hobbs, Rhonda Hollis, Brandi Ingram, Phillip Johnson, Heath Jones, Keith Jones, Dee Dee Lambeth, Elizabeth Martinez, Landry Meeks, Kristen O'Rear, Robert Paden, Santiago Paden, Jordan Paulsen, Elizabeth Ramariz, Curtis Rollins, Chastity Savage, Alaina Segovia, Katie Taylor, Kyle Whisenhunt, Sharon Williamson.

1st Grade A-B

Amanda Alexander, Amanda Baker, John Campbell, Christy Frazier, Cristal Gray, Heath Henderson, Rusty Holmes, Jonathan Hood, Randy Isenbarg, Tamera King, Crystal Malone, Matthew Marez, Courtney Melton, April Minor, Sharonda Morgan, Jenny Myers, Trey Naron, Wade Schramper, Jerri Smith, Michele Simmons, Adam Tarpley, Crystal West.

2nd Grade All A

Eric Beard, Shayla Boone, Brandy Bryan, Wesley Carter, Brandon Cobb, Natalee Cravens, Anna Dutton, Tamara Helmer, Brad Hicks, Tony Layher, Carolyn Lee, Brian Ierna, Caleb Linzy, Christina McCarty, Monty Moore, Elizabeth Morales, Esther Morales, Mark Moreno, Amy Pack, Delfa Rister, Nicholas Rodriguez, Diana Rogge, Jeremy Sanders, Melissa Sanderson, Beki Stephens, James Stewart, Sharlet Sutterfield, Tamara Tarpley, Monetta Teague, Kacy Trawick.

2nd Grade A-B

Brandon Blue, Brittany Burton, Candice Carson, Monty Clay, Jeff Cox, Chris Crouse, Jason Davis, James Dietz, Cheryl Dodd, Bryce Freeman, Patsy Flores, Nicole Giesler, Nieves Gonzales, Jamie

Hellums, Johnny Hester, Guillermo Hernandez, John Ladezma, Jerry McFarland, Justin Mann, Shannon Middleton, Jason Myers, April Phillips, Tanya Rister, T. J. Roberts, Scotty Rodriguez, Julie Sanders, Clay Sparks, Clint Sparks, Melissa Sparks, Michele Sparks, Cameron Strange, Adam Tucker, Carolyn Vera Cruz, Robby Welborn, Aneka Wood, Brandon Wyatt, Stephanie Young.

3rd Grade All A

Taras Beasley, Sara Boggs, Bryan Cruz, Matt Dearing, Brent Fisher, Tabitha Garrett, Justin Goldsmith, Amy Haley, Cam Hendricks, Jeffrey Jacobs, Leslie Jacobs, McKinsey Laird, Amanda Love, Craig Mullins, Melissa Paden, Zack Riggie, Jane Roberts, Nicky Rucker, Amanda Sanderson, Eric Stegemoller, Tristan Wilburn.

3rd Grade A-B

Anthony Alexander, Joni Beasley, Vanessa Benites, Matthew Boswell, Kelli Cunningham, Amie Ellison, Sheri Ely, Shawn Fenton, Amber Hatley, Francisco Hernandez, Roberto Hernandez, Adrea ie Holloway, Jeanette Lanford, Jamie Leggett, Valeri Littrell, Michael McMurray, Imelda Martinez, Shawna Maxwell, Tracy Maxwell, Cody Minze, Dustin Necessary, Jacob Necessary, Travis Rogers, Artie Rollins, Jeremy Tipton, Crystal Watson, Heather Watson, Shawn West, Rowdy White, Christie Williams.

4th Grade All A

Lanae Baker, Chrystal Beard, Rachel Buddin, Brandy Casper, T. J. Dohogne, Wendy Elliott, Tessa Fudge, Sandra Juarez, Shelli Leamon, Beth McClintock, Jessica McKee, Jessica Martin,

Rendi Meeks, Andy Miller, Tabi Reed

4th Grade A-B

Elizabeth Acuna, Holly Browning, Jenny Browning, Rhett Buntin, Nicole Burch, April Burns, Jeremy Burt, Cullen Coolman, Christina Danielski, Mike Deatherage, Cole Dempsey, Jennifer Folkes, Shera Hammond, Scooter Harris, James Hester, Rebecca Hobbs, Ryan Holmes, Bubba Jackson, Paul King, Josh Kofeod, Brandon Linzy, Michael Minor, Michelle Reyna, Ryan Reynolds, Tina Rister, Robbie Stephens, Tabatha Sumrall, Amy Williams, Candice Williamson, Angela Worley.

5th Grade All A

Rosemary Barrendez, Crystal Boone, Steven Buntin, Jason Clinton, Steven Dietz, Augustine Gonzales, Rachel Haley, Martin Hernandez, Marcus Malone, Cole Manahan, Anthony Paden, Lori Pirraglia, Kim Rakowski, Scott Richardson, Christy Rister, Aimee Roberson, Amanda Sanders, Jason Seyffert, Trinity Tankersley, Trina Tittle, Ricky Vaughn.

5th Grade A-B

Matt Brnovak, Karly Byers, Roberto Cano, David Fenton, Erin Folkes, Jennifer Gonzales, Kevin Graham, Laurie Hellums, Adolfo Hernandez, Angela Jowers, Anthony Landeros, Julie Lanford, Dustin Lewis, Trisha Marsh, Hope Maxwell, Stacy Morris, Amanda Myers, Ray Pace, Alma Prieto, Joe Ben Roberts, Linda Rodriguez, James Rogge, Justin Riggan, Cne' Seymore, Mickey Simmons, Brian Sparks, Cory Strange, Brandi Tarpley, Rikki Trawick, Rebecca Ussery, Gregg Valentine, Scott Walsh, Nancy White.

C-City downs 8th grade boys

The 8th grade boys A team lost its opening game of the year to Colorado City 42-35.

Todd Walters had an outstanding game pulling down 14 rebounds and scoring 11 points.

Steven Santee also had a good game with four rebounds and hit 5 of 8 shots from the floor for 10 points. Criswell Whisenhunt canned two three pointers and added two free throws for 8 points.



Fortnightly group meets

The Fortnightly Study Club met Nov. 24th at Polly's Restaurant with Mrs. Buster Horton and Mrs. Ed Sandusky serving as co-hostesses.

Roll call was given with genealogical history of your family name. Members also exchanged Thanksgiving recipes. Mrs. Orville Hill, Federation Counselor, gave a punch recipe from the Texas Clubwoman.

Mrs. Johnny Hammond, vice-president, presided over the business meeting. The Club accepted the donation of a pecan tree to be planted in the downtown City Park. Mrs. Hammond introduced the program **Food in History** by

Rea Tannahill which was very interesting and revised by Mrs. Jim Jay.

Beginning with pre-historic times to the first taming of fire, man's life span was only 40 years partly due to food poisons and contaminated food. After cooking was discovered, formerly indigestible foods became more edible. As great civilizations came to be, the main trade commodity of commerce between Egypt, Rome and Greece was food grains along with spices from the East. Mrs. Jay pointed out in these civilizations the contrast in living standards between the very rich and very poor and how the

distribution of food, as today, was given away to relieve poverty. Thus agriculture has always been the basic industry of civilization. It is well to remember that a large portion of the world's population is responsive to rural rather than urban conditions.

Those present for this timely review were Grace Lee Brown, Bess Dixon, Mildred Hamm, Ruby Hammond, Lucy Haynes, Edna Hill, Madelon Horton, Joyce Jay, Aileen Knight, Mary K. Logan, Evelyn Martin, Loeta Patterson, Becky Rogers, Alwyne Sandusky, Anna Belle Shouse, Clara Bea Walla, Maurine White and Lucille Wilson.

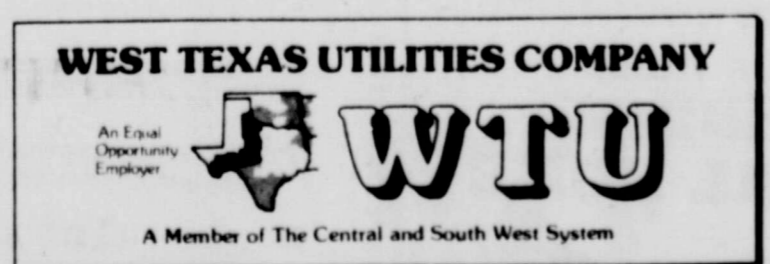


Holiday Delights 1987

WTU Invites you to our Christmas Open House!

**FREE Holiday Treats
Christmas Decorations Display
FREE 1987 "Holiday Delights" Cookbook**

Date: Wednesday, December 9
Place: WTU Local Office Merkel, Texas
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



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| <h1>HOLIDAY SALE</h1> | | | |
| <p>Q-TIPS 129 170 ct</p> | <p>MINERAL ICE 679 16 oz</p> | <p>COLGATE TOOTHPASTE 119 Regular, Gel, Tartar Control or Tartar Control Gel</p> | <p>TYLENOL EXTRA STRENGTH TABLETS 549 100 ct</p> |
| <p>EX-LAX CHOCOLATED TABLETS 149 18 ct</p> | <p>NATURE MADE VITAMIN E 199 400 IU, 100 ct</p> <p>NATURE MADE VITAMIN C 99¢ 500 mg, 100 ct</p> | | <p>ALKA-SELTZER PLUS NIGHT-TIME 299 20 ct</p> |
| <p>SINE-AID EXTRA STRENGTH CAPLETS 329 24 ct</p> | <p>VASELINE INTENSIVE CARE LOTION 169 10 oz, Ass't</p> | <p>GAVISCON EXTRA STRENGTH RELIEF FORMULA 479 100 ct</p> | <p>CUTEX 89¢ 4 oz</p> |
| <p>OS-CAL 500 489 60 ct Regular or Plus D</p> | <p>MENNE SPEED STICK 159 2.5 oz, Ass't</p> | <p>KODAK FILM 8.00 - 1.50 Mail-in Rebate 650 FINAL COST Special Pack-12 Exp. Free! CA135-24, or CB110-24</p> | <p>TUMS 259 150 ct, Peppermint or Assorted, or 96 ct EX</p> |
| <p>These Are Suggested Associated Druggists Prices. Optional With Participating Stores. We Reserve The Right To Limit Quantities At Sale Prices.</p> <h1>MERKEL DRUG</h1> <p>121 EDWARDS SALE STARTS TODAY 928-5012</p> | | | |

Classifieds

FOR SALE

Good clean top soil, caliche, base, gravel, septic and drives backhoe work, cleanups Call 928-5534. 42-TFC

For Sale: 19" color t.v., dryer (needs repair), pottery, clothes line poles, 79" X 36 5/8" wood front door. Call 928-4446 after 6 p.m. 49-11p

For Sale: French provincial couch, box springs and mattress also round bale mower, needs some repair. Call 928-5127. 49-11p

MISC

HOMEWORKERS WANTED! TOP PAY! C.I. 121 24th Ave. N. W. Suite 222 Norman, Okla 73069. 49-4tc

Handy man. Try me I may be able to help. All types of clean up jobs, trash, garage, small repair jobs. For any job around the house, inside or out, call 928-3373. 44-5tp

Overeaters Anonymous meetings will be held at the Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church annex each Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Kittens for adoption, need a good home. Found, 1 duck. Call and describe to claim. Merkel Vet Clinic 928-5236.

Alcoholics Anonymous an Al-Anon closed meetings are Tuesday & Thursday at 7 p.m. at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church.

Germania Insurance Company. For your insurance needs. Locally represented by Donna Garter 928-5348. TFC

Granny's Playhouse Day Care Center. Open 6 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Hot lunch & snacks provided. For more information, call 928-4904 or come by 207 Orange. 42-TFC

P & L Auto Parts is open from 7:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday & from 7:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. each Saturday at 135 Edwards Street. 37-TFC

Would like to do housekeeping. Please call 928-4586. 33-TFC

STICKS-N-STORIES Day Care Center 201 Oak, Open Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Call 928-4381. 42-TFC

Will do housekeeping by the day or by the job, reasonable rates will furnish references call 928-3225.

Wear your own apparel or shoe store, choose from jeans/sportswear, ladies apparel, mens, children's maternity, large sizes, petite dancewear/aerobic, bridal, lingerie or accessory store. Add color analysis. Brands: Liz Claiborne, Gasoline, Healthtex, Levi, Lee, Camp, Beverly Hills, St. Michele, Chaus, Outback Red, Genesis, Forenza, Organically Grown. Over 1,000 others. Or \$13.99 one price designer, multi-tier pricing store discount or family store. Retail prices unbelievable for quality shoes normally priced from 119. Top \$80. Over 450 brands, 4,800 styles, \$14,800 to \$26,900. Inventory, training, fixtures, grand opening, airfare, etc. Can open in 10 days. Mr. Loughlin (928) 988-0555. 42-TFC

We make hydraulic hoses, P & L Auto Parts 135 Edwards 928-4738. 42-TFC

GARAGE SALES

Moving sale: appliances, furniture, dishes. Friday & Saturday 609 Locust. 9-5. 49-11c

Yard sale: 903 Rose Friday & Saturday 9-6. Lots of clothes- kids to adults. 49-11c

Garage sale at 1522 Sunset: Clothes, bedspreads, nic-nacs. Thursday, Friday & Saturday until noon. 49-11p

CARDS OF THANKS

Dear Merkel: The Nutritional Center food program fund raiser was a huge success. The Senior Citizens wish to express their thanks to everyone who had a part in making this event the success it was. The food was delicious and there was plenty of stew, beans, corn bread and desserts, as there will be next year. Don Dudley, auctioneer, made the auction a lively and money making event.

REAL ESTATE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain WRIT OF EXECUTION issued out of the Honorable 42 DISTRICT COURT of TAYLOR COUNTY, of the 9th day of OCTOBER, 1987, by WRIT OF EXECUTION of said 42nd DISTRICT COURT for the sum of ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY & 26/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a JUDGEMENT in favor of BROCK OPERATING in a certain cause in said Court, No. 40-443-A and styled BROCK OPERATING vs. WESLEY HOWARD, placed in my hands for service, I, JOHN W. MIDDLETON as Sheriff of TAYLOR COUNTY, Texas, did on the 18th day of NOVEMBER 1987, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS, described as follows, to-wit: ALL UNDIVIDED WORKING INTEREST BEING 0.24 PER CENT BEING 156.3 ACRES OF LAND OUT OF THE EAST SIDE OF THE A. L. VAIL SURVEY NO. 427, ABSTRACT 414 TAYLOR COUNTY TEXAS IN SO FAR AS IT COVERS THE PRORATION UNIT FOR THE JACOBS 1 A WELL BEING LOCATED 330 FEET FROM THE EAST LINE AND 1841 FEET FROM THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID A. L. VAIL SURVEY NO. 427;

and levied upon as the property of WESLEY HOWARD and that on the first Tuesday in JANUARY, 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 a.m. and 4 p.m. by virtue of said levy and said WRIT OF EXECUTION I will sell said above described Real Estate and public venue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said WESLEY HOWARD.

SALE WILL BE FOR CASH ONLY. -SALE WILL BE HELD AT 10:00 a.m. And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English Language.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO DANNY JOE BUSSEY, ADDRESS UNKNOWN, Respondent: GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court of 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 BILLIE JANE BUSSEY, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 10th day of November, 1987, against DANNY JOE BUSSEY, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 15-636-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of BILLIE JANE BUSSEY and DANNY JOE BUSSEY". The couple were married in June of 1984 and ceased to live together as husband and wife in December of 1984. There is no child born or adopted of this marriage, and none is expected. Petitioner requests a change of name to BILLIE JANE CLENNEN.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding upon you. 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 16th day of November, 1987. Rilla Mahoney, District Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas by Patricia Henderson, Deputy 49-11c-84

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF N. H. SMITH Letters of Administration were granted to Othell O'Kelly Box 2, Trent, Texas 79561, and L. Yates Sipe, Trent, Texas 79561, in the Estate of N. H. Smith, Cause No. 17-827 in the

County Court of Taylor County, Texas, on the 23rd day of November, 1987. All persons having claims against said Estate shall file same with the undersigned in the time and manner required by law. Othell O'Kelly Box 2 Trent, Texas 79561 L. Yates Sipe Trent, Texas 79561 49-11c-26

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO LARRY MANDRELL, YANKEE, AND ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, ADDRESS 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 21 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES Petitioner, filed FIRST AMENDED PETITION TO TERMINATE in said Court on the 30th day of October, 1987 against LARRY MANDRELL, YANKEE, AND ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 450-CX on the docket of said Court and entitled "In The Interest of JAMES WILLIAMS, DAISY WILLIAMS AND DANNA WILLIAMS, CHILDREN, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to terminate the parent-child relationship between LARRY MANDRELL, YANKEE, AND ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN AND THE CHILD OF DAISY WILLIAMS.

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Hunters insights

by Josh Amerine

I apologize for last week's article, or rather, lack of one. The problem was that the author was hunting instead of writing. The last two weeks have really been hopping as far as hunting is concerned. If you have not seen the horns from Ricky Meeks' deer, you have missed a big one. The rack has six points on one side and seven on the other. The consensus is that the deer was old, possibly seven and a half years—in all a great deer. Ricky Minze told me he had bagged a six point that had a 17 inch spread, which should make it an excellent rack. And speaking of excellent racks, Jay Campbell brought in a deer from Sterling City that is an eye opener: an eight point with a 17 1/2

inch spread. The rack is very heavy with long main beams, and the amazing thing is Jay had taken some photographs of the deer before he shot it. Now that is a cool and collected hunter. Jay told me that he let the big one get away.

We all knew there was going to be a lot of deer this year, but I do not think it really hit home until the season started. The fawn survival rate must have been unbelievably high. I was really surprised at the yearlings. I have seen fields with 50 or 60 deer at a time. Future yearlings will probably see more and more mature deer as those yearlings grow up, provided we do not have a drought limiting food sources.

For the first time in a long while, Mickey Newsome is once again processing deer at the Merkel Locker Plant. I have taken one out there and he did a great job. He has all the facilities; and, if you need to bring in a deer after hours, there is a phone number on the locker plant door.

I understand that Texas Parks and Wildlife has set up hunter traps designed to catch hunters who illegally shot deer from the road. Don't let a nice rack lure you into doing something that you would not normally do.

Good hunting.



Johnny Swinney, son of John and Beulah Swinney of Trent, caught this 168 pound yellow fin tuna the last week in September. Johnny, who was raised in Mulberry Canyon, went out with three friends from Midland the last week in September. Fishing 65 miles east of Port Aransas, he landed the fish after a 45 minute

fight. The state record for the first is 176 pounds and his fish was not weighed for 4 and a half hours after it was caught. Johnny said "It took me two hours to recuperate." Complimentary photo

John's football picks for final collegiate week

The following are John Starbuck's football picks for this week.

Army 28, Navy 27 (Always a great rivalry).

Arkansas 30 Hawaii 21 (The Razorbacks' wishbone offense says "aloha" to the Rainbows.

Brigham Young 20 Colorado State 14 (The BYU Cougars are bowl bound!).

Look for John's Bowl picks coming soon in a Merkel Mail near you!

For the week: 4 wins, 1 loss

For the season: 36 wins, 24 losses.

The Run for the 1987 Heisman Trophy

Emmitt Smith of Florida (Coach Gaylor Hall) he rushed for 100 yards in 20 carries in his team's loss to Florida State 14-28 (Emmitt was not invited to this year's Heisman Trophy presentation).

The 1987 Heisman Trophy will be presented Saturday afternoon at 4:30 on CBS-TV (Channel 10 or 32 locally).

Xi Nu Chi plans Saturday bake sale

The regular meeting of Xi Nu Chi sorority met Tuesday night at the Olive Garden Restaurant in Abilene.

The final plans were made for the bake sale Dec. 5th in front of the Ben Franklin Store. All the money made will go to a needy family for Christmas presents.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Minyon Seymore on Dec. 8th.

Program committee presented the program on Italy, the country and its cooking.

Members present were Nancy Johnson, Donna Bryan, Anita Allen, Sandra Wurst, Minyon Seymore, Nancy Duncan, Mary Hill and Judy Elliott.

Garden club holds meeting

The Merkel Garden Club met Nov. 19th at Shirley McBride's home to go on an outing which included a dutch luncheon at the Royal Inn.

After the meal the club toured several nurseries for a delightful Christmas showing of silk flowers, artificial trees, crafts and live plant material. After a tour of the nurseries, everyone met at Wynette Backley's home for a short business meeting. Murel Thompson, president, Peggy Black and Leota Sherill gave reports on the district convention they attended at Breckenridge. Refreshments were served to Peggy Black, Mary Russom, Shirley McBride, Becky Rogers, Jewell Criswell, Georgia Allday, Wynette Barkley, Leota Sherrell, Murel Thompson, Olga Peachey and Alice King. The group is also proud to welcome Mrs. Kenneth Ray as a new member. Co-hostesses were Georgia Allday and Jewell Criswell.

WTU plans Dec. 9

open house

The West Texas Utilities Company welcomes everyone to join them for the annual Christmas Open House. Holiday decorations and food gift ideas will be displayed at the local WTU office from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Dec. 9th.

The 1987 "Holiday Delights" cookbook will be available, as well as refreshments featured in the cookbook. Come sample the "goodies", register for a free door prize, and visit with your friends and neighbors.

Boyd's granddaughter

Mr. & Mrs. James Boyd are proud to announce the birth of their granddaughter, Victoria Grace McKittrick.

Victoria was born Oct. 26th to Shannon and Randy McKittrick of Arlington. She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces at birth.

Maternal great-grandparents are John and Mary Boyd of Trent. Maternal great-great Aunt and Uncle and Faye and G. W. Hughes of Merkel. Paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Raymond McKittrick of Stephenville.

8th grade boys downed

The 8th grade boys team lost to Breckenridge Monday night 44-21. Todd Walters led the way with 8 while Criswell Whisenhunt and Scott Cannon each added 5.

The coach said "We took 60 shots in the game, 40 of them from the lane and we only hit eight. We must shoot better and continue to improve our rebounding to be competitive."

The boys travel to Clyde Monday night.

Wylie beats 8th grade

The 8th grade boys B team lost to the Wylie B team Thursday 25-20.

Eugene Smith led the way with 7 while Chip Browning added 6.

The B team's next game will be at ACHS Dec. 17th.

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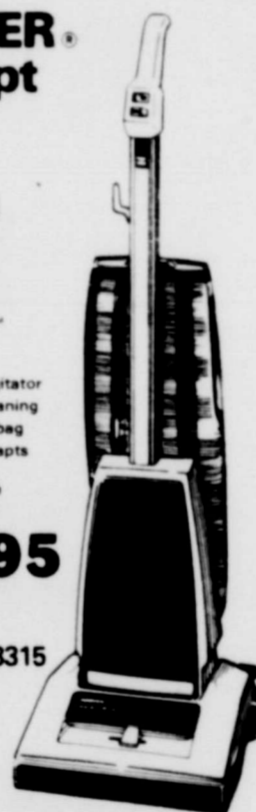
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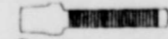


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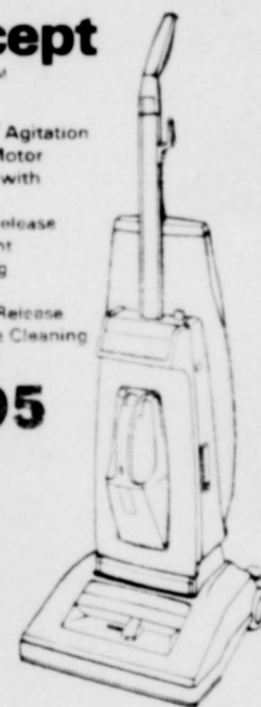
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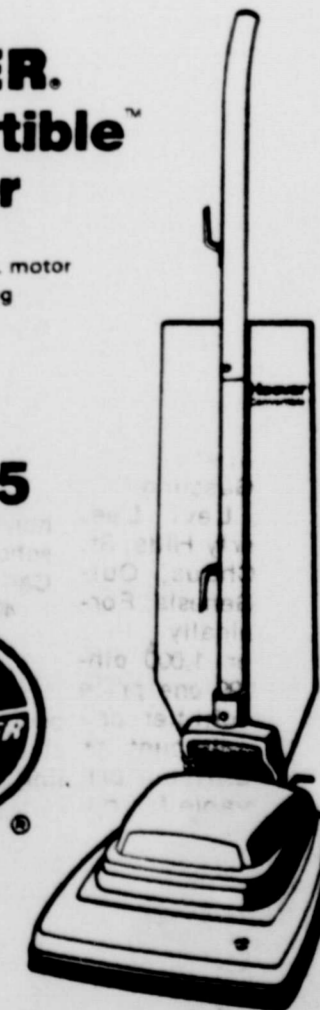
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The following is the All A Honor Roll for Trent School during the second six weeks.

Kindergarten: Amanda Callas, Michael Bishop, Erin Sliter, Stacy Brazelton, Brooke Bigbee.

1st Grade: Kaci Bland, Aaron Dulaney, John Eaves, Ashlea Parker, Mindy Ray, David Rios, Kevin Sanford, Cody Smith, Chris Wofford.

2nd Grade: Melesa Alexander, Tve Christensen, Matt Davis,

Wendy Harwell, Tracy Jennings, Lindsay Jones, Amanda Keith.

3rd Grade: Ryan Bigbee, Scott Dulaney, Derek Galvan, J. P. Marburger, Adam Pruett.

4th Grade: Teri Brazelton, Allison Davis, Rebecca Evans, Belinda Falcon, Jaime Ray.

5th Grade: Crystal Christensen, Krista Pruett.

6th Grade: Jason Jontra.

8th Grade: Janet Gibson.

9th Grade: Julie Clay, Cipi Falcon.

10th Grade: Jon Evans, Denise Gibson, Renee Gibson, Keith Oden, Mike Payne.

11th Grade: Lewis Knapp, Billie Jean Poindexter.

12th Grade: Glenna Clark, Tammy Collier, Luce Masonheimer, Brian Massey, Scott O'Kelly.

The following is the A-B honor roll for the second six weeks.

Kindergarten: Kelly O'Kelly, Lisa Symmonds.

1st Grade: Mandy Brenem, Josh Gregory, Kathy Callas, Laramie Gorbett, Nolan Munoz, Dawn Schrieber, Misty Simpson, Keith Tackett.

2nd Grade: Jaret Cabral, Matt Hackney, Jenny Rea, Brandy Rifenburg, Coty Seivert.

3rd Grade: Dee Bland, Jamie Dean, Crystal Evans, Becky Galvin, Angela Horton.

4th Grade: Tammi Dean, Warren Fair, Dezeray Kelly, Stacy Stickney, Kendra Sturdevant, Celia Velasquez, Tommy Walker.

5th Grade: Justin William, Suzanne Elmore, Brad Clark.

6th Grade: Jamie Alexander, Mark Payne, Sara Rios, David Sanford.

7th Grade: Timothy Childress, Juanita Fair, Paul McDaniel, Britt Sipe.

8th Grade: Scott Bloodworth, Jennifer Oden, Jeff Sanford, Tammy Spraggins.

9th Grade: Troy Marburger, Jamie Masonheimer, Ginger Massey, Travis Walker.

10th Grade: Sheli Boles, Brenda Galvin, Chris Jones, William Self, Mike Wallis, Kristy Kelling.

11th Grade: Dock Carriker, Robert Childress, Sandy Collier, Micki Gaskill, Jason Massey.

Trent basketball results

Both Trent basketball teams were in action last Tuesday, traveling to Moran for a rematch with the Bulldogs.

The Lady Rillas ran their record to 3-0 with a 73-11 destruction of the Dogs behind Ginger Massey's 19 points and Luci Masonheimer's 15. Also scoring double figures for the Rillas were Renee Gibson with 12 and B. J. Poindexter with 10. Gibson led in rebounding with 10 and Tina Holstine contributed seven.

The Lady Rillas led 53-10 at the half and outscored Moran 20-1 in the second half, using their quickness to steal the ball from the Dogs for easy layups. The Rillas had 40 steals on the night led by Massey with 8 as Gibson and Holstine each added 5.

"I was pleased with our performance," said a happy coach Robbie Shugart. "Our entire team played well."

The Rillas boys team made it a successful night by rolling over Moran 80-46 to up their record to 3-0 on the season. Trent outscored the Dogs 49-20 in the 1st half in the win led by Joe Tarin with 10, Brian Massey with 14, Lee Hunt with 12 and Mike Payne with 13. The Rillas, despite a 24 point performance from Moran's Margo Martinez, were never really threatened, dominating from start to finish in an awesome display of basketball.

"We played an excellent ballgame," beamed Coach Ed Donahue. "Our shots were falling, we hit 55 per cent from the field and we could have scored 100 tonight. Our passing and assists were

crisp. Brian played tremendous on offense as he shot well and really crashed the boards and Lee Hunt also played a great game. We had good defense from everyone and we were on our game tonight."

In Jr. High action last week, the Lady Rillas, led by Janet Marshall's 17 points, 13 rebounds and 6 steals stomped Abilene Christian Junior High 35-10 in their season

Masonheimer likes playing guard

"I like guard, it's really the only place somebody my size can play," said 5'11" Senior guard Luci Masonheimer.

While Luci may be short in stature she stands tall on the basketball court being named all-district her sophomore and junior years for the Lady Rillas. "I really like to run the offense and get everybody involved," said Luci. "But my idea of a perfect game is to contribute lots of steals and shut them down on defense."

Luci is as busy in school as on the basketball court. She was Miss Trent High School in 1986, Miss Athletic in 1986, Best All Around in 1986. She has also qualified for the UIL State spelling contest in 1985 and 1986, is class secretary, class favorite and a member of the National Honor Society. She was named Miss Trent in the Trent

Trent schools will release early Friday

Trent ISD will dismiss early Friday for a teachers workshop. All classes (K-12) will be dismissed at 1:35.

Both the Rilla basketball teams are off to a good start. The community needs to come out and support the hoopsters when they

opener while the boys took it on the chin 35-10. Other stars for the Lady Rillas were Janet Gibson with 6 points and 4 assists and Jennifer Oden with 7 rebounds. Britt Sipe, Pete Chavez, Tory Dean, Jeff Sanders and Mark Payne all played well for the boys team.

by W. E. Dulaney

Homecoming Beauty Pageant and was honored as Homecoming Queen this year. Basketball is not her only sport as she has been district champ in tennis for three years and was a regional finalist last year.

"My individual goals are to make all-district again but its not important as long as the team wins. I want to go as far as we can and I think we could win state if we really play well," Lucy said.

Her future plans include attending the University of Texas at Austin where she has already been accepted. She is undecided on her major but is leaning toward a career in medicine. She lives in Trent with her father James mother Nelda and brother Jamie. She has two sisters who live in Fort Worth, Dee Dee and Leslie.

by W. E. Dulaney

take on Moran Dec. 4th at 6:30 p.m. at the Trent Gym.

Those Rilla bumper stickers are still on sale at the school office for \$1. Let everybody know who your favorite team is by pasting a sticker on your car or pickup.

by W. E. Dulaney

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County of Taylor
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain ORDER OF SALE issued out of the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, of the 23rd day of November 1987, by ORDER OF SALE of said 42nd District Court for the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Two & 62/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgement, in favor of First National Bank & Trust in Great Bend in a certain cause in said Court, No. 40,514-A and styled FIRST

NATIONAL BANK & TRUST IN GREAT BEND vs. MARY KAY HERRMAN, GERALD HERRMAN, LEROY HERRMAN et al, placed in my hands for service, I, JOHN W. MIDDLETON, as Sheriff of TAYLOR County, Texas, did on the 25th day of November, 1987, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas described as follows, to-wit: LOT 8 IN BLOCK EIGHT (8) SAYLES BOULEVARD ESTATES, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ABILENE, TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS PROPERTY LOCATION: 3673

GRAND AVENUE, ABILENE, TEXAS and levied upon as the property of MARY KAY HERRMAN, GERALD HERRMAN, LEROY HERRMAN, et al, and that on the first Tuesday in January, 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 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said ORDER OF SALE I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each to the highest bidder, as the property of said MARY KAY HERR-


MAN, GERALD HERRMAN, LEROY HERRMAN et al.
SALE WILL BE HELD AT 10:30 A.M.
SALE WILL BE FOR CASH ONLY.
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 the 27th day of November, 1987.
John W. Middleton
Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas by Eddie Swanson, Deputy
29-71-97



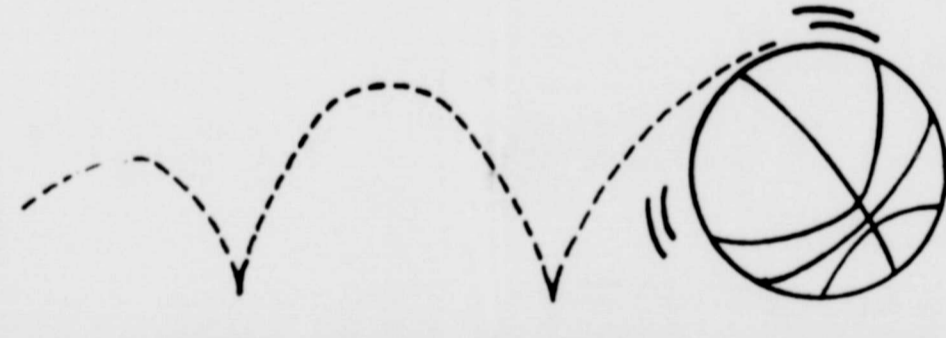
MERKEL & TRENT

BASKETBALL



MERKEL HIGH SCHOOL
Dec. 3, 4, & 5th: Varsity Girls and Boys in Possum Kingdom Tournament in Graham First Round against Archer City
Dec. 3, 4 & 5th JV Boys and girls in the C-City JV Tournament
Dec. 8th Varsity Boys and girls host Eastland

MERKEL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Dec. 3, 4 & 5 7th grade girls and boys at the Wylie Tournament
Dec. 7th 7, 8, 9th Grade girls host Clyde
Dec. 7th 7, 8, 9th Grade boys at Clyde



TRENT HIGH SCHOOL
Dec. 4th, Boys and Girls host Moran
Dec. 8th Boys and Girls at Roby
TRENT JUNIOR HIGH
Dec. 7th Boys and Girls at Blackwell

THE FOLLOWING SUPPORT AREA BASKETBALL

ANDY DON HART, CPA

BEN FRANKLIN STORE

CARSONS SUPERMARKET

FARMERS COOP GIN MERKEL

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

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P & L AUTO PARTS


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SHANNONSDALE APARTMENTS

STARBUCK FURNITURE

TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOP

WYLIE TRUCK STOP



Middle school honor students

The following is the Middle School Honor Roll for the second six weeks of school.

8th Grade All A

Chris Baber, Tanya Beasley, Lori Best, Amanda Biera, Son Hui Chon, Dayna Doan, Elizabeth Hernandez, Jennifer Hobbs, Michelle Ingram, Lillian Leach, Shayla Miller, Elynn Rutledge, Stephen Santee, Callie Schramper, Cheryl Wood.

7th Grade All A

Mindi Brnovak, Matt Cravens, Tammy Graham, Susan Holden, Caleb Kelso, Andrea Richardson, Wendy Schrimper, Tami Simms, Trinh Tran.

6th Grade All A

Dana Hammond, Heather Henderson, Carmen Holden, Kathryn Rister, Elizabeth Smith, Sandi Wood.

8th Grade A-B

Yvonne Alexander, Shelli Alston, Peppy Avalos, Mandy Barnett, Wayne Bodine, Chip Browning, Scott Cannon, Randy Davidson, Becky Donaldson, Becca Dunagin, Lisa Fenton, Stephanie Jones, David Lahmon, Melissa Maxwell, James Melendez, Christy Minze, Lori Olvera, Billy Page, Troy Pavne, Lori Ravnor, Ricky

Riley, Christy Russom, Taylor Scott, Kriste A. Smith, Kriste G. Smith, Trisha Trevino, Scott Walker, Criswell Whisenhunt.

7th Grade A-B

Sebastian Ascencio, Amanda Avalos, John Bauer, Adam Biera, Shayla Carter, Michelle Dodd, Doug Hall, Kris Harris, Patrick Harrison, Jason Heuerman, Austin Hill, Russ Holloway, Kimberly Holmes, Kimberly Isreal, Dee Dne Jackson, Stacy Jo Jones, Mandy Law, Lonnie Liggins, David Melendez, Angie Nault, Cliff Owen, Orville Pirraglia, Jason Putnam, Travis Sanders, Shelly Seymore, Lori Snowden, Cody Tittle, Krystal West, Donnie Windland, Mark Wright.

6th Grade A-B

Doug Alldredge, Kelly Atkinson, Judd Burton, Cecily Caroland, Wendy Cummings, Kristi Duncan, Richie Fenton, Cody Fudge, Lisa Harding, Jeremy Henry, Julie Johns, Thomas Kirkham, Linda Layher, Roy Lehmann, Bryan Leopard, Horacio Martinez, Brian Miller, Melanie Mitchell, Zac Nagid, Cody Pack, Josh Perry, Amy Podrovtz, Christy Roberson, Corley Segovia, Angie St. Cyr, Jason Tipton.



Recent donors to cemetery group named

The following people have made recent donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association.

Jim Winter in memory of Nannie & Joe Winter, Oris Reynolds, the J. S. Pinckley Patterson, Mrs. Inez Hubbard in Estate, Mr. & Mrs. Earl Palmer in memory of L. V. Spurgin, Mr. & Mrs. C. M. Brown in memory of L. V. Spurgin, Evelyn Stribling in memory of Leonard Stribling, The Henry Hester Estate, Kermit Newton in memory of Mary Frances Teaff.

Also, Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Farmer, Willie Jones in memory of Val Patterson, Mrs. Morris Smith in memory of Don Murray, Mr. & Mrs. A. L. Cummings in memory of Don Murray, Fannelle G. Boney in memory of Val Patterson & Dr. Bob Bennett, Carrie W. Tipton.

Also, Mrs. George T. Moore in memory of Val Patterson, Mr. & Mrs. Ray O. Evans in memory of Val Patterson, Truett & Leota Patterson in memory of Val Patterson, Mrs. Inez Hubbard in memory of Ruby Hinson, Mr. & Mrs. B. L. Hobbs, Mrs. Trula V. Cox, Mr. & Mrs. Paxton Hays in memory of Marie Castle.

Also, M. C. Church Properties, The West Texas Animal Clinic, Altem A. & Joyce James in memory of Riley Ephraim James, Mrs. Ray Wilson in memory of Joe Lerma, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Higgins in memory of Marie Castle, Jim Daniel, Mary Jo Clark in memory of Mr. & Mrs. J. S. Blair, Mr. & Mrs. C. D. Hutchins.

The descendants of E. O. and Sadie Carson held their first family reunion on Thanksgiving Day at the Taylor Electric Cooperative meeting room. Invitations had been sent to all family members and some came from as far away as Seattle, Redmond, and Renton, Washington and Menlo Park, Ca.

A family history was compiled and a copy given to each family. The younger children were presented sweat shirts with a graphic design depicting the Carson reunion. The graphic was designed by Rosalyn Carson, granddaughter of E. O. and Sadie Carson.

A table filled with pictures, scrapbooks, and memorabilia was a point of interest. A picture taking session for family photos

was held during the afternoon. Games were provided for the younger children. Family movies from past years were shown during the day. It was a day devoted of memories and visitation for the family.

Those attending were: Louis Carson, Seattle, Wa.; Bill, Darcey and Dave Carson, Renton, Wa.; Rosalyn Jane Carson, Menlo Park, Ca.; Howard and Esther Carson, Merkel; Don Carson, Menard; Milton and Ann Carson Payne, Merkel; Dee and Mandi Payne, Hamilton; Jamie Payne, Stephenville, Mary and Cathy Carson Kelley, Matthew and Nicole Kelley, Potosi; Herman and Connie Carson, Merkel; Paul and Beth Carson, Redmond, Wa.; Tom and Cle Juan Carson,

Candice and Cristen Carson, Merkel; J. C. and Jane Carson, Merkel; Randy and Pam Carson, Angela and Cody Carson, Merkel; Allen, Marilyn and Trey Fudge, Abilene; Christie Leland and

Justin Riggan, Merkel. Also attending were Carson cousins, Josh Westbrook, Judy Westbrook Reedy and Raegen Reedy of Whitesboro and Dorothy Carson Parrish and Grace Ann Parish Andrews of Ballinger.

TISD lunch menu

The following is the TISD breakfast and lunch menu:

Dec 7: juice, cereal, milk; seakfingers, creamed potatoes, green beans, jello/ topping, rolls.
Dec 8: juice, donuts, milk; mexican fiesta, corn, salad, crackers, cinnamon rolls.
Dec 9: juice, biscuits/ sausage,

jelly, milk; barbeque beef patties, potatoes in sauce, english peas, banana pudding.
Dec. 10: juice, cinnamon rolls, milk; pizza, pinto beans, salad, chocolate pudding.
Dec. 11: juice, cinnamon toast, milk; hot dogs, french fries, fruit, cookies.

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HOMINY WHITE
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PUMPKIN PREMIUM
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H B DILL PICKLES
NUTRA SWEET
16 OZ JAR **89c**

OVALTINE
KRAFT 7.4 OZ
CHOCOLATE OR STRAWBERRY
14 CT BOX **89c**

MAC CHEESE DINNER
2/79c

BETTER VALUE
TEA BAGS
100 CT BOX **59c**

COOKING OIL
CRISCO
64 OZ JUG **\$2.49**

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FRESH MEATY
PORK **SPARE RIBS**
LEAN **\$1.69**

FRESH
PORK **CHOPS**
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FRESH
PORK **ROAST**
LEAN TENDER **\$1.49**

WRIGHTS
HAMS
BONELESS COOKED
HALF OR WHOLE **\$2.19**

GOOCH RR
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PACKER TRIM **\$1.09**

GOOCH R R
BACON
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5 LBS GROUND BEEF
5 LBS PORK CHOPS
5 LBS CHUCK ROAST
5 LBS FRYERS
TOTAL WEIGHT 20 LBS
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5 LBS CHUCK ROAST
5 LBS CHUCK STEAK
5 LBS FRESH FRYERS
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2 LB BOX **\$3.69**

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5 LB BAG **79c**

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MUFFIN MIX
13.5 OZ BOX **\$1.29**

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