

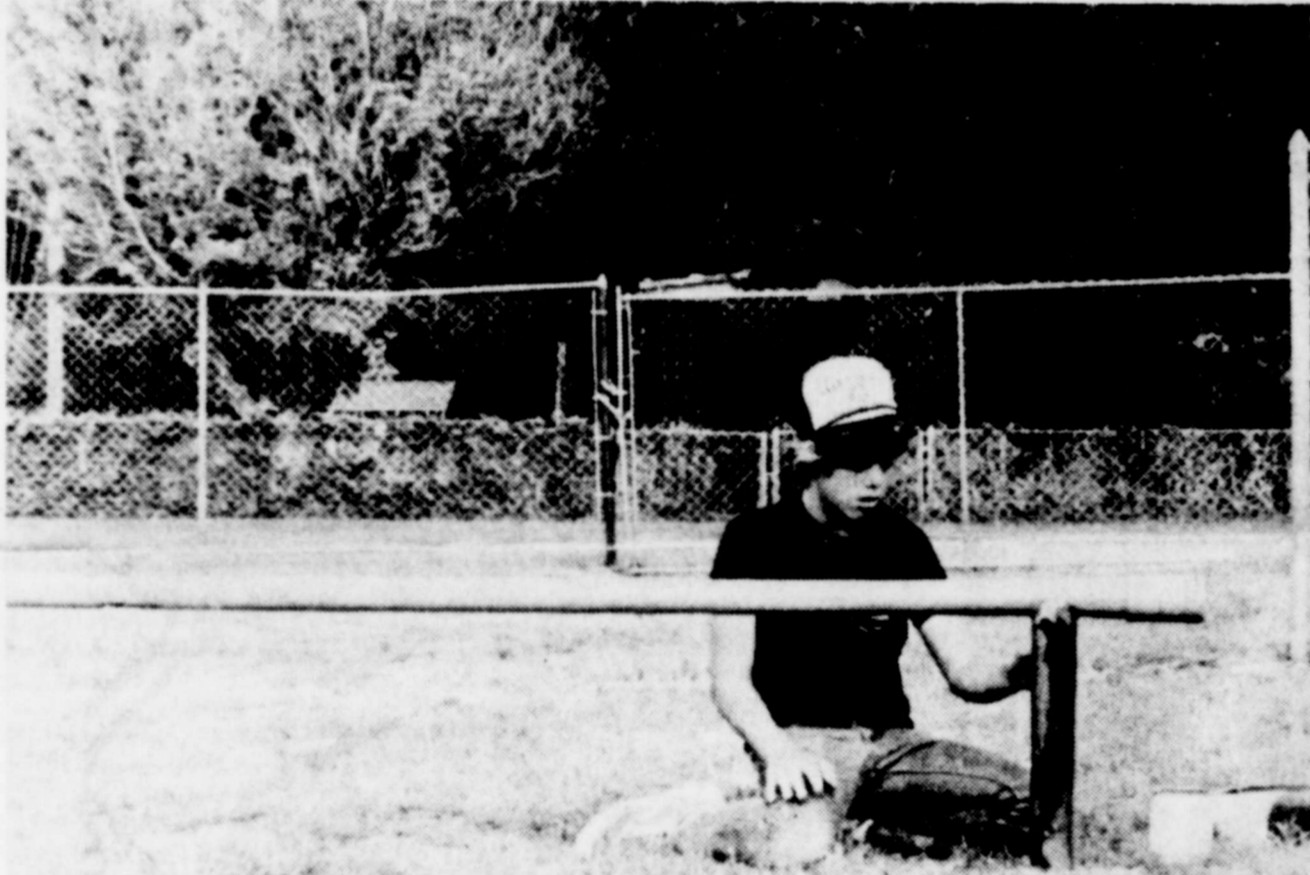
The Merkel Mail

Thursday, July 4, 1985 ... Merkel, Texas

Our 97th Year



§ The Merkel South City Park is all mowed, trimmed and green for Fun Day, set July 4th from 10 a.m. until midnight. A crowd of 1,000 to 1,500 is expected to enjoy food, good country & western music, activities and more. The 5th annual event is sponsored by the Merkel Chamber of Commerce.



Keith Wilson paints a new rail that will keep vehicles out of the park. The rail was installed because the park sustained some damage from tire ruts and the city wanted the park in good shape. [Staff Photo]

Payne, Starbuck, Pack lead Fun Day cause ... more

by Cloy Richards

My hat is off to three people here, that have gone way "above and beyond" the call of duty.

They are John Starbuck, Hazel Pack and Anny Payne. Without them, Fun Day each year wouldn't be the same.

Ann Payne is the vice president of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce and is the one in charge of obtaining Fun Day prizes this year. She has done a heck of a job. Ann has managed to obtain most of the prizes that are listed elsewhere and said the Merkel merchants have been very supportive of Fun Day.

Hazel Pack and Johnny Starbuck had each sold \$400 worth of donation tickets as of Monday and they have helped sell those tickets since the first Fun Day, five years ago.

You couldn't find two harder working people that donate their time and efforts to the Chamber of Commerce and we appreciate them for it.

Not to be outdone by his mom's ticket sales efforts for Fun Day, Entertainment Director Ray Pack has put together his best line-up yet, musically speaking, for Fun Day.

Ray has also been in charge of entertainment since the beginning of Fun Day and he really outdid himself this year.

All of the bands at Fun Day this year are professional bands playing nightly at various night spots

in Abilene.

The musicians donate their time to Ray and the Chamber and we try our best to show our appreciation from the Chamber during the day. Merkelites could help us out by offering members of the band kind words for the music they keep going non-stop, except for ticket drawings for 14 hours each July 4th.

If you haven't purchased any Fun Day tickets, don't despair, they will be on sale at the park July 4th.

There are some outstanding prizes this year including \$300 cash, a set of tires, a fancy french provincial telephone and lots more.

Tickets are 3 for a \$1 or 50 cents each.

You can't win if you don't buy a ticket but you do not have to be present to win a prize. Prizes that are not picked up Fun Day will be available at Boney Insurance Agency.

I just about overdosed on news this weekend with all the attention the local media was giving to the arrival of the B-1 and the release of the 39 TWA hostages.

I have a couple of comments on what I read or didn't read about the B-1.

Noone said how loud the plane was going to be, it was never mentioned. A paragraph in Sunday's *Abilene Reporter News* mentioned the noise but said Dyess officials said "it won't normally be that loud." The

reason being the afterburners were used during Saturday's demonstration and they won't "normally" be used.

Another paragraph scared me half to death. In the Sunday morning edition of the *Dallas Morning News* their article said one of the reasons Dyess was selected for the B-1 was that, for training purposes with a new aircraft, the sparsely populated area around Dyess was considered safer than a large city.

I agree with the logic of that statement. I wouldn't be placing the B-1 near LA, New York City or any other major city, but that "sparsely populated area" they take so lightly is our back yards. Think about that.

Brit Pursley just had to go and do something to get his name in the paper after his dad made a recent hole-in-one.

That sophomore to be jumped 15 feet in an Open Pole Vault competition held Saturday at Abilene Christian University.

That's quite a jump for a AAA vaulter and he has three years at Merkel High to keep the vaulting records in the family name, but a few will read Brit Pursley, not his world-class vaulting older brother. I'm sure Brad will be tickled to death that the records will remain in the Pursley name.

Fun Day starts Thursday at 10 a.m.; Fun, Food, Music, a'plenty

Merkel's 5th annual Fun Day is Thursday at the South Park here (under the purple missile) as one advertising sign puts it. The annual event will get started at 10 a.m. and will run until midnight. Live country-western music will get started at 11 a.m. and run until midnight.

The bands, all professional Country & Western Bands that play in clubs in Abilene, will be performing free from 11 a.m. until midnight.

Ray Pack & The HalfBreed will get things started at 11 a.m., followed by Kenny Slack & Hanging Tree at 12:15; Gary Byrd & The Memory Makers at 1:45; Shawn Willis & The Midnight Shift featuring Miss Dawnett Faucett.

The HalfBreed will play again at 4:30; Kenny Slack back for a repeat at 5:30; Gary Byrd again at 6:30; Tony Lee & The Good Time Band and 7:30 and at 9 a Jam Session and Dance will begin.

Guest stars during the day include Jim Shugart, Monty Tittle, Ronnie Scott and Lonnie Morgan. Continental Telephone made their largest donation to Fun Day so far as they are paying for the large tent that is used each year for the public. Area manager Mickey Maritan made the presentation to Chamber Manager Chris Young last week.

Throughout the day, Fun Day donation tickets will be drawn and prizes awarded. There are over 110 total prizes in the drawings this year, with the grand prize being \$300 in cash. Other prizes include a set of tires, a french provincial telephone, and much more.

Ann Payne, Chamber of Commerce vice-president said Thursday that the Merkel merchants had been very cooperative in donating prizes to Fun Day.

Food and drink concessions reserved as of Monday included Lemonade, nachos, sno cones, burritos, ice cream, ice cream cones, cokes, bar-b-que brisket sandwiches, hamburgers, french fries, funnell cakes, fajitas, non-alcoholic margaritas and Tropical Shaved Ice.

Activity booths so far include the Dunking Booth, go fishing, darts, miniature golf, and a hat walk.

The grand prize of \$300 cash the Chamber is giving away this year was donated by local businesses. They include Dunagin Transport, Rutledge Operating, 3D Mobile Home Park, Home State Bank, Mid-Tex Resources, Billy Clark-CPA, Seymour Insurance, Land Welding, Riggan Dirt Construction, McAninch Transports, Merfeet in an Open Pole Vault competition held Saturday at Abilene Star Gas.

Donating for the hospitality booth for the bands playing at Fun Day were Don Roberts DDS, West Texas Utilities, Tran Clinic, Harold Walker Construction and the Wylie Truck Terminal. Manning the booth will be Fannelle Boney and Annette Melton. Sammy Doan will be cooking the brisket for the band members.

Additional prizes include a set of 4 bias belted passenger tires from T J & T Tire Company; 5 Hawaiian Tropical Shaved Ice

(small) from Bec and Bo Enterprises; 2 \$7.50 gift certificates from Ann's Flowers; a free hair cut from Barnett Barber Shop; a \$55 Interstate Battery from D & T Auto; a kitchen faucet from Consolidated Plumbing.

Also, 2 large cheeseburgers, fries and large cokes from K & M's Place; a case of Coke and a case of Dr. Pepper from Handy Food Store; a pair of calf skin boots from Joe's Boots; 2 \$2 car washes from Village Car Wash and a 2 liter Coke from 9th Street Grocery.

The latest prizes donated for drawings during the day include an Igloo Cooler, Fuller Pliers and a sprinkler from Hi-Val Farm & Home Supply; 3 picture frames from Starbucks; 4 oil changes from Palmer Pontiac; 3 Hamburgers-fries and drinks and 2 breakfasts from Mike's Place.

Also, 4 Mexican Dinners from Alfredo's; 3 western jackets and 3 caps from Walls M; a radio, photo album and 2 Texas toothpicks from the Wylie Truck Terminal and Cafe; a Fuller open and wrench set and 4 Rayco Flashlights from Higginbotham-Bartlett; 5 Shakes and 5 single dip ice cream cones from Merkel Drug Fountain; 2 pair of 14K Gold Filled Earrings from Merkel Drug; a 19" Union Tool Box from P & L Auto and a 2 volume U. S. & World Atlas from Barbara Graham, local World Book representative.

Also, 2 decorative tissue boxes from Braggs; a Bible Trivia a 10 pocket frisbees from Ben Franklin; a 50 Pound ag of Purina Dog Food and a 25# Bag of Purina Cat Food from Whisenhunt Grain; a free hair cut from Sonja's Beauty Shop; a free hair cut from Perryann's Beauty Nook; 2 seafood platters from Skeet's restaurant; an electric ice cream freezer from Taylor Electric Co-Op; 5 necklaces from West Texas Auction; a Frenh Provincial telephone from Taylor Telephone; 5-110 gift certificates good toward service or merchandise from Max Murrell Chevrolet; 3 caps and 2 Badger hat pins from Circle A Western Wear.

So far, prizes donated include a \$50 savings bond from the F & M National Bank, a fire extinguisher from Mikel Brick & Lumber, a 40 piece socket set-curling iron brush and a walking doll from Carsons Supermarket.

Also a burgandy vase and a Bradley doll from Wilsons Jewelry, a hammer and socket set from Ed's Feed & Seed, two chicken fried steak dinners from the Merkel Restaurant & Motel, 2 countrybaskets & large drinks from Dairy Queen, a juice extractor from Sammy Doan of A & A Travel Center and a 21 piece racket set and a Kool cushion from Hicks Auto.

In keeping with tradition, The Merkel Mail will again award the booby prize, a lifetime subscription to The Mail.

Not all of the groups that usually participate in Fun Day with food or "other" types of booths have made reservations so far. People interested in renting spaces can do so by calling 928-5722, the Chamber of Commerce phone, and telling either Angela or Audrey about your plans.

The 5th annual Fun Day will attract between 1,000 and 1,500 people and proceeds from Fun Day this year will be used to finance Chamber of Commerce projects, including the printing of local brochures to mail out when people inquire about Merkel through the Chamber of Commerce.

As in the past, local merchants have donated prizes to be given away in drawings held throughout the day at Fun Day. The grand prize ticket will be drawn during the evening and the winner will receive \$300. Tickets can be purchased at many local stores and are three for \$1 or 50 cents each.

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Ag company wants to

keep investment credits

The chairman of Deere & Company today urged the House Ways and Means Committee to retain the investment tax credit at least as it applies to the nation's farmers.

In a statement submitted to the Committee, Robert A. Hanson said that the repeal of the investment credit in President Reagan's tax reform proposal would add an estimated \$590 million a year to the tax burden of farm operators "who are still enduring one of the longest farm recessions in history."

He estimated that the increased personal exemptions and the lower tax rates provided by the tax reform proposal would decrease farmers' Federal income taxes by \$380 million but the repeal of the investment credit would increase their taxes by about \$970 million.

Under current law, if a farmer purchased equipment for \$30,000, he would be entitled to an investment credit against his income tax of \$3,000. The proposed

income tax reform would not allow any credit for machinery and equipment placed in service after January 1, 1986.

Using information from the University of Illinois and the Illinois Farm Bureau Farm Management Association's farm records, Deere estimates that the average farm operator's income tax liability will be increased by about \$900 per year under President Reagan's tax proposal.

"It is indeed ironic that a tax bill which promises to provide reductions in taxes for almost 80 percent of all individual taxpayers, substantially increases the tax liability of our nation's farmers who can least afford it," Hanson said.

"Farm commodities represent a substantial portion of the country's exports," he said. "Considering the increasing trade deficit, we cannot afford to increase the costs or reduce the efficiency of our nation's farmers."

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Sherrill-Scott repeat vows

Kelly Dawn Sherrill and Jeffrey Carrill Scott were married at Immanuel Baptist Church Friday with John Callahan, pastor, officiating.

Given in marriage by her brother, Rocky Sherrill, and her mother, the bride is the daughter of Mrs. Dawn Shipley of Merkel. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Scott, also of Merkel.

Shelly Sherrill of Merkel, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Kimberly Waller, sister of the bride and Dusti Whisenhunt, both of Merkel. Flower girl was Hollie Shipley of Merkel, sister of the bride, and candlelighters were Kimberly Waller, sister of the bride and Kevin Waller, brother of the bride, both of Merkel.

Best man was Tony McInroe and groomsmen were Spencer Scott, brother of the bridegroom, and Keith Middleton, both of Merkel. Ushers were Kevin Waller and Billy McKeehan of Merkel.

The reception was given by the mother of the bride at the church fellowship hall. The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the bridegroom's parents and grandparents at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D.R. Woodard.

The bride is a graduate of Merkel High School and is employed by the Abilene Public Library. The bridegroom also is a graduate of Merkel High School and is employed by Graybar Electric.

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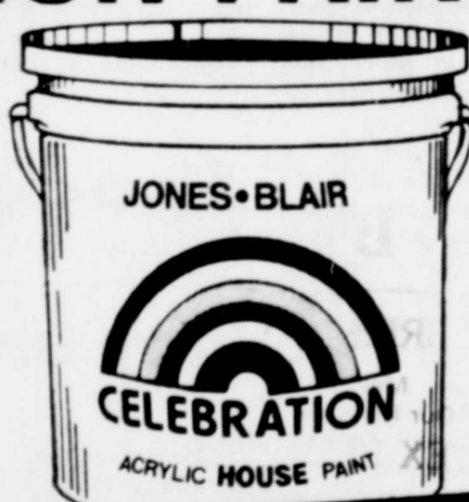
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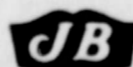
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Wilson-Freeman repeat vows Saturday

Ronna Dee Wilson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Del Wilson of Abilene, became the bride of Danny Dale Freeman, son of Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Freeman of Trent Saturday in Buffalo Gap.

The couple's ceremonies were held at Ripley's La Valita in Buffalo Gap Saturday at 7 p.m.

Serving the bride as Maid of Honor was Deana Wilson of Abilene, sister of the bride. Bride's Maids were Sheri Bryant of Rochelle, Robbie Shugart of Merkel, Shaye Wilson of Wylie and Kelly Edwards of Hawley.

Serving as best man was Greg Beasley of Trent. Groomsmen were Billy Williams of Trent and Steve Shugart, Brad Shugart and Bart Pursley, all of Merkel.

Flower girls was Dean Tiner, cousin of the bride from Anson and flower girl was Darron Sharp of Trent.

Following a wedding trip to the Grand Bahamas, the couple will live in Trent.

Masons' installation set

Merkel Masonic Lodge # 710 AF & AM will be conducting an open installation of officers for the ensuing Masonic year Saturday, July 6th at 7 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge at 136 Edwards here.

Officers to be installed are Don Orr- Worshipful Master; Jack Keenan- Senior Warden; Rodney Mashburn- Junior Warden; Charles Eager- Treasurer; Roy Mashburn- Secretary; Buddy Hunter- Chaplain; Charlie Baker- Senior Deacon; Lloyd Gilmore- Junior Deacon; Dick Leech- Senior Steward; and David Robertson- Tiler. Installing Officers will be Charles Eager and Dick Leech.

An ice cream and cake supper will follow the installation ceremonies.

Pets need dental care

by Kathryn Banner DVM Merkel
Veterinarian Clinic

Teeth are important to our pets and livestock and dental care is important to those teeth. The type of dental problems will vary from species to species, but all need to be cared for.

Dogs and cats rarely have dental caries (cavities) but they do occur. A more common problem is tartar. The accumulation of tartar on the teeth can lead to bad breath, gum disease, and loss of teeth. Several things can be done to help prevent tartar build-up and gum disease. A good balanced diet of hard food is important. (Dog food for dogs and cat food for cats.) Avoid feeding "human" food, especially sweets. "Chew" toys and large, raw soup bones are helpful. Rubbing the teeth and gums with a soft cloth and baking soda is good. Frequent check-ups and teeth cleans when needed can help prevent loss of teeth.

Horses have some special dental problems. Their molars and premolars can develop sharp, uneven points. These points can injure the tongue and the inside of the cheeks. These points need to be filed down or "floated". Horses also have teeth called "wolf teeth". They are in the area that the bridle bit lies and sometimes need to be removed to prevent interference with the bit.

Cows seem to have less problem with their teeth than other animals. Their teeth can become worn down as the cow ages and eating may become difficult. These cows are usually culled. One interesting fact about cows and their teeth is that cows do not have upper incisors (front teeth).

Rodent pets and rabbits should be checked frequently for teeth problems. Their incisors can become overgrown (too long) making it difficult or impossible for the animal to eat.

For all animal species the inability to eat or drink, dribbling food out of the mouth while eating, and weight loss can be signs of teeth problems. Other signs can be drooling and bad breath. If any of these signs are noticed, a thorough exam of the mouth should be done and treatment under taken as needed to correct the problem.

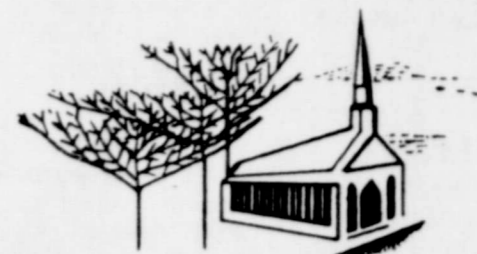
Teeth are important for facial appearance, for processing food, and sometimes for protection. Teeth need care just like the rest of the body.

Do you have questions or subjects you would like covered? Please write us at: Rt. 2, Box 11, Merkel, Texas 79536.



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"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the House of the Lord."
Psalm 122:1.



**EVERYONE IN THE CHURCH
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The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny, the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

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Group warns against summer time over-indulgence

DWI has achieved the status of a household word. Advertisers of soft drinks and laundry detergent and facial tissues consider the epitome of success. It is a household word.

A person would have to have been stranded on a deserted island for the last few years to have missed all the attention the subject has received in the media. The efforts of citizen groups, city and state government officials, the insurance industry and others to publicize the problem have paid off.

But while no one can dispute that a great deal of progress has been made in the public's awareness of the DWI issue, 1984 regrettably saw an increase in lives lost due to DWI with 1,049 Texans killed.

For progress in the fight against DWI not to stall requires not only that the issue stay in the forefront of the driving public's mind, but that the drunks stay off the road. And in recognition of this objective the Association of Fire and Casualty Companies in Texas (AFACT) reminds drivers that

summer brings with it some special problems for those whose lifestyle includes both drinking and driving.

To begin with, the hot weather, the extra time devoted to leisure, and the differences between summer and winter activities may contribute to changes in the way people drink, and that most certainly can affect the way they drive.

Last year, more than 18 million Texans made their way to Texas parks for some fun in the sun, and a cooler of cold ones is very often as standard a part of the equipment as the air mattresses and the volleyballs and the hot dogs. But hot summer days at the lake may mean that people are inclined to drink more quickly and begin drinking earlier in the day than they would if they were sitting in a bar on a cold January night.

In addition, AFACT reminds summer swillers that all alcohol is equally intoxicating, a beer will get you drunk just as fast as a highball.

Nor can you sweat off alcohol. Combining drinking with softball or volleyball won't sober you up any sooner. No matter what you're doing, your blood alcohol level will decline only .01 percent every 40-60 minutes; that is less than the amount of alcohol you consume in a single drink.

Therefore, it is recommended that you take a good supply of non-alcoholic beverages on your outings as well as plenty of food to snack on.

Also, make sure that you stop drinking well before you head back into town. Transportation becomes a greater problem when you're 30 or 40 miles from town instead of at your neighborhood tavern or at some club downtown. For one thing, it's a lot harder to get a cab or a bus. And while a sober friend might be happy to come to the corner bar to pick you up if you are too inebriated to drive, he may consider a trip to the boondocks after midnight above and beyond the call of duty and propose that you sleep under the stars instead.

The wisest course of action is to consider how you are going to get home before your outing begins. It is recommended that you designate a driver who will agree not to drink and will be responsible for the driving chores.

Of course, drinking is not the only activity that can become lethal when mixed with alcohol. Remember that swimming, boat-

car.

Finally, remember that some estimates indicate that only one in 2,000 intoxicated drivers is actually stopped by law enforcement officials. So while you may be sober, your fellow travelers may not. Drive carefully and buckle up.

The pleasures of sunshine, fresh air and carefree, relaxed times with family and friends can be intoxicating. And it is a high that can be achieved without the inconvenience, expense and possibility of suffering or death that drunk driving can cause. AFACT is an organization of Texas property and liability insurance companies, created in part to broaden consumer knowledge about the insurance business in Texas.

Butman camp has 240 recent visitors

Happenings at Camp West Texas Conference lunch on Saturday. Butman for the week of spent the week at Camp Ellison Family Reunion June 24 thru June 30 Butman. and Hext Family were as follows: Abilene District Pastors Reunion spent the week 180 4th, 5th, and 6th graders from the North-

Fariello awarded TSU scholarship

Mary M. Fariello, a senior mathematics major at Tarleton State University, has been awarded a scholarship for the 1985-86 school year. Mary will receive the John F. Higgs Memorial Scholarship. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Fariello of Merkel.

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