

The Merkel Mail

Thursday May 1, 1986 ... Merkel, Texas

Our 98th Year

Local candidates respond to questions

State, local primary

elections are Saturday

WHAT A NIGHTMARE!
I DREAMED I DIDN'T GO
VOTE, AND MY EX WIFE
GOT ELECTED JUDGE
BY ONE VOTE!



IF YOU STAY AT HOME, AND
SOME YAHOO TAKES THE WIN
JUST SAVE HER GRAPES AND GROOMING,
CAUSE YOU HELPED TO PUT HIM IN!

by Cloy A. Richards

We provided the five candidates in the two local races in Saturday's Democratic Primaries a chance to respond to five questions. We appreciate the candidates' responses and thank them for their concern. The five questions were (1) List personal information you feel will be of benefit to voters; (2) How do you perceive the office of County Commissioner? (3) Why do you think you are the best candidate for the job? (4) What do you think are the most important aspects of the post? (5) Use this space to make an open statement to the voters.

County Commissioner Don Dudley

(1) Address 1411 Sunset, Merkel. Have lived in Taylor County all my life.

Occupation: County Commissioner; Previous Employment: American Testing Inc, Cal-Tex Feed Yard, Owner-Operator Gulf Service Station; also farming and cattle operations.

Education: Merkel public schools, graduated in 1948. Clubs & Organizations: Lions Club, Former Little League coach, Former 4-H leader, softball, golf.

Military: Texas National Guard for 8 years with an honorable discharge as master sergeant. Church: First United Methodist Church of Merkel.

Family: Wife Pat and two sons, Mike of Abilene and Marc of New York City.

(2) The office of County Commissioner is a very responsible job. The person holding the office should be devoted to Taylor County and to the tax payers who elect him to this position. The commissioner's job is one of service to the people of Taylor County.

The Commissioner is a guardian of the taxpayers' money. He tries to conserve and use wisely their tax dollars. He works to save money for all the citizens of the county, not just Precinct 2.

There is so much work to do to be a commissioner that a man should have no other employment. It is more than a full-time job because of night calls, weekend duties, and extra activities. It takes a huge amount of time to develop the budget each year, to serve on numerous boards and committees, and to attend necessary public relation-type activities. Please see page 2

Julian Bridges

First, let me express my appreciation to **The Mail** for allowing us as candidates to have this forum. I had hoped to participate in a "town meeting" in Merkel where we could share our views, but this did not work out. Therefore, I am particularly grateful for this opportunity.

(1) My wife, Charlotte and I have been married for almost 32 years and God has blessed us with three wonderful daughters: Becky 30, a school teacher and social worker in Arlington; Dobbie, also a teacher in San Antonio; and Marelyn, an assistant Vice President at M-Bank in Abilene. Along with my Mom and wife's mother, these are certainly the leading ladies of my life! Our dads are deceased but I have acquired two great son-in-laws; however, no grandkiddoes yet.

My first major in college was engineering, and it has helped me better understand the importance of good sound construction. Also, one of my first summer jobs while in college was construction work (operating air hammers and house building). One of my majors in grad school was RURAL sociology, and I want to apply—if I'm elected—some of my training and teaching in this area to serve the people of Precinct 2. For the last 10 years I've had the privilege to visit in the homes and churches of farmers, ranchers, and small town folks throughout the Big Country, and I think I know how these fine people think and feel. I have worked regularly ever since I was age 10, during school and in the summers—doing everything from grocery and department store work to newspaper routes, aircraft plant jobs, and door-to-door sales work.

I love sports (participated in football, baseball and track), try to exercise regularly, and fortunately have been blessed with excellent health.

(2) There was a time in the not-too-distant past when the role of the commissioner was overwhelmingly to take care of the maintenance of roads and bridges in his precinct. Today only 10 percent of our Taylor County budget is consumed in this type work. Since there are four precincts, Precinct 2 is allotted about 2.5 percent of the total county budget for this purpose.

Commissioners throughout the state are being called on and expected by the voters to work more and more in administration

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of the remaining 90 percent of the \$124 million budget, for which they are also responsible to our citizens. Thus, they need to work with all the departments of the county, be available to courthouse department heads and other employees, study and make recommendations as to how to solve problems, learn how other counties are solving their problems, try to attract new business to the rural and urban parts of the county, help departments get greater efficiency and management in their work, and keep a very watchful eye on the spending of taxpayers money these days.

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Justice of the Peace Jack Keenan

(1) I was graduated from Sweetwater Union High School in San Diego, California and attended 1 year at Boydens Prep School for Annapolis and West Point.

I decided against further education and moved to Brawley, Calif. I spent the next nine years in Brawley. I worked for the Bank of America for two years then for a large irrigation farmer. I began driving his trucks and really enjoyed it so, except for a three year break when I worked in the automobile business, I either owned my own truck or drove for 28 years.

I married the former Joyce Humphreys, daughter of Craig and Estelle, and we have raised six children and have eight grandchildren.

Joyce and I have been in business in Merkel since 1977. We developed Humphrey's Village and have constructed 25 homes there and in the Merkel area. We also own the Village Truck and Car Wash. I have also been employed by Dunagin Transport here in Merkel.

Though I am not a member at present, I have been past president of the local Lions Club. While a member, I organized a blood drive. I am, at present, a member of the Taylor County Welfare Board.

(2) I believe the office of Justice of the Peace is an important link between the people and the judicial system of the State of Texas, both civil and criminal. It should be the people's court where anyone can come and discuss the law and how it may affect them. In any circumstance, the J. P. should be on call to help people when needed.

(3) I've had a pretty diversified background and I can't think of any job or business I've ever been associated with that didn't require the ability to communicate and to get along with people. A Justice of the Peace would be able to do this but still remain his own person. Please see page 3

Stuart Bishop

(1) My name is Stuart Bishop, age 36, single, raised and educated in Merkel, Texas. My parents are L. D. & Dorothea Bishop. I have one brother, D. A. Bishop. I graduated from Merkel High School in 1968. From Texas State Technical School in Sweetwater in 1972 and from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos in 1979. I have a degree in psychology. While in college, I was president of the campus psychology club. I am a certified emergency, medical technician and a member of the Merkel Emergency Medical Service. I have been a member of the

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Merkel Volunteer Fire Department since 1981. I have been self employed for over 10 years.

(2) I perceive the office of Justice of the Peace as being one of great responsibility to the laws of Texas and to the people who give the responsibility to this office. I believe that the office has a responsibility to protect the rights of people, a responsibility to help people in need, a responsibility to be informed and educated to perform the duties of office in an efficient manner.

(3) I feel that I am the best candidate for office of Justice of the Peace because:

1. I care about the people I will be serving.

2. I am well educated and consider myself a professional person and will conduct the office of Justice of the Peace in a professional manner.

3. I am community oriented.

4. I have professional listening skills and will be objective in all decisions.

5. I believe the office should be more than a traffic court and that it should be used to serve the community in as many ways as possible. I will use the office to better our precinct.

Please see page 3

Leo Mashburn

(1) I, Leo Mashburn, have been a resident of Taylor County all my life and of Precinct 2 for 20 years.

I am a member of the United Methodist Church in Merkel, Texas Justice of the Peace Association, a Veteran of World War II, Woodmen of the World and a member of the Merkel Lions Club.

I am a member of the Democratic party and I always have been a democrat. I am currently serving as your Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 and I am asking for your vote and continued support in the May 3rd Democratic Primaries. I am personally acquainted with a large percentage of the people of Precinct 2. I am aware of the great responsibility in serving this Office and you, the people of Precinct 2 and Taylor County.

(2) I am already aware of the importance and the responsibility of the Office of the Justice of the Peace. A knowledge of this judicial system, of the Office of the Justice of the Peace is of the utmost importance in serving you, the people in Precinct 2, Taylor County. I attend the Justice of the Peace Schools and Seminars regularly, and have at hand the current update of changes in laws and regulations of this Office. Keeping informed and updated on the laws, and just plain good common sense go a long way in handling the functions of the Office of Justice of the Peace in the most efficient manner.

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Trent sets kindergarten pre-registration

Pre-registration for Trent ISD Kindergarten will be May 7th in the school office at 10 a.m. To be eligible for kindergarten, a student must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 1986. Requirements for pre-registration are a child's birth certificate and immunization records.

Pre-Kindergarten registration will be held in the school office on May 7th at 10:00 a.m. Please bring your child's birth certificate and immunization records to school. To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 1986 and must be unilingual or from a family whose income, according to standards set by the State Board of Education, is at or below subsistence levels.

Academic boosters plan meeting

Monday, all of the parents and officers that make up the Merkel Academic Booster Club are asked to attend a very important

meeting at 7 p.m. in the High School Library.

The group will discuss and make a number of important decisions, according to Bob Bran-

don, club president.

He asks that people interested circle Monday on their calendar and make plans to attend the meeting.

City votes \$2 service increase

The Merkel City Council voted Monday night to increase the charge for sanitation and sewer services \$1 per month from \$7 to \$8 monthly.

The increase means the new minimum charge for water-sewer-sanitation charges will be \$25 per month.

In other action, council also voted to raise the salaries of the three men who haul garbage and awarded bids on the housing rehabilitation program.

Councilmen also asked city manager J. A. Sadler to draw up

an ordinance that would ban the use of 55 gallon drums as garbage cans. The city recently went through a workmen's compensation audit and the use of the 55 gallon barrel was the only point questioned during that audit.

Council held their second budget hearing Monday night and decided to draw up an ordinance to raise the fees on both the sewer and garbage pick up charges from \$7 to \$8 per month. The increase will mean an additional \$2,300 in revenues per month to the city.

That increase is being offset by a \$1,400 payment on a crawler-loader recently purchased for use at the landfill and additional salaries for the men in the sanitation department.

The increase is not in effect until council passes an ordinance calling for the increase.

Council also awarded bids on three homes to be remodeled. Earnest Conner was the low bidder on one home and Hunt Construction was low bidder on the other two homes.

Go vote, clearing up errors

by Cloy A. Richards

Well, Saturday is the big day for voters and politicians across the state as primaries will be held to help set the field for the November general elections.

The results will be more than interesting.

Locally, we have two contested races in Precinct 2. There are three candidates for the local Justice of the Peace post and two candidates for county commissioner. We have questions that were sent to all five candidates in this week's paper.

It's time to take out our voter registration card and renew our license to gripe. It will be cancelled if you don't make it to the polls and vote Saturday.

I got quite a bit of first hand experience with the local commodity distribution Saturday and it's quite an experience.

Nine volunteers met at City Hall early Saturday morning, went to the County Coliseum to pick up the commodities and then brought them here for distribution. More

than 400 people received commodities here Saturday and everything was over by noon.

I have been asked to pass along the word that any boys who have uniforms that played in the local pony league baseball last summer, and who aren't playing this year, should return them to Mid Tex Resources on Edwards Street here so new players will have something to wear.

We have got quite a few kids scattered around West Texas this weekend as Merkel's Sweepstakes winning Badger Band is participating in the Greater Southwest Music Festival in Amarillo and we have a few in Odessa for the Regional track meet.

Apologies are in order to Michele Dudley, who is the regional 880 race. I didn't spell her name right last week.

While we are on errors, I made a few other I want to correct.

In last week's edition, a fine photograph on Page One of Linda Layher branding a board at

Merkel's 5th grade Sesquicentennial event said staff photo. It was not a staff photo, it was taken by Leon Keiso and was contributed for use in the paper.

If you tried to follow my clock setting advice, I'm sure you ended up a little confused, and let me tell you, I heard about it.

The headline for the story sets your clocks back while inside the story read Spring Forward.

If you were late for something last Sunday and haven't made an excuse, blame it on me.

The Merkel City Council decided Monday night to increase fees on sanitation and sewer rates from \$7 to \$8 each. That means your new minimum for water-sewer and sanitation service will be \$25 per month.

The city will realize an additional \$2,300 in revenues and that will be just about taken care of by additional pay for the sanitation workers and payments on a crawler-loader at use at the

Bridges:

Caring for the roads and bridges is an extremely important part of the commissioner's responsibility, but he does not have to try to do it personally. The majority of his time he certainly does not need to be doing the job of the road hand, who makes about \$8,000 less but is skilled at the job. A road hand (preferably from Merkel) in Precinct 2 should be promoted to the position of working foreman, so when the commissioner has to be away (which is more often these days), someone is responsible in his absence. No commissioner in Taylor County—other than Precinct 2's—occupies his time doing the road work himself. I have talked to those in other counties and neither do they, and more and more they are hiring working foremen, with whom they check constantly, which is what I will do. I also will personally inspect the road work often.

(3) I feel I'm best qualified for three basic reasons: (1) I have the training; (2) I have the ability; and (3) I have the time.

My background is in rural and urban studies, which I've been teaching for 13 years. I am constantly in contact with sources of up-to-date information and ideas that can be helpful to our county government. I would like to apply what is working elsewhere in counties across America to our county also. I think that it will be a great asset to Taylor County to have accessibility to this type of material, giving you the voters a more progressive county government.

My experience in administration and working with people can be helpful to all departments of our county. My years on the City Council of Abilene and contacts with school board members can help us work out more projects where we can jointly utilize resources and save your tax money.

For example, Precinct 2 now has a budget about \$32,444 greater than another precinct. Precinct 2 is budgeted for six road hands, whereas the other precinct gets by with only five. A third precinct, with six road hands and a foreman is budgeted at only \$1,887 more than Precinct 2. It seems clear to me that we can promote a road hand to working foreman, hire a new replacement at a lower salary group, and therefore not raise the budget at all. In fact, we may be able to save some of that \$32,444! I expect to have my summers completely free (no teaching) and can lend a hand myself with the road crew, while men are taking their vacations.

Finally, I do have the time. I can devote over 40 hours a week to the job year round if necessary. I have worked 65-70-hour weeks many times for about 35 years.

(4) Assuming the preceding has been read, I would add that I feel very deeply that we need to watch our spending in government these days. While I served on the Abilene City Council, by working hard at paring the budget, we were able to give all 1,100 city employees reasonable raises those

three years, increase service to the citizens, and not raise the tax rate. It took advance planning, greater efficiency, and concentrated effort, but is saved raising taxes on the rent of people who are on fixed incomes and cannot pay higher taxes without being robbed of the small amount of income they have.

Our county tax rate has been raised two out of the last three years, and it probably will be raised again this year. In these days of great loss of oil and gas revenue for rural school districts, we certainly don't need to be raising county taxes too unless there is absolutely no other way. We need to have more than ever good managers as commissioners, who know how to lead government to live within its budget year after year, just as we as families, individuals and business owners have to do. This can only be achieved through long range planning and greater efficiency.

When our farmers and ranchers are hurting and others are being laid off or cut-back in the number of working hours, and with Gramm-Rudman cuts and loss of revenue sharing on the way to city and county governments, we must have commissioners who know how and have the determination to make difficult decisions budget wise and are willing to watch spending all year long and not just a few weeks during the year when the new budget is drawn up. Reality forces us to not continue doing "business as usual." We need fresh ideas and clear improvements in government to survive successfully!

(5) Dear readers of The Merkel Mail:

Maintaining roads and bridges is essential and I pledge to you that they will be as good, if not better, than they are now. I will be checking regularly on them and will know where the road crew is working every day. I want to be more accessible and available to all the people in our Precinct and county. My wife and I are only 15 miles from Merkel, 22 from Trent, and 15 miles from Hamby and the county courthouse.

I want to see that Precinct 2 gets some road signs, so that we can help quickly anyone who needs an emergency medical unit or a deputy sheriff. Rural crime is on the increase across the country, and our county is no exception. I believe we need increased and more efficient law enforcement to protect the lives and property of our rural residents.

The precinct barn is well located. I have absolutely no plans to move it. The Unit Road System is not best for us. That apparently is the case for the vast majority of counties in Texas. A commissioner friend in a neighboring county where it was once tried and voted out says "A commissioner tends to lose control of his precinct with the unit system." Fewer than 15 percent of Texas counties have it, and it has been available since 1947.

I want to have some regular hours each day, so that you can reach me. You may call me wherever I am, night or day. I

have a telephone recorder and can return your call soon, if you miss me; and I am personally not opposed to wearing a "beeper," if the county authorizes it.

Our county judge has his law practice, and commissioners have also worked as farmers and ranchers, and done many other things. I promise that I will not neglect being a full service commissioner and will be busy doing all the work a commissioner should do.

Thank you for reading this. Please vote for a financially conservative, progressive, better Taylor County, this Saturday, May 3rd.

Dudley ...

(3) I am the better candidate for County Commissioner of Precinct 2 because I know both the administrative and the maintenance aspects of the job. I can and do run any of the equipment if any crew member is sick or on vacation. I have four years of experience. I have gained a lot of knowledge during those years. I know how to cut corners, to help with the problems that arise as the county continues to grow. I know, understand and relate well to the people of the county. I feel that I really understand the needs, the concerns, and some of the problems of the citizens. I have been and will continue to be a full-time working commissioner.

(4) One important part of being a commissioner is being available when the citizens need you. Another aspect is being of service to all citizens of the county, not just those of Precinct 2. These services include volunteer work; Rural Fire Fighters Associations and various committees. The committees I serve on are such things as the Coliseum, Rodeo, Livestock, State 4-H Horse Show and several county extension office committees. I also serve on one state Advisory committee representing rural fire fighting associations. The most important aspect of the commissioner's job is keeping the tax rate as low as possible to help Taylor County stay progressive. Although taxes have been raised during the last two years, the tax rate is still lower now than it was in 1983 when we lowered the rate.

(5) I believe that the voters of Precinct 2 need and deserve a full-time commissioner. Your tax money pays for one. I feel that the salary paid is certainly adequate for a full-time man.

I also feel that the people of Precinct 2 would like to continue dealing with their elected commissioner rather than dealing with a road foreman. Since many things come up that a foreman can't handle, you voters should not have to deal with a foreman when you have already elected a reliable man to run the precinct. It will cost you more money to have a foreman doing some of the commissioner's job. I will continue to serve as my own road foreman in order to save your tax dollars.

With the economy as it is now, with the loss of federal revenue sharing, with indigent health care

facing us, Taylor County's elected officials will have to figure out all the angles, cut corners, do much of the work ourselves, in order to save all the money we can.

I want to serve you as commissioner for another four years. I urge all registered voters to go to the polls and vote on Saturday. Your vote is important. Your vote for me can assure you of having a qualified, experienced, knowledgeable, full-time working commissioner.

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(4) My dedicated service to you, the people of Taylor County for the past 37 years gives me the experience to continue to serve you in a qualified, experienced manner on a full-time basis. I pledge to you I shall remain available to you on a round-the-clock basis.

(4) I would be taking the Office of the Justice of the Peace lightly by feeling the aspects of the Office were not considered equally important. All aspects concerning the Office of Justice of the Peace are important in serving the of Precinct 2 and Taylor County, and each and everyone shall be treated and dealt with in a responsible and dedicated manner.

(5) Please consider this a personal visit with me, Leo Mashburn, your Justice of the Peace Precinct 2, Taylor County. I am asking for your vote and continued support in re-electing me as your Justice of the Peace on May 3rd. Having served you for this term, I feel my experience, qualifications, dependability, and fairness to all merit a second term of office. Your confidence and trust placed in me in electing me your Justice of the Peace make me continually aware of the great responsibility in serving you as Justice of the Peace Precinct 2, Taylor County. If elected, I pledge to you my continued dedicated service to you in every effective and efficient manner possible. I pledge to you that I will serve this Office to the best of my ability in a fair and honest manner to all. Your vote and continued support at the polls on May 3rd in

re-electing me as your Justice of the Peace is deeply appreciated.
Keenan

(4) The Justice of the Peace is a servant of the people and he should always remember that and conduct himself accordingly. Prompt attention should be given to matters concerning bad debts and checks. Landlords should be able to come to the office and get some satisfaction and results for problems that may arise with tenants. Speeding violators should be given the opportunity to improve their driving skills by attending defensive driving schools.

The office should not be operated as a money-making organization but should be a service for the people.

(5) I have always felt that it is a privilege to run for a public office and a honor to be elected. My goal is to serve with integrity, expedience, and compassion to the best of my ability, and to uphold the basic laws set forth in the Judicial system of the State of Texas. I would sincerely appreciate your vote of confidence on May 3rd in the Democratic Primary.

Thank You
Jack Keenan

Thank you Cloy for this opportunity to express our views to the people in our voting Precinct 2.

Bishop ...

(4) I believe the most important aspects of the office of Justice of the Peace are:

1 Care about people and their needs and rights.

2 Be objective and listen to both sides of an issue before making a decision.

3 To be just and fair.

4 To know one's limitations.

5 To be able and willing to assist when possible.

6 To strive for efficiency.

7 To be accessible to the community.

(5) Voting is a right, a privilege, and a responsibility, necessary to maintain the strength of our democracy. A responsible amount of thought should be given to your vote. A voter should consider the qualifications of each candidate and vote for the person

that will do the job most efficiently and with the most dedication. Traits to be considered in a candidate are: objectivity, honesty, sincerity, empathy, and a willingness to assist others. I believe the Justice of the Peace should take advantage of opportunities to keep himself informed and educated in ways that he may perform his duties in the most efficient manner. I believe that each person has a right and a responsibility to support the community in which he or she lives. I will continue to support the people of Merkel, Precinct 2, Taylor County, and of course, Texas.

Hill's named Xi Nu Chi man-woman of year

Xi Nu Chi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi was proud to present Richard and Mary Hill as Man and Woman of the Year at their annual presentation in Abilene Saturday at the Civic Center. The group wanted to congratulate the Hill's.

MHS TEAMS make-up starts today

The make-up Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills (TEAMS) test will be given at Merkel High May 1 & 2.

The test is required for graduation and more information for interested high school students is available from the counselor's office.

TEAMS test Friday

Friday, Merkel Middle School's 7th graders will receive their TEAMS test (Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills). Prior to the 1985-86 school year, this test was referred to as the TABS test. This test is designed to measure basic skills in math, reading and writing. This program was mandated by House Bill 72 and passed by the 68th Texas Legislature in July, 1984.

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Texas Oil & Gas ...

Rule Changes Help Stripper Well Crisis

By Richard C. Hudson, Chairman,
Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association

A look at Texas' producing oil wells — grouped according to the volume of production from individual wells — should prove interesting and revealing even to Texans quite familiar with the petroleum industry.

According to figures provided by the Railroad Commission, in mid-March of 1986, Texas had a total of 212,713 producing oil wells. Of that number, only four averaged production of more than 450 barrels of oil per day. Another 7,874 wells produced between 50 and 450 barrels, with 204,835 additional wells producing less than 50 barrels of oil per day.

A closer examination of this last category reveals that 142,743 wells were producing 10 barrels or less of oil per day and therefore qualified as stripper wells. Of that number, 49,892 wells were producing more than one but less than three barrels per day and 42,881 wells were producing one barrel or less per day.

It is obvious that the bulk of Texas' oil production does not come from its stripper wells. But, this observation is not meant in any way to belittle the importance of these wells.

In 1984, the last full year for which complete and comparable figures on these wells are available, Texas' stripper well production amounted to 152.7-million barrels of oil, approximately 18.1-percent of the 845.5-million barrels of production statewide. Based on a 1984 average statewide price for crude of \$28.76 per barrel, the wellhead value of that stripper oil was almost \$4.4-billion. State severance tax collections figured at the rate of 4.6-percent amount to more than \$202-million.

The downturn in crude oil prices in recent months has caused a crisis for the producers of many of these so-called marginal wells. As prices have plummeted, the lifting or production costs for much stripper oil has begun to exceed the value of the oil in the marketplace. The loss of money on production is a disincentive to produce and many operators have no choice but to cease production. Unfortunately, because of the nature of stripper well reservoirs, once production is halted, in many cases it is impossible to resume it at some future date when prices are higher. One result is the reduction of ultimate recovery potential.

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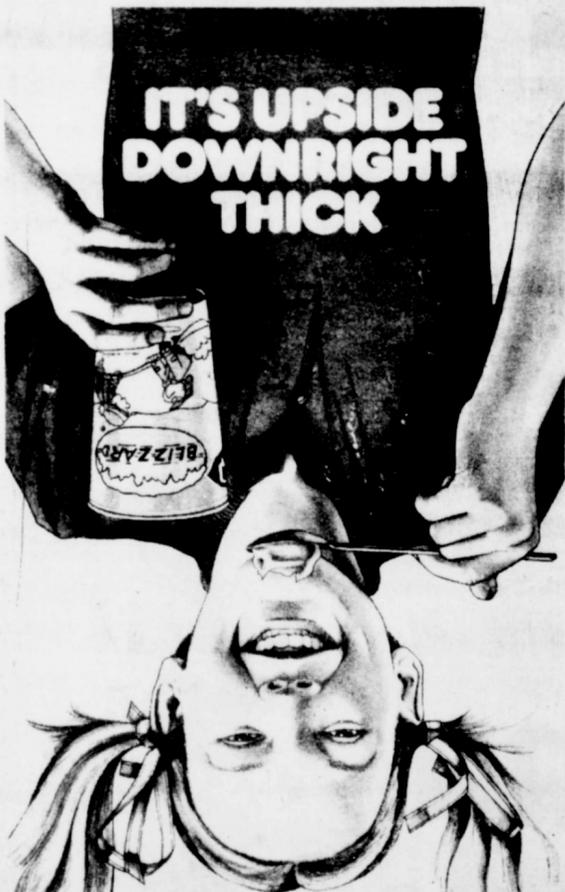
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Gilmore's services held here

Jerald Neil Gilmore, 24, of Merkel, died April 24th of a gunshot wound and his wife has been charged in that murder.

Tamara Gilmore, 24, of Merkel, is being held in Taylor County Jail after a district judge ordered her held.

Funeral services were held here Saturday at the First United Methodist Church with the Revs. Eddie Freeman and John Waggoner officiating. Burial followed at Stith Cemetery under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, Justin and Brandon Gilmore, both of the home; a brother, Ronnie of Merkel; two sisters, Margaret Townsend of Merkel and Barbara Gilmer of Lockhart; and his father Robert Gilmore of Abilene.

Merkelites are new grandparents

Amanda and Stephanie Bunch proudly announce the arrival of their brother, Gabriel Uriah, born April 7th at Hendrick Medical Center at 12:19 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Proud parents are Darel and

Cindy Bunch of Bradshaw. The mother is Lois Writers of Houston.

Grandparents are Clyde and La Verne Bunch of Mesquite, Billy and Carolyn Fisher of Merkel. Great grandmothers are Amber Jones of Corpus Christi and Marie Fisher of Merkel. Greatgrand-

**ELECT
McMillon
Judge**

Each year the James M. McMillon is elected to the office of County Judge. He is a member of the Texas Bar Association and is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. He is a resident of Abilene, Texas.

Writer says rumor untrue, unfair

Dear Editor:

There seems to be circulating a very untrue and damaging story pertaining to our Chief of Police Ray Pack. We, as concerned citizens, believe this needs to be confronted before irreparable damage is done to Mr. Pack's career as well as damage his family.

It seems very unfair for a few wagging tongues to be able to spread a story so obviously untrue about a man who has done so

much for this community above and beyond what his job requires him to do. It seems a shame that these tongues are unable to wag for good of man instead of only evil. We know, because the story is untrue, that time will prove the gossipers as liars, so in the meantime we hope the citizens of Merkel will consider the source of this tale and put a stop to it when it comes to your attention.

Maybe we should consider the things Mr. Pack has done for our community such as the work he

puts in to put the entertainment together for our 4th of July Celebration the past few years. Also, the numerous benefit shows he has done in the past. He is involved in so many worthwhile and wholesome activities that benefit our families. If ever anyone needs a helping hand, there is one person you can depend on and that is Ray Pack. Next time you see him, tell him how much you appreciate what he is doing for our community.

Emma Shugart

Harris' daughter born

Eddie & Lisa Harris of Merkel are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Meagan Nicole, born April 25th at Humana Hospital in Abilene.

She weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces at birth.

Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Walter Harris and Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Owens of Merkel.

Paternal grandparents are Imogene Williams and Mr. & Mrs. Lindsay-Gibson set date

Wedding plans are being made for Judy Lindsay and William Gibson.

Judy is the daughter of V. H. & Mary Lindsey of Merkel. William is the son of W. R. Gibson of Clyde.

Plans for an outdoor wedding at the home of Judy's parents at 602 El Paso here May 16th at 7:30 p.m.

Judy works at Starr Nursing Home and William is employed by Ace Co. in Abilene.

The couple and Judy's daughter, Brandy, will live here. Friends and relatives are invited.

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Fortnightly group holds meeting

The GFWC Fortnightly Study Club met April 22nd at Mrs. C. M. Seymore's home with Mrs. Allen King as co-hostesses.

Mrs. Orvel Hill, club president, opened the meeting and presided over a short business session.

Mrs. Mack Fisher read the club collect and Mrs. Ed Sandusky gave the Federation Counselor's

report. The program "Spring Follies" was presented by students from Mrs. Phillip Pursley's and Mrs. Seymore's classes. The students were under the direction of Mr. Bob Utley and they sang several songs.

Attending were Meses Randy Carson, S. C. Dixon, Mack Fisher, J. W. Hammond, Comer Haynes, Orvel Hill, Buster Horton, Carl

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Interest expenses hurt farmers

Many of today's farmers are having trouble paying their debts and the big culprit seems to be interest expenses.

"Farmers need to take a careful look at their total interest expenses, particularly now as many are thinking about debt restructuring," points out Dr. Danny Klinfelter, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Texas A & M University System.

"As a general rule, if interest expense exceeds 15 percent of total revenue, a farmer needs to look seriously at how efficiently the business is organized and operated and how profitably debt is being used," says Klinfelter. "In most cases, if interest expense is more than 20 percent of total revenue—and in most all cases if it is more than 25 percent—simply restructuring debt is not going to solve the problem."

Although interest rates have not come down considerably in the past five years, farm debts are still high, so interest expenses continue to be a major factor plaguing farmers, notes the economist. Many farmers are operating with a 40 to 50 percent debt ratio. That means a farmer has 40 to 50 cents in debt for every dollar in assets. With an earning rate of 4 to 6 percent on agricultural assets, a farmer would still be losing ground with interest rates at 8 percent.

"Unless a farmer can reduce his total debt load to meet cash flow commitments, debt restructuring may simply prolong the current situation and eat up equity in the process," Klinfelter points out.

While the current lower interest rates have done little to remedy the farm debt situation, they have financed stocker and feed lot business where most cattle are 70

to 80 percent financed, the economist points out. After the cost of feed and the animals themselves, interest is the next major expense item.

Carriker urges participation in Land Heritage

Pointing to the importance of recognizing and remembering the pioneer farm and ranch families in Texas, State Representative Steve Carriker (d-Roby) has invited long-time farming families to participate in the Texas Department of Agriculture's 1986 Family Land Heritage Program.

Those who wish to apply may obtain an application by writing Family Land Heritage Program, Texas Department of Agriculture, Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.

Xi Nu Chi holds open ritual

Beta Sigma Phi's chapter Xi Nu Chi had its open ritual for its regular monthly meeting April 22nd at the Pleasantville Center.

In the business meeting, our chapter voted to send a donation of monetary value to Sweetwater for a Beta Sigma Phi Chapter to use for the tornado victims.

Mary Hill presented a program on "Fears". She touched on topics of anxiety, phobias and fear itself. With sharing our fears, we learn that with proper attitude and habits our fears can be controlled.

Donna Bryan served a delightful meat tray, salad and fruit pizza to the following members and guest: Sylvia Gardner, Mary Hill, Donna Bryan, Nancy Johnson, Nancy Duncan, Judy Elliott, Barbara Gardner, Minyon Seymore, Vicki Rodriguez, Donna Lang and Anita Allen.

Beta Sigma Phi dance

Beta Sigma Phi held their annual Founder's Day dance Saturday in Abilene at the Civic Center.

Louise DuBose was honored from Preceptor Eta Omega as Woman of the Year.

Kent Satterwhite was also presented from Preceptor Eta Omega as Man of the Year.

Providing the entertainment for the evening was Glass, a band from Abilene.

Each year Beta Sigma Phi chapters from Abilene and Merkel hold their Founder's Day presentation and present their men and women of the year.

Congratulations to Louise and Kent.

Members and guests present from Preceptor Eta Omega included: Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy LeVerich, Mr. & Mrs. Juan Ybarra, Mr. & Mrs. Bobby DuBose, Mr. & Mrs. John Brady and Mr. & Mrs. George Starbuck.

Paige completes basic training

Army Reserve Private Larry J. Paige, son of Shirley A. & James Page of 208 Rose, has completed basic training at Fort Dix, N. J. He is a 1983 graduate of Merkel High.

Preceptor Eta Omega

Riding club changes meeting dates to first Tuesday of each month

The Merkel Riding Club has changed their monthly meeting to the first Tuesday of each month. Their next meeting will be held at Taylor Electric Co-Op May 6th at 7:30. Anyone interested in becoming a member is invited to attend this meeting.

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President Louise DuBose presided over the meeting where a Mother's Day lunch was held.

Committee chairmen presented reports and Louise DuBose was honored with a supper as Woman of the Year.

Attending were Kathy Leverich, Blanche Hewitt, Y Sadler, Val Patterson, Liz Eager, Ruth Tip-ton, Connie Ybarra, Louise DuBose, Betty Conley and Betty Lu Satterwhite.

Calvary Baptist youth meeting open to all

Calvary Baptist Church will be holding a special youth meeting Friday beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting is open to all youths who attend school.

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1st Grade A-B
 Vanessa Benites, Matthew Boswell, Felicia Fenton, Rebekah Galvin, Jason Hudman, Kenlea Jones, T. J. King, Jeanette

2nd Grade All A
 Lanea Baker, Chrystal Beard, Rachal Buddin, Rhett Buntin, Jenny Browning, Holly Browning, Oscar Cano, Daniel Carter, Brady Casper, Wendy Elliott, Cecilia Flores, Stephanie Frazier, Michelle Gray, Molly Griffith, Shera Hammond, Wendy Hapack, James Hester, Rebecca Hobbs, Sandra Juarez, Paul King, Shelle Leamon, John Martinez, Jessica McKee, Beth McClintock, Rendi Meeks, Tabitha Reed, Michelle Reyna, Ryan Reynolds, Tina Rister, Rebecca Wanages, Candice Williamson, Jill Wilson and Angela Worley.

2nd Grade A-B
 Elizabeth Acuna, Nicole Burch, Christi Danielski, Joseph Hankins, Ryan Holmes, Richard Lopez, Jessica Martin, Rhian Rogers, Renee Wanagas and Amy Williams.

3rd Grade All A

Rosemary Barrandez, Crystal Boone, Bryce Buntin, Ferris Briscoe, Karly Byers, Jason Clinton, Augustine Gonzales, Kevin Graham, Tiffany Hill, Martin Hernandez, Marijke Holmes, Marcus Malone, Cole Manahan, Amanda Myers, Ray Pace, Lori Pirraglia, Alma Prieto, Scott Richardson, Justin Riggan, Christy Rister, Aimee Roberson, Amanda Sanders, Trinity Tankersley, Trina Tittle, Greg Valentine, Nancy White and Ricky Yancy.

3rd Grade A-B
 Rikki Casady, Steven Dietz, Hollis Delp, Eric Dye, Patty Galroan, Stormie Golson, Adolfo Hernandez, Angela Jowers, Hope Maxwell, Chad Pettyjohn, Chris Powell, Brian Sparks, Phillip Stout, Brandi Taypley, Ricky Vaughn.

4th Grade All A
 Velma DeLeon, Dana Hammond, Heather Henderson, Roy Lehman, Hyrum Mills, Kathryn

Rister, Crolley Segovia, Cory Tichelman, Jason Tipton, Lawrence Warren.

4th Grade A-B
 Judd Burton, Wendy Cummings, Corey Dennis, Ramiro Flores, Robert Flores, Nellie Gonzales, Donnie Gray, Mikki Griffith, Nikki Griffith, Lisa Harding, Jason Harrison, Mary Harrell, Jason Hernandez, Carmen Holden, Bryan Lepard, Geary Lindsay, Horacio Martinez, Mel-

anie Mitchell, Jason Nalley, Cody Pack, Troy Roberts, Lana Rogers, Shana Seymore, Pat Washington.

5th Grade All A
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5th Grade A-B
 Sebastian Ascencio, John Bauer, Shayla Carter, Kobie Clay, Mark Conners, Matt Cravens, Randy Cubriel, Brad Davis, Mariette Duran, Kris Harris, Austin Hill, Russ Holloway, Dee Dee Jackson, Stacy Jones, Brent Martin, Paul McDaniel, David Melendez, Angie Nault, Jason Pack, Renli Reynolds, Anna Rodriguez, Krystal West.



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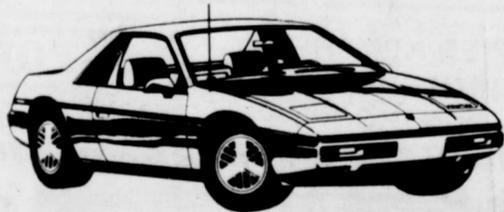
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 162-2tc

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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
 TO: Willie Ray McGhee, 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 LENDARNELL MOSES and LUTGARDA MEDINA MOSES, Petitioners, filed in said Court on the 22nd day of April, 1986, against Willia Ray McGhee, Respondent, and said suit being number 395-CX on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Willia Ray McGhee, Jr., A Child," the nature of which suit is a request
 *Raipf & Ladie Fred Caffey

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Tye elementary honor roll

The following is the Tye Elementary School Honor roll for the 5th six week grading period.

1st Grade All A
Ken Crowe, Christi Massey, Tiffany Snowden, Brandi Kippatrick

1st Grade A B
Joseph Garcia, Randy Jennings, Jennifer Jones, Corie Molina, Robbie Sanchez, Lila Cherry, Crystal Evans, Billy Habner, Shannon Harris, Josh Podovitz, Brandon Dobbs and Kari Verner.

2nd Grade All A
Derrick Schafel, Laura Faircloth, Cui Staples, Carrie Malo, Stacey Lopez

2nd Grade A-B

Johnson, Juliana Helm, Tim Thorpe, Melissa Clark, Amanda Davis, Amy Lepard, Jimmy Martin, Brandi Parker, Ken Schuessler, Natha Hennessey.

3rd Grade All A
Donna Bouldin, Crystal Gayle, Karyn Utley, Melissa Podovitz, Colby Sheffield

3rd Grade A-B
Jennifer Anderson, Shane Flynn, Jill Jennings, Brad Locke, Mandy Workman, Marquite Shank, Heather Davis, Kellie Edwards, Erin Folkes, Alanna Hafner, Billy Miller, Nesa Pritchard, Brandon Stephenson, Michael Tucker.

4th Grade All A
Jennifer Johnson, Brian Miller, Josh Perry, Stacey Powell, Sandi Wood, Amy Podovitz

4th Grade A-B
Kelly Atkinson, Robin Bishop, Stephen Curry, Melissa Daniel, Jennifer Davis, George Wellmaker, Brandi Woodon, Kristi Duncan, Jimmy Babka.

5th Grade All A
Kim Isaacs, Mendy Law, Tammy Sims, Lori Snowden, Donnie Windland

5th Grade A-B
Christi Tucker, Doug Hall, Mona Martin, Kim Isreal, Cody Parker

Mrs. Wheeler's Room
All A Chrissy Repnyok, Jamie McClintock, A-B Tubby Montgomery.

Student council at conference

The Merkel High student council will be one of the 350 councils attending the 50th Annual Conference of the Texas Association of Student Councils (TASC) May 2-3 in Austin. Approximately 3,500 student council leaders are expected to attend the two-day conference. Merkel High students who will attend are Kelly Riney, Angela Thomas, Anne Everett, Debbie Keller, Laura Smith and Randy Graham. Adult sponsor is Gayle Baker.

With the theme of "TASC Golden Encounters: Past, Present and Future", the conference program will present workshop sessions on leadership skills, effective student council projects, and student activity program development. Special guests for the Golden Anniversary Conference will include past presidents of TASC.

The Texas Association of Student Councils is composed of over 1,100 Texas high school, junior high and middle school councils.

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WWI ladies auxillary holds recent meeting

The Ladies Auxillary of World War I Veterans met April 15th at Pleasantville for a covered dish luncheon and business meeting. A lunch was served and eight

members and a visitor attended. Present were Mr. & Mrs. Lydria, Jewell Criswell, Maggie Renfro, Billye Hartley, Mabel McRee, Ruth Cox and Lorene

Beaird. President Jewell Criswell presided over the meeting where old and new business was discussed. Their next meeting will be May 20th.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: MIGUEL ANGEL HERNANDEZ* Address Unknown, Respondent:

GREETINGS: -YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Manuela Hernandez, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 24th day of March, 1986, against Miguel Angel Hernandez, Respondent, and said suit being unty, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service numbered 13,010-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of MANUELA HERNANDEZ and MIGUEL ANGEL HERNANDEZ" the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to grant a divorce between the petitioner and respondent and decree such other relief as requested in the petition.

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.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement or decree in the children's interest 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.

Issed and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 31 day of March, 1986.

Rilla Mahoney Clerk 326th District Court Taylor County, Texas by Jo Ann Lackey Deputy (Seal) 158-78-4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF MARY O. AUTREY

-Letters Testamentary were granted to Ora Mae Bruner, 3125 Primrose, Abilene, Texas, 79606, in the Estate of Mary O. Autrey, Cause No. 17,095 in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, on the 23rd day of April, 1986. All persons having claims against said Estate shall file them with the undersigned in the time and manner required by law.

Ora Mae Bruner

3125 Primrose Abilene, TX 79606 162-23-1tc

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS -County of Taylor

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Writ of Execution issued out of the Honorable County Court at Law of Taylor County, of the 9th day of April, 1986, by Judgment of said County Court At Law for the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred Eight Dollars & 66/100 Dollars and costs of suit under a judgement, in favor of NQR Petroleum, Inc. vs. Don Caraway, placed in my hands for service, I, John W. Middleton as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 9th day of April 1986, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: All Undivided Working Interest Which Consist Of 04800000 Down Hole Interest, Pump Jack, Heater Treater, Salt Water Tank, 2-210 Barrell Oil Storage Tanks.

Sale will be held at 10:00 a.m. 153 acres of land out of the East side of the A. L. Vail Survey No. 427,

Abstract 414, Taylor County, Texas, insofar as it covers the proration unit for the Jacobs 1A Well being located 330 feet from the East line and 1841 feet from the South line of A. L. Vail Survey No. 427 and levied upon as the property of Don Caraway, and that on the first Tuesday in June, 1986, the same being the 3rd 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 at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Don Caraway.

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, Texas. Witness my hand this 22nd day of April, 1986. John W. Middleton Sheriff, Taylor County Texas by Eddie Swanson Deputy 90-162-3tc

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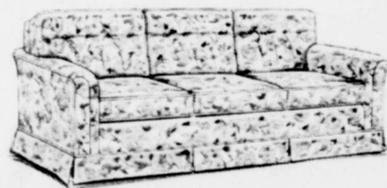
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Middle school honor roll

The following is the honor roll for Merkel Middle School.

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Eric Ascencio, Laura Baker, Steven Bauer, Dayna Bentley, Dianna Brown, Mi Hwa Chon, Lisa Donaldson, Jennifer Hatley, Stephen Jacobs, Sheri Miles, Shawn Miller, Laurinda Powell, Christy Reynolds, Penny Smith, Chip Townsend.

8th Grade A-B
Lisa Cannon, Angela Carson, Janette Cavender, Cory Chick, Toby Dupont, Chance Ferguson, Tricia Garrett, Lee Kotlik, Billy Williams, Susan Hammond, Dusty McLeod, Melissa Messick, David Miller, Tina Myatt, Scottie Myers, Gay Lynn Robertson, Maria Salazar, Ed Silvia, Gary Martin and Bridget Acuna.

7th Grade All A
Melannie Baker, Karen Flores, April Griffith, Mike McFadden, Daniel West, Neil Newman, Lori Stockard, Tracie Thomas, Phoung Thao Tran.

7th Grade A-B
Jamie Beasley, Charles Benefield, Ava Bohannan, Melissa Cuellar, Jana Daniell, Brandy Fenton, Jayma Goldsmith, Gene Henderson, Betsy Hellums, Jennifer Huffman, Collin Jacobs, Cheri Kelly, Cara Kelso, Sean Leamon, Angie Leverich, Chris McCartney, Renee Melendez, Cristi Moore, Tonya Moreno, Kevin Nix, Lupe Quintero, Frank Repnyek, Troy Sims, Mannie Swinney, Brandon Toombs, Shawanda Warren.

6th Grade All A
Tanya Beasley, Lori Best, Michelle Bowman, Becky Donaldson, Jennifer Hobbs, Michelle Ingram, Lillian Leach, Marsha Long, Christi Minze, Christie Russom, Kim Tucker, Angie Welborn, Annette Windham, Cheryl Wood.

6th Grade A-B
John Bannister, Mandy Barnett, Amanda Biera, Christie Boggs,

Amber Buckley, Sheila Bynum, Son Hui Chon, Randy Davidson, Dayna Doan, Lisa Fenton, Lyndia Garza, Julie Harding, Elizabeth Hernandez, Stephanie Jones, Sharon Mack, Sonya McAllister, James Melendez, Shayla Miller, Billy Page, Eilyn Rutledge, Stephen Santee, Taylor Scott, Kriste A. Smith, Kristi G. Smith, Amy Sparks, Chad Taylor, Scott Walker, Hope Ward and Amy Welborn.

MISD lunch menu

The following is the MISD school lunch menu:

May 1: Fried chicken with cream gravy, whipped potatoes, buttered English peas, hot rolls and jello with fruit.

May 2: Bar-B-Q pork, french fries, lettuce, tomato, pickle and onions, hamburgers buns and blue berry squares.

May 5: Spaghetti, buttered corn and green beans, garlic bread and brownies.

May 6: Bar-B Q Links, pinto

beans, combination salad with choice of dressing, lettuce wedges, hot rolls and lemon pudding.

May 7: Beef stew, potatoes, carrots and lettuce wedges, cornbread and fig bars.

May 8: Fried chicken with cream gravy, whipped potatoes, english peas, hot rolls and rosey applesauce.

May 9: Hamburgers, fries, lettuce and tomatoes, pickle and onions, hamburgers buns and sliced peaches.

Trent names all A students

The following is the Trent ISD A honor roll for the 5th six week grading period.

Crystal Hambrick, Blair Niell, Lindsay Jones, Matt Davis, Sarah Bradshaw, T. J. Roberts, Tye Christensen, Wendy Harwell, Tracy Jennings, Amanda Keith, Ryan Bigbee, Tammy Clark, Scott

Dulaney, Laura Griffith, Amy Barnes, Teri Brazelton, Allison Davis, Jaime Ray, Charlie Wood, Crystal Christensen, Sarah Griffith, Justin Williams, Britt Sipe, Julie Clay, Jamie Masonheimer, Melony Orr, B. J. Poindexter, Lucie Masonheimer, Brian Massey, Janna King, Missy Simpson and Kim Wallis.

MHS names honor students

The following is Merkel High's honor roll for the 5th six week grading period.

All A
Kelly Brights, Walter Best, Tracy Bicknell, David Biera, Angie Boggs, Shelly Brandon, Tim Brandon, Matt Cain, Clay Carrey, Dewayne Clark, Doyle Clary, Glen Coolman, J. P. Dudley, April Duncan, Kristy Elliott, Anne Everett, Jennifer Gaona, George Gilchrist, Michele Goodgon, Scott Graham, Shelly Gray, Caren Hendrix.

Also, Richa Hill, Jeff Hobbs, Abby Irvin, Amy Irvin, Allan Isom, Tami Isreal, Staci Johnson, Anissa Jones, Debbie Keller, Teresa King, Steve Leverich, Jon Mack, Phoebe Mills, Kevin Mitchell, Pam Neff.

Also, Debbie Pack, Lance Perry, David Ray, Billy Riney, Sheri Riney, Ted Seymore, Laura Smith, De Ann Stevens, Gary Sutterfield, Angela Thomas, Kris-

ta Toombs, Diem Tran, Hon Turner, Allen Welding, Kim Welding, Allen Windham and Michelle Woodard.

High School A-B
Michael Adkins, Irene Alvarez, Chad Archa, Michelle Barnett, Chris Biera, Dana Brown, Sandra Bynum, Lee Cain, Doug Carter, Son Mi Chon, Kyle Coker, Robert Davidson, Jennifer Davis, Thomas Doan, Michele Dudley, Pam Ely.

Also, Alyse Ferguson, Staci Ferguson, Rickey Flores, Jennifer Gentry, Greg Hale, Tim Harris, Clara Herrera, Luan Johnson, Julie Koflanovich, Jill Laman, Linette Latinette, Teresa Lucas.

Bobby McIntyre, Carris March, Also, Dusty Moore, Paron Moreno, Linda Munden, Joe Nix, Marjohn Parish, Richard Powell, Anja Reyna, Glyn Ann Rutledge, Danny Santee, Chris Shugart, Gayle Shugart, Tracy Stevens, Amy Stuckey, Gina Stuckey, Doug Taylor.

Also, Renea Thomas, Karen Tilley, Robert Turner, Bridget Vaughn, Misty Vaughn, Christi Wade, Lucretia Wade, Kayce Ward, Fondale Watson, Amber Whisenhunt, Twyla Wilburn, Michael Woodall, Chris Wright, James Wright and Wayne Johnson.

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