

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, November 13th 1986, Merkel, Texas

Our 98th Year



§ The Trent Gorillas take the field last week at Highland. Trent won the contest and advanced into the playoff this week as they travel to Grady to face Wellman. Trent finished their season with a 6-1-1 record. Photo by Rebecca Sharp



§ Badger receiver Shayne Newberry hauls in a long pass in Merkel's 26-0 win over Coahoma their season at 6-4 and 4-3 in last week. The Badgers finished district play. Staff photo

City buys liability insurance, hears water contract update

The Merkel City Council met Monday night and awarded the city's insurance to the Hammond Insurance Agency of Merkel. Councilmen had previously tabled a decision on the policy but Monday night accepted the local offer. Council was waiting on a proposal from the Texas Municipal League. That TML policy carried a \$33,000 price tag. The local policy carries a price tag of \$22,000, up \$9,000 from the 1986 policy. City manager J. A. Sadler told council he had looked other places for quotes but there wasn't a lot of companies willing to write city insurance. The policy covers general liability on all city property and vehicles. Sadler also told council of a meeting he attended in Abilene last week concerning the new water contract with the City of Abilene. The way the talks stand now, Merkel is looking at a 20 year contract calling for a price to the

city of \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons of water. The city will also be charged 20 cents per 1,000 gallons of the city does not use at least 155 million gallons per year. Sadler told council Monday night usage would be at least 155 million gallons. Also, the City of Tye will now have its own contract with Abilene. Merkel will still deliver water to Tye through its pipeline. The city will also have to negotiate a new contract with the Blair Water Supply. In other action, council agreed to lease land near Merkel's United Girls Softball park to Southwestern Bell for an operations facility. Bell is running a new, fiber-optic line in the area soon. That line will be dug on the railroad right of way. Bell paid the city \$1,000 for the location of the building. Council also discussed the new state program that will fund refurbishment of about 30 local homes. Sadler told council he hoped to have rules and regula-

tion for the new program by the December 8th council meeting. The state is currently writing the contract. Merkel Police Chief Bob Jones also presented his monthly police report. The Merkel Police Department worked 55 cases in October. Those cases included two attempted burglaries, eight traffic accidents, three thefts and a case each of minor in possession and burglary. Also, three cases of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, a case of criminal mischief, four assaults and a case of burglary of a motor vehicle. Police issued 19 citations, made six arrests (three for driving while intoxicated and three for public intoxication), made one arrest for disorderly conduct, answered four dog calls and made one arrest for fleeing to elude. Merkel's patrolmen are Mike Pippine and Steve McNalley.

Trent rolls into playoffs with 57-16 win, plays Friday

Last Friday night, the Trent Gorillas demolished the Highland Hornets after a slow start in the 1st half. Trent scored first, but Highland came right back with a touchdown, making the score 8-0. Both teams scored again, with Highland making their extra points and Trent failing to, making the score 16 to 14 in favor of the Hornets. Highland would not put any more points on the board the remainder of the night though, while Trent would add 12 more by half and 32 in the second half, finishing play with the final score 57-16. Senior running back and middle line backer Chris Simpson, led the Gorillas both on offense and defense by passing for two T.D.'s

running for another, and making 24 combined assisted and unassisted tackles. Senior center Sam Jones pulled in a pass from Sophomore Lewis Knapp for a T.D. with Lee Hunt kicking the extra points. Junior tight end Brian Massey had an excellent night receiving, catching 3 passes for 89 yards and 2 T.D.s and passed for another. Freshman Keith Oden finished out the scoring on a fifteen yard run. Freshman Chris Jones caught a pass from Hunt for an extra point. Defensively, sophomore safety Jason Massey had 18 tackles and a fumble recovery and Mike Payne had 10 tackles and one interception. Trent celebrated the win not

only because of the fact that it was the first time in 6 years that Trent had beaten Highland, but it also left Trent in a tie with Ira for second place in district behind Jayton. Trent beat Ira on penetrations allowing Trent to advance to the zone playoffs. Head Coach John Grimland said that he was extremely pleased with the win over Highland but the road in the playoffs would be a steep one. Coach Grimland expressed his concern with Wellman in that they were very quick and passed the ball as well as they ran it. Trent will take on the Wildcats of Wellman at Grady this Friday at 7:30 p.m. Admission will be \$3.00 for adults, \$1.00 for students.

Christmas fair here is Nov. 22 & 23

The second annual Merkel Chamber of Commerce Christmas fair will be held Nov. 22 and 23rd at the gym of the First United Methodist Church. The hours for the fair are from 10 am until 6 p.m. Saturday and 1-5 pm Sunday. Chamber manager Marilyn Tittle told *The Mail* Tuesday "We might have about ten booth spaces

still available." Booths are \$15 for members of the Chamber and \$25 for non-members. Booth spaces are BX8 and reservation can be made by calling 928-5722. Santa Claus will be available for photographs in time for Christmas presents. Concessions with volunteers from Beta Sigma Phi sororities will also be available.

The Chamber will also begin selling donation tickets for a chance to win a football autographed by the Dallas Cowboys. The Chamber has arranged for Ray Stone to be the speaker this year. Items for sale at the fair include arts and crafts, silver items, seasonal clothes and "holiday stuff."

A winning season, Gorillas still playing, Christmas fair . . . more

by Cloy A. Richards

I told Merkel Badger coach Dick Lepard Tuesday I was seriously looking for someone to shoot photos of Merkel Badger football games back in August. After eight seasons of watching the Badgers lose more games than they won, I was getting a little tired of it. Somehow, it seems easier to "get up" for the games on Friday now, and I think it will be for the next few years. Coach Lepard, his staff and players turned the corner this year and look to be in a position to have a better year next year. Sure, we lose some players to graduation but we have a strong nucleus coming back. Yessir, I did live to see the Badgers have a winning season and hopefully, will see more of it next year. Great year guys. The Trent Gorillas are back in the playoffs this year and will play

Wellman at Grady Friday at 7 p.m. John Grimland's team beat Highland for the first time in six years and had earlier tied Ira in the season. Trent advanced to the playoffs due to a lead in penetrations in the Ira game. Congratulations are in order for Trent and we hope they play football another month. More football. Thanks to the Baylor Bears for their win over Arkansas last week and now the Aggies must only win two of the next three games to be in Dallas January 1 at the Cotton Bowl. Those Red Raiders keep winning and they may find themselves in a bowl game somewhere. The Merkel Chamber of Commerce's second annual Christmas Fair will be held next weekend at Merkel's First United Methodist Church gym. Chamber manager Marilyn

Tittle told me Tuesday there are only about ten booths that have not been reserved. The events gets underway Saturday at 10 a.m. Nov. 22. Things should run more smoothly around here because my wife Melanie is back at *The Mail* full time. She has been working in Abilene for the past two years and believe me, it is great to have her back. The all-district team will be selected next week and don't be surprised if you see a few Badgers on that team. Seniors Tim Harris, Chris Reyna and Doug Taylor should receive more patches for their letterjackets, Kenneth Jowers was the best punter in the district and Ramon Moreno made life miserable for some of the opposition this season. We'll have more on that when the district teams complete their part of the playoffs.

Badgers end season 6-4

The Merkel Badgers ended their best football season in at least nine years last Friday with a 26-0 win over the Coahoma Bulldogs. Ramon Moreno, the Badgers leading scorer this season, caught a td pass, returned a punt for a touchdown and had a running touchdown to lead the way. Senior end Justin Amerine also caught a pass for a touchdown to round out Merkel's scoring. It wasn't a cake walk for the Badgers as twice Coahoma had the ball first and goal at the Badger five but were held. Two linebackers, Cory Hines and Danny Santee both were injured during the contest but Lepard said Kevin Wright did an excellent job off the bench. (Hines' injury was not serious and Santee had surgery Wednesday on his knee). Defensively, Douglas Taylor and Shayne Newberry rated best on game films. Senior tackle Chris Reyna caused a fumble and senior noseguard Jay Williams recovered a fumble late in the game. Brad Pierson also had a big defensive play late in the game that saved a touchdown and preserved the Badgers first shut out of the season. Summing up the season, Lepard said "I think we gained some respect this year. If someone had offered me a 6-4 record at the

start of the year, we might have taken it. Our goal was 7-3." Lepard added "This was the type of season where the Seniors can look back and say we had a good year and the younger players can have a lot to look forward to. We had some big wins and we have a lot of skilled people back next year." Next year starts this week as the 47 Badgers in football off season will be weighed and measured, set their maximums on weights, and then get started weight-lifting and working on agility and quickness. Lepard said "I kind of went through withdrawals Monday with no workouts and felt kind of lonesome." Lepard will be kept busy during basketball season as the Badgers will host 70 basketball games in the different levels. Lepard said he wanted to thank Finley Barnett and Virgil Jones for filming the games this season, Max Murrel Chevrolet for the use of a pick-up to haul equipment and to Billy and Sara Lucas for preparing breakfast for the players on game days. There are so many people to mention. We have had a lot of people help us during the year." About next year, Lepard said "My biggest concern will be our depth at running back and

defensive secondary positions. We will be running the same offense and defense next year and will play the same schedule. Lepard is a big believer in off-season training. He says football is easy compared to the off-season. He said "I feel like we are an above average football team and this year will be something to grow on. We (the coaches) surely aren't content and I don't think the kids are." The Badgers ended their season at 6-4 and tied for 3rd in the district with a 4-3 record. The Badgers played four teams this year that will be in the playoffs including Sweetwater, Anson, Clyde and Ballinger. Although the Badgers will be lining up in the same offense and defense next season, they will not look the same. Lepard has already ordered new game uniforms for next season and they will mark the return of purple and gold to the players. The only white will be an outline around the numerals. He said "I guess I made a mistake when we came in and tried to change some things too much. I'd like to change the water tower too. Something like regional champs would look good." In purple and gold, you never know...

Tax rebates down

Tax rebate percentages in Tye lead the local sales tax rebates according to a news release from the State Comptroller's Office.

Trent's rebates are 37.59 percent ahead of those last year, according to the release. Trent's latest check of \$746,53 pushed their annual total to \$3,282,52, compared to \$2,385,79 through the same period last year.

Merkel's rebates took a drastic drop last month and are now running .06 percent behind those in 1985. Merkel's latest check of

\$6,259.13 was almost \$3,000 less than last October's check, accounting for the decline in the rebate rate.

Tye is still running 45 percent behind last year's payments. Tye has received \$57,907.39 through October, compared to the \$105,437 in payments received last year at this time.

November checks represent taxes collected on sales made in September and reported to the State Comptroller by Oct. 20th.

Overall this year, rebates statewide are down 1.7 percent.

Lord's Acre sale set

The Pioneer Memorial United Methodist Church, Kerry Patton, Pastor, will have the 36th Annual Lords Acre Sale, November 22, 1986.

A.D. Scott, chairman, said the program will start with supper at

6 p.m. The auction will follow. Don Dudley, commissioner, is the auctioneer.

Items for sale will include the friendship quilt, crafts, cakes, and candies, among the many other donations.

Harvest Acre's auction set in Trent Saturday

You'll want to look over the items early this Saturday, November 15th at the Church grounds in Trent. The items included for bids so far are guns and gun cabinets, quilts, coin collections, homemade items, pies and cakes, and even a hog-on-the-hoof, to name a few.

Pastor Norman Oden stated "we have a lot of nice things to auction this year, folks really need to come on out early and look everything over before the bidding starts." They will provide seating and concessions, the food booth

will be open near 10:00 and they will have lunch to serve also. Pies and cakes from the concessions will be sold at the end of the day.

The auction begins at 2:00, and all proceeds will be contributed towards the building of a new church for the "Harvest Temple Congregation". Rev. Oden, his wife, Effie, and their children live in Trent and are active and supportive in our community.

The location for the event is 1 mile west on the north service road, off Interstate 20, out of Trent, exit 262.

Preceptor Eta Omega holds meeting

Preceptor Eta Omega, Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, met Tuesday November 4 at the REA Bldg.

Guest and members enjoyed the Holiday program presented by guest speaker, Linda Caton, of WTU. It included decorating ideas, packing foods for gift giving and other holiday features, that carried out the Texas Sesquicentennial theme.

Kathy Leverich presided at the short business meeting afterwards.

Refreshments were served to guests and following members: Jane Carson, Bettye Conley, Liz Eager, Blanche Hewitt, Kathy Leverich, Opal Garner, Y Sadler, Betty Lu Satterwhite, Mamie Steck, Ruth Tipton and Connie Ybarra.



Senior lineman Chris Reyna forced a Coahoma fumble with this tackle last week. Reyna and

Justin Amerine [86] were two of nine seniors to play in their last game last week.

Staff photo

Trent community club meets

The November meeting of the Trent Community Club hosted approximately 85 people, at the high school cafeteria. County Commissioner Don Dudley and his wife, Pat, were special guests. Commissioner Dudley announced to the citizens a concern over the upcoming public vote regarding a 1/2 cent boost in sales taxes. This possible incoming revenue increase would subsequently be used as a means to decrease property taxes. However, the Commissioner stated that the terms and particulars had not officially been released to his office, and cautioned humorously that, "sometimes what the large

print giveth, the small print taketh away". He prompted the people to keep abreast of the situation as details were released through local newspapers and news cast. Dudley is also serving on the "Advisory Board of the Texas Forestry Service", through which he has been instrumental in the procurement of used equipment to benefit the local volunteer fire department.

Each monthly meeting, the club holds a special gift drawing for the ladies of our community who attend and register. This month, the two winners were Thelma Strawn and Robbie Shugart, both women won frozen smoked turkeys for the holidays.

Gross' have new daughter

John and Sharen Gross of Maternal grandparents are Le-Merkel, announce the birth of roy and Hariett Austermann of their daughter, Melissa Janel. Merkel. Paternal grandparents She was born Oct. 19 at 7:14 a.m. She weighed 8 pounds, five ounces and was 21 inches long. She has a brother, Cody.



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Stocker cattle tips given

Stocker cattle operators will soon be buying calves to put on winter pasture, and the type of animals they buy will go a long way in determining whether or not they will reap a profit.

"The stocker operator must buy cattle that will grow fast, be efficient in feed conversion, and sell for top dollar," points out Dr. Larry Boleman, beef cattle specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Since the calves from his operation will be going to feedlots next spring, the stocker operator must also consider the value of these animals to the feeder, adds Boleman. The cattle feeder is interested in rate of gain in the feedlot carcass cutability or yield, and carcass quality.

"Stocker operators that have the potential for performing efficiently in the feedlot and producing a Choice

carcass in the 1 to 2 yield grade class will demand a top price," says Boleman. "Buyers will often pay \$3 to \$5 more per hundred-weight for calves with that kind of potential compared to those that might only produce a Good grade carcass with yield grade of 4 or 5."

This means that stocker and feeder cattle buyers must use their knowledge and experience to determine which calves will ultimately excel in feed efficiency, average daily gain, and quality and cutability grades. Visual evaluation of frame size, muscling and breed characteristics help determine the economic outcome of the calf, says the beef cattle specialist.

"Frame size refers to the animal's skeletal size, its height and body length, in relation to its age," explains Boleman. "These evaluations in feeder calves are

directly related to differences in mature sizes of cattle and therefore have an important bearing on the animal's performance in the feedlot." Frame size specifications are large, medium and small.

According to the specialist, muscling in feeder cattle refers to the development of the muscle system in relation to skeletal size. Feeders of the same age and frame size vary in thickness due to differences in bone structure, muscling and degree of fatness.

"Animals with a greater muscle thickness will normally produce a higher yield carcass than an animal of the same frame size that is narrow throughout," says Boleman. Muscle thickness is classified as to three levels—No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3—with No. 1 being tops.

District garden club meeting held

The District VIII Garden Club of Texas held its annual fall meeting on November 8th in Stamford, Texas. Hosting Garden Clubs were Haskell, Hamlin, Rule and Stamford.

Stamford Mayor, R.C. Prichard, welcomed the group at the general assembly held in the VIP Building. Betty Sayre presided over the business meeting and Mrs. E.A. Sparks presented a film showing the growth and development of the State Headquarters in Ft. Worth. The building and grounds of the headquarters have become a Ft. Worth landmark as well as a source of pride to Texas Garden Clubbers.

A buffet lunch was served to 109 members and three guests, representing 20 area clubs. Following the luncheon, a demonstration of floral arrangements was given by Mrs. Zeno Hemphill of Coleman, Mrs. Charles Speck of McCamey and Mrs. J.T. Holley of San Angelo.

Attending from Merkel were: Alice King, Olga Peachy, Leota Patterson, Peggy Black, Muri Thompson, Leota Sherrill and Becky Rogers.

The November meeting of the Merkel Garden Club has been rescheduled, due to illness, and will be held at the home of Leota Patterson, 801 Oak Street, on November 20th.



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Crystal River Boys at Trent Baptist

The First Baptist Church in Trent would like to invite everyone to attend their Sunday night service this November 16th, to listen to the "Crystal River Boys"

perform live. The group sings quartet style music as well as personal testimony of inspiration and encouragement. The Sunday night service will begin at 6:00 and everyone is welcome.

Howel's hold reunion here

The Howell Reunion was held in the Senior Citizens Building, October 11th and 12th. Those attending were the four brothers and four sisters, Tillman and Rowena Howell, Austin, Bob and Sallie Howell, Fort Worth, Bud and Madge Howell, Austin, John Howell, El Paso, Rachel Phillips, San Angelo, Laura White, Abilene, Burma Smith, Plainview, Mary Jo Owen, Abilene.

Others attending were: Ivy Lou Harper, San Angelo, LaVerlie

Simpson, Catulla, Babe Clayton, Pat Clayton Woods, Abilene, Lillian and Curt Rippy, Lillie, Charley, Denise and Mark Edwards, Austin, Ben, LaRee, Kelly and Jenny Morgan, Austin, Paula Jenkins, Dallas, Bobby, Pat, and Cliff Owen, Merkel, Eddy, Lisa and Megan Harris, Merkel, Eddie and Jackie Caulder, Abilene, Terry Owen, Abilene, Janey Shaw Sammie, Rick and Corey Killian, Abilene, Mark, Jeanne and Chelsie Shaw, Abilene, Glenda and

Jerrell Butman, Merkel, Clara Cummings, Pat Cummings, Bessie Mae Barbour, Ft. Worth, Melba Randolph, Arlington, Jack and Clarice Bowers, Ft. Worth, Bill and Jodie Bowers, Colorado City, Rilla Mahoney, Abilene, Dave and Ruth Howell, Pine Top, Arizona, Meta Anderson, Dottie Brooks, Peggy Arrowood, D.A. Hutchenson, Abilene, Ed and Yvonne Wheeler, Albany, Era Hamner, Trent, John Boyd, Merkel.

New business opens in Trent

Rows of bright red Chili Ristos up to 4 ft. long, hunt festively about the premises. A huge aromatic bowl of red and green

mountain grown freshly harvested apples sat in the kitchen, bags of blue heaven, blue corn products from blue cornbread mix to blue pop corn and nacho chips lined an

old cupboard's shelves, via baskets and painting sat about the four rooms in just the right places. These are just a few of the many unique selections to be found at "La Casita de la Paloma", or "The House of the Dove".

Mary Boyd, who is a long time resident of the Trent area, is the proprietor of the new establishment, located on Third and Main Streets in Trent. The warm southwestern flavor, is a very pleasant and enjoyable atmosphere. Hours will be Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. til 5 p.m. and also open by appointment. Be sure to notice the dessert yucca and red chili pepper wreaths for the holidays.

Services held here for S. P. Curb

Samuel Perry Curb, born at Merkel on September 18, 1903, died in Clarksville, Arkansas, on November 3rd. He was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery on November 5, with Starbuck Funeral Home of Merkel officiating.

Mr. Curb, known as "Hump" by his many friends in Merkel, was the son of Chapman Spencer Curb and Cora Elizabeth Martin. His parents and grandparents were West Texas pioneers. His grandfather, Jesse Reuben Curb, came to this area before the railroad, when Merkel and Abilene did not yet exist.

Trayweek's services held here

Vickie Lynn Traweek, 27, of Merkel, died Sunday November 2 at Hendrick's Hospital. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. David Strange officiating. Services were under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

She was born in Albany and had lived here most of her life. She was a graduate of Merkel High School. She was a homemaker and a member of the Calvary Baptist Church and the Stith Women's Home Extension Club.

She is survived by her husband, David Traweek of Merkel; a son, Daymond Traweek of Merkel; a daughter, Amy Traweek, of Merkel; her parents, Bill and Betty Hegwood of Tye; her grandparents, Mozella Cooper of Rotan and Barney Hegwood of Sayre, Okla.; great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Pender Brush of Albany; two brothers, William Miles Hegwood Jr. and Donald Clayton Hegwood, both of Abilene.

Trent lunch menu

The Trent School menu is as follows:

Monday November 17: Breakfast: cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: potatoes, ham, fried squash, jello cake, rolls, milk or tea.

Tuesday November 18: Breakfast: cinnamon toast, juice, milk. Lunch: mexican fiesta, salad, cinnamon rolls, rolls, milk or tea.

Wednesday November 19: Breakfast: donuts, juice, milk. Lunch: bar-b-q brisket, pinto beans, potato salad, apple crisp, rolls, milk or tea.

Thursday November 20: Breakfast: oatmeal, juice, milk. Lunch: tacos, spanish rice, pineapple chunks, cookies, milk or tea.

Friday November 21: Breakfast: cinnamon rolls, juice, milk. Lunch: turkey, dressing, giblet

S.P. Curb was married to Neta Spears Curb, the daughter of T.H. and Zumer Spears of the Blair Community, in 1939.

He is survived by his wife, one son, Charles S. Curb of Clarksville, Arkansas; a granddaughter, Elizabeth A. Curb, of Winter Park, Florida; and one brother, L.C. Curb of Pecos, Texas.

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§ Badger quarterback Kenneth Jowers [10] tries to pull free from a Coahoma defender in last

week's 26-0 win in the last game of the season. Jowers tossed two touchdown passes in the game. Staff photo

8th grade downs Coahoma 20-6

The 8th grade Merkel Badgers finished their year on a positive note by beating Coahoma's combined 7th and 8th grade teams 20-6 last Thursday.

Sean Leamon once again led the effort scoring two touchdowns and completing a two point conversion pass to Kenny Nault. John Boswell also scored once for the Badgers to put the game out of reach.

It's been stressed to us that the emphasis in Middle School should be on participation and fundamentals rather than winning but our 8th graders were determined to defeat a big Coahoma team that had only lost one other game all year. We've stressed developing a good attitude and character with these young men and it paid dividends against Coahoma. We were leading just 6-0 at the half but chose to onside kick at the start of the 2nd half to give our kids every opportunity to take the

game to them. Sean executed the kick perfectly and Shane Fuller recovered. The subsequent drive resulted in a TD and took the game from the Bulldogs. We were proud of the way our kids kept their composure when frustrated

Coahoma players were losing theirs. We dedicated the game to David Benson, a teammate undergoing chemotherapy in Houston for Leukemia and plan to send him the signed game ball and videotape.



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Junior High basketball schedule

The Merkel 7th and 8th grade basketball schedule is as follows: Nov. 17 Wylie B-here, G-there, 5:00 7 & 8, B&G; Nov. 24, Sweetwater B-here, G-there, 5:00, 7&8, B&G; Dec. 1 Open; Dec. 4, 5, 6 Wylie 7th Tournament, 7 B&G; Dec. 8 Clyde B-here, G-there, 5:00, 7&8, B&G; Dec. 15 Sweetwater B-there, G-here 5:00 7&8 B&G;

Jan. 5 Wylie B-there, G-here 5:00 7&8 B&G; Jan. 8, 9, 10 Wylie 8th Tournament 8 B&G; Jan. 15 A.C.M.S. there 4:00 7&8 B&G; Jan. 19 Clyde B-there G-here 5:00 7&8 B&G; Jan. 26 Breckenridge B-here, G-there 5:00 7&8 B&G; Jan. 29, 30, 31 Merkel 7th & 8th Tournament 7&8 B&G; Feb. 2 Open; Feb. 9 Breckenridge B-there, G-here 5:00 7&8 B&G.

7th grade downs Baird 26-20

The 7th Grade Girls Basketball Team finished their pre-season games with a 2-0 record after defeating Baird Monday night 26-20.

High point scorer for the Badgers was Becca Dunagin with 8 points. Other scorers were Kriste A. Smith 6 points, Coty Vaughn 4 points, Son Hui Chon 2 points, Michelle Ingram 2 points, Kristi G. Smith 2 points, and

Becky Donaldson 2 points.

Other contributors to the team were Dayna Doan, Hope Ward, Lori Thompson, Sheila Bynum, Kim Tucker, Shayla Miller, Jan Taylor, Tanya Beasley, Julie Harding, Amy Gilmore, Shelli Alston, Jennifer Hobbs and Donna Denman.

The girls will begin regular season play next Monday night in Wylie at 5:00.

8th grade downs Baird 31-18

The 8th Grade Girls Basketball Team beat Baird 31-18 in a scrimmage Monday night. Leading the scoring was Betsy Hellums with 8 points, followed by Tammi Pierson with 6, Jayma Goldsmith with 4, Brandy Fenton, Melanie Tankersley, Phuong Thao Tran, Ava Bohannan, Jamie Beasley, and Melissa Cuellar each with 2 points, and Tonya Moreno with 1

point. The leading rebounder was Cristi Moore with 5 rebounds, followed by Lori Stockard with 3.

Other girls contributing to the team were Angie Leverich, Tracie Thomas, April Griffith, Angela Bouldin, Amy Welborn and Angie Welborn.

The Lady Badgers will begin their regular season schedule, Monday night, November 17. They will play in Wylie at 5:00.

Merkel school lunch menu

The Merkel school menu is as follows

Monday November 17: burritos with cheese stick, spanish rice, lettuce and tomato, cherry cobbler.

Tuesday November 18: beef stew, lettuce wedge, corn bread, pineapple chunks.

Wednesday November 19: chicken fried steak with cream gravy, broccoli with cheese, whipped potatoes, hot rolls, whipped jello.

Thursday November 20: tacos, pinto beans, apricot halves.

Friday November 21: hot dogs

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You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10:00 A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of service of this citation, same being the 1st day of December, 1986, to Plaintiff's Original Petition filed in said Court on the 15th day of October, 1986, in this cause, Number 40,090-A on the docket of said Court, styled SUN EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION COMPANY, INC., Individually and as Managing General Partner for Sun Operating LTD. Partnership, Plaintiff vs. Henry McNutt, et al, Defendants. The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: Sun Exploration & Production Company, Inc., Individually and as Managing General Partner for Sun operating LTD. Partnership, Plaintiff and Henry McNutt, J. E. Cudney, Charles H. Boggett, David James, and each of said Defendants' unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, personal representatives, beneficiaries, successors and or assigns, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: A suit for the appointment of a Receiver under the provisions of V.T.C.A. Sec. 64.091 for a Receiver to be appointed to execute an oil, gas and mineral lease on such interest of the Defendants in the following described land situated in Taylor County, Texas, and to consent and to ratify any unitization agreement or agreements respecting same which may now or hereafter be approved by the Texas Railroad Commission, in and for such consideration as the Court may find fair and equitable and that such lease be executed by the receiver, upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Court, to-wit: Properties: Shelton

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By Gaston Walborn Jr. Attorney for the Estate 189-1tc

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186-4tc-126

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