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Our 98th year



Local winners from the Soil & Water Conservation essay contest are [from left] Neil Newman-1st place, 8th grade; Angela Boggs - 2nd place, 11th grade; Ginger Neil - 1st place 10th grade; Millie Sorrels - 4th place 10th grade and Billy Ray Riley, 1st place 12th grade.

Staff photo



Local poster winners from the Soil & Water Conservation District's contest in the 6th grade were [from left front row] Orville Pirraggia 1st, Mendy Law 2nd Cody Tittle 3rd [back row from left] Kim Isaacs 4th, Mark Wright Honorable Mention and Howard Palmer Honorable Mention. Their sponsor is Teresa Lambeth.



These are the winners in the Soil & Water Conservation essay contest for 7th grade students here. Winners are [from left] Ricky Riley, 1st, Cheryl Lynn Wood 2nd Lori Best 3rd and Lillian Leach 4th [back row from left] Honorable mentions Dennis Wedd, Jennifer Hobbs, Sharon Mack and Kim Tucker. The group's sponsor is Karen Riley.

Staff photo

City deadline, soccer, girls, students, Lions . . .

by Cloy A. Richards

Feb. 18th is the last day for candidates to apply for a spot on the ballot in the Merkel, Trent and Tye city elections.

Historically, these races have had trouble getting people to run for office and we will have a story on who's running for what in city races next week.

On the school board side, a lot of interest has been shown for the Merkel school board. Deadline for filing for a spot on the ballot in the school race is March 4th.

This may be a little late, but if you have a child that was born in 1977 or 1978 and they are interested in playing soccer, they may sign up this afternoon at the Elementary school playground, right after school. For more information, call me at 928-5712 or 928-4072.

The Merkel girls basketball team has a real shot at the post season playoffs.

The girls were tied for the 2nd

half lead going into this week's play. The girls traveled to Sonora Tuesday night (details were not available at deadline) and with a win, they will play for the out-right 2nd half championship at Wylie Friday.

Believe me, there's no team they'd rather beat to win the 2nd half title and it will be played in Wylie.

Barring losses by Clyde, Ballinger and Wylie, the boys won't be in the playoffs, but, anything could happen.

A couple of names were omitted from the Merkel Elementary school honor roll, published last week. First grade students Scooter Carmack and James Deitz were left off the A-B honor roll.

The local Lions Club was very active last year, making financial contributions to local and area groups.

The Lions provided 25 sets of eye glasses for local school students. The program cooperates with school officials and provides

corrective eye glasses to students whose parents are financially disadvantaged.

The Lions paid utility bills for the local Cub Scout facility and made two \$2,500 donations to the Hendrick League House, a place where people may stay close to hospital patients at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

The group also made donations to the local livestock show, the Blood Bank and other area charities.

Don't forget about the annual membership meeting and banquet of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce.

Ray Stone, the voice of the Dallas Cowboys football report will be the guest speaker. Tickets for the event are \$5 each. Also, the chamber is selling donation tickets for a chance to win a football autographed by some of the Cowboys. The ball is on display at Hicks Auto Parts here.

State funded home refurbishing program will begin next week

The City of Merkel will start work soon on a state program that will fund the refurbishment of up to 26 homes here.

The program, administered by the Texas Department of Community Affairs, was formally approved recently and approval of the environmental impact statement is expected Feb. 17th.

The city already has 12 applications in hand and city manager J. A. Sadler said interested parties should contact City Hall for more information. Sadler made those announcements at the regular

session of the Merkel City Council Monday night. The meeting was held at the Merkel Emergency Medical Service building.

Sadler also gave a report to council members concerning Saturday's food distribution here. More than 500 people received the USDA purchased food commodities and another 16 people signed up for the April 4th distribution.

Sadler told council members the distribution went well.

Merkel Police Chief Bob Jones delivered his department's month-

ly report. In January, Merkel police worked a total of 55 cases. They included three traffic accidents, a case each of driving while intoxicated and minor in possession, investigated four thefts, one forgery and two cases of criminal mischief.

Police also worked a case each of burglary of a motor vehicle, burglary, disorderly conduct and possession of drug paraphenalia.

Police issued 31 traffic citations, made four arrests and answered four dog calls.

Lady Badgers need win over Wylie Friday for 2nd half title

by Cloy A. Richards

The Merkel Lady Badgers will be playing for at least a tie, if not the outright championship of the second half of district play in Wylie Friday.

The girls are 4-0 in the second half of play and played Sonora Tuesday and will travel to Wylie for the final district contest.

In last week's action, the girls downed Clyde 48-35 Tuesday in Clyde. Sheri Riney led the way with 14, Teresa Lucas added 13 and Amber Whisenhant had 6.

The girls then downed Colorado City here Friday night 67-30.

Stacey Newberry led with 26 as Lucas added 10, Riney and Michelle Dudley each had 8.

Girls coach Bobby Pierson told **The Mail** Tuesday "We are playing the best basketball we have played all year. We will be playing for a tie or a shot at the 2nd half title Friday."

In JV action last week, the Lady Badgers were downed twice. They lost to Clyde 34-32 as Bridgett Vaughn led with 15 and Anissa Jones had 10. They lost a 45-31 decision Friday here to Colorado City. Jones led with 12 while **Glynn Ann Rutledge and Melinda**

Baker each had 6.

The boys split a pair of games last week, losing to Clyde and then blowing out Colorado City.

In the Clyde game, the Badgers were downed 64-53. Ted Seymore led with 14, followed by Ramon Moreno's 13 and Lynn Hays' 11.

The boys then played host to C-City and had no trouble with the Wolves, winning 93-57. Moreno led with 21, Kenneth Jowers had 19, Seymore 17, Lance Jones 13 and Hays 11. Seymore had 17 rebounds in that contest. The boys are 18-8 on the year and 2-1 in the second half of district play.

Two more file in local races

There are a couple of new names in local elections as the filing deadline for city elections is Feb. 18th.

In the City of Merkel race, incumbent mayor Kent Satterwhite has filed for reelection. As of Tuesday, he was unopposed.

Two men have filed for two council seats and neither is an incumbent. They are J. T. Naron and Juan Ybarra.

The city of Trent now has two candidates for council. Trent will elect two council members at large. James Wallis and Dale Rutherford had filed for a spot on that ballot. Trent will also elect a mayor and no one had filed for position, according to City Secretary Shannon Payne.

In the MISD school board race, candidates so far include: Place 5, Gary Smith, Place 6 Earl Laird,

Danny Malone and D. A. Bishop; Place 7 candidates include David Seymore, Edgar Graham, Vern Sutterfield Jr. and Earnest Reynolds.

The Trent school board race has five candidates running for two positions. They include incumbents Randy Hunt and Owen O'Kelly, and challengers Rex Bland, W. L. Massey and W. E. Dulaney.

Exchange Club will finger-print local kids

The Exchange Club of Merkel is sponsoring **Operation Fingerprint** in cooperation with the National Exchange Club's National Crime Prevention Week Feb. 8-14. The club will be fingerprinting any age person Saturday from 9 a.m. until Noon at the Merkel Fire Station at North 2nd & Lamar streets.

Parents will need to accompany their children to be finger printed.

There is no charge for this service.

The Exchange Club of Merkel can help parents be prepared to help police in the event their child is ever numbered among the missing. That's the object of Exchange sponsored Child Identification-Fingerprinting projects to provide parents with a ready record of their child's identification characteristics to give

police if and when their child fails to return home.

In that way, police are better able to disseminate accurate descriptions of the missing child as well as make positive identification when the youngster is located.

If you have any questions, call Benny Williams at work (Star-buck Funeral Home) 928-4711 or at home 928-4410.

Cotton ginning slowed by recent rains

The local cotton gins reported slow going again because of continuing damp weather.

At the Merkel Co-Op Gin, 3,600 bales have been processed and not much more cotton is expected to

be harvested locally. Cotton that is still in the fields is just about totally in low lying areas which have been too muddy to work for the past two months.

Over at Trent Gin, 2,900 bales have been processed and they reported 61 wet trailers on the yard drying. They were ginning modules Tuesday.

Garden Club celebrates 40th year

The Merkel Garden Club will be hosting a tea commemorating the 40th anniversary of its national and state affiliation Feb. 19 at 3

p.m. The event will be held at the home of Becky Rogers, president, 302 Oak Street here.

A cordial invitation is extended to all former Merkel Garden Club members and to all area garden clubbers.

Trent essay-poster winners named

The following are winners in the Soil and Water Conservation Contest held in Trent School: The 1st place winners from each grade will be sent to Abilene to be judged against the other district 1st place winners.

Kindergarten: 1st-Mindy Ray, 2nd-Kevin Sanford, 3rd-Aaron Dulaney, 4th-John Eaves. 1st Grade: 1st-Crystal Hambrick, 2nd-Jared Cabral, 3rd-Tracy Jennings, 4th-T. J. Roberts. 2nd Grade: 1st-Derek Galvin, 2nd-Vanessa Benites, 3rd-Amy Barnes, 4th-D.J. Bland.

3rd Grade: 1st-Terri Brazelton, 2nd-Jaime Ray, 3rd-Allison Davis, 4th-Chad Sipe. 4th Grade: 1st-Quincy

Niell, 2nd-David Boles, 3rd-Crystal Hunt, 4th-Brian Jones. 5th Grade: 1st-Mark Payne, 2nd-David Sanford, 3rd-Jason Rea, 4th-Jamie Alexander. 6th Grade: 1st-Britt Sipe, 2nd-Jennifer Cabral, 3rd-Tricia Ussery, 4th-Toby Estes.

First place winners in the Soil

and Water Conservation Essay Contest for grades 7-12 are: 7th-Rafael Tarin, 8th-Travis Walker, 9th-Lee Hunt, 10th-Billy Clark 11th-Brian Massey, 12th-Sam Jones. These winners will be judged against other district winners.

23 on 'A-Team' in Trent

Students at Trent are participating in a motivational program to promote academic improvement. Any student from K-12 with all A's on each 6-weeks period of the semester will receive a bright

yellow T-shirt such as the one pictured, honoring them as A students. The first semester from a total of 193 students, 23 students received "A-Team" shirts.

Trent girls complete basketball season

The Trent High School and Junior High Girls Basketball teams finished their 1986-87 season this past week.

The High School girls' district record is 2-4 which placed them 3rd in the district. District 22-A is made up of Roscoe, Highland, Blackwell and Trent.

The Junior High Girls' team had an outstanding year and placed 1st in district their second year in a row! They have been the undefeated district champions for two consecutive years! Their record for the season was 12-3 and 4-0 in district play. The team consists of 5 eighth graders, 5-seventh graders and 3- sixth graders.



Sandy Collier, [Tammy Collier not pictured] Lisa Penton, Ginger Massey, Julie Clay, Janet Marshall, Coach Robbie Shugart. Sitting on Shoulders-Jennifer Cabral, Patricia Clark, Trica Ussery [not pictured Amy Callas].

Mayor proclaims Veterans Week

City of Merkel
Office of the Mayor
PROCLAMATION

Whereas, many veterans of America's Armed Forces, who have served their country in war and peace, are now hospitalized and separated from families and friends. Let us not forget the sacrifice of these veterans who fought with full measure of their

Lambda Beta planning
Miss-Mr pageant

Beverly Helmer hosted the Feb. 3rd meeting of Lambda Beta.

The meeting was called to order by club president Virginia Pirraglia. Several items of business were discussed with the main topic being the upcoming Miss Merkel and Little Mr. Merkel beauty pageant in April.

Plans were also made to honor our Valentine Sweetheart, Robin Robinson with a dinner Feb 6th.

Janet McKeehan presented the program on Women in History. In attendance were Kay Bishop, Robin Robinson, Pat Schuknecht, Jerrye Carey, Janet Rogers, Beverly Helmer, Janet McKeehan, Debbie Sandusky and Debbie Roberson.

valor and loyalty to protect our country.

I urge all citizens of Merkel to find appropriate ways to pay tribute to these men and women through community ceremonies, activities and visits to veterans hospitalized in VA medical centers, nursing homes and domiciliaries.

Our Nation is eternally grateful for the contributions our hospitalized veterans have made to the cause of world peace and it is fitting and appropriate to pay

special tribute and honor their sacrifices.

Therefore, I as Mayor of Merkel, do hereby designate the week of February 14, 1987 as Saulte to Hospitalized Veterans Week in the city of Merkel and urge appropriate recognition thereof.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and the seal of said city of Merkel, this the 10th day of February, 1987.

Kent Satterwhite
Mayor

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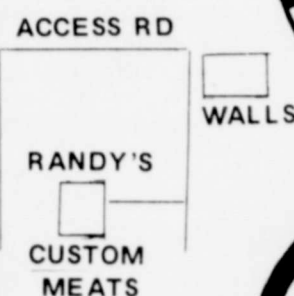
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Tye Chamber plans bass tournament

The Tye Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a bass tournament April 11 at Lake E V Spence.

The tournament will be held in

Trent's FBC will hold Valentine's party, banquet

The Trent First Baptist Church will be starting a busy week On Feb. 13th, a Valentines party will be held. The party is open to

conjunction with the Snyder Bass Club's tournament and fishermen may compete in both events.

More information is available by writing the Tye Chamber. Address your correspondence to Box 216, Tye.

students from Kindergarten- 5th grade Sunday School departments. At 7 p.m. that evening, a

love and appreciation banquet for the adults will be held. For more information, contact Paula Horton.

Merkel art group views, critiques paintings

The Merkel Art Association met Feb. 2nd at the Taylor Telephone building.

Bonnie English presided over the business meeting. Ruth Hogan read minutes of the last meeting

Whisenhunt's have son

Bradley Jeff Whisenhunt was born Feb. 5th at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Parents are Bart & Ann Whisenhunt of Merkel.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Benny Melton of Merkel. Maternal great-grandmother is Fannelle G. Boney, also of Merkel.

Paternal grandparents are Barbara and Walter Whisenhunt of Merkel. Paternal great-grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Cracker Bartlett of Merkel and great-great grandmother is Agnes Boyd, also of Merkel.

TISD lunch menu

Trent ISD School lunch menus for Feb. 16-20 follow:

Mon.-Breakfast- Juice, Cereal and Milk. Lunch-Chicken Fried Steak, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Jello Cake, Rolls, Tea & Milk.

Tues.-Breakfast- Juice, Biscuits and Sausage, Jelly and Milk. Lunch-Salmon Patties, Macaroni & Cheese, Salad, Apple Crisp, Rolls, Tea & Milk.

Wed.-Breakfast-Juice, Oatmeal, toast & milk. Lunch-Roast Beef and Gravy, Pinto Beans, Spinach, Peach Cobbler, Rolls, Tea and Milk.

Thurs.-Breakfast-Juice, Cinnamon Rolls, and Milk. Lunch-Mexican Fiesta, Corn, Salad, Cinnamon Rolls, Crackers, Tea and Milk.

Friday-Breakfast-Juice, Donuts, and milk. Lunch-Hamburgers, Trimmings, Mixed Fruit, Cookies, Tea, and Milk.

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I would like to thank everyone for the beautiful things you have done for me. The cards, flowers, and visits have helped me through my stays at the hospital and now at Care Inn. Your thoughtfulness has been greatly appreciated.
Nina Bell Hughes

We wish to express our heart felt thanks to the Stanfords and Hunters for bringing food the night of our coming in from Oklahoma.

The love, support, and food and flowers by our neighbors was helpful to us all.

A very special thanks to Jerry and Gayle Williams who waited

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to express our sincere thanks to our friends, neighbors and patients who have sent flowers, cards and memorial gifts and comforted us during our recent sorrow due to the loss of my beloved brother. Your kindness, thoughtfulness and sympathy will always remain with us as a precious memory and will be greatly appreciated.

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with us until the family arrived. To the Class of '66, who helped so much by remembering some of the fun times they shared. To Jacque White Bibb who helped hold us together.

To the many friends who came from Oklahoma to say their own good byes, and to the many others who helped us through these terrible days. God Bless you all and to my sister who stayed by our side. Dick, Bessie and Ricky McAnelly.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE The 1986 annual report of the Campbell Foundation is available at Room 201, 1218 North Fourth Street, Abilene, Texas, for inspection by any citizen who so requests within 180 days after publication of this notice. The principal manager is T. C. Campbell.
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Wayne Merle Alter, Jr., Defendant, GREETING: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable County Court at Law of Taylor County at the Court-house thereof, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 28th day of January A.D. 1987, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 18 day of December A.D. 1986, in this cause, numbered 16,128 on the docket of said court and styled West Texas Utilities Company, Plaintiff, vs. Wayne Merle Alter, Jr., Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: on or about Dec. 4, 1985, Defendant struck and damaged a 1982 white Ford Utility F-350 truck, Texas license No. VA7731, in the 4200 Block, South 1st Street, at the 100 Block of South Pioneer, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, resulting in da-

ages to Plaintiff in the amount of \$7,203.04, for which amount Plaintiff here sues, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this 28th day of January A.D. 1987.

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Holmes named girl of the month Tax rebates down 10% in Clyde

Sheena Holmes has been named by the Clyde Women's Club as the Clyde Junior High girl of the month for January.

She is a 7th grade student at Clyde and is the daughter of Jerry & Rebecca Holmes of Hamby.

Among her activities, she is a member of the Junior Beta Club, plays basketball, is a member of the junior high band, student council member and is on the A-B honor roll.

She is a member of the Sacred Hearts Catholic Church in Abilene and is also a member of the junior CYO. She plays softball and has been named to the all-star team for the last four years. She is the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Billy Holmes and Mr. & Mrs. Sam Santee, both of Merkel.



Merkel's tax rebate check for February in the amount of \$8,347.62, although up from last month is still 10.75 percent less than the February payment of 1986.

Trent did receive a rebate of \$607.28 which is up 9.27 percent from this time last year and 100 percent better than that of last months.

Tye's rebate is down from last year by 9.50 percent at \$5,731.91.

State Comptroller Bob Bullock sent checks totaling \$125.1 million in local tax payments to the 1,038 cities that levy the one-percent local sales tax. Bullock said that payments to date were down 5

percent as compared to payments made in the same period last year.

State offers summer food program

The Summer Food Service Program for Children will be offered again this year by the Texas Department of Human Services.

The program provides meals to children from needy areas when schools are closed for vacation.

Organizations eligible to sponsor the food service program include public or non-profit private schools, residential summer camps, and local, municipal, or county governments.

Applications must be received by March 15, 1987.

For more information, interested organizations and food service management companies may contact Rebecca Everhard, Food Services Program 520-W, Texas Department of Human Services, P.O. Box 2960, Austin, Texas 78769, (512) 450-3379.

Ybarra is Preceptor Eta Omega sweetheart

Preceptor Eta Omega met Tuesday night at Embassy Suites on February 3rd to honor their chapter sweetheart.

Connie Ybarra was presented a tiara and valentine pin. She will also be honored at the Valentine Dance at the Abilene Civic Center.

Those enjoying the evening were: Jane Carson, Blanche Hewitt, Mamie Steck, Connie Ybarra, Kathy Leverich, Betty Satterwhite, Val Patterson, Opal Garner, Y Sadler and Ruth Tipton.

Wallis on dean's list

Kimberly Ann Wallis of Trent, a student attending Angelo State University in San Angelo, is listed on the Dean's Honor Roll for the Fall semester at the university.

Ms. Wallis, an Accounting major at ASU, is listed on the 3.00 to 3.49 honor roll.

Attorney general gives patent advice

Inventors beware! That invention development company that promises to help get your product patented may not be so helpful after all.

If you have an invention that you would like to get marketed, but don't know how, you may be looking for help from a promoter or development company. If the person or company asks for money up front, it is probably regulated by state law. The Invention Development Services Act governs all development companies that ask for money "up front" Except: 1. companies registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office 2. licensed attorneys, 3. legitimate non-profit corporations, 4 governmental agencies.

If you deal with a company governed by the act, that company must provide you with a written contract. The company may not ask you for payment before the fourth day after the contract is signed and delivered to the consumer. Either party may cancel the contract before payment is made.

Just as you shop around for the best plumber or the best auto mechanic, you should shop around for just the right person or company to help with your invention. Often it is wise to seek the advice of a patent attorney first. If the attorney believes your product is patentable, he or she will run a patentability search. Such a search is to determine whether someone else has already patented the same product. Although this may cost a lot of money in the long run, if someone has already patented the same or nearly the same product, you should not waste your time and money in seeking a patent.

Even if your product is patentable, it may still not be worth the money it will cost to get it patented. Filing of a patent application can cost \$1,000 for a simple patent to \$10,000 or more for a complex chemical or electronic invention.

Patent attorneys say that the decision on whether to apply for a patent is often made on the basis of ego satisfaction, not good business judgement. Companies that fleece consumers rely on that ego element to get the inventor's money.

Make sure that you get every promise in writing in your contract. Ask for a list of satisfied customers and talk to as many as possible before choosing a firm or person to represent you in this very tricky area.

If you need more help or information on this or other consumer problems, contact your nearest Attorney General Consumer Protection Office (in Austin Dallas, El Paso, Houston, Lubbock, McAllen and San Antonio). The Attorney General's Office is the people's law firm. We're here to help you.

JP's daughter married in California by 'another' Jack Keenan

Justice of the Peace, Jack W. Keenan and wife Joyce's daughter, Michelle, was married February 8th to David Mirback in a ceremony in California. It was almost unbelievable to all concerned when it was discovered that the minister performing the ceremony was found to be named Jack W. Keenan also.

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