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## Fun Day comes off well as people jam park Monday

by Cloy A. Richards

Merkel's 8th annual July 4th celebration, Fun Day started with a bang and ended with the shelter full of two-steppers here Monday.

The day started at 9:45 a.m. as members of the Phantom Squadron of the Confederate Air Force participated in a fly-over. Flying vintage World War II fighters, the CAF buzzed the park numerous times to the delight of the early morning crowd. In one of the planes was CAF member (Col.) Don Hensley and Merkel Chamber of Commerce president Dana Dunagin.

Following the fly-over, Members of Merkel VFW POst 5683 conducted the flag raising ceremony while Deborah Leeson gave a rousing rendition of the Star Spangled Banner and another pa-

The music started at 10:30 as Ray Pack and his band made an appearance for the first time in three years. The former Merkel Police Chief was in fine form and was joined during his set by brothers Duke and Rabbit Pack for a sort of reunion of the Halfbreed Band. Following Ray, Abilene-based The

Casuals led by Abilene disc jockey Dean Taylor of KTLC performed.

Their first song was interrupted by at least 15 minutes when a transformer blew that supplied power to the park. The show went on as the Confederate Air Force Communications Van was backed up to the Shelter and a generator was used to supply power to the band. A WTU crew had power restored about an hour later and vendors were again able to use machines in their booths.

The group Canyon played from 8 until midnight and the concrete floor of the Shelter was crowed with boot-scooters.

need of volunteers to deliver meals to

home bound people this month so other

volunteers can take a vacation.

Since no admission is charged there is no way an accurate count of attendance is taken but the park was very crowded at 10 p.m. and fairly crowded throughout the day.

Thirty-three booths were in operation selling food, crafts, baked goods and game booths.

Mother Nature cooperated with the event as the area had received some rainfall five of the eight days immediately preceding the event.

Winners in ticket drawings held at 11:30 were Evelyn Thames \$300 cash. Suzanne Lovelace a vcr, Doug Carter won four tickets to Sea World and Tim Davison was a \$50 gift certificate to

The CAF got quite a reaction from the crowd midday Monday when they flew a C-130 (cargo and troop carrier) over the park at low altitude. The transport plane was chased by another CAF fighter.

All in all, the 8th annual event came off well. The park was crowded with kids, there was plenty top eat and drink and it was hot ... just what a 4th of July in Merkel was supposed

And John Starbuck again led the way in donation ticket sales. His money bag had \$539 by the end of the night. Hazel Pack wasn't far behind.

Next year the 4th will fall on a Tuesday and something will be happening at the South Park.

By 10 a.m. Tuesday you could hardly tell something had happened the day before at the Park. The city had already managed to clean things up and all that remained were a few large items in the fajita booth.

day or Thursday from 8 until 12:30.

Volunteers will need to work three

days a week and it will take two hours

## Let the fun begin . . .

Foreign Wars salute the flag at open-

The balloons fly as the Veterans of ing ceremonies for Fun Day here Monday. (Staff photo)

## Moore, Scott honored by Blair Water group

directors of the Blair Water Supply Corporation were honored by that group

Plaques for service to the rural

Two former members of the board of water supply group were awarded to Arthur Moore and Richard Scott.

The plaques honored the two men for their 12 years of service to the organization.

#### The Trent Senior Class will begin 6196 after 5 p.m. their trash hauls Saturday.

may call 928-4869, 928-5764 or Heri- 11:30 a.m.

People can sign up at the Trent Skinnys, Dwayne's Food Store or you can contact Mike or Reva Carriker at 862-

Trent seniors will haul trash Saturday

They will haul trash for \$3 per barrel and they also have barrels for sale at \$5 each.

## Soccer meeting-sign up planned here Monday A soccer meeting and sign-up will be

Local nutritional group needs 'vacation' help

The Merkel Nutritional Center is in tage Hall at 928-5501 on Monday, Tues-

People wishing to donate their time each day. Deliveries need to start at

held Monday night, July 11th at 7 p.m. at the Taylor Electric meeting room.

The meeting will be held to register soccer players for the fall Big Country Soccer Association League.

A child must be four to play and if a child has not played previously in the BCSA, a copy of their birth certificate will be required.

During the meeting, a representative from the Merkel-Tye area will be elected and all coaches and interested people are invited to attend.

Final registration deadline is July 21st. Registration forms are available at The Merkel Mail and P J's Videos



Brian Hunt hurls a sponge at a Merkel Middle School cheerleader at the

park Monday. The cheerlesders manned one of 33 boths at the park Fun Day. (Staff photo)

## Fun, baseball, softball, my own dog...more

by Cloy A. Richards

July 7, 1988

Another 4th has come and gone and Fun Day ended up being one of the best, if not the best in eight tries.

We got started with a some excitement as the Confederate Air Force buzzed the water tower with old fighter planes and then Deborah Leeson really did a job on the national anthem to get things going.

My day didn't start off all that well. I went in my backyard to water my bird dog and she barked at me. She didn't recognize me in my "Fun Day" hat and I knew at least a couple of

things would go wrong. All was going pretty smooth until around 2:30 when a transformer blew and power was shut off to the park. The CAF came through as they moved their van closer to the shelter, providing power for the band to play on. The WTU folks had the transformer replaced in a little over an hour and another Fun Day was completed.

It was a good day and I still maintain it's the best day in town each year. We have as many or more folks in one place as for any other event all

year long (except for maybe the Merkel-Breckenridge playoff basketball game in Abilene this year) and a lot of local groups and organizations got a chance to raise money they wouldn't otherwise have.

I couldn't begin to thank all of the people who donated their time and ef forts to make the event a success. I tried to thank them all in person at the event but I may have missed a few-

The Merkel Little League All-Stars will start their playoffs in Winters Monday night t 7:30 p.m. against Ballinger. If they win their first contest they will play Tuesday, a loss

and they will play Thursday. They are being coached by Danny Malone and Steve Buntin.

Speaking of All-Stars, the Merkel girls softball teams are having a little trouble raising the money they need for their tournament July 21-23.

There is a story in this week's paper about an upcoming dance, car wash and barbecue dinner.



Marcus Malone accepts a trophy from Merkel co-fire chief Robert Harris. Malone placed third in the state fire prevention poster contest and his poster is hanging at the state headquarters. (Staff photo)



This future roper tosses a loop at the Merkel Riding Club's Booth at the park during Fun Day. It takes a lot of

concentration to hit your mark. (Staff

## lla McLean

Ila Mae McLean, 84 of 1412 Sunset, died July 4th at an Abilene hospi-

First United Methodist Church with John Wagoner, pastor and Lynward Harrison, former pastor, offi-

Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 22, 1904 here, she was the daughter of the late George & Mattie (Dudley) Anderson.

She had lived in the Merkel area all of her life. She was very active in Methodist Church activities, having served as a Sunday school teacher, was a member of the Gleaners Class and worked on projects for the United Women's Methodist

She married Dewel B. McLean Oct. 15th, 1921 here. He died July 21,

She was preceded in death by a son Hollis, a sister June Butman and an infant daughter, Jean McLean.

She is survived by her daughter Mildred Barnett of Anson, a sister Lois Seymore of Merkel, five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Serving as pallbearers were Leroy Riney, Arthur Moore, Don Dudley, Roy Orsborn, Mark L. Malone and Connie Mack Seymore.

## Hattie Watts

Hattie Mae Watts, 70,

## Obituaries

of Abilene, died July 1st at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Funeral services were held July 3rd at Merkel's First United Methodist Church with John Wagoner, pastor, officiating. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born August 7, 1917 in Lillian, she was the daughter of the late Sam R. & Daisy (Bridges) Dwig-

She was a 1936 graduate of Merkel High and active in Methodist Church activities. She married Earle Watts June 13, 1936 here. She and her husband operated Watts Food Store before moving to Abilene in 1965. She served as a secretary and administrator for the Abilene Council on Alcohol/Drug abuse for 15 years before retiring in 1980.

She is survived by her husband Earle of Abilene: a son Ned of Merkel, a daughter Nancy Hogan of Merkel and a sister Lucy Faye Merritt of Granbury.

Serving as pallbearers were Ritch Keeble, Bob Grisham, John Bruneau, Griff Barnett, Jack Hogan and Alvin Wozencraft.

## Willie Whitney

Willie Whitney Jr. 41 of Merkel, died June 26th at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Funeral services were held July 30th at the Starbuck Chapel with James Webb and Donald Burton officiating.

Born April 6th here, he was a laborer. He married Odessa White Whitney Dec. 23, 1982 in Tyler.

He is survived by his wife Odessa Whitney of Tyler; two sons Richard Eleby of Merkel and Lorenza Whitney; a daughter Willie Eulanda Whitney of Merkel, his parents Willie Whitney of Abilene and Eugene Burton of Abilene; three brothers Norman Whitney of Abilene, Donald Wayne Burton of Abilene and W. B. Burton Jr. of Abilene, a sister Willie B. Hollins of Dallas and a grandchild.

## Joseph Alexander

Joseph Sindey Alexander, 88 of the Sweetwater Nursing Home, died June 30th at the Rolling Plains Hospital.

Graveside funeral services were held at the Trent Cemetery July 5th with the Rev. Ralph Caffey officiating. Services were under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral

Born October 9, 1899 in Oklahoma, he was a retired bookkeeper for an auto sales dealer. He married Maude Boone Oct. 21, 1929 in Trent. She preceded him in death Aug. 12, 1985. He was raised in Trent and had lived in Silver City, N. M. for 17 years before retiring and returning to Trent. He was a veteran and had served with the U. S. Army in World War I.

## Girls softball All-Stars plan dance, car-wash, barbecue

The Merkel Girls Softball Association is sponsoring a dance at the Merkel Methodist Church Gym from 8 p.m. until midnight.

All 6th through 12th grade students are invited to attend.

Admission is \$1 per person and refreshments will be available. July 9th a car wash will be held at

DuBose Texaco starting at 9 a.m. On July 15th they will be holding a

barbecue dinner featuring briskets by Sammy Doan and Orville Pirraglia. Advanced tickets are \$5 (\$2.50 for children under 6). Tickets can be obtained at Ben Franklin's, Hammond Insurance, Young Supply or from any All-Star player. At the door tickets are \$6 and

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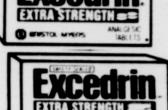




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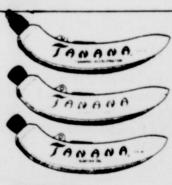
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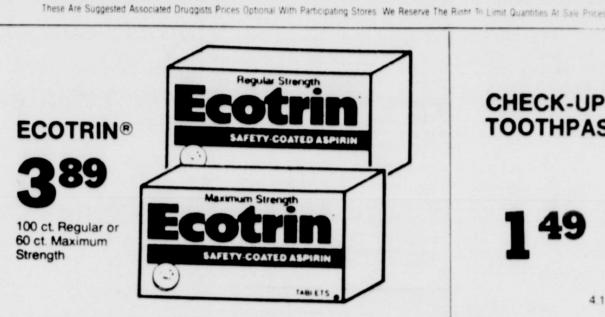
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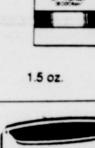
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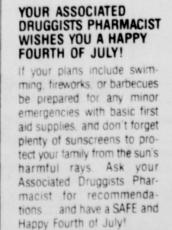
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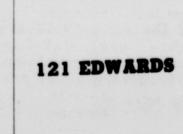












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North 2nd house on right Said child was born the 12th day of July, 1977, in Canton, Ohio.

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# Writer wants hunger ended using USDA 'surplus' commodities

By John Arens Editor's Note: Mr. Arens wrote the article in last week's edition explaining Parity Giving, a plan to reduce agricultural surpluses and increase farm commodity prices.

The greatest famine this world has ever known is in progress. But many-- including top Reagan officials-- insist that there is no hunger problem in this country or around the world; that America and other agricultural nations have "huge food surpluses." They argue that these "surpluses" should be stored instead of fed, and that in fact what we really need are fewer farmers, fewer farm families. What is the truth?

Isn't it true that reducing family farmers will not necessarily reduce agricultural production? Isn't it true that tearing down our barns and building new ones to store our "Surplus grain" burdens our own agricultural markets by artificially maintaining this excess supply? Why aren't Americans told that the health of our nation's economy is dependent upon our generation of new wealth; that this level of new wealth, which comes from agricultural, timber and mineral production, determines our nation's prosperity?

Could it be that this power of production represents a very real threat to those who would control our society and the future of our nation? Could is be that this unholy anomaly of surplus and hunger is necessary to usurp the people's power of

If this is the truth-- and in this writer's opinion it is -- then we the people must protect our-

## Elliott's gather for reunion at Brady Lake

The descendants and friends of the late Edward (Eddie) Elliott met at the Brady Lake in Brady July 1-4. The group enjoyed camping, boating, fishing, visiting and picture taking. Forty-two people attended.

Attending were Kenny & Barbara Elliott, Ricky, Judy, Kristy and Wendy Elliott, Tim Carter, Dean Franklin, Judy & Buddie Martin, Tracy Eyrse, Wesley Kinard, Martha Elliott, Debbie Elliott, James & Omadene Elliott, Clifton, Justin & Jillian Elliott, Ken & Claudette Young, Donna Young, Ruby Young, Leslie, Jim Bob, Randy Leigh and Kandis Green, Kristi Jeager, Muriel Smith, Marla Reedy, Randy, Joy & Callie Young, Coutrney Mankin, Ray Don, Cristie and Brady McBroom, Andy Turner, Doreen & Eddie Reedy.

selves. We must insist that America's annual harvest be valued to guarantee adequate "new wealth" to ensure employment and prosperity. This will eliminate our \$2.6 trillion national debt, estimated to soar to \$2.8 trillion next year, according to the U. S. Treasury Department. We must commit ourselves to feed any surplus we might have to the famished of our world, rather than destroy our most prized national resource: America's family farms.

Instead of supplying the leadership necessary to overcome our nation's hunger and farm crisis, the current administration has turned a deaf ear to both the will of the American people and the enactments of Congress.

Congress has repeatedly passed legislation to preserve America's agriculture to feed the world. FmHA Administrator Vance Clark told Congress "We fully intend to comply with the letter as well as the spirit of the law." But on May 8, the Des Moines Register reported that a top Reagan FmHA official privately admitted: "Our official position is that this program (restructuring under the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987) will not work. We don't want it to work. That's what we have been told by the White House."

These officials are gravely mistaken. They have insulated themselves from the realities of the starving and homeless; from the tears of our family farmers; from Congressional mandates to keep America strong by preserving our rural way of life. They refuse to justify the storing of our grain and dairy products -- at storage costs of \$14.5 million daily -- while millions suffer from hunger.

Is this an Agri-Gate where Congress passes laws which the Reagan-Bush administration arrogantly refuses to enforce, and instead plots to subvert the laws? More than 600,000 farm families have been displaced by this administration's farm policies, polices that violate Congress' enactments and the people's will.

Why do we allow the Reagan/Bush Administration foster economic policies that arbitrarily defy Congress and destroy the value of America's harvest; a harvest rivaled by no other nation in the world; a harvest that has been called our strongest defense? Yet, our "supposed surpluses" have increased. One cannot help but to compare this to the phantom oil shortages of 1973, created to usurp other power of production.

The most important issue which will be brought

the forefront in this election year whether we the people are to maintain our power of production. Only be effective legislation and administrative action can we assure the value of America's harvest, alleviate hunger and preserve America's well tested and treasured system of family farms. Our nation must respond to that ancient plea: "What you have done to the least of these, you have done to Me." We can never expect peace and prosperity until we are willing to empty our storehouses and feed His sheep.

We are long overdue.

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NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

GREETINGS;

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMAND-ED 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



PERSONAL ATTENTION

of this citation, then and there to answer the Second Amended Petition of the Texas Department of Human Services, Petifloner, filed in said Court on the 10th day of March, 1988, against Benjamin Nieves, Jr., legal father of Robert Wayne Nieves; Robert Wayne Stiver, alleged or probable father of Robert Wayne Nieves; and Daniel Thomas Reed, father of Jerry Thomas Reed, Respondent's, and said suit being numbered 513-CX on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest

of Robert Wayne Nieves, Jerry Thomas Reed and Curtis Bishop, Children," the nature of which suit is a request to terminate the parent-child relationships between Robert Wayne Stiver and Robert Wayne Neives; Benjamin Nieves Jr. and Robert Wayne Nieves; and Daniel Thomas

Reed and Jerry Thomas Rilla Mahoney, Clerk Reed. Said child, Robert 326th District Court Wayne Nieves was born on Taylor County, Texas May 13, 1977 in Cleve- By JoAnn Lackey, Deputy land, Ohio.

mas Reed was born on Sep- Clerk, Taylor County Coand, Ohio.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent

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