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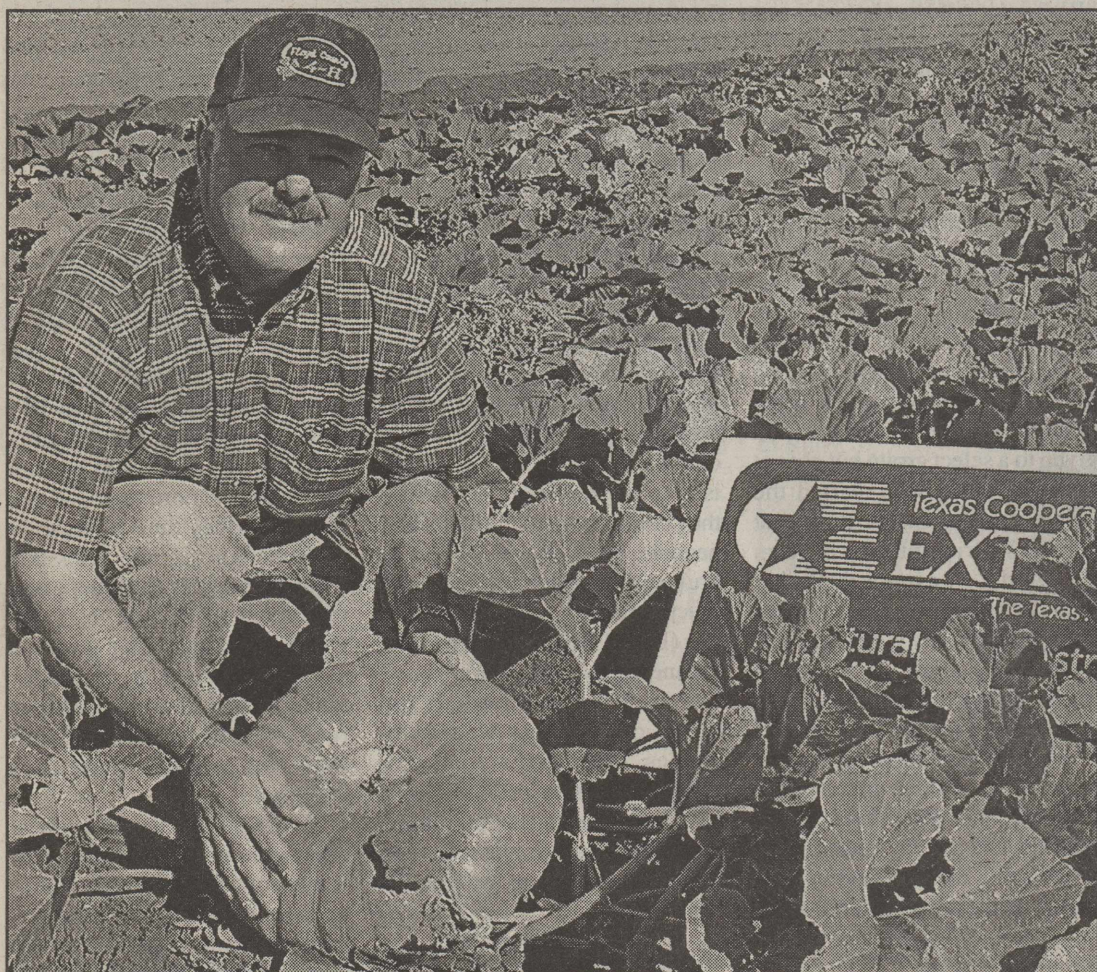
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2003 ANNUAL AG TOUR TO BE HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16-The Floyd County Cooperative Extension Service is sponsoring the annual Floyd County Ag Tour on Tuesday, September 16th. Floyd County Extension Agent J.D. Ragland, shown at one of the tour stops at the Carthel Farms' pumpkin patch west of Floydada, will be in charge of the tour. Those attending need to meet at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center in Muncy at 8:00 A.M. for registration and to load the bus for departure at 8:25 A.M. (see related story) Staff Photo

Ag Tour to highlight local fields and farming techniques

By Darwin Robinson
The Floyd County Cooperative Extension Service is sponsoring the annual Floyd County Ag Tour on Tuesday, September 16, 2003. (date corrected from last weeks' picture caption)

Floyd County Extension Agent J.D. Ragland said, "Those interested in attending will need to meet at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center in Muncy at 8:00 A.M. for registration and to load the bus for departure at 8:25."

According to Ragland, there will be three stops this year. Tour Stop One (Drip Irrigation) will be from 9:00 to 9:45 A.M. at the Nixon Farm, located 2 miles west on FM 37 south of Floydada, then 2 miles south on CR 121 near the McCoy community. "This first stop will feature a

first and fourth year season drip system for cotton production," said Ragland.

Dr. Dana Porter, TCE Ag Engineer-Irrigation from Lubbock will discuss various types of drip systems.

Tour Stop Two (Cotton Field) will be from 10:25 to 11:00 A.M. at the Foster Brothers Farm located 12 miles west of Floydada on FM 784 east of Barwise.

Dr. Terry Wheeler, Associate Professor Plant Pathologist, will discuss the South Plains District Remote Sensing project and interpret photos and results.

Tour Stop Three (Pumpkin Production) will be from 11:25 A.M. to 12:10 P.M. at the Carthel Farms located 6 miles west of Floydada on FM 784.

Dr. Harold Kaufman, TCE Plant Pathologist, along with

IPM Agent Steve Davis, will discuss various pumpkin varieties, as well as fungicide treatments and results.

"A luncheon and awards presentation will be held back at the Unity Center at 12:30 p.m.," Ragland said.

"Your RSVP will be helpful in meal planning by noon on Friday, September 12," concluded Ragland.

2003 donation list for the Ag Tour includes: DeBruce Ag Service, Monsanto Company, Delta & Pineland, Bayer Crop Science, Syngenta, J&K Insurance, D&J Gin, Lockney Chamber of Commerce, City Bank, Kaleidoscope, Hi Performance Fuels, BASF, and Windmark Insurance.

For more information call (806)983-4912.

West Nile sickens Floyd County residents

Drought may have reduced standing water, but mosquitos carrying the West Nile virus have still managed to survive and spread the virus to humans.

According to a Texas Department of Health spokesman, Dr. James Alexander, TDH is currently investigating 6 cases of West Nile in Floyd County.

"There will probably be more," said Alexander. "We have another possibility we haven't investigated yet."

According to Alexander, West Nile symptoms range from the severe to only a mild fever. "We don't always release all the numbers to the media because there are so many mild cases. We try and concentrate on the severe cases, such as those people who develop meningitis or encephalitis."

"There are well over 200 cases in our part of the State that have tested positive—but they are not necessarily severe."

W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital and Cogdell Clinic have had 13 cases of the West Nile Virus diagnosed since July 1, 2003. Some of the patients have been hospitalized and some were not severe and were treated at home.

"We treat patients from all over the area," said Hospital Administrator Sharon Hunt. "That number will not reflect just Floyd County numbers."

Mild symptoms of the virus are fever, headache, body aches, nausea, vomiting, sometimes swollen lymph glands or a skin rash.

Serious symptoms can include high fever, headache, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness and paralysis.

West Nile is not spread

through casual contact such as touching or kissing a person with the virus.

In a small number of cases, the virus has been spread through blood transfusions, organ transplants, breastfeeding and even during pregnancy from mother to baby.

Glenna Ross, of Floydada, is one of the 6 cases reported out of Floyd County.

"I was sick for a week before I went to the doctor (in Lubbock). The first thing I noticed was a lack of appetite, and then I got nauseated. Then I got bad fever and chills and terrible body aches. My legs cramped and hurt so bad."

"The doctor gave me an antibiotic which seemed to help—but I was sick for another week. By the time the test results came back I wasn't sick anymore."

Ross said she did not notice a rash. "I had three little spots on my stomach—but I don't think that would classify as a rash."

Ross said she was surprised with the diagnosis. "I never noticed any kind of mosquito bite."

There is a possibility of a case in a 15 year old Floydada girl. The tests have not returned, but the young girl's mother said her daughter has all the symptoms. "She has been sick for 3 weeks and I'm just now noticing that she is starting to feel better. She had a bad rash, headaches, and was tired and dizzy. She wears out real fast."

A Floydada man, who asked not to be identified, said his symptoms started August 2nd with a headache and stiff neck. "I was classified in the moderate to severe range. All my joints and muscles were very sore. I couldn't move one day. I also got nauseated and tired. I still feel fatigued."

The Floydada man said he didn't go to the doctor until approximately 10 days after the symptoms started. "I never ran a fever but it is taking a long time to get over. I wouldn't wish this on anybody."

Symptoms started for Sterling Cummings, of Lockney, on Sunday, August 10 with fever and aches. By the following Wednesday he was covered in a rash. His temperature stayed very high and his wife, Gleyenn Earle, gave him Tylenol and lots of water.

"Sterling is just now getting his appetite back," said Gleyenn Earle. "He is also still very weak. I would tell anyone who is facing this to drink lots of water and take Tylenol."

The Cummings also expressed amazement over Sterling getting infected when the mosquito problem seemed so small during this drought.

"We sit outside all the time," said Gleyenn Earle and hardly ever see a mosquito."

According to the Center for Disease Control, most people who are infected with the virus will not develop any symptoms at all. The risk of severe illness and death is highest for people over 50 years old.

According to the CDC, mild WNV improves on its own, and people do not necessarily need to seek medical attention for this infection.

The best way to avoid the virus, according to the CDC is to prevent mosquito bites.

Drain standing water around your home and replace torn screens. Apply insect repellent containing DEET to exposed skin and over clothes. Do not spray DEET on the skin that is under the clothing.

Football contest in progress

Simpson, Payne, and Chadwick win first week

Clay Simpson, Justin Payne, and Jackie Chadwick were the winners of the first week of the Hesperian-Beacon's football contest.

Simpson, of Floydada, will receive a check for \$25.00.

Justin Payne, of Floydada, will receive a check for \$15.00, and \$10.00 will go to Jackie Chadwick.

The annual contest will last for 10 more weeks. \$550 will be handed out to winners by the time the contest is over—thanks to our local sponsors.

The football contest can be found on the back page of every edition. Follow the instructions on the page and submit your entries by Friday at 5:00 p.m.

In judging the contest this week, the scores between Vernon and Sweetwater, and Floydada and Idalou, were not counted due to games being cancelled because of lightning and rain.

Clay Simpson missed only 4 games and won first place. Justin Payne missed only 5 games.

Four entries missed 6 games: Jackie Chadwick, Gene Lowrance, Keith Marricle, and Cagen Cummings. The tie breaker game between Lockney and Slaton was used to choose the 3rd place winner.

Chadwick was only 8 points off the final total score of 53. Lowrance was 10 points off,

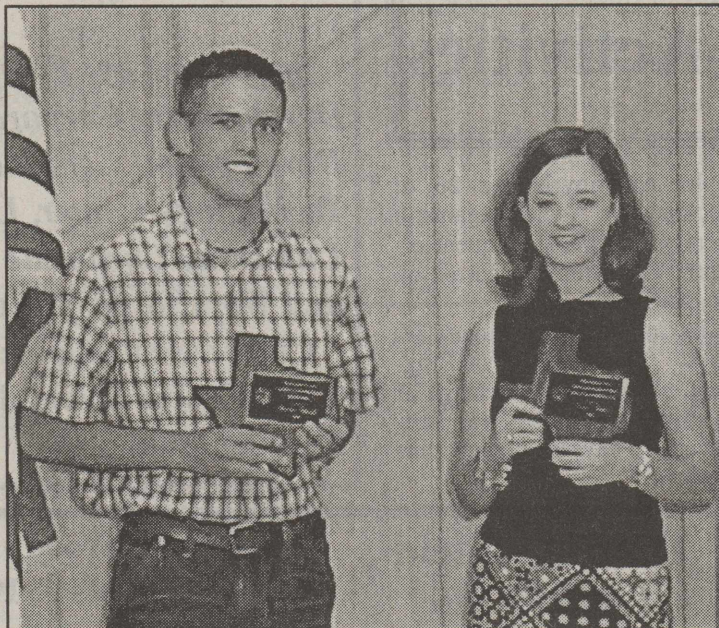
Marricle was 14 points off, and Cummings was 18 points off.

Therefore, Chadwick won 3rd and the others in the tie receive Honorable Mentions.

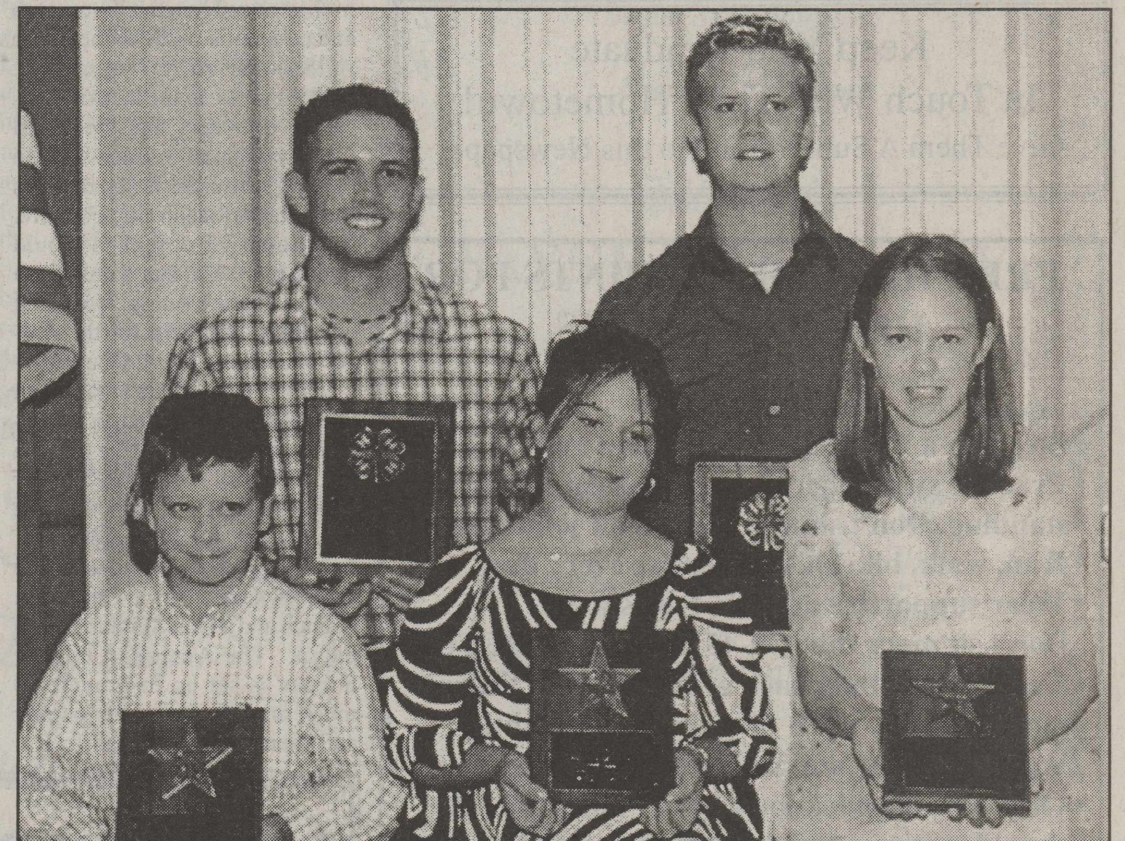
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2003 STATE 4-H RECORD BOOK WINNERS-Spencer Schacht and Kayla Kelley were awarded State Winner plaques at the Floyd County 4-H Achievement Banquet recently. They were both honored with recognition after placing first with their entries at the State 4-H Recordbook Judging. Spencer and Kayla have now earned the right to attend the Texas 4-H Leadership Conference held in November in Washington, D.C.



2003 FLOYD COUNTY 4-H ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS BANQUET-Receiving special awards at the Floyd County 4-H Achievement Banquet included the I Dare You Leadership Award sponsored by the Mike Mathis Family presented to Spencer Schacht (back, left) and Skyler Cornelius (back, right). Bronze Star Award winners (front, l-r) Brazos Williams and Kaylie Nutt, and Silver Star Award winners Cheyann Powell, and (not pictured, Senee' Foster). Photo by Neta Marble

Council keeps same tax rate

By Darwin Robinson

The Floydada City Council met in regular session Tuesday, August 26, and unanimously approved the 2003-2004 Operating Budget of \$1,707,612 and set the 2003 Tax Rate at \$.36 cents per \$100 property valuation, the same as last year.

City Manager Gary Brown told the council, "It is important we try to have the best budget in place that we can. I feel we will have to amend the budget as we work through some of the soft areas that we have decided to correct."

Councilmember Ruben Barrientoz asked Brown, "Is this the best we can do on our budget?"

Brown explained, "We think it is the best at this time. We are in the preliminaries of changing the way we charge for our sewer services based on the average amount of water flowing in November, December, January and February. We don't have all the bugs worked out of it yet. Some users' bill will go down by \$1.00 to \$1.50 per month, while some may go up by \$2.00 or \$3.00 per month. It looks like we may see

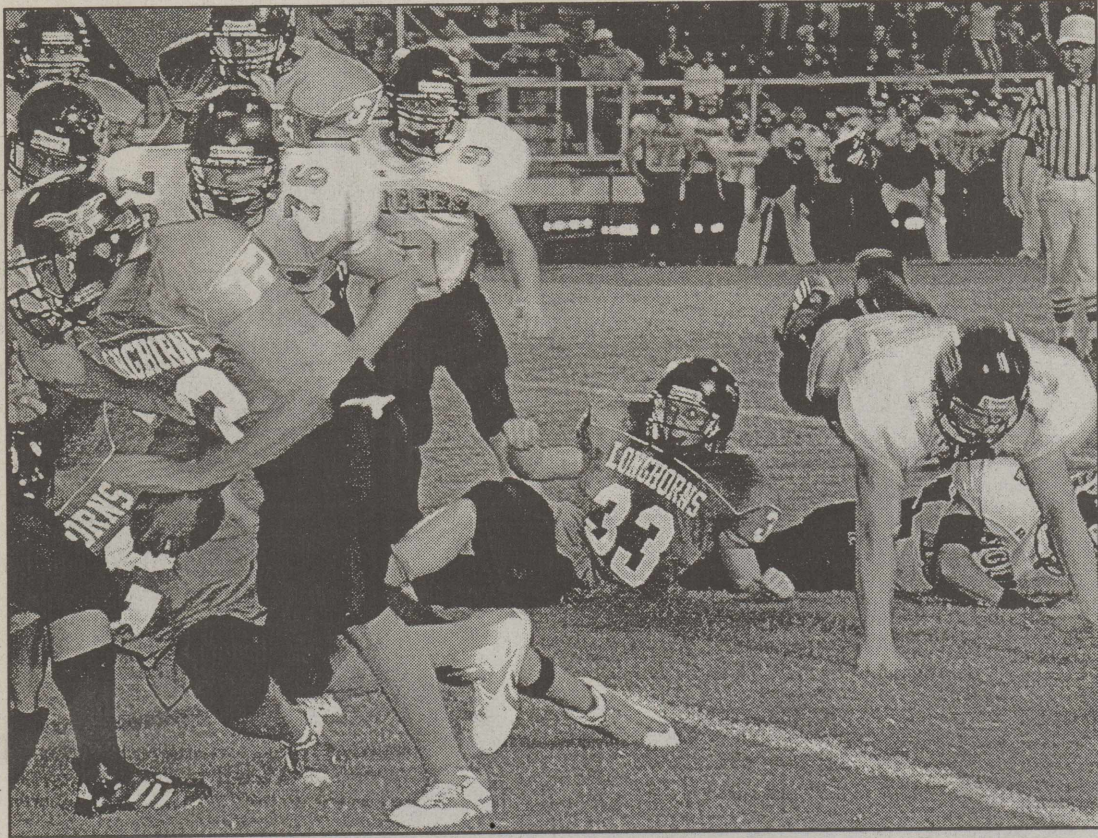
a 30 percent increase overall in the sewer income."

"Who knows where our electricity will be going? We are hearing that it may be 20 to 30 percent higher on the City's cost for electricity. How much can we offset that cost increase to the customer? We don't know yet," said Brown.

Councilmember Jon Nielson asked, "By not hiring (replacement) personnel, will it affect any services?"

Brown answered, "The only thing that might show up later

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PUSHING OVER THE LINE--The Lockney Longhorns pushed their way into the end zone. The hands of Longhorn Brandon McDonald are on the ball but can barely be seen through the pile of Tigers trying to keep him out of the end zone.

Longhorns blow past Tigers 43-20

Weather did not stop the Lockney Longhorns season opener Friday night as they blew past the Slaton Tigers 43-20.

Inclement conditions across the South Plains delayed, postponed or even canceled most games on Friday night. However, the Longhorns were able to pick up where they left off last season. Meanwhile, the loss extended the Tigers losing streak to 33 games in a row (a state record).

Lockney used their ground game, special teams and a "bend but don't break defense" to get the victory. Mark Ford rushed for 195 yards on 22 carries--scoring four times. Ford also returned a punt 70 yards for a touchdown. Brandon McDonald added 71 yards on 10 carries and scored on a 93 yard kickoff return.

The Longhorns defense held the Tigers to a total of 158 yards.

Lockney scored the games first points early in the first quarter when Mark Ford raced into the end zone from 58 yards out. The extra-point was no good giving the Longhorns a 6-0 advantage with 7:58 remaining in the first quarter. Lockney was able to score again before the first quarter came to an end. Ford powered his way into the end zone from a yard out. Brandon McDonald ran in the two-point conversion increasing Lockney's lead to 14-0.

Slaton struck back quickly in the second quarter when quarterback Kevin Kilmer connected with wide receiver Adrian Perez for a 41 yard touchdown. The point after was no good making the score 14-6 with 8:36 remaining in the first half of play.

On the ensuing kickoff, Brandon McDonald split the Tigers defense and scored on a 93 yard kickoff return. The point after was good giving the Longhorns a 21-6 lead.

Lockney's defense would stop the Tigers on their next possession giving Longhorns offense a chance to play keep away just before the first half ended. With 1:02 remaining in the second quarter, Ford scored from two yards out. The point after was no good giving the Longhorns a 27-6 lead at the half.

Lockney's defense stopped the Tigers on their first possession of the second half causing them to punt. Ford returned the punt 70

yards for the touchdown. Michael Rodriguez ran in the two-point conversion increasing their lead to 35-6 with 9:24 remaining in the third quarter.

Slaton struck back quickly when A.J. Samuels broke through the Longhorn defense and scored on a 45 yard touchdown run. Kevin Kilmer ran in the two-point conversion making the score 35-14.

Early in the fourth quarter after a Longhorn turnover, Kilmer connected again with Perez for a 21 yard touchdown pass. The point after was no good closing the score to 35-20 with 9:15 remaining in the fourth quarter. Lockney's offense would find closure to Slaton's comeback by using a 10 play drive that lasted over six minutes and resulted in a 20 yard touchdown run by Ford. Chase Westbrook ran in the two-point conversion making the score 43-20.

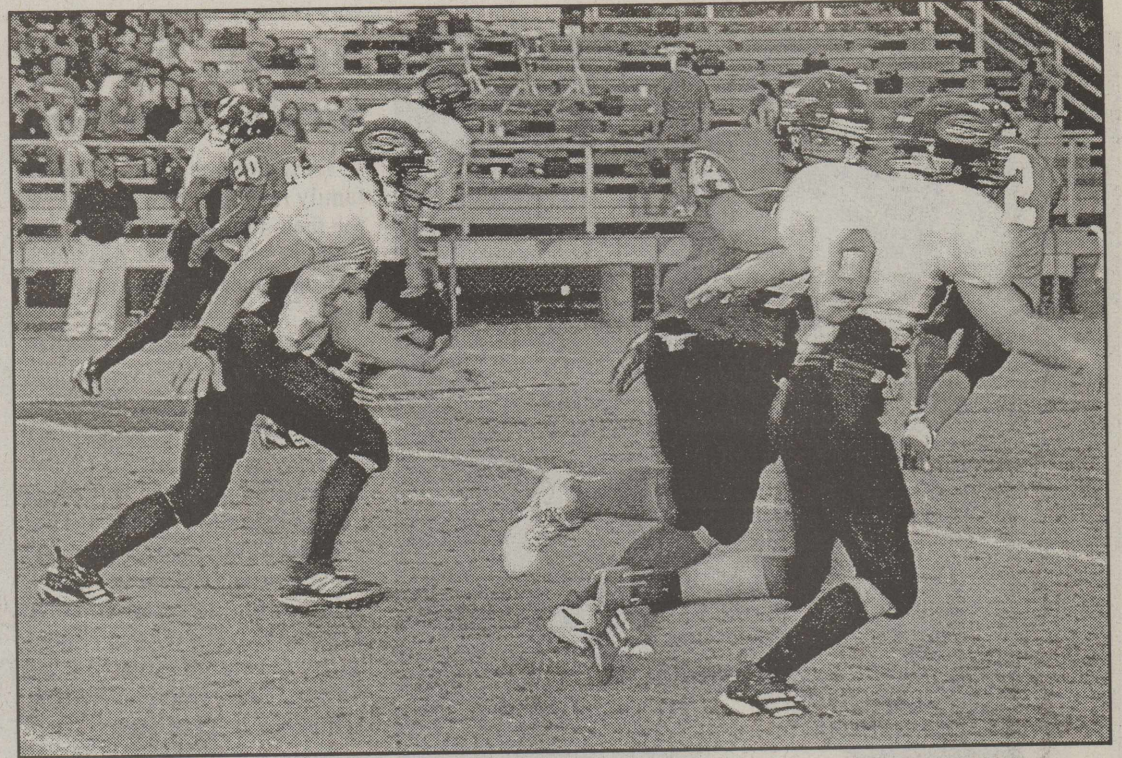
"We are happy and excited about winning that first one," Coach Joe Robertson said. "The next thing to do is to fix some errors and get just a little bit better each week. Our team knows that our expectations are high this year and they will work hard to reach them."

Lockney travels to Paducah on Friday. The game starts at 7:30 p.m.

The Dragons lost their season opener to Crosbyton last week 35-0.

Slaton	0	6	8	6	20
Lockney	14	13	8	8	43

	Slaton	Lockney
1st downs	5	15
Yards rushing	96	314
Yards passing	62	0
Total yards	158	314
Pass C/A/I	2/11/1	0/2/0
Penalties/yards	1/5	7/70
Fumbles/lost	1/1	3-2
Punts/avg.	5/29	3/30



SCHUMACHER SLAMS A TIGER--Longhorn Rance Schumacher #44 made lots of "blocking noise" Friday night against the Slaton Tigers. The Horns defense kept the Tiger scoring to only 20 points. The Horns won the game with 43 points.

Lockney School Menu

Menu
September 8 - September 12
Monday

Breakfast - French toast or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch - BBQ on bun or PBJ sandwich, potato rounds, tossed salad, apple wedges, milk

Tuesday
Breakfast - Scrambled egg or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch - Beef and macaroni or grilled cheese, tossed salad, green beans, applesauce, Italian bread, milk

Wednesday
Breakfast - Apple turnover or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch - Corn dog or ham, pinto beans, tossed salad, orange halves, cornbread, milk

Thursday
Breakfast - Oatmeal or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch - Turkey and gravy or burrito, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, hot rolls, milk

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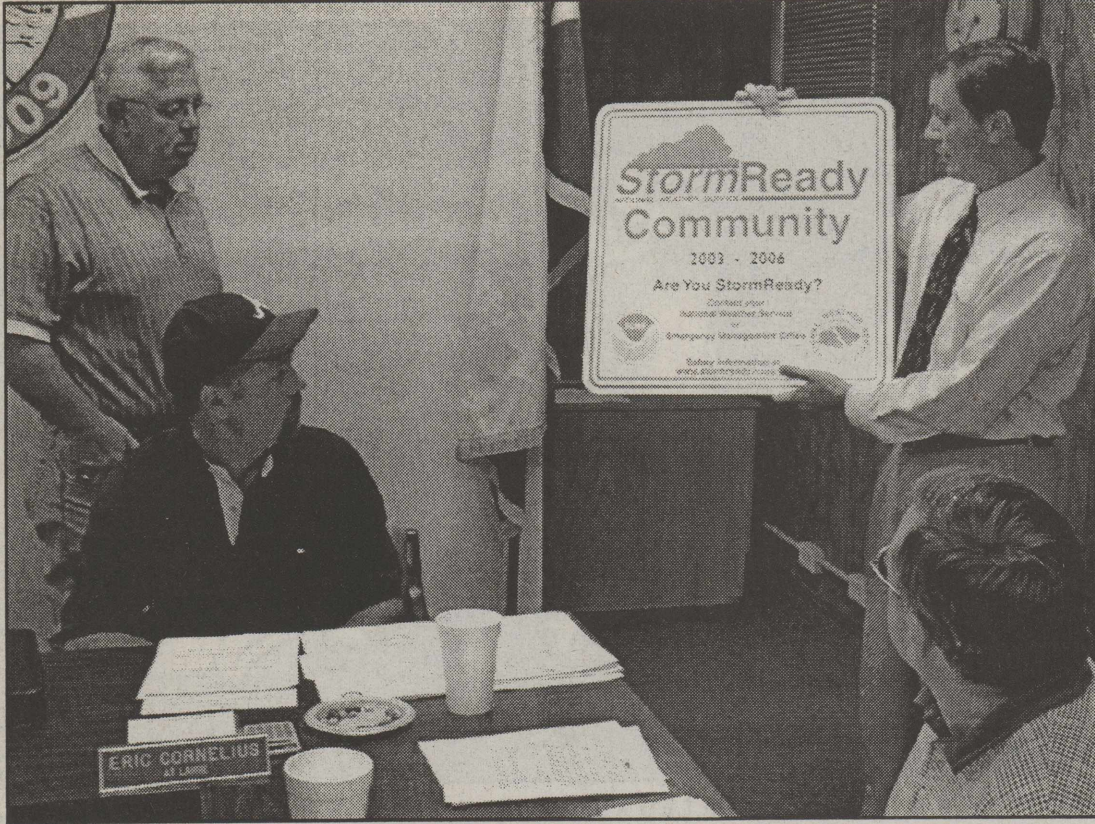
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FLOYDADA CITY COUNCIL RECEIVES STORMREADY STATUS-Meteorologist Larry Vannozi(right) in Charge of the National Weather Service in Lubbock presented the City two StormReady signs and a plaque during their regular session last Tuesday night. Mayor Bobby Gilliland (left) and Mayor Pro Tem Eric Cornelius (2nd left) and Councilmember Sheldon Sue (bottom left) all are shown during the presentation. Staff Photo

Floydada receives StormReady signs

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will be the condition of the City parks next summer. They may not look as nice as in the past. We may not mow them as quickly as in the past. But will it affect water, sewer, trash pickup and electricity? No."

In other matters, the City of Floydada was recognized by the National Weather Service (NWS) in Lubbock as being a StormReady community. Larry Vannozi, Meteorologist in Charge of the National Weather Service in Lubbock, presented Mayor Bobby Gilliland and the City of Floydada a StormReady plaque and two StormReady signs to honor the community's disaster preparedness.

Vannozi said, "StormReady is a program where the National Weather Service, in conjunction with emergency managers, helps cities be ready and handle severe weather or man-made disasters, as much as possible."

"It involves several things, such as, communications, development of a good working relationship with the National Weather Service, having multiple ways to monitor weather information and also to inform the citizens of bad weather," said Vannozi.

According to Vannozi, the national average lead time before a tornado hits a town (in America) is 11 to 12 minutes. Ten years ago it was probably 5 to 6 minutes. "Even if we do the best job possible and get a 20 minute lead time on a tornado, what good does it do, if the proper officials, or the public, does not get that information, or know what to do with it."

Vannozi commended the City of Floydada for its preparedness, its Emergency Operations Center, City Manager Gary Brown, Emergency Management Coordinator Carroll Sims, and all the other volunteers that make StormReady work. "Floydada is the 24th city to qualify as StormReady in Texas, and only the 2nd on the South Plains with Lubbock," concluded Vannozi.

Floydada Mayor Bobby Gilliland said, "I want to thank Carroll (Sims) and the Fire Department and the others for their good job of cleaning up at the (Emergency) Center a couple of months ago. It is pretty impressive. We are very fortunate to have it."

The council unanimously approved a reduced 2003-2004 Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority (MMWA) Operating Budget of \$315,442.56. This year's Operating Budget is \$258,288.44 less than last year's \$573,731.00 Operating Budget. The largest reduction came in the \$85,311.89 Payroll Expenses, which is \$191,993.11 less than last year's \$277,305.00 Payroll Expenses.

Floydada's annual water purchase contract with MMWA for 2003-2004 is set at \$261,990, which is \$87,330 less than last year's \$349,320 water contract. \$177,480 of this year's contract is designated for the transmission of bond services.

MMWA General Manager Van Breedlove and MMWA Business Manager Rick Beesinger both reported to the council. Breedlove said, "This budget is based on the water plant producing one million gallons

per day with two operators at the plant. We have made some drastic cuts (in the budget)."

Beesinger told the council, "The (MMWA) board told us in July that they were going to send us \$267, 142.56 for our budget. So we built our budget around that (figure). This is a pretty bare budget. There are no contingency planning. If that happens, then we will have to go to CDs or some other budget fund. We have a total of four employees and two of them are full-time. We lost four employees in the last three months."

In further discussion, Breedlove estimated that the Mackenzie Lake had about 21 feet of water left in it and that amount would last as a water supply to the cities for about another 1 1/2 to 2 years, if it doesn't rain. A submersible pump in being installed at the lake now at a cost of \$15,000, according to Breedlove.

In a related matter, City Manager Brown reminded the council about the City's Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan already in place for the mayor to enforce. This is for an emergency situation, if the drought continues or if the City has a mechanical failure of pumping equipment.

The council discussed the need of the City to keep certain areas downtown accessible to those persons with disabilities. Certain citizens have experienced some problems lately getting to the ramps in the downtown area, according to City Manager Brown. Mayor Gilliland said, "We need to keep those designated (parking) places marked in front of businesses and keep them clear." Gilliland promised to check out those areas downtown. No action was taken by the council.

In a related matter, the council heard from Dora Ross, the Executive Director of the Technology Center located at 105 S. 5th Street, concerning the need

to redo the curbing in front of the center and to install handicapped ramps. Ross said, "I have a grant coming the first of next year for this, but we need to do it now (before winter). Our new computer classes will begin again on September 23rd. I want to amend the Floydada Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) budget and draw \$2,500 from this year's maintenance fund for this project." The council unanimously approved the amendment.

Following another presentation by Ross, the council approved a motion to begin raising \$12,000 in order to qualify for a beautification grant for the three highway medians entering Floydada. If the grant is approved, Floydada will supply part of the labor on the three median projects.

City Attorney Karen Houchin addressed the council concerning the need to put in place now a City Ordinance to prohibit sexually oriented businesses from moving into the City limits, or at least to be prohibited in certain areas of the city.

The council voted unanimously to proceed with the writing process of an ordinance to prohibit and/or regulate these types of businesses in the City limits.

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WHIRLWINDS FIRST TD LAST FRIDAY NIGHT-Whirlwind Chris Wickware is seen crossing the goal line last Friday night in Idalou. The game was cancelled because of lightning shortly after the first half. Floydada was behind 23-14 when the game was called off. (see story, pg. 6)

Photo by Rhonda Stovall

Floydada school Menu

September 8 - September 12
Monday:

Breakfast - Cereal, graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch - Pizza, green salad, corn, fruit, milk

Tuesday:

Breakfast - Biscuits, sausage, juice, milk
Lunch - Taco salad w/meat & cheese, pinto beans, jello w/fruit, milk

Wednesday:

Breakfast - Scrambled eggs, toast, juice, milk
Lunch - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, hot roll, fruit milk

Thursday:

Breakfast - Pancakes, syrup, juice, milk
Lunch - Roast, quick baked potatoes, carrots, apricot blooming cake, milk

Friday:

Breakfast - Cereal, graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch - Corn dogs, fries, pickle spears, fruit, milk

Ag tour sponsors

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CCLC awarded Grant

The Caprock County Learning Cooperative (CCLC) has been awarded a \$62,000 Title IV Community Service Grant for their Disciplinary Alternative Education Program.

The DAEP Program currently serves the Floydada, Lorenzo, Ralls, Crosbyton, and Lockney school districts.

The program funded by the grant will center on service-learning participation by the students. Service-learning is a teaching and learning strategy through which young people learn and develop by designing, organizing, and participating in meaningful service experiences.

Students will provide bi-monthly for any senior citizen from Floyd County, a nutritious

morning brunch. This will be followed by an activity time filled with social interaction.

CapTrans will be providing transportation for all interested senior adults to and from the CCLC facility site at no cost to the participants.

The students will be responsible for all planning, preparing, and advertising needed for the entire event. Students will also participate in social skills training throughout the week.

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September 10: 6 p.m. - Reading of victims' names and placing of flags in the field - candlelight ceremony to follow at sunset

September 11: 8 a.m. - Ceremony to honor victims of the 9/11 tragedies and to recognize local and area First Responders

ASB invites everyone to attend both events. Commemorative tee shirts will be available at all ASB locations for a \$5 donation and flags used in the project will be available at Kastman Park for a \$25 donation. All proceeds will benefit nursing scholarships and other local charities.



Volunteers are needed for flag assembly and placement. Also, volunteers are needed for various responsibilities at both ceremonies. Please call ASB at 767-7000 or 789-3524 to volunteer.

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Lightning stops Whirlwinds' opener

By Bill Gray

The lightning strikes at or near Idalou's Reddell Stadium weren't the ones expected to finish off the Floydada Whirlwinds last Friday night. Idalou's heralded quarterback Shae Reagan was the one who was supposed to produce all the strikes.

Instead, Mother Nature took over, resulting in the game's suspension by the officials barely 45 seconds into the second half. The suspension soon became a cancellation, with both coaches agreeing not to complete the matchup and saying it will not be counted as an official game.

At the time of the cancellation, Idalou was leading 23-14. As it turned out, the contest ended as a game-condition, two-quarter scrimmage. The score, as well as all individual statistics, will not go into the books. However, a lot of football was played in the season opener's first 24 minutes, 45 seconds. Both teams capitalized on each other's special teams' mistakes.

The Whirlwinds held Idalou to "three-and-out" to open the game, and received good field position when Reagan was unable to get off a punt attempt. Floydada converted two fourth-down situations in an 11-play, 47-yard drive, with Chris Wickware scoring from 16 yards out for the Whirlwinds' first touchdown of the 2003 season.

Floydada's defense once again prevented the Wildcats from picking up a first down, but Shae Reagan's 47-yard punt pinned the 'Winds deep in their own territory.

A high snap on a fourth-down punt attempt by Floydada opened the door for an Idalou safety. As the opening quarter drew to a close, Idalou was again in good field position due to a poorly-ex-

ecuted free kick following the safety. Reagan capitalized on the field position, completing a 12-yard TD toss to Patrick Urrutia three minutes into the second stanza. John Jones connected on the PAT to give the Wildcats a 9-6 lead.

Following the ensuing kick-off, Floydada committed its first of two turnovers - but the Wildcats were unable to take advantage of the opportunity. Again, Idalou had a breakdown on its punting team and the Whirlwinds received new life at the Wildcat 22 yard line. Luke Miller hit Jacob Reddy in heavy traffic with a 20-yard aerial to set up his own 1-yard TD blast two plays later. Miller then completed the 2-point conversion attempt to Ross Bennett, putting the 'Winds back on top 14-9 with 4:34 remaining in the first half.

A short Floydada kickoff gave Idalou possession near midfield in the waning moments of the half. Reagan completed passes of 8 and 24 yards to Mark Garcia, moving the Wildcats 52 yards in 7 plays. Reagan carried the final yard for the score, followed by a 2-point conversion pass to John Jones, to vault the Wildcats to a 17-14 lead at intermission. Another breakdown by Floydada's special teams turned over the second-half kickoff, giving the Wildcats another golden opportunity to start the third quarter. The Wildcats moved the 27 yards in only two plays, with Mark Garcia racing 22 yards into the Floydada end zone for the game's final points.

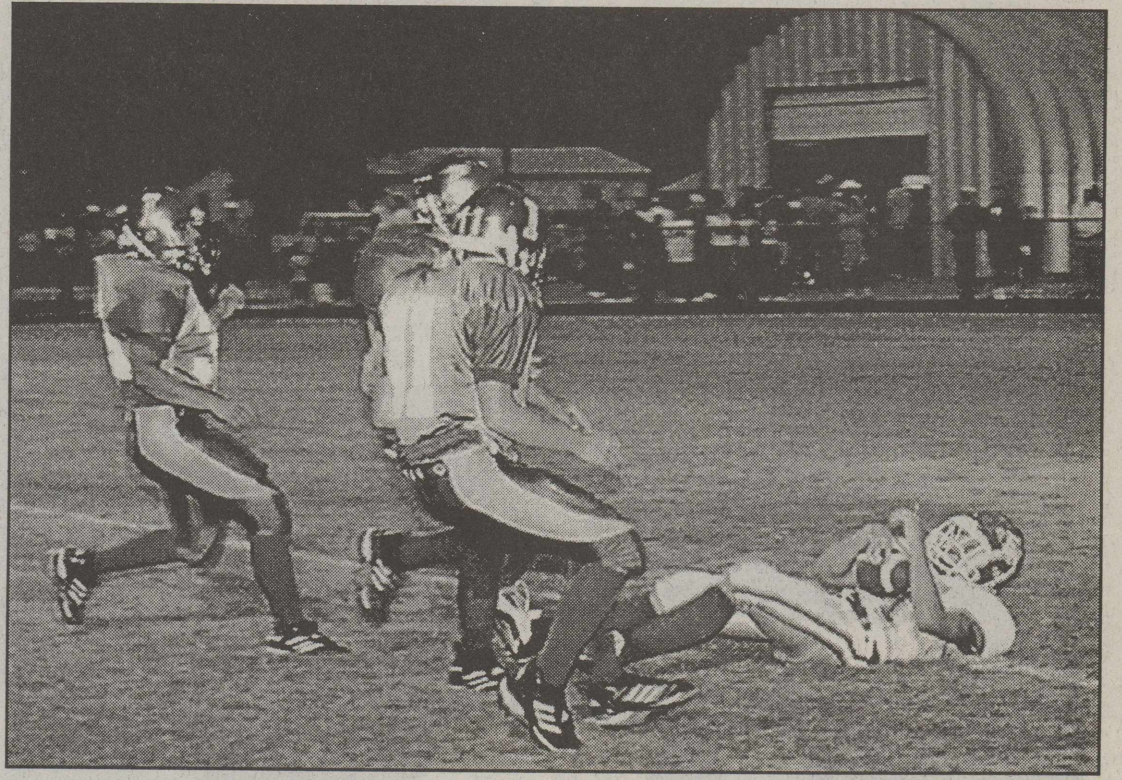
Floydada coach Lee Hurt commented, "We saw some really good things out there, especially for the first game...and some new faces. I thought Chris (Wickware) had a good game on

offense, as well as defense." Wickware rushed for 82 yards on eight carries (over 10 yards-per-carry average) and a score. He had three unassisted tackles and figured in several more stops. Luke Miller's only pass attempt was a 20-yarder to Jacob Reddy, which set up Floydada's second-quarter touchdown. Miller also completed a 2-point conversion to Ross Bennett and rushed 7 times for 16 yards and one score.

Coach Hurt added, "I thought our linebackers played very well...and our defense, in general, played pretty well against the big guy (Shae Reagan)." Reagan rushed for 49 yards in 13 attempts and scored once. He was also 3-of-6 passing for 44 yards and one touchdown.

Floydada's weakness on special teams was very evident. 16 Wildcat points were the direct results of such breakdowns. Punting, kickoffs and kickoff coverages not only gave Idalou good field positions, but led to a couple of touchdowns as well as a safety. Idalou will travel to Slaton this week. The Tigers were routed by Lockney 43-20 last week and will have trouble trying to snap a 32-game losing streak against Shae Reagan and Idalou's high-octane offense.

The Whirlwinds are on the road again, and will play the Ralls Jackrabbits tomorrow night. Ralls lost 22-14 to a very good Wellington team in the 'Rabbits home opener last week and will be a stern test for the young Whirlwinds as they seek their first win of the 2003 season. Kickoff in Ralls is slated for 7:30 P.M.



FLOYDADA'S GAME CANCELLED AFTER HALF-TIME-Whirlwind Ross Bennett (on the ground) made a two point conversion during Whirlwind vs. Idalou Wildcats first half last Friday night before the game was cancelled because of lightning. The Whirlwinds were behind 23-14 when the game was called off just after starting the second half. The game did not count as an official game. Photo by Rhonda Stovall

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Whirlwind J.V. drops opener to Idalou Thursday

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Idalou would take advantage of a Whirlwind turnover by throwing a 38 yard pass for a score and converting the two point try to make the score 16-6.

On the next Whirlwind possession, the Wildcat defense intercepted a Floydada pass and returned it for a touchdown to extend their lead to 22-6. Floydada responded with a five yard TD run by Trey Helms. The two point conversion was good to close the gap to 22-14. The Wildcats would score twice in the sec-

ond half to make the final 34-14.

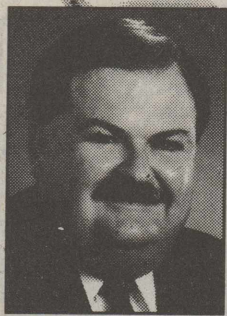
Individual rushing leaders were: Jerry Santos (7 carries-83 yds., 1 TD), Trey Helms (12-52 yds., 1 TD), Chris Briones (4-42 yds.) and Andrew Weeks (5-25 yds.).

Defensive leaders were: Trey Helms (3 tackles, 3 assists), Rudy Luna (2 tackles, 4 assists), Israel Morales (2 tackles, 3 assists, 1 TFL, 1 sack), Stephen Bueno (1 tackle, 1 assist, 1 sack, 1 forced fumble), Chris Briones (1 tackle, 2 assists, 1 fumble rec.), Raul Mendoza (2 tackles, 1 assist, 1 fumble rec., 1 forced fumble), Joey Ceja (3 assists, 1 TFL), B.J. Chappell (1 tackle, 2 assists), Andy Sanchez (1 assist, 1 fumble rec.), Ruben Ortiz (1 tackle, 1 TFL), Clay Ware (2 assists), and Justin Duran (2 assists).

The Junior Varsity will host Ralls at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, September 4.

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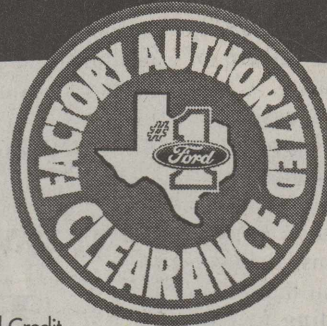
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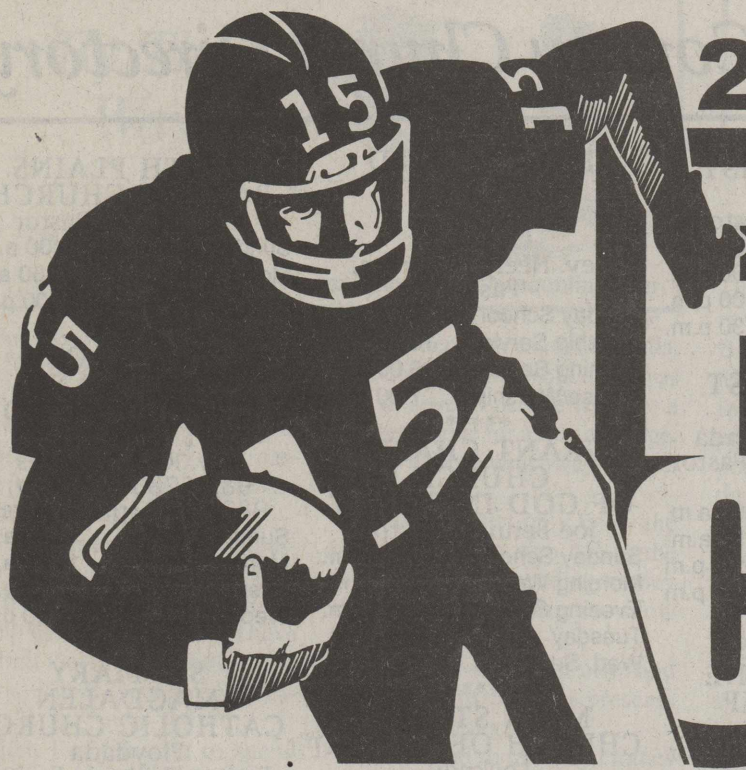
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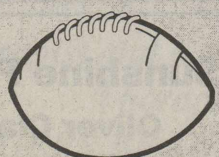
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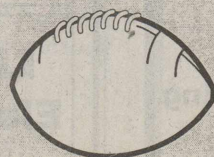
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