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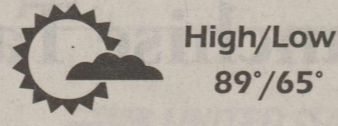
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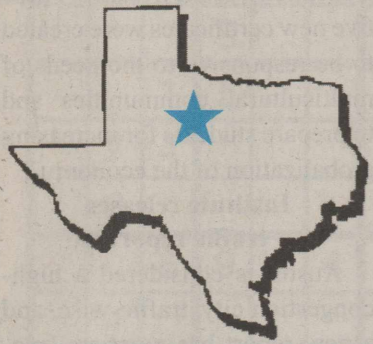
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Looking Ahead

Ranch Country Cluster Meeting

Ranch Country Cluster Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 27 for Foard, Knox and Baylor Counties. This first meeting will be at the Portwood Pavilion, 800 East Morris Street in Seymour from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. A sponsored meal will be served; therefore, a RSVP is needed. Please call John Studer at 940-889-0025; Penny Warren at 940-889-5581 or Myra Busby at 940-889-2921.

25th Annual King County Fair

The 25th Annual King County Fair is scheduled for November 3rd & 4th at the Arb Piper Community Center Complex in Guthrie. The fair is open to the following twelve counties: King, Childress, Cottle, Dickens, Foard, Hardeman, Hall, Haskell, Kent, Knox, Motley and Stonewall.

Bunco Game

The KC Bunco Girls will meet Tuesday, October 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at the Knox County Aging Center. Ladies are invited to come learn the game and enjoy the fun.

TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at the Knox County Hospital Break Room.

KCPD Investigating Child Left On School Bus

An investigation by the Knox City Police Department is underway concerning an incident in which a pre-school student at Knox City-O'Brien C.I.S.D. was left on a bus on September 13. The child, whose backpack was found on the bus the next day, exited the bus at some point after it was parked in the bus barn and went looking for help.

When contacted about the incident, Superintendent Louis Baty said, "It's a very unfortunate incident, there's nothing that we can do to change what happened. From this point on, in my opinion, we go forward and make sure it doesn't happen

again. We have put some [policies] in place to make sure it doesn't happen." According to Baty, this is not the first time an incident like this has occurred.

Elementary Principal Marsha McGaughey said, "We did have a policy in place for safety, every time the bus is parked after running a route, the driver walks the aisles, checking every seat. And that was done that evening, verified by the person waiting on the driver."

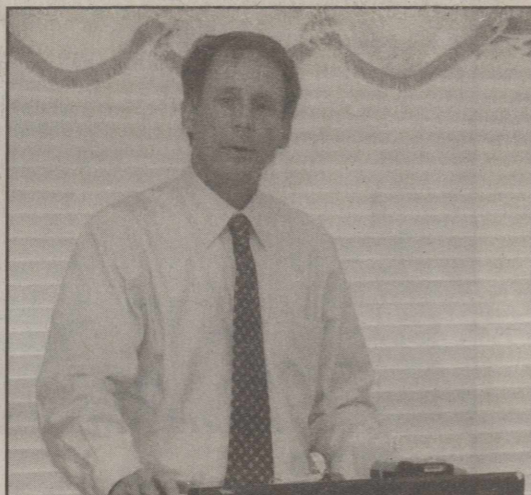
No disciplinary action has been taken by the school district against the driver. According to Baty, the child was not physically harmed.

Senator Duncan Visits Locals In Munday

Senator Robert Duncan met with locals at the Perry Patton Community Center in Munday on Wednesday, September 19th for a town hall meeting.

A large turnout was on hand, and after Senator Duncan's speech, the floor was opened up for discussion and questions.

Some of the topics discussed were education, health care and the Trans-Texas Corridor. Senator Duncan's last visit to Knox County was about three years ago. Senator Duncan serves 46 counties including Knox.



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2007 Knox City Homecoming Held Friday

Knox City High School held their 2007 Homecoming Football game Friday evening.

To kick off the festivities, a special pep rally was held at the Greyhound Gymnasium. Bro. Gayle Baucum, retiring pastor of First Baptist Church of Knox City, assisted the cheerleading squad with a eulogy to the Bowie Goldberg Bears.

Miss Firelighter candidates: Tina Clark, Jessy Schur & Mea Abila were introduced; and Jessy Schur was crowned. Players and fans alike left fired up and ready for the game.

Pre-game activities began with the introduction of the candidates for the numerous honors. Band Sweetheart nominees included: Jessy Schur, Tina Clark, Heather Moore and Dannie Garcia. The honor went to Jessy Schur.

Band beau nominees included: Orrin Myers and Sean Stovall. The honor went to Orrin Myers.

Football sweetheart nominees included: Mea Abila, Jessy Schur, and Samantha Esquivel. The honor went to Jessy Schur. Football beau nominees included: M.J. Abila, Kenyin Thompson and Orrin Myers. The honor went to Kenyin Thompson.

The Greyhounds were fired up and ready to meet the undefeated Bears.

The Hounds took possession early in the first quarter.



Homecoming Royalty (L to R) Football Beau Kenyin Thompson; Miss Firelighter, Band Sweetheart & Football Sweetheart Jessy Schur; and Band Beau Orrin Myers; (front L to R) Escorts: Nathan Williams and Priscilla Contreras

Kenyin Thompson made a 7 yard run into the end zone for the first touchdown of the game. Then less than one minute later, Thompson ran a punt back 40 yards for the TD.

The Greyhound defense dominated the quarter and the game. They allowed Goldberg only four first downs and seven yards rushing in the match. Thompson ended the first quarter with four touchdowns.

Myers took the second quarter with three touchdowns; and ended the game with 146 yards rushing. The Greyhounds dominated the undefeated Bears with a 58-0 victory with the game called at the half.

The Hounds will travel to Woodson on Friday to meet the Cowboys with a 7:30 p.m. kick off.

Everyone is encouraged to go and support the Greyhounds.

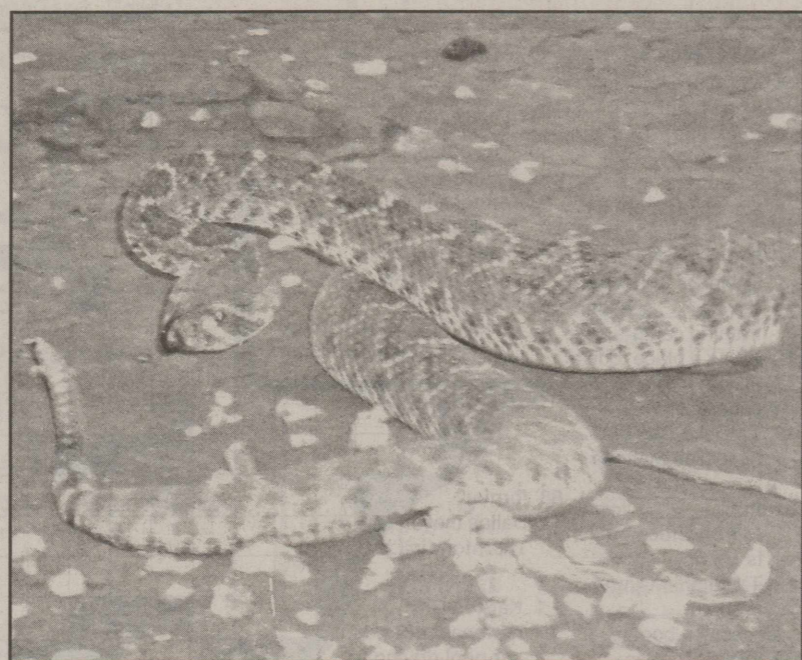
Beware! They're Still Here...

Rattlesnakes. Whether you have noticed them or not, they are moving again, reading themselves to den up for the winter.

Several in Knox County have already had run-ins with the forked-tongued slithering varmints in the last weeks.

One incident involved youngsters in Benjamin running across a rattlesnake after school in the middle of town. The snake, with ten rattles, was killed by adults and the children were not harmed.

In a separate incident early the next morning, one farmer, who farms in county, had a wake-up call when he started his tractor and heard the tell-tale rattle in the cab with him. Both farmer and snake baled from the tractor, but the snake didn't make it much further. The farmer was startled, but not harmed.



Another sign that rattlesnakes are moving are the rattlesnake carcasses that have been showing up on highways in the last week.

Following is some information about rattlesnakes taken from a March issue of *The Knox County News*.

See **SNAKES** Page 3

Masonic Lodge Corner Stone Ceremony To Be Held At The Wichita-Brazos Museum And Cultural Center

Saturday, September 29, 2007 presents area residents and visitors with a unique and historical opportunity to participate in an important step in making the dream of a county museum into a reality.

A Masonic Lodge cornerstone ceremony will be held at the Wichita-Brazos Museum and Cultural Center in Benjamin, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Grand Master of Texas Masons Donny Broughton, of the Grand Lodge of Texas, will be on hand to lead the ceremony to set the corner stone at the museum.

Generally, the placement of the corner stone is the last act in the building and serves as a

dedication of the building and a signal of its completion. This ceremony will be a commemorative setting, in that the structure of the building is already complete.

The Masonic cornerstone ceremony, when duly laid with Masonic Rites, is full of significance and meaning and is quite impressive.

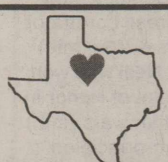
Throughout Texas history, Masons have leveled cornerstones of schools, churches, local government buildings and public buildings. It is considered a great honor by Mason's to perform this service in their communities. Likewise, it is a great honor for the community to have this ceremony performed.

The Grand Master will be joined by other Grand Lodge officers from across the state, including David Counts of Knox City.

Counts is currently serving in the position of Grand Senior Warden and is in line to be the Grand Master of Texas Masons beginning in 2009.

For decades, the people of Knox County have dreamed of having a Knox County museum. A group of determined individuals brainstormed different ways to make this dream into a reality. This dream led to lots of discussion and ideas, but it also brought up a common problem, money.

See **CEREMONY** Page 5



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HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

State Publishes New Franchise Tax Rules, Seeks Feedback

tax to help pay for a sweeping property tax cut.

"It is important for all franchise taxpayers, especially those who will be required to report franchise tax for the first time, to review these proposed rules," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said.

The Legislature revised the franchise tax by changing the tax base and the tax rate and extending coverage to most legal entities.

About 200,000 new entities will have to file franchise tax reports in 2008.

The rules are expected to be adopted in December, according to the Comptroller's office.

Taxable entities with total revenue of \$434,782 or less and entities that calculate they owe less than \$1,000 in franchise tax will not be required to pay the tax, but will still have to file a report, Combs said.

How to pay for it is the question

Texas transportation officials announced plans to form a working group to figure out how to pay for the Ports-to-Plains Corridor road-building project.

Ports-to-Plains is a proposed divided highway running from Laredo through West Texas to Denver, Colo.

Designated as a High Priority Corridor by Congress in 1998, planners intend Ports-to-Plains to expand economic opportunity and serve international trade from Mexico to Canada. Despite the congressional designation, adequate federal funding has not been provided to cover the cost of the project, officials said.

In addition to economic development and job creation, officials said the corridor could provide a way to transfer energy generated by wind turbines in West Texas to other parts of Texas and the Southwest.

Amnesty program brings in bucks

Comptroller Combs' tax amnesty program, Project Fresh Start, brought in more than \$100 million in unpaid taxes from June 15 through Aug. 16.

The amount included more than \$90 million in state taxes and more than \$10 million owed to local governments, Combs said.

A total of 1,258 businesses reported and paid delinquent taxes. Between 3 percent and 5 percent of those were new taxpayers operating businesses without required tax permits and without paying state taxes.

In exchange for their cooperation and payment, the comptroller waived penalty and interest charges normally added to delinquent taxes.

Land board rejects all proposals

The School Land Board, chaired by Land Commissioner

Jerry Patterson, on Sept. 18 rejected all six bids for the purchase of the 9,200-acre Christmas Mountains ranch tract in Big Bend.

Patterson said a mistake in the map of the tract in the original bid specifications was the reason.

The Land Board, which will meet again in November, is expected to consider bids again.

"Moving this land out of government hands is in the best interest of the land and those who want to preserve it," he added.

Language certifications approved

If a Texas public school teacher wants to be state certified to teach a foreign language, the choices are Spanish, French, German or Latin at the secondary school level.

But beginning in October, they can become certified to teach Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Russian and Vietnamese in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade

classes.

Karen Loonam, director of educator standards at the Texas Education Agency, said "These five new certificates were created to be responsive to the needs of multicultural communities and to prepare students for increasing globalization of the economy."

Institute releases traffic report

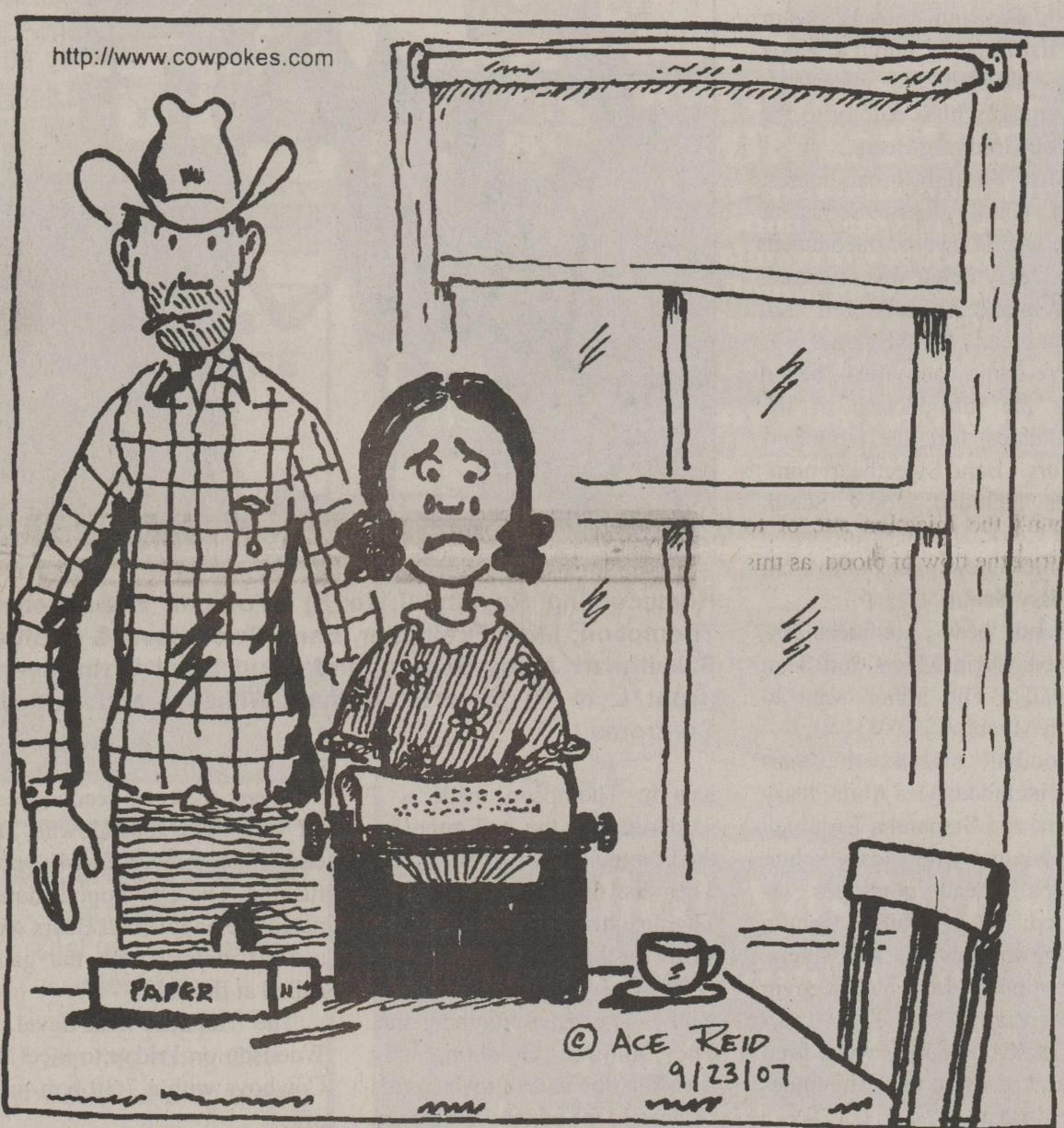
Austin is considered a high-congestion city, traffic-wise, and a new report has numbers (mobility data) to prove it.

Texas Transportation Institute, a division of the Texas A&M University System, published its 2007 Annual Urban Mobility Report for cities across the nation, including Austin, Beaumont, Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Dallas/Fort Worth, El Paso, Houston, Dallas/Fort Worth, El Paso, Laredo and San Antonio.

To read the report, go to <http://mobility.tamu.edu/ums/>.

COW POKES®

By Ace Reid



"Paw, I don't think I'll ever finish this novel about my life as ranch wife. My tears keep rustin' up the typewriter!"

Pay yourself first

We have a suggestion. When the end of the month rolls around and all the bills start to come in, pay yourself first. One way to do it is with a fixed percentage of your income. You can also do it with automatic deductions from your checking account. However you do it, do it. Open a Christmas Club account. Save for a vacation. See us about a savings plan and then pay yourself first.

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- Palestine: TX's ___ city?
- TXism: "he ___ sleeps fast" (busy)
- you're reading one horse morsel
- Cowboys & Texans have a ___ season training camp
- TX as a place to live makes into a coherent whole
- TX Bebe Daniels film: "The Maltese ___" ('31)
- the ___ town to Fort Stockton is Girvin
- TX Charlie Dunn first put ___ roses on boots
- TXism: "hot as ___ stove"
- Ti is TXN on this exchange (abbr.)
- they leave Austin bridge at dusk
- plant life science
- TXism: "faster than a prairie fire with ___ wind"
- pit guys for TX David Starr
- this "Zonk" led Dolphins to a perfect '72 season
- preachy
- TX quarters
- "Our ___ 'Lake University' is in San Antonio

DOWN

- Karnes City newspaper (2 wds.)
- car pool driving in Dallas (2 wds.)
- TX Railsback was in film about the ___ Islands
- this Daily was Det. Lacey
- pecan desserts
- Lady Bird wildflower facility (2 wds.)
- TXism: "___ was any better, I couldn't stand it"
- this TXn was "Hoss"
- TX singer ___ Mae Morse
- TXism: "there's more than one way to skin ___"
- TXism: "restless as ___ church"
- dir. from Odessa to Abilene (abbr.)
- ___ of God
- TX fire ants
- former UH BB star Elvin (init.)
- sandwich cookie
- weather maker "El ___"
- Ft. Worth univer.
- TXism: "brave enough to ___ in a boomtown cafe"
- former Dallas mayor Thornton (init.)
- TX model & actress Chile
- TXism: "busier than a one-armed ___ cook"
- "Fightin' Irish" (abbr.)
- TX Blocker who designed XIT brand
- TXism: "let's ___ a little horse tradin'"
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- supervised release from a TX pen Sandy, TX
- inhabitant (2 wds.)

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BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Garlic Mania

By Baxter Black, DVM

As we pulled off of California Highway 101 into Gilroy, I was assailed by the pungent odor of garlic.

When I rolled down the window my eyes began to water and my nose tingled.

A blind man driving down the road wouldn't need a sign to tell him he had arrived at the Annual Garlic Festival!

If there were any secular or religious worshippers of garlic, Gilroy would serve as their Mecca. Yet it is not alone in its oleic appeal.

I flew into Wenatchee, WA one summer. As we deboarded the airplane, the pleasant aroma of the apple orchards filled the air.

I began to salivate. Another time I saw a bumper sticker on a fertilizer salesman's truck in the agriculturally rich San Joaquin Valley near Bakersfield. It read, "I love Ammonia". To each his own.

Certain smells can bring back vivid memories.

I spent a lot of my working life in the feedlots.

When I drive through towns like Hereford, Texas or Dodge City, Kansas, my mind fills with nostril images of front end loaders cleaning pens, moldy hay, fermenting grain, Terramycin on my fingers, rumen contents and feedyard dust. An olfactory bouquet that still

gives me a warm feeling. On the other hand, when I smell new mown hay or a farmer out cutting his five-acre lawn, I roll up the window and grab my allergy pills!

We spent a day at the garlic festival and ate or tasted a panoply of 'garlic' concoctions; sausage, chicken, bread, pork, prawns, artichokes, rattlesnake, ice cream, squid, potatoes, corn on the cob, candy, oysters, honey, caulking, house paint, deodorant, fly spray, time-release suppositories and mouthwash.

It has qualities that are touted, particularly as being "good for the heart", and although that is disputed, it is certainly a good excuse should the 'patient' be shunned by friends and family for having halitosis strong enough to drive a hyena off a bucket of baboon livers.

"Whoops, sorry darlin'.

I chew this clove of garlic to prevent artistic fibrillation. I think your bangs will grow back!"

Next morning as we were leaving Gilroy we remarked that we could no longer smell that deep, penetrating garlic odor.

Then an oncoming vehicle swerved wildly and I saw the driver grabbing at his nose!

Maybe, we observed, we had become used to it.

Moral: One man's hog farm is another man's garlic shampoo.

Special Education Child Find 3- 5 Year Olds Screening Dates Set

Attention Parents:

If you are a resident of any of the following school districts: Benjamin ISD, Knox City-O'Brien CISD, Munday, CISD, Paint Creek ISD or Rule ISD. Haskell-Knox Shared Service Arrangement in cooperation with the school districts it represents (see above) are holding some screenings in the towns of Munday and Knox City for children ages 3-5 years of age whose parents have concerns of the developmental level(s) where their child functions. These screenings will be October 1, 2, and 3, 2007.

In the Spirit of the Individuals with Disabilities Improvement Act (IDEA, 2004) and No Child Left Behind (NCLB) we will focus on keeping children in their most natural instructional settings whenever possible, while focusing in on supports for areas

of delays.

If you have concerns with your child who is 3 or older and not yet in kindergarten; in the area of: mental health, learning, speech, motor and/or emotional skills, please call HKSSA to set up an appointment. The number is 658-3587. Once an appointment time is set, you will be asked to bring your child's birth certificate, social security card and immunization record with you and the child on the day of the appointment.

If you have a child turning 3 years old later on in the 2007-08 school year, and have concerns with their development; then you are encouraged to contact your local school's principal's office or HKSSA (940) 658-3587 to obtain more information about Preschool Programs for Children with Disabilities (PPCD).

Miss Firefighter Candidates



Miss Firefighter Candidates (L to R) Mea Abila, Jessy Schur, Tina Clark

Snakes — Continued

(Continued from page 1)

Rattlesnakes do not always give a warning before they strike, and rattles that are saturated with water probably won't make a rattle.

Rattlesnake bites usually occur in humans when they startle the snake or they provoke it.

Many people don't realize that a snake has a farther striking distance than they assumed, and greatly underestimate it.

A snake can strike a distance of one-third to one-half its body length, and the strike is typically faster than the human eye can completely process. Rattlesnakes can also strike when not in the "S" coil position.

Rattlesnakes are born live from mid-summer to early autumn and with fully functioning fangs and venom. Rattlesnakes are capable of controlling the amount of venom that they release, though a startled snake or one who has been injured may not use that capability. A dry bite or a bite with less than the full amount of venom may be more of a defensive bite.

Around 8000 venomous snake bites are reported each year. Fewer than fifteen snake-bite deaths are reported.

Even so, a rattlesnake bite re-

quires quick medical attention. It is very important to keep a rattlesnake bite victim calm. An increased heart rate will allow the venom to do its work more quickly by allowing it to travel through the body faster.

Anti venom must be given to stop the tissue destruction, nerve effects and blood-clotting disorders common with rattlesnake venom. It is not recommended for untrained individuals to cut around the injection site or to restrict the flow of blood, as this could cause more injury.

Prevention of a snake bite is the key. Always be aware of your surroundings. Do not handle snakes or provoke them in any way. Do not turn rocks, limbs or other items on the ground over with your bare hands.

Use a tool, instead. Step up onto rocks or limbs instead of over them and do not put your hands into animal holes or onto ledges that you only have partial sight of. Also be cautious when walking through high grass, or, at this time of year, fallen leaves that may cover the ground.

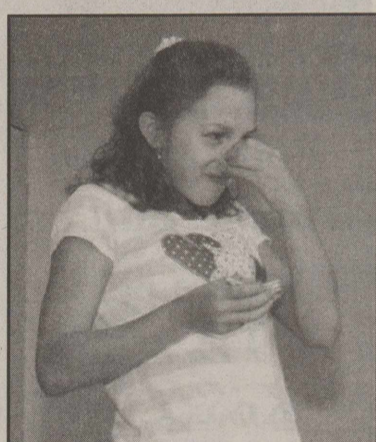
Offer snakes respect. Observe them from a safe distance and allow them to perform their function in life when it will not interfere with your safety.

Spirit Run —



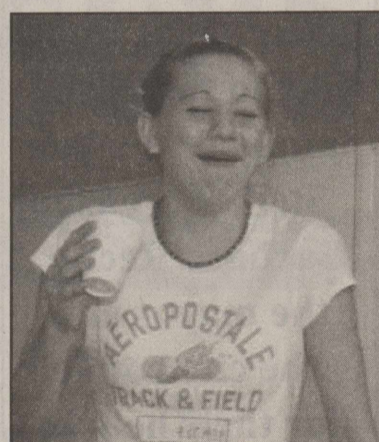
Pictured (l to r): Walking the extra mile Coach Peter's third and fourth grade PE class was: Cara McGhee, Jordyn Eaton, Sheldon Baty, Shailee Manning, unavailable for the picture was Angel Rodriguez. The Spirit Run is done in conjunction with Homecoming at the Pep Rally to get them into the spirit. 3rd grade boys and girls and 4th grade boys and girls compete to see who had the most laps. Winners were announced at the Pep Rally and each winner received a medal.

O'Brien Middle School Student Council Hosts "Fear Factor" Fundraiser



O'Brien Middle School Student Council mixed up their annual fundraiser "Fear Factor" concoctions for the 5th and 6th grade students on Tuesday; and 7th and 8th grade students on Wednesday.

Students contributed to the student council fund for the un-



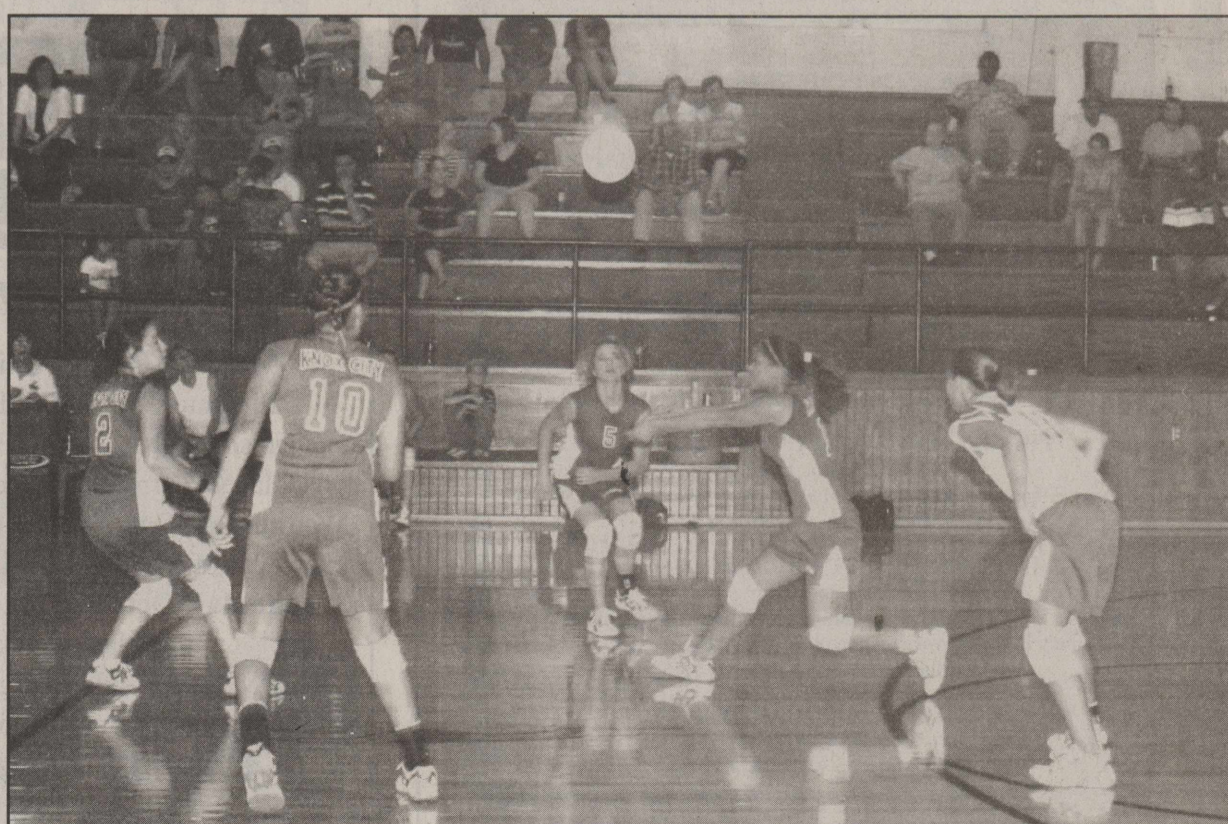
precedented opportunity to taste the brew. 5th Grader Andrea Lynn thought holding her nose would help her swallow the mixture so she could make it to the next round. 8th Grader Toni Brown's face tells a story all its own. Andrea and Toni made it to the next round.

Varsity Houndettes Win Over Aspermont In Volleyball

The Knox City Houndettes met the Aspermont Lady Hornets at the net to battle out a district volleyball match Saturday afternoon at the Knox City gymnasium. The Houndettes, coming off a recent tournament win from the Lady Hornets were confident and ready, but realized more was at the net on this game. . . district play.

The Lady Hornets were looking to even the score with the Houndettes. The junior varsity teams faced off first. The Knox City JV came away with a big win against Aspermont outscoring the Lady Hornets 25/9 and 25/15. Coach Peters stated, "The JV girls are beginning to execute our game plan and showcase their skills. They have always done a great job in practice, but have not always been able to carry that aggressiveness over into the game until this week. I am extremely proud of how they finished each game strong."

The varsity girls served up a district win in four games over Aspermont 25/20, 19/25, 25/13 and 25/15. This is the first dis-

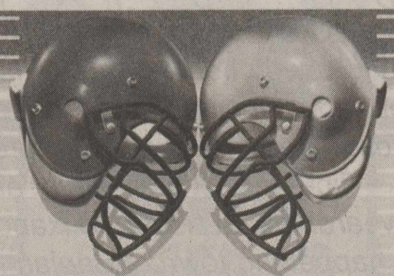


trict win for the Houndettes. Coach Peters was pleased with the outcome of the game and had to say, "The ladies started strong and finished strong. Although Aspermont seemed almost like a

wall at times, the girls kept their poise and worked to keep control of the game. This is our first district win, and put it together with a few more, I think we have a strong chance at the play-offs."

The Houndette teams including middle school and varsity will travel to Loraine next Tuesday for district play.

Serve time is scheduled for 5:00 p.m.



AREA FOOTBALL

Last Week's Scores:

- Knox City 58 vs. Goldburg 0
- Benjamin 38 vs. Lueders-Avoca 80
- Guthrie 41 vs. Wichita Falls Christian 26
- Throckmorton 52 vs. Newcastle 6
- Rule 67 vs. Paducah 20
- Spur 52 vs. Highland 50
- Munday 70 vs. City View 0
- Crowell 67 vs. Harrold 0
- Albany 0 vs. Cisco 51
- Haskell 47 vs. Quanah 14

OBITUARY

Lois Manley

Lois Elmore Manley went home to her loving Savior Wednesday, September 19, 2007. Lois was born to Vonnie and David Elmore in O'Brien, Texas on January 30, 1921. She is preceded in death by her parents, eight brothers and two sisters. She joined her beloved husband Preston who preceded her in death, September of 2005. They enjoyed 62 years of devoted life together. Lois graduated from ACU in Abilene and then together with Preston, graduated from Southwestern Theology Seminary in Fort Worth. She served faithfully beside him as he pastored and then as Director of Missions. She was dedicated to serving young pastors and their wives and missionaries. She was a member of Poynor Baptist Church. Graveside services were held on at 10:30 a.m. Friday, September 21.

The Lord and her family were the center of her life. She is survived by her two committed daughters and sons-in-law, Pat

and Rick Knight of Poynor and Beth and Steve Phillips of Tyler. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren brought great joy to her life. It can truly be said that Granny and Papaw were involved with every aspect and activity of their lives, even driving hours to attend any event they were participating in. They will miss their Granny. Grandchildren are Heather and Conrad Bell of Bullard; Holly and Brian Morse of Coppell; Michal and Brian Phillips of Tyler; Hannah and George Truesdale of Chandler; Melissa Phillips of Shreveport and Wayne Knight of Poynor.

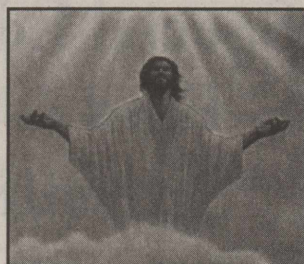
Hugs and kisses will be missed by her great-grandchildren, Preston, Ethan, Erin, Jonah, Evan, Payton and Jacob.

She is also survived by a number of nieces, nephews and sisters-in-law.

Survivors who live in the area are - A niece, Vonnie Beth Elmore of Knox City, and sister-in-law, Olien Elmore of O'Brien.

God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor
O'Brien Baptist Church



Each and every week most of us experience some kind of stressful moment. Stress comes in virtually any shape and form. Your stress this week may have come through parents, or children. It may have been generated because of finances or circumstances beyond your control. However you experienced the stress in your life this week, we all want to know how to remove the stress, resolve the stress, or simply make it go away.

Well, seldom does stress simply go away! We do have to find a way to deal with and resolve it and prevent the situation from becoming worse.

We typically strive to figure out a way to resolve the stress by thinking of new resources. If the old resources worked we probably would not be experiencing the stress of this week. So how do we find, discover, or create the resources we need to resolve this stress and remove the circumstances.

Immediately we demand that we take the bull by the horns and figure out a way to resolve the circumstance creating the stress. Occasionally this may work,

but if it doesn't what do we do? There is really only one direction to take to resolve and remove the stress of the situation, because these situations are usually bigger and more difficult than we can manage.

Let me share this scripture from the New Testament with you, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4: 6-7 NASB)

The key is "which surpasses all comprehension", that is the supernatural power of Holy God to intervene in your life and not only will He resolve this circumstance, but He will give you peace in the midst of it. His peace He will give to you. He simply says, "Let your requests be made known to God." Now, I have a question, "do you believe what He is saying?" What you do right now is what you believe!

I pray that God blesses your life this week as you seek His understanding and direction.

Don Jackson New Pastor Of KC Foursquare Church

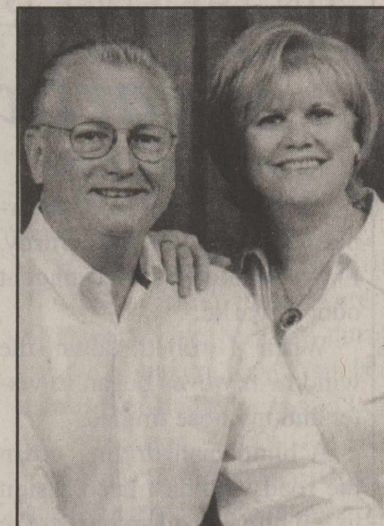
Don Jackson has pastored in the Foursquare family for more than 30 years. He has pastored churches in New Mexico, Texas and Florida.

He served the Southeast District as Director of Church Health.

He also served as the Florida District Supervisor and currently serves on the National Church Multiplication Team. He is currently the Pastor of Knox City Foursquare Church.

Don attended Angelo School of the Bible and completed a bachelor and masters degrees from International Seminary. He also completed a Ph. D. at Jacksonville Seminary.

Don is married to Theola and they have three children and seven grandchildren.



Their son is a fireman in Flagler Beach, Florida; their middle daughter is children's pastor in Tampa, Florida and their youngest daughter and husband are pastors in South Boston, Virginia.

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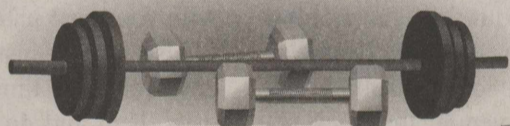
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Program Development Group Meeting For EQIP

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service invites the public and any agencies with interest to participate in a Program Development Group (PDG) meeting to be held at USDA Service Center in Knox City. This meeting will be on October 10 beginning at 1:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to request participation and invite comments from a broad range of local agencies, organizations, businesses, and individuals that have an interest in natural resource conditions and needs.

The discussion in the Program Development Group will help the Local Work Group (LWG), led by the Wichita-Brazos Soil and Water Conservation District, to address for the FY2008 Environmental Quality Incentives Programs (EQIP). The LWG will make recommendations on resource concerns to be addressed for eligible practices, county priorities, and application ranking for counties.

One of the guiding principles of the 2002 USDA Farm Bill

is that conservation programs are locally led. Through stakeholder meetings the public is given an opportunity to help local conservation leaders set program priorities. These meetings are open to the public.

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) was established in the 1996 Farm Bill to provide a single, voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers to address significant natural resource concerns. Nationally, it provides technical and financial assistance to address natural resource concerns. Administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), EQIP was reauthorized in the 2002 Farm Bill and awards cost share assistance to projects which provide significant environmental benefit.

For more information, call the USDA Service Center office in Knox City at (940) 658-3526 X3. Service center locations and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS website at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

Ceremony — Continued

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Then, a Benjamin family left \$5000 to the Knox County Historical Commission for the purpose of making this dream into a reality. This bequest, along with long hours of work spent in fund raising and applying for and receiving grants from various venues, has resulted in the very nearly completed museum building located just east of the Knox County courthouse in Benjamin on US Hwy 82.

This project has been a pay as you go effort, with the whole county working together to make this happen.

The efforts were led by a small group of dedicated indi-

viduals that not only love history, but have an overwhelming love for Knox County. This group quickly gives credit to the residents and friends of Knox County who have so generously helped and supported all their efforts.

The cornerstone ceremony will be preceded by a meal at the Benjamin Memorial Building, consisting of brisket with all the trimmings and peach cobbler for dessert. The meal will be a fund raising opportunity sponsored by the Friends of the Knox County Historical Commission, with a suggested donation of \$10. Serving will begin around 12:00 noon.

News At MHS

The student council presidential nominees, Ashleigh Myers and Steven Urbanczyk, gave their speeches on Tuesday, September 25th at 9:00 am in the MHS auditorium. After the delivery of speeches, the student council president election was held. Results of that election were not available at press time. Also, some of the FFA members showing livestock will be attending the Dallas State Fair October 1-5, 2007.

This week some freshmen have to do their "Lip Syncs" in Mrs. Tidwell's Theater Arts class on Wednesday. Other freshmen are working on BCIS reports for Coach Lowrance. Remember that the last week of the six weeks is coming up.

Fall Pictures are on Friday, September 28, 2007. Last Friday in Mrs. Shahan's A&P class they dissected a "PICKLE" to identify organs. They will be doing more dissecting projects.

Upcoming events at MHS include: Fall pictures on Sept. 28th, Football at Quanah at 7:30 on Sept. 28th, Volleyball at home vs. Albany at 10:00 a.m. on Sept. 29th, Cross-country at Rider on Sept. 29th, Cross-country at Rule on Oct. 1st, Volleyball at home vs. Notre Dame at 5 on Oct. 2nd, ASVAB exam will be administered to all Juniors on Oct. 4th.

This article is written weekly by Shelby Hendrix, Tabby Lerrma, Krystynn Myers, Whitney Sanders, and Steven Urbanczyk

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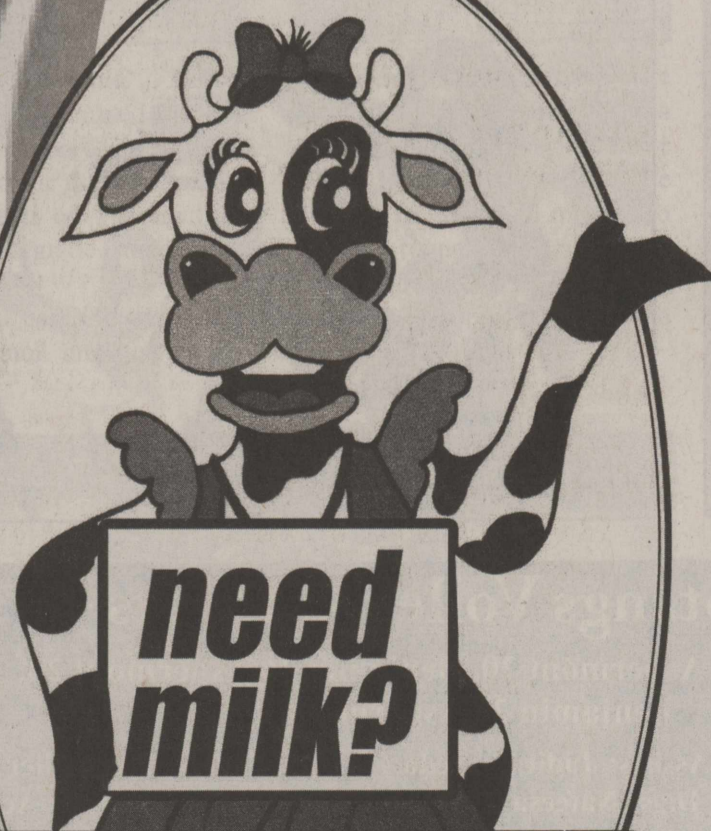
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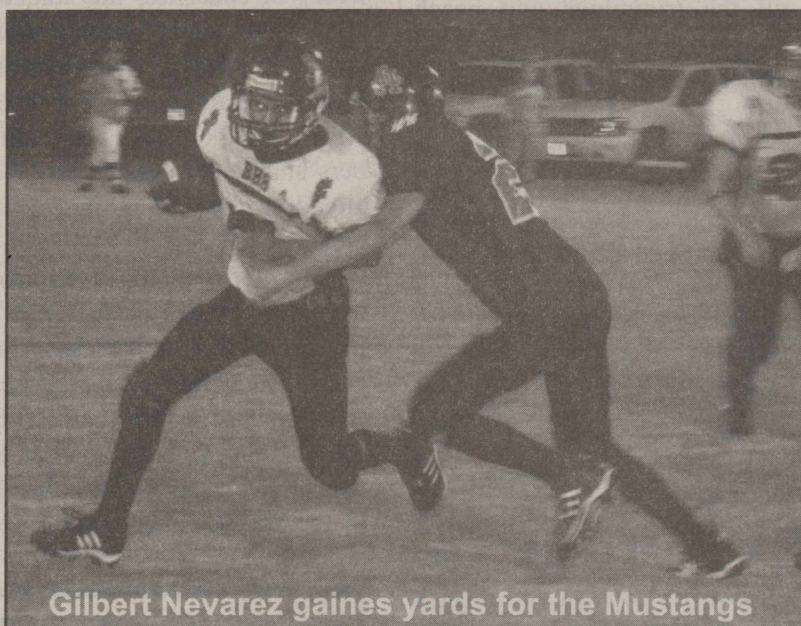
Junior High And High School Lose Against Lueders-Avoca

The Benjamin junior high and high school Mustangs each faced off against the Lueders-Avoca Raiders last week. Both the junior high and high school teams lost to the Raiders.

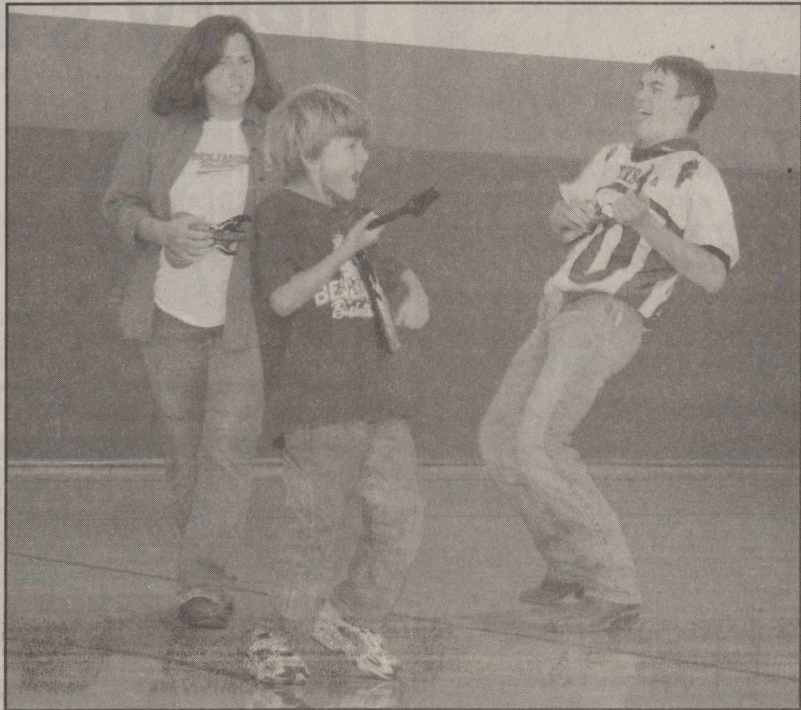
The Benjamin junior high, fielding eight players, played before packed home stands on Thursday evening. The junior high team is blessed with size and speed and has four returning players. While they fell with a score of 26-38, they never gave up, scoring touchdowns right up until the end of the game. Team members are Blake Jones, Tanner Monroe, Matthew Acree, Cody Potter, Jonathan Rainwater, Kellen Loftiss, Bryston Pierce and Heath Ham. They are coached by Jason Loftiss.

The high school traveled to Lueders on Friday to face off against the Raiders on their home turf. The Mustangs, still shaken with injuries, played hard, but weren't able to bring home a win. The final score was 80-38. The Mustangs will be fielding two new players this week. Both saw play time last season.

Both junior high and high school Mustang fans are in for a double-header Thursday night when both teams take on the Wilson Mustangs at Ben Grill Field in Benjamin. The junior high game will begin at 5:00 p.m., followed by the high school game at 7:30 p.m.



Gilbert Nevarez gains yards for the Mustangs



Becky Jones, Benjamin Vanderpol and Cody Propps



Football boys going "Bananas" at pep rally

BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

The September days are "winding down" and October, November and December will take us out of 2007.

The holiday season is around the corner and before we know it, the sounds of Christmas will be in the air, not a very pleasant thought, is it? The holiday and what it means is always looked forward to, but as we get older, the hustle and bustle of it all gets more burdensome.

No real change in the past reports on our ill. Seems right now everyone is pretty well holding their own. Added to our regulars this week, however, are Charles Jones and Linda Griffith's mom, Mrs. Hawkins.

Charles was in Dallas today for some tests and will go back next week for more. So far, no definite problem has been identified.

Mrs. Hawkins is in the Knox County Hospital. She has been quite ill, but Linda said today she seemed a little better.

Our little Mason Herring is still in Dallas Children's Hospital having more heart tests. He's still having some problems and doctors are considering options to correct them. I continue to ask for your prayers for him and his family, as well as all the oth-

ers with problems of any kind.

Sports

The volleyball girls continue to win. They defeated Aspermont Tuesday night in Aspermont. The Mustangs were defeated by Lueders-Avoca Friday night at Lueders.

Birthday Party

Deann Lamb was surprised Monday afternoon with a surprise birthday party in her home.

Refreshments of cake and punch and party nuts were served to the guests. Deann will be entering the hospital in Wichita Falls Thursday for more surgery to correct the problem causing her lack of good balance and a few more that are bothering her. She'll be in the hospital two or three days. Attending her party were Jonnie Williams, Mary Bohannon, Brandi Jones, Irene Reed, Teresa Kuehler, Lorene Powers, Betty Lyles, Betty Bohannon, Misty Bohannon, Nicholas and Liddy Brumley, Corrine Parrish, Judy Barnett, Jane Gideon, Jack and Mary Young, Dutch and Imagean Young, Jessie Roberts, Gladene Green and the honoree, Deann. Everyone had a fun time!

Here 'N There

Former resident, John Turner, now of Knox City, had more heart tests last week and had to

have a stint. He has a good bit of blockage, but bypass surgery is not an option due to some more problems he has. He was in an Abilene Hospital. He is a brother to Benjamin resident, Sue Sheedy.

Betty Bohannon and Misty Bohannon and children were in Clayton, New Mexico during the weekend to visit their husbands (and dad) Roger and Lonnie Bohannon.

Cathy Tomlinson of Denton and Sammy and Jennifer Tomlinson of Gainseville visited Gloria and Leroy West and Lorene Powers during last week.

Billie Faye Cummings of Henderson visited relatives, Jack and Mary Young, Dutch and Imagean Young and nieces and nephews and her sister, Pat Benson in the Munday Nursing Center last week.

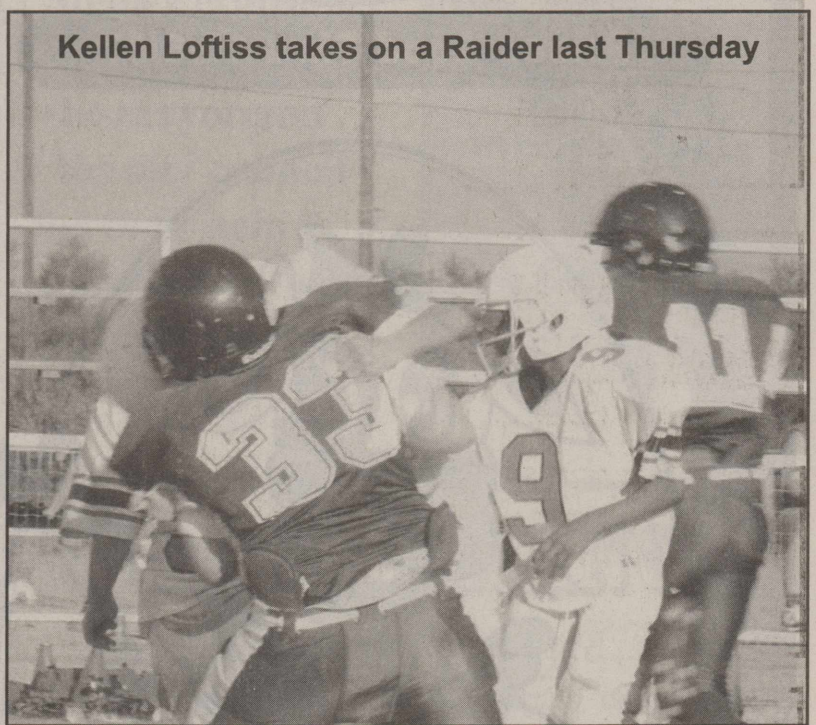
Visiting Earlene Meinzer last Thursday were her niece and her husband, Mary Sue and Charles Flanary of Alvin. They were in the area for the Haskell homecoming. Charles is a Haskell native.

Jessica Moorhouse of Tarleton State in Stephenville was home for the weekend.

Hazel Stockton and Kim Moore were in Oklahoma City Wednesday for the funeral of her brother, Doyle Loper.



Coach Loftiss instructs JH Mustangs during a timeout



Kellen Loftiss takes on a Raider last Thursday

Lady 'Stangs Beat Aspermont In Volleyball Action Last Week

The Benjamin Lady Stangs continue to blaze through their season, bringing back another win after a trip to Aspermont last week. They are four games into their district season. After going head to head against cross-river rivals the Knox City Houndettes this Tuesday, they will take on Lorraine at home on Saturday, September 29th at 2 p.m. They will travel to Rotan on October 2nd. Play will begin at 6:30 p.m. The Lady Stangs stand undefeated for the season.

Lady 'Stangs Volleyball Stats —

Benjamin 25 Aspermont 20, Benjamin 26 Aspermont 24, Benjamin 25 Aspermont 6

Tina Siemens - 2 Aces, 8 Assists; Judit Acevedo - 2 Aces, 7 Digs; Teri Miller - 4 Kills; Karla Benson - 5 Kills, 9 Digs; Nafeesa Ebraheim - 4 Kills, 9 Digs; Julia Acevedo - 3 Aces, 3 Digs; Devon Jones - 7 Aces, 2 Digs.

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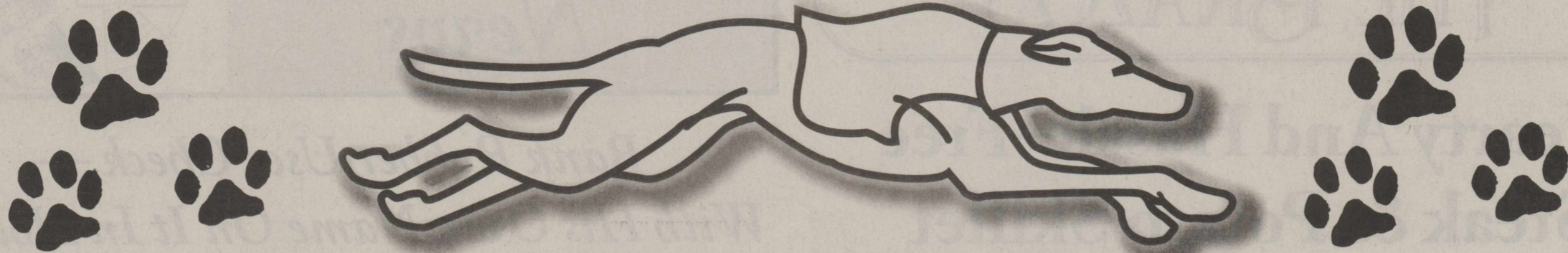
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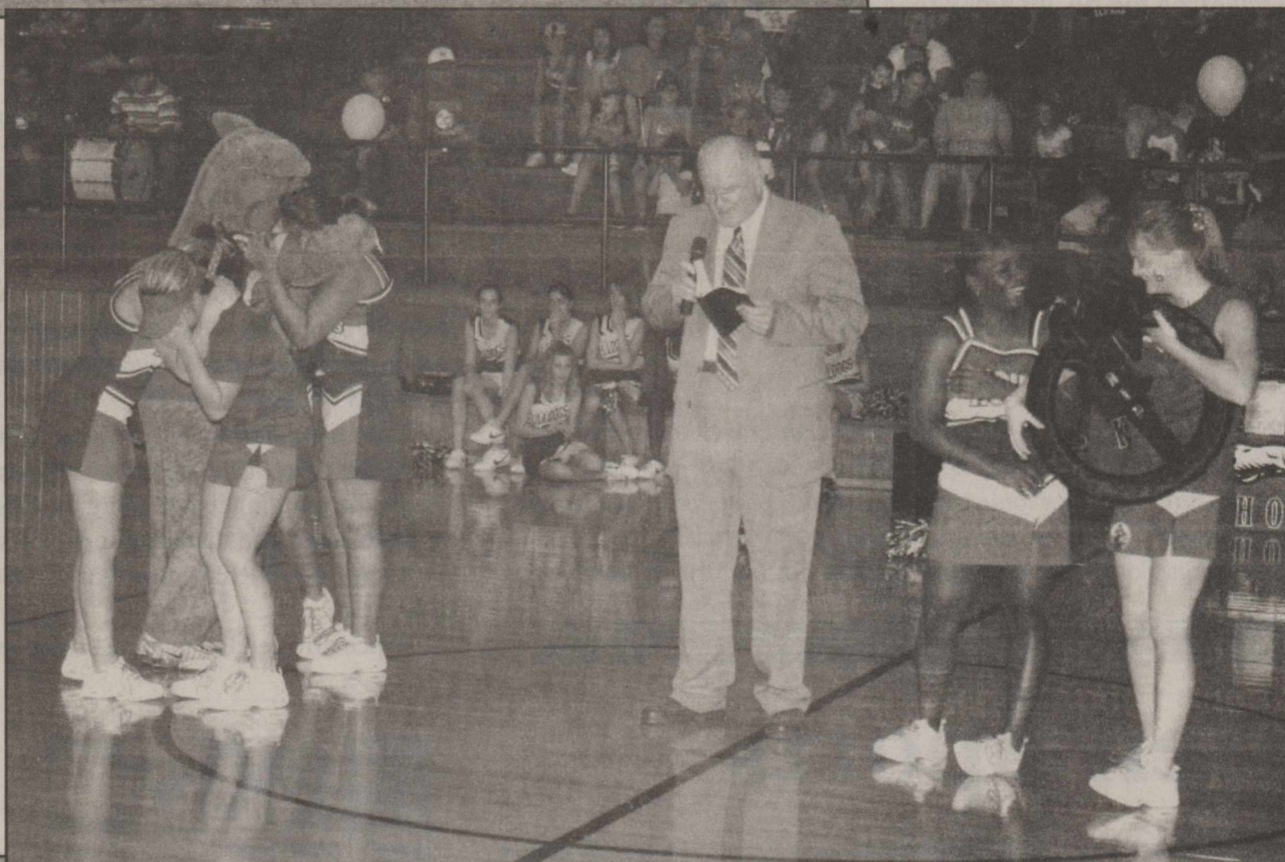
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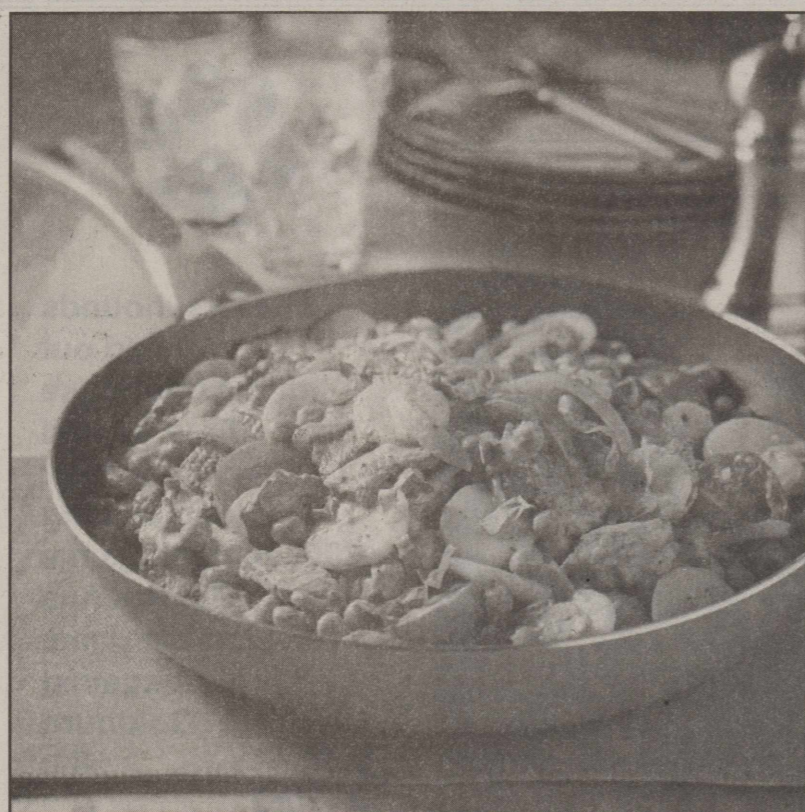
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- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 4 teaspoons olive oil, divided
- 1 small onion, cut into thin wedges
- 1 can (15 ounces) READ German potato salad
- 1 cup cherry or grape tomatoes, halved
- 1 cup frozen peas, thawed
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil
- Salt and black pepper, to taste



A classic combination becomes a weeknight sensation when comfort foods meet savory staples in a scrumptious skillet dinner. Ready in about 20 minutes, this hearty meal is perfect for families on the go. Includes recipe for Steak & Potato Skillet.

1. Cut beef steak lengthwise in half, then crosswise into 1/8-inch slices. Toss with lemon pepper and garlic to coat evenly. Heat 2 teaspoons oil in large (12-inch) nonstick skillet over medium-high heat; add half the beef and stir-fry 2 minutes, or until outside of beef is no longer pink. Remove and set aside. Repeat with remaining beef mixture, adding 1 teaspoon more oil, if necessary. Remove beef and reserve.

2. Heat remaining oil in same skillet over medium heat. Add onion and cook, stirring often, 5 to 7 minutes until softened. Stir in potato salad. Return beef to skillet; stir in tomatoes, peas, sour cream and basil; cook until heated through, about 1 minute. Season with salt and pepper. Makes 4 servings.

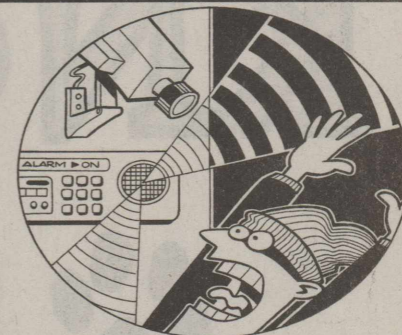
Nutrition information per serving (1/4 of recipe): 394 calories; 44g carbohydrate; 26g protein; 17g fat; 762mg sodium; 76mg cholesterol; 3g dietary fiber; 3mg iron; 0.2mg thiamin; 1442IU Vitamin A; 8mg Vitamin C.

Ground Beef & Potato Skillet Variation

Substitute 1 pound lean ground beef for the steak. Omit olive oil. Brown ground beef, onion and garlic in large nonstick skillet over medium heat until beef is no longer pink, 8 to 10 minutes; drain. Season with lemon pepper. Stir in potato salad. Stir in tomatoes, peas, sour cream and basil; cook until heated through. Season with salt and pepper.

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Dumb Crook News



Bank Robber Uses Check — With His Own Name On It In Holdup

Authorities in Englewood, Colorado, say that a note demanding money from a bank teller there was written on a check that belonged to the suspect. The suspect, identified as 27-year-old Forest Kelly Bissonette, apparently scratched his name off one of his own checks, then used that check to write a note used in a September 5 bank robbery, according to authorities.

"We could still make it out even though he blacked it out," said Rene VonderHaar, FBI special agent. As of this writing, Bissonette remains in federal custody after turning himself in on September 7. Almost \$5,000 was taken during the robbery at the Bank of the West in the aforementioned city.

Woman Drives To Courthouse — In A Stolen Car!

A woman in Manning, South Carolina, was trying to avoid legal problems by paying a traffic ticket. But police there say that the woman, identified as 21-year-old Amber Renee Helton, ended up in the slammer when authorities discovered that she drove a stolen car to the courthouse.

Clarendon County deputies received a tip that Helton was going to be in a stolen car when she paid the ticket, according to Chief Deputy Joe Bradham.

So cops arrested Helton as she opened the door of the 2001 Dodge Intrepid at the courthouse the morning of September 11, authorities said. Helton and her passenger, identified as 35-year-old Terry Lynn Alvery, were charged with possession of a stolen vehicle, Bradham said.

As of this writing, Helton is being held at the Clarendon jail on \$5,000 bail.

The vehicle had been reported stolen August 28 in Dayton, Tennessee, according to authorities.

Helton had been in court less than a week before. She was acquitted of possession of a stolen tag and convicted of driving without possession of a state driver's license, Bradham said.

"I guess she thought 'Hey, I got away with having a stolen tag. I might get away with the entire car,'" Bradham said.

Men Break Into Building — To Find Cops Inside!

Two men in Antioch, California, who police said broke into a building there to steal copper wiring weren't expecting to find a room full of police officers. Police said that the two men, identified as 26-year-old James Ayers and 38-year-old Frederick Guilliee, broke into the 40,000 square-foot building around 6:00 PM on September 18.

What they didn't count on was Antioch police K-9 unit who was holding a training session there.

At the time of the botched break-in, an officer was hiding inside the building an officer was hiding inside the building in a training exercise. Shortly afterward, a K-9 officer announced that a dog was about to be released and that anyone inside should give themselves up or risk being bitten.

Ayers surrendered immediately, according to police, and the K-9 officers found Guilliee hiding inside.

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3	9	5	6	8	1	4	7	2
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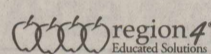
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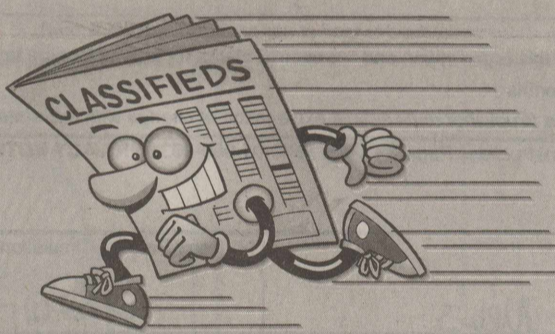
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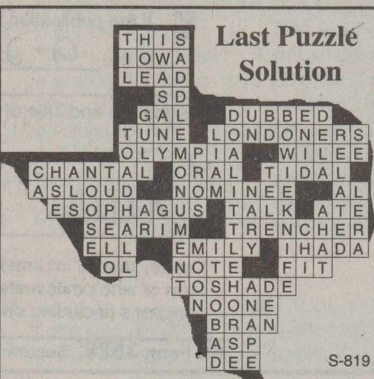
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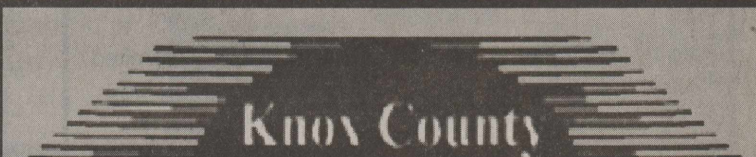
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