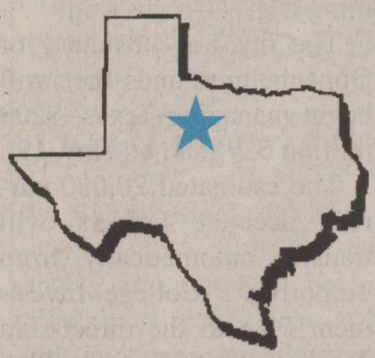


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# THE KNOX COUNTY NEWS

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## Looking Ahead

- **Benjamin Community Thanksgiving Meal**  
Benjamin will hold a community potluck meal on Wednesday, November 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Benjamin Memorial Building.
- **Harvest Day Festival Luncheon**  
The communitywidewomen's Annual Harvest Day Festival luncheon will be celebrated at 10:00 am, on November 16, 2007 at O'Brien Baptist Church.
- **Haskell Young Homemakers Annual Arts and Crafts Show**  
Saturday, November 17 at the Haskell Civic Center. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Admission: \$2 for adults, \$1 for children 5-12 years of age. We have many new vendors this year and all our spaces are completely full! Come prepared to be overwhelmed. Visit booth after booth of great arts and crafts from vendors from near and far! Concession stand lunches will be available. To go orders will be available too. Try our delicious chicken spaghetti lunch with all the trimmings for only \$6.

- **Annual Knox City Chamber Christmas in November**  
Saturday, November 24, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Downtown Knox City. Santa Claus - pictures available, children's activities, refreshments, downtown stores open late, entertainment. Santa Dollars - for every \$10 spent the week of November 19-November 24, your name will go into a drawing for one of four (4) \$25 gift certificates to be given away at 7:00 p.m. in the Chamber Office.

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

• **KC Circle Club**  
Second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Location TBA.

## The Ayes Have It – Voters Approve Adopted Tax Rate For Schools And City

Knox County voters have had their say and the ayes have it. The majority of voters in all three school districts in the county voted to approve adopted tax rates, and the majority of voters in the City of Knox City voted to approve a sale and use tax in specially called November 6th elections.

Tax ratification elections were held for each school district in Knox County. In all three districts, Benjamin, Knox City and Munday, voters approved the ad valorem tax rate per \$100 valuation adopted by the Board of Trustees in their districts for 2007.

Louis Baty, superintendent at Knox City-O'Brien CISD, stated that district voters passed the adoption with 159 for and 44 against. Benjamin ISD district voters passed the adoption with 58 for and 3 against. According to Region 9 Service Center data gathered from the schools, Munday voters passed the vote 130 to 25.

In the election held by the City of Knox City, voters approved the adoption of a (1/4) one-fourth of one percent sales and use tax to help maintain and repair Knox City streets. The votes came in with 105 for and 11 against.

## Christmas In November Slated For November 24

The Knox City Chamber of Commerce's annual "Christmas in November" will be held on Saturday, November 24th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in downtown Knox City.

In addition to the downtown shops being open late for the occasion, Santa Claus will be stopping in to gather wish lists and take photographs with the children. Entertainment will also be provided, as well as children's activities and refreshments.

At 7 p.m. a drawing will be held for four \$25 gift certificates in the Chamber of Commerce office, also in the downtown business district. For every \$10 you spend in downtown businesses during the week of November 19th through the 24th, your name will be entered into the Santa Dollars drawing.

## Outstanding 4-H Member Brittany Coop To Be Honored

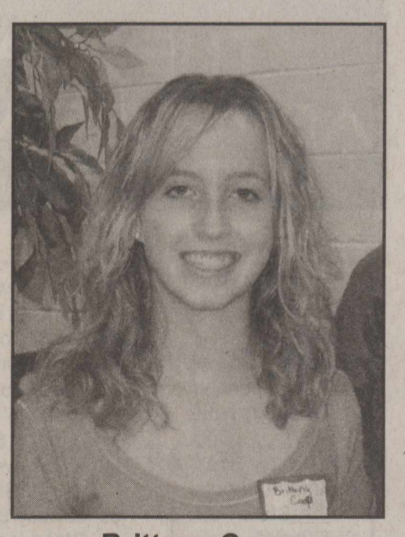
An outstanding 4-H Club member from Knox County will be honored at the Rolling Plains District 3 4-H Gold Star Banquet at 7:00 p.m., Monday, November 19 in Haskell at the Haskell Civic Center.

Among the top 4-H'ers in the District being honored will be Brittany Coop, daughter of Curt and Lorrie Coop of Munday.

The banquet will have a slide show presentation featuring the Gold Star recipients. The banquet is planned and conducted by 4-H'ers on the District 4-H Council executive committee of the 2007-2008 District 4-H Council.

Parents, distinguished guests and special friends of 4-H will attend the banquet to salute the county winners, said Kelli Lehman, Extension Program Specialist 4-H.

To qualify for the Gold Star Award, the highest 4-H honor at the county level, a 4-H'er must be at least 15 years old, participated in 4-H for three years, complete a 4-H Recordbook and



Brittany Coop have at least three 4-H projects. "The award is intended to stimulate winners to higher achievement and to encourage other young people to participate in the county 4-H program," says Ms. Lehman.

The awards will be presented by Donald Kelm, District Extension Administrator for the Texas Cooperative Extension. 4-H is the youth program of Texas Cooperative Extension a part of the Texas A&M University System.

## Large Crowd Attends Veterans Memorial Program On Monday

A light breeze tossed patriotic melodies from the Greyhound Pride Marching Band through Benjamin on Monday, as people settled onto the east side of the square to view the Veteran's Day Program.

At promptly 11:00 a.m., Charles Baker of Munday began the ceremony.

Tim Trimble, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Benjamin and Knox City led the invocation.



Elaine Weiss and Nadine Bemus, sisters of Goldstar family Private Mathew Kreitz, place the memorial wreath at the Knox county Veterans Memorial Archway

Benjamin resident Dennis Duke presented a poignant welcome, followed by the presenting of colors by the American Legion Post 229 of Knox City and VFW Post 1035 of Munday.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Benjamin third and fourth grade class under the direction of Nancy McGreger.

Winners of the Veterans Day poster and speech contest, Kelsey Vasquez of Knox City-O'Brien CISD elementary, and Kelsey Brown of Benjamin ISD elementary, each read aloud their winning speeches for the gathered audience.

Jess Jones of Benjamin sang the National Anthem.

Sisters of Mathew Kreitz, Elaine Weiss and Nadine Bemus of Bastrop, Texas, the Gold Star Family, placed the memorial wreath at the archway.

Private Kreitz, who was of the Rhineland area, was killed in action on November 16, 1944 at the age of 22 by a German sniper who machined gunned a truck he was riding in.

Five other soldiers were also killed.

After the program, the crowd split, some moving down to the museum to view veterans memorabilia, an impressive display of wars past, while others enjoyed a hamburger meal at the Benjamin Memorial Building.

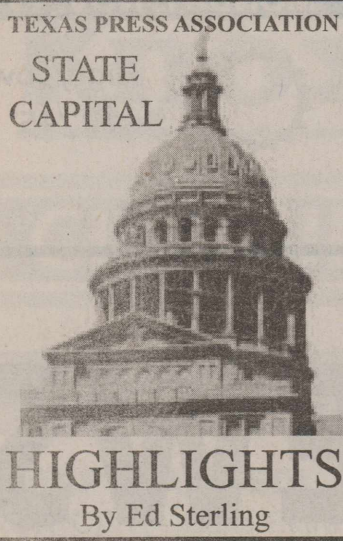
The number served was not available as of press time.

## Knox City Elementary Recognized As An Exemplary Campus —



Knox City Elementary is an Exemplary Campus according to the T.E.A. Accountability System. The campus faculty and staff were recognized at Friday's pep rally. PTO President Tex Cox presented campus principal Ms. Marsha McGaughey (center) the plaques honoring the achievement. Congratulations Knox City Elementary on the outstanding accomplishment!

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HIGHLIGHTS  
By Ed Sterling

# Voters Say Yes To All 16 Constitutional Amendments

AUSTIN - Voters approved all 16 constitutional amendments up for consideration in the Nov. 6 statewide election.

Only about 8.5 percent of the state's 12.6 million registered voters cast ballots, Secretary of State Phil Wilson said.

Once more, for the record, here are the briefs:

- Prop. 1: Switching Angelo State University to Texas Tech System governance.
- Prop. 2: \$500 million in general obligation bonds to

finance educational loans.

- Prop. 3: Authorizing the Legislature to limit the maximum average annual percentage increase in the appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes to 10 percent, or a greater percentage, for each year since the most recent tax appraisal of the homestead.
- Prop. 4: \$1 billion in bonds for maintenance, improvement, repair and construction projects, including prisons.
- Prop. 5: Allowing a city under 10,000 population to enter into an agreement to limit taxes on a piece of municipal property.
- Prop. 6: Creating a tax exemption for one of a person's motor vehicles.
- Prop. 7: Allowing a governmental body to sell land it acquired by eminent domain.
- Prop. 8: Making changes

regarding a person's eligibility for a home equity loan.

- Prop. 9: Granting disabled veterans exemptions from ad valorem tax on their residence.
- Prop. 10: Abolishing the office of inspector of hides and animals.
- Prop. 11: Requiring that the House and Senate take a record vote on final passage of any bill, other than certain local bills, of a resolution proposing or ratifying a constitutional amendment, or of any other nonceremonial resolution, and providing for public access on the Internet to those record votes.
- Prop. 12: \$5 billion in highway improvement bonds.
- Prop. 13: Authorizing the denial of bail to a person who violates certain court orders or conditions of release in a felony or family violence

case.

- Prop. 14: Permitting judges past retirement age to complete their term of office.
- Prop. 15: Requiring the creation of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas and authorizing the issuance of up to \$3 billion in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for research in Texas to find the causes of and cures for cancer.
- Prop. 16: Providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$250 million to provide assistance to economically distressed areas.

**School district tests hybrid bus**  
Austin Independent School District is trying out a new plug-in hybrid school bus the school district recently purchased.

The bus cost \$225,000. Federal and state grants covered \$146,000 and funds from a 2004 school district bond issue covered the remaining \$79,000. The price of a typical new diesel school bus can run \$75,000 or more.

Austin ISD's 71-passenger diesel-electric bus meets the latest federal emission standards. It will get about 12 miles to the gallon. Most school buses get about six miles to a gallon of diesel, school officials said.

This is the first plug-in hybrid school bus in Texas, and one of only 18 in the United States.

chased.

The slogan for our new and improved college savings plan is "The Start of Something Big," Combs said.

The firm, a subsidiary of OppenheimerFunds Inc., will begin managing Texas' \$200 million 529 Plan on Nov. 19.

The estimated 20,000 current account holders will transfer automatically from Tomorrow's College Investment Plan to the direct-sold Texas College Savings Plan or the advisor-sold LoneStar 529 Plan.

For a child born this year, the projected cost of four years at a public university will exceed \$77,000 for tuition and fees alone.

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## COW POKES®

By Ace Reid



"Jake, tell me one more time how much fun we're having on this huntin' trip."

### Haskell Young Homemakers Annual Arts and Crafts Show

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- TXism: "no brag, just..."
- state of Spurs' Jazz opponent
- TX Buddy Holly hit: "On"
- "Gig" or "Hook" end
- Amarillo hosts
- State Fair
- TXism: "poke in the eye with a sharp stick"
- TX Orbison & Willis did it for a career
- in Robertson Co. on 14
- TXism: "nail to the barn door"
- TX Carol Burnett won 1st Emmy on the Garry Show
- TXism: "a tack" (smart)
- Howe's h.s. rating
- TXism: "a real go..." (energetic)
- Amarillo is capital of the world
- Rangers NY foe
- Dallas military hosp.
- JFK's funeral had a horse
- Cowboys followers
- Ebanos ferry is hand-pulled
- what Texans do best
- star of Ace Reid's cartoons (2 wds.)
- TX nurses provide this (abbr.)
- TX Socorro de Sur: oldest in U.S.
- TXism: "beats anything saw"

**DOWN**

- TXism: "the was flying" (fighting)
- TXism: "as welcome as a skunk picnic"
- Cascade are near Boerne
- "Texas, our Texas! All hail..."
- this state Apiary Service tracks killer bees (abbr.)
- TXism: "hoof" (hog)
- boot width
- Aggie letters
- TXism: "a good man not" (mean)
- TXism: "on a slinging drunk"
- TX hardwood tree
- camping shelter
- TX ZZ Top's "Hombres"
- Galveston hosts Dickens' "Week Strand"
- LPGA event: "Nabisco Shore"
- cowboy bolo (2 wds.)
- Stars' league (abbr.)
- '28, TX voted against him (init.)
- winner of Rangers 7th inning score-board race (2 wds.)
- San Antonio-based Diamond
- Miss Texas ex-director: "Magness"
- TXism: "feel like chewed up and spit out"
- TX DPS licenses of DWIs
- pencil end
- "The Raven" (init.)
- TXism: "no flies on" (good looking)
- Ken Norton, Jr.'s dad broke this boxer's jaw in '73
- TXism: "get of it"
- Cinco de Mayo celebrates the victory at
- ex-Ranger Petralli
- "at least we have other"
- Feria, TX
- sixth sense
- TX Bob Willis hit: "Faded"
- rare deer type at San Antonio Zoo: David's
- TXism: "took a ikin"
- rip or tear
- home state of TX outlaw Sam Bass
- hammer partners
- TXism: "chew fat" (talk)

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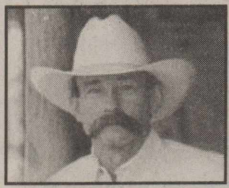
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# BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

## Selling The Show Steer

By Baxter Black, DVM

In the month before our county fair, our mail box is filled with letters from 4-H kids inviting us to the fair and to take a look at their show animals, i.e., "I'm in the 6th grade, my second year in 4-H in the beef project, and I love it! My steer's name is Chipper, come take a look at him. Sincerely..."

Coincidentally, I received a copy of a Letter to the Editor, in another town that said, and I paraphrase, "...desensitizing children (emotional manipulation) to betray the animal's trust by raising it, then sending it for slaughter is animal cruelty and a sad commentary that we encourage that dichotomy of thought in young people."

I called the writer of the letter to the editor. She was a smart, articulate, animal rights activist and entrenched in her opinions (like most of us). It was very difficult for us to find any middle ground, except that we both favored spaying and neutering dogs and cats. She was a vegetarian; saw no reason to raise animals to eat in the first place. When I suggested that production efficiency was worthwhile, she said it was just to make money, besides, farmers are subsidized. I tried to make a distinction that the relationship of humans to pets and humans to livestock was different. It fell on deaf ears.

Just as her efforts to convince me that a pig's right to express their 'pigness' was more important than my evaluation of their comfort, based on measurable production parameters. She actually said

pork should cost a lot more. I'm sure a lot of pork producers agree with her, but she's not a consumer like most of us.

In her ideal world, everyone would eat grain and greens. There would be no milk, no eggs, no steak, bacon, salmon, sushi, chicken enchiladas, cheese, ice cream or locusts consumed by humans. We would live the culinary life of mountain gorilla, while coyotes, chimpanzees, polar bears and sharks would scour the earth for meat on the hoof.

The minor ruckus in the community where the activist's letter to the editor appeared, served its purpose. She made her point and mobilized the local county agent and the 4-H kids to think through and articulate their positions. The activist chooses to live in her own cocoon, ignoring that 96% of the population eats meat and it has to come from somewhere.

The excerpt from a letter by one of the 4-H kids expresses the view as well as it can be said:

"A 4-Her is knowledgeable enough to understand the difference between a pet and livestock. Sure some tears may be shed at the sale. The tears show how much dedication and effort was put into a project. Yes, bonds may be formed, but these animals are bred as market animals. The only 'emotional manipulation' occurring is the maturing and realization that these animals will be feeding a family for many nights."

I couldn't have said it better. It is our lot in life to feed our fellow man. Let's hope we do it well.

## KC Students Raise Big Bucks For Research

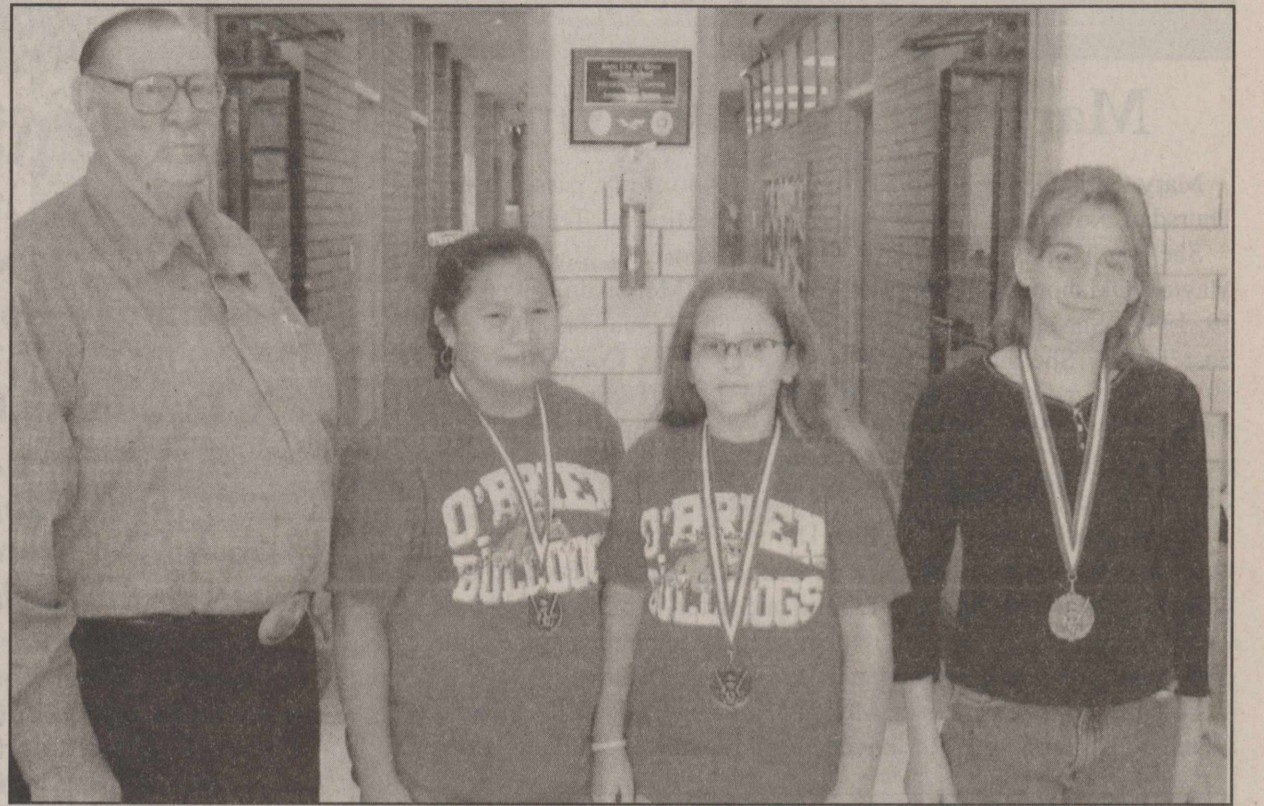
The Knox City elementary students definitely have something to be proud of with their recent accomplishment of raising \$1,927.65 for heart and stroke research.

The money was raised during their 2007 Jump Rope for Heart event.

Third through fifth grades participated in the event over about a two week period.

The jump-a-thon was held last week in the Knox City school gymnasium.

## Winners In The Annual Veterans Day Poster And Speech Contest



The winners in the annual Veterans Day Poster and Speech Contest of the O'Brien 6th Grade Middle School of the KCISD has been announced. L - R - First place and gold medal winner is Kelsey Vasquez who spoke at the Veterans Day Program on November 12 in Benjamin, Second Place and silver medal winner is Tanna Moeller, third place and bronze medal winner is Tayler Pepper.

Mr. Homer Lowrance presented the medals to these students on November 8 at the O'Brien Middle School.

Posters of Kelsey, Tanna and Tayler were displayed in the museum at Benjamin throughout the festivities of the day.

## 4-H NEWS

### Knox County 4-H and Knox City FFA Stock Show Sign-up Night

Any member of Knox County 4-H or Knox City FFA with livestock projects planning to show at a major stock show such as Fort Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo, Austin and/or Houston must attend Stock Show Sign-up Night at the Knox City FFA Building, Knox City TX, on Monday, November 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

This is for all Knox County 4-Her's and Knox City FFA members. Exhibitors and at least one parent must be present to sign the necessary forms. Entry fees will need to be paid on that night as well.

If you have any questions, please call Lorrie Coop, CEA-FCS, at the Extension office at 459-2651.

### State Swine Validation

Knox County 4-H, Benjamin FFA, Knox City FFA and Munday FFA will be holding State Swine Validation for anyone interested in showing their swine projects at a major stock show this season. The schedule is as follows:

Sunday, November 18, at 2:00 p.m. - Knox City Ag. Farm, Knox City; Monday, November 19, at 4:00 p.m. - Munday Ag. Farm, Munday; Tuesday, November 20, at 4:00 p.m. - Benjamin Ag. Building (at the high school), Benjamin.

Both exhibitors and at least one parent need to bring their animals to one of these locations to have their animal validated and sign the necessary forms. Your animals must be validated at this time to be entered into any major stock show.



The winners in the annual Veterans Day Poster and Speech Contest of the Benjamin Middle School has been announced. L - R - First place and gold medal winner is Kelsey Brown, who spoke at the Veterans Day Program on November 12 in Benjamin, Second Place and silver medal winner is Kellen Loftis, third place and bronze medal winner is Bryston Pierce.

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## Public Notice

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Knox County Visioning Group Board of Directors is now taking applications for the position of Community Development Director. This position needs a person that has experience in providing leadership in encouraging the startup, retention, recruitment, marketing and expansion through strategic planning for Knox County businesses and jobs, particularly with small businesses; creation of new jobs and employment opportunities; and diversification of economic activity and strengthening the community. Anyone that is interested and has experience should send their resume to the address below by noon on November 30th, 2007. For any additional information please call 940-459-2191.

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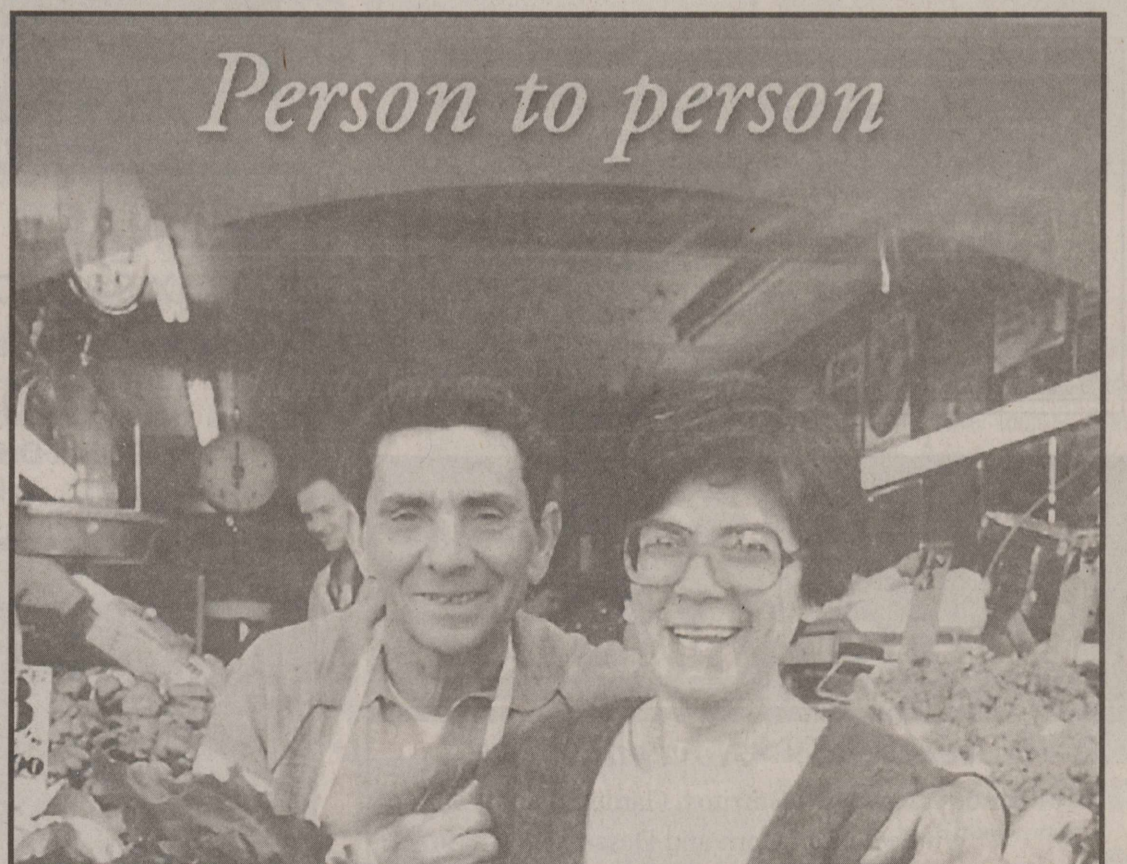
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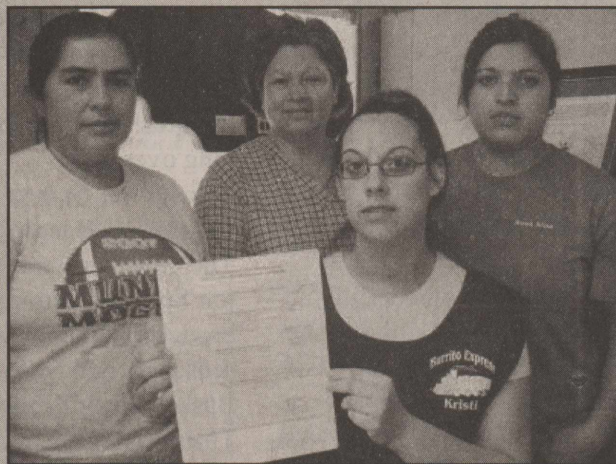


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## Burrito Express Celebrates Third Year Anniversary With A Perfect Score!

The Burrito Express would like you to know that we strive to make your eating experience with us a safe and pleasant one! We are celebrating our third year anniversary of being in business to serve you, our customers. Each year the State of Texas Health Board inspects these facilities twice a year. Our most recent inspection was on 11-08-07. Our score was...0—A PERFECT SCORE!! A special thanks to our God and all the employees here at the Burrito Express for making all this possible.



Burrito Express Employees proudly display their inspection sheet with a perfect score. Burrito Express has a convenient Drive-Thru and is open Monday - Friday, 6:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. Their phone numbers are 657-5568 or 657-4323.

Ben and Mary Vasquez



Veterans present at the breakfast and flag raising

## All-District Volleyball Team Announced

The All-District Volleyball Team was announced recently. Topping the list from Knox City for First Team All-District was Jessy Schur (Senior) and Brittney Gonzales (sophomore). Second Team All-District selections were Juniors Mea Abila and Samantha Esquivel. Honorable Mention selections included Sophomores Isela Rodriguez and Brittany Baker. Congratulations ladies!



All-District Volleyball Selections: Front (L to R): Brittany Baker & Whitney Collins; Middle (L to R) Samantha Esquivel, Jessy Schur, Isela Rodriguez; Back (L to R) Mea Abila & Brittney Gonzales

With the closing of volleyball season on Saturday, Nov. 3, the Houndettes changed their focus from volleyball to basketball. The JV and Varsity girls opened their basketball season against Munday on Tuesday, Nov. 6. The JV lost 7-54 and the Varsity fell 21-50. Then the Houndettes met the Crowell Wildcats on Saturday, November 10, and the teams lost, JV 11-50 and Varsity 16-59. Coach Peters stated, "I felt that we didn't execute our offense well against Munday at both the JV and Varsity level. We did a little better job of following our offensive game plan against Crowell; however we are still struggling with our man defense." She continued

to say that she was pleased with the improvement in offense and defensive execution but realized that the teams have a long way to go before we can be competitive in district. "We had some bright spots, such as Brittney Gonzales holding Crowell's All-State player to just 6 points for the night. I think that is something we can build on." The Houndettes continue to work on their game plan and will face Paint Creek Friday night at Greyhound Gym with tip-off scheduled for 6:30.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

On September 20, 2007, Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division ("Atmos" or "the Company"), filed a Statement of Intent with each city within Atmos' service territory to increase its gas rates and implement a new schedule of rates and riders applicable to all customers within all incorporated cities served by the Mid-Tex Division. The proposed effective date of the requested rate changes is October 25, 2007. If approved, the proposed changes will affect approximately 1,428,700 residential, 122,600 commercial, and 960 industrial & transportation customers.

If approved, the proposed rates will increase the Company's annual revenues for the incorporated areas of its Mid-Tex Division by \$ \$50,946,000 or 3.5%, including gas costs, or 13.49% excluding gas cost. The proposed change in rates constitutes a "major change" as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. In addition, the Company seeks to recover all of its rate case expenses and all city rate case expenses as allowed by law. The exact amount will not be known until the case is completed.

Based on the proposed rate design, the system-wide average monthly bill for each customer class within the incorporated areas of the Mid-Tex Division will increase by the amount and percent shown in the table below:

Customer Class	Current Bill	Proposed Bill**	Difference	Percentage Increase with Gas Cost	Percentage Increase without Gas Cost
Residential	\$70.85*	\$72.42*	\$1.57	2.22%	8.27%
Commercial	\$296.15*	\$305.36*	\$9.21	3.11%	22.72%
Industrial	\$2,975*	\$3,143*	\$167.89	5.64%	38.95%
Transportation	519.88	\$687.77	\$167.89	32.29%	38.95%

Note: Bill impact ranges are subject to varying tax rates among the cities.

\*Includes Rider GCR Part A cost of \$7.55 per Mcf.

\*\*The calculation of bill impacts assumes monthly consumption of 6 Mcf for residential, 30 Mcf for commercial, and 300 Mcf for industrial and transportation customers.

In addition to the rate revisions in Rate Schedules R, C, I, and T, other proposed tariff changes include changes to Rider GCR, Rider WNA and proposed Riders for a rate review mechanism and conservation & energy efficiency program. The Company proposes to revise its weather normalization adjustment ("WNA") mechanism to exclude non-weather sensitive commercial customers and to modify the WNA mechanism to calculate the WNA adjustment based on weather stations at a regional level rather than under the current practice of associating all towns with a single weather location for purposes of determining the WNA adjustment. The Company proposes a change to its Rider GCR to allow the recovery of the gas cost component of uncollectible expense through the Rider GCR instead of through base rates and to update the Upstream Allocation (Factor D) to reflect the factors as proposed in the Company's Class Cost of Service Study. In addition, the Company proposes a new Rate Review Mechanism ("RRM"), Rate Schedule RRM, to provide for an annual review by the cities of the Company's expenses, revenues and rate base investment and a corresponding adjustment to the Company's rates to reflect annual changes (increases or decreases) in these categories. The Company proposes a gas conservation & energy efficiency program and tariff to authorize the program. Finally, the Company is asking for authority to make future filings with the regulatory authority on an electronic basis, rather than by paper copy.

Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact Atmos Energy Corporation at 1-888-286-6700. Complete copies of the filed Statement of Intent, including all proposed rates and schedule changes, are available for inspection at Atmos' offices located at 5420 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75240. In addition, customers can contact their respective municipality for additional information regarding this rate request.

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# Benjamin Sports

## Season Ends, Another Begins

The Benjamin Mustangs closed out their 2007 season of six-man football with an edge-of-the-seat, come-back thriller against Patton Springs last Thursday night at Patton Springs. The final score was 63-62 in favor of the Mustangs.

Leading rusher was sophomore Derrick Northrup. Leading receiver was Dylan Benson, also a sophomore.

Total rushing attempts were 33 for 309 yards and total passing attempts were 19 for 170 yards.

Seniors recognized after the game were Samijo Russell, Nafeesa Ebraheim, Kyle Wilson, Judit Acevedo, Julia Acevedo, Lucas Cartwright, Karla Benson and Bryan Fetsch.

The Benjamin junior high Mustangs closed out their season early, as Patton Springs junior high forfeited their game last Thursday night.

Junior high will begin their basketball season on the 19th with a trip to Spur. The game will begin at 5:30 p.m.

The Lady Stangs traveled to

Patton Springs last Friday in their first basketball game of the season. They were defeated with a final score of 31 to 61.

High school boys and girls competed against Harrold on the basketball court Tuesday. Scores were unavailable as of press time.

The Lady Stangs and Mustangs will play Aspermont on Friday, at home, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

They will travel to Lueders - Avoca next Tuesday. Play will begin at 6:30 p.m.

## Seniors Recognized After Football Game



Benjamin seniors recognized after the Benjamin-Patton Springs football game were l-r: Samijo Russell, Nafeesa Ebraheim, Kyle Wilson, Judit Acevedo, Lucas Cartwright, Karla Benson, Bryan Fetsch and Julia Acevedo.



The News mistakenly ran a Benjamin-Northside football action photo of #7 Gilbert Nevarez last week, naming him as Damon Gideon. Above, a Northside Indian tries to sneak past #8 Damon Gideon, who has proven to be an asset to the Mustangs this season.



# BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

The Veteran's Day celebration over here yesterday turned out to be very successful.

The program was very impressive and a wonderful tribute to some of our nation's finest. The meal following was well attended.

The food was wonderful and a great time for visiting many friends. It was a good day. The weather was nice except for a light wind blowing, but it was warm and dry.

### About Our Ill

Charles Jones came home on Wednesday after almost a month in a Dallas hospital following surgery. He is feeling good and very glad to be home. He was in church on Sunday an eleven led singing! We were very glad to have him and Joy back.

Leroy West remains in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Gloria said Monday he may be a little better, but doctors still can't determine what his problem is now. He has fever off and on and just can't seem to get over it.

Our friends from here in the Munday Nursing Center, Lewis Lyles, Pat Benson, Thelma

Hawkins and Bobby Hudson are all about as they have been for a while. If you are in Munday, drop by and see them a few minutes. I'm sure their days get long over there.

### Sports

Football season 2007 is over. The Mustangs traveled to Patton Springs Thursday night and brought home a victory. The score, I believe, was 62-61. Basketball will now take over. The girls went back to Patton on Friday night and played their first game of the season. They were defeated, but I'm sure their game will improve as time goes by.

### Here 'N There

Earlene Meinzer called to say she had a great weekend. Her birthday was Sunday. She's not ashamed, but rather proud to be 81! On Saturday night, Connie Porter, (who's visiting her aunt, Omitene Barnett) of Fayetteville, Arkansas, fixed supper for Earlene and she said the three of them had a good visit and wonderful meal. Then, on Sunday, her sons, Wyman and Sylinda and Ricky, took her out to lunch. Grandson Pate joined them. Also later in the day an-

other grandson, Hunter Meinzer, dropped by for a greeting and visit. Phone calls from daughter Patti and other relatives and friends made the day complete.

Judy and Randolph Barnett are back at their home here for a while after being gone to the "other home" at Alvin for a couple of months.

Saw several friends from out of the county on Monday who were here for the Veteran's Day observance. Among them were Kenneth and Ila Mae Benson of Wichita Falls, Ivalene Pierce of Olney, Henry J. Jones of Abilene, Jimmy and Helen Green of Guthrie and I especially enjoyed a visit with Elaine Kreitz (her last name now escapes me), who was here from Bastrop. She and her sister placed the memorial wreath under the archway in memory of their brother, Matthew, who was killed in World War II. She and I were in school in Munday together way back when!

News is scarce this week. Remember to call me if something is happening in your life that we all need to know about!

Everyone is interested in everyone else!!



Benjamin Lady 'Stangs were named District Champions. The Lady 'Stangs fell to Petrolia at Area Competition

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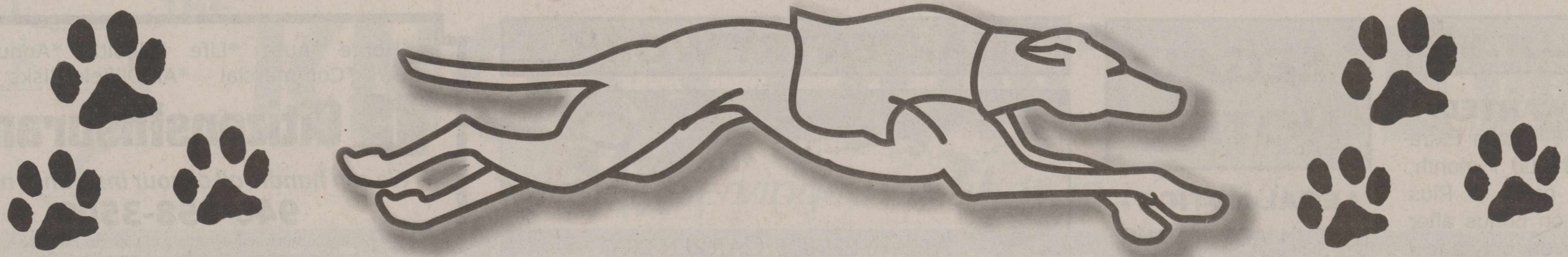
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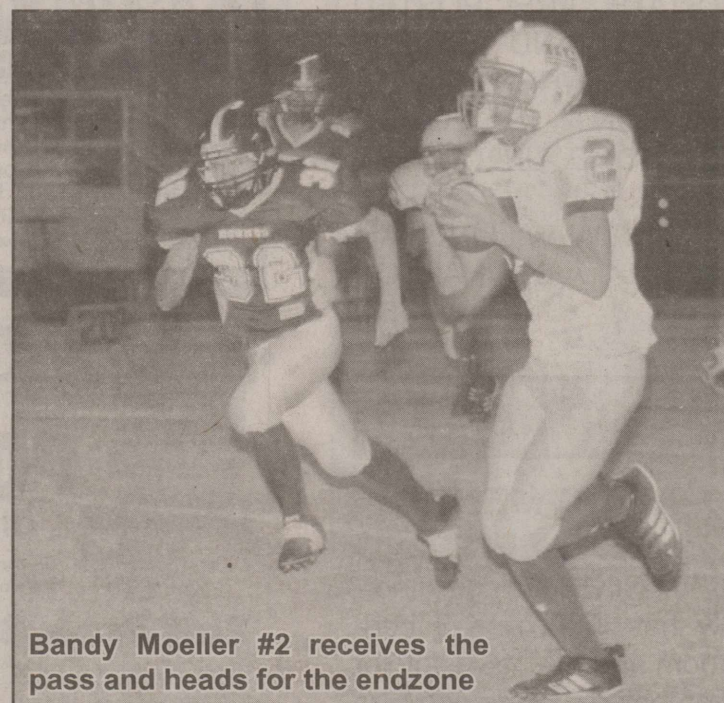
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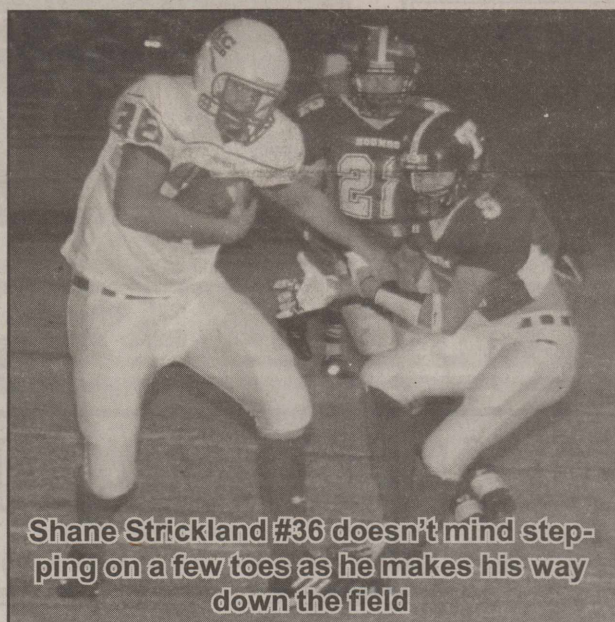
## Knox City Greyhounds Ends Season With 73-6 Loss Against The Throckmorton Greyhounds

The Knox City Greyhounds traveled east Friday night, November 9, to meet the Throckmorton Greyhounds in the Big Country Game of the Week. The number two district play-off position was riding on the game; therefore the KC Hounds went to Throckmorton with a little more than just a game on their minds.

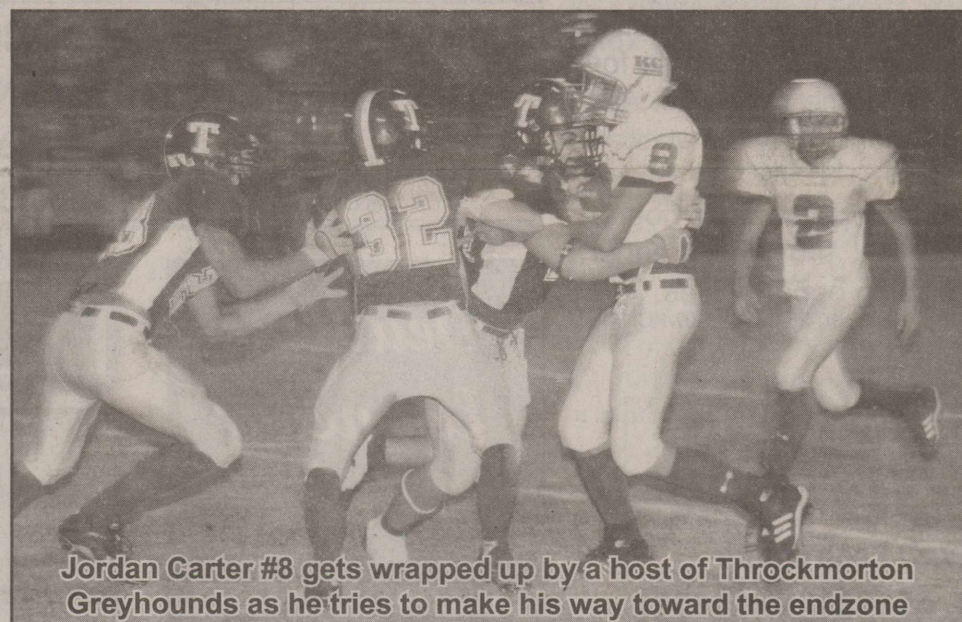
The Knox City Hounds won the coin toss; and in their first possession the KC Hounds geared up and played ball. Kenyin Thompson received the kick-off and made his way to the 20 yard line. The Hounds' Bandy Moeller received a 15 yard pass then ran down to the 12 yard line for the first down. Kenyin Thompson followed with the touchdown. Knox City was up 6-0. Then Throckmorton took over and dominated the remainder of the game. Knox City's focus soon went from football play-offs to the basketball court in a matter of 20 football minutes. Knox City fell to Throckmorton 6-73 with the game being called at the half. Then fans were able to enjoy the award winning bands of the Knox City Greyhound PRIDE Band and the Throckmorton Golden Greyhound Band one more time at their half-time performances. Fans made the short trip home and will begin focusing their attention to the basketball court as well. The Knox City varsity teams will meet Paint Creek at the Greyhound Gymnasium on Friday, November 16, with the girls tipping off at 6:30.



Bandy Moeller #2 receives the pass and heads for the endzone



Shane Strickland #36 doesn't mind stepping on a few toes as he makes his way down the field



Jordan Carter #8 gets wrapped up by a host of Throckmorton Greyhounds as he tries to make his way toward the endzone

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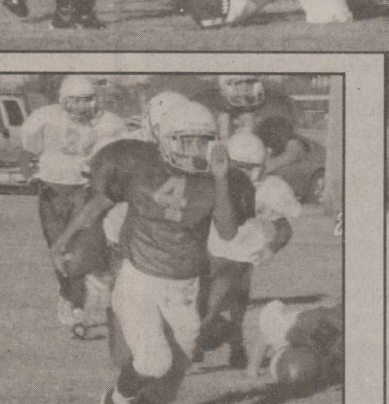
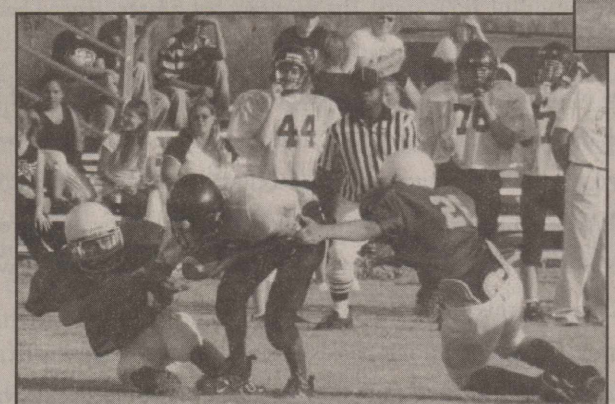
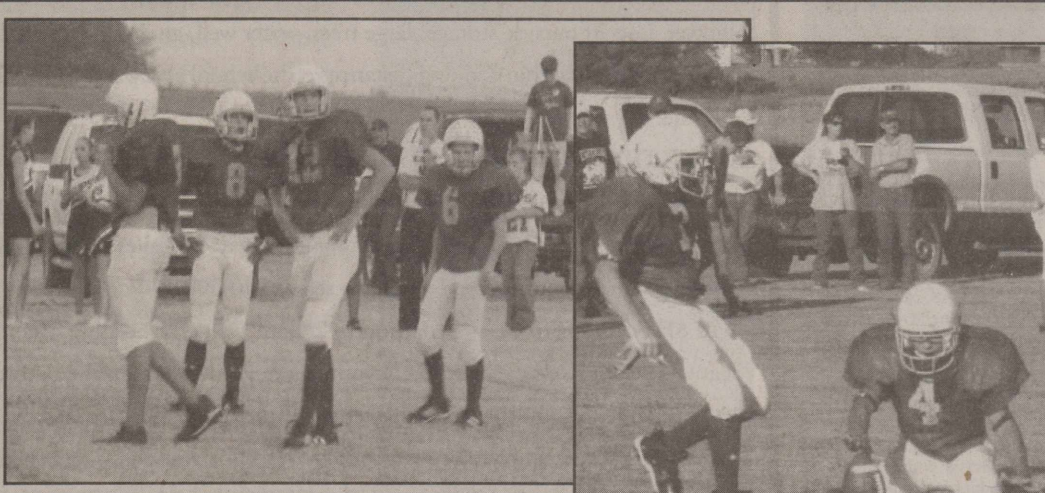
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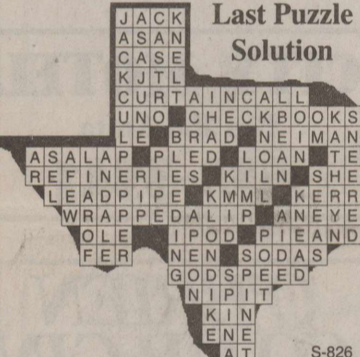
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