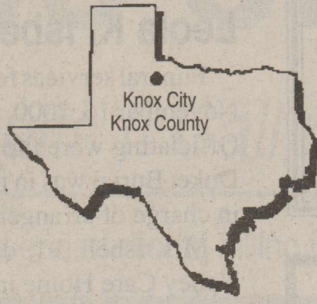


We hope 'THANKSGIVING 2000' is a very special time for all of our readers !

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## Thanksgiving 2000

### ... A Time For Thanks

As a community, we have many reasons to be thankful this Thanksgiving season. God has worked miracles in many ways this past year. One very special miracle is the restored health of our friend, Danny Lain. He and his wife Judy and their entire family see this year's holiday as a time to count their blessings for which they are so grateful. They share their thanks to the community through this message. We join them in saying, "Oh Give Thanks Unto The Lord; For He Is Good; For His Mercy Endureth Forever." Psalms 118: 29 God's blessings to all.

The Knox County News - Stacy, Dave, Scooter, Billye



You've heard the phrase "words cannot express", well this is the case. There are so many people that have reached out to us in our time of need especially the Knox County Hospital's emergency staff on duty the 14th day of July and to Dr. Rao who were so professional and caring. They quickly sent us where Danny could get the medical care he needed.

Thanks to Sherry, Kelly, Linda and Carolyn for helping me keep my act together. Don't know how I would have gotten to Lubbock without you all. You don't know how grown up your children are until you need them. Trevor, Christi, Leigh and Eric came through with "flying colors". We could not have made it without their support and love. Tristin supplied the hugs, kisses and made us smile. The birth of another grandchild in February gave us something to look forward to.

Family - ours was one in the truest sense of the word. Father, sisters, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. Thanks for being there. While Danny was in ICU, his mother Annie Lain, passed away after a lengthy illness. Danny and I were not able to attend. My good friend, Kay Fannin, stayed with us at Lubbock while our children attended their grandmother's funeral services.

Our neighbors, our old friends, our new friends, we thank you for your cards, phone calls, visits, the many "little" things that so often are taken for granted. To all the Knox County churches, their pastors and congregations, the employees of Lawrence Bros., supervisor Tim Pettijohn, Danny's former supervisor Don Railsback with M System, the Knox City-O'Brien CISD, especially Mack Lowe and Bettye Moore, for taking care of my duties in my absence.

Last, but certainly not least, we want to thank you all for the many prayers for Danny and our family. We believe with all our heart that these prayers were the reason that Danny is with us today. Thanks to you for all the love shown our family. God Bless you all.

Danny and Judy Lain

'Through all of my sickness, the thank yous are so numerous that I could never thank everyone. But the one who I thank the most is my best friend Judy Kay for taking care of me through all of this.' - - Danny Lain

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**Thanksgiving Greetings**

*"It has pleased God some comfortable measure to bless us with the fruits of the earth."*  
 Plymouth Colony Records, 1668

Though times have changed and traditions dimmed with the passage of the years, may we always be constant in our gratitude for blessings bestowed upon this beloved land and its people.

For family and friends, for health and vitality, give a moment's pause this Thanksgiving Day, to give humble thanks for these many blessings. Remember all in this land of abundance, the true richness of the little things, too, in life. Look around your table this year, and give thanks.

**O'Brien Co-Op Gin**  
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**Thanksgiving GREETINGS**

Wishing all our friends and neighbors a happy and healthy Thanksgiving holiday.

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## Obituaries

### Leola K. Isbell

Funeral services for Leola K. Isbell of Benjamin were held Thursday, November 16, 2000, at the First United Methodist Church in Benjamin. Officiating were the Rev. Larry Neal, Rev. Wes Holland and Dennis Duke. Burial was in the Benjamin Cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Isbell, 91, died Tuesday night, November 14, at the Brazos Valley Care Home in Knox City following a lengthy illness.

Born August 27, 1909, in Knox County, her parents were the late Nathan and Lila Kilgore. She married Ed Isbell and he preceded her in death. She was the head of the Knox County Draft board until it was dismissed. She also served as the Benjamin correspondent for *The Knox County News* for many years. She belonged to the Sorosis Club in Benjamin and was a member of the Methodist Church in Benjamin.

She was preceded in death by her son Kenneth; and her only daughter, Louise Hertel.

Survivors include her son-in-law, Donnie Hertel of Benjamin; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were W.T. Cartwright, Leroy West, Dickie McCanlies, Charles Jones, Jackie Young and Ronnie Verhalen.

### Mid-school honor roll

#### Second Six Weeks

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Fifth Grade: Joseph Albus, Jessy Schur.

Sixth Grade: Bridgett Billington, Brandon Grimsley, Laura Harrington, Katelyn Railsback, Tiffany Wilde.

Seventh Grade: Ryan Harrington, Grant Lewis.

Eighth Grade: Kaylie Billington, Will Burkham.

#### 'A-B' HONOR ROLL

Fifth Grade: Sarah Burt, Candace Carver, Travis Hawkins, Nathan King, Orrin Myers, Brianna Rios, Sara Smith.

Sixth Grade: Emily Lewis, Kelsey Shanholtz, Vanessa Solis,

Kursten Stafford.

Seventh Grade: Antonio Aguayo, Jessica Albus, Brittany Hawkins, Micah Lierly, Nikki Moss, Tomas Myers, Sonny Parker, Tanisha Patel, T.J. Richardson, Pablo Sanchez, Meagan Schur, Andy Shaver, Sandra Silva.

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**Thanks . . .**

*so much to each of you that called on Friday night and Saturday morning to check on Scooter following his injury during the game on Friday night. Special thanks to our friends at First Baptist Church for their prayers for Scooter before he was removed from the field and his condition known to us. We appreciate each of you so very much. It is so nice to know how much you care!*

*To the Hounds, thanks for a memorable season. It was such fun and so exciting. You really did 'Finish the Fight'!!*

*To all of you, have a wonderful Thanksgiving.*

**Dave, Stacy and Scooter**

## Knox City Police Report

By Harry Steen, Chief of Police

### October 2000

The Knox City Police Department had another very busy month during October 2000, receiving a total of 799 calls and tasks which required attention. This total included 10 actual criminal offenses, of which 8 were cleared or otherwise handled. Eight charges were filed in regard to the above offenses, with two of the offenses involving juveniles as offender.

Offenses Reported Include: Curfew Violation - 1, Assault w/ B.I. (Domestic Related) - 1, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - 1, Burglary of a Vehicle - 1, City Ordinance Violation Dangerous Building - 4, D.W.L.S. - 1, Burglary of Building - 1.

Traffic Charges Filed - 6, Warnings Issued - 51, Accidents - 2.

Other items reported to the Knox City Police Department during October are classified as incidents. These incidents were not able to be considered as a criminal offense, however, they must be handled in a responsible and proper manner.

Incidents Reported Include: Prowler - 1, Suspicious Person - 1, Missing Person - 1, Welfare Concern - 1, Skunk Call - 24,

Open Door - 7, Courtesy Standby - 6, Neighborhood Dispute - 3, Funeral Escort - 3, Assist EMS - 3, Loud Music - 1, Motorist Assist - 3, Escort Band - 1, Cat Call - 1, Dog Call - 3, Opossum Call - 1, Helicopter LZ - 1, Lost Weapon - 1.

This department received several calls from the following: Central (911) - 47, Sheriff Office - 20, City Hall - 22.

The council hired a new patrolman, Lance A. Provost, and he has already started to work. This department retired the '92 Crown Vic and has purchased a 2000 model Crown Vic and it is already in service. On the 11th of October, I attended a Noah Project school in Abilene, this class was over domestic violence update. On the 21st, this department assisted with the Health Care Day up at the hospital. On the 26th, also assisted with traffic and with fire control with the Bonfire.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GREYHOUNDS, for the VICTORY over those Munday Moguls.

/s/ Harry E. Steen  
 Chief of Police  
 Knox City Police Department

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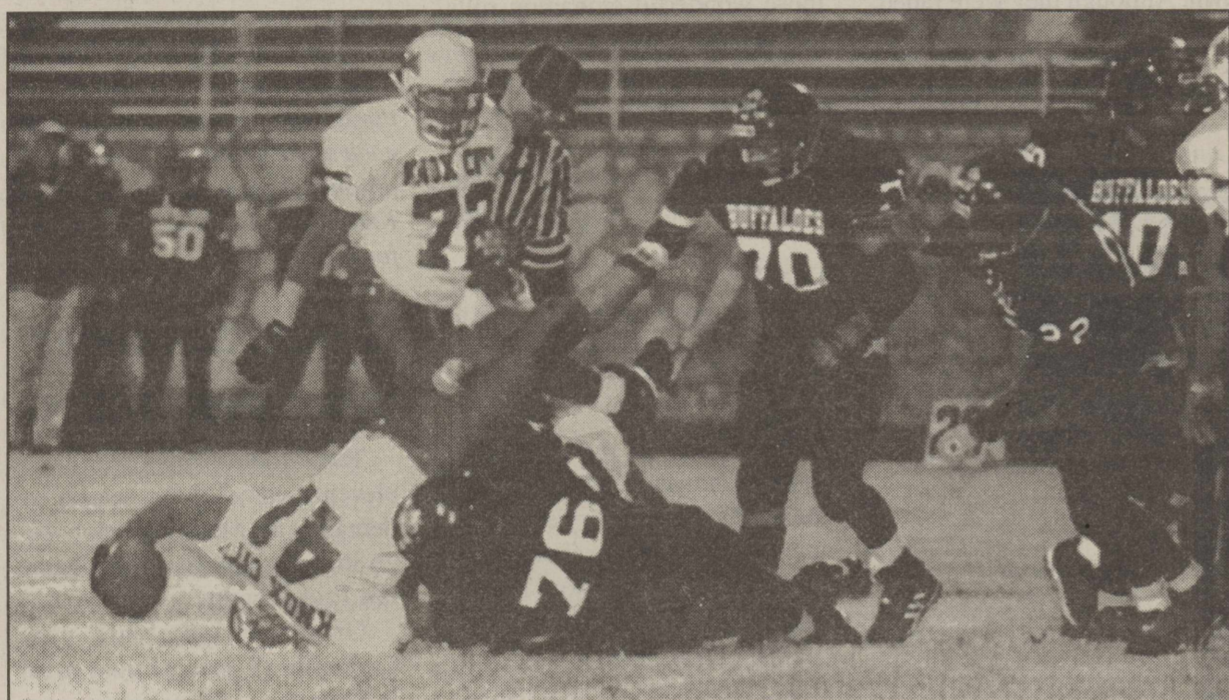
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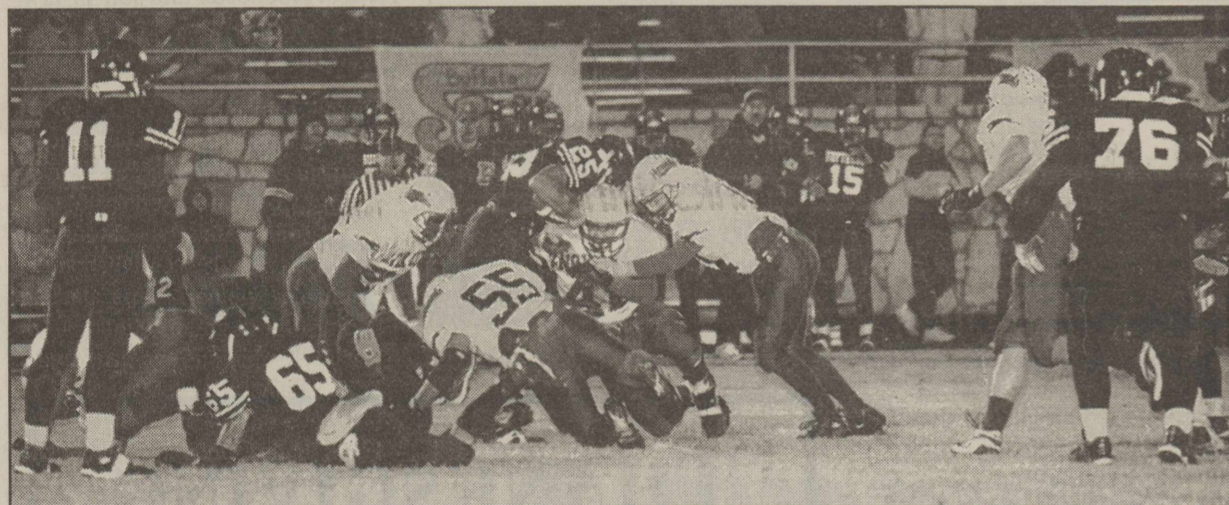
# Football season ends for Greyhounds with 41-0 loss to Petersburg in playoffs



TRYING TO STOP A HERD OF BUFFALOS proved to be a hard task for the Greyhounds last Friday night when Knox City faced Petersburg in the first round of the post-season playoffs. Shown in this photo (left to right) are Greyhounds Aaron Sanchez (77), Scooter Thompson (41), Jeffrey Hernandez (86) Matthew Lowe (76), Justin Vasquez (55), Casey Carver (68) and Nefro Gonzales (10).



TRYING TO GAIN EVERY YARD POSSIBLE AGAINST PETERSBURG LAST FRIDAY NIGHT, Greyhound fullback Scooter Thompson (41) is shown here stretching the ball forward after being tackled and landing upside down on his head. Gary Manley (72) is shown in the background.



STOPPING A BUFFALO RUN UP THE MIDDLE OF THE LINE, Greyhounds (left to right) Omar Walton (22), Justin Vasquez (55), Scooter Thompson (41) and Shawn Speck (11) are shown here on a defensive play during the second quarter of action.

The Knox City greyhounds faced overwhelming odds last Friday night in Childress as they squared off against the five time District Champion Petersburg Buffalos in the first round of the post season playoffs.

With the greyhounds holding the Buffalos to just 7 points in the first half, Petersburg came back quickly in the third period and scored 3 touchdowns in just 2 minutes to send Knox City into a nonrecoverable tailspin. Never ones to quit in the face of a fight, the Greyhounds gave it all they had until the superior strength of the Buffalos just wore them out.

Playing before a strong crowd of supporters who stayed until the final buzzer despite freezing temperatures, the 'Hounds suffered injuries to key players, and re-injured players who were still not completely healed from tough physical action the week before.

With yellow flags flying throughout the game, the Greyhounds also faced a group of pretty tough officials. It seemed that the more the flags flew through the air, the more the 'Hounds became frustrated, and that feeling of frustration led to other actions that drew more penalties. The Buffalos were also very good at drawing the Greyhounds into penalty situations. That was the case in the 4th quarter when a Greyhound runner received a 15 yard penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct after losing his temper.

## Greyhound Players of the Week

by KCHS Athletic Director Lynn Lierly

<h3>Offense Player of the Week</h3>  <p><b>Gemile Roberson</b> • 104 yards on 26 carries</p>	<b>K C H S</b>	<h3>Defense Player of the Week</h3>  <p><b>Jeffrey Hernandez</b> • 11 tackles • 4 assisted tackles</p>
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All the official saw was the Knox City fullback running the ball and being tackled, then he threw the defender off of him, jumped up and went nose to nose with the player from Petersburg. Apparently the official did not see what the Petersburg defender was doing to our player after he had him down on the ground. Those repeated actions by Petersburg also added to the frustration level of the Grey-

hounds. While it was sad to end the season with a shutout to Petersburg, the Knox City greyhounds had a great season that provided a lot of hard hitting and exciting football action for their hometown fans and supporters.

Ending with a winning record of 6 wins and 5 losses, the returning Greyhounds hope for a great season next year with a good group of incoming freshmen from O'Brien joining the team.

When we began this venture, we never in our wildest dreams expected what lie ahead for us in this business. We are so thankful to each of you, our friends, who have become a part of our 'family'. We are so grateful for your patronage, for your loyalty and your support. We consider it a privilege to serve you and thank you for the opportunity to do so. Daddy would be proud.  
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## Houndettes named to academic 8-A all-district team

The Knox City Houndettes have named ten team members to the Volleyball District 8-A Academic All-District Team.

Houndettes are seniors Jennifer Vacek, Erica Quintana, Tandy Roberts, Audrey Lankford and Kayla Garcia; juniors Angela Roberts, Jane Ann Penman, Nikki Gonzales, Meagan Davis and sophomore Jennifer Eaton.

From Benjamin were Sandra Acevedo, Ashley Buffkin, Ashley Cartwright and Elizabeth Moorhouse.

From Rochester were Ginger Adkins, Sandra Lopez, Erica Martinez, Juli Penman, Angela Stoddard and Marci Stoddard.

### A Golden Time

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Researchers at Harvard have known for some time that Down Syndrome patients who survive past 30 tend to develop brain lesions & dementia like Alzheimer's Disease suffers. Downs patients are extremely sensitive to the pupil dilating drug tropicamide, use by ophthalmologists to look inside a patient's eyes. Using the drug on the eyes of Alzheimer's patients found that the eyes of those people dilated 13% vs only 4% for a control group of non Alzheimer's people.

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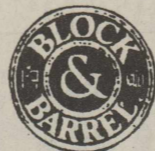
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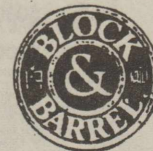
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# Around town

Activities of the City and its citizens for the benefit of everyone

By MIKE BURKHAM  
City of Knox City Manager

The City of Knox City is undergoing some great changes. A spirit of community pride has come about that has not been seen in many years. Our school teams are showing success from all of their hard work and are to be congratulated and encouraged to continue to pursue their goals and dreams.

The employees of the City, community leaders, and everyday citizens are also doing their part. An extensive tree trimming project is underway by the City with the maintenance people dedicating every spare moment to pruning trees, clearing alleys and cutting back brush. This is just the first step in our overall plan. This project has been hampered somewhat by the snow storm that came through and broke down limbs all over town, but is also helped because mother nature did a lot of trimming for us. This work will continue and our hope is to have all of the streets cleared up to twelve feet high to enable us to get our maintenance equipment down the streets. Citizens are carrying their own brush to the convenience center daily, and Willard Skiles graciously consented to keep the center open all day long for nearly two weeks in an effort to help those cleaning up their years easier access to the dump site.

Bids have been let out to obtain a street sweeper that will be used

regularly around town to keep the streets and gutters free of debris that blocks drainage and accelerates the deterioration of the existing pavement. This is just phase one of our plans to restore Knox City to the beautiful little town that many of us remember and we all want to see again.

The City Council is actively seeking the equipment that is necessary for establishing a paving and seal coat program throughout the community. Years of neglect have caused many of the residential streets to fall into disrepair and with a little luck and a big commitment we will remedy this problem in the near future. The City Council and the EDC Boards are making this big commitment. Meetings of each entity are filling with ideas and projects to beautify and improve the living conditions in Knox City.

Work has been done at the cemetery to improve the roadways from one end to the other. A blade that the City now owns is being used almost daily to level out the roads and clean up the unwanted vegetation in the roadways. This blade is also being used on the unpaved streets in town to dramatically improve the driving surface to these areas of our community.

The Keep Knox City Beautiful Program is the driving force behind many of these efforts. Under the direction of the City Council, projects are being implemented

daily that will improve the quality of life for everyone. We just ask that everyone try to be patient with us, or limited staff and resources sometimes slow us down in getting the work done in your neighborhood, but we will get there. A BIG THANK YOU goes out to everyone who has aided us in these efforts by cleaning up and hauling your own debris. This is making our job more manageable in more ways than you can imagine. We understand that many people are not physically or financially able to do what we are doing and that is all right. The City will get to your trees and streets as soon as possible. Our mission is to maintain and improve the quality of life to the citizens of Knox City by providing the services that will enable each citizen and visitor will view our community with pride.

Whenever you get the opportunity please stop by and thank Wesley Espinosa, Mark McGaughey and Jimmy Trevino for the work that they are doing on your behalf. Yes, much of it is their job, but if you step back and watch it will be obvious that they are making that extra effort that comes from having pride in the community that they serve.

It is our hope that we can provide information on the activities of city government and its goals on a regular basis. If you would like to know more please contact City Hall at 658-3313.

## Parade day drawings are planned Dec. 2

Retail merchants will be participating in the Christmas Celebration with the giving of one drawing ticket for each \$5 purchase beginning Monday, November 27, for drawings for certificates redeemable only with any Knox City merchant.

Winning tickets will be drawn parade day, December 2. Duckwalls will have a drawing for a \$25 certificate redeemable only in their store. The Chamber will give \$100 worth of Knox City dollars at 12:00 noon and \$200 in certificates will be drawn for following the parade.

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**Monday, November 27** - Sliced ham with cranberry sauce, macaroni and cheese, sweet peas, salad, hot rolls, cobbler.

**Tuesday, November 28** - Chili and beans, cheese sticks, corn on the cob, salad, crackers, blonde brownies.


**Wednesday, November 29** - Roast beef with gravy, butter potatoes, peas and carrots, cabbage and apple slaw, hot rolls, jello with fruit.

**Thursday, November 30** - Chicken fried steak with gravy, California blend, fried squash, salad, hot rolls, pudding.

**Friday, December 1** - Chicken spaghetti, broccoli with cheese sauce, salad, birthday cake.

*(All menus subject to change without notification. It is important to contact the site manager in order that meals can be prepared.)*

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## Police academy slated at VRJC

The Continuing Education Division of Vernon Regional Junior College has scheduled the VRJC Law Enforcement Academy this spring.

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Persons interested should contact VRJC to obtain a packet of information concerning registration procedures. Packets are available at Vernon and Wichita Falls Continuing Education Offices. Students successfully completing the course are eligible to take the TCLEOSE exam to become certifiable peace officers in Texas.

A pre-screening entrance examination will be given on Monday, December 4 at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Another will be given on Monday, January 8 at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. These will take place at Century City, library (room 401) in Wichita Falls.

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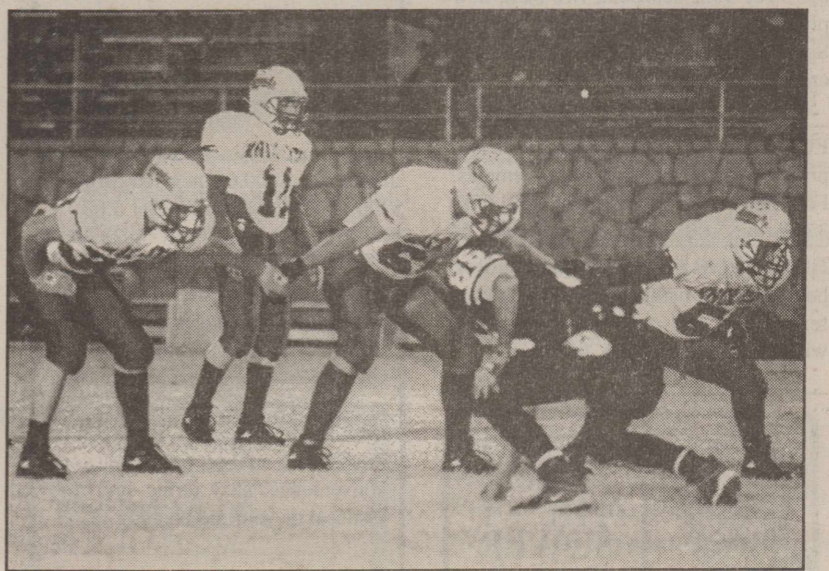
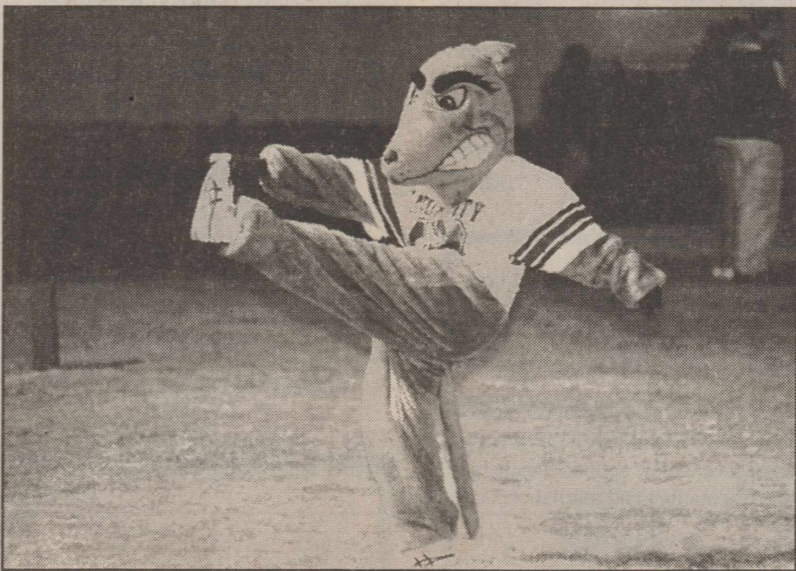
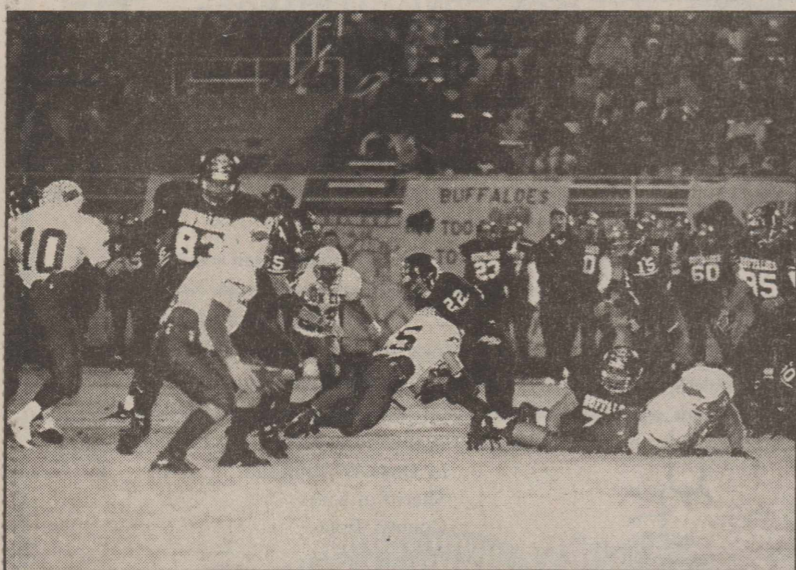




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