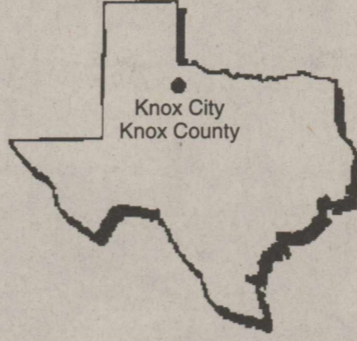


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This Thanksgiving Day, all of us here at The Knox County News wish you and yours the very best. While there are so many things to be thankful for, we ask that you remember our country's men and women in uniform who are away from their families, fighting a war on foreign soil.

Should you not think you have anything to be thankful for, we are reprinting this letter from a 14 year old girl to her Father, written on October 3, 2003, two days after he was killed in a convoy ambush in Samara, Iraq:

Hi Daddy,

Sorry I haven't written to you in a while. A lot of things have been going on. I miss you so much. How have you been? Is heaven everything it says it is? I know it's probably that and more. I can't wait 'till I can come join you again. I miss you so much - just being here for me to hold your hand and you calling me "princess." But one day we can do this again. But it will be even better because Jesus will be with us.

I keep going in your office to see all your things and your awards that you have gotten over the years. You accomplished so much. I am proud you were my daddy: I would not have chosen anyone else.

I like to go into your closet, too and just touch and smell all your clothes . . . it gives me so many memories that I miss so much. Sitting at this table I see you writing on a little piece of paper telling me and mom what e-mail and address in Iraq to write to you . . . CSM James D. Blankenbecler, 1-44 ADA. I love to just look at your handwriting so much.

I have your military ring on right now. It's kind of big for my little finger, but it makes me feel you're holding my hand when I have it on . . .

It's been on since we found out the news. I have your driver's license with me, too, so I can just look at you whenever I want. You have a little smile this time. When we went to get them done in El Paso I asked you to just smile this time . . . and you did it just for me.

I also was looking at your car keys and that little brown leather pouch you always had on your key chain. It made me cry a lot when I picked it up. Everything reminds me of you so much. When we pass by Chili's I remember your sitting across from me eating your favorite salad. You always told the waiter to take off the little white crunch things . . . because you hated them. And when we drive by billboards that say "An Army of One," it makes me remember you in your military uniform. How you always made a crunching sound when you walked, and how you shined your big boots every night before you went to bed. I miss seeing that all the time. Little things that I took for granted when you were here seem priceless now.

One thing that I regret is when you wanted to open my car door for me, but I always got it myself. I wish I would have let you do it. And when you wanted to hold my hand, I sometimes would pull away because I didn't want people to see me holding my daddy's hand . . . I feel so ashamed that I cared what people thought of me walking down the parking lot holding your hand. But now I would give anything just to feel the warmth of your hand holding mine.

I can't believe this has happened to my daddy . . . the best daddy in the whole world. It feels so unreal, like you're still in Iraq. You were only there for 17 days. Why did they have to kill you? Why couldn't they know how loved you are here. Why couldn't they know? You have so many friends that love you with all their hearts and you affected each and every person you have met in your lifetime. Why couldn't they know? When I get shots at the hospital I won't have my daddy's thumb to hold tight. Why couldn't they know I loved for you to call me "princess"? Why couldn't they know it they killed you I would not have a daddy to walk me down the aisle when I get married?

Why couldn't they know all this? Why? I know that you are gone now, but it only means that I have another angel watching over me for the rest of my life. That's the only way I can think of this being good. There is no other way I can think of it.

All the kids at my school know about your death. They even had a moment of silence for you at our football game. A lot of my teachers came over to try to comfort me and mom. They all ask if they can get us anything, but the only thing anyone can do is give me my daddy back . . . and I don't think anyone can do that.

You always told me and mom you never wanted to die in a stupid way like a car accident or something like that. Any you really didn't die in a stupid way . . . you died in the most honorable way a man like you could - protecting me, mom, Joseph, Amanda and the rest of the United States.

In the Bible it says everyone is put on this earth for a purpose, and once they accomplished this you can return to Jesus. I did not know at first what you did so soon to come home to God. But I thought about it - you have done everything. You have been the best husband, father, son and soldier in the world. And everyone knows this.

One of my teachers called me from El Paso and told me that when her dad died he always told her, "when you walk outside the first star you see is me." She told me that it is the same for me and you. I needed to talk to you last night, and I walked outside and looked up . . . and I saw the brightest star in the sky. I knew that was you - right away, because you are now the brightest star in heaven.

I love you so much, daddy. Only you and I know this. Words can't even begin to show how much. But I tried to tell you in this letter, must a portion of my love for you. I will miss you, daddy, with all of my heart. I will always be your little girl and I will never forget that . . .

I love you daddy, I will miss you !!

P.S. I have never been so proud of my last name.

Sunrise - June 27, 1963

Sunset - October 1, 2003

Friday night faces



Helping to cheer the team on during the Area Championship game last Friday night at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene, Linda Abila was caught on film while she used her daughter's cheerleading megaphone. Linda is the mother of KCHS cheerleader Lindsey Villa.

O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"That's the holiday spirit - Jails are not normally cherry places. But while working with the public defender's office interviewing clients as they sit in jail, I noticed this yuletide sign on the chalkboard: "Only 10 more shoplifting days till Christmas!"

New Year's Day, and I had planned on spending it watching football. My wife, however, had other ideas, which resulted in my serving time at a family dinner. But when the coast was clear, I sneaked away and turned on the ball game. A few minutes later my wife came by with a cup of coffee for me. "What's the score?" she asked.

"Zero-zero" at the end of the third quarter," I told her.

"See?" she said, walking away.

"You didn't miss a thing."

Here and There - Billie Walker's daughter and husband, Laura and David Wade returned home with her from Amarillo. While here, they visited with Laura's brother, Joe Banner, the

Erwin Kings and attended church.

Lowell Rowan of Denton picked up his mom, Bernice Rowan, Monday and she will be having Thanksgiving with them and then on to Jerry and Family in Henrietta for a few days and enjoying seeing her grandchildren.

Orval and Helen Manning were in Abilene and Stamford for Orval's eye surgery last week and good and still needs real good.

Janoma Stephens will go back to Lubbock on Tuesday for doctor checkups. She's been doing pretty good and still needs our prayers.

Adelle Herring's grandson, Kevin Urbanczyk of Goree, visited with her last week and got her yards all cut and cleaned up. These grandchildren are something to have near by.

Jean Barnard still needs our prayers. She just can't get rid of the crud she has.

Junior and Myra Reeves were blessed with some company last week. Lynn and Velma Grace Davidson of Abilene visited them

and they all had a good time reliving old times.

Saturday night, a good friend and neighbor of Rochester, Jo Evelyn Patterson came and picked up Bernice Rowan and I and we went to Old Glory to their Saturday night musical. We all enjoyed seeing everyone and enjoying their singers and musical musicals. Billy Ray Morrow and Gary Conn were there from up this way also.

Several from our church attended the Community Thanksgiving Service Sunday night at the Church of God In Christ in Knox City. Our pastor, Rev. Milton McManus, did the preaching and those from our church who attend the service were Donnie and Diane Roberts, Dan and Marilyn Talbot, Billie Walker, Bernice Rowan, Bill and Dell Groves and I. Everyone there were happy to be there and enjoyed everything. Donnie Roberts led the singing the Zoanne Felts played the piano.

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American Heart board hears from corporate director

The Knox County Board of the American Heart Association met for their November meeting.

President Zo Felts called the meeting to order and introduced Russell Hughes, Corporate Marketing Director.

Mr. Hughes shared that AHA boards are all about volunteers - that their support is critical in the raising of money for heart research and education. Jan Lankford read the minutes from the September meeting. Goals and plans for the coming year were discussed.

A card was signed to be sent to Janoma Stephens.

Members present were Joyce Lloyd, Frankie Baker, Zo Felts, Jan Lankford and June Tankersley.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Count your blessings!

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We wish to express our deepest appreciation for all the acts of kindness in our time of sorrow.

Thank you for all the floral tributes, food, cards, calls, kind words and especially for the prayers.

We will miss Mam-ma, but know she is at last free from pain and resting in the arms of God.

The Family of Allie Mae Watson

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Paul Chambers, Pastor
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John Gillispie, Pastor
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m., Sunday Morning at 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening at 6:00 p.m.

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Claude McKiddy, Pastor
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Matt Harrington, Pastor
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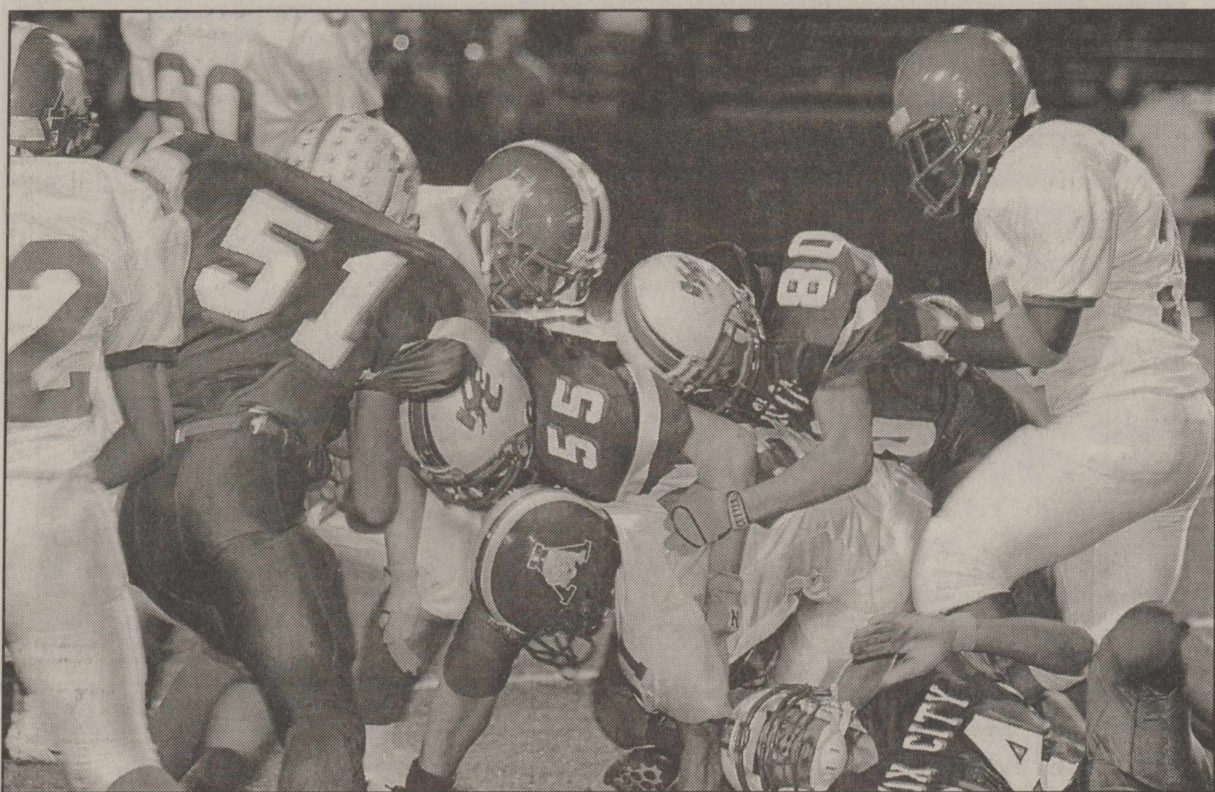


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Greyhounds end 2003 football season



BRINGING DOWN AN ALBANY RUNNING BACK at the line of scrimmage, Greyhound linebackers Tomas Myers (55) and Chris Norton (80) are shown here as they tackle Albany's Zach Jones (11) for no gain. Other players identified by jersey number in the photo are (left to right) Greyhounds Kylin DelValle (51), and Cameron Hutchinson (44). (NEWS digital photo by Scooter Thompson)

Playing before a large home crowd at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene last Friday night, the Knox City Greyhounds showed a lot of heart as they battled the Lions from Albany for the Area Championship. Losing to Albany in a shutout game earlier this season, the 'Hounds were determined to make a better showing the second time around. Proving early in the game that they were not to be taken for granted, the 'Hounds played a tough, heartfelt game right up to the final buzzer.

Despite the season ending score of 40-12, the Greyhounds walked off the field proud, knowing they had scored on Albany twice and gave it all they had. As parents, family, friends and supporters fought to hold back tears at the end of the game, the 2003 Greyhound Football Team lined up on the sideline as they faced the home stands and proudly held their helmets high as the Greyhound Band played the Knox City High School song.

Albany scored first in the game, driving across the goal line twice in the first quarter and once in the second quarter before Greyhound running back Riley Spells pit the first 6 points on the board for Knox City. Riley scored again in the third quarter, but Albany also scored in both the third and fourth quarters.

Knox City ended the 2003 season with a 4-7 overall record. With the UIL re-aligning districts before the 2004 season, next year's version of the 'Hounds could very well be playing a lot of different teams. Several current 1A schools will be going 6-man, and several current 2A schools will be dropping down.



PLAYING THEIR LAST HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAME, Knox City Greyhound seniors (left to right) Brandon Espinosa (72), Amado Rodriguez (75), Carlos Ruiz (12), and Rickey Gonzales (10) are shown here in a photo taken after the Area Championship playoff game last Friday night at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene. (NEWS digital photo by Scooter Thompson)



'Christmas In November' - Knox City Style

to start off season Saturday from 6:00- 8:30

Second annual celebration plans continue

The Knox City Chamber of Commerce will kickoff the Christmas season with their second annual celebration, 'Christmas In November' - Knox City Style beginning at 6:00 and continuing through 8:30 in downtown Knox City.

Local merchants will be open for evening shopping, Santa is planned to arrive, craft booths will be set up in the Chamber office and the mood will be set for the yuletide season.

Plan now to be downtown on Saturday evening for the festivities of the 2003 Christmas season. Space is limited for craft booths, call the chamber office at 658-3442 for more information.

Knox City Fire Dept. gains rural funding aid

Knox City Volunteer Fire Department recently obtained \$2,784 in cost-sharing aid toward the purchase of five sets of structure personal protective equipment.

The funding aid came from the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program, a \$15 million annual state cost-sharing program (also known as the HB 2604 program) that is funded by contributions from the Texas insurance industry, and the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program, a federally funded fire protection program. Cost-sharing aid toward the purchase of trucks and slip-on pump units also is available through both programs, which are administered by the Texas Forest Service, the state forest resource and rural firefighting agency.

Fire organizations also may be able to obtain free trucks and other firefighting apparatus such as pumps, tanks and portable generators through the Texas Forest Service via the Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) program. Under the FEPP program, equipment acquired through the military is transferred to qualifying fire departments at no cost.

Volunteer fire departments also can obtain several other kinds of aid from the state rural firefighting and forest resource agency. Through the Fire Safe program, departments can obtain firefighter clothing, hand tools and water handling accessories at discount

prices. A self-insurance, vehicle liability insurance pool administered by the Texas Forest Service offers liability coverage for \$200 per vehicle per year, ambulances excluded. Passage of legislation minimizing liability to industrial companies that donate used firefighting equipment through the Helping Hands program for volunteer fire department use has made additional free equipment available. Regional fire coordinators located throughout the state train volunteer firefighters in wildland firefighting techniques and assist fire departments with obtaining equipment and cost-sharing aid.

Detailed information on volunteer fire department aid programs is available from the Texas Forest Service regional coordinators and from the agency's rural fire defense section at P.O. Box 310, Lufkin, TX 75902-0310, phone 936-639-8130. Information on the HB 2604 program is also available from the program coordination office in College Station at 979-458-6505.

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Guthrie graduate inducted into WTAMU honor society

CANYON - West Texas A&M University's Texas Zeta Chapter of Alpha Chi National Honor Society has announced the induction of 148 students during the fall semester.

George Lewis of Guthrie, a senior agribusiness and animal science major, is among the inductees.

Membership in Alpha Chi is by invitation only and is limited to students who have completed at least 30 semester hours with an overall grade point average of 3.55 or higher and who rank in the top 10 percent of the junior or senior class.

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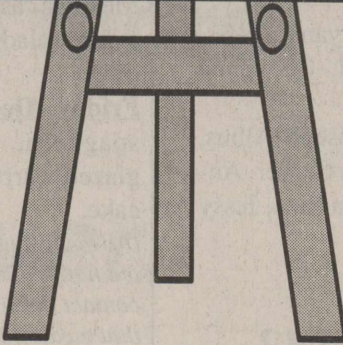
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Angel Tree now at Art Stall

KNOX COUNTY CHILD WELFARE'S annual Angel Tree is now decorated in the window of The Art Stall and Frame Shop in Knox City. Peggy Guing of the Child Welfare Board urges residents to go by the Art Stall and select one of the angels from the tree, purchase the items on the back of the card and return the gifts to the Art Stall. Child Welfare Board members plan to distribute the gifts December 17. (NEWS digital photo)

Local student is recognized by hispanic program

Ariana Gomez, a Knox City High School senior, has been recognized by the College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program, according to an announcement by Mack Lowe, high school principal.

The National Hispanic Recognition Program, established in 1983, is a College Board program that provides national recognition of the exceptional academic achievements of Hispanic high school seniors and identifies them for post secondary institutions.

Students enter the program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) as high school juniors and by identifying themselves as Hispanic. From more than 124,000 students nationwide, approximately 4,300 highest scoring students were initially identified. Based on further evidence of their academic achievement, a select group of 3,300 students have been recognized by the program as a Scholar or Honorable Mention Finalist.

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Letter to the editor

Dear Stacy,
After 35 years of living in Knox City, we have moved to Bowie. We felt the need to get closer to our family. Knox City has some of the nicest people in the world and we will always cherish the memories and friendships. One of the biggest inspirations over the years to me has been your mother, Billye. She has been such a part of the community ever since we moved there. Her cheerful disposition, along with her still going to work daily, are remarkable. You can mail our paper to 1002 Zahara Drive, Bowie, TX 76230. Thanks so much.
C.L. and Jo Hacker
(Editor's Note: We will miss you after being such a part of our community for so many years. Thanks for your comments about Mom - yes, she truly is remarkable! Don't forget us - remember to stop in when you are in KC! Love, Stacy)

Call in your news
657-3142

Aging center lunch menus

December 1st thru 5th

Monday, December 1 - Oven fried chicken with gravy, mashed potatoes, green salad, biscuits, dessert.

Tuesday, December 2 - Beef stew, seven-minute cabbage, cornbread, chocolate blonde brownies.

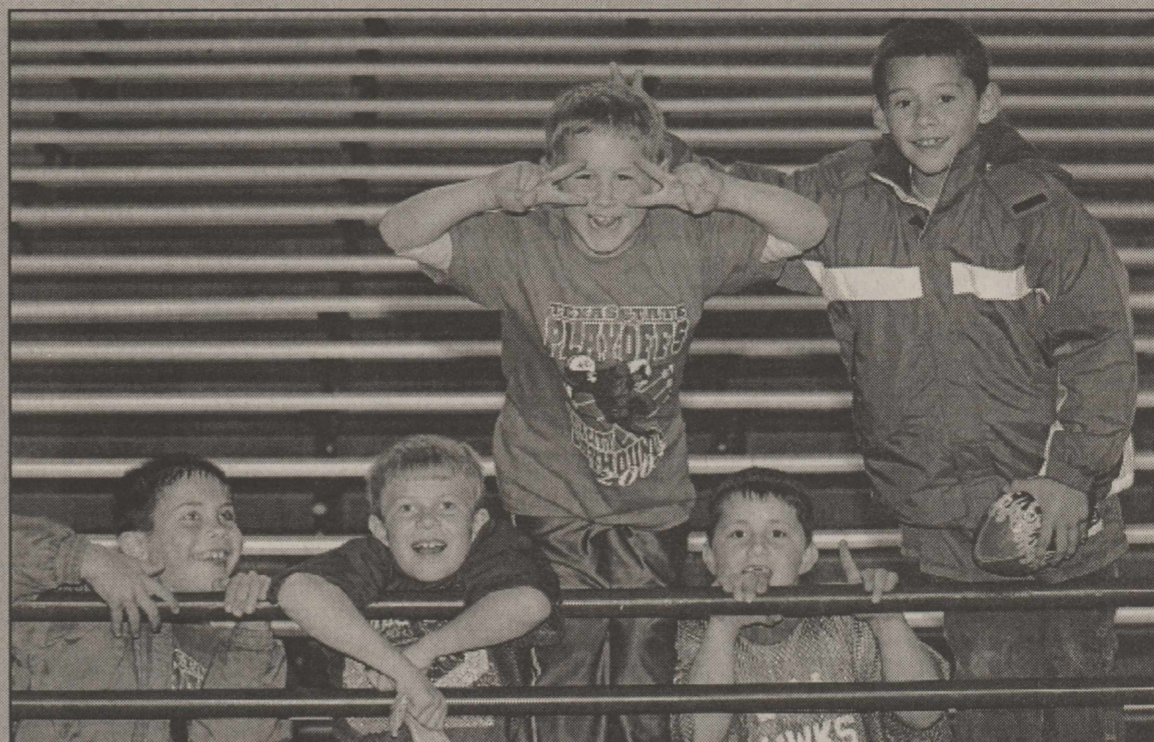
Wednesday, December 3 - Braised beef tips, buttered noodles, sweet peas, hot rolls, jello with fruit.

Thursday, December 4 - Mexican casserole, pinto beans, green salad, cornbread, pudding.

Friday, December 5 - Beef spaghetti, blackeyed peas, glazed carrots, batter bread, cake.

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

Friday night faces



Proud Greyhound supporters, these young fans were on hand to cheer the 'hounds on last Friday night at the Area Championship game at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene. From left to right are Hagen Hutchinson, Kyle Harrington, Ty McLemore, Tanner Vance, and Gus West.

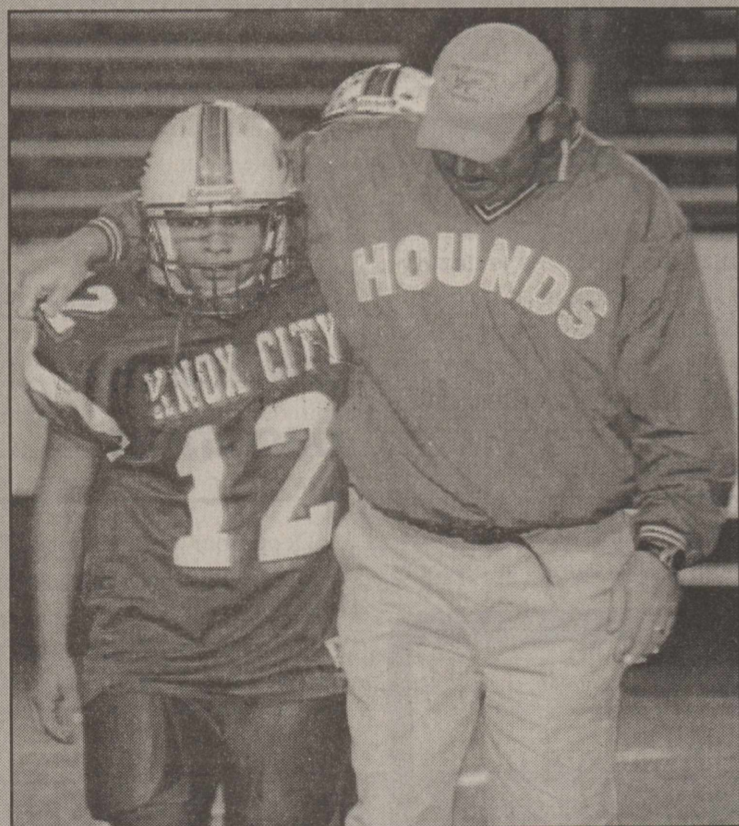
Knox City Chamber of Commerce CHRISTMAS IN NOVEMBER Knox City Style

Sat., Nov. 29, 6:00 to 8:30 • Downtown Knox City
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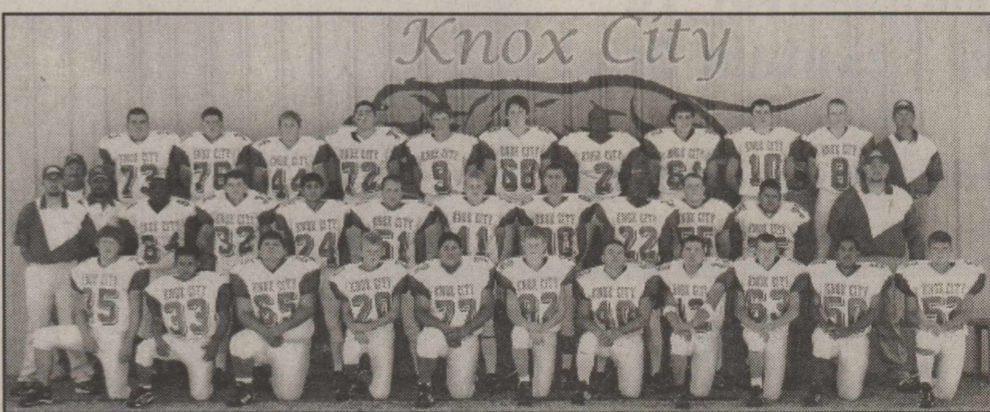
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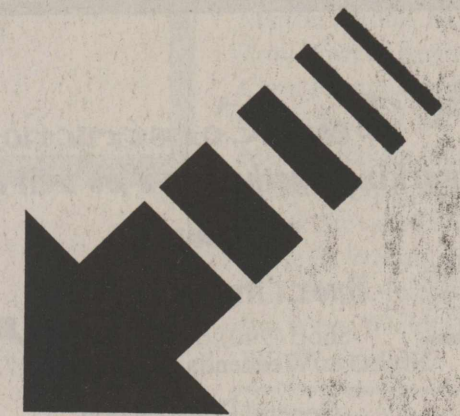
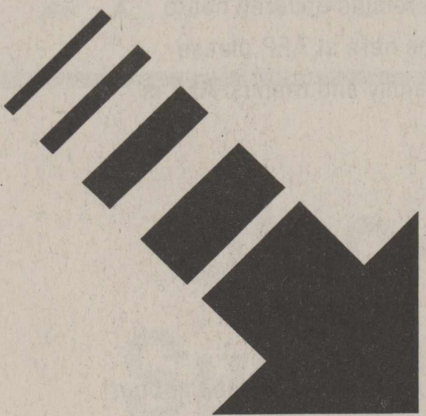
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Obituaries

Pauline Fisher

Graveside services for Pauline Fisher were held Monday, November 24, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. in the Lorenzo Cemetery with Rev. Rick Ketron officiating. Burial was under the direction of Adams Funeral Home of Ralls.

Pauline left this life Saturday, November 22, 2003, at Crosbyton Hospital for a joyous reunion in heaven with her Jesus and loved ones.

Born August 16, 1910, in Childress, Texas, to Clifford Davis and Alice Mills Bradshaw. She was a graduate of Childress High School and married Lindsay Fisher on March 29, 1930, in Hollis, Oklahoma. He preceded her in death December 1, 1984. They lived in Childress until 1953 when they moved to Lorenzo and farmed until 1966 when they moved to Knox City to enjoy their retirement years fishing at Lake Stamford. She moved back to Ralls in March of 2003.

Pauline devoted her life to her family, friends and church. She spent many hours sewing and crocheting, but life was fullest when she could spend hours of each day in her yard working in her flowers and garden. She was honored by her community for her beautiful yard. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Knox City and the Ruth Sunday School Class.

Sue was preceded in death by her daughter, Burma Niell in February 1993 and great-grandson, Dane Parrish in May 1981.

Survivors are a son, Glen Fisher and wife Linda of Sonora; three daughters, Joan Yoakum and husband Pat of Cone, Mary Rauch and husband Walter of San Angelo, and Kay Ardis and husband Bill of Garland; ten grandchildren, Patti (Yoakum) and Rick Ketron, Roger Yoakum, Barry and Debbie Niell, Paula (Niell) and Tracy Parrish, Michael and Rhonda Rauch, Leah Rauch, Angela Ardis, Peggy (Ardis) and James Booth, David and Stacey Fisher and Tammy Fisher; 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-granddaughters.

Willie Mae Thomas

Graveside services for Willie Mae Thomas of Snyder, former Knox City resident, were held Tuesday, November 25, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. at Gillespie Cemetery with Rev. Paul Chambers officiating. Mansell-Smith Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Thomas, 99, died Sunday, November 23, 2003, in a Snyder nursing home.

Born July 13, 1904, in Venus, Texas, she was the daughter of the late Edward Worlow and Mary Etta Barkley Worlow. She married Austin A. Thomas, who preceded her in death in 1968. She was a member of the Knox City Foursquare Church. Mrs. Thomas ironed clothes for people who lived in the city. She enjoyed quilting.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, eight brothers, two sisters and a daughter, Doris Faulkner.

Survivors are her son, A.Z. Thomas and wife Dorothy of Snyder; son-in-law, Max Faulkner of Oklahoma; three grandsons, two granddaughters and six great-grandchildren.

Glyndon Willis

Glyndon Willis, 69, died Saturday, October 18, 2003, from an extended illness at St. Luke's Hospital in Houston.

She retired from HISD after 27 years of service as a teacher.

Glyndon is survived by her husband of 50 years, James Willis; her mother, Naomi Shipman; two sisters, Nina Ray Canafax and Judy Underwood; three children, Janet Hobbs and husband Rick, Jimmy Willis and wife Jodi, and Julie Cornett and husband Kevin; nine grandchildren and one expected in January; four great-grandchildren and two more expected next spring.

Glyndon Shipman was born and reared in Knox County. She went to school and graduated from Benjamin High School in May 1952. She moved with her parents, Cecil (Red) and Naomi Shipman to Seymour, where she worked a summer job at Perry Brothers. She met James Willis and married at Red Springs Baptist Church on December 26, 1952. She was preceded in death by her father, Cecil William Shipman.

Glyndon had a servant's heart filled with love and generosity. The impact of her life will be known throughout eternity. Though her light has gone out of this world we know that she is bearing her light in God's Kingdom now.

Funeral service for Glyndon was held at 10:00 a.m., October 22, 2003, at Klein Funeral Home in Tomball.



'Beef 101' to be presented via learning system

On Tuesday, December 2, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Kyle Miller and Joe Raff, County Extension Agents for Clay and Wichita Counties, will be presenting "Beef 101".

This class is scheduled to be presented via the Knox County Community Network in conjunction with the Region 9 ESC distance learning system.

The program will also feature Dr. Ron Gill, Extension Livestock Specialist, and Kevin Przilias, spokesperson for Intervet Animal Health, covering vaccinations, establishing immunity and vaccination scheduling. They have been offering these types of classes for the last two years but this will be the first time it will be offered through the distance learning system.

The class is designed for those just getting into the cattle business or those who need an update on what's new in herd health. No CEU's will be given but the information should be very useful. The class is free to the public and everyone is welcome to attend.

Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Distance Learning Room located in the air building of the Knox City High School.

For those planning to attend, they should contact the superintendent's office at 657-3521.

Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

It's been a pretty "breezy" Sunday. Pretty cool most of the day and tonight we have the promise of a freeze. Surely winter is upon us. And it's time. We have had a mighty mild fall.

Sports - We did get basketball underway this past week. On Tuesday, we hosted Patton Springs and came out winners in both games.

To have been the first game of the season, the teams looked really good.

On Friday night, Woodson came over for meetings with the JV girls and varsity boys and girls. The varsity girls lost but the JV girls and boys won their games.

Our JV team had five girls only so had no subs.

Woodson did have some to run in and out.

Our JV's include Brittney Kuehler, Jenna McCanlies, Indira Monge, Christina Zavala and Margaret Siemens.

Our varsity girls team is Kaitlyn Kuehler, Shaylee Propps, Sadie Benson, Cassie Lyles, Nancy Siemens, Britney Sheedy, Maggie Seidenberger and Jessica Moorhouse.

Boys playing are Tyler Collins, Enrique and Tomas Acevedo, Chance Propps and Matthew Cartwright. Also Anthony Lamb, Marlon Monge, Michael Clower and Shawn Wilson. (I hope I haven't missed anyone).

Thanksgiving Program - The annual Thanksgiving community

supper and program was Wednesday night at the Community Center. After a wonderful meal, the program was as follows. John Gillespie offered Thanks for the meal. Congregational singing - "America The Beautiful", Ministerial Alliance Report given by Kenneth Roberts, Prayer of Thanksgiving by Ronnie White, Offering - Special Music by Bud Conner and a quartet from the Church of Christ consisting of Josh, Missy and Jessica White and Ashley Cartwright, Message - Hank Wagner, pastor of Church of Christ, Congregational Singing - My Country Tis of Thee, Benediction - Rev. Claude McKiddy, pastor of First United Methodist Church. Charles Jones led the group singing.

I just received word of the death of Royce "Saucer" Stevens. He died today in the Tuscon, Arizona, Veterans Hospital after a six year battle with cancer. Royce lived here in his younger days and will be remembered by many. Funeral services were pending Sunday night.

About our ill - Our Dillon was in Dallas Wednesday for an appointment with his doctor. He will be undergoing some radiation therapy in the future to correct his problem. No date has been set. He will have some surgery before the treatment to have some implants so that the radiation will be pinpointed to the exact location of the problem. He's doing much better - walks by himself but still has his wheelchair and walker for security.

Sonny Bufkin is undergoing treatment in Abilene. Is staying down there (at least for now), as he has treatment every day. We are wishing Sonny well.

Kay Sheedy said her dad is doing much better since his recent illness. He was in the hospital in Fort Smith, Arkansas, several days. He lives in Oklahoma.

I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and if you are traveling, please be careful. There will be lots of folks on the road and some may not be watching you, so stay alert. See you next week.



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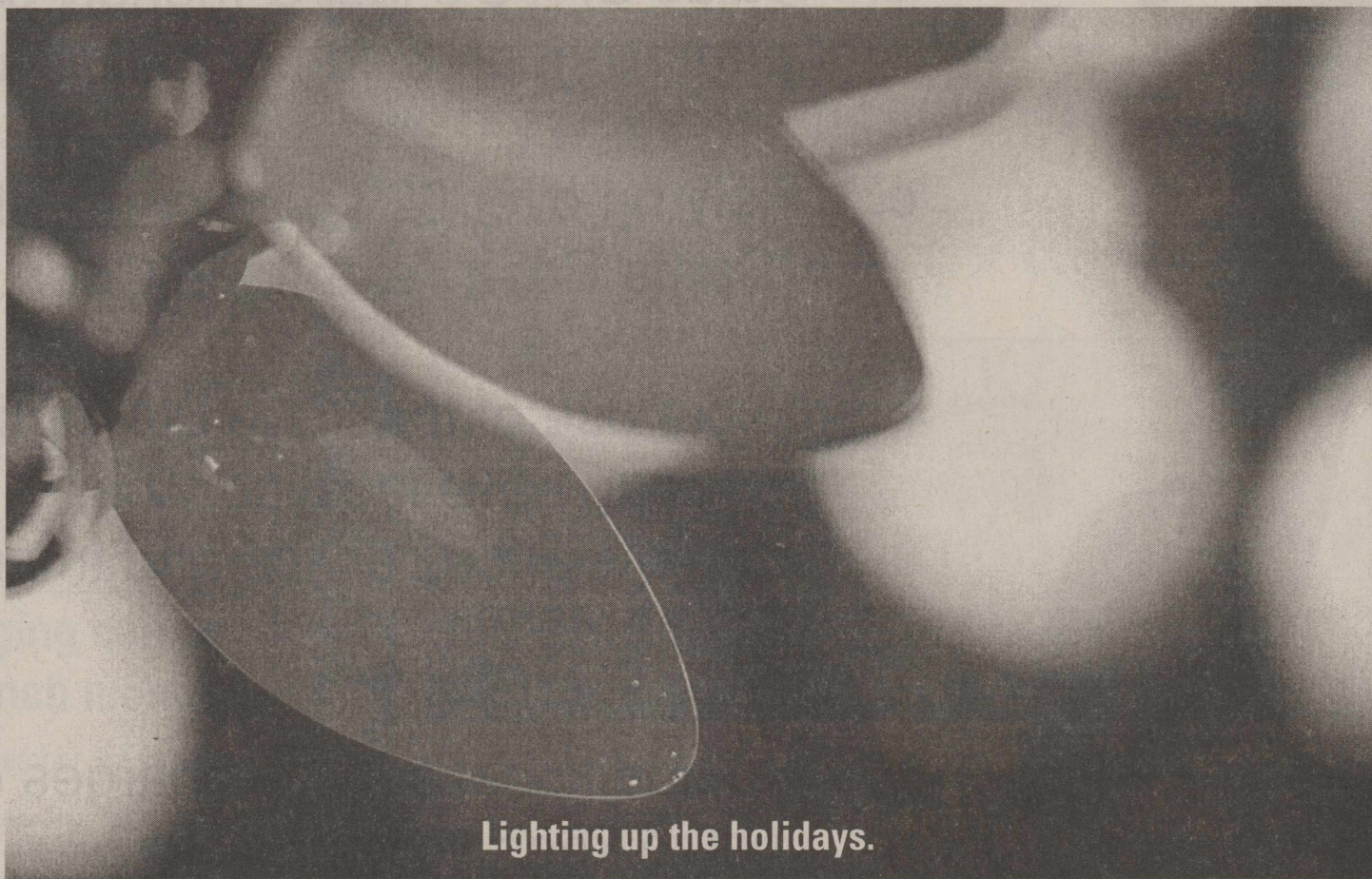
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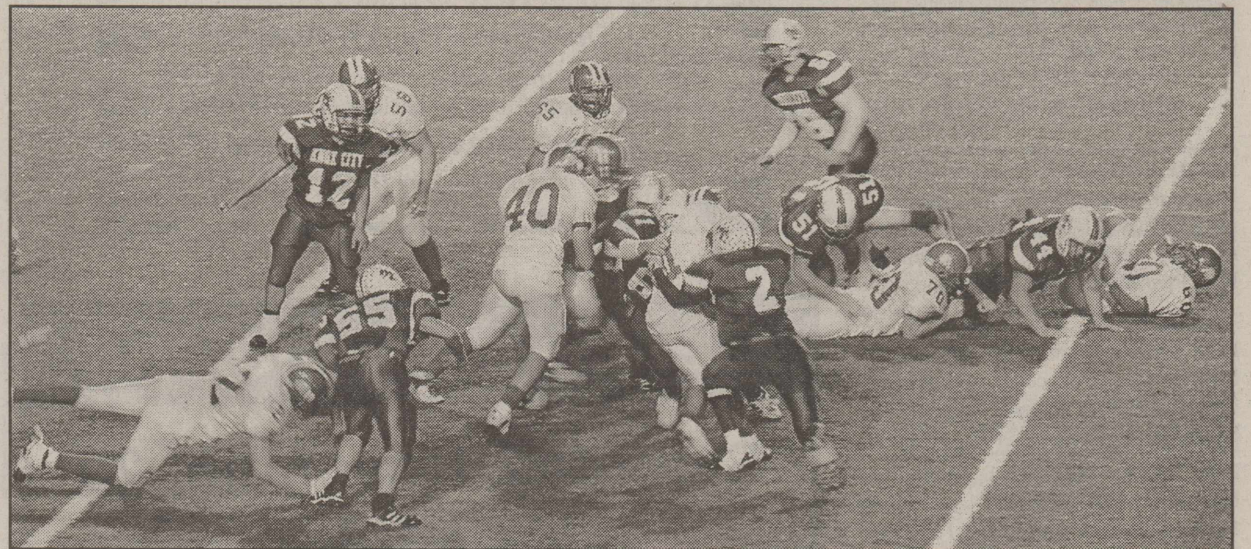
TOPPLED CLOSE TO THE SIDELINES after receiving a pass from Quarterback Andy Shaver, Greyhound receiver Derrick Magana goes down after he is hit by Albany's Jordan Morales (20), and Lino Martinez (31). Magana received 4 passes and picked up 72 yards for Knox City in the Area Playoff game against the Albany Lions last Friday night at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene.

(NEWS digital photo by Scooter Thompson)

The merchants and individuals on this sports booster page are proud to have supported the 2003 Greyhound Football Team throughout the season.

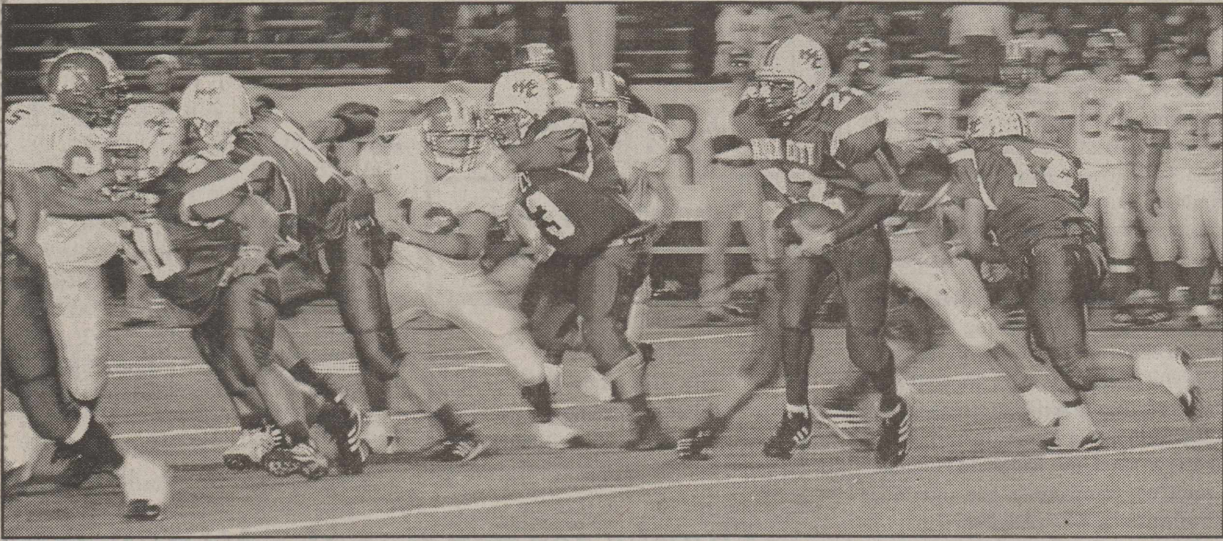
Through hard work and dedication, the players and coaches earned their way into the post season playoffs.

Congratulations Greyhounds !



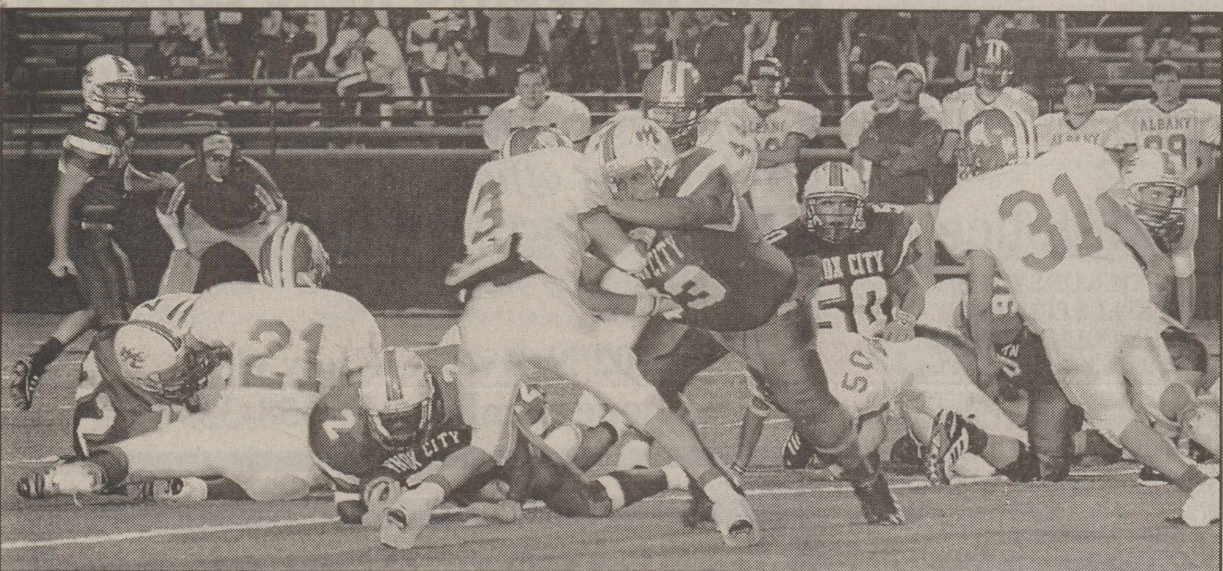
WRAPPING UP A LION RUNNING BACK, Greyhound defenders Eric Lewis (61) and Riley Spells (2) are shown in the center of this photo as they stop an Albany offensive play. Other players identified by jersey number in the photo are (left to right) Albany's James Chavira (22) Carlos Ruiz (12), Albany's Josh Heatley (58), Tomas Myers (55), Albany's Mike Wilson (40), Albany's Adam Cisneros (65), T.J. Richardson (68), Kylin DelValle (51), Albany's Lance Jordan (70), Cameron Hutchinson (44) and Albany's Kent Palmore (60).

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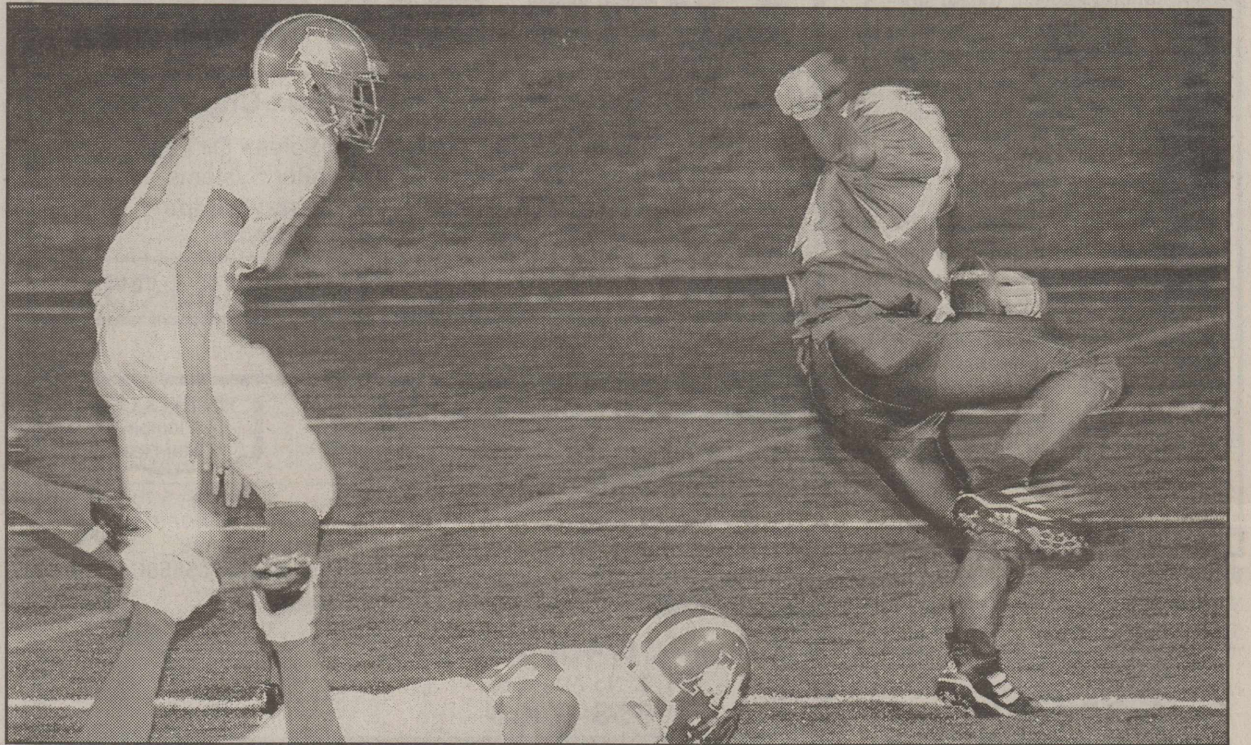
TAKING OFF AROUND THE LEFT SIDE with the football, Quentin Spells (22) tries an end around play against Albany last Friday night at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene. Other players identified by jersey number in the photo are (left to right) Albany's Adam Cisneros (65), C.J. Bruce (50), Brandon Espinosa (72), Albany's John McBride (12), Drew Barnard (73), and Carlos Ruiz (12).

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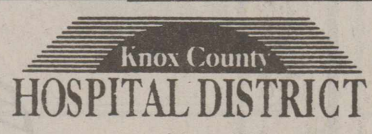



STOPPED JUST PAST THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE for a short yardage gain, Greyhound Riley Spells (2) is shown here as he hits the ground. Other players identified by jersey number in the photo are (left to right) Andy Shaver (9), Brandon Espinosa (72), Albany's Ted Tidwell (21), Albany's Peyton Parson (3), Drew Barnard (73), Albany's Trey Davis (44), C.J. Bruce (50), Albany's Jake Williams (50), and Albany's Lino Martinez (31). Spells picked up 70 yards on 15 carries for the night.

(NEWS digital photo by Scooter Thompson)



DANCING HIS WAY DOWN THE FIELD, Greyhound sophomore Derrick Magana played the best game of his high school career last Friday night against the Albany Lions in the Area Championship playoff game at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene. In the photo above, Magana was tripped up by Albany's Jordan Morales (20), while Albany's Alex Rodriquez (30) closes in.

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