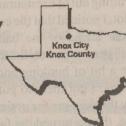
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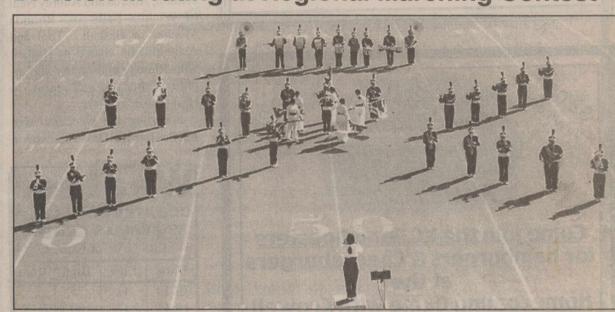
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GOING FOR TOUGH YARDAGE against the 8th grade Munday Braves, Will Grimsley is shown here after taking a handoff from quarterback Shawn Speck (12) last Thursday in Munday. Other Bulldogs in the photo identfied by jersey number are Felipe Sanchez (74), and James Vasquez (80).

(NEWS Photo)

Knox City High School Marching Band earns Division III rating at Regional Marching Contest



ON THEIR WAY TO A DIVISION III RATING, the Knox City High School Marching Band is shown in this photo while going through their routine last Saturday in Wichita Falls at the Regional Marching Contest. While trying for a higher Division II rating, the band performed very well and impressed the judges. One judge did vote to give the band a II rating, but other judges averaged the vote out to the final III rating. Considering that Knox City did not even enter the contest last year, the III rating shows that the band has been working very hard to improve this year under new Band Director Mark Tucker. Parents, fans, and spectators were proud of the performance and gave the band a lot of applause as they left the field. (Photo courtesy of Michael Waggoner, The Munday Courier)



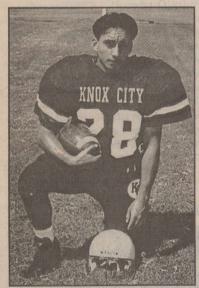
GREYHOUND QUARTERBACK Anthony Ainsworth is shown here just before being sacked last Friday night when KC played the Munday Moguls.

(Photo courtesy of Michael Waggoner, The Munday Courier)

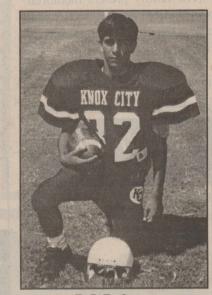
Moguls romp, Greyhounds lose at home

The cross-county rivalry that exists between the Knox City Greyhounds and the Munday Moguls in just about every sport got even worse last Friday night when the Moguls defeated Knox City 66-0 right here at Greyhound Stadium.

In a traditional game that usually defies most pre-game standings, the Moguls dominated in every area of the game.



Michael Baez
Defensive Player Of The Week



R.J. Pedroza
Offensive Player Of The Week

State Representative

David Counts provides

information on Nov. 4

See 'Capitol Report'

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.....featured inside on page 7

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election issues

Fall Festival set for this Saturday

The Knox City Elementary PTO will be sponsoring their annual fall festival on Saturday, October 25, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the High School Gym in Knox City.

A costume contest will kick off the events at 4:30 p.m. for anyone ages Pre-K through adult. Those wishing to enter must register by 4:00 p.m. at the gym.

All booths will open at 5:00 p.m. and this year they will feature football throw, putting green, plinko game, spinning wheel, tattoos, duck float, jewelry engraving, face painting and Bingo. Two new additions that organizers think everyone will enjoy are the "wound center" and "fall festival pictures". A concession stand and prize booth are also in the lineup.

The festival will be a fun time for everyone so come out, support the school and enjoy the evening.

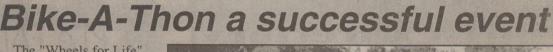
For more information, contact Sharla Carver at (940) 658-3486 or the Knox City Elementary School at (940) 658-3147.

Sheep & goat validation set

The 1997-98 sheep and goat validation for the Knox County Junior Livestock Show and all major shows in Texas will be held on Wednesday, October 22, at the Brazos Valley Young Farmers Building in Munday beginning at 4:30 p.m. All market goats and market sheep must be brought to this validation

this validation.

Anyone who will have difficulty in getting their animals to this validation, or anyone with questions should contact Paul Weiser in the Knox County Extension office at 454-2651 or their local high school ag science in-



The "Wheels for Life" Bike-a-thon, associated with the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, was held recently and was quite successful, according to coordinator Carolyn Brockett.

Sixteen participants will receive certificates from St. Jude's. Participants included Cody Brockett, Tomas Myers, Isaac Vasquez, Bobby Herrera, Katelyn Railsback, Kylin Del Valle, Orrin Myers, Tiffany Wilde, Jarek Wilde, Candace Carver, Derrick Magana, Randy Espinosa, Rech-ele Raynes, Grant Lewis (not pictured) and Kayla Hacker.



The efforts of these participants produced \$819.00 to benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital, America's leading center for the research and treatment of childhood cancer. Through this research, the life of one child is saved and donor's support will be rewarded in full, Mrs. Brockett said.

Response times for emergency units within Knox County termed 'impressive'

Knox County Judge David Perdue recently noticed a newspaper article concerning emergency response times in a large city. There were complaints against those agencies because response time of ambulances and fire department units was often in excess of half an hour.

Judge Perdue decided to call the 9-1-1 office in Knox County to check on the response time of the county emergency units. The dispatcher read from several radio logs of the past month. In many cases, ambulances in both Knox City and Munday were enroute within two minutes of the call and one scene within three to four minutes.

Fire department units in Benjamin, Goree, Knox City and Munday showed an equally impressive on scene time, sometimes having to respond several miles out into the rural areas. Judge Perdue was impressed, but not surprised, having witnessed first hand, a while ago, the quick response of Knox County emergency units.

"I realize there is congested traffic in the larger areas," he stated, "but emergency units are equipped to get through traffic. Articles like the one in that newspaper only serve to reinforce my opinion of how fortunate we are to have the devoted men and women in our EMS and fire departments and in law enforcement who respond so quickly to our emergency situations. These people deserve a lot of recogni-

tion for their dedication to the citizens of Knox County."

Knox County EMS employs three paid paramedics and an EMT-I. All others are volunteers. Members of the fire departments in Knox County are also all volunteer.

First Baptist-Knox City is featured in Baptist Standard

First Baptist Church in Knox City was featured in the last publication of the Baptist Standard regarding the exceeding of its state missions offering goal.

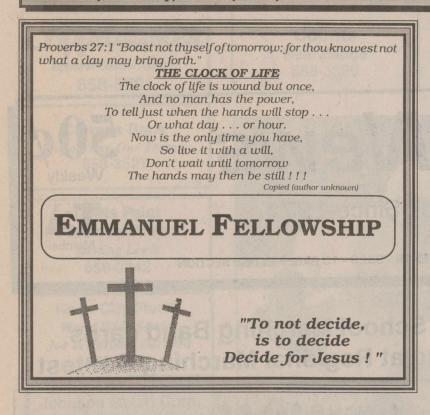
The church's goal of \$3,097 was met by the congregation on the first Sunday, giving \$3,344, according to WMU director June Tankersley.



Remember the time change!!

Sunday morning at 2:00 a.m. You need to set your clocks back one hour to 1:00 a.m.







KC Area **Church Directory**

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ~ Knox City Vergil Ichtertz, Pastor

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ~ Knox City

Steve Pepper, Minister

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

FOURSQUARE CHURCH ~ Knox City Paul Chambers, Interim Pastor Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship at 6:30 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.

SANTA ROSA CATHOLIC CHURCH ~ Knox City Father Kevin Fagan ~ Deacon Julian Estrada Sunday Bilingual Mass at 11:00 a.m

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Benjamin John Gillispie, Pastor Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

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THE BELIEVERS' CHAPEL ~ Highway 222 W.O. Smith, Pastor

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at 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship at 7:00 p.m. Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m. **EMMANUEL MINISTRIES**

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O'Brien News

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

Pulling out of a restaurant parking lot, I noticed that the couple in the car ahead of me had left a handbag on top of their car. After quite a bit of honking and lightflashing, I got them to pull over. They thanked me for noticing the purse, then returned the favor-by pointing out that I had left my doggy bag on the roof of my car.

HERE AND THERE - Visiting Coy and Loretta Hewitt over the weekend and helping Coy celebrate his birthday were Vicki and Jerod Daniel of Abilene, Toni, Ashton, Andrea and Aubrey Neal of Wichita Falls and Rhonda Moeller of Haskell. Toni and Ashton also visited in Haskell with Rhonda and family and attended the football game in Haskell Friday night.

Spending the weekend with Adelle Herring was her son Aderle

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and wife Doris and Doris's mother Mrs. Sprayberry of Haskell. They all visited Ranzy Herring in the Care Home at Munday.

Nancy Ellis of Oklahoma spent several days with her parents John and Jo Lippard and her sister Jonette Tibbetts and family in Rochester.

Scott Stephens, a student at Texas Tech, spent the weekend with his mother, Sue Stephens and his grandmother, Janoma Stephens.

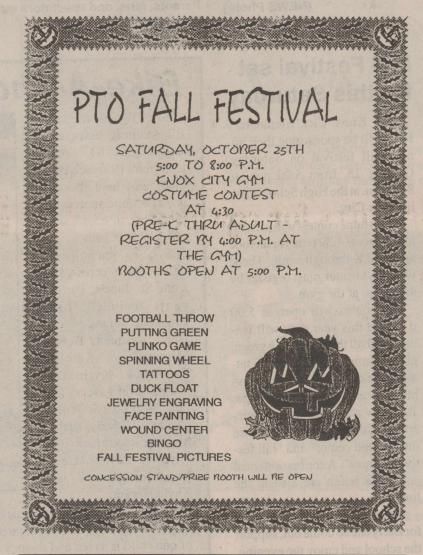
Kenneth and Sammie Roberts of Plainview spent Tuesday night with me. On Wednesday, they visited Ken's mom Nina Roberts in Seymour and helped her celebrate her 94th birthday.

Beatrice Ellis met her daughter Sandra Childress of Ozona in Abilene Saturday for a good visit.

Bobby and Robbie Lou Fail of

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Oct. 14 at **Aging Center** San Angelo spent last Monday The Family and Community and Monday night with Alton and LaUna Hester and LaUna's sister

Jozelle York. Jozelle returned

eral days in Rome with a friend

Judy Parks last week. The Parks

were in our church at one time.

company Saturday, Alan Ratliff

of Dallas and Irene Ratliff of Lub-

bock. He and Alan took a tour of

several places, ate lunch and en-

a wonderful weekend in Arkan-

sas visiting relatives and friends

from way back. They all enjoyed

having fun and eating lots of good

Arkansas fruit and vegetables.

Dan and Marilyn Talbot spent

Dwight Gothard had some

Charlene Brothers spent sev-

home with them.

joyed visiting.

Education met Tuesday, October 14, at the Aging Center. New president, Charlene Brothers, called the meeting to order and announced a change of schedule to have the program first.

FCE meets

Ramona Helms, Vice President, introduced the speaker, Mark Hogan, whose topic was Managing Changes in Banking.

Report on Achievement Day in Benjamin, held October 3 and 4, gave information of Ramona Helms being chosen as FCE Woman of the year. Charlene Brothers had won ten ribbons and Leta Mangis and Vera Reid had won even more.

The November 11 meeting will be at 7 p.m. at the Aging Center with a program by Jane Rowan.

Rites for Lonnie Saunders held in Hobbs, NM

Services for Lonnie Buster "L.B." "Slim" Saunders was held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, October 16 at Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with Leon Green Chaplain of Family Hospice offiiating. Burial followed at Prairie Haven Cem-

Mr. Saunders entered into rest Monday, October 13,1997 at his home in Hobbs, New Mexico. He was born to Julian and Eva Saunders on July 15, 1915 in Jayton, Texas.

He was a past member of the 32nd Degree Masons. Mr. Saunders also served with the United States Navy during World War I.

He is survived by his six daughters: Shirley Bishop of Midland, Texas; Carolyn Tatsch of Lano, Texas; Sandra Kelley of Pittsburg, Texas; Glenda Spears of Breaux Bridge, Louisiana; Rosemary Howell of Mills, Wyoming; and Jennifer Whitaker; a niece, Betty Sue Woodall of Knox City, Texas; and a dear friend, Gladys 'Sweetie" Horn. Mr. Saunders also has 19 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and 1 greatgreat grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Olive Mary in 1990; and a daughter, Laquita Shane in 1994.

The family prefers memorial contributions be made to Hospice of Lea County, 901 E. Bender in

Services were under the direction of Griffin Funeral Home, Inc.

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KC grad enlists in Navy's delayed entry

Derek Stovall, a 1997 graduate of Knox City High School and a resident of Knox City, enlisted in the Navy's Delayed Entry Program on October 17,1997.

Derek enlisted to become a Aviation Structual Mechanic in the Navy.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stovall of Knox City, he will be eligible for \$15,000 through the Montgomery GI Bill for college.

Derek will be leaving for basic training at Great Lakes Recruit Training Center in Great Lakes, Illinois, on November 3, 1997.

Airman Recruit Stovall's recruiter is NC1(SW) Gerry Pond from Navy Recruiting Station

AGING CENTER MENUS October 27 thru 31

Monday, October 27 - Chicken fried steak with gravy, baked potato, green beans, green salad, hot rolls, cookies. Tuesday, October 28 - Barbecued chicken, garden green salad, creamed potatoes, corn, hot rolls, fruit with cottage cheese.

Wednesday, October 29 - Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed green salad, green beans, cheese bread, fruit cobbler. Thursday, October 30 - Chicken strips

with gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, green salad, biscuits, jello. Friday, October 31 - Chili dog on bun

with grated cheese, pickle relish, mustard, onion, potato wedges, seasoned pork and beans, dessert.

(All menus subject to change without notification due to conditions beyond the control of the staff at the Knox County Center. It is very important to notify the site manager in advance so that the visit will be on record and meals will arrive from the central kitchen.)



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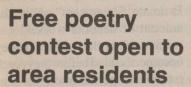
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Elementary students learn about banking

On Friday, October 17, Knox City Elementary students enjoyed a special program on saving money, sponsored by Citizens

Sharon Cypert, Vice President, Judy Perdue, Marketing Director, and Tammy Gonzales presented a short program to each of the classes in the elementary school. The program, "Saving Money Is Smart" was presented to introduce the children to the world of money, banking and saving. The program encouraged children to save money for their future. Children in Pre-K, Kindergarten and First Grade learned that a savings account can be like a money tree, the savings amount grows as interest is earned. The older children learned many of the details of banking, including ATM machines, accounts and loans.

Each child was given a "Saving Money Is Smart" activity book, a sticker and a Halloween trick or treat bag. The older children were also given information for their parents on saving for their children's education.



Owings Mills, Maryland (USA)—The U.S. National Library of Poetry has announced that \$48,000.00 in prizes will be awarded this year in the North American Open Poetry Contest. Poets from the KNOX CITY area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of our 250 prizes. The deadline for the contest is September 30, 1997. The contest is open to everyone and entry is FREE.

"Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner," stated Howard Ely, Contest Director. "Poets from the KNOX CITY area have successfully competed in past competitions." Every poem entered also has a chance to be published in a deluxe, hardbound anthology.

To enter, send ONE original poem, any subject and any style, to: The National Library of Poetry, Suite 1993, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117-6282

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EMPLOYEES OF CITIZENS BANK enjoyed spending time with students from Knox City Elementary School last Friday when the students heard a program sponsored by the bank about saving money. Shown in the above photo from Citizens Bank (back row, left to right) are Marketing Director Judy Perdue, Tammy Gonzales and Vice President Sharon Cypert. Representing the students in the above photo were (front row, left to right) Katelyn Railsback and Noah Hedgecoke. (Photo courtesy of Citizens Bank)

For parents of children not in school, a few activity books and trick or treat bags are still avail-

able, and can be picked up in the lobby of Citizens Bank in Knox

or go to www.poetry.com. The poem should be no more than 20 lines, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked or sent via the Internet by September 30, 1997. A new con-

The National Library of Poetry, founded in 1982, is the largest poetry organization in the







Christopher Seth Briggs

Kala and Steve Briggs of Kerrville are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Christopher Seth, born Friday, October 17 at 1:58 a.m. in a Fredericksburg

Seth tipped the scales at seven pounds, eleven ounces and measured twenty inches in length.

Judy and Mike Jackson of Guthrie are maternal grandpar-

Paternal grandparents are Laura Lynn and Steve Briggs of

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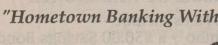
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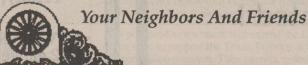
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Pastor of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Abilene will be leading, the community is invited.

Engagement Announced

Sarah Nicole (Nicki) Ivie and Jessie Ledesma Jr. wish to announce their engagement and approaching

Nicki is the daughter of Vonnita Ivie of O'Brien and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Ivie of Wichita Falls. She is the granddaughter of E.G. (Mutt) and Bertie Ivie, Wanda Brooks and Vaughn Brooks, all of Knox City. She is employed by the Knox County Sheriff's Department

Jessie is the son of Jessie Sr. and Connie Ledesma of Knox City. He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ledesma Sr. and the late Mr. and Mrs. Ascension Parga. He is employed by Rolling Plains Well Service in Knox City.

Happy 50th, John and Peggy Gillispie

on October 20!

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Joe, Jacque and Randi Riley

Pat, Kim and Lauren Daily

The wedding ceremony will be held at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, December 27, 1997, at the First United Methodist Church in Knox City.

4-H alumni being sought for 1998 birthday celebration

Many well known people from all walks of life were once Texas 4-H members: Such as country singer George Strait, United State Representative Charles Stenholm, football legend Don Meredith and actress Sissy Spacek.

Knox County 4-H is gearing up to celebrate 90 years of 4-H in Texas in 1998. As part of the celebration a "4-H Heritage Search" to find as many former 4-H members as possible is being conducted.

The search committee is looking for anyone who was ever in 4-H in any county or state. This search was kicked off during National 4-H Week, October 5-11, and will continue until December

Help is needed in identifying these alumni. If you are an alumni or know of any alumni please complete the attached questionnaire and return to the Knox County Extension Office, Box 22, Benjamin, TX 79505 by December 1.

Plans for a birthday celebration are in the works for 1998 and organizers want to include as many former 4-H'ers as possible.

For more information, contact the Knox County Extension off ice at (940) 454-2651.

Knox Co. retired school personnel to meet Mon. Knox County Retired School

Personnel will meet on Monday, October 27 at 2:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Benjamin.

This is a different day and time than normal meetings, so members should take note.

The program, Cancer Awareness and Patient Services, will be presented by Brittany DeFoor from the American Cancer Society in Lubbock.

4-H Alumni Information:

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Knox County Farm Bureau sponsors Lane Davis at A & M Fire School

Gary Tidwell, Knox County Farm Bureau President, recently presented Lane Davis of Knox City a check for \$415.00 and a certificate for completing the 68th Annual Texas Fireman's Training School held July 20-25. The school, attended by nearly 2,000 students representing about 750 cities, was held on the Campus of Texas A&M University.

Fireman can choose their course at the school from a list including Fire Fighting, Fire Prevention, Fire Department Officer Training, Fire Department Pump Maintenance, Specialized Fire

Protection, and Disaster Rescue Training.

The Farm Bureau Insurance Companies believe Volunteer Fire Departments have been very effective in reducing the amount of loss by fire in rural areas. It is the hope of Farm Bureau that by sponsoring this program that the firemen will help the Knox City Fire Department better serve the residents of Knox County.

Fireman Lane Davis was spon-

sored by Knox County Farm Bureau and Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies by contributing toward the cost of the school.

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Tickets available for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 from any Booster Club member and will be on sale at all volleyball and football games.

Proceeds go toward Knox City Athletic Program



Head Football Coach Lynn Lierly during the O'Brien 8th grade game against Munday last week, Felipe Sanchez (74) is shown here as he listens in-(NEWS Photo)

Social Secutity News Update

More Workers to Receive **Annual Statements**

The Social Security Administration began mailing benefit statements to people as young as age 46 as of October 1, 1997. The "Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statements" show the amount of benefits workers can receive when they retire, if they become disabled before they reach retirement age, the amount of benefits their families can receive if they die, and the earnings on which the benefits are based. More than eight million people have received the statements since February 1995 when Social Security began the first mailings to persons age 60 or older. By the end of the century, Social Security is required by law to send an annual statement to everyone age 25 or older. The statements are available upon request to workers of any age by calling 1-800-772-

Make sure the name's the same

Have you always used the same version of your name when you filled out your payroll forms? Did you go by Jack instead of James? Used your middle initial instead of your middle name? Or change last names when you got married? If you did, you have run the risk of having your earnings misplaced when Social Security attempts to match the names and numbers furnished by your employer on its annual reports of your earnings with your Social Security records. To make sure you're getting full Social Security credit for all your earnings, call Social Security at 1 800-772-1213 and ask for a free Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement.



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Rolling Plains Rural Leadership Program in full swing after completing two sessions

Leaders from Haskell, Jones, and Knox Counties have been sharpening their leadership skills during the first 2 sessions of the Rolling, Plains Rural Leadership Program by concentrating on strengthening their communication skills and learning the importance of teamwork.

On September 17 the group met at Camp Tonkawa to take on the challenging outdoor personal experience (COPE) course. Camp Counselor, Dave Dowdy and his assistants challenged those present to pick up the tools of leadership as they went through the course and put them in their pocket to use during the day and to take home with them. No tools were to be left in the parking lot. These tools are problem solving, communication, self-esteem, trust, decision making, team work, and fun. The group had a fun time getting to know their class members while accepting their challenge of collecting the tools of leadership.

During the October 8 meeting at the Big Country Baptist Assembly Camp at Leuders, Stormy Higgins, LPC with the Clinical Associates in Abilene explored the 5 building blocks of effective communication with the class to help them realize that no undertaking succeeds without effective communication. The group learned that you cannot lead until you can communicate. They engaged in several activities during the day that helped them to become better able to communicate with those with which they come in contact. The day concluded with an "egg Olympics" which proved to be challenging, thought provoking, and fun.

Rolling Plains Rural Leadership is an innovative program designed to train and promote a network of leaders aggressively involved in the economic and community development of Haskell, Jones and Knox Counties. The program is jointly-sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, West Texas Utilities Company and Four Winds Resource Conservation Develop-

The planning committee consists of Lou Gilly, Greg Kaase, Jane Rowan, and Martha Alice Spraberry with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Linda Caton, Shirley Deal, Kit Horne, and Tom Isbell fiom WTU, and Dan Henson with the Four Winds

Class members which will continue to meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month until May are as follows: from Haskell County -Dale Bullinger, Janet Earle, Sue Medford, Kay Smith, and Tom Turner; from Jones County -Donna Sue Anders, John Ekdahl, Steve Evans, Melinda Martinez, Elisa Owens, Cheryl Polk, Linda Raines, and Joyce Taylor, and from Knox County - Sharon Cypert, Jason Hall, Tommy Mangis, Danny Parker, and Jimmy Urbanczyk.

For more information about the Rolling Plains Rural Leadership Program, please contact one of the planning committee members listed above.

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November is declared 'Home Care and Hospice Month in Texas'

Austin, Texas--October 15,1997. One of the most positive developments in medical care today: the growing use of in-home care for individuals recovering from illness or injury, for disabled individuals continuing with their lives and for those who choose to spend their final days at home. In recognition of this positive trend, Governor George W. Bush has declared November "Home Care and Hospice Month in Texas."

"Texans are concerned about high-quality, affordable health care," Governor Bush said in his proclamation. "With rapidly rising health care costs home care offers comfortable, cost-effective, high quality, individualized health care and supportive services."

Approximately 3,108 licensed home and community support agencies in Texas provide services ranging from assistance with personal care to high-tech therapies. Individuals can choose either to stay with family or to maintain a home of their own, retaining their pride, independence and dignity either way.

Among the services available through home care agencies are: Home health services include skilled and supportive care such as nursing, physical, occupational and speech-language therapies; medical social work; home health aide; and nutritional counseling. From periodic nursing assessments to high-tech intravenous therapies, home health significantly reduces the need for institutional care in hospitals or nursing homes.

Hospice is a philosophy of care which provides comfort for persons in the last phases of a terminal illness so they can live as comfortably as possible, whether at home or in a health care facility.

These services include medical care, nursing, home health aide, social services, spiritual care, bereavement services, volunteer services and other appropriate counseling. Families also receive support through hospice.

Personal assistance services include routine, ongoing support services such as assistance with self-administered medications, bathing, dressing, grooming, feeding, meal preparation, toileting and ambulation.

Respite services are support options provided temorarily to help a primary caregiver, and may be available through home health, hospice or personal assistance

Editor's Note: For the name and phone number of home care agencies in your community, or for consumer tips on how to select a home care or hospice agency, contact the Texas Association for Home Care (TAHC) at (800) 880-8893 [338-9293 in Austin].

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Social Secutity **News Update**

Contact Social Security NOW for 1998 retirement

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In some cases, your choice of retirement month could mean additional benefits for you and your family.

Because the computation varies based on your earnings for the year and the month in which you file, it's a good idea to check with a Social Security representative before making your decision.

Disability Employment Awareness Month

October is Disability Employment Awareness Month and the Social Security Administration is using the occasion to inform employers about special rules that help people with disabilities who

The rules provide cash benefits and health insurance coverage that increases the chances of a successful work effort for the disabled employee.

Employers are urged to take the opportunity to tap a largely under-utilized segment of the labor market.



A Golden Time

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A consortium led by a Univ. of Cal. researcher is recruiting Alzheimer's Disease victims to take part in steroid tests. It's possible steroids could fight inflammation in the brain that leads to destruction of brain cells and dementia.

Annual median income for Americans over 65 increased to \$17,751 last year, according to the census bureau. That's up sixtenths of one percent in inflation adjusted dollars.



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State Representative AVID COUNTS

CAPITOL REPORT



PROPOSITION 7 VITAL FOR TEXAS' FUTURE

On November 4, Texans will have an opportunity to vote on a constitutional amendment that will determine the economic vitality of the state for years to come. Proposed Constitutional Amendment #7, if approved, will provide the necessary funding to ensure that a reliable, safe water supply is a guarantee for all Texans and not a luxury.

The drought of 1996 served as a graphic reminder of the importance for all Texans to be more aware of their water needs. Many communities discovered that they were much closer to being out of water than they dreamed possible.

To that end, the 75th Legislature passed SB 1, a comprehensive reform of the state's water laws. The foundation of SB1 is that water conservation and planning be conducted at the local level, with local communities making the decisions about their own future water needs, and in turn, their own economic future as well.

Many of the water planning decisions to be made by local communities will involve the need for new and improved water-related facilities. To meet the water needs of Texans during the 21st century, at least \$65 billion dollars of water infrastructure must be developed.

Amendment 7 provides for the consolidation of existing voter approved bond authorization, making available \$1.2 billion to local governments for development of water projects.

The Texas Constitution authorizes six categories of bonds for the Texas Water Development Board, each with a specified amount and purpose. Proposed amendment #7, in conjunction with SB 1, consolidates four of the six categories of bonds, which essentially removes the walls between categories without expanding the overall purposed and without increasing overall bond authorizations.

In light of the staggering projections of future infrastructure needs, Constitutional Amendment 7 presents an important first step in helping Texas ensure that its water needs will be met in the future.

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your life sweet. But when you

invite the Lord to come into your

He gives affection for anger,

Sweetness of life is only

Tired of stirring in vain? Invite

A little girl saw her first parade,

She was quiet for a moment,

Do you know what's causing

Fights don't come from the out-

Do you want peace? Receive

graciousness for gracelessness,

heart, He makes it sweet.

stirring and sipping her tea. Bursting into tears, she cried,

"Mom, it won't come sweet."

forgot."



IS IT HALLOWEEN YET? No, actually the photos above and below show students of Mrs. Sandy Chappell's 6th grade History class at O'Brien Middle School when they studied Egypt recently and (NEWS Photos) dressed like mummies for a class project.



AARP News Update

They said it couldn't be done ... but they did it! By Horace B. Deets

They said it couldn't be done ... but they did it. After years of haggling and posturing, political leaders from both parties enacted legislation to balance the federal budget and extend the solvency of Medicare into 2007. And they did it without changing the Constitution or the integrity of the Medicare program. Leaders from both parties and the president are to be congratulated.

For three years, AARP has called for a two-step approach to reforming Medicare. This legislation accomplishes the first step-it keeps the program financially solvent for the next 10 years by taking steps to reduce fraud, increase choice and control spending while maintaining access and quality and introducing several important new preventive care measures for beneficiaries.

Make no mistake about it, the road to Medicare solvency is a rough one. So far, we have dodged a few potholes and filled in a few others. For example, the new Medicare legislation does not increase the age of eligibility, income-relate the Part B premium or establish a home healthcare copayment. It does, however, assure that Medicare beneficiaries will continue to be able to afford the Part B premium by building on the current low-income protections. It also gradually reduces beneficiaries' coinsurance for outpatient service from an average of 50 percent today to the standard 20 percent required for other Medicare Part B services.

I believe acceptable Medicare reform is underway because AARP volunteers and members' participated in the debate and let their senators and representatives know their priorities and concerns. Congress had to make a lot of tough choices, and thanks to public opinion, they made a lot of the right ones.

Now we must look ahead to step two, an extensive debate on the options and trade-offs necessary to keep Medicare strong for the next generation. The commission that Congress and the president are proposing to study the issues should consist of more than a panel of experts talking to each other in a vacuum. The people who use the program now and in the future—should be included in the discussion. Medicare affects millions of people, so the policy discussion needs to be public, open and extensive. We should spend at least as much time discussing these vital issues as we spend on various congressional investigations. They are infinitely more important.

So we must all engage in the debate and urge Congress to continue working in a bipartisan fashion. They say it can't be done-but we'll do

Horace B. Deets is the AARP Executive Director. Reprinted from AARP BULLE-TIN., September 1997. This article may be reprinted by permission of AARP.

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On A Wizer Note....

By Paul Weiser, Knox County Extension Agent - Aq.

Read this......before purchasing show pigs!

Every year, fall marks the new herd; or originate from a brucellobeginning of the 4-H and FFA livestock project season. Even though most youngsters have already purchased their sheep and cattle. The fall is a when most pigs and some of the goats are pur-

The month of October is probably the biggest show pig sale month. High school ag. science instructors and county agents are busy running from town to town, sale to sale, and farm to farm trying to find that perfect pig. The latest edition of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) Newsletter contained an article entitled "This Little Piggy - Bringing Home Show Pigs or Feeder Swine". In this article, the author listed several steps to ensure that all health regulations are met.

For out-of-state pigs, it is important to obtain a coded permit number. The number is obtained by calling (512)719-0777. There is no fee for this process. The permit is valid for 15 days, and the number is to appear on the health papers.

A certificate of veterinary inspection must be issued in the state where the swine are purchased. These health papers are good for 30 days. The issuing veterinarian is to attest on the health paper that: "These swine have not been fed garbage, were not vaccinated against pseudorabies, and weren't exposed to hog cholera or pseudorabies." TAHC regulations prohibit the use of pseudorabies vaccine for any swine.

Pigs must be individually identified with an eartag, earnotch or number tattoo. This information must be on the health papers

If the show pig is purchased from a PRV-Qualified negative herd in a stage ll or lll state, or if the pig had been tested negative for pseudorabies within 30 days prior to movement, the pig must be quarantined and tested again in 30-60 days after arrival in Texas. If e pig is purchased from a PRV-Qualified negative herd in a stage IV state or the herd is in a stage V "Free" state there is no need to quarantine and re-test.

If the pig is purchased from a PRV-monitored herd in a stage Ill, IV or V "Free" state or if the pig comes from a farm in a stage IV state the pig must be quarantined and retested in 30-60 days.

These regulations are different for breeding swine. Breeding swine must have been vaccinated for Leptospirosis with a 6-way vaccine for these strains: Bratislava, Canicola, Hardjo, Pomona, Icterohaemorrhagiea, and Grippotyphosa. Vaccination information must be recorded on the health papers.

Breeding swine must have a negative swine brucellosis test within 30 days prior to entering Texas UNLESS they: originate from a validated brucellosis-free

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be isolated, under quarantine, and be retested 30 to 60 days later.

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LEAVING THE BRAVES BEHIND, Will Grimsley is shown here picking up yards against the Braves during the 8th grade game last week in Munday. Teammates Garry Manley (84) and Eric Green (85) are shown blocking for Will.

TUESDAY NOV 4TH CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION (Early Voting October 20-31)



sis-free state. Validated herd num-

ber must be on health papers. Pre-

or post- movement pseudorabies

test is not needed on breeding swine

moved directly from a farm of

origin in a stage IV or "Free" state or from a qualified pseudorabies

negative herd in a stage III state.

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rabies-negative herd in a stage 11 state. On arrival in Texas, the swine

must be isolated under quarantine,

and be tested 30 to 60 days later. A pre-movement pseudorabies test

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arrival for all other origins. On

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A Public Service Message From

State Representative

Statewide Voter Approval vs. Legislative Vote

"The constitutional amendment limiting the amount of state debt payable from the general revenue fund."

Speeding Up Texas Supreme Court Decisions

"The constitutional amendment to establish a deadline

for Supreme Court action on a motion for rehearing."

State Guarantee For The Texas Tomorrow

"The constitutional amendment to encourage persons to

plan and save for young Texans' college education, to extend the full faith and credit of the state to protect the

Texas tomorrow fund of the prepaid higher education tuition program, and to establish the Texas Tomorrow

Fund's Prepaid College Tuition Program

Fund as a constitutionally protected trust fund."

Allowing The Legislature To Establish Qualifications For The Office of Constable

to prescribe the qualifications of constables."

"The constitutional amendment to allow the legislature

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may be unable to meet the needs of the state's residents or

properly react to an emergency situation without increasing

Texas Supreme Court justices should have the discretion to

circumstances of a particular case, however rare, would call for

an extension in the interest of justice. The amendment does not

The Texas Tomorrow Fund should continue only as long as it is a viable fund that is able to fund itself. Placing the full

faith and credit of the state behind the fund will take money

Though qualifications for constables are needed, a constitu-

tional amendment for this purpose is not. The legislature has

already passed statutes that set the qualification for

extend consideration of a motion for rehearing when the

allow for an extension of the deadline regardless of how unusual or extraordinary the circumstances of a case might be.

away from other important needs of the state.

state taxes or fees.

State Representative David Counts

(800) 308-2769 (940) 658-5012 **David Counts PROPOSITIONS Allow Municipal Court Judges** To Serve More Than One City Some small cities do not need a full time municipal judge. This It will allow nonresidents of a city to serve as municipal judges and will allow municipal judges to be paid by more than one city. proposition would allow a person to serve as a municipal judge "The constitutional amendment to allow a person who holds the office of municipal court judge to hold at the same time more than one civil office for which the person receives for more than one city. Caps on Homeowner Property Tax Appraisals To protect individual homeowners from sudden runaway property This amendment only caps residential property tax appraisals & Portability Of Senior Citizen Tax Freeze tax appraisal increases from their local appraisal districts (the initial and does not cap appraisals on business properties. Local annual cap is 10%) and to provide school districts the local option government entities may be faced with either reducing govern-"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to offer all senior citizens portability of their property tax freezes to limit increases in the appraised value of residence homesteads for ad valorem taxation, and to permit an ment expenditures or increasing rates. Furthermore, allowing throughout this current tax year. school districts the local option of whether to retroactively apply elderly person or the surviving spouse of an elderly person to transfer the school property tax freeze on the person's residence homestead to a different residence homestead." portability of the senior citizen tax freeze unfairly discriminates against school districts which may choose not to participate. **Optional Tax Exemptions For Water Conservation** Conservation of the state's water supply is critical. Providing Although water conservation is an important state goal, exemp-The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to local taxing units with the option of a property tax exemption tions from ad valorem taxation erode the tax base. Also, because permit a taxing unit to grant an exemption or other relief from ad valorem taxes on property on which a water conservation initiative has been implemented." for land that uses a water conservation measure will encourage the exemption is optional, there is a risk of inconsistent and unfair conservation of the state's limited water supply. tax treatment Although the proposed amendment makes only non substan-**Cleaning Up Our State Constitution** The proposed amendment would eliminate duplicate and obsolete tive changes to the Texas Constitution, it does not go far enough provisions of our state constitution. Furthermore, it makes no "The constitutional amendment eliminating duplicate numbering in and certain obsolete changes in the effect of the law and is a positive step in the direction in removing unnecessary and outmoded provisions. of a more streamlined and useful state constitution. provisions of the Texas Constitution Currently the State Supreme Court can only meet in Austin, the state Conducting certain oral arguments in various areas of the state **Allow State Supreme Court** More than half of the other states allow their highest courts in unnecessary travel expenses for the justices an other court personnel. The Texas Supreme Court has conducted to conduct proceedings in various locations in those states. The "The constitutional amendment authorizing the supreme court to sit and to transact business at business in Austin for many years, and there is no compelling flexibility of the State Supreme Court to conduct business and hear oral arguments in various areas of the state would be educational reason to change that practice. to the court, attorneys, and the general public. Additionally, citizens who may be interested in a particular case would be given an opportunity to observe the proceedings without incurring the expense of traveling to Austin. Removing Outdated Apartheid Disclosure This disclosure requirement was adopted to discourage investment None have been offered. of state funds in businesses and/or investments with direct financial Requirement For Investment of State Funds ties to South Africa or Namibia. Because apartheid no longer exists "The constitutional amendment allowing the Texas in these countries, the disclosure requirement has no purpose and Growth Fund to continue to invest in businesses without should be repealed. Most other states that adopted similar provirequiring those businesses to disclose investments in sions have already repealed those provisions. Eliminating the South Africa or Namibia.' disclosure requirement would save the state the cost of collecting, examining, and recording the disclosure affidavit. **Consolidating State Water Bond Authority** The Texas Water Development Board should not be able to trans-Consolidating previously approved constitutional water bond au-"The constitutional amendment relating to the authorizathorizations into the Texas Water Development Board will add fer binding authority already approved by voters for one purpose tion to the Texas Water Development Board to transfer existing bond authorizations for water supply, water qualto a different purpose even if authorized to do so in a new elecgreater flexibility in financing a wide variety of critically needed tion. If previous bonds are consolidated there is a potential for water projects and would maximize the funds available to local ity, flood control, or state participation from one category of use to another category to maximize the use of existing funds and relating to more efficient operation of the bond disproportionate funding to projects that would benefit only a governments for different water projects at reduced cost. Foreclosure. Regardless of this amendment's purported safe-A person's home is usually the person's largest asset. This proposed Allow Expanded Home Equity Lending In Texas guards, some people will lose their homes due to foreclosure. amendment would allow Texas homeowners to borrow money against "The amendment to the Texas Constitution expanding the types of liens for home equity loans that a lender, with the homeowner's consent, may place against a homestead." Also, some lenders may refuse to make loans unless the the equity of their homes (up to 80% of the home's equity). Additionhomeowners use their homes as collateral for the loans, and borally, interest on a loan secured by a home is deductible for federal rowers who do not own homes may find it harder to obtain loans. income tax purposes, while interest on an unsecured loan is not. **Voter Approval of 2 Cent Property Tax Rate Increases** At the current three cent property tax rate cap, some rural fire Because the amendment is limited only to districts in Harris prevention districts in Harris County are experiencing a shortfall County, in the future, rural fire prevention districts in other For Fire Prevention Districts In Harris County of funding to provide adequate fire protection. Because voter counties will press the legislature to propose additional "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to approval in each district is necessary for the district to increase its constitutional amendments to give them the authority to authorize an ad valorem tax rate in rural fire prevention districts located in Harris County of five cents on each tax rate, the taxpayers of each affected district will be able to raise their tax rates too. decide if a higher tax rate in their district is necessary. \$100 of taxable value or property. Constitutionally Protecting State Funding Dedicated state revenues limits the legislature's ability to Constitutionally dedicating these funds will ensure that the state's crime address the state's most pressing fiscal needs. Constitutionally victim compensation funds will be used exclusively for funding crime For The State's Crime Victim Assistance Funds dedicating those funds would prohibit the legislature from victim needs and will prevent the future use of the state's crime victim "The constitutional amendment designating the making use of the fund's surplus money to benefit other equally compensation funds for purposes unrelated to serving crime victims. purposes for which money in the compensation to victims of crime fund and the compensation to victims of crime auxiliary fund may be used." worthy state interests. **Limiting State Debt By** This amendment will transfer from the legislature to statewide By constitutionally limiting future state debt, the legislature

voter approval the right to limit state debt; and will limit annual

state debt to roughly no more than 5 percent of the state's

general revenue fund. The debt service ratio at the close of

fiscal year 1996 for all authorized (issued and unissued) bonds was 2.7 percent leaving for ample legislative flexibility.

Currently, a decision by the Texas Supreme Court can be delayed if a motion for rehearing is filed and not promptly ruled upon.

This amendment sets a 180 day deadline for the Texas Supreme

Court to rule upon motions for rehearing. If the Texas Supreme

This proposed amendment will extend the full faith and credit

college tuition program. Thus parents, grandparents and other

investors will have the assurance that their investments in the

Texas Tomorrow Fund will grow over the years and that those

Since the state constitution provides for the office of constable

but does not set any specific qualifications to hold the office, it is

important that the legislature have a clear constitutional right to

set the qualifications in statute. Because of the ever changing

roles in law enforcement, it is necessary to adjust the minimum qualifications for constables to ensure proper public safety and

of the state to support the Texas Tomorrow Fund's prepaid state

the motion will be denied and the Court's decision final.

investments will remain secure until the designated

beneficiaries are ready for college.

Court does not rule upon a motion for rehearing with the 180 days,

Comptroller offers scholarship guide to parents, students

(AUSTIN)—State Comptroller John Sharp announced that the latest annual edition of the most comprehensive guide to Texas colleges and universities is now available to students, parents, and school counselors in booklet form or in an on-line version.

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aid and other information to those who want to pursue a higher education," Sharp said. "The 1997-98 compendium is now available free-of charge to anyone who asks-and just a click away for Texans with access to the

Sharp said the on-line version of the compendium is available at ~http://www.window.state.tx.us/ scholars/mspmain .html>.

Sharp also announced a new and related feature of his Window on State Government Web site. "Students, parents, and high school counselors deserve to have the most up-to-date information at hand when selecting a university," Sharp said. "That's why the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation and I have worked hard to set up a searchable on-line database of more than 7,000 scholarship and loan opportunities."

Sharp said students, parents, and counselors can search the online database for financial aid that suits their individual education goals, qualifications, and interests for schools in Texas and across the nation. The database is available to internet users athttp:// www.window.state.tx.us/scholars/finaid html>

The compendium may also be obtained in booklet form by calling the Comptroller at 1-800-531-5441, extension 3-4900. The compendium is available free of

Sharp applauded the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation of San Antonio, which has published its compendium since 1967, and the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation, for making it possible to offer the comprehensive guide on his electronic Web site and in booklet form.

"Both versions list all public and private colleges and universities in Texas," Sharp said.

Sharp said the compendium, which is updated each year, also provides the latest on college admission requirements, costs, sources of financial aid, and application deadlines. In addition, the electronic version features links to the Web pages of individual schools for those who wish further details.

Based in San Antonio, the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation is a nonprofit, charitable organization supporting a number of educational programs. Its college compendium is published under the guidance of the Foundation's executive director, Michael J. Balint, and for years has been known informally as "Balint's Bible."

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Texans to decide fate of home equity loans on November 4

COLLEGE STATION-Texas voters decide Nov. 4 whether or not to change the state's constitution regarding home equity loans. But a legal expert notes that making an informed vote requires study.

"Since the inception of the Texas Constitution, homeowners have been protected from general creditors by the state's unique homestead law," says Judon Fambrough, attorney and senior lecturer with the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University. "This protection, however, restricts the use of home equity as security for a loan. Voters decide in November if they want to remove some of the restrictions."

The actual amendment is lengthy and complex, notes Fambrough. The proposed constitutional amendment addresses home improvement loans, home equity loans and reverse annuity mortgages.

"Home improvement loans have been constitutionally authorized for years," says Fambrough, but the amendment introduces three procedural changes: a cooling-off period, limitations on locations for closings and a right of rescission."

At least 12 days must elapse between the owner's loan application and signing the contract for work and material. The contracts for the work and material must be signed in the lender's, attorney's or title company's office. After signing, the homeowner has a three-day right to rescind the contract without penalty or charge.

"The 12-day cooling-off period and right to rescind do not apply when the needed work materially affects the heath or safety of the owners or persons residing in the homestead and the owners and spouses acknowledge this fact in writing," says Fambrough.

The authorization, limitations and requirements for home equity loans make up the bulk of the amendment. Several of the procedures are parallel to those proposed for home improvement

For example, with one exception, a 12-day cooling off period must occur between the loan application and the closing. The closing may only occur in the office of a lender, attorney or title company. A three-day right of rescission follows closing without penalty or charge.

"The exception relates to the beginning of the 12-day period," notes the Real Estate Center attorney. "It begins with the loan application or on the date the lender provides a written list of the borrower's rights for home equity loans, whichever is later. If the loan discussion was not conducted in English, the lender must provide a translated copy of the

Not all the equity in a home may be used. The proposal limits the loan amount to 80 percent of the fair market value less the recorded indebtedness against the dwelling. The owner and lender must acknowledge the value of the house on the date the loan is extended.

Not all lenders may make home equity loans. For example, lenders who engaged in redlining are specifically barred from making home equity loans.

"The loan cannot be open ended. It must be nonrecourse (without personal liability) unless the borrower obtained the loan by fraud. The loan must be entered into voluntarily. The lender cannot require that the proceeds be used to repay another debt on the homestead, except one held by the lender," says Fambrough.

Some limits apply to the land

In rural areas, a homestead designated for agricultural use for ad valorem taxes is ineligible unless the owner uses the property primarily for milk production. Only one home equity loan can be held against the dwelling at a given time. Once a loan is retired, another home equity loan cannot be extended until one year after the closing date of the prior one.

Reverse mortgages-sometimes referred to as reverse annuity mortgages or RAMs—also are included in the amendment. They would allow a homeowner to create an income stream for a

certain period by using the home equity and without having to sell or move from the dwelling. "According to the amendment,

a reverse mortgage is a lien voluntarily placed on the homestead by an owner or spouse 55 years or older," says Fambrough. "The lender extends a lump sum or periodic advances based on the borrower's home equity."

Repayment of the principal or interest may be accelerated before maturity when the homestead is sold or otherwise transferred or the borrowers cease occupying the home for more than 180 consecutive days, and the lender is unaware of their whereabouts.

Certain limitations apply, such as the loan must be without recourse for personal liability. The loan may be based on a fixed or adjustable interest rate; however, interest may accrue and be compounded during the loan term.

"Because only homeowners qualify for reverse mortgages, the proposal clarifies the effect of the advances on eligibility for state-assistance programs," says Fambrough. "The advances are considered proceeds from a loan, not income, and thus do not affect borrowers' eligibility for state programs."

The complete text of the actual amendment, HJR No. 31, may be accessed on the Internet at http:/ /www.capitol.state.tx.us. For specific questions regarding the legal effects of this amendment, consult an attorney

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The Rehab Chuckwagon will be serving breakfast from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. for donors and buyers. The auction of specialty items will begin at 10:30 a.m. with the sale of cattle starting at 12 noon. The public is nymed to come out for the sale

id to be a part of the bidding. Anyone wishing to donate specialty items or cattle should call (915) 773-3700 or contact any area Round-Up chairman. Volunteer Chairmen for Jones County include: John Berry, Rex Bland, Ed Ekdahl, John Ferguson, Jr., Andy Holloway, Gary Mathis, Cecil Sellers and Tommy Spraberry.

The annual Cattlemen's Round-Up for Rehab raises vital funding to enable the West Texas Rehabilitation Center to provide its services to all of the more than 17,000 disabled children and adults who look to the Center for help each year. Texas Production Credit Association, Federal Land Bank Association and Wrangler are major corporate underwriters for this year's Round-Up.

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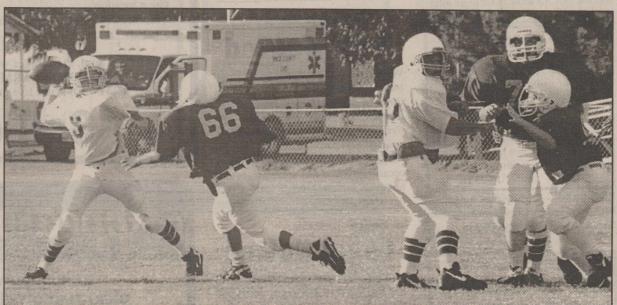
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KENDRICK GREEN DRAGS A MUNDAY PLAYER along as he gains yards during the O'Brien Bulldog 7th grade game against the Munday Braves last Thursday in Munday. Other O'Brien players identified by jersey number in the photo are Jose Miranda (20), Caleb Carver (62), and Coy Munoz (28) (NEWS Photo)

O'BRIEN BULLDOGS VS. ROTAN THURS., OCT. 23, HERE. 5:00



O'BRIEN 7TH GRADE QUARTERBACK BRAD JOHNSON is shown here going for a pass against the Munday Braves last Thursday afternoon at Munday, Teammate Wesley Powell (75) is shown blocking to the right of the photo and keeping several Munday defenders off Brad.

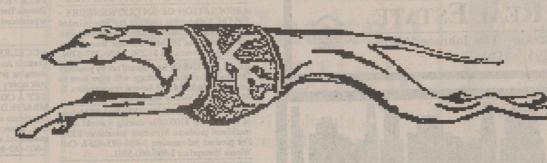


STOPPING THE MUNDAY RUN, O'Brien 7th Grader Scooter Thompson (50) is shown here as he brings down a Munday Brave last Thursday afternoon in Munday. Other Bulldogs identified by jersey number are Brad Johnson (9), Kendrick Green (23), and Wesley Parker (88). (NEWS Photo)

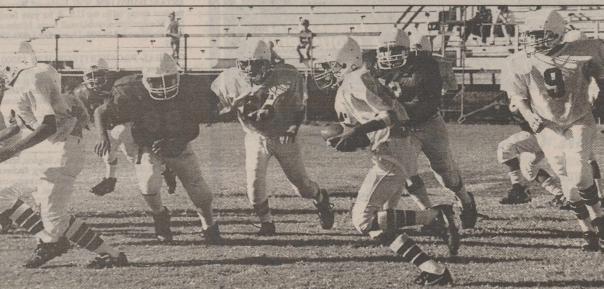
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SAT., OCT. 25 NEWCASTLE, THERE JV-VARSITY, 10:00

TUES. OCT. 28 BENJAMIN, HERE, 6:00 P.M. VARSITY



LADY BULLDOGS TUES. OCT 28 BENJAMIN, HERE, 8TH GRADE, 5:00



PICKING UP A FIRST DOWN against the Munday Braves, O'Brien 7th grader Kendrick Green is shown here last Thursday afternoon in Munday. Other Bulldogs shown in the photo and identified by jersey (NEWS Photo) number are Josh Ivie (65), and Brad Johnson (9).

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