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Two Sign-Up For Rotan City Council Posts

Ward Hayes was the first to sign up for one of the two vacancies on the Rotan City Council. He put his name on the application last Monday. Tuesday morning, D.L. Knight, signed on the dotted line to have his name on the ballot for a seat on the council. Filing closes at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 3rd. Election Day is Saturday, January 18th.

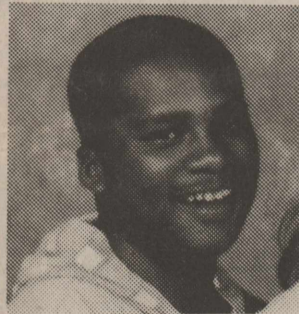
Rotan Advance

Sammy Daniel Killed In Wreck

A twenty-four year old Rotan resident was killed in a one-vehicle accident 7.3 miles South of Roby last Sunday morning, according to Greg Arnwine with the Texas Department of Public Safety in Anson.

Trooper Arnwine suspects that Samuel Deon Daniel, age 24 of Rotan, may have fallen asleep at the wheel of his 1995 Mitsubishi 4-door. The accident, according to Arnwine, took place at approximately 6:15 a.m., Sunday.

The vehicle traveled 830 feet from the time it left the road until coming to rest at the bottom of a ravine. Daniels was married to Kathy Carrillo Daniels of Rotan. He was the son of Vernell Daniels Huit and Kenneth Acorn.



Bettie Hargrove 32nd. District Clerk Is Under Budget By \$3,150.41 For 1996

The 1996 fiscal year comprehensive annual financial report, prepared by Charles Thornton, Fisher County Auditor, lists the budget and total expenditures of each Fisher County office. In the interest of keeping the public informed of the actions of their elected officials, we are going to present a capsuled look at each office and compare their budgeted amount with their actual expenses for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996. For the fiscal year 1996, Bettie Hargrove, 32nd District Clerk, finished the year \$3,150.41 under budget.

Office Of 32nd District Clerk (Budget - Actual Expenses)		
Description	Budget	Actual
Salary, Elected Official	\$24,455.08	\$24,408.88
Salary, Part Time	\$2,000.00	\$714.00
Social Security	\$1,870.82	\$1,919.00
Retirement	\$1,711.86	\$1,762.00
Travel	\$800.00	\$179.41
Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$3,537.52
Communications	\$700.00	\$886.95
Bonds	\$100.00	\$50.00
Maintenance Agreements	\$200.00	\$122.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$1,200.00	\$0-
Special	\$1,000.00	\$307.12
TOTALS	\$37,037.76	\$33,887.35
Over/Under Budget For Year - Under budget \$3,150.41.		

For the year, Bettie Hargrove had an approved budget of \$37,037.76 and spent \$33,887.35 which was \$3,150.41 under budget. The bulk of the District Clerk's expenditures were in the area of salaries and benefits \$25,122.88 or 79% of all actual expenditures were for salaries and benefits while 21% went for travel, supplies, communications, special expenses and maintenance agreements. The largest non-salary - benefit related actual expense was \$3,537.52 spent for supplies. The 1997 budget for the Clerk's Office is \$35,970.50 which is 3% under what was budgeted for the office for 1996.

Two Injured In Rotan Accident

A young teenage mother and her two-year old son were injured in a one car accident last week 5.2 miles east of Rotan near the Royston turn-off.

Willingham. Trooper Alan Arnwine indicated that the left front wheel lug nuts may have stripped out, causing the wheel to fall off, resulting in the accident.

Ruiz was later transported to Abilene in critical condition and her son was also later moved to Abilene in stable condition. The vehicle Ruiz was driving had

Ohio plates and was registered to Richardo Villanueva of McCaulley. Trooper Arnwine determined that Ruiz's mother lived in Hamlin and that she actually resided in Snyder.

Adela Ruiz, driving a 1986 Buick Regal, east toward Hamlin, flipped and rolled her vehicle and came to rest in a field belonging to Jack

Adela Ruiz, age 17 and her two year old son Victor, were injured in the accident. Both were transported to the Fisher County Hospital.

Five Rolled Cigarette Joints Found On Roby Accident Victim Confirmed As Marijuana

Sandra Applin, an occupant in the eastbound vehicle that was hit head-on in the eastbound lane by Stephanie Lee Young, age 36 of Sylvester on Monday night, October 7th, has been charged with "possession of marijuana", according to Fisher County Attorney Robie Robinson.

"The marijuana was found when an EMT cut her sock off, while she was being treated in the Fisher County Hospital emergency room the night of the accident," according to Robinson.

A report received last week by Robinson from the Texas Department of Public Safety Crime Lab in Abilene indicated that the substance was in fact marijuana and that the marijuana (five rolled joints) weighed 2.32 grams or 0.08 ounces.



Car driven by Adela Ruiz

Roby Ranks At Top In Survey Of Towns As Far As Low Tax Rate And Low Charges For City Services

The below survey compares approximately fifteen different aspects of eight area cities each concerning rates, taxes, fees and charges assessed customers.

If you had to pick between the eight towns and could only use the below comparisons for a 'measuring stick', the town of Roby would fare very well, coming in with the lowest costs to city customers and the lowest fees charged for services.

On the opposite end of the spectrum is Haskell. They have the lowest tax rate, but make up for the low rates in having the highest overall charges for services offered city residents. Haskell has the highest rate for water and overall has the highest combined rate for water, sewer, trash collection of the eight towns surveyed.

Taxing each category individually and beginning with the tax rate, Haskell has the lowest tax rate at .2733 per \$100 valuation. The highest rate is at Anson with a tax rate of .9283 per \$100 valuation. Rotan's rate is .6900 cents while Roby has a tax rate of .5200.

In the water rate department, Haskell has the highest rate when measuring using 6,000 gallons a month over a year. A Haskell resident using 6,000 gallons a month would pay \$468.00 a year for water. On the low end is Roby. Their residents would only pay \$186.00 a year for the same 6,000 gallons of water. A Rotan resident using 6,000 gallons would pay \$297.00.

Rotan stands alone in the next department. They are the only city of the eight surveyed charging a water service charge. They assess every meter a \$1.00 a month charge. This money is supposedly set aside to pay the difference between the actual water cost from Snyder and what Rotan paid during the year. Hamlin does assess a \$15.00 a month charge to persons on the water line living outside the city limits.

In the sewer rate comparison, Roby was again lowest of the eight towns surveyed. Roby's yearly rate,

based on a 1-bathroom home - using 6,000 gallons of water a month, would be \$60.00 a year. Highest was \$144.00 a year paid by Merkel residents. Rotan residents would pay \$63.32 a year for sewer charges.

Rotan has the highest rate of the eight towns in the 'fire protection fee' department. Rotan assesses a \$2.00

a month per meter charge for fire protection. Roby does not have a fire protection fee assessment, while Anson, Hamlin, Merkel all assess \$1.00 a month.

In 'other fees charged' only Merkel with a \$1.00 ambulance fee and Paducah with a \$1.00 sewer assessment have entries in that category.

Population - the eight towns ranged in population from 3,362 at Haskell to 613 at Roby.

Full time employees, Roby was lowest with 4 while Anson was highest with 23. Rotan has 8 full time employees.

In 'number of meters', Roby is lowest with 454 and Haskell is high-

est with 1,600. Rotan has 720 meters.

Total budget is the same, Roby is lowest with \$336,970 and Haskell highest with an annual budget of \$1,644,873.

Trash Haulers - Rotan, Roby and Merkel use BFI. Anson and Knox City use Triple C.

Trash collection fees charged.

Anson is lowest with a fee of \$118.00 a year while Hamlin is highest with a fee of \$168 a year. Rotan's fee is \$168 a year and Roby's fee is \$132.00.

Four towns have convenience stations. Rotan, Hamlin, Knox City and Paducah. Rotan has the highest charge of the towns surveyed and Paducah the lowest.

Survey Of Area Towns Comparing Rates Charged For City Services & Fees Assessed

	ROTAN	ROBY	ANSON	HAMLIN	KNOX CITY	MERKEL	HASKELL	PADUCAH
Tax Rate	.6900	.5200	.9283	.7617	.6884	.5319	.2733	.3880
Water Rate	\$8.50 - 1st 2,000 - \$3.25 over 2,000	\$8.00 - 1st 2,000 - \$2.50 over 2,000	\$15.00 - 1st 2,000 - 2.25 over 2,000	\$13.00 - 1st 2,000 - \$2.75 over 2,000	\$12.00 - 1st 2,000 - \$2.00 over 2,000	\$11.75 base - \$2.00 every 1,000	\$12.75 - 1st 3,000 - \$2.15 over 3,000	\$10.00 - 1st 3,000 - \$1.35 over 3,000
Water Service Charge	\$1.00-Month All Res.	No	No	Outside City limits \$15.00	No	No	No	No
Sewer Rate	C1 - \$3.60 C2 - \$5.27 * see below	1-Bath \$5.00 2-Bath \$5.50	\$6.25 all	\$8.25 plus .30 cents for every 1,000 gal	\$8.00 Any	\$12.00 Residence	\$4.00 Plus .30 cents for every 1,000 gal	\$8.00 Residence
Fire Protection Fee	\$2.00 Mo	No	\$1.00 Mo.	\$1.00 Mo.	No	\$1.00 Mo.	No	\$1.00 Voluntary
Other Fees Charged	None	No	None	None	None	\$1.00 Fee Amulance	No	\$1.00 Sewer Assessment
Population	1,940	613	2,400	2,780	1,440	2,500	3,362	1,788
Full Time Employees	8	4	23	19	8	13	17	9
Number Water Meters	720	454	1,159	1,275	612	1,183	1,600	850
Total Budget	\$771,548	\$336,970	\$1,400,000	\$1,209,750	\$1,004,879	\$964,152	\$1,644,873	\$619,344
Trash Hauler	BFI	Triple C	Waste Mgt.	Triple C	BFI	Own landfill	Triple C	Bell Processing
Trash Coll. Fee	\$14.00 Res.	\$11.00 p/tax	\$9.86 Res.	\$14.00 Res	\$13.75 Res	\$10.06 p/tax	\$13.15 p/tax	\$13.00 Res
Convenience Station	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Conv. Station Charge	\$10.00 Min \$15.00 cu/yd	No	No	Unknown	\$10.00 Load/non-res.	No	No	Out Town Charged \$3.50 - 100 lbs.
City Sales Tax Rate	8.25%	7.25%	8.25%	7.617%	8.25%	8.25%	8.25%	7.25%

Rotan's sewer rates fall into 8 classes - Class 1 is for 0-3,000 gallons and is \$3.60 and most residents, according to City Secretary Harold Sanders, fit into this category. Class 2 - 3,000 to 6,000 - \$5.27; Class 3 - 6,000 to 9,000 is \$6.61; Class 4 - 9,000 to 12,000 - \$8.56; Class 5 - 12,000 to 15,000 - \$10.45; Class 6 - 15,000 - 25,000 \$13.39, Class 7 - 25,000 - 50,000 - \$20.97 and Class 8 - 50,000 gallons and over \$61.74.

Editor's Column

By Kimball G. Pease

PARAGRAPH REPRINTED: Harold Roberts, west of Rotan, was kind enough to share a paragraph with us from Texas Highways. Harold said that he subscribes to Reader's Digest and Texas Highways and thoroughly enjoys reading them each month. The paragraph that caught his attention was - "When Arlon Barton 'Cyclone Jr.' Davis died in 1954 at 73, the self-described 'bewhiskered dervish' had run for Texas governor and lieutenant governor, U.S. congressman, and U.S. senator. The 'perennial candidate' won voters' affection but only one election - for mayor or Rotan in 1906." Harold was as puzzled as I was on the dates. We were both of the impression that Rotan was not named as a town until 1907, but they may have elected the first mayor in anticipation of naming and establishing the town. The City of Rotan does not have a list of former mayors. Looks like that would be a good project for someone interested in preserving the history of the area. We would sure appreciate a list of former Rotan and Roby mayors.

FIRE WHISTLE: We printed some information in this column several weeks ago that caused some confusion. For that we apologize. Mayor Marshall made us aware that some misinterpreted what was written in this column. We stated here that the 'Rotan fire whistle has been silenced.' That is a true statement, but some took the statement to mean that the City of Rotan was so low on funds that it could not afford to fix the fire whistle. Wrong assumption. There are some that are giving consideration to doing some re-wiring, etc. and once again making the whistle blow for fires, but that is just discussion. Some clarification is in order. The Rotan firemen are now notified to respond to fires by way of individual pagers that they carry with them, so the fire whistle has, in essence, been silenced. The fire whistle still works, manually. A fireman or law enforcement officer can activate the whistle for a fire, tornado, etc. But the Rotan fire whistle has been silenced as far as sounding the alarm that can be heard by everyone that calls firemen to fight a fire.

LUBBOCK AVALANCHE JOURNAL: Reporter James Suydam was in town last Monday doing a final story on the fire. His story is supposed to paint a word picture of how the town of Rotan is doing a year after the fire in October 1995. He conducted extensive local interviews and feels that his story will be in Sunday's Lubbock Avalanche Journal.

TELEPHONE UPDATE: Latest on the new Rotan Expanded Calling Exchange is that everything is 'go' for December 11th. Rotan residents will be able to dial - toll free - to Abilene, Sweetwater, Snyder, Stamford and Anson.

DOWN TO ONE TROOPER: Jesse DeLeon, the newest Fisher County based Highway patrolman was transferred to Luling in East Texas. He had been here about 13 months. Appears as if we won't get another Trooper to help Alan Armwine until the next school in August of 1997.

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH: One of the hard things that happens in the search for a new school superintendent is the process of narrowing the field for school board members. It is a long, difficult process. The board wants to be positive they have selected the right man or woman and they want to be absolutely sure that they have not overlooked a single candidate in the process. The Rotan School Board members have put in long hours the last month attempting to find the very best, most qualified, perfect match for Rotan - the school and community. I applaud them for the work that they do. I hope the community understands and appreciates the sacrifice board members make.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Martha Jo Anderson, named recipient of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners 'Award for Excellence' for Texas.

BUILDING IN ROBY: Mark Hargrove is remodeling the Fisher County Abstract building in Roby but remodeling is not a good word. Hargrove is doing an extensive reconstruction job - should be the showplace of Roby when finished. Glad to see Mark and his partner driving down deep roots in Fisher County.

TEEN DANCE: Saturday, November 9th., 8 - 12 at Rotan Fire Hall. For 5th - 12th graders. Cost \$3.00. Sponsored by Rotan Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

CONDOLENCES: To the family of Sammy Daniels who was killed in a one car accident south of Roby early last Sunday morning.

HAUNTED GYMNASIUM: Seems word is out in the Big Country (Abilene, Stephenville, Sweetwater and a host of smaller towns) that the McCaulley School gymnasium is haunted. Last weekend a few groups apparently broke into the structure for a 'look around'. Those caught last weekend were college students from Abilene and some students from T.S.T.C. in Sweetwater. The fall of the year, Halloween, time on their hands and stories to tell - someone has fabricated quite a tale that is being picked up-on throughout several communities in West Texas. The old McCaulley School gymnasium is not haunted. Workers have done extensive remodeling to the concession area to ready the building for musicals, etc. Breaking and entering a building is a fourth degree felony, according to Sheriff Gene Pack. Last Monday about 18 of the 27 or so that were caught over the weekend were at the Fisher County Court House for a meeting with Judge Marshal Bennett, County Attorney Robie Robinson and members of the McCaulley Economic Development Board. The bottom line - all were, by agreement, to give 16-hours of community service work to McCaulley.

CONVENIENCE STATION: There is a good outside chance that the Rotan trash convenience station could be open this Saturday. However, before going there with a load of trash - call the City of Rotan on Friday afternoon to make sure they are really ready.

CASA MORALES RESTAURANT: Latest word is that Casa Morales Restaurant could be opened the latter part of November. They will be in the building at the end of Sammy Baugh Avenue, same block as City Auto Supply.

THANK YOU

We would like to say thank you to all the caring people who offered their love and kindness during the recent loss of our mom and grandma, Florence Fontaine.

It's so nice to know we have your love and support.

Bill & Barbara Brzezinski & Family

Roby Team Going To State

The Roby Lions boys Cross Country Team took a total of seven runners to the Regional Cross Country meet in Greenville last Saturday and came home with an overall third place finish with 71 points and a ticket to

the state meet in Round Rock this Saturday.

The best finish of Roby runners went to Juan Melene, who completed the course in 17 minutes 39.9 seconds.

Second place for Roby and 13th overall was Mike Haigood with a time of 18:10.2

Third place went to Ty West who completed the course in 18:26.6 to capture an overall 17th place finish.

Others finishing were J.D. Hearn, 25th overall and 4th overall for Roby with a time of 19:8.3; Tommy Lands, 34th overall and 5th for Roby with a time of 19:39.0; Ermando Barrera, 40th overall and 6th for Roby with a time of 19:46.1 and Joshua Griffith, 81st overall and 7th for Roby with a time of 22:37.9.

The alternate was Robert Onofre.

Coach Scott and his squad will be taking part in the Class A - State Cross Country meet in Round Rock this Saturday. The team is scheduled to run at noon.

At the Regional Meet - Petersburg finished first; Texline second and Roby third.

ELECTION RESULTS

Fisher County Texas
Fisher County Totals

President	
Bob Dole/Jack Kemp - R	537
Bill Clinton/Al Gore - D	1,142
Ross Perot/James Campbell - Ind.	170
U.S. Senate	
Phil Gramm - R	725
Victor M. Morales - D	1,069
U.S. Representative - 17th Cong. Dist.	
Rudy Izzard - R	529
Charles Stenholm - D	1,292
Richard Caro - NLP	10
State Representative - 70th District	
Scott McLaughlin - R	461
David Counts - D	1,344
Justice, 11th Court of Appeals District	
Jim R. Wright - R	633
Martin L. Peterson - I	50
District Attorney	
Mark Edwards - D	1,515
County Attorney	
Robie Robinson - D	1,532
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Rotan City Budget Lower Than It Was In 1987, The Number Employees Down

Rotan City Secretary Harold Sanders, after being asked for information for the survey found on the bottom of the front page this week, requested that the newspaper editor point out to the public that the total 1996-97 budget is lower at \$771,548 than the budget for 1986-87 which amounted to \$871,345. He also wanted it mentioned that the number of full-time employees 10 years ago numbered 15 while that number has been reduced to 8 full-time employees today.

What Sanders didn't mention was the tax rate in 1987 was .5390 cents compared to .69 cents today.

Today, number of employees may be down but taxes are up, employee benefits are up, fees are up, water rate is up, vehicle maintenance is up, total city debt is up.

Bottom line - total budget to operate the City of Rotan is down \$100,000 today versus ten years ago - down by over 10% but taxes for the residents living in the City of Rotan have gone up 15.1 cents or more than 25% percent during the same period.

Fisher County Devotional Page

Seeds From The Sower

Michael A. Guido, Metter, Georgia

"A salesman bragged, "This suit is 200 percent wool!"

"How's that?" asked the customer.

"The sheep led a double life," came a reply.

And so do many church members.

They're saints in the church, but sinners in the club. They take the name of Jesus in veneration in God's house. They quote Scriptures in the pew, but smutty stories at the party. They're fair in their belief, but fool in their business.

If you say that you're a Christian, show that you're a Christian where you work as well as where you worship, where you play as well as where you pray.

Be out and out for God every day and in every way. It's better to be one-sided than two-faced.

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SS - 10:00 - Worship 10:45
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735-2344
SS - 9:45 - Worship 10:45
Rotan, Texas

Cross Roads Baptist
Rev. Joe Baucham
735-2178
SS - 10:00 - Worship 11:00
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Emmanuel Baptist Church
Appointment Pending
735-3143
SS - 9:45 - Worship 11:00
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First Baptist Church
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776-2159
SS - 10:00 - Worship 11:00
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Rev. Werth Mayes
735-3471
SS - 9:45 - Worship 10:45
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Foursquare Church
Rev. Robert Kennedy
735-2553
SS - 10:00 - Worship 11:00
Rotan, Texas

First United Methodist
Rev. Jeff Sedberrey
Worship 9:30 - SS - 10:00
Sylvester, Texas

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Rev. Steve Patterson
776-2308
SS - 9:45 - Worship 10:50
Roby, Texas

First United Methodist
Rev. Larry Holder
735-2334
SS 9:30 - Worship 10:30
Rotan, Texas

First United Methodist
Rev. Jeff Sedberry
SS - 10:00 - Worship 11:00
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Little Zion Baptist Church
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735-2362
SS 9:45 - Worship 11:00
Rotan, Texas

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SS 9:45 - Worship 11:00
Roby, Texas

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Fisher County NEWS BRIEFS

Project Graduation

There will be a meeting of all interested parties concerning Project Graduation, its By-Laws and other business, on November 14, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the High School building in room 10 (the old high school library). The community is encouraged to attend this and all future meetings.

Rotan F.C.E. Club

The Rotan F.C.E. Club will meet in the home of Beatrice Hargrove for the Thanksgiving Dinner, on November 7, at 12:00 noon. Each one is to bring a covered dish. If it rains the meeting will be in the home of Ardell Floyd.

Primary Room Parents

The Rotan Primary Room Parents Association will have a Mexican Food luncheon on Sunday, November 10, in the Rotan School Cafeteria. The cost will be \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 and under.

The luncheon will be from 11:30 until 2:00 on Sunday afternoon. The proceeds will go to benefit the students of Rotan Primary School.

Clinic Assessment Award

The Texas Department of Health Stamford Field Office located in the north wing of the Stamford Memorial hospital received a Clinic Assessment Award at the Immunize Texasize Conference held recently in Corpus Christi. The Stamford Field Office was one of the few agencies in Texas to immunize 80-89% of children by 24 months of age. We want to thank the parents of these children who brought them in for their immunizations in a timely manner and to all of you who allowed us to come in your homes to verify shot records and share information. The citizens of Jones and Fisher counties can be proud that the majority of their children have been full immunized and are protected against childhood diseases. Our goal is to reach and maintain a 90% immunization rate for children under two. Thank you for your cooperation and keep up the good work!

Rotan Masonic Lodge Holds Entered Apprentice Degree

On Saturday, November 2, 1966, the Rotan Masonic Lodge #956 held an entered apprentice degree. The degree was conferred on Clay Hargrove.

The degree team consisted of: Worshipful Master, David A. Hargrove; Senior Warden, Wes Hardin; Junior Warden, Ben Neeper; Senior Deacon, Kenneth Hardin; Junior Deacon, Dell Ray Helms; Tyler, Jimmy Tucker; Secretary, Wes Hays; Candidate Preparation, Freddie Raspberry; Master of Ceremonies, Jimmy Price; Charge, Dell Ray Helms.

Clay becomes a fourth generation mason with his initiation into the Rotan Masonic Lodge as an entered apprentice. He was preceded by his great-grandfather Ray Acker, his grandfather Bernice Hargrove, and his father David Hargrove.

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Rotan Head Coach Resigning

It is with regret that I have decided to resign as Athletic Director and Head Football Coach at Rotan High School effective August 1, 1997.

In my 30 years of experience I have never felt as close or been as proud of a group of young men as those in the athletic program at Rotan. I have seen a group of young men who had not seen a winning season since 1991 and were embarrassed as Sophomores in the last two games of a combined score of 135 to 0

and struggle through their Junior year in AA competition, pull themselves up by their bootstraps and had an opportunity to play for the district championship last week against Munday. They were not able to defeat Munday but played very hard. They have an opportunity this week to defeat Crowell which would make their record 7-3. But much more important than their record is how they have developed as people. Their was no one who even failed one class last six weeks. They have learned to work together

and through hard work, dedication and caring about their teammates they can be successful. I appreciate the support of those School Board members who have shown support the past two years. I also appreciate the support of the Teachers and so many of the Parents. I sincerely hope the athletes and citizens of Rotan build upon what this group of kids have done and become a truly special consistent athletic program.

I have been fortunate enough to have coached a National Championship and twenty conference and one State Championship in college and High School. All of these teams had the same characteristics.

1. Community and Administrative support.
2. Booster clubs and ex's groups who were supportive of all the players- not just their favorite.

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Commissioners Court will accept bids on a 1990 Chevrolet Caprice, four door sedan, at 9:30 a.m. on November 12, Tuesday, at Commissioners meeting. All bids need to be sealed and turned in to the County Judge prior to November 12 meeting. Vehicle is at Sheriff's Department for viewing. The Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject and or all bids.

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3. The coach was in charge of the program within the policies set forth by the Board of regents or School Boards.

4. Coaching staffs were dedicated to their profession.

5. Players who understand that the team was first and "me" was second.

Good luck to the Yellowhammer teams of the future.

Harold Mayo

Superintendent List Narrowed To Four Men

The members of the Rotan School Board met last Tuesday night to interview the last of six men who made up the first group of candidates for the position of new Rotan School Superintendent.

Harold Hinsley could not be present last week for interviews with the other five, but did appear before the board members last Tuesday night. Hinsley, a Texas educator, has been serving as Superintendent of a school in Bunker Hill, Illinois for the past three or four years and is interested in getting back to Texas. He sufficiently impressed the board to be named one of the four finalists.

The three others named finalists include - David Bullion, Superintendent from Lyle, Texas; James Copeland, Superintendent of Allison, Texas and Jerry Dyes, Assistant Superintendent at Edinburg, Texas.

The board plans to take a more in-depth look at the final four prospects. Some board members plan visits in the communities where the final four are now serving while other board members conduct telephone surveys of key community members to see how the final four candidates are thought of by community leaders.

In addition to having to go through the search process for a new Superintendent, board members learned last Monday that they will have to conduct a search for a new Athletic Director and Head Football Coach. Harold Mayo let his intention to resign at the end of his contract year (August 1997) be known in the community last Monday afternoon.

Ask The Question.....

QUESTION: "With all the articles on coaches salary, just wondered what our Rotan head coach and athletic director makes a year?"

ANSWER: "The Rotan Independent School District has a set stipend schedule for all coaching positions. The Rotan Athletic Director is on an 11-month contract and gets a stipend, over and above his state base teaching salary, of \$3,500. In addition he draws a \$2,000 stipend for being head football coach and a \$200 stipend for being golf coach. Total above base is \$5,700." Wes Hays, Superintendent, Rotan Schools.

If you have a question you would like to have answered, submit the question in writing to - News Question, P.O. Drawer A, Rotan, Texas 79546. We will, if at all possible, attempt to secure a timely answer to your question. Please sign your News Question request, and include your phone number, we will not print your name with the question.

Are You Concerned? Are You Interested? Do You Care?

There will be a meeting of concerned citizens and parents of the Rotan Yellowhammer athletic program.

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Fisher County Round-Up

By Joy Walker

Well we finally are having some beautiful weather, but its still very windy. Thought we might get some rain when it turned off cold, but although it looked like it might try for several days there, it only misted.

Louise Martinez has been in the Fisher County Hospital but she got to come home Monday and seems to be doing fine.

Ruben Osuna had knee surgery on Thursday at Snyder, and he is doing fine.

Tess is doing O.K. and the doctor in Dallas said that without any swelling of her joints, he thought she would be fine. Greg, Shawna and Tess came home Monday evening, picked up Clancey and went back to Crane.

David and Debra Etheredge and their kids from Levelland spent Sat-

urday with the J.W. Etheredges. Randy, Vicki, Randi Marie, and Cody, and Roxie and Sam Etheredge and Mr. and Mrs. Lealon Wilburn also visited. The J.W. Etheredges visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wilburn and Mrs. Lealon Wilburn also was there, and Mr. and Mrs. James Sherrill from Sweetwater and Kenneth Wilburn from Anson.

Bro. Steve Patterson got to preach Sunday at the Methodist Church in Roby, so he is slowly improving.

Franklin Smith of Roby is seriously ill and in the hospital at Knox City.

Grace Doyle had some repair work done on her heart and she is doing much better.

Horace Mitchell is back in the Nursing Home in Graham and is im-

proving.

Next Sunday, November 10, the Historical Commission will be sponsoring a Veteran's Observance that afternoon at 2 P.M. at the Courthouse. Tommy Hargrove will be the speaker and the Dyess Air Force Base color guard will present the colors.

Sylvester had their Homecoming Saturday and they had a big crowd and over 200 folks attended. They all had a wonderful time.

Sammy Daniel who used to work at Thriftway was killed in a one car accident early Sunday morning out at Longworth.

Sheila Gruben and I went to Austin for the weekend, visiting with Mark, Melody, Kassie and little Kyle. Carye Odom from Dallas met there and she also stayed the weekend. We went to San Marcos for the day Saturday, and little Kyle was so good, but that night he started to run fever and they had to take him to the emergency room at Brackenridge Children's Hospital in Austin. They kept him there from 11 P.M. until 4 A.M. before they got him in a room, and then they did some testing so he was really tired and cross by the time they got through. They kept him until Monday before they let him go, and they decided it was really bad tonsillitis. But next Monday they want to take out his tonsils, even though he is only 10 months old. They will keep him in just overnight. So hopefully, he will be much better after he has his tonsils removed. See you next week.



Anastasia Chrystelle Hawkins

Anastasia Chrystelle Hawkins was born October 21, 1996 at 8:36 p.m. at Rolling Plains Hospital in Sweetwater. She weighs 7 lbs. and 8.4 oz. and is 21 inches long.

Her grandparents are Michael and Laura Arnette of Colorado City, Charles and Kerrie Blair of Rotan, and Timothy Hawkins of Topeka,

Kansas. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ballenger of Sweetwater and Mr. and Mrs. L.J. Lynch.

Rotan Girl's Volleyball To Bi District Level

By April Montez

The Rotan Varsity Girls volleyball team played the Aspermont Lady Hornets last Thursday for the district championship.

The Lady Hammers lost the first set 13-15.

Rotan turned things around in the second game and won 10-15. The Hornets walked away with the win after the final game ended 9-15.

The varsity team is made up of Jamie Dalzell, Monica Gaspar, Julie Grisham, Crissi Martin, Stacy Morrow, Marla Phares, Keri Robertson and Adriana Velez. Ruben Osuna is the coach.

The team will play for bi-district Thursday in Aspermont at 6:30 p.m.

Britt Hawkins Assigned Power Plant School

PFC Britt Hawkins of the U.S. Marine Corps recently graduated from Power Plant School where he trained in jet engine theory and learned how to perform simple maintenance tasks on jet engines.

Britt graduated from Boot Camp June 14, 1996.

His next assignment will be in Jacksonville, Florida where he will receive on the job training in I level S-18 airplane mechanics. Upon completion of this training, he will be stationed in Buford, S.C.



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Obituaries

T. D. Reeves

T.D. Reeves, 79, of Rotan, died Tuesday, October 26, in his home. Graveside services were held Thursday, October 28, in Belvieu Cemetery with Barry Day officiating. Arrangements were made by Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mr. Reeves was born March 15, 1917 in Oklahoma. His parents were Jim and Minnie Reeves. He married Nora "Tupie" Tidwell June 18, 1947 in Sweetwater. Mr. Reeves was a WWII Veteran and a supervisor for Texas Utilities. Mr. Reeves moved to Big Spring as a child until moving to Rotan 20 years ago. He was a member of the VFW.

Survivors include his wife Nora "Tupie" Reeves of Rotan; one daughter Janis Goza of Rotan; one son, Rikki Reeves of Arlington; 3 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Audrey Ann in 1948; and two sisters, Thelma Corcoran and Lucille Long.

Sammy Daniel

Sammy Daniel, 24, of Rotan died Sunday from injuries received in an automobile accident. Services will be Saturday at 2:00 p.m. in the first Baptist Church with Rev. Mark Smith officiating. Burial will follow in Belvieu Cemetery, under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mr. Daniel was born January 11, 1972 in Rotan. He married Kathy Carrillo June 16, 1996. Mr. Daniel worked as a prison guard for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice at the Daniel Unit in Snyder. Sammy lived in Rotan all his life and was a Baptist. He graduated from Rotan High School in 1991.

Survivors include his wife, Kathy Daniel of Rotan; 3 daughters, Kayle Carrilo, Kelsey Daniel, and Trisiha Cantu; five brothers, Temple Daniel, Tyrone Daniel, Rara Daniel, all of Rotan and Jerry Daniel and Dave Daniel both of Austin; 5 sisters, LaTonya Daniel, Cynthia Daniel, Priscilla Daniel, Barbara Daniel, all of Rotan, and Kenta Taylor of Sweetwater; also 2 brothers and 2 sister of Sweetwater; his mother Vernell Huit and husband Kenneth of Rotan; father, Kenneth Acorn and wife Annetta; step-father, Johnny Johnson and wife, Debbie; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

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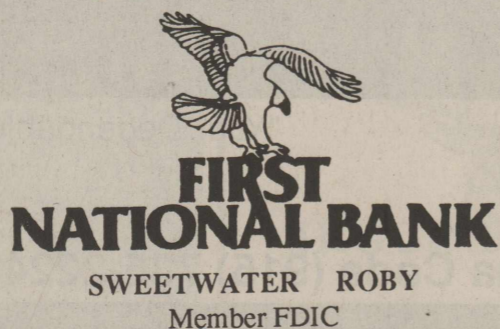
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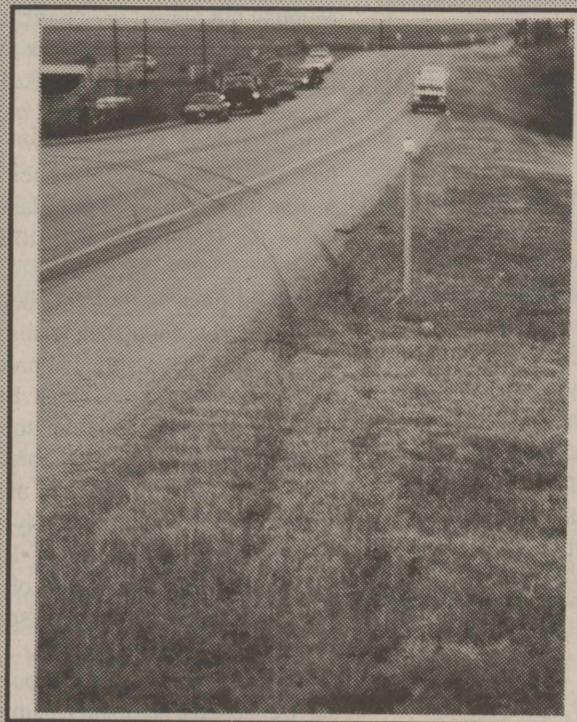
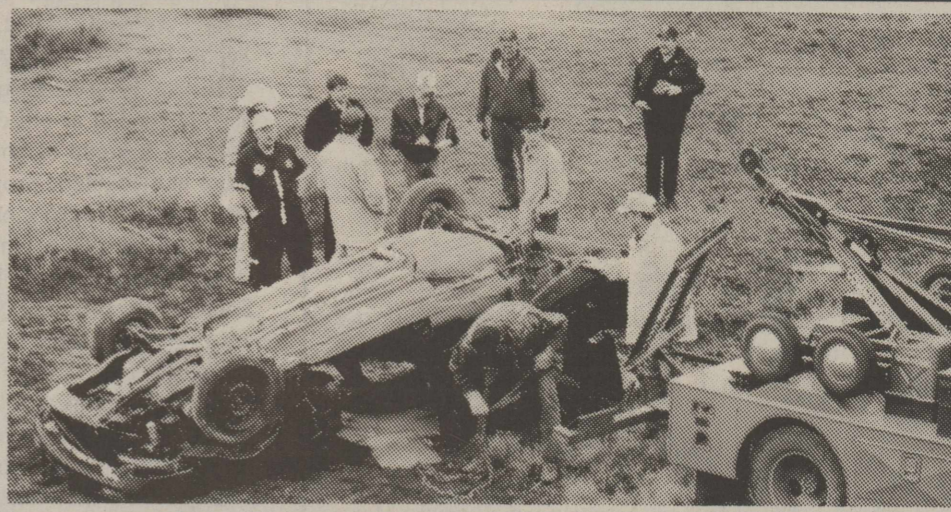
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Rotan Man Killed In Car Accident.....



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By Rev. Michael Jeter
First Baptist Church
Roby, Texas



God is Love 1 John 4:16

The Bible teaches us that God created us in His image. This means that we have great potential when it comes to living the way God intends for us to live. What messes us up is when we stop believing that we were made in God's image and start believing that God must be like us. Especially when it comes to His unconditional love for us.

We learn from an early age that right behavior results in certain rewards. We also learn that wrong behavior results in discipline or punishment. Where we make our mistake is assuming that rewards or punishment is based on the amount of love that those around us have for us. We take these same beliefs into our walk with God. We have been conditioned to believe that God loves us based on who we are or what we do. We fail to realize that God does not love us any more today than the day we were born. Nothing we can do will make him love us more and nothing we can do will make Him stop loving us.

1 John 4:16 says that we can "...rely on the love God has for us. God is Love." The performance trap is a dangerous place to be. We will never be good enough to deserve the love God has for us. We must learn to just experience this conditional love and allow it to bring joy to our lives.

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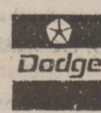
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Nov. 11-15, 1996
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TUESDAY: Turkey, Dressing, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit Salad, Hot Rolls.
WEDNESDAY: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Hot Rolls/Honey.
THURSDAY: Sausage on a Stick, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Hot Rolls.
FRIDAY: Hot Dogs/Chili, Baked Beans, French Fries, Jello.

ROBYSCHOOL MENU

Nov. 11-15, 1996
MONDAY: Nachos, Ranch Style Beans, Salad, Fruit, Bread, Milk.
TUESDAY: Hot Dog w/Chili, French Fries, Salad, Peanut Butter Cookie, Bun, Milk.
WEDNESDAY: Sliced Ham, Cream Potatoes, Con on the Cob, Quick Change Cookie, Bread, Milk.
THURSDAY: Fish w/Tarter Sauce, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Sliced Carrots, Fruit, Bread, Milk.
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Rotan Loses To Munday Squad

By April Montez
The Yellowhammers suffered a
heartbreaking loss to the Munday
Moguls last week.

The Moguls scored in the first
quarter with 2 minutes and 24 sec-
onds on the clock.

The second quarter didn't offer
much relief for the hammers. The
Moguls scored three more times and
made the score 27-0.

Another three touchdowns after
the half hiked the score up to 46-0.
With two minutes and 47 seconds

left on the clock, the Yellowham-
mers put some points on the board.
Kris Rogers caught a touchdown pass
and Joey Sepeda ran in two extra

points.
The score ended the game at 46-8.
Rotan will host Crowell this Fri-
day for the final district game.

Notice!

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Applicant proposes a Monthly City Gate Rate Calculation (MCGRC) to replace the rate approved in GUD 3543. The MCGRC recovers the costs of purchasing, storing, and transporting gas to the city gates, including an adjustment provision to recover the carrying cost of working gas in storage. Applicant also proposes transportation and storage rates for city gate deliveries with tracking clauses to recover fuel and lost and unaccounted for gas.

The proposed effective date of the change is November 29, 1996. The change is a major change, and will result in an increase in annual revenues of approximately \$24.2 million or 4.8 percent (4.8%). The customers affected are the 1.3 million residential and commercial customers in Texas served by Lone Star Gas Company under the rates established by the local regulatory authorities in the municipalities and the Railroad Commission in the environs areas.

A statement of intent to make such change has been filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas in GUD 8664 and is available for inspection at the Commission's office in Austin, Texas and at the offices of the Applicant in Dallas, Texas.



Fisher County

Agricultural News

County Home Extension Agent News

By Beth Dannheim

Americans are urged just to quit
during the Great American Smokeout
on Nov. 21.

Smoking is the largest single, pre-
ventable cause of death and disabili-
ty in the United States.

Using tobacco increases the risk
of developing lung cancer, heart dis-
ease and emphysema. Children living
in homes with smokers have
higher rates of ear infections, asthma,
colds and bronchitis.

Facilitated by the American Cancer
Society, the Great American
Smokeout is the day each year when
smokers and non-smokers alike com-
mit to keeping society and children
smoke-free.

For smokers, the Smokeout is a
day to prove to themselves they can
quit by putting up their cigarettes and
other tobacco products for the day.
Nonsmokers can join the Smokeout
by adopting relatives, friends and co-
workers to help them quit for the day.

This year, students can join in the
Great American Smoke Scream in
schools across the U.S. at 2 p.m. on
November 21. Students will be
"screaming" out against tobacco use
to help draw attention to the reasons
youth shouldn't start smoking.

Further information on whether
the Smoke Scream is being offered in
our area is available from the Ameri-
can Cancer Society.

Most smokers begin during their
teenage years, become addicted to
nicotine and smoke an average of 30
cigarettes a day for an average of 50
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Only 3 percent to 5 percent of
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Roby Lions Shut Out The Spur Bulldogs, 37 - Zip

By Makala Herron

On Friday night the Roby Lions defeated the Spur Bulldogs in a shut-out 37-0, at Spur. The Lions chose to receive. Lion Micah Evans carried the ball to the Roby Lion 47-yard line. On 1st down, Roby's Donnie Barrera carried the ball 9 yards with the quarterback keeper. Lion Shea Feagan ran the ball 5 yards for the 1st down. Roby's Shea Feagan carried the ball 3 yards, making it 2nd and 7. On the next play Roby fumbled the ball. Spur recovered the fumble at the Bulldog's 38-yard line. After Spur gained a 1st down the Lion defense came alive pushing the Bulldogs to punt on 4th and 15. The punt rolled dead at the Roby Lion 43-yard line. On 1st and 10 Lion Jacob Whitaker carried the ball for a gain of one yard. On 2nd and 9, Roby's Shea Feagan picked up 4 yards. The Lions were given a 5-yard penalty on the next play for illegal procedure bringing it to 3rd and 10. Lion quarterback, Donnie Barrera threw the ball to Roby's running back Jason Amador

on a screen pass for a 1st down. On the next play Lion Shea Feagan picked up 3 yards. On 2nd and 7 Roby's Donnie Barrera ran around the right end for the 1st down. Lion Jacob Whitaker ran the ball 14 yards making it 1st and goal for the Lions. On the next play, Roby's Shea Feagan carried the ball up the middle for a yard gain. On 2nd and 6, the Lions lost a yard on an option play. On 3rd and 7 Lion Donnie Barrera ran the football around the right side for the touchdown. Lion Shea Feagan's PAT was good. With 1:11 left in the 1st quarter Lions led 7-0. Lion Ty West kicked off. The quarter ended with the Bulldogs on 2nd and 9. Roby led

7-0. In second quarter play Spur was forced to punt after facing 4th and 8. Lion Jacob Whitaker ran the ball back 5 yards on the punt return to the Lion 39 yard line. On 1st and 10 Lion Shea Feagan carried the ball a yard. On 2nd and 9 Lion quarter back Donnie Barrera threw the ball 15 yards on a curl to Roby's Kyle McWilliams for a 1st down. On 1st and 10 Lion Shea Feagan gained 2 yards. On 2nd and 8 the ball was fumbled. It was recovered by the Lions for a 3 yard gain. On 3rd and 5 the Lions fumbled again. Spur recovered the ball at their own 40 yard line. On 1st and 10 the Bulldogs gained 4

yards. Lion Matt Harris sacked Spur's quarterback. The Bulldogs gained 2 yards on the next play. Facing 4th and 4 Spur opted to punt. It was a trick play and the kicker threw a pass. The Lions were called for pass interference giving Spur a 1st down. The ball was fumbled on 1st and 10 Lion Billy Floyd recovered the fumble. Lion Shea Feagan carried the ball a yard on 1st and 10. On 2nd and 9 Lion Donnie Barrera gained 3 yards with the quarterback keeper up the middle. Lion Shea Feagan carried the ball 8 yards on the next play gaining a 1st down. On 1st and 10 Lion Donnie Barrera carried the ball 9 yards. On 2nd and 1 there was no gain. On 3rd and 1 the Lions were 8 inches short of the 1st down. Donnie Barrera carried it up the middle on the next play for the 1st down. Lion Shea Feagan picked up 2 yards on the next play. On 2nd and 8 a pass interference penalty on Spur brought Roby to 1st and goal. Lion Shea Feagan carried the ball 2 yards. On 2nd and goal Lion Shea Feagan ran the ball in a yard for a touchdown. Lion Shea Feagan's PAT was good. Lions led 14-0 with 2:50 left in the half. Lion

Ty West kicked off. After two sacks and 2 small gains Spur punted. On 1st and 10 the Lions were given a 5-yard false start penalty and would repeat 1st down. On 1st and 15, Lion quarterback Donnie Barrera threw a draw pass up the middle to Lion Jacob Whitaker for a 10-yard gain. Lion Jacob Whitaker received a pass and ran to inside the Spur 20-yrd line for a 1st down on the next play. Roby opted to kick a field goal. Lion Shea Feagan's 36-yard field goal was good. With :05 left in the half Roby led 17-0. The half ended with Lions 17 and Spur 0.

Lion Ty West kicked off the beginning of third quarter. Bulldogs came out swinging capturing 2 first downs. On 2nd and 9 Spur slipped up fumbling the ball. Roby recovered the fumble at the Bulldog 46-yard line. On 1st and 10 Lion Donnie Barrera carried the ball to Spur's 30-yard line for a 1st down. Roby was unable to gain needed yards and turned the ball over to Spur. Bulldogs punted 4 plays later. On 1st and 10 Lion Jacob Whitaker carried the ball 4 yards. On 2nd and 6 Lion Donnie Barrera picked up 2 yards. On 3rd

and 4 Lion Donnie Barrera broke away for a 20 yard run to inside Spur's 10 yard line. On 1st and goal there was no gain on the play. On 2nd and goal Lion Jacob Whitaker ran the ball in 4 yards for the touchdown. Lion Shea Feagan's PAT was good. With 1:04 left in the 3rd quarter Lions led 24-0. Lion Ty West kicked off. Spur ran 20 yards on the kickoff return. On 1st and 10 the Bulldogs threw an incomplete pass. Spur gained 2 yards on 2nd and 10. On 3rd and 8 a dead ball foul was called against Spur bringing it to 3rd and 13. The quarter ended with Roby leading 24-0.

Bulldogs began the 4th quarter on 3rd and 13. Lion Matt Harris made an excellent stop causing a 3 yard loss on the play. On 4th and 16 Spur punted. On 1st and 10 Lion Donnie Barrera broke away for a 39 yard touchdown run. Lion Shea Feagan's extra point attempt was good. Lions led 31-0 with 11:10 left in the game. Lion Ty West kicked off. After 3 consecutive 1st downs, Spur's offense crumbled on 2nd and 6, fumbled.

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ROTAN PRIMARY ROOM PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The Rotan Primary Room Parents Association will have a Mexican Food Luncheon on Sunday, November 10 in the Rotan School Cafeteria. The cost will be \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 and under.

The Luncheon will be from 11:30 until 2:00 on Sunday afternoon.

The proceeds will go to benefit the students of Rotan Primary School. See you there.

November Is Home Care And Hospice Month

There's at least one bit of good news in medical care today: the growing use of in-home care for individuals recovering from illness or injury, for disable individuals continuing with their lives and 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," Gov. Bush said in his proclamation. "With rapidly rising health care costs, home care offers comfortable, cost effective, high-quality and individualized health care and supportive services."

Approximately 2,600 licensed home and community support agencies in Texas provide services ranging from assistance with personal care to high-tech therapies. Whether the individual chooses to stay with family or to maintain a home of their own, they can do so while keeping their pride, independence and dignity.

Among the types of 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 support for persons in the last phases of a terminal illness so they may 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 temporarily to help a primary care-giver, and may be available through home health, hospice or personal assistance care.

For consumer tips on how to select a home care or hospice agency, contact the Texas Association for Home Care, 1-800-880-8893 (338-9293 in Austin).

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Sept. 13	Cross Plains	8:00	H	14	28
Sept. 20	Bronte	8:00	T	14	14
Sept. 27	*Paducah	7:30	H	3	33
Oct. 4	*Knox City	7:30	T	42	0
Oct. 11	*Rotan	7:30	H	3	21
Oct. 18	*Crowell	7:30	T	62	7
Oct. 25	*Aspermont	7:30	H	32	19
Nov. 1	*Spur	7:30	T	37	0
Nov. 8	*Munday	7:30	H		

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Roby Gifted And Talented Students Are Cooking Again

by Karen Carrier

The Roby High School Gifted and Talented students are cooking again, literally. The students are continuing their study of cultural diversity by cooking that culture's typical foods. Last six weeks they studied France. This six weeks the students ventured into the culture of Germany.

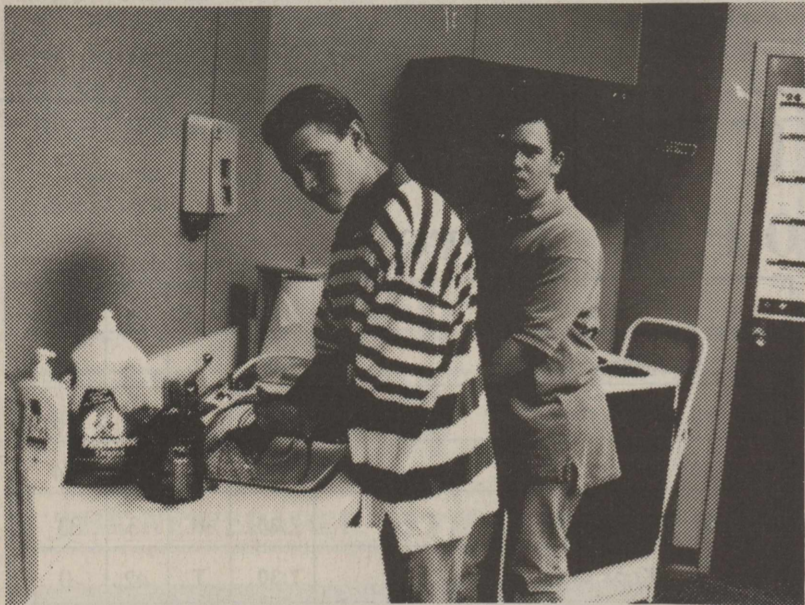
The German meal consisted of an entree, vegetable, bread and dessert. Jaycee Carey, Candice Brown, Latrice Moffett, and Makala Herron were responsible for the entree, Krautte Rulle (cabbage rolls). Karen Carrier, Cassandra Griffith, Leticia Leyva, and Sahala Hardin prepared the vegetable, Bavarian Zuchetti (Bavarian Zucchini). Zwiecheln Brot (onion bread) was baked by Robert Onofre, Jacob Whitaker, Wesley Arnold, and Billy Floyd. The dessert, Funnel Cakes were prepared by Sarah Boyd, Kim Hudnall, Chris Gloyd, and Ashley Smith. Sponsor John Featon selected the recipes and supervised their preparation.

Studying cultural diversity

through the culture's food gives the students an idea of the culture's resources, not just their taste in food. The next meal will be prepared in the fourth six weeks of school. The idea of a Korean meal is being considered.



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Fisher County Rain Gauge Report

Rain gauge report information taken from the Horace Carter Farm, two miles north of Rotan

Oct. 1995	1.10 inches	Total for year 25.80 in.
Nov. 1995	0.02 inches	Total for year 25.82 in.
Dec. 1995	0.26 inches	Total for year 26.08 in.
Jan. 1996	0.30 inches	Total for year 00.30 in.
Feb. 1996	0.02 inches	Total for year 00.32 in.
Mar 1996	0.56 inches	Total for year 00.88 in.
Apr. 1996	0.92 inches	Total for year 01.80 in.
May 1996	0.60 inches	Total for year 02.40 in.
Jun. 1996	4.66 inches	Total for year 07.06 in.
July 1996	1.35 inches	Total for year 08.41 in.
Aug. 1996	6.32 inches	Total for year 14.72 in.
Sept 1996	3.34 inches	Total for year 18.07 in.
Oct. 1996	0.93 inches	Total for year 19.00 in.
Rainfall for the same period 1995 - 25.80 and for the same period in 1994 - 11.95.		

Roby Lions Compete In Class A Regional Cross Country Meet

The Roby Lions competed in the Class A Regional cross country meet last Saturday. The weather and the course was in rare form and after the 3 mile race, there were 3 teams going to the State Meet in Round Rock on

Monthly Musical To Be Held At McCaulley

The McCaulley Recreational Development Cooperation will host its monthly musical on Friday, Nov. 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center on the old school grounds. A concession stand will be open. There is no admission charge. No alcoholic beverages are allowed.

A good group of bands are expected this month. For more information or to be on the program, call 915-962-5441.

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bling the ball. Lions recovered the fumble at their own 22 yard line. On 1st and 10 the Lions threw an incomplete pass. On the next play Lion Donnie Barrera carried the ball 19 yards picking up a 1st down at the Lions 45 yard line. Lion Shea Feagan carried the ball 7 yards on 1st and 10. On 2nd and 3 a dead ball foul was called against the Lions bringing it to 2nd and 8. Lion Donnie Barrera picked up 4 yards on the next play. Lion Donnie Barrera carried the ball 6 yards for a first down at Spur's 49 yard line. On 1st and 10 Lion Jacob Whitaker ran in a 49-yard touchdown. The extra point attempt failed. Roby led 37-0 with 3:43 left in the game. Lion Ty Wet kicked off. On 1st and 10 Spur fumbled the ball. The Lions recovered the ball on the Bulldog 38-yard line. Roby began to drive down the field. Time ran out before the Lions could score again. The final score was Roby 37 and Spur 0.

The Lions are now 4-2 in district play. The last district game will be on Friday against Munday at home. Kickoff is at 7:30.

Johnson Returns From Legislative Session In Austin

Franciene Johnson, the Silver Haired Legislator for District 3, from Haskell, has recently returned from the 1996 Silver Haired Legislative Session held in Austin on September 9-13.

Johnson, who was the chairman of the Utilities and Natural Resources Committee sponsored one of the ten resolutions that will be presented to the Texas Legislature when it convenes in January.

Johnson said there were 60 resolutions that passed the committees and brought before Legislative Action Committee. Forty-five resolutions passed the Legislative Action Committee and were presented to the House of Representatives in the Silver Haired Legislature. After they were approved by the House, they prioritized the top 15 resolutions, out of which the top 10 were selected.

The top ten resolutions are as follows:

R9-Expansion of the options for independent living program; which would allow the elderly to remain out of more costly nursing homes, and expand the Options for Independent Living Program throughout all 28 Area Agency on Aging Districts.

R15-Restore nursing home residents' rights and protection from abuse, physical, mental and neglect of their health and personal care needs.

R19-Preserve the Texas Homestead Act, and in opposition of Equity Loans and/or Reverse Mortgages on homesteads.

R38-Support and importance of the Congregate and Home-Delivered Meals nutrition program.

R4-Increase the personal needs allowance for nursing home residents; Medicaid allows nursing home residents to keep only \$30 a month of their income for all personal needs/

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Saturday, November 9. Petersburg, Texline and Roby finished 1, 2, 3, for as close a race that Class A has had in a while.

Petersburg finished with 61 points, Texline finished with 68 points, and Roby had 71 points. These runners and their times and places competed for the Lions: Juan Melena, 3rd, 17:39.3; Mike Haigood, 10th, 18:10.2; Ty West, 12th, 18:26.2; J.D. Hearn, 19th, 19:8.3; Tommy Lands, 27th, 19:39.0; Ermando Barrera, 33rd, 19:46.1; Joshua Griffith, 67th, 22:37.9.

"These young men have represented themselves and Fisher County very well this year, and have one more meet for the State Title. Good luck, Lions", Coach Scott.

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<p>1996 Year End Discounts</p> <p>96 Geo Metro 4-Door Sedan, White, Gray Sport Bucket Seats, A/C, 4-cyl, 5-Speed Man. Trans, Power Steering, AM/FM Cassette Was \$11,246 Now \$9,700</p> <p>96 Impala SS 4-Door Sedan, Black, Gray Leather Interior, 5.7 L V-8 engine, 4-speed Auto, AM/FM CD, Antilock Brakes 17" All Wheels, Loaded</p>	<p>96 Caprice Classic 4-Door Sedan Dark Cherry Metallic, Medium Beige Custom Cloth, 4.3 L V-6 Engine, Auto Trans, Electric Windows, Locks, Tilt Cruise, Power Seats, AM/FM Cassette, Pear Window Defogger, Heated Mirrors, Full Size Spare Tire Was \$21,495 Now \$19,900</p> <p>96 Blazer \$20,600 4-Door Apple Red, Gray Premium Cloth Trim, V-6, Automatic, Loaded</p> <p>96 Geo Tracker Convertible, Licorice Black, Dark Charcoal Linear Cloth Seats, 4-cyl, 5-speed Man. Trans, A/C, AM/FM Cassette, Power Steering Was \$14,750 Sale Price \$12,465</p>
<p>90 Mercury Cougar Red with Graphite Interior \$2,950</p> <p>93 Ford Ranger Ext. Cab, Maroon with Gray Interior, 73,40 Miles \$7,950</p> <p>88 Chevy Pickup 4 x4 3/4 Ton Brown with Brown Interior, 108,000 miles \$4,850</p> <p>88 GMC Pickup Reg. Cab, Red/White with Red Interior, 76,000 Miles \$6,950</p>	

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48 Participate In Fisher County 4-H Food Show

The 4-H Food Show was held Sunday at the Senior Citizen Center. Prior to the event, 48 4-H'ers had participated in a series of food and nutrition workshops called "4-H Food Fairs". These workshops were taught

by leaders, Mary Mahaffey, Tempie West, Cindy Greene, Tricia Spikes, Susie Garcia, Sherry McKimney, Debbie Hull, and Jimma Vahlenkamp.

The Food Show was an event in which the 4-H'ers were judged on the quality of a food dish they had prepared and their knowledge of nutrition.

Blue ribbon winners were Kevin Daniel, Aaron Greene, Cody Etheredge, Kasey King, Beth Hoffman, Ricia Gordon, Kera Martin, Jeri McLain, Chelsea Callan, Tara

Carey, Melissa Griffith, J.D. Hearn, Mindy Mahaffey, Misty Mahaffey, Lane Greene, Dustin McWhirter, and Jaycee Carey.

One 4-H member in each food category of each age division will progress onto district competition, November 16 in San Angelo. Winners were: Junior Breads, Kevin Daniel; Junior Main Dish, Kasey King; Junior Fruits & Vegetables, Beth Hoffman; Junior Nutritious Snacks, Ricia Gordon; Intermediate Nutritious Snacks, Tara Carey; Intermediate Fruits & Vegetables, Mel-

issa Griffith; Senior Main Dish, Mindy Mahaffey, Senior Nutritious Snacks, Misty Mahaffey; Senior Fruits & Vegetables, Dustin McWhirter; and Senior Breads, Jaycee Carey.

Gifts were presented to all participants by the FCE Clubs (formerly Extension Homemakers), Adams Extract, and Judy Streety, Roby U.S. Post Master. Awards were given to each winner by Adams Extract and plaques by Fisher County 4-H.

Special thanks to Gloria Griffith, new Senior Citizen Center coordina-

tor, for her support of the event. The 4-H Food Show is sponsored

by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Legal

The City of Rotan will accept bids on a 1980 Ford LTD 4-door. Bids will be accepted until December 1st.

The City of Rotan reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. For further information contact Rodney Denton at the Rotan City Hall.

4-TC

Legal

Abandoned Property/Possibly Stolen.

On August 23, 1996, the following property was found on Highway 92 easement, between Rotan and Hamlin, 67 joints of 1-7/8 inch pipe (31 feet long); 3 joints of 2-3/8 inch pipe (32 feet long); 1 heavily damaged trailer (possibly for irrigation pipe).

Said property will be held for (90) ninety days from date of recovery and if not claimed by rightful owner, shall be forfeited to Fisher County for sale or retention.

Anyone having claim to said property can present claim and proper proof of ownership to the Fisher County Sheriff's Department. Telephone 915-776-2273.

10-2c

Legal

FOR SALE: 3 used Chevrolet pickups. 75 crew cab (no motor), 76-3/4 ton, 87 crew cab. For further information contact Gene Terry, Commissioner Precinct 4. Bids will be opened in special session of Commissioners Court meeting November 22, 1996 at 9:00 a.m.

Fisher County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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this would raise the monthly allotment to \$60 per month.

R11-Enforce Zero Tolerance regarding long-term care facility deficiencies; examples-residents enduring needless suffering and even death as a result of inferior care, and enduring gross indignities and dehumanization.

R14-Require insurance firms to report cancelling or expired liability auto insurance to the Dept. of Public Safety; individual's drivers license should be revoked until proof of insurance is established.

R28-Help lower prescription drug costs in the State of Texas; Texas laws should be passed to require Medicaid insurance policies to provide reasonably priced coverage for prescription drugs without deductions or minimum and that pharmacists filling Medicaid prescriptions be allowed to receive the same discounts available to any other buying group.

R23-Returning power to the people of Texas through the initiative and referendum process; initiative and referendum allows the people of a state to participate directly in the legislative process; initiative and referendum has a 100-year history in the U.S. and these powers are currently used successfully by the citizens of 24 other states.

R30-Request that the 75th Texas Legislature oppose the deregulation of retail sales of electric power, any deregulation of retail electric sales must benefit both the supplier and all consumers. (This is the resolution that Johnson's committee proposed).

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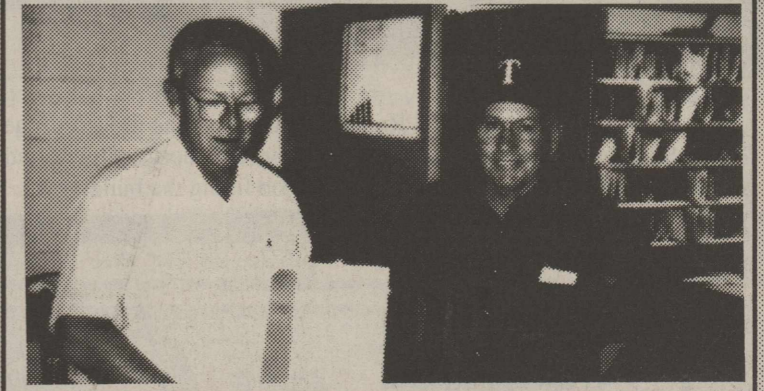
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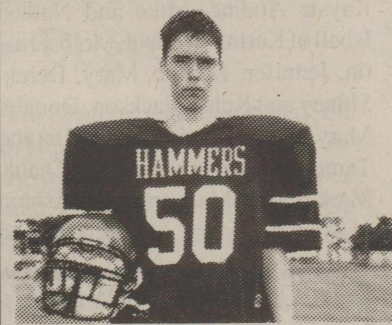
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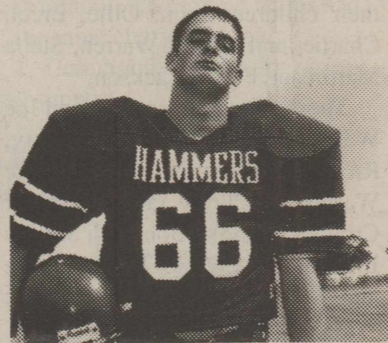
RECEIVES 30 YEAR SERVICE PIN: James Mann, Rotan Postal Service, was presented a pin for 30 years of service last Tuesday morning by Postmaster Jerry Boone. Mann also received recognition for driving a Million Miles on his route. Mann has been with the Post Office since 1967 when he began as a city carrier. He began as a rural route postal employee in 1971. He drives approximately 150 miles a day and puts approximately 45,000 miles on his vehicle.

ROTAN YELLOWHAMMERS Vs CROWELL

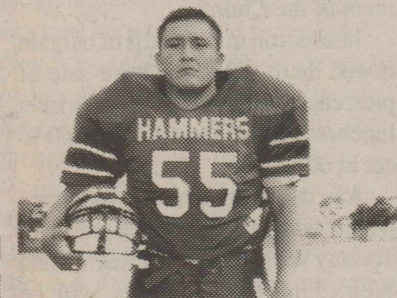
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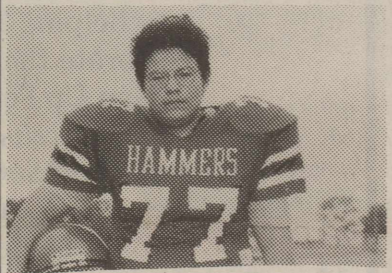
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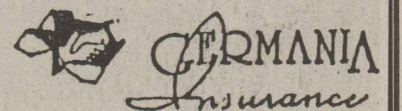
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Sept. 13	Baird	8:00	T	21	22
Sept. 20	Water Valley (Homecoming)	8:00	H	27	7
Sept. 27	*Aspermont	7:30	T	21	10
Oct. 4	*Spur	7:30	H	40	0
Oct. 11	*Roby	7:30	T	21	3
Oct. 18	*Paducah	7:30	H	7	26
Oct. 25	*Knox City	7:30	T	26	0
Nov. 1	*Munday	7:30	T	8	46
Nov. 8	*Crowell	7:30	H		

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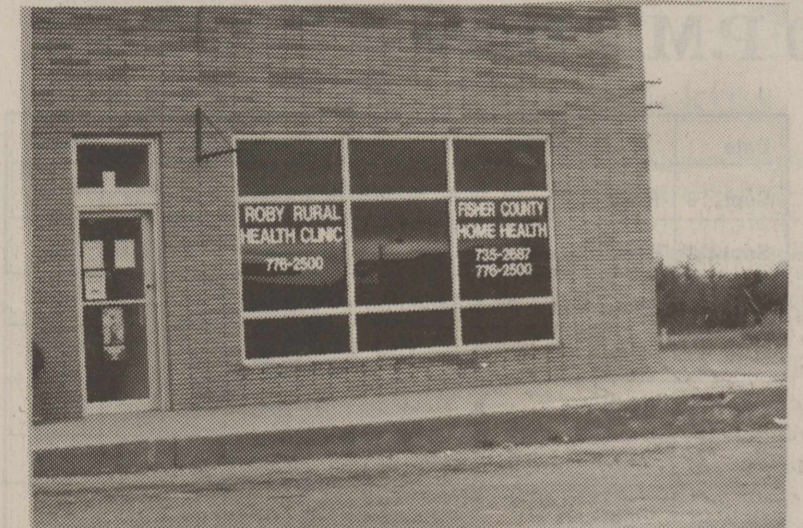
The Newspaper Office For OFFICE SUPPLIES



ROTAN FLOWER SHOP: Rotan Flower Shop has moved to the former Summers Pharmacy building. The move is almost complete and owner Tammy Nowlin has done a beautiful job fixing the building up.



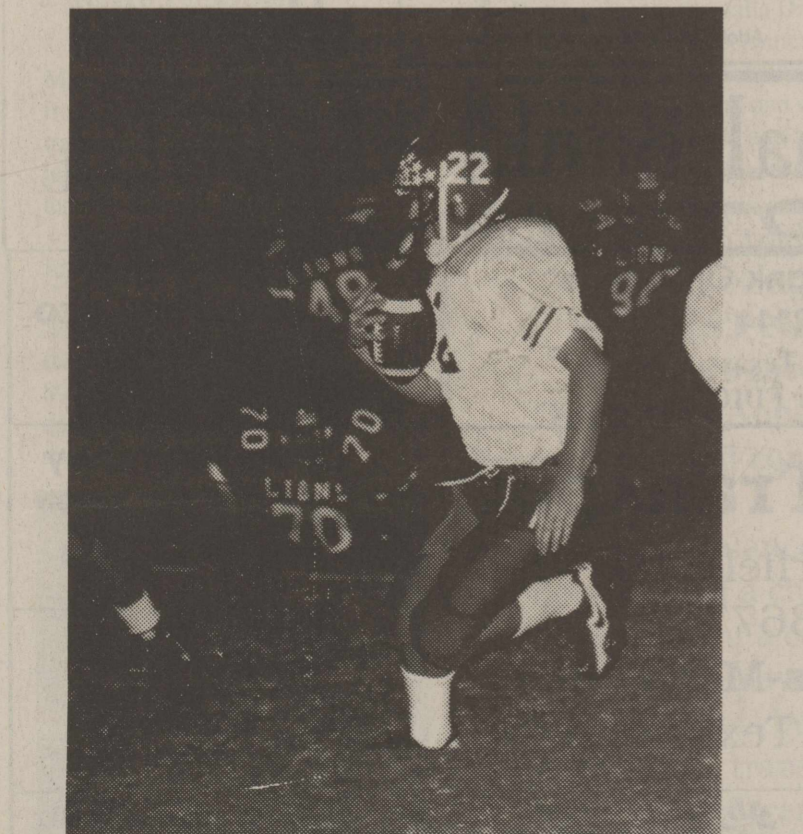
FISHER COUNTY HOSPITAL HOME HEALTH: Has moved from the Clearfork Health Clinic to was formerly the Law Office of Gary Harger Downtown Rotan. Home Health needed more space and had to find a larger building.



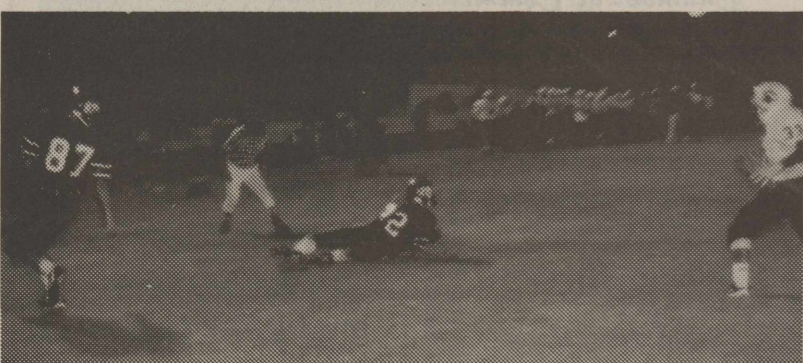
ROBY RURAL HEALTH CLINIC: Is located next to the Post Office in Roby. It serves the people of Roby and the surrounding area.



Lion/Hammer Football Action



CATCH THAT YELLOWHAMMER: Kris Rogers from Rotan, hauls the ball down field in recent action against the Lions.



Lion/Hammer Football Action

Roby Jr. High Defeats Spur With Big Win

In Junior High play Roby Cubs defeated Spur 42-0. In the 1st quarter, Cub Curt Douglass ran in a 10 yard touchdown. The 2 point conversion attempt failed. Cub Lance Moore ran in a 5 yard touchdown. Cub Jeremy Griffith carried in the 2 point conversion. Later in the quarter, Lance Moore intercepted the ball and ran it in for a 25 yard touchdown. The 2 point conversion failed. Cubs led 20-0 at the end of the 1st quarter. In the 2nd half Lance Moore ran in a 20 yard touchdown and a 45 yard touchdown. The 2 point conversion attempt failed on the first touchdown. Lance Patterson carried the ball in for the 2 point conversion on the 2nd touchdown. The half ended with Roby ahead 34-0.

In the third quarter Cub Lance Moore scored a touchdown on a 55-yard run. Cub Curt Douglass ran in the 2 point conversion. Third quarter ended with Cubs 42 and Spur 0. Neither team scored in the 4th quarter. Roby won 42-0. Sixth and seventh grade Cubs scrimmaged before the scheduled game.

Sylvester Methodist Plan Bazaar

The Sylvester First United Methodist Church is planning its annual bazaar for Saturday, November 6, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the basement of the Church.

In addition to hundreds of bargain items, there will be a bake sale of pies, cakes and cookies. Also, brisket lunches will be served for \$4.00 to eat in or take out.

Any donation of new or old items would be greatly appreciated. Call Tommy Wilson, 993-4473, or Wanda Weir, 576-3859, and they will be picked up.

Proceeds from the bazaar will go towards the Church's general fund, and Billy McCauley's Words and Music Ministries.

Sylvester Had 250 Exes At Homecoming

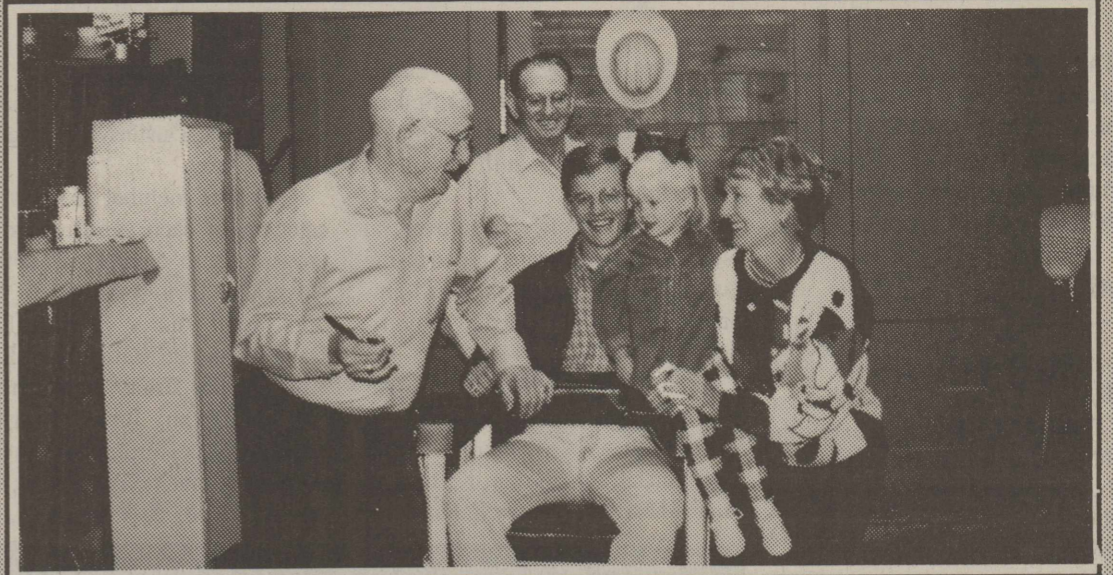
The homecoming for the Sylvester exes was held at the Sylvester community center Saturday, November 2, with over 250 exes attending. It followed a reception held Friday night. A red and white theme was carried throughout the dining area with white tablecloths and red roses for centerpieces, all depicting the colors of the Sylvester school. A brisket lunch was catered for the exes and guests.

President, Florene Stuart, called the business meeting to order. Colcen Faught read the minutes of the last homecoming, followed by the treasurer's report by Gloria Lee Ferguson. Election of officers for the 1998 homecoming was conducted. Sonny Dozier, was elected President; Evajean Wilson, Vice President; Tommie Combest, Secretary; and Gloria Lee Ferguson was re-elected Treasurer.

Prizes were presented to the following: Mae Baker Hurst, 99 years of age, was the oldest lady; Marhsall Powell, 85 years, was the oldest gentleman present. Billie Ruth McHaney Marzano of Woolley, Washington, travelled the longest distance. Homecoming Queen was Wanda Joy Gann Kelly, and homecoming King was Buddy Montgomery.

A prayer was given by Rev. Tommy Wilson, followed by a silent prayer for the deceased exes. After the school song, led by Wanda Weir and Maxine Mauldin, the meeting was adjourned.

Six Generation Hair Cutter.....



CUTTING HAIR: A.B. Parker has been cutting hair in Rotan since 1926. For over 70 years, which in the case of the above picture, spans six generations. Parker first cut J.F. Dennis' hair (deceased) then Mark Cave Sr. (deceased) and on to Mark Cave, Jr. pictured above. The generation went to Lana Cave Hargrove, Rafe Hargrove and the latest is Kaitlyn Hargrove.

Warren 30th Annual Family Reunion

The Warren 30th annual family reunion was held at the Church of God camp ground near Weatherford, one hundred twenty-eight attended.

They honored the memory of their parents, grandparents, great-grandparents and great-great-grandparents. Those are: Mr. and Mrs. A.T. Warren of Sardis community of Rotan and their children: John, Ollie, Ercel, Charlie, and Martin Warren, Stella Martin and Flossie Jackson.

Those present were: P.R. and Joe Warren of Snyder; Jerry, Betty, Rickey, Rodney, Sherry and Lynze Warren, and Betty Jane Adams of Crowley, Texas; Bob and Shirley Branch, Don, Cheryl, Elizabeth, Luke and Katie Smith of Weatherford; Willie, Christine, Ivin, Kenny, Jackie, Kera and Katie Martin, and Mabel Warren of Rotan; Tammy, Everett, Malenia and Thomas Wessel of Cherokee, Okla.; James, Lillian, Chester, Darla, Jamie, Jennifer and Rowdy Yates, David, Teresa and Geneva Thompson, Terry, Russell and Jamie Martin, Meagan and Wendy Manley of Mineral Wells; Tony, Donna, Melissa and Jeffrey Smith of Ft. Worth; Tommy, Darlene, Marti, Joyce, Micheel, Daniel and Amanda Warren of Granbury; Neta Smith, Bobby D. and Macie Hendrix; Joe Martincz, Lauya Armiz; Gabriel Martinez, Jennifer, Nicholas, Michiel, Roy, Chrystal and Eric Trydolo and Max Hendrix from Midland; Kathy Martin Putnam and

Kathryn Nicole Putnam of Decator; Bill and Leta and Tabitha Jones, Jeff, Darla, Caleb, Carlie Tuisosopo, Terry, Jeanne, Chelsie and Tora Willhelm, Danny, Stacie, Amber, and Zack Jones, Julie, Wayne, Chase and Kaysie Audine, Mike and Nathan Isbell of Kermit; Roland, Melba, Justin, Jennifer, Donnie, Mary, Derek, Sidney and Kelsey Jackson, Donald, Mary, Hughes and Heather Ellis and Tamey Jackson of Henderson; Diana, Mark, Laura, Matt, and Jacie Ashton of Abilene; Mary Ann Ferrell, and

Tim Thompson of Dallas, Tiffany Thompson of San Antonio; Jancy, Bill, Stacey, Ashley, and Kristy Thornton of Boonville, Mo.; Freddie, Debbie, Ryan and Preston Eastwood of Arlington; Melinda, Randy, Warren and Nolan Ethridge of Mullin, Texas.

All descendants are urged to attend next year for fellowship with loved ones. Bring crafts and homemade items for the auction, to pay rent for the building.

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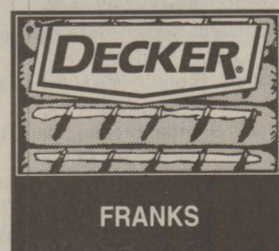
MEXICAN SUPPER
 A Mexican Supper will be held Friday, Nov. 8 from 5:00-7:30 at the Roby School Cafeteria. A plate of enchiladas, beans, rice, dessert, chips, hot sauce and drink is available for \$5.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 10 years of age. This event is being sponsored by the 4-H Exchange Group.

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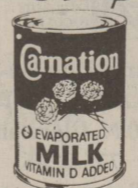
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Roby Elementary and Junior High parents can pick up student report cards and meet with teachers from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Thursday, November 7.

If not able to pick up report cards in person, call 776-2224 and talk with teachers regarding student progress. A teacher conference is required.

Report cards will not be sent home until a parent has talked with the student's teacher or teachers.

Rotan Fourth Grade Class Holds Election

The fourth grade classes of Mrs. Burnes and Mrs. Mullins held an election on Tuesday, November 5, to determine who they would choose as their leaders, both nationally and state wide.

The results are as follows: President, Bill Clinton/Al Gore, 10; Ross Perot/Campbell, 9; Bob Dole/Jack Kemp, 8. U.S. Senate, Victor Morales, 15; Phil Gramm, 12. U.S. Representative, Rudy Izzard, 18; Charles Stenholm, 10. State Representative, David Counts, 22; Scott McLaughlin, 5.

Rotan Cross Country Runs At Lubbock

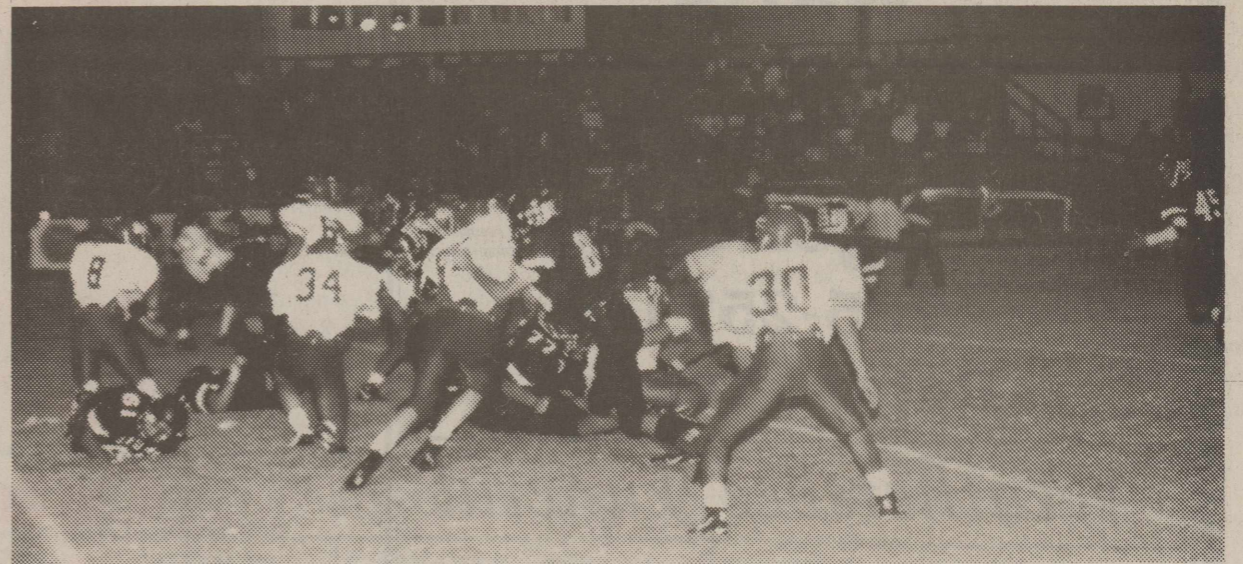
The Rotan Cross Country runners made their hometown proud with their results at the regional met in Lubbock. Although no one advanced to State, their hard work and dedication allowed them to improve most of their previous times.

Toby Star, the only boy competing for Rotan, placed 23rd out of 92, running nearly 10 seconds faster than his last time at Lubbock. Just a little over 2 minutes separated him from 1st place.

There were 7 girls who competed for Rotan. All of these girls improved their time except for Mindy Gaspar who showed tremendous dedication by competing on a severely sprained ankle. Jennifer Fowler placed 16 out of 142 girls, only missing going to state by 6 places and 23 seconds. Her time was improved by nearly 1 minute to run a 13:19.2. Crissi Martin ran her fastest time all year, 13:47.9, placing her 43. Crystal Early improved 5 seconds to run a 14:35.1, with Lacy Callan running right behind her with a 14:35.7. Lacy improved her time by a little less than 1 minute. Latisha Jones improved by 3 seconds to run a 14:50.9 and Andrea Romo improved 20 seconds to run a 15:31.2. The girls team finished 9th out of 19 teams.

Once again we are proud of all the runners. They have shown outstanding determination and their hard work will pay off.

Rotan-Roby Random Shots



GETS TO CLIMB ABOARD FIRE TRUCK: Elementary students from Rotan got to learn about Fire Prevention from the Rotan Firemen during Fire Prevention Week. Perry Thomson lifts a little one to climb aboard the truck.



STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT FIRE PREVENTION: Students try on helmets and listen intently as they learn fire safety.

Brad Stuart Recognized By American Hereford Association

Brad Stuart of Roby was recently recognized by the American Hereford Association (AHA) for having produced 2 cows named to the Benchmark Dam/Most Efficient Cow listings.

"These are the most efficient cows in the Hereford breed," said Dr. John Hough, AHA's director of research and performance. They've met the strictest requirements for early calving,

reproductive efficiency, calving intervals of no greater than one year, and weight ratios in the top end of the breeder's herd."

Some 2,500 cows were named to the prestigious list for this year. A complete listing of the cows and the 775 breeders who produced them is published in the November 1996 issue of Hereford World, the breed's official publication.

Rotan Chamber To Sponsor 1st Annual Fisher County Country Christmas On December 5th

As the Christmas season quickly approaches, the Rotan Chamber of Commerce would like to invite all the residents of Fisher County to the 1st Annual Fisher County Country Christmas on Thursday, December 5, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. This year the Chamber is planning events that go above and beyond the events of years past.

To start the evening off, there will be a downtown lighting ceremony at 6:00 p.m., followed immediately with a parade. As in any "country" town, there will be several community events throughout the night including a visit from Santa, a hayride, carolling, craft booths, baked goods booths, a hamburger/hot dog supper, hot chocolate, apple cider and plenty

of old fashioned visiting among neighbors.

As part of the lighting ceremony, the Chamber invited individuals as well as groups to "adopt a downtown tree". This will include picking a tree

Rotan FFA Elects New Officers

On Wednesday, October 30, the Rotan FFA held a meeting, electing new officers for the years 96-97. The officers are as listed: President, Russell Price; Vice President, Kaleb Goodwin; Student Advisor, Corey King; Reporter, Natalie Lowe; Secretary Tember Palmer; Sentinel Chad Templeton; Treasurer, Leslie Jones.

Rotan FFA will be participating in a leadership contest on November 19th in Anson. The leadership teams are, Radio, Julie Grisham, Lacy Callan and Marlayna DeLoach. Junior Skills, Jacob Price, Dustin Hargrove, Dustin McWhirter, and Leslie Jones. Creed, Ryan Posey, Gareth Pipes. S.C. Skills, J.D. Elrod, Kaleb Goodwin, Russell Price and Chad Templeton, and Quiz, Clay Cade and Adriana Velez. Be sure to support our youth in the above leadership contest.

downtown to adopt, purchasing clear lights, and hanging the lights on the tree. If you are interested in adopting a tree contact Laurie Stephens at 735-3287.

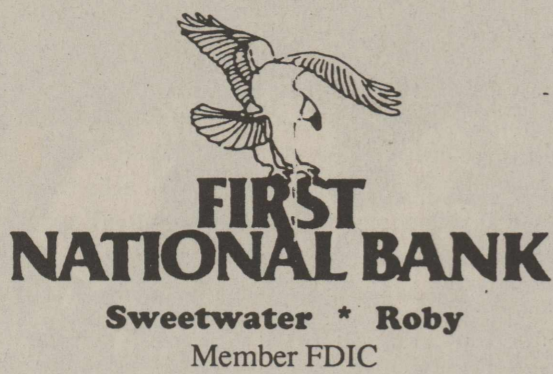
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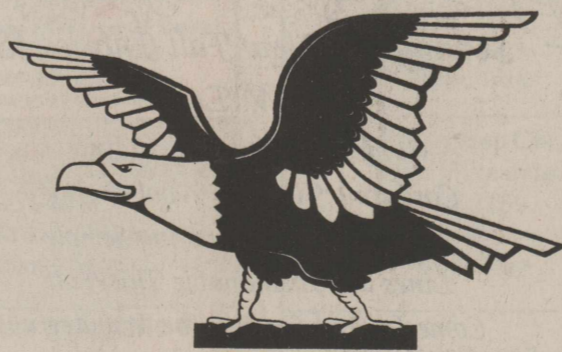
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