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The People Have The Right....

Under the fundamental philosophy of the American constitution form of representative government that adheres to the principle that government is the servant and not the master of the people, it is the policy of the State of Texas that each person is entitled, unless otherwise expressly provided by law, at all times to complete information about the affairs of government and the official acts of public officials and employees. The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist on remaining informed so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created.

Rotan Advance

Rotan Council, Water Board Pauses For Talk

The members of the Rotan Municipal Water Authority met last week and instructed Rodney Denton, Jr. to begin the process of securing bids for the replacement of old water lines between Rotan and Snyder. The lines to be replaced will be on the old 6-inch line from the old Hobbs School

area toward Camp Springs.

The board members, who met with the City of Rotan councilmen the night before, specifically addressed several issues that were raised at the joint meeting.

First, the maintenance of the line was discussed. The City of Rotan

councilmen had hinted that they wanted the Water Authority to assume all maintenance obligations on the water line between Rotan and Snyder.

Bobby Gruben stated that he thought the Water Authority needed to seek legal advice on where the authority stood on spending tax money for the repair and maintenance of the water line. Gruben indicated that he seriously doubted that they (Water Authority) could collect taxes to pay for repair and maintenance.

John Gray, Authority President, stated that the Rotan Water Authority would look into the legal status of continuing to collect taxes.

Larry Callan, in commenting on the line maintenance issue, indicated that he did not feel like the Rotan Water Authority could continue charging just a .3 cent per 1,000 gallon fee, if maintenance was going to fall exclusively on the authority.

After all the discussion on the

maintenance of the line, it was voted to leave everything like it is for the present. Authority members seemed to want to get a feel for the water loss after the new meters were installed.

The Rotan City Council had specifically asked the Rotan Water Authority for financial assistance with 29 million gallons of water that was charged to the City of Rotan, but not metered by the City of Rotan. Councilmen felt that the lost water (approximately 22%) was due in part to faulty pipe, especially on the 6 inch transmission line into Rotan.

Mayor Jerry Marshall specifically asked John Gray to bring up the water loss issue at the meeting.

The Authority members tabled this item also until they could find out where the loss is taking place. The loss is either on the transmission line between Snyder and Rotan or within the City Limits of Rotan.

The Water Authority members did pinpoint several locations in Rotan where water is not being metered.

First, water in the swimming pool is not metered. It was thought the pool was filled approximately three times in 1996. Second, water flowing from fire hydrants is not metered. Water used by firemen for training and water used to flush fire hydrants is not metered and goes against total lost water. Third, water sold at the metering station across from the Dairy Queen, is not metered.

John Gray was going to make an

attempt to get a copy of the City of Snyder audit and bond payment schedule to have for the April meeting.

The Water Authority acknowledged receipt of a check from the City of Rotan on March 24th for the January water. According to records at the Rotan Water Authority the City of Rotan is a month behind in water payments to the Water Authority.

Rotan Chamber Of Commerce Annual Banquet Is April 17th

The annual Rotan Chamber of Commerce Banquet is set for Thursday night, April 17th at 7:00 p.m. The speaker will be cowboy poet and humorist - Dan Willis of Cranfill Gap, Texas. Dress will be casual - western theme.

The menu will be brisket dinner with all the trimmings and will be catered by Casa Morales. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from any Rotan Chamber director or at the door.

Board Of Directors

Directors With Terms Expiring - March 1997-Irma Carreon - President; Dexter Elrod, Wes Hays, Monte Morrow, Debbie Howard. Directors With Terms Expiring - March 1998 - Sherrie Rodgers - Sec./Treas. Loyd Greene, Harold Sanders, Jackie Martin, Jerry Huggins, Susie Cogburn, Laurie Stephens, Steve Stephens, Dixie Neves, Jerry Boone.

Editor's Column

By Kimball G. Pease

TWO FACED CALF: The students in the Ag. Classes at Rotan took on extra duties last week and got in on a learning experience to boot. The class was caring for a two-faced calf - a rarity. Instructor Norman Fryar wanted to know if we wanted a picture, but we passed, opting instead to just tell local folks of the incident. Dr. Vick Burk said that the AP picked up the story run in the Abilene Reporter News and ran it on the wire. He had inquiries from Seattle, Washington and Chicago, Illinois about the calf. According to Dr. Burk the calf could live a long time with the proper care.

NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM: Fisher County Hospital board members took the recommendation of Administrative personnel and went with the middle bid of three on a new telephone system. Lucent Technologies in Lubbock bid \$27,994.63; Action Telcom in Abilene bid \$20,480.00 and ATS Telcom in Big Spring bid \$19,431.00. The board accepted the bid of Action in Abilene with an option of upgrading the paging system for \$2,452.00.

ROTAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANQUET: The annual Rotan Chamber of Commerce banquet is set for Thursday, April 17th. at 7:00 p.m. Speaker will be Dan Willis of Cranfill Gap, Texas. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased from any Rotan Chamber director or at the door the night of the banquet.

ENGINEERING FIRM HIRED: Had a few ask how much the City of Rotan was going to pay the engineering firm it hired to assist in the closing of the Rotan landfill. The article didn't give a figure. No figure was discussed at the meeting. Harold Sanders, last week, indicated that the fee from the engineering firm would be between \$8,000 and \$12,000 depending upon the degree of difficulty involved in the closing.

DPR MEETING: The DPR Water Supply Corporation conducted their annual meeting last Saturday night. They re-elected two directors to the board - Brad Stuart and Tye Harrison. They join Jimmy Grisham, CleDon Coffman, Donald Hull, Jack McCall and Bobby Yates.

NEW PASTOR: Mickey Wagoner has been called as the new pastor of the First Baptist Church in Roby. Rev. Wagoner and his wife Reba have two children Amanda, an 18 year old freshman at Angelo State University and Mitch, a 16 year old sophomore. He has pastored at Aspermont for 5 1/2 years and most recently was at Mertzon. Welcome.

BUYING DAIRY QUEEN: Reggie Spencer, son of Richard and Kathy Spencer of Roby, has been a district manager for Richeson Dairy Queen for several years. After putting some 64,000 miles on a vehicle in 1996 and decided it was time to get off the road. Spencer will be purchasing the Dairy Queen franchise in Ballenger.

CONGRATULATIONS: Roby High School Senior Robert Onofre, son of Lute and Olga Onofre of the Hobbs Community, has been selected to receive a \$3,500 Carr Academic Scholarship for the 1997-98 academic year at Angelo State University. Congratulations.

JOINT MEETING: The members of the Rotan City Council and Rotan Municipal Water Authority conducted a joint meeting last week to discuss water for Rotan for the future. It was a good meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Vlaerie Dykstra who will be participating in the Honors Convocation of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin on April 2nd.. She is a recipient of the Clara Rushing Art Scholarship, Permian Honor GAMA Grant and Permian Honor Scholarship. She was also named to the President's Honor Roll.

LITTLE LEAGUE FUND RAISER: On Sunday April 6th from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. the Rotan Little League is having a brisket lunch at the Rotan School Cafeteria.

REMEMBER DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME: When you go to bed on Saturday night move your clocks ahead one hour.

Pack Arrests 34 Year Old In Rotan On 13 Counts Forgery

Fisher County Sheriff Gene Pack indicated that a 34-year old Centralia, Illinois native has been arrested in Rotan and charged with 13 counts of felony forgery.

Pack stated that the individual had checking accounts in three area banks (First National Bank of Rotan, First National Bank of Abilene and First State Bank of Anadarko, Oklahoma) and had passed an unknown number of bank checks.

"My officers have seized merchandise from her home that was still boxed up. We don't know the scope of this thing yet," stated Pack.

Pack said that Janice Whipple, age 34- originally from Centralia, Illinois and living in Rotan opened three area checking accounts, putting \$100 in each account. As identification she used a State of Texas issued identification card obtained by using a stolen birth certificate from a Stamford individual.

Pack said Whipple was being held on a \$30,000 bond. Each forgery charge could carry a 10 year jail term.

Maintenance Of Water Line Is Point Of Concern Between Rotan City And Water Auth.

The members of the Rotan City Council and Rotan Municipal Water Authority finally sat down for a joint meeting to discuss the water situation for the City of Rotan.

The meeting was attended by Jack Cadenhead, D.L. Knight, Scotty Daniel, Jerry Marshall and Ward Hayes representing the City of Rotan and Mack Weathersbee, Larry Callan, Bart Strayhorn, John Gray and Bobby Gruben representing the Rotan Municipal Water Authority.

Ward Hayes began the discussion by mentioning maintenance of the line in the future. Currently, the City of Rotan is paying for all maintenance on any line breaks less than two-joints of pipe. On breaks that involve more than 2 joints, the City of Rotan bills the Rotan Water Authority for the cost of materials.

One of the points of contention, at least with the City of Rotan, is that the Rotan Water Authority should be paying for the repair work on their line.

Line replacement was mentioned at the meeting. Larry Callan indicated that the Water Authority had authorized Rodney Denton to take bids on replacing part of the old 6-inch line.

The audit from the City of Snyder was discussed, calibration of the line, water loss and the annual report from the City of Snyder were also mentioned in the joint meeting.

Scotty Daniel indicated that he would like to see the Rotan Water Authority responsible for the total maintenance of the water line.

Larry Callan countered by saying that the Water Authority could not pick up the total maintenance on the line and still charge 3 cents above the cost of water to the City of Rotan. Callan was of the opinion that the cost of maintaining the line would far exceed 3 cents above the cost of water.

One large unsolved point of contention in the future is the continued taxing authority of the Rotan Water Authority after the bonds are paid off this summer. Bobby Gruben is of the opinion that the Water Authority may not have the authority to continue to tax - if only to pay for maintaining the line.

Mayor Jerry Marshall stated that as long as 'you (water authority) are paying on their (Snyder) bonds you can continue to tax."

The Rotan Municipal Water Authority is obligated to pay their share of a new water treatment plant in Snyder. This year Rotan's part was \$14,000.00.

Water Authority Board members and Rotan Council members had an extremely productive meeting. Both groups are addressing the issue of water loss, line replacement and both recognize that they need to make needed repairs to attempt to lower the 22% water loss experienced in 1996.

"The taxpayers have been paying for a water line to deliver water to them and we are not doing our job if we don't do something to address the best way to continue providing them with good water," stated Scotty Daniel.

Rotan Jr. High Hosts District 16 UIL Meet

Rotan Jr. High School recently hosted the District 16-A UIL contest. Participating schools were Rotan, Spur, Aspermont, O'Brien, Roby and Munday. O'Brien placed first overall, Aspermont came in second, and Rotan followed with third place.

The events and students that placed in the 8th grade are: Earth Science-1st place, Jason Powell, 4th place-Sarah Shelley; Spelling-2nd place, Dawn Dykstra; Ready Writing-3rd place, Ashley Garza; Maps, Graphs & Charts-3rd place, Rode Morrow; Impromptu Speaking-3rd place, Cory Rains; Modern Oratory-4th place, Angie De Loach, 5th place-Sarah Shelley; Oral Reading-5th place, Haley Helms; Listening-6th place, Dawn Dykstra.

Other 8th grade students participating in various events were: Jeffrey Soliz, Scott Tandy, Leslie Limones, D.J. Alvarado, Misty Starr, and Monica Reyes.

The events and students that placed in the 7th grade are: Listening-2nd

place, Seth Summers; Maps, Graphs & Charts-2nd place, Robert Helms, 5th place-Dustin Weathersbee; Mathematics-2nd place, Chris Romo; Modern Oratory-2nd place, Brandi Hoyle, 4th place-Dustin Weathersbee, 6th place-Lindsey Howard; Oral Reading-5th place Rebecca Duke; Ready Writing-5th place, Heather Martinez, 6th place-Stacy Head; Impromptu Speaking-4th place Stacy Head, 6th place-Natassia Flores; Life Science-5th place, Seth Summers.

Other 7th grade students participating in various events were: Christopher Miranda, Kayla Posey, Paige Nowlin, Krista Reyes, Terry Jane Branch, and Dane Mullins.

Rotan teachers are extremely proud of each and every student that entered a contest. It takes many hours of practice and extra work to compete in UIL, and the above students were very dedicated to their tasks. They deserve a pat on the back for a job well-done.



ROTAN 8TH GRADE U.I.L. PARTICIPANTS: Left to right: Dawn Dykstra, Angie Deloach, Haley helms, Sarah Shelley and Ashley Garza.



ROTAN 8TH GRADE U.I.L. PARTICIPANTS: Left to right: Jason Powell, Corey Rains and Rode Morrow.



ROTAN 7TH GRADE U.I.L. PARTICIPANTS: Left to right: Heather Martinez, Dustin Weathersbee, Crystal Hoyle, Rebecca Duke, and Lindsey Howard.



ROTAN 7TH GRADE U.I.L. PARTICIPANTS: Left to right: Robert Helms, Stacy Head, Seth Summers, Chris Romo and Natasha Flores.



ROTAN 6TH GRADE U.I.L. PARTICIPANTS: Left to right: Tamara Torres, Sunny Helms, Lauren Kennedy, Jody Granada, Selina Williams, M.J. Quintanilla, April Luian and Laticia Salazar.

TAX PLANNING

Written By:
Richard Rodgers, CPA



YOUR OTHER ALTERNATIVE FOR APRIL 15

April 15 is fast approaching. If it looks like you won't be able to file your tax return by the deadline, it's time to start thinking about filing an extension.

Just a few years ago, you could get an extension only by calculating your total tax liability and paying the entire balance due. To extend your 1996 return, you still must estimate your tax liability, but you are no longer required to make a payment.

Many people are still unclear about what an extension really means. A valid extension simply means that your tax return will not be subject to a penalty for late filing. But even with an extension, you may be subject to a penalty for late payment of tax, plus interest on any balance due.

To avoid a late-payment penalty, you generally must pay at least 90% of your ultimate tax liability by the time you file your extension. For example, say your tax bill will ultimately come to \$10,000, and you have already paid \$8,500 via withholding or estimated payments. You can avoid a late-payment penalty by paying at least \$500 with your extension. (That's the difference between \$8,500 and \$9,000, which will bring you up to the 90% level.) Note that you'll be charged interest on any balance due when you file your return, whether or not you're also subject to a late-payment penalty.

The extension form may seem simple, but for most people it's not a do-it-yourself project. And even though you are no longer required to make a payment with your extension, failure to do so could result in a substantial penalty, plus interest. As in so many tax areas, professional assistance can be essential.

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Roby High School
BOY'S TRACK RECORDS

TEAM / INDIVIDUAL	YEAR	RECORD
110 High Hurdles	Jerry Burk 15.5 '62	Snyder
100 Meter Dash	Al Gonzales 10.7 '78	Jayton
400 Meter Run	Al Gonzales 49.4 '79	Abilene
400 Meter Relay Team	Robby King, Bennie Putnam, Lance Green, Tom Duckworth	
200 Meter Run	Al Gonzales 21.8 '79	Abilene
1600 Meter Run	Walter Cave 4.32.4 '81	Austin
1600 Meter Rely	Rodney Green, Paul Hyer, Greg Meek, James Gant	
300 Meter I. Hurdle	Brad Stuart 39.2 '78	Austin
800 Meter Run	Paul Hyer 2:01.43 '87	Forsan
Pole Vault	Reggie Spencer 13'0" '88	Austin
Discus	Gary Clark 147'6" '73	Austin
Shot Put	Johnny Knox 48'9" '71	K. City
High Jump	Jerry Burk 6'4" '61	Rotan
Long Jump	Robby King 22'3" '83	Abilene
3200 Meter Run	James Gantt 10.06.4 '87	Abilene

Bold = State Champions

Rotan Boys
Compete In
Hamlin Relays

The Rotan Yellowhammers took part in the Hamlin Relays last weekend with Larry Daniels finishing second in the high jump with a leap of 6 ft. 4 inches.

Full Rotan boys results are:

Varsity: 400 meter relay, 45.6, 5th; 800 meter run, 4th, 2:12 Reed Underwood; 1600 meter run, 3rd, 5:21, Ringo Amador; 1600 meter relay, 6th, 3:41, Guy Duke, Reed Underwood, JayBen Alls, Stony Carrillo; shot put, 5th, Zack Morris, 43'9 3/4", 6th, Jeremiah Morris, 43'8 1/2"; triple jump, JayBen Alls, 5th, 41'; long jump, JayBen Alls, 3rd, 21' 9 3/4".

JV Boys: 800 run, 4th, Keith Messick, 2:23; 400 meter relay, 5th, Pipes Posey, Almanza, Starr; 1600m run, 6th, Leslie Jones; 1600 meter relay, 6th, Starr, Pipes, Messick, Cade.

Roby Girls 4th
In Aspermont

The Roby girls track team captured a fourth place finish in the Double Mountain Relays at Aspermont on Saturday, March 22nd.

First place finishes went to Konnett Mays in the triple jump - 35 ft 2 1/2; Long jump - 17 feet 1 inch and 100 meter run - time of 12.06.

Leticia Leyva finished 6th in the 3200 meter run and 6th in the 1600 meter run with a time of 6:13.95.

The 400 meter relay team was 5th with a time of 56:29 - that team is composed of Ashley Smith, Sahala Hardin, Ashley Douglass and Cassandra Griffith.

The 800 meter relay team took a 4th place finish with a time of 1:56.90. That team is made up of Wendy Harwell, Denise Caswell, Kristi Bond and Konnett Mays.

The 1600 meter realy team of Wendy Harwell, Cassie Terry, Kristi Bond and Denise Caswell finished with a time of 4:34.59.

Rotan Junior High Boys
Win Second Track Meet

The Rotan Junior High boys track team won their second met of the season after accumulating 158 points in the Spur Meet last weekend. Jayton finished second and Lorenzo was third.

At Spur, the 400 meter relay team made up of Jonathan Perales, Craig Leach, D.J. Alvarado and Rudy Flores finished first with a time of 51.49.

Other first place finishes went to Ben Bencomo in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:24.

Jason Powell with a time of 12.61 in the 100 meter dash also a first place finish in the 300 meter int. hurdles with a time of 45.05;

Rudy Flores with with a 5 ft. 6 inch high jump.

Jason Powell with a 7 ft. 8 inch long jump and a first place finish in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.7 and finally a 37 ft 8 3/4 inch triple jump.

Second place finishes went to: D. J. Alvarado in the 110 meter high hurdles with a time of 20.6 and in the triple jump with a leap of 30 ft. 4 inches.

Third place finishes to: Shane Salazar in the 3200 meter run with a time of 9:58 and in the 1600 meter run with a time of 4:28.

Craig Leach in the triple jump with a leap of 31 feet 10 1/2 inches.

Fourth place finishes to: Jonathan Perales in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 21.35; Chris Miranda in the 200 meter run with a time of 27.69.

Fifth place finishes to: Robert Helms with a 3200 meter time of 10:17 and in the 1600 meter run with a time of 4:29; Chris Miranda in the 100 meter run with a time of 13.37; Craig Leach with a time of 65.5 in the 400 meter run; D.J. Alvarado with 16 ft. 2 inches in the long jump.

Rudy Flores finished sixth in the 300 meter int. hurdles with a time of 51.39.

Others taking part in the meet were Kris Romo, Dustin Weathersbere, Rodi Morrow, Jonathan Perales, Scott Tandy, Dane Mullins and Jeffrey Solis.

The 1600 meter relay team made up of Craig Leach, Ben Bencomo, Jonathan Perales and Rudy Flores captured a third place finish with a time of 4:13.

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Rotan, Roby Get \$11,442.62 In Sales Taxes;
All Part Of \$151.2 Million Across The State

State Comptroller John Sharp sent \$9,616.78 back to Rotan and \$1,825.84 to Roby last month, as their part of the March sales tax rebates which go to 1,086 Texas cities and 117 counties. The funds sent represented a 6.4 percent statewide increase over payments a year ago.

Rotan's check amounted to \$9,616.78 compared to \$8,730.57 for the same period 1996 which reflects a gain of 10.15%. Roby collected a check of \$1,825.84 in 1997 compared to \$1,587.90 for the same period 1996 which reflects a gain of 14.98 percent.

The total payments to date for Rotan have been \$31,338.69 compared to \$32,034.51 in 1996 which is down 2.17 percent. Roby has collected \$6,902.53 compared to \$4,959.64 in 1996 or an increase of 39.17 percent.

Rotan collects 2% over the amount that goes to the State of Texas. One percent is returned to Rotan, 1/2 of one percent is returned to Rotan for tax reduction and another 1/2 of one percent is returned to Rotan for economic development.

Roby collects 1% over the amount that goes to the State of Texas. Of the funds sent to Rotan last month, Rotan will be keeping \$7,212.59 and transferring \$2,404.19 to the Rotan Economic Development Corporation. Roby will be keeping the full \$1,825.84.

Fisher County Devotional Page
Seeds From The Sower

Michael A. Guido, Metter, Georgia

A customer shouted, "Waiter I can't find any oysters in this stew!"

"Well," he replied, "you don't expect to find any angels in angel food cake, do you?"

No, but I do expect to find Christians in a church, don't you? You don't become a Christian by the church, but you may become a Christian in a church.

You don't become a Christian by trying, but by trusting; not by what you do, but by what Christ does when you receive Him.

The Bible says, "As many as received Him, to them gave He the power to become the children of God, even to them that believe on His name."

Christianity isn't something but Someone. Receive Christ, and you'll become a Christian.

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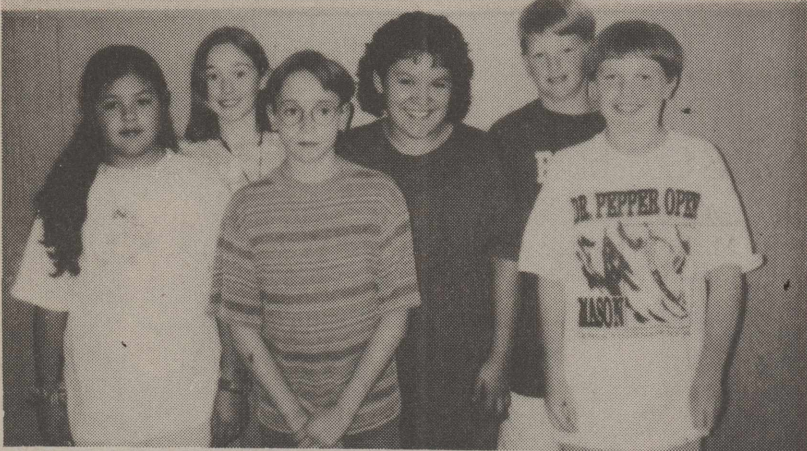
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Stenholm Announces Dairy Problem Solved

Congressman Charlie Stenholm joined with the citizens of Erath County, the cities of Waco and Clifton, and local dairy producers today to announce success for their recent proposal to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) regarding activities to address regional water quality concerns. On March 26, the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) announced funding for a two-phased project addressing nutrient loading in the Bosque River watershed.

Phase one of the project will be jointly funded by NRCS, the State of Texas, and the Environmental Protection Agency. This initial phase will determine the feasibility of marketing animal manure from central Texas dairies as a way to reduce water quality concerns. If this option looks promising, then the second phase will develop the recommendations into a plan for action.

"The level of cooperation between the Brazos River Authority, local and

county governments, and central Texas dairy producers has been one of the most encouraging things about this process," Stenholm said. "This is an example of factions that might

normally differ coming together to solve a common problem."

The announcement followed a meeting last month between Stenholm, Chief Paul Johnson of the

NRCS, Congressman Chet Edwards and Texas representatives from the Bosque River region.

Congressman Stenholm, Ranking Member on the House Agriculture Committee added, "Through this cooperative effort, we hope to help Texas dairy producers in their ongoing efforts to maintain their way of life while protecting and improving the environment we all share."

Center F.C.E Club Hears Talk On Possible Fires

Appliances on Fire was the topic Jane Carter used when she gave the program for the Center Club Tuesday afternoon, when they met at the Courthouse Annex in Roby.

After a song session, and a catchy sewing quiz, led by Eilene Cave recreational leader, Lenora Waldon called the roll and read the minutes and reported on the stew luncheon held March 11.

In the business session, plans were made to plant a tree Arbor Day, on

the playground of the new elementary school in Roby. Contributions were also made to the Noah Project and the local Fire Department. Annually, gifts are given to 4-H projects.

Pat Neeper will be hostess April 8, with the program to be announced later.

A delicious salad plate was served by Carlene Moore to Bernice Randolph, Evelyn Turnbow, Ava Leach, Lenora Waldon, Pat Neeper, Vonnelle Driver, Eilene Cave, Jane Carter, Luella Waddell and the hostess.

The F.C.E. Club is open to people regardless of race, color, sex or religion. All home makers are invited to attend.

The Center Club meets every second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

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Public Notice
Texas Community Development Program.

City of Rotan is giving notice of the intent to submit a Community Development Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Program. The grant application request is for \$250,000.00 for the following activities: Water System Improvements.

The application is available for review at Rotan City Hall during regular business hours.

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Season After The Season

By Eli Sepeda

The future of Fisher County basketball looks good. From the showing of the Little Dribblers teams that played on Good Friday in tournament, Fisher County has a lot of great basketball coming up to replace the great basketball it now has in the school systems.

In the 5th and 6th grade tournament held in Roby it started out with a blast. The first game went into triple overtime (free throw shootout) before a winner could be determined. Two games later a winner was determined on a buzzer beating shot. During the games there were 3 point shots, behind the back dribbles, be-

tween the leg dribbles, no look passes, reverse lay ups, court burns, bloody noses and much more.

Because of the time constraints and not wanting for the kids to have to play four games in one day, the tournament was set up as a championship-consolation tournament. Some teams were out of the tournament with one loss while others were in the championship with one win.

Though it may seem unfair, Fisher County needs to be proud of these young basketball players. I have a list of the teams in the 5th and 6th grade tournament and champion and consolation winners: 5th and 6th boy champion Turner Team, Consolation, Rodgers Team. Other Teams, J. Terry, Sepeda, M. Terry, Reys; 5th and 6th Girls Champion, Stuart Team, Consolation, H. Carrillo; other teams, Smith, Kennedy.

Roby Boys 1600 Team Takes 3rd At Meet

The Roby boys high school track team competed last weekend in preparation for the upcoming district competition.

One of the bright spots was a 3rd place finish from the 1600 meter relay team. That team is composed of Tommy Lands, Mike Haigood, Ty West and Adam Torres. The team finished in a time of 3:34.59.

Others finishing were Adam Torres, 4th in the long jump with a leap of 20 feet 5 1/2 inch.

Ty West, 5th in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:12.9.

Mike Haigood a 4th place finish in the 400 meter run with a time of 52.58.

Tommy Lands 4th in the 200 meter run with a time of 23.54.

In the junior varsity division, Kyle McWilliams finished 6th in the discus competition with a toss of 97 feet 3 inches while the 1600 meter relay team of Ermando Barrera, Brian Anderson, Wes Pullig and Jesse Loeza finished 6th in a time of 4:06.20.

Rotan Jr. High Girls Win Spur Track Meet

The Rotan Junior High girls won the girls division at the Spur Track Meet last weekend.

Results of the girls track meet - 400 meter relay, 2nd place, 57.4, Stacy Head, Terry Branch, Heather Martinez, Haley Helms; 800 meter run, 2nd place Marcella Vina, 2:55.4; 3rd place, Lindsey Howard, 3:13.5; 100 meter hurdles, 1st place, Ashley Garza, 18.24, 3rd place Terry Branch 20.8; 4th place, Kayla Posey, 21.5; 800 meter relay 2nd place 2:08.5, Krista Reyes, Paige Nowlin, Terry Branch; 400 meter dash, 4th place, Dawn Dykstra 1:20.2, 5th place Paige Nowlin, 1:22.3; 300 meter hurdles, 1st Ashley Garza 57.3, 3rd Kayla Posey 1:03.2, 4th Lindsey Howard 1:04.3; 1200 meter run, 6th Misty Starr 6:22.3; 1600 meter relay, 3rd, 5:01.5, Heather Martinez, Ashley Garza, Marcella Vina, Haley Helms; triple jump, 2nd, Terry Branch 27'11 3/4"; 4th Ashley Garza, 26'6"; high jump, 5th Lindsey Howard 4'4"; shot put, 3rd, Paige Nowlin, 23' 10 1/4"; long jump, 2nd, Ashley Garza, 13' 9"; discus, 5th, Brandi Hoyle, 58' 10".

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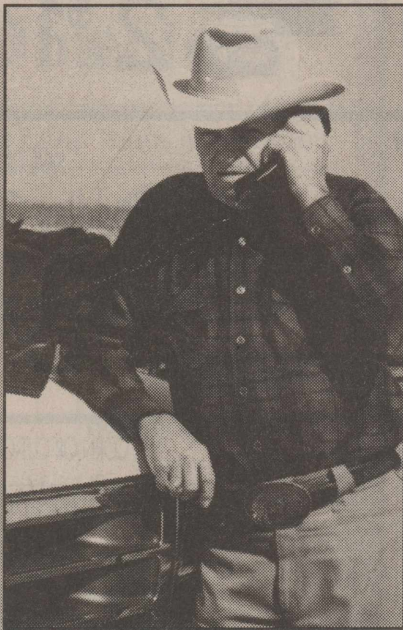
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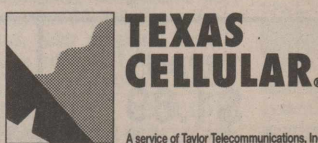


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Fisher County Round-Up

By Joy Walker

Well Easter weekend wasn't too bad, although it was very cool Sunday morning, and I know all those who attended Easter Sunrise services, got cold. Now today (Monday) the forecasters are saying we may get some rain during this coming week, and I know that it will be welcome. I noticed a number of bluebonnets out on the side of roads, so Spring is here and if we do get some more rain, the bluebonnets will certainly flourish. Daylight Savings time starts Sunday, 6th of April, so we will be having longer afternoons and more time to work outside in the evenings.

Congratulations to Jon and Laura (Gruben) Dodson of Peach Tree City, Georgia, who are the proud parents of a baby boy, born Monday 24th March. They named him Clay Rutherford Dodson, and he weighed 7lbs. 14ozs. Mrs. Bobby Gruben is visiting with her daughter and husband and the new baby.

Jane Branson is home from the hospital in Houston and seems to be doing well.

Floy Jim Hughs is in the Fisher County Hospital but seems to be doing fine.

Mrs. Beulene Shipp is also in the

Crystal Early Captures Two Firsts At Meet

Crystal Early, Rotan High School freshman, captured a first place finish in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 16.4 and came back with a first place finish in the long jump with a leap of 16 feet 1 3/8 inches. In addition Early was 5th in the high jump, second in the 100 meter run and a member of the 4th place 1600 meter relay team.

The school record in the 100 meter hurdles is 15.0 feet and was set by Sonya Carrillo in 1983.

The school record in the long jump is 17 feet 11 inches and was set by Sherry Conner in 1991.

The girls finished the Hamlin Meet with a total of 71 points.

Complete Rotan results at the meet are:

3200 meter run, 5th Rocky Munoz 15:22.8, 6th Mindy Gaspar 15:27.74; 400 meter relay 6th, Katy Cade, Stacy Morrow, Dayme Mullins, Laura Blackwelder, 56.4; 800 meter run, 5th Keri Robertson 2:47.09; 800 meter relay 6th, Katy Cade, Jennifer Fowler, Latisha Jones, Crissi Martin, 1:58.9; 400 meter dash, 3rd Crissi Martin 1:07.4, 6th Stacy Morrow 1:09.5; 300 meter hurdles, 2nd Jennifer Fowler, 53.6; 1600 meter run, 6th Mindy Gaspar, 6:45.34; 1600 meter relay 4th, Crystal, Early, Jennifer Fowler, Latisha Jones, Crissi Martin, 4:33.5; shot put, 3rd, Stacy Morrow 32' 4 1/4"; long jump, 5th Laura Blackwelder 14' 9 1/4".

Fisher County Hospital and we hope to hear that she is doing better.

Louise Martinez went to Snyder and ate lunch with Steve and Tachi Warren on Sunday. She visited with grand-daughter Nicole English and Garrett and Katherine from Midland who were there, also Tonya Patterson from Lubbock, so she had a good day.

Frances Zambrano, Isabell Zambrano, Sue Shipp and Louise Martinez all went to Lubbock last Tuesday for a special Easter service; the Bishop presided. They really enjoyed the trip and the services.

Twenty-five folks attended the Sunrise Services at James and Dianne Ratliffs, so that was a good crowd. Kim, Taren and Blain Knipe from Snyder attended Church with the Ratliffs Sunday.

Mrs. Lealon Wilburn visited with the J.W. Etheredges all day Sunday, and they all visited with the Sam Etheredges that evening. Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Barrett also were there, Taina Barrett from Lubbock, and Charlotte and baby Walker and Vicky Etheredge, Cody and Randi Marie.

Wayne and Becky Anderson, and two boys, David and Steven, from Clovis, New Mexico, visited with Clarence and June Anderson Monday through Wednesday. The boys were on their Spring break.

Andrew Williams is back in Abilene Regional Hospital in Abilene

and they are going to be doing some tests Monday. We hope to hear that Andrew is feeling fine.

Frank Boydston was taken by ambulance to Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene. Frank has an intestinal blockage, and they are going to try to help him without having to do any surgery, with medication. We are hoping that the medicine will help and that Frank will soon be feeling much better. Frank was in the Long Term Care at Fisher County Hospital.

Visiting Friday with Marcos Medrano were Glen, Doris and Jessica Diamond and a friend, Marta, from Plano. They all stayed until Sunday. Junior, Esther, Michael and Stephen Lopez from Coahoma came over the weekend and visited in the community and with Marcos. They all attended church together on Sunday. So Marcos really enjoyed the Easter holiday and getting to visit with some of his children.

Visiting with Pat and Wayne Helms over the holiday were Mr. and Mrs. John Wayne Helms and Katie Beth from Austin, and Mark Helms and his girl friend, Shelly, from Dallas. They stayed until Sunday.

Greg, Shawna, Tess, Tatum and little Clancey from Crane came Thursday and stayed until Friday with Carol and Wilber Gruben. I ate supper with them all Thursday night, and little Clancey is sure growing and is

so cute. Mark Pahl and son, Derrick, also from Crane visited with them all Friday; they came to look at steers.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Odom from Dallas were here for the Easter holiday; they came Thursday and went home Sunday. I ate lunch with them and Donnie and Sheila on Friday. Saturday they all sent to Lamesa to visit with Donnie Carl and Julie and the babies. Mr. and Mrs. John Carl Gruben also went with Robert and Carye and Sheila and Donnie. The twins are really growing fast, and are both doing so well.

Sunday the Donnie Grubens, Carye and Robert and John Carl and Aladean all went to Pat and Wayne Helms for lunch and visited with Mark and Shelly, and John Wayne and his wife and little Katie Beth.

There are lots of folks who had company for Easter vacation and I know that everyone sure enjoyed the holiday and enjoyed having their kin folks come to visit.

I know I have missed some of you this week, but will try to put it in next weeks' news.

THANK YOU

The family of Bertha Hicks would like to express our most sincere appreciation for all the thoughts and acts of kindness shown us during our difficult time.



NEW PASTOR AND FAMILY: Rev. Mickey Wagner have been called to serve as the new Pastor of First Baptist Church in Roby. Rev. Wagner served as Pastor of First Baptist Church in Aspermont for 5 1/2 years and has been serving in Mertz on for the past year. Pictured with Rev. Wagner are his wife Reba, son Mitch and daughter Amanda.

Obituaries

Bertha Hicks

Bertha Hicks, 90, of Rotan, died Thursday morning, March 27, in a Hamlin Nursing Home. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 29, in the Belvieu Cemetery with Rev. L.D. Parks officiating, directed by Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hicks was born in McCulloch County, Texas, on October 12, 1906 to the late Mr. and Mrs. George Washington Starnes. She married Peter Madden Hicks in 1922. He preceded her in death in 1952.

Mrs. Hicks was a member of the Baycliff Missionary Baptist Church, she was a homemaker and had lived in Rotan since 1949.

Survivors include 3 daughters: Millie Keene of Shreveport, La., LueDell Price of Rotan, and Rita Smith of Deer Park, Texas; 3 sons: Herman Hicks of Sherman, Lloyd Hicks of Rotan, and Bill Hicks of Rotan; one sister, Ollie Privette of California, 22 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, and 7 great-great-grandchildren.

The Pastor's Column

By Rev. Larry Holder
First United Methodist Church
Rotan, Texas



Praise God those who didn't attend the Sunday night Easter service sure missed a blessing. Brother Dee brought us a very good message. After his message I was reminded of the Parable of the Great Banquet and the Cost of being a Disciple in Luke 14. God has prepared a Banquet for HIS children and he has invited you. What excuse will you use not to attend. You may have used an excuse for not attending last Sunday night, but what excuse will you have when Jesus returns? AMEN!!

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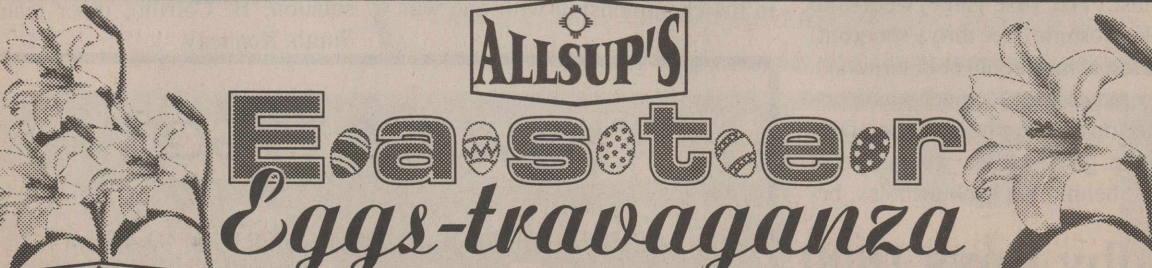
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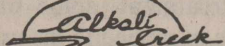
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THURSDAY: Meat Loaf, Mixed Vegetables, Carrots, Hot Rolls.
FRIDAY: Corn Dog, French Fries, Salad, Fruit.

ROBY SCHOOL MENU APRIL 7-11, 1997

MONDAY: Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Early Peas, Salad, Fruit, Hot Rolls, Milk.
TUESDAY: Texas Casserole, French Fries, Salad, Jello w/Fruit, Cornbread, Milk.
WEDNESDAY: Tacos, Refried Beans, Salad, Fruit, Bread, Milk.
THURSDAY: Chicken Salad Sandwich, French Fries, Salad, Cake w/Choc. Icing, Milk.
FRIDAY: Hamburger w/Cheese, Chips, Burger Salad, Fruit, Milk.

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Rotan Sending Seven To Regional U.I.L. Tournament

On Monday, March 24, and Thursday, March 27, the District UIL Literary Contest was hosted at Munday High School. Rotan High School will be sending 7 students to the Regional Tournament in Levelland April 18th and 19th, as a result of their performances at Munday.

Two students will compete in two events at Regional. Reed Underwood placed 1st in Ready Writing and the Chemistry Section of the Science Competition, he also finished 2nd in Overall Science. Byron Kennedy won two contests, capturing 1st in Current Issues and Events, and Persua-

sive Speaking. Also earning a trip to Levelland were Jason Hargrove, 2nd Literary Criticism; Katie Kennedy 2nd, Mathematics; Crystal Early, 3rd, Prose Interpretation; Lane Greene, 3rd, Computer Science; and Michael Loving, 3rd, Spelling/Vocabulary.

Another five students placed in competition, capturing points for Rotan High School. Those included Adriana Velez, 4th, Editorial Writing; Stacy Morrow, 4th, Informative Speaking; Clay Cade, 4th, Current Issues and Events; Erlinda Natividad, 4th, Feature Writing; and Jason Soliz, 6th, Spelling/Vocabulary.

Also attending and competing for Rotan High School were Yanet Frausto, Becky Velez, Laura Blackwelder, Mandy Dycus, Monica Romo, Andrea Miranda, Jay Ben Alls, Walter Burnett, Jamie Dalzell, Ray

Yanez, Bradey Murphree, Monica Gaspar, Zach Morris, Katy Cade, Cody White, Charles Dodd, Aaron Wylie, Xavier Garcia, Sarah Greenlee.

Sponsors accompanying students included Mrs. Tricia Spikes, Mrs. Martha Cox, Mr. Dee Threatt, Mrs. Byrde Sparks, Mr. Dirk Dykstra, Mrs.

Debi Mercer, Ms. Laurie Pittard, and Mr. C.H. Underwood.

The sponsors and school would like to express their pride in all who competed. You did a fine job representing your school. We also congratulate those who will be continuing on to the Regional level.

Rotan U.I.L. Elementary Competition In March

The Rotan Elementary School captured a 3rd place finish with 292 points in the UIL competition that was conducted in March.

Creative Writing 2nd - Jessica Garza, 3rd and Bethany Clements, 6th.

Storytelling 2nd - Lisa Dykstra, 2nd and Dusti Eaton, 5th.

Ready Writing 3rd - Jessica Muskevitch, 1st.

Storytelling 3rd - Jacob Cox, 3rd.

Spelling 4th - Kera Martin, 5th.

Oral Reading 4th - Ashley Howard, 6th.

Art 4th - Kera Martin, Sallie Riddel, Nancy Seimens, Alt Ashley Howard - 2nd.

Art 5th - Colter Williams, Talitha Montez, Sehila Garza, Alt. Holly Simmons - 1st.

Number Sense 5th - Zach Greenlee, 4th.

Maps, Graphs & Charts 5th - Zach Greenlee, 1st.

Dictionary Skills 5th, Ralph Riddel III, 1st; Lana Kirkland, 4th.

Spelling 5th - Colter Williams, 5th Sheila Garza, 4th.

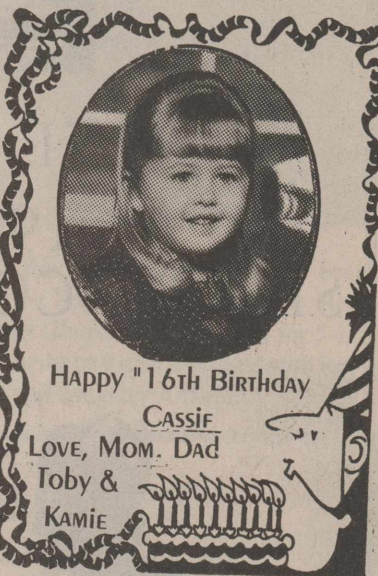
Oral Reading 5th - David Mullins, 2nd and Tara Blair, 6th.

Ready Writing 5th - Zach Reyes, 1st; Lana Kirkland, 2nd; Colter Williams, 4th.

Ready Writing 6th - Sunny Helms, 4th.

Spelling 6th - Jodi Granado, 1st; Czrena Morin, 4th.

Oral Reading 6th - Lauren Kennedy, 3rd.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Notice to persons who have received a letter from the Social Security Administration questioning your benefits as legal immigrants, but not U.S. Citizens. If you know someone this concerns, please inform them of this meeting.

A representative will be at St. Joseph's Parish Hall at 6:30 P.M. on Thursday, April 3rd to address all questions and concerns you may have.

For More Information
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1997 - Present

NOTICE

The deadline for Classified Ads and News Is Noon On Tuesday.

Summers Will Return To Seoul, Korea

Luther Summers, retired owner of Summers Pharmacy in Rotan, will be leaving on Saturday for a week long reunion in Seoul, Korea.

Stationed there with the United States Army, Summers is hoping to renew friendships both with old members of his battalion and Korean civilians.

PUBLIC NOTICE FISHER COUNTY TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Fisher County is giving notice of the county's intent to submit a Community Development Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Program. The grant application requested is \$337,709 for transmission line improvements along State Highway 70 north of the Fisher/Nolan County line and terminating north of State Highway 70 and FM 2744 intersection. The application is available for review at County Courthouse during regular business hours.

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Fisher County

Agricultural News

County Home Extension Agent News

By Beth Dannheim

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, I will devote my weekly column to child abuse and how you as a parent, can prevent it.

Communities that care about their children and families can and do work together to find solutions to tough problems. Our community cares. Get involved in preventing child abuse before it occurs. Remember—the more you help, the less the child hurts.

Children believe what their parents tell them. Words hit as hard as a

fist. Take time to be kind. Don't take it out on your child.

Child abuse is not an isolated problem. It affects each of us, and it is only through each of us that child abuse can be prevented. Get involved.

When good moms or good dads have bad days, children can suffer. Take time out. Don't take it out on your child.

Becoming a parent is one of the most natural things in the world. Learning to be a good parent isn't that

easy. Take time out....don't take it out on your child.

The early school years are both exciting and frightening. Help your child form good habits by setting rules and limits. Be available to help. Praise their accomplishments, and let children know you love them when they stumble.

You can send children to school, but you can't make them learn. Stop the report card reflex. Accept mistakes. Provide structure and opportu-

nities for your children to overcome educational struggles, and encourage the effort they put into their work.

Texas Facts: In fiscal year 1996, Texas' child protective services agency received and referred for investigation 99,780 reports of alleged child abuse and neglect.

About 45,000 children were found to be confirmed victims of child abuse and neglect in Texas in fiscal year 1996.

Rains Bring Out Subterranean Termites

The recent rains in much of Texas will be bringing out swarms of subterranean termites over the next several weeks. Homeowners have several options when choosing how they will control them, said Dr. Roger Gold, urban entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

There have been reports of termites already swarming in Galveston and Houston; others areas of the state should be seeing them soon.

If homeowners suspect there's a problem with termites, the best thing to do is have a thorough inspection, Gold said. That can either be done by a professional pest control operator

or by the homeowner by looking for swarms or the mud tubes in the ground.

Houses or other buildings can be treated for termites in several ways. If termites are found after the house is built, it may be necessary for the pest control operator to drill holes in concrete to inject the termiticide into

the areas of the home. That may disrupt family activities if the operator has to cut into walls to get to bath traps and shower stalls.

Preventative treatment takes place before the house is constructed. During pre-treatment, some of the termiticide is applied to the ground and around the structure.

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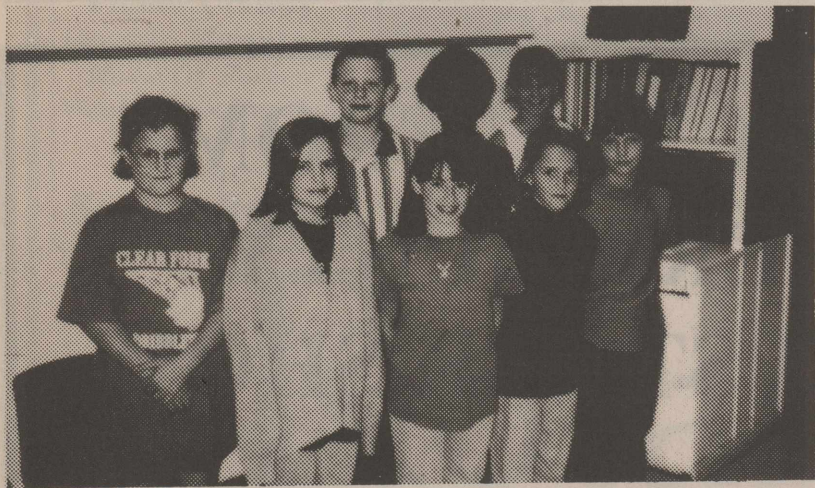
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PARTICIPATE IN UIL: 4th grade students at Rotan who participated in the UIL contest - (L to r) - LaTrisha Turnbow, Shawna Hooser, Cody Etheredge, Kera Martin, Lakeisha Reese, Toni Collins, Ashley Howard, Nancy Seimens. Not pictured Sallie Riddel.



THIRD GRADERS IN UIL: (l to r) Justin McCall, Dianne Ramirez, Daniel Gonzalez, Lindsay Cave, Hunter Helms, Jacob Cox, Christopher Gonzales, T.J. Flores, Morgan Morrow and Jessica Muskovitsch.



SECOND GRADE UIL PARTICIPANTS: (l to r) Bethany Clements, Allison Copeland, Lisa Dykstra, Joe Don Carrillo, Jessica Garza, Dusti Eaton.

Fisher County Residents

Are You Interested In Writing Your Elected Officials?

Austin

George Bush, Governor, Room 200, State Capitol, Austin, TX. 78711.
Dan Morales, Attorney General, Price Daniel Sr. Building, 209 West 14th St., Austin, Texas 78711.
John Sharp, Comptroller, Lyndon B. Johnson State Office Bldg., Austin, Texas 78711
Tom Haywood, State Senator, Dist. 30, P.O. Box 12068, Austin, TX. 78711-2068
David Counts, Representative, Dist. 70, Box 2910, Austin, TX. 78769-2910

Washington

Bill Clinton, President, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, D.C. 20000
Kay Bailey Hutchison, U.S. Senator, Room 703, Hart Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510-4301.
Phil Gramm, U.S. Senator, Room 370, Russell Building, Washington, D.C., 20510.
Charles Stenholm, Congressman, 17th Dist., 1211 Longworth Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515.

Fisher County NEWS BRIEFS

Roby O.E.S.

Roby O.E.S. Chapter #25 will meet April 3 at 7:30 p.m.Election of officers will be held and the group will finalize plans for the May meeting when Betty Friend will bring the Memorial Program.

Josie Baird Grant

The Gamma Tau Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma is awarding the Josie Baird Grant to a female graduating senior or female college student pursuing a career in teaching. Applicants must be graduates of Nolan or Fisher County schools. Applications are due April 15, 1997. For more information contact High School Counselors in these counties or Dora Reyes at 235-3965.

U.S. Senators Honored By The U. S. Chamber

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce presented Sens. Kay Hutchison and Phil Gramm of Texas with its Spirit of Enterprise Award, representing their unwavering support for policies important to American business and economic growth.

"The Chamber is honoring Senators Hutchison and Gramm for supporting policies that are helping to create more jobs and strengthening the U.S. economy," said Richard L. Leshner, U.S. Chamber president. "Recipients of this award demonstrated a lasting commitment to the spirit of free enterprise and the continued success of American business."

Leshner added, "With Senators Hutchison and Gramm's effective leadership, Congress will continue to tackle issues important to the prosperity for all Americans."

The Chamber's award criteria is

based on 13 key U.S. Senate votes in the 2nd session of the 104th Congress, and as recorded in the Chamber's annual analysis, How They Voted. The votes selected for inclusion in How They Voted were recorded floor votes, based upon policy guidelines established by the Chamber's Board of Directors, and on issues where the Chamber had communicated its position to members of the Senate prior to a key vote.

Key votes in the U.S. Senate included the Balanced Budget Act, Welfare Reform, Produced Liability Reform, Regulatory Flexibility, Team Act, Line Item Veto, and the Farm Bill.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world's largest business federation representing an underlying membership of more than three million businesses and organizations of every size, sector, and region.

Beltwide Cotton Conf. Gets Boll Weevil Report

In a report presented at the 1996 Beltwide Cotton Conference, the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation reported that in the Southern Rolling Plains (SRP), the first of nine zones in Texas to participate in the boll weevil eradication program, cotton producers can significantly increase crop yield in the absence of the boll weevil.

Based on a survey conducted by the Foundation on 40 farms in the zone, dryland yield was higher by 21 percent and irrigated land by 42 percent compared to the previous five years excluding 1995.

"That's money in the pocket for farmers in this area," said Kenneth Gully, SRP cotton farmer and Foundation board member. "I'm really impressed at the yield increase we've seen this year considering the below average rainfall we had during the growing season. It's the most cotton lint I've ever produced."

The SRP began their eradication program in the fall of 1994 with a diapause program that was designed to reduce the number of weevils going into hibernation, to prevent them from returning in the spring. Since then, the zone has been instrumental in researching the proven effectiveness of Malathion ULV compared to alternative insecticides in relation to secondary pests. Now, in their third full year of eradication, Foundation officials expect to do a "wipe-up" and declare a "suppressed status" in the zone pending year-end weevil numbers.

"The growers made this program what it is," said Osama El-Lissy, Foundation program director. "They've been behind this program from the start."

Foundation officials agree. From the inception of the program, assessment collections in the SRP have exceeded 98 percent.

"That kind of grower dedication ensures that the grower's fight with the boll weevil can be finished," said Frank Myers, executive director of the Foundation.

Although agriculture publications are filled with boll weevil eradication success stories, a few growers are still skeptical of the possibility of eradication.

"Unfortunately, this is not a game of wins and losses. This is a matter of survival for the cotton industry in Texas," said Woody Anderson, cotton grower and chairman of the Foundation.

In fact, in a study conducted by a task force of entomologists and economists from Texas Tech University, Texas A&M University Agriculture Program and regional crop consultants, results indicate that regional business sales could drop by \$500 million a year in the High Plains area is impending boll weevil populations are left unchecked.

Alls Competes In San Angelo Track Relays

Jay Ben Alls leaped to a first place finish in the long jump competition at the San Angelo Relays with a distance of 22 feet 0 inches.

In addition to placing first in the long jump, Alls was second in the triple jump with a leap of 43 feet 4 inches and was fifth in the 400 meter run with a time of 54.0.

The Rotan School record in the long jump is 22 ft. 11 inches and was set in 1991 by T. Daniels.

The Texas Tomorrow Fund

Texas Tomorrow

The Texas Tomorrow Fund is a prepaid tuition and required fees program designed to help Texas families with the cost of providing their children with a college education. During the first enrollment period more than 40,000 Texas took advantage of this unique program. This year, over 100 Texas Tomorrow Fund beneficiaries graduated from high school and began using their funds to attend Texas colleges this Fall.

Although the first enrollment period (January 2 through March 31, 1996) was successful, there are still many Texans who are still not aware of the Fund or how the program works. The Fund, created through legislation in the 1995 Legislative Session, is administered by the Texas Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board within the State Comptroller's office. Members of the Board are appointed by Governor George W. Bush, Lieutenant Governor Bob Bul-

lock, and Speaker James E. "Pete" Laney.

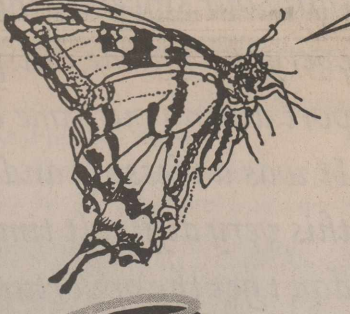
The program offers parents, grandparents, and others a smart, low-risk way to purchase college credit hours today for their children to use at Texas colleges and universities in the future. With the program, participants "lock in the price today to pay for tomorrow's tuition and required fees". Individuals can prepay all or a portion of a child's tuition and required fees before inflation drives these costs out of reach.

There is a limited enrollment period each year, during which individuals may purchase tuition contracts under a lump-sum option or an installment option. The second en-

rollment period runs from November 18, 1996 through February 17, 1997.

If you are interested in this program, contact Wilma Bullock at Rotan High School at 735-3612 or Glenna Stuart at Roby High School at 776-3207.

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF ROBY TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

City of Roby is giving notice of the city's intent to submit a Community Development Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Program. The grant application requested is \$337,709 for transmission line improvements along State Highway 70 north of the Fisher/Nolan County line and terminating north of State Highway 70 and FM 2744 intersection. The application is available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

Fisher County Rain GaugeReport

Rain gauge report information taken from the Horace Carter Farm, two miles north of Rotan		
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.
Nov. 1996	2.70 inches	Total for year 21.70 in.
Dec. 1996	0.00 inches	Total for year 21.70 in.
Jan. 1997	0.28 inches	Total for year 00.28 in.
Feb. 1997	4.91 inches	Total for year 05.19 in.
Mar. 1997	0.15 inches	Total for year 05.34 in.

Rotan Boys Track Team At Aspermont

While Alls was at San Angelo, the remainder of the Rotan Track Team competed at Aspermont.

The 400 meter relay team finished 4th with a time of 47.4. That team is composed of Carr, Carrillo, Duke and Carreon.

Guy Duke was 7th in the 100 meter run with a time of 11.46.

Zack Morris was 4th in the shot with a distance of 42 feet 2 3/4 inches and Jeremiah Morris was 5th with a distance of 43 feet 3 3/4 inches.

Larry Daniels was fifth in the high jump with a leap of 6 feet 2 inches.

Louie The Lightning Bug

Educators and parents are constantly striving to find ways to engage children in learning. West Texas Utilities Company is providing a solution to this challenge with a touring theatre show called Louie, Louie. This fast-paced, action-packed, live educational program involves kids in the subject matter, presents lessons

in a way that kids enjoy and helps children remember what they have learned long after the show is over. WTU is sponsoring Louie, Louie in elementary schools. It is designed to teach young people the concept of electrical safety using colorful sets and characters in amusing situations that teach electricity issues.

The producer of these educational theatre programs is Small Change Original Theatre, Inc., a Minnesota-based national touring company. They develop and tour educational theatre programs to schools on behalf of corporations, non-profit organizations and municipalities who wish to relay their public messages to students in a unique way with long term retention in mind. Using creative audience participation techniques, the Small Change acting troupe visits the schools in a sponsoring client's service area, presents the

show and then supplies every teacher and student with written follow-up curriculum. Small Change also provides classroom materials that reinforce and further educate on the show's topic.

Jason Powell Takes Two Firsts At Merkel Meet

Jason Powell finished first in two events and second in one to help the Rotan 8th grade Track Team to a 7th place finish at the Merkel Relays.

Powell was first in the long jump with a distance of 18 feet 1 1/2 inch; first in the triple jump with a 39 feet 10 1/2 inch leap and second in the 300 M. hurdles with a time of 44.81.

Ben Bencomo captured a second place finish in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:25.15.

THANK YOU

We would like to take this opportunity to show our sincerest thanks and appreciation to everyone for the out-pouring of love and support during our time of great sorrow and loss. It was a blessing and helped us to get through this very difficult time. Please forgive us if we don't get the opportunity to thank each of you personally for your prayers, food, flowers and concern. God bless all of you.

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