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Personnel Being Shuffled At Rotan School

Rotan Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Harold Mayo, offered the board his resignation last Monday night but later withdrew the resignation after some scheduling conflicts concerning him and some coaches were resolved.

The board hired Tricia Spikes as a combination business/homemaking teacher for the 1996 school year and offered a contract to C.H. Underwood as a new teacher/coach.

Wilma Bullock is to replace Kelli Kiker as the school counselor. Harold Mayo was scheduled to replace

Ronda Fontento as the elementary P.E. teacher; Brian Wood was scheduled to replace Dee Threatt as the high school science teacher - to further complicate things Jeff Teague issued a letter of resignation to Hays on Tuesday morning, June 11th.

Mary Ann Marshall had been a junior high title 1 teacher and for next year is scheduled to be Math/English, Title 1 and Keyboarding.

Peggy Williams is moving from Junior High Title 1 to Elementary Title 1; Cecilia Greenlee is to go from Elementary Title 1 to a new

kindergarten teacher.

Superintendent Wes Hays indicated that he was in hopes of reducing the staff by one person by making a series of internal shifts in teaching assignments. The board did indicate that Hays had the authority, at any time, to bring the number of staff members to the 1995-96 level.

Superintendent Wes Hays estimates that a new all-weather track field could cost in the neighborhood of \$160,000 to \$190,00. If approved at Rotan however, volunteer labor will cut that estimated cost down considerably.

The new oath of office was administered to Norvelle Kennedy and Ralph Riddel. Board members elected Dr. Vick Burk as Board President; Clay Helms as Vice President, Sheila Murphree as Secretary and Norvelle Kennedy as Assistant Secretary.

Board members accepted a change

order amounting to approximately \$17,655 to install Wilson Wall Board, a heavy plastic laminated paneling up 4 1/2 feet in the junior high hall area. "The new product is very durable, the wearability is excellent and it maintains its attractive lustre for many, many years," said Hays.

Board members were given a topography study by the Sammy Morris & Company on the placement a proposed all-weather track field where the current track field is located. "People need to understand that the board is only proceeding

with a study at this point. A decision on construction has not been made. The board did ask me to get some sort of document from the City of Rotan giving us permission to take in part of a non-existent alley for drainage purposes should the new track field eventually become a reality," said Hays.

Hays estimated that a new all-weather track could cost between \$160,000 and \$190,000 and that is a real ballpark figure. Now, if there is a lot of donated labor, as originally indicated by Glen Copeland, that will substantially reduce the cost, but we won't know that until we are able to determine the level of free labor.

Board members voted to increase the reimbursement for mileage to .28 cents a mile up from 24 cents.

The Board adopted a new code of conduct to be included in the student handbook for 1996-97.

Board members voted to change the cafeteria charging policy to state that there will be no charging of meals by students in the school cafeteria. The board then implemented a 3-day grace period for charging in case a student forgets lunch money, etc.

Board members were informed by administration that the school

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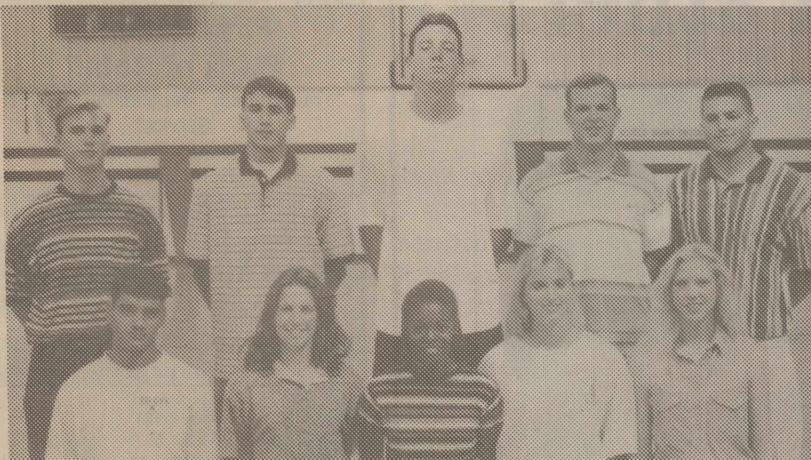
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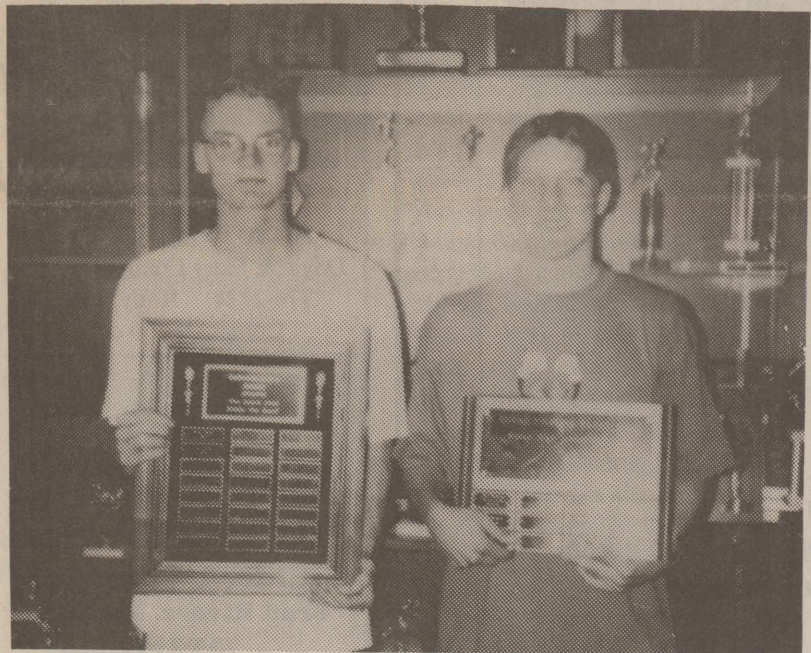
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Rotan Advance



Rotan High School Athletic Awards: Shon Fudge, left, recipient of the 1996 Yellowhammer Award and Zack Burnes, right, winner of the Fighting Heart Award for 1996.



Roby High School Athletic Awards: The above students (l to r - back row) Michael Brown, MVP Offenses; Casey Terry, Most Improved Player; Lonnie Green, Co-MVP Defense; Shea Peagan, MVP Mr. Basketball; Kevin Christian, Co-MVP Defense and All Around Boy Athlete. (l to r - front row) Juan Molina MVP Cross Country; Mindy Mahaffey, Most Improved Girl Athlete; Konnett Mays, MVP Track; Shawna McKee, Miss Basketball and Lannette Teague, All Around Girl Athlete.

'Fun Play Days' In Fisher County Beginning For All This Thursday

Beginning on Thursday, June 13th and continuing through the Summer months, there will be a "Fun Play Day" each Thursday night beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The play day will take part at the Fisher County Rodeo Arena in Roby. No entry fees will be charged and the play day will include events for all age groups.

Rotan Losing Monthly Visit From Social Security Person

Rotan and neighboring Aspermont are two of the West Texas cities who will be losing monthly visits from a representative of the Social Security Administration in Abilene, announced Ken Hargis, Manager of the Abilene Social Security Office.

"The move is strictly because we do not have the resources where I can justify sending a representative out after July 1st," stated Hargis.

The Abilene Office will continue sending a representative, on a monthly basis, to Sweetwater, Haskell, Breckenridge and Eastland.

"We regret that this has to take place, but Rotan just got caught in the financial down-sizing," said Hargis. Individuals are invited to visit with the representative in Sweetwater or call 1-800-772-1213 in Abilene to speak with a representative about any information. A representative will be happy to give out information on starting a direct deposit program; on replacing a lost or stolen Social Security card; on changing an address; questions on overdue checks; securing a Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement (PEBES); information on benefits; questions concerning Medicare or to make an appointment concerning filing a claim.

Rotan Is Closing Landfill, Going With BFI For Collection And Cutting First Of Many Frills

The members of the Rotan City Council voted to close the Rotan landfill, which has been a financial drain on the city and according to City Secretary Harold Sanders lost \$45,000 in 1995. In addition to voting the close the landfill, the council voted to employ the services of BFI to haul trash.

The employment of BFI could take effect as early as August 1st.

In the two motions, the City of Rotan, at a bare minimum went from losing \$45,000 in 1995 to potentially saving at a minimum \$100,000 a

year. Three salaries will be eliminated at an approximate cost of \$50,000 a year and the City of Rotan will probably realize another \$50,000 a year in funds from the City of Rotan trash customers - over and above what the charges are to BFI.

Not all the savings are true savings, because the City of Rotan is looking at putting a lot of money into closing the landfill - they can't just walk away from the landfill, they must cover and tidy it up before calling it officially closed.

In other belt tightening moves the

City of Rotan is going to discuss terminating the cemetery contract with Donald Bilbo in July; they have discontinued pest control services at city buildings, terminated office cleaning expenses, plan to eliminate the use of portable toilets at the Little

League field after the season closes and will discontinue lighting the new downtown sign as part of the money saving push. More on what was done last Tuesday night will be published in greater depth next week.

Telephone Expanded Local Calling Passes By 9-1 Margin

Peggy Bilbo, who was the person who almost single-handedly walked the paperwork through on the Rotan Expanded Local Calling Service area, received notification last week that the proposition passed by over a 9-1 margin.

The requested exchanges of Abilene, Anson, Snyder, Stamford and Sweetwater will be added to the Rotan exchange in the future and will cost residential customers \$3.50 a month and business locations \$7.00 per telephone line.

Bilbo stated that she is anticipating receiving a schedule of proposed implementation for the Expanded Local Calling (ELC) Service on July 5th.

"At the time I receive that letter

we will have an on line date when we can actually use this service," stated Bilbo. She did expect that the implementation would take at least 90-days.

Of the approximate 744 phone customers voting, over 91% favored implementing the new plan while less than 9% were opposed. Rotan only needed 70% approval to get the program in place.

"I appreciate the vision of everyone involved and the hard work by everyone in assuring that Rotan reached this important growth plateau in our future. This is good for everyone in Rotan and a definite 'feather in the cap' of future growth of Rotan," said Bilbo.

Rotan Will Host Two Baseball Tournaments This Summer

Rotan begins play in a 'County Little League Tournament' on Thursday, June 13th, according to Lonnie Starnes, Rotan Little League President.

Rotan's Pirates, winners of the first place trophy for 1996, will play a single elimination tournament beginning on Thursday.

The tournament begins with Dyess playing Tri-County at 6:00 p.m. followed by Rotan playing Cisco at 8:00 p.m.

The winners of the two games play on June 14th at 7:30 p.m. The winner of that game will face the winner of the Snyder tournament at a site to be announced.

Members of the Pirate team, league winners at Rotan, are: Seth Summers, Kayla Posey, Randy Mor-

gan, Bryan Saucedo, Rocky Saucedo, Trace Paske, Colter Williams, Mark McCall, Tanner Park, Christopher Williams and Cory Huggins. The Pirate Manager is Neal Summers. Jack McCall and James Park are the Coaches.

Summers will serve as manager of the Rotan All-Star team with McCall and Park serving as coaches. The All-Star team begins a five team double elimination tournament in Rotan on Monday, July 1st with Snyder playing Rotan at 6:00 p.m. and Sweetwater playing Tri-County at 8:00 p.m.

On July 2nd, Colorado City will face the winner of the Snyder - Rotan contest. Each team will play two games with the tournament lasting until Saturday night, July 6th.

County 4-Hers Participate In Annual State Round-Up Event

Local 4-Hers were among 2,500 outstanding youth from across the state who competed in the 1996 Texas 4-H Roundup at Texas A&M University June 3-7.

Those attending from Fisher County were: Christy Willett competed in the Fashion Revue in the

Dressy Buying Division.

Katrina Rains competed with a Beef Cattle Symposium demonstration.

Sarah Boyd, Ryan Branch, Shelley Burk, Autumn Daniel, and Sarah Greenlee presented "Choices", a Family Life Educational Activity.

Meggan Herron and Mindy Mahaffey presented a Farm and Ranch Economics demonstration.

April Grannon, Makala Herron, Terrell Hess, Amber Kelly, Kelly McWilliams, and Latricia Moffett presented a vocal/musical Share-The-Fun presentation.

Placing second with a Share-The-Fun drama skit was Billy Floyd, Beau Hart, J.D. Hearn, Kelly Heflin, Kyle McWilliams, Ty West, and Erica Ramirez.

Roundup, the biggest 4-H event held each year, gives 4-Hers an opportunity to gain educational experiences that support 4-H projects, demonstrate skills and practice leadership at the state level. Outstanding 4-Hers compete in 44 contests, displaying their speaking abilities, decision-making skills and talents.

Countywide Clean Up Planned For Saturday, Details Explained

A Countywide Clean Up is planned for Saturday with various agencies, organizations, and businesses cooperating.

The County Commissioners will have dump trucks parked in Roby, Rotan, County Barn in Sylvester and at the Fire Hall in McCaulley. Individuals can put trash in the dump trucks; at homes in the rural areas. BFI will also have a trailer parked in Roby for trash. Both WTU offices will accept old appliances. Harold Sanders, Rotan City Manager stated that the city will lift dumping fees for Fisher County residents at the landfill for the week of June 10.

Agencies, organizations, and individuals are asked to pick up the highways. Certificates for cash will be enclosed in colorful plastic containers and placed on each highway; north, south, east and west of Roby and Rotan. Who ever picks up trash and finds the container with certificate gets cash. Trash sacks for highway pick up will be available from Rotan City Hall, Highway Dept. and County Agents Office.

High School 4-Hers- HWY 180

West of Roby; Roby 3, 4, 5 grades- HWY 180 East of Roby; Roby 6, 7, 8 grades- FM 419, Rotan 3, 4, 5 grades- State HWY 92 East of Rotan; Rotan 6, 7, 8 grades- FM 611 West of Rotan.

Any group wishing to accept the clean up of a designated highway, contact the County Extension Office. Certificates of cash are being donated by Midwest Electric, First National Bank of Rotan, Landes Furniture and First National Bank of Roby.

Texas Agricultural Extension Service is coordinating this event. Major supporters include Rotan and Roby City governments, Rotan and Roby Lions Clubs, Commissioners Court, and Fisher County 4-H.

For additional information contact the County Agents Office.

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Recycling On Hold.....



RECYCLING ON HOLD: After receiving a West Texas Central Council of Governments grant for \$7,000 to purchase a mobile recycling trailer, the City of Rotan has put the recycling on hold because it has been unable to secure a buyer for the recycled material. "We are actively attempting to secure a buyer for the paper, plastic and glass and will re-initiate the recycling program as soon as a source is secured," commented Harold Sanders, Rotan City Secretary.

Lightning Pack Up To 100 Million Votes Into A Space Of About One Inch

April showers may be winding down, but watch out for those May thunderstorms. That's the advice of the National Weather Service, which marks May as the beginning of lightning season in the U.S. Most Americans can expect to witness roughly 30-35 thunderstorms from May through September, with most occurring in the central and eastern regions of the country.

Lightning packs up to 100 million volts into a space of about one inch. An average bolt holds enough current to light a 100-watt light bulb for three months. The force behind this power is responsible for over \$250 million dollars in property damage annually in the U.S. alone. Most of the damage is to home and businesses, with more than 30,000 damaged by direct strikes or through lightning transients that are induced onto power lines. The Lightning Protection Institute (LPI) cites lightning responsible for more than 30 percent of church fires, while the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) lists lightning as the No. 1 cause of fire in rural areas and a leading cause of fire in urban areas (second only to defective flues and/or faulty wiring).

"It's impossible to predict where and when lightning will strike," says Vladimir Rakov, associate professor of electrical engineering with the Lightning Research Laboratory at the University of Florida in Gainesville. "Lightning's properties continue to baffle our researchers, even though we've been studying the subject for more than 20 years," he adds.

Beyond extensive property damage, lightning claims about 80-100 lives annually--more than hurricanes and tornadoes combined.

"Many lightning-related deaths, injuries and property damage are needless and preventable," says Andrew Larsen, executive director of the Lightning Protection Institute (LPI). "The safest place to be in a thunderstorm is a building equipped with a properly installed lightning protection system."

According to Larsen, a properly installed protection system forces lightning's harmful electrical discharge onto a specified path, dissi-

pating the current, thereby eliminating damage by fire or explosion within non-conductive parts of a structure. The system intercepts the electrical charge and safely guides the current to the ground. Rakov agrees, "The effectiveness of the lightning protection system depends on the quality of the system. There are three basic parts to a protection system--the lightning rods, which intercept the lightning; the downward lead, which conducts the lightning to the ground; and the grounding rod itself. If any one part is missing, the system will be ineffective." Rakov also stresses

the importance of connections between all three parts, which must be welded or bolted together. Proper connections prevent gaps that could permit sparking and ignite fires.

Keeping aware of changing weather conditions and knowing how to react in a storm can save lives. LPI offers the following safety tips to help consumers "weather" the storm season:

- * Seek shelter in a protected structure-- one guarded by a lightning protection system, which safely harnesses the energy of a strike.
- * Avoid contact with the stove,

sink, plumbing fixtures, electric appliances and metal objects. Never use the telephone.

- * When outdoors, keep away from trees, metal fences, poles and similar upward-projecting objects.

- * In a grove of trees, take shelter under the smallest tree and avoid step voltage injury by staying a minimum of 100 ft. away from the most prominent tree or highest point.

- * Practice the "flash/bang" method for measuring lightning distance (time from seeing the stroke to hearing thunder). For every slow count of five, lightning is one mile away-- a

count of 10= two miles away, etc. At a count of five, take immediate defensive action. Seek safety in a protected shelter.

- * On a golf course, seek shelter in a protected structure (never an isolated shed, which can become a lightning trap), or find a ditch, staying crouched as closely to the ground as possible.

- * In the event of injury, call 911 and stay with the victim until help arrives. Victims can suffer electric shock, but won't carry a charge and can be touched to administer care. If the victim is not breathing and has a

pulse, administer artificial respiration; if no pulse, begin CPR. Follow-up with a physician.

To obtain a free booklet on lightning and safety tips, or information on lightning protection systems and a list of LPI Certified Professionals, send a self-addressed, stamped business-size envelope to: LPI, 3335 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Suite E, Arlington Heights, Ill. 60004.

The Lightning Protection Institute is a national not-for-profit organization, based near Chicago, which promotes lightning safety and lightning awareness.

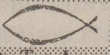
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**The news and advertising
deadline is noon Tuesday.**

Roby Lion Academic Awards

Those receiving academic awards at the Roby Lion Awards Banquet were as follows:

Social Studies:
World History- Wendy Harwell; Government- Makala Herron.

Speech- Brandy Griffith; Health- Matt Counts; Physical Education- Autumn Daniel.

Biology I- Mindy Mahaffey; Biology II- Crissy Hamm; Anatomy and Physiology- Robert Onofre; Physical Science- Joshua Griffith.

American History- Chris Gloyd and Mandy Taylor; Spanish I- Wesley Arnold and Rosa Sanchez; Spanish II- Crissy Hamm and Billy Floyd; Spanish III- Makala Herron and Beau Hart.

Math of Money (Stock Market Contest)- Robert Onofre, Jamie Bailey, and Damon Dickson; Algebra II-

HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients admitted and dismissed to the Fisher County Hospital during the week of June 4 - 10, 1996 were as follows:

ADMITTED:
Mozella Acker- Rotan; Walter Brooks- Jayton; Doris Tidwell- Rotan; Cleo Dickson- Roby; Wesley Hays- Rotan; Lova Rivers- Rotan.

DISMISSED:
Doris Tidwell- Rotan; Mozelle Acker- Rotan; Mary Hamlin- Rotan; Wesley Hays- Rotan; Lova Rivers- Rotan; Walter Brooks- Jayton; Cleo Dickson- Roby.

Honor Roll

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"A"

FRESHMEN: Shelley Burk, Sarah Greenlee, Nikki James, Brooke McCall, Stacy Morrow, Bradey Murphree, Keri Robertson.

SOPHOMORES: Katy Cade, Monica Gaspar, Lane Greene.

JUNIORS: JayBen Alls, Laura Blackwelder, Amy Gruben, Mikeal Harrison, Katie Kennedy, Leanne Landes, Justin Moffett, Erlinda Natividad, Marla Phares, Kris Rogers, Adriana Velez.

SENIORS: Shelley Baker, Zack Bumcs, Amanda Clawson, Cassidy Early, Kathleen Moffett, April Montez, Brandi Murphree, Jennifer Rains, Jennifer Underhill.

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FRESHMEN: Sandy Brown, Guy Duke, Jenny Haag, Holly Hunsaker, Daniel Markham, Crissi Martin, Andrea Miranda, Rose Marie Rocha, Monica Romo, Phillip Yanez, Isabell Zambrano.

SOPHOMORES: Jeremy Alls, Henry Almanza, Jeffrey Anderle, Jake Baker, Cheryl Dodd, Renee Helms, Kenneth Messick, Kat Wallace, Stephanie Yanez.

JUNIORS: Patrick Castillo, Deon Duke, Christopher Flores, Rusty Goodwin, Jason Hargrove, Russell Price, Joey Sepeda, Aaron Wylie; Ray Yanez.

SENIORS: T.J. Davis, Shamika Ford, Shon Fudge, Daniella Garcia, Kristy Garza, Kasey Greene, Phillip Hull, Leonor Limones, Carmelita Munoz, Christopher Silvas, Christy Willett.

Rikke Graverson, Ashley Douglas, and Kristi Bond; Math of Money- Lonnie Green.

Annual- Crissy Hamm, Lanette Teague, Jo Ellen St. Clair, Amy Riggs, Janet Moffett, Brandy Griffith, Rikke Graverson, and Chad Armwine. Art- Lanette Teague, Justin Whitaker, Amanda Moore, Chris Terry; English I- Autumn Daniel.

Anatomy and Physiology- Chris Gloyd, Chemistry- Kelly Heflin and Kelly McWilliams; Physics- Amanda Moore.

Poetry- Amy Riggs, Shella Graves, and Kim Hudnall; Prose- Justin Whitaker, Beau Hart, and April Grannan.

Individual and Family Living- Kelly McWilliams, Cathy Marquez; Food Science and Nutrition- Brandy Griffith; Consumer and Family Finance- Casey Terry, Keith Hardin; Parenting and Child Development- Kristi Bond and David Bond; Comprehensive Home Economics- Wesley Arnold and Shella Graves.

Wildlife Science- Misty Taylor and Michael Brown; Horticulture- Robert Onofre; Intro. to Ag. Mechanics- Veto Valenzuela and Jacob Whitaker; Ag Mechanics- Steven Estes and Patrick Buckner; Ag Science 101- Mindy Mahaffey; Ag Science 102- Autumn Daniel; Plant and Soil Science- Dekalb Award- Brad Atkinson; Star Chapter Greenhand- Amanda Johnson; Star Chapter Farmer- Jason Thompson; Outstanding FFA Member- Matt Counts; Contest Participants: Sausage Sales- Mindy Mahaffey and Amanda Johnson; Fruit Sales- Cassie Terry; Cotton Team- Robert Onofre, Jacob Whitaker, Tommy Lands, Mike Haigood; Plant and Animal Production- Billy Floyd.

Business Computer Applications- Sarah Boyd and Jeremy Stidham; Keyboarding- Beau Hart.

English II- Latrice Moffett; English II- Makala Herron; English IV- Lanette Teague; English IV (Honors)- Amanda Moore; Headline Writing- Misty Taylor; Editorial Writing- Billy Floyd and Wendy Harwell; Feature Writing- Wendy Harwell; Literary Criticism- Amanda Moore, Makala Herron, and Jaycee Carey; Poetry- April Grannan; Dramatic Script- Jaycee Carey, Cathy Marquez, Tye West, Latrice Moffett, Erika Ramirez; Short Story- Latrice Moffett and Jaycee Carey; Personal Narrative- Latrice Moffett and Jaycee Carey; Publication Awards- Latrice Moffett, Amy Riggs, April Grannan, Kim Hudnall, Kelly McWilliams.

Top Readers- 9th- Rosa Sanchez, 10th- Candice Brown, 11th- Robert Onofre, 12th- Jamie Bailey.

Algebra I- Rosa Sanchez; Geometry- Robert Onofre; Trigonometry-

Jeremy Stidham; Statistics- Amanda Moore; Number Sense- Latrice Moffett; Cheerleading- Carissa Kiser, Kelly McWilliams, and Amanda Moore.

Individual Awards:
Seventh Grade Director's Award- Teryn Terry and Juan Leyva; Eighth Grade Director's Award- Karen Carriker and Tim Haigood; John

Phillip Sousa Award- David Bond; Director's Award- Jessie Zapata and Kevin Christian; One Act Play Recognition.

Team Member Recognition Awards:

Cross Country (Girls and boys); Track (Boys); Basketball (Girls); Track (Girls); Basketball (Boys); Tennis (Girls and Boys); Golf (Girls

and Boys); Football.

Outstanding Individual Awards:
Outstanding Cross-Country Boy and Girl- Lanette Teague and Juan Melena; Outstanding Boy in Track- Tommy Lands.

Most Improved Girl Athlete- Mindy Mahaffey; Miss Basketball- Shawna McKee; Outstanding Girl in Track- Konnette Mays; Fighting Heart Award Girl- Kelly McWilliams.

Mr. Basketball- Shea Feagan; Fighting Heart Award Boy- Senior Basketball Team Members.

Appreciation Awards- Kay Graves, Mary Jo Pope, Karen Counts, and Timothy Moore; Most Improved Boy Athlete- Casey Terry; Football Fighting Heart Award- T.J. Flanagan.

Outstanding Defensive Player- Lonnie Green and Kevin Christian; Outstanding Offensive Player- Michael Brown.

Outstanding All Around Girl- Lanette Teague; Outstanding All Around Boy- Kevin Christian.

Rotan Subject Awards

Rotan Subject Awards:

Stacy Morrow- U.S. History; Adriana Velez- World History; Keri Robertson- Spanish I; Katie Kennedy- Spanish II; Amanda Clawson- Art I; Shon Fudge- Art II; Bradey Murphree- Algebra I; Bradey Murphree- Computer Science; Guy Kelley- Agricultural Metal Fabrication Technology; Daniella Garcia- Animal Science; Christy Willett- Horticultural Plant Production; Chris Flores- Landscape Design, Construction and Maintenance; Rusty Goodwin- Personal Skill Development in Agriculture; Mikeal Harrison- Agri-Business Management and Marketing; Adan Garza- Introduction to World Agricultural Science and Technology; Louis Yanez- Agricultural Structures Technology; Cheryl Dodd- Plant and Soil Science; Carmelita Munoz- Plant and Animal Production; Chris Silvas- Introduction to Agricultural Mechanics; Ryan Branch- Applied Agricultural Science and Technology; Shelley Baker- Government; Cassidy Early- Economics; J.P. Anderle- World Geography; Amy Gruben- Choir; Andrea Miranda- Band; Monica Gaspar- Geometry; Monica Gaspar- Algebra II; Katie Kennedy- Trigonometry/Analytic Geometry.

Andrea Miranda- Keyboarding; Shelley Baker- Accounting; Shon Fudge- Business Computer Applications; Jennifer Underhill- Business Computer Applications II; Erlinda Natividad- Annual Staff; Stacy Morrow- Physical Science; Sarah Greenlee- Biology I; Stacy Morrow- Algebra I; Shelley Baker- Human Anatomy/Physiology; Katy Cade- Health; Brandi Murphree- Advanced Health; Katie Kennedy- Business Law; Cassidy Early- Overall Science; Shelley Burk- Biology I; Katie Kennedy- Biology II; Cassidy Early- Principals of Technology; Cassidy Early- Chemistry II; Cassidy Early- Calculus; Chris Flores- Chemistry I; Andrea Miranda- English I Advanced; Henry Almanza- English II;

Monica Gaspar- English II Advanced; Katie Kennedy- English III Advanced; Cassidy Early- English IV Advanced; Kathleen Moffett- Creative Writing; Jennifer Underhill- Practical Writing; Kristy Garza- Parent and Child Development; Christy Willett- Apparels and Textiles; Cheryl Dodd- Food Science and Nutrition; Rusty Goodwin- Individual Family Living; Joey Sepeda- Comprehensive Home Economics; Carmelita Munoz- English IV; Rusty Goodwin- English III; Jenny Haag- English *

Rotan Band Awards:
John Phillip Sousa- Andrea Miranda; Patrick S. Gilmore- Jennifer Rains; Directors Award- Christina Morin, Crystal Hoyle.

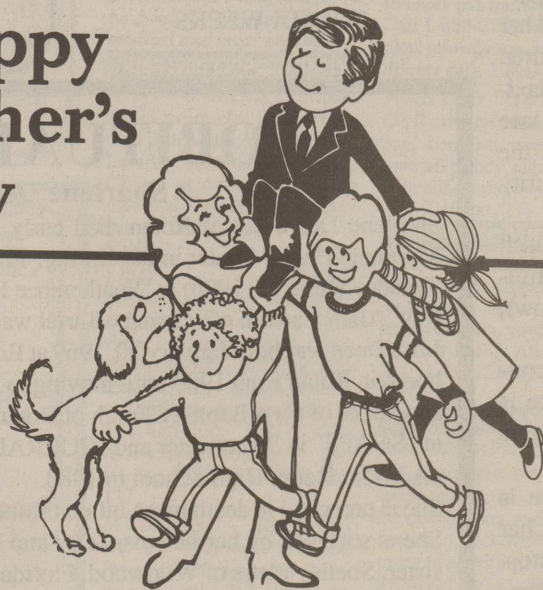
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Texas Scholarship; The State of Texas Honor Graduate Scholarship for tuition during her first year at any State University; she is the Valedictorian of the 1996 graduating class of Roby High School with a grade point average of 4.885.4.

KEVIN CHRISTIAN:
The Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas Scholarship; Angelo State Carr Scholarship of

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ing class of Roby High School with a grade point average of 4.8359.

RIKKE GRAVERSEN:
The University Interscholastic League Scholar Award; a local National Honor Society recognition award of \$50.00.

KELLY MCWILLIAMS:
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SHAWNA MCKEE:
The University Interscholastic League Scholar Award; the University Scholars Partnership Scholarship at McMurry University for \$3,000.00; a Presidential Scholarship at McMurry University for \$600.00; the Fisher County Hospital District Health Career Scholarship for \$250.00; the local National Honor Society Scholarship for \$250.00.

LANETTE TEAGUE:
The Timmons Scholarship of \$500.00; the 1st National Bank of Sweetwater and Roby has awarded a scholarship of \$200.00; she will receive the OS High School Scholarship from Hardin Simmons University; the local National Honor Society Scholarship of \$250.00; she has been selected for the Balfour Outstanding Senior Award for 1996.

JO ELLEN ST. CLAIR:
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MATT COUNTS:
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LONNIE GREEN:
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F.C. RV Clubs Travels To Points Of Interest

The Fisher County R.V. Club traveled to points of interest in the Texas Hill Country this past weekend. They camped at Kerrville on the Guadalupe River. Friday, they were given a tour through the Mooney Aircraft Fac-

tory in Kerrville. Saturday evening they attended the open air theatre presentation of "Oliver" based on "Oliver Twist" by Charles Dickens. Wagon masters prepared outdoor breakfast Sunday morning for the

crowd. Carol and Wanda Murphree led singing and Nelda Davenport gave the devotional. The following members and guests attended the outing.

Roy and Mary Adams; Carlton and Dorothy Burrows; Earl and Nelda Davenport; Rex and Sybil Fields; Dwight and Merle Lovett; Anson and Dorothy Martin; Willie and Cris Martin; Jim and Emaleeta McCright; Carol and Wanda Murphree; Loy and Arlene Neeper; Rosemary Orrell; Cullen and Alene Terry; Glen and Violet Upshaw; Dinah Lovett; Diana Ashton; Cindy Hodges.

Questions About Social Security

I ran into an old friend the other day who, of course, had a Social Security question for me. After talking with her, I realized that her question may be of interest to other people.

My friend Sharon, age 44, is a widow raising four young children, all of whom receive Social Security survivors benefits based on her late husband's work record. Because her children are under age 16, she also receives benefits.

Sharon plans to marry a man who recently retired. He has a 16-year-old son from a prior marriage drawing a benefit on his earnings record. She asked if their marriage would reduce the children's Social Security benefits. She said she had heard something about a "family maximum."

I told Sharon that there is a monthly maximum family benefit payable on a Social Security record (which amounts to 150-188 percent of the worker's benefit). Generally, no more than the established maximum can be paid to a family regardless of the number of beneficiaries entitled on that Security record. The average total payment for a family consisting of a widow(er) with four children is about \$1,350 per month.

But because Sharon's children and her prospective husband's children are receiving benefits on different worker's records, their benefits would not be affected. I explained to Sharon that the "family maximum rule" is applied to each benefit record separately, i.e., her late husband's and her new spouse's. In fact, her children are already receiving the family maximum benefit based on her late husband's work record. All of the children can count on Social Security for:

* monthly benefits until they reach age 18 (or until age 19 if they are full-time students in grade 12 or below), or

* monthly benefits that can continue into adulthood if he or she is disabled and the disability begins before age 22.

I told Sharon that since she is remarrying before the age of 60, her own benefit as a widow would stop. However, her four children's benefits would be refigured so that they would share the full family maximum.

After she is married for one year, the children may qualify as the step-children of her new husband and Sharon may qualify for a spouse benefit since they are under 16 and in her care. However, they are not required to switch to the new husband's work record if the benefits would be lower.

Sharon thought that all this sounded complicated but I assured her that the Social Security office would help her sort it all out. The important point is that she now knows what to expect from Social Security when she remarries.

Sharon and her family are among the 7.4 million Americans, almost 2 million of whom are children, being helped by Social Security survivor

Names Left Off Garcia Wedding

In last week's paper, in the wedding write-up of Clinton Garcia and Autumn Walker, the Newspaper inadvertently left out the names of the groom's maternal grandparents - Melvin and Odessa Clements of Rotan, Texas. The Newspaper Office regrets any inconvenience.

Rotan Jr. High Perfect Attendance

Rotan Jr. High Perfect Attendance for 1995-96 were as follows:

Grade 5- Cody Murphree, Allison Pipes.

Grade 6- Christopher Miranda.

Grade 7- Patricia Gonzalez, Sabra Hargrove, Scott Tandy.

Grade 8- Dustin Hargrove, Keith Messick, Tara Nowlin, Theresa Soliz, Diedra West.

The Rotan 8th grade subject awards for 1995-96 were as follows:

Math- Crystal Early

Science- Rebecca Velez

History- Crystal Hoyle

English- Lacy Callan

Computer- Ruth A. Riddel

All Award- Rebecca Velez

The Rotan Academic Excellence awards for 1995-96 were as follows:

Grade 8- Crystal Early, Ruth Riddel, Rebecca Velez.

Grade 7- Jodi York

Grade 6- Robert Helms, Jennifer Clawson

Grade 5- Sunny Helms, Jodi Granado

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OBITUARIES

Sharlene Deen

Sharlene Deen, 27, of Rotan died early Saturday morning at Scenic Mountain Health Center in Big Spring. Funeral services were at 4 p.m., Tuesday (June 11, 1996) at Weathersbee Funeral Chapel in Rotan with Rev. Allan Cartrite officiating. Burial was in the Belvieu Cemetery. Miss Deen was born January 30, 1969 at Brush, Colorado. She made her home in Rotan from 1980 until moving to Big Spring in 1993. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Rotan and was a volunteer worker at "SNAPS" in Sweetwater and "CORRAL" in Big Spring. She graduated from Rotan High School in 1988.

She is preceded in death by an infant brother, Jerry Clark Deen, in 1982. She is survived by her parents- Jerry and Linda Deen of Rotan; a twin sister, Shelley Plege of Wildwood, Florida; maternal grandparents- Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace of Cleburne; and her paternal grandparents- Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Deen of Noodle.

Pallbearers were: Mike Cade, Reece Schooley, Greg Pruitt, Calvin Elkins, Buddy Jones, Lester Greenway.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (TIP)

The Texas Department of Transportation will conduct public hearings at two sites in the Abilene District to discuss the 1997-1999 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).

The 1997-1999 Transportation Improvement Plan is a three-year plan developed by the Texas Department of Transportation for Borden, Callahan, Fisher, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall and Taylor Counties.

The TIP includes the following:

- * A priority list of projects and project segments that will be carried out within the 3-year period, and
- * A financial plan that demonstrates how the TIP can be implemented, indicates resources from private (if any) and public sources that are reasonably expected to be made available to carry out the plan, and recommends any innovative techniques to finance needed projects and programs.

The public hearings will be held:

- * June 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Civic Center, 100 Whipkey Drive, Big Spring, Texas and,

- * June 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Women's Club Building, 801 23rd Street, Anson, Texas.

A 10-day comment period following the public hearings will permit other interested persons to submit written comments to Maribel P. Chavez, District Engineer, Texas Department of Transportation, Abilene District, P.O. Box 150, Abilene, Texas 79604.

All written comments must be received at the Abilene District Office no later than July 5, 1996.

Those desiring to make oral comments or presentations at the meetings may register starting at 6 p.m. Any interested persons may appear and offer comments, either orally or

in writing. Comment cards will be available at registration.

The Texas Department of Transportation's TIP proposal can be examined during business hours through July 12, 1996, at the Abilene District Office, 4250 N. Clack, Abilene.

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planned to use Dirk Dykestra as a teacher/technology coordinator for the district.

With respect to TAAS test scores, Hays said that "We are proud of our students, faculty and principals - with very few exceptions all progressed to the next level."

The meeting lasted until 1:15 a.m.

The board, under the consent section of the agenda did the following -

- * Approved the adoption of resolution to participate in the Tri-County Special Education Cooperative.

- * Adopted the Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Fund Agreement.

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I want to thank all the generous citizens who sponsored a participant in our Wheels of Life event. I don't know all of you, but I want you to know that with your help, 22 people participated raising \$667.87 for St. Jude's.

These funds will benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital, America's leading center for the study and treatment of childhood cancers. If through this program we save one child, your support will be rewarded in full.

I also want to thank the local businesses who gave a total of \$105 toward the purchase of a bicycle which was awarded to Kyle Schubert, son of Paula and Damon Shubert of Longworth. Kyle collected \$78.00. Wesley Terry, son of Tanya and Robert Terry collected the most money overall which was \$139.70.

Thank you all so very much.
Tanya Terry, Coordinator

The Pastor's
Column

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



If my Father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up. (Psalm 27:10) NRSV. We live in a world today where we are surrounded by many who have had the sad experience of being forsaken by a Father or mother. Children are left crippled by broken homes, differences or belief, addiction to drugs or alcohol or even psychological isolation. This pain can linger into adulthood but it doesn't have to because God can take that place in our life, he can fill that void, and heal that hurt. He can do this only if we remember that his love is sufficient for all our needs.

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Fisher County

Agricultural News

County Agents Column

By Richard Spencer

by Richard Spencer....

As temperatures begin to warm, so does the build-up of flies on cattle. If beef producers avoid any control of flies, then beef performance may be reduced.

The total performance of the cow herd of stocker cattle can be lessened as the entire group has to deal with untreated flies, and thus, the producer will not notice reduced production.

There are many ways of controlling flies. Some of these include sprays, dusts, pour-ons, ear tags, and even insecticide reducing minerals.

Products labeled for use as sprays or dust to control horn flies include Dursban 44, CoRal, Ciodum, Ciopav, Simax, Moormans Livestock

Spray, Vapoza, Delnar, Lintox D, Warbex, Lysoff, Ectrin, Lindane, Malathion, Ravap, and Prolate. Labels should be read and followed as some producers cannot be used on young calves, lactating cows or bulls.

Pour-ons labeled for use include Ivomec Pour-on and Dursban 44.

Dr. Dayton Steelman, an entomologist at the University of Arkansas, recently reported data that indicated that for every 100 flies per cow for the fly season, calf earning weights were reduced by 18 pounds. Studies at the Bushland-Knipling Livestock Insect Lab at Kerrville, Texas, indicated that protecting calves from horn flies during a 28 day grazing trial results in 28-pound heavier calves versus those not protected.

By the same token, it is not necessary to

reduce fly numbers to zero. We believe that the lowest number of horn flies per animal that cause economic loss in Texas is 250 per head. While fly numbers are difficult to estimate, the message is that it is not necessary to eliminate flies completely to avoid economic losses.

Generally in West Texas, we have two times of peak horn fly abundance: May-June and September-October. During July and August, hot, dry weather keeps horn fly population at a relatively low level. The reason for this is because horn fly larvae or maggots develop only in manure with a sufficient moisture level. In July and August, unless we get above average rainfall, the manure pats dry out before the larvae can develop to maturity. We can exploit this weak link in horn fly development and use it to our advantage if we

develop a plan.

Ear tags labeled for use include: Patriot, Cutter Blue, Morgan Rechargeable, Dominator, Rotator, Optimizer- Calf, Ectrin, Starbar, Atroban and Guardstar.

In order to avoid horn fly resistance to pyrethroids fly tags containing pyrethroids should be used every second or third year, and alternated with tags containing organophosphate or other non-pyrethroid.

Tags with pyrethroids should be removed in the fall so that flies cannot build up tolerance from low levels of product.

Minerals containing products that break the fly cycle may be used, but control may vary among animals due to the amount of mineral consumption between individuals.

County Home Extension Agent News

By Beth Dannheim

by BethDannheim....

When Seat Belts Are Now Worn, Tragedy Can Be The Result:

Last month, in a small community in rural Texas, three young people lost their lives in a pickup truck crash. The 16-year-old driver was transporting two younger siblings to school. The driver lost control of the vehicle and ran off the road and struck a tree. All three of the occupants were fatally injured in the crash. The Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper that investigated the crash stated that none of the occupants were wearing their safety belts. The tragedy is that the crash was likely a survivable crash had the occupants been wearing safety belts.

The question then is "How can people be convinced to wear their safety belts in the rural communities of Texas?" The Texas Agricultural Extension Service has conducted observational sampling studies during the last several years to get a reading on the usage rates. A study conducted during 1992 showed only 41 percent of rural residents buckle up. A similar study conducted during 1994 showed 46 percent usage rate. These usage rates are quite low compared to the more populated areas of our state. Another study is being conducted during 1996. Preliminary data shows similarly low usage rates.

We have a seat belt law in Texas. This law coupled with education and enforcement can achieve high use rates and significantly reduce fatalities, injuries, and associated costs. However, the responsibility ultimately lies with the individual to buckle up. I encourage parents to help children develop the habit of buckling up by setting an example and requiring that children buckle up on every trip in any type of motor vehicle. Please do what you can to

prevent the next traffic crash report being on the death or severe injury of one of your family members.

Summer Food Safety:

The sun's out. There's a summer breeze. It's a perfect day for a picnic, unless you aren't careful. Bacteria in food causes many unnecessary stomach aches. Bacteria flourishes if the temperature of cold food get over 40 de-

grees or hot food reaches below 140 degrees. Remember the old adage: keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold. Remember cross contamination, cooked meat should never be placed back on the same dish that held the raw meat. Dishes and utensils should be washed between each stage of food preparation. Also meat, particularly ground beef, should be cooked well done. And vegetables should be washed.

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Fisher County Round - Up

By Joy Walker - 735-2840

by Joy Walker.....

We have sure been having stormy weather that past week, and Monday night in that bad thunderstorm I received about three quarters of an inch of rain here at the house. And that is almost all the moisture I got during that bad, stormy weather. We got such high winds, and thunder and lightning, and just about a tenth of an inch of rain in all the other storms we had, and we had one nearly every night. I know that some places got lots more rain, and in Abilene on Friday night they got a costly hail which really destroyed a number of roofs and windows. It has been much cooler since the norther and the early mornings are just beautiful and we have really been enjoying it.

We had lots of visitors at church on Sunday as it was Clarence and June's 50th wedding anniversary and nearly all their family were there. Most of them came Friday and so they really enjoyed their weekend. Their son, Wayne and his wife, Becky, and their two sons, David and Stephen all from Clovis, New Mexico, were here, also their other son, Leslie and his wife, Mary and Mary's aunt, Bessie Lou Hardison all from Tenaha were here. Linda Anderson from Colorado Springs, Colo., and Linda's daughter and her husband, Kim and Aaron Yancy and little baby Walker from Arizona, also came for the anniversary. Saturday night they all had a big supper together and Clarence and June sure enjoyed it. Wayne and Becky led the singing at church Sunday morning. Wayne sang a beautiful special, while David played a wonderful special for us. He is so talented and we enjoyed it all so much. Clifton Lee and Linda Carnes from San Angelo visited with all the Andersons Sunday evening.

The Sunday edition of the Dallas Morning News had a big write-up on Roby about the drought, with several pictures. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Doyle from the Dallas area visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Doyle over the weekend. Marilyn Toole has

been in the Sweetwater hospital, and we hope that she is feeling much better.

Dennis Kiker has opened up an office in Knox City. It is for Physical Therapy.

Geneva Maberry is still recovering from her illness, and we hope that she will begin to feel better.

Jack McCain is now living in the Hoyt House in Sweetwater and he is doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mitchell and Kathy Carriker all attended the Texas Democratic Convention in Dallas on Friday and Saturday. They heard Hillary Clinton and Dick Gephardt, the house minority leader speak. They both gave excellent addresses. We were glad to learn that Randy Perkins of Snyder who is still in the hospital at Lubbock, is really doing well and hopefully may get to come back to Snyder some time this week.

George Lane is still in the hospital in Abilene but is slowly improving.

Sharlene Deen passed away in a Big Spring hospital on Saturday. The funeral was held Tuesday at Weathersbee Funeral Home chapel. Sharlene was the daughter of Jerry and Linda Deen of Rotan. Our sincere sympathy goes out to them and the remainder of the family.

We were sorry to learn of the sudden death of Michael Weidler who was killed in a car accident last week. He lived in San Angelo but finished school at Rotan. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his family.

I attended a bridal shower for Julianna Myers, bride elect of Kevin Osuna on Saturday which was held at the beautiful First Baptist Fellowship Hall in Roby. There was a big crowd there, including nearly all of the Osuna families, and the happy couple got so many lovely gifts. Congratulations to Kevin and Julianna; they are to be married in August. A number of Osuna family were at church on Sunday as the bride is from Colorado and she and her sister and a friend stayed in Roby with Pam and Ruben.

Well this is all for this week. It's very cloudy here this morning (Monday) so maybe we will get another rain, but some of the farmers are going to have to hurry to get all their cotton planted by the approved date.

Boll Weevil Eradication Office In Snyder

The last of seven district offices in the 19-county Rolling Plains Central Boll Weevil Eradication Zone has been established in Snyder.

The former Howard Gray dealership building, 705 25th Street, will serve as a district office, housing storage and office space for approximately 50 full-time and temporary employees and serving as the staging area for boll weevil eradication operations on approximately 100,000 acres of cotton, said Frank Myers, executive director of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Inc.

"The outstanding cooperation of the community and the local development corporation makes it possible to save money by spending funds on eradication of the boll weevil instead of administrative costs," Myers said.

For the program to run efficiently, district offices are located in closest proximity to the majority of cotton acreage in an area, he said. Also, whenever possible, the program hires personnel and purchases supplies locally.

"Historically, boll weevil eradication offers a 12 to 1 return on an investment," Myers said. "For every dollar spent on eradication, \$12 are returned to the local economy."

Ricky Watzl is the supervisor in this district that encompasses all or portions of Scurry, Borden, Mitchell and Fisher Counties.

Other Foundation district offices are located in Stamford, Merkel, Rotan, Haskell, Colorado City and Munday.

The zone headquarters, responsible for the management of operations in the zone, is located in Stamford.

Fisher County Child Welfare Board, Linda Haynes Presents Training Program

The Fisher County Child Welfare Board met Monday, May at the Rotan Lions Club Building. Linda Haynes, Child Protective Services Supervisor, Haskell presented the training.

The training provided information on the Child Protective Service. The goals of CPS Staff are to protect children from abuse and neglect, help families become safe for all family members, and provide permanent places to live for children who cannot safely remain with their own families. To meet these goals, the program provides a number of services: intake and investigation of reports of child abuse and neglect, services to families and children in their homes, placement of children in substitute care, and development and maintenance of foster homes and adoption services.

The board was given a chart of Regions 2/9, a State Office Organizational Chart, and a Map of Regional Boundaries. The board was also given a Child Abuse and Neglect Fact Sheet for 1995 which showed that in Texas an estimate of 107,095 referrals were investigated, and that about 50,746 children were found to be substantial victims of child abuse and neglect. They were also shown a video.

Information was also given on how and who can report an incident of Child Abuse or Neglect. It is a law, found in the Texas Family Code 261.101.

The training also gave the board members roles and responsibilities board structure, and confidentiality. In our role as Child Welfare Board member, Child Protective Services will sometimes need to share some case specific information obtained by Child Protective Services (CPS) in a child abuse or neglect investigation confidential. Federal law also requires that child abuse and neglect information be confidential. It is a criminal offense to reveal this confidential information to any unauthorized person or entity.

Linda Haynes, Child Protective Services Supervisor, Haskell also indicated that there was a great need for foster parents. If anyone is interested, they can contact one of the board members or contact her at the CPS office in Abilene.

The board meetings are open meetings. They should be posted on the Courthouse Bulletin Board 72 hours prior to meeting.

Those attending the meeting included: Dr. Jerry Marshall, Juanita Richardson, La Rue Vann, Sandra Underhill, Louise Martinez, LaMerle Denton, Marie Thompson, Terry Gruben, Linda Sparks, Snyder CPS, and Linda Haynes, Child Protective Services, Supervisor, Haskell.



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Roby Board Hires Four To Fill Posts

The Roby School Board met in regular session on June 10th. Members present were Steve Terry, President, Lance McWilliams, Robert Terry, Manuel Valdez and Greg Meek, with Billy Don Atkinson and Vance Lakey being absent.

The Board hired Kyle McIntire from Anson for the position of Jr. High Math and Jr. High/HS athletics. Neil Lund was hired for the position of Maintenance/Bus Driver and Judy Lund Cafeteria/Bus Driver. The board also approved the hiring of Kristy Martin for the position of Special Education teacher for the 1996-97 school year.

In other action the board approved the Discipline Management Plan Student Code of Conduct for the 1996-97 school year and approved an application to participate in the "Goal's 2000" Reading Grant.

Patresa Bolton, Elementary teacher, briefed the board on the Reading Grant, stating the grant was for \$50,000.00 and was used to assist students in grade 1-4 and would fund a teacher, equipment, books, computer and other needed materials.

Bolton also stated that once the grant was given it could be applied for yearly.

Bill Fowler, Elementary Principal, gave a report to the board on

Summer School which is now in progress and stated permission had been requested from TASB to begin the demolition of the old Elementary building.

George Price, Superintendent, stated that the demolition of the building would take approximately 45 days and that the tear down would begin in about two weeks.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone for all the calls, cards, gifts and presence at our Fiftieth Anniversary.

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Very important meeting Monday, June 17, 1996 at 7:00 P.M., Jayton Community Center, for anyone over 55 or who has a loved one in a Nursing Home.

Kent County Nursing Home and Sr. Information Services of America will sponsor a Workshop entitled "Estate Preservation". We will also present information on what to expect from a Nursing Home. There is no charge for the Workshop. If you plan to attend call Kathy Lisenbee at 806-237-3036 so an information packet can be reserved for you or if you have any questions.

Hope to see you there.



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4th grade girls- 300 yds.- Tara Blair- 1st. boys- Colter Williams- 1st; John Reese- 2nd; David Mullins- 3rd; Trace Paske- 4th; James Mooney- 5th; Lee Jay Greenway- 6th.
EE Girls - 50 yd.- Jessica Reese- 1st; Cestie Daniel- 2nd; Erika McClain- 3rd; Kimberly Almanza- 4th; Brittany Neves- 5th. girls- Ashley Green- 1st; Paige Blair- 2nd; Katie Martin- 3rd; Kelsey Daniel- 4th.
Boys- James Gilbert- 1st; Sean Lee- 2nd; Jonathan Boles- 3rd; Jeraco Cabrera- 4th.
Boys- Dexter Lee- 1st; Adam Almanza- 2nd; Lenard Ramon- 3rd; Andrew Martinez- 4th.
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Girls- Marie Ortiz- 1st; Nikita Montez- 2nd; Janis Robinso- 3rd; Tanya Glover- 4th; Adriana Herrera- 5th; Brandi Weathersbee- 6th.
Boys- Trey Groves- 1st; Phillip Carrillo- 2nd; Jace Langthorn- 3rd; Kyle Mooney- 4th.
Boys- Felix Reese- 1st; Aaron Tumbow-

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Girls- Jessica Boles- 1st; Shandi Martinez- 2nd; Lauren Park- 3rd; Stephanie Reese- 4th; Bianca Almanza- 5th; Bethany Clements- 6th.
Boys- Joshua Reese- 1st; JoeDon Carrillo- 2nd; Brady Adams- 3rd; Michael Zavala- 4th; Zachary Benitez- 5th.
Boys- Calvin Daniel- 1st; Jacob Holder- 2nd; Jacob Holder, Pecos Nowlin- 3rd; Jesus Ortiz- 4th; Damian Munoz- 5th.
Boys- Adrian Daniel- 1st; Carlos Carrillo- 2nd; Tyler Langthorn- 3rd; Jesse Robinson- 4th.
2nd grade- girls- 50 yd.- Falisha Ortiz- 1st; Rosanna Ramon- 2nd; Ashley Hyer- 3rd; Beth Hoffman- 4th; Alora Weatherman- 5th.
Girls- Morgan Morrow- 1st; Lindsey Cave- 2nd; Kayle Carrillo- 3rd; Jessica Smith- 4th; Crystal Greenway- 5th.
Boys- Jackie Reese- 1st; Jacob Cox- 2nd; T.J. Flores- 3rd; David Gonzalez- 4th; Justin McCall- 5th.
Boys- Hunter Helms- 1st; Ricky Correll- 2nd; Brent Whitefield- 3rd.
Boys- Chris Gonzalez- 1st; Kyle Martin- 2nd; Daniel Gonzalez- 3rd; Kevin Daniel- 4th; Isaac Donaghey- 5th.
Third Grade Girls- 50 yd.- Danielle Eaton- 1st; Toni Smith- 2nd; Meagan McDonald-

3rd; LaTricia Tumbow- 4th; Shawna Hooser- 5th; Tiffany Rivers- 6th.
Girls- LaKeisha Reese- 1st; Kera Martin- 2nd; Stephanie Carrillo- 3rd; Kendall Adams- 4th; Amanda McDonald- 5th; Amber Foust- 6th.
Boys- Andy Day- 1st; Gene Messick- 2nd; Michael Reese- 3rd; Marcus Basquez- 4th.
Boys- Joshua Books- 1st; Matthew Quintanilla- 2nd; Juan Salazar- 3rd; Aaron Martinez- 4th; Gerald Burnett- 5th.
4th grade girls- 50 yd.- Megan Williams- 1st; Tara Blair- 2nd; Sheila Garza- 3rd; Talitha Montez- 4th; Julie Hoyle- 5th; Stevie Cogburn- 6th; Megan Carrillo- 6th.
4th grade boys- Jordan Cox- 1st; Kristopher Messick- 2nd; Zach Reyes- 3rd; Corey Smith- 4th; Aaron Green- 5th; Eric Gonzalez- 6th.
EE- Girls- 75 yds- Cestie Daniel- 1st; Paige Blair- 2nd; Kelsey Daniel- 3rd; Brittany Neves- 4th.
Boys- Dexter Lee- 1st; James Gilbert- 2nd; Sean Lee- 3rd; Jonathan Boles- 4th; Leonard Ramon- 5th; Jeraco Cabrera- 6th; Andrew Martinez- 6th.
Kindergarten- girls- Randi Etheredge- 1st; Dessire Armstrong- 2nd; Nikita Montez- 3rd; Maria Ortiz- 4th; Stacie Whitefield- 5th; Janis Robinson- 6th.
Kindergarten- Boys- Jace Langthorn- 1st; Phillip Carrillo- 2nd; Felix Reese- 3rd; Zane Reyes- 4th.
1st grade- girls- Jessica Boles- 1st; Britney Montez- 2nd; Brianna Alls- 3rd; Lauren Park- 4th; Alli Copeland- 5th; Jessica Garza- 6th.
Girls- Kazual Moore- 1st; Stephanie Reese- 2nd; Bianca Almanza- 3rd.
Boys- Joshua Reese- 1st; Adrian Daniel- 2nd; Jeremy Saucedo- 3rd; Carlos Carrillo- 4th; Jacob Holder- 5th; Michael Zavala- 6th.
Boys- Tyler Langthorn- 1st; Calvin Daniel- 2nd; Brady Adams- 3rd; JoeDon Carrillo- 4th; Jesus Ortiz- 5th; Jesse Robinson- 6th.
2nd grade Girls- 75 yd.- Celeste Morin- 1st; Jessica Muskevitch- 2nd; Morgan Morrow- 3rd; Dianelle Ramirez- 4th; Kayle Carrillo- 5th.
Girls- Falisha Ortiz- 1st; Ashley Hyer- 2nd; Jessica Smith- 3rd; Crystal Greenway- 4th.
Boys- Jackie Reese- 1st; T.J. Flores- 2nd; Ricky Correll- 3rd; Brent Whitefield- 6th; Kyle Martin- 4th; David Gonzalez- 5th.
Boys- Hunter Helms- 1st; Jacob Cox- 2nd; Chris Gonzalez- 3rd; Kevin Daniel- 4th; Johnny Whitefield- 5th; Daniel Gonzalez- 6th.
3rd grade girls- 75 yds.- LaKeisha Reese- 1st; LaTisha Reese- 2nd; Ashley Howard- 3rd; Blanca Ramon- 4th.
Girls- Danielle Eaton- 1st; Kera Martin- 1st; LaTricia Tumbow- 3rd; Kendall Adams- 4th; Meagan McDonald- 5th; Tiffany Rivers- 6th.
Boys- Andy Day- 1st; Cornelius Daniel- 2nd; Riley Dunham- 3rd; Michael Reese- 4th.
Boys- Bryan Saucedo- 1st; Aaron Martinez- 2nd; Juan Salazar- 3rd.
4th grade girls- 75 yds- Meagan Williams- 1st; Julie Hoyle- 2nd; Holly Simmons- 3rd.
4th grade girls- 75- Sheila Garza- 1st; Megan Carrillo- 2nd; Talitha Montez- 3rd; Stevie Cogburn- 4th.
Boys- Jordan Cox- 1st; Kristopher Messick- 2nd; Zach Reyes- 3rd; Lee Jay Greenway- 4th.
Boys- John Reese- 1st; Zach Greenlee- 2nd; Colter Williams- 3rd; James Mooney- 4th; Corey Smith- 5th; Aaron Green- 6th.
EE Girls- Shuttle:
Jessica Reese- 1st; Kimberly Almanza- 2nd; Erika McClain- 3rd; Brittany Neves- 4th.
Girls- Ashley Green- 1st; Cestie Daniel- 2nd; Paige Blair- 3rd; Katie Martin- 4th; Kelsey Daniel- 5th.
Boys- Adam Almanza- 1st; Leonard Ramon- 2nd; Sean Lee- 3rd; Jeraco Cabrera- 3rd; Andrew Martinez- 4th.
Kindergarten- Girls- Dessire Armstrong- 1st; Nikita Montez- 2nd; Stacie Whitefield- 3rd; Lindsey Smith- 4th; Becky Almanza- 5th; Taunya Glover- 6th; Nikita Montez- 2nd.
Girls- Randi Etheredge- 1st; Jessica Zambrano- 2nd; Adriana Herrera- 3rd; Brandi Weathersbee- 4th; Janis Robinson- 5th; Bertha Dean- 6th.
Boys- Trey Groves- 1st; Jace Langthorn- 2nd; Phillip Carrillo- 3rd; Felix Reese- 4th.
Boys- Kyle Mooney- 1st; Aaron Tumbow- 2nd; Zane Reyes- 3rd.
1st grade- girls- Kazual Moore- 1st; Tricia Cantu- 1st; Stephanie Reese- 2nd; Bethany Clements- 2nd; Shandi Martinez- 3rd; Bianca Almanza- 3rd; Jessica Garza- 4th.
Boys- Tyler Langthorn- 1st; Jacob Holder-

2nd; Adrian Daniel- 3rd; Jesus Ortiz- 4th; Jesse Robinson- 5th.
Boys- JoeDon Carrillo- 1st; Carlos Carrillo- 2nd; Damian Munoz- 3rd; Calvin Daniel- 3rd; Pecos Nowlin- 4th.
2nd grade- girls- Dianelle Ramirez- 1st; Morgan Morrow- 2nd; Ashley Hyer- 3rd; Jessica Smith- 4th; Kayle Carrillo- 5th; Crystal Greenway- 6th.
Girls- Jessica Muskevitch- 1st; Lindsey Cave- 2nd; Beth Hoffman- 4th; Celeste Morin- 5th; Teneisa Roddy- 6th.
Boys- Daniel Gonzalez- 1st; Jesse Price- 2nd; Brent Whitefield- 3rd; Isaac Donaghey- 4th.
Boys- T.J. Flores- 1st; Roseanna- 1st; Justin McCall- 2nd; David Gonzalez- 3rd.
3rd grade- girls- Shawna Hooser- 1st; Toni Smith- 2nd; Amanda McDonald- 2nd.
Girls- Lakeisha Reese- 1st; Kera Martin- 1st; Danielle Eaton- 2nd; Stephanie Carrillo- 3rd; Meagan McDonald- 4th; Tiffany Rivers- 6th.
Boys- Randy Morgan- 1st; Riley Dunham- 2nd; Aaron Martinez- 3rd; Juan Salazar- 4th; Gerald Burnett- 5th; Andy Day- 6th.
Boys- Jose Ortiz- 1st; Gene Messick- 2nd; Joshua Brooks- 3rd; Cody Etheredge- 4th; Marcos Basquez- 5th; Matthew Quintanilla- 6th.
4th grade girls- Shuttle- Sheila Garza- 1st; Meagan Williams- 1st; Talitha Montez- 2nd; Stevie Cogburn- 2nd; Megan Carrillo- 3rd; Julie Hoyle- 3rd; Holly Simmons- 4th.
4th boys- Eric Gonzalez- 5th; David Mullins- 1st; Trace Paske- 2nd; Jessie Foster- 4th; Aaron Green- 3rd.
Boys- Jordan Cox- 1st; Kristopher Messick- 2nd; Zach Reyes- 3rd; Rocky- 4.

1st grade- girls- 100 yd.- Jessica Boles- 1st; Lauren Park- 2nd.
Boys- Joshua Reese- 1st; Brady Adams- 2nd; Jeremy Saucedo- 3rd; Michael Zavala- 4th.
2nd grade- girls- Teneisa Roddy- 1st; Rosanna Ramon- 2nd; Roseanna Tumbow- 3rd; Jessica Muskevitch- 4th; Dianelle Ramirez- 5th; A'Lora Weatherman- 6th.
Boys- Jackie Reese- 1st; Jacob Cox- 2nd; Rickey Correll- 3rd; Johnny Whitefield- 3rd.
Boys- Christopher Gonzalez- 1st; Kyle Martin- 2nd; Jesse Price- 2nd.
3rd grade- girls- LaTisha Reese- 1st; Blanca Ramon- 2nd; Ashley Howard- 3rd; Megan McDonald- 4th; Stephanie Carrillo- 5th; Latisha Tumbow- 6th.
3rd grade boys- Joshua Brooks- 1st; Cornelius Daniel- 2nd; Cody Etheredge- 2nd; Riley Dunham- 3rd.
Boys- Bryan Saucedo- 1st; Jose Ortiz- 2nd; Michael Reese- 3rd; Randy Morgan- 4th.
4th grade girls- Tara Blair- 1st.
Boys- Colter Williams- 2nd; David Mullins- 3rd.

Boys- John Reese- 1st; Zach Greenlee- 1st; Trace Paske- 4th; Corey Smith- 5th.
EE Girls- SACK:
Jessica Reese- 1st; Kimberly Almanza- 2nd; Katie Martin- 3rd; Erika McClain- 4th.
Boys- Dexter Lee- 1st; Adam Almanza- 2nd; James Gilbert- 3rd; Jonathan Boles- 4th.
Kindergarten- Girls- Sack- Jessica Zambrano- 1st; Brandi Weathersbee- 2nd; Adriana Herrera- 3rd; Taunya Glover- 3rd.
Girls- Maria Ortiz- 1st; Bertha Dean- 2nd; Lindsey Smith- 4th; Becky Almanza- 1st.
Boys- Kyle Mooney- 1st; Trey Groves- 2nd; Aaron Tumbow- 3rd.
1st Grade- Girls- Brianna Alls- 1st; Alli Copeland- 2nd; Britney Montez- 3rd; Tricia Cantu- 5th.
Girls- Shandi Martinez- 2nd; Bethany Clements- 4th.
Boys- Jeremy Saucedo- 1st; Pecos Nowlin- 2nd; Zachary Benitez- 3rd; Damian Munoz-

4th.
2nd grade- girls- Lindsey Cave- 3rd; Beth Hoffman- 4th; Falisha Ortiz- 6th.
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4th grade- girls- Stevie Cogburn- 1st; Holly Simmons- 2nd; Talitha Montez- 3rd.
Boys- David Mullins- 1st; Jordan Cox- 2nd; Corey Collins- 3rd; James Mooney- 4th; Rocky Saucedo- 5th; Lee Jay Greenway- 6th.

NEWS BRIEFS

Game Night, Pot Luck Supper

The Fisher County Senior Citizens will sponsor "Game" Night on Thursday, June 13th with a pot luck meal. All Senior Citizens are encouraged to come out and join in the fun.

McCaulley Musical

The McCaulley Recreational Development Corporation will present the McCaulley Musical, Friday, June 14th. It will be presented at the Ag Shop beginning at 6:30. No admission and no alcohol.

Art Exhibit at Fisher County Fair

For the fifteenth year, an art exhibit will be held at the Fisher County Fair, August 8th, 9th, and 10th. This art exhibit has been one of the main attractions with entries from all over the County. Again Fisher County artist are encouraged to enter their work, to be shown and judged. All mediums and classes, including tole and fabric paintings will be accepted.

For information, call Roby- 776-2747, Luella Waddell.

Chamber Meeting

An "important" Chamber meeting will be held on Thursday, June 13 at the Chamber office at 5:00 p.m.

Sheriff Pack To Present Program

Sheriff Pack will be at the Rotan Public Library on Friday, June 14 at 10:00 a.m., to present his program. All ages are welcome. Come join in the fun at the Rotan Public Library.

Opera House - Monthly Musical

Country music will fill the Opera House in Anson again this week at the Third Saturday Musical on Saturday, June 15. The show starts at 6:30 p.m. For further information, contact Marlon Smith at 915-823-3671. There is no admission to the program and concessions are available. Donations and sales help maintain the historic theatre.

"Charlotte's Web" To Open

There will be five performances of "Charlotte's Web", a play involving 31 children, on the following dates; Thursday- Sunday, June 13-16; 3 evening shows on Thursday., Friday and Saturday, at 7:30 p.m., and 2 matinees on Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Reservations are available by calling the Senior Citizens' Center, (915) 573-4035 between 2-5 p.m. on weekdays.

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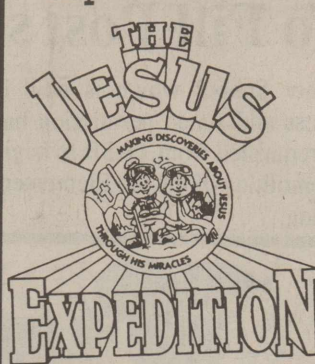


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Rotan High School Scholarship and Awards:

Cassidy Early: University Interscholastic League Scholar Award; Principal's Leadership Award; Tandy Technology Scholars- Academic Top Two Per-

cent- based on grades 9-11 at Rotan High; Tandy Technology Scholars- Outstanding Student in math, science and computer science; Angelo State University- \$1,000 scholarship; Carr Academic Scholarship* from

Angelo State University- \$1,500; McMurry University- up to \$12,000 - \$1,500 per semester for 8 semesters; Member of the State winning team in the 1996 Texas Association of Community Schools competition- she will receive \$3,587.83 in Scholarship monies; Rotan High School- Student Congress Scholarship- \$250.00; Honor Graduate Certificate for being the highest ranking graduate in the senior class. Pays tuition to any state supported college or university in Texas; Independent Colleges and Universities Scholarship to any independent college or university in Texas; President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement; \$2500.00 Scholarship from First National Bank of Rotan.

Shelley Baker:

University Interscholastic League Scholar Award; Independent Colleges and Universities Scholarship to any independent college or university in Texas; President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement; Higginbotham Bartlett Scholarship- \$150.

Brandi Murphree:

University Interscholastic League Scholar Award; President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement.

Christina Morin:

Academic Achievement Scholarship- Texas A&M University- Corpus Christi- \$4,000.00; Fisher County LULAC Scholarship- \$200.

Bobby Kenner:

Member of the State winning team in the 1996 Texas Association of Community Schools competition- he will receive \$3,587.83 in scholarship monies.

Jimmy Don Tankersley:

Member of the State winning team in the 1996 Texas Association of Community Schools competition- he will receive \$3,587.83 in Scholarship monies; Rotan High School Student Congress Scholarship- \$250.00.

Kasey Greene:

Aladdin Beauty College- \$500 Scholarship; Recipient of the Lamar Award of Excellence for Personal Achievement from the Rotan Masonic Lodge No. 956.

Christy Willett:

Recipient of a \$1,000 Youth Livestock Show Scholarship awarded through the State Fair of Texas.

Jennifer Underhill:

Amy Matthews Clift Memorial Scholarship- \$200.00; President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement; Higginbotham Bartlett Scholarship-

\$150; Recipient of the Lamar Award of Excellence for Personal Achievement from the Rotan Masonic Lodge No. 956; Academic and Housing Scholarships totaling \$800 from Western Texas College.

Clinton Williams:

Recipient of \$3,600 in scholarships from Hardin Simmons.

Jennifer Rains:

President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement; U. S. Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete Award for Academic and Athletic Excellence.

Carmelita Munoz:

Fisher County LULAC Scholarship- \$200.

Shon Fudge:

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Kathleen Moffett:

Rotan Chamber of Commerce Scholarship- \$250.

Zack Burnes:

Recipient of the Lamar Award of Excellence for Personal Achievement from the Rotan Masonic Lodge No. 956; Recipient of the Fisher County Hospital Scholarship- \$250.00.

April Montez:

Recipient of an Academic Scholarship totaling \$300 from Western Texas College.

Three Roby Students Are Winners In Poetry Contest

Abilene Bookstore sponsored a poetry contest recently and Roby had (3) Honorable Mentions and (1) First Place winner in the General Adult category. Receiving Honorable Mention were:

Amy Riggs- entered- "Dear Lord"; Misty Taylor entered- "Dying Dreams"; Makala Herron entered- "Quiet Faith".

The first place winner was: Makala Herron- entered- "Afraid".

Each Honorable Mention winner received a book of poetry. And the first place winner received a \$25.00 gift certificate towards the Abilene Bookstore. Jan Price, Librarian and Ron Smith, High School English teacher each received a book bag for being sponsors.

FIRST PLACE WINNER:

by Makala Herron
"Afraid"

I am afraid of people, because I look, and feel, and see the world differently. The world does not embrace difference- it shuns it, mocks it, or terrorizes it into the darkness, or until it conforms. I will NOT conform. But, then they look at me, and I tiptoe into the darkness.

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HONORABLE MENTION:

by Makala Herron
"Quiet Faith"

She sits, silent on a small, wood stool her white sequined and beaded skirts around her, with their bows and ribbons, her head bowed, and veil firmly in place, and her small gloved hands in her lap.

The mother speaks, "Perhaps we should call his...." "No, he will be here soon," the bride says faithfully.

The clock on the wall ticks away an hour. The bridesmaids take off their high-heeled shoes, discard their bright bouquets, and sit, unafraid of wrinkling their satin dresses.

Another hour passes. The guests are gone, the arch and the candles put away. She stands alone before the altar, in her sparkling gown, and says quietly, "He will be here soon."

Now, on this day for twenty years, a single, red rose is placed on a well-kept grave, and she stands before the granite headstone saying quietly, "I will be there soon."

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HONORABLE MENTION:

by Amy Riggs
"Dear Lord"

Dear Lord, I started to pray as I knelt down to my knees. I am torn between two emotions: to forgive, or to refuse.

I know what I'm supposed to do, Dear Lord, But, it's so complicated, my heart dwelt for years in hatred.

I need your help, Dear Lord, I need your strength to carry on, Because it is impossible, Dear Lord, to do it on my own.

I don't know how to forget the pain that I went through, I don't know how to forgive him, Dear Lord, but, could you help me to?

It is hard for me to think about it, but, I can't control my feelings. Dear Lord, I know everything is done for a reason, but why, why did this have to happen to me?

Dear Lord, I feel so lost, Like a book that's out of place, I can't believe such things could happen inside the human race. But, Dear Lord, I know that I have to forgive him, so that I may be blessed by your grace.

Dear Lord, it hurts to think it doesn't even phase him, or to think he feels he's done no wrong, when here I stand, unable to be strong.

Dear Lord, it's so unfair; it's so hard to explain. Why does he get to live so freely, and I have to suffer in the bondage of pain?

Dear Lord, I guess there's just one more step to conquer, And it's the hardest of all, Here is where I see if I stand up, or if I fall.

Dear Lord, could you please forgive him, and help me to forgive him

too? Still, I'm feeling weak, and I need you to pull me through.

Dear Lord, I need to thank you, then this prayer I'll end. Dear Lord, through all the tears I've shed, all the fears I've conquered, all the bad times that I've had, I've learned one thing: I can do anything, and I can make it through everything, by believing in you, Amen!

HONORABLE MENTION:

by Misty Taylor

"Dying Dreams"

Kids killing babies not knowing why, Not taking a chance to listen to their cry.

Babies plead and yell and scream into the night, But it happens every day, despite their awesome fright.

Guys who said, "I love you," are nowhere around, And the pregnant child is left to stumble to the ground.

She took a human being; took its very life. And gave it to a pretend doctor in the back alley with a knife.

She's hurting so bad from the unbearable pain, But it won't stop now, it will come again.

Alone one day, she'll sit and wonder why, Why she never gave a chance to a baby who never got to try.

Rotan Fryar's Academic Awards

Rotan Fryar's Academic Awards are as follows:

Agricultural Metal Fabrication Technology- Guy Kelley; Animal Science- Danielle Garcia; Horticultural Plant Production- Christy Willett; Landscape Design, Construction and Maintenance- Chris Flores; Personal Skill Development in Agriculture- Rusty Goodwin; Agri-Business Management and Marketing- Mikeal Harrison; Introduction to World Agricultural Science and Technology- Adan Garza; Agricultural Structures Technology- Louis Yanez; Plant and Soil Science- Cheryle Dodd; Plant and Animal Production- Carmelita Munoz; Introduction to Agricultural Mechanics- Chris Silvas; Applied Agricultural Science and Technology- Ryan Branch.

Star Greenhand- Katrina Rains; Star Chapter Farmer- Kasey Greene; DEKALB Award- Christy Willett; Equine Proficiency- Julie Grisham; Soil and Water Management- Ryan Branch; Landscape Management- Kasey Greene; Sheep Production- Christy Willett; Beef Production- Katrina Rains; State Entomology- Tember Palmer; Amanda Briggs; Kat Wallace.

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Christy Willett- Livestock Team; Sr. Chapter Conducting; Kasey Greene- Livestock Team, Sr. Chapter Conducting; Katrina Rains- Creed Speaking, Livestock team; Lori Tandy- Jr. Farm Skills, Livestock Team; Saul Messick- Poultry team; Jeremy Alls- Poultry team; J.D. Elrod- Poultry team; Jimmy Don Tankersley- Cotton team; Russell Price- Cotton team; Chris Silvas- Chapter Conducting Cotton team; Jason Collins- Dairy team; Kenneth Messick- Radio team, Dairy team; Henry Almanza- Dairy team; J.P. Anderle- Dairy team; Amanda Briggs- Entomology team; Tember Palmer- Entomology team; Kat Wallace- Entomology team; Pete Elrod- Radio team, Entomology; Julie Grisham- Radio team- Horse team; Kaleb Goodwin- Horse team- Sr. Chapter conducting; Clinton Williams- Sr. Chapter Conducting; Justin Moffett- Horse team; James Flores- Meats team; Carmelita Munoz- Meats team; Jake Baker- Meats team; Mikeal Harrison- Quiz team Plant ID; Rusty Goodwin- Quiz team Plant ID; C.W. Robertson- Plant ID; Chad Templeton- Jr. Farm Skills; Corey King- Sr. Chapter Conducting; Patrick Zambrano- Sr. Chapter Conducting; Ryan Branch- Creed Speaking.

TAAS Preparation Classes

TAAS Math, Reading, and Writing Remediation classes will be offered at Roby High School this summer. These classes are designed to give additional preparation for the TAAS tests.

The Reading / Writing class will meet June 21 (Friday) to July 5 (Friday) at Roby High School, room 7, from 8:45 - 11:15 a.m.

The Math class will meet June 28 (Friday) to July 12 (Friday) at Roby High School from 8:15 - 11:15. Nei-

ther class will meet on July 4.

The TAAS exams will be offered on July 16, 17, and 18. If you have any questions, call Glenna Stuart at 776-2391.

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Fair Returns On Contributions In Terms Of Benefits From Social Security

Will future beneficiaries get a fair return on their contributions in terms of the benefits they receive from Social Security? Shirley S. Chater, Commissioner of Social Security answered this question in a speech before a Senate Subcommittee recently.

Unfortunately, she said, many critics of Social Security view it only as a savings plan for retirement and as a return on investment. Some believe that if they were allowed to invest their Social Security taxes in private investments, such as stocks and bonds, they would receive a higher rate of return -- in their view, a fairer return -- than Social Security currently provides. This view misrepresents the real value of the Social Security program by excluding those features that have contributed the most to society as a whole.

Social Security is successful and

popular because it strikes a balance between the two complementary goals of individual equity and social adequacy, the Commissioner said. It meets its equity goal by providing benefit protection related to an individual's contributions and its social adequacy goals by allowing many citizens to enjoy a reasonable standard of living. Social Security allows almost 42 percent of the elderly -- 10 million people -- to live out of poverty. Some 30 percent of Social Security benefits go to young families or disabled or deceased workers that have not been able to sufficiently protect themselves against the unexpected loss of a worker's earnings.

"Because Social Security satisfies goals so vital to our national prosperity, we disadvantage ourselves if we measure its worth simply by comparing contributions paid and

benefits received," Commissioner Chater stated.

She noted that any analysis of the Social Security program shows that, in the past, benefits tended to be generous relative to contributions. As the program has matured, the return on contributions has decreased, but remains generous.

For example, take a person with average wages who retires at age 65 in 1996, who paid \$21,518 in the employee's share of Social Security contributions. When interest on those contributions is factored in, the resulting value is \$73,703. This worker will receive a monthly benefit of \$890. He or she will recover all contributions, with interest, in 8 1/3 years, and can be expected to live nearly 10 years beyond the break-even point.

In the future, the rate of return, while declining, will continue to be fair, especially when viewed within

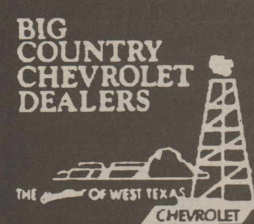
the context of the broad social objectives of Social Security. For example, a "baby boom" worker with average wages who retires at 66 in 2015 will pay \$59,562 in the employee's share of Social Security contributions (\$258,824 with interest). This worker will receive \$2,074 in monthly benefits or \$1,006 in real terms, and recover those contribu-

tions in about 12 years. The worker can be expected to live 6 years beyond the break-even point based on life expectancy projections for 2015.

We cannot accurately project what lifetime benefits for those retiring 20 to 40 years from now will be. And we know that changes to the program are required to sustain Social Security in the long term," the Commissioner

stated.

"For 60 years Social Security has been one of the most important and successful government programs. Thus, those who seek to measure its value must consider the design of the program, what makes it work, rather than restrict their analysis to a simple measure of a rate of return on contributions."



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A Comprehensive Prospectus For The Economic Development Of Our Rural Community

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Economic success ultimately accounts for the development and stability of a community. New ideas and industries assure that new people and economic production create a great influx of success and prosperity. Balancing the input and output of public efforts will produce a community that thrives on the business its citizens create.

Business and commerce throughout history relied heavily on the "needs" of the public. As agriculture developed, the economy focused its efforts on meeting the need of the farming community for faster, cheaper, and more efficient production. Likewise, as labor became more efficient and Americans found more time on their hands, the need for entertainment developed. Therefore, the economy catered to the public by creating "fun" while making money in the process.

The community of Rotan was no exception. Rotan, Texas, is a small rural town of about 1,913 people, approximately sixty miles from Abilene, Texas, and 120 miles from Lubbock, Texas. Rotan lies approximately twenty-five miles due north of interstate 20, which is a major Texas east to west interstate. This modern travel route was originally built along the Teas Railroad System which linked El Paso, Abilene, Dallas, and Shreveport, Louisiana. Interstate 20 became the major freight vehicle for marketing and shipping from the East and West. Rotan, originally known as White Flats, was one of the small towns

linked to the east-west rail system by an north-south rail system owned out of Waco, Texas. As the rail system became obsolete, Rotan, like many neighboring towns, began to decline.

Despite hardships with the railroad systems, Rotan housed an extremely efficient and prosperous economy. In its prime years of production, rotan supported a population of over three thousand people. It had as many as four down town grocery stores, three cotton gins, one oil plant, seven gas stations, four dry-good stores, three tractor houses, three carlots, a movie theater, drive-in, a hotel, as well as fifty to sixty small businesses. its main factory production was the gypsum company. At post World

War II, and later, it employed the hundred workers and has been the mainstream of economic prosperity for this rural community. At present, the national Gypsum Company employs eighty to ninety employees. It has benefited from new advanced technology and still remains the community's economic life-line, along with the trucking industry it facilitates. Rotan's surrounding community is an agricultural base with cotton as its main cash crop.

At the present time, Rotan would appear to stand on the wake of economic stalemate, due to the event of the recent loss of downtown retail sales to a fire. However, Rotan's greatest asset is its ability to draw back young adults to its community. Many

hometown young couples have returned to Rotan to establish a home and strive to make this rural community prosper. This returning group of twenty-five to forty year olds fill jobs in the community's banks, businesses, and schools. As a result, a vast dynasty of quality leadership is established. This foundation supports and inevitable crusade for economic development and prosperity. This search for survival will rebuild the community and create in it an efficient society.

In a lecture to the citizens at the chamber of Commerce banquet on March 23, 1996, Alison Benton of the West Texas Council of Governments expressed need for new employment and renewed retail sales as a major goal for the economic development of Rotan. At

the banquet, Mayor Jerry Marshall reported that there was at least fifty working businesses in Rotan presently. This following discussion will explore new businesses and economic ventures that will definitely strengthen Rotan's economic base. They show credit to the prosperous businesses at the present and ensure their growth. This success will not only guarantee a prosperous future for Rotan's grandchildren, but reflects great foresight of a substantially growing community. The following is a comprehensive prospectus that incorporates Rotan's present economic status and prosperity with new economic developments in technology, business, medical development corporation makes it possible for more funds to be spent on eradication of boll weevil instead of administrative costs." In the Snyder area, additional business recruitment can be linked with the new establishment of the textile production business which Snyder has made possible due to the promotion of the Economic Development Corporation. Likewise, the recruitment of such businesses has proved very successful in Stamford as well,

according to Kent Sharp, director and full-time employee of the Stamford Economic Development Corporation. The DeLong Company was recruited by Stamford due to the closing of the lingerie outlet company. The DeLong Company produces the emblem stitching on ready-made popular sports wear. In the recruitment of the DeLong Company, Sharp indicated that Stamford asked the company for a wish list which came back including a 60,000 square foot building. The old outlet company building was 25,000 square feet. The Development Corporation negotiated an appraisal price and a tax write-off for the company, which is allowed by law when selling to a non-profit organization. This information is confidential, but it can be obtained with the permission of the company. The building and property were purchased for \$100,000. The Texas Department of Commerce approved a \$410,000 loan at 9%, however the Corporation went to West Texas Utilities and arranged a \$535,000 loan at 5%. Stamford Economic Development has a sales tax percentage that produces a \$120,000 revenue per year and by law can have a debt service of \$60,000 per year to pay off this loan.

In return DeLong has agreed by contract to maintain fifty employees by may 1996 and seventy-five employees for ten years beginning in May, 1997. At the present, DeLong has eighty-eight employees as of April, 1996, and expects to employ 100 by may, 1996. Employees will average \$7.00 per hour with a \$4.50 minimum base pay and a per stitch incentive.

With an average salary of \$15,000, DeLong is expected to produce from one to one and a quarter million dollars according to Sharp. changing hands three times in Stamford, the community will see as much as three million dollars per year economic production. As an incentive, Delong will rent the building for one dollar per year, and will own the property outright in ten years. The Economic Development Corporation is to create jobs while providing the opportunity for an industry to prosper and flourish, which will, in turn, recycle back into the community. Similar business partnerships will be the future of our small rural communities and many businesses are looking for that small town that can cut their overhead and high tax brackets of the larger cities. Such businesses will multiply in the surrounding areas where adventurous communities have the leadership and foresight to recruit them. The amount of dollars available will predict and tailor itself to the size and type of business each community can support. the businesses are available in all sizes and the

citizens of communities like rotan will be able to initiate prosperity with the proper leadership driven by its desire to not only survive but succeed.

With a suffering oil business and agricultural depression, the commodity that the Rotan area has in abundance, is sun and wind. A technological economy of solar wind energy is a low cost business with a guaranteed market. Because of federal government law requiring solar energy to be purchased by electric companies, the economic risk is eliminated as a great potential is uncovered.

The Solar Utility Network of Waco, Texas, sells a variety of solar wind generators. The Whisper H8500 and the Bergey BWC Excel generate eight and a half to ten kilowatts of electricity and have a selling price of \$3870.00. A \$40,000 investment can create a marketable ninety kilowatts of guaranteed purchase electricity and a growing plant could soon create up to five to ten new jobs and add up to \$20,000 in payroll per year. the wind power system can be an electricity producing plant as well as a retail sales outlet creating several new businesses. By using the natural resources of wind and sun in our area, the community can create a safe, efficient, and inexpensive source of revenue. Perhaps the most successful potential business is the prison system. The previous points of the prospectus have focused on smaller industries with little initial investment. In order for such a rural community to support a prison system, it would be essential to use the previous suggestions, along with others to boost the economy to a position to where it could support a prison system. The prisons bring in numerous jobs and revenue; however, they take an enormous initial committed \$3,308,000.00 to obtain their prison. Included in that estimate, the Lone Star gas company set aside \$200,000 to

and health services. This proposal focuses on the new employment of workers, which will bring new people and new dollars into the Rotan Community. It also allows for the placement of residing citizens. This in turn, will create more dollars, more sales tax revenue, and the recycling of dollars that will change hands three to four times within the community. The employment of one person, in a newly created job, who earns a salary of \$20,000 per year will change hands three times a year and the community will see an economic surplus of \$60,000.

This prospectus can see an under-estimated creation of 100 new jobs at an average of \$20,000 per year. This employment will establish two million new dollars and will change hands three times to create an economic surge of six million dollars. To successfully

plan and implement an economically prosperous future, one must examine all of the positive assets of the present economy. Perhaps the most successful, recent addition to Rotan's community is Angel Care. Sue Shipp, a long-time resident of Rotan, started this business venture by opening her home to mentally and physically handicapped citizens. Over the past several years, the company has grown to accommodate 12 patients. Angel Care currently employs 19 people within the community creating a payroll of \$175,000. Angel Care purchases in excess of \$40,000 dollars in supplies and equipment. It also has a real estate holding of two homes and a training center. Angel Care has brought an outstanding amount of money to the community's economy. It is presently expanding its facilities,

creating construction, remodeling dollars, supplies, and salaries. Angel Care has also brought new students into the Rotan School systems. Angel Care has created a windfall of economic dollars while going almost unseen. There are many business ventures in health care and the residential housing field that can be started relatively easily with a desire to work and make money. Organization and business skills are a necessity. Sue Shipp has implemented all of these qualities to create a successful business that not only benefits her and her family, but the community as well. It is also important to reflect on the businesses that have been successful in other communities. In Stamford, Texas, a home for boys has been established in an old hotel. This home houses boys with emotional problems and employs several people from the Stamford community. There will always be a need for such facilities because there will always be a need for such facilities because there will always be a surplus of adults and juveniles that rely on the government for housing. It is more beneficial to the government to initiate a home like this one than it is to pay for a large facility such as Abilene Children's Home or juvenile detention centers. This is a very simple business that Rotan has the potential for such as a motel or houses on the market. Sell or rental of property will create realty dollars as well as bring in new students. New students create new educational dollars (3,000 to 4,000 state dollars per student) and payroll opportunities. Thus a cascade of events that will boost our community's economy. Ella Raye Helms has announced in the April 17th edition of the

Rotan Advance that all future plans for the elderly care facility to be located south of the Fisher County Hospital have been cancelled. Although this door has been closed to legal technicalities, the economic explosion that this facility would have created still exists. The economic potential of a large, or small, elderly care facility could bring in virtually millions of dollars to the Rotan Economy through medical expenses,

payroll, supplies, construction, janitorial and management services. Elderly facilities have reached maximum capacity in larger cities, and the public is desperately in need of other mechanisms of elderly care. Small town overhead, employment, and cost of living will soon create a flood of opportunities for the expansion of health care facilities. The community of Rotan is still open to the prosperity of this proposed facility, despite the downfall of the present planned facility due to legal and financial stalemate. At present the Rotan Economic Development Committee is engaged in the purchase of the truck terminal previously owned by the Brazos Transport Trucking Company. It is located south of Rotan and is intended to house the proposed future home of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Program. This business may grow to employ up to fifty employees, and could add up to one million dollars in payroll. This money could change hands to create an economic surge of two to three million dollars in retail sales, taxes, and economic growth. Frank Myers, executive director of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Inc. said "The outstanding cooperation of the community and the local

lay a natural gas line, Midwest Electric bid \$400,000 for the utilities, and the Scurry county Government bid \$15,000 for the site preparation. The city of Snyder allowed \$1,138,000 to lay the water and sewage lines, \$225,000 for elevated water storage, and \$760,000 for land. Scurry County also bid \$555,000 for dirt work and to pave roads. It would definitely take several years before our rural community could make such an investment, but with the economic growth that is in our future, a prison could some day become a reality. In conclusion, one can only expect to receive what he/she puts into the community. The businesses recently lost must be replaced. We are in need of a new clothing store, rather independent or a chain. this is essential to provide the retail sales that a community must have to survive. The community has to rebuild before growth can occur. Economic growth takes time, but with the dedication and leadership Rotan can contribute, economic development is an assurance in the future of our community.

The previous proposals for the economic development of Rotan, Texas, are merely simplistic examples of potential new industries. The only hope for economic growth in a small rural community is public awareness and participation. Creating and investing in the future of our community is the only way to insure a successful economy to provide the resources needed to secure a competitive place in a world of progress and technology. By developing the potential of each citizen of Rotan, Texas, we can create stable people who thrive on the success of the community.

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