

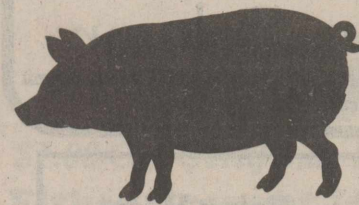
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Featuring L.A. Sparks And
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Kim's Korner
By Kim Pease

CONGRATULATIONS: To the former Rotan coaches and residents who are now coaches of other teams across the Lone Star State.

To Weldon Nelms who is at Iowa Park. His team played Hamlin a few weeks ago. Nelms left here and went to Wimberly then went on to Iowa Park. With him at Iowa Park is Dick Smith and Bruce Merrill and the girl's basketball coach from a few years ago - Rhonda Havens.

In no particular order and subject to constant revision, here is a listing of some former coaches and their last known location. John Cox, former tennis coach at Rotan is at Eden; Robert Damron former head coach is Superintendent at Stamford; Doyle Walker is an assistant coach at Jacksboro.

Richard Gorman is at Yorktown; Pat Ward is at or was at Cotulla; Steve Warren is an assistant coach at Abilene High; Doug Dallas is at Crane after leaving Cross Plains; Kieth Mullins, Hale Center; Raymond Weathersbee is at Holliday; Steve Merrill is at Fort Davis; Charlie Davis, Olney; Billy Dunn, Troy.

R.L. Coates, Stafford; Danny Diggs, Hamlin; Sonny Barnes, El Paso; Sid McCown, Robert Lee; Don Mullins, retired and living at Sweetwater;

Barry Sartain, Dangerfield; Rogers Langford, Knox City; David Simmons, Bastrop; James Driskill, Dimmit; Mario Heredia, Kirmit; Joe Holloway, Memphis. Del Van Cox, Mineral Wells; Tanya Upshaw, Roby; Darren Jensen, Ira; John Pease, Odessa; Jo Damron, Abilene; Dickie Leopard, was at Andrews.

Phil Petty is at Abilene; Tommy Watkins who was at Rotan, Iowa Park, Uvalde and the Hurst, Euless Bedford area is still believed to be in the Fort Worth area.

Charlie Russell left here for Canadian and is now Superintendent at Sonora; John Smith is at Santa Anna.

A few who have joined the "Head Coach" in the sky - D.V. Markham, O.M. Isbell, C.E. Booth.

There are other who we missed and we apologize. We'll start a new list immediately and do this again sometime in the future. If you have information on the location of other coaches or corrections to this list, call Janeece Pease at 735-2562.

THANKS: For the good comments about last week's paper. Twenty pages, chock full of Fisher County news, lots of pictures, lots of information. Hard to look at that paper and find where Rotan and Roby fit into the "Big Empty" mentioned a few weeks ago isn't it.

HIGHEST AND LOWEST: The highest tax rate in Fisher County for 1994 is the \$1.27 by the Rotan School. The lowest is the .0800 cents by the Rotan Water Authority.

TURKEY SHOOT: Sunday, October 16th is the Turkey Shoot by the Rotan Volunteer Fire Department and Junior Class at the Clay Fowler Ranch.

FUND STARTED: The Rotan Volunteer Fire Department has started a benefit fund for Jerry Dycus at the First National Bank. Dycus is the Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Marshal. He had to go back to M.D. Anderson last week for more tests.

Anyone desiring to donate to the fund can do so through the First National Bank or any fireman.

FEW CHANGES: With all the

Members of the Fisher County Commissioners Court met with Sheriff Gene Pack, Fisher County Senior Citizen Center Coordinator Maggie Briggs and two representatives of the Justice of the Peace office in Roby concerning matters of interest.

Pack appeared before the board to inform board members that the possibility existed that there could be a change in the fee paid by the City of Rotan for police protection in the future.

Pack indicated that he may have to close the sub station in Rotan. He indicated that the sub station was costing the county \$300 to \$500 a month. If the sub station is closed there would need to be a place to re-locate Justice of the Peace Marie Van Loon. Pack also said that the social security people would need to be re-located.

Pack was asked if he would remove the deputy from Rotan if the \$33,000 a year fee, currently being paid by the City of Rotan, was dropped. Pack said he would not be able to maintain the police department in Rotan as it has been operated in the past but that Rotan would have adequate protection just like Roby or Sylvester or any other section of Fisher County.

Asked if he would drop a deputy. Pack said he would not fire anyone. "I would just utilize the ones I have differently," stated Pack.

Pack reminded the commissioners that he only had five deputies and that he did not replace Marvin Kersh as a member of the force. "I only have five deputies, one of those is being paid by a grant, and I would venture to say we are getting by with less law enforcement personnel than any county per capita, in the area", said Pack.

Maggie Briggs appeared before the board to give an update on the status of the senior citizen program. She indicated that the center would have a turkey dinner for the public on Sunday, November 6th.

The final appearance before the board was by Geneva Chandler and Naomi Mayfield of the Justice of the Peace's office in Roby. Each wanted

commissioner approval to pay additional funds into a county retirement program. They were given approval - Chandler was granted permission to pay an additional \$2,698.64 and Mayfield was given permission to pay \$1,559.00.

Judge Bennett indicated that he was going to ask a representative of the

county retirement program to appear before the commissioners to further explain the retirement program payment options available.

In final action the commissioners did not act on a request by a Fisher County citizen who's car was allegedly damaged when it hit a pot hole on a county non-paved road for financial

assistance.

Commissioners discussed a possible area where there is an overlap in insurance coverage for county volunteer firemen. Judge Bennett is to check into this and report back in November.

Betty Rivers, Fisher County Clerk, informed the board that she will be conducting an early voting opportunity

on October 26th, Wednesday, at the Fisher County Senior Citizen's Center.

She will also have an early voting session at the Clerk's Office on Saturday, October 29th. Each session will be from 9 am until 3 pm.

Abstentee voting begins on October 19th.

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Mineral Wells Firm Awarded Bid Of \$551,400 For Rotan School Bldg.

The members of the Rotan School Board met last Monday night and unanimously approved a bid of \$551,400.00 from R.B.R. Construction Company of Mineral Wells, Texas for the construction of the new Science/Special Education Building.

There were a total of four companies that submitted bids. R.B.R. Construction Company was the low bidder and estimated completion in 180 days.

Board members present last Monday night were Norvelle Kennedy, Clay Helms, Vick Burk, Sheila Murphree, Ralph Riddle and Betty Strayhorn. Absent was David Hudnall.

Others present were Wes Hays, Mickey Early and David Hargrove.

In accepting the bid from R.B.R. Construction, the board rejected all bids for science equipment. Board members are contemplating asking that bid be re-submitted independently.

Board members approved a change in the medical expense coverage of the R.I.S.D. health plan. The board amended coverage to include necessary hearing aids.

Under the new consent agenda, the following items were approved without discussion under new business.

* The appointment of a 1994-95 Textbook Committee; Attendance Committee and the naming of teacher appraisers.

* The approval of the 1994-95 Teacher Appraisal Calendar.

* The adoption of the "Compact For Safe Schools"

The following consent agenda items were approved without discussion under the Superintendent's Report.

* Financial Report; Tax Collection Report, Enrollment Report.

* Board Training Credit application.

* Report on water test samples taken at the Rotan Football Field.

* Enrollment projections through 2000.

Board members voted, at an approximate cost of \$750 a year, to associate with the Equity Center for the 1994 - 1995 school year. Superintendent Wes Hays recommended that the board join calling the Equity Center a "strong voice for the property poor school districts and instrumental in assisting with S.B.-7 equalizing.

Several board members reported on

meetings they attended during the annual TASB/TASA Convention in Dallas on October 1 & 2.

* Clay Helms attended a facilities planning meeting.

* Ralph Riddle attended a Texas Open Meeting Open Record Seminar.

* Norvelle Kennedy attended an Extra Duty Stipend meeting.

* Sheila Murphree was the representative voting delegate.

In other action, they voted to pay Kelly Rushfeldt \$2,508 in what was pointed out as an error in pay computations while he was in Rotan as band director.

Board members gave the green light to Superintendent Wes Hays to schedule a band concert for Sunday after-

All Tax Notices May Be In Mail This Weekend

A third entity has been added to the discount list, according to Betty Mize, Fisher County Chief Appraiser, that will be giving a 3%, 2% and 1% for taxes paid early in either October, November or December.

The Rotan Municipal Water Authority as well as the Rotan School and Roby City are three of the seven entities offering early payment discounts. Entities not offering discounts are Fisher County, Roby School, Fisher County Hospital and Rotan City.

Fisher County residents, according to information from Betty Mize last Monday morning, could begin receiving 1994 tax notices this weekend or early next week.

The actual taxes are due any time during January 1995 and will carry a penalty and interest if paid after February 1, 1995.

Fisher County Cotton Producers Boll Weevil Eradication Programs

There will be a series of two boll weevil eradication meetings in Fisher County to discuss the importance and operation of the Boll Weevil Eradication program.

The first meeting will be on Tuesday, October 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the Rotan High School Auditorium. The second meeting will be Tuesday, October 25th at 7:00 p.m., at the Roby High School Auditorium.

The meeting is for growers, land owners with land rented out for cotton or to anyone else interested in raising cotton.

Stenholm Legislation Will Group ASCS, FCIC, FmHA, To One Office Sharing 'One-Stop' Farm Agency

Congressman Charles Stenholm (D-Stamford) announced that both the Senate and House of Representatives have approved legislation drafted by the House Agriculture Subcommittee he chairs providing for a major reorganization of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

"This legislation was the culmination of a painstaking and bipartisan process that began in the last Congress and included hearings in Texas, Washington, D.C., and eight other states," said Stenholm. "The final bill was designed to improve both the USDA's structure and services, and will give us a USDA that is more efficient, client-friendly, and prepared to face the challenges of tomorrow."

Key provisions of the USDA reorganization package:

* Reduces total USDA employment by 7,500 staff over the next five years. Most of the staff cuts will occur in the Washington office, and will achieve nearly \$1 billion in budget savings over the next five years.

* Closes or consolidates approximately 1,100 USDA field offices.

* Combines the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS), Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC), and Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) into a single Consolidated Farm Service Agency, and requires collocation of all USDA field offices. Sharing office space, equipment and personnel will reduce overhead expenses and ultimately provide "one-stop" service.

* Requires the establishment of local Consolidated Farm Service Agency committees, comprised of farmers, to administer and oversee USDA programs for a county or area.

* Establishes an independent National Appeals Division to handle administrative appeals of department decisions.

* Separates USDA meat and food safety activities from its farm marketing activities through establishment of an Under Secretary for Food Safety.

* Establishes an office of Risk Assessment and Cost-Benefit Analysis to evaluate the cost/benefits of major proposed regulations.

* Maintains a separate USDA resource conservation agency to administer all agriculture-related conservation programs, except for those programs assigned to the new Consolidated Farm Service Agency.

The House-passed reorganization bill is the first major overhaul of USDA since it was established in the 1930s. In addition to eliminating thousands of jobs, closing field offices, and consolidating programs, the legislation will re-prioritize the department's services.

Over the years, USDA has been critical on several fronts - from its field structure and multi-departmental jurisdictions, to the adequacy of services and benefits and the required paperwork, according to Stenholm.

"This legislation allows USDA to effectively address these concerns and carry out its modern-day responsibilities by adjusting the structure and direction of the current system," said Stenholm. "It is now up to the USDA and the House Agricultural Committee to ensure this legislation is administered in a responsible and meaningful manner."

Bar-B-Que Will Be Served For Benefit Of Sign

There will be a benefit bar-b-que brisket dinner on Saturday night, October 22nd between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., at the Rotan School Cafeteria.

The benefit bar-b-que brisket dinner will be prepared by the famous 'Amigos', with all proceeds going toward purchasing the new Rotan Downtown lighted sign.

The event is co-sponsored by the Rotan Development Corporation and the Rotan Chamber of Commerce.

Annual Ag. Day Tour Homes Is October 20

The annual Fisher County Ag Day and County Home and Farm Tour will be held Thursday, October 20.

Registration will be at 9:00 in the Pink Building with the viewing of exhibits and coffee being served by the FCE Clubs (formerly Extension Homemakers)

The Ag Tour will include the following stops. Mike L. Terry- cotton, Lowell Thornburg- quail habitat, Gene Terry- Angus cattle and Jose wheatgrass, McKimney Bros.- whitehead control and cotton variety test plots.

Home tours will include the Donald and Sheila Gruben home (9:30-10:15), the Randy and Sheila Murphree home (10:15-11:00), and the Ted and Gloria Posey home (11:00-11:45).

Following the tours, the two groups will reconvene at the Pink Building. Woody Raine of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission will be the guest speaker.

Reservations can be made by calling the Extension office 776-2171 by Tuesday, Oct. 18.

A Word About The Word

....The Pastor's Column

The Pastor's Column is available to every Fisher County Minister on a rotating basis. Submit columns to The Newspaper Office or Ministerial Alliance Secretary Wes Holland.

Some drug dealers recently went to the captain of an oil tanker that regularly made trips from South America to Los Angeles. They offered him \$10,000 if he would bring in a load of cocaine. He refused. They came back another day and said, "We'll give you \$50,000 in cash for one load." Again he refused.

Finally, they came again and offered \$150,000. This time the captain said that he would think about it, but he called the FBI. They put together a sting operation and caught the drug runners. The FBI was able to seize the shipment of drugs, \$340,000 in cash, and a list of buyers in the L.A. area.

It was after the arrest that one of the federal agents asked, "Why did you wait until they offered \$150,000 before you called us. He replied, "They were getting pretty close to my price and I was getting scared."

We all know that temptation is very real. And we know that the source of all temptation comes from the world and Satan is behind it all. Because we read in the Bible, James 1:13 "Let no one say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God; for God cannot be tempted with evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone." So, if temptation does not come from God, then it comes from Satan the evil one.

Now, the Bible also says in I Corinthians, 10:13 "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it."

Now, the way to captain was able to escape the temptation was to call the FBI. So God had made a way of escape for the captain was in need. Because the FBI has been around a long, long time.

In Matthew 10:16 we read, "Behold I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore, be wise as serpents and harmless as doves." Here God exhorts His children to be very wise and at the same time be very harmless. And someone has said "That is not saying be mean as a snake and dumb as a bird."

The point I am trying to make, is that, there is a force that is trying to destroy the Church of The Lord Jesus, and we do not need to help that force.

I want to exhort The Church of The Lord Jesus to listen to Ephesians 5:15-16 "See that you walk circumspectly, (carefully) not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

Being Wise

By Danny R. Martin, Minister
First Baptist Church
Sylvester, Texas



....To The Editor

Our Readers Write Their Opinions

Rotan Postmaster Writes

Dear Editor:
In response to the article "S.C.S. Free/Reduced Rent, and if I and area Postmasters would do the same? No! The Postal Service is not controlled on what expenses we spend or what revenues we receive. We are considered free enterprise. We do however pay the government 2 to 3 billion dollars a year. Not all our offices are rented, they are owned by the postal service and paid for.
In answer to your question we do

not plan to move or ask for rent free assistance. Here in Rotan along, their are eight regular employees and two substitutes. All these wages are mostly spent in Fisher County.

With ten salaries, that is a lot of revenue spent in Fisher County, not like the United Parcel Service which comes into Rotan and leaves with your packages and revenue and goes back to Abilene.

Sincerely yours,
Jerry E. Boone
Rotan, Postmaster

Thanks For The Visit

Dear Mr. Pease:
Week before last I was eating lunch at John's Hamburger, when I overheard Mozell tell Mr. Glen Posey that she and John were going to their daughter's close to Dallas and going to the State Fair of Texas. As I was paying, I asked Mozell when she and John planned on going to the Fair. She said she was going Saturday or Sunday. I then told her about me and my sister going to show our steers and heifers. Mozell said they may come by and see us.

I've been to a bunch of stock shows and have had many people tell me they would come see me and they never show up. So for Mozell and John, I just put it in the back of my mind and knew I wouldn't get mad if I didn't see them.

But on Saturday morning as my sister and I were blow drying our steers, getting ready for the sale, Mozell and John walked up behind us and Mozell

hugged us and asked us how we had done. They had walked the cattle barns looking for the Fisher County 4-H sign.

No one will know how much their coming by meant to me and my sister.

Then when I went in to eat at John's last Tuesday, Mozell asked about how my sisters heifers placed. Now I know they are really interested in what we do and that makes me proud that are from my home town.

Cory Rains.
P.S. As the mother, I would like to express my feelings of how this visit from the Mercer's really did put a smile on my children. Cory had this smiling face, eyes and all, and a quiver in his voice when he said Mozell said she might come by and she did. For those that have never been to the State Fair, I can tell you they didn't just happen by in the cattle barns. Again thanks for your interest.
Belynda Rains.

Average Region 14 ESC Teacher Paid \$26,785; U.S. Average \$35,813

School teachers in 33 states make more money than Texas school teachers. The average Texas school teacher makes \$30,514 a year and ranks 34th nationally on the average teacher pay scale ladder. Tagging along with Texas in the group in the bottom one-third is Tennessee (\$30,514) who's teacher's are ranked 35th nationally and Missouri ranked 36th at \$30,3424.

The state paying their teachers the most is Connecticut. The average teacher in that New England state last year received \$50,389 compared with Mississippi on the other end of the spectrum at the lowest average teacher pay at \$25,153.

Across the nation, the Associated Press survey, found that teachers averaged making \$35,813 in salary during the 1993-94 school year which was up 2.3 percent from the figures for 1992-93.

In the Texas Region 14 Education Service Center, the average teacher salary was \$26,785 as of October 1993.

Rotan was slightly above the state average with their teachers making \$27,048 while Roby's teachers fell slightly below the average at \$25,589.

Within Region 14 Education Service Center, Westbrook in Mitchell County averages paying teachers \$30,616 while Moran in Shackelford County averages paying \$22,478.

At Rotan, the average salary for administrators is \$43,375 while it dips to \$42,720 at Roby. Support personnel at Rotan are paid an average of \$33,340 at Rotan and \$28,520 at Roby.

Source Associated Press & Benchmarks - Austin, Texas

Average Figures

Roby Teacher Salary	\$25,589
Rotan Teacher Salary	\$27,048
Texas Teacher Salary	\$30,514
U.S. Teacher Salary	35,813

Continued From Page 1

rumors running rampant if Fisher County, I heard last week that Janece and I were selling the newspaper. Not so. Probably where that piece of mis-information started was from someone who got another area of our businesses confused. Janece and I sold the United Caprine News to Jeff Klein a few months ago. Jeff has been employed by the United Caprine News for the past 10 years. He will be moving to the Dallas - Fort Worth metroplex in a few months and taking the United Caprine Newspaper with him. He is the type individual and the business he owns that I feel Economic Development groups should be trying to attract to small towns. Business that employ a few people - forget the 200 person manufacturing plants - they are not going to realistically locate in a small town. Money spent locally turns over 6 or 7 times and helps stimulate a healthy economy - say the experts. The United Caprine News had been one of the silent contributors to the Fisher County economy for the past 12 years.

PROCLAMATION: Rotan Mayor Jerry Marshall has proclaimed the week of October 23-29 as Texas Pharmacy Week in Rotan.

FINALLY: Ol' Whistle Britches from his Shinnery Ridge Ranch at Rough Creek thinks Charlie Stenholm is making a mistake by debating Republican Phil Boone. Boone is probably going to ask Stenholm to defend everything President Clinton has done, every Democratic stand Clinton or Stenholm has taken; every trip Stenholm has taken, every vote he's recorded while Boone has a clear slate. No voting record, etc.

Reputation - An open confession is good for the soul, but bad for the reputation.

Talking - A lot of people get unlimited mileage out of a limited vocabulary.

Mind - When you begin to smile at things that once made you laugh, middle age is approaching.

Questions - Life has more questions than answers.

Finally, Finally: Britches says that the best way to find out the answer to something and quit wondering is to ask the question.

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The One Who Knows

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Monday	Psalms	9
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Wednesday	Exodus	23:1-9
Thursday	Leviticus	19:1-18
Friday	Isaiah	61:1-11
Saturday	Luke	4:16-30

"Ah, sweet mystery of life," says our young Sherlock.

Youngsters are naturally curious. Though their methods may be simplistic, their lack of refinement is overshadowed by an overabundance of determination. Repeatedly, we hear, "Why?" That is how a child learns...by asking one who knows.

As the child grows to adulthood, the questions become more difficult and the answers more elusive. Where does one go?

Most solutions are found through experience and in the written word. It has been said that children live what they learn. If their experience has been to learn of God's wisdom and love at an early age, they will likely search His Word for answers to more complex issues as an adult.

In Matthew 7:7, we read... "Seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." Seek God this Sabbath in your local church or synagogue. Ask the One Who knows.

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St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Church Of The Nazarene, Church of Christ, Calvary Baptist, Little Zion Baptist, First United Methodist, Foursquare, First Baptist, Cross Roads Baptist and Emmanuel Baptist at Rotan; First Baptist, Mission Bautista Calvario, Church of Christ, First United Methodist at Roby; McCaulley Baptist and First Methodist at McCaulley; First Baptist and First Methodist at Sylvester; and Hobbs Baptist at Hobbs.

THE NEWSPAPER OFFICE ACCEPTS MASTERCARD VISA Charge It!

Editorial Comment

By Kimball G. Pease
Rotan Water Authority Finances

The members of the Rotan Water Authority have, in my opinion, operated their business by the 'book' for the past 26 or so years. Financially, they have done a pretty good job of amassing nearly a million dollars in reserves.

The authority members today are John Gray, Mac Weathersbee, Larry Callan, Bart Strayhorn and Bobby Gruben.

In speaking with Rotan Water Authority Board President John Gray last week, he reminded me that I have come down on him, personally, pretty hard for the large amount of money his organization has on deposit. He is absolutely correct. I have questioned how his group can continue to tax water authority residents, with a good conscience, where there is about \$950,000.00 in the bank on deposit drawing interest.

I have had a hard time understanding how this group can tax the residents of the water district year after year, when for at least 6 or 8 years they have had enough money to pay off the bonded indebtedness and be debt free. They have chosen not to pay off the bonds because the interest their money is drawing at the First National Bank of Rotan is greater than what they are being charged on the interest for the bonds.

I personally accused Gray of leading a group guilty of 'hoarding' money. I said the Water Authority just taxes and stacks the money up in certificates of deposit.

I have never been one to 'sugar coat' my opinions. I have come down pretty hard on Gray in personal discussions in the past and last week he reminded me that I did.

As he and I sat calmly discussing the finances of the Rotan Water Authority, I made the statement that he and the members of his board were going to 'catch thunder' no matter what direction they turned, no matter what avenue they took no matter what - they were doomed to catch heck.

"John", I said, "if you guys went the other way and just eked-by with low tax rates and a few dollars in the bank and then had trouble in the form of a big line replacement job, you would be criticized for not being responsible and setting aside some funds for a rainy day. The way you have been, or the way your board members have chosen to be, you are being criticized, at least by me, for being prudent, amassing almost a million dollars in excess funds. You can't win - can you," I said.

John Gray, in a calm, calculated manner, made me realize that I probably appreciate the board more for having the funds in the bank to pay for repairing a major water line break than I would if they didn't. He's right.

I would probably be personally more upset that the authority failed to take prudent, financial measures for a rainy-day and had to float another bond issue than I am that they are 'sitting on' almost a million bucks drawing interest.

First Point - I guess in the grand scheme of things the money will be put to good use someday in assuring Rotan Water Authority customers that the water district will continue to be able to get water transported from Snyder to our fair city.

Second Point - I wish the Rotan Water Authority would begin downsizing the authority. Keep everything in place, pay off the bonds, reduce the tax rate to the bare minimum, still function, but function in a 'coasting' mode.

Third Point - I hope the authority members never forget that real people elected the members to the Rotan Water Authority to 'see after' their best interests concerning water. The \$945,000 in the bank represents a lot of pennies, from a lot of hard working real people - it is the taxpayers money on deposit, being seen after by the board. Least anyone forgets. That's my opinion.

Kimball G. Pease

Fisher County Memories

Picture From The Past



Piggly Wiggly Little League Baseball Team

The above shot is of the Piggly Wiggly Little League baseball team, known as the 'Little Pigs'. It was taken back in about 1951 or 1952. Identified (L to R - Front row) Radell Hammit, Mickey White, Gary Taggart, Laurence W. Sparks, David Snapp and Ernest Bickerstaff. (Back row - L to R) Harold McKinney, Rafor Ratliff, LeRoy Hill, Tony DeLeon, Albaridio Garcia, Barry Rushing, Kenneth Boen. Adults - (L to R) L.A. Sparks, Ernest Roberts, Coach Boen.

Readers are invited to submit any old photograph for publication. Please identify as much as possible. Photos will be run space-available and will be returned unharmed.

Ten Free Shade Trees To Be Given Away To Each Person Joining National Arbor Day Foundation

Ten free shade trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during October 1994.

The free trees are part of the non-profit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The ten shade trees are Sugar Maple,

Red Oak, Pin Oak, Green Ash, Thornless Honeylocust, Weeping Willow, River Birch, Tuliptree, Silver Maple, and Red Maple.

"Spectacular fall colors are among the many benefits of these beautiful shade trees," John Rosenow, the

Foundation's president, said.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between November 1 and December 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to SHADE TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by October 31, 1994.

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El Paso Indian Tribe May Bring Nevada Style Gambling To Texas

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — By letting stand a ruling by the First Circuit Court of Appeals, the U.S. Supreme Court last week gave El Paso's Tigua Indian tribe hope of bringing Las Vegas-style gambling to Texas.

The state appealed an order by U.S. District Judge Lucius D. Bunton III for Texas to negotiate with the tribe for a casino agreement.

The U.S. Supreme Court upheld a ruling by Boston's First Circuit Court of Appeals, which ordered Rhode Island to negotiate with the Narragansett Indians, allowing the tribe to build a casino on tribal lands. An identical case is pending in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, according to Tom Diamond, attorney for the Tiguas.

If the Tiguas get their casino, it will be easier to sell the idea of having casino gambling in other cities, said Lloyd Criss, president of the Texas Association for Casino Entertainment.

Criss told *The Dallas Morning News*, "...every other city in Texas is going to want to get in on the economic benefits that casinos bring."

Vote Fraud Allegations Probed
Galveston County District Attorney Mike Guarino is investigating a citizen group's allegations of fraud in the county's mail-in balloting. So-called records show that some

voters' signatures may have been forged on mail-in ballot envelopes for the Democratic primary runoff in April.

State Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Galveston, said he and members of his staff organized the Texas Voter Project after several Democratic runoff candidates complained to him of ballot fraud in the primary, the *Houston Chronicle* reported.

Patterson's group found more than 200 instances where the signature on the ballot did not match the signature on the envelope. In one of the county's 69 voting precincts, 48 percent of the total vote came from mail-in ballots.

"I believe there is an orchestrated effort to manipulate the mail-in ballots," Patterson told *Chronicle* reporters. He said evidence has been turned over to the FBI.

Home Equity Loans Nixed

The U.S. Supreme Court let stand an appeals court ruling that would have allowed home equity lending in Texas, but homeowners in the Lone Star State still won't be able to hock their sacred hearths because of timely shepherding by U.S. Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez, D-San Antonio.

Gonzalez managed to put language in new interstate banking legislation that keeps the federal courts out of Texas' home equity debate, placing the ability to use home equity as collateral for a loan squarely in the hands of Texas lawmakers and voters.

Gonzalez is against home equity lending because he said it would be too easy for homeowners to lose their homes if they fail to pay their mortgage and home equity loan. Consumer groups side with Gonzalez on the issue, while larger banks favor a constitutional amendment allowing the loans.

A Way to Cut Utility Bills

Texas residential customers of investor-owned utilities paid an annual average of \$1,082.73 for electrical power in 1993, while the national average was \$818.47, according to the Washington, D.C.-based Edison Electric Institute.

Consumer groups used those figures in urging the Texas Legislature to pass reforms that would reward utilities for retrofitting homes and businesses with energy-efficient equipment. A legislative committee met in Austin last week to consider utility regulation reforms.

Tom Smith of Public Citizen said retrofitting could help conserve one third of the power Texans use, and result in less costly utility bills.

Public Citizen reports that 80 percent of all Texans are served by investor-owned utilities.

TDC OKs Hillsboro Loan

The Texas Department of Commerce has approved a \$275,000 Texas Leverage Fund loan for the Development Corporation of Hillsboro. The money will be used by Oakwood Homes, a fabricator of manufactured housing, for partial funding of the construction of a 122,000 foot facility in Hillsboro. DCH will invest \$3.5 million toward the project for construction and machinery and equipment.

"By using the Texas Leverage Fund, we leveraged the sales tax receipts almost five times and participated in financing the expansion of Oakwood Homes Inc.," said Wayne Norman, DCH president. "This will result in the creation of 85 jobs for the community in addition to the 115 currently employed."

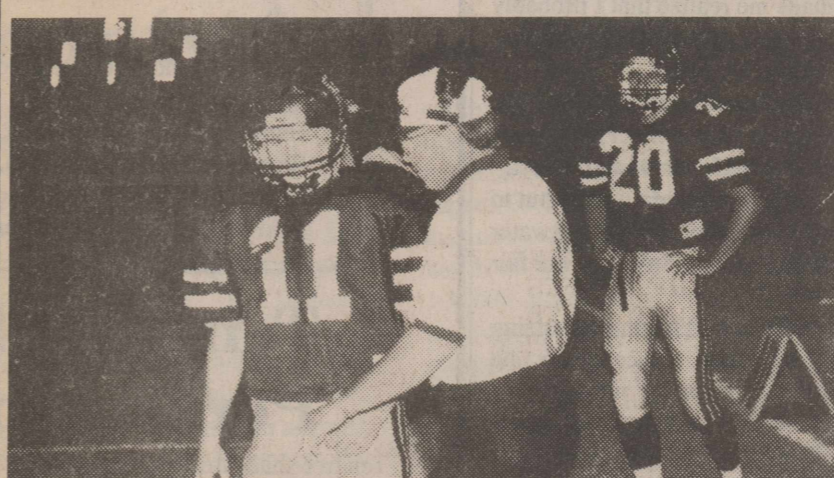
Other Highlights

■ Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, who is recovering from heart bypass surgery, will have Sen. John Montford, D-Amarillo, stand in for him at an Oct. 17 debate with his GOP opponent Tex Lezar. A campaign spokesman said Bullock has been ordered by doctors not to take an airplane to Dallas for the debate.

■ Despite a combined 80 invitations to debate, some political observers believe Gov. Ann Richards and her Republican opponent George W. Bush will only make one joint appearance prior to the Nov. 8 election. So far, both have agreed to one debate scheduled for Oct. 21 in Dallas.

....Random Shots

The Sights At A Roby Lion Football Game



Roby Random Shots Identified From Top to Bottom - Top shot - Playing in the band - Latrice Moffett, left and Jaycee Carey, right; Middle - Roby Band Member Beau Hart and Bottom - Coby Moore, left, Coach Mike Christian and Casey Terry, right.

Fisher County R.V. Club Gathers At Bluff Trails, Ingram

The Fisher County RV Club met at Bluff Trails Ranch at Ingram for the September meeting.

The Melvin Clements' and Cullen Terrys' were Wagon Masters.

A tour of James Avery Craftsman and other sight seeing was enjoyed by:

J.T. and Louise Mahaffey; Murray and Virginia Simmons; Earl and Nelda Davenport; Rosemary Orrell; Cullen

and Alline Terry; Melvin and Odessa Clements; Jim and Amaleeta McCright; Rex and Sibyl Fields; Patsy and Arlene Neep; Carlton and Dorothy Burrow. After a breakfast and devotional Sunday morning, everyone left for home. The next meeting will be October 13-16 at Brantley State Park, Carlsbad, New Mexico.

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	10-1-1993	10-1-93-9-30-94	in	out	10-1-93-9-30-94	9-30-94
AIRPORT	11 977 08	4 754 93			3 778 82	12 953 19
GENERAL	559 857 69	1 346 952 19	500 000 00	506 000 00	1 367 326 98	533 482 90
R&B #1	43 923 04	172 153 61			198 517 67	17 558 98
R&B #2	25 132 74	170 047 58	6 000 00		198 101 16	3 079 16
R&B #3	43 278 90	169 649 94			202 870 58	10 058 26
R&B #4	6 721 62	169 296 84			181 620 90	-5 602 44
C. Justice	-0-	26 304 00			27 489 97	-1 185 97
	690 891 07	2 059 159 09	506 000 00	506 000 00	2 179 706 08	570 344 08

Tax Roll for County purposes 175 479 547 @ 79.5 1 395 662 40
 Lateral Road Funds received from State of Texas 21 547 70
 Received from Reg., repl. transfers paid to Co. Trans. 207 560 08
 \$10.00 County Fees 37 306 22
 Tax Collector Commission 8 687 15

WARRANT INDEBTEDNESS

Precinct #1
 12-23-92 Motorgrader Caterpillar Financial trade diff. \$47 000 00 @ 8% due Jan. 93 \$12 000 00
 Jan. 94 \$10 245 79, Jan. 95 \$10 245 79, Jan. 96 \$10 245 79, Jan. 97 \$10 245 79.

Precinct #2
 11-19-92 Motorgrader Caterpillar Financial trade diff \$39 500 00 @ 6.5% due Feb. 93 \$6 000 00
 Feb. 94 \$8 000 00 Feb. 95 \$15 600 29 Feb. 96 \$15600 29.

4-15-93 Motorgrader West Tex. Equip. pd \$7 600 00 due \$10 000 00 4-15-94

6-25-91 Motorgrader First National Bank Rotan @ 8% \$75 000 00 due 1-15-92 \$18 750 00 + int.
 1-15-93 \$18 750 00 + int. 1-15-94 \$18 500 00 + int. 1-15-95 \$18 500 00 + int.

Precinct #3
 3-22-93 Motorgrader Caterpillar Financial trade diff \$82 540 00 - Lease-purchase 7-1-93
 \$32 540 00 1-1-94 \$27 288 66 1-1-95 \$27 288 66.

Precinct #4
 7-31-91 Motorgrader Citizens State Bank Roby trade diff. \$25 000 00 @ 8% due 7-31-92,
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1-28-91 Motorgrader Caterpillar refinance with Citizens State Bank Roby \$52 568 25 @ 9% due
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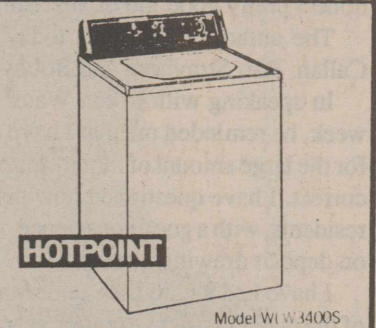
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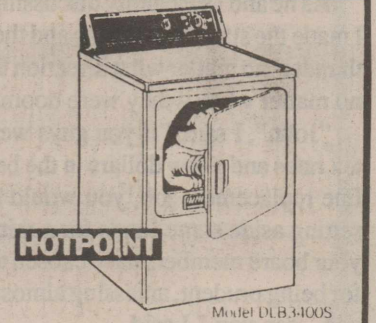
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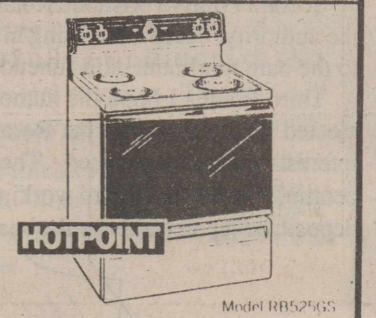
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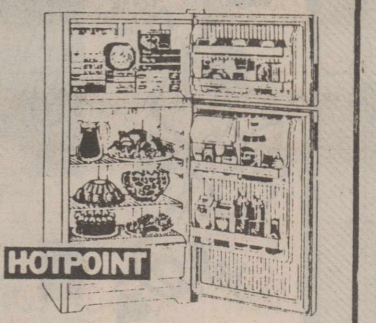
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County Voters Can Begin Make Application For Ballot-By-Mail

Fisher County voters can begin requesting ballots by mail for the upcoming general election, November 8th, according to Fisher County Clerk Betty Rivers.

Early voting is handled by the Fisher County Clerk's Office. Rivers indicated that the cutoff date for mail-in ballots is November 1st and all ballots must be postmarked on or before that date.

Any Fisher County voter is qualified to vote early by mail if the voter meets one of the below guidelines:

* expects to be absent from the county of residency on election day and during the regular hours for early voting by personal appearance:

- * is disabled;
- * is 65 years of age or older on election day; or
- * is confined to jail.

To order to vote early by mail, voters must submit an application to the county clerk. Official applications are available from the Fisher County Clerk's Office. Informal applications may be used as long as it contains all the required information.

The required information must:

- be in writing and be signed by the applicant or by a witness if the applicant cannot sign;
- contain the applicant's name and state the address at which the voter is registered and the mailing address;
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Rate for listing in the Rotan Advance-Roby Star Record Political Column is \$80.00 for all offices. This fee includes a front page announcement article and a one-column photograph to be run with the announcement, in addition to the listing in the Political Column from the date the announcement is made until the final election.

Charges for announcements must be paid in advance, and the same policy applies to all political advertising carried in the columns of this newspaper.

Names of candidates for each office will be listed in the Political Calendar in the order that they are received at the newspaper office.

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PANSIES: Pansies are now in at Horton Hill Nursery, Roby. 7:1tc

RELIGIOUS TAPES AND BOOKS: We have religious tapes by such artist as Carman, Michael W. Smith, Twila Parish, DC Talk and many more. We also have available many religious books by authors such as Charles Swindoll, Max Lucado, Dr. James Dobson and more. Come in and make your selection. The Newspaper Office, 735-2562. 10:tf

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TUESDAY: Baked Ham, Green Beans, Scalloped Potatoes, Rolls, Baked Apples.

WEDNESDAY: Beef Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Tossed Salad, Jello.

THURSDAY: Salisbury Steak, Broccoli & Cheese, Creamed Potatoes, Rolls, Pear Halves.

FRIDAY: Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Cheese Wedges, Fresh Veggies, Spice Cake.

ROBY SCHOOL MENU October 17-24, 1994

MONDAY: Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Buttered Peas, Carrot Stick, Fruit, Bread, Milk.

TUESDAY: Turkey & Dressing, Cranberry Sauce, Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Fruit, Bread, Milk.

WEDNESDAY: Corn Dog, Buttered Rice, Blackeyed Peas, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Bread, Milk.

THURSDAY: Burrito, French Fries, Salad, Ice Box Pie, Bread, Milk.

FRIDAY: Hamburger w/Cheese, Chips, Hamburger Salad, Brownie, Fruit, Bun, Milk.

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According To The Record

The Following Information Was Obtained As A Result Of An Open Record Request

Old Winn's Variety Store, Building, Lot, And Personal Property Value

Betty Mize, Fisher County Chief Appraiser, was submitted a letter under the Texas Open Record Act and asked for the following information - "The valuation for tax purposes of the former Winn's Variety Store building and lot in Rotan, Texas."

The below answer to the official Open Record Request was received from the Fisher County Appraisal District Chief Appraiser Betty Mize concerning the request.

"The valuation for the building, lot and business personal property of the former Winn's Variety Store is \$64,339.00 according to the 1994 tax roll."

OBITUARIES

Janice Mackey

Janice Mackey, 59, of Snyder, died at her residence in Snyder (sudden illness). Funeral services were held at First Baptist Church Chapel with Rev. Marty Akins, pastor officiating. Burial was in the Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Mackey was born March 20, 1935 in Roby, Texas. She married Ewell Dwight Mackey on December 5, 1953 in Sweetwater, Texas. He died March 9, 1992. Mrs. Mackey and her husband moved to Snyder some 22 years ago from Hamlin where they had lived for 16 years. Mrs. Mackey was very active in the First Baptist Church and a member of the Martha Ruth Sunday School class. She had also served on the bereavement committee at the church. She was a housewife and had also worked a number of years at Lotta Burger in Snyder and Everybody's Thriftway. She had also done promotional work recently for IGA, Don's Value King, Wal-mart and K-Mart- all in Snyder.

She is survived by: 2 sons- Steve Mackey of Snyder, Tx., Mitch Mackey of Vidor, Tx.; mother- Pauline Beene of Mesquite, Tx.; 2 sisters- Emily Jones of Dallas, Susan Childs of Irving, Tx.; 1 granddaughter- Cameron Mackey, Snyder, 2 grandsons- Chris Mackey, Snyder, Austin Mackey of Vidor. She was preceded in death by her father, Foy Beene and a brother, James Beene.

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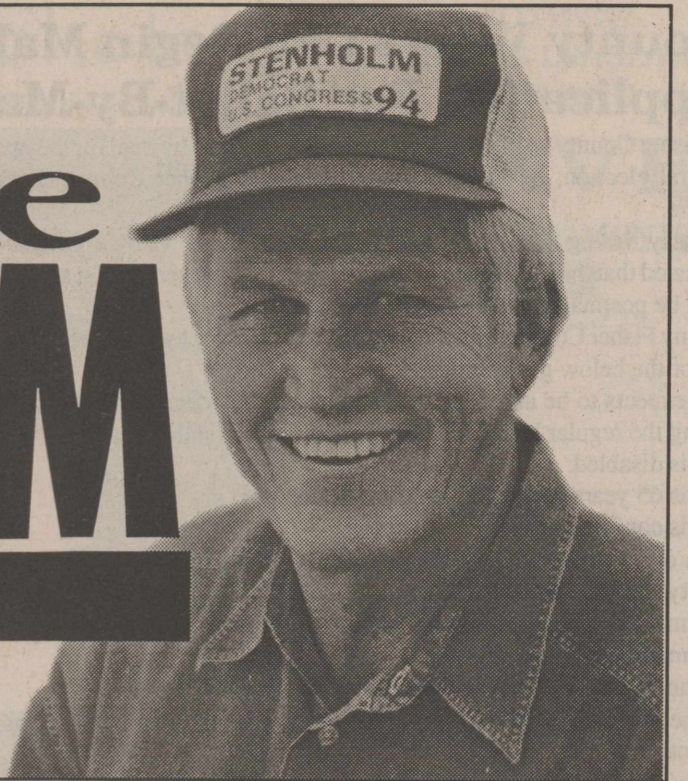
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Fisher County Agricultural News

County Agent News

County Agent's Column by Richard Spencer

The last 94 Cotton Crop prediction for the U. S. was over 19 million bales up over 3 million bales from 93. The Texas Crops and Livestock Reporting Service posted the Fisher 93 production as 21,500 bales. The 94 Crop will be better than 93. The cotton looks pretty good as a whole even with the extremely hot summer and very little rain.

Producers and cotton landowners should receive a letter this week about the upcoming educational meetings on boll weevil eradication. The public

is encouraged to these meetings on October 18 & 25.

U.S. net farm income is forecast at \$47-\$51 billion in 1994, up from \$43 billion in 1993, says the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The increase comes mostly from a \$4-6 billion rise in farm stocks. Net cash farm income is expected at \$53-\$57 billion in 1994, compared with the last 5 year average of \$56 billion. USDA expects the average income of farm households to increase, but gave no figures.

Drought in northern Mexico has led to the death of more than 300,000

cattle and a possible 50 percent reduction in livestock production in that region, according to Mexico City newspapers. Chihuahua, which exports \$70 million in cattle annually to the U.S. has been particularly hard hit with 100,000 cattle deaths. Weight loss in surviving cattle is expected to delay exports.

Drought will cut the net value of Australia's farm output by about 28 percent from July to June, 1994-95, according to Knight-Rider Financial News. The beef industry is likely to post only moderate declines due to an

already-depleted herd and increasing sophistication in management practices.

The computer age will allow more people to work at home, and the lure of rural life will call more of them to the country. Farmers and ranchers will be interacting with people who may or may not be sympathetic with their industry and practices. This vision of 21st Century agriculture was presented

by Professor Lowell Catlett of New Mexico State University at Texas A&M's recent Beef Cattle Short Course.

County Home Extension Agent News

By Beth Dannheim

County Agents Report by Beth Dannheim Higher Education For College Cooking.....

If you have a student who has moved away from home, cooking may be a new experience or something that you would like for him/her to know more about.

To avoid getting foodborne illness from your own cooking, follow a few rules:

- * When grocery shopping, put perishable foods in your cart last and always take them home immediately and refrigerate at once.
- * If you're using a microwave in the dorm, follow product directions and check the temperature of the food to

- see if it needs extra cooking time.
- * Refrigerate leftovers such as pizza, fried chicken, hamburgers and Chinese food as soon as possible. Remember, perishable foods should never be unrefrigerated more than two hours.
- * Never store foods on the window ledge even if the weather is cold (not even that pizza box!). Buildings radiate heat, making the sill warmer than the outside temperature. Plus, a metal box used to protect food from birds and animals can act as an "oven" in direct sunlight.
- * Check contents of "care packages" of food from home to see if any cans or packages must be stored in the refrigerator before or after opening it.

BY LOUIS D. CHESTER
 Extension Agent-Entomology (70)

High Plains Harvest-aid Decision Table (not all treatments are equally effective)

Crop Condition	Dry, Max Temp > 80 (8 days after treatment)	Dry, Max Temp < 75 (20 days after treatment)	Wet (8 days after treatment)
Short, 12 to 14 in. tall Yield: 500-800 bu/acre	Cyclone (8 oz)	Cyclone (8 oz)	Cyclone (8 oz)
Medium, 14 to 18 in. tall Yield: 800-1000 bu/acre	Cyclone → Cyclone (4 to 8 → 16 to 32oz) ¹ Cyclone + Defolix (8 to 10 + 8 to 12oz)	Cyclone → Cyclone (4 to 8 → 16 to 32oz) ¹ Cyclone + Defolix (8 to 12 + 8 to 12oz)	Cyclone → Cyclone (8 to 12 → 16 to 32oz) ¹ Cyclone + Quikstop ² (16 to 24 + 16 to 24oz)
Tall, 20 to 24 inches tall Yield: 800-1000 bu/acre	Cyclone (8 oz) Cyclone → Cyclone (4 to 8 → 16 to 32oz) ¹ Prep + Defolix (8 to 16 + 8 to 16oz)	Cyclone (8 oz) Cyclone → Cyclone (4 to 8 → 16 to 32oz) ¹ Prep + Defolix (16 to 24 + 16 to 24oz)	Cyclone (8 oz) Cyclone → Cyclone (4 to 8 → 16 to 32oz) ¹ Prep + Defolix (24 + 8 to 8oz)
Head, 18 to 24 in. tall Yield: 800-1000 bu/acre	Prep + Defolix (16 + 8 to 16oz)	Prep + Defolix (16 + 8 to 16oz)	Prep + Defolix (16 to 24 + 16 to 24oz)
Head, 24 to 36 in. tall Yield: 800-1000 bu/acre	Prep + Defolix (16 + 8oz)	Prep + Defolix (16 + 8oz)	Prep + Defolix (16 to 24 + 16 to 24oz)

¹ Use in conjunction with natural leaf shed. These high rates can cause green, healthy leaves to sick.
² Do not use more than 32 ounces of Cyclone may be applied in any one season. The need for a second application will depend on the amount of green leaves remaining.
³ Review crop maturity, the activity of Prep is affected by rate and temperature. Under cooler conditions, boll opening can be encouraged by increasing the rate.
⁴ This combination of these rates is a debilitating treatment, although some leaf drop may occur.

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ROTAN HOMECOMING 1994 THE LATEST.....

by Darlene Cleveland

Wow! What a great weekend. The volunteers who worked so hard to prepare for Homecoming '94 were rewarded by record crowds at all the activities and everyone that attended had a great time. A large crowd at the luncheon enjoyed not only a wonderful lunch, but also the beautiful music of Cathy's Angels, a group of 4-H young ladies from both Rotan and Roby. Their music was truly angelic.

If many banquet goers had not had to leave the fantastic feast early because of prior commitments, many people would not have had a seat while they were eating, and yet, there was loads of food left when everyone had had their fill. The Amigos and all the good cooks that brought side dishes just outdid themselves. The cafeteria was so full that many in the back could not hear the music from the video of pictures from the past, but the photos themselves were awesome. Debbie, Harold and Amy have promised to save the tape and show it again next year.

You just can't believe, unless you were there, how great Mark Harris and 'Stone River' really are. At most dances, the crowd applauds for the first two or three songs, and then forget where the music is coming from. But not Saturday night. Every song was worthy of recognition. Lots of listeners and hundreds of dancers really enjoyed the evening.

For Homecoming '95 the basic format will be the same. After verbal approval at the banquet, the same slate of volunteers will be doing the planning for next year. It was fun!

Wright's Chapel Community Holds Their Annual Gathering

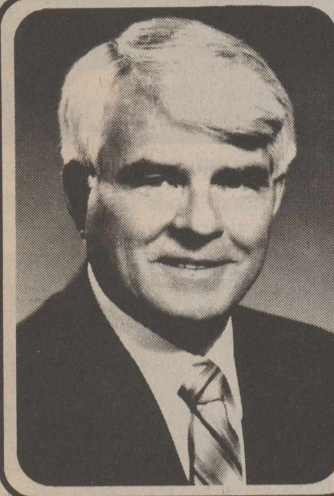
The long-awaited Wright's Chapel Community reunion took place on Saturday, September 24. People from near and far came to reminisce with friends and family about a place and people dear to their hearts. There were approximately 150 in attendance. Ages ranged from 85 years to 1 year.

Brisket and beans were donated by several members present living in the community. Side dishes and desserts were provided by guests. There was

enough food to feed twice as many.

Horse shoes and basketball entertained the young "uns" while lots of catching up entertained the older crowds. The reunion was held at the home of Billy Wayne and Lula McMeans.

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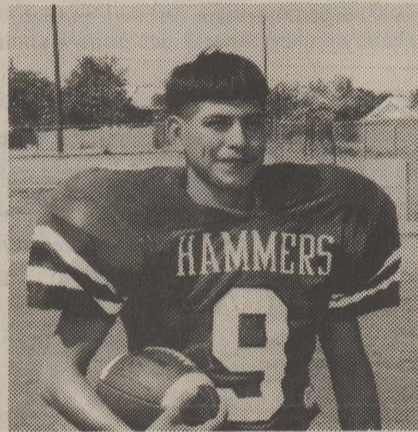
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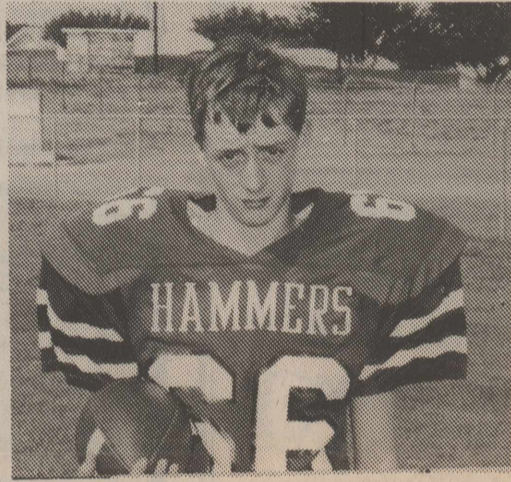
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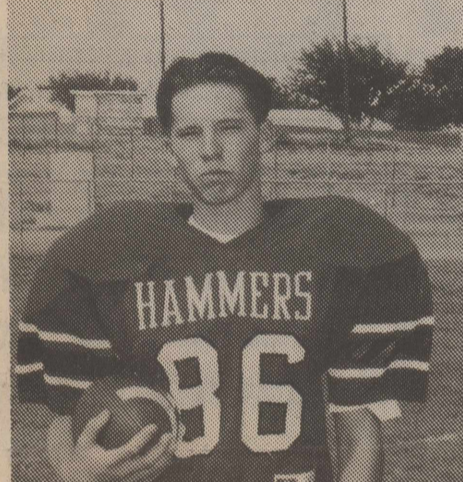
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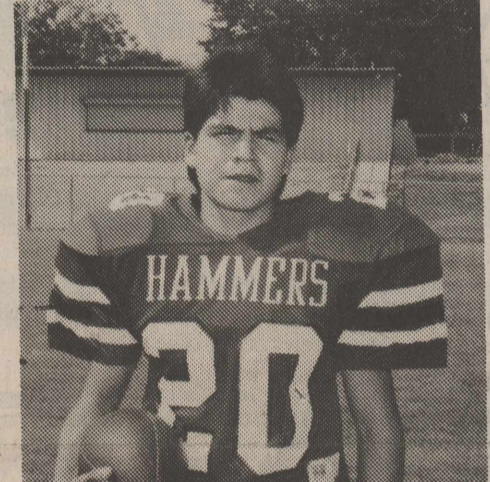
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Roby Lion Talk

By Mike Christian
Head Football Coach & A.D.



Coach Previews Paducah Dragons

We had a 'fun' win last week against Crowell, 46-124. Everyone got to play and contribute to the victory. Our first defensive unit gave up less than 100 total yards and 4 first downs. Bryce Moore, Mike Counts, Brian Dickson and Lonnie Green had interceptions, Lonnie returning his for a touchdown. Les Branham pressured the Crowell quarterback all night, in on seven tackles, had 1 sack, 2 'hurries', caused 1 fumble and recovered 2. Brian Dickson also recovered one fumble, and Bryce Moore led our defense with 12 tackles. Seventeen of our Lions were in on 1 or more tackles, a real team effort.

Offensively, we had a balanced attack with 233 rushing yards and 101 passing yards. Mike Counts had two touchdown receptions of 25 and 34 yards, Michael Brown caught 2 passes, Lonnie Green caught one and T.J. Flanagan caught one. Mario Barrera was 4-8-0 for 88 yards and 2 T.D. passes. Bryce Moore, Les Branham and Kevin Christian all scored rushing touchdowns.

The offensive line, including Shea Feagan, Kieth Hardin, Brian Dickson, Edward Marquez, Billy Floyd, Kelly Heflin, Jason Thompson and Jeremy Stidham, graded well for the night and did a super job of protecting the passer.

Paducah offers a much tougher, talented challenge this week. Their tailback, 185 lb. senior Chris Canales, ran for 275 yards two weeks ago against Motley County. 180 lb. Senior Andy Cruz is a good passer at quarterback and Alendale Hurd has blazing speed at the split end position. Hurd had 2 long touchdown catches against Munday and another long catch that set up Paducah's winning field goal. Their linemen are quick and good sized, led by huge Health Burns, 6 ft. 3 inches, 264 pounds, junior tackle.

Paducah is in the 'driver's seat' having knocked off Munday, the pre-season favorite in our district. We must play hard and smart to defeat the Dragons.

Game time is 7:30 p.m. in Paducah. Please attend and support our young men. You fans really do make a difference.

We have a number of good quality "Roby Lion" caps for sale by our Lion Booster Club. See Mrs. Counts, Mrs. Bob Moore, Mrs. Lance McWilliams or any coach or booster club member. Cost is only \$12.50 for a quality, American-Made cap. Proceeds go to the Roby Booster Club and ultimately, to our boys and girls. See you at the game.

Thought For The Week: It is amazing what we can accomplish when no one cares about who gets the credit.



COMING HOME QUEEN: Cindy Helms Mims, above, escorted by Raymond 'Hoss' Carrillo was named the 1994 Coming Home Queen.



RIDING TO THE PEP RALLY: Rotan Cheerleaders ride to the homecoming pep rally last Friday.

Question Of The Week.....

QUESTION: Is Roby still investigating the possibility of building a new elementary school building?

ANSWER: Two years ago the Roby C.I.S.D. Board was 100% in favor of constructing a new elementary building. After the solid defeat in the Bond Issue Election the Board has not brought the issue up for consideration. However, this does not mean that a Bond Election for a new elementary building will not be considered in the future." *George Price, Superintendent, Roby Schools.*

Question Of The Week.....

QUESTION: Why isn't the name of the person asking the 'Question Of The Week' listed in the paper?

ANSWER: "Because when the rules were established on the "Question Of The Week" column, one thing I didn't want was 'powder puff', meaningless questions asked that didn't amount to a hill of beans. In order to accomplish this, I said that I would not print the name of the person asking the question. This I hoped would encourage tough questions. I have gone a step further, I also have made it a practice not to reveal the name of the person who asks a question to those inquiring. The cooperation from individuals in Fisher County who have received the questions to answer has been just tremendous. The answers have been good, questions good and I am personally proud of the feature and hope it lasts a long time." *Kim Pease, Editor.*

Question Of The Week.....

QUESTION: "I had a minor accident, fender bender, in the parking lot of Glen's Thriftway last month. I didn't know who to call to investigate, so I just went home. The pick-up I hit was not damaged much. Who should I have called?"

ANSWER: - "The Fisher County Sheriff's Department is responsible for accident investigations in Rotan. Call the dispatcher at 776-2273 for assistance." *Jerry Marshall, Mayor, City of Rotan, Rotan, Texas.*

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

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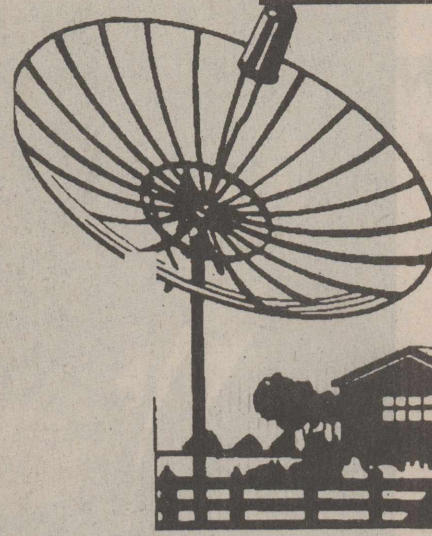
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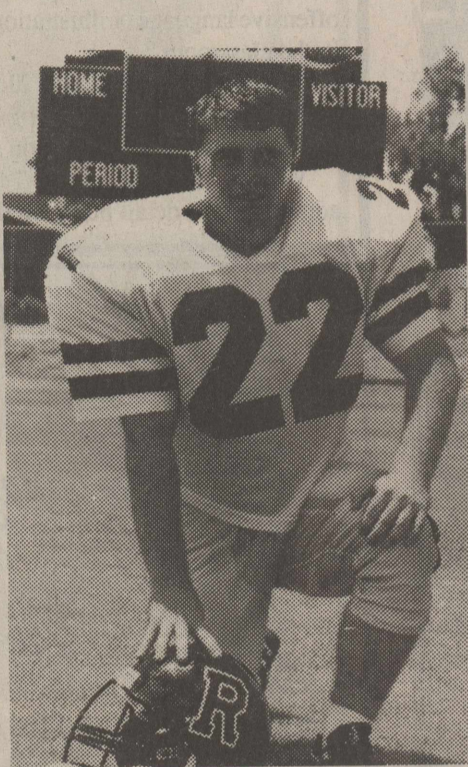
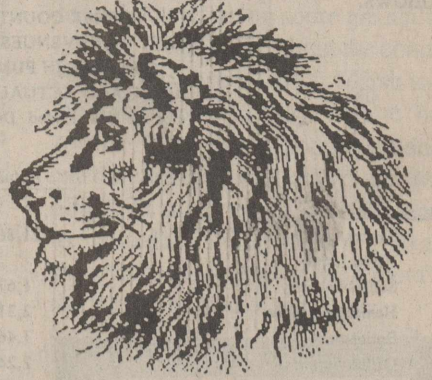
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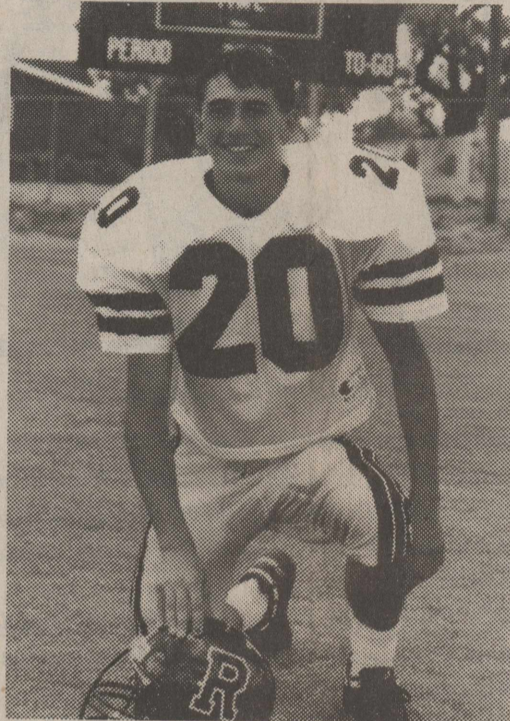
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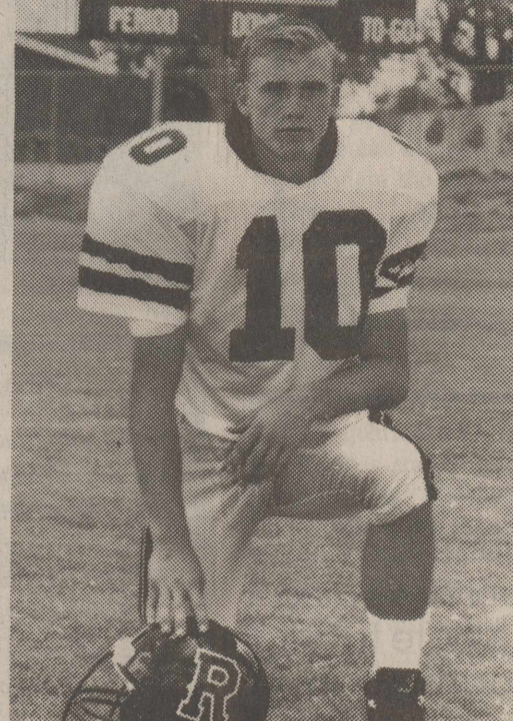
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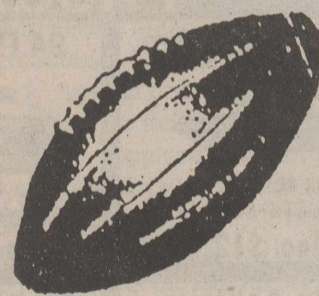
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The Operation Of The Fisher County Offices - What Does It Cost?

Office Of District Clerk - For The Year 1992

The cost of operating the office of the District Clerk for the period 1992 was \$33,309.00 according to the recent audit report by Joe Greer, CPA. That figure is \$2,489 more than the budgeted amount.

The largest item in the \$33,309.00 was salary and benefits for the District Clerk which amounted to \$27,314.00 or 83% of the expenditures for the office during 1992. The remaining 17% was spent in the areas of office supplies, travel, telephone, postage, maintenance agreements, new equipment and insurance.

A full breakdown of all expenses attributed back to the office of the 32nd Judicial District Office for the period ending December 31, 1992 are as follows:

FISHER COUNTY, TEXAS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL-GENERAL FUND For the Year Ended December 31, 1992			
	Actual	Budget	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
District Clerk			
Salary	21,868	20,751	(1,117)
Hired Labor		1,000	1,000
Social Security	1,673	1,585	(88)
Health Insurance	2,310	2,040	(270)
Retirement	1,463	1,453	(10)
Office Supplies	2,246	1,600	(646)
Travel-Out of County	76	600	524
Checks	50	100	50
Typewriter Maintenance Agreement	50	200	150
Computer Maintenance Agreement	172	200	28
Telephone	841	600	(241)
Postage	725		(725)
Post Office Box Rent	11	11	0
School Tuition and Expense			0
Bond			0
Dues	20	20	0
New Equipment	1,804		(1,804)
Errors and Omissions Insurance		660	660
Total District Clerk	33,309	30,820	(2,489)



HOMECOMING QUEEN 1994: Amy Blackwelder, escorted by her father Roger Blackwelder, was the 1994 Rotan Homecoming Queen. Above, Rotan Superintendent Wes Hays crowns Amy in front of the large halftime crowd.



Marching To The Homecoming Pep Rally

Richard Watson Wants To Be Elected: Republican State Board Of Education Candidate In Rotan

His children are home schooled because he deeply believes that the local control of education needs to be returned to local schools. "The Texas Education Agency is much too powerful", said Watson. He also feels text book selection, unfunded mandates from Austin are out of control.

Richard Watson is a Republican, seeking to replace retiring State Board of Education candidate Bill Hudson of Wichita Falls. Watson has a Democratic opponent in Howard Neeb, a retired Superintendent from Windthorst, Texas.

Watson specifically cited increasing loss of local control of school districts and changes in textbooks and curriculum as the primary issues in this year's State Board of Education election in District 14, which covers 56 counties.

Watson is a lifelong resident of the 14th District, he and his wife Connie have four children. He is a 1969 graduate of the University of Texas College of Pharmacy. He is a practicing bi-vocational minister and pharmacist from Gorman, Texas.

Watson is concerned with text book selection. Specifically, he objects to Texas Board of Education adopted health text books, last year, that were "sexually explicit in an inappropriate manner."

Watson said the books appear to violate the state's administrative code, which says that textbooks presented for adoption "shall not contain blatantly offensive language or illustrations and shall not cause embarrassing situations in the classroom."

"Both the language and illustrations in those books, in a co-ed class, definitely present embarrassing situations, and I believe are counterproductive to discussing AIDS prevention and preventing pregnancy," he said.

Watson said teachers in Texas schools should "be freed from all the administrative detail put upon them by the agency and freed to teach."



THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone for their calls, their prayers and their support following Justin's accident. We feel very fortunate to live where there are so many caring and concerned people.

Thank You,
Alvin, Marsha, Justin, Ashley
& Rachel Smith

Thank You From The Lenard Lankford Family

We would like to express our appreciation, gratitude and thanks to each and everyone who took a part in helping us through the illness and loss of our Loved One. Thanks to the E.M.S. people, Dr. Perry and the Hospital Staff for their care.

Thanks to Bro. Mike Jeter and Bro. C.J. Smith for the beautiful service and the choir for the beautiful music.

Thanks for the prayers, flowers, food, cards, phone calls, visits and donations in his memory, and thanks to the Ladies who served the meal. Our thanks to the Weathersbees for a lovely service.

May God bless you all.

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Round & About Fisher County By Joy Walker - 735-2840

If you were looking for the old heading "Hustling Round Hobbs"; it has changed as now I am going to try and incorporate both Rotan and Roby news along with Hobbs. So if you have any news you would like for me to report, please don't hesitate to call, be it big news or a little thing. I am usually at home Saturday night, and nearly all day Sunday, except for church. My number is 735-2840, and please keep trying if I don't answer.

Mrs. Kim (Tracy) Knipe from Snyder and her two children visited Saturday evening and Saturday night with the James Ratliffs; Tracy had to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Parks from Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nichols from Ruidoso, New Mexico visited Saturday evening with the Dutch Parks. Levi and Dylan Parks from Big Spring spent Saturday evening through Monday with their grandparents.

Mrs. Lealon Wilburn spent all day Sunday visiting with the J.W. Etheredges. Then LaNelle and Jackie Wayne visited with Sam and Roxie Etheredge Sunday night. Sam has been in the Fisher County Hospital but is home now and is feeling okay. We hope that Sam will continue to stay well, although this weather is bad on him. Cody and Randi Marie Etheredge spent Saturday night and part of Sunday with the J.W. Etheredges. Sunday was LaNelle's birthday, so happy birthday to her. She heard from all her boys for her birthday.

I visited all day Saturday with Carol and Wilber Gruben, as Evette Gruben from Lewisville and Drew Burk from Irving were here for the weekend. We all ate dinner together on Sunday and Evette and Drew went home late Monday.

Friday was a good day for Fisher County as both teams - Rotan and Roby won their football games and it rained and rained all morning. I measured three quarters of an inch here at the house, but in Roby I am sure it rained more than that, as it just fell down all that morning. It was sure cool early Sunday morning, 46 degrees, but was a gorgeous day after the sun came out and we have been having just wonderful weather since the good rains.

Mary Boydston attended the Clegg reunion over in the Longhorn Valley on Saturday. Also attending from her family were Delia Hardin and Dot Head from Abilene. She said there were about 32 folks present and they all enjoyed the day.

Bro. Dee and Diana Threatt went to San Angelo Saturday where they attended the wedding of Frank Cockrell and Allie Rickman. Tabitha stayed with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. John Bullock.

Rotan Homecoming was a big success and they really had a good crowd with a record number at the banquet and the dance. Congratulations to Amy Blackwelder, daughter of Roger and Josie Blackwelder, who was the 1994 Homecoming Queen and to Cindy (Helms) Mims who was selected Coming Home Queen.

Congratulations to Mark Hargrove, son of Raford and Lana Hargrove, and Amy Leigh Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Richardson of Snyder on their engagement and forthcoming marriage which will be held December 23rd in Snyder. Congratulations to Mark and Amy.

Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Stuart and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Posey all went to Temple Sunday morning. They went to see Harold Carter who had open heart surgery in Temple last Monday. He is doing just fine and we hope that he will continue to improve. Harold is Billy Carter and Chick Carter's brother and Lucille Carter's son.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Cleveland went to Lubbock Sunday and attended a baby shower for Lane Cleveland, wife of Charlie Cleveland. Lane is expecting a baby girl, named Hannah, November 22nd.

Sheila and Donnie Gruben went to Seagraves on Sunday after Sunday School and visited with Donnie Carl and Julie Gruben. Saturday was Julie's birthday, so happy birthday to her. Also happy birthday to Frank Cockrell, whose birthday is Sunday, October 16.

Roby First Baptist Church had a Fall Festival October 7th and 8th and it was a big success. The singing was great so they reported and everyone had a wonderful time.

Congratulations to Thurman and Dorothy Terry on their 60th wedding

anniversary. They celebrated it with a party on Sunday, October 9th at the R.V. Park in Roby.

Don't forget Hobbs Homecoming is this coming Saturday, the 15th of October, and they are looking for a big crowd. Registration will be at 2 p.m. in the school auditorium with a business meeting at 3 p.m. This will be followed by fellowship from 4-6 when a catered dinner will be held in the gym. This year the dance will be held at the Annex next to the gym. If you have any questions you can contact Bertha (Ratliff) Warren whose address is 1150-C.R. 448, Sweetwater. Homecoming is always a special event, a time to relive memories, renew old friendships and have a grand time. So be sure to make plans to attend and we'll see you at Hobbs on Saturday. Be sure to come,

....County Kid Wins

Grand Champion At State Fair Of Texas



Katrina Rains, Fisher County 4-H of Rotan, exhibited the Grand Champion Shorthorn Heifer during the Junior Heifer Show at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas on October 3rd. Katrina's November 1993 heifer took first in the class of 18 entries. The competition was tough with 81 Shorthorn heifers being exhibited for the show. She also exhibited two other heifers taking first with her February 1994 heifer and third in the February 1993 classes. (L to R) Mac Rains, Belynda Rains, Katrina Rains and Cory Rains. Katrina is the 1994 Junior Director of the Texas Junior Shorthorn Association.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the registered voters of the County of Fisher, Texas:
(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Fisher, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., November 8, 1994, for voting in a general election to elect xxxxxxx*, members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, and state, district, county and precinct officers; of the State of Texas.

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 8 de noviembre de 1994 para votar en la Eleccion General para elegir xxxxxxx* Miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la Legislatura, y oficiales del estado, distrito, condado y del precincto y PARA adoptar Sesion(es) de la Estado de Texas.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

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- Box No. 6 Methodist Church McCaulley, Texas
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- Box No. 12 High School Learning Center Rotan, Texas
- Box No. 13 School House Hobbs, Texas
- Box No. 17 Capitol Community Center
- Box No. 18 Longworth Community Center

Box No. 22 Sylvester Community Center
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Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at: County Clerk Office
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(entre las 8 de la manana y las 12 y las 1-5 de la tarde empezando el 19 de octubre de 1994 y terminando el 4 de noviembre de 1994.)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
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Tax Notices May Arrive This Weekend

Fisher County Seven Taxing Entities To Collect \$3,854,676.00

The total projected taxes that will be billed out by the Fisher County Appraisal District in the next few days will amount to approximately \$3,854,676.00 for 1994. That figure was deduced by taking this years certified tax base for each entity and multiplying it by the tax rate adopted by each entity.

Entity	Tax Base	Tax Rate	Taxes
Fisher County	\$163,004,536.00	\$. 8253	\$1,345,276
F.C. Hospital	\$161,554,012.00	\$. 5900	\$ 953,168
Rotan School	\$ 58,594,582.00	\$1.2700	\$ 744,151
Roby School	\$ 51,001,269.00	\$1.2600	\$ 642,615
Rotan City	\$ 17,298,838.00	\$. 6395	\$ 110,626
Roby City	\$ 7,492,793.00	\$. 5000	\$ 37,463
Rotan Water	\$ 26,721,965.00	\$. 0800	\$ 21,377

Total Taxes Due All Fisher County Taxing Entities \$3,854,676.00

The total dollars billed by the Fisher County Appraisal District amount to approximately \$3,854,676.00 which represents the tax money that when received by the seven Fisher County entities will run each respective entity for 1995.

Fisher County leads all taxing entities in projected tax income. It is anticipated that Fisher County will take in \$1,345,276.00 during 1995 in taxes from Fisher County taxpayers and oil companies. Second is the Fisher County Hospital District with an anticipated tax income in 1995 of \$953,168.00. Other entities in order of tax income ranking are - Rotan School - \$744,151; Roby School \$642,615; Rotan City - \$110,626 and Roby City - \$37,463; Rotan Water - \$21,377.

Source - Notice Of Effective Tax Rate for 1994 as published by the Fisher County Appraisal District coupled with the adopted tax rate for each entity.

NOTE OF ASSUMPTION: - Assuming that 50% of the taxes are paid by oil companies and the other 50% by local taxpayers; then Fisher County resident taxpayers will pay \$1,927,338.00 into the seven Fisher County taxing entities with a like amount being pumped in by oil companies.

P.S. Betty Mize, Fisher County Chief Appraiser, indicated last Monday morning that tax notices for 1994 could be in the mail this weekend. Only three entities, Rotan School, Roby City and Rotan Water Authority will offer the 3%, 2% and 1% discount for paying taxes during October, November and December respectively. All taxes are due in January and past due after February 1, 1995.

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Rotan School Board Approves Five Primary Goals/Priorities For 1995

The members of the Rotan School Board participated in a special workshop meeting on September 19th to adopt school district goals and priorities with new Superintendent Wes Hays.

The board approved the final version of those goals and priorities for 1995 at their meeting last Monday night.

Goal 1 - Comprehensive study and development of a Facilities Master Plan for Rotan ISD to include the following: (Not listed in priority order)

- * Remodel and upgrade Elementary, Junior High, High School, Band Hall and VoAg Buildings.

- * Complete planning for new science labs at high school and junior high.

- * Build bleachers on West side of football stadium above the concrete and renovate East side (home) bleachers.

- * Construct a new field house in the parking lot, with access to both football and baseball.

- * Expand the press box facility
- * Upgrade of extra-curricular facilities, band hall, field house, gym dressing areas and track.

- * Upgrade and improve auditorium lights, sound system, curtains and seating.

- * Abatement of asbestos in the elementary school and central offices.

- * Pave parking lot at high school and additional landscaping.

- * Improve acoustics in the new gymnasium.

- Install new tile floors in the gymnasium dressing room and shower areas.

- * Provide place for visiting football teams to shower.

- * Provide for central heating and air-conditioning in the elementary and junior high schools.

Goal 2 - Development and implementation of a comprehensive district wide technology program including, but not limited to the following areas which are not listed in priority order.

- * Well thought out technology program incorporating networking, CD-ROM, video instruction, & TENET (However, kept as a usable level.)

- * Comprehensive evaluation of current library situation and move toward incorporating a fully automated library which will include circulation, inventory and electronic card catalog.

- * Continued implementation of technology in district. i.e. - addition of networked classroom computers, as well as updating and adapting new technology curriculum programs at all grade levels.

- * Network administrative computers on all campuses into one district-wide database.

Goal 3 - Retain and employ quality teachers and teacher/coaches to add stability to staff.

Goal 4 - Incorporate highest level of organized techniques of instruction by teachers with a well planned and coordinated curriculum with priority on the development and implementation of coordinated K-12 science and math curriculum.

- ** Increased emphasis on meeting the needs of all students as relates to regular education students as well as students with special needs, by:

- * Providing staff with effective teaching and leadership training, with emphasis on a positive learning and emotional environment for all students.

- * Provide staff training for gifted/ talented instruction, and/or extra staff for required programs as necessary.

Goal 5 - Comprehensive review and development of a district wide salary and stipend schedule with updated job descriptions.

Some of the Rotan School Board additional goals, which were awarded from 6 - 10 weighted points.

- * Acquire and/or train personnel to fully utilize RISD technology.

Some of the Rotan School Board additional goals, which were awarded from 1 - 5 weighted points.

- *** Provide copy machines in each of the three buildings.

- *** Starting with the Primary physical education program, build on all sports with goal of instilling pride and desire before reaching varsity level, with increased emphasis on girl's athletics.

- *** Develop policies to decide school priorities. (i.e. educational philosophy, scope of education, etc.)

- *** Sell Eagle Bus and purchase one new air-conditioned activity bus.

- *** Establish a priority regarding maintenance of existing facilities, to include landscaping grounds.

- *** Enhance school spirit and loyalty by striving for more academic excellence and UIL extra curricular activity participation.

- *** Provide an appeal of state property values when appropriate.

Some of the Rotan School Board goal statements which were mentioned, but did not receive priority votes -

- ** Devise plan for consolidation of Fisher County Schools.

- ** Continued improvement in student test scores, and post secondary education.

- ** Clarify grading system for six-weeks and semester grades.

- ** Full time elementary music teacher, school nurse and elementary counselor.

- ** Development of procedures of board self-evaluation and Superintendent's evaluation.

- ** Sell more WADA credits to Chapter 36 schools.

- ** Provide better traffic control at 3:15 p.m., when elementary school is dismissed.

Note: Last Monday night the Rotan School Board members officially adopted the first five goals as priority projects.

Average Monthly Salaries \$122,109.00

F.C. Hospital Pegs Average Gain Per Month, Past Eight Months At \$11,879

The Fisher County Hospital, in their financial report to board members during September, reported the average monthly gain over the first 8 months of 1994 to be \$11,879. The Hospital actually had a \$39,672 gain in August after coming off a \$45,044 loss in July. The largest gain the past 8 months came in February where a \$249,470 gain was registered versus the May where the largest loss (\$108,228) was recorded. Below is the full 1994 Financial Statement for the first 8 months without Rural Health Clinic adjustments. The average 8 month total revenue amounts to \$286,715.00 while the total expenses for the same period have averaged \$274,836.00. The difference between total revenue and total expenses for the first 8 months of 1994 has been \$95,032.00.

FISHER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT 1994 FINANCIAL STATEMENT REVE									
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	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	AVERAGE
INPATIENT REVENUE	129,153	88,878	113,256	80,064	74,218	68,246	71,737	57,373	85,428
OUTPATIENT REVENUE	166,068	142,578	162,648	155,496	172,454	153,860	142,657	139,260	154,378
DISPRO SHARE	12,764	12,719	12,719	12,891	12,719	12,719	12,739	34,778	15,306
CONTRACTUALS	(25,129)	(716)	(47,700)	(27,137)	(104,003)	(6,596)	(25,427)	(42,324)	(35,767)
OTHER REVENUE	3,532	3,252	2,529	2,441	2,496	1,700	876	2,045	2,117
TAX REVENUE	149,324	297,997	12,590	9,879	21,852	3,199	3,309	4,535	6,111
TOTAL REVENUE	435,912	544,708	256,042	233,634	179,736	238,128	209,391	195,567	286,715
SALARIES	127,751	111,037	145,315	131,823	136,217	109,528	122,299	92,905	122,109
FICA	9,485	8,131	10,704	9,700	9,953	8,005	8,443	6,954	8,923
DEPT. EXPENSES	55,800	46,866	60,382	50,951	33,012	38,777	41,184	27,624	44,325
CONTRACT LABOR	16,077	27,629	26,497	48,383	32,016	10,250	12,186	14,375	23,502
GENERAL EXPENSES	105,273	101,575	92,499	85,942	76,756	61,412	70,323	13,526	75,977
TOTAL EXPENSES	314,386	295,238	335,397	326,800	287,964	227,972	254,935	155,993	274,836
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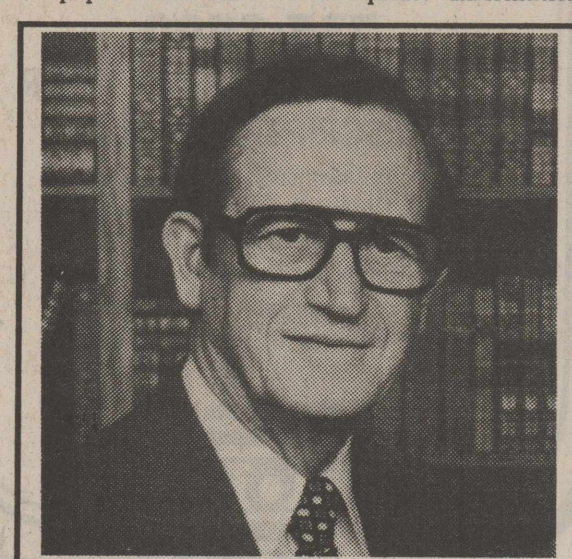
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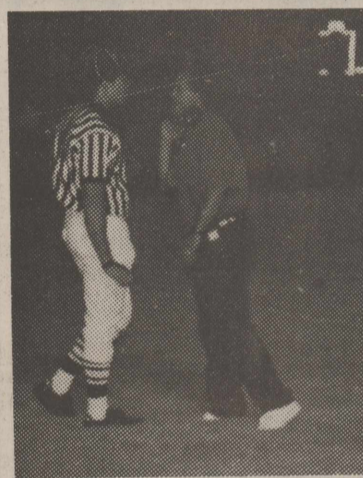
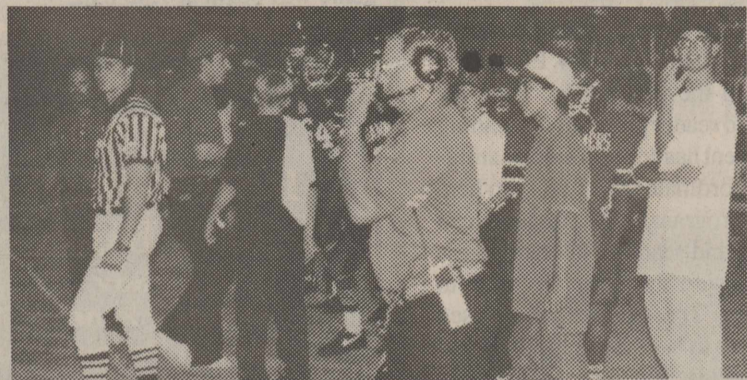
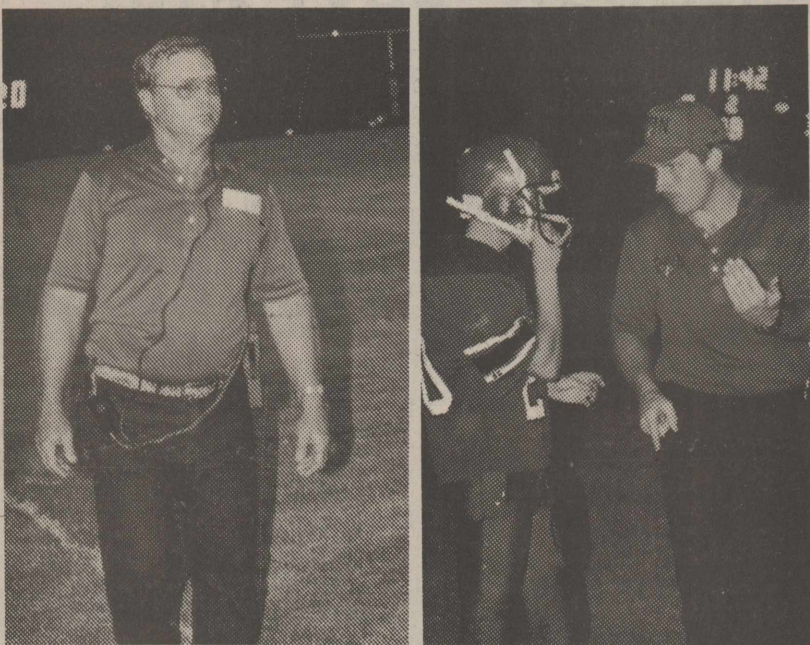
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....Coaches Work

The Sights At A Rotan Yellowhammer Game



Hammers Defeat Hawley Pleasing Large Homecoming Crowd With Nostalgic Win

by Matt Ryan....

It was a cool and breezy Friday night, a typical Fall evening. Good football weather. The Homecoming crowd were dressed in jackets and warm blankets were in abundance, as they filled the stands to watch Rotan take on Hawley in the district opener. The Yellowhammers did not disappoint them as they defeated Hawley 28-14. Homecoming is a long standing tradition and I think it's one of the best. Old friends, ex-students, relatives and the present day young students all come together for a weekend of sharing. Sharing stories, memories and renewing associations with one another. Like honey bees coming back to the hive to put everything in order and to seek a new Queen. Friday night that was the scene that grabbed at this reporter. Watching these past Rotan students from years passed getting together and -yes,- buzzing around visiting with everyone. It was a nostalgic and wonderful sight to see. They did elect a queen, Cindy Helms Mims, they did sit through a great football game, and as the lights waned in the stadium they left with another memory to take to their respective homes, of a Yellowhammer victory and memories galore to last till the next time they meet.

You know, or if you don't, I'll tell you that I was born in Canada, but raised in Brooklyn, N.Y. where I went to school. We didn't have Homecoming in Brooklyn High in those days, and if we were to have one I guess it would be held in Sing-Sing prison, as a lot of my classmates graduated to a life of crime. So it's especially heartwarming to me to see that family values as we have them out in Texas are such a large part of the Lone Star scene. Anyway I'm all for the Homecoming tradition, and was glad to be a part of it.

As the Homecoming game opened, we saw Rotan kick off to Hawley, and they took over on their 23 after a jarring tackle by Rusty Goodwin stopped any forward progress. Hawley was unable to move the ball against the Rotan defense and had to kick it away. Rotan got the ball on the Hawley 43 got it down to the 34 and then on 3rd and 1 Stomper Daniel took it 34 yards for a Hammer TD with 8:34 left in the 1st quarter. The PAT was good and Rotan led 7-0. This was just one of a series of Stomper's runs that led to TD's for Rotan. The kickoff was returned by Hawley to their 26 where J.B. Alls pulled the runner down before his blocking screen could get setup. Great defense led by Chris Gaspar forced Hawley to kick it away again, and Rotan took over again on the Hawley 43. On the first play Daniels was thrown for a loss to midfield, but again facing 3rd and 13 Stomper went running around the left side for 50 yards and a Hammer TD with 5:53 on the clock. Again the PAT was good and Rotan led 14-0 in the 1st quarter. Rotan's kick was taken by Hawley on their 9 and run back to the 21 where they were stopped by another tackle by #30 Lance Hudnall an IP penalty took the ball back to the Bearcat 16 and then #40 Jeremy Thompson of the "Cats": went up the middle to the Hawley 32 for a 1st down, but a Rotan interception by Jay Ben Alls saw Rotan in charge on the Hawley 19 after an Alls' runback. It looked like another walk in the park for the Yellowhammers but it was not to be as losses and penalties saw Rotan give the ball to Hawley on downs on the Bearcat 26. Again the Rotan defense stymied the Hawley offense led by #29 Joey Sepeda and 55 Chris Gaspar, and the 1st quarter ended with Rotan with the ball on

Hawley 49. On the 1st play Sepeda took it down to the "Cat" 35 but we were to go no further and gave the ball to Hawley on downs. Hawley didn't have any better luck in their try and had to kick it away, where David Nowlin ran it back to the Hammer 44. Joey Sepeda then ran it to the Hawley 45 for a 1st down. A Daniels pass went incomplete and then "he did it again". Daniels took the center snap and went zig zag all over the field for 40 yards and another Hammer score, with 8:44 left in the half. The conversion failed but Rotan led 20-0. The rest of the half saw the air full of yellow flags as Rotan got the major share of them. A couple of flags stopped what appeared to be promising drives by the Yellowhammers altogether Rotan racked up 45 yards in penalties in the first half most in the 2nd quarter. The half ended with the score Rotan 20 Hawley 0. The first half was all Rotan and the Homecoming fans got to see us in a new light. It's been a while since Rotan looked so good on the scoreboard. The defense held Hawley to just two 1st downs in the half. Rotan only had 4 but with Stomper Daniels running 133 yards and 3 TDs we didn't get to scrimmage too much.

Homecoming festivities took over the half time slot and colorful it was. Cindy Helms Mims escorted by Hoss Carrillo was elected Coming Home Queen, and Amy Blackwelder escorted by her father was elected Homecoming Queen; much to the enjoyment of a very boisterous crowd.

The 3rd quarter saw Hawley come out fighting and they didn't take long to show they had the mettle to make this game close. For a period of time there I was thinking "We have met the enemy and they are us". Rotan received, but a Daniels pass was intercepted by #32 Gary Jones of Hawley on their 39, an offside penalty cost Rotan another 5. The Bearcats then proceeded a slow but sure march downfield. A sack by Carrion though saw Hawley back to their 45, but then #11 Tim Lanphere on a great trap play ran it to the Hammer 31 for 1st down. Again Lanphere ran to the Hammer 15 where he was stopped by #86 Kris Rogers. Another Rotan penalty took the ball to our 10. Lanphere to the 1 but an IP penalty pushed Hawley back to the 6, where on 3rd and 6 #40 Jeremy Thompson ran it in for a Hawley TD with 6:34 left in the 3rd quarter. The PAT was good and the score read 20-7. On the following kickoff Rotan could do nothing and had to kick it away where the Bearcats took over on their 49. The "Cats" slowly again moved down the field in short but telling bursts that eventually found them on the Hammer 5. Another personal foul took the ball halfway to the Hammer goal line, where Tim Lanphere pushed it across for another Hawley TD with 10 seconds left in the 3rd. The PAT was good and the score read Rotan 20 Hawley 14, and just a few of the faithful beginning to get a little nervous, me included. Hawley tried an onside kick but Rotan recovered on their 46 as the 3rd period ended. A Daniels pass to Joey Powell put Rotan on the Hawley 20 but again another penalty took us back to the 38. Another Daniels pass to Powell took us to the Hawley 29. Trey Brown picked up a Hammer 1st on the "cats" 26, then with Rotan facing 3rd and 6 Stomper Daniels took off on another wild run that saw him go 26 yards for a Rotan TD. No flags this time and we had added to our score with 9:03 left in the

game. Rotan went for the 2 pt. conversion and Daniels passed to Lance Hudnall was good and we led 28-14.

Hawley took over on their 29 where Zack Morris led the defense in stacking up the Bearcats offensive attempt. Then a strange penalty against Rotan occurred. Zack Morris intercepted a Hawley pass and ran it back to the Hawley 29 where he was pushed out of bounds. Then a flag was thrown and the next thing we knew Zack was ejected from the game for what the official said was a thrown punch. We couldn't tell from the press box, but it appeared to me that Zack in his excitement of intercepting threw up his arms in victory and accidentally caught a Hawley defender on the jaw, at any rate the officials won the argument and Zack had to sit out the rest of the game on the sidelines. However the call Rotan could do nothing with the ball and had to kick it away. Hawley took over on their 10 and they gave it the old college try but were stymied by great defense. Hawley got up to their 22 but Trey Brown broke through and sacked #12 Nate Knight the Hawley quarterback back to his 17. Then Hawley ran a trap to the 30. #70 Mikeal Harrison broke thru and broke up a pass play, and Hawley faced 3rd and 7 on their 38 where they were stopped by #86 Kris Rogers who was injured on the play. Rusty Goodwin the sacked knight the Hawley quarterback on 4th down for a 4 yard loss and Rotan took over on downs and ran the clock out for their 2nd victory of the season and their 1st district victory, 28-14. Rotan now stands at 2-3-1. We started out on the right foot in district play and let's push ahead to a successful season.

Stats as available:
1st downs.....8
Rushing Yards....37-289

Passing Yards.....18
Comp.Att. Intc.....4-13-1
Punts.....2-45
Penalty Yards.....75

In an interview with head coach Jim Marsh he had high praise for Zack Burnes blocking for Stomper Daniels, said, "he threw a couple of great blocks that sprang Daniels loose on his great runs. Also Jay Carrion who got downfield and set up some great plays for us." When asked about the coming game with Anson, Coach Marsh said, "We will have to play well to beat Anson. They have a good team and I can't understand why they're not winning." At any rate fans, let's all get out to the stadium Friday night at 7:30 and show our lads that we're with them all the way. See you at the game.

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HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients admitted to the Fisher County Hospital during the week of October 4 - 10, 1994 were as follows:

ADMITTED: Willie S. Etheredge-Hermleigh; Forrest Perkins-Roby; Carnie A. Daniel-Rotan.

DISMISSED:

Devin McQueen-Rotan; Harold Reed-Sylvester; Johnnie Whitfield-Roby; Willie S. Etheredge-Hermleigh; Marcos Basquez, Sr.-Rotan; Forrest Perkins-Roby; Lenora Cleveland-Rotan.

Roby Tri-Ethnic Committee Will Meet In Roby

There will be a meeting of the Roby School Tri-Ethnic Committee on Monday, October 17th at 6:00 p.m., at the Roby School.

The committee is seeking input on the various options open with regard to possibly revising the voting scheme for the Roby School District.

Tri-Ethnic Committee members are: Drs. Darlene Hansen, Larry Williams, Mrs. Rowdy Rasberry, Olga Onofre, Ray Douglass, Albert Williams, Mike V. Terry, Jimmy Ramirez, Alvin Smith, Josie Harris, David Boyd, Richard Gaona, Fredda Buckner, Chick Carter, Susan Griffith, Terry Gruben, Julie Miranda, Irma Guerra, Marie Thompson, Merle Lovett, Eli Sepeda, Jan Eyl Beck and Carlene Moore.

Fisher County Meetings Of Interest

Fisher County Appraisal District Board Of Directors
8:00 a.m., Thursday, October 13th
District Court Room

Fisher County Hospital Board Meeting
6:30 p.m. Monday, October 17th
Hospital Dining Room

Rotan Water Authority Board Of Directors
11:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 19
Rotan City Hall

Rotan Development Corporation Directors
3:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 19
Rotan City Hall

Meetings are subject to change. Every caution was taken to be certain that the above information was correct at press time. Verification on the part of the public is encouraged.

TURKEY SHOOT

The Annual Turkey Shoot will be held Sunday, October 16, 1994, starting at 2:00 p.m., at the Fowler Ranch. There will be a concession stand, trap shooting, target shooting, skeet shooting, bingo, etc. Also, a 12-gauge pump Winchester Shotgun will be raffled off at the Turkey Shoot. To purchase a raffle ticket contact a member of the Rotan Junior Class or Rotan Volunteer Fire Department.

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The men were quite cocky as they stood in the sun.
"Let's go to the city, stock up and have fun;
"We'll buy by the case all under one roof."
"And save lots, too, of that we have proof."
So they did that for many a year.....
And from the results, never took any fear,
Until one day they met once again
Standing uptown just out of the rain.
"What's happened here," cried one in dismay;
Their faces were ashen, they had much to say.
Then one scratched his head, the other said loud;
"There's no lunch and no coffee, not even a crowd;
"My wife's real sick and right off her feet.
"So I came up for some drugs, some milk and some meat.
The hospital is closed, the grocery stores too,
"What in the world are we going to do?
"My furnace is shot and the plumbing is broken."
The other one gasped, I thought he was chokin'...
"My car's a wreck, and the tires are low,
"I need nails and lumber, but there's no place to go."
His friend had his head right down to his chest.
"We're to blame," he muttered. "On our heads it

does rest.
"We passed this town for the glimmer of lights,
"Bought stuff by the carload and took in the sights.
"The City is bustling and bursting with pride,
"While our town merchants just up and died.
"The houses are empty, the bank's repossessed.
"I'll tell you old boy, we're in for a test.
"We should have been smarter and wiser," they said.
"Then the town would be bustling, not half so dead."
"It's never too late, we've learned," someone said.
But for the foolishness of many, they'd all have to pay.

-Anonymous

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Cotton Farmers Join Forces To Eradicate Destructive Boll Weevil

Cotton farmers in Fisher County will soon have the opportunity to join together with cotton producers throughout the central Rolling Plains to eradicate the destructive boll weevil. Fisher County is one of nineteen counties that make up the proposed Central Rolling Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, (CRP zone). This zone is one of nine eradication zones established under proposed plans to eliminate boll weevils from Texas and Oklahoma.

The boll weevil costs Texas cotton producers an average of \$25-\$50 million per year in crop losses and chemical treatments, with much of these losses in the Rolling Plains. Individual attempts to control weevils also disrupts management programs for other pests, adding additional costs.

Eradication programs have successfully eliminated weevils in Arizona, California, Virginia, N. Carolina, S. Carolina, Florida, Georgia, with Alabama soon to be weevil free. Similar programs are expanding in Mississippi and Tennessee.

Farmers in the Southern Rolling Plains organized their zone last spring and voted overwhelmingly to be the first zone in Texas to begin eradication efforts. The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation began treatments for weevils in that zone in late September.

In all those states where weevils have been eradicated, tremendous economic and environmental benefits have been realized. Economic benefits include higher lint yield, decreased crop losses, lower production costs, and increased land values. Environmental benefits include reduced insecticide use and more beneficial insects.

While the benefits of eradication are obvious, a program won't happen unless the farmers in each zone make it happen. The cotton farmers from each zone must work together through county and zone steering committees to bring eradication to their area. No one else will do this for the producers, not the Federal Government, not the State, or anyone else.

Cotton farmers from counties throughout the Rolling Plains organized steering committees to do the work necessary for bringing eradication to our area.

Fisher County producers got together and organized a county steering committee, then elected representatives to serve on the CRP Zone Steering Committee. Those representing Fisher County on the zone committee include Roger Blackwelder, Mike Terry, Freddy Stuart, Raford Hargrove, Bobby Gruben, and Ted Posey. This zone committee put together plans for this upcoming referendum.

In the referendum, farmers will vote to officially establish the Central Rolling Plains Eradication zone, 2) elect a Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board Director from the Zone, and 3) establish the assessment rate for paying for the program.

Ballots are expected to be mailed out around the middle of November. All cotton farmers, including land owners renting land on a share of the cotton crop, are eligible to vote.

In other states, farmers have had to pay for the program during the four years of the program. But producers in this zone have asked that financing be provided to spread the costs out over time.

The proposed assessments with financing are \$5 per land acre planted in cotton in 1995 and 1996, and \$10 per acre each year thereafter until the costs of the eradication program are paid off, with a nominal maintenance fee thereafter. The total cost to the farmer will depend on the amount of federal cost-sharing dollars available and savings resulting from natural weevil mortality; (a hard, killing winter would greatly reduce weevil populations and thus reduce costs).

"It is very important that all cotton producers, land owners, and anyone else with an interest in cotton production in Fisher County are well informed of the details of this important pro-

gram," said Roger Blackwelder, chairman of the Fisher County Boll Weevil Eradication Committee. "So our County Committee has scheduled two meetings to provide information and answer questions." These meetings are scheduled as follows:

* Tuesday, October 18 - 7:00 p.m. - Rotan High School Auditorium

* Tuesday, October 25 - 7:00 p.m. - Roby High School Auditorium.

"These meetings are open to anyone interested in our cotton industry and will last as long as there are questions," added Blackwelder. "It doesn't matter if you are for or against this program, it's important that everyone know as much as possible before they vote".

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Rolling Plains Cotton Growers at 915-773-2581, or the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation at 1-800-687-1212.

Roby Athletic Club Holds Meeting

At the October 4 Roby athletic club meeting, the sophomore football players and their parents were served. Karen Counts and Linda Schroeder won the football picks. They split the prize. Justin Smith is doing good after his car wreck.

Coach Christian encouraged the players to lift weights for an hour, 2 or 3 times a week during the summer. Coach felt the boys played their best game so far in the win over Throckmorton. He also said Crowell, their first district game, has a young team with pretty good sizes. They watched the game film with Throckmorton.

The new white football jerseys and the shot-away machine has come in. Everyone went down to the gym after the meeting to see the new seats on the visitors side and the shot-away machine.

Due to the school board meeting on Tuesday night, the next athletic club meeting was Monday, October 10.

Don Pullig won the football picks. Coach Christian said there are 26 healthy players after injuries and losing some to failing grades. There are 12 on JV and 14 on varsity. Two of the junior varsity players now have starting positions on varsity. He felt 14 players did not leave the team with enough depth, so the junior varsity games for the rest of the year have been cancelled. He stressed the importance of making good grades. It not only hurts the players that fail, but the whole team.

Beth Dannheim Presents Program To Rotan Club

The Rotan Club met in the home of June Anderson. There were 7 members present and 1 visitor. June Anderson, Wanda Floyd, Beatrice Hargrove, Jenny Lane, Oma Long, Effie Murphy, and Charlene Starnes. Beth Dannheim gave the program, "Don't Bag It" on taking care of your lawn. Next program will be at Roby for Ag. Day, October 20. Refreshments will be served.

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Rotan Turkey Shoot

The annual Rotan Turkey Shoot will be October 16 starting at 1 p.m. The Clay Fowler ranch, north of Rotan is the location. Clay turkeys, targets, traps, Bingo, and concessions are to be offered. Prizes will be either frozen turkeys or hams. There will also be a drawing for a shotgun during the afternoon.

This event is co-sponsored by the Volunteer Fire Department and the Junior Class of Rotan High School. Everyone is encouraged to join the fun and support these organizations.

Your consideration and support are sincerely appreciated.

Street Dance

The Fisher County 4-H High School Club is sponsoring a street dance, Saturday, October 15 at 8:30 p.m. at the square in Roby. This is an alcohol free, drug free event. All junior high and high school youth are encouraged to attend. Free admission.

Sr. Citizens Game Night

The Fisher County Senior Citizens will sponsor "Game Night" on Thursday, October 13th with a potluck supper. All Senior Citizens and their guests are encouraged to come and join in the fun.

Roby Lions Crush Crowell Wildcats, Paducah Next Foe

by Jason Osuna

The Roby Lions crushed the Crowell Wildcats 46-14 to which brought them to a 1-0 record in the district season. The Lions are now at an even 3-3 mark on the season.

The Lions led after the 1st quarter, 7-0. Bryce Moore scored on a 1-yd. run after the Lions moved the ball 67 yards on the drive. Coby Moore's extra point attempt was good. The Lions were led by Mario Barrera in rushing as he gained 16 yards on 1 carry. Lonnie Green led the receiving as he gained 21 yards on 1 reception.

The Lions continued their scoring spree with 10:18 left in the 2nd quarter. Mario Barrera completed a pass to Mike Counts who ran 25 yards for a touchdown. The extra point attempt failed. Leading the Lions on this drive was Les Branham who gained 20 of his 45 1st half yards on 3 carries.

With 9:10 left in the 2nd quarter, Lonnie Green intercepted a pass and returned it 24 yards for another Lion touchdown. This brought the score to 19-0. The extra point kick was blocked, and the Crowell defender ran the length of the field to 2 points. Crowell finally scored, but still trailed 19-2.

The Lions were still not finished for the half. Mike Counts caught another pass from Mario Barrera and ran it 34 yards for his 2nd touchdown reception of the game. With :59 left in the half, the Lions increased their lead to 25-2 after the extra point attempt failed. Bryce Moore led the rushing on this drive with 21 of his 64 1st half yards on 1 carry.

The Lions went into the locker room at halftime with a demanding lead of 25-2. The Lions held the Wildcats to only 26 yards total offense the 1st half.

The Lions did not let up on the pressure during the 3rd quarter. The Lions outscored the Wildcats 21-0 in the 3rd quarter to increase their lead to 46-2 with only 1 quarter to play.

It took the Lions only 3 plays to score. Bryce Moore sparked the rushing after a 15-yd. run. Les Branham scored the 1st touchdown of the 3rd quarter 2 plays later. With 10:20 left in the 3rd quarter, Branham ran the ball 9 yards for the touchdown. Mario Barrera ran the ball into the endzone for the 2 pt. conversion to make the score 33-2.

The Lions scored once again with 8:48 to go in the 3rd quarter. Kevin Christian scored on a 1-yd. run to in-

crease the Lion lead to 39-2. The extra pt. attempt failed.

The Lion's scoring continued. Bryce Moore scored on a 10-yd. run to add to the Lion lead and make the score 45-2. Coby Moore's extra pt. attempt was good and brought the score to 46-2, with 6:29 left in the 3rd quarter. The rest of the quarter was scoreless and came to an end with the Lions on top, 46-2.

The Wildcats did finally get into the endzone after a 5 yd. run by Layton

Accelerated Reader Program Available At Roby

There have been a couple of exciting developments at Roby Elem. and Jr. High in the past week. First the accelerated reader program for reading enhancement has come in and are struggling to coordinate their library to help with the program. The students can check out and read books then take a comprehension test over the book to earn points. These points can be used for prizes or to boost language arts and English grades. The library has already been swamped with students wanting to check out books. This is a good problem. At Roby Elem./Jr. High, they are trying to make reading a priority.

Also they have helped 5th grade overcrowding by making Ms. Fitzpatrick a part time classroom teacher and giving her a room to take half of the 5th graders. She will teach language arts while Mrs. King is teaching math. The classes will rotate daily so that all students have the same amount of time in each subject.

The Jr. High football team is playing very well and continued success is wished for them.

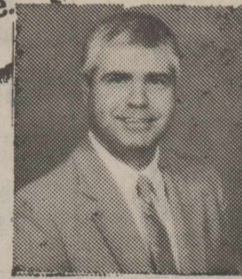
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Fisher County 4-H Members Show Champion Heifers At Fair

Fisher County 4-H members showed Breed Champion heifers at the South Plains and State Fair of Texas recently.

Sandy Kiser won Champion and Reserve Champion Angus heifer at the South Plains Fair. Tyson and Cecille Terry showed the Champion and Reserve Champion Red Angus female also at South Plains.

At the State Fair, Katrina Rains won Breed Champion honors with her Shorthorn heifer. She also was judged Champion Intermediate Showman in the Showmanship Class. This is the 13-16 age group.

Three market steers placed highly enough to make the premium sale at the State Fair. They were shown by Bryant Terry and Cory and Katrina Rains. These steers sold for \$2.00 a pound. Individual results are listed below:

State Fair of Texas:
Market Steers
Lt. Wt. Angus
6. Bryant Terry 19. Toby Terry
Lt. Wt. Polled Hereford
1. Katrina Rains
Lt. Wt. Shorthorn

- 2. Cory Rains
- Lt. Heavy European Cross
- 11. Coby Moore
- Market Lambs
- M. Wt. Medium Wool
- 15. Christie Willett
- Shorthorn Heifers
- Jr. Heifer calf- 1. Katrina Rains
- Senior Heifer- 1. Katrina Rains
- Senior Yearling- 3. Katrina Rains
- Champion Shorthorn Heifer- Katrina Rains
- South Plains Fair
- Angus Heifers
- Jr. Heifer Calves- 1. Kayla Kiser
- Late Senior Heifers- 1. Sandy Kiser
- 3. Carissa Kiser
- Early Senior Heifers- 1. Sandy Kiser
- 2. Carissa Kiser
- Champion and Reserve Champion Angus Heifer- Sandy Kiser
- Red Angus Heifers
- Summer Yearling- 1. Tyson Terry
- 2. Cecille Terry
- Spring Yearling- 1. Tyson Terry; 2. Cecille Terry
- Champion Red Angus Heifer- Tyson Terry
- Reserve- Cecille Terry
- Limousin Heifer
- Senior Heifer Calves- 2. Ty West
- Jr. Yearling- 3. Ty West.
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