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Fisher County Has 64 Seniors Who Will Be Attending The Sunday Night Baccalaureate

A total of 64 Fisher County seniors will be taking part in baccalaureate services set for Sunday night.

The 28 Rotan seniors are: Shelley Baker, Bill Burnes, Melissa Carrillo, Amanda Clawson, Terry Davis, Cassidy Early, Elvis Elrod, Shamika Ford, Shon Fudge, Daniella Garcia, Kristy Garza, Kasey Greene, Darrell Hull, Phillip Hull, Bobby Kenner, Leonor Limones, Kathleen Moffett, April Montez, Christina Morin, Carmelita Munoz,Brandi Murphree, Jennifer Rains, Christopher Silvas, Jimmy Tankersley, Jennifer Underhill, Christy Willett, Clinton Williams and Patrisio Zambrano.

The 36 Roby seniors include: Kelly McWilliams, Carissa Claxton, Brandy Griffith, Janet Moffett, Amanda Moore, JoEllen St. Clair, Leslie Stephens, Rikke Graversen, Shawna McKee, Lanette Teague, Crissy Hamm, Amy Riggs, Brad Atkinson, Larry Castillo, Matt Counts, Steven Estes, Lonnie Green, Kelly Heflin, Timothy Moore, Jeremy Stidham, Chris Terry, Jason Thompson, Justin Whitaker, Chad Arnwine, Jessie Zapata, James Arnwine, David Bond, Casey Terry, Jamie Bailey, Kevin Christian, Michael Brown, T.J. Flanagan, Ronnie Andrews, Keith hardin, Patrick Buckner and R.J. Lewis.

Rev. Eugene Threatt, First Baptist Church,will be delivering the baccalaureate address at Rotan's School Auditorium on Sunday evening, May 19th at 7:30 p.m.

Rev. Steve Patterson, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Roby will deliver the baccalaureate address at the Methodist Church at 8:00 p.m., Sunday night, May 19th.



MEETS WITH GOVERNOR: Three members of the Academic Team from Rotan met with Governor George Bush recently. (L to R) Cassidy Early, Jimmy Don Tankersley, Governor Bush and Bobby Kenner.

Three At Rotan Make Austin Trip, Meet With Governor George Bush

On Monday, April 29, Rotan's first place team from the 1996 Texas Association of Community School's Academic Competition - State Level traveled to Austin to meet with Governor George W. Bush. The meeting was scheduled by the TACS office under the direction of Dr. Don Rogers.

Cassidy Early, Bobby Kenner and Jimmy Don Tankersley along with several others accompanying them, were given a personal tour of the Capitol Building by Senator Pete Snelling. Senator Snelling is the liaison between the TACS and the State Congress. Representative David Counts was unable to be there, but his office presented each student and the school with a Texas flag flown over the Capitol in their honor.

The group then was ushered into the office of Senator Tom Haywood where he extended his congratulations on their accomplishments.

At 1:30 p.m. the three students and their group met with the Governor and at that time, presented him with three gifts symbolizing Rotan. Cassidy presented him with an autographed picture of Mr. Sammy Baugh, Jimmy Don then gave him an autographed copy of Mr. Tommy Hargrove's book, "A Long March to Freedom", and the final presentation was a Rotan Yellowhammer cap by Bobby Kenner. Governor Bush was genuinely pleased and the group from Rotan experienced an opportunity not many others can attain.

Attending from Rotan with the three students were their sponsors, Mrs. Evelyn Nowlin and Mrs. Debi Mercer. Also in attendance were superintendent, Mr. Wes Hays; principal, Mr. Bob Spikes; Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Early; and Mrs. Linda Kenner. Traveling from Houston were Mr. Kenny Kenner and Billy Kenner. From Coleman, superintendent, Dr. Skip Casey, who began this competition and is now its general director, also attended.

Stenhold Sets Open House At Abilene Office

Congressman Charlie Stenholm will hold an "Open House" on Friday, May 17, from 1:30-3:00 p.m. to officially open his new Abilene office location at One City Center, Suite 4A, 241 Pine Street.

"In an effort to cut costs and gain needed space, I moved my office to One City Center," said Stenholm. "This cost-saving measure will provide more room, improved access, and non-metered parking."

Fisher County Hospital Salutes Health Care Professions During Hospital Week

The Fisher County Hospital is actively taking part in celebrating 'National Hospital Week', May 12-18, according to Steve Nowlin, Fisher County Hospital Board President.

"We salute the Healthcare professionals whose dedication and devotion allows us to serve the people of Fisher County," said Nowlin.

The Fisher County Hospital as well as the following are participating - Fisher County Home Health Agency, Fisher County EMS Service, Clearfork Health Clinic, Roby Rural Health Clinic, Fisher County Physical Therapy & Fitness Center, Fisher County Dura-Medical Equipment, Fisher County Outreach Respiratory Therapy and Fisher County Lifeline.

Rotan Jr. High, Band Hall Bid Of $637,500 Accepted, Work Starting

The members of the Rotan School Board accepted the low bid of $637,500 from Knox, Gaites & Meador of Lubbock for the remodeling of the junior high school and band hall.

"I was personally very pleased with the bids. I would estimate that the low bid that was accepted was approximately $70,000 to $80,000 less that what was estimated. We feel like we have a very good bid," commented Superintendent Wes Hays.

Workers are to begin work on Monday, May 27th.

Desks, supplies and equipment from the junior high building will be moved into the old school gymnasium until the remodeling is compete.

"We are in hopes that the work will be finished before school begins on August 26th", said Hays.

The Junior High School will get a total make-over. Full inside renovation, new heating and air conditioning system, new wiring, new plumbing, remodeled rest rooms, repainted, new student locker area (moved from the hallway). In addition the outside will get a new roof and repainted.

The band hall will get an addition to house instruments and uniforms. It will be completely renovated. The workers will close windows, supply a new roof and generally make both facilities look new, commented Hays.

The two bids not accepted were from RBR Construction in Mineral Wells of $699,500 and Epic Construction in Abilene of $733,900.

Commissioners Vote To Buy New Copy Machine

The members of the Fisher County Commissioners Court met last Monday morning and voted to approve the purchase of a $3,829 copy machine from Kuykendall Office Machines in Abilene for the Fisher County Extension Office.

In other action, the commissioners approved a letter of release from Donna Turnbow cancelling the county insurance program she has been under as constable.

Commissioners approve a Fisher County Investment policy setting out guidelines for investing funds.

Commissioners met with Dub Underwood concerning an easement, but no action was taken.

In final action, the commissioners agreed to leave court open until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 14th to meet with representatives of Pritchard & Abbott, Oil Valuation Engineers.

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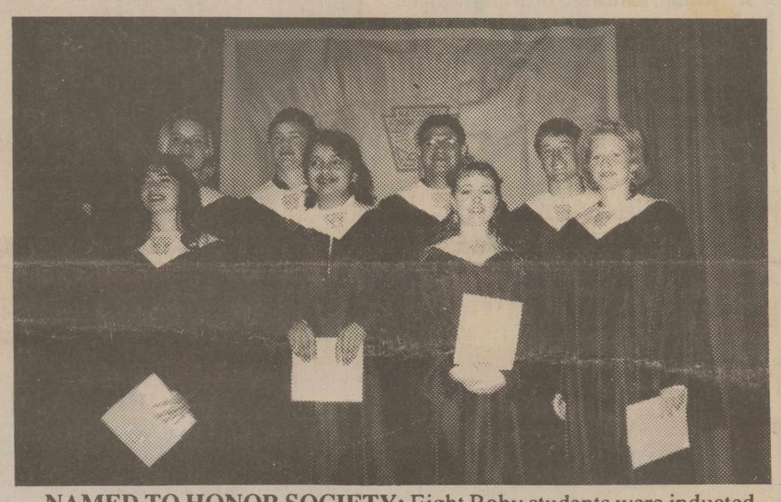
First Of Twelve Prisoners From State Of Texas Due Here By This Thursday

Fisher County Sheriff Gene Pack expects the first five prisoners from the State of Texas to arrive on Thursday, May 16th.

"These will be the first of what I hope will be twelve prisoners we will be keeping in Fisher County", commented Pack.

Under the new program, Fisher County will receive $20 - per prisoner- a day from the State of Texas for housing the prisoners.

"Once we get up to twelve prisoners, Fisher County will be realizing approximately $7,200 in gross dollars per monthfor the service we will be providing. The main expense will be food which I have calculated at approximately $30 a day to feed the twelve," said Pack.



NAMED TO HONOR SOCIETY: Eight Roby students were inducted into the Roby Chapter of the National Honor Society. (L to R) Front row - Makala Herron, Erika Ramirez, Brandy Griffith and Kimberly Hudnall. (back row - L to R) Rikki Graversen, Christopher Gloyd, Robert Onofre and Jeremy Stidham.

Roby Chapter Of National Honor Society Taps Eight For Membership

The Roby Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools inducted eight new members to their chapter on April 30, 1996. To be a member of the National Honor Society, the student must demonstrate certain cardinal qualities worthy of encouragement in all schools, such as character, scholarship, leadership, and service. Based upon these qualities, the following students were inducted to Roby's Chapter of the National Honor Society: Christopher Gloyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Pilgrim, Rikki Graversen, exchange student of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Field, Brandy Griffith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Griffith, Makala Herron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Herron, Kimberly Hudnall, daughter of Mr. David Hudnall, Robert Onofre, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lute Onofre, Erika Ramirez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Ramirez, and Jeremy Stidham, grandson of Arlene Dodds.

Tiny Carrion Gets Degree At Texas Tech.

Tiny Corina Carrion, daughter of Rogerio and Eva Carrion graduated from Texas Tech University on Saturday, May 11, 1996 in Lubbock, Texas. She received a Bachelor's of Arts and Sciences in Sociology with a minor in Family Studies. She also served as Historian this semester for the Zeta Phi Gamma service sorority, and received the Outstanding Service award which recognizes service provided for Texas Tech University and the surrounding communities. She plans to do a practicum at the Department of Women's Services or Hospice of Lubbock this summer continuing through the Fall. She will attend graduate school next spring to study Medical Sociology and long-term health care.

Farmers Can Apply For Low Interest Loans

U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm has announced that farmers in Jones County are eligible to apply for low-interest emergency loans to help recover from crop losses caused by drought conditions which have occurred since Jan. 1, 1995.

For those who cannot obtain credit through normal channels, the U.S. Department of Agriculture will make loans available at below-market interest rates to family farmers.

In addition, seven other Texas counties have been named as contiguous counties and therefore are eligible for assistance.

The counties affected by the drought are Callahan, Fisher, Haskell, Nolan, Shackelford, Stonewall, Taylor.

The Consolidated Farm Service Agency (CFSA), which will supervise the loan program, is charged with providing aid to the farmers and ranchers in order to assist their economic recovery from natural disasters.

Local CFSA county offices can provide affected farmers with further information and assist them in completing applications for assistance.

Grand Jury Session Begins On May 22nd.

The Newspaper Office was given some incorrect information that was reported last week.

The May session of the Fisher County Grand Jury will be on Wednesday, May 22nd at 9:00 a.m. not on May 16th as reported last week.

Driver's License On Commercial Drivers Changes

Beginning June 3, applicants for Class A or B Texas Commercial Driver Licenses will be required to pass pre-trip vehicle inspection tests.

"This is really just some fine-tuning of our CDL program," said DPS Inspector John Hall. "New applications will be required to pass a test to make sure they can determine whether a commercial vehicle is safe to operate on the highway. It should only take about 10 minutes."

CDL applicants previously only had been required to pass an airbrake inspection of their vehicle, Hall said.

The new pre-trip vehicle inspection test, which will include the airbrake inspection, is mandated by federal and state regulations, the inspector said.

CDL applicants should prepare for the test by obtaining and studying a copy of Section 10 of the Texas CDL Handbook at any DPS Driver License office.

Since Texas' federally mandated CDL law went into effect on Sept. 1, 1990, some 560,000 Texans have been issued Commercial Driver Licenses. The pre-trip vehicle inspection test requirement is the first change in the licensing program since then, Hall said.

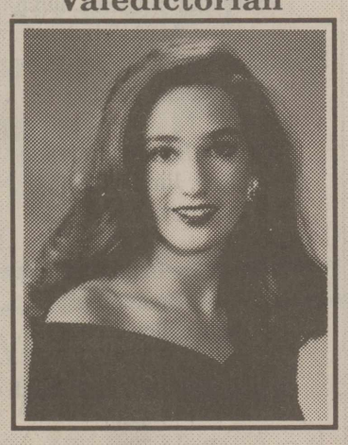
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Valedictorian



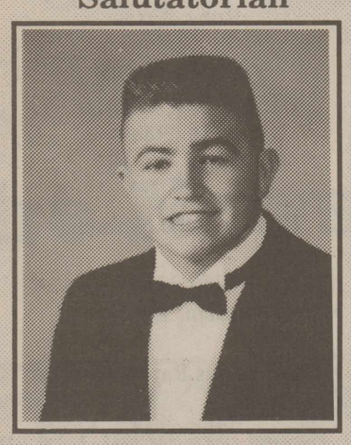
Roby High Sschool
Amanda Moore
Daughter Of
Andy & Ann Moore
GPA - 4.8979

Salutatorian



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Shelley Baker
Daughter Of
J. McClure & G. Baker
GPA - 8.15435

Salutatorian



Roby High School
Kevin Christian
Son Of
Mike & Barbara Christian
GPA - 4.8763

Fisher County Emergency Medical Service To Celebrate EMS Week May 19-25

The Fisher County Emergency Medical Service (EMS) will be celebrating EMS Week, May 19 - 25.

The Fisher County EMS service is hospital based and has a total of 3 full-time and 3 part-time employees.

In addition, there are two other certified local residents who assist the EMS in times of emergency or crisis. They are Linda Martin, EMT-1, who works at the Fisher County Hospital Pharmacy and Red Chedester, EMT who is the Fisher County Entomologist.

Part-time employees are Eddie Martin, EMT-1; Randy Martin, EMT-1 and Rodney Denton, Jr., EMT.

Full-time employees are Stephen Stephens, EMT-P; Larry Howard, EMT-P and Robyn Anderle, EMT-1.

EMS personnel are involved in several areas of the Fisher County Hospital, they do stress testing, cardiac rehabilitation, safe sitters classes, lifeline emergency response and CPR classes for Fisher County.

The week long activities to be staged by the Fisher County EMS include:

Monday - May 20 - Downtown Rotan on the stage in front of Family Dollar for blood pressure clinic 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.

Tuesday - May 21 - Roby Courthouse coffee Room - Blood Pressure clinic at 10:00 A.M.

Wednesday - May 22 - The coloring contest winners will be awarded their t-shirts painted by the EMS personnel. Pictures will be taken for the Rotan Advance - Roby Star Record. The Aero Care Helicopter will be landing on the School Hill in Rotan between 3:00 and 3:30 p.m.

Thursday - May 23 - "Think, Before You Sink", the City of Rotan will open the pool for a few hours of free swimming. This could change if pool parts do not arrive in time to get the pool fixed.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients admitted and dismissed to the Fisher County Hospital during the week of May 8 - May 13, 1996 were as follows:

ADMITTED:

Lillie Herron, Rotan; Melody Gordon, Roby; John Soliz, Jr.- Rotan; Rickey Gordon- Roby; Magdalem Cantu- Rotan; Raymond Cornelius- Hamlin; Caswell Lightfoot- Roby; Troy B. Randolph- Snyder; Mary Hamlin- Rotan; Harold Freeman- Rotan; Ronnie Willhite- Longworth; Israel Ramon- Roby; Mae F. Beard- Rotan; Addie E. Green- Rotan; LaMerle Denton- Rotan; Tommy Whitefield- Rotan; Abram Jones- Rotan; Jessie Wortham- Rotan; Charles R. Lee- Hermleigh; Wesley F. Smith- Roby; Robert Koonce- Jayton.

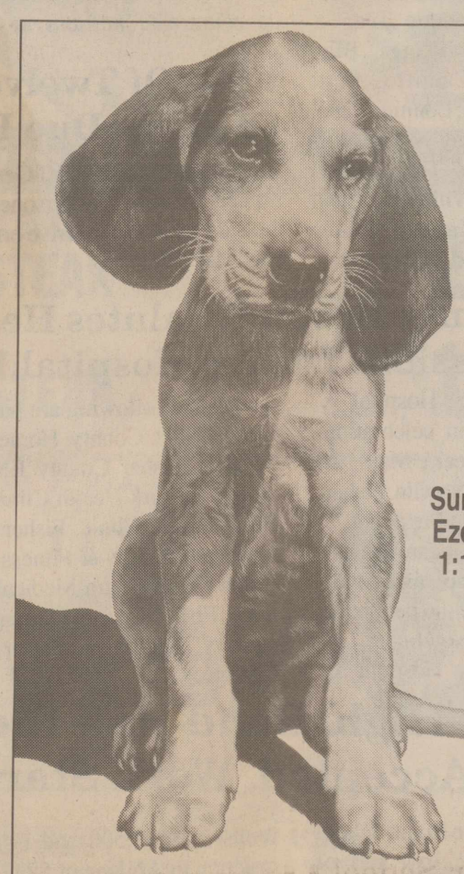
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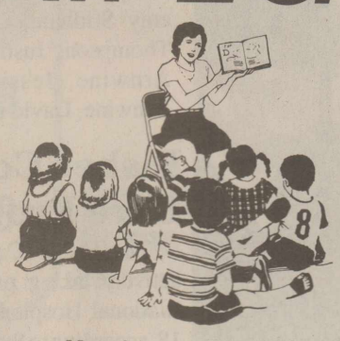
Thelma Prewitt- Rotan; Delia Hardin- Rotan; Faye Ray- Roby; John Soliz, Jr.- Rotan; Ernest Armstrong- Rotan; Melody Gordon- Roby; Troy B. Randolph- Snyder; Harold Freeman- Rotan; Rickey Gordon- Roby; Magdalena Cantu- Rotan; Abram Jones- Rotan; Lillie Herron- Rotan; Israel Ramon- Roby; Cornelius Raymond- Hamlin; Carrie Booth- Spur; Tommy Whitefield- Rotan; Mary Hamlin- Rotan; Casell Lightfoot- Roby.

Selections Have Been Made At The Newspaper Office For Brenda Stearnes Bride-elect of Jerry Turnage Shower Date: May 18, 1996

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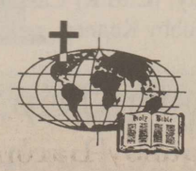
All Ears





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Ezekiel 1:1-28	Ezekiel 2:1-10	Ezekiel 3:1-15	Ezekiel 3:16-27

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ezekiel 11:14-25	Ezekiel 36:16-38	Ezekiel 37:1-14



You can't help loving this little pup. Maybe it's because he seems so out of proportion. If he somehow were able to flop those ears he might fly away.

Perhaps there is a little fellow in your home who is "all ears" in another sense...a youngster who takes in everything that's said, including some things he isn't meant to hear.

Most children are eager to listen...hungry to learn. That is why the early years are so important in the molding of a child's character. The things he hears, whether right or wrong, make a deep impression on his mind. They are soon reflected in his actions and words.

Wise parents take advantage of programs of religious education in implanting those early impressions. They know there is no surer builder of character than religious faith.

NOW...while your child is eager to hear and to learn, bring him to God's House...and support the churches or synagogues in their great undertaking.

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The news and advertising deadline is noon Tuesday.

Fisher County Round - Up

By Joy Walker - 735-2840

by Joy Walker.....

Did it get cool when the norther blew in on Friday? And some folks wished they had taken a jacket with them. But we still didn't get any rain. Monday night it was so stormy and the wind blew out of the bad looking cloud, but still no moisture.

Rosemary Gay, Sara and Jim Hester all from Fort Worth spent Mother's Day weekend with Louise Martinez. Saturday night they all visited with Tachi and Steve Warren in Snyder and Tonya Patterson who is from Midland. They all ate supper together and then Louise heard from all of her kids for Mother's Day. Mrs. Lealon Wilburn celebrated Mother's Day with her four children and their families. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wilburn from Hamlin, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Wayne Etheredge, Mr. and Mrs. James Sherrill from Sweetwater and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wilburn from Anson. Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wilburn from Sweetwater, and their family, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Etheredge and family, Mr. and Mrs. David Etheredge and family from Levelland, and Mr. and Mrs. David Yearwood and family who are also from Levelland. Also La Teshia Kiker, Travis and Kyle Wilburn. Jackie Wayne and La Nelle visited with Sam and Roxie Etheredge Sunday night. The Randy and David Etheredge families visited with their grandparents on Sunday.

Eli Sepeda and his wife, Rachel, brought our special music on Sunday at Hobbs Baptist Church, then Eli brought our messages in the absence of Bro. Ruben Osuna who was gone Sunday.

We had lots of visitors in church on Sunday, and the oldest mother was Roxie Etheredge while the youngest was Rachel Sepeda. They each received gifts. Ruben and Pam Osuna traveled to Norman, Oklahoma over the weekend to attend the commencement ceremonies for the University of Oklahoma. Their son, Kevin, graduated with distinction from the College of Arts and Sciences with a BA Degree in Letters. Also graduating was Kevin's fiance, Julianna Myers, who received a BA Degree in Planned Program and Professional Studies. Julianna graduated with honors and was admitted to Phi Beta Kappa. The Osuna's met Julianna's parents, Jim and Beth Myers of Aurora, Colorado.

Frank Mitchell's sister, Mrs. Willard Burk attended her grandson's graduation from Texas Tech on Saturday, the 11th. Her sister, Doris Mitchell from Abilene went with her. Frances and Guy Kemp left Monday for Scott and White Hospital in Temple. Frances is going to have back surgery. We hope to hear that she is doing fine.

Brenda Stearn's bridal shower will be held on Saturday at Roby. Brenda is going to marry Jerry Turnage who is from Colorado City. Congratulations to Brenda and Jerry.

George Lane is now doing a little better, and we hope that he will continue to improve.

Florene Beard was in the hospital in Abilene but is now out at Fisher County Hospital.

Delia Hardin was in Fisher County Hospital for a day or two last week. She is home now but has shingles, so she isn't feeling too good.

Mrs. R. D. (Lois) Terry was admitted to Hendrick Memorial Hospital Tuesday night. She had been feeling bad after her surgery and on Thursday the doctors did some more Angioplasty. She is home now and feeling lots better.

Mary Singley, Horace and Betty Carter went to Plainview Thursday, spent the night and then were there for Sheila Gruben's surgery. Sheila had the surgery late Friday evening. Donnie Carl and Julie Gruben from Lamesa were also there all day Friday until 12 that night. I went to Plainview with Ellen and Bobby Gruben and they came on home that night or early Saturday morning. The remainder of us spent the night in Plainview as it was so very late when Sheila finally came out of recovery and was back in her room.

Saturday Carye and Robert Odom from Grapevine came, and spent the day, so Julie, Donnie Carl and I all returned to Rotan. Carye and Robert spent the night in Plainview and went home Sunday.

Greg, Shawna, Tess, Tatum and little Clancey came to Carol and Wilber's on Friday; Carol and Wilber were just getting in from Dallas where they had been visiting with Evette and Drew Burk. I ate supper with them all Saturday and then ate lunch with them on Sunday. They went home Sunday evening. Clancey is so cute and is really growing.

Sheila got to come home from the hospital late Sunday evening, and made the trip just fine. Today (Monday) she is feeling much better.

See you next week.

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Rotan Amateur FB Team Defeats Wolverines

Rotan's Amateur Football Team, The Big Country Wildcats defeated the DeLeon Wolverines in a very hard fought contest by a score of 8-6 on May 5th. This win puts Rotan in the 4th and final play-off spot for the Texas Independent Football League Crown. "We are scheduled to play the first place and undefeated Stephenville Warriors on Sat., May 18th at 7:00 p.m. in Dublin, Tx., at the Dublin High School Field, said Glenn Lawler, Jr.

The Newspaper Office Sells Jeff Foxworthy Books And Tapes

Busby Baronview, Center School Reunion

The Busby Baronview and Center School Reunion will be held Saturday afternoon, May 18th at Fisher County Courthouse Annex, located on the north side of the square in Roby at 1:00 P.M. All former students, former teachers and friends are cordially invited to attend.

State Corrections Officials Requested To Give Social Security List Of Prisoners

State corrections officials have been requested to give Social Security a list of all prisoners in their jurisdictions to facilitate the timely suspension of benefits to which the inmates are not entitled. The request is one of several measures Social Security is taking to identify, at the earliest possible point, any prisoners who may be erroneously receiving benefits.

Under current law, prisoners are not entitled to Social Security benefits if they have been convicted of a crime which is punishable by more than one year in prison (regardless of the actual sentence imposed). Benefit suspension also applies to Supplemental Security Income recipients who are incarcerated for a full calendar month.

Social Security's primary means of enforcing the prisoner provisions is through a national computerized matching program to identify incarcerated individuals.

Under existing agreements with the Federal Bureau of Prisons and with all the States, Social Security receives computer tapes listing the names and Social Security numbers of inmates which are then matched against Social Security's records. The matching information, however, does not include data on all prisoners. A small percentage of prisoners are housed in county penal facilities, and certain States do not maintain centralized data at the State level on prisoners incarcerated in non-State facilities. Computer records also may be unsuitable for matching because of missing or invalid Social Security numbers, fictitious names or incorrect dates of birth.

The scope of the Social Security Administration's intensified effort to track inmates goes beyond the Federal and State level. Social Security managers are now working with local penal facilities to establish prisoner reporting takes place. Any information about individuals who are incarcerated in local facilities will trigger an immediate investigation to determine whether they are beneficiaries whose checks should be suspended. Social Security has made the identification of prisoners and required suspension actions a top priority.

Mitch And Pat Whitefield Parents Of Son

Mitch and Pat Whitefield proudly announce the arrival of their new baby boy, Blade Christopher Bandero who was born April 5, 1996 during the snow storm at Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater, at 8:21 p.m. He weighed 6 lbs. 11 ozs., and was 20 inches long. Blade was welcomed home by big brothers Johnny and twins Dakotah and Dallas and big sister, Stacie.

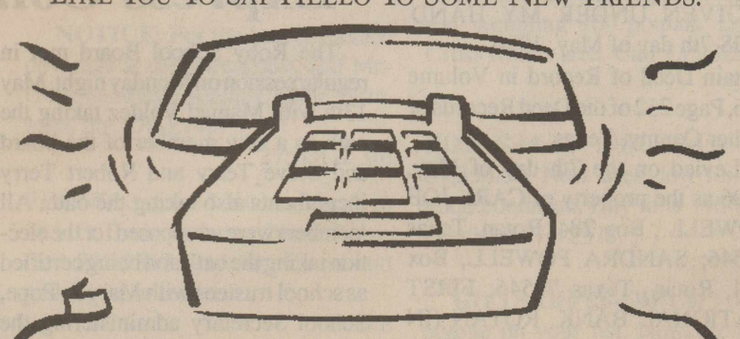
Paternal grandparents are Tommy and Mary Whitefield of Rotan. Maternal grandparents are Frances Alvarado of Rotan, Daniel J. Alvarado, Sr. of Seymour, Tx.. Great grandfather is E.P. Alvarado of Seymour, Texas.

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FISHER COUNTY EMS

The Fisher County EMS will be celebrating EMS Week May 19-25, along with the rest of the state. Our EMS service is hospital based and has 3 full-time employees and 3 part-time. Also we have two other certified people who help us in a crisis, **Linda Martin, EMT-I,** works in the pharmacy at the hospital and **Red Chedester, EMT,** works as the local bug man. Our part-time employees are: **Eddie Martin, EMT-I** and **Rodney Denton, Jr., EMT.** Our full-time employees are: **Stephen Stephens, EMT-P, Larry Howard, EMT-P** and **Robyn Anderle, EMT-I.**

The EMS is involved in several different areas of our hospital. They do stress testing, cardiac rehab, safe sitters classes, lifelines emergency response, and CPR classes of the community.

To celebrate EMS Week, we have planned a few activities for the county. They are as follows:

MONDAY, MAY 20-Downtown Rotan on the stage-**Blood Pressure Clinic-5-30-7:00 p.m.**

TUESDAY, MAY 21-Roby Courthouse Coffee Room-**Blood Pressure Clinic-10:00 A.M.**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22-**The Coloring Contest winners will be awarded their T-Shirts painted by the EMS personnel.** Their pictures will be taken for the local paper. The Aero Care Helicopter will be landing on the School Hill in Rotan between 3:00 and 3:30 in the afternoon. Everyone is encouraged to come look and see what it looks like.

THURSDAY, MAY 23-**'THINK BEFORE YOU SINK"** The Rotan City will open the pool for a few hours of Free Swimming.
This can change if parts do not arrive in time.

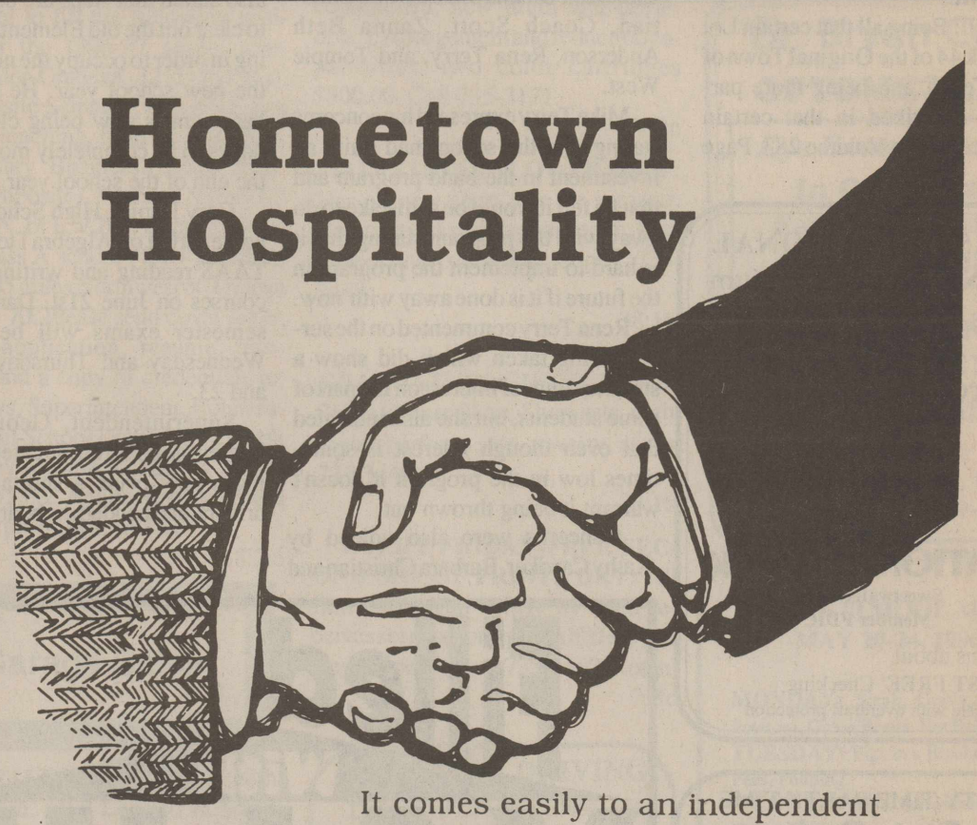
FRIDAY, MAY 24-GRADUATION NIGHT-Congrats to all Fisher County Seniors.

SATURDAY, MAY 25-The conclusion of the **First Safe Sitters Class.**

WE HOPE ALL RESIDENTS OF FISHER COUNTY WILL TRY TO ATTEND AT LEAST SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES IF NOT ALL OF THEM.

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By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 32ND Judicial District Court of FISHER County on the 7th day of May, 1996 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of ROTAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS. CARL JOE POWELL; Cause # 4467 and to me, as SHERIFF directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the 4th day of June, 1996 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the North door of the Courthouse of said FISHER County, in the City of Roby, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Being all those certain Lots 5, 6 and 7 in Block 129 of the Original Town of Rotan, Texas, and being more particularly described in that thereof, Drawer D, Rotan, Texas 79546; to satisfy a judgment amounting to $2,969.14 with interest from the 3rd day of February, 1995 at 10 percent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of ROTAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 7th day of May, 1996.
certain Deed of Record in Volume 646, Page 252 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 7th day of May, 1996 as the property of CARL JOE POWELL , Box 284, Rotan, Texas 79546; SANDRA POWELL, Box 284, Rotan, Texas 79546; FIRST NATIONAL BANK, ROTAN (IN REM ONLY), by serving an officer

Gene Pack
SHERIFF FISHER COUNTY, TEXAS
37:3tc

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NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FISHER

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 32ND Judicial District Court of FISHER County on the 7th day of May, 1996 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of ROTAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS. PAUL CARRILLO Cause #4185 and to me, as SHERIFF directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the 4th day of June, 1996 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the North door of the Courthouse of said FISHER County, in the City of Roby, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Tract II: Being all that certain Lot 4 in Block 44 of the Original Town of Rotan, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 283, Page 378 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 7th day of May, 1996 as the property of PAUL CARRILLO ALSO KNOWN AS PAUL OR PAULO CARRILLO, Lincoln, Rotan, Texas 79546; BENITA CARILLO ALSO KNOWN AS BENITA CARRILLO, 812 North Lincoln, Rotan, Texas, 79546; FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ROTAN (IN REM ONLY), by serving an officer thereof, 118 North Garfield, Rotan, Texas 79546; to satisfy a judgment amounting to $9,187.23 with interest from the 31st day of March, 1995 at 10 percent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of ROTAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.

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Gene Pack
SHERIFF FISHER COUNTY, TEXAS
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Facility On State Highway 208 To Serve As Rolling Plains Central Boll Weevil Eradication Housing Office

A facility on State Highway 208 in Colorado City will serve as a district office in the Rolling Plains Central boll weevil eradication zone-housing office and storage space for approximately 50 full-time and temporary employees and serving as the staging area for boll weevil eradication operations on approximately 100,000 acres of cotton, said Frank Myers, executive director of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Inc.

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

The office will be located in the former Ed Lee Building south of town.

Woody Anderson, Mitchell County cotton grower and Foundation board chairman, said for the program to run efficiently, district offices are located in closest proximity to the majority of cotton acreage in our area. Also, whenever possible, the program hires personnel and purchases supplies locally.

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

Nikki Raff is the supervisor in this district that encompasses all or portions of Mitchell, Scurry, Fisher and Nolan counties in the 19-county zone.

Until the new office is open, district office personnel can be reached at 101 N. Taylor in Loraine, or by calling 915/737-2779.

Eradication activities are scheduled to begin this fall.

Other Foundation district offices will be located in Stamford, Tye, Rotan, Haskell and Munday. Negotiations continue to establish the remaining office.

The zone headquarters, responsible for the management of operations in the zone which encompasses approximately 700,000 acres of cotton, is located in Stamford.

Visitors To Roby School Board Meeting Express Concerns For Band Program

The Roby School Board met in regular session on Monday night, May 13th with Manuel Valdez taking the oath as a new member of the board and Steve Terry and Robert Terry incumbents also taking the oath. All members were unopposed for the election taking the oath and being certified as school trustees with Mary Jo Pope, School Secretary administering the oath.

The minutes, monthly reports, a waiver on early release days and the continuation of Algebra 1A and IB for 1996-97, Child Nutrition Program, and the contract for shared services and Formal Board Resolution with Tri-County Cooperative Special Education for 1996-'97 were all approved by consent agenda.

The School Calendar for 1996-97 was accepted along with the acceptance of bids on property of Lot 5, Block 39 being given to Zanna Anderson for purchasing.

The board heard from several parents and concerned persons regarding the future of the school band program.

The visitors present at the meeting were; Tanya Terry, Patresa Bolton, Ruby Fitzpatrick, Kathy Carriker, Mike V. Terry, Mark Mahaffey, Mary Mahaffey, Mary Jo Pope, Barbara Christian, Glenna Stuart, Mike Christian, Coach Scott, Zanna Beth Anderson, Rena Terry, and Tempie West.

Mike Terry expressed his concerns stating that the school had quite an investment in the band program and that he felt it would be a mistake to do away with the program stating that it is hard to implement the program in the future if it is done away with now.

Rena Terry commented on the survey being taken which did show a small amount of interest on the part of some students, but she also indicated that even though interest is sometimes low in the program it doesn't warrant it being thrown out.

Concerns were also voiced by Kathy Carriker, Barbara Christian and Mike Christian regarding the program and being in favor of it.

Bill Fowler, Elementary Principal, pointed out that Roby would always offer band or a fine arts course also stating that most students do tend to take courses for High School credits rather than band.

Board member Lance McWilliams, stated he did not understand that keeping the band or doing away with it had ever become an issue since the board had not taken any action on the subject and that the surveys were not conducted to do away with or to keep the band. McWilliams stated he was in favor of keeping a band program even if you had 2 or 70 students. He also stated that no action neededed to be taken since the band program has not been considered by the board to be done away with. The board was in complete agreement also discussing ways of re-scheduling with possibly eight periods a day in order to assure that all students have the opportunity to have the choice of fitting band into their schedule.

Elementary Principal, Bill Fowler reported 228 enrolled in Elementary and Jr. High and that Early Childhood testing has been completed with five students to be tested in August. Fowler also stated that steps are being taken to clear out the old Elementary Building in order to occupy the new one for the new school year. He stated the basement is now being cleaned out hopes to be completely moved out at the end of the school year.

Gary Daniel, High School Principal reported on Algebra I testing, and TAAS reading and writing summer courses on June 21st. Daniel stated semester exams will be held on Wednesday and Thursday May 22 and 23.

Superintendent, George Price briefed the board on the cafeteria needing a new oven, a shortage of bus drivers, and handed the board a sample copy of the specs and requirements of the demolition of the old Elementary building which will get under way as soon as possible after school is out. Price stated the demolitions would take approximately 45 days and stated the board needs to consider all areas dealing with the demolition of the building. Price also stated a play ground will be built where the old building is now which will take a period of two to three years to complete.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

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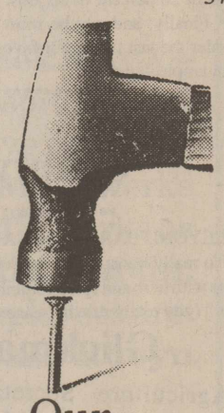
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Defensive Driving Class, Saturday, June 8th, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or Monday and Tuesday, June 10th & 11th, 1996, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., cost $30.00, Snyder Savings & Loan Building, 27th & College, Snyder. **Morris Shaw School of Defensive Driving 573-2850.**

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ROTAN SCHOOL MENU
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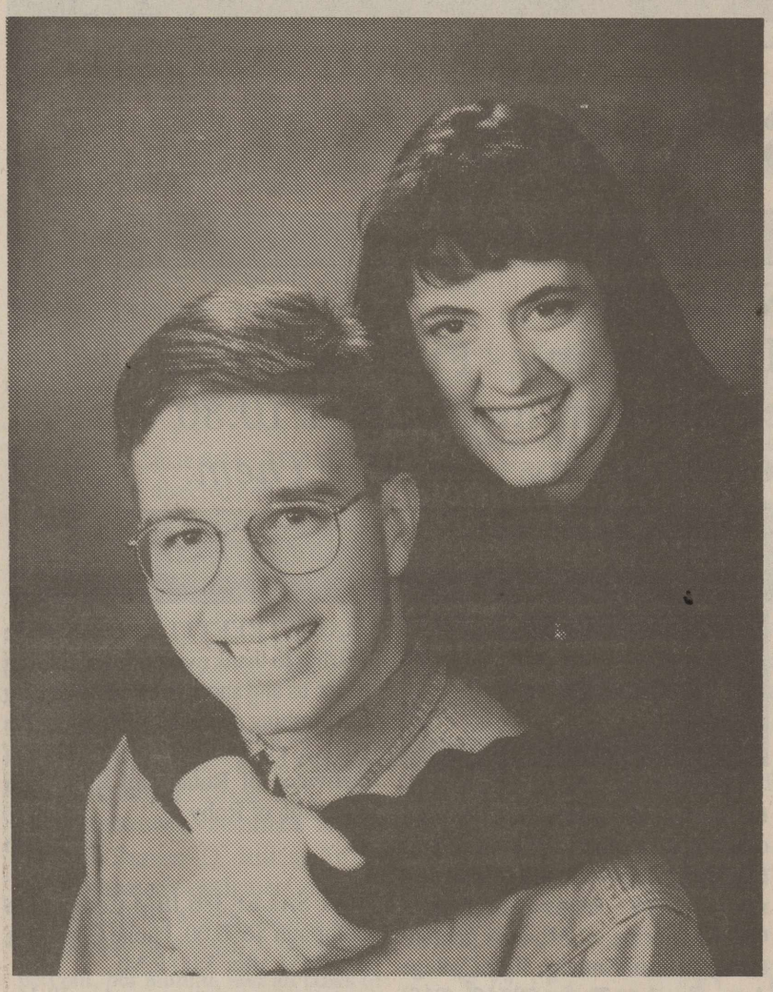
MONDAY: Steak, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Fruit.
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FRIDAY: No School.

ROBY SCHOOL MENU
May 20-24, 1996

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Julianna Myers And Kevin Osuna Engaged

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Julianna is a graduate of Rangeview High School in Aurora. Kevin is a graduate of Roby High School. Both are May graduates of the University of Oklahoma.

An August 10th wedding is planned for 2:00 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Norman, Oklahoma.

Implementation Of Of New Farm Bill Allows Producers To End CRP Contracts

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman announced implementation of a 1996 Farm Bill provision that allows producers to end their CRP contracts on less environmentally sensitive lands.

Glickman said that CRP contracts entered into before January 1, 1995 that have been in effect for at least five years will be eligible for early termination except those contracts applying to environmentally sensitive lands.

Contracts with the following types of land will not be eligible for early termination: land with an erodibility index greater than 15: land devoted to useful life easements: field windbreaks; grass waterways; shallow water areas; filter strips; bottom land timber on wetlands; acreage enrolled under the wetland eligibility criteria during sign up periods eight and nine; shelter belts; and land within an average of 100 feet of a stream or other permanent water body.

Approved contract terminations on eligible land will become effective 60 days after the producer's request is received by the local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office. Prorated CRP annual rental payments will be paid through the effective termination date. However, for 1996 spring planted crops, producers will be allowed to plant as soon as the acreage is approved for early termination.

Producers seeking to make their CRP acreage eligible for 1996 Market Transition Payments, created by the 1996 Farm Bill, must file the request to terminate the CRP contract by May 31 in order for the contract to terminate before the August 1, 1996 statutory deadline for entering into Production Flexibility Contracts. All participants with CRP acreage that has crop acreage base history will be eligible to enter into Production Flexibility Contracts at any time over the next seven years when CRP contracts expire or are terminated.

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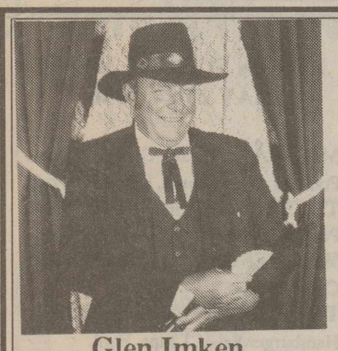
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Agricultural News

County Agents News

by Richard Spencer

Texas' system of food and fiber production exudes excellence and is a tribute to the hardworking men and women who make it go- from those who raise crops and livestock to those engaged in processing, distribution and marketing. It works like a well-oiled machine, and we are all better off because of it.

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Some facts about Texas Agriculture:

* Texas is the number two state in the nation in agricultural receipts behind California.

* The Lone Star State is the number one producer in the U.S. of cotton, cattle, sheep, goats, wool and mohair.

* Texas also is first in value of farm real estate, the number of farms and ranches (185,000) and the amount of farm and ranch land.

* The sales of farm and ranch products totaled some $14 billion in Texas in 1995.

* Texas' food and fiber industry has a large impact on the state's work-force, accounting for about 20 percent of all jobs.

* Finally, and maybe most importantly, consider the last time your favorite food was not in ample supply.

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The new farm bill could convince cotton and rice farmers to make the switch to feed grains such as corn, wheat and sorghum. Feed grain farmers are in the best position to withstand this dramatic change in farm policy. They're getting record prices for their crops on top of the transition payments that come from the farm bill. The wild card is the weather. Extension grain marketing economist Dr. Mark Waller says even if prices are high, farmers must still produce a crop to benefit from the current high price. If the weather is dry, like it is this year, there may not be a crop from which to profit. The farm bill takes away the government safety net making the market more volatile...more likely to fluctuate with changes in the weather and other factors. The U.S. produces two-thirds of the world's feed grains, but the U.S. doesn't stockpile commodities like it used to 20 years ago. That makes for tighter supplies during dry times. Ultimately it's the consumer who pays the higher price.

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An Australian study, where wheat was grown with and without nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium, has shown root growth is most severely affected by potassium.

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County Agents Report

by Beth Dannheim.....

DON'T KISS THE IGUANA

There are more than seven million reptiles kept as pets in the United States. Snakes, turtles, lizards- you name it. The most common is the iguana. With them comes a dramatic increase in the number of Salmonella cases. Dr. Jim Johnson, a professor of zoological medicine at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary medicine, says most reptiles carry the harmful bacteria. But he is not sounding the alarm that most pet owners will get sick. He says only a small percentage of people actually contract the disease. Earlier this year, 50 visitors to the Denver Zoo were infected with salmonella after petting one of the zoo's Komodo dragons. Johnson says wash your hands after handling a reptile. Never put your mouth on the animal and always keep reptiles away from food preparation areas. Johnson says there are also two-thousand strains of Salmonella and some are worse than others. They can cause fever, diarrhea, dehydration and other metabolic disorders. Children and people with compromised immune systems are at the greatest risk.

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To really boost flavor without fat, season meats with herb and spice combinations called "rubs" (you really rub the seasonings directly onto the food before cooking). How much you "rub" depends on personal tastes. For starters, try a blend of any or all of the following 1/2 teaspoon pepper, 1 teaspoon thyme, 1 tablespoon minced parsley, 1 teaspoon sage and 1/2 teaspoon rosemary. Other ideas for "rub" blends include dry mustard, paprika, thyme, basil and onion powder.

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Glickman Announces New Farm Bill Is Now Law

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman today pledged that the U.S. Department of Agriculture would work quickly to implement the farm bill passed by Congress last week and signed today by President Clinton.

"Now that the farm bill is law, the next critical round of work begins--implementation," Glickman said. "Congress left us in a very tight time crunch. Producers have been patiently waiting for information about how these new programs will work. I pledge that this department will do everything in it power to disseminate information to the public as quickly as possible. "I remain concerned that this bill fails to provide an adequate safety net for family farmers, Glickman said. "While we implement the new farm bill we also continue to seek innovative ways to improve the farm safety net and help producers manage risk.

"While commodity programs remain central to any farm bill, much of the future of agriculture and rural America will be determined by other factors," Glickman said. "This bill recognizes the Administration's policy priorities-- to make sure we put enough resources into conservation practices, rural successfully in the changing world market. As agriculture continues to move away from restrictive government programs to more market--oriented ones, what government does outside the traditional commodity programs will become increasingly important.

"The Clinton Administration wholeheartedly supports the bill's conservation provisions," Glickman said. "Congress has responded to our proposal that conservation and environmental programs be extended, made simpler, and made more workable for agriculture. We have made tremendous gains in conserving highly erodible cropland and stemming wetland loss. This bill helps safeguard those gains.

"We also are very pleased with the rural development title of the bill. Congress has accepted the Administration's principle that we must put enough resources into rural development to enable rural areas to participate in the growing world market. The Administration's Fund for Rural America, created by this bill, will help direct money into vital rural infrastructure and research projects that will help rural America meet the challenges of the future."

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The Perfect Feed Sack Has Yet To Be Invented

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The perfect feed sack has yet to be invented. Some have come close.

In the early days I remember two kinds, those that held cottonseed cake, grain and ground feed, made out of light brown fibers and called tow-sacks, those that held chicken feed made out of various patterns and colors of cotton print. Both kinds served their purpose well. Empty sacks also had many uses.

Tow-sacks could be sold back to the dealer or on the ranch used over and over again until they got piled up in a corner and mice ate holes and made nests in them. Even then they could be used to line chicken nests, dipped in water to fight fires and rolled up and sat on to make a big saddle fit a little bottom better. I could make a list of a dozen other uses for whole as well as holey tow-sacks and you probably could too if you are over 60 years old.

The calico sacks were designed for a second use. A hundred pound sack of chicken mash had more than a yard of cloth in it. Depending on the number and appetite of your chickens the yards of material could easily accumulate to a point that the seamstress of the house was urged to do something about it.

Aprons, pillow cases, cup towels, skirts, and other at home uses were quickly constructed, some outer garments, even, were seen in public. Mother didn't think the colors and patterns were appropriate for outer wear in public, so our main exposure to chicken feed sacks was as underwear.

I don't know when the calico sacks began, probably in the early days of the depression of the 30's, but I do know that they lasted til 1950. That year I went off to college with several pairs of homemade underpants of cotton print with the rest of my things.

Although Mother had to invent uses for the chicken feed sacks to keep them from piling up, she eagerly accepted the sacks we once bought livestock salt in. Strictly speaking they weren't feed sacks. They were plain white cotton sacks, some with a stripe of blue threads along one edge, and the right size to hem and use for cup towels. Some, no doubt, were washed, hemmed, ironed and folded in Christmas and gift boxes to city friends and cousins and newlyweds, or we would have needed more closets to store them at the ranch as much salt as we used.

I remember helping unload salt into one of the storage rooms in the barn. A loaded truck could arrive at any time of the day. The sacks were only 50 lbs., but halfway through they felt like 100 or more. I don't know when Dad stopped getting loads of plain salt in the plain sacks, eventually it all came mixed with funny smelling minerals, and that put an end to Mother's accumulation and distribution of cup towels.

Modern feed sacks are made out of paper, for which there are few secondary uses. They often tear or snag on a sharp corner before the first use is through. They are good for starting fires, bad for fighting fires, good for dry garbage, bad for any standing wet garbage, good for mulching gardens, bad for littering the roadsides. I don't remember ever seeing tow-sacks or calico feed sacks as litter in the roadsides!

More recently, plastic feeds sacks are becoming more abundant as evidenced by the roadside mixture. Woven plastic sacks are useful for shipping seeds which need some air circulation in the container.

Solid plastic sacks with a few tiny holes punched in them are mainly reserved for holding deer corn. Both kinds contribute greatly to modern roadside litter. With time, the experts say, the ultraviolet rays of sunlight will make them brittle and disappear.

In Iowa and some of the more enlightened states, the nickel deposits on all beverage containers and some other throw away packaging, has resulted in roadside refreshingly free of such litter without waiting for the sun to do the job.

I wish we had a better way of reusing paper and plastic feed sacks. There's not much chance of them being accepted and reused by the seller, and who wants to vote on a non-litter deposit. We're trying to keep paper sacks off the roadside by letting them accumulate in the barn.

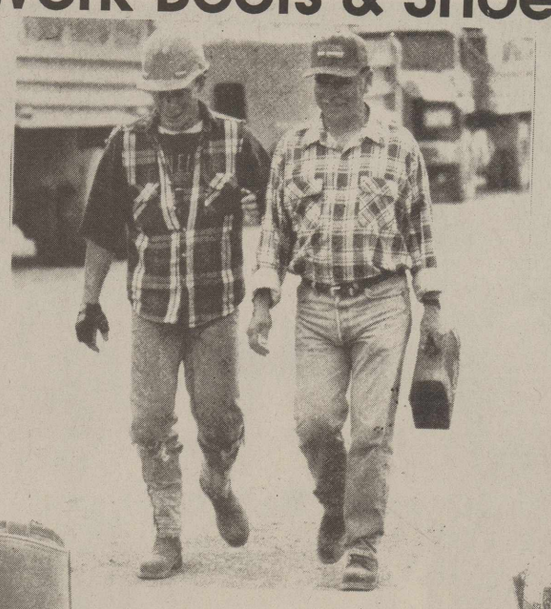
Plastic sacks, especially the woven kind, are quickly removed from the ranch because of their potential for contaminating wool and mohair. When the grandkids were here for Christmas, we unraveled paper feed sacks and split them open to make walls, roofs, peepholes, doors, etc. in a grand and glorious paper fort in the back yard.

It's amazing what a little string, paper, a pocket knife, lots of duct tape and childish imagination can do. When they were gone I tore down the fort and burned it, wishing they had been here a bit longer to enjoy and to see them reduce further the pile of sacks in the barn.

One of these days I'm going to search all the closets and rag bins at the ranch to see if I can find a remnant of calico underwear to show the grandkids.

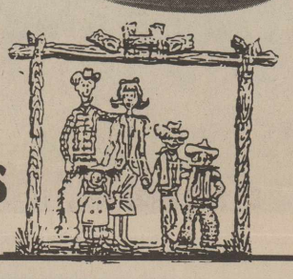
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The Heartbeat of Fisher County

Josie Baird Integral Part Of Our Community And School

by Rubie Wild.....

Josie and Delila are names which for years have gone together like Sears-Roebuck. Those two wonderful ladies, Josie and Delila Baird became an integral part of our community and school system many years ago. Although, Miss Delila is gone now, she lives on in loving memory.

Miss Josie's ancestors immigrated from Scotland to Virginia and Tennessee. Her great grandfather, Taswell Baird, was a Methodist preacher. He did missionary work in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Missouri, and he came to Texas in 1830 with the intention of filing for a land grant. Since Texas was still a Mexican Province, he decided not to file. He returned in 1840, after Texas became an Independent Republic. Josie's grandfather, John Baird, was also a Methodist preacher. He was born in Texas after it became a State, and he served in the Civil War. Josie's great grandfather was Alvan Baird.

Josie's parents, Dixon and Cora Renfro Baird, settled in Indian Territory (Oklahoma) where their two daughters were born, Josie in 1905 and Delila in 1908. Their father died when Josie was six years old, but she still has some memories of him.

In 1916, Cora Renfro Baird and Amos Bostick were married. In the book of Early Fisher County Families, Biographical History 1876-1910 collected and compiled by Delila and Josie Baird, co-chairman of Fisher County Bicentennial Heritage Committee, pictured on page one hundred ninety-six Amos and Cora Bostick and Josie and Delila Baird. There is a picture of Amos and his favorite mount, "Prince" and the Doc Schultz Ranch Headquarters, built about 1896, later the home of Amos Bostick. In 1976 (copyright of the book) the house was still standing. I asked Miss Josie if the house was in Kent or Fisher County, she laughingly replied, "We always said that the house was in Kent County and the porch was in Fisher County.



Josie Baird

The Baird sisters graduated high school in Rotan, Josie in 1923 and Delila in 1925. After high school, they attended West Texas State College- Canyon, but since no degrees were given, at various times they completed courses that were required to teach in larger schools and higher classes.

Miss Josie's first schools were Cottonwood Flat, Riverdale, Palava and Harmony. When Harmony consolidated with Jayton and Rotan in 1940, Josie and Delila were offered employment in each school. Fortunately for us, they chose to teach in Rotan. Miss Josie taught for twenty-eight years in Rotan. She was Principal of Elementary for several years and Principal of high school 1957-1958. Miss Delila was Principal of Elementary at that time.

In 1972 Miss Delila applied for membership-at-large for the purpose of organizing a new Anne Pettus Shelburn Chapter- National Society Daughters of the American Revolution in Rotan. On April 15, 1972, Miss Delila's appointment as Organizing Regent of the new chapter was confirmed. Miss Josie is also listed among the many members with Revolutionary Ancestors. Josie and Delila are Daughters of the Republic of Texas (ancestor Rev. Alan Baird, with Mercer's Colony).

During their tenure of teaching in Rotan, the Baird sisters were participants in Civic and Methodist Church activities. They have been a good influence on friends, associates and students. I remarked to Miss Josie that all the students loved them. She laughed and told me that just recently she had received a letter from a student of long past. He told her that while he was in school he did not like her, but since he has grown older he realizes what a good influence she has been in his life.

The American humorist, Will Rogers, is credited with having said, "I never met a man I didn't like." When I was a student, I never had a teacher that I did not like. During the years that my two sons were in school at Rotan, I was closely associated with school and their teachers. At one point, Miss Josie and Miss Delila presented me with a gift- a beautiful India Brass bud vase, which I still treasure- I believe it was for my feeble effort as President of the P.T.A. The boys had many wonderful teachers who are very dear friends, but there were some for whom I have great respect and admiration. Among those are Miss Josie and Miss Delila.

Josie and Delila will always be remembered as "a legend in their time" by those of us in Rotan who have known and loved them.

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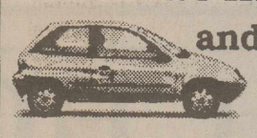
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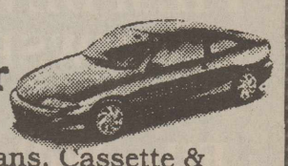
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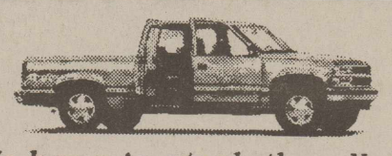
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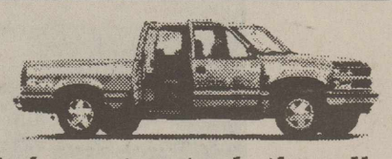


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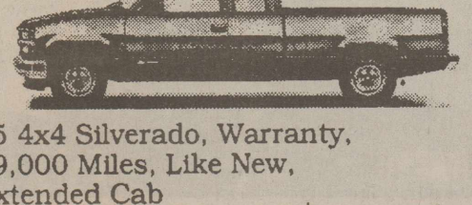


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Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protect actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

*The value placed on your property
*any exemptions that may apply to you
*the cancellation of an agricultural appraisal
*the taxable status of your property
*the local governments which should be taxing your property
*any action taken by the appraisal district that adversely affected you.

Informal Review:
You can contact Betty Mize, Chief Appraiser at 776-2733 for real property matters. For exemption eligibility contact Penny Kiser.

Review by the Appraisal Review Board
If you can't resolve your problem informally with the appraisal district staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the appraisal district to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest), before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. The hearing will be informal. You and the appraisal district representative will be asked to present evidence about your case. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at P.O. Box 516, Roby, TX 79543.

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court
After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. If the appraisal district has appraised your property at $1,000,000 or more, you must file a notice of appeal with the chief appraiser within 15 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

More Information
You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at P.O. Box 516, Roby, TX or call 776-2733. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at 4301 Westbank Drive, Building B. Suite 100, Austin, Texas 78746-6565.

Deadline for filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline
On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have a good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

Special Deadlines
For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

The ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

*The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

TAX PLANNING

Written By:
Richard Rodgers, CPA

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by Richard E. Rodgers, CPA
WHAT CAN YOU DO TO KEEP THE TAX MAN FROM INHERITING YOUR ESTATE?

You've taken care of your income taxes for another year, but have you thought about estate taxes? With rates of up to 55%, estate taxes can take a far bigger bite than any year's income taxes. But it doesn't have to be that way. With proper planning you can minimize the impact of estate taxes, leaving more of your hard-earned estate to the people you choose. And estate planning doesn't just minimize taxes. It can provide for management of your affairs if you become incapacitated, specify who would take care of your children if you die prematurely, or help ensure a smooth transition of your family business.

Because the first $600,000 of your estate is exempt from taxes, you may think that estate planning need not be a concern. But don't overlook the appreciation in the value of your home, the value of any life insurance policies you own, and the value of your IRA and other retirement plans. All of these are included and can boost the amount of your estate over $600,000 and into the taxable range. There are a number of techniques available to minimize or eliminate taxes, starting with a basic will and including an annual gift program, a variety of trusts for specialized purposes, and even more sophisticated techniques for family business owners.

Surveys show that most Americans ignore estate planning, with an alarming number lacking even a simple will. But like most things, the earlier you start, the easier it is to achieve your objectives. And even if you already have a will or an estate plan, don't forget to update it as your financial and personal circumstances change and as tax law changes.

Now is the ideal time to undertake estate planning or to review your existing plan. You have the advantage of having just assembled your tax and financial information for income tax purposes. Call if you'd like assistance or details; we're here to help.

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OBITUARIES

Jesusa (Grandma) Morales

Jesusa (Grandma) Morales, 77, of Rotan, died Thursday morning, May 9, 1996 in the Fisher County Hospital. Rosary was at 7 p.m., Friday in Weathersbee Chapel. Mass was at 2 p.m., Saturday in the St. Joseph Catholic Church with Rev. Reynaldo Reyes officiating. Burial was in the Rotan Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mrs. Morales was born September 23, 1918 in Pandora, Texas and was the daughter of the late Pete and Maria Balerio. She came to Fisher County in the early 1930's from Pandora. She married Albert Morales Oct. 23, 1937 in Rotan. Mr. Morales died July 18, 1982. She was a homemaker and a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Survivors include: 5 daughters- Soveda (Sandy) Garcia, Abilene, Alice Morales, Rotan, Elisa Guzman, Odessa, Angel Velez, Rotan, Trena Morales, Rotan; 3 sons- Alex Morales, Sweetwater, Benny Morales, Rotan, Robert Morales, Rotan; 1 brother- Nives Balerio, Midland; 3 sisters- Sofia Silvas, Ellis, Georgia, Frances Garcia, Rotan, Olga Gonzales, Rotan; 10 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by 1 son, Jessie Morales in 1968; and by 1 grandson, Felix Garcia, Jr. in 1987.

Pallbearers were: Johnny Perales, Pete Garcia, Pete Balerio, Elies Morales, Marcos Gonzales, Augustine Balerio. Honorary pallbearers were: Tony Perales, Larry Galon.

The Pastor's Column



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

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned. 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 NIV.

Paul is reminding us that even though we may be at the end of our rope, we are never at the end of hope. We all go through struggles in our life that causes us to feel bad about ourselves. We are subject to sin and suffering, but God is concerned about our struggles, so he gives us his **"word"** that he will never abandon us. We have eternal life through Christ Jesus. Seek comfort from God through his **Word** today.

"The Pastor's Column" is available to any Fisher County pastor on a rotating basis. Submit devotionals to "The Newspaper Office", Post Office Drawer A, Rotan, Texas 79546.

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HHS Approves Texas' Welfare Waiver Request

Congressman Charles Stenholm (D-Stamford) announced today that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has approved Texas' welfare waiver request, which allows the State to implement the Welfare reform legislation passed by the Texas Legislature and signed by the Governor. The Texas welfare overhaul plan required a "waiver" from certain federal requirements before it could be implemented.

"Our Texas State legislators passed, and the governor signed, an excellent welfare reform package," said Stenholm. "I am very glad we were able to convince HHS officials of the value of these changes, and I'm confident we will now see some meaningful welfare reform."

Stenholm has been actively involved in Welfare reform and, in addition to setting up local welfare task forces, has helped to develop federal legislation to implement much-needed reforms. Most recently, he served as the liaison between Governor Bush and the White House in order to move the waiver approval process forward.

"As one of the authors of the Individual Responsibility Act here in the Congress, I worked to develop a common-sense Welfare reform proposal that increases personal responsibility, moves welfare recipients into the work place, and increases state flexibility to administer the program," said Stenholm.



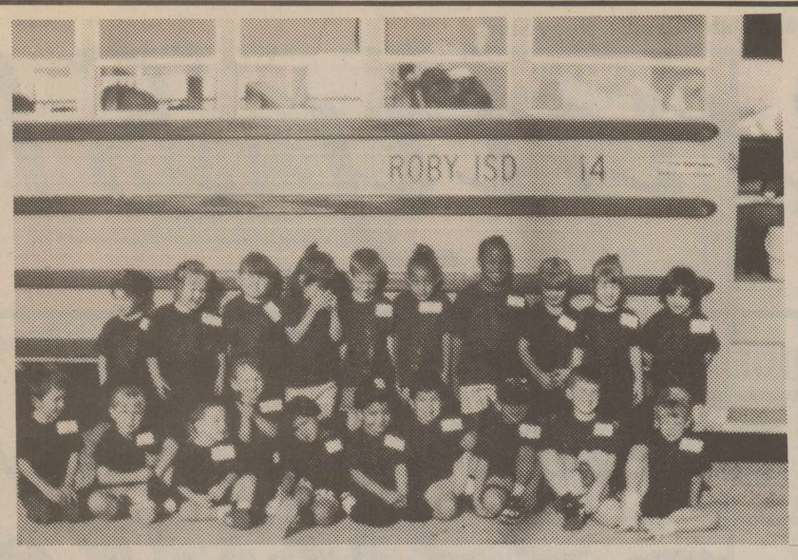
FISHER COUNTY JUNENILE OFFICER: Jimma Vahlenkamp from Aspermont will be serving as the new Fisher County Juvenile Officer.

Legal Notice

LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Roby will accept sealed bids on Lot # 13 Block 72 OT Roby. Bids will be accepted at Roby City Hall until 4:00 p.m. on the 4th day of June, at which time bids will be opened and considered. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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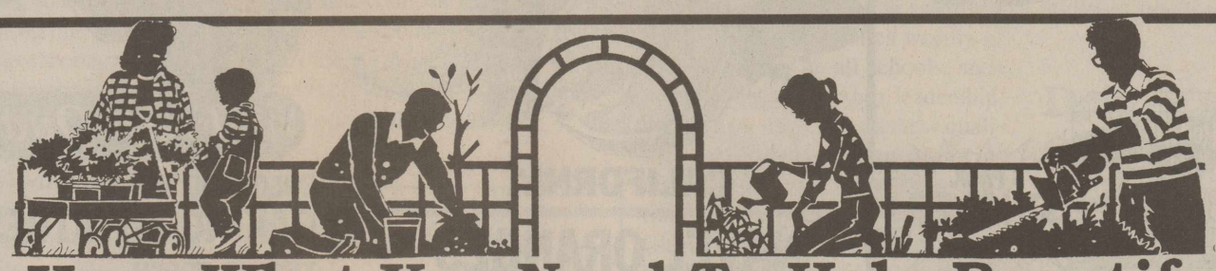
TRACK AND FIELD DAY: Roby Early Childhood Class attended the annual John McGaughey Track and Field Day on April 25th at Hamlin. Front row, l to r: Josh Green, Kamie Terry, Bailey Spencer, Jessika McGough, Cirsti Vera, Jason Flores, Zachary Floyd, Jacob Sepeda, Zane Morris, Joey Whitaker. Back row, l to r: Kyle Schubert, Spencer Turner, Hope Matthies, Ashley Null, Kyle Terry, Dolores Williams, Kim Williams, Lauren Meek, Tresley Terry, Sammie Rivas.

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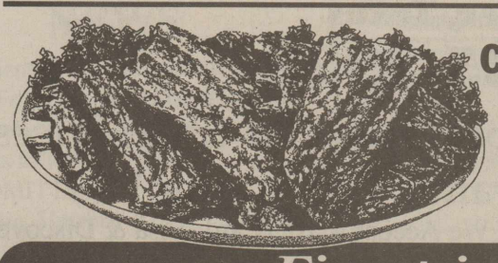
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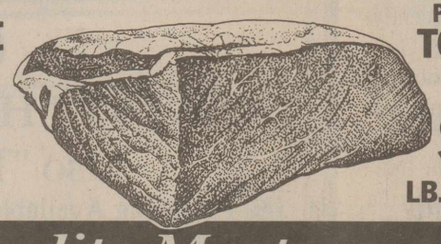
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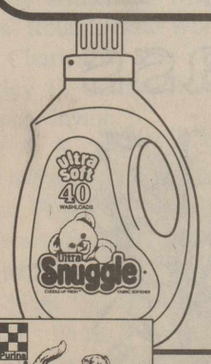
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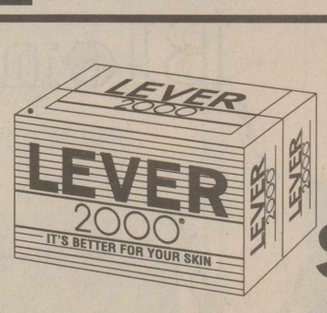
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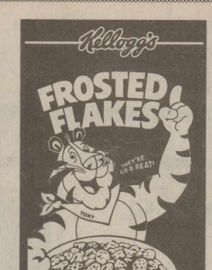
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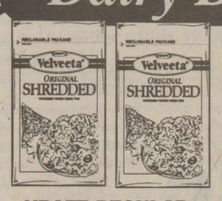
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